Mosquito research a good use of cap-trade money

Last year, California recorded the highest number of human West Nile infections since 2005, and the drought exacerbated mosquito activity in many areas of the state.

Dan Morain questioned the state Assembly’s provision of $4 million in cap-and-trade funds for mosquito research ("Using windfalls, paper to flight climate change," Forum, May 24).

However, this funding is critical to protect public health, and it would enhance prospects for federally funded research in California. Even Gov. Jerry Brown has asked health care providers to consider the threat of vector-borne diseases due to climate change in their

Re “Patrons aiming to ‘Save Simon’s’ ” (Page 6A, June 3): Remember the Alhambra? So save Simon’s. Don’t let CADA do an Islamic State on one of our most holy sites.

- William J. Hughes, Sacramento

Quoting from ‘Animal Farm’

Senators President Pro Tem Kevin de León and all other senators should be required to read George Orwell’s “Animal Farm.” The quote of “all animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others,” directs solving ability among legislators. Drunken legislators had the option to call a friend or a cab, but choose to drive. Now, they have the option of calling their special driver. But, with the impaired judgment that comes with being drunk, I expect they will still choose to drive.

- Robert Rice, Sacramento

Falling from spotlight, the really brave transgender Americans” (Editorials, June 3) and “Caitlyn Jenner’s arrival is more reality TV” (Viewpoints, June 3): I do not usually agree with Kathleen Parker. But her column and the editorial express my anger and sadness at all of the fawning being extended to Caitlyn Jenner.

What about those who struggle on the verge of suicide but will never have the money to go through the process of gender reassignment surgery? Why must we continue to put celebrities on a pedestal when we should be offering support to those who struggle every single

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