## Homelessness, housing

One way to avoid having the homeless camping on our sidewalks would be to provide free dwellings and utilities in trailers similar to those provided by PG&E for their employees at the Tuscan Ridge on Skyway at a location similar to that.

This should be a guarded community similar to Tuscan Ridge. Reasonable rent should be charged to those receiving any kind of income. Free bus service would be needed to the city transportation center. There would be other services required in addition to those mentioned.

Providing housing for the homeless can be compared to providing food stamps. We can't stand by and watch people starve, and we shouldn't have to watch people die due to lack of shelter.

Dick Fernandez

Housing affordability is no longer just a low-income crisis in Butte County: The median household income in Butte County is \$43,165. Meaning as many households make more than \$43,165 as make less. The federal definition for affordable housing is housing that costs less than or equal to 30 percent of your gross income, including utilities.

A household median income would be in an affordable housing situation with rent plus utilities being less than or equal to \$1,079 a month. Compare this with a luxury two-bedroom, two-bathroom home for \$1,395, which translates to 33 percent above the household median affordability, not including

Fair market value for a twoperson household rental in Butte and Glenn counties was \$1,144 in 2019. Hence median income affordability in Butte County falls below fair-market rate for people living in a two-person dwelling. Look out, middle-middle class vou're next!

> **Bill Mash** Chico

## **Primary election chatter**

All public agencies have the same spending problem. As the CN&R reported in 2007, ever-increasing salaries with little or no contribution from employees toward the cost of overgenerous benefits packages have created enormous "liabilities." That is, the difference between what employees expect to get in pension, and what they pay into it.

Until recently, for example, Chico Area Recreation and Park District employees paid nothing toward their pensions, even those making salaries over \$100,000/year. Now the general manager, with a recent salary increase to \$124,000/ year, pays only 8 percent of that agency's cost for a pension of 70 percent of highest year's salary. This has created a pension deficit of over \$2.7 million for an agency with 34 full-time employees.

Both the city and CARD have proposed tax increases. CARD's parcel tax, Measure A, is on the

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# THIS MODERN WORLD



-- OUR SCHEME TO INSTALL MIKE PENCE AS PRESIDENT WILL BEAR LONG LAST!





BY REFUSING TO LISTEN TO ANY-ONE WITH FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE OF TRUMP'S ACTIONS--

--WE CAN CON-TINUE TO CLAIM WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM ANYONE WITH FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE!



-- AND I DIRECT YOU TO VIDEO OF HIM CLEARLY STATING HE IS PARAPHRASING THE CALL, PROVING HIS NEFARIOUS INTENT TO DECEIVE



LOOK, I WORK FOR DONALD TRUMP, WHAT THE HELL DO YOU EXPECT?

# IF HOUSE DEMOCRATS WEREN'T ABLE

TO HEAR TESTIMONY FROM WITNESSES THE PRESIDENT BLOCKED FROM



YOU CAN'T CONVICT A PRESIDENT FOR TRYING TO CHEAT IN AN ELECTION IF HE'S A DERANGED NARCISSIST WHO BELIEVES HIS ILLICIT VICTORY IS IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST!



ONE HERE EVEN GO

### BY TOM TOMORROW

WHAT IF THEIR THOROUGHLY SUB-STANTIATED ALLEGATIONS WERE MOTIVATED BY POLITICAL BIAS?



EVERYONE KNOWS YOU CAN'T REPORT A CRIME UNLESS YOU ARE A COM-PLETELY UNBIASED OBSERVER!

I barely even KNEW that guy with the weird moustache! If I ever find out who hired him, I am TOTALLY firing THEM!



AMONG US HASN'T TRIED TO CUT A DEAL WITH A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT TO DESTROY A RIVAL'S REPUTATION?

IF BLATANT COR-RUPTION IN THE PURSUIT OF CON-TINUED POWER IS WRONG, I DON'T WANT TO



