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President Biden Flies Over Boys' Soccer Game

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Biden Visits Santa Cruz County, Passes by Boys' Soccer Game



By William Coen, Class of 2023

Earlier this month, President Biden visited Santa Cruz County to view storm damage after a “bomb cyclone” hit Monterey Bay. On Thursday, January 19, Air Force One landed at Moffett Field in Santa Clara County, and Biden then traveled on a US Marine Corps helicopter to Watsonville Municipal Airport. After touring parts of Capitola and Aptos, Biden returned to Watsonville Municipal Airport and boarded his helicopter flight back to Moffett Field. When Biden’s helicopter left Watsonville at around 4 PM, the PGHS boys’ soccer team was playing a game at Pajaro Valley High School, not far from the airport. In the middle of the game, the players looked up to see Biden’s helicopter flying over the field.

BreakerBots Enter Build Season



By Thomas Coen, Class of 2025

The First Robotics Competition recently announced its 2023 game “Charged Up,” and the Pacific Grove High School Robotics team (the BreakerBots) began its eight-week build season. You can watch the new game animation here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zpfslsYc4PA>

During the eight weeks we will make three robots: Alpha bot (Squid), a drive train used to test code; Beta bot (Kraken), a prototype of our final design; and Charlie bot (Cthulhu), our final competition bot. This past Saturday marked the end of Week 3. During Weeks 1 and 2 we brainstormed and prototyped. We then settled on a design by the end of Week 2. Now the CAD (Computer-Aided Design) team is in the process of designing the robot. We have also begun manufacturing parts for and assembling Kraken. We will attend our first competition, the Central Valley Regional in Fresno, from March 9-12. We will attend our second competition, the Monterey Bay Regional (MBR) in Seaside, from March 29-31. We would love it if you could come out and watch us at MBR at Seaside High School!

Storms Slam Pacific Grove



By Valeriia Boiko, Class of 2023

At PGHS, there was no school on Monday, January 9 due to a weather event called an atmospheric river, which is a phenomenon that causes extreme precipitation events. In this case it caused a large amount of rain, severe flooding, power outages, strong winds, high waves, and fallen trees. Sports practices and games were canceled. Lovers Point had several trees fall because of the storm. Some fallen trees caused damage to homes and cars. At Lovers Point they still have to recover from the storm damage, and fallen trees must be removed. In PG lots of houses had power outages, and we experienced lots of damage which we are hoping to fix. That was a harmful storm.

Assessing the Current NBA MVP Race

By William Powley, Class of 2025

So far, the NBA (National Basketball Association) season has been full of surprises and incredible moments. Every year the NBA votes on the most valuable player from that year, awarding the player the MVP. Last year the MVP award was won by Nikola Jokic of the Denver Nuggets. Jokic had a stellar season, averaging 27.1 points, 13.8 rebounds, and 7.9 assists per game. He led the Nuggets to the playoffs in the Western Conference.

This season it is a very tight race between some of the league's most talented and skilled players. The current leader in the MVP race is, again, Nikola Jokic, who is putting on another great season. He is averaging 25.1 PPG, 11.0 RPG, and 9.9 APG. Jayson Tatum of the Boston Celtics sits at second place in the race. Having one of his best seasons, Tatum is averaging 31.2 PPG, 8.5 RPG, and 4.3 APG. It's not just his stats that have put him second, but also his playmaking ability and his leadership on the court. Coming in at number three is Joel Embiid of the Philadelphia 76ers, averaging 33.6 PPG, 9.8 RPG, and 4.2 APG. Embiid is having a great season with the help of James Harden as the 76ers are one of the top teams in the Eastern Conference.

Ranked number four in the race is Luka Doncic of the Dallas Mavericks, who is averaging 33.7 PPG, 8.8 RPG, and 8.8 APG. On January 12 against the Los Angeles Lakers, Doncic put up 35 points, 14 rebounds, and 13 assists to have his 30th 30-point triple-double, which is the 5th most in NBA history. Lastly, ranked fifth on the leaderboard is Giannis Antetokounmpo of the Milwaukee Bucks. Antetokounmpo and Jokic are the only players on this list who have won the award. Antetokounmpo is averaging 31.0 PPG, 11.9 RPG, and 5.3 APG while leading the Bucks to an excellent season, as they are one of the best teams in the Eastern Conference. All in all, this NBA season has proven to be one of the most exciting so far and the winner of the MVP will be truly deserving of the award.

Our Staff

The NewsBreaker is made possible by the dedication of journalists and editors from the Pacific Grove High School student body.

Will Coen



Class of 2023

Will is a senior at PGHS. He is in his fourth year on *The NewsBreaker* staff and second year as an editor. He enjoys learning math at school and running for the cross country and track teams. Outside of school, Will likes to spend as much time as possible biking and skiing.

Nathan Jennings



Class of 2023

Nathan is a senior at PGHS. For *The NewsBreaker*, he will be writing about world news and relevant global or national events. His interests include weightlifting, swimming, journaling, self-improvement, and philosophy. Nathan has been fascinated with creative writing and journalism ever since he was young. Now, Nathan utilizes his strengths and excellent research skills to write for the school newspaper.

Gavin Hunter



Class of 2023

Gavin is a senior at PGHS and is a second-year member of *The NewsBreaker* staff. Gavin is a part of the water polo and swimming teams and enjoys other swimming activities.

Elliot Powley



Class of 2023

Elliot is a senior at PGHS. He likes chemistry, history, and calculus. Outside of school, he does 3-D Rendering, Virtual Reality, and piano. Check out his riddles!

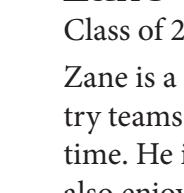
Valeria Boiko



Class of 2023

Valeria is currently a senior at PGHS. She is in her first year on *The NewsBreaker* staff. She runs on the cross country and track teams. She really enjoys her government and music appreciation courses at school. She enjoys running and playing video games as much as possible.

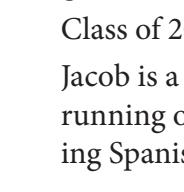
Zane Coutts



Class of 2023

Zane is a senior at PGHS. He runs on both the track and cross country teams. Zane enjoys reading and playing the bass guitar in his free time. He is entering his second year on *The NewsBreaker* staff. He also enjoyed writing this bio. Farewell.

Jacob Birkett



Class of 2023

Jacob is a senior at PGHS. Outside of *The NewsBreaker*, he enjoys running on the cross country and track teams. He also enjoys learning Spanish and French.

The NewsBreaker Comic



By Gavin Hunter, Class of 2023



Gabriel Garzaniti



Class of 2023

Gabriel is a senior at PGHS. He works a job every Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM and plays lacrosse. He owns a Canon digital camera that has two batteries and one SD card. He has only recently learned how to export photos from the camera to his computer. He is looking forward to working with *The NewsBreaker*.

Owen Pesenhofer



Class of 2023

Owen is a senior, and this is his first year on *The NewsBreaker*. He is a member of both the Breaker Band and the Jazz Band as a trumpet player. In his free time, he enjoys watching football and playing ping pong.

Mason Pick



Class of 2024

Mason is a junior at PGHS, and he loves to surf and ski. He runs cross country and competes in track and field as well. He enjoys being involved with the school and is new to PG this year.

Graham Smith



Class of 2025

Graham is a sophomore at PGHS, and he is in his second year of writing for *The NewsBreaker*. He loves writing both in and out of school, and he hopes to use his time on the staff of The Newsbreaker as an opportunity to develop his skills. He also plays on the boys' tennis team, and when he is not at school he enjoys drawing, skiing, playing video games, and spending time with friends.

Thomas Coen



Class of 2025

Thomas is a sophomore at PGHS. He really enjoys being on the BreakerBots, running cross country, and playing tennis. He also enjoys playing in the Breaker Band.

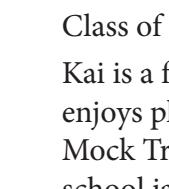
Conor O'Brien



Class of 2026

Conor is a freshman. He plays the saxophone and enjoys tennis, biking, and baseball. He is super excited to be a part of *The NewsBreaker* this year and in years to come.

Kai Bishop



Class of 2026

Kai is a freshman, and along with writing for *The NewsBreaker*, he enjoys playing the trombone in the Breaker Band. He also is on the Mock Trial team. Outside of school, he volunteers at the middle school jazz band and likes hanging out with friends.