

Councilmen clash

A critical need in difficult times such as those our community is experiencing now is confidence in our leadership; part of confidence is trust. There is a time for diplomatically choosing each word, and a time for speaking clearly and frankly. For myself, a time calling for clarity and frankness is when someone is speaking untruthfully about me.

On Monday, March 16, in an interview with *Action News Now*, Mayor Randall Stone made an outrageous accusation about me: that "Congressman Doug LaMalfa, Councilmember Scott Huber and Assemblymember James Gallagher were all pushing these billboards out to the end of town talking about communicable diseases..."

This statement about me is a bald-faced lie, with no basis in any reality or fact. It is far-fetched to the point of suggesting that Mr. Stone has become delusional.

Whether out of vindictiveness,

political strategy, absence of research, or psychosis, Stone's fabrications add up to a profound loss of trust and my confidence in his ability to lead this community.

Scott Huber
Chico

Editor's note: The author is a member of the Chico City Council.

'Real leaders would have...'

Re "Councilman's comeback" (Letters, by Scott Huber, March 12):

Scott Huber's quip echoed a private letter. He wielded ad hominem and straw men to deflect from my legitimate criticism of City Council policy. He poisons the well, too, asserting that if solutions arising from deep analysis transcend pragmatism, they shouldn't be respected. I do encourage your readers to "consider the source."

On Oct. 2, 2018, 37 days before the Camp Fire, I addressed the council (starting at 04:46 in the archive) and explained that if we

can't acknowledge the converging economic, ecological and sociopolitical crises beginning to unfold, "we're fucked." Again, on Jan. 7, 2020 (about 00:37 in the archive), I took stock of how things had progressed. I warned of structural instabilities and imminent financial collapse simply waiting on a trigger like a pandemic.

My exasperation lies in the council's failure to understand the historical moment we are in and recognize there's a clear choice ahead: socialism or barbarism. Real leaders would have found temporary space for hospital services, suspended rent and utility payments, and initiated food production across the city before suspending the legislature. This is just the beginning of a long and painful readjustment. There's still time for emergent leadership. Together we can thrive.

Steve Breedlove
Chico

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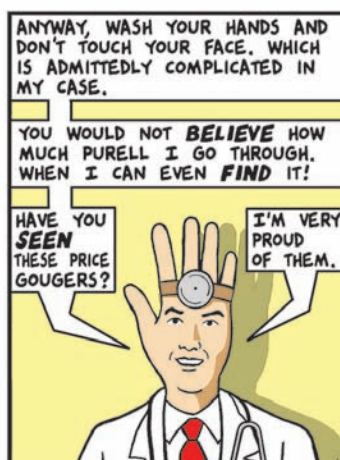
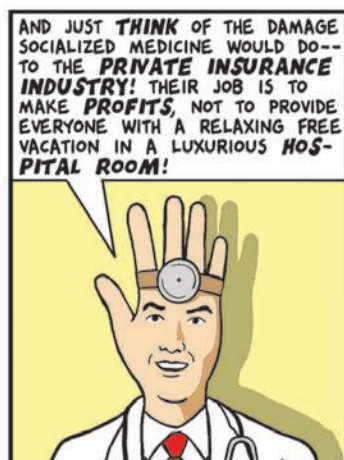
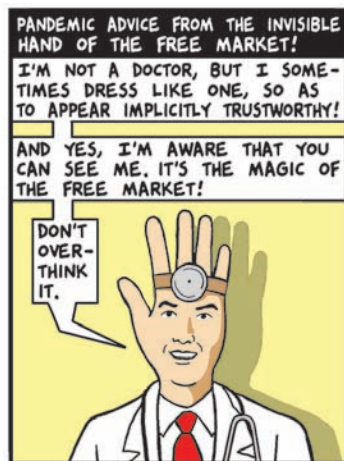
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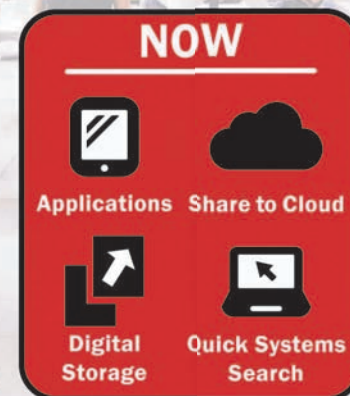
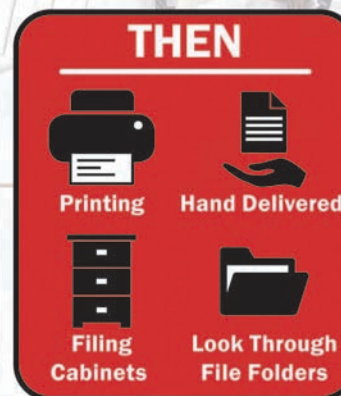


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