

**KGO-TV/ABC7**  
**SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**  
**QUARTERLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES AND**  
**RELATED PROGRAMMING**  
**FIRST QUARTER – January 1 – March 31, 2024**  
**REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING**

**During the first quarter of 2024, KGO-TV/ABC7 aired the following regularly scheduled local newscasts identified on air as “ABC7 News” with a total cumulative average of approximately 140 hours per month:**

**Monday – Friday      5:00-7:00AM**

ABC7 News Mornings- Anchored by Reggie Agui, Kumasi Aaron, Meteorologist Drew Tuma, Traffic anchor Jobina Fortson. This morning news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national, and international news, weather, traffic, health, financial and consumer news.

**Monday – Friday\*      11:00AM-12:00PM**

ABC7 News Midday Live- Anchored by Julian Glover, Kristen Sze, Meteorologist Drew Tuma. This late morning news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national, and international news, weather, health, and consumer news. Anchors conduct live or taped interviews with local newsmakers and discuss hot topics in the news of the day.

**Monday – Friday\*\*      3:00-3:30PM**

ABC7 News Getting Answers- Anchored by Kristen Sze. This news program is a live interactive interview program in which viewers can submit questions to live newsmaker guests. Topics include Covid health, local politics, and community leaders.

**Monday – Friday      4:00-5:00PM**

ABC7 News at 4pm- Anchored by Larry Beil, Kristen Sze, Weather Spencer Christian and Meteorologists Sandhya Patel. This news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national and international news, weather, health, technology and consumer news. Anchors conduct live interviews with local newsmakers on topics of daily interest.

**Monday – Friday      5:00-5:30PM**

ABC7 News at 5pm- Anchored by Dan Ashley, Ama Daetz, Meteorologist Sandhya Patel. This news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national, and international news, weather, health, technology, and consumer news.

**Monday – Friday 6:00-7:00PM**

ABC7 News at 6pm- Anchored by Dan Ashley, Ama Daetz, Meteorologist Sandhya Patel and Weather forecaster Spencer Christian, Sports Larry Beil. This news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national and international news, weather, health, climate change, consumer news and sports.

**Monday – Friday 11:00-11:35PM**

ABC7 News at 11pm- Anchored by Dan Ashley, Ama Daetz, Meteorologist Sandhya Patel, Sports Larry Beil. This news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national and international news, weather and sports.

**Saturday & Sunday 11:00PM-12:00AM**

ABC7 News at 11pm- Anchored by Dion Lim, Weather Spencer Christian, Sports Chris Alvarez. This news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national and international news, weather and sports.

**Saturday & Sunday 5:00-6:00AM / 6:00-7:00AM**

ABC7 News Mornings- Anchored by Stephanie Sierra, Meteorologist Lisa Argen. This news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national and international news, weather and sports.

**Saturday & Sunday 9:00AM-10:00AM**

ABC7 News Mornings- Anchored by Stephanie Sierra, Meteorologist Lisa Argen. This news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national and international news, weather and sports.

**Saturday & Sunday 5:00-5:30PM & 6:00-6:30PM**

ABC7 News at 5pm & 6pm- Anchored by Dion Lim, Weather Spencer Christian, Sports Chris Alvarez. This news program provides viewers with late-breaking local, national and international news, weather and sports.

***\*Titled- "Midday Live"***

***\*\*Titled- "Getting Answers"***

## **THE LOCALISH NETWORK- KGO-TV/ABC7 / 7.2 HD**

KGO-TV/ABC7's D2 sub-channel aired the "Localish Network" which broadcasts numerous half-hour programs covering a variety of topics featuring locally sourced yet nationally relevant stories such as Glam Lab, Bit Sized, Secretly Awesome, and Worth the Wait to name a few. The network also airs MORE IN COMMON, a program featuring inspiring stories of Americans who come together despite their differences, and ALL GOOD, a program highlighting the people making positive differences in their communities.

## **SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE**

KGO-TV/ABC7's consumer affairs unit that provided consumer information / product recalls during local 4:00PM and other ABC7 newscasts and provided investigations / resolutions during 6:00pm newscasts. Seven on Your Side consumer counselors answered letters, email and hotline telephone calls from viewers seeking help with a wide variety of consumer problems. The unit received approximately 4000 e-mails during the 1st quarter of 2024.

# Community Outreach Events

## 1st Quarter 2024

### **Allies in Action: Tony Lau**

In honor of Lunar New Year, KGO honored the man managing the creation of the San Francisco Chinese New Year Parade floats. Tony Lau shares the richness of his Chinese heritage, inviting all to join in the festivities and unite in celebration.

### **Allies in Action: Amber Blackwell-Lee**

For Black History Month, KGO recognized Higher Ground Neighborhood Development Corporation, an Oakland-based community program that provides safe afterschool programs. Led by nonprofit leader Amber Blackwell-Lee, the valuable engagement helps East Oakland kids become happy and well-rounded adults.

### **Allies in Action: Abigail Corcio**

In celebration of Women's History Month, KGO honors women who advocate for equality, diversity and inclusion. Abigail Corcio leads a creative group of fellow UC Berkeley students called Power of a Princess, who are transforming princesses and superheroes into strong-willed characters.

### **KGO Neighborhood Blood Drive: January 10**

KGO coordinated the 3.5-hour neighborhood blood drive for Vitalant, collecting 51 lifesaving units for local hospitals.

### **Bay Area Storytellers of Color: January 23**

KGO hosted a networking event, panel discussion and newsroom and studio tour for Bay Area Storytellers of Color. Panel Q&A was led by BASC co-founder Kim Bardakian with KGO's Lindsay Nakano, Dion Lim, Luz Pena, Kumasi Aaron and Ama Daetz on the panel.

### **Head-Royce School Visit: January 26**

KGO hosted Head-Royce High School students learning public speaking with Good Morning America's Becky Worley. Guests toured the newsroom, control room and studio, as well as watched a live newscast and practiced public speaking on KGO's East37 set.

### **Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits: January 31**

KGO's Lauren Martinez moderated a candidate forum for Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, District 5.

**Black@Benefit: February 2**

KGO's Kumasi Aaron participated as a panelist for "The Art of Resilience: Women Thriving in the Creative Sphere" presentation by Black@Benefit.

**Oakland Museum of California: February 2**

KGO's Kumasi Aaron served as guest host for a "Feeding the Culture" event featuring prominent Black chefs at Town Fare Cafe at Oakland Museum of California.

**Radio Television Digital News Association Foundation: February 9**

KGO's Tracey Watkowski served as a judge for RTDNA Foundation's Pete Wilson Journalism Scholarship. The scholarship was established in 2007 to honor the late Pete Wilson, a television and radio journalist who worked at KGO. The scholarship is granted to a graduate journalism student from the San Francisco Bay Area or attending a college or university in the Bay Area who shares Wilson's commitment to ethical, responsible journalism.

**San Francisco Unified School District: February 13**

KGO's Bradley Hoffman spoke at Thurgood Marshall Academic High School for its College and Career Fair, where students learn about the diverse opportunities in San Francisco trades, certificate programs and various jobs.

**San Francisco-Marin Food Bank Volunteering: February 14**

KGO coordinated two volunteer activities at SF-Marin Food Bank Pop-Up Pantries: Glad Tidings Church and Stonestown. Rain did not dampen the spirits of volunteers, who helped distribute fresh produce and groceries community members in need. About 1500 pounds of food was served between the two pantries.

**Black Legend Awards of Silicon Valley: February 17**

KGO sponsored the annual Black Legend Awards of Silicon Valley Gala.

**Ron Nunn Elementary School: February 23**

KGO's Zach Fuentes spoke at the Career Day program at Ron Nunn Elementary School in Brentwood.

**Unofficial Oakland A's Fans Fest: February 24**

KGO's Casey Pratt MC'd the Unofficial Oakland A's Fans Fest at Bloc 51 in Jack London Square, Oakland.

**Black Joy Parade: February 25**

KGO broadcasted and livestreamed the full Black Joy Parade in downtown Oakland. KGO's Julian Glover, Ama Daetz and Zach Fuentes hosted the program with live interview of community leaders. A recap show aired the following Saturday evening.

**Notre Dame High School: February 26**

KGO's Gloria Rodriguez hosted journalism students from Notre Dame High School for a behind the scenes look at how the newscast is made with a tour of the newsroom, studio and control room.

**Defining Courage Show: March 2**

KGO's Lindsay Nakano opened the Defining Courage show at the Palace of Fine Arts by sharing her family's story with the mass incarceration of Japanese-Americans during World War 2. Defining Courage is hosted by KABC's David Ono, who narrates the immersive experience, with live music and choir and stunning historical footage of World War 2 Japanese-American soldiers.

**Alzheimer's Association: March 2**

KGO's Zach Fuentes MC'd Alzheimer's Association of Northern California and Northern Nevada's A Bright Night Gala at The GlassHouse in San Jose. Funds raised help to advance Alzheimer's care, support and research through the work of Alzheimer's Association.

**Make-A-Wish: March 7**

KGO's Ama Daetz MC'd Make-A-Wish Greater Bay Area's 40th Anniversary Evening of Wishes program in San Francisco. This local chapter serves 17 counties in Northern California, from Siskiyou to Monterey. It has granted 9500 wishes to date and grants around 350 life-changing wishes each year.

**Warriors Rakuten Future Leaders: March 8**

KGO's Gloria Rodriguez moderated a panel discussion for the Warriors Rakuten Future Leaders program, featuring prominent women in sports for young women of color with Girls Inc. of Alameda County. The event was held in Walnut Creek.

**UC Berkeley: March 14**

KGO's Heather Tuggle spoke to students at UC Berkeley's 236 Simpson Center about Career Day topics.

**Lynbrook High School: March 18**

KGO's Mimi Kwan hosted Lynbrook High School students for Job Shadow Day. Visitors learned about jobs in broadcast journalism and toured the newsroom and watched the live newscast through the control room and studio.

**Northeastern University, Oakland campus: March 19**

KGO's Tracey Watkowski hosted students from Northeastern University's Oakland campus for a tour of the newsroom and viewing of a live newscast in the studio and control room.

**San Jose State University: March 21**

KGO's Heather Tuggle spoke to students at San Jose State University about local news and careers in the industry.

**Okizu: March 23**

KGO's Stephanie Sierra and Zach Fuentes MC'd Okizu's annual Art Inspiring Hope Gala. Okizu's mission is to help all members of families affected by childhood cancer to heal through peer support, respite, mentoring and recreational programs.

**University of San Francisco: March 27**

KGO's Heather Tuggle spoke at a Media Workshop for journalism students at University of San Francisco.

# **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **1st Quarter 2024**

- **Aquarium of the Bay**
- **Black Joy Parade**
- **Black Legend Awards of Silicon Valley**
- **Make-A-Wish Foundation**
- **Magic of Storytelling/First Book**
- **Okizu**
- **Project Roadblock**
- **San Francisco Community Health Center**
- **Song for Charlie**
- **Starlight Children's Foundation**



***KGO-TV/ABC7 also airs syndicated programming on its main D1 channel that includes Children’s Core Programming as described in the Children’s 398 Report which is filed separately in the Public Inspection File.***

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**In addition to the local news and public affairs programs described in this report, KGO-TV/ABC7 carries all of the ABC Television news & public affairs programs listed and described in the report filed as “Network Programming.”**

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**KGO-TV/ABC7 applies feedback from the community in determining the key local issues, problems, and needs. Some of the station’s most significant treatments of these issues are described on the following pages:**

**CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**EDUCATION**

**HEALTH**

**CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT**

**ECONOMY & CHANGING WORKPLACE**

**RACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE**

# **CONSUMER PROTECTION**

## **ABC7 News Thursday, February 8, 2024**

As autonomous driving advances, incidents arise in San Francisco involving passengers and a cyclist. A Waymo ride turned alarming when sensors were tampered with, leaving passengers feeling trapped. Waymo advises riders to stay inside during such incidents. Meanwhile, a cyclist collision prompts safety concerns amid AV expansion debates by advocacy groups.

## **ABC7 News Friday, February 9, 2024**

Some North Bay PG&E customers remain without power five days after a winter storm caused extensive damage. Patrick Morse in Sebastopol recounts a fallen redwood tree damaging power lines, leaving him reliant on a backup generator. PG&E crews are working to restore power, offering affected customers credits on future bills.

## **ABC7 News Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

A new state law aims to protect consumers from surprise ambulance bills, ensuring they won't be charged more than their in-network cost. The law also caps charges for uninsured individuals at Medi-Cal or Medicare rates. It provides safeguards against adverse credit and wage garnishment, offering transparency and peace of mind.

## **ABC7 News Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

North Bay couple has over \$4,000 seized from tax refund by EDD due to a scammer's phony jobless claim. Despite reporting fraud years ago, EDD pursued repayment from the victim. The agency claims difficulties in verifying addresses. After intervention, EDD returned the funds. EDD faces ongoing fraud risks despite reforms.

## **ABC7 News Friday, February 23, 2024**

Amazon introduces smart shopping carts at Whole Foods in San Mateo, allowing customers to skip checkout lines. The carts track purchases, requiring users to log in via Amazon or Whole Foods app. Equipped with scanners and scales, they offer real-time receipts and store navigation. Payment is automatic upon exit.

## **ABC7 News Saturday, February 24, 2024**

A North Bay man grieving wife's death finds her image on fake GoFundMe campaign as scammers hijacked his Facebook page for donations. Despite his considerable efforts, Facebook refuses to remove hacker. Seven on your Side alerted GoFundMe, which shut down the fraud, but Facebook's automated responses frustrate efforts to regain control. Meta plans subscription security service.

### **ABC7 News Friday, March 1, 2024**

Zelle, a popular quick pay app, faces mounting scams despite promises to enhance security and reimburse victims. Eileen Loughran, a Bay Area woman, lost thousands to an imposter scam. Although Zelle vows refunds for such scams, ambiguity in policies and lack of fraud protections raise concerns. Banks, including Wells Fargo, struggle to address victims' claims.

### **ABC7 News Monday, March 11, 2024**

California's overwhelmed EV rebate program cancels a Bay Area man's \$7,500 rebate because he applied one day too soon for his Tesla Model 3 purchase. Despite eligibility, no notification was sent, and the mistake couldn't be rectified. Critics blame lack of communication and staffing issues. Program now closed; thousands miss out.

### **ABC7 News Thursday, March 14, 2024**

Rohnert Park mother discovers someone filed a tax return in her name, claiming nearly \$9,000. Despite IRS intervention, refund blocked due to lack of personal identification. She faces a lengthy process to reclaim funds, with concerns over her and her children's compromised information. IRS flags over a million suspicious returns annually.

### **ABC7 News Friday, March 15, 2024**

KGO's "7 On Your Side's" consumer unit hosted its annual Tax Chat LIVE throughout our evening newscasts in partnership with the United Way Bay Area. Questions sent in online by our viewers were each personally answered by a trained tax professional volunteering their time for this community event. Popular tax-related questions about changes to the tax law, new deductions, deadlines, and much more were addressed.

## **Education**

### **ABC7 News Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

California Governor Gavin Newsom announced his intention to veto any bill completely banning youth tackle football, emphasizing a commitment to improving safety while preserving parental choice. The proposed legislation aims to set a minimum age for tackle football, citing concerns about brain trauma. Debates around the bill highlight parental rights and the sport's risks.

### **ABC7 News Friday, February 23, 2024**

High school students organized Silicon Valley's first congressional primary debate. Six candidates participated, including those vying to replace Representative Anna Eshoo. Organizer Maulik Dhakal expressed surprise at candidates' receptiveness to youth. Despite lacking voting rights, students emphasized their voice's importance in holding representatives accountable. The event was streamed via social media.

### **ABC7 News Saturday, January 27, 2024**

Students at Junction Avenue K-8 School in Livermore spend a school day writing kind messages on coffee sleeves, delivering 1,000 with messages like "Your outfit slays" and "Always think positive." Organized by counselor Jordan Key, it's part of the Great Kindness Challenge, spreading positivity and joy throughout the community.

### **ABC7 News Thursday, February 15, 2024**

Oakland Unified School District faces a \$23 million budget deficit for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. To address this shortfall, district leaders are considering cost-cutting measures, including staff reorganization and reductions in discretionary spending. The teachers' union opposes potential cuts, arguing they would negatively impact students and questioning the district's financial claims.

### **ABC7 News Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

Julian Prince Dash initiated the Holy Stitch Factory Fellowship, a nonprofit sewing school in San Francisco. Inspired by his own upbringing, Dash aims to mentor those lacking father figures. Through sewing, he imparts life lessons and fosters community. Supported by donations, Dash focuses on building lasting relationships to facilitate personal growth and positive change.

### **ABC7 News Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

Two East Bay Catholic schools, including "St. Anthony Catholic School," are closing due to various factors, including rising crime and human trafficking operations near the campus. Enrollment decline and overwhelming financial challenges were cited. Parents express concerns about finding safe alternatives. Another school, "Our Lady of Guadalupe" in Fremont, is also closing.

### **ABC7 News Sunday, March 3, 2024**

San Francisco Unified School District plans to potentially close schools within two years due to a significant decline in student enrollment. Superintendent Matt Wayne's strategy aims to tackle a loss of 10,000 students since 2015. Specific schools to be shuttered by fall 2025 remain undisclosed amidst budgetary challenges and payroll system issues.

### **ABC7 News Wednesday, February 28, 2024**

UC Berkeley students Daniella Lake and Gia White created a self-guided Black History Tour to illuminate the university's significant Black history. The tour includes landmarks like the MLK Student Union and Memorial Stadium, highlighting trailblazers and moments of resilience. It aims to foster a sense of belonging and understanding on campus.

### **ABC7 News Sunday, March 3, 2024**

San Francisco Unified School District plans potential school closures within two years due to a loss of 10,000 students since 2015. Superintendent Matt Wayne's proposal aims to address budget shortfalls and a faulty payroll system. Specific schools aren't named yet. The plan could shutter undisclosed schools by fall 2025.

## **Health**

### **ABC7 News Saturday, January 13, 2024**

A San Francisco sheriff's deputy is praised for administering Narcan, saving lives amid the fentanyl crisis. Exclusive footage shows Deputy Barry Bloom's heroic actions. Reporter Tara Campbell interviews him to understand his motivation and impact, shedding light on his crucial role in combating overdoses on the streets.

### **ABC7 News Thursday, January 18, 2024**

San Francisco Mayor London Breed advocated for Proposition F to combat the city's fentanyl crisis, hosting discussions with community leaders and advocates. Prop F mandates addiction treatment for continued cash assistance. While Breed asserts it will facilitate access to treatment, opponents argue coercion doesn't work. Its fate hinges on public support.

### **ABC7 News Tuesday, January 30, 2024**

San Mateo County becomes the first in the U.S. to declare loneliness a public health emergency, citing a 45% increase in loneliness since the pandemic. Supervisor David Canepa leads the effort, urging further action and proposing a state-level Minister of Loneliness position to address mental health challenges and provide resources.

### **ABC7 News Wednesday, January 31, 2024**

UCSF doctors Ari Johnson and Jessica Beckerman spearheaded Muso, a nonprofit providing healthcare in Mali despite conflict. With Mali's government, they offered free, accessible care, significantly reducing child mortality rates amidst escalating conflict. Their success highlights the effectiveness of community-based healthcare, challenging fatalism in conflict zones.

### **ABC7 News Saturday, Thursday, February 1, 2024**

A report from Contra Costa County Health Services reveals Martinez Refining Company employees were unaware of chemical releases during the 2022 Thanksgiving incident. Issues stemmed from a failed air system component, exacerbated by long shifts and inadequate training. Concerns over employee fatigue and refinery management's responsibility prompt calls for transparency and accountability.

### **ABC7 News Friday, February 16, 2024**

More than 25 students fell ill at Napa's Vintage High School, with five hospitalized. The cause remains unknown despite tests ruling out gas or carbon monoxide. Concerned students are wary of returning. School officials assure safety, conducting further tests, and offering support. Investigations continue to determine the cause of the illness outbreak.

#### **ABC7 News Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

San Francisco's Health Department brings medical care to homeless encampments weekly, treating severe conditions like mental illness and addiction. Patients like Julianna Amos rely on these visits, preferring them over crowded shelters or SROs. Outreach teams work tirelessly, with success stories like Joseph Peterson, now housed and giving back at a specialized clinic.

#### **ABC7 News Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

Lightfully Behavioral Health is opening a 6-bed residential treatment program in Redwood City to aid teens with mental health issues. With a warm, home-like setting, it offers clinical oversight, therapy sessions, and a focus on early treatment to alleviate relapse. The program caters to adolescents aged 12-17 for 30-45 days.

#### **ABC7 News Thursday, February 22, 2024**

A proposed California bill aims to provide health insurance coverage for wigs, inspired by Mountain View High School student Miranda Huang, who advocates for those affected by alopecia areata. Supriya Surrender, diagnosed with the condition, supports the bill, emphasizing the emotional impact of hair loss. Dermatologists affirm the medical necessity.

#### **ABC7 News Wednesday, February 28**

11-year-old Jesus Roman Ramirez, recovering from Guillain-Barre Syndrome at UCSF Benioff's Children's Hospital, finds solace in the music therapy program with Arnie, a facility dog. Arnie, alongside his trainer Erica, aids patients in physical and emotional recovery. Supported by donations, the program aims to expand, offering healing to more children like Jesus.

## **Climate & Environment**

#### **ABC7 News Saturday, January 13, 2024**

King tides return to the Bay Area, offering insight into future sea level rise impacts. Experts study these unusually high tides, which can be 1-2 feet above average, to understand flooding risks and infrastructure vulnerabilities caused by climate change. Public photo submissions aid in modeling flood scenarios and planning mitigation strategies.

#### **ABC7 News Saturday, January 27, 2024**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proposes a \$13 billion project to elevate the Embarcadero and install flood barriers, aiming to protect San Francisco from rising sea levels and seismic risks. Supported by Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi and Mayor London Breed, it awaits congressional approval and public input.

#### **ABC7 News Monday, January 29, 2024**

Navier, led by CEO Sampriti Bhattacharyya, introduces America's first all-electric hydrofoil boat, the N30. It offers eco-friendly, efficient water transportation, soaring above waves silently. A pilot program launches in the Bay Area, partnering with Stripe, aiming to alleviate congestion and emissions while revolutionizing maritime travel and stimulating economic growth.

#### **ABC7 News Monday, February 5, 2024**

Sea otters, deemed environmental heroes, play a vital role in restoring Elkhorn Slough near Moss Landing. By preying on destructive species like striped shore crabs, they mitigate erosion and maintain ecosystem balance. Researchers observe their impact on marine life and consider their reintroduction to aid kelp forest conservation efforts elsewhere.

#### **ABC7 News Thursday, February 22, 2024**

Stanford researchers track loggerhead sea turtles equipped with satellite devices, finding evidence of a climate-driven pathway to California coast. Turtles follow warm water bands, but some break away, possibly through a Thermal Corridor, indicating an El Nino effect. Research aims to understand how climate change impacts migration patterns of marine life.

#### **ABC7 News Thursday, February 29, 2024**

Valley Water in San Jose constructs flood walls along Coyote Creek, spanning 9 miles to shield residents from potential floods like the devastating 2017 incident. With reinforced steel below and walls up to 10 feet tall, the project aims to mitigate flood risks for communities along the creek.

#### **ABC7 News Monday, March 4, 2024**

Researchers at Stanford deliberately burned debris in Portola Valley to manage wildfire risk. With the rainy season ending, they aim to reduce fuel and mitigate fire risk by 60%. The controlled burns also serve as educational tools for studying fire impacts and furthering research, education, and conservation efforts in California.

#### **ABC7 News Thursday, March 7, 2024**

Rising sea levels threaten coastal cities like San Francisco, sinking due to subsidence. A triple threat of sea level rise, rising groundwater, and extreme storms exacerbates flooding risks. Adaptation efforts, including levee improvements and elevating structures, are underway, with an estimated \$110 billion needed for infrastructure upgrades to prevent \$230 billion in damages.

### **ABC7 News Thursday, March 7, 2024**

Oakland city workers inspect trash bins to ensure proper sorting, following SB 1383 guidelines to combat climate change. They scan bins, noting correct sorting and leaving feedback for businesses. Correct sorting reduces methane emissions from landfills. Residents urged to read labels for correct disposal, emphasizing the impact on the environment.

### **ABC7 News Thursday, March 14, 2024**

Study reveals 7,000 humpback whales may have starved to death in the Northern Pacific due to a deadly marine heat wave, impacting 20% of the population over roughly a decade. Warming ocean temperatures disrupt the food chain, pushing whales closer to shore and increasing risks of ship strikes and entanglements.

## **Economy & Changing Workplace**

### **ABC7 News Saturday, January 6, 2024**

Governor Gavin Newsom announces a high-tech research park in Los Angeles, a collaboration with UCLA, repurposing a former mall. Meanwhile, San Francisco sees Adidas closing its store amid rising mall vacancies and record office vacancies. Leaders contemplate repurposing downtown, potentially for innovation centers, housing, and universities, despite challenges like homelessness and crime.

### **ABC7 News Thursday, January 18, 2024**

California Attorney General Rob Bonta announces charges against three suspects in an organized retail theft ring responsible for numerous robberies in the Bay Area. The suspects face nearly 50 felony and 10 misdemeanor counts, including organized retail theft, burglary, and vandalism, resulting in over \$650,000 in losses to businesses.

### **ABC7 News Monday, January 22, 2024**

In-N-Out Burger near Oakland Airport closes due to rising crime, citing car break-ins, property damage, theft, and armed robberies affecting customers and staff. Despite added police patrols and crime reduction efforts, significant increases in burglaries and robberies prompt closure, impacting Oakland's economy and airport visitors' experiences.

### **ABC7 News Tuesday, January 23, 2024**

Following community complaints, Safeway in San Francisco's Fillmore District will stay open until January 2025, Mayor London Breed announces. The decision allows time for exploring future options like housing and a new grocery store. Though welcomed by residents, concerns remain about long-term solutions post-closure.

### **ABC7 News Tuesday, February 6, 2024**

San Francisco extends Mission Street street vendor ban for six more months after initial 90-day effort to curb illegal operations. Vendors express dismay, relying on sidewalk sales for livelihood. Despite positive impacts on safety, concerns arise over housing insecurity and fairness for permitted vendors. City plans continued enforcement and potential night inspections.

### **ABC7 News Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

Uber drivers in San Francisco protested for fair pay and transparency, part of a national day of action. Over 100 drivers gathered, expressing frustration over low earnings, abrupt terminations, and lack of fare transparency. Uber defended itself, stating drivers misunderstand profit calculations. The protest aimed to draw attention to driver grievances and demand dialogue with Uber's CEO.

### **ABC7 News Friday, February 16, 2024**

San Francisco extends "First Year Free" program, waiving \$2.5M in fees for new and struggling businesses. Andrea Becerra, owner of El Mil Amores restaurant, benefited, crediting the city's support. Mayor London Breed announces program extension, emphasizing its positive impact on community and economy. Despite aid, some businesses like The Scarlet Sage Herb Co. still struggle due to decreased foot traffic and crime.

### **ABC7 News Monday, March 4, 2024**

SF officials and business owners clash over the Powell St. Promenade Refresh plan. While some see it as vital for Union Square's revitalization, others argue it ignores more pressing issues like vandalism and street behavior. Disagreements highlight the struggle to balance improvement efforts with addressing citywide challenges affecting tourism and perception.

### **ABC7 News Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

Despite concerns over businesses leaving downtown San Francisco, two restaurants are expanding in the area. China Live will now serve lunch due to high demand, while Boichik Bagels plans to open three new locations, expressing optimism about the city's future despite struggles in the Financial District post-pandemic.

### **ABC7 News Sunday, March 10, 2024**

San Francisco will receive \$12 million from a government funding package, announced by Nancy Pelosi. The money will aid various community programs including affordable housing, overdose prevention, facilities modernization, and urban agriculture. Pelosi stated the funding will support crucial projects addressing hunger, homelessness, healthcare, and veterans' services, benefiting San Franciscans.

# **Race & Social Justice**

## **ABC7 News Friday, January 5, 2024**

A fair housing report by Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California reveals discrimination against Latino renters and families with children in Marin, Solano, and Sonoma Counties. The investigation found evidence of bias in 58% of rental properties, with Marin having the highest incidence at 66%. Advocates aim for awareness and legal action.

## **ABC7 News Sunday, January 14, 2024**

Oakland's Black and Asian communities seek unity, addressing long-standing tensions fueled by stereotypes and misunderstandings. A meeting, concluded with a Buddhist chant, aims to bridge divides exacerbated by recent events, including the killing of Vietnamese descent police officer Tuan Le. Calls for dialogue and action emphasize the importance of healing and collaboration.

## **ABC7 News Monday, January 15, 2024**

Communities in the Bay Area celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, honoring the civil rights leader's legacy with marches and parades. The event draws thousands, emphasizing unity and solidarity. Reflecting on Dr. King's teachings, participants advocate for education and justice. The celebration highlights his enduring message of love and equality.

## **ABC7 News Friday, January 23, 2024**

Muslim Americans aim to combat rising Islamophobia by partnering with the FBI. Maha Elgenaidi of the Islamic Networks Group led training for nearly 200 agents and officials, highlighting the need for direct engagement to address prejudice and stereotypes. The collaboration aims to foster understanding and combat hate.

## **ABC7 News Friday, January 26, 2024**

ABC Owned Television Stations and Microsoft Philanthropy collaborate on "Our America: In the Black," shedding light on financial disparities in the Black community. With a median net worth of \$18,430 for Black households, efforts like the Educating Students Together program aim to empower economically disadvantaged individuals, exemplified by foster care student Hannah's journey to college.

## **ABC7 News Thursday, February 1, 2024**

California Legislative Black Caucus introduces historic reparations bills aiming to rectify harm endured by Black Californians due to slavery and anti-Black policies. Bills include compensation for land takings, education access, and a formal state apology. Despite challenges, lawmakers are optimistic, aiming for a comprehensive, multi-year strategy to enact meaningful change.

### **ABC7 News Thursday, February 1, 2024**

San Francisco's Chinatown unveils new lanterns ahead of Lunar New Year, blending tradition with contemporary art. Commissioned by Edge on the Square, artist Bre Gipson merges modernity with homage to the neighborhood's heritage. Officials aim to attract visitors, fostering community spirit and bridging past with future through vibrant installations.

### **ABC7 News Saturday, February 10, 2024**

Lunar New Year festivities mark the Year of the Dragon in the Bay Area, uniting communities from San Francisco's Golden Gate Fortune Cookie Factory to Oakland's Chinatown. Traditional performances, food, and cultural exchange highlight the celebrations, fostering unity and understanding. Oakland Chinatown sees increased business, signaling hope and prosperity for the future.

### **ABC7 News Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

In 2004, Mayor Gavin Newsom allowed same-sex marriages in San Francisco, marking a historic moment. John Lewis and Stuart Gaffney, a couple of 37 years, reflect on their marriage during that time. Despite joy, uncertainty loomed as legal battles ensued, impacting thousands of couples, highlighting the fragility of progress.

### **ABC7 News Sunday, February 25, 2024**

Thousands gathered for San Francisco's annual Chinese New Year Parade, celebrating the Year of the Dragon with decorated floats and cultural festivities. Attendees expressed joy in preserving Asian culture and creating memories with family. The parade symbolized strength and imagination, fostering a sense of community and happiness for the new year ahead.