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A racer wearing a costume inspired by Bay Area Rapid Transit crosses the Bay to Breakers finish line Sunday in San Francisco. More than 16,700 registered participants finished the 12-kilometer (7.4-mile) race.

# Runners exercise their right to fun

Costumed or nude, thousands hit the streets for Bay to Breakers

#### By David Hernandez and Warren Pederson

Thousands of competitors hit San Francisco's streets Sunday morning for the 112th running of Bay to Breakers, a worldfamous footrace known as much for its colorful costumes as its competitive athletes.

The race attracted costumes of all kinds — crayons, bees, aliens and countless bananas and Waldos. One group

assembled Runners



Two racers dressed as unicorns pose for a photo while walking along the Bay to Breakers course.

early at Howard and Main streets, with the first wave of the race beginning shortly after 8 a.m. and the last wave at 8:45 a.m. Competitors were assigned 10 starting corrals based on their estimated finish times provided during registration. The course closed at 12:30 p.m. and the finish line at 1 p.m.

More than 16,700 registered participants finished the race, though the event also attracts thousands who don't finish or decline to register.

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## Nonprofit admits to misusing **\$3.8M**

Parks Alliance chair describes 'dumpster fire' in leaked email

#### By Michael Barba

The San Francisco Parks Alliance, a major nonprofit with a long history of beautifying the city's beloved public spaces, diverted at least \$3.8 million earmarked for specific projects to cover its operating expenses as the charity rapidly imploded, the Chronicle has learned.

The stunning admission comes in an email sent Thursday by the nonprofit's chair, Louise Mozingo, to one of its donors, in which the official described the financial crisis facing the Parks Alliance as "what a friend of mine would call a dump-

The organization's mismanagement might leave it no choice but to shut down, Mozingo wrote, a move that could damage park projects and leave many small businesses and organizations around town hurting for cash promised by

The revelations are spurring some of those impacted to call for a criminal investigation. One official on Tuesday called for a hearing at City Hall, and a number of the nonprofit's partners have come together to try to save it.

The Parks Alliance has been viewed as a crucial supporter and fundraiser for everything from new parks to trail maintenance, gardening projects and habitat restoration in San Francisco. It has also hosted well-attended events, such as out-

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### Newsom seen by voters as more focused on image

Unsolicited advice for Kamala Harris as she ponders whether to run for governor: Don't be like Gavin Newsom.

Newsom has spent so much time talking about national issues that voters think he's more tocused on running for his next office, even when

JOE **GAROFOLI** IT'S ALL POLITICAL he isn't. The latest example came this past week when Newsom announced that his new budget plan would force undocumented immigrants to start paying for state-

administered health care and there would be a cap on new enrollment for the benefit. Was that a move aimed at helping California's bottom line in 2026 or Newsom's expected 2028 White House run by showing he could take a tough line on undocumented immigrants?

Some top Latino organizations are seeing the move more as political than budgetary.

Julian Castro, a former San Antonio mayor, secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 2020 presidential candidate and now CEO of the Latino Community Foundation, told me in a statement that "The newly announced budget deficit presents a defining test of leadership. California

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## Biden found to have prostate cancer

**By Josh Boak** 

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WASHINGTON - Former President Joe Biden has been diagnosed with prostate cancer, his office said Sunday.

Biden was seen by doctors last week after urinary symptoms and a prostate nodule were found. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer on Friday, with the cancer cells having spread to the

"While this represents a more aggressive form of the disease, the cancer appears to be hormone-sensitive which allows for effective management," his office said. "The President and his family are reviewing treatment options with his physicians."

Prostate cancers are given a score, called a Gleason score, that measures on a scale of 1 to 10 how the cancerous cells look when compared with normal cells. Biden's office said his score was 9, suggesting his cancer is among the most aggressive.

When prostate cancer spreads to other parts of

the body, it often goes to the bones. Metastasized cancer is much harder to treat than localized cancer because it can be hard for drugs to reach all the tumors and completely root out the disease.

However, when prostate cancers need hormones to grow, as in Biden's case, they can be susceptible to

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## Science helps set free man in baby's death

By Annie Vainshtein

Reginald "Regi" Tanubagijo spent 11 years in a San Quentin prison cell wracked with grief, enduring a sentence for a crime he said he never committed.

In 2014, Tanubagijo was convicted of killing his infant foster son after Solano County prosecutors convinced a jury that the child's head injuries could only be explained by shaken baby syndrome, an injury that occurs after an infant is violently shaken.

Tanubagijo, 68, insisted he never shook the 3-month-old. The baby fell and hit his head while

being fed, he said. In court, though, prosecutors argued the pattern of injuries to the child's head could only have come from abusive trau-Tanubagijo found guilty of seconddegree murder and sentenced to 25 years to life.

The case reflected a long-held understanding in the medical and legal fields. For decades, the particular injuries that can occur when a small child is violently shaken like diffuse bleeding around the brain and eyes and brain swelling tended to be ascribed only to shaken baby syndrome when there were no other Freed continues on A8



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Reginald "Regi" Tanubagijo hugs his attorney, Lauryn Barbosa Findley, after being released Friday from San Quentin Rehabilitation Center.

