

Fiction fan touched

Re "Beyond the detours" (Cover story, by Zu Vincent, Dec. 19):

Thank you for such an incredibly beautiful story! I was right there with Mac through it all. This was such an artfully written and moving piece. It left me with yet another deep understanding of the challenges of loss and "moving on." I am hoping this allows more light into the lives of those who have lost so much.

Barbara Paquin
Chico

Letter retorts

Re "Fed up in Chico" (Letters, by Loretta Ann Torres, Dec. 19):

If only! If only the minimum wage was enough to actually live on. More people have to work two jobs to get by, hence low unemployment. If only (as a single parent) I had more money to spend



(I don't). If only the president followed the Constitution and listened to subpoenas and allowed witnesses to testify. If only the leader of the Senate agreed to be fair and impartial. If only more than

10 percent of Americans watched the public hearings with many of the same witnesses. If only we had a president who didn't call people nasty names, lie continuously, obstruct, and suck up to Russia. If only people would give equal time to all news, not just one side (I try). If only the far left and far right would agree most Americans are in the moderate range. If "ifs" and "buts" were candy and nuts, we'd all have a merry Christmas!

William Strom
Chico

Loretta Ann Torres opines: "If only our Constitution didn't say a suspect is innocent until proven

guilty by a jury (in the president's case, the Senate)."

Just one problem there: In a criminal jury trial, attorneys for both sides question potential jurors to see if they have any biases for either the prosecution or the defense, and if such bias(es) is/are detected, that person is excused from serving on that jury.

Now, nearly every senator has already expressed an opinion on the guilt or innocence of the Felon-In-Chief, so how will it be possible for the Senate to hold a fair trial for Trump? It would seem to be impossible, yet the Constitution provides no alternative for a Senate trial of an impeached president.

Perhaps the better way would be for the various U.S. attorneys who are already collecting evidence of Trump's various crimes (tax code violations, running a bogus charity, etc.) to simply try Trump on those charges in federal court—with an impartial jury. If convicted, not only would he be put in prison

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