

DEA GETS CLOSER TO NEW POLICIES ON POT

Planned shift would reclassify marijuana as a less dangerous drug but not legalize it.

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will move to reclassify marijuana as a less dangerous drug, a historic shift to generations of American drug policy that could have wide ripple effects across the country.

The DEA's proposal, which still must be reviewed by the White House Office of Management and Budget, would recognize the medical uses of cannabis and acknowledge that it has less potential for abuse than some of the nation's most dangerous drugs. However, the proposal would not legalize marijuana outright for recreational use.

The agency's move, confirmed to the Associated Press on Tuesday by five people familiar with the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive review, will clear the last significant regulatory hurdle before the agency's biggest policy change in more than 50 years can take effect.

[See Marijuana, A9]

Trump is held in contempt and fined

Judge orders him to pay \$9,000 and warns of jail risk if he further violates gag order.

By Michael R. Sisak, Jennifer Peltz, Jake Offenhartz and Colleen Long

NEW YORK — Donald Trump was held in contempt of court Tuesday and fined \$9,000 for repeatedly violating a gag order that barred him from making public statements about witnesses, jurors and some others connected to his New York hush money case. And if he does it again, the judge warned, the former president could be jailed.

Prosecutors had alleged 10 violations, but New York Judge Juan M. Merchan found there were nine. The ruling was a stinging rebuke for the presumptive Republican nominee, who had insisted he was exercising his free speech rights. Trump stared down at the table in front of him as the judge read the ruling, frowning slightly.

Merchan wrote that he is "keenly aware of, and protective of," Trump's 1st Amendment rights, "particularly given his candidacy for the office of President of the United States."

"It is critically important that defendant's legitimate [See Trump, A8]



STUDENTS continue to protest at Cal Poly Humboldt, where pro-Palestinian demonstrators have occupied a building for more than a week. They've painted buildings with graffiti and twice forced police to retreat.

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Influential panel urges biennial mammograms starting at age 40

By Karen Kaplan

To counteract growing rates of breast cancer in younger women and to reduce racial disparities in deaths, an influential panel has changed its advice and is urging most women to begin getting regular mammograms at age 40.

The new recommendations from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force say women without genetic mutations that make it extremely likely they will develop breast cancer should get their first mammogram to screen for the disease at age 40 and should continue with the exams every other year until they turn 74. The guidelines were published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Assn.

Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers among women in [See Breast cancer, A8]



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A FEDERAL task force has revised its guidance; it previously said asymptomatic women could begin breast cancer screening at age 50.

For Lakers, good was not enough

Injuries, multiple lineup changes derailed a season that held promise



LAKERS forward LeBron James takes a tumble during a March game. James was one of the team's bright spots at age 39, but another season ended without a title.

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By Dan Woike

LeBron James and his Lakers teammates were overcome with disbelief. They rushed to the monitor on the scorer's table in Minnesota to see the play in dispute.

They pleaded and pointed at the zoomed-in image of the toe of James' right sneaker and the blue three-point line it might or might not have touched.

James was sure he was behind it. Replay officials were not.

The shot, which would have tied the score and probably forced overtime, was ruled a two-point shot. They lost.

On Dec. 30 in Minnesota, the Lakers felt they were an inch away from a win, so close to some salvation after a brutal month.

"Stevie Wonder can see that, champ," James said after the loss. "Over there in the replay center or whatever, somebody over there eating a ham sandwich, or somebody made the call."

With the Lakers' season over, a frame-by-frame examination of what happened isn't necessary.

"Your eyes will tell you," said one Lakers insider not authorized to publicly discuss team operations.

There was no need to en- [See Lakers, A11]

Protests on Gaza engulf a small university

Cal Poly Humboldt's students have engaged in vigorous disruption, occupying a building.

By Jessica Garrison and Jenny Jarvie

ARCATA, Calif. — Before dawn Tuesday, more than 100 law enforcement officers in riot gear marched into the quad of Cal Poly Humboldt, clutching guns and batons.

They encircled a small group of protesters — including a furry in a lime-green costume — who knelt on the ground, holding hands and reciting native chants.

"Resistance is justified!" the crowd yelled as officers informed them they were being arrested before pulling them up, one by one, and fastening their hands with zip ties.

The scene capped an extraordinary weeklong protest at this public university that has emerged as California's strongest epicenter of civil disobedience over Israel's war against Hamas in Gaza.

Students at the state's major campuses, including USC and UC Berkeley, have made the news over the last week. But Cal Poly Humboldt, tucked at the base of a redwood forest in rural Northern California and home to 5,976 students in Arcata, has taken on an outside role. Students have engaged in more vigorous disruption, occupying an academic and administrative building, painting buildings with graffiti and twice prompting police to retreat.

Humboldt is one of the smallest and most isolated of the Cal State schools, a hub for students in the rural towns and former logging communities of California's far north coast and interior.

Yet those on campus understand why it has be- [See Humboldt, A6]

More tents bring tensions, arrests

Pro-Palestinian demonstrations spread across California's universities and colleges. **NATION, A6**

Cable fees drag Paramount

Carriage talks with Charter could depress the company's value as it weighs buyout offers. **BUSINESS, A10**

Population of California rises

Fewer deaths and more immigrants helped bring up the state's numbers in 2023. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Tony Awards are a mixed bag

In a crowded Broadway season, "Hell's Kitchen" and "Stereophonic" are the top nominees. **CALENDAR, E1**

Weather

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