

Wildflower grows

Re "Charter school expanding" (Downstroke, Dec. 19):

I am writing as a six-month member of the board of directors and a nine-year volunteer at Wildflower Open Classroom charter school. I want to express my appreciation to the Chico City Council, which has approved a new traffic circulation plan and the school's request to increase enrollment from 174 to 260 students.

In my experience, the school's director, Tom Hicks, and the staff have been extraordinarily thoughtful in managing the school's space off Cohasset Road near East Avenue. They have made major efforts to accommodate the concerns of neighbors while developing a structure to maximize student learning. I encourage people to visit Wildflower to see the facility and observe excellent teaching. Give the school a call at 892-1676 and we'll be delighted

to show you around. Or go online to wildflowerschool.com to learn more about the school's innovative programs.

Stephen Tchudi
Yankee Hill

Dictatorial?

"Views of homelessness" (Letters, by Gordon Reimer, Dec. 26):

To the gentleman who suggested legal camping sites and public bathrooms should be taken care of by nonprofit organizations, the manner in which golf and horse riding are managed:

Like golf and horse riding, shelter for people with little or no income is very much dependent on the sympathy of the rich. In an interesting twist, we live in a society where you can ride a horse around a golf course on public land in Bidwell Park.

So if, Mr. Reimer, it seems to you "dictatorial" to demand public resources for shelter, it may be

this is your moralistic ideology insisting that people without money must suffer.

Addison Winslow
Chico

What are the positives?

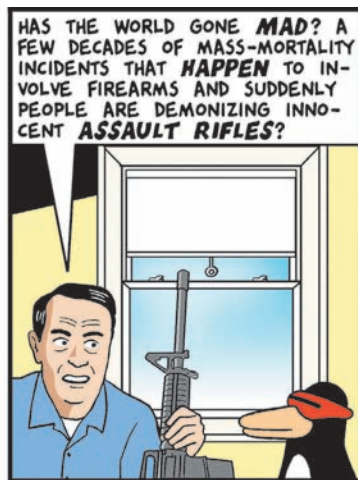
Re "Shelter discussion" (Letters, by Patrick Newman) and "Protest success" (Newsline, by Ashiah Scharaga, Dec. 19):

In the CN&R's Dec. 19 issue, a number of complaints and demands were made by the homeless community and their advocates, such as "shelters are a form of incarceration," "engineered deprivation," "there needs to be a 24-hour centrally located shelter or at the very least, a place designated for legal camping," and "centers need to be open more often and provide beds and a meal."

The chronic homeless community

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