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All Signs Point to the Divine



Parishioners of the Gridley Mission of the Old Holy Roman Church and witnesses to the event gather around the image of Jesus of the Divine Mercy, now considered to be a holy item by the Archdiocese of the North American Old Holy Roman Catholic Church, Utrecht Succession. Pictured Left to Right: Belinda Ruvalcaba, Karla Alcantar, Archbishop Ivan Castaneda, Father Raul Madera, Mother Fatima Jerez, Daniel Olivar, and Jesus Olivar. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On July 15th between 8 and 9 in the evening, patrons of the North American Old Holy Roman Church Utrecht Succession, Gridley Mission confirm that they witnessed what they believe to be a miracle.

The Gridley Mission has been active for about 4 years, informs Archbishop Ivan Castaneda, who oversees both the mission and chapel. The faithful meet in a small home for most of their services. A large, but simple print of the Jesus of the Divine Mercy was purchased earlier this year by Deacon



Archbishop Ivan Castaneda (left) and Mother Fatima Jerez (right) display the back of the print, signed by the 14 witnesses naming it Patron of the North American Old Holy Roman Catholic Church Utrecht Succession of California. Photo by Seti Long

Raul Madera and his wife to adorn the chamber where they worship and hold Adoration of the Cross Ceremonies. Jesus of the Divine Mercy is the

mission's focus for their worship.

According 9 testimonies verbally shared with Herald reporters, the event regarding the depiction of Jesus of the Divine Mercy transpired as follows:

The framed print of Jesus of the Divine Mercy was initially seen moving on the wall by a teenage boy. The room was darkened as customary during the Adoration of the Cross Ceremony which was taking place at the time. The young man brought the movement to the attention of the small congregation and Archbishop Castaneda. Witnesses, fourteen of

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Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over this Holiday Season

MADD California News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - This holiday season, the California region of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is partnering with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and local law enforcement to share the message about the dangers of drunk driving.

MADD, NHTSA, OTS and local law enforcement partners want all drivers to remember this lifesaving message: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over. Drivers will see officers working together December 14, 2022, through January 1, 2023, looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

The holidays are one of the most dangerous times on our nation's roadways as more people travel to celebrate with friends and family. According to NHTSA, California had the largest increase of any state in the number of lives lost in alcohol-impaired driving crashes in 2020 - an alarming 20% increase in the number of fatalities from 2019 to 2020. During the month of December 2020, 937 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes, accounting for 29% of all traffic deaths. This is why MADD is working with local law enforcement to remind the public that drunk driving is not only illegal, it is a matter of life and death. As you head out to the holiday festivities, remember: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

"We know everyone is rushing around during the weeks leading up to the holidays, preparing for holiday gatherings and getting into the seasonal mood," said Patricia Rillera, MADD California State Executive Director. "If you plan to head out to festivities, make sure you plan a sober ride home because driving drunk should never be an option. Even one drink is one drink too many if you're the driver," Rillera said.

Understand the Risks Nationally, it is illegal to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher. If you're caught drinking and driving you could face jail time, lose your driver's license and your vehicle, and pay up to \$22,000 in attorney's fees, fines, higher insurance rates, and lost wages, according to the Automobile Club of Southern California.

MADD recommends

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A Glimpse Inside Santa's Workshop

Story and photos by Seti Long

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - The Hotel Colonia in Downtown Biggs is home to an extraordinary window display this year.

People of all ages can be seen stopping and peering into the historic hotel's windows at the handcrafted Christmas dollhouse built from scratch by Norma Todd. A former florist, Todd's creative talents and eye for detail shine in this special project.

Santa can be seen relaxing in his den, surrounded by letters addressed to the big man in red from



Above: A close-up of Santa's workshop shows elves and jolly Ole' St. Nick preparing for Christmas in fantastically fun detail! Below left: The talented creator of the Christmas Dollhouse peeks into Santa's Bedroom.

countries all over the world. "I wanted to make sure there was representation," so Todd says she researched

what monikers other countries called Santa and addressed the letters to St. Nick as such. Todd's daughter Marci Shadd adds,

"If you look closely to the handwritten pieces, [she] used the names of friends and families". For example,

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Thank you Orchard Hospital for the awesome Christmas Tree all lit up on Spruce Street. It is a wonderful tradition. It is also the largest illuminated living Christmas Tree in Butte County. So Oroville may have the Dam, but Gridley has the Tree.

The Bay Area currently accounts for 20% of the state's population, but in the latest data for the tax year 2020, they paid 43% of the state's income taxes, which in turn accounts for 63% of total revenues in the California State Budget. So when you hear about Facebook and other tech companies laying off 4000 or more employees in San Francisco, be leery of what that means to the rest of us when these Bay Area people start to have financial issues. California relies a lot on high-wage, high-tech jobs. It maintains a myriad of regulations, fees, taxes, and obstacles that

cause manufacturing and other types of businesses to move out of state. So most indicators show us that 2023 may continue the economic difficulties we have experienced as of late.

The Butte County Fair has its new sign on East Gridley Road functioning and fully illuminated. It is a nice addition that makes the fair seem a little classier. Kudos (thanks and congratulations) to the volunteers and the fair management. The Farmer's Hall gym and the swimming pool are also a part of the Butte County Fair, and they will need some sprucing up in the coming years. The land, buildings, and fairground improvements are assets and need to be treated as such. The overall impact of spending by all participants at fairs and fair-based events results in a total economic impact for California of \$3 billion. In the south county, imagine how much revenue comes to the local economy because of basketball games, the fair, swim meets, etc. Beyond the income, the facilities make Gridley/Biggs/Live Oak a better place to live. So the sign is a friendly reminder that we have something worth putting a nice sign on.

Retired Gridley/Biggs

Police officer Jim Roberts looked dashing in his long beard and a necktie as he was sworn in as a Gridley City Councilmember. Ties are not required, but he went all out. Many in town wonder if the beard will stay on as he enters this phase of elected public service. Rumors have continuously circulated that his beard was part of a peace officer disguise to nab drug dealers; others say the beard was required as part of his police motorcycle precision competitive driving instructorship. Sometimes whispered tales circulated that beards are clearly a place where one can conceal their firearm - when carrying a concealed carry permitted weapon. Whatever the future holds for city council grooming standards, he has the longest most enormous beard of any council member in the Tri-City area.

Perhaps if the Biggs City Council looks under the Tree they may get a City Manager, so far they have not found one at their meetings.

Merry Christmas to all.

Josh F.W. Cook is a graduate of the prestigious Woodrow Wilson School. ★

Chief of Police Pleased with Cooperation During Bomb Threat Investigation

Press Release from Police Chief Rodney Harr

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Friday, December 16, 2022, at approximately 11:12 am, the Gridley Police Department was notified of a possible bomb threat at the Gridley High School (GHS) campus, located at 300 East Spruce Street in Gridley. The location houses 9th through 12th grade students as well as additional staff and faculty members.

After the initial evacuation of students, staff and faculty from the immediate campus, Officers with the Gridley Police Department, members of the Butte County Inter-Agency Bomb Squad and GHS Administrative staff conducted an extensive search of the school grounds and classrooms for any suspicious packages or other devices.

No such packages or devices were located.

At approximately 1:13 pm, the campus was declared to be safe allowing students, staff, and faculty to return to campus.

Gridley Police Department Officers, with the assistance of GHS Administrative Staff, conducted a thorough investigation into the reported bomb threat. During the investigation, a 15-year-old juvenile suspect was identified. The suspect was subsequently

detained, arrested and later booked into the Butte County Juvenile Hall for violation of one (1) count of section 148.1(c) of the California Penal Code (reporting a false bomb threat to any person). Based upon the age of the juvenile, the name will not be released.

Incidents such as these are of the highest priority for the Gridley Police Department and will have the appropriate resolution for the protection of not only the Gridley Unified School District students, staff, and faculty members, but for all the members of the Gridley Community. It is with the cooperation of everyone that incidents such as these are resolved in a timely and just manner.

The Gridley Police Department would like to highlight that the relationship with GHS Administration, Staff and Faculty Members was a key component to the quick resolution of this investigation. I would also like to thank members of the Butte County Inter-Agency Bomb Squad for their very rapid response and assistance with this incident.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone who may have additional information is encouraged to contact the Gridley Police Department, Officer Anthony Lara or Officer Emma Ziebarth at (530) 846-5670. ★

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Announced

From Gridley Christian Church

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Christian Church will have a beautiful Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6:30 pm. Many traditional carols will be sung, communion will be served, and some inspirational thoughts shared about the importance of the birth of Jesus and the hope and

salvation He brings.

After the service there will be finger food and drinks available. Come join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Gridley Christian Church is located at 580 Washington St. Call Pastor Ed Lucas at (530) 846-4002 for any concerns or needs you may have. Gridley Christian Church is a place where everyone is welcome. ★

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them, report seeing the image moving slowly at first, then faster in a more dramatic pendulum motion. Multiple onlookers saw red sparks appear, glimmering around Christ's head, while his halo began to glow. As the light radiating from the halo intensified, the red and blue-white rays issuing from Jesus's heart in the image also began to illuminate with brightly colored light. A visitor to the congregation reportedly began speaking in tongues, crying softly. As the alleged manifestations continued, those in attendance saw other miraculous events transpire.

Archbishop Ivan Castaneda reported seeing Jesus's eyes opening and closing. Others, such as Mother Fatima Jerez, saw Christ's right hand, raised in the depiction of the image, making the sign of the cross blessing those that had gathered around in awe of the celestial display. Archbishop Castaneda

confirms he also witnessed this. Eventually, the swinging of the portrait slowly ceased, the light faded, and the image returned to its natural state. The occurrence reportedly lasted around 15 minutes, but due to a state of shock, none recorded the exact time of the phenomenon.

Since July, 14 witnesses that range from ages 7 on up, have undergone the process of having their personal statements transcribed, translated from Spanish to English in some cases, and have had them notarized to properly document the incident. A second manifestation has also been recorded via video, which captured the same picture moving and radiating the image of a cross. The video has joined the compilation of evidence to chronicle these holy events.

In recognition of such a significant event, the 14 parishioners in attendance that July evening have signed the back of the image, and a special



A close-up shot of the Jesus of Divine Mercy print responsible for unexplained phenomena showing the beautiful detail of the image. Photo provided by Archbishop Castaneda

mass was held to bless and consecrate the depiction of Jesus the Divine Mercy as Patron of the

entire North American Old Holy Roman Church Utrecht Succession. The picture was moved in early

November to the Jesus El Buen Pastor Church in San Bruno, California as it is now considered to be a sacred item and Patrimony of the Archdiocese. Four parishioners in San Bruno claim to have seen it illuminate in the same manner as in Gridley, but not swing as it had done while here.

Archbishop Castaneda tells the Herald that "after a lot of praying and debate," the congregation decided to publicize the happening. "We were very hesitant to go public," says Archbishop Castaneda. He sought counsel from an outside pastor, who helped him come to the decision that it should be shared with the world, "because maybe he (Jesus) has a message for his people."

The Church wished to announce the event much earlier but wanted proper documentation in place before doing so. A series of events have prevented the publishing of the account until now.

When confronted with

the issue of doubters, disbelievers and that they may be mocked by their community, the witnesses young and old held firm to their declarations. Not one retracted their statements, and it remains clear that they believe what they saw truly happened. Archbishop Castaneda confirms, "We did not make this up and, so I need to be strong and say, well, this is the truth. This is what happened." He continues, "We're not sure why it happened, but it did happen."

Attempts at recreating the events have been unsuccessful – for those involved, all signs point to the divine.

Archbishop Castaneda shares that he's come to this conclusion about the event and his small parish: They might be a small church, a small congregation, nothing "special" about themselves in their eyes, but that God ultimately decides whom he will speak to, when, and how he will inspire. ★

Bill to Prevent FEMA Clawbacks of Disaster Aid to Become Law

From the Office of Doug LaMalfa

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - The week of December 19, 2022, legislation crafted by Representative Doug LaMalfa (R – Richvale) to prevent the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) from taking back disaster assistance funds that it considers duplicative with legal settlement claims will be signed into law. H.R. 539, the Preventing Disaster Revictimization Act, was a joint effort between Representative LaMalfa and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee lead Republican Sam Graves (R-MO), who sponsored the bill. Despite the work of Congressmen LaMalfa and Graves to get the legislation unanimously passed out of the U.S. House of Representatives in June 2021, the Senate had not passed the bill until it was included in the National Defense Authorization Act last week.

"There are thousands of victims of wildfires in Northern California and even more across the nation who are reeling after natural disasters," said Rep. LaMalfa.

"They are applying for federal assistance in good faith to help them rebuild

their lives and they shouldn't be punished for FEMA's mistakes. In the aftermath of a wildfire, tornado, flood, earthquake, or other disaster, people's focus is on rebuilding their lives. The federal government should be helping them, not seizing money because of bureaucratic mistakes and revictimizing them all over again."

H.R. 539 also includes a provision crafted by Representative Sam Graves to require that FEMA waives debts related to disaster assistance for recipients when the agency later determines it mistakenly overpaid them. Under current law, FEMA can come back weeks, months, or even years later to seek repayment of funds it awarded victims, even when the agency is at fault for making the error and the funds were appropriately used in the wake of a disaster. The bill also requires FEMA to report to Congress on its efforts to minimize similar errors in the future.

Congressman Doug LaMalfa is a lifelong farmer representing California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou and Tehama Counties. ★

A Glimpse Inside Santa's Workshop



The tiniest details were not spared by the designer and builder of the Christmas Dollhouse, Norma Todd. Here, Santa reads letters addressed to him from all over the world.

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the pictures hanging on Santa's bedroom walls are of Todd's family and grandchildren, a letter to Santa signed by her great grandchild Mason.

The Christmas dollhouse features three stories on one side and two on the other – looking directly at it the left gives viewers a glimpse into Santa's private life, while the other three storied side provides a look at the hustle and bustle of the workshop and mischievous lives of his elves. The tiny details permeate through the whole piece, with bins of toys marked to be delivered to Gridley and Biggs, tufting on the couches, and more.

She began work on the project in January of this year. The Christmas dollhouse evolved from a small idea – "I didn't intend to start making the dollhouse," says Todd, explaining that her mind was focused on rebuilding and refurbishing the wooden display pieces featured at the Biggs Community Park during the holiday season. She mused about incorporating a 3D effect, painting a

scene behind glass or plastic and using the wood to frame it to suggest you were looking inside something multi-dimensional. Instead of displays at the park, her design grew into a fabulous window display for the Colonia, the Christmas Dollhouse.

Todd claims, "I knew nothing about wood," but persevered learning from her "mistakes". Her design wasn't to the scale of other dollhouses, so she had to be innovative, adjusting her Santa to the right height by chopping off their legs and making them longer with wood. Of the Santa reclining, she says, "I thought if he's sitting down in the chair, he needs to be comfortable. So, I cut his boots off his legs and stacked them by the fireplace, so they'd be warmed by the fireplace, then took some old cloth napkins I had and made sock-like-things and stuffed them in the legs (of his suit). Now he's sitting there reading his notes in his socks!"

The elaborate and not-to-miss Christmas Dollhouse is currently on display at the Colonia Hotel, located at 479 B Street Biggs. ★

Tuff Boy Sales, Inc. Acquires Sutter Buttes Manufacturing

Tuff Boy News Release

LATHROP, CA (MPG) -Tuff Boy Sales, Inc. (TBS) on December 5 announced the asset purchase of Sutter Buttes Manufacturing (SBM) of Gridley, California, commonly known throughout the agriculture community as SBM.

"We welcome our new customers and employee members to Tuff Boy," said Timothy Schultz, CEO of Tuff Boy Sales, Inc. "This acquisition will unite two leading manufacturing companies, which share a common mission of building first-class agriculture equipment. We will continue to put our customers' first as we bring superior products and services to meet their needs."

Tuff Boy manufactures, sells, and leases the industry's leading agricultural trailers while SBM manufactures highly sought-after Orchard Cabs, Rice Bankouts, Sprayers, and other field

support equipment.

"The SBM product line will continue to be sold exclusively through its dealer network," added Schultz. "With expanded geographical locations and improved manufacturing capabilities, the Company will offer complimentary products and be better positioned to serve our customers."

"I am excited by the collaboration that Tuff Boy and SBM will create for their respective customers and employees. I appreciate Tuff Boy's long history of service to the agricultural community, and I know and believe in the commitment that the family has to delivering high-quality products and exceeding customer expectations," said Nevada Smith, CEO of Sutter Buttes Manufacturing. "I look forward to seeing the continued growth of the SBM product line under the stewardship of this family." ★

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these safe party tips, especially for those hosting this holiday season: The safest choice is to never drink and drive. Plan ahead and designate a sober driver, use a ride service or public transportation, call a taxi or a sober friend to get home safely. Confirm your

party guests have a plan for a safe way home and offer non-alcoholic beverages for designated drivers and those who do not drink. If you see a suspected drunk driver on the road, as soon as it is safe call 911 to report them. Don't let your friends drive impaired. Take the keys away and arrange to get

your friend home safely or invite them to stay the night.

For more safe party tips, visit MADD.ORG/SAFEPARTY. For more information about the 2022 Holiday Season Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign, visit <https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drunk-driving>. ★





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Be Wary of Latest Inflation Statistics

Fed Chief Jerome Powell sobered up Wall Street yet again last week during his latest periodic Federal Reserve (FED) speech and news conference. As Wall Street attempted to get some sort of "pivot" sign out the tea leaves of his musings, no such inkling of a softer FED was to be found. Pivot means to stop raising rates and pivot to the other direction, which in this case would be back down.

Instead, stone faced and dead serious as always, Powell once again splashed his monetary bucket of ice water all over those listening, which by the way, is just about everybody these days.

Although recent economic statistics have shown a tiny bit of pullback in certain economic metrics, the real story is inflation is still north of 7%, and that is more than double the 30 year average.

Seven years of an inflation rate that high and you might as well throw half your money in the trash can. Yes, the math works out that badly.

Wall Street has had some giddy rallies here and there, as tiny glimmers of hope in inflation readings every now and then enticed buyers into the markets

The latest Consumer Price Index (CPI) showed a slight drop in the prices it measures and with the bad news bears pretty much taking over the stock market lately, any signs that things may be improving send stocks rallying, albeit if only briefly.

One only has to dig a little deeper into inflation statistics however, to see all is still not well in inflation-land.

CPI measures the prices consumers pay using a select basket of goods over time. Sounds accurate enough but the CPI does not tell the whole picture.

The Producer Price Index (PPI) measures costs further upstream at the producer level which are the people that make the stuff the consumer then buys down the line. It's a peek into the prices consumers will pay (the CPI number) sometime in the future as produced goods trickle down the supply conduits to store shelves.

Like the CPI, the latest PPI report also showed a small drop in year over year inflation. But comparing the PPI to historical norms, food inflation soared to a 12 year high, led by a shocking 38% surge in fresh and dry vegetable costs. The Christmas dinner might be a tad smaller this year for many folks and not by choice but rather by necessity.

Making matters worse, there is a "core" inflation number that strips out food and energy, and that core number on the producer level was twice the number the government expected at .4% month over

month vs. the .2% expected.

Producer inflation costs eventually get directly passed on to who? You.

Because Jerome Powell and his minions at the Fed are well aware the inflation at the producer level is a precursor to inflation at your local store, the Fed won't back off anytime soon on its raising rates crusade, and will likely keep rates high much longer than Wall Street expects.

What the Fed also knows is its history. You have to scroll back to the 1970's when the Fed faced inflation of a similar magnitude.

In the early 70's, then Fed Chief Arthur Burns raised rates and smashed their near double digit inflation, only to soon thereafter bow to political pressure and quickly lower rates again.

Inflation returned with a vengeance and then some and reached dizzying new heights by the late 70's.

Whoops. Newly appointed Fed Chief Paul Volker found out in very short order he had to jack Fed rates to 20% in March of 1980 to get the job done and bring prices back down.

The current Fed rate is 4.5%. Can you imagine what would happen if 20% rates were the required medicine today?

I actually can't imagine, it would be that bad.

In conclusion, Fed Chief Powell knows his history. Although today's Fed actions are smashing the market and will soon smash the consumer right along with it, he knows not raising rates high enough and not keeping there long enough, could spell a disaster of unprecedented levels.

No, Jerome Powell nor his Fed will pivot anytime soon Wall Street. It will likely be a very long time before he even thinks it.

"Watching the markets so you don't have to"

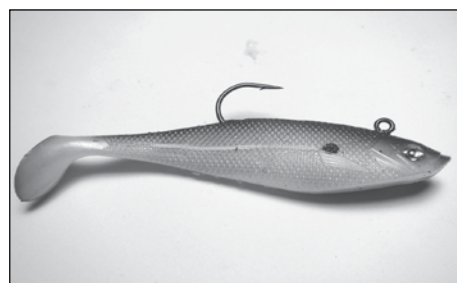
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LOCAL FISHING

Camped at the local PG&E campground South of Baum Lake. We arrived early at the lake and launched our pontoon boats at the gravel boat ramp. The best fishing was found at the Hat Creek inlet, to the Crystal Lake Hatchery. Burr! It was cold. The intermediate line, 9ft fluorocarbon leader and 3ft tippet all froze in the rods tip-top guide. So we had to stop fishing every half hour to clear the ice particles. Our #14 Pheasant Tail Nymphs worked well, as falling spinners covered the lake surface. The best bait was the lowly Scud.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

San Francisco Bay is turning out very few halibuts. USE: Tray Baits. (g) Delta waters at Broad Slough is 51 degrees cold. Five stripers to eight pounds caught. USE: Sardine Cut Bait. (a) Also, stripers of 6lbs. caught in the thick fog at Sherman Lake, 4 1/2 -5ft deep. USE: 5 1/2 " Swim Bait with a 1/2oz head. (a)



Swim Bait

COASTAL WATERS

Zones one and two, Fort Bragg North. Sport Dungeness Crab pots left overnight are legal. USE: Fish Offal. (b) Commercial

crab season still closed. Reason: watching the whales, crab meat is only 24 percent. San Francisco Coast; plenty of rockfish limits. USE: Shrimp Fly. (b) Sat. Dec. 10th. Most sport boats remained in port because of 50 MPH winds.

LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Lake Almanor; Canyon Dam boat ramp under 2ft of snow. Try the Peninsula Ramp. USE: Minnow Lures. (a) Lewiston Lake; motor boats trolling full sinking lines type #4, 9ft fluorocarbon leaders and 10ft #3X tippets, behind planer boards w/ 20ft set-back. USE: BH Flashback PT Nymph, Black Leeches, Woolly Buggers of black or brown. (a)

RIVERS

Sacramento River system; late fall chinook run. Knights Landing marking a few fish. Caught one fresh chromie. USE: Kwikfish w/ Sardine Filet Wrap. (g) Metro area;



Kwikfish

marking salmon, but no bites. Barge Hole; Four fish to 20lbs. USE: Kwikfish. (a) American River, lower section; a few winter run steelhead. USE: #6 Sculpin streamer. (a) Note: Dec. 31st the last day.


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Traveling for the Holidays? Be Prepared

Many people choose to travel during the holidays by automobile, with the highest fatality rate of any major form of transportation the Gridley Fire Department asks that you be extra careful while traveling this time of year.

- Use a designated driver to ensure guests make it home safely after a holiday party; alcohol, over-the-counter or illegal drugs all cause impairment
- Make sure every person in the vehicle is properly buckled up no matter how long or short the distance traveled
- Put that cell phone away; many distractions can occur while driving, but cell phones are the main culprit
- Properly maintain the vehicle and keep an emergency kit with you.
- Be prepared for heavy traffic, and possibly inclement weather.

Thank You, and Happy Holidays!!

Sparky the Dog
Gridley Fire Station 74



Thoughts to Ponder Which California School Districts are Run Well?

by Kathy Neal

Are you ready? It is coming and no one can stop it. You can't change its name. You can't erase the signs, or you can't dismiss all the sounds. Christmas is here and the celebrations of the birth of Jesus Christ will happen. It will come to be because God ordained it.

Even during a world war Christmas wasn't stopped. In fact, the war was stopped and men on opposite sides stood and sang "Silent Night" together. No sounds of guns but the sounds of silence. No flash of bombs, just the stillness of a Christmas on foreign soil. What a miracle of song and hope.

People can pretend it doesn't exist, but that doesn't change the fact it does. You can stop saying, "Merry Christmas" but it doesn't stop the joy and laughter of children in the street.

Lights are brighter during Christmas. Smells are sharper at Christmas. People are more caring at Christmas. Giving

increases during this time of year. Christmas can't be bought in a store it is free for the accepting. Christmas is not about money, big gifts, fancy clothes, or what you do.



The United Methodist Church

God gave the most expensive gift ever given to a world crowded with broken and bruised people. He gave a lamb to be offered for the sins of a whole world for all times.

So stop worrying about how you have to cook, and how much have to go to in order to have a good Christmas. All you have to do is offer LOVE, offer HOPE and live in FAITH.

Christmas is coming and you can't stop it. Enjoy it. Enjoy your family, friends, and neighbors. Open your hearts and minds to what God has done. Have a Merry Christmas!

Come celebrate with the Gridley United Methodist Church. We will have a Christmas Eve Service at 6 pm. Join us in celebrating the birth of Christ. We are located at 285 Magnolia Street. ★



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Gov. Gavin Newsom is fond of characterizing his state as a national — or even global — model in all things good, from economic clout to fighting climate change.

One conspicuous absence on his list of California's virtues is its public education system, for good reason.

In statewide and nationwide tests of K-12 academic achievement, California lags badly behind. Learning is especially deficient among children from poor families, but even kids from affluent California families tend to lag behind those in other states.

To the extent that this educational crisis receives any attention in the state Capitol, the discussion is almost always confined to money, on the fanciful notion that spending more will automatically increase academic attainment.

One reason money doesn't solve the problem is that the state provides very little oversight on how the money is spent, including the extra funds that local school systems receive specifically to close the achievement gap. State education officials intervene only when local systems are flirting with insolvency.

Some school districts spend their money wisely and effectively and some

don't and outcomes largely hinge on the quality of their governance. Those with engaged and committed boards and administrators tend to have better outcomes than those with inconsistent, politics-driven and often chaotic governance.

That's why a massive effort to judge how well California's local school systems are structured and managed is welcome.

Arun Ramanathan, CEO of Pivot Learning, an Oakland-based non-profit organization that advises school systems on improving instruction, created a series of benchmarks to gauge how well school districts are prepared to embrace reforms. He also created a website that allows the public to view the results for every school district with at least 2,500 students.

"Despite billions in investment and decades of effort, new reform efforts rarely have intended impacts at the district, school and classroom level, and sustained improvement is rare," Ramanathan told EdSource, a website of education journalism. "There are rarely insights into why. The District Readiness Index resulted from that questioning."

The ratings cover five "domains" — community relations, finance, leadership, personnel policies and workplace conditions. Users can see how the districts score in each, with overall ratings designated by colors. Blue is the best, yellow is in the middle and orange is the worst.

The grading process resulted in about half of the 420 districts getting yellow grades and about 40% blue marks with roughly two dozen placed in the orange

category, meaning they have "few foundations" for achieving needed reforms.

Some of the state's largest districts are colored orange, including Los Angeles Unified, whose enrollment approaches 10% of the state's 6 million public school students.

It's not surprising that LA Unified, Oakland Unified, San Francisco Unified and Sacramento Unified received low marks because all have been in constant political turmoil and financial distress of their own making.

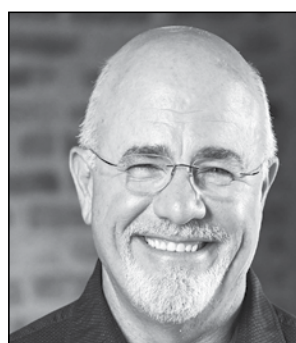
Three of the large districts — San Diego Unified, Elk Grove Unified and San Juan Unified — escaped the orange designation and are marked as yellow.

A few large districts achieved blue status for being well prepared, including Fresno Unified, Long Beach Unified and San Bernardino Unified. But most of the blue districts tend to be either in affluent suburbs — no surprise there — or in rural areas.

Most interestingly, the blue list includes a number of districts with large numbers of poor students, such as Brawley and Calexico in poverty stricken Imperial County.

The District Readiness Index provides new ammunition for the school reform movement in California, which seeks to elevate students' welfare over the petty politics, particularly in Los Angeles Unified and other large districts, that sabotage their educations.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★



Dave Ramsey Says

The truth is you may not be ready to buy a house today. And that's okay. Having a new baby on the horizon doesn't mean you have to run out and buy a home. That little boy or girl isn't going to know the difference between a house and an apartment for a long time. Right now, giving your child a safe, loving environment is the most important thing.

Now, looking down the road, is owning a house worth it? Yes. But it's not worth doing it at the wrong time or in a stupid way. You first need to make sure the income is there. Then, you need an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses in place along with a strong down payment. So, what if you don't buy a home for another two or three years? Home buying should always be done with patience and wisdom.

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God bless you guys, Craig!

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 18 million listeners. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions. ★

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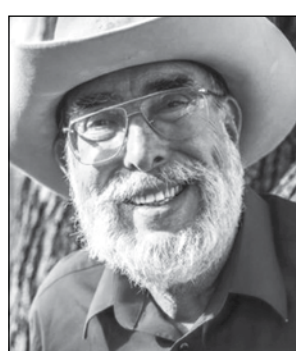
Is it even worth it to buy a house these days? I've always been told buying a house is the adult thing to do and that it's a great investment, but I can't find anything decent and livable in my area for less than \$350,000. My wife and I are debt-free, and we're expecting our first baby in January. I was hoping to get your advice.

— Craig

Dear Craig,

I can understand how things might feel a little hopeless in your current situation. You're probably feeling the weight of the responsibility a new life brings to the picture. Things are getting real really fast, aren't they? Believe me, I get it.

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

Alphonse Wilson verbosifyin' here, once again. Need to talk a bit 'bout names. Some of you might know me by my nickname, Windy.

Now you might think at first that I come about that name 'cause I've been known to verbulate quite a bit, and I have to remit here that I thought so at first, my ownself. But nossir ... not the case. Years ago, ol' Doc set me up to meet this nice lady from the county health depot and told her I was called Windy 'cause my emolument of the English language zifted like a heifer of rianism through our mundaniety. Perked up the circumloquasion, I can tell ya. Fact.

No Middle Name?

But that's just on them nicknames, of course. On the birth certificate aspirations, there's a little scientific in them. You memorate how mom used to call you by all three of your names? Yes she did. But she did it only when you was in trouble. She'd holler something like "Jeremy Pixilated Johnson, you get in here this minute!" And when you heard all three of your names, you knew you was in a pickle fer shore.

You see, appertaining to the use of a middle name? Wellsir, we need them for murderers, burglars and assassinator. You know an assassinator gets to be famous after the deed, right? And ever' body knows his name. You just take in there that Lee Harvey Oswald fella. The newspaper guys had to throw the Harvey part in so's folks wouldn't ask themselves "I wonder if that's the Lee Oswald works

down at the Gulf station."

Of course, some folks are just nominatin'ly deprived, of course. You just take my ol' grandpap for example. His middle name was nimmin. I seen it on them papers they give you for your obitulary after you die. Said right there "Constantine nmn Wilson." I had to go ask someone why they didn't capitulate the n in nmn, and the lady said it means no middle name. No middle name? Wellsir, then I memorialized that ol' Grandpap was the thirteenth kid in the family and I suppose they just ran out of middle names about then.

So the outcome of all this is, if you don't have a middle name, go get one. It'll come in handy if you take up criminal actuarials or if you die.

Slim Randles' middle name is Victor, but he was NOT named for a mouse trap. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Ice crystals have been glittering in diamond facets on everything. These are teeny tiny crystals but they are there. In Berry Creek in the 70s and 80s it would freeze so hard that "ice castles" would push up out of the ground. It looked like fairyland when this happened. My children and I would go out and place evergreens and other items of nature

near them so they looked like little places for the fairies to live. The pond there would freeze solid from one side to another with ice deep enough to stand on. Then it would snow and it was a thing of bright, white, shiny beauty throughout the forest. It made me believe in magic. When I lived farther up in Brush Creek in the 70s the snow would be so deep our car would be buried. The icicles would start growing with each and every drip. On days when it did not go above 32 degrees the icicles would be 18 to 24" long. I'd carefully crack a few off so the kids could play with them. They were quite deadly in appearance and potential. Again, the

stuff of fairytales. Those homes are now lumps of ash. When I left the last one it was a warmer winter time. The pond no longer froze over. Snails had taken up residence under large pots and survived the winter. Only a few years before that no snails lived in my gardens because they could not survive the winter. I lived in a drainage area and the sun would be out of our sight before 2 on winter days, gray and eerie with dark green evergreens looming. The plants would make odd lumps in the snow. The stuff of mythical ice giants. Always the bulbs were pushing toward Spring. Have a wonderful Solstice and Merry Christmas. ★

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing to consider a General Plan Amendment, Rezone, Lot Merger, Site Development Plan Review and a Mitigated Negative Declaration of approximately 4.6 acres on January 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the City of Gridley Council Chambers located at 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, California as follows:

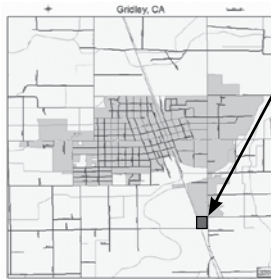
Project Information:

GPA 1-22; RZ 1-22; Lot Merger 1-22; SDP 1-22; Mitigated Negative Declaration; Application for a General Plan Amendment to amend the land use designation from Industrial to Commercial, a rezone to amend the land use zoning designation from Heavy Industrial (M-2) to General Commercial (C-2), to merge two lots into one creating a 3.41-acre site, a Site Development Plan Review for the development of a mixed commercial use fueling station for automobiles, truck fueling, a grocery market, a drive-thru coffee kiosk, and a Mitigated Negative Declaration located at 1225 Hwy 99.

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Project Location:

Subject site is located on the west side of State Highway 99 on the north of West Liberty Road.



Project Location

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires this notice to disclose whether any environmental impacts may exist as a result of the proposed General Plan Amendment and rezone of the subject site. The City of Gridley has prepared an Initial Study and is considering the adoption of a Negative Declaration pursuant to the requirements of CEQA. The Initial Study for the project is on file for review and comment at City Hall located at 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, California, 95948. All persons are invited to review the documents. Comments regarding the

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A PROPOSED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 12.3 ACRES LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF STATE HIGHWAY 99. (APN 021-110-033)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing to consider a Tentative Subdivision Map and a Mitigated Negative Declaration of approximately 12.3 acres on January 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the City of Gridley Council Chambers located at 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, California as follows:

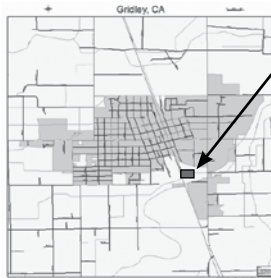
Project Information:

Tentative Subdivision Map 3-22; Mitigated Negative Declaration; Application for a Tentative Subdivision Map to subdivide one parcel consisting of approximately 12.3 acres into five parcels and Mitigated Negative Declaration located on the west side of State Highway 99.

APN: 021-110-033

Project Location:

Subject site is located on the west side of State Highway 99.



Project Location:

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires this notice to disclose whether any environmental impacts may exist as a result of the proposed General Plan Amendment and rezone of the subject site. The City of Gridley has prepared an Initial Study and is considering the adoption of a Negative Declaration pursuant to the requirements of CEQA. The Initial Study for the project is on file for review and comment at City Hall located at 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, California, 95948. All persons are invited to review the documents. Comments regarding the

proposal may be submitted in writing to the Planning Department at City Hall at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the meeting date noted above.

If you challenge the above application in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Department or to the City Council on the date of the scheduled hearing. For information, please contact the Planning Department at (530) 846-3631 or planningdept@gridley.ca.us.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the hearing, please contact Carmen Santana at (530) 846-3631 or csantana@gridley.ca.us. Notification at least 72 hours prior to the hearing will enable staff to make reasonable arrangements.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRIDLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, of the County of BUTTE, State of California, will receive up to and no later than January 12, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. sealed bids for the award and contract for the furnishing of all labor, materials, transportation and services required for the construction of the Gridley High School Classroom Building and such bids shall be received at the office of the Gridley Unified School District, 429 Magnolia Street, Gridley, California 95948 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on December 22 at 10:00 A.M. Meet at Gridley High School, 300 E. Spruce Street, Gridley, California 95948.

Each Bid must conform and be responsive to this invitation and the Contract Documents. Electronic copies of the contract document PDFs are available from the Architect; Nichols, Melburg & Rossetto, and may be obtained by emailing a request to Cassandra Liebig, Project Manager at liebig@nmrdesign.com.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or bid bond made in favor of the Board of Trustees, Gridley Unified School District, executed by the bidder as principal and an admitted surety company as surety. All bonds for this project must be issued by an Admitted Surety, an insurance organization authorized by the Insurance Commissioner to transact business of Insurance in the State of California during this business year, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the maximum amount of the bid. The check or bid bond shall be given as guarantee that the bidder shall execute the contract if it be awarded to him in conformity with the Contract Documents and shall provide the surety bond as specified therein within five (5) days after notification of the award of the contract to bidder.

It shall be mandatory upon the Contractor to whom a contract is awarded, and upon all subcontractors under him, to pay not less than the general prevailing rates of per diem wages to all workmen in the execution of the contract. Pursuant to the provisions of the California State Labor Code, and Local Laws thereto applicable, the said Board of Trustees has ascertained the prevailing rate of wages in the locality where this work is to be performed, for each craft and/or type of workman or mechanic needed to perform the work of this contract. General Prevailing Wage Rates shall be those rates pertaining to Butte County as published by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) pursuant to California Labor Code, Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 2, Sections 1770, 1773, and 1773.1.

Copies of the Prevailing Wage Schedules may be obtained from the Division of Labor Statistics and Research, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA 94101, or www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Prevailing-Wage.html.

Each contractor and subcontractor must be registered with DIR prior to submitting a bid.

The District has set an overall goal for this Project that Bidders obtain a minimum 3% of their bid amount in participation by certified Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises ("DVBE"). The participation may be through work or supply of materials. If a Bidder is unable to obtain the full 3% participation by one or more DVBEs, then the bid may be found responsive only if it establishes "good faith efforts" to meet the goal. The requirements for good faith efforts are set forth in Section 00 48 00 DVBE Requirements in the project specifications.

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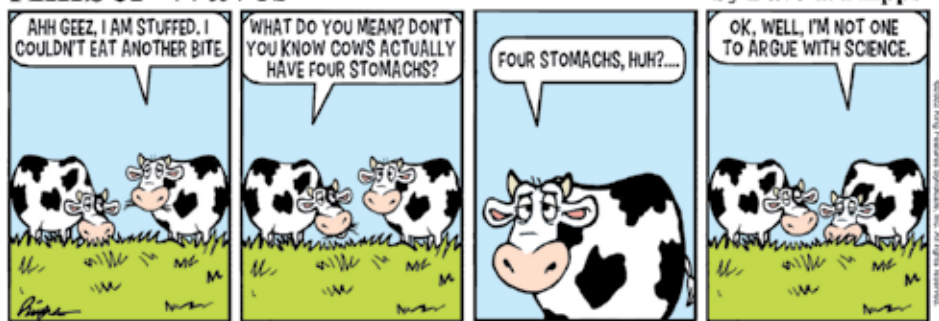
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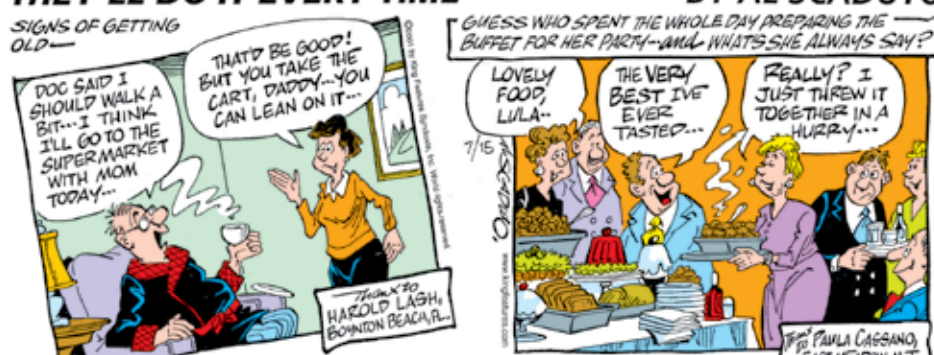
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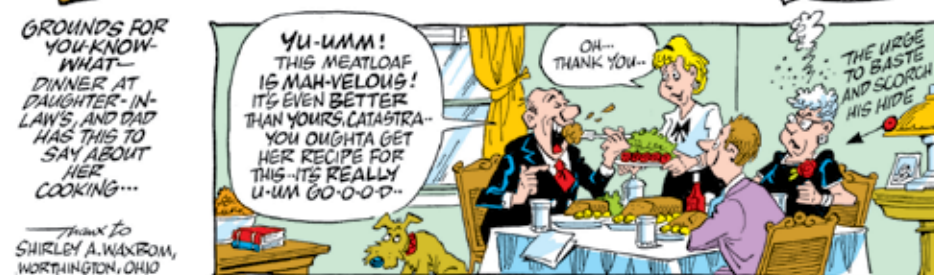
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Lady Bulldogs' Dominant Defense Holds Off Lions' Second Half Surge



Live Oak senior guard Balpreet Kaur lays the ball in the basket against Gridley during the Lady Lions' 49-32 loss on Tuesday, December 13 in Live Oak.



Gridley senior forward Ella Sannar attempts a shot in the paint against Live Oak during the Lady Bulldogs' 49-32 victory on Tuesday, December 13 in Live Oak.

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The Gridley girls varsity basketball team's stellar defense held off a late second half push from the Live Oak Lions in a 49-32 victory on Wednesday, December 13.

Gridley (6-3) prevented what would've been a three-game losing streak with the wire-to-wire win over Live Oak.

Lady Bulldogs head coach Becca McCray mentioned to The Herald that there was a team meeting after the conclusion of their last tournament at Oroville.

"We turned around and looked like a whole new team," McCray said.

She added that they played great team ball, and their defense was efficient. Whether it was picking up defenders with full-court pressure, slapping the ball off the dribble in the half-court or blocking shots, the Gridley defense made Live Oak struggle.

The Lady Lions struggled on the court in the first half, but also were limited when it came to reserves as only eight players were in the

home whites for Live Oak. Lady Lions head coach Sharonda Watson explained to The Herald that everyone on the bench knows their role.

"They're gonna come in and contribute to what is needed for the team," Watson said.

Live Oak (5-2) trailed 26-6 at the end of the first half.

Lady Bulldogs sophomore center Brook Marr led the game with 10 points in the first half, but also was a huge part of the Gridley defense as it seemed every time Live Oak attempted a shot in the paint, Marr was there to block it. Marr ended with a game-high of 19 points.

The other big defender and enforcer in the middle is senior forward Kennison Cota. Cota told The Herald that one of the Lady Bulldogs biggest strengths is height and being able to get big under the basket. Cota had eight points in the game.

With Gridley and Live Oak being seven miles from each other in driving distance down Highway 99, the game was a big deal Tuesday night. Cota was asked and pulled away a couple of times for team pictures throughout her interview with The Herald in the Live Oak gym.

All eight soccer and basketball teams combined between Gridley and Live Oak played one another on Tuesday. Cota mentioned to The Herald that both soccer teams fell to Live Oak, so it was nice to get a little revenge for their soccer friends. The Gridley boys basketball team also won, which made it an even split on the day for both schools.

The Lady Lions did outscore the Lady Bulldogs in the second half 26-23 and were led by senior forward Annalese Contreras with a team-high 16 points. Live Oak is competing in the Orland tournament this weekend where they picked up another win over Los Molinos on Thursday night.

Watson exclaimed to The Herald that her hope is to focus on rebounding the ball and boxing out this weekend as she added that they can get their high-quality shots on the offensive end.

The Lady Bulldogs are competing in the Sutter tournament this weekend with their first matchup against Placer. McCray told the Herald after the conclusion of the Live Oak game that Placer was going to be a good test for Gridley. ★



Gridley senior forward Kennison Cota goes up for a rebound during the Lady Bulldogs' 49-32 win over Live Oak on Tuesday, December 13 in Live Oak.

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Live Oak Boys Soccer Remains Unbeaten



The Live Oak boys varsity soccer team poses for a photo after a 3-0 win at Gridley, as the Lions remained unbeaten. Photo courtesy of Luis Cibrian

By Seti Long

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The Live Oak Lions boys varsity soccer team has shown no mercy to their opponents on the field this season.

After advancing to the regional semifinals of the CIF NorCal Boys Soccer Championships last season, the team has returned strong for the 2022-2023 season boasting six returning starters. Their overall record is currently 6-0-2. In the soccer world, that means the team is currently undefeated, with its only blemishes being two ties.

The Lions recently played at Gridley High School against their rivals, the Bulldogs, on December 13. Live Oak shut out Gridley and won 3-0. The Lions put points on the board early in the first half with a goal made by junior Esteban Alvarado, assisted by junior Oscar Hernandez.

Live Oak continued to apply pressure and were rewarded with its second goal, this time by senior Javier Medina, who was assisted by junior Kairo Machucca. At halftime, Live Oak

was up two, keeping the Bulldogs scoreless.

During the second half of the game, Live Oak gained leverage in the form of a penalty kick. Gridley blocked the attempt to score but just seconds later, the Lions received another chance to score. Senior Joseph Hang lined up to take the penalty kick against Gridley and was able to secure the third goal of the match, clinching the win.

"Our goal for this year is to get the No. 1 seed for [the] Division II playoffs," said Live Oak coach Luis Cibrian. "Live Oak has never received the No. 1 seed in school history. We want that to change this year. We want to host playoffs every round this year!"

After the crushing Gridley, the Lions moved on to play the Hamilton Braves on December 15, who they defeated 3-1. After eight games played so far, Live Oak has outscored their opponents 31-5.

The Lions' 2022 schedule has wrapped up. Live Oak plays next on January 3 on the road at Pleasant Valley of Chico with kickoff scheduled for 7 p.m. ★

Freshman Class Highlights Diversity

Assembly Republican Caucus News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On December 1, 2022, Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (Yuba City) is proud to highlight the diversity of the incoming Republican class. Among the new members is Assemblyman Bill Essayli, who is the son of Lebanese-American immigrants.

"I want to welcome Bill Essayli as a new freshman member of the Republican Caucus," said Leader Gallagher. "Besides his strong criminal justice background, he brings a unique perspective to the Republican Caucus as the first American Muslim to serve in the Assembly. I look forward to working with him

on the important issues facing California."

"I'm excited to get started to represent the people of the 63rd Assembly District," said Assemblyman-elect Essayli. "As the proud son of Lebanese-American immigrants, I was taught the importance of hard work. Being raised with a strong work ethic has aided me throughout my law career and I'm ready to bring that same drive and focus to help solve the problems of California. This state has helped me realize the American Dream and I want to ensure that proud tradition continues."

Assemblyman-elect Bill Essayli is a former federal prosecutor and Riverside County Deputy District Attorney. He will be the first American Muslim to serve as a Member in California State Assembly. ★

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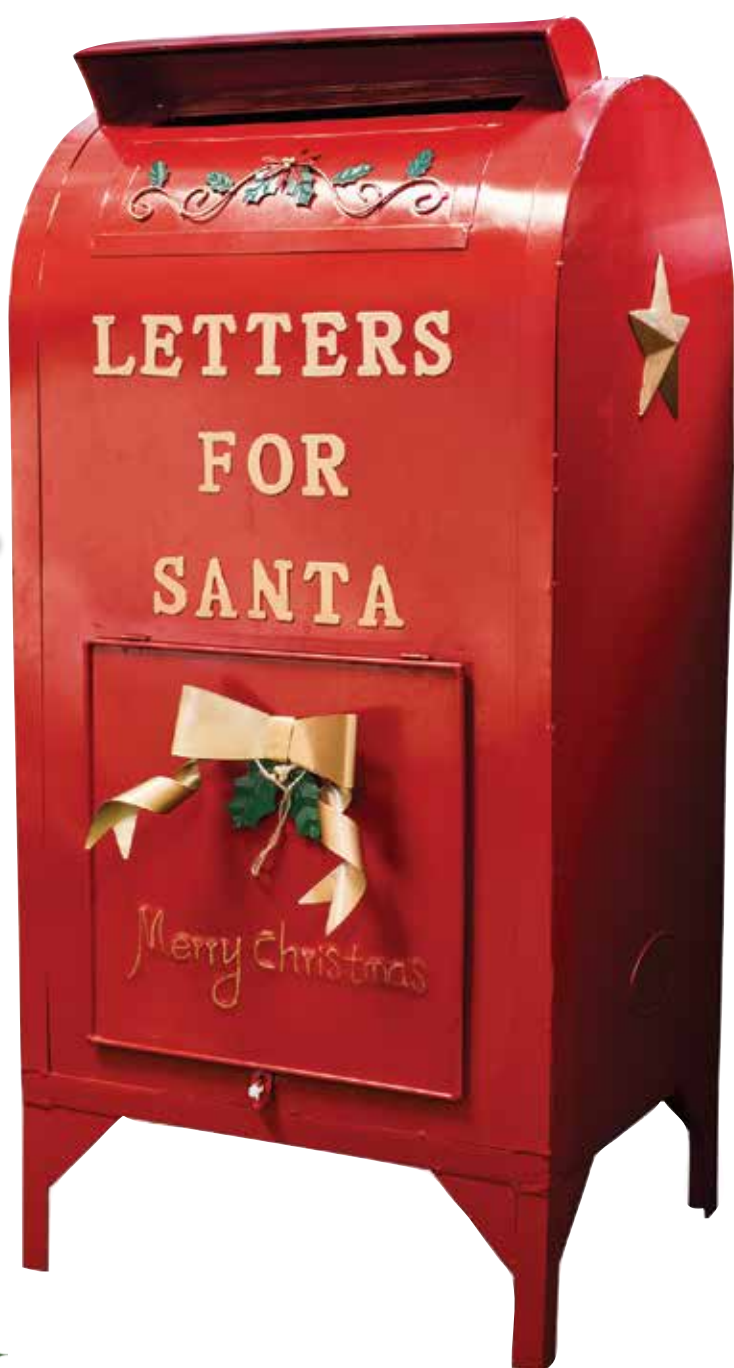




Letters to Santa

The Gridley Herald Would Like to Thank All of the Participating Schools and Classes That Made This Special Section so Wonderful!

Hey Folks, Just a reminder - Yes, we have proofread all these letters, however we have NOT made any corrections because that would change the "originality" of their letter and the "meaning" from the child who sent it! Proceed with an open heart and enjoy the Magic of Christmas!



Biggs Elementary

Biggs Elementary Mrs. Agan - Grade 1

Dear Santa,
I want a PS-5 & new iPhone 14.
Sincerely,
Connor H

Dear Santa,
I want for cismis a a barbi, Ellowell doll.
Sincerely,
Hannah

Dear Santa,
I want a big car.
Sincerely,
Branden

Dear Santa,
I want Gabby doo house, PS-5, Bluey dollhouse.
Sincerely,
Kaytee

Dear Santa,
I want ellowell doll.
Sincerely,
Koratine

Dear Santa,
I want lego sets and rc car and a drone.
Sincerely,
Jepson

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a PS-5.
Sincerely,
Zayden

Dear Santa,
I want a magical doll house.
Sincerely,
Mata

Dear Santa,
Hot wheels action speed Crash.
Sincerely,
Anthony

Dear Santa,
I want RC Car for Chistmas.
Sincerely,
Bennett

Dear Santa,
I want a magic mixy toy, iPhone 14, and a doll.
Sincerely,
Ashlynn

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want RC car and drone for Christmas.
Sincerely,
Blaihe

Dear Santa,
I want a hoverboard.
Sincerely,
Benny

Dear Santa,
I want an Xbox and headset, nitendo switch with animal crossing stickers and lego movie, Encanto playset characters of Encanto, dog and cat at a 5 dec rations, I phone 13.
Sincerely,
Ryan

Dear Santa,
I want a magical toy.
Sincerely,
Clexva

Biggs Elementary Ms. Christy - Grade 1

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is Nenu Back. I want to spend time with my family and my elf and I want a sqush meto2 and a new Blackit2 and a plend phono2 and makup set2 and to spend time with freds.
Sincerely,
Teagan

Dear Santa,
I want a toy puppy please and a American doll and a sqismeloo.
Sincerely,
Cataleyah

Dear Santa,
I have been a god boy. I want a Buzz Lightyear Space Ranger.
Sincerely,
Maxwell

Dear Santa,
I want a PS5 and a American Girl doll and a iphone 14 and a water proof camera, a real Stife bunny and airpods, a compiter, appel wach, xbox.
Sincerely,
Skylar

Dear Santa,
My name is Danyan. I wot Pokemon and a puppy and I wonu spin tin with my gromo and etedos-wich and a apowuch.
Sincerely,
Danyan

Dear Santa,
I would like a PS5 and a hover board, Pokemon Switch.
Sincerely,
Baylor

Biggs Elementary Ms. Christy - Grade 2

Dear Santa,
I want Pokeman cards. I also want a dirt bike. I also want an X-Box. I also want an Android Fone.
Sincerely,
Cadeajah

Dear Santa,
I want American girl doll, an can I have a water proof camera, an airpods compiter, an appel wach, an ebox, dollhouses.
Sincerely,
Leighana

Dear Santa,
I want Mom to have a day off work to do some time with Mom.
Sincerely,
Jayde

Dear Santa,
I want a goldie fored toys.
Sincerely,
Reymondo

Dear Santa,
I want Pokemon.
Sincerely,
Jessie

Dear Santa,
For christmas I would like Pokemon cards and a puppy that is real.
Sincerely,
Henry



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Dear Santa, Santa, Oh game, Santa red, santa has big belly, me santa picture.
Sincerely,
Danny

Dear Santa, My mom is helping me write this because I'm still learning how to write. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing well. I have been doing my best to be a good sister, daughter, student, granddaughter and person. There have been some hiccups along the way but I'm working on that. I want to ask for a Barbie, Rainbow Dash Pony or Gabby Dollhouse toys. If you can only done pick the Pony.
Sincerely,
Natalia

Live Oak Child Development Center Ms. Mireya - Pre-Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I want a stuffy spiderman and spiderman toys.
Sincerely,
Elias

Dear Santa, I want a batman toy and a candy house with sprinkles.
Sincerely,
Trae

Dear Santa, I want a Spiderman toy and a blue remote car.
Sincerely,
Lionel

Dear Santa, I want car toys, pokemon toys and a Sonic stuffy.
Sincerely,
Isaac

Dear Santa, I want a Rapunzel horse toy, Elsa horse, Cinderella ride and Ariel PJ's.
Sincerely,
Aria

Dear Santa, I want a baby doll, Elsa doll and stuffy toy.
Sincerely,
Marcella

Dear Santa, I want a remote control robot, a remote transformer optimus prime toy and a train.
Sincerely,
Matteo

Dear Santa, I hope you have safe travels for Christmas. I would like some barbies, a big water bottle and animal books. I've been my very best this year. Can't wait for Christmas to come. Tell the elves and your wife hello from me! Merry Christmas!
Sincerely,
Rylee

Dear Santa, I want a Santa toy and a randyr toy and new elf.
Sincerely,
Jacob

Dear Santa, This year I would like tractor stuff, new coloring activities and some apple things. I also want money and coins for my mommy! Thank you!
Sincerely,
Brayden

Dear Santa, I will like a lot of makeup and a lot of toys and more false tattoos from the coin machine. So a dollar in quarters will be wonderful and will make my Christmas and a Nerf gun for my sister's boyfriend Johnny and last but not least I will like a necklace. So thank you Santa.
Sincerely,
Leslie

Dear Santa, Happy Birthday Santa and Diosito. Thank you for my gifts. I want a frozen toy, Erranto Antonio toy, Isabela toy, Mirabel toy and Luisa and tia Pepa, and Dolores toy too. I was a good girl. Thank you for my toys. I love you Santa.
Sincerely,
Isabela R.

Dear Santa, I want a stuffy rainbow owl and mermaid Ariel.
Sincerely,
Isabella K.

Dear Santa, I want tooth fairy toy, stuffy bear, robot toy, Cinderella princess doll.
Sincerely,
Athena

Dear Santa, I want a baby doll toy. Moana doll and a barbie house.
Sincerely,
Mia

Dear Santa, I want a Santa toy, Zombie toy, remote control car and a walking robot.
Sincerely,
Eugene

Live Oak Child Development Center Ms. MJ - Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I want a sweater from Mickey Mouse, a DTA toy, DTA 5 and controller for my Nintendo, flashlights, pickles, xxx tentacion toy, toy letters, a computer. Cobra kai toy.
Sincerely,
Sergio

Dear Santa, I want a mini mouse toy, JoJo Siwa toys, a hello kitty toy, a toy kitchen, toy car, crayons and pencils and puppy toys.
Sincerely,
Paisleigh

Dear Santa, I want a tambo car toy, Christmas tree toy and a toy dog with batteries.
Sincerely,
Adrian

Dear Santa, I want a xbox and ironman lego. My sister loves dogs.
Sincerely,
Adriel

Dear Santa, I want a Kitty and xbox. I've been good all year.
Sincerely,
Ayden

Dear Santa, I want a unicorn, a bunny and a pet hedgehog.
Sincerely,
Penelope

Dear Santa, I want a barbie, a teddy bear and a dog. My favorite thing to play is Jenga.
Sincerely,
Isabella

Live Oak Child Development Center Ms. MJ - 1st Grade

Dear Santa, I want fortnite toys. I also want a soccer net and a soccer ball. I want a woody toy.
Sincerely,
Logan

Dear Santa, I want a iphone, home-work supplies, a book, a skateboard, and a LOL toy.
Sincerely,
Avery

Dear Santa, I want a phone and I want a elf on the shelf and I want good grades and a baby brother and two puppies.
Sincerely,
Analisa

Dear Santa, I want a hello kitty toy, a new water bottle, and a pikchu stuffy.
Sincerely,
Jensyn

Dear Santa, I want a ninendo switch, a vcr and a phone.
Sincerely,
Lizandro

Dear Santa, I want a LOL doll, a talking purse that blinks, makeup, and paint supplies.
Sincerely,
Elizabeth

Dear Santa, I wold like a naturo poster and new bedding, popits, pop tubs, key chanes and a new blanket.
Sincerely,
Brooke

Dear Santa, Can I please have some robux, vbucks, and some nerf guns with relly soft bullets, pokemon violet, and pokemon scarlet.
Sincerely,
Bryce

Dear Santa, I would like a par of roller skats. Some shoes. And a baby pomeranen or a schitzoo.
Sincerely,
Lely

Dear Santa, I want a Xbox and a elf iphone and cicin nugits and goo-get zoo, a Lol
Sincerely,
Liam

Live Oak Child Development Center Ms. MJ - 2nd Grade

Dear Santa, Can I have a new play watch, kitty stuffy, a ice cream kitty squishy and a wonderful Christmas.
Sincerely,
Ellie

Dear Santa, I want a phone, paint brushes, slime, dog, and shoes.
Sincerely,
Arabella

Dear Santa, I want a ninitedo switch, a phone, and any game for the switch.
Sincerely,
Joshua Jr.

Dear Santa, Dear Santa I bin nice this year not nate. A what phone and I want a elf on the shelf and I want in my phone is rovbox.
Sincerely,
Mona

Dear Santa, I want cothes for my pupy and a dres and a new bed for my two dogs. Can I get a baby closes and a note book and a dmunth baby shoos and a literfinedashen an blush.
Sincerely,
Joselyn

Dear Santa, I want squishmellows and scented pencils.
Sincerely,
Izaiah

Dear Santa, My name is Elyze, for Christmas I would like ice cream truck on wheels and for santa to take presents to Mexico for my primos. I want some calzones also a bluey book and lots of tattoos and pikachu shoes and a small tree for my room and mr grinch toy.
Sincererey,
Elyze

Live Oak Child Development Center Unknown - Grade Unknown

Dear Santa, I want toy cupcake and toy cakes to play kitchen every day.
Sincerely,
Cora

Dear Santa, I want a new hat and gloves. I want a kitchen set with a sink and a cake. And I want trains.
Sincerely,
Luciana

Dear Santa, I want trucks and puzzles and dinosaurs.
Sincerely,
Carlos

Dear Santa, I want magnets and toy food for Christmas.
Sincerely,
Aazan

Dear Santa, I want Mickey Mouse for Christmas.
Sincerely,
Anaya

Dear Santa, I want a princess kitchen and grapes and strawberries and pancakes. I like bananas and plates.
Sincerely,
Liliana

Dear Santa, I want a train set. I also want cars and blocks.
Sincerely,
Bodhi

Dear Santa, I want legos. I also want a little thing that makes cupcakes.
Sincerely,
Addison

Dear Santa, Truck and magnets and blocks. Clothes.
Sincerely,
Briar

Dear Santa, I want to ask Santa for some Barbies.
Sincerely,
Emiliana

Dear Santa, I want robot Sponge Bob and big Sponge Bob. I also want paint.
Sincerely,
Anthony

Dear Santa, I want more Paw Patrol toys that don't bite you. I also need more gloves because my gloves are gone.
Sincerely,
Kain

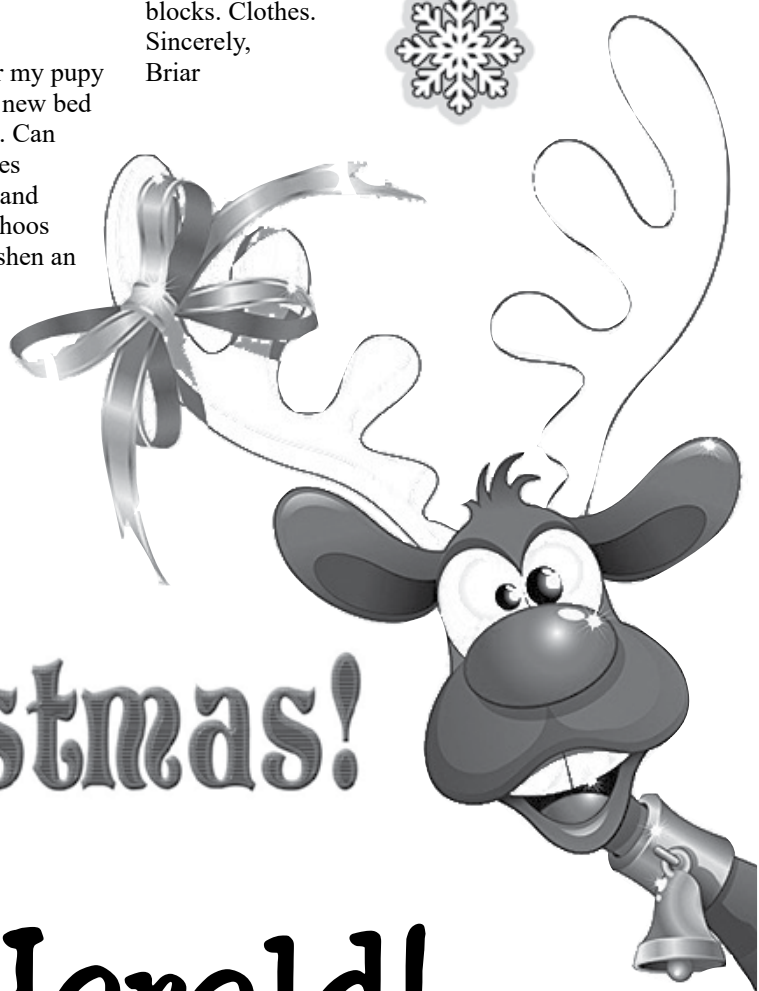
Dear Santa, I want slippy toys like slime. I want a Christmas tree with candies.
Sincerely,
Damian



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Manzanita Elementary

Manzanita Elementary Carstensen - Kindergarten

Dear Santa, If I could have just one special gift for Christmas, I would wish for a unicorn plushie. How did the reindeer get magic? Sincerely, Brynlee

Dear Santa, If I could have just one special gift for Christmas, I would wish for a monster truck. How do your reindeer fly? Sincerely, Mateo

Dear Santa, If I could have just one special gift for Christmas, I would wish for a remote control monster truck that can go in water. How did you build your sleigh? Sincerely, Benten

Dear Santa, If I could have just one special wish for Christmas, I would wish for a LOL. How do your reindeer fly? Sincerely, Kinsley

Dear Santa, If I could have just one special gift for Christmas, I would wish for a drone. How old are you? Sincerely, Ty

Dear Santa, If I could have just one special gift for Christmas, I would wish for Jurassic World Legos. How do your reindeer fly? Sincerely, Haze

Dear Santa, If I could have just one special gift for Christmas, I would wish for a unicorn plushie. How do your reindeer fly? Sincerely, Zayla

Dear Santa, If I could have just one special gift for Christmas, I would wish for a remote control monster truck. How old are you? Sincerely, Antonio

Dear Santa, If I could have just one special gift for Christmas, I would wish for a police officer drone. How do your reindeer keep warm? Sincerely, Maverick

Manzanita Elementary Mrs. Cable - 1st Grade

Dear Santa, How are you? How are your reindeer? This year I would like trains, birds, toy cars and mune cran. Merry Christmas. Sincerely, Eupito

Dear Santa, How are you? How many cookies do you eat a day? This year I would like pokemon charzand packs, new clothes and a Quad. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and be sure to fly safely. Sincerely, Landon

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer. This year I would like Minebrand star, Brbe skoot and Amarika dot skoot. Hope you have a Merry Christmas. Sincerely, Addison

Dear Santa, How are you? How is Sparcles doing? This year I would like a Barbey doll house, pokemon cards and house for my amarkin girl dolls. Sincerely, Braelynn



Dear Santa, How are you? How is my elf doing? This year I would like a Barbie Doll baby Doll and mini Brands. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Sincerely, Carter S

Dear Santa, How are you? How are Reindeer? This year I would like Xbox, pocemon crdes and Ningarge Lego. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Sincerely, Aiden L

Dear Santa, How are you? How are your reindeer? This year I would like Roodfs Blox's and Balls. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Sincerely, Emilee

Dear Santa, How are you? How mine cookes do you eat? This year I would like pocemon cards, scat bords and dinosrs. I wish you a Merry Christmas. Sincerely, Blake

Dear Santa, How are you? How are your reindeer? This year I would like my Hero acam-kdeui, ps5 and Lego car. Be sure to fly safely. Sincerely, Ethan



Dear Santa, How are you? Are the Elfs Working? This year I would like to get a bow and Arro set, I would like a pete the skooaba cat book and a kite. I wish you a xmas. Be sure to fly safely. Sincerely, Jack

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer? This year I would like truck that is blak and famr. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Sincerely, Kyler

Dear Santa, How are you? Are the elves working hard? This Year I would like a Vanity set, a wand and hamster thing. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Sincerely, Ainsley

Dear Santa, How are you? Do the elfs eat? This year I would like the now Barbe house, the omg fashin runwaw and the farey Cachf. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Sincerely, Clary

Dear Santa, How are you? Is your Sleigh ready to fly? This year I would like a mario Kart, rase track and Hot Weels! Hope you have a good Christmas. Hope you and your elves are having fun. Sincerely, Claire

Dear Santa, How are you? Is your Sleigh ready to fly? This year I would like a v Max charzdr, a ck youlis and

ps5. Santa I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Sincerely, Maverick

Dear Santa, How are you? How many Cookes do you eat in one day? This year I would like Pokemon Skarlet game, Mareo Kart game and Sonic Frontiers. I look forward to your visit. Be sure to fly safely. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Sincerely, Carter C

Dear Santa, How are you? How are your reindeer? This year I would like a toy train, plush Yoshi and a ball. Merry Christmas. Be sure to fly safely. Sincerely, Reed

Dear Santa, How are you? How are the reindeers? This year I would like a elf, gonaches and a microphone. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Sincerely, Katelynn

Dear Santa, How are you? Is your Sleigh ready to fly? This year I would like a baby Yuta toy, nintdo swich and mulo thranr box. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I look forward to your visit. Be sure to fly safely. Sincerely, Emiliano

Dear Santa, How are you? Is your Sleigh ready to fly? This year I want a Ant man costume. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I look forward to your visit. Fly Safely. Sincerely, Aiden Z

Dear Santa, How are you? Is your Sleigh ready to fly? This year I would like a dorde dol hoos, a dole and a borbe heligoptr. I look forward to your visit. Fly Safely Sincerely, Haddie

Dear Santa, How are you? Is your Sleigh ready to fly? This year I would like a skate tre, ps5, Bring Jesus Bek to Lav. Sincerely, Henry

Manzanita Elementary Carstensen - 1st Grade

Dear Santa, If I could have just one special gift for Christmas, I would wish for a Babe Yoda. When is the Elf coming? Sincerely, Alannah

Dear Santa, If I could have just one special gift for Christmas, I would wish for would wish for a new hoover board charger. What year did you arrive at the North Pole? Sincerely, Brooks

Dear Santa, If I could have just one special gift for Christmas, I would wish for Legos. What is it like at the North Pole? Sincerely, Hunter



Dear Santa, If I could have just one special gift for Christmas, I would wish for a Hot wheels. I was a good boy. How old are you? Sincerely, Luis

Dear Santa, If I could have just one special gift for Christmas, I would wish for a LOL doll. What do your reindeers eat? Sincerely, Marlen

Dear Santa, If I could have just one special gift for Christmas, I would wish for a elf to come to m home next Christmas. Why did you give me a camra when I was eating breccfst? Sincerely, Nora

Dear Santa, If I could have just one special gift for Christmas, I would wish for a toy quad. How do your reindeers fly? Sincerely, Parks

Dear Santa, If I could have just one special gift for Christmas, I would wish for dog. How do your reindeers get their magic? Sincerely, Yareli

Dear Santa, If I could have just one special gift for Christmas, I would wish for a baby brother. Which reindeer is your favorite? Sincerely, Yoza

Manzanita Elementary Askea - 2nd Grade

Dear Santa, I am a good second grader. I like to trade pokemon with my friends We trade our pokomon cards. My favrite is the rare charzard. I am helpful because I help my grandma. I would like a VR headset please. Sincerely, Siaoisi



Dear Santa, I am a kind second grader. I like to play with my friends. I like to play dragon games and dog games. Please bring me a big stuffed t-rex. I am kind because I let people play with me and my friends. Sincerely, Brooklyn

Dear Santa, I am a kind second grader. I like to do art. I use my art kit that makes art our of beads. I am kind because I made my mom a picture. I am hoping you can get me air jordans. Sincerely, Gracie

Dear Santa, I am a kind second grader. I like to play football. I played football with my dad. I am kind because I help people when they fall. I would like a go cart please. Sincerely, Jesse

Dear Santa, I am a responsible second grader. I like to play with my friends. Please bring me the game metroid prime hunters. Sincerely, Ozric

Dear Santa, I am a kind second grader. I like to play with my RC car and to play with my friends. I am kind because I help my friend when he gets hurt. I would like legos for Christmas. Sincerely, Jackson

Dear Santa, I am a good second grader. I like to relax It is fun to lay on my couch. I am respectful because I respect my parents. I would like robuxs for Christmas. Sincerely, Lucas

Dear Santa, I am a positive second grader. I like to play with my rabbit and my horses. I Like to ride my horses. I am a positive second grader because I tell the truth. I want a bit for my horse Spot. Sincerely, Sage

Dear Santa, I am a giving second grader. I like to watch football. My favorite team is CowBoys. I am generous because I let my brother have something that he doesn't have. I want a hover board. Sincerely, Adam

Dear Santa, I am a good second grader. I like to watch my favorite tgeam the Las Vegas Raiders. I want 14 little finger board decks. Sincerely, Francisco

Dear Santa, I am a helpful second grader. I like to play with my friend. We like to play on a Honda. I am helpful because I help my mom when she tells me to do something. I would like a nerf gun. Sincerely, Mariano

Dear Santa, I am a kind second grader. I like to drie my car am rc car. I Like to jump it. I am kind because I help do the chores. I am hoping you can get me a rock crawler. Sincerely, River

Dear Santa, I am a kind second grader. I like to play with my friends. We like to play basketball. I am kind because I say I am sorry. Please bring me a hoverboard. Sincerely, Lilo

Dear Santa, I am a grateful second grader. I like to read my Atlas Osdscara book and draw fairies. I'm thankful because so much stuff in the world is good. Please bring me a princes suitcase so that you know it's pretend. It comes with head phone that play their own music and it comes with a neck pillow. Sincerely, Salom

Dear Santa I am a safe second grader. I like to play with my brother. We like to jump on our trampoline. I am safe because I walk in the classroom. Please birng me a Pokemon binder. Sincerely, Owen

Dear Santa, I am a compassionale second grader. I like to play with everyone. We like to play everything . I am responsible because I help my friends. I would like four mogazords please. Sincerely, Hayden

Dear Santa, I am a caring second grader. I like helping other people, doing my homework and reading. I am caring because I am kind. I am hoping you can please get me a new iphone or ipad. Sincerely, Jacqueline



Dear Santa, I am a kind second grader. I like to play with my dog. I am helpful because I help my family out. Please bring me more video games for my Nintendo switch. Sincerely, Ethan

Dear Santa, I am a kind second grader. I like to play with my friends. We swing together at her house. I am kind because I am helpful. Please bring me new shoes. Please make the shoes black and white shoes. Sincerely, Isabela

Dear Santa, I am a helpful second grader. I like to help my family.by cooking with my mom. Please bring me a bunch of legos for Christmas. Sincerely, Ehvie

Manzanita Elementary Martinez 3rd Grade

Dear Santa, I want a computer that shows me stuff from the past and a collection of gems real also a collection of Baby Sitters Club books. Also, , hatchimals and a stitch teddy and Potugal jersey shrit. And I know you are real santa. I wish I could see you. Sincerely, Ireri

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a Portugal Jersey and I want something to unlock member pets in Prodigy and soccer shoes that have a piece tha kind of looks like a top piece of sock. And I want airpods and a phone. Sincerely, Anthony

Dear Santa, I want a ps5 and pokeman cards 15 packs of pokemon cards, and a pokemon cups, a drone and new headphones. Sincerely, Emmett

Dear Santa, I want a drawing tabet and the drone my uncle Alex has I also Harry Potter wan and robe and some posca pen. The new Arkayto staydeum and arkaytos. Sincerely, Rush



Dear Santa, I always wanted all the Lanky box merch so if you can get that I will reilly appreciate that thank you santa. Sincerely, Ezod





Manzanita Elementary

Dear Santa, I have ben a good son. So I wish to have a ipad mini pro max and a Ronldo jersy size saladuall and a ghot cart oh and a ipad mini pro case and fifia 22 ps4 and a ps4 remote. Sincerely, Esalas

Dear Santa, I would like a ocuius quest two but my parents don't want to but one but I think I deserve one to my self even ask miss Martinez. And a goku supersaiyn funkopop. And a cool disaind x box controller. Sincerely, Michael

Dear Santa, I've tried to be good but it's hard but I really want a college football game, a baskeball NFL, NHL set, and fila 2022 for Christmas. thank you for reading my letter. Sincerely, Cooper

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want lucky charms stick on nails. Also I want a cristal ball. And a squishy. A phone kid proof. A switch. A stich squish mallow and air pods. I have been a good girl this year. Sincerely, Isabelle

Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is a iphone 14 and air pods also a ipad and a Nintendo swich and som squishmellows and also sum mini brands and a TV. Also vr headset. Thank you. Sincerely, Justice

Dear Santa, I want a ninendo switch and a I phone and Stich closs and vanse also I want a lilo and Stich Stuff Also, I want a coloring books last I want legos. Sincerely, Marina

Dear Santa, I want a playground and I want a big cage for my dog and I want airpods and I want a squish mallows and Nintendo and crystals and a pet buny and a computer I hop your bring me my thing. Sincerely, Zuleyka

Dear Santa, I want a ps5. I want a rol-dado jersey new airpods 1m vbucks iphone14 pro max the new call duty led lights for my room. Sincerely, Izayah

Dear Santa, May I get a iphone12 opromax and a new tablit with a applepen and airpods and a squish mallows a biiiiig stich mallows an new starbuck cup and an veti cup and some new croptops Sincerely, Yaneli

Dear Santa, For Chrstimas I wan an air track. I think I deserve it! I been a good girl. I also want a lot of Lilo and Stich. Sincerely, Cali

Dear Santa, I want a Vt oculus quest And some toys

please. And a oculus rift to please. Sincerely, Armando

Dear Santa, I've been good santa I'm improving in my grades and stuff. I think I deserve a Oculus quest 1, airpods, a Nintendo switch (not lite) head [jpmes wotj a ,oc. Amd am o[jpme 12, a bloody a-60 mouse, and a tv for the family. Thank you for reading this. Sincerely, Ciel

Dear Santa, I want a funkopop stich sleepy figure and a big mushroom squishmallows. Also a lego flower house and a big stich Squishmallows and a lego flowers and paint by number and mini hearts. Sincerely, Lilly

Dear Santa, God loves you Santa. I have been a good boy so I think I deserve everything I said. Can I get a oculus quest 1 controller grip. Also I want vbucks and a new controller on ps4. And I want the new call of duty Modwarfar. I want the iphone 14 pro. Also I want a mouse pad and a new cool mouse. And a mew cool raiders mug cup. Sincerely, Izzy

Dear Santa, I been a good boy. I think I deserve a ipad mini, a white key board case for my ipad mini, too. I hope I'll see you soon. Sincerely, Antonio

Manzanita Elementary
Walther - 3rd Grade

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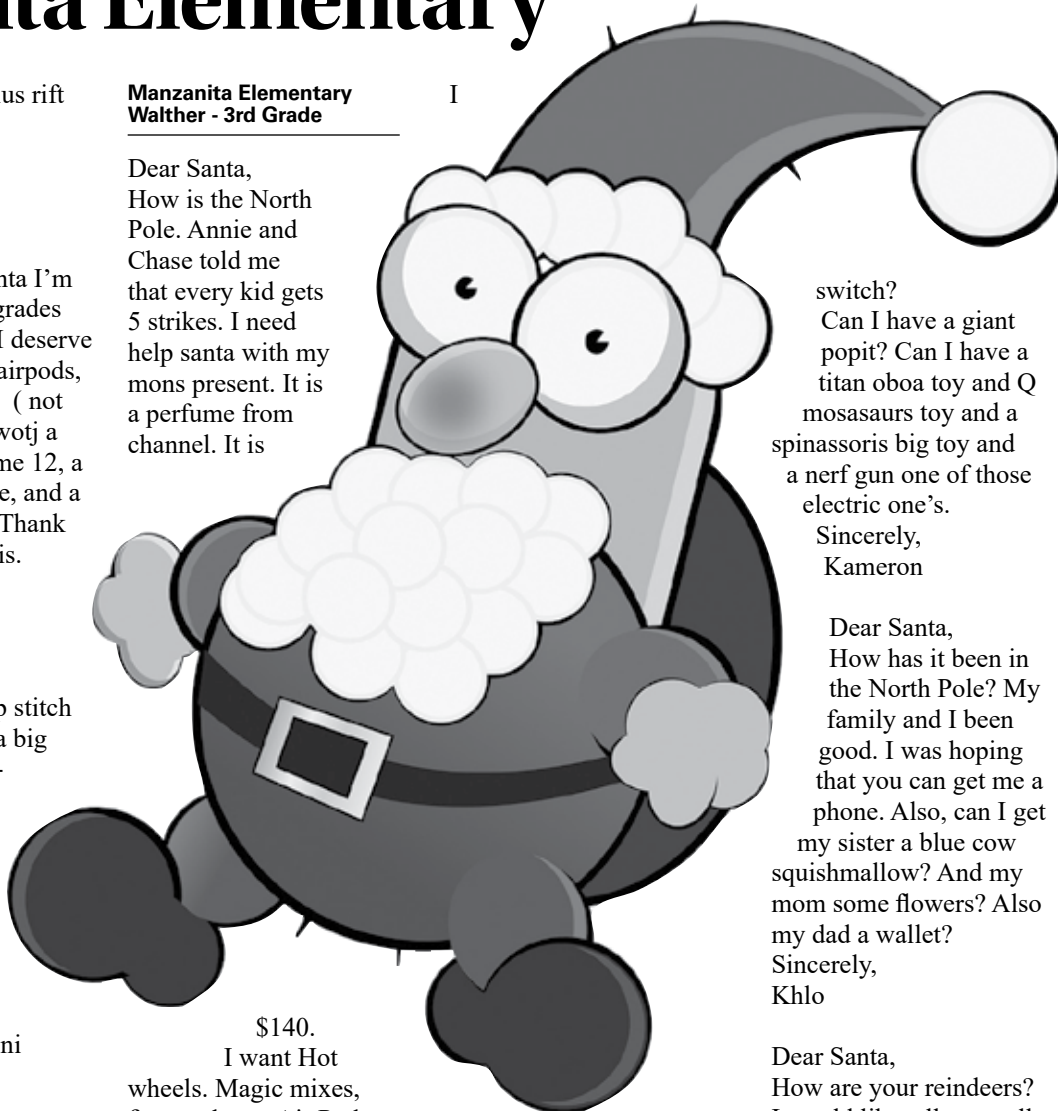
Dear Santa, How is the North Pole. Annie and Chase told me that every kid gets 5 strikes. I need help santa with my mons present. It is a perfume from channel. It is

\$140. I want Hot wheels. Magic mixes, figets, phone, Air Pods Ps345 ibe if tgen fir nt sister. I need help with her Jordans. It is \$444. I need help with \$300.00. Sincerely, Adeline

Dear Santa, I want a Nintendo switch. Please get my sister fancy shoes. Sincerely, Jorge

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? For Christmas I want a microphone, DJ board a guitar. For my friends two microphones and instruments. I went to this thing where you get tickets and put them in for stuff. I chose reindeer food. Sincerely, Annabelle

Dear Santa, How has it been at the North Pole and how are the elfs especially Snowflake my elf? What



switch? Can I have a giant popit? Can I have a titan oboa toy and Q mosasauris toy and a spinassoris big toy and a nerf gun one of those electric one's. Sincerely, Kameron

Dear Santa, How has it been in the North Pole? My family and I been good. I was hoping that you can get me a phone. Also, can I get my sister a blue cow squishmallow? And my mom some flowers? Also my dad a wallet? Sincerely, Khlo

Dear Santa, How are your reindeers? I would like a llama polly poket set. Also I would like fake nails. And a mini notebook that has a key and a lock. Also can you get my mom a painting picture that has a flower on it? Sincerely, Naryah

Dear Santa, How are you doing in the North Pole? This is what I will want for Christmas. I want matching sweat-ers for my family and my dog something cute. I want a little teal quitar and a piano that you use your feet to play it. sincerely, Vanessa

want for Christmas is Airpods. Can you get Annie a big art case please? Hope you have fun delivering presents. Bye Santa. Sincerely, Harper

Dear Santa, How you been at the North Pole? I thank you because you are so kind to people. I want a kid quad please. Sincerely, Diego

Dear Santa, Can you give my cousin Rhea a electric tooth brush? Can I have some Legos? Can you give my brother games? Sincerely, Crash

Dear Santa, How are you? May I have a customized anime Nintendo



Richvale Elementary

Richvale Elementary
Mrs. Duarte - Grade 1

Dear Santa, This year I been good. For Chrstimas I would really like squishmallow. Sincerely, Carson

Dear Santa, Please can I have the erector set. I have been good. I have been good at school. You are the best. Sincerely, Hunter

Dear Santa, This year I have been good. I would really like a squishmallows, for Christmas, please can I also please have a rainbow pillow. Sincerely, Addison

Dear Santa, This year I have been good. I would like glow in the dark slime and a diary with a lock and pen. My sister should get presents too. Thank you, Santa! Sincerely, Harlow

Richvale Elementary
Mrs. Duarte - Grade 2

Dear Santa, This year I have been nice. This chstimas I would like a ps1 for my Dad. Sincerely, Adrien

Dear Santa, This year I have been nice. For Christmas I would like a color by number book and a phone. Sincerely, Mason

Dear Santa, This year I have been good. For Christmas I would really like a Lego Pack and a radio that plays the gummy bear song and Michael Jackson. Sincerely, Jaxon

Dear Santa, This year I have been helpful. For Christmas I would really like a giant cat squishmellow and ear-ings. Do your elfs work evry day? Sincerely, Ramona

Dear Santa, This year I have been good. For Christmas I would really like a rainbow high dolls and slime. Sincerely, Annie

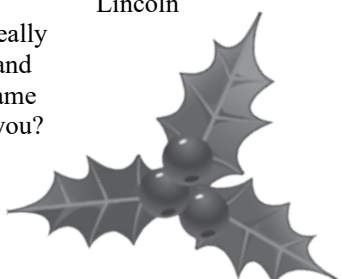
Dear Santa, I have been good. I really want Pokeman stuff and that new Pokemon game Violet. How old are you? Sincerely, Lucas

Dear Santa, This year I have been helpful. For Christmas I would really like clothes and a electric scooter. How old are the elves? Sincerely, Hector

Dear Santa, This year I have been good. For Christmas I would really like a light to hang on my bed and a monster truck for my little brathr. Sincerely, Vivian

Dear Santa, This year I have been good. For Christmas I would like an Nintendo and an drone. Can reindeers fly? Sincerely, Casen

Dear Santa, This year I have been good. For Chrismis I relle want a PS5 and switch. Is it true that reindeers can fly? Sincerely, Lincoln



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McKinley Elementary Cranfill - Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
My favorite toys are teddy bears and I want an otter and a goat. I help my mom to wash dishes and I clean my toys.
Sincerely,
Anita

Dear Santa,
I would like a Dr. Barbie. Sometimes I help my mom clean the house.
Sincerely,
Lilia

Dear Santa,
I want chocolate. I do my homework. I help clean up and I eat my mom's food.
Sincerely,
Zuri

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike. I am nice to my sister and we play with our neighbors.
Sincerely,
Blake P.

Dear Santa,
I want a bunny stuffie. I love stuffies so much. I vacuum and clean dishes for my mom.
Sincerely,
Hazel

Dear Santa,
I want a new dress and some shoes. I do my homework and I am learning my words.
Sincerely,
Nathaly

Dear Santa,
I want a robot and the Sonic game. I've been a good boy a million days.
Sincerely,
Brayden

Dear Santa,
I want makeup for little kids. I've been good a lot.
Sincerely,
Abril

Dear Santa,
I want a camera to take pictures of my friends. I've been good too many days.
Sincerely,
Luca

Dear Santa,
I want a super hero toy, Spider man!
Sincerely,
Andres

Dear Santa,
I want a Rainbow Friends for Christmas.
Sincerely,
K.J.

Dear Santa,
I want a blue dinosaur with a big long tail and a long, big head.
Sincerely,
Xavier

Dear Santa,
I want to play with unicorns. My mom brought play dough and I like it. I help with my brother.
Sincerely,
Lizbeth

Dear Santa,
I love playing with nerf. I just can't stop playing with them! I am mostly good, sometimes I'm not.
Sincerely,
Jeremiah

Dear Santa,
I want Dinosaurs from Jurassic Park. I am good at home.
Sincerely,
Blake D.

Dear Santa,
I want a big Barbie house and LOL dolls. I clean up my toys and help my mom.
Sincerely,
Olivia

Dear Santa,
I want a toy car that I can drive and a Roblox character. I would like new shoes. I have been taking showers and I help Grandma do dishes.
Sincerely,
Julian

Dear Santa,
Please bring more toys for my school so we can play with them. I have a great class.
Sincerely,
Kaydin

Dear Santa,
I want some cooking supplies. I help with my baby brother.
Sincerely,
N'aliyah

Dear Santa,
I want a basketball. I have been nice to my brother.
Sincerely,
Lucy

McKinley Elementary Weagant - Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I am nice to my brother. I always try to play with my brother too. You can bring me anything you want to.
Sincerely,
Zoey

Dear Santa,
I want a lego set. I'm good at school.
Sincerely,
Sebastian

Dear Santa,
I want to have Godzilla legos. I help my mom at home and play with my sister.
Sincerely,
Memphis

Dear Santa,
I play with mu cousin. I would like monster trucks for Christmas.
Sincerely,
Lionel

Dear Santa,
I want a batman play set, a monster truck play set, 3 batman action figures and 13 hulks. I play with my teddies and dinosaurs. I like to draw and I'm 5 years old.
Sincerely,
Lincoln

Dear Santa,
I clean up my house. I would like an orange cat for Christmas. I would also like a sticker book and a pretend tent.
Sincerely,
Kylie

Dear Santa,
I want an ipad for Christmas. At school I help my teacher and play with my friends. At home I help my mom and I listen.
Sincerely,
Jianna

Dear Santa,
I would like an elf on the shelf for Christmas.
Sincerely,
Jesus

Dear Santa,
I like to play with Emi. I would like a new monster truck for Christmas.
Sincerely,
Hudson

Dear Santa,
I want another doggy for Christmas.
Sincerely,
Emilio

Dear Santa,
I want lego king kong and lego Godzilla, I help my mom clean up at my house.
Sincerely,
Emiliano

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard for Christmas. I do a good job.
Sincerely,
Cristian

Dear Santa,
I want a shark toy and a shark lego set and a robot. I like being with my friend Kytie.
Sincerely,
Casein

Dear Santa,
I eat my vegetables. I would like barbies for Christmas.
Sincerely,
Brenlee

Dear Santa,
I clean the house. I would like a microphone and a speaker for Christmas.
Sincerely,
Aurora

Dear Santa,
I want dinosaur legos and beach legos. I listen to my teachers and learn.
Sincerely,
Reyes

Dear Santa,
I want monster truck toys and race cars and a remote control airplane. I would like a castle and rangers. I would like shoes and clothes for m uncle in the sky.
Sincerely,
Kenyi

Dear Santa,
I would like a barbie boat for Christmas. I help people.
Sincerely,
Mia

Dear Santa,
I would like a tablet for Christmas.
Sincerely,
Melina

Dear Santa,
I would like Roblox toys for Christmas.
Sincerely,
Ellie

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas! I would like a pet fish. A gold one. A goldfish!
Sincerely,
Rylee

McKinley Elementary Baron - First Grade

Dear Santa,
I have shown courage by helping others. May I please have a fish and a motet stacke. I love you and you are nise.
Sincerely,
Jase

Dear Santa,
May I please have a robot named Cozmo. He is silly and he is the Best. I was showing courage. You are the Best.
Sincerely,
Zora

Dear Santa,
I have shown respect by cleening the sea. May I please have a big skate board and a here purr toy and may I have call of doo-dee Plu she please.
Sincerely,
Jaycean

Dear Santa,
I have shown kindness by helping out hens. May I please have a BB gun and a nrve str.
Sincerely,
Alec

Dear Santa,
I have shown kindness. May I please have Xbox.
Sincerely,
Joze

Dear Santa,
I have shown kindness by helping others. May I Please have headphones and Robox gift card and a Book and cosand and that's all.
Sincerely,
Jasmine

Dear Santa,
I have shown kindness by helping people. Santa, can I Please have a Krbe dream house and a Krawn please and some hihels. Pleaseand I have a crisms list at home.
Sincerely,
Piper

Dear Santa,
I have shown responsibility at my School by telling the truth. Now may I Please have a toy fan for Crismas. PS I love you so much.
Sincerely,
Ventura

Dear Santa,
I have shown responsibility by throing awae my trash. May I please have a fone. Ps I Luve you.
Sincerely,
Camden

Dear Santa,
I have shown kindnis by helping others. May I have a Nintendo swich.
Sincerely,
Maisee

Dear Santa,
I have shown kindness by helping my brother. May I please have a tazer tag Frum Cristian.
Sincerely,
Christian

Dear Santa,
I have shown kindness by cleneng my house. May I Please have a cat cus it's name would be rose and can it would be a girl cus I Love cats. I love you Santa.
Sincerely,
Madylia

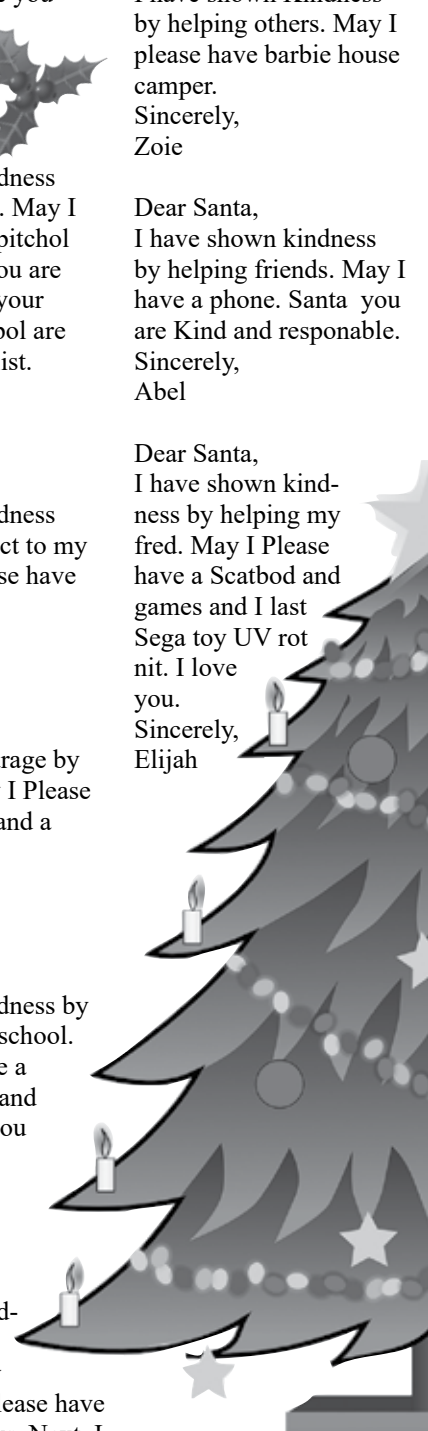
Dear Santa,
I have shown kindness by helping others. May I please have a po pitchol toukout. I hope you are doing good with your work. I hope peepol are good. I have my list.
Sincerely,
Adelyn

Zear Santa,
I have shown kindness by showing respect to my cusic. May I Please have Slime.
Sincerely,
Mateo

Dear Santa,
I have shown courage by pickeing up. May I Please have a Nintendo and a robot.
Sincerely,
Brianna

Dear Santa,
I have shown kindness by helping others at school. May I please have a new Ipad and art and crafts. santa are you real?
Sincerely,
Anthony

Dear Santa,
I have shown kindness by helping people when they are hurt. May I Please have a Harry Potter toys. Next, I



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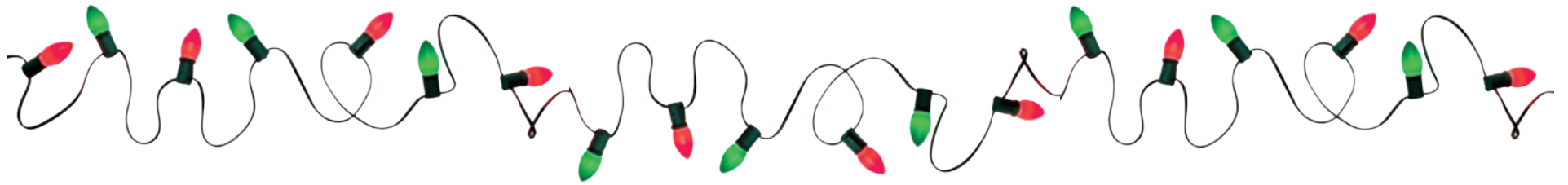
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A Gift for Hope

Local Middle Schools Boost CHFFA Toy Drive

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - With over 300 kids in their care, Children's Hope Foster Family Agency has a long wish list for Santa each year. Therefore, they ask for help from the community to meet their children's needs.

In October, social workers ask foster children for three of their most desired Christmas gifts. The agency then compiles tags with the child's first name, age, and their requested item. Tags are then made available for businesses to take - many opting to make them available for employees, customers and even the businesses themselves to pull a tag and purchase the desired toys. The toys are returned to the location where the tag originated, and Children's Hope collects them.

The top participating businesses in the area are Studio J, and Orchard Hospital. In surrounding

areas, businesses that take large amounts of gift tags include Hardrock Casino, Colusa Casino, Tri-Counties Bank (6 different branches), Janyo Yogurt of Yuba City and PG&E. Individuals such as Ms. USA Ilene Safford from Beale Air Force, who is an advocate for Foster Care and Children's Hope Foster Family Agency, also help collect and raise awareness.

This year, our local schools got into the spirit, raising awareness for the toy drive, and collecting gifts themselves. Biggs Middle School helped collect 75 toys for the drive and Sycamore Middle School ASB helped deliver their own collections to the Foster Agency.

The toy drive has ended for this year - these helpful little elves having delivered their gifts to the agency - ensured that Santa will be able to surprise hopeful children Christmas morning. ★



Biggs Middle School ASB held its annual 'Toys for Tots' drive at Biggs Elementary, where they brought in over 75 items to donate to the Children's Hope Center. In the photo from left to right: Arden Vines, Hudson Brewer, Emmy Ibarra (ASB Vice President) and Rhegan Jones (ASB Co-President). Photo provided by Javier Solis



Ms. USA Eileen Safford (left) and Melanie Little (right) display some of the unwrapped gifts headed to deserving foster children this year. Photo provided by Melanie Little



Sycamore ASB delivering all the toys collected this month to Children's Hope. Photo provided by Michelle Solis

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