Roger S. Beadle, Jan. 9):

Dear Mr. Beadle: I just read your piece in the guest comment and about lost it. You claim the economy is not good; I'm not sure you would have a clue when it is good. You claim that people are having to work more than one job to make ends meet. I'm not really sure how that is Trump's fault?

We raised the minimum wage in this state and it keeps going up, but all that will happen is businesses will go out of business due to not being able to pay people that much money. No business owner would stand for such nonsense. You do realize poor people eat at fast food, too, so when the value meal is no longer a value it hurts them worse. The unemployment rate is the lowest it's ever been, the economy is red hot as jobs are everywhere.

Please give credit where it is due, and the fact that companies love less regulation is showing in this booming economy.

Travis Smith
Biggs

Election chatter

I'm excited about Sue Hilderbrand's candidacy for Butte County supervisor. I first heard about Sue while I was employed at Chico State. Students commented to me how much they enjoyed political science classes she taught. Since then, I've had occasion to work with Sue on projects with a local nonprofit organization. I'm very impressed by her organized, collaborative approach to problem-solving and getting things done.

Because I was raised in Butte County, and worked on the almond harvest as a young person, I know first-hand how important agriculture is to our economy. This is especially true for District 4, which includes farming communities such as Richvale and Durham, as well as parts of south Chico. Sue has demonstrated strong understanding and respect for agriculture.

Water issues are vital to Butte County, especially policies related to water sales. Sue has a solid grasp on these issues and will fight to be sure our water doesn't get shipped south, which would hurt small farmers and residents dependent on wells. As a supervisor, I'm confident Sue will keep all stakeholders in mind to protect our precious water resources.

For these reasons and many others, Sue Hilderbrand deserves your vote.

Nancy Park
Chico

I'm observing something very interesting in the District 4 supervisor's race. I see a few liberal Democrats endorsing Tod Kimmelshue in that race. They say he's a nice fellow and a reasonable moderate and they appear to believe he would enact their vision of what is best for Butte County.

Then I see him getting enthusiastic support from some far-right Trump-loving Republicans. They obviously believe he's one of them and will enact *their* vision of what is best for Butte County—a very different vision from the other group.

Then he's getting quite a lot of financial support from outside business interests who don't care a lick what's good for Butte County, but must believe he will be good for their business. And, for some of them, their business appears to be exporting water from Butte County and promoting sprawl development.

My conclusion? All these people can't be right. Somebody is getting fooled. That's why I'm supporting Sue Hilderbrand—the candidate who is beholden only to the regular working people of Butte County.

This time in our county's history is too important to take a chance.

David Welch
Chico

We are writing to support Sue Hilderbrand for county supervisor of District 4.

As owners of a small farm in Butte County, TurkeyTail Farm, we worry about water. We have experienced our well going dry in August. We know there is increasing pressure on our aquifer in Northern California. Sue Hilderbrand will stand up for the preservation of water for our community. Moreover, she will ensure a transparent process.

As Camp Fire victims, we appreciate the attention Sue has given to those who have lost so much. She also understands that the county is facing development pressures. We are wary of big development moving into our area and creating increasing pressures on our infrastructure. Sue wants smart growth, not outsiders who want to make a buck.

We have known Sue since we moved to Butte County. We've seen her bring together diverse groups of people to work on a common cause. One of the things we appreciate about Sue is that she listens to people. We need someone with her energy and commitment to bring people together to solve problems.

Sue Hilderbrand will listen to regular folk and take their issues seriously. We need her as a Butte County supervisor.

Susan and Stephen Tchudi
Yankee Hill

Remember Korematsu

Jan. 30 is the 101st birthday of Fred T. Korematsu, a California state holiday. Korematsu was an American civil rights activist who refused to go to this country's incarceration camps for families of Japanese descent during World War II. After conviction and appeals, the Supreme Court ruled that incarceration was justified due to military necessity. Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy dissented in the case declaring, "I dissent from this legalization of racism," making it the first Supreme Court opinion ever to use the word "racism."

Recently, I and others from Butte County joined Tsuru for Solidarity for a protest at the ICE detention center at the Yuba County Jail in Marysville.

Tsuru for Solidarity is a group of survivors now in their 80s and 90s who were children in the U.S. incarceration camps. Their website reads: "Americans turned their backs on us as we disappeared but we will not do the same to the asylum-seekers now crossing our border."

Korematsu would agree that history is repeating itself and that we must close all migrant detention camps. He urged us to speak up when you see injustice. We must reunify children with their families. Fund humanitarian aid and solutions. Never again is now.

Diane Suzuki-Brobeck
Chico