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'Family Zoning' plan OK'd by supes

Biggest legislative win for Lurie would rezone about 60% of city's north, west

By J.K. Dineen
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San Francisco Mayor Daniel Lurie won his biggest legislative victory Tuesday with approval of his "Family Zoning" plan, which will allow taller and denser housing in city neighborhoods from North Beach to the Marina to the Sunset that have

long resisted development. The passage capped off three years of fierce debate — an earlier version of the plan was initiated by former Mayor London Breed — marked by significant pushback. Lurie pushed hard for the votes needed to pass the plan and spent evenings at town halls *Zoning continues on A10*



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Mayor Daniel Lurie won the battle over his "Family Zoning" plan, but groups plan to sue.

Fight not over: Lawsuits threatened on both sides, and elections loom

By J.D. Morris
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Mayor Daniel Lurie and seven San Francisco supervisors won the near-term fight over Lurie's contentious plan to allow taller and denser housing in parts of the city that have long resisted new development.

But Tuesday's Board of Supervisors vote was not the final say on Lurie's "Family Zoning" plan. Now the mayor and supervisors who signed on to the rezoning effort will have to defend their actions against backlash that will feature prominently at the ballot next year and possibly in court as well. *Backlash continues on A10*



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Chimney Rock has pursued other, non-herbicide means of controlling weeds in its vineyard, like releasing flocks of sheep.

Oakland has 100 cops out amid staff, fiscal woes

By David Hernandez
STAFF WRITER

Roughly 100 Oakland police officers off the job on extended leave — many of whom are awaiting the outcome of plodding misconduct-related investigations — are costing the city millions of dollars a year at a time when it faces both a budget deficit and an officer shortage, according to department data and reports reviewed by the Chronicle. The absences mean that about 15% of the department's 622 officers are on some sort of leave, exacerbating a chronic staffing shortage. A study commissioned by the City Council that was released this year found that the department is already about 250 officers short of being able to handle its workload. As a result, the department consistently blows past its overtime budget to fill gaps. With Police Chief Floyd Mitchell set to retire Friday, the staffing woes and the costs associated with them are issues the next police *Leave continues on A8*

Roundup gets major snub

By Esther Mobley
SENIOR WINE CRITIC

The nonprofit Napa Green, which provides a prominent sustainability certification to Napa Valley vineyards, announced a major milestone on Tuesday: All 101 vineyards with the Napa Green credential have officially stopped using Roundup, the controversial weed killer that's been shown to cause cancer, according to

Nonprofit's membership of 101 vineyards has eliminated controversial herbicide

numerous studies. Vineyards and wineries seek the Napa Green certification to show consumers that they're taking steps toward sustainability. The protocol requires members to prove that they are practicing water efficiency, elements of regenerative agriculture and social equity (by paying a living wage to workers and participating in diversity workshops, for exam- *Napa Green continues on A9*

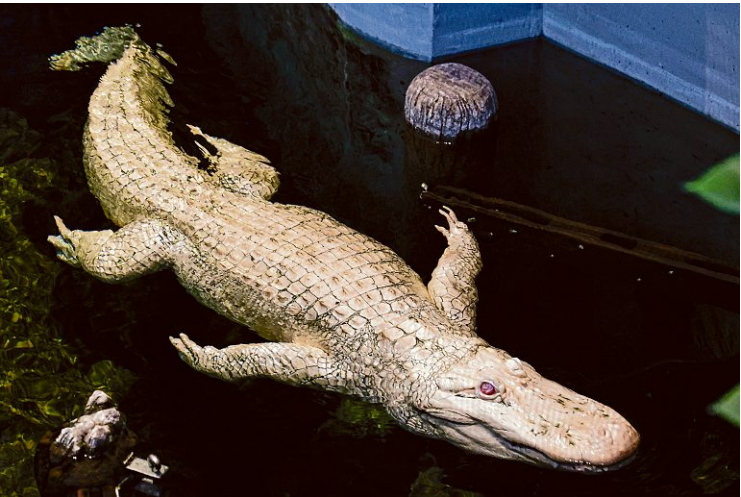
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Rare albino alligator was 'cold-blooded icon'

By Aidin Vaziri
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The California Academy of Sciences was mourning one of its most recognizable residents on Tuesday after Claude, the rare albino alligator who charmed millions of visitors over nearly two decades, died at age 30. Claude, whose ghost-white scales and placid demeanor made him an unlikely local ce-

lebrity, was under close veterinary care in recent weeks as his appetite declined. Museum officials said he was treated for a suspected infection, but despite intensive care, "this heartbreaking outcome is not what we hoped for." A full necropsy at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine was expected to determine the cause of death. "Claude showed us the power *Claude continues on A8*



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Claude, the first albino alligator in the California Academy of Sciences' history and its unofficial mascot, has died at age 30.