

'Human travesty'

Re "Stuck in survival mode" (Cover story, by Ashiah Scharaga, March 5):

Surviving when destitute is a frantic, 24/7 job, and dignity isn't part of the gig.

As I was reading the CN&R's cover story, a dear friend texted me about a mutual friend whose FEMA-assisted housing has run out, rendering that person homeless. This is a grandmother with a medical condition who was couch-surfing with a family member on the Ridge when the Camp Fire took all they had but their lives.

Yet, in spite of the pervasive human travesty in front of us, we continue without any plans for immediate or short-term solutions to affordable and supportive housing. Neither are we sanctioning emergency shelters that people can use as a safety net from being without a place to safely lay their head at night. All of this harm is enabled by the federal, state and county response that is, by design, intended



to force people to leave the area.

How we allow this to be an acceptable community response is woefully un-American and far removed from a neighborly, Christ-like response.

Bill Mash
Chico

Two views on commentary

Re "Hatred and fear not welcome here" (Guest comment, by Lauren Kohler, March 5):

I'm grateful to Lauren Kohler for her insightful guest comment.

To the extent our objective is to limit or eliminate the human rights and civil liberties of any class or identity group, it's useful to have language making that group less worthy—or just plain unworthy. In Chico's ugly history, I have no doubt those who drove out the Chinese and lynched the Maidu had plenty of "othering" words available—like "chink" and "digger."

History repeats itself as lynch mobs gather at council meetings, promoting the notion that the homeless are needle-scattering vermin. Calling them "transients" is one way to signal that sentiment: A homeless person is a human being; a transient is human litter, a thing that ought to be moving along, to anywhere but here.

To those who join these mobs, I ask you to do one thing, above all others: Spend time with the homeless on their turf. Hand out a few socks. Keep at it. I think you'll find this all becomes more complicated than any version of the "us vs. them" formula will allow.

Patrick Newman
Chico

Ms. Kohler rails against the "us vs. them" homeless situation in Chico and then goes on to create her own of people who don't use the word "transient" and those who do. She sings the praises of herself for not using the word

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THIS MODERN WORLD

LIFE IN THE STUPIDVERSE: AN ELECTION SEASON CAN HAVE A LITTLE PANDEMIC, AS A TREAT

PRESIDENT RATF*CKER

The Devious Democrats are trying to Steal (embezzle) the election from Bernie! His followers should be Outraged and refuse to vote for ANYONE!



ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS PUNDIT MIND

JUDGING FROM HIS TWEETS, THE PRESIDENT REALLY WANTS TO RUN AGAINST BERNIE SANDERS!

AS SOMEONE WHO TAKES EVERYTHING AT FACE VALUE, I SEE NO OTHER EXPLANATION!



VERY STABLE GENIUS, M.D.

MY HUNCH IS THAT THE CORONA FLU THING ACTUALLY EXTENDS YOUR LIFESPAN, GIVING YOU MANY MORE YEARS TO VOTE FOR TRUMP, ONCE WE REPEAL TERM LIMITS FOR PRESIDENTS NAMED TRUMP!



AMERICA, WHERE ANYONE CAN BE PRESIDENT, AS LONG AS THEY HAVE A PENIS

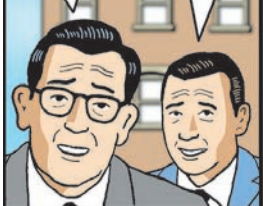
LOOK, I JUST FOUND WARREN UNLIKABLE!

I WOULD HAPPILY VOTE FOR A DIFFERENT WELL-QUALIFIED WOMAN, AT SOME INDEFINITE POINT IN THE FUTURE! AS LONG AS SHE'S NOT SHRILL.



FEEL THE JOEMENTUM
MODERATES HAVE COALESCED AROUND JOE BIDEN, WHO IS DEFINITELY A CANDIDATE!

HE IS, UNDENIABLY, A MAN IN A SUIT WHO GIVES SPEECHES! ANYONE WHO SAYS OTHERWISE IS FULL OF MALARKEY!



THE VERY SCARY "S" WORD

REPUBLICANS WOULD CRUCIFY A SELF-PROCLAIMED SOCIALIST IN THE GENERAL ELECTION!

I'M CERTAIN THEY'LL BE RESPECTFUL AND RESTRAINED IF WE NOMINATE A CENTRIST, HOWEVER!



THIS IS WHY WE CAN'T HAVE NICE THINGS

IT'S JUST NOT REALISTIC TO GUARANTEE HEALTH CARE FOR EVERYONE!

WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS IS, CANADA? OR PRETTY MUCH ANY OTHER MAJOR COUNTRY?



THE PROJECTIONIST

SLEEPY JOE BIDEN HAS A VERY BAD BRAIN! HE LOSES HIS TRAIN OF THOUGHT, AND BY THE WAY, HOW GREAT WAS THE 2016 ELECTION? AND HAVE YOU SEEN THESE NEW TOILETS THAT YOU HAVE TO FLUSH TEN TIMES?

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