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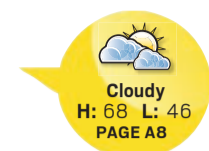
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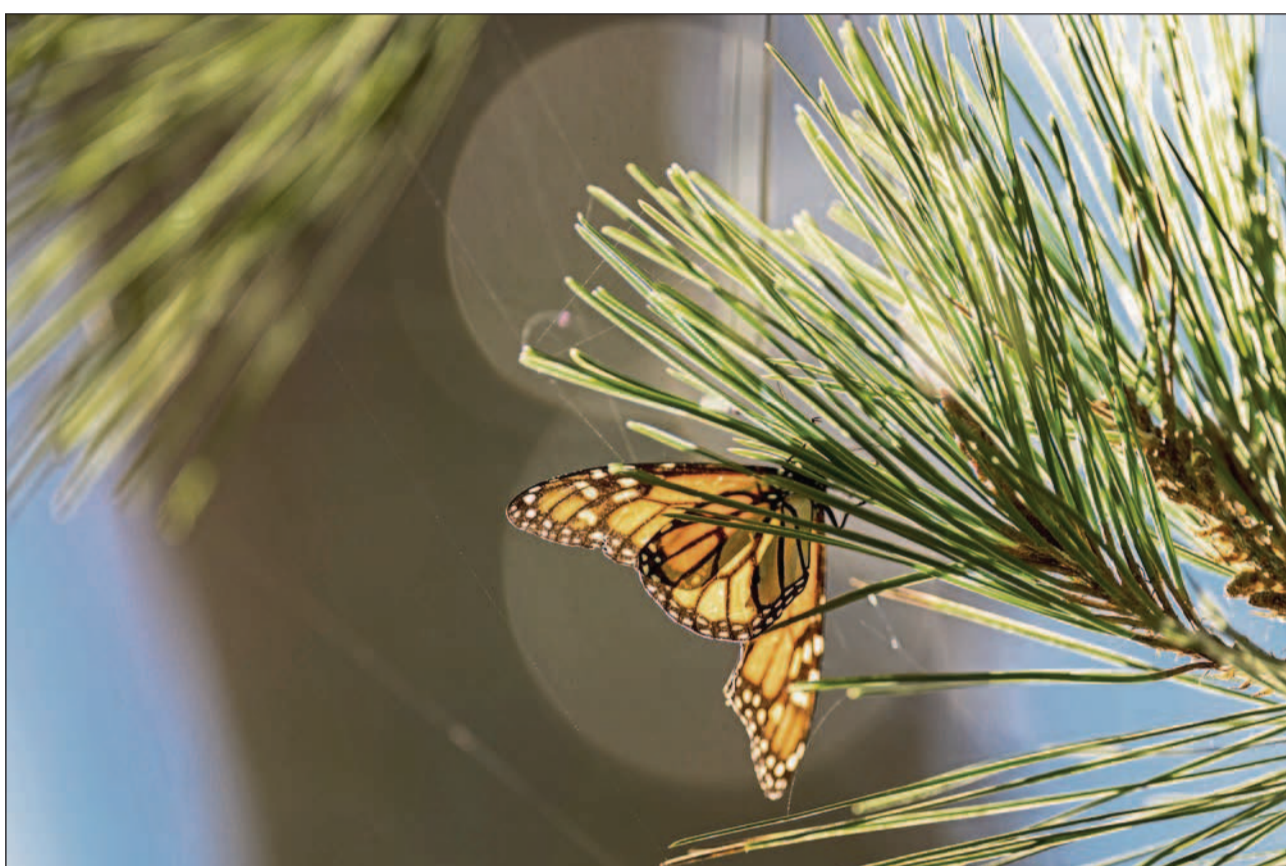
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PACIFIC GROVE

CONFIRMED: MONARCHS BACK IN BIGGER NUMBERS



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A butterfly is illuminated by the late-morning sun at the Monarch Grove Sanctuary in Pacific Grove on Nov. 10, 2021

By McKenzie Prillaman
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After encouraging signs that more monarch butterflies were returning to Pacific Grove for overwintering than in previous years, the creatures' massive comeback is now clear.

Nearly 250,000 butterflies were observed across the West, according to the Xerces Society's 2021 Western Monarch Thanksgiving Count that was announced on Tuesday. This number is more than 100 times that of 2020's count, in which less than 2,000 butterflies were spotted from Mendocino to Northern Baja, Mexico. It's also the highest count since 2016.

In Monterey County, volunteer community scientists recorded about 14,000 butterflies, according to Natalie Johnston, the volunteer and community science coordinator of the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History. After not seeing any monarch clusters at the Pacific Grove Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary in 2020, she was excited to see the rising number of butterflies in 2021.

"The first count (in early October) went from one lone monarch at the monarch sanctuary to about 1,300



A monarch flies near a cluster of butterflies gathered on a pine tree at the Monarch Grove Sanctuary in Pacific Grove on Nov. 10, 2021.

the next week," she said. The count continued to climb until early November, when it reached 13,700, then remained steady through the season.

Although a team of five volunteers regularly keeps track of monarch numbers at the sanctuary, the data published in the Thanksgiving count comes from a collaborative county-wide effort. Community scientists from Moss Landing all the way to Big Sur donned their binoculars to count butter-

flies at sunrise before the air temperature rose enough for the critters to start fluttering about.

While the bounceback in monarchs is tremendous, the number pales in comparison to the tens of millions of butterflies historically seen across the West. Last year's count could be a result of minor factors having a more extreme effect because the population is so small, according to Johnston.

As for the future, she says it's hard to predict what will

happen next. In 2019, the Xerces Society reported a similar resurgence in the eastern population of monarch butterflies. But that number dropped again the following year.

Johnston is hopeful, however, that individual choices have made a difference.

"What I've noticed, just from talking with people who are at the monarch sanctuary," she said, "is that 2020 was a year when many people made per-

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POLITICS

Biden: Ready for 'overdue' Black female justice pick

By Colleen Long, Zeke Miller and Darlene Superville

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » President Joe Biden strongly affirmed Thursday that he will nominate the first Black woman to the U.S. Supreme Court, declaring such historic representation is "long overdue" and promising to announce his choice by the end of February.

In a White House ceremony marking a moment of national transition, Biden praised retiring Justice Stephen Breyer, who will have spent nearly 28 years on the high court by the time he leaves at the end of the term, as "a model public servant at a time of great division in this country."

And with that the search for Breyer's replacement was underway in full. Biden promised a nominee worthy of Breyer's legacy and said he'd already been studying the backgrounds and writings of potential candidates.

"I've made no decision except one: The person I will nominate will be somebody of extraordinary qualifications, character and integrity," he said. "And that person will be the first Black woman ever nominated to the United States Supreme Court. It is long overdue."

Biden's choice will be historic on its face: No Black woman has ever served on the high court. But the decision is also coming at a critical time of national reckoning over race and gender inequality. However, the court's 6-3 conservative majority is destined to remain intact.

Biden is using his choice to fulfill one of his JUSTICE » PAGE 3

GDP IMPROVES

US economy grew 5.7% in 2021 in rebound from 2020

By Paul Wiseman

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » The U.S. economy grew last year at the fastest pace since Ronald Reagan's presidency, bouncing back with resilience from 2020's brief but devastating coronavirus recession.

The nation's gross domestic product — its total output of goods and services — expanded 5.7% in 2021. It was the strongest calendar-year growth since a 7.2% surge in 1984 after a previous recession. The economy ended the year by growing at an unexpectedly brisk 6.9% annual pace from October through December as businesses replenished their inventories, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

"It just goes to show that the U.S. economy has learned to adapt to the new variants and continues to produce," said Beth Ann Bovino, chief economist

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UKRAINE

Russia pessimistic over US response to crisis

The Kremlin says the rejection of demands to resolve Ukraine tensions leaves "little ground for optimism." PAGE A8



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Water ballot measure likely to be withdrawn

Supporters haven't built a big enough coalition for the measure to fund dams and desal to get on the ballot. PAGE B1

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1547

England's King Henry VIII died; he was succeeded by his 9-year-old son, Edward VI.

1916

Louis D. Brandeis was nominated by President Woodrow Wilson to the Supreme Court; Brandeis became the court's first Jewish member.

1956

Elvis Presley made his first national TV appearance on "Stage Show," a CBS program hosted by Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey.

1973

A cease-fire officially went into effect in the Vietnam War, a day after the signing of the Paris Peace Accords by the U.S., North Vietnam and South Vietnam.

1986

The space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, killing all seven crew members, including schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe.

2011

Chaos engulfed Egypt as protesters seized the streets of Cairo, battling police, burning down the ruling party's headquarters and defying a military curfew.

Birthdays

Actor Nicholas Pryor is 87. Actor Susan Howard is 78. Actor-singer Barbi Benton is 72. Movie director Frank Darabont is 63. Singer Sarah McLachlan is 54. Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett is 50. Singer Nick Carter (Backstreet Boys) is 42. Actor Yuri Sardarov is 34. Actor Ariel Winter is 24.

Star report

Harry, Meghan's lack of output finally addressed

Both Netflix and Spotify have independently advertised for producers and other staff to help Prince Harry and Meghan Markle finally make good on their promise to deliver shows and podcast episodes after the couple was reportedly paid more than a combined \$120 million for their content, the Daily Beast and others reported. So far, Netflix is waiting for Harry's "Heart of Invictus" series, according to IMDB, and all Spotify has gotten from its reported \$25 million deal is a "2020 Archewell Audio Holiday Special," episode released in December 2020.

— Martha Ross, Bay Area News Group

LOTTERY

WEDNESDAY'S WINNING NUMBERS

Daily 3 Afternoon: 2, 4, 5

Daily 3 Evening: 9, 3, 1

Daily 4: 4, 8, 0, 7

Fantasy 5: 5, 8, 17, 35, 37

DAILY DERBY

1st: 6, Whirl Win

2nd: 5, California Classic

3rd: 7, Eureka

Race time: 1:47.45

SUPER LOTTO PLUS

Wednesday's drawing: 6, 7, 17, 31, 44

Mega number: 12

Saturday's estimated jackpot: \$12 million

MEGA MILLIONS

Tuesday's drawing: 3, 12, 38, 53, 58

Mega Number: 13

Friday's estimated jackpot: \$421 million

POWERBALL

Wednesday's drawing: 4, 11, 38, 49, 69

Powerball: 16

Saturday's estimated jackpot: \$104 million

CALIFORNIA

Museum returns massacre remains to Wiyot Tribe

By Brian Melley
The Associated Press

The most vulnerable members of the Wiyot Tribe were asleep the morning of Feb. 26, 1860, when a band of white men slipped into their Northern California villages under darkness and slaughtered them.

Many of the children, women and elderly slain in what became known as the Indian Island Massacre had their eternal rest disturbed when their graves were later dug up and their skeletons and the artifacts buried with them were placed in a museum.

After nearly 70 years of separation from their tribe, the remains of at least 20 of those believed to have been killed have been returned home.

"They're going to be at peace and at rest with our other ancestors," Ted Hernandez, the Wiyot Tribe's historic preservation officer, said Tuesday after the repatriation was announced. "They'll be able to reunite with their families."

The return is part of an effort by some institutions to do a better job complying with federal law that requires giving tribes back items looted from sacred burial sites.

Grave robbing was yet another indignity suffered by Native Americans and their descendants long after they were driven from their lands or killed. Hobbyists, collec-



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Tulawat, the site of the Indian Island Massacre, where members of the Wiyot Tribe were killed in 1860.

tors and even prominent researchers took part in the desecration of burial sites. Skulls, bones and antiquities were sold, traded, studied and displayed in museums.

Cutchá Risling Baldy, a professor of Native American studies at Humboldt State University, said returning the sacred items provides healing to tribes.

She criticized museums and universities that warehouse items that objectify Native Americans and reduce them to historical objects and artifacts rather than people.

"From a spiritual perspective, from a cultural perspec-

pective, it's hard to imagine the graves of your ancestors being dug up and then put into a museum," Risling Baldy said. "It kind of creates a mythology around Native people that we are somehow specimens, rather than people and human beings."

The bones of the Wiyot were recovered in 1953 after being discovered near where a jetty was constructed outside the city of Eureka, 225 miles (362 kilometers) north of San Francisco, according to a notice last year in the Federal Register.

A team from University of California, Berkeley collected the remains and put

them in storage with 136 artifacts buried with them — mainly beads and ornaments made from shells, an arrowhead from a broken bottle fragment, a sinker for a fishing net, bone tools and an elk tooth.

The gravesites were where the Wiyot buried some of their dead following a devastating series of mass slayings at a dozen of their villages over the course of a week in 1860.

The unprovoked killings occurred in the midst of the tribe's World Renewal Ceremony, a 10-day peaceful celebration with food, dance and prayer to return balance to the Earth, Hernandez said.

COURTS

Environmental justice groups sue over trash incinerator pollution

By Wayne Parry
The Associated Press

Community groups in New Jersey and California are suing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, seeking to force trash incinerators across the country — many of them in predominantly minority communities — to emit less pollution into the air.

One of the incinerators covered by those standards has on occasion emitted pink or purple mist into the air over Newark, New Jersey.

The groups are asking a court to order the agency to update its standards for large incinerators, saying the EPA was supposed to do so at least 10 years ago.

The Ironbound Community Corporation in Newark, New Jersey; the Commerce, California-based East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice; and the national Si-



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A large trash incinerator in Rahway, N.J.

erra Club are plaintiffs in two separate lawsuits seeking the same goal: a court order directing the EPA to act now to limit the amount of pollutants these incinerators can be allowed to emit.

"Eighty percent of these large incinerators are in environmental justice

communities," said Jonathan Smith, an attorney for the environmental group Earthjustice in New York. "EPA finally updating its emissions standards is compelled by its stated commitment to environmental justice."

"We've found a consistent pattern of these facilities, many of them old, being sited in environmental justice communities," said

Ana Baptista, an environmental justice expert at The New School in New York and an Ironbound board member. "These lawsuits are important to address that."

Environmental justice refers to a movement to ensure that minority communities that already are disproportionately burdened with sources of pollution are not subjected to additional ones, as well as to try to lessen existing sources.

The lawsuits were filed on Jan. 13 in federal district court in Washington, and on Dec. 21 in a Washington appeals court.

The EPA declined comment, citing the pending litigation.

The lawsuits allege violations of the Clean Air Act. Amendments to the law in 1990 obligate the EPA to set performance standards for large incinerators that burn 250 or more tons of trash a day, and then to update those standards every five years, according to one of the lawsuits.

Monarchs

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sonal changes to their lives, such as redoing their gardens to have more native species, working to build more community gardens or paying more special attention to things that they could do."

She remains confident that individuals are moving in the right direction to help this iconic in-

sect and other pollinators. More people are becoming aware of actions they can take to support these populations, she said, and the government is also taking measures, such as planting native species along the highways.

Because of 2021's massive jump in monarch butterflies, she said, "now we have people who are filled with hope and who can see the effects of monarchs' ability to bounce back if given the chance."

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