



### **Here and There**

The election is over and yet it isn't. Our endorsed candidates John Haschak and Ted William won handily. The superintendent races is not over yet. Nicole Glentzer leads by 130 votes over Michelle Hutchins out of 3,056 votes counted. Malia Cohen will run for Controller in November against Lanhee Chen, a Republican fiscal adviser. Chen represents the best hope for a Republican to win a state-wide office so it will be hotly contested. Fiona Ma will run in November against Jack M. Guerrero, a Republican City Council member from Cudary, CA....Mendocino County Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder Katrina Bartolomie announced that as with every election, there are ballots left to be processed as part of the official canvass. Mendocino County has 17,602 Vote By Mail ballots to process and count, and 347 Provisional / Conditional ballots to review, process and count. By law, any ballot that is postmarked by Election Day (June 7) we are required to accept thru Tuesday, June 14, 2022, which may increase the ballots to process. Of the outstanding ballots left to count, the 3rd District Supervisor race has 3,097; the 5th District Supervisor race has 4,389; and Measure M in Anderson Valley Unified School District has 605 ballots remaining to process and count. We do plan to update our count (unofficial results) on our website within 2 weeks. Per State law, we have 30 days to complete the canvass and certify the election. The Statement of Vote, which breaks down results by precinct, will be available at that time. If you have any additional questions, please call our office at (707) 234-6819.

### **March for Our Lives**

Now, this Saturday, June 11, we'll march to demand action on gun violence. In more than 300 cities and towns, educators will join students, parents, and community members to raise our voices for change.

#### **Join us at the Ukiah Courthouse at 11 am.**

No matter where we live, we all want our students—Black, brown, and white, Native and newcomer alike—to have a safe, welcoming environment to learn and grow. We can't let a few politicians block meaningful solutions that we know will save lives.

By joining together this Saturday, we'll send a message to the Senate: This time, it better be different. This time, we demand action.

Hope you can make it,

Wear orange and carry signs. The Raging Grannies will brighten our day.

## Title IX

On June 23, 1972, then President Richard Nixon signed the Education Amendments Act. The law's Title IX, which recognized gender equity in education as a civil right, altered women's sports forever.

### Party time

We are going to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Title IX on June 23th at Janice Lombardi's House, 420 Eastlick Street, Ukiah at 4 pm. Bring some food to share.

Time to celebrate all the changes Title IX brought! Girls could now take auto shop and boys could take cooking. I remember being allowed to run only half court in basketball in High School. Now watch those magnificent women in the WNBA.

Not only sports. But the climate changed. Women could have a charge card in their own name. Women could buy a house in their own name. Newspapers no longer had men's jobs and women's jobs.


### Membership

**New:** Katrina Bartolomie

**Thank You Renewal:** Vergilia Dakin

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 **MENDOCINO WOMEN'S  
POLITICAL COALITION**


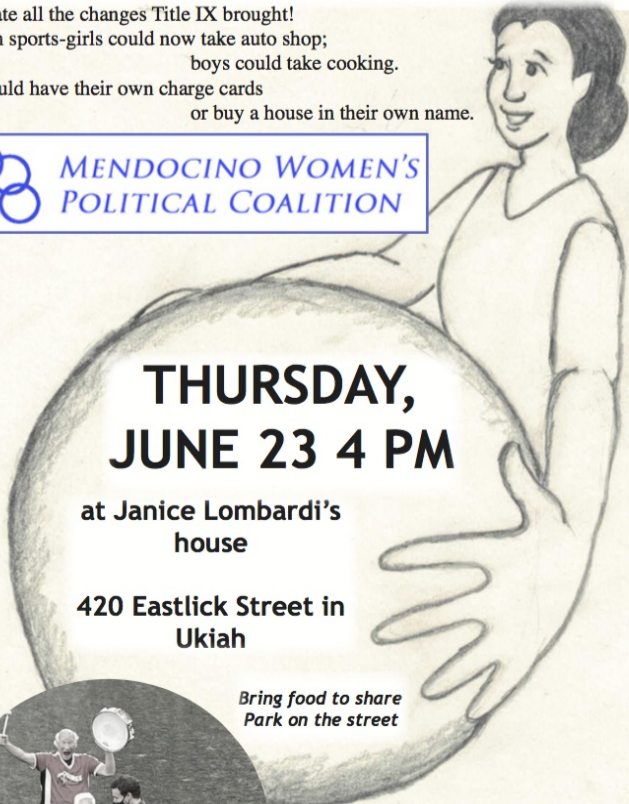
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**THURSDAY,  
JUNE 23 4 PM**

at Janice Lombardi's  
house  
420 Eastlick Street in  
Ukiah

*Bring food to share  
Park on the street*

**Guest of Honor, Betty Ellis**  
The first woman to officiate professional  
soccer games



**New Experiences:  
Finishing up our New Experiences from Women's History.**

The Raging Grannies had a concert in Ukiah with great music and good food and drink. Thanks to the wonderfully witty and entertaining gaggle of Raging Grannies our coffers are \$205 richer! Now I will be waiting for my sugar rush to abate after that fabulous cake and ice cream spread! We'll done, Grannies.

*Kyle Mayer, MWPC Treasurer*



Wendy DeWitt cooked Chile Relleno with a group.

It was a hit!

Wendy DeWitt



**Training**

We will be offering a Candidate Training in July for the November election. Who do you know running for City Council, School Board, Hospital Board, Fire Board, Water Board and Cemetary District (Don't laugh, it is a good step in and very necessary)? We ran the Spring Training and had Nicole Glentzer, Michelle Hutchins, Chamise Cubbersson and John Haschak

**Michelle Hutchins**

To the Sage Circle and Members,

I am honored and thankful for being chosen as your endorsed candidate for County Superintendent of Schools. This honor is profound for me as being the first elected woman to hold this seat has seen challenges. Your support brings confirmation that I met these challenges to MWPC standards. Thank you for the contribution as it helped the movement forward.

*All my best,*

*Michelle Hutchins*

**Nicole Glentzer**

Dear MWPC Officers,

I appreciate the opportunity to be considered for endorsement by the MWPC. Although I am disappointed not to have received the coalition's endorsement, I am pleased to be part of a group so determined to promote social action and political networking. Thank you.

*Nicole H. Glentzer*

**Fiona Ma**

Thank you so much! When is your next event! I miss you

**Annie Esposito Looks Back**

KZYX was committed to community news from the very beginning. Bruce Herring, I believe, organized a patch-work of local news - getting people from around the county to contribute news from their areas. The mission of KZYX is to cover the whole HUGE county.

But after about a year, KZYX put together an actual news department. The first news director was Joseph Leon. His family originally comes from Guam, and he had a special affinity with local Indian tribes - so that was a plus for the station.

I believe he is now the Chief engineer at PBS GUAM.

So when I found out the station was setting up a news department, the first thing I did was to call Joe and say - "I'll give you one day a week, what would be helpful?" And he said he really needed someone to cover the Board of Supervisors meetings.

EEK - that was a pretty big chore - but it was good because I really learned the county that way.

When he left, there were a series of short term news directors. Finally I took it over and did it for about 10 years from 1997 to 2007. It was amazing because it was really COMMUNITY news. People called in their stories.

The first newsroom was a rickety trailer. And if someone slammed the door, the reels would fall off the shelves, clattering to the floor.

For a long time I did "pause button editing". I would record stories on cassettes and take them into the studio. While I was outro-ing one story, I would be clunking in the next cassette cued up to the next story. One day Maria Gilardin of TUC Radio walked into the news cubby and was horrified. Practically the next day she had me set up with a computer with a sound-editing program. That was wonderful because now I could edit out everyone's 'ohs' and 'ums', and that encouraged even more volunteer reporters.

Slowly I built up a dozen or more people who would contribute. The late Nat Bingham from the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association would call in and report on ocean issues. A familiar name - Alicia Littletree - currently your super hardworking Program Director here, was a

teenage Earth First!er tree sitting to save the forest. She reported on the Judi Bari lawsuit against the FBI for violating her civil rights when her Subaru was blown up with her in it.

In fact, Judi Bari was a programmer here - doing a show on the environment, of course.

The people who started the station were many, and they were amazing. I instantly think of Carroll Pratt and Ross Murray. They retired up here in Anderson Valley after careers in Hollywood. Carroll developed the laugh track, and Ross was a dancer. Carroll was very conservative politically, and Ross was a lefty. But they were great buddies and both of them threw themselves into making a radio station up here in the woods.

Carroll and Ross both contributed to the community news when they found themselves in the middle of the action somewhere. And Ross did a popular political commentary series.

My youngest regular contributor was 7 year old Rachel Smith-Ferri. She covered cultural events, and her dad David helped her. But she could read scripts better than the adults. She grew up to design costumes for the theater.

I remember when a reporter from the San Francisco office of the New York Times came to the station - she was in shock that there could be a real live radio station in the middle of nowhere. She printed something about that, and the Newsroom being in an actual caboose.

My favorite story, though, will always be when the kids were doing their children's show, Rubber Biscuit. Jade Pagett-Seekins, a young teenager at the time, ran the board for the show and helped with logistics. Once a visitor came in and ran out exclaiming, "My god, that radio station is run by children!"

I had to do the weather every day, and to break the monotony of my voice all the time, I recruited some of the classical programmers to read the weather, like Susan Juhl and Gordon Black, who both have beautiful voices. It gave the weather a little class. One day Walter Green, who started Wondrous World of Music, was doing the weather for me. He looked at it, frowned, and said, "Ladies and Gentlemen! This does not look good!"

But it was amazing. People would say, "Well, what do you actually report on out there in the boonies - like, uh, a cow wandered off or something?"

But really - listeners to our station know there is a LOT going on around here - and they want to know.

*Annie Esposito*

## **Closing the Museum**

The Board of Supervisors is thinking about closing down the Museum to save money because the County is over-budget. John Haschek is against it, but she told me that if we want to save the Museum we need to go to the County Board of Supervisors website and email or call the supervisors and let them know how important the museum is to our community, and Mendocino County, and they cannot close it. The county will still have to pay for the utilities to keep the collections safe, but no one will be allowed to visit the museum and there will be no more exhibits or staff. If this happens it will be very hard to reinstate the Museum.

There is a group working to create a 4th Friday Art Walk for this summer with the Art Center and other businesses. This will benefit the artists and all the businesses in downtown Willits that are having economic hardships. Will this even happen if the Museum is closed?

Please write or call the Supervisors as soon as possible, support the Museum, and get the word out. There will be an article in the Willits Weekly this week about the possible closure. The deciding meeting is scheduled for June 7, so we need to act quickly.

## Poverty in Mendocino

May you please be mindful:

---Mendocino County population 84,793 with 19% in poverty;

—Fort Bragg population 7,170 with 19% in poverty;

— Ukiah population 15,582 with 20% in poverty; and,

—Willits population of 4,782 with 27.4% in poverty.

*J.Rebecca Sandridge*

## MARGARET ATWOOD

### The Atlantic magazine...

In the early years of the 1980s, I was fooling around with a novel that explored a future in which the United States had become disunited. Part of it had turned into a theocratic dictatorship based on 17th-century New England Puritan religious tenets and jurisprudence. I set this novel in and around Harvard University—an institution that in the 1980s was renowned for its liberalism, but that had begun three centuries earlier chiefly as a training college for Puritan clergy.

In the fictional theocracy of Gilead, women had very few rights, as in 17th-century New England. The Bible was cherry-picked, with the cherries being interpreted literally. Based on the reproductive arrangements in Genesis—specifically, those of the family of Jacob—the wives of high-ranking patriarchs could have female slaves, or “handmaids,” and those wives could tell their husbands to have children by the handmaids and then claim the children as theirs. Although I eventually completed this novel and called it *The Handmaid’s Tale*, I stopped writing it several times, because I considered it too far-fetched. Silly me. Theocratic dictatorships do not lie only in the distant past: There are a number of them on the planet today. What is to prevent the United States from becoming one of them?

For instance: It is now the middle of 2022, and we have just been shown a leaked opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States that would overthrow settled law of 50 years on the grounds that abortion is not mentioned in the Constitution, and is not “deeply rooted” in our “history and tradition.” True enough. The Constitution has nothing to say about women’s reproductive health. But the original document does not mention women at all.

Women were deliberately excluded from the franchise. Although one of the slogans of the Revolutionary War of 1776 was “No taxation without representation,” and government by consent of the governed was also held to be a good thing, women were not to be represented or governed by their own consent—only by proxy, through their fathers or husbands. Women could neither consent nor withhold consent, because they could not vote. That remained the case until 1920, when the Nineteenth Amendment was ratified, an amendment that many strongly opposed as being against the original Constitution. As it was. Women were nonpersons in U.S. law for a lot longer than they have been persons. If we start overthrowing settled law using Justice Samuel Alito’s justifications, why not repeal votes for women?

Reproductive rights have been the focus of the recent fracas, but only



one side of the coin has been visible: the right to abstain from giving birth. The other side of that coin is the power of the state to prevent you from reproducing. The Supreme Court's 1927 *Buck v. Bell* decision held that the state may sterilize people without their consent. Although the decision was nullified by subsequent cases, and state laws that permitted large-scale sterilization have been repealed, *Buck v. Bell* is still on the books. This kind of eugenicist thinking was once regarded as "progressive," and some 70,000 sterilizations—of both males and females, but mostly of females—took place in the United States. Thus a "deeply rooted" tradition is that women's reproductive organs do not belong to the women who possess them. They belong only to the state.

Wait, you say: It's not about the organs; it's about the babies. Which raises some questions. Is an acorn an oak tree? Is a hen's egg a chicken? When does a fertilized human egg become a full human being or person? "Our" traditions—let's say those of the ancient Greeks, the Romans, the early Christians—have vacillated on this subject. At "conception"? At "heartbeat"? At "quickenings"? The hard line of today's anti-abortion activists is at "conception," which is now supposed to be the moment at which a cluster of cells becomes "ensouled." But any such judgment depends on a religious belief—namely, the belief in souls. Not everyone shares such a belief. But all, it appears, now risk being subjected to laws formulated by those who do. That which is a sin within a certain set of religious beliefs is to be made a crime for all.

Let's look at the First Amendment. It reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." The writers of the Constitution, being well aware of the murderous religious wars that had torn Europe apart ever since the rise of Protestantism, wished to avoid that particular death trap. There was to be no state religion. Nor was anyone to be prevented by the state from practicing his or her chosen religion.

It ought to be simple: If you believe in "ensoulment" at conception, you should not get an abortion, because to do so is a sin within your religion. If you do not so believe, you should not—under the Constitution—be bound by the religious beliefs of others. But should the Alito opinion become the newly settled law, the United States looks to be well on the way to establishing a state religion. Massachusetts had an official religion in the 17th century. In adherence to it, the Puritans hanged Quakers.

The Alito opinion purports to be based on America's Constitution. But it relies on English jurisprudence from the 17th century, a time when a belief in witchcraft caused the death of many innocent people. The Salem witchcraft trials were trials—they had judges and juries—but they accepted "spectral evidence," in the belief that a witch could send her double, or specter, out into the world to do mischief. Thus, if you were sound asleep in bed, with many witnesses, but someone reported you supposedly doing sinister things to a cow several miles away, you were guilty of witchcraft. You had no way of proving otherwise.

Similarly, it will be very difficult to disprove a false accusation of abortion. The mere fact of a miscarriage, or a claim by a disgruntled former partner, will easily brand you a murderer. Revenge and spite charges will proliferate, as did arraignments for witchcraft 500 years ago.

If Justice Alito wants you to be governed by the laws of the 17th century, you should take a close look at that century. Is that when you want to live?

## Ukiah Candidate Forum



## Willits Candidate Forum







**Press Statement**

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**Malia Cohen Primary Election Statement**

**San Francisco, CA** - Today, Chair Malia Cohen issued the following statement about the June 7 primary election results:

"Thank you to every Californian who voted in yesterday's primary election. Your passion for the Controller's race is evident. The election results show the strength of the Democratic party and highlight the work that must be done to secure victory in November. I am proud and humbled to be the Democrat that has your vote of confidence to advance to the general election.

We have built a dynamic network across the state. Nonetheless, there remains much work to do. California voters are disillusioned and want real accountability for how their tax dollars are spent. As the experienced candidate in this race, I look forward to working with all of you towards a California where everyone thrives."

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## What's Happening

A team of activists from CA Dist 02 is trying to meet with Senator Feinstein to convince her to co-sponsor S.4204, the Medicare for All Act of 2022 introduced by Senator Sanders. Our Senator Alex Padilla was one of the first co-sponsors. Let's all thank Senator Padilla and also request of Senator Feinstein to co-sponsor it.

Also, here is a controversial idea on the problem with guns:  
What to do about gun violence in America? I heard former Justice Warren Burger state that "The gun lobby's interpretation of the Second Amendment is one of the greatest pieces of fraud, I repeat the word fraud, on the American People by special interest groups that I have seen in my lifetime"

Amendment II: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State; the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

What is a well regulated militia, and how exactly does that relate to infringing the right to bear arms? Are assault weapons in the hands of a well regulated militia necessary for a free State? Does it mean the state of an individual? Or the state in which our residence is located? Or does it mean all governments, federal, state and local?

A well regulated militia brings to mind men marching in formation to the commands of a sergeant. What if we use the 2nd Amendment to design our gun ownership regulations?

- Create regulations to license local militias. Keep records of their membership.
- Make it mandatory to be a member of a well regulated militia in order to own a firearm

People assert that you don't need an assault rifle for hunting. But the 2nd Amendment refers to protecting the security of the free State. So, banning assault weapons on the grounds that they are not needed for hunting violates the 2nd Amendment and therefore is a weak argument.

I assert that if the 2nd Amendment implies that the people must protect the free State with well-regulated militias, then that should be a requirement for gun ownership.

This brings to mind Switzerland, which has no standing army. Instead, every healthy male aged 18-50 must serve in a well-regulated militia. Every man has to serve 2 years after high school, and then 6 weeks per year for the rest of his life until age 50, while disabled people are required to serve in other ways. Women may serve voluntarily in the militias. The people keep their government issued uniforms and firearms at home. Switzerland is defended by a well-regulated militia. Gun violence in Switzerland is non-existent.

*Robin Sunbeam*

