

Two on the cover

Re "Witness to the catastrophe" (Cover story, by CN&R staff, Dec. 12)

Thank you for the last issue in which you bared your souls to "witness" the Camp Fire. Your coverage of that tragedy has been relentless. You did not come to the scene, report, then leave. You did not return to the scene a year later to issue quick update news bites. Your staff has been there from the start. It continues to keep us informed about the painful aftermath ignited by that horrific blaze.

I live in Oroville, but have not personally gone to experience the ruins. I have not been able to bring myself to tour the destruction. We briefly housed two refugees, and their experiences, plus those from other survivors, paint images in real terms that only personal tales can tell.

So, thank you, for reporting to me, for going to ground zero, and for bearing the trauma and pain that



your professional duties require. You have all gone beyond the challenge, and your writings last week were deeply touching, important and hopefully therapeutic to all.

Your reporters are the best, courageous and deserving of all positive accolades that can be forwarded to you.

As the recovery goes on, I will be looking for you to get the word out.

Danny Wilson
Oroville

We're all hoping to cope—it's everyone's scope. I shunned all Camp Fire reporting because I'm no dope and this trauma makes me mope. The horrific cellphone videos, the ghastly written word, the sensationalized TV news—all of it. My sabbatical ended this morning with a noon deadline for CN&R Letters to the Editor hovering over this dope.

My burden eased yesterday when Barb Foy gifted me *Trauma Stewardship* [by Laura van Dernoot

Lipsky] while sharing how she coped and gave hope via Books for Butte Camp Fire Survivors. Barb's laughter-laced conversation was a soothing realization for the medium of cope I leaned on the most: talking with people. The hugs, the cries, the sighs and the all too painful goodbyes.

Thank you, Barb. Thank you, CN&R. Thanks to all who lessened the suffering by telling the stories that needed to be told, and to everyone there to simply listen.

Bill Mash
Chico

Shelter discussion

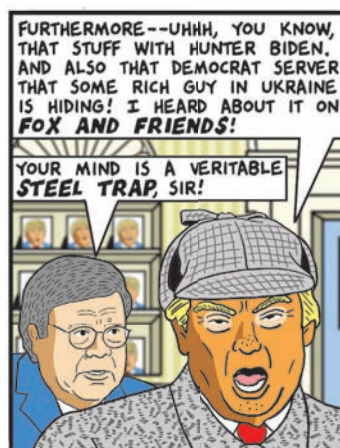
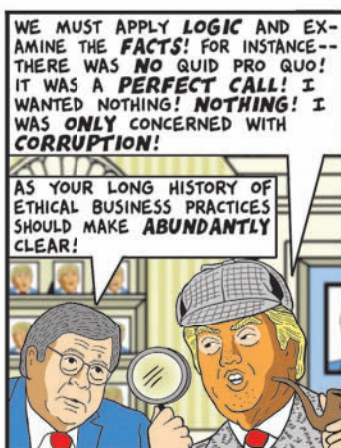
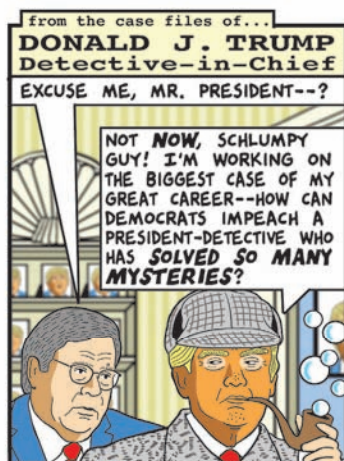
Re "Out of the cold," (Newslines, by Ashiah Scharaga, Dec. 12):

Richard Muenzer was arrested for violating Chico Municipal Code Section 9.43.030. That is, the "days and hours" section included in our homeless criminalization laws—aka the Offenses Against Public Property ordinance.

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Tuesday, December 24
"O' What A Night!"

3:00PM - Family Service
4:15PM - Contemporary with Gospel Choir
5:30PM - Contemplative Candlelight
9:00PM - Lessons & Carols with Chancel Choir

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CANDLELIGHT, CAROLS & COCOA

Sunday, December 22nd, 6:30p.m.

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Sunday Christmas Service
AT 10:00AM
Sunday, Dec. 22

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
AT 7:00PM

With First Baptist Church & Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at First Christian Church
Tuesday, Dec. 24

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Faith Lutheran Church
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Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services
5pm family-oriented worship
9pm candlelight & choir service

Dec. 25 Christmas Day Service
9:30am

All services include Holy Communion

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Christmas Eve Services
3:00pm, 7:00pm and 11:00pm

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