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of the whole country and the rest of the world, which is watching us so closely now. We are *not* proud of him. He and all the other thugs should be charged with a crime for intimidating a witness (which amounts to a threat) and breaking into a secure location where they partied (really?!) for five hours.

Is this the way responsible elected officials should proudly act now? I can't help but wonder what LaMalfa hopes to get from Trump for this behavior. A promotion to a cushy cabinet position? Let's vote him out in 2020!

> Mary Chaffee Corning

#### **Remembering Sandra**

Sandra O'Neill died on Oct. 30, at 9:25 a.m., peacefully in her Chico, Ca., home.

She was the faithful life companion and wife to husband David O'Neill for 60 years.

Sandra was a server and protector of humankind in need. A teacher in special needs education, an advocate for justice for the homeless and the unfairly disenfranchised people of Palestine, active in the effort to increase true justice in the interaction of the police and all citizens, contributed at numerous activist and public meetings, and was active in peace and justice efforts for many long years.

She raised three sons who have become kind men in their continuing life interplay.

At her bedside as she departed were her loving family members. She will be sorely missed and never forgotten.

-Friends and supporters of Sandra

## Lymphedema support

Re "Under pressure" (Healthlines, by Carmen Heredia Rodriguez, Oct. 31):

As a lymphedema patient and advocate for health care and rare diseases, I thought that CN&R should know about the vibrant patient community and many resources available right here in Chico.

Enloe Medical Center has a full Lymphedema Clinic, including certified physical and occupational therapists. Anne Anderson, Enloe's lead lymphedema therapist, holds certification by the Lymphology Association of North America and has been involved with the California State Team,

Lymphedema Treatment Act.

Through community education, Enloe offers twice weekly Healthy Steps classes on Monday evenings and Wednesday afternoons. Healthy Steps is based on the Lebed Method to movement, exercise, and therapy for patients with cancer, lymphedema and other issues.

As constituents of California District 1 in the U.S. Congress, we may be grateful for the co-sponsorship of the Lymphedema Treatment Act by both Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris and Congressman Doug LaMalfa. Lymphedema is a disease, not a partisan issue. With more than 400 bipartisan, bicameral co-sponsors, this legislation is now the No. 1 co-sponsored health care bill before Congress.

Patricia Egan

#### **On missing Santa**

We are dismayed that, once again, the Downtown Chico Business Association is making the traditional downtown Chico tree lighting problematic.

Last year, it was hours earlier than customary. We arrived about 6 p.m. to find it was all over. Many other parents with small children were arriving around the same time, even more disappointed than we were to find no promised Santa or Christmas tree lighting for their kids. This year, it's two hours later than customary, much too late for young children to stay up.

At this rate, they are in the process of ruining a longtime popular event that has brought shoppers downtown for the start of the holiday shopping season rather than just the pre-Thanksgiving preview.

I hope the DCBA will reconsider this ill-advised plan before it is too late to save a much loved community tradition.

**Margo and Arthur Lemner** 

## Corruption exposed

"Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive."

Most of us, by the time we reach Donald Trump's age, have learned that life gets too complicated when we practice deception. With good parenting, we learn early that it's not OK to shoplift a small item or to otherwise engage in dishonesty.

Apparently that lesson was never

learned by our current president. From the beginning of his term in office, when caught in a lie, he has obfuscated or "doubled down" on his prevarication and gotten away with it. Fast-forward to the present, when former Ambassador William Taylor reveals Trump's machinations regarding U.S. aid to the Ukraine hinging on a Biden investigation. Trump's corruption is again exposed. Basic dishonesty ended Nixon's presidency, and likely will end Trump's.

> **Robert Woods** Forest Ranch

#### Oh, Democrats

The Democratic party never misses an opportunity to miss an opportunity. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi recently warned the 2020 Democratic presidential candidates of "being on the wrong track," citing Medicare for All and tax-the-wealthy policies that will fail to attract voters in states like Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin. Those states that gave the current occupant of the Oval Office a majority of Electoral College votes.

What a nightmarish array of Democratic candidates that have tossed their hats in the 2020 Democratic primary race. In what should be a landslide eradication of the keystone-cop clown show-aka the Trump administration—the Democrats have managed to snatch defeat out of the jaws of victory.

Learning nothing from 2016, they yet again have an independent on the Democratic ticket: fours vears older and unhealthy. Mix in another dozen candidates with their indifference and powerlessness, and it's a recipe for yet another four years of the chaotic Trump.

I can't help but be reminded of the 2016 Republican Party primaries with a similar incompetent group of candidates as this year's Democratic lineup. Hopefully America will survive, and won't become a complete party of Trump dictatorship. It's already halfway there.

> **Rav Estes** Redding

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