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Lurie's rookie move: 7-day supe

Appointing shortest-serving board member
ever the first crucial fumble of mayor's term

By J.D. Morris
STAFF WRITER

From the moment San Francisco Mayor Daniel Lurie announced that he'd picked an untested political novice to represent the Sunset District on the Board of Supervisors, City Hall insiders and neighborhood ac-

tivists were taken aback. Why had the mayor tapped a 29-year-old former pet store owner with no political experience to replace recalled Supervisor Joel Engardio? Those concerns gained momentum as journalists uncovered financial struggles, rodent infestations and potential tax

evasion at the small business she had owned. Just seven days after her appointment, Lurie's gamble culminated in undeniable failure when Supervisor Beya Alcaraz resigned. She is believed to be San Francisco's shortest-serving supervisor, according to the board clerk. Lurie's choice of Alcaraz now stands as the biggest blunder of his first year in office. In selecting Alcaraz to represent District 4, Lurie hoped to find someone

who could follow in his footsteps as a political outsider who defied expectations at City Hall. Instead, he created a mess that rattled the public's confidence in his administration and could have long-term repercussions for his mayoral tenure. "It was a mistake, and an embarrassing mistake on the part of Lurie and his team," said San Francisco State University political scientist Jason McDaniel. *Lurie continues on A17*

Federal S.F. drug charges plummet

Partnership dialed back as focus turns to immigration sweeps

By Megan Cassidy
STAFF WRITER

Just hours after staving off what was to be President Donald Trump's latest immigration enforcement surge in a major blue city, San Francisco Mayor Daniel Lurie took to the national stage and announced that he would, in fact, "welcome" some federal assistance — but of a different kind. The planned militarized raids would harm the city and stifle its recovery, Lurie said in an Oct. 23 news conference, relaying what he told Trump the previous evening. But "to get drugs and drug dealers off the *Drugs continues on A15*

Once a structural marvel, Last Chance Grade needs billions in fixes



A car moves between two retaining walls on Last Chance Grade on state Highway 101 near Crescent City (Del Norte County). Photos by Carlos Avila Gonzalez/S.F. Chronicle

Major state highway crumbling into ocean

By Julie Johnson
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CRESCENT CITY, Del Norte County — Rattled by earthquakes. Pummeled by wind and rain. Buried in landslides. This 3-mile stretch of Highway 101

atop a cliff in California's far north carrens through old growth redwood forests and across an earthen river of dirt and rock that is constantly shifting downslope toward crashing waves. For more than a century, Del Norte County residents have called it Last

Chance Grade, though no one recalls who coined the foreboding name. A freshly paved road should last seven to 10 years, but not here. Six months is about the limit before jagged cracks, bubbling asphalt and falling rocks threaten motorists navigating *Highway continues on A18*



LEFT: Drilling cores and casings are stacked near the site of a testing area for a proposed tunnel to remedy Last Chance Grade's problems. RIGHT: Kurt Stremberg lost his parents in 1972 when their car went off the cliff at a washed-out section of Last Chance Grade. Stremberg has pushed local leaders to agitate the state to act on the road.

Temporary leader of S.F. schools staying on

By Jill Tucker
STAFF WRITER

The San Francisco school board is expected to make its temporary, city-loaned superintendent the permanent choice for the job by offering a two-year contract to Maria Su, scheduled for a vote Tuesday. If approved, the agreement would keep Su at the helm during what is expected to be a difficult era for the San Francisco Unified School District. The district is looking at imminent and ongoing budget cuts, a threatened teachers strike, possible school closures and a mandate to fix a *Schools continues on A13*

