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Emily Chan, 14, applies lotion to her face at home in Palo Alto on Sunday. Chan and her mother, Carol, support a state Assembly bill that, if passed, would ban the sale of the majority of anti-aging cosmetic products to children under 13.

Proposed bill would ban the sale of anti-aging products containing certain ingredients to children under 13

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As a 14-year-old interested in skin care, Emily Chan thought dabbing her face with her mom's anti-aging products would help nourish her skin.

What she didn't know was that the creams contained ingredients such as retinol and hyaluronic acid. Both can improve the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles by increasing skin cell production, but they also can cause irritation that results in redness and itchiness, espe-

cially on young skin.

The Palo Alto eighth grader learned that the hard way when her face started turning red and blotchy.

"I would use her products without knowing my skin was pretty sensitive," Emily said. "Now I have to be careful about the products I'm using."

While anti-aging products are generally intended for those over 30, Emily said she often sees teenagers using them in social media videos. That's why she's supporting a bill introduced last month by state Assembly-



Products containing anti-aging ingredients belonging to Carol Chan are seen in her Palo Alto home. Her daughter, Emily, got blotches on her face after using similar products.

member Alex Lee, a 28-year-old Milpitas Democrat, that would ban the sale of anti-aging skin care or cosmetic products containing certain ingredients like retinol to

children under 13.

More children and teenagers are being exposed to adult skin care products through social media and

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CONGRESSIONAL HEARING

Panel to question education officials

Berkeley leader will be among district representatives who will likely be grilled about free speech

By Dana Goldstein and Sarah Mervosh
New York Times

School district officials have faced off with students, parents, school board members and teachers about issues related to the Israel-Hamas war — but until now, not members of Congress.

Today, leaders from three public school districts — New York City; Berkeley; and Montgomery County in Maryland — will be questioned by members of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, which has grilled four college presidents on accusations of campus antisemitism, helping to topple two of them.

For the three public school leaders, who are likely to face a similarly tense environment, "it's hard to imagine a less welcome invitation," said Justin Driver, a professor at Yale Law School who is an expert on how constitutional law applies to schools.

The three school districts, all diverse, have robust American Jewish communities. They are also in staunchly liberal areas, making them ripe targets for the Republicans who run the committee. And they have had their share of controversies.

In New York City, an elementary school posted a map of the "Arab world" that did not label Israel, identifying the country as "Palestine." In Montgomery County, outside Washington, swastikas have been drawn on school desks. And in Berkeley, several teachers presented lessons that referred to Israeli "apartheid" against Palestinians.

The district leaders — David Banks, chancellor of New York City schools; Enikia Ford Morthel, superintendent of Berkeley schools; and Karla

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'DESTINATION BUILDING'

Gilroy hopes ice skating venue is big draw for city

Massive facility to be operated by the Sharks will have an array of amenities

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Gilroy, known for its homegrown garlic, may soon be a destination for something completely different, and a whole lot colder — a year-round indoor ice skating center set to be among the largest in the Bay Area.

The massive ice sports complex will be fully operated by the San Jose Sharks and is slated to open in the fall of 2026 on the southern outskirts of Gilroy as part of the expanding Gilroy Sports Park

"This should be a destination building, and a reason to get off route 101," said City Manager Jimmy Forbis. "You don't even have to be there to enjoy the ice... It's really a community center."

Unveiled this week, the design plan for Gilroy Ice Center features an 80,000 square-foot complex with two NHL-sized rinks, a café, skate rental, store and fitness center that will be open to the public. A bar and restaurant will occupy the second floor between the two rinks, allowing visitors to watch hockey matches or skaters through windows overlooking the ice.

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HUSH MONEY TRIAL

Stormy Daniels talks about meeting Trump

Former porn star is sometimes graphic in testimony about their alleged sexual encounter

By Michael R. Sisak, Jennifer Peltz, Eric Tucker and Jake Offenhartz
Associated Press

NEW YORK » With Donald Trump sitting just feet away, Stormy Daniels testified Tuesday at the former president's hush money trial about a sexual encounter the porn actor says they had in 2006 that resulted in her being paid to keep silent during the presidential race 10 years later.

Jurors appeared riveted as Daniels offered a detailed and at times graphic account of the encounter Trump has denied. Trump stared straight ahead when Daniels entered the courtroom, later whispering to



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Stormy Daniels leaves the courthouse in New York on Tuesday after testifying about her alleged sexual encounter with Donald Trump in 2006, in addition to other topics.

his lawyers and shaking his head as she testified.

The testimony was by far the most-awaited spectacle

in a trial that has toggled between tabloidesque elements and dry record-keeping details. A courtroom ap-

pearance by an adult film actor who says she had an intimate encounter with a former American president added to the long list of historic firsts in a landmark case laden with claims of sex, payoffs and cover-ups and unfolding as the presumptive Republican nominee makes another bid for the White House.

Daniels veered into salacious details despite the repeated objections of defense lawyers, who demanded a mistrial over what they said were prejudicial and irrelevant comments.

"This is the kind of testimony that makes it impossible to come back from," attorney Todd Blanche said. "How can we come back

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