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California's population rises slightly

Data shows growth is first for state in years, but some parts of Bay Area keep shrinking

By Roland Li

California's population grew slightly in 2023 for the first time in years as deaths fell and international immigration continued to recover, new state data shows.

There were 39.1 million state residents at the end of last year, an estimated gain of 0.17%, or

over 67,000 people from the prior year, according to state Department of Finance data released Tuesday. During the first year of the pandemic, the state saw its first population loss on record, and slowing growth in the prior decade led to the loss of a congressional seat.

Walter Schwarm, the Department of Finance's chief demographer, described last year as a return to the "old normal" before the pandemic, with deaths lessening as the pandemic eased and fewer people moving out of the

"Most employers are not on a

pure work-from-home basis," he

A net of about 114,000 people immigrated legally into the state from abroad during 2023, up from a net 90,000 people in 2022 and near pre-pandemic levels. California has around 12% of the

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Humboldt protesters ejected



Justin Maxon/Special to the Chronicle Some 300 officers in riot gear arrived at Cal Poly Humboldt early Tuesday, making arrests and clearing and securing two buildings.

Police arrest 35 after weeklong pro-Palestinian occupation at Cal Poly

By Nanette Asimov, Jordan Parker and August Linton

ARCATA, Humboldt County Police arrested at least 35 pro-Palestinian protesters at Cal Poly Humboldt early Tuesday morning, a week after students took over an administration building and refused to leave in an occupation that put the remote Northern California college at the front of a wave of student actions across the country.

Shortly before 3 a.m., some 300

officers in riot gear "cleared and secured" the administration building, Siemens Hall, and an academic building, Nelson Hall East, university officials reported. Late last week, the university moved all instruction online and closed the campus through the end of the school year, May 10, as the building occupiers attracted national attention amid a growing number of student protests against Israel's war in Gaza.

"This is a difficult day," campus President Tom Jackson Jr. said in **Humboldt continues on A10**



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condemns protests. A10 Demonstrations spread

at colleges statewide. All S.F. State protesters set

up encampment. All

Protesters confront a police vehicle playing a recorded statement that

ordered them to leave

late Monday. Alexandra Hootnick/ Special to the Chronicle

Breed proposes bond to boost infrastructure, public spaces

By J.D. Morris

Mayor London Breed hopes to send a \$360 million bond to San Francisco voters in November to fund a variety of infrastructure projects and public space improvements, including seismic safety work at the city's public hospital and upgrades to two key transit plazas.

Breed announced Monday that her proposal would pro-

vide \$167 million to help finance retrofits at San Francisco General Hospital and the Laguna Honda public nursing home that recently survived a threatened closure by the federal government. The money would further help renovate and expand the decades-old Chinatown Public Health Center on Mason Street above the Broadway Tunnel.

Also included in the bond would be \$70 million for road

repairs and \$50 million to help shelter and house homeless families, either by buying new sites or renovating existing ones. The city would further plan to use the bond to invest \$25 million into a face-lift of Harvey Milk Plaza at the Castro Muni station, as well as an elevator repair and other enhancements to Powell station's Hallidie Plaza.

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State says new ban on junk fees includes surcharges on diners

By Elena Kadvany

The California attorney general's office confirmed on Tuesday that a new state law that bans junk fees will apply to surcharges at restaurants, following months of anxiety and confusion in the food industry.

Starting July 1, under SB478, California restaurants will no

longer be able to charge service fees — which have become an increasingly common tool to sustain higher wages for workers as food businesses move away from tips — and must instead fold them into menu prices, the attorney general's office said. The law applies to all fees other than taxes, the attorney general's office said, in-

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