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U.S. Rep. Jared Huffman and his wife, Susan, meet with members of Modoc Indivisible in Alturas (Modoc County) on Jan. 28. Huffman's reconfigured district will expand to include much of the upper northeast of the state.

# Thrown to wolves in redrawn district

Progressive Marin congressman faces new journey on GOP-heavy turf

ALTURAS, Modoc County — The Supreme Court has not yet signed off on California's Proposition 50, which redrew the state's congressional boundaries in order to boost the number of Democrats in Congress. But Rep. Jared Huffman is not waiting. He's already started visiting the most remote parts of his radically redrawn district, which is now set to include one of the most conservative corners of the state.

At times, it felt like a scene from a sitcom: A progressive congressman from Marin County trying to woo Trump-loving locals in California's MAGA-iest corner. A place so right-leaning that

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Huffman, D-San Rafael, listens to a question during a meeting with Pit River Tribe leadership on Jan. 27 on a trip to get to know future constituents.

the Democratic Party doesn't even have a local chapter. It is a district that, until his death last month, has been represented by Republican Rep. Doug LaMalfa, who voted with President Donald Trump 100% of the time in 2025, according to the Center for American Progress. It is home to ranchers and megachurches. And it's where 62% of voters supported recalling Gavin Newsom in 2021; 72% of the voters in Huffman's current district opposed it. Now it is being stretched to include Marin County and the rest of Huffman's far more urban and progressive Bay Area turf.

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## Mountain View police turn off license plate readers

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The Mountain View Police Department has shut off its Flock Safety cameras after learning federal officials were able to access license plate data without the city's knowledge.

Police Chief Mike Canfield said in a statement Monday that out-of-state agencies had access to the data by circumventing safeguards that officials believed were in place, a major safety lapse that Canfield called unacceptable.

At least four federal agen-

cies accessed the data from the Flock cameras without permission from August to November 2024, police said. As a result, the cameras have been shut off amid concerns by city officials and mounting criticism of the system's use by concerned residents who don't feel the

company's security policies are appropriate. "While the Flock Safety pilot program demonstrated clear value in enhancing our ability to protect our community and help us solve crimes, I personally no longer have confidence in this particular

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## Startling wake-up call for East Bay

After a day with 75 quakes, experts emphasize preparation

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Sue Wild was attempting to go back to sleep just before 6:30 a.m. Monday when she was jolted wide awake by intense shaking. "It literally felt like a freight train was coming through the middle of the bed," the San Ramon resident said. The early-morning quake was the first of 75 quakes that struck the area Monday, ranging from a magnitude of 1.3 to 4.2, according to preliminary data from the U.S. Geological Survey. The biggest temblor struck just after 7 a.m. southeast of San Ramon, with reports of rumbling felt in Oakland, Richmond, San Leandro and Hayward. The numbers could change as scientists confirm earthquake activity. The quakes all had epicenters around Alcosta Boulevard in San Ramon. Earthquakes have been a common occurrence in the Tri-Valley region in recent months. The area around San Ramon recorded 87 quakes stronger than magnitude 2 over November and December, according to a Chronicle analysis of U.S. Geological Survey data. That two-month tally, which included earthquakes with preliminary magnitudes, was among the area's highest on record.

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## S.F.'s building inspection chief who led reforms slated to retire

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After 26 years inside one of San Francisco's most powerful and troubled city agencies, Patrick O'Riordan, the carpenter-turned-inspector who took over the Department of Building Inspection after a federal corruption probe, will retire effective March 20. The announcement comes as Mayor Daniel Lurie has escalated ongoing efforts to overhaul the city's development bureaucracy, having proposed this month an unprecedented merger of San Francisco Planning and the DBI — a charter change that would require voter approval and could fundamentally reshape how San Francisco regulates growth. Combining the planning and building entities would take 12 to 18 months to complete, Lurie told reporters earlier this month. But the 63-year-old building inspection chief told the Chronicle his impending de-

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New England Patriots linebacker Amari Gainer takes a selfie with fans on Monday during Super Bowl LX Opening Night at the San Jose Convention Center.

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