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Members of the SF LGBT Center march Sunday in the Pride Parade on Market Street in San Francisco.

Flamboyant show of resistance

Parade takes on political tone with rights threatened

By Connor Letourneau, **Megan Cassidy** and Sam Whiting

As San Francisco's LGBTQ+ month-long Pride celebration culminated Sunday in a massive rainbow-laden party packing city streets, event leaders made one thing clear: These were no ordinary festivities.

President Donald Trump's recent assault on queer and transgender protections prompted some of San Francisco Pride's biggest corporate sponsors to flee, raising ımportant auestions

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Two members of Dykes on Bikes embrace on Market Street Sunday before the parade that was part party, part protest.

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State may prove tough for Tesla robotaxis

By Rachel Swan

When Tesla rolled out a primitive robotaxi service Sunday in Austin, Texas, it took the reverse approach of its competitors.

While other companies, such as Waymo, highlight

their time-intensive engineering and heavy investments in safety and reliability, experts have marveled at Tesla's more radical philosophy: Scrap the sophisticated hardware, put full faith in AI, deploy in places that don't have a

lot of rules.

It all seemed very seatof-the-pants, befitting Tesla's brash chief executive, Elon Musk. And the first days were messy. Viral videos of the robotaxis depict basic fumbles, like the car pulling up nearly a block away from its pickup spot. Though the erratic behavior echoed early phases of Waymo and General Motors' self-driving subsidiary, Cruise, Tesla's mishaps drew immediate derision. By Wednesday, com-

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Homeless agencies' execs paid big bucks

Some getting more than twice the average S.F. household income

By Maggie Angst and Emma Stiefel

Nonprofits serving homeless people in San Francisco work with the city's poorest and most vulnerable people, yet some of their top executives are earning salaries and benefits totaling more than double the city's average household income, a Chronicle analysis has

Nongovernmental organizations in San Francisco play a crucial role in the city's efforts to address its homelessness crisis, and experts say transparency regarding executive pay, the organizations' fiscal health and program outcomes is integral to ensuring accountability and building donor trust.

The 20 nonprofits that have the largest amounts in active contracts with San Francisco's Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing have been awarded almost \$2 billion from the city since 2017. While those city contracts represent a large chunk of the overall funding of some of the organizations, they represent only a small portion for others.

According to their most recent tax returns, the nonprofits pulled in a combined \$1.8 billion from all of their funding sources in fiscal year 2023, including charitable contributions, private donations and contracts with San Francisco and other public entities.

The average total compensation, including benefits,

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Lurie thought CEO of S.F. Zoo would step down

By Tara Duggan

In the latest twist in the saga surrounding San Francisco Zoo leadership, its embattled leader, Tanya Peterson, talked to Mayor Daniel Lurie on Thursday about her future. But the two sides came away from the conversation with different interpretations of what was said.

Lurie told his advisers and one San Francisco supervisor that Peterson had said to him that she planned to resign as CEO and executive director of the San Francisco Zoological Society, which runs the city-owned zoo. On Friday evening, Lurie's office issued a statement to the Chronicle welcoming the expected change in leadership.

But on Friday night, Peterson's spokesperson said she had no intention of leaving.

"She had a productive and good conversation with the mayor yesterday," San Francisco public relations consultant Sam Singer said. "She made it clear that she will always do what is best for the zoo, even if that meant resigning. However, no one has asked for her resignation, nor has she offered it. So there is no resignation by Tanya Peterson. And she has no intention of leaving. She was speaking philosophically and generally with the mayor."

Lurie declined an interview request. When his office was told Singer's statement, the mayor, through a Zoo continues on A7

Day laborers live in fear of ICE raids

Many looking for work worry that pickup locations could be targeted

By Sarah Ravani and Jessica Flores

On the edge of the parking lot of a Home Depot in Alameda County this past week, a woman sold a warm cup of atole, a traditional masa-based drink from Mexico, to a man and his son. She had just returned to her post after a week of hiding at home with her 12-year-old son after hearing rumors of an ICE raid nearby.

"I would rather lose a day of work than risk something happening to me," said the woman, who

declined to share her name due to fear of immigration authorities. However, she said she could not afford to stay home any longer.

Across from her small stand were nearly a dozen men grappling with the same dilemma - day laborers who are hired for all manner of jobs by customers looking for skilled help at a low price, but who are now fearful that the public way they solicit work might make them targets of President Don-

ald Trump's mass depor-Work continues on A10



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Luis Valentan of the National Day Laborer Organizing Network says the Trump administration "is creating a really, really hostile environment."

