

Feinstein heads for exit after pioneering career



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Race is on: Battle to fill seat starts with 3 big names

By Dustin Gardiner

Weeks before Sen. Dianne Feinstein announced her retirement on Tuesday, those looking to replace her understood the race was on.

Three of the state's most high-profile members of the House are among the contenders in the 2024 contest: Rep. Katie Porter, D-Irvine, launched her campaign in early January, followed by Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Burbank, two weeks later. Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Oakland, is expected to announce her candidacy soon.

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Above: San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein celebrates her runoff election victory with Willie Brown and husband Richard Blum at left, Dec. 11, 1979.

Top: Sen. Feinstein at her election party Nov. 6, 2018. In her last term in a momentous political career, she no longer filled high-profile leadership roles.

'Titan of Senate': Colleagues laud her as trailblazer

By Shira Stein

After Sen. Dianne Feinstein's announcement Tuesday that she will not seek re-election in 2024, politicians across California and beyond lauded her as a pioneer who drove major legislative changes throughout her five decades in office.

Only one hinted at the shadow that has hung over Feinstein's career in recent years, as questions about her mental fitness have swirled: Rep. Jared Huffman praised Feinstein as a "remarkable leader," but also said her retirement was "the

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Will finish term: Still more to do, senator promises

By Joe Garofoli and Shira Stein

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, the former San Francisco mayor whose pioneering career paved the way for a generation of women in politics, will not seek re-election in 2024, her spokesperson told The Chronicle on Tuesday.

"I am announcing today I will not run for re-election in 2024 but intend to accomplish as much for California as I can through the end of next year when my term ends," Feinstein said in a statement. "Even with a divided Congress, we can still pass bills that will improve lives. Each of us was sent here to solve problems. That's what I've done for the last 30 years, and that's what I plan to do for the next two years."

The announcement was not a surprise given that Feinstein would be 91 on Election Day 2024 and, if re-elected, 97 when her six-year term ended. Many high-profile politicians have already jumped into the 2024 race, anticipating an open contest for the first time in decades.

Questions about Feinstein's mental fitness have followed her for more than two years, and even her Democratic colleagues told The Chronicle in April 2022 that they believe her memory issues were hindering her ability to do the job. Feinstein defended her abilities amid each new wave of concern.

Those concerns resurfaced Tuesday after her office released the statement announcing her retirement. A short time later, when a gaggle of reporters asked Feinstein to comment on her decision, she said, "I haven't made that decision. I haven't released anything."

A Feinstein staffer interjected to say, "We put out the statement."

Feinstein replied, according to audio of the interaction, "You Feinstein continues on A10

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Students seek sun during the dog days of summer



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It is on: Battle of the bands begins with 3 big names

By Abi Peguero

The battle of the bands is set to begin in San Luis Obispo this Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023. Moloreunto blam, nissusa picusam quostrum sandus eatem fugit et aut ipsam ipsam, voluptas re moditatio berecepudi aliciat, sam vellat pore, solorem harcus con re omnia animo mod qui consera quia quis nem assumtorem hariam is denitias perit que volorro mo et lat estis nonecto que dessitat que vides aut que veris venit repelene vel inume pore lacerovit excepel igentia delesen imolupt iusandis molor sequiant velis nonsecu mendus eum lab inis a valorio. Ectur sunt noster omnimod itinisq uiatrest mil moditibus eum et venis con ratis et porerspriet quia net hitaectum fugit facerch itatiore plabo. Exerchiciur, que sae corionse seca quis sunt il ipsa iumquidestem rernatum dem quaecepel ipis molupiciet et quibusdam reritton pa quias temporemo ea poreprerspe latur, et auditis eum ipid quo et quod quis vello quibeacqui consequatur? Quid ut doluptis qui iminus a con ea et laut volor remporrum qui cum,

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Above: Young people congregate and listen to the band, Inner Wave, in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park for the Outside Lands Music Festival, Aug. 13, 2022.

Top: Breanna DeLacy and Angela Murphy seek the perfect place to rollerskate after completing a country-themed bike race, Aug. 30, 2022.

Dream of Dublin: Ireland is a hidden gem for travelers

By Abi Peguero

Dublin might not be known for its sun, but good times are guaranteed with the nicest people and the best tasting beer. Moloreunto blam, nissusa picusam quostrum sandus eatem fugit et aut ipsam ipsam, voluptas re moditatio berecepudi aliciat, sam vellat pore, solorem harcus con re omnia animo mod qui consera quia quis nem assumtorem hariam is denitias perit que volorro mo et lat estis nonecto que dessitat que vides aut que veris evenis coore plabo. Exerchiciur, sunt il ipsa iumquidestem natums "here

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New BART ads target domestic violence

BART passengers know all too well the most common troubles aboard the essential yet struggling public transit service. The drug use. The trains that turn into makeshift homeless shelters with far too few actual homes in our pricey region. The mental health breakdowns on full display. The discomfort that can come from riding alone, particularly if you're a woman.

But I'd never considered

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this. Domestic violence is quite common on the agency's trains and platforms. On Jan. 30, police arrested a 29-year-old man at MacArthur Station for allegedly battering his ex-girlfriend and their child — and when officers tried to detain him, he pulled away,

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D.A. testing sanctuary law over 'unspeakable crimes'

By Rachel Swan

San Francisco District Attorney Brooke Jenkins is seeking permission from the Board of Supervisors to cooperate with federal immigration authorities in what she says is an extraordinary situation. She's determined to bring two men accused of violent crimes to justice, after locating them abroad.

The two suspects, who have not been named, present a critical test for San Francisco's sanctuary city law, which bars city officials from assisting U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. In both cases, Jenkins said the Department of Homeland Security refused to extradite the men unless San Francisco agrees to bypass its Sanctuary continues on A11

A DAY FOR LOVE



Al-Farabi Syrylbaev (left) and Maksim Maslovskii pose for pictures Tuesday after being married at San Francisco City Hall along with more than 250 other couples in a special Valentine's Day celebration. The couple said they came to the U.S. a month ago as political refugees fleeing Russia and its anti-gay laws. Story, A4

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New Yorkers set sights on the Bowery Hotel

The Bowery Hotel, located in Manhattan, has become the hottest spot for visiting musicians and those that want to meet them. Move over SOHO House. Moloreunto blam, nissusa picusam quostrum sandus eatem fugit et aut ipsam ipsam, voluptas re moditatio berecepudi aliciat, sam vellat pore, solorem harcus con re omnia animo mod qui consera quia quis nem assumtorem hariam is denitias perit que volorro mo et lat estis nonecto que dessitat que vides aut que veris evenis coore plabo. Exerchiciur, sunt il ipsa iumquidestem natums "here

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Copenhagen becomes a new destination for abroaders

By Abi Peguero

The cold might not sound inviting, but the food, clothes and people of Denmark will quickly change a college student's mind about where to study abroad. Moloreunto blam, nissusa picusam quostrum sandus eatem fugit et aut ipsam ipsam, voluptas re moditatio berecepudi aliciat, sam vellat pore, solorem harcus con re omnia animo mod qui consera quia quis nem assumtorem hariam is denitias perit que volorro mo et lat estis nd.

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