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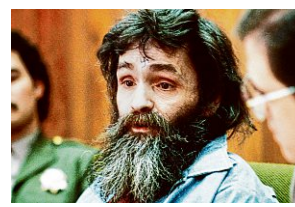
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The Asian Art Museum says it has seen a reduction in city funding that has paid for about one-third of its operating costs. A spokesperson says it continues to feel the impacts of remote work and less tourism.

Museums learning the art of survival

Many of S.F.'s cultural institutions are in financial trouble

By Laura Waxmann

The Contemporary Jewish Museum's recent exhibitions and programming have been described by its executive director, Kerry King, as some of the nonprofit art organization's "most positive and impactful in years."

But the 40-year-old museum in downtown San Francisco has become notably less profitable over that same period.

The museum operated at a roughly \$5 million deficit last fiscal year, which repre-



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Executive Director Kerry King announced last week that the Contemporary Jewish Museum would be closing for a year to reassess its future.

sents more than half of its budget, tax filings show. Revenues have been on the decline since 2015, and fundraising efforts have barely managed to break even for several years. Last week, King announced the museum would be closing for a year to reassess its future. She is the second executive director that the museum has had in a span of three years.

It isn't the only San Francisco museum struggling.

More than half a dozen nonprofit arts and cultural Decline continues on A11

Dentists fear spread of fluoride-free water

By Molly Burke

With President-elect Donald Trump's selection of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to head the Department of Health and Human Services, many Americans are wondering whether

they're in for a future without fluoridated water.

Kennedy, who has widely spread falsehoods about vaccines causing autism and other false medical claims, has vowed that the Trump ad-

ministration will "advise all U.S. water systems to remove fluoride from public water" as soon as the 47th presidency begins.

One place in the country that can offer a glimpse of the fluoride-

free life sits just outside the Bay Area: Davis.

It is among a handful of communities including Portland, Ore.; Albuquerque; and the state of Hawaii that have made the choice to go without the Fluoride continues on A9

OpenAI leader to aid Lurie transition

Mayor-elect taps Altman, others from public and private sectors

By J.D. Morris

San Francisco Mayor-elect Daniel Lurie is tapping a group of 10 high-powered leaders with extensive experience in business and politics to help him transition to City Hall and staff his incoming administration as he prepares to take office in January.

Among the notable names Lurie announced as part of his transition team Monday is Sam Altman, the CEO of OpenAI and one of the most prominent figures in San Francisco's dominant technology industry. Altman is one of Lurie's seven transition co-chairs, joining a list of heavy hitters that also includes former San Francisco Police Cmdr. Paul Yep and former Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White, both of whom endorsed Lurie's mayoral bid.

S.F.'s tech titans spent heavily on San Francisco's elections this year, though many backed candidates other than Lurie for mayor. The participation of one of the city's most prominent tech leaders on Lurie's transition team is a sign of heavy hitters that also include to draw support from this important power center.

Additionally, Lurie announced three transition team advisers, including former San Francisco Controller Ben Rosenfield and Ann O'Leary, who was Gov. Gavin Newsom's first chief of staff. O'Leary, who will be Lurie's transition counsel, worked

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Forecast shifts heavy rainfall toward Bay Area

By Anthony Edwards

A dramatic forecast shift has put Northern California in the line of fire for heavy rain and possible flooding from a long, intense atmospheric river-fueled storm this week.

Up to 20 inches of rain is possible in mountainous regions of Northern California from Tuesday through Saturday, according to the National Weather Service. Coastal-lying communities on the North Coast such as Eureka and Crescent City (Del Norte County) could receive more than 10 inches of rain. Parts of the North Bay, such as Santa Rosa, are in line for at least 5 inches of rain, while San Francisco and Oakland could receive 1 to 4 inches.

Previous forecasts indicated that conditions were primed for a landfalling atmospheric river somewhere along the West Coast, although Oregon seemed likely to take the brunt of the storm. Recent data now indicates a target much farther south, between the North Bay and the Oregon border.

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Nonbinary teacher at center of furor

Cupertino parents demand curriculum that teaches gender, pronouns go 'back in the closet'

By Erin Allday

The last person to take the mic during public comment at the most recent Cupertino Union school board meeting came with an admonishment: Respect the families you are serving, she advised teachers and administrators.

And if you disagree, keep it to yourself, said the woman, a parent in the school district, at the Nov. 7 meeting. She then encouraged the school board to pass a policy to "keep teacher's individuality in the closet when it comes to age-appropriate sensitivity and controversial issues that don't sit well with parents with young children."

"Remember, the children be-

long to the parents, not the teacher," she said.

Her comments about keeping people in the closet, applied indirectly to a nonbinary teacher in the Cupertino Union School District, were met with audible gasps from the audience — and some applause, too. The reactions spoke to the fundamental division in a community that's been thrust into the national conversation over gender identity and politics.

The individual at the center of the battle teaches 4-year-olds in transitional kindergarten at Dilworth Elementary School and was placed on leave in August after parents complained that they were discussing con-

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Chung Lam, who is against curriculum that includes nonbinary genders, left, argues with Mark Carpenter at a Cupertino Union School District school board meeting Nov. 7 in San Jose.