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NATIONAL NEWS



Republican knocks-out democrats' supermajority

Republican Scott Brown won the race for the Massachusetts Senate seat Jan. 19, defeating Democrat Martha Coakley. The Republican's win means the end of the Democrat's 60-seat supermajority and a possible end to President Barack Obama's health care agenda. The senate seat was previously held by the late Ted Kennedy, a staunch advocate of health care reform. Opposition to the proposed health care reform was the main factor in Brown's upset over Coakley. Brown will be the first Massachusetts Republican senator since 1972.

source: Reuters

CALIFORNIA NEWS



Board overturns expulsion of Glenn County student

The Glenn County Board of Education overturned a decision Friday by Willows High School to expel a student for having guns in his vehicle parked near campus. Gary Tadesko, 17, had the guns in his truck following a duck hunting trip that morning. The firearms were discovered by a gun-sniffing dog Oct. 26. The education board decided to overturn the expulsion because school officials did not have the authority to enforce the state's Education Code where Tadesko's truck was parked.

source: The Sacramento Bee



Study shows confidence a big factor with math skills

A study funded by the National Science Foundation suggests that first and second grade teachers may affect how girls react to learning math. Female teachers who are insecure about their math skills may be passing that apprehensiveness to their female students, experts say. The study shows that teachers serve as models for students of the same sex.

source: The Associated Press

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Stranded students return home

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Student volunteers began their return home Tuesday after being stranded in Mexico while building houses for the needy.

The group from the Bidwell Presbyterian Church went to Tijuana, Mexico and includes

25 students from Chico State and 15 from Butte College, said Jeannie Brossoit, administrative assistant for the church. The team has everything they need for a safe trip home.

The group was left stranded following severe weather that washed out two roads to the north of their worksite, according to a voice mail update from

the church. They have been "safe and in good spirits," even using their extra time to put some finishing touches on one of the houses they built.

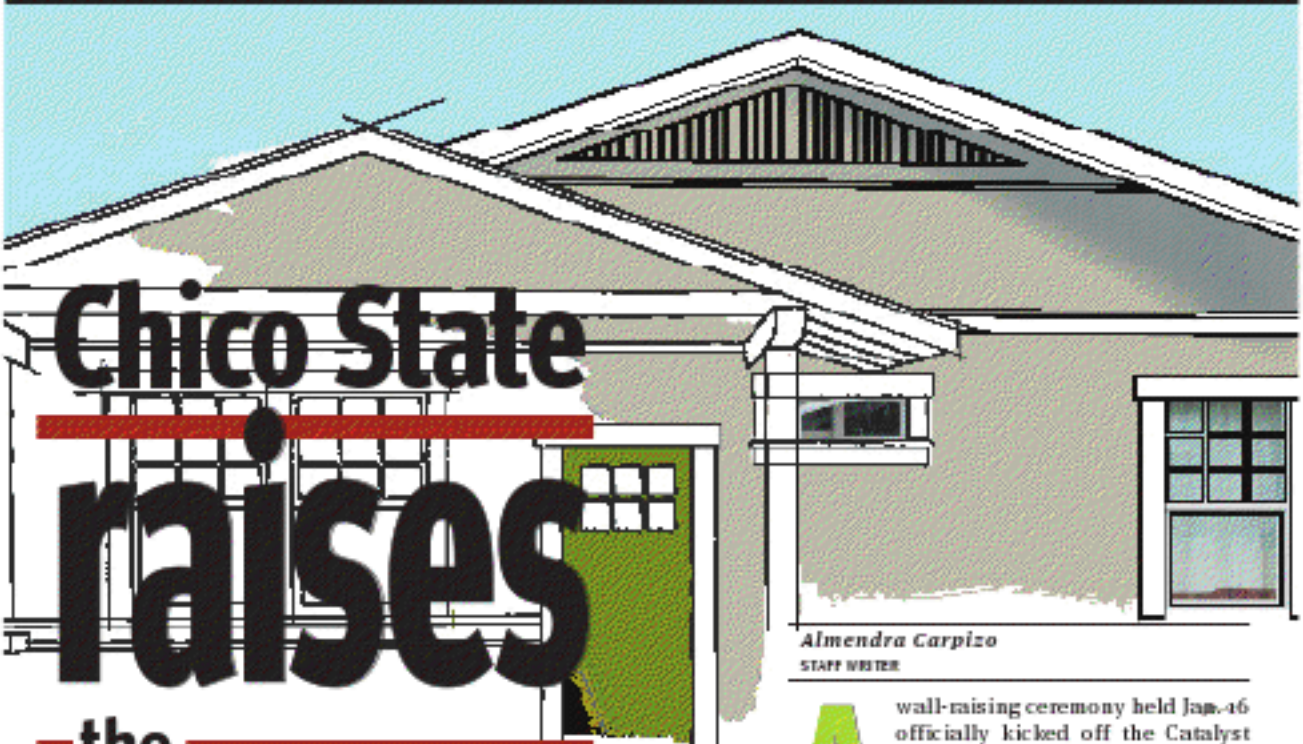
The group worked with the U.S. Consulate to determine the safety of the roads from Tijuana to San Diego, according to the church. Improved weather was a big factor in the

team's ability to return home. Local farmers have been especially helpful to the stranded team members, according to the church.

The Bidwell Presbyterian Church has had no trouble keeping in touch with the volunteers throughout the ordeal, Brossoit said. Some team members have had cell

phone reception, while Internet access was spotty. The teachers of the students were contacted and have made accommodations until their return, according to an update from the church's Web site, www.bidwellpres.org.

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Chico State raises the roof on Ivy



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A wall-raising ceremony held Jan. 16 officially kicked off the Catalyst Blitz Build, a winter break service project for construction management students at Chico State to build two homes in nine days.

Students from the College of Engineering, Computer Science and Construction Management spent Jan. 16-24 building two 840-square-foot homes for Catalyst Domestic Violence Services, said senior Christina Pantera, student leader and construction management major.

The homes have two bedrooms and one bath and will serve as transitional houses for victims of domestic violence. Members of Chico State and the community, including Mayor Ann Schwab, Chico State Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Sandra Flake, Catalyst Executive Director Anastacia Snyder and City Manager David Burkland were present to help raise the wall of one of the homes.

"What builds a community are the folks that live here, so I see students as a real part of the community," Schwab said. "Although they may only be here four years, they are a huge factor for our community."

Originally, Catalyst wanted to put another administration building on the site where the houses are being built, Pantera said. However, the students approached Catalyst

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REPORT UPDATE

Student died from prescription, illicit drugs

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The Butte County Coroner's Office has released the toxicology and forensic autopsy report for Gina Maggio, the 21-year-old Chico State student who passed away in October.

Maggio's cause of death was acute poisoning from multiple drugs, according to the forensic autopsy report.

Chemical traces of Ecstasy, prescription anti-depressants, marijuana and cocaine were found in her system, according to the toxicology report. Alcohol was not present in her system.

Larry Maggio, Gina's father, refused to comment on the report.

Gina Maggio began abusing drugs in response to relationship issues weeks before her death, former roommate and sorority sister Brittany Goodwin said.

"It happened so quickly," Goodwin said. "It was like night and day. Within a week or so she totally, completely changed."

Maggio's shift to drug use did not seem fatally dangerous at the time, but in retrospect, the danger was obvious, Goodwin said.

"I think about it every day," she said. "What if? But I can't go back."

Maggio's alleged dependency that developed shortly before her death would not have been difficult to supply, said Faith Felix-Colburn, pharmacist-in-charge at the Student

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Zingg offers protestor money toward food, rent

Almendra Carpizo
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A Chico State senior protested in President Paul Zingg's office Thursday after being unable to collect his loan check by hand.

Michael Haban, an electrical engineering major who was approved for a loan through Sallie Mae, was told it would be sent to Chico State and he would receive it from the school.

Like last semester, he attempted to collect the check by hand as well but was told he couldn't, Haban said. He could either wait until it was mailed out, or could request a direct deposit, two things he did not want to do.

"I think they should give it in hand, not direct deposit," Haban said. "It doesn't feel safe getting it in the mail."

Although he didn't do much about it last semester, he felt compelled to do something this time because it is his entire school budget and he questioned the things people were telling him, he said.

"I just feel it's an unsatisfactory way to

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IMPROVISED SIT-IN Senior Michael Haban, electrical engineering major, holds a protest on the floor of the president's office in Kendall Hall.

'We Are Chico' aids workers after fire

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The fires at Tres Hombres and Mr. Pickle's Sandwich Shop have brought together students, faculty members and the community to lend a helping hand.

"We Are Chico," a group formed in response to the fire that shut down the two businesses Dec. 1, raised approximately \$13,000 within two weeks, said Larry Bassow, program coordinator for Greek life on campus.

Bassow was putting together a different project when he heard about the 85 employees who lost their jobs because of the fire and wanted to help, he said. Bassow decided to start a new project devoted to the needs of the employees.

"When things go sideways, we step up and take care of it," Bassow said. "That's what we do in Chico."

With a name inspired by the film "We Are Marshall," We Are Chico launched into action the following week by collaborating with the Downtown Chico Business Association and the Restaurant Buying Group to get donations of cash and vouchers from local businesses, Bassow said. Student volunteers also

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