

Stop the fear-mongering

Re "Political theater" (Newslines, by Ashiah Scharaga, Feb. 6):

Protest signs reading, "Children before needles"—and saying, "What about the children?"—do not give you a moral high ground, especially if you are proposing stripping life-saving services from a vulnerable population. The Northern Valley Harm Reduction Coalition actively benefits our community, from free testing for blood-borne illnesses to syringe cleanup.

Children, meanwhile, do not benefit from being used as pawns in this conversation. The realities of the situation, like a nationwide opioid epidemic and Hepatitis outbreak on the horizon, are alarming and deserving of action. Can't we all agree to address the facts and not dwell in nightmare fantasies?

Phoebe Sager
Chico

Citizens for a Safe Chico is trashing our beautiful community by instilling fear in the masses and hurting our local businesses. Be part of the solution, not the problem.

We need low-income housing, infill development and a day facility for our homeless population; a place where our homeless folks can be linked with services, take a shower, wash their clothes, store valuables, charge phones, and throw away trash.

Safe Chico is a political action committee, and they are preying upon the good people of Chico for political gain. It's partisan politics. Don't fall for their charade. Stay kind, Chico!

Krista Stone
Chico

Keeping Trump in check

Re "What concerns you most this election season?" (Streettalk, Feb. 13):

Let's just accept the fact that Donald Trump is likely to be re-elected this November. But

there are other important elections that have barely been mentioned, by the media and the politicians themselves.

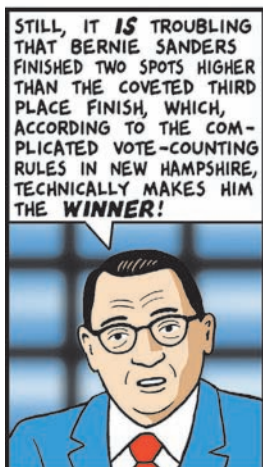
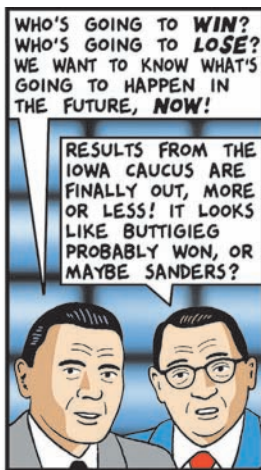
This year, as usual, all 435 seats in the House of Representatives will be chosen. Let's start by replacing incumbent Doug LaMalfa with Audrey Denney. Hopefully a couple other bad apples (Devin Nunes) will also be replaced, and the House will maintain its Democratic majority.

The Senate will have 35 elections this year. There are 22 Republican and 13 Democratic seats being contested. After watching the impeachment debacle, it will be imperative for the Democrats to also take control of the Senate. There is a lot of potential to flip the Senate, the way the House was in 2018. Among the Republicans running are a few notables that probably wouldn't be missed: Mitch McConnell (Ky.), Lindsey Graham (S.C.), Joni Ernst (Iowa), and Susan Collins (Maine).

Having a Democratic majority in both chambers of Congress would

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