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**PROBATION**

## THE CASE FOR DRUG COURT



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Alfonso Saise talks about his road to recovery while Butte County Probation representatives along with participants and Alumni celebrate National Drug Court Month and the 25th anniversary of drug courts with a barbecue at Wildwood Park in Chico on May 19.

### Aim is for offenders to make amends, regain their lives

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Two men whose young lives were consumed by drug abuse, are living again.

After decades of cycling through treatment programs and incarceration, Shane Fairman and Alfonso Saise finally found something that worked and gave them their life back — drug court.

Drug court is an adult criminal court that takes the place of the traditional court system and targets offenders who have addiction as the primary source of their criminality, according to the Butte County District Attorney's Office.

During May, which is National Drug Court month, the nationwide program marked its 25th anniversary, and Butte County Probation recently invited all its current members and past graduates to celebrate the program's success.

More than 786 men and women have graduated from Butte County's highly-structure program since its inception in 1995.

Fairman, 35, of Chico, graduated from Butte's drug court in 2011.

"I never thought I would graduate," he said.

Fairman's path to drug abuse started when he was 12 years old and his family moved from Oklahoma to Paradise.

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Retired Chief Probation Officer Helen Harberts explains how and why the Drug Court system works.

**BIKE MONTH**

## Parkview builds pedal power

### Students' Bike to Infinity program tracks impact

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**CHICO** » Parkview School students have witnessed few limits in the pleasures of pedaling this month.

Bike Month always spurs a rash of cycling but some students have chosen to take the national cycling challenge a few revolutions further. For the last several weeks, they have embraced their Bike to Infinity program to register the daily miles of anyone who bikes, walks, skateboards or scooters to school, with the help of an bar code-screening app designed by students in the Gifted and Talented Education program.

"If you raise awareness and have lots of people at the same time, it could get a lot of people started," said sixth-grader Roger Wilson, 12, who cycles to school every day. "You have lots of people working toward one goal."

Students estimate regular cyclers have doubled in the last month. As of Wednesday, 95 participants had racked up more than 707 miles during 424 trips.

The push to take the pedal challenge further was prompted in January, when Parkview parent and cyclist Jeff Schwein wondered if something related to Bike Month would be a good enrichment activity for students in his son Isaac's GATE class. Teacher Caty Harris loved the idea, and the students paired with computer programmers to craft a logo, develop a website and app, and establish mathematical calculations to showcase Bike to Infinity, all supported by a grant from Chico Velo.

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**SECESSION**

## Voters musing over forming a new state

### Jefferson proposal on June 3 ballot in Del Norte, Tehama counties

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 The Associated Press

**SACRAMENTO** » Residents of California's largely rural, agrarian and politically conservative far northern counties long ago got used to feeling ignored in the state Capitol and out of sync with major urban areas.

The idea of forming their own state has been a topic among local secession dreamers for more than a century. Residents in two counties will have a chance to voice that sentiment next week.

Voters in Del Norte and Tehama, with a combined population of about 91,000, will decide June 3 on an advisory measure that asks each county's board of supervisors to join a wider effort to form a 51st state named Jefferson.

Elected officials in Glenn, Modoc, Siskiyou and Yuba counties already voted to join the movement. Supervisors in Butte County will vote June 10, while local bodies in other northern counties

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**FARM**

## Auction volunteers never know what they'll be asked to do

### McLaughlin kisses a pig for impromptu collection for families

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**CHICO** » The junior livestock auction at the Silver Dollar Fair moves along quickly, with most animals showing and selling within about a minute.

Yet, auctioneer Rob Ramey knows how to squeeze in a quick spectacle for a good cause.

Saturday Ramey used his position at the podium to convince Ed McLaughlin, Silver Dollar Fair board president, to kiss a pig.

It wasn't just any pig, it was the grand champion hog raised by Jessie Vallejo of Gridley.

The auctioneer told the crowd he hoped to raise at least \$1,000 for the families of people serving in the National Guard, and that if \$1,000 wasn't collected, he'd ask the president of Northern California National Bank, John Lucchesi, to kiss the pig.

No one knows if Lucchesi chipped in a little extra, but by the time the container made the rounds \$2,131 had

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Ed McLaughlin, Silver Dollar Fair board president, kisses the grand champion pig at the junior livestock auction Saturday.

**NASA**

### Twins give themselves up to space science

The effects of extended weightlessness will be studied with one twin Earthbound and the other in space. **PAGE A6**



**COMMUNITY EVENT**

### Chico Portuguese Festa to celebrate traditions

Chico Portuguese Holy Ghost Fatima's annual Festa is June 8 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. **PAGE C6**

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Have a blessed day  
 Aaron Adelman!

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