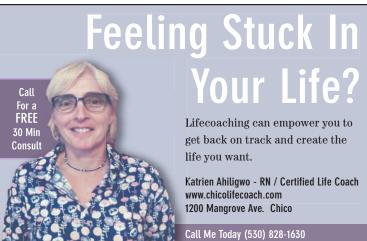


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Roger Beadle's letter questions Trump's courage, decency and strong moral sense.

Certainly Trump is demonstrating some courage in trying to "bring the troops home" despite the barrage of criticism from most Democrats, and the foreign policy establishment, its media and the military industrial complex, all intent on preventing Trump from ending U.S. military actions in Syria and Afghanistan.

Despite U.S. wars/regime changes having added \$6 trillion to the debt, and having accomplished nothing other than wrecking whole countries, being responsible for the deaths of hundreds of thousands, creating more terrorists and millions of refugees now destabilizing Europe, and making the U.S. less safe and the world more unstable, most Democrats want the military actions to continue.

They bemoan the resignation of Gen. James Mattis, whose attitude toward fighting Afghans was, "It's quite fun to shoot them, you know. It's a hell of a hoot. It's fun to shoot some people."

Now that the Democrats have become the war party, I question their "strong moral sense."

California has two congressmen, Ted Lieu and Ro Khanna, who along with Sen. Bernie Sanders support a more moral foreign policy.

> **Lucy Cooke** Butte Valley

A New Year's poem

Talk less, listen more,

Not worry so much about evening the score.

Wish for a little, hope for a lot, Grow in appreciation for the things I've got.

Work harder on improving my

Read a book or two so I don't feel daft.

Get back on the road toward better health.

Continue living simply while gaining modest wealth.

Help others in creative, effective ways,

Make better use of the hours in my days.

Take a walk when I think I need

Focus on the perspective of the Three in One.

Own the peace I gain on the mat, Purpose is important, need to stay in tune with that.

Welcome failures with maturity and wit,

Forgive myself, and others, for ignorant shit.

These goals made for my 2019, I find them all to be remarkably

Every single one an attainable win,

Bring on that ball drop and let the new year begin.

Morgan Dietz

Camp Fire talk

We escaped the Camp Fire amidst flames and smoke accompanied by hundreds of others who were dealt the same plight. What is really appalling to me, however, is this aftermath. I found door hinges in perfect shape, but am being told that guns and silver melt beyond recognition.

Anybody?

Amy and Frank Windt Nevada City

Seventy-two years ago in 1947, I was Camp Fire Girl. I still remember the Law of Camp Fire, which has helped me a great deal in my long life. I thought it might be useful to share with the survivors of the recent Camp Fire, as well as the rest of us facing the challenges of the new year.

Seek beauty Give service And knowledge pursue Be trustworthy ever In all that you do Hold fast onto health And your work glorify And you shall be happy In the Law of Camp Fire.

Renee Renaud

amendment to their animal control ordinances.

Shockingly, not a single jurisdiction showed interest. Instead, I was [besmirched] by an Anderson City Council woman following my departure (ustream. tv/recorded/117701299). Her only advice to a concerned citizen was, "If you don't feed them, they will

Not particularly helpful. Municipalities throughout the nation have adopted community cat ordinances including Baltimore; Chevenne, Wvo.; Montgomery County, Texas; the District of Columbia; and Salt Lake County, Utah.

These starving, neglected and abused pets in our community send a loud and very visible message to visitors, businesses and residents alike. It says we don't take care of our pets nor our communities and our elected leaders do not serve their citizens well.

Please contact your representative today and ask them to tackle this growing problem. City of Shasta Lake, 275-7400, greg@gregwatkins.info; city of Anderson, 378-6626, ncomnick@ yahoo.com, city of Redding, 225-4447, jwinter@cityofredding. org; Shasta County, 225-5557, shastacountybos@co.shasta.ca.us.

Peter Stiglich

Correction

In his review of Mary Queen of Scots (see "Royal Flush," Jan. 3), Juan-Carlos Selznick incorrectly identified actor Brendan Coyle's role on Downton Abbey. On that show, he played the valet to the Earl of Grantham. The error has been corrected online. -ed.

Help the felines

Recently, I spoke at city council meetings for Shasta Lake, Redding and Anderson, and also before the Shasta County Board of Supervisors, hoping to increase awareness of the growing community cat colony problem. I discussed the magnitude of the problem, the lack of services dealing with it and offered an

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