

Time for a do-over

Re "Boundaries and bathrooms" (Newslines, by Ashiah Scharaga, Jan. 23):

I would never have expected Chico City Councilmen Sean Morgan and Karl Ory to be wallowing in the same trough of self-protection and self-aggrandizement, but it is happening right now. True, Ory claims he will not run again for the City Council, but he indeed will still be a player in the game if the proposed district plan is adopted as presented.

There is only one solution. Start the process over again, using an impartial and balanced citizen panel to create a truly fair council districts map.

Bryce Goldstein moved the dial a tad by submitting a pair of alternative maps that tried to incorporate neighborhoods rather than politicians. She was never seriously acknowledged by the council majority.

In my 40 years of living in the greater Chico area, I don't believe

I have ever seen such a fiasco as that generated by the council shift to district elections. Perhaps we, the citizens, could stipulate that all candidates in the new districts be first-time candidates. In a rare moment, altruism might triumph over ambition.

And if the public really is angry, they may consider establishing a one-term limit.

Ronald Angle
Chico

Hire an outsider

Re "Long goodbye" (Newslines, by Andre Byik, Jan. 23):

The retirement of Police Chief Mike O'Brien gives the good people of Chico the opportunity to end the secrecy and nontransparency inside the Chico Police Department. Mr. O'Brien's refusal to cooperate with a state law, Senate Bill 1421, is symptomatic of his pattern of cover-up and misleading the public.

Citizens of Chico, do not let Mr. O'Brien handpick his successor.

Press the council and city manager to hire a new chief from outside of the department. New ideas will facilitate the end of the nontransparent policies of Mr. O'Brien. Now is the time to end the department's history of trigger-happy "peace officers" who shoot first and ask questions later.

Scott Rushing
Ventura

Eco positivity

Re "Bioneers pioneers" (Greenways, by Evan Tuchinsky, Jan. 23):

Thank you for the article alerting us that the Chico Women's Club is bringing back community viewing of some of the keynote speakers at the annual Bioneers conference.

Pioneer Bioneers have been working to save our planet for 30 years with some amazing solutions to our ecological problems. As I have watched our Earth literally become more "hellish" all these years, it has been the Bioneers

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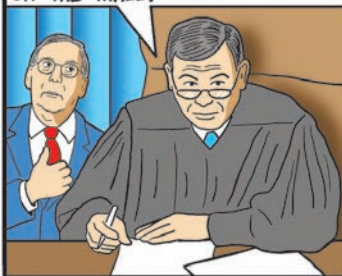
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WITNESSES ALLOWED, AS LONG AS THEY HAVE NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH THE CASE.

I NOW CALL TO THE STAND, A GUY WHO RUNS A FOOD CART OUT ON THE MALL!



DEMOCRATS NOW REQUIRED TO ADDRESS CHAMBER IN PIG LATIN.

SIGH...ESIDENT-PRAY UMP-TRAY IS EMONSTRABLY-DAY UILTY-GAY!

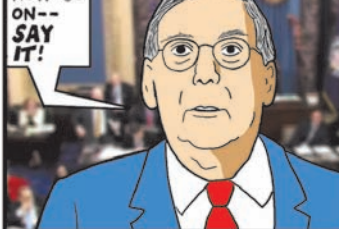
THEY DON'T HAVE A CASE! THEY'RE JUST BABBLING INCOHERENTLY!



DEMOCRATS MUST CONCEDE THAT THEY ARE BIG DUMMIES WHO LIKE TO SMELL THEIR OWN BUTTS.

BOTH SIDES MUST BE WILLING TO COMPROMISE IN THIS TIME OF INTENSE PARTISAN DIVIDE! THAT IS JUST HOW OUR SYSTEM OF CHECKS AND BALANCES WORKS!

NOW GO ON-- SAY IT!



PRESIDENT TRUMP ALLOWED TO SUBMIT VIDEO OF RE-ENACTED, LESS INCRIMINATING PHONE CALL.

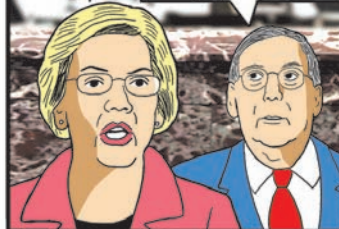
HELLO PRESIDENT ZELENSKY, THIS IS DONALD J. TRUMP, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I HAVE NO INTEREST IN ANY QUID PRO QUO! I ONLY WANT TO ROOT OUT CORRUPTION IN ALL OF ITS FORMS! THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.



NO MORE MENTIONS OF THE WORDS "UKRAINE" OR "CORRUPTION" ARE PERMITTED.

DONALD TRUMP'S CALL TO THE PRESIDENT OF, UM, THAT COUNTRY, WAS A CLEAR CASE OF, YOU KNOW, THAT THING!

HA HA! WHATEVER YOU SAY, SENATOR!



DEMOCRATS MUST CAST THEIR VOTES IN NEEDLEPOINT FORM.

GAH! I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO THIS!

TIME'S UP! I'LL PUT YOU DOWN AS A "NO."



ALSO: ONLY ONE OUTCOME ALLOWED!

MERRICK GARLAND WAS JUST A TRIAL RUN, SUCKERS!

BY TOM TOMORROW

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