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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  
craft,  
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  
to run,  
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  
keen.

Every single one an attainable  
win,

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

**Morgan Dietz**  
Chico

### 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**  
Chico

### 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

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  
leave."

Not particularly helpful.

Municipalities throughout the  
nation have adopted commu-  
nity cat ordinances including  
Baltimore; Cheyenne, Wyo.;  
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 lead-  
ers do not serve their citizens well.

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

**Peter Stiglich**  
Chico

### 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.

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