

The ‘ripple effect’ beyond picket line



Krayla Hogg-Lawson drops off her kids at Youth 1st, an after-school enrichment center that has extended its hours.

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Parents struggle to find child care, juggle work amid S.F. teachers strike

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Families across San Francisco muddled through the first day of the city’s teachers strike, which led to school closures Monday, with many scrambling to find child care or juggling job schedules while wondering how long the picket lines would last. Frustration, anxiety and uncertainty appeared to be nearly universal as flashbacks pulled families of the district’s 48,000 students to early days of the pandemic, when schools shuttered with no expectation of a speedy return. By Monday afternoon, district officials said there would again be no school Tuesday — creating for families even more urgent “what-ifs.” “It’s a lot of callbacks to COVID,” said parent Jessica Franklin, who has two district ninth-graders. “It’s hard to just have this open-ended.” In some cases, like for Franklin with older kids, it was more of a “snow day” than hardship. But for many working parents, balancing stressful daily

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Luna, right, 5, carries a sign while her brother Niko, 3, runs after her as Bret Harte Elementary School teachers, members of the United Educators of San Francisco, picket at the school.

District, union inch closer to deal as school sites closed for second day

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San Francisco union leaders and district officials inched their way closer to an agreement Tuesday as teachers entered their second day of a strike with school sites still closed.

Negotiations Monday lasted until about 11 p.m., according to union sources, with the San Francisco Unified School District upping its offer on a wage increase for security guards and paraeducators, or teachers aides, but raises for teachers and

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Fewer at UC take computer science

Enrollment declines at all campuses except San Diego

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For the first time since the dot-com bust in the early 2000s, undergraduate computer science enrollment across the UC system declined in 2025, data show. Only one UC has defied the downward trend: UC San Diego, the sole campus to have launched an AI major. The reasons behind the system-wide decline, which comes after more than a decade of rapid growth for the field, aren’t yet entirely clear, though they are likely a sign of how artificial intelligence is rapidly reshaping the tech industry. Across the UC system, 12,652 students are majoring in computer science this year — about the same as in 2021. That’s a 6% drop from last year, on top of a 3% drop in 2024. Still, that’s almost twice as many students enrolled in computer science than a decade ago. The enrollment shift comes at a time of great uncertainty and disruption in the tech industry — perhaps the greatest since the dot-com bust. As AI increasingly takes the place of entry-level software development jobs, many companies have conducted widespread, high-profile layoffs. And while the AI companies

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BART plans death if voters refuse bailout

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Buried deep in the contingency plan to slash costs at BART is an all-out nuclear scenario called “Phase 3”: Shut the rail system down altogether. This complete unraveling would only happen if voters decline to bail out the transit agency in November. But the collapse would be swift. Within two years, BART’s stations would be empty, its track sitting idle. “We’re not sure we can safely run service that has so many cuts to maintenance and police,” BART spokesperson Alicia Trost said on Friday. The prospect has rattled political leaders. Many worry that local economies will crater if people could no longer commute to offices and downtown centers lose foot traffic. Real estate would sputter: According to 2024 county assessor data cited by BART, average property value quadruples within half a half mile of a BART station, should that station remain open. BART is now bracing for the first two phases

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Super Bowl week filled restaurants’ plates



Jim Bransfield wears a Patriots-themed wrestling mask at San Francisco sports bar Connecticut Yankee before the Super Bowl on Sunday.

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The Super Bowl filled Bay Area restaurants with celebrities, football fans and locals over the past week, ushering in a business boom that restaurant owners said was beyond their expectations. Several Bay Area restaurants, especially in San Francisco, reported their sales were up by as much as 50% compared to the same time last year. The increased income came as NFL or corporate groups fully bought out their restaurants; visitors from out of town booked reservations; and locals stopped by while checking out spe-

cial Super Bowl events, restaurant owners said. This was true even in neighborhoods far removed from both Levi’s Stadium in Santa Clara, where the game was held Sunday, and the Super Bowl Experience at Moscone Center, which took place the previous week — in part because concerts and other events were scattered throughout San Francisco and San Jose. Overall, though, San Francisco was expected to benefit the most. In all, 100,000 people visited Moscone Center for the Super Bowl Experience, according to organizers. The “Super Bowl has

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