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LETTERS

Pipe envy

Free enterprise, i.e., the free exchange of goods and services—a typical set of U.S. slogans—is being put to the test with Germany and Russia, who are cooperating on Nord Stream 2, a pipeline close to completion that will convey cheap natural gas from East to West. Obviously, Uncle Sam does not approve because he is excluded from the deal and had therefore threatened to impose further sanctions on Russia, along with a host of retaliatory measures against Germany.

It seems the term “freedom” is only applicable to transactions which the self-appointed ruler of the world is in control of and stands to benefit from. Woe unto Europe, especially heretofore routinely obedient Germany, for having the audacity to go it alone.

It is time to wake up to reality because, as Bob Dylan poignantly observed, “The times they are a-changin’,” and indeed, U.S. hegemony and its downward trajectory represents a fitting example.

Joe Bahlke
Red Bluff

Crisis mismanagement

The 6-to-1 vote at the Aug. 25 Chico City Council meeting to, once again, criminalize destitute community members trying to survive in public parks culminates nearly two years of woeful inaction since a Chico shelter crisis was declared by the council in October of 2018. The road of callousness is littered with false promises, false starts and false narratives by the city manager and his direct reports as to the direction and vigor applied to homelessness (which city survey after city survey defines as the top issue of Chico’s housed population). It’s apparent that two emergency declarations, one for a shelter crisis and one for a pandemic, isn’t sufficient impetus for solutions over hot air.

Meanwhile, the city sits on its hands parroting the myriad of lame and shallow excuses as to why we’re getting nowhere. We’re getting nowhere because the city manager and his direct reports are at best comfortable enough with getting nowhere, or at worst culpable in making damn sure we get nowhere.

This crisis will continue to be political fodder for elected officials until we hold the city manager accountable for his chronic failure to act.

Bill Mash
Chico

Know Jesus, no mask

A recent example of Christians supporting evil is the worship rally held in Redding (July 22) by Trump false prophet Sean Feucht, a leader at Bethel Church who is involved with the movement called Hold the Line, which calls on church members “to vote and stand up for causes of righteousness and justice in the governmental arena.” There were an estimated 5,000 in attendance, few masked, with no intervention by the Bethel-controlled local government, no law enforcement, no permits, no repercussions.

In 2017-18, Bethel received 60.8 million in income and yet qualified for between \$850,000 and \$2.35 million in PPP loans. Tell me it doesn’t pay to worship the Beast (false prophet Feucht was photographed with Beast Trump in the Oval Office). Approximately 11,000 attend the megachurch, and it controls Redding’s City Council and law enforcement—and apparently can bend the rules.

Having 5,000 people worship was deadly, not saintly.

Pat Johnston
Red Bluff

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