STREETALK



Asked in downtown Chico

Hannah Rott college student

I think it was a purple Trek bike? It was a mountain bike. We would go sometimes

on the trails around Chico and ride around, but nothing too crazy.

Jason Rott Business administrator



I do! It was a Huffy BMX bike. Dad got if for me, I think for a birthday gift when

I was maybe 6, 7 years old. I was pretty proud of my bike.

Leslie McCormick administrative assistant

My first bike? Yeah, it was blue and had tassels and I got it for

Christmas. It was two-wheel. That was my first big-girl bike.

Chandler Porter coffee shop manager

I rode a lot of 20-inch bikes behind the almond warehouse [on The



Esplanade]—at the makeshift bike park.

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is the exception that proves the rule of friendliness, politeness and community that has marked 99.9 percent of our experience during our walks in Upper Park. \Box

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Shelter from the war

Uniting for Ukraine is a federal program offering Ukrainian citizens Temporary Protected Status—to shelter in the U.S. for two years, offering support for the war refugees, who may also be able to apply for asylum.

The number of Ukrainians seeking to come here exceeds the number of approved sponsors. Sponsorship support can range from being a "Paper Sponsor" (submitting the required paperwork, Form I-134 Declaration of Financial Support, to U.S. Customs and Border Protection) to providing or helping refugees secure transportation and housing. Sponsors can decide for themselves the extent of support they are able or willing to provide; there is no obligation to host a Ukrainian individual or family in their home or to provide them with financial assistance.

If you're in a position to help someone from Ukraine escape the destruction occurring in that country, visit u4u.com.ua for additional information.

> Michael Briand Chico

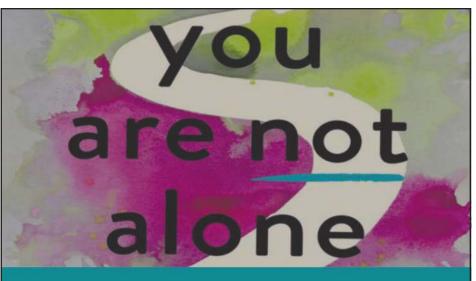
Parking meter ripoff

Credit card companies charge merchants on average between 1 and 1.5 percent to process credit card transactions. Here in Chico, we have a new parking meter payment system in place. You can use quarters or your credit card, and for the latter you will be charged a 35 percent surcharge for the convenience. Swipe for one dollar and get charged \$1.35!

George Gold

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A NAMI Regional Mental Health Forum

Sunday, April 30, 2023 Chico Masonic Family Center, 1 - 4 PM

A discussion about how to develop a crisis system that provides people with someone to talk to, someone to respond and somewhere to go

PM: Slide Show / Questions of priority issues from audience
PM: Panel of community resource representatives
PM: Dr. Ken Duckworth, MD, keynote speaker

4 PM: Lite Dinner Buffet, raffle prizes

About the speaker: Ken Duckworth, MD

• Chief Medical Officer of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

• Author of "You Are Not Alone", The NAMI Guide to Navigating Mental Health—With Advice from Experts and Wisdom from Real People and Families

To attend this **free** community event either in-person or virtually register with <u>carolinecarey@att.net</u>

