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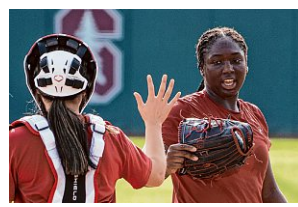
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Homeowner Boon Lin, 63, was in Point Reyes when a neighbor called to tell him a massive tree had crushed his garage in Santa Rosa. Lin said his second vehicle, a minivan, is stuck in the garage.

Powerful storms across region kill 3

At least 235,000 lose power; fallen trees, limbs clog roads in S.F.

By Jessica Flores and Nora Mishanec

At least three people were killed in the storms that raked across Northern California, a powerful, atmospheric river-fueled system that knocked out power to some 235,000 Bay Area homes and businesses, closed streets, caused landslides and downed trees.

Officials in Santa Cruz County confirmed that one person died Sunday afternoon when a tree fell on a home, trapping the person inside. Hours later, another death occurred in Sutter County, where officials said David Gomes, 82, of Yuba City was found crushed beneath a fallen redwood tree in his backyard. Also, Sacramento County officials said 41-year old Chad Ensey of Carmichael died after a tree fell on him Sunday in his backyard.

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. said hundreds of thousands of homes



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A car in the Ingleside neighborhood was damaged by a tree toppled in the storm that pummeled the region Sunday and Monday.

and businesses across the Bay Area remained without electricity after storms pummeled the region with heavy rainfall — an on

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Why 'bomb cyclones' are so dangerous. **A4**

Double rainbow over S.F. **A4**

Big jumps in PG&E bills stun customers

Hikes to fund work on pipelines, power lines; more may be coming

By Julie Johnson

Tucked under an electric blanket in a cozy recliner, 90-year-old Dorothy Lovell still struggled to keep her tiny frame warm in her Santa Rosa living room. So her family turned up the heat.

They're paying dearly for it.

Winter is a season of hefty utility bills, especially during the holidays, when families gathered and the temperature dropped. But January began a new era of utility bill sticker shock when Pacific Gas and Electric Co. began charging customers with historically high electricity rates.

Lovell's latest PG&E bill was the highest it's ever been: \$696.64.

"It's almost like you're getting punished," Lovell said.

The average residential PG&E customer is expected to pay about \$34.50 more each month — a boost of about \$400 annually. The California Public Utilities Commission approved the new rates to help the company launch major projects to improve power line and gas pipeline safety after years of disastrous fires.

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Some question worth of Woke Kindergarten

By Jill Tucker

A Hayward elementary school struggling to boost low test scores and dismal student attendance is spending \$250,000 in federal money for an organization called Woke Kindergarten to train teachers to confront white supremacy, disrupt racism and oppression and remove those barriers to learning.

The Woke Kindergarten sessions train teachers on concepts and curriculum that's available to use in classrooms with any of Glassbrook Elementary's 474 students. The sessions are funded through a federal program meant to help the country's lowest-performing schools boost student achievement.

But two years into the three-year contract with Woke Kindergarten, a for-profit company, student

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A political football: 49ers CEO stirs controversy

Strict rules in place can help players avoid excess of Sin City before game

By Matthias Gafni

Four nights before the Oakland Raiders played the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl XV in January 1981, defensive lineman John Matuszak made the 11 p.m. bed check at the team hotel in a New Orleans suburb. Then he snuck out and partied on Bourbon Street until the early morning hours.

He unfortunately chose a bar frequented by reporters and offered the now-famous excuse about why he was out dancing at 3 a.m.: "I am the enforcer. That's why I was out on the streets, to make sure no one else was."

More than four decades later, the San Francisco 49ers will play in Super Bowl LVIII, hosted for the first time in Las Vegas. For more than a week, 49ers

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Scott Strazzante/The Chronicle

49ers owner Jed York increasingly has turned his attention to off-the-field issues while receding from team operations.

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Ames, Iowa, takes pride in quarterback Brock Purdy, who was a star for the local Cyclones for four years. **B1**

No longer so involved day-to-day, York in thick of turmoil in Santa Clara

By Ron Kroichick and Lance Williams

San Francisco 49ers CEO Jed York stood on a makeshift stage on Jan. 28 at Levi's Stadium, savoring his team's NFC Championship Game victory. York thanked 49ers fans, hugged Hall of Fame quarterback Joe Montana and clutched the George Halas Trophy.

The trophy presentation marked a rare public appearance for York, who has largely receded from day-to-day football matters. As the 49ers prepare to play in the Super Bowl for the eighth time in franchise history, the team's top executive increasingly has turned his attention to off-the-field issues.

"Jed got out of the way," said one source familiar with the 49ers' business and political affairs. "He got out of football, and that has worked."

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