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## Trump tax bill to hit California hard

Legislation approved by House would acutely impact health care spending, neuter ability to regulate AI

By Shira Stein

WASHINGTON — Legislation that would blow a hole in California's health care spending, disproportionately tax Californians

and neuter the state's ability to regulate artificial intelligence passed the House early Thursday. The bill — the centerpiece of President Donald Trump's second term — passed 215-214 after

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Measure includes cuts to food stamps, Medicaid and Biden-era clean energy tax break program. **A12**

an all-night session of the House, which came after a 21-hour committee hearing that began at 1 a.m. Wednesday in Washington. All Democrats and two Republicans, Reps. Warren Davidson of

Ohio and Thomas Massie of Kentucky, voted against the bill. One Republican, Rep. Andy Harris of Maryland, voted present, and two didn't vote, Reps. David **Tax Bill continues on A12**

## Senate guts state climate policy

Newsom pledges to sue feds over mandate on gas-powered cars

By Shira Stein and Sophia Bollag

WASHINGTON — The Senate totaled California's signature climate change policy — mandating new cars sold be electric by 2035 — in a 51-44 vote Thursday morning. Gov. Gavin Newsom immediately vowed to sue to keep California's emission standards in place. Nearly every Democrat present voted against revoking the EV mandate, while Sen. Elissa Slotkin, D-Mich., supported doing so. Two Democrats and three Republicans did not vote. Senate Majority Leader John Thune, R-S.D., called the waiver an "attempt by the Biden administration to impose an electric vehicle mandate across the country" during a news conference Tuesday. California, the only state that can seek permission from the Environmental Protection Agency to establish emissions policies stricter than federal law, had **Climate continues on A10**

## Melting snowback impacting fire risk

By Jack Lee

The western U.S. is experiencing a late-season snow drought, according to an update by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Integrated Drought Information System. The diminished snowpack could result in water supply issues and increased wildfire risk in the coming months, the authors wrote. Above-normal temperatures and a lack of precipitation in April and early May caused depletions even in basins where snow had piled up in previous months. These basins "had near normal snowpack for that time of year, but then fell into what we call late-season snow drought due to unseasonably warm conditions and dry conditions," said Jason Gerlich, regional drought information coordinator at NOAA's International **Snowpack continues on A10**

## Loving Bay Area's most diverse neighborhood

Brontë Wittppenn/S.F. Chronicle

The community between East 19th Street and 20th Avenue in Oakland is part of the Bay Area's most diverse neighborhood.

By Olivia Cruz Mayeda and Christian Leonard

The Bay Area's most racially diverse neighborhood doesn't have a plaque or a blue ribbon announcing its superlative. But on a warm Saturday in April, its unique diversity was obvious. Green plums swung from their

As gentrification threatens communities of color, 10-block slice of Oakland maintains unique character

boughs in Guillermina Alejo's garden, where she was trimming shrubs as her three grandsons stood by, each slightly taller and older than the next. Around the corner, Neesha Magar and Sharmila Rai were chatting in gilded saris by a table heaped waist-high with grapefruits, the laughter of **Diverse continues on A11**

## UCSF brain injury work may transform concussion care

Stephen Lam/S.F. Chronicle

Sean Sanford, 43, suffered a severe brain injury from a skateboarding accident in 2017 after which he developed a seizure disorder, insomnia and anxiety.

By Erin Allday

A team of neurologists led by UCSF scientists has developed a new scale for assessing damage caused by brain trauma that could overhaul the field of concussion medicine and help doctors better treat patients with both the least and most severe injuries, including those who are comatose and considered near-death. Health providers have been using the Glasgow Coma Scale to assess brain injuries for more than 50 years. The tool assigns patients a score based on their physical presentation, including how alert they are, whether they can speak **Brain continues on A9**

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