

Make anything special for the holidays?

**Asked in
downtown Chico**

Tom Wigton
basketball equipment
manager



Mom's leg of lamb. My grandmother made it, and she passed the recipe on to her. She was a good cook.

Danielle Hawkins
teacher



We always do Christmas cookies at my mom's house, which is really sweet. I have two kids and my sister has two kids, and so we've been doing it since they were little—at their house in Paradise, which burned down. Now they're living in Chico, but we all still gather and do this even though the kids are all older. It's still a fun tradition.

Chris Friske
marketing/
graphic design



My grandpa's birthday is on Christmas Eve, so we celebrate that, so that's kind of like the special thing. He always wants soup for dinner, and that's about it.

Joseph Forrest
electronic
technician



We're full-blooded Native Americans, so celebrating the holidays is a little different to us, just because of the genocide and everything. [For Christmas] we like to do seafood—the crab legs, the shrimp.

Let's back off the hate and work together. It will be more fun and more effective.

Charles Withuhn
Chico

ADA triumphs—and a fail

People with disabilities and their allies won an important victory that benefits us all: Texas' ban on mask mandates in schools was overturned and decision-making returned to the districts. Not to have done so would've discriminated against students with disabilities by risking their health. Integration has yielded a victory for us all!

And in another Americans with Disabilities Act-related case, the U.S. Department of Justice filed a lawsuit against Uber regarding its ableist policy of allowing drivers to charge a passenger extra money if their boarding takes longer than 2 minutes. A win would benefit many Americans, including aging seniors acquiring disabilities, like myself. One standard for young, healthy people isn't appropriate for all in an inclusive democracy. Thank you activists and allies.

Now, I wonder why Congressman Doug LaMalfa is allowed to operate an office in Chico that is unequal, discriminatory and inaccessible to people who use wheelchairs, walkers, crutches or who have serious arthritis or heart disease and to others who can't climb a full flight of stairs? The office claims to have an "alternate" process, but there is no signage about it, it's cumbersome with delays and there's no way to signal staff upstairs to come downstairs. Why is this allowed by a congressman who claims to be a friend to vets?

Karen Duncanwood
Chico

Taking lives' stock

How many human lives were lost when then-President Trump ordered meat-packing workers back to their jobs as "essential" workers? This was at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, before any vaccine was available. Conversely, how many lives have been saved by various mandates of the Biden administration regarding vaccines, masks, etc.?

Robert Woods
Forest Ranch

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