

Speak Out Now at Kaiser

A workplace newsletter for Bay Area Kaiser workers

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IS KAISER IN THE INVESTING OR HEALTHCARE BUSINESS?

On August 14, Kaiser released their financial results for Q2 of 2026 (April-June). They reported making \$5.3 billion in "net income" in just those 3 months alone! "Net income" is Wall Street-speak for "profit."

In their statement they said that 69% of these profits, or about \$3.6 billion dollars, was made by investments, driven by "strong financial returns." This means that Kaiser actually made more money through trading stocks and investments than the actual process of delivering healthcare. Is the point of Kaiser to provide healthcare to people, or be an investment firm?

Workers and upper management might have different answers to that question..

NURSES INFORMATIONAL PICKET: SEPT 1

Last week at Kaiser Oakland, there were flyers being handed out aimed at nurses organized in CNA. The flyers were advertising an informational picket on Thursday, September 1st, from 7:30am-9:30am outside of Kaiser Oakland.

CNA represents around 22,000 nurses at Kaiser in Northern California all over the Bay Area. Nurses' contract with Kaiser will expire on August 31st. It will be important to discuss with our nurse colleagues about this and show solidarity in the coming weeks!

AI : A TOOL TO HELP WORKERS OR MANAGEMENT?

Over the past year or two, AI has become more and more prevalent in the workplace. Some of it can be useful, like helping to cut down on time spent taking down notes.

But AI is also being implemented in ways that are outright harmful to our coworkers and patients. AI is being used to surveil workers tracking the pace at which we work and laying the groundwork for 'streamlining'- which we know is code for "less people doing more work."

While this may make the bosses more money, in the long run this will have negative effects for workers- fatigue, burnout, stress and anxiety- which will ultimately lead to worsened patient care. We don't need an AI model to tell us how to do our jobs. We certainly don't need an AI model telling our bosses which of us are expendable!

ICE ARREST MOM AND DAUGHTER AT FLORIDA HOSPITAL

After being seriously injured when another car struck their passenger side, rolling their vehicle four times, a Florida mom and daughter were taken by paramedics to a local hospital. The mom received medication and was still wearing a neck brace and hospital gown when she was questioned by deputies about her immigration status. Both women were then arrested and taken to jail in ICE custody.

Our hospitals should be safe places for anyone to receive care! Now is a good time to discuss with our coworkers what we would do if ICE tried to enter our hospital and remember we are here to keep our patients safe!

SAVE THE DATE!

SPEAK OUT SOCIALISTS



Tickets \$5 in advance only, kids under 10 free

Pottluck style- bring a dish!

Join us for:

- Good food
- Political discussions
- Kids' area
- Arts & crafts
- Games & sports
- and more!

Sun, Sep 20 • 12-4:30PM • San Leandro

Talk to the Speak Out person handing out this newsletter or message us on IG if you are interested in attending!

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