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monopoly, has been handled forever. This is not just about poor management at PG&E, either. A supine California Public Utilities Commission, the relevant "regulatory" agency, is also responsible. CPUC has ignored astonishing failings for decades. How far back was the Erin Brockovich scandal?

PG&E represents the enrichment of a small group of insiders at the expense of the poor, the powerless, and the public in general. PG&E's executive salary chart includes multiple officers earning millions yearly. The CEO most responsible for the Camp Fire retired just before the bankruptcy with a severance package worth \$2.5 million, atop millions in salary. This is wrong.

**Norman Beecher**  
Chico

Dear PG&E, get your act together. This is no solution. It wreaks havoc for you to turn off power every time it gets windy. You need to bury your electric lines. You have marked many thousands of trees for destruction. How much will that cost? How much is it costing you for all of the lawsuits over your inept management?

Your equipment has caused at least 17 of the last 21 major fires. It would ultimately be much cheaper for you to just bury your lines. Make your executives go without their obscenely excessive bonuses, and quit paying dividends to your stockholders, until you do what you are actually supposed to be doing. Your job is to provide safe and reliable equipment, and to provide power to your customers. Do your job.

**Paula Woods**  
Forest Ranch

PG&E has gone too far! How dare they shut off millions of people's lives, businesses, government and schools for some measly 40 mph winds. Is their equipment so bad it breaks under such silly conditions?

Gov. Gavin Newsom said it perfectly, "This is not a climate change story as much as a story about greed and mismanagement over the course of decades. Neglect, a desire to advance not public safety but profits." PG&E is greedy and has been for the last 40 years. They waste millions on advertising, trying to make us think they are the good guys. Ha!

They spend millions on huge salaries and bonuses, yet do not keep the electricity on, because their

equipment is ancient and decrepit. But I'm sure all their overpaid employees and rich stockholders can afford expensive generators, so they can live comfortably, while we suffer!

**Pat Johnston**  
Red Bluff

## Unsustainable population

Re "More voting thoughts" (Letters, by Catherine Cottle, Oct. 10):

In the last issue of the CN&R, a letter writer mentioned the "over 200 million people in the U.S." At roughly 327 million people, the U.S. is the third most overpopulated country after China and India. Of our 327 million, roughly 47 million are immigrants. In 2017, their children numbered 17.1 million, totaling 61.6 million U.S. immigrants. The U.S. has a greater immigrant count than any country, roughly 1 in 5 residents.

Environmentalism's purpose is sustainability—systems in equilibrium. There is no sustainability with increasing population. The main cause of overpopulation is unfettered immigration. Pew Research examined U.S. immigration trends: "If no immigrants had entered the country after 1965, when the U.S. population numbered 193 million, the nation's population still would have grown—to 252 million people by 2015." Better than 327 million. Each nation is responsible for its population.

Gaylord Nelson, father of Earth Day, stated that "it's phony to say, 'I'm for the environment but not for limiting immigration.'"

**Joseph Abbott**  
Chico

## How many words?

Re "CN&R grab bag" (Second & Flume, by Melissa Daugherty, Oct. 3):

I'm one of those. This letter of confession speaks to memory loss that led me to forget CN&R's annual warning about its Fiction 59 contest. The caution cites that past entries have been disqualified because they were not exactly 59 words. I awoke late at night suddenly realizing my three entries were exactly 56 each. There, that's 59 words.

**Danny Wilson**

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