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Stephisha Ycoy-Walton teaches a financial literacy course April 10 at Franklin Elementary School in Oakland. The course teaches how to manage money and the difference between needs and wants.

A vital life skill: Managing money

Kids get early lesson at Oakland school — leaders want more

By Jill Tucker

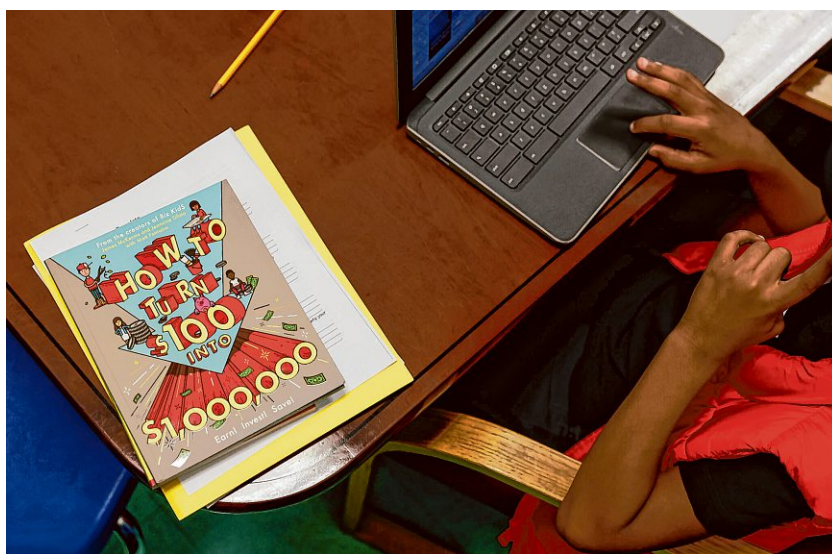
Mecca Pruitt found success quickly in business, earning a profit weeks after launching his company and reaping gains in the stock market, a hobby that has him checking trends throughout the day and researching potential trades at night and on weekends.

"Finance is my love language," he said.

But he's not your typical Bay Area businessperson.

Sometimes, he gets in trouble because he's checking his investment portfolio instead of focusing on the math worksheet sitting on his desk or the writing assignment his teacher

Finance continues on A9



Franklin Elementary fifth grader Mecca Pruitt, 11, runs a profitable business thanks to the lessons learned in his financial literacy course.

Warnings preceded jail attacks by inmates

S.F. deputies detailed concerns on staffing in November letter to sheriff

By Megan Cassidy

Five months before San Francisco jails were forced into lockdown this weekend after a rash of alleged attacks on staff by incarcerated people, nearly 100 deputies attempted to warn Sheriff Paul Miyamoto of increasingly dangerous conditions caused by what they described as "critical" levels of staffing shortages.

Deputies at County Jail No. 3 were "mentally and physically exhausted," said the Nov. 29 letter to Miyamoto, which was signed by 92 deputies. Jail officials, they continued, "have created an unsafe environment, one in which fights, drug use, assaults on staff and blatant disregard for rules and deputies' orders have increased."

Violence erupted again Tuesday in Jail No. 3, with an incident involving a handmade weapon and a man barricading himself in a cell, Miyamoto told reporters who gathered Tuesday afternoon at the Hall of Justice, where staff from the sheriff's office had displayed two large photos of deputy injuries. One showed a lump on the back of a deputy's head, apparently from falling on the floor after an incarcerated person repeatedly attacked him, Miyamoto said.

The other photo showed the arm of a deputy that was "bitten so hard" it went through two layers of clothing and punctured through his skin, Miyamoto said. In that instance, the alleged attacker was fully restrained — in maximum protective restraint gear — but still managed to bite the deputy, according to the sheriff.

Jails continues on A10

Alameda County district attorney to face recall vote

By David Hernandez

Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price is set to face a recall election, the county Registrar of Voters announced Monday.

Critics of Price who organized a campaign to remove her from office collected 74,757 valid signatures, the registrar's office said in a statement. The campaign needed at least 73,195 valid signatures to trigger a recall election.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors will consider the results at a meeting April 30, the registrar's office said. The recall campaign called on supervisors to schedule a special election within 125 days as outlined in state law.

Price, a former civil rights attorney, won her seat with 53% of the vote in 2022 after she promised to reduce mass incarceration, lighten sentences for defendants under age 25 and hold police accountable for misconduct. When she took office, she drew opposition from prosecutors and community members who view her policies as too lenient. In July, less than seven months into her term, her critics formed a recall committee.

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Protesters used familiar tactic to stop traffic

By Rachel Swan

When protesters demanding an end to Israel's war in Gaza brought Bay Area traffic to a halt for hours Monday morning, they used a human-chain tactic that's become increasingly common in the past 10 years.

Law enforcement has a

name for it: the sleeping dragon. The term typically applies to instances of people locking their arms to carriage bolts inside PVC pipe, making it difficult for police to extricate them.

Two groups of demonstrators linked arms this way on key regional highways Monday, creating a dramatic tableau and

bringing maximum disruption to the morning commute. The first group blocked northbound Interstate 880 near the Embarcadero exit in Oakland, where seven people chained themselves to six concrete barrels at 6 a.m.

Prosecutors haven't ruled out charges for Bay Area bridge protesters.

The second group shut down southbound lanes of the Golden Gate Bridge by locking themselves to parked cars, CHP said.

Organizers of these actions said in public statements that they had blocked the highways in conjunction with other economic blockades around

Tactic continues on A9

To S.F.'s relief, bathroom wasn't that pricey after all

Famed Noe Valley loo finally opens after flap over estimated cost

When Leslie Crawford heard the Noe Valley Town Square bathroom was finally open, she responded how she normally does these days: with a bathroom pun.

"What can I say?" she quipped. "It's a great relief."

The San Francisco toilet that made international news when a Chronicle column revealed its \$1.7 million price tag, opened quietly on Monday morning,

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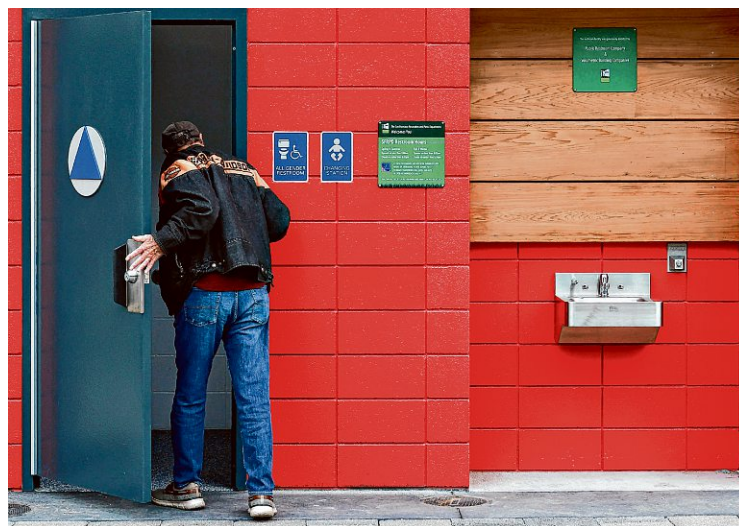
Mayor's plan aims to speed up small public projects. **A8**

after installation and an inspection were completed.

The bathroom, which ultimately cost the city about 12%

of the original estimate, is tasteful if underwhelming, with cinder-block walls painted orange-red, standing sentry near the northeast entrance of the well-used public plaza where it now resides. With the loo open for business, Noe residents have gained two things: a place to go and San Francisco's newest landmark, arguably the most famous

Bathroom continues on A8



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Dan Keller of Pacifica peeks inside the public restroom on its opening day Monday in the Noe Valley Town Square.

