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Disrespect for slain officer

Re: "Lying in wait" by Raheem F. Hosseini and Mozes Zarate (News, June 27):

I have been a longtime reader, but I will no longer pick up your newspaper. On the day of Officer Tara O'Sullivan's funeral, you feature a picture of her and of her alleged killer.

That's sick. We should respect the people trying to protect us, and she died trying to keep a woman safe from someone who was abusive.

TODD THIBODEAU Sacramento / via email



Re: "'A hidden gem' for homeless kids" by Margherita Beale (News, June 20):

I just read your article about the Mustard Seed School and found it really interesting. I would like to say I really appreciate what they're doing. I am not homeless, but the fact that others are makes me feel thankful for my own family but sad for those less fortunate.

I volunteer for community service and am happy to see that the school is built on the foundation of support and help from others. I love that they're making the sacrifice to give these kids a chance at an education. So I just wanted to send my support through this letter and let them know that they're doing a great job and should keep up the good work.

> BRAD BOYCE Sacramento / via email

Eyesore in railyards

A photo was recently published of the first proposed housing project in Sacramento's downtown railyard. Its planners failed to make it look attractive. Its unpleasant color is depressing to look at in a photo, let alone to live there and see it every day. If this proposal is accepted, it will give rise to a host of ugly buildings nearby because later developments will have to blend in.

Simple white paint, which is used by the most beautiful cities in the world, including Paris, would change this eyesore dramatically for the better.

> PETER DUDAS Sacramento / via mail

Correction

Re: "Does our strong mayor want more power?" by Foon Rhee (Editor's note, June 20):

The photo credit was incorrect. The photographer was Karlos Rene Ayala. SN&R regrets the error.

A history of poaching

Re: "Hunting poachers" by Scott Thomas Anderson (Feature, June 27):

My grandfather lived on a mining claim in Calaveras County. After he sold it, we would camp and fish at a nearby creek. He knew everyone. At our night campfire, a Jeep came down and went into an unmanned ranch. There was one .22 shot and a little later they drove back by.

My grandfather said that they used a spotlight at the salt lick. "They know the rancher. A lot of people here are on welfare. This is how they eat." The light fines and prosecutions are a holdover from those days.

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