

IMMIGRATION

PANETTA TELLS DREAMERS HE FEELS THEIR URGENCY



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SALINAS » As Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell wondered out loud recently what the urgency was on crafting and voting on legislation related to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, Congressman Jimmy Panetta had a few things on his mind.

“Well, I’ll tell you what the rush is,” Panetta, Democrat of Carmel Valley, told a crowd at Hartnell College on Wednesday. “Every day before March 5, over 100 Dreamers are losing their status. Every day after March 5, 1,000 Dreamers will lose their status.”

Unless some action is taken, DACA — an immigration policy allowing some individuals who entered the country as minors, and had either entered or remained in the country illegally, to receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation and eligibility to work in this country — will be terminated March 5.

This urgency resounds with the campus community of Hartnell, where over 800 Dreamers — individu-

als eligible to be covered by DACA — currently attend. In California, there are about 240,000 Dreamers, more than any other state.

“If you were a state, you’d be ranked number 40 in the nation” in terms of number of Dreamers, Panetta told Hartnell students.

Being from the Central Coast, Panetta said he has witnessed the contribution of Dreamers and immigrants to their local communities and the country at large. Some of his fellow congress members don’t share this perspective as they represent districts with few immigrants, he said, noting that 80 percent of Republican congressional districts have below average number of immigrants.

“When the Secretary of Homeland Security was testifying and someone asked her, ‘Have you ever met a Dreamer?’ she hadn’t,” he said.

The government shutdown ended Monday with the passage of yet another short-term spending bill, which will fund the federal government through Feb. 8. Panetta voted against the bill because he doesn’t agree with “funding our government on a short, month-to-



Hartnell College students listen to Congressman Jimmy Panetta on Wednesday.

month basis.” However, in negotiations preceding the passage, Democrats did cut a deal with Majority Leader McConnell: if the DACA issue is not resolved by Feb. 8, it will be brought to the Senate floor.

Panetta will hold a press conference at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Salinas City Hall Rotunda to present his proposed legislation, the Immigrant Victim Protection Act, to be introduced in Congress next week.

While business as usual continues in Washington, Hartnell College officials and the surrounding community say they remain committed to Dreamers and DACA recipients nationwide.

Immigration attorney Magnolia Zarraga attended Wednesday’s press conference, offering guidance for students looking to renew their DACA. Thanks to a Jan. 9 court ruling, current and previous DACA recipients can renew their protection regardless of the program’s announced termination. As this measure may be temporary, Zarraga encouraged recipients to renew as soon as possible. Financial assistance for the \$495 renewal fee can be found at <https://missionas-setfund.org/daca-grant/>.

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GYMNASTICS

Doctor sentenced to 40 to 175 years in prison

The sentence capped a seven-day hearing in which more than 150 women and girls offered statements. PAGE A5



GOVERNMENT

Supervisor Alejo wants to create a county flag

Several state counties already have one; Alejo calls on local artists, students to pitch in ideas, designs. PAGE A2

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TENNIS

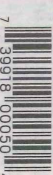
Federer advances to Australian Open semis

Plays Hyeon Chung, first South Korean man to reach semis; Kyle Edmund vs. Marin Cilic in other semi. PAGE B1

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TODAY IN HISTORY
1890

Reporter Nellie Bly of the New York World completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, 6 hours and 11 minutes. The United Mine Workers of America was founded in Columbus, Ohio.

1915

America's first official transcontinental telephone call took place as Alexander Graham Bell, who was in New York, spoke to his former assistant, Thomas Watson, who was in San Francisco, over a line set up by American Telephone & Telegraph.

1945

The World War II Battle of the Bulge ended as German forces were pushed back to their original positions.

1971

Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate.

1981

The 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.

1998

Pope John Paul II ended his historic journey to Cuba.

Birthdays

Actress Leigh Taylor-Young is 73. Actress Jennifer Lewis is 61. Actress Ana Ortiz is 47. Actress Mia Kirshner is 43. R&B singer Alicia Keys is 37. Actor Michael Trevino is 33. Actress Olivia Edward is 11.

Star report

'Murphy Brown' returning to CBS

Old TV shows really never die. They just keep getting re-made. The revival trend continues as CBS on Wednesday announced that it has given a 13-episode series production commitment to a current-day revival of "Murphy Brown" for the 2018-2019 broadcast season. Candice Bergen, who starred in the title role from 1988-1998, will reprise her role. In a press release, CBS noted that, as the show's 30th anniversary approaches, Murphy Brown "returns to a world of cable news, social media, fake news and a very different political and cultural climate."
— Chuck Barney, Bay Area News Group

LOTTERY

WINNING NUMBERS

Daily 3 Afternoon: 9, 1, 2

Daily 3 Evening: 0, 6, 3

Daily 4: 6, 9, 0, 9

Fantasy 5: 8, 17, 20, 21, 39

Daily Derby

1st: 11, Money Bags,

2nd: 5, California Classic,

3rd: 10, Solid Gold

Race Time: 1:48.24

SUPER LOTTO PLUS

Wednesday's drawing: 10, 25, 29, 41, 43

Mega number: 20

Saturday's estimated jackpot: \$18 million

MEGA MILLIONS

Tuesday's drawing: 2, 6, 30, 31, 55

Mega number: 7

Friday's estimated jackpot: \$76 million

POWERBALL

Wednesday's drawing: 5, 9, 11, 33, 64

Powerball: 21

Wednesday's estimated jackpot: \$92 million

Panetta

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Over the past two years, Hartnell has grown its Center for Achievement and Student Advancement, known as Mi CASA, as a resource for Dreamers. The program offers students financial assistance, help with the DACA application, educational counseling and access to a network of allies. The center will host a DACA renewal clinic Feb. 2 at Steinbeck Hall, 411 Central Ave., Salinas. The public is encouraged to attend. "If students don't feel

safe or can't work, it impedes their ability to attend school. That's why we're so heavily involved with DACA," said Hartnell director of special programs Bronwyn Moreno. Having Panetta speak supported their mission to equip students with the most accurate DACA information available, she said. "It brings credibility to our efforts, to have someone at that level come and stand in solidarity with our board president."

Students are also contributing to the fight for a DACA solution. Daniel Diaz, graduate of the collaborative CSIn3 program between CSU Monterey Bay and Hartnell College, started a storytelling project called Faces of DACA. "People on the hill, people in Congress, didn't really know my story or my face, and they were making decisions that would affect my future," said Diaz. "And I thought, you know what, there have to be people that feel the same way."

What started as a local endeavor, drawing on students from Hartnell and CSU Monterey Bay, has expanded to a nationwide venture. Stories from 30 DACA recipients and Dreamers have been collected so far, with some hailing from Texas, Nevada, Oklahoma and Washington. The project lives at <http://www.facesofaca.us/>. Faces of DACA will host an Discussion Panel and Release Celebration on Feb. 6 at the The Western Stage in Salinas. Diaz said he hopes the community will show its support in this critical time. "We need immigration reform now - people are losing their protection status every day," he said. "There is no set deadline like the one that's being talked about in February. This needs to happen now."

Fracking

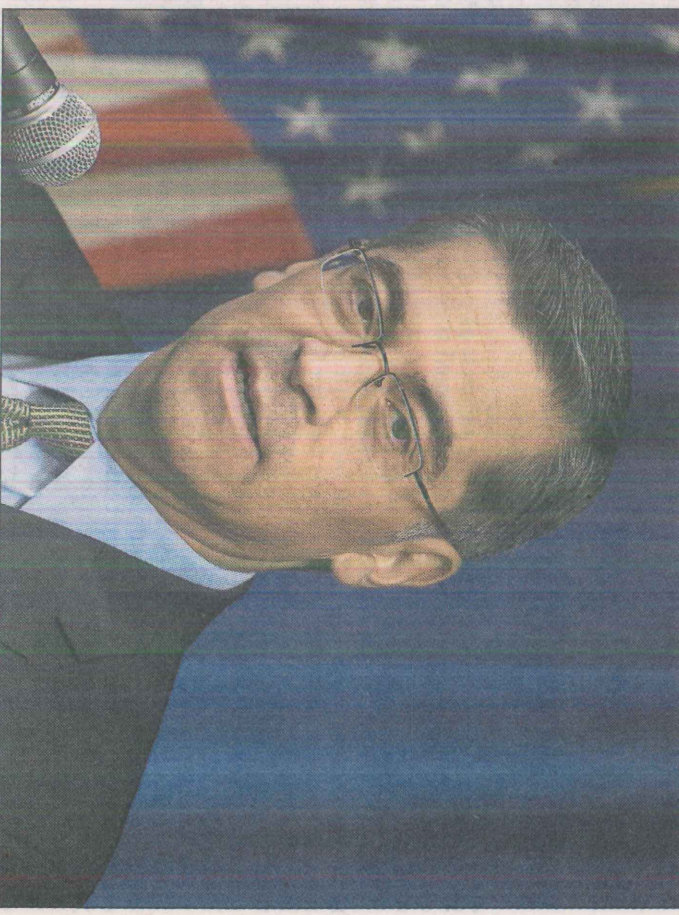
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fracking rule by not following required procedures including getting public comment. He said the move also contradicts federal environmental laws and was arbitrary and capricious. "They didn't let the law or the facts get in their way in their zeal to repeal what was a commonsense measure," Becerra said.

The rule was adopted in 2015 under the administration of Democratic President Barack Obama requiring companies to disclose what chemicals they use to crack open underground oil and gas deposits in combination with pressurized water and sand.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra discusses the lawsuit he has brought against the Trump administration for rolling back a fracking rule during a news conference in Sacramento.

Becerra said his office has filed 25 lawsuits against the Trump administration. Courts have ruled in Becerra's favor in a number of the cases — some of which were filed in collaboration with other states. Becerra said the state's innovations and technology achievements have helped make it the world's sixth largest economy and are "worth fighting for."



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California Attorney General Xavier Becerra discusses the lawsuit he has brought against the Trump administration for rolling back a fracking rule during a news conference in Sacramento.

BLM spokeswoman Megan Crandall said the bureau does not comment on current or pending litigation. The fracking measure was put on hold in 2016 by a Wyoming judge who said the BLM had no authority to set such a rule. That decision was appealed to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, where the administration asked the judges to delay a decision because it intended to roll back the rule. The BLM oversees more than 15 million acres in California, or nearly 15 percent of the state including some tribal land.

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Earlier this month, Becerra's office won a temporary ruling blocking the Trump administration's decision to end protections for hundreds of thousands of young immigrants. The administration is appealing that ruling to the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and said it would seek a U.S. Supreme Court review even before an appeals court issues a decision. Becerra also has defended the Affordable Care Act and a woman's right to get birth control as well as transgender individuals who wish to serve in the military.

Becerra is up for reelection in November, facing a number of challengers including Democratic Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones.

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Defendants Louise Ann Hestrin and Louise Turpin are accused of abusing their 13 children — ranging from 2 to 29 —

By Amy Taxin and Michael Balsamo
The Associated Press

RIVERSIDE » The California children who authorities say were tortured by their parents and so malnourished that their growth was stunted are slowly providing valuable information to investigators, a prosecutor told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

"Victims in these kinds of cases, they tell their story, but they tell it slowly. They tell it at their own pace," Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin said. "It will come out when it comes out."

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Funding

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regional transportation initiatives under the Measure X spending plan, which has been designated to receive about 40 percent of the estimated \$600 million in revenue is expected to

Network Monterey County, which offers "dignified" and individualized transportation for seniors and visually impaired adults on a daily basis. "The benefits of Measure X are finally coming through," Craig said. "These are important programs."

to conduct outreach and travel training education in Salinas and South County. * Blind and Visually Impaired Center, \$178,550, to hire a certified orientation and mobility specialist to train clients experiencing vision loss on how to travel safely indoors and outdoors, and how to use a long cane, cross the street, and access and use transit. * Josephine Kernes Pool, \$147,000, offering transportation vouchers for low-income seniors and disabled residents to participate in therapeutic adaptive aquatic training sessions

agency access trail after the Pfeiffer Canyon bridge outage following last year's winter storms. Nominated by Supervisor Mary Adams, longtime Rancho Rico resident Heather Chappell Lanier and Carissa Chappell organized a group of about 40 community volunteers to work with state and local officials to blaze the trail in a 10-day whirlwind effort to provide access for some 450 isolated Big Sur residents while the bridge was being demolished and replaced. The duo also conducted polling that showed more than half of the isolated residents used the mile-long trail through a canyon with a 500-foot elevation change on a regular basis.

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