

# Out with the old

## Hatfield's joins leftover paint recycling effort

By Julie R. Johnson  
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**W**ondering what to do with all of those leftover, partially used cans of paint setting in the garage?

Hatfield's Ace Hardware in Corning, in conjunction with Tehama County Landfill, has come up with a solution.

"Tehama County spends about half of its \$60,000 annual household hazardous waste budget on paint," said Kristina Miller, Tehama County Landfill Management Agency manager. "The cost of managing leftover paint far exceeds any other hazardous waste product."

Because of this, the county is participating in a \$400,000 grant from the Department of



Sonny Crawford, manager of Hatfield's Ace Hardware in Corning, places a can of leftover paint into one of the metal self-contained barrels provided to the store by Tehama County Landfill. Hatfield's is participating in a state Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery program to implement a paint product stewardship.

Staff photo by Julie R. Johnson

Resources Recycling and Recovery to implement a paint product stewardship program which funds education and outreach efforts to properly manage leftover paint.

The program has led to three area paint retailers partnering with the county landfill agency to help educate consumers to buy the right amount and to bring leftover latex paint generated by residents back for recycling.

That is where Hatfield's comes into the picture.

"This forward-thinking business is helping to reduce the amount of paint being sent to Tehama's ratepayer-funded hazardous waste program," Miller said.

"I'm doing this as a service to the community. People have left-over paint all the time and need help getting rid of it," said Chip McCoy, owner of Hatfield's.

He said the people from county landfill approached him with the idea and he was more than happy to participate.

Tehama County residents can bring up to 5 gallons of latex paint to the participating stores per day. The other two participating stores in the county are Los Molinos Hardware and Paint Mart in Red Bluff.

Leaking, label free, unidentifiable containers, oil-based paint and other household hazardous wastes will not be accepted at the retail stores.

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# Cornin man charge with ra

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A Corning man faces three counts of sexual assault, scheduled to appear in Tehama County Superior Court for a preliminary hearing later this month.

Arturo Jacquez, 41, entered a plea of not guilty on Feb. 23 to two felony counts of sexual assault on a minor, and rape charges.

Two days later Macias' attorney, David Nelson, sought a reduction in bail denied by Tehama Superior Court Judge Garaventa. At the time, the district attorney's bail was set at \$250,000.

According to court records, Macias is a convicted sex offender for a lewdly committing a lascivious act with a child under the age of 16 years between 1993 and 1995, and during that period committing sexual acts upon the child.

He is also accused of sexual assault by "force, duress, menace or injury, two separate incidents during the years 2003 and 2006, said the district attorney.

Macias was arrested by the Corning Police Department on Feb. 22, by Officer Allison, following a report from the neighborhood view at the department.

He is scheduled for a preliminary hearing at 2 p.m. on Mar. 30, in Tehama County Superior Court.

# Corning murder suspect's preliminary hearing scheduled

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A preliminary hearing for the Corning man charged with murdering his live-in girlfriend is scheduled for Tuesday in Tehama County Superior Court.

Steven Archangelo Piazza, 49, is accused of beating to death Linda I. Griggs, his longtime live-in girlfriend,

on Nov. 23.

Piazza entered a not guilty plea to the murder charge in December, and is being held in the Tehama County Jail without bail.

Police found Grigg's body in the couple's Chicago Avenue home shortly after they received a 5:17 a.m. call from Piazza stating he feared he had killed his girlfriend, said Corning police

Chief Tony Cardenas.

Cardenas said Griggs died between 3:30 and 4 a.m. from head wounds.

According to Tehama County District Attorney Gregg Cohen, the official autopsy report states Griggs died from



Steven Piazza

blunt force injuries.

The couple's 10-year-old daughter was asleep in the home at the time of the death, but was with Piazza when he called police from a residence in Dairyville, said Cardenas.

Corning police, with assistance from the Tehama County Sheriff's Office, arrived at the residence and took Piazza into custody

without incident. The girl was placed with Tehama County Child Protective Services. She is now in the custody of a relative.

Piazza was taken to the Corning Police Department where he was interviewed and then arrested.

Motive for the death has not been released, but Cardenas said the death may have been the result of an

"ongoing issue" between Griggs and Piazza.

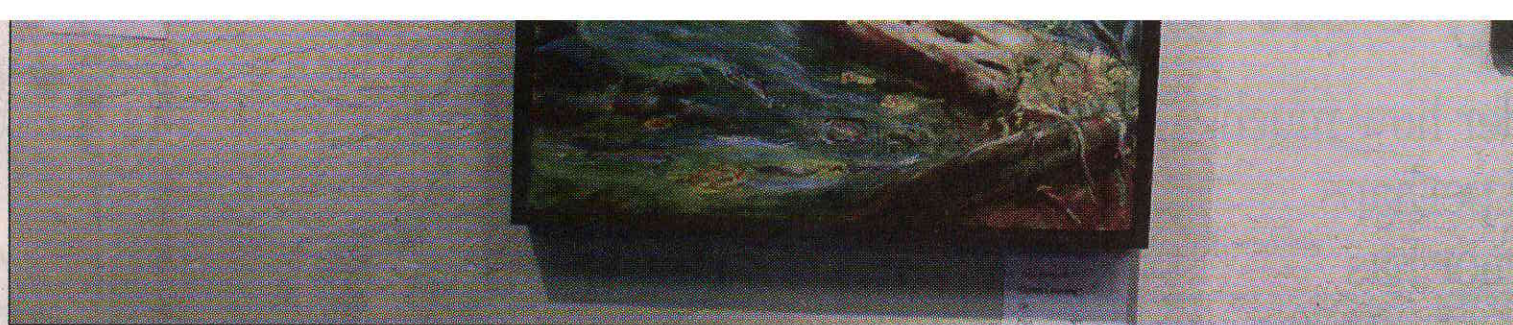
Police seized a handgun but Cardenas would not identify it or say whether it was involved in the killing.

Cardenas said Piazza had never previously been called to the couple's home, and neighbors rarely heard any arguments.

In a statement to visitors, Bambauer said her pieces include orchards, cattle and sheep grazing and flowers in bloom along with wildlife located near her Capay area home.

She added her parents were trained artists who imparted their talents to her while she grew up on the Gulf Coast of Florida.

The works in this show were done in the plein air method, in which the artist paints outside rather than



This fishing-themed work is titled, "Hunter's Painting," and is one of 24 works by Capay artist Patty Bambauer in her March show in the Orland

in a studio.

They also include scenes from around Orland and other parts of the valley

along with an oil from the bayou in the South.

People also are included in the artwork along with

different landscapes and pasture scenes.

The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from

3-7 p.m. It is in the Stony Creek Square Shopping Center at 1016 South St. 934-68 press.

# 3 arrested in Los Molinos drug

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Drugs, a gun and a fugitive were nabbed during a Tehama Interagency Drug Enforcement raid in Los Molinos on Thursday.

The agency served a war-

rant at the home of Daniel Rudolph Bilich on the 8100 block of Buena Vista Avenue for suspicion of methamphetamine sales, said agency Supervisor Eric Maher.

Agents located and confiscated 2.75 grams of

methamphetamine, 6.75 grams of marijuana, drug packaging materials, a glass methamphetamine pipe, and a loaded firearm and ammunition, according to a press release.

Bilich, 38, was arrested and booked into the Tehama

County Jail on suspicion of possession for sale of methamphetamine, six outstanding felony and misdemeanor warrants. Bail was set at \$50,000.

Two other people were also arrested by agents - Jayme Lynn Hammers, 22,

of Los Molinos, who was booked on suspicion of resisting an officer and harboring a fugitive, and Charles Bertram Vanderlip, 60, of Los Molinos, booked on suspicion of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. Vander-

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## Froome faces additional charges

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Joseph Dailey Froome, 47, promoter of the West Coast Monster Truck Nationals, had eight charges of money laundering added to his previous counts in Tehama County Superior Court on Tuesday.

Froome was arrested on suspicion of cultivation of marijuana and possession of marijuana for sale in October for reportedly operating an elaborate indoor marijuana growing operation on Baker Road near Red Bluff, according to court records.

The arrest was made by the Tehama Interagency Drug Enforcement Task Force as the conclusion of a four-month investigation,

said TIDE Special Agent Supervisor Eric Maher.

During Tuesday's court appearance, the county District Attorney's Office added the laundering charges, to which Froome entered a plea of not guilty. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for June 2.

At the time of Froome's arrest, drug enforcement agents seized 402 marijuana plants at various stages of growth and about 25 pounds of drying marijuana at the Baker Road site, according to the task force.

Agents located at Froome's Paynes Creek Road residence \$9,591 in cash, a rifle and financial documents, according to Maher.

Also arrested at the time,

was co-defendant Daniel Miguel Ludwig, 26, of Red Bluff, who has been charged with marijuana cultivation and possession of marijuana for sale.

From Ludwig's Willow Street residence, agents seized four pistols, one shotgun, documents, and how-to books on growing marijuana, stated Maher.

"The marijuana garden operation was complete with artificial lighting, watering systems, cooling systems and charcoal filters to absorb the smell," he said. "Both men had medical marijuana recommends and tried to pass the garden off as a collective, but the operation was commercial and for the purpose of selling marijuana for profit."

## RECYCLING: Paint disposal

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The latex paint take-back program is for residential use only, according to Miller.

"We couldn't do this without local business partnerships and we are very grateful to them for working with us," said Heidi Sanborn, executive director of the California Product Stewardship Council, the primary contractor for the grant project.

Studies show that consumers tend to buy too much paint, leading to large volumes of leftover paint that is now managed through local hazardous waste programs, said Sanborn.

"California residents spend more than \$16 million annually to fund recycling and disposal of unwanted paint through taxes and garbage rates," she said.

Because paint costs

approximately \$8 per gallon to properly dispose, local governments are looking for long-term solutions that will reduce system costs by addressing source reduction first, then reuse, and finally recycling.

"We are excited to implement this paint take-back program. The program is

convenient and free for Tehama County residents. It will be good for our community and good for the environment as a whole," Miller said.

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