

- E-9 Authorized the City Manager to renew revised Memorandum of Understanding with People Assisting the Lodi Shelter and to retain the temporary building moved to the Lodi Animal Shelter.
 - E-10 Adopted Resolution No. **2008-44** authorizing destruction of certain Citywide records in accordance with the Government Code and the City's Records Management Policy.
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F. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Dave Hinchman spoke in opposition to redevelopment based on concerns regarding debt obligations, the lack of an official endorsement by the Lodi Unified School District, the need for additional public outreach meetings, Planning Commission and Budget Committee involvement, and the lack of City Council meetings on the subject matter.
- • Cynthia Neely spoke in opposition to the Iraq War and requested that the City Council support a resolution opposing the same based on concerns regarding the loss of life and economic costs. Ms. Neely also submitted several speaker cards in favor of her position of individuals who were in support of the resolution, but chose not to speak.
- • Ann Cerney spoke in opposition to the Iraq War and read the resolution opposing the same.
- Eileen St. Yves spoke in favor of and encouraged citizen participation in the U.S. Census dress rehearsal for San Joaquin County.
- Wayne Knauf spoke in opposition to redevelopment based on concerns regarding the size of the project area.

G. COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Council Member Johnson requested that staff compile a list of meetings, newsletters, and/or articles where redevelopment was discussed.
- Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen requested that the City Council meeting be adjourned in memory of Jim Areida. He also reported on his attendance at the San Joaquin Council of Governments executive meeting and specifically discussed Proposition 1B funding, funding recommendation for vehicles, funding requests for the Lodi Unified School District, traffic corridor funding for the Stockton Port for approximately \$17.5 million, Measure K funds making up the difference at \$35 million, and the possible affect on other projects as a result.
- Mayor Mounce stated she received some citizen concerns regarding mistletoe in trees, thanked staff for addressing concerns regarding the Animal Shelter at the Shirtsleeve Session, and expressed concerns regarding redevelopment meeting attendance and public outreach.

H. COMMENTS BY THE CITY MANAGER ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- City Manager King stated redevelopment does not have a bond issuance obligation and the Council to date has not considered a related bond issuance. Mr. King also stated that a majority of municipalities do have redevelopment agencies, the school district has not officially endorsed redevelopment although there have been preliminary discussion regarding the same, and public meetings are an ongoing effort with a willingness to do the best job possible in reaching as many people as possible.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- I-1 Notice thereof having been published according to law, an affidavit of which publication is on file in the office of the City Clerk, Mayor Mounce called for the public hearing to consider resolution approving new rates for solid waste collection.

City Manager King briefly introduced the subject matter of new rates for solid waste collection.

LODI RESOLUTION AGAINST THE IRAQ WAR

WHEREAS, a group of Lodi citizens has called upon the City Council to advise the Federal Government on its policies in **Iraq**,

WHEREAS, the Lodi City Council joins many Lodi citizens in lamenting the injury and **loss** of life suffered by United States troops as well as Iraqi non-combatants in the Iraq War; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lodi City Council acknowledge that they have no expertise, power, or authority to direct matters of international diplomatic and military policy, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lodi City Council are experts in and especially competent to speak about the problems and the needs of the cities of America. and

WHEREAS, continued expenditures of the Federal Government on the Iraq War impact the available federal resources required to provide for the urgent needs of the most vulnerable portions of the American population, including the need to provide for the health, education, and homeland security of the citizens of the City of Lodi and of urban areas within the United States; and

WHEREAS, in excess of \$250 billion has been appropriated by Congress to fund military operations and reconstruction in Iraq, while in contrast, the decrease in Community Development Block Grant funds received by the City of Lodi severely lessens the ability of the City to revitalize its neighborhoods, promote homeownership opportunities, and provide critical services for the poor, seniors, children, the disabled, and most vulnerable members **of** our community, and

WHEREAS, **loss** of funding for police officers and firefighters severely limits the city's ability to provide for **first** responders who are **our** first line of defense against terrorism as well as other disasters and threats to our security, and

WHEREAS, the Lodi City Council expresses its complete support for the United States troops currently serving in Iraq, as well **as** those who have previously served, and their families; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lodi City Council that

1. **We** salute the courage and commitment of the more than one million United States military personnel, including Lodi citizens who have served in the war and occupation in Iraq. These men and women of the United States military, including our own members of the California National Guard, our neighbors and friends, have suffered extraordinary danger and the loneliness of long separations from home and family on our behalf and the nation's. **We** now **ask** that these valiant

warriors be returned home, safe and intact, to resume their lives, with our thanks for their sacrifices on our behalf and for the courage of their families who have waited and watched from home, and the Lodi City Council calls upon the United States government to establish clear and aggressive timelines for the full transfer of governmental decision-making and internal security to the legitimate government of Iraq and withdraw United States troops from the country.

2. We call upon the President and Congress to fully fund all federal health care, job training, educational, housing, and other programs aiding veterans and their families to ensure their well being and to express the clearly earned thanks of a grateful nation.

3. The Lodi City Council calls upon the citizens of Lodi to welcome returning veterans of the Iraq War and to promptly re-engage them in the life of the community.

4. The Lodi City Council respectfully urges the President and Congress to begin reversing the priorities established by this war by increasing the funding of Community Development Block Grant money, and allocating new money directly to our cities to provide for the hiring of more police officers and firefighters, our first responders and the **key** element in protecting our country from terrorism, disasters, and other threats to our security. Such allocations would represent money previously spent in Iraq which would now be spend in solving our domestic problems.

5 The Lodi City Council in gratitude to our heroic servicemen and women, pledges it will expeditiously and strongly consider a veteran's preference provision in its goods, services and construction policies, and furthermore, that the City Will review its policies and procedure to ensure that employees currently service in our military and their families will not suffer hardship when they are called to duty.

6 A copy of this Resolution will be send to the President of the United States **and** our California delegation to the United States Senate and the House of Representatives.

ANOTHER granite wall?

Iraq theory little more than latest bogeyman rhetoric

Prior to the Vietnam War, I recall various groups inspiring fear in Americans by alleging that the "domino theory" of communism was going to eat us all up if we did not go to Southeast Asia and stop the threat. So we went into Vietnam blindly, and for years our leaders lied to the American people. Remember the Pentagon Papers? We now know that the big bogeyman of communism died a natural death in most of the world and that our involvement in Vietnam had little relationship to the demise of communism.

Now we have another theory and another bogeyman. The new theory is the "weapons of mass destruction" theory, which a few of our leaders are using to promote our entrance into another pointless, politically motivated war in Iraq. The bogeyman, of course, is one of the triumvirate of the Axis of Evil: Saddam Hussein.

No one in the administration has thus far shown any evidence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. According to unbiased news reports, weapons inspectors are hard pressed to find the evidence required to support an invasion. In addition, no one

in the administration denies that even if Iraq did have such weapons, the capabilities of such weapons only extend to a target 400 miles away from Iraq at most. The last time that I looked at a map, I noticed that the United States is quite a bit farther from Iraq than 400 miles. Thousands of miles is more like it.

The latest admission by the North Koreans that they intend to implement a nuclear weapons program is clearly much more of a threat to the United States than Saddam Hussein. There is credible information that the North Koreans are quite close to developing nuclear weapons which could indeed reach the United States.

In a war,
Saddam will
let loose a
'scorched
earth'
strategy...

Wait! That's
President
Bush's
energy
plan...

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Weapons experts say that the time line for the implementation of their program is not much more than a year away. If the true goal of the United States is to rid weapons of mass destruction from rogue dictators, why are we following a policy of aggression against Iraq and one of diplomacy with North Korea?

One answer could be that there are no oil reserves in North Korea. And it cannot be denied that many in this administration are not only tied to big business but to big oil.

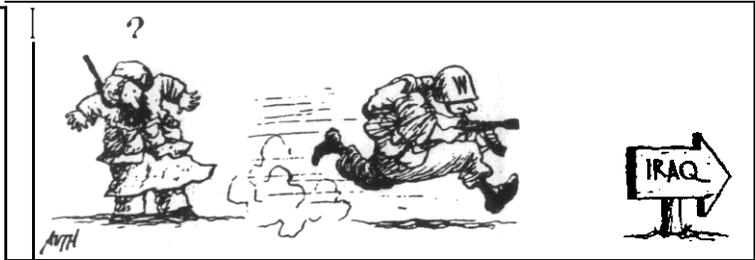
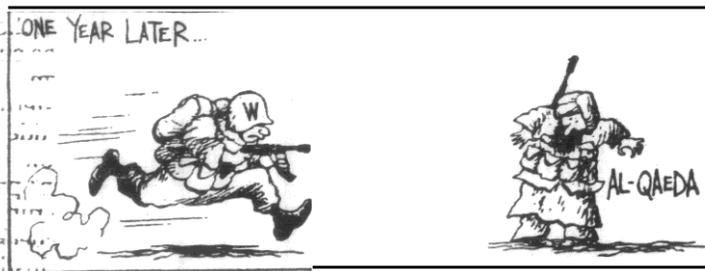
If the United States were invaded by Iraq or any other nation, very few of us would refuse to serve our country in any way that we could. Howev-

er, this administration should give the American people a reason other than "ridding Iraq of weapons of mass destruction" before involving us in a war that will cause many casualties and cost billions of dollars.

It will be a war easy to start but difficult to finish.

In Washington, D.C., a large black piece of granite inscribed with thousands of names is a monument of the "domino theory." Who will be listed on the monument to the "weapons of mass destruction" theory? Informed Americans should not be frightened by alarmist rhetoric and bogeymen.

Cynthia Neely
Lodi



Dark side to Iraq attack

Bush cant give one good reason for starting war

Americans (including the Bush administration) should take a deep breath, step back, and examine the consequences of initiating a war with Iraq. The bright side: Getting rid of Saddam Hussein. Maybe. The dark side:

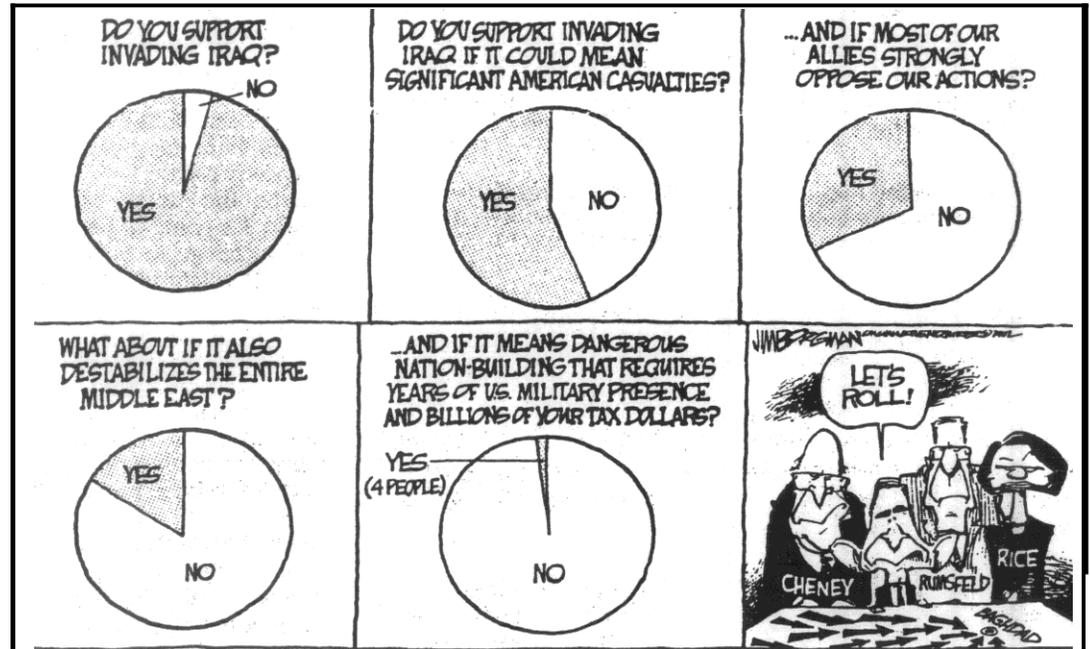
■ An unprovoked attack on another nation is morally indefensible. What gives the United States the right to unilaterally attack any country unless we have been attacked? Is there any evidence that Iraq has or is going to attack America? Is there any evidence that Iraq is still making biological, chemical and nuclear weapons? If there is, let's show it to the American people. When John F. Kennedy was president, he showed evidence of missile sites before he initiated the successful blockade of Cuba. It should be noted that many of our military leaders at that time tried to convince Kennedy to attack instead. Thank God, reasonableness rather than reaction prevailed.

■ There are other countries, i.e., Bush's "axis of evil" which have weapons of mass destruction. Does this give the U.S. the right to unilaterally determine that those countries are enemies and that we can attack with impunity? By the way, the U.S. has weapons of mass destruction.

■ Many countries see this as "American arrogance" which only adds to their hatred.

■ An unprovoked attack will destabilize not only the Mideast, but will affect the world. We need a cohesive, supportive coalition. We do not have it. Only Great Britain supports our position.

■ Most European nations condemn this Bush policy. All of the Arab nations are violently opposed to an invasion. Are we prepared to pursue military action against other Arabs?



■ In Afghanistan we see only a microcosm of the type of political instability that would occur in Iraq — political factions & warring one another, and our quandary as to which "leader" we should support. How do we know that the leader that will emerge will not be even worse than Saddam? Besides, in his campaign speeches, Bush vilified the notion of "nation building." ■ We have not finished our work in Afghanistan. Can we spread our military forces and supplies to support a global coalition, our efforts in the war on terror? After all, it was Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida, not Iraq, who attacked America. ■ Can our economy support this effort, especially in the state it is in presently? The effect on oil production and distribution alone will be monumental — we rely heavily on oil from the Mideast.

■ It is easy to start a war, but quite difficult to end one. Do we really want another Vietnam?

■ Why do we object to returning to inspections?

■ If we have known for years that Saddam has these weapons, why

are we going to attack NOW? Is the rush to military action to buoy up Bush's failing support among many Americans because of the poor economy? Bush should consider the fact that an ill-considered war and all of its consequences will damage his reputation far more than the legacy of a poor economy, his administration's assault on civil rights, and his failure to lead on such important issues as health care and education.

■ Why don't we let the Iraqis decide for themselves? What happened when we interfered in a civil war in Somalia where people were suffering under a corrupt ruler? Our humanitarian efforts toward the Somalis were rewarded by disaster. The Somalis rose up against us. Can we really believe the majority of Iraqis will welcome a U.S. invasion?

■ Bush's success has only been as a "wartime president." Therefore, one questions his motives in sending Rice, Cheney, and Powell to promote a mass-media "frenzy" prior to the Sept. 11 anniversary for the purpose of firing up

support for an unsupportable war. If this was one of the motives for his "timely" media barrage by the administration, to exploit the patriotism of the American public in this manner is an outrage.

■ The final objection, and really the primary objection, is to sending our young men and women to a place where the administration alleges that there are biological, chemical and nuclear weapons. Are we really willing to send our young Americans to invade Iraq? It would seem that we are far more vulnerable to terrorist attacks here. Initiating a war with Iraq will lead to many American casualties.

When the Bush administration questions the patriotism of those of us who do not wish to start a global conflict, he might remember that several of the "war hawks" in his administration (including him) have never served a day on the front line in wartime. Where was their patriotism during Vietnam?

Cynthia Neely
Lod

Resolution to End War in Iraq

Names presented on Speaker Cards

Karen Arnold
Kathleen Cechini
C. Cerney
Reid Cerney
Pam Clark
Janice Dennis
Lloyd Dennis
Stan Ellsworth
Betsy Fiske
Levi Huffman
Taj Khan
Sharon Larson
Delores Levy
Cynthia Neely
Bill Neumann
Bonnie Neumann
Nora Olsen
Dr. Bob Olson
Frank Pesco
Deane Savage
Marcia Savage
Jane Thomas
Ben Waddle
Wendy Woodruff