

KNTV/NBC Bay Area

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KNTV/NBC BAY AREA is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community through regularly scheduled public affairs programming, newscasts, public service announcements as well as documentaries and specials. The following is a list of some of the programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the preceding three-month period.

### **BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT**

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/2/24 REPORTED...**

TESLA ISN'T ALWAYS IN THE HEADLINES FOR GOOD REASONS. BUT 2023 STILL SAW A BIG INCREASE FOR THE COMPANY. TODAY IT PUBLISHED A REPORT ON PRODUCTION AND DELIVERIES FOR THE YEAR. OVERALL TESLA DELIVERED 1.8 MILLION CARS TO CUSTOMERS. THAT'S JUST OVER WHAT COMPANY EXEC'S PREDICTED IN THEIR LAST EARNINGS CALL. TO COMPARE, THAT'S A HALF-MILLION MORE THAN IT DELIVERED IN 2022. DELIVERIES ARE THE CLOSEST APPROXIMATION TO SALES REPORTED BY TESLA. CEO ELON MUSK IS LOOKING TO DO EVEN BETTER THIS YEAR.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/2/24 REPORTED...**

APPLE DIDN'T HAVE A GOOD START TO ITS TRADING YEAR. SHARES IN THE TECH GIANT DROPPED BY 4-PERCENT TODAY AFTER THE BARCLAYS DOWNGRADED APPLE'S STOCK. AN ANALYST WITH THE BANK POINTED TOWARD LACKLUSTER SALES OF THE I-PHONE 15. IT'S A WEAKNESS THEY EXPECT TO CONTINUE FOR ALL APPLE HARDWARE. APPLE HAS BEEN HAVING A GOOD YEAR WITH ITS SERVICES BUSINESS. THAT INCLUDES THINGS LIKE SUBSCRIPTIONS AND APPLE PAY.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/3/24 REPORTED...**

NOT A GOOD START TO THE YEAR FOR XEROX. THE DIGITAL PRINTING COMPANY, IS LAYING OFF EMPLOYEES IN THE BAY AREA. THE COMPANY SAID TODAY IT WILL CUT ABOUT 15-PERCENT OR 3-THOUSAND EMPLOYEES THE CUTS WILL GO HAPPEN THIS QUARTER--XEROX SAID IT'S PART OF A REINVENTION PLAN THAT INVOLVES SIMPLIFYING ITS PRODUCTS, FOCUSING ON I-T SERVICES, AND CREATING A NEW EXECUTIVE TEAM. THE COMPANY SAYS EMPLOYEES WHO LOSE THEIR JOBS WILL BE GIVEN "TRANSITION SUPPORT."

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/3/24 REPORTED...**

JOB CUTS ARE COMING TO BLUE SHIELD OF CALIFORNIA. THE INSURANCE GIANT PLANS TO LAY OFF 165 WORKERS BY THE END OF THE MONTH. IT'LL AFFECT STAFF PRIMARILY AT ITS OAKLAND OFFICE. THE ROLES BEING ELIMINATED INCLUDE ENGINEERING, ANALYSTS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS. LAST JANUARY, THE COMPANY LAID OFF 373 PEOPLE ACROSS THE STATE. BLUE SHIELD PROVIDES INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR 4 POINT 5 MILLION PEOPLE.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/3/24 REPORTED...**

GENERAL MOTORS SAYS IT JUST HAD ITS BEST YEAR SINCE BEFORE THE PANDEMIC. THE DETROIT AUTOMAKER SAYS SALES WERE UP 14% LAST YEAR, MAKING 2023 THE COMPANY'S BEST YEAR SINCE 2019. GM SAYS IT SOLD ROUGHLY 2.6 MILLION VEHICLES IN 2023. THAT'S UP FROM ABOUT 2.3 MILLION VEHICLES IN 2022, WHEN THE INDUSTRY WAS HIT HARD BY SUPPLY CHAIN PROBLEMS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/5/24 REPORTED...**

TESLA IS RECALLING MORE THAN A MILLION CARS IN CHINA, OVER PROBLEMS WITH ITS AUTOPILOT AND LOCKS. CHINESE LEADERS SAY THE RECALL IMPACTS TESLA MODELS, WHERE DRIVERS CAN "MISUSE" A DRIVING ASSISTANCE FEATURE. THAT COULD CAUSE THE VEHICLE TO CRASH. THE ISSUES CAN BE REPAIRED THROUGH A FREE SOFTWARE UPDATE. SO DRIVERS DON'T HAVE TO TAKE THEIR CAR BACK TO THE DEALER. TESLA ISSUED A SIMILAR RECALL IN THE US LAST MONTH.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/9/24 REPORTED...**

KEEPING KIDS SAFE ON SOCIAL MEDIA. META NOW SAYS IT WILL 'LIMIT THE TYPE OF CONTENT' TEENAGERS ARE ABLE TO SEE ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM. THE UPDATES WILL DEFAULT TEENAGE USERS TO THE MOST RESTRICTIVE SETTINGS, PREVENT TEENS FROM SEARCHING ABOUT CERTAIN TOPICS AND PROMPT THEM TO UPDATE THEIR PRIVACY SETTINGS. CHANGES WILL ALSO PREVENT YOUNG PEOPLE FROM SEEING CONTENT ABOUT SELF-HARM AND EATING DISORDERS, OR THAT INCLUDES RESTRICTED GOODS OR NUDITY EVEN IF THE CONTENT IS SHARED BY A PERSON THEY FOLLOW. META EXPECTS TO COMPLETE THE UPDATE OVER THE COMING WEEKS. THIS COMES AFTER A BI-PARTISAN GROUP OF 42 ATTORNEYS GENERAL ANNOUNCED THEY'RE SUING META, ALLEGING THE COMPANY'S PRODUCTS ARE HURTING TEENAGERS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/9/24 REPORTED...**

A DIM FORECAST FOR THE GLOBAL ECONOMY. WORLD BANK SAYS THE GLOBAL ECONOMY IS ON COURSE TO RECORD ITS WORST FIVE YEARS OF GROWTH, IN 30 YEARS. THE BANK'S LATEST "GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROSPECTS" REPORT PREDICTS 2024 WILL BE A THIRD YEAR OF SLOW GROWTH. IT FINDS THE ECONOMY WILL GROW JUST 2.4 PERCENT THIS YEAR. THAT'S DOWN FROM 2.6 PERCENT LAST YEAR. GROWTH IS THEN EXPECTED TO RISE marginally IN 2025. THE BANK WARNS-- WITHOUT A MAJOR COURSE CORRECTION, THE 2020'S WILL GO DOWN AS "A DECADE OF WASTED OPPORTUNITY."

## CONSUMER ISSUES

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/1/24 REPORTED...**

BART FARES WENT UP TODAY. BUT LOW INCOME RIDERS NOW ALSO QUALIFY FOR HIGHER SAVINGS. ACROSS THE BOARD, BART RAISED THE PRICE OF A RIDE BY 5.5 PERCENT. AT THE SAME TIME, THE "CLIPPER START MEANS-BASED FARE DISCOUNT" WENT FROM 20 PERCENT TO 50 PERCENT. THAT MEANS THOSE WHO QUALIFY FOR THE SPECIAL FARE WILL NOW ONLY PAY HALF THE REGULAR TICKET PRICE. BY THE WAY, A 5.5 PERCENT INCREASE MEANS ABOUT 23 CENTS MORE FOR THE AVERAGE RIDE.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/2/24 REPORTED...**

GOOD NEWS FOR COMMUTERS WHO RELY ON BAY AREA FERRY SERVICE TO AND FROM THE EAST BAY. THE NEWLY REFURBISHED, MAIN STREET ALAMEDA FERRY TERMINAL IS BACK OPEN AFTER BEING CLOSED FOR MORE THAN TWO MONTHS. IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE A SERIES OF REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS TO THE EXISTING TERMINAL THAT NOW MEET EARTHQUAKE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS. THE WATER EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SAYS THE 10-MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT FINISHED ON TIME AND ON BUDGET.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/3/24 REPORTED...**

GOOD NEWS STARBUCKS LOVERS. YOU CAN NOW GET YOUR FAVORITE DRINK IN YOUR FAVORITE CUP. STARTING TODAY, THE COFFEEHOUSE IS LETTING YOU BRING YOUR OWN CUPS. YOU'LL GET A 10-CENT DISCOUNT AND REWARDS MEMBERS WILL GET 25 BONUS STARS. YOU CAN DO IT AT THE CAFE, AT DRIVE-THRU, AND EVEN THROUGH THE STARBUCKS APP. IT'S THE FIRST NATIONAL COFFEEHOUSE IN THE US TO OFFER CUSTOMERS THIS OPTION WHEN MAKING MOBILE ORDERS.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/4/24 REPORTED...**

IN ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHANGES TO YOUR P-C'S KEYBOARD SINCE 1994, MICROSOFT IS ADDING A KEY FOR AI. MICROSOFT SAYS KEYBOARDS ON UPCOMING WINDOWS PCS WILL FEATURE A CO-PILOT KEY. THE KEY WILL ALLOW USERS A ONE STROKE WAY TO ENGAGE OPEN AI, WHICH OPERATES ITS OWN CHAT GPT CHATBOT. IT CAN COMPOSE HUMAN-LIKE TEXT IN RESPONSE TO A FEW WORDS OF WRITTEN INPUT. PEOPLE CAN ALSO TELL IT TO WRITE OUT EMAILS, ANSWER QUESTIONS, CREATE IMAGES AND TURN ON PC FEATURES.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/10/24 REPORTED...**

GOOD NEWS IF YOU'RE HEADING IN AND OUT OF THE EAST BAY FOR THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND. CALTRANS HAS CANCELLED A SCHEDULED CLOSURE ON 680. CALTRANS SAYS THE RAIN IS PUTTING A WRENCH IN THEIR PLANS. THE SOUTHBOUND LANES OF THE HIGHWAY WERE SET TO BE COMPLETELY CLOSED IN PLEASANTON BETWEEN THE 580-INTERCHANGE AND KOOPMAN ROAD. CALTRANS IS LOOKING TO RESCHEDULE THE ROAD WORK FOR NEXT MONTH, POSSIBLY DURING PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/12/24 REPORTED...**  
BART RIDERS WHO DRIVE TO THEIR HOME STATIONS AND PARK - MAY WANT TO BRACE FOR CHANGES STARTING TODAY. RATES ARE CHANGING - ON TOP OF RECENT FARE HIKES. STARTING TODAY, THE COST TO PARK AT THREE BART STATIONS HAS GONE UP. WHILE IT GOT CHEAPER AT FIVE OTHERS. PRICES ARE UP AT GLEN PARK, MILLBRAE AND WEST OAKLAND. BUT PRICES ARE GOING DOWN, BY A COUPLE OF DOLLARS, AT THE BAYFAIR, COLISEUM, HAYWARD, RICHMOND, AND WARM SPRINGS-SOUTH FREMONT LOTS. PRICE ADJUSTMENTS ARE BASED ON METRICS TIED TO EACH STATION'S PARKING LOT USAGE.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/16/24 REPORTED...**  
FREEZING WEATHER IS CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN THE MID-WEST. IN CHICAGO, E-V DRIVERS WERE WAITING HOURS TO PLUG IN. SOME DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH CHARGE TO WAIT THAT LONG, AND HAD TO BE TOWED AWAY. THE NORWEGIAN AUTOMOBILE FEDERATION FINDS E-Vs LOSE ABOUT 20% OF THEIR DRIVING RANGE IN THE COLD. TRIPLE-A SAYS THAT PERCENTAGE COULD MORE THAN DOUBLE IF THE HEATER IS ON FULL BLAST.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/17/24 REPORTED...**  
COSTCO IS MAKING A MAJOR CHANGE. IT WANTS TO PUT A STOP TO "CARD-SHARING." COSTCO IS CRACKING DOWN ON NON-MEMBERS USING ANOTHER PERSON'S MEMBERSHIP. THE COMPANY SAYS IT STARTED SEEING A LOT OF CARD-SHARING AFTER IT ADDED SELF-CHECKOUT REGISTERS. MEMBERSHIPS ARE THE COMPANY'S BIGGEST MONEY-MAKER. SO COSTCO ANNOUNCED IT'S PUTTING WHAT IT CALLS "MEMBERSHIP SCANNERS" AT THE ENTRANCES OF SOME LOCATIONS. THE SCANNERS ALLOW EMPLOYEES TO VERIFY THAT THE SHOPPER MATCHES THE PHOTO ON THE MEMBERSHIP CARD.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/19/24 REPORTED...**  
YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED YOUR EGGS ARE MORE EXPENSIVE THAN USUAL. IT'S BECAUSE THE BIRD FLU IS BACK AND ITS KILLING CHICKENS. AN OUTBREAK OF THE BIRD FLU STARTED BACK IN NOVEMBER. BECAUSE OF IT, 14 MILLION CHICKENS DIED. THIS SHORTAGE CAUSED PRICES TO RISE BY ALMOST 9 PERCENT ACROSS THE US. THAT SPIKE HAS STAYED INTO THE NEW YEAR. BUT, THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD STOP BUYING EGGS. ECONOMISTS SAY ITS UNCLEAR WHEN THEY WILL GET A HANDLE ON THE VIRUS.

## **CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN**

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/1/24 REPORTED...**

IN PALO ALTO, THIS IS THE FIRST BABY OF THE NEW YEAR AT LUCILE PACKARD CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. THE BABY BOY - WHO IS STILL WAITING ON A NAME - WAS BORN AT 3:49 THIS MORNING. PARENTS KARLA MIRANDA REYES AND FREDIE GARCIA SAY HE WAS A NICE SURPRISE MAINLY BECAUSE HE WASN'T DUE UNTIL MID-JANUARY. REYES SAID THEY WERE EATING DINNER WHEN THEIR SON, DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO MEET THE FAMILY. THIS IS THE FAMILY'S SECOND CHILD. AND HE MAY BE THE FIRST BIRTH IN THE HOSPITAL THIS YEAR BUT HE'S CERTAINLY FAR FROM THE LAST.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/1/24 REPORTED...**

YESTERDAY WAS FILLED WITH NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS. BUT WE ALSO HAD TO SAY GOODBYE TO ONE OF THE BEST TO EVER GET BEHIND THE WHEEL. NASCAR HALL OF FAME "CALE YARBOROUGH" DIED YESTERDAY... AT THE AGE OF 84. HIS FAMILY SAYS HE HAD BEEN BATTLING A RARE GENETIC DISORDER. AT HIS PEAK YARBOROUGH WAS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BEST DRIVERS OF HIS GENERATION. HE WAS THE FIRST DRIVER TO WIN THREE CONSECUTIVE SERIES CHAMPIONSHIPS BACK IN THE MID-70S. BY THE END OF HIS CAREER HE WON 83 RACES WHICH IS TIED FOR FIFTH ON NASCAR'S ALL-TIME LIST.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/2/24 REPORTED...**

WOMEN ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE SEEMINGLY STOCKING UP ON ABORTION PILLS. MEDICATION ABORTIONS ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN HALF OF ALL ABORTIONS IN THE US. AND NEW RESEARCH FROM THE J-A-M-A INTERNAL MEDICINE JOURNAL SHOWS DEMAND FOR THE ABORTION PILL SPIKES WHEN IT SEEMS IT MIGHT BECOME HARDER TO GET. THE RESEARCHERS LOOKED AT ABORTION PILL REQUESTS FROM WOMEN WHO WEREN'T PREGNANT. IT FOUND THOSE REQUESTS PEAKED IN MAY 2022 - WHEN NEWS LEAKED THAT THE SUPREME COURT PLANNED TO OVERTURN ROE V WADE.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/4/24 REPORTED...**

BRITNEY SPEARS SAYS SHE'S QUITTING THE MUSIC INDUSTRY. THE NEW YORK POST REPORTS SEVERAL SONGWRITERS WERE LINING UP TO WORK WITH SPEARS ON A NEW ALBUM. BUT SPEARS SHOT THOSE RUMORS DOWN TODAY ON INSTAGRAM. SHE POSTED SHE NOW WRITES FOR FUN OR FOR OTHER PEOPLE. AND THAT SHE'S WRITTEN 20 SONGS FOR OTHER SINGERS IN THE PAST TWO YEARS. THIS ISN'T THE FIRST WE'VE HEARD OF SPEARS SAY SHE'S QUITTING THE MUSIC BIZ. IN 2021 SHE SAID SHE HAD NO INTENTION OF RESUMING HER CAREER.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/5/24 REPORTED...**

AFTER 3 DECADES IN POWER, THE HEAD OF THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION IS STEPPING DOWN. WAYNE LAPIERRE ANNOUNCED PLANS TO RESIGN AS THE NRA'S EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. LAPIERRE CITED HEALTH REASONS FOR HIS DECISION. THE ANNOUNCEMENT COMES JUST DAYS BEFORE THE START OF HIS CIVIL TRIAL IN NEW YORK. LAPIERRE AND THREE OTHER NRA LEADERS ARE ACCUSED OF VIOLATING NONPROFIT LAWS AND MISUSING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF N-R-A FUNDS TO FINANCE THEIR OWN LAVISH LIFESTYLES.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/8/24 REPORTED...**

A GRAMMY NOMINATED HIP-HOP STAR WENT BEFORE A JUDGE IN LOS ANGELES TODAY. "ASAP ROCKY" IS FACING ASSAULT CHARGES. HE'S THE BOYFRIEND OF POP ICON RIHANNA, AND THE COUPLE NOW SHARES TWO CHILDREN. HE'S ACCUSED OF FIRING A SEMI-AUTOMATIC HANDGUN AT HIS FORMER FRIEND, TERELL EPHRON, OUTSIDE A HOLLYWOOD HOTEL, IN 2021. EPHRON CLAIMS GUN SHOTS GRAZED HIS KNUCKLES. ASAP ROCKY'S ATTORNEYS SAY OFFICERS FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF A SHOOTING AT THE SCENE. TODAY "ASAP ROCKY" PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO THE TWO COUNTS OF ASSAULT.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/9/24 REPORTED...**

NEW INFORMATION TONIGHT ABOUT THE DEATH OF MUSIC ICON AND ACTIVIST SINÉAD O'CONNOR. O'CONNOR DIED SIX MONTHS AGO IN LONDON. SHE WAS 56 YEARS OLD. SHE WAS KNOWN FOR HER IRISH BALLADS WHICH EARNED HER SEVERAL GRAMMY AWARDS. BUT ALSO FOR HER ACTIVISM. ONCE, ON "SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE" SHE RIPPED UP A PHOTO OF THE POPE, TO PROTEST CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. HER DEATH CAME MORE THAN A YEAR AFTER HER 17-YEAR-OLD SON DIED BY SUICIDE. TODAY A CORONER'S OFFICE IN LONDON SAID SHE DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES, THE CORONER GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS AND SAID THE CASE IS CLOSED.

## **CRIMES-FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/1/24 REPORTED...**

OAKLAND POLICE ARE STILL TRYING TO TRACK DOWN THE SUSPECT OR SUSPECTS WHO SHOT AND KILLED ONE OF THEIR OWN OFFICERS. THE COMMUNITY IS STEPPING UP TO HELP RELATIVES OF THE FALLEN HERO. 36-YEAR-OLD OFFICER "TUAN LE" DIED WHEN HE WAS SHOT EARLY LAST FRIDAY. HE WAS RESPONDING IN AN UNMARKED CAR TO A BURGLARY AT AN OAKLAND CANNABIS DISPENSARY NEAR JACK LONDON SQUARE. PEOPLE WHO KNEW HIM TELL US HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS HUMILITY AND HIS ABILITY TO LISTEN WELL.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/1/24 REPORTED...**

A WOMAN IS FIGHTING FOR HER LIFE AFTER AN OVERNIGHT SHOOTING IN SAN FRANCISCO. IT HAPPENED AROUND 20 MINUTES AFTER MIDNIGHT. POLICE SAY OFFICERS WERE CALLED TO JONES AND MARKET STREETS AND FOUND A WOMAN WHO HAD BEEN SHOT WHILE SITTING IN HER CAR. SHE WAS RUSHED TO A HOSPITAL WHERE SHE REMAINS WITH LIFE-THREATENING INJURIES. NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE POLICE ARE ASKING FOR TIPS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/1/24 REPORTED...**

WE HAVE AN UPDATE ABOUT THE EL CERRITO WOMAN WHO'S MISSING. POLICE SAY SHE MIGHT BE A HOMICIDE VICTIM. ALICE HERRMANN WAS REPORTED MISSING IN EARLY DECEMBER. THE EL CERRITO POLICE INITIALLY LED THE INVESTIGATION WHEN HER CAR WAS FOUND ABANDONED AT HER BOYFRIEND'S HOME THERE. BUT SINCE THEN, CAPITOLA POLICE HAVE TAKEN LEAD OF THE CASE SAYING HERRMANN WAS LAST SCENE IN SANTA CRUZ. THEY ARE CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY THAT SHE IS THE VICTIM OF A HOMICIDE.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/2/24 REPORTED...**

A MAN ARMED WITH A GUN WENT ON A RAMPAGE THAT INCLUDED BREAKING INTO THE COLORADO SUPREME COURT BUILDING. IT STARTED AT 3 THIS MORNING JUST OUTSIDE THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING IN DENVER. POLICE SAY A DRIVER GOT INTO A CAR CRASH GOT OUT AND POINTED A GUN AT THE OTHER DRIVER. HE THEN RAN UP TO THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING AND FIRED INTO A WINDOW. INVESTIGATORS SAY HE THEN CLIMBED INTO THE BUILDING AND HELD A SECURITY GUARD AT GUNPOINT AND TOOK HIS KEYS. THE MAN FIRED SHOTS ON THE SEVENTH FLOOR AND STARTED A FIRE IN A STAIRWELL.



**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/3/24 REPORTED...**

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR THE PEOPLE BEHIND A DESTRUCTIVE SMASH AND GRAB. THIEVES RAMMED AN SUV INTO A BANK OF AMERICA ON BALBOA STREET IN THE OUTER RICHMOND AROUND 4 IN THE MORNING. POLICE SAY THE CROOKS TOOK CASH AND SPED OFF. A CUSTOMER WE TALKED TO SAYS HE FRUSTRATED AND HOPES THE COPS CATCH THE THIEVES.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/3/24 REPORTED...**

A FEDERAL JUDGE HAS RELEASED THE NAMES OF PEOPLE CONNECTED TO BILLIONAIRE SEXUAL PREDATOR JEFFERY EPSTEIN. THE DISGRACED FINANCIER NEVER MADE IT TO TRIAL. HE DIED BY SUICIDE WHILE IN JAIL AFTER BEING CHARGED WITH CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING IN NEW YORK FEDERAL COURT. COURT DOCUMENTS REVEAL THE NAMES OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY PEOPLE, FROM HIS VICTIMS TO HIS ASSOCIATES. INCLUDED IN THE LIST - PROMINENT PEOPLE WHO HAVE DENIED ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THEM, INCLUDING PRINCE ANDREW OF GREAT BRITAIN AND LITIGATOR ALAN DERSHOWITZ.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/4/24 REPORTED...**

POLICE SAY HE BARRICADED HIMSELF INSIDE HIS PLEASANT HILL HOME LAST MONTH AFTER SHOOTING HIS WIFE. HE THEN GOT INTO A 36 HOUR STANDOFF WITH POLICE DURING WHICH HE SHOT AT OFFICERS. NO OFFICERS WERE HURT, AND HIS WIFE WAS RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL. HIS FAMILY AND SUPPORTERS SAY SAECHAO WAS HAVING A "PTSD" EPISODE DURING THE ORDEAL.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/4/24 REPORTED...**

A MASS SHOOTING AT A HIGH SCHOOL IN IOWA. SIX PEOPLE WERE SHOT, AND A SIXTH GRADER WAS KILLED AFTER A STUDENT OPENED FIRE. IT HAPPENED THIS MORNING IN THE SMALL TOWN OF PERRY, ABOUT 40-MILES FROM DES MOINES. THIS WAS THE FIRST DAY BACK FROM WINTER BREAK. POLICE SAY A 17-YEAR-OLD STUDENT OPENED FIRE IN THE LUNCHROOM, BEFORE DYING FROM A SELF-INFLICTED GUNSHOT WOUND. THE SIXTH GRADER WHO WAS KILLED HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED. FOUR OTHER STUDENTS AND A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR WERE INJURED.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/5/24 REPORTED...**

THE MURDER CASE AGAINST AN OAKLAND MAN ACCUSED IN A STABBINGS SPREE, IS MOVING FORWARD. FORMER UC DAVIS STUDENT CARLOS DOMINGUEZ IS ACCUSED OF STABBING TWO PEOPLE AND WOUNDING A THIRD IN DAVIS LAST YEAR. A JUDGE RULED THIS MORNING THAT HE IS COMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL. DOMINGUEZ WAITED FOR TODAY'S RULING IN A STATE HOSPITAL. LAST WEEK, THE YOLO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SAID THE COURT RECEIVED A REPORT FROM THE STATE HOSPITAL, STATING DOMINGUEZ IS INDEED COMPETENT. THE NEXT HEARING IN THE CASE IS SET FOR NEXT MONTH. DOMINGUEZ WILL BE HELD AT YOLO COUNTY JAIL WITHOUT BAIL.

## **DIVERSITY**

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/1/24 REPORTED...**  
RINGING IN 2024 IN WASHINGTON DC LITERALLY. THIS MORNING THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM SHOWCASED ITS NEW JAPANESE TEMPLE BELL. IT NOW SITS IN THE CENTRAL COURTYARD OF ITS BONSAI AND PENJING. THEY UNVEILED IT WITH A ZEN BUDDHIST BLESSING AND CEREMONIAL RINGING. THE BELL WAS A GIFT.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/1/24 REPORTED...**  
AND ONE LAW YOU MIGHT NOTICE WHEN YOU GO SHOPPING. MAJOR STORES ARE NOW REQUIRED TO HAVE GENDER-NEUTRAL TOY SECTIONS NOT JUST AISLES SPLITTING THE TOYS BETWEEN BOYS OR GIRLS. THIS REQUIREMENT COMES FROM A BILL PASSED IN 2021. STORES FACE FINES UP TO 500-DOLLARS IF THEY FAIL TO COMPLY.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/1/24 REPORTED...**  
THE NEW MAYOR OF PHILADELPHIA IS MAKING HISTORY. CHERELLE PARKER IS THE FIRST WOMAN AND THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO HOLD OFFICE. SHE IS ALSO THE CITY'S 100TH MAYOR. PARKER WAS SWORN INTO OFFICE TODAY AND THANKED THE CITY FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. SHE ALSO OUTLINED HER PLANS FOR HER FIRST 100 DAYS. SHE SAYS SHE'LL FOCUS ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND EXPANDING THE ECONOMY.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/4/24 REPORTED...**  
THIS SATURDAY IS "THREE KINGS DAY," OR "DÍA DE LOS REYES." THE CATHOLIC TRADITION COMMEMORATES THE DAY THE THREE WISE MEN ARRIVED WITH GIFTS FOR BABY JESUS. ALTHOUGH THE BIRTH OF JESUS IS CELEBRATED ON CHRISTMAS DAY, ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE THE THREE KINGS DIDN'T ACTUALLY REACH HIM UNTIL 12 DAYS LATER. POPULAR TRADITIONS DURING THE HOLIDAY INCLUDE GIFT-GIVING, LARGE FEASTS AND INDULGING IN "KING CAKE" OR ROSCA DE REYES. "MEXICO BAKERY" IN SAN JOSE IS BUSY PREPARING THE SPECIAL CAKES FOR THE HOLIDAY.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/8/24 REPORTED...**  
ON A LIGHTER NOTE... CITY LEADERS TODAY WELCOMED THE TONY-AWARD WINNING MUSICAL, THE WIZ, TO SAN FRANCISCO. IT'S KNOWN FOR ITS UNIQUE, CULTURAL TWIST ON THE ICONIC FILM "THE WIZARD OF OZ." INSTEAD OF LIVING ON A FARM IN KANSAS, DOROTHY IN "THE WIZ" TELLS THE STORY OF A BLACK DOROTHY LIVING IN HARLEM, NEW YORK. THIS IS A CLIP OF THE MUSICAL FROM TWO YEARS AGO, BUT THIS YEAR'S CAST INCLUDES AWARD WINNING ACTOR, WAYNE BRADY AND RECORDING ARTIST DEBORAH COX. MAYOR BREED DECLARED TODAY, THE WIZ DAY, SAYING THE MUSICAL IS JUST WHAT THE CITY NEEDS AFTER ENDURING SO MUCH NEGATIVITY.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/8/24 REPORTED...**

TODAY POPE FRANCIS CALLED FOR BANNING SURROGACY AROUND THE WORLD. HE'S SPECIFICALLY TALKING ABOUT COMMERCIAL SURROGACY. THAT'S WHEN WOMEN ARE PAID TO CARRY A PREGNANCY FOR ANOTHER PERSON OR COUPLE. IT'S COMMON IN THE U-S, BUT BANNED IN PARTS OF EUROPE INCLUDING SPAIN AND ITALY. AT A CATHOLIC CONFERENCE IN THE VATICAN -- THE POPE SAID THE LIFE OF AN UNBORN CHILD MUST BE PROTECTED AND NOT BE -QUOTE "TURNED INTO AN OBJECT OF TRAFFICKING" CRITICS SAY THE PRACTICE TARGETS POOR AND VULNERABLE WOMEN. SUPPORTERS SAY IT GIVES CHILDLESS COUPLES A CHANCE TO PARENT. THE VATICAN MADE CLEAR THAT SAME-SEX PARENTS WHO RESORT TO SURROGACY CAN HAVE THEIR CHILDREN BAPTIZED.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/11/24 REPORTED...**

THE NUMBER OF ASIAN AMERICAN VOTERS SKYROCKETED OVER THE PAST PRESIDENTIAL CYCLE. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW PEW RESEARCH CENTER REPORT. IT REVEALS THAT IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS ASIAN AMERICAN VOTER POPULATION GREW BY 15%. IT MAKES THEM THE FASTEST GROWING ELECTORATE IN THE US. EXPERTS SAY THE INCREASE TRACKS WITH OVERALL POPULATION TRENDS, ASIAN AMERICANS ARE THE FASTEST-GROWING RACIAL GROUP IN AMERICA. CALIFORNIA HAD THE HIGHEST NUMBER AT 4.4 MILLION ASIAN AMERICAN VOTERS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/11/24 REPORTED...**

SAN FRANCISCO'S CHINESE ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTER WILL SOON HAVE A PERMANENT PLACE TO CALL HOME. THE NON-PROFIT GROUP GOT THE FUNDING TO BUY AND TRANSFORM AN OLD, STOREFRONT PROPERTY ON GRANT AVENUE - INTO ITS NEW HOME IN CHINATOWN. THE PROJECT WILL TRANSFORM A 3 STORY BUILDING INTO A PLACE TO SHOWCASE ITS INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITS AND A PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO ENJOY CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

## EDUCATION

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/1/24 REPORTED...**  
PARENTS AND STUDENTS ARE BREATHING A SIGH OF RELIEF AFTER THE NEW, FAFSA WEBSITE FINALLY LAUNCHED, BUT WITH SOME MINOR ISSUES. FAFSA IS SHORT FOR THE "FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID." A SIMPLIFIED VERSION IS FINALLY ONLINE FOLLOWING A LONG DELAY. IT MADE A SOFT LAUNCH OVER THE WEEKEND, BUT SOME OF THE INFO WON'T BE SENT TO SCHOOLS UNTIL LATER THIS MONTH. THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SAYS THAT COULD DELAY FINANCIAL AID AWARD OFFER FROM COLLEGES FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/2/24 REPORTED...**  
AFTER MONTHS OF SCRUTINY, HARVARD'S PRESIDENT, CLAUDINE GAY, IS STEPPING DOWN. IT COMES JUST WEEKS AFTER SHE AND OTHER LEADERS OF PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITIES TESTIFIED BEFORE CONGRESS IN THE WAKE OF THE ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR. GAY FACED HARSH CRITICISM OVER HARVARD'S RESPONSE TO ANTISEMITISM ON CAMPUS. SHE IS ALSO ACCUSED OF PLAGIARISM IN HER PUBLISHED WORK. GAY IS THE FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT IN HARVARD'S NEARLY 400-YEAR HISTORY AND THE SECOND WOMAN. GAY SERVED FOR JUST OVER SIX MONTHS —THE SHORTEST TERM IN THE UNIVERSITY'S HISTORY.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/3/24 REPORTED...**  
AN OLD EMPTY, SHOPPING MALL IN LOS ANGELES WILL SOON BECOME A NEW, STATE-OF-THE-ART SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH CENTER. GOVERNOR NEWSOM, ACADEMIC, BUSINESS AND HEALTH CARE LEADERS MADE THAT ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY. UCLA PLANS TO TRANSFORM THE FORMER, WESTSIDE PAVILION INTO A GLOBAL, INNOVATION HUB WHERE SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS CAN WORK ON BREAKTHROUGHS TO HELP SOLVE THE WORLD'S GREATEST CHALLENGES. THAT INCLUDES HELPING TO PREVENT ANOTHER PANDEMIC AND DEVELOPING POTENTIAL CURES FOR CANCER AND OTHER DISEASES.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/5/24 REPORTED...**  
AN UPDATE TO A UC BERKELEY PLAN TO BUILD STUDENT HOUSING IN PEOPLE'S PARK. CREWS WERE ABLE TO START SOME WORK AFTER A DAY OF PROTESTS. DEMONSTRATIONS STARTED EARLY YESTERDAY AS POLICE CLEARED PEOPLE FROM THE PARK. THAT ALLOWED CREWS TO PUT UP A WALL OF SHIPPING CONTAINERS. SOME 50 DEMONSTRATORS THEN FACED OFF WITH POLICE LATE INTO THE NIGHT. THIS MORNING THINGS WERE CALMER WITH CREWS DOING WORK BEHIND THE WALL.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/8/24 REPORTED...**

UC BERKELEY LEADERS ARE HOPING TO HAVE "PEOPLE'S PARK" COMPLETELY CLOSED OFF TO THE PUBLIC AS SOON AS TONIGHT. LAST WEEK, POLICE CLEARED OUT THE PARK. THEN CREWS BEGAN STACKING SHIPPING CONTAINERS TO FENCE IN THE SPACE. IT'S ALL PART OF THE UNIVERSITY'S PLAN TO BUILD STUDENT HOUSING ON THE PARK. NEARBY STREETS HAVE ALSO BEEN BLOCKED OFF BECAUSE OF PROTESTERS. THEY'RE UPSET OVER THE CLOSURE OF WHAT HAS LONG BEEN A PUBLIC GREEN SPACE. ONCE THE PARK IS ENCLOSED, SCHOOL LEADERS ARE PROMISING TO REOPEN SURROUNDING STREETS. OPPONENTS MEANWHILE ARE VOWING TO CONTINUE THEIR FIGHT TO PRESERVE THE PARK.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/8/24 REPORTED...**

NOBODY LIKES TO GET THE FLU. BUT WHAT IF SOMEONE OFFERED YOU CASH TO GET IT? THAT'S WHAT RESEARCHERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND ARE DOING. THEY'RE OFFERING 19-HUNDRED DOLLARS TO PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO QUARANTINE WITH FLU-INFESTED PATIENTS. THE RESEARCHERS ARE TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE FLU SPREADS. THE VOLUNTEERS WILL CHAT AND PLAY GAMES WITH PATIENTS IN AN AIR-CONTROLLED ROOM TO MODEL A REAL-LIFE GATHERING. AND DEVICES IN THE ROOM WILL MEASURE VIRUS PARTICLES IN THE AIR. SCIENTISTS SAY THE RESULTS COULD LEAD TO IMPROVED PUBLIC HEALTH POLICIES, INCLUDING BETTER AIR CIRCULATION IN BUILDINGS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/12/24 REPORTED...**

A BIG BREAK FOR THOSE WITH A PILE OF STUDENT DEBT. PRESIDENT BIDEN TODAY SAID HE'S FAST-TRACKING HIS STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PLAN, CALLED "SAVE." HERE'S WHO QUALIFIES. ANYONE WHO BORROWED 12-THOUSAND DOLLARS OF LESS. OR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PAYING LOANS FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS. THE GOVERNMENT WILL ERASE THEIR DEBT IN FEBRUARY. BUT THERE'S A CATCH. YOU HAVE TO APPLY. AND WHILE 30 MILLION PEOPLE QUALIFY FOR "SAVE", THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION SAYS ONLY ABOUT 7 MILLION HAVE ENROLLED. ORIGINALLY THE PROGRAM WAS SET TO START IN JULY - BUT NOW IT'S STARTING NEXT MONTH.

## ENVIRONMENT

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/1/24 REPORTED...**

TURNING NOW TO OUR CLIMATE IN CRISIS. THE NUMBERS ARE IN AND WE KNOW THE TOP FIVE POLLUTERS IN CALIFORNIA. AND THREE OF THEM ARE IN THE BAY AREA. THIS IS BASED ON DATA FROM THE EPA. THE LOS ANGELES REFINERY IS THE WORST. IT PRODUCED OVER 5 MILLION METRIC TONS OF CARBON. THE CHEVRON RICHMOND REFINERY PRODUCED ALMOST 3 MILLION TONS OF CARBON. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY THE CHEVRON EL SEGUNDO REFINERY, THE MARTINEZ REFINERY, AND THE VALERO REFINING COMPANY IN BENICIA.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/2/24 REPORTED...**

AN UNSETTLING MYSTERY WAS SOLVED IN NEW YORK CITY TODAY. AND ITS ALL THANKS TO THE US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. FIREFIGHTERS RESPONDED TO REPORTS OF EXPLOSIONS ON ROOSEVELT ISLAND, NEAR QUEENS THIS MORNING. BUT THEY DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING. NOW THEY SAY THOSE EXPLOSIONS WERE ACTUALLY AN EARTHQUAKE. THE US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY RECORDED A 1.7 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE AROUND THE SAME TIME IN QUEENS. PEOPLE IN THE AREA SAID THEY HEARD A LARGE BOOM FOLLOWED BY SHAKING.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/2/24 REPORTED...**

LIVING IN THE BAY AREA MEANS WE ALL NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR EARTHQUAKES. ONE COMPANY IS TRYING TO DEVELOP A NEW FORM OF EARLY DETECTION SYSTEMS. Q CONTROL WANTS TO HELP WARN PEOPLE BEFORE THE GROUND STARTS TO SHAKE USING A TOOL CALLED 'QUANTUM SENSING'. THE TECHNOLOGY WHICH USES ATOMS, LASERS, AND PARTICLES OF LIGHT TO DETECT CHANGES IN EARTH'S MAGNETIC FIELDS WITH BETTER PRECISION.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/11/24 REPORTED...**

THE CITY OF SAN JOSE IS LOOKING TO MAKE EV'S MORE CONVENIENT FOR RENTERS. A NEW PROPOSAL WOULD REQUIRE NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CITY TO INSTALL EV CHARGING OUTLETS NEXT TO EVERY RESIDENT PARKING SPACE. THE PROPOSAL IS FOR DEVELOPMENTS WITH FOUR OR MORE HOUSING UNITS. THE NEW REQUIREMENTS WOULD HOPEFULLY HELP ENCOURAGE E-V OWNERSHIP AMONG RENTERS. THE SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO VOTE ON JANUARY 23RD. AROUND 30-PERCENT OF NEW CARS REGISTERED IN SAN JOSE ARE ELECTRIC. CALIFORNIA IS LOOKING TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF GAS CARS BY 2035.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/12/24 REPORTED...**

KEEP THE BUTTER SAUCE HANDY. BAY AREA COMMERCIAL CRABBERS ARE FINALLY GETTING THE GREEN-LIGHT. STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE HAS DELAYED THE START OF THE SEASON FOR MONTHS BECAUSE OF WHALE MIGRATION. BUT NOW IT WILL ALLOW FISHERMEN TO GO OUT FOR CRAB NEXT THURSDAY. BUT THERE'S A "CATCH." THE CRABBERS HAVE TO REDUCE TRAPS BY 50-PERCENT. THE STATE SAYS THIS WILL LOWER THE RISK OF HUMPBACK WHALES GETTING TANGLED IN TRAPS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/17/24 REPORTED...**

NEW FEDERAL FUNDING MAY BE KEY, TO NOT ONLY BOOSTING OUR CLIMATE IN CRISIS, BUT REDUCING WILDFIRE RISK. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND NOAA RECENTLY ANNOUNCED 34-MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANTS, TO IMPROVE THE UNDERSTANDING AND TRACKING OF WILDFIRES. RESEARCHERS WILL LOOK FOR WAYS TO IMPROVE DETECTION AND OBSERVATION TECHNOLOGY. THE DIRECTOR OF NOAA'S GLOBAL SYSTEMS LAB SAYS, THAT INCLUDES NEW HIGH POWERED COMPUTERS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/23/24 REPORTED...**

SAN DIEGO JUST EXPERIENCED ITS RAINIEST JANUARY DAY IN HISTORY AND ITS PROMPTED THE MAYOR TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY. THROUGHOUT AN AVERAGE JANUARY, SAN DIEGO GETS ABOUT 2 INCHES OF RAIN. BUT THE SUNNY CITY RECEIVED NEARLY 3 INCHES OF RAIN YESTERDAY ALONE. THE DOWNPOUR TURNED ROADS INTO RIVERS SO POWERFUL THEY SWEEP AWAY CARS AND FLOODED HOMES. SOME PEOPLE SAY THE FLOODING GOT SO HIGH - THEY WERE UP TO THEIR NECKS IN WATER.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/26/24 REPORTED...**

A PLAN TO HELP FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE USING RECYCLED WATER. TODAY, "EAST BAY MUD" GOT A FINANCIAL BOOST FOR ITS "ESTUARY PIPELINE" PROJECT. IT SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE "ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS" FOR 3.2 MILLION DOLLARS. THAT'LL GO TOWARD RE-PURPOSING A PIPELINE TO BRING RECYCLED WATER TO THE CITY OF ALAMEDA. IT WOULD BRING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF GALLONS DAILY. THAT WATER WILL THEN BE USED FOR IRRIGATION OR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/30/24 REPORTED...**

WE'RE HALFWAY THROUGH WINTER AND CALIFORNIA HAS ONLY RECEIVED ABOUT HALF OF THE SNOW IT TYPICALLY GETS BY THIS POINT IN THE SEASON. STATE WATER OFFICIALS CONDUCTED THEIR SECOND SNOW SURVEY OF THE YEAR TODAY. THE AVERAGE SNOWPACK STATEWIDE JUST 52-PERCENT OF AVERAGE. BUT THAT'S AN IMPROVEMENT FROM JUST 28-PERCENT ON JANUARY FIRST. OFFICIALS SAY MANY OF THE STORMS WE'VE BEEN GETTING THIS YEAR -- HAVE BEEN TOO WARM TO PRODUCE A LOT OF SNOW. THAT COULD MEAN ISSUES FOR OUR AGRICULTURE WATER SUPPLY AS WELL AS WILDFIRE DANGER. SNOW PROVIDES NEARLY A THIRD OF THE STATE'S WATER.

## GOVERNMENT

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/1/24 REPORTED...**

MANY NEW STATE LAWS GO INTO EFFECT, TODAY. ONE OF THEM PROHIBITS PEOPLE FROM CARRYING GUNS IN MOST PUBLIC PLACES. THIS INCLUDES PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, CHURCHES, BANKS AND ZOOS. AND IT APPLIES EVEN IF YOU HAVE A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT. BUT THIS ISN'T A DONE DEAL FROM A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE, THOUGH. BANS-- SUCH AS THIS AND ONE ON HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINES-- HAVE FACED CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION FROM A FEDERAL JUDGE. FOR NOW, THEY ARE IN PLACE WHILE THE 9TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS CONSIDERS THE CASE.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/1/24 REPORTED...**

ANOTHER NEW LAW WOULD ALLOW RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND NON-PROFIT COLLEGES TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON THEIR PARKING LOTS OR OTHER PROPERTIES. THE LAW IS MEANT TO HELP BYPASS LOCAL PERMITTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS RULES TO HELP WITH THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. OPPONENTS, THOUGH, ARE CONCERNED IT TAKES AWAY LOCAL CONTROL OVER HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/3/24 REPORTED...**

SOME POLITICAL NEWS ON THE UPCOMING GOP DEBATE. IT LOOKS LIKE THERE WILL ONLY BE 2 CANDIDATES. IT'LL BE NEXT WEDNESDAY IN IOWA. TO QUALIFY, CANDIDATES MUST RECEIVE AT LEAST A 10% IN 3 DIFFERENT POLLS. AND THE ONLY QUALIFIERS FOR THE CNN DEBATE ARE FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP, FORMER SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR NIKKI HALEY, AND FLORIDA GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS. ITS THE LAST CHANCE FOR THEM TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION BEFORE VOTING BEGINS BUT ONCE AGAIN, TRUMP WILL SKIP THE DEBATE.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/4/24 REPORTED...**

MEANWHILE, DEMOCRATIC STATE SENATORS ARE WORKING TO STRENGTHEN CALIFORNIA'S RED FLAG GUN LAW. SENATORS NANCY SKINNER OF BERKELEY, AND CATHERINE BLAKESPEAR OF ENCINITAS INTRODUCED A NEW BILL TODAY. THEY SAY THE BILL WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR COURTS IN CALIFORNIA TO TAKE GUNS AWAY FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE DEEMED A THREAT TO THEMSELVES OR OTHERS. IT WOULD ESTABLISH NEW STANDARDS FOR CALIFORNIA'S "GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS," ALSO KNOWN AS THE "RED FLAG LAW." THE STANDARDS WOULD ALIGN WITH THE STATE'S RECENTLY UPDATED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER LAW.



**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/10/24 REPORTED...**  
RETIRING CONGRESSWOMAN ANNA ESHOO IS WEIGHING IN ON WHO SHE WANTS TO REPLACE HER IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. ESHOO IS OFFICIALLY ENDORSING SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUPERVISOR, JOE SIMITIAN. SIMITIAN ANNOUNCED THE ENDORSEMENT TODAY THROUGH HIS SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS. ESHOO WILL NOT BE SEEKING RE-ELECTION AFTER MORE THAN 3 DECADES IN CONGRESS. HER DISTRICT INCLUDES PARTS OF SAN MATEO AND SANTA CLARA COUNTIES.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/11/24 REPORTED...**  
TODAY A NEW BILL WAS PROPOSED THAT REGULATES FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY IN CALIFORNIA. BAY AREA ASSEMBLY-MEMBER PHIL TING AUTHORED THE "FACIAL RECOGNITION PRIVACY ACT". IT WOULD OUTLINE KEY RULES AND LIMITS FOR USING THE TECHNOLOGY IN POLICE INVESTIGATIONS. THE BILL WOULD ALSO REQUIRE OTHER EVIDENCE IN ADDITION TO A FACIAL MATCH TO JUSTIFY AN ARREST. POLICE WOULD HAVE TO PUBLISH THEIR DEPARTMENT RULES -- PUBLICLY. RIGHT NOW THERE ARE NO GUIDELINES FOR POLICE. HEARINGS ON THE BILL ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN THIS SPRING.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/11/24 REPORTED...**  
SENATE MAJORITY LEADER CHUCK SCHUMER IS LAYING OUT HIS PLAN TO AVOID A GOVERNMENT SHUT DOWN. TODAY ON THE SENATE FLOOR, THE NEW YORK DEMOCRAT SAID THE CHAMBER WILL BE MOVING FORWARD WITH A SHORT-TERM STOP-GAP FUNDING BILL NEXT WEEK. THAT BILL WOULD AVOID A PARTIAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN ON JANUARY 19TH. THIS IS DESPITE SOME HARD-RIGHT HOUSE REPUBLICANS, PRESSURING SPEAKER MIKE JOHNSON TO BACK OUT OF THE DEAL. HOWEVER, JOHNSON TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE HAS MADE NO COMMITMENTS TO BACK OUT.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/11/24 REPORTED...**  
RIGHT NOW, MARIN COUNTY SUPERVISORS ARE DECIDING WHETHER TO PUT A CAP ON THE NUMBER OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 923 LICENSES FOR SHORT TERM RENTALS. TODAY'S PROPOSAL WOULD SET A CAP AT JUST UNDER 11-HUNDRED. THAT'S A BOOST IN THE SHORT TERM, BUT WOULD SLOW LONG-TERM GROWTH. MORE THAN 300 WOULD BE DEDICATED TO TOURIST BEACH AREAS. THOSE IN SUPPORT OF THE CAP, SAY THE COUNTY NEEDS MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOCALS. ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY, 79-PERCENT OF WORKERS LIVED OUTSIDE THE COUNTY IN 2021. BUT SOME ANALYSTS POINT OUT THAT CAPPING SHORT TERM RETALS TO TRY TO SOLVE THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SHORTAGE MIGHT INADVERTANTLY HURT TOURISM.

## HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/2/24 REPORTED...**  
IT MIGHT BE TIME TO DUST OFF YOUR MASKS AND PUT THEM BACK TO USE. VIRUS SEASON IS IN FULL SWING. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED FOR RESPIRATORY ILLNESS EACH WEEK THIS SEASON. THAT INCLUDES COVID-19, RSV AND FLU INFECTIONS. THE CDC SAYS JUST LAST WEEK MORE THAN 35 THOUSAND PEOPLE WERE HOSPITALIZED. AND THOSE NUMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO RISE BECAUSE OF THE HOLIDAYS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/4/24 REPORTED...**  
THE GO-TO DRUG USED TO TREAT COVID INFECTIONS-paxloVID-GETTING ANOTHER LOOK . IT'S THE ANTIVIRAL PILL CALLED "PAXLOVID." DOCTORS PRESCRIBE IT FOR PEOPLE TO TAKE IF THEY'RE AT RISK OF SEVERE COVID INFECTIONS. BUT A NEW STUDY BY RESEARCHERS AT UCSF SAYS IT DOESN'T REDUCE THE RISK OF LINGERING SYMPTOMS KNOWN AS "LONG COVID." RESEARCHERS FOUND PEOPLE WHO TOOK THE DRUG REPORTED JUST AS MANY LONG COVID SYMPTOMS AS THOSE WHO DIDN'T.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/5/24 REPORTED...**  
POPULAR WEIGHT-LOSS AND DIABETES DRUG OZEMPIC MAY HAVE ANOTHER BENEFIT. A NEW STUDY PUBLISHED TODAY IN THE JOURNAL "NATURE" FOUND THE DRUG MAY HAVE A LOWER RISK OF SUICIDAL THOUGHTS, COMPARED TO SIMILAR MEDICATIONS. RESEARCHERS WERE INVESTIGATING THE INGREDIENT SEMAGLUTIDE. THEY FOUND PATIENTS USING OZEMPIC WERE 73-PERCENT LESS LIKELY TO REPORT SUICIDAL THOUGHTS. THAT'S COMPARED TO PEOPLE USING SIMILAR MEDICATIONS WITH OTHER INGREDIENTS. SEMAGLUTIDE IS ALSO THE INGREDIENT IN ANOTHER WEIGHT-LOSS DRUG WEGOVY.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/8/24 REPORTED...**  
NEW TROUBLING INFORMATION TONIGHT ABOUT TOXIC CHEMICALS FOUND IN APPLESAUCE POUCHES. THE FDA RECALLED THE "WANABANA" CINNAMON APPLESAUCE POUCHES BACK IN OCTOBER FOR LEAD CONTAMINATION. AND NOW, "WANABANA" IS UNDER FIRE AGAIN, THIS TIME FOR CHROMIUM IN THAT SAME APPLESAUCE. IT'S ALSO IN THE CINNAMON APPLESAUCE POUCHES OF SCHNUCKS AND WEIS. THERE'S 2 TYPES OF CHROMIUM: CHROMIUM-3 IS AN ESSENTIAL NUTRIENT AND CHROMIUM-6 IS A CANCER-CAUSING CHEMICAL. THE F-D-A SAYS THE TESTS SUGGEST IT'S THE LATTER, CHROMIUM-6. IT'S UNCLEAR IF CHILDREN EXPOSED TO THE CHEMICAL ARE AT RISK FOR SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/15/24 REPORTED...**

AS WE FIND OURSELVES IN THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY, WE ALSO FIND OURSELVES IN THE MIDDLE OF ANOTHER COVID SURGE. SOME HEALTH OFFICIALS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, ARE WARNING THAT HOSPITAL CAPACITIES MAY BECOME STRAINED, IF THE SURGE INTENSIFIES. THE CDC SAYS VACCINATION RATES REMAIN LOW, AS ROUGHLY 17-PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE AMERICANS, HAVE UPDATED COVID SHOTS. COVID DETECTED IN WASTEWATER, IS THE HIGHEST IT'S BEEN IN 2 YEARS, SINCE JANUARY 2022. THAT'S WHEN 'OMICRON' EMERGED, AND THE CDC STARTED TRACKING COVID IN WASTEWATER.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/17/24 REPORTED...**

ABORTION CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR TOPIC, THAT VOTERS WILL ADDRESS, AS THEY HEAD TO THE POLLS IN NOVEMBER. ABORTIONS ARE CURRENTLY BANNED OUTRIGHT, IN 14 STATES. THOSE BANS ARE HAVING A HEAVY IMPACT ON 'PLANNED PARENTHOOD' LOCATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. PLANNED PARENTHOOD IN STATES THAT ALLOW ABORTIONS ARE SEEING AN UPTICK IN PATIENTS. BEFORE 'ROE V WADE' WAS OVERTURNED PLANNED PARENTHOOD WAS HIRING MORE PRACTITIONERS AND INCREASING HOURS. THE CEO OF 'PLANNED PARENTHOOD NORTHERN CALIFORNIA' TELLS US DESPITE CHANGES, CALIFORNIA IS DETERMINED TO PROVIDE CARE.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/18/24 REPORTED...**

A STUDY RELEASED TODAY BY THE JOURNAL "SCIENCE" FOUND THAT PEOPLE WITH LONG COVID HAVE UNIQUE BLOOD PROTEINS. SCIENTISTS FOLLOWED LONG COVID PATIENTS FOR UP TO A YEAR AFTER INFECTION THEIR BLOOD PROTEINS SHOWED THAT THEIR IMMUNE SYSTEMS WEREN'T PROPERLY ACTIVATED. NOW THAT THEY KNOW THAT - SCIENTISTS HOPE IT WILL HELP THEM FIGURE OUT HOW TO TREAT LONG COVID. THE US CENSUS BUREAU SAYS 14 PERCENT OF ADULTS HAVE EXPERIENCED LONG COVID.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/19/24 REPORTED...**

A WARNING TODAY FROM THE CDC TO COSTCO AND SAM'S CLUB SHOPPERS. IT'S ABOUT A SALMONELLA OUTBREAK ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. AND IT'S BEEN LINKED TO CHARCUTERIE MEATS SOLD AT THE TWO STORES. THE CDC BEGAN INVESTIGATING THE OUTBREAK EARLIER THIS MONTH. THEY'RE LOOKING AT SALMONELLA CASES ACROSS 22 STATES, NOT INCLUDING CALIFORNIA. SO HERE ARE THE ITEMS YOU NEED TO AVOID... THE "BUSSETO CHARCUTERIE SAMPLER" AT SAM'S CLUB AND THE "FRATELLI BERETTA ANTIPASTO." THESE PRODUCTS ARE NO LONGER BEING SOLD IN THESE STORES. THE CDC IS STILL LOOKING INTO POSSIBLE CONTAMINATION OF OTHER PRODUCTS.

## **NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS/SAFETY & SECURITY**

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/2/24 REPORTED...**

A TOP HAMAS LEADER HAS BEEN KILLED IN A DRONE STRIKE IN LEBANON. THE STRIKE TOOK OUT PART OF A BUILDING IN THE THE CAPITOL CITY OF BEIRUT. IT KILLED SALEH AROURI WHO WAS THE DEPUTY POLITICAL HEAD FOR HAMAS, AND SEVERAL OTHER HAMAS MEMBERS. HE WAS THE MAIN CONNECTION BETWEEN HAMAS AND THE LEBANESE MILITANT GROUP - HEZBOLLAH. BOTH HAMAS AND HEZBOLLAH SAY ISRAEL WAS BEHIND THE STRIKE. ISRAEL DIDN'T CONFIRM OR DENY IT BUT PRESIDENT NETANYAHU HAD THREATENED TO KILL AROURI IN THE PAST.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/2/24 REPORTED...**

THE CAPITOL OF UKRAINE ALSO FACED HEAVY BOMBARDMENT TODAY. RUSSIA LAUNCHED A BARRAGE OF ATTACKS ON KYIV DURING THE MORNING RUSH HOUR. UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT VOLODYMYR ZELENSKYY SAYS RUSSIA FIRED NEARLY ONE HUNDRED MISSILES. OF THOSE - IT WAS ABLE TO STRIKE DOWN AT LEAST 70. BUT THE MISSILES THAT GOT THROUGH HIT AND DESTROYED RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS. THE STRIKES KILLED AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE AND HURT DOZENS MORE.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/2/24 REPORTED...**

A VIOLENT ATTACK IN SOUTH KOREA TODAY. SOMEONE STABBED THE OPPOSITION LEADER IN THE NECK... AND IT WAS CAPTURED ON VIDEO. DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER "LEE JAE- MYUNG" WAS TOURING THE SITE OF A PROPOSED AIRPORT. A MAN THEN APPROACHED LEE ASKING FOR AN AUTOGRAPH AND SUDDENLY LUNGED AT HIM WITH A KNIFE. LEE COLLAPSED TO THE GROUND AND POLICE IMMEDIATELY ARRESTED THE ATTACKER. PARAMEDICS AIRLIFTED LEE TO THE HOSPITAL. HE'S NOW RECOVERING IN THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AFTER A TWO-HOUR SURGERY.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/3/24 REPORTED...**

WE HAVE AN UPDATE ON THE DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKES THAT HIT JAPAN. AND THE DEATH TOLL HAS NOW REACHED 73 PEOPLE. A 7.5-MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE HIT CENTRAL JAPAN ON MONDAY. BUT RESCUERS ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR SURVIVORS UNDER THE RUBBLE. AND THEY MANAGED TO PULL ONE PERSON OUT ALIVE TODAY. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF HOUSEHOLDS ARE STILL WITHOUT ELECTRICITY AND WATER. AND THE WEATHER ISN'T HELPING.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/3/24 REPORTED...**

TWO EXPLOSIONS IN IRAN KILLED MORE THAN 100-PEOPLE AND WOUNDED MORE THAN A HUNDRED OTHERS. IT HAPPENED IN THE SOUTHEASTERN CITY OF KERMAN AT A CEMETERY. MOURNERS WERE MARKING THE 4TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF A TOP IRANIAN COMMANDER WHO WAS KILLED BY A U.S. DRONE STRIKE IN BAGHDAD. IRANIAN OFFICIALS HAVE CALLED THE EXPLOSIONS A TERRORIST ATTACK. SO FAR NO GROUP HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BLASTS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/9/24 REPORTED...**

A NEW WARNING BY THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY: BEWARE OF HACKERS WHO ARE NOW USING AI TO OBTAIN YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION. FEDERAL CYBERSECURITY EXPERTS SAY HACKERS WHO WORK FOR FOREIGN AGENCIES ARE USING AI TO PERFECT THEIR ENGLISH. THEY SAY THAT'S LEADING TO PHISHING SCHEMES TO APPEAR MORE CONVINCING - SINCE CHATBOTS CAN USE CORRECT GRAMMAR LIKE A NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKER. THE NSA SAYS THAT COULD TRICK A PERSON TO PROVIDE PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL DETAILS. ON THE FLIP SIDE, THE FEDS SAY AI IS BECOMING A MORE HELPFUL CYBERSECURITY TOOL TO FIGHT CYBER CRIMINALS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/9/24 REPORTED...**

SECRETARY OF STATE ANTONY BLINKEN IS IN ISRAEL AGAIN. AND HE, ALONG WITH OTHER WORLD LEADERS, ARE TRYING TO FIND A PATHWAY TO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. SECRETARY BLINKEN MET WITH ISRAEL'S PRIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU TODAY. BEFORE THE MEETING, US LEADERS SUGGESTED THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY TAKE THE REINS IN GAZA AFTER THE WAR. THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY GOVERNS PARTS OF THE WEST BANK. BUT ISRAEL REJECTED THE IDEA - OPTING TO MAINTAIN MILITARY CONTROL OVER GAZA. TODAY BLINKEN CALLED ON ISRAELI LEADERS TO WORK WITH MODERATE PALESTINIAN LEADERS . HE SAID THE US IS WILLING TO HELP REBUILD POSTWAR GAZA - BUT ONLY IF THERE IS A PATHWAY TO A PALESTINIAN STATE. BLINKEN POINTED TO CONFLICTS BETWEEN ISRAELI SETTLERS AND PALESTINIANS WHICH MAKE "LASTING PEACE" HARDER. SEVERAL ARAB COUNTRIES HAVE ALSO AGREED TO HELP REBUILD GAZA AFTER THE WAR.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 1/10/24 REPORTED...**

STOP PROVIDING SUPPORT TO HOUSHI REBELS. THAT'S THE MESSAGE TONIGHT TO IRAN FROM SECRETARY OF STATE ANTONY BLINKEN. THE US AND UK HAVE SHOT DOWN A MASSIVE BARRAGE OF MISSILES AND DRONES FIRED BY THE IRAN-BACKED HOUSHIS FROM YEMEN IN THE RED SEA. ITS THOUGHT TO BE THE MILITANTS' LARGEST ATTACK YET. THE ASSAULT CAME AHEAD OF A PLANNED UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL VOTE TO POTENTIALLY CONDEMN AND DEMAND AN IMMEDIATE HALT TO THE YEMEN-BASED REBELS' ATTACKS.

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KNTV/NBC BAY AREA is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community through regularly scheduled public affairs programming, newscasts, public service announcements as well as documentaries and specials. The following is a list of some of the programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the preceding three-month period.

**BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT**

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/1/24 REPORTED...**

BIG EARNINGS REPORTS OUT TODAY. APPLE REVENUE GREW FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A YEAR. APPLE REPORTED 2-PERCENT SALES GROWTH IN THE DECEMBER QUARTER, BEATING ESTIMATES FOR REVENUE AND EARNINGS. HOWEVER, THE COMPANY STILL SHOWED A 13-PERCENT DECLINE IN SALES IN CHINA, WHICH IS ONE OF ITS MOST IMPORTANT MARKETS. BUT APPLE CEO TIM COOK TOLD C-N-B-C SOME OF THE COMPANY'S GROWTH RATES ACTUALLY REPRESENT A "HUGE ACCELERATION" FROM LAST QUARTER. THAT'S BECAUSE THE DECEMBER QUARTER HAD 13-WEEKS INSTEAD OF THE 14-WEEKS IN THE QUARTER LAST YEAR.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00 PM-6:00 PM 2/1/24 REPORTED...**

ANOTHER HIGH PROFILE SILICON VALLEY COMPANY IS SLASHING JOBS. ZOOM, WHICH IS BASED IN SAN JOSE, IS CUTTING 150 WORKERS. IT SAYS THIS ROUND OF LAYOFFS IS A PUSH FOR MORE EFFICIENCY FROM INVESTORS. ZOOM SAYS IT STILL PLANS TO HIRE PEOPLE FOR ROLES IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, SALES AND OPERATIONS THIS YEAR. ZOOM EXPLODED IN POPULARITY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC. HOWEVER, STOCKS OF THE COMPANY PLUMMETED AS WORKERS RETURNED TO THE OFFICE.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/2/24 REPORTED...**

A SURPRISING NEW JOBS GROWTH REPORT REVEALS THAT AMERICA'S ECONOMY IS BOOMING. ACCORDING TO THE LABOR DEPARTMENT, THE U-S GAINED 353-THOUSAND JOBS LAST MONTH AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HELD AT 3.7-PERCENT. THATS BETTER THAN THE ESTIMATED 3.8-PERCENT. ECONOMISTS SAY THE REPORT DEMONSTRATES THE RESILIENCE OF THE U-S ECONOMY AND ALSO RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT LOWER INTEREST RATES COULD BE ON THE HORIZON. COMING UP AT 6, REPORTER SCOTT BUDMAN CHECKS IN ON OUR BAY AREA JOB MARKET AND WHAT THE REPORT MEANS FOR PEOPLE WHO LOST THEIR JOBS DURING THE RECENT TECH COMPANY LAYOFFS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/5/24 REPORTED...**

"SNAP" THE MAKER OF THE SNAPCHAT IS LAYING OFF HUNDREDS OF ITS EMPLOYEES, AGAIN. THE COMPANY, WHICH IS BASED IN SANTA MONICA, SAYS IT'S GOING TO LAY OFF ABOUT 500 WORKERS WORLDWIDE. SNAP SAYS IT'S REORGANIZING ITS TEAM TO PROMOTE MORE IN-PERSON COLLABORATION. IT SAYS THE CUTS WILL ALSO HELP REDUCE HIERARCHY WITHIN THE COMPANY. THE LAST TIME IT MADE A MAJOR ROUND OF CUTS WAS TWO YEARS AGO WHEN IT LAID OFF A THOUSAND WORKERS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/6/24 REPORTED...**

ANOTHER ROUND OF LAYOFFS IN THE BAY AREA. THIS TIME IT'S "DOCUSIGN." "DOCUSIGN" IS AN ONLINE SIGNATURE COMPANY AND IT'S BASED IN SAN FRANCISCO. IT SAYS IT'S CUTTING ROUGHLY 6-PERCENT OF ITS WORKFORCE-- THAT'S 440 JOBS. THE COMPANY SAYS IT'S PART OF WHAT IT CALLS ITS "RESTRUCTURING PLAN". BUT IT WILL SHARE DETAILS ABOUT THAT AT THE END OF THIS YEAR-- WHEN ITS FOURTH-QUARTER RESULTS ARE OUT.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/8/24 REPORTED...**

SUNNYVALE BASED '23 AND ME' IS CONSIDERING SPLITTING UP THE COMPANY IN AN EFFORT TO BRING UP ITS STOCK PRICE. THE STOCK CLOSED AT AROUND 63 CENTS TODAY. YESTERDAY, THE COMPANY SAID ITS NET LOSS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER WAS 278 MILLION DOLLARS. THAT'S MORE THAN THE 92 MILLION LOSS IT REPORTED ONE YEAR AGO. THE CEO SAYS THE COMPANY IS CONSIDERING SPLITTING UP ITS CONSUMER AND THERAPEUTICS BUSINESSES TO HELP EXPAND ITS INVESTOR BASE. FOUNDED IN 2006, 23 AND ME EXPLODED IN POPULARITY BECAUSE OF ITS AT-HOME DNA TESTING KITS THAT GIVE CONSUMERS INSIGHTS INTO THEIR ANCESTRY AND GENETIC PROFILES.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/8/24 REPORTED...**

GOOGLE IS CHANGING THE NAME OF IT'S ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CHAT BOT. AND THE NEW NAME COMES WITH AN UPGRADE. YOU MAY REMEMBER WHEN GOOGLE UNVEILED IT'S OWN VERSION OF "CHAT GPT" THE COMPANY CALLED IT "BARD." BUT TODAY, GOOGLE SAYS IT'S CHANGING THE NAME TO "GEMINI." IT SAYS "GEMINI" IS NOW AVAILABLE AS AN APP FOR ANDROID USERS, AND ON THE GOOGLE APP FOR IPHONE USERS. THERE'S ALSO AN OPTION FOR AN UPGRADE. IT CAN TACKLE MORE COMPLEX TASKS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/9/24 REPORTED...**

THE OLDEST TOY STORE IN SAN FRANCISCO IS CLOSING ITS DOORS, FOR GOOD. "JEFFREY'S TOYS" ON KEARNY STREET FIRST OPENED AS A FIVE-AND-DIME STORE IN 1938 IT'S BEEN IN THE LUHN FAMILY FOR FOUR GENERATIONS. CO-OWNER, MATTHEW LUHN, SAYS HE GREW UP RUNNING THE CASH REGISTER AND WAS PAID IN THE FORM OF TOYS. NOW, HE SPENDS TIME OUTSIDE THE TOY STORE AS A STORY ARTIST FOR PIXAR. AND LUHN SAYS "JEFFREY'S TOYS" INSPIRED HIM TO HELP CREATE PIXAR'S HIT MOVIE "TOY STORY". BUT THINGS HAVEN'T BEEN EASY FOR THE TOY STORE LATELY THE FAMILY SAYS BUSINESS HAS BEEN DOWN SINCE THE PANDEMIC AND IT'S BEEN HARD HIT BY CRIME. TOMORROW IS EXPECTED TO BE IT'S FINAL DAY OPEN.



## CONSUMER ISSUES

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/1/24 REPORTED...**

IF YOU'RE USING SOMEONE ELSE'S HULU ACCOUNT, YOUR FREE-LOADING DAYS ARE NUMBERED. HULU IS WARNING SUBSCRIBERS THEY CAN NO LONGER SHARE ACCOUNTS WITH PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD. THE SPECIFICS OF HOW HULU WILL MONITOR EACH ACCOUNT ARE UNCLEAR. BUT HULU SAYS IT "MAY LIMIT OR TERMINATE ACCESS TO THE SERVICE" FOR THOSE WHO VIOLATE THIS NEW POLICY. HULU SAYS THE NEW RULES STARTED LAST WEEK FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS. AND IT'LL START NEXT MONTH FOR EXISTING SUBSCRIBERS.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00 PM-6:00 PM 2/2/24 REPORTED...**

YET ANOTHER TESLA RECALL. AND THIS TIME IT'S RECALLING NEARLY EVERY ONE OF ITS VEHICLES IN THE US. THE ISSUE IS WITH "BREAK" AND "PARK" WARNING LIGHTS INSIDE THE TESLAS. THE WARNING LIGHTS APPEAR ON A DISPLAY SCREEN WHERE MOST CARS HAVE A DASHBOARD. REGULATORS SAY THE WARNING LIGHTS ARE TOO SMALL AND DON'T MEET FEDERAL STANDARDS. TESLA SAYS IT WILL FIX THE PROBLEM WITH AN ONLINE SOFTWARE UPDATE -- WHICH WILL GO TO OVER 2 MILLION CARS. THIS IS THE NEWEST IN A STRING OF RECENT RECALLS AT TESLA INCLUDING ONE BACK IN DECEMBER INVOLVING ITS "AUTOPILOT" FEATURE. AND TODAY'S RECALL MIGHT NOT BE THE LAST. REGULATORS SAID YESTERDAY THEY'RE WORKING ON AN INVESTIGATION INTO A STEERING PROBLEM.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/6/24 REPORTED...**

A BIG HONDA RECALL IS UNDERWAY. AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF FAULTY AIR BAG SENSORS. THE CAR COMPANY IS RECALLING OVER 750-THOUSAND CARS. THE RECALL INCLUDES HONDA AND ACURA VEHICLES MADE BETWEEN 2020 AND 2022. THE HONDA PILOT, ACCORD, AND THE ACURA M-D-X ARE JUST SOME EXAMPLES. FEDERAL REGULATORS SAY THE FRONT SEAT AIR BAGS COULD DEPLOY UNINTENTIONALLY DURING A CRASH. AS A RESULT, REGULATORS SAY CHILDREN OR SMALL ADULTS IN THOSE SEATS COULD BE HURT. HONDA PLANS TO REPLACE THE AIR BAG SENSORS FOR FREE.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/20/24 REPORTED...**

IT MAY COST YOU MORE, THE NEXT TIME YOU FLY ON AMERICAN AIRLINES. THE PRICE TO CHECK A BAG IS GOING UP. AMERICAN IS NOW CHARGING TRAVELERS 35-DOLLARS TO CHECK A BAG, IF DONE ONLINE. IT WAS PREVIOUSLY 30-DOLLARS. BUT, IF YOU CHOOSE TO CHECK YOUR BAG AT THE AIRPORT, YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY EVEN MORE- \$40 DOLLARS. AMERICAN HOPES THIS MOVE WILL PUSH MORE MEMBERS TO JOIN THEIR FREQUENT FLYER PROGRAM. UNDER THE PLAN, MEMBERS WILL GET FREE BAGS ON THEIR FLIGHTS. THE LAST TIME AMERICAN AIRLINES CHANGED BAG FEES WAS IN 20-18.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/21/24 REPORTED...**  
TIME'S RUNNING OUT. YOU ONLY HAVE A HANDFUL OF HOURS TO APPLY FOR A NEW STATE PROGRAM OFFERING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR HOME FOR WHEN A BIG EARTAHQUAKE STRIKES. IT'S CALLED 'EARTHQUAKE BRACE PLUS BOLT'. TO QUALIFY, YOUR HOME MUST HAVE BEEN BUILT BEFORE 19-80, AND HAVE A WOOD FRAME AND RAISED FOUNDATION. HOMEOWNERS CAN GET UP TO 3-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN SEISMIC RETROFIT GRANTS. INCOME-ELIGIBLE HOMEOWNERS MAY QUALIFY FOR AN ADDITIONAL 7-THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT. "STATE EARTHQUAKE AUTHORITY" LEADERS SAY NOT HAVING THE RIGHT PROTECTION FOR YOUR HOME CAN BE DANGEROUS AND COSTLY. TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO APPLY.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/22/24 REPORTED...**  
A MAJOR DISRUPTION ON THE CELLULAR NETWORK TODAY. AT&T CUSTOMERS HAD TO DEAL WITH WIDESPREAD OUTAGES IN LARGE POCKETS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. AT&T HAS NOT EXPLAINED WHAT HAPPENED YET. FEDERAL AGENCIES INVESTIGATING SAY THERE IS NO INDICATION OF A CYBERATTACK. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF AT&T CUSTOMERS REPORTED NOT BEING ABLE TO MAKE OR RECEIVE CALLS FOR HOURS. POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AROUND THE BAY AREA WERE ENCOURAGING THEM TO USE LANDLINES – OR USE WI-FI TO CALL 911 IN AN EMERGENCY. IT WAS A FRUSTRATING MORNING FOR LOTS OF PEOPLE.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/22/24 REPORTED...**  
THERE MAY BE A TOLL INCREASE COMING FOR THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE. AND THE CLOCK IS TICKING FOR YOU TO WEIGH IN ON THE PROPOSED INCREASE. THE GOLDEN GATE TOLL AUTHORITY SAYS IT WANTS TO RAISE TOLLS OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS. IT SAYS IT NEEDS TO MAKE THE MOVE TO COMBAT THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN SHORTFALL. AND AS SOON AS JULY 1ST... THE TOLL CAN BREAK 9 OR 10 DOLLARS. THAT DEPENDS ON WHAT YOUR SETUP IS: FASTRAK, PAY AS YOU GO, OR INVOICE.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/22/24 REPORTED...**  
VOLKSWAGEN IS RECALLING SEVERAL CAR MODELS BECAUSE OF A NEW FIRE RISK. THE COMPANY SAYS IT NEEDS TO FIX A POTENTIAL FUEL LEAK PROBLEM, WHICH COULD CAUSE A FIRE. THE MODELS INCLUDE AUDI A-3, V-W JETTA AND V-W GOLF CARS FROM 2015 TO 2020. IF YOUR CAR IS AFFECTED, VOLKSWAGEN SAYS DEALERS WILL REPLACE PUMPS INSIDE THE FUEL TANK - AT NO COST. THE COMPANY WILL SEND OUT LETTERS TO THOSE CAR OWNERS STARTING IN APRIL. THE RECALL INCLUDES 260-THOUSAND CARS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/22/24 REPORTED...**  
CHECKING A BAG JUST GOT MORE EXPENSIVE FOR THE BUDGET AIRLINE  
JETBLUE. IT NORMALLY CHARGES \$35 FOR THE FIRST BAG AND \$50 FOR THE  
SECOND. AND YOU CAN STILL GET THAT PRICE IF YOU CHECK YOUR BAG AT  
LEAST A DAY IN ADVANCE. HOWEVER THE AIRLINE WILL NOW CHARGE \$45 FOR  
THE FIRST BAG AND \$60 FOR THE SECOND IF YOU PAY FOR THEM WITHIN 24  
HOURS OF YOUR FLIGHT. JETBLUE BLAMED THE COST OF FUEL, WAGES AND  
OTHER OPERATING COSTS FOR THE PRICE INCREASE. THE CHANGES ONLY  
AFFECT FLIGHTS IN THE US, LATIN AMERICA, CANADA AND THE CARIBBEAN.

## **CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN**

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/5/24 REPORTED...**  
IN LONDON TODAY, BUCKINGHAM PALACE REVEALED TROUBLING HEALTH NEWS ABOUT KING CHARLES. HE'S BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER. THIS IS CHARLES LEAVING THE HOSPITAL IN LONDON LAST WEEK. HE HAD AN OPERATION FOR AN ENLARGED PROSTATE. BUCKINGHAM PALACE SAYS THAT'S HOW HIS DOCTORS MADE THE DISCOVERY. THE PALACE SAYS IT IS "NOT" PROSTATE CANCER BUT IT HAS NOT SAID WHAT KIND OF CANCER IT IS. THE KING HAS STARTED TREATMENT ALREADY. AND BECAUSE OF THAT THE PALACE SAYS HE IS LIMITING HIS PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/12/24 REPORTED...**  
WARRIORS COACH STEVE KERR WILL NOT BE COACHING THE WARRIORS GAME TONIGHT IN UTAH. HE IS IN SERBIA, ATTENDING THE FUNERAL OF ASSISTANT COACH DEJAN MILOJEVIĆ. HUNDREDS OF MOURNERS PAID THEIR RESPECTS FOR "COACH DEKI". HE DIED LAST MONTH AFTER SUFFERING A HEART ATTACK AT A TEAM DINNER, IN SALT LAKE CITY. TODAY HE WAS LAID TO REST IN HIS NATIVE SERBIA. GENERAL MANAGER MIKE DUNLEAVY JR AND OTHER STAFF MEMBERS WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE. AS FOR TONIGHT'S GAME, HEAD ASSISTANT COACH "KENNY ATKINSON" WILL STEP IN.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/14/24 REPORTED...**  
THERE'S NO BETTER DAY THAN VALENTINE'S DAY TO LEAVE YOUR HEART IN SAN FRANCISCO. AND TODAY, THE CITY IS HONORING THE MAN WHO DID JUST THAT. THE NEXT TIME YOU HOP ON AN ICONIC CABLE CAR LOOK FOR "CAR 53" -- NOW OFFICIALLY DEDICATED TO MUSIC LEGEND TONY BENNETT, WHO DIED LAST JULY AT AGE 96. THE MAYOR AND CITY LEADERS WERE JOINED BY BENNETT'S WIFE TODAY FOR THE OFFICIAL DEDICATION AT THE FAIRMONT HOTEL WHERE BENNETT FIRST PUBLICLY PERFORMED "I LEFT MY HEART IN SAN FRANCISCO" BACK IN 1961. THE TUNE BECAME THE OFFICIAL SONG OF SAN FRANCISCO IN 1969. AND LATER IN THE 80S BENNETT HELPED PROMOTE THE REBUILDING OF THE CABLE CAR SYSTEM.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/20/24 REPORTED...**  
A DIRECT MESSAGE FROM FORMER SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR NIKKI HALEY ABOUT HER PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. SHE SAID SHE'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE. HALEY MADE THE COMMENTS TODAY WHILE SPEAKING AT HER ALMA MATER, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY. SHE STRAILS FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMP IN THE POLLS BY A WIDE MARGIN BUT SHE INTENDS TO KEEP HER CAMPAIGN GOING.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/22/24 REPORTED...**  
NEW DETAILS IN THE DISTURBING DEATH OF A 3-YEAR-OLD BOY IN SANTA CLARA. THE MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING AND KILLING THE TODDLER AT AN APARTMENT UNIT - FACED A JUDGE IN COURT TODAY. PROSECUTORS FORMALLY CHARGED SERGIO GOMEZ WITH MURDER AND DEADLY ASSAULT ON A CHILD. POLICE SAY GOMEZ THREATENED HIS GIRLFRIEND, THEN KILLED HER SON IN THEIR APARTMENT, ON TUESDAY .

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/23/24 REPORTED...**  
A SURPRISE LAST-MINUTE GLITCH FOR A'S FANS WHO TOMORROW ARE HOLDING THEIR OWN "DO-IT-YOURSELF FESTIVAL" IN OAKLAND. A'S FANS STILL DON'T KNOW IF THIS WILL BE THE TEAM'S LAST IN OAKLAND. BUT THEY DECIDED TO HOLD THEIR OWN FANFEST AT JACK LONDON SQUARE-- WITHOUT THE A'S PARTICIPATION. NOW ORGANIZERS SAY SAN LEANDRO'S DRAKE'S BREWERY HAS SUDDENLY PULLED OUT AS A BEER SPONSOR. DRAKES ALSO SELLS BEER DURING GAMES AT THE COLISEUM BUT INSISTS IT DID NOT BACK OUT UNDER PRESSURE. THE GOOD NEWS IS FIVE OTHER LOCAL BREWERIES HAVE SINCE STEPPED IN JOINING OTHERS ALREADY ONBOARD. TOMORROW'S EVENT WILL ALSO FEATURE LIVE MUSIC, FOOD TRUCKS, AND FORMER A'S PLAYERS WHO PLAN TO SIGN AUTOGRAPHS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/26/24 REPORTED...**  
POPE FRANCIS IS UNDER THE WEATHER AGAIN. HE'S COME DOWN WITH ANOTHER CASE OF THE FLU. THE VATICAN SAYS THE POPE WAS FORCED TO SKIP MEETINGS ON SATURDAY. BUT YESTERDAY, HE FELT WELL ENOUGH TO DELIVER HIS WEEKLY MESSAGE. THEN TODAY HE CANCELED HIS APPOINTMENTS AGAIN. ALL THIS COMES AFTER A STRING OF HEALTH SCARES.. THE POPE HAD TO CANCEL A TRIP TO DUBAI IN DECEMBER AFTER COMING DOWN WITH THE FLU. THEN LAST MONTH, HE CAUGHT A CASE OF BRONCHITIS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/26/24 REPORTED...**  
WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT A MAN WHO SET HIMSELF ON FIRE OUTSIDE THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON DC. 25-YEAR OLD AARON BUSHNELL WAS A MEMBER OF THE US AIR FORCE. DETECTIVES SAY HE WAS REPEATEDLY SHOUTING "FREE PALESTINE" BEFORE HE COLLAPSED AND DIED YESTERDAY. THE INCIDENT HAPPENED AS ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU LOOKS FOR APPROVAL TO CARRY OUT A MILITARY OPERATION IN THE SOUTHERN GAZA CITY OF RAFAH, AS A TEMPORARY CEASEFIRE DEAL IS BEING NEGOTIATED. ISRAEL HAS ADAMANTLY DENIED ALLEGATIONS OF GENOCIDE AND SAYS IT IS CARRYING OUT OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE TO INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR.

## **CRIMES-FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00 PM-6:00 PM 2/1/24 REPORTED...**  
GUILTY. THAT'S THE PLEA OF A FORMER BAY AREA COLLEGE PROFESSOR WHO'S ACCUSED OF STARTING A STRING OF FIRES. HIS NAME IS "GARY STEPHEN MAYNARD." HE'S A CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSOR WHO TAUGHT AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS, INCLUDING SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY AND SONOMA STATE. BACK IN JULY AND AUGUST OF 2021, INVESTIGATORS ACCUSED MAYNARD OF SETTING SEVERAL FIRES IN "SHASTA TRINITY NATIONAL FOREST." AND THAT SURROUNDED FIREFIGHTERS AS THEY BATTLED THE "DIXIE FIRE" NEARBY. TODAY MAYNARD ADMITTED TO SETTING THOSE FIRES. THE JUDGE SET HIS SENTENCING FOR MAY NINTH. HE FACES 20 YEARS IN PRISON AND A 750-THOUSAND DOLLAR FINE.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/6/24 REPORTED...**  
A MAJOR LEGAL LOSS FOR FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP. AN APPEALS COURT RULED TODAY THAT MR. TRUMP IS NOT IMMUNE FROM CRIMINAL PROSECUTION FOR CRIMES COMMITTED DURING HIS PRESIDENCY. THIS MEANS THAT TRUMP COULD BE PROSECUTED FOR HIS EFFORTS TO OVERTURN THE 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, INCLUDING THE JANUARY 6TH CAPITAL RAID. THE COURT SAID THAT TRUMP WILL BE TREATED LIKE ANY OTHER CITIZEN IN A CRIMINAL CASE. BUT, ITS EXPECTED THAT TRUMP WILL QUICKLY APPEAL TO THE SUPREME COURT TO PREVENT THE TRIAL FROM GOING AHEAD. THE COURT IS GIVING HIM UNTIL NEXT WEDNESDAY TO FILE AN APPEAL. ON HIS SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM, "TRUTH SOCIAL" MR. TRUMP CALLED THE RULING QUOTE "DANGEROUS AND NATION-DESTROYING."

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/7/24 REPORTED...**  
THE TRIAL OF THE MOTHER ACCUSED OF HOSTING ALCOHOL-FUEL PARTIES FOR HER UNDERAGED SON AND FRIENDS HAS BEEN DELAYED. 'SHANNON O'CONNOR' HAS BEEN IN JAIL FOR TWO YEARS AWAITING A TRIAL. LAST YEAR, SHE WAS INDICTED ON SEVEN FELONY COUNTS INVOLVING HER ROLE IN THOSE PARTIES. THIS MORNING IN COURT, SHE SAID SHE CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO PAY HER ATTORNEY...AND NEEDS A PUBLIC DEFENDER INSTEAD. SO, THIS MEANS THAT HER TRIAL COULD BE DELAYED BY AT LEAST SIX MONTHS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/8/24 REPORTED...**  
THE WOMAN ACCUSED IN THE DEATH OF A KIM KARDASHIAN LOOK-A-LIKE APPEARED IN A PENINSULA COURT TODAY. "VIVAN GOMEZ" -- STANDING BEHIND HER LAWYER -- IS ACCUSED OF FLYING FROM FLORDIA TO THE BAY AREA IN APRIL OF LAST YEAR, TO GIVE SILICONE INJECTIONS TO "CHRISTINA GOURKANI". THE 34-YEAR-OLD INFLUENCER DIED HOURS LATER. TODAY, GOMEZ PLEAD NOT GUILTY TO CHARGES THAT INCLUDE INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER AND PRACTICING MEDICINE WITHOUT A LICENSE. A JUDGE SET A TRIAL DATE FOR JUNE 28TH. BUT THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY SAYS A SETTLEMENT COULD HAPPEN SOONER.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/12/24 REPORTED...**

BAKERIES IN THE SOUTH BAY CAN BREATHE A SIGH OF RELIEF. POLICE SAY THEY HAVE THE MEN RESPONSIBLE FOR A STRING OF ARMED ROBBERIES AT SAN JOSE BAKERIES KNOWN AS " PANADERIAS." THE ROBBERIES HAPPENED IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY. POLICE SAY THE ROBBERS CAME IN DURING BUSINESS HOURS. THEN THEY DEMANDED MONEY FROM EMPLOYEES AT GUN POINT. POLICE SAY THE TARGETED BUSINESSES LOST THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. SJPD SAYS IT ARRESTED TEODORO RAMOS AND ARTURO VASQUEZ-AYALA ON FEBRUARY 6TH.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/15/24 REPORTED...**

A MAJOR ILLEGAL WEAPONS BUST IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY. TODAY, ATTORNEY GENERAL BONTA ANNOUNCED THE ARREST AND SEIZURE OF HUNDREDS OF WEAPONS. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ASSAULT RIFLES, GRENADES, AND NEARLY ONE MILLION ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. IT HAPPENED TWO WEEKS AGO IN RICHMOND. INVESTIGATORS SERVED A SEARCH WARRANT AT THE SUSPECT'S HOME. AND THEN THE WALNUT CREEK POLICE BOMB SQUAD AND THE TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE BOMB SQUAD WERE CALLED IN. THEY DETERMINED THE GRENADES WERE INACTIVE. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SAYS THE SUSPECT IS REPORTEDLY BARRED FROM OWNING WEAPONS. WE REACHED OUT TO THE CONTRA COSTA DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE SUSPECT, AND HAVE NOT YET HEARD BACK.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/15/24 REPORTED...**

THE SURGE OF CHP OFFICERS IN THE GREATER OAKLAND AREA ARE GONE FOR NOW BUT NOT FOR GOOD. THAT'S ACCORDING TO GOVERNOR NEWSOM- WHO SAYS HE'S COMMITTED TO ADDRESSING CRIME IN THE AREA. THIS COMES AFTER 120- CHP OFFICERS HIT THE STREETS OF ALAMEDA COUNTY AND OAKLAND LAST WEEK. THEY MADE MORE THAN 70 ARRESTS AND RECOVERED 145 STOLEN VEHICLES. THE STATE ALSO ANNOUNCED IT WAS SENDING IN MORE PROSECUTORS TO HELP FOLLOW THROUGH ON THOSE CASES. BUT NOT EVERYONE IS HAPPY ABOUT THE STATE'S REINFORCEMENTS. THE 'ALAMEDA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACCOUNTABILITY TABLE' ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING ALL THE GOVERNOR IS DOING IS INCREASING MASS INCARCERATION AND RACIAL INJUSTICE, WITHOUT MAKING THE CITIES SAFER.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/16/24 REPORTED...**

THERE'S A DELAY IN THE CASE OF A MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING A SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICER. IT HAPPENED AT AN APARTMENT COMPLEX OFF RACE STREET IN SAN JOSE, LAST AUGUST. A PREGNANT WOMAN CALLED POLICE, SAYING HER DRUNK HUSBAND WAS ATTACKING HER. OFFICERS RESPONDED AND THE MAN STARTED SHOOTING FROM HIS BALCONY. A BULLET STRUCK AN OFFICER IN HER ABDOMEN UNDER HER BULLET PROOF VEST. SHE ENDED UP SPENDING TWO MONTHS IN THE HOSPITAL. THAT MAN, "GABRIEL MARIO CARRERAS" WAS SUPPOSED TO ENTER A PLEA IN COURT THIS MORNING BUT THE HEARING WAS DELAYED. HE'S EXPECTED TO RETURN TO COURT APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> WITH A NEW ATTORNEY. HE FACES LIFE IN PRISON IF CONVICTED.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/16/24 REPORTED...**

NEW INFORMATION TONIGHT ON THE SHOOTING AT THE CHIEFS SUPER BOWL PARADE. THE TEENAGERS IN CUSTODY ARE NOW FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES. THE SHOOTING HAPPENED AS THE PARADE WAS ENDING ON WEDNESDAY. THE GUNSHOTS KILLED ONE WOMAN, AND INJURED 22 OTHERS. POLICE TOOK TWO TEENAGERS INTO CUSTODY. PROSECUTORS TODAY FILED CHARGES AGAINST THE TEENS IN CONNECTION TO THE SHOOTING. THE CHARGES ARE GUN RELATED AND RESISTING ARREST - BUT MORE CHARGES ARE EXPECTED AS INVESTIGATION CONTINUES. INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE THE SHOOTING WAS SPARKED BY A DISPUTE AND WAS NOT AN ACT OF TERRORISM.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/20/24 REPORTED...**

THE ANTIOCH LIBRARY RE-OPENED THIS AFTERNOON WITH AN ARMED SECURITY GUARD STANDING WATCH AFTER SAFETY CONCERNS TRIGGERED A SUDDEN CLOSURE OVER THE WEEKEND. THE LIBRARY WAS FIRST SHUTTERED SATURDAY. OFFICIALS TELL US THEY CLOSED TO CREATE A SAFETY PLAN AFTER A JUMP IN THEFT, VANDALISM, DRUG USE AND OTHER BAD BEHAVIOR INSIDE THE BUILDING. NOW, LIBRARY PATRONS ARE BEING GREETED BY AN ARMED GUARD OUT FRONT – AND ANOTHER GUARD PATROLS THE INSIDE OF LIBRARY. THEY SAY THINGS HAD GOTTEN FAR TOO DANGEROUS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/20/24 REPORTED...**

ONE FINAL PUSH TO STOP THE EXTRADITION OF "WIKI LEAKS" FOUNDER "JULIAN ASSANGE." ALMOST 15 YEARS AGO, ASSANGE AND HIS COMPANY WERE CHARGED WITH LEAKING U-S MILITARY RECORDS AND DIPLOMATIC CABLES. BUT HE'S BEEN ABLE TO EVADE THE US LEGAL SYSTEM. HE SPENT 7 YEARS HIDING IN THE ECUADORIAN EMBASSY IN BRITAIN. THEN 5 YEARS IN A BRITISH PRISON. LAST YEAR, THE UK AGREED TO EXTRADITE ASSANGE TO THE U-S TO FACE SPYING CHARGES. BUT, HIS SUPPORTERS SAY HE'S BEING PUNISHED FOR EXPOSING US CRIMINAL ACTS. TODAY, LAWYERS FOR ASSANGE OPENED A FINAL LEGAL CHALLENGE TO PREVENT HIM FROM GETTING SENT TO THE US. A VERDICT IS EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED IN THE COMING WEEKS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/21/24 REPORTED...**

A FRESH START FOR THE ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT IT'S WELCOMING A NEW INTERIM POLICE CHIEF. IT COMES AFTER A TROUBLING YEAR FOR ANTIOCH PD. POLICE OFFICERS ACCUSED OF EXCHANGING RACIST TEXT MESSAGES LEADING TO A FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS LAWSUIT. NOW THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SAYS IT IS BEGINNING A NEW CHAPTER WITH NEW LEADERSHIP. THE NEW INTERIM CHIEF - BRIAN ADDINGTON IS NO STRANGER TO EAST BAY LAW ENFORCEMENT. HE PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS THE PITTSBURG POLICE CHIEF.



## **DIVERSITY**

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/7/24 REPORTED...**

A GLIMPSE TONIGHT AT WHAT WE MIGHT SEE AT THE PARIS OLYMPICS.. YOU MAY KNOW IT AS "BREAK-DANCING," BUT THE ATHLETES CALL IT "BREAKING." HERE'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE. FRENCH "BREAKERS" JOINED A NEW YORK CITY CREW OF BREAKERS FOR A WORKSHOP IN PARIS. IT HAPPENED AT THE PLACE DE LA CONCORDE. THE BREAKERS, CALLED "B-BOYS" AND "B-GIRLS" ARE SHOWING OFF THEIR MOVES. OLYMPIC ORGANIZERS SAY BRINGING BREAKING TO THE PARIS GAMES IS PART OF THEIR LARGER PLAN TO APPEAL TO A YOUNGER AUDIENCE. BREAKING IS ONE OF FOUR NEW SPORTS AT THE PARIS GAMES INCLUDING SURFING, SKATEBOARDING, AND SPORTS CLIMBING.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/20/24 REPORTED...**

GET READY FOR A BIG PARTY...EVEN BIGGER THAN PAST YEARS.THE ANNUAL CHINESE NEW YEAR PARADE IS THIS WEEKEND IN SAN FRANCISCO. SATURDAY'S PARADE STARTS OFF AT SECOND AND MARKET STREETS. IT WILL INCLUDE DOZENS OF DRAGON DANCERS, COLORFUL FLOATS, MARCHING BANDS AND A VARIETY OF PERFORMERS. THE EVENT IS CONSIDERED THE LARGEST OUTSIDE OF ASIA AND ACTRESS AND COMEDIAN "AWKWAFINA" IS THE GRAND MARSHALL. LAST YEAR, MORE THAN A MILLION PEOPLE VISITED CHINATOWN DURING THE MONTH-LONG FESTIVAL.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/23/24 REPORTED...**

A BIG, COLORFUL CELEBRATION IN SAN FRANCISCO IS NOW LESS THAN A DAY AWAY. TOMORROW IS ONE OF THE CITY'S LARGEST FESTIVITIES OF THE YEAR: THE CHINESE NEW YEAR PARADE. BUT SOME BUSINESS OWNERS ADMIT THEY'RE A BIT CONCERNED AFTER A RECENT, VIOLENT INCIDENT. ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, A WAYMO DRIVERLESS CAR WAS VANDALIZED AND SET ON FIRE. IT HAPPENED IN CHINATOWN, NEAR RED'S PLACE- A FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESS ON JACKSON STREET THAT'S BEEN A STAPLE THERE FOR DECADES. OWNER, JERRY CHAN, SAYS HE'S DISAPPOINTED ABOUT THE INCIDENT AND CONCERNED.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/23/24 REPORTED...**

NBC BAY AREA IS RECOGNIZING THREE BLACK BAY AREA COMMUNITY LEADERS AND TRAILBLAZERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES. NBC BAY AREA AND OUR PARENT COMPANY COMCAST TEAMED UP WITH THE "BLACK JOY PARADE" TO RECOGNIZE LOCAL ACTIVISTS AT THE "ICONS AMONG US AWARDS." THE AWARD CEREMONY WAS LAUNCHED IN 2021. EVERY YEAR, COMMUNITY MEMBERS NOMINATE INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK, DAY IN AND DAY OUT, FOR THE GREATER GOOD. THIS YEARS ICONS WERE ANNOUNCED AT A MEDIA LUNCHEON TODAY IN OAKLAND. THE EVENT FEATURED BLACK PERFORMERS AND WAS EMCEED BY OUR OWN VELENA JONES.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/26/24 REPORTED...**

THE EAST BAY IS CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN FIREFIGHTERS. AND IT HAPPENED TODAY AT ANNA YATES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, IN EMERYVILLE. THE CELEBRATION IS CALLED "CHIEF IS MY BELIEF" IT FEATURED A PRESENTATION ABOUT PROMINENT BLACK FIREFIGHTERS FROM THE BAY AREA AND BEYOND. SPEAKERS INCLUDED FIRE AND POLICE CHIEFS ALONG WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS. THE EVENT HOPES TO TEACH FUTURE LEADERS ABOUT THE LEGACY OF THESE FIREFIGHTERS ALL WHILE INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE TO REMEMBER THEIR HISTORY AND HOLD ONTO THEIR DREAMS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/27/24 REPORTED...**

IT WAS SUCH A HIT - THEY'RE DOING IT AGAIN - FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. CHINATOWN NIGHT MARKETS ARE BACK, STARTING NEXT FRIDAY. YOU'LL REMEMBER THIS SCENE IN NOVEMBER DURING APEC, THE ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION. OVER TWO NIGHTS - THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE SHOWED UP FOR FOOD, DANCING AND FUN, IN ONE OF THE CITY'S MOST ICONIC NEIGHBORHOODS. AS NBC BAY AREA'S SERGIO QUINTANA TELLS US - ORGANIZERS ARE REPEATING THAT MAGIC AND THEY'RE GETTING SOME HELP FROM AN UNEXPECTED PARTNER. IT'S A STORY YOU'LL SEE ONLY ON NBC BAY AREA.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/27/24 REPORTED...**

TODAY -- SAN FRANCISCO TOOK ITS FIRST STEP TOWARDS REPARATIONS TO THE BLACK COMMUNITY. CITY SUPERVISORS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AN APOLOGY FOR BLACK RESIDENTS WHO SUFFERED FROM RACIST POLICIES, DISCRIMINATION AND ACTS OF VIOLENCE. THE APOLOGY ALSO COMMITS TO MAKING UP FOR THE LONG-LASTING IMPACTS OF RACISM. THE CITY HAS BEEN DEBATING REPARATIONS OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. THERE'S NOT MUCH SUPPORT FOR DIRECT CASH PAYMENTS. HOWEVER, THE REPARATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OFFERED SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS TO SUPERVISORS - TO INVEST IN THE CITY'S BLACK COMMUNITY.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/27/24 REPORTED...**

THE BAY AREA'S NEW PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM -- IS GETTING READY TO KICK OFF IT'S INAUGURAL SEASON. WE ARE READY FOR BAY F-C. TODAY THE TEAM STARTED TRAINING AT SAN JOSE STATE. THE ROSTER IS LOADED W/ PLAYERS FROM THE BAY AREA AND ALL OVER THE WORLD. THE TEAM WILL TAKE ON "ANGEL CITY FC" AT THE SEASON OPENER IN LOS ANGELES ON MARCH 16TH. THEIR HOME OPENER AT PAYPAL PARK IN SAN JOSE IS ON MARCH 30TH AGAINST THE "HOUSTON DASH".

## EDUCATION

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00 PM-6:00 PM 2/6/24 REPORTED...**  
YOU MIGHT WANT TO DOUBLE CHECK ANY EYE DOCTOR CHECK-UPS COMING UP. OPTOMETRISTS ACROSS THE UC SYSTEM ARE ON STRIKE THIS WEEK. THIS WAS THE PICKET LINE THIS MORNING OUTSIDE UCSF. THEY WERE JOINED AT OTHER CAMPUSES, INCLUDING UCLA AND SAN DIEGO. THEY'VE LAUNCHED A TWO DAY STRIKE AGAINST THE UC SYSTEM. BOTH SIDES ARE ACCUSING EACH OTHER OF UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES DURING NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW CONTRACT. THE STRIKERS SAY THEY WANT A NEW CONTRACT THAT WILL ATTRACT NEW OPTOMETRISTS AND RETAIN THEM. A MAJOR POINT AT THE HEART OF THE DISPUTE - IS ADDING MORE THAN 80 NEW OPTOMETRISTS TO UC'S "HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS UNIT."

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/12/24 REPORTED...**  
PRIVATE SCHOOL EDUCATION IN SAN FRANCISCO HAS SKYROCKETED IN RECENT YEARS. ACCORDING TO THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, THE COST TO SEND A CHILD TO 13 YEARS OF ELITE EDUCATION IS ABOUT 520 THOUSAND DOLLARS. THAT'S KINDERGARTEN THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL. BUT HISTORICAL DATA ON TUITION ACROSS CALIFORNIA SHOWS IT HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN THAT WAY. THE AVERAGE ANNUAL TUITION HAS RISEN NEARLY 70% IN THE PAST 20 YEARS, WHEN ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION. AND IN THE PAST 40 YEARS, IT HAS SHOT UP A STAGGERING 243% — FROM ABOUT 11 THOUSAND IN TODAY'S MONEY -- TO OVER 38 THOUSAND.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/12/24 REPORTED...**  
IF YOU HAVE A KID WHO LIKES TO SOLVE PROBLEMS, WHO THINKS CREATIVELY OR WHO LIKES TO CODE, WE HAVE QUITE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU. THE "SWIFT STUDENT CHALLENGE" IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS. SWIFT IS APPLE'S DEVELOPMENT LANGUAGE WHICH ALLOWS ANYONE OF ANY AGE TO DEVELOP APP TO ADDRESS A NEED IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/15/24 REPORTED...**  
IN NAPA THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS INVESTIGATING WHAT CAUSED DOZENS OF STUDENTS TO BECOME SICK, EVEN CAUSING AT LEAST ONE TO PASS OUT. IT HAPPENED DURING FIRST PERIOD CHOIR CLASS AT "VINTAGE HIGH SCHOOL." THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED OUT, AND EVALUATED 25 STUDENTS COMPLAINING OF NAUSEA, HEADACHES AND FATIGUE. 6 STUDENTS WERE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL. AND THE SCHOOL WAS LOCKED DOWN AS A PRECAUTION. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PG&E EVALUATED THE BUILDING, AND FOUND NOTHING. THE SCHOOL WAS ULTIMATELY REOPENED AROUND 11:30, INCLUDING THAT CHOIR ROOM. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SAYS IT IS STILL INVESTIGATING.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/19/24 REPORTED...**

RESEARCHERS AT UC BERKELEY'S SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH SAY COUGHS AND COLDS ARE DOWN, COMPARED TO A MONTH AGO. ILLNESS FROM THE THREE RESPIRATORY VIRUSES, FLU, RSV, AND COVID, PEAKED IN LATE DECEMBER AND EARLY JANUARY. NOW, WITH JUST A FEW WEEKS LEFT IN THE SEASON RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS ARE WAY DOWN. COVID HOSPITALIZATIONS ARE ALSO DROPPING. HEALTH LEADERS SAY THAT'S EVIDENCE OF EFFECTIVE VACCINES AND YEARS OF EXPOSURE TO THE VIRUS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/21/24 REPORTED...**

THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION IS CANCELING MORE THAN \$1-BILLION DOLLARS IN STUDENT DEBT. THAT ANNOUNCEMENT CAME TODAY, AS PART OF THE "SAVING ON A VALUABLE EDUCATION" PLAN. 150-THOUSAND BORROWERS WHO HAVE BEEN IN REPAYMENT FOR AT LEAST A DECADE, AND TOOK OUT LESS THAN 12-THOUSAND DOLLARS WILL QUALIFY. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SAYS ELIGIBLE BORROWERS WILL RECEIVE EMAILS FROM PRESIDENT BIDEN TODAY, AND DO NOT NEED TO TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION TO RECEIVE THE RELIEF. THE WHITE HOUSE SAID THE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO CONTACT OTHER BORROWERS NEXT WEEK WHO ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR EARLY RELIEF BUT ARE NOT ENROLLED IN THE PLAN.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/21/24 REPORTED...**

SEVERAL EAST BAY TEACHERS UNIONS HIT THE PICKET LINES TODAY. THE "EAST BAY COALITION FOR STUDENT SUCESS" IS MADE UP OF 21 CALIFORNIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION CHAPTERS, INCLUDING DUBLIN AND PLEASANTON. BOTH ARE ON THE VERGE OF A STRIKE. THE GROUP HELD PROTESTS TODAY AT SEVERAL CAMPUSES, GROCERY STORES AND INTERSECTIONS . THEY'RE CALLING FOR BETTER PAY, IMPROVED WORKING CONDITIONS AND SMALLER CLASS SIZES, WHICH THEY SAY WILL HELP STUDENTS IN THE CLASSROOM.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/23/24 REPORTED...**

A PUSH TO RECALL TWO BOARD MEMBERS OF THE SUNOL GLEN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT-- IS PICKING UP MOMENTUM. BACK IN SEPTEMBER, TWO MEMBERS APPROVED A MEASURE THAT BANNED THE GAY PRIDE FLAG FROM BEING FLOWN ON THE DISTRICT'S ONLY SCHOOL CAMPUS. NOW SOME PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE WORKING TO REMOVE PRESIDENT RYAN JERGENSEN AND TRUSTEE LINDA HURLEY. THEY FILED A PETITION TUESDAY WITH THE GOAL TO FORCE A SPECIAL RECALL ELECTION. THE GROUP SAYS THEY HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH SIGNATURES NEEDED. THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS' OFFICE WILL HAVE UP TO 30 DAYS TO VALIDATE THE PETITION AND GRANT OR DENY IT CERTIFICATION.

## ENVIRONMENT

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00 PM-6:00PM 2/1/24 REPORTED...**

GOOD NEWS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE DRIVERS. A NEW INDOOR CHARGING STATION IS OPENING UP IN SAN FRANCISCO. IT OPENS THIS FRIDAY ON 'HARRISON' OFF 5TH STREET. IT HAS 20 CHARGING STALLS, 24-7 SECURITY, AND TWO USER LOUNGES. "ELECTRIFY AMERICA" BUILT THE STATION. THE COMPANY SAYS THE CHARGERS ARE FAST - AND USE 100-PERCENT RENEWABLE ENERGY.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/12/24 REPORTED...**

EXTREME WEATHER AND CLIMATE HAZARDS ARE BECOMING MORE FREQUENT, POSING A THREAT NOT ONLY FOR HOMEOWNERS BUT FOR RENTERS. ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM HARVARD, MORE THAN 18 MILLION RENTAL UNITS ACROSS THE U-S ARE EXPOSED TO CLIMATE- AND WEATHER-RELATED HAZARDS. RESEARCHERS PAIRED DATA FROM FEMA TO LEARN WHICH AREAS OF THE COUNTRY ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE AN ECONOMIC LOSS FROM NATURAL DISASTERS. THEY FOUND WHILE MOST STATES HAVE AT LEAST ONE "HIGH-RISK" COUNTY, MANY ARE CONCENTRATED IN CALIFORNIA AND FLORIDA. LAST YEAR, THERE WERE 28 WEATHER AND CLIMATE DISASTERS WITH DAMAGES TOTALING \$1 BILLION DOLLARS - A RECORD HIGH.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/13/24 REPORTED...**

THEY'RE CALLING IT A WIN FOR CLEANER AIR. TWO REFINERIES IN THE EAST BAY ARE AGREEING TO LARGE CUTS IN EMISSIONS. THAT WORD TODAY FROM THE BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. THE DISTRICT SAYS BOTH "CHEVRON" AND "MARTINEZ REFINING COMPANY" HAVE AGREED TO DROP A LAWSUIT AGAINST A TOUGH EMISSIONS STANDARD THE DISTRICT WANTS TO ENFORCE IN 2026. THE GOAL IS PROTECT RICHMOND AND MARTINEZ-AREAS FROM HARMFUL POLLUTANTS.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/15/24 REPORTED...**

GOOGLE AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP ARE TEAMING UP TO EXPOSE SOURCES OF CLIMATE-WARMING EMISSIONS FROM SPACE. THE TECH COMPANY WILL WORK WITH THE 'ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND' TO LAUNCH 'METHANE SAT'. IT'S ONE OF SEVERAL SATELLITES BEING DEPLOYED TO MONITOR METHANE EMISSIONS ACROSS THE WORLD. USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, IT WILL PINPOINT MAJOR SOURCES OF INVISIBLE BUT POTENT GREENHOUSE GAS. IT COMES AS GOVERNMENTS ACROSS THE WORLD ARE CRACKING DOWN ON CLIMATE WARMING EMISSIONS. THE SATELLITE WILL LAUNCH NEXT MONTH.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/15/24 REPORTED...**

THE EFFORT TO REMOVE FOUR DAMS FROM THE KLAMATH RIVER IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HAS HIT A MAJOR MILESTONE. THE GROUP OVERSEEING THE REMOVAL SAYS IT'S JUST COMPLETED WHAT'S KNOWN AS "DRAWDOWN." THAT'S WHEN CREWS DRAIN THE RESERVOIRS BEHIND THE DAMS. YOU CAN SEE THE DRAMATIC DIFFERENCE FROM BEFORE THE DRAINING WHICH BEGAN IN EARLY JANUARY— TO NOW — WHICH HAS REDUCED THE RESERVOIRS INTO A RIVER. THE DAM REMOVAL PROJECT IS AIMED AT RESTORING SALMON POPULATIONS ON THE KLAMATH RIVER. SOME RESIDENTS OF THE FORMER LAKE WERE CONCERNED THE DRAINING KILLED THOUSANDS OF FISH. BUT PROJECT MANAGERS SAY THOSE FISH WERE NON-NATIVE INVASIVE SPECIES.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/19/24 REPORTED...**

A WATERSPOUT -- LATER CONFIRMED TO BE A TORNADO -- WAS SPOTTED MOVING OVER FLORIDA. IT HAPPENED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON IN THE LOWER FLORIDA KEYS. THE WATERSPOUT WAS SEEN MOVING OVER THE WATER -- BLOWING DEBRIS INTO THE AIR AS IT MADE LANDFALL. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SAYS THIS TYPE OF WATERSPOUT IS LIKE A TORNADO THAT FORMS OVER WATER. THEY'RE VERY COMMON DURING SOUTHERN FLORIDA'S RAINY SEASON.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/26/24 REPORTED...**

THAT SPACECRAFT BUILT BY A PRIVATE US COMPANY IS EXPECTED TO STOP WORKING TOMORROW... HAVING ITS MISSION CUT SHORT, AFTER LANDING ON ITS SIDE NEAR THE SOUTH POLE OF THE MOON. IT WILL COLLECT DATA UNTIL SUNLIGHT NO LONGER SHINES ON THE SOLAR PANELS. THAT SHOULD BE TOMORROW MORNING, WHICH IS 2 TO 3 DAYS EARLIER, THAT WHAT NASA EXPECTED. BEFORE IT STOPS WORKING IT DID SEND BACK SOME NEW PHOTOS FROM THE MOON. THE SPACECRAFT BUILT BY THE COMPANY "INTUITIVE MACHINES TOUCHED DOWN LAST THURSDAY. IT MARKED THE FIRST COMMERCIAL CRAFT TO REACH THE MOON AND THE FIRST US SHIP ON THE MOON IN MORE THAN 50 YEARS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/28/24 REPORTED...**

CALTRANS CREWS BUSY TODAY -- SURVEYING A MUDSLIDE THAT'S THREATENING HIGHWAY 9 IN SARATOGA. OWNERS OF THE NEARBY "SAVANNAH CHANELLE VINEYARDS" SAY THE MUDSLIDE HAS FORCED THEIR WINERY TO CLOSE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF JANUARY, AFTER THEIR DRIVEWAY BECAME SUBMERGED UNDER SEVERAL FEET OF MUD. THEY ARE FRUSTRATED THAT CALTRANS HASN'T DONE MORE TO MAKE THE AREA SAFE. CALTRANS CREWS DID GO OUT TO THE AREA ON HIGHWAY 9, TODAY. HOWEVER, YESTERDAY THEY TOLD US THE STATE AGENCY ISN'T PERMITTED TO USE PUBLIC FUNDS... TO RESOLVE THE ACTIVE SLIDE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/28/24 REPORTED...**

ATHLETES IN THE 2024 PARIS OLYMPICS ARE GOING TO GREAT LENGTHS JUST SO THEY CAN KEEP COOL. THE APARTMENTS IN THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE WON'T HAVE AC UNITS IN ORDER TO CUT CARBON EMISSIONS. DURING PREVIOUS SUMMERS, TEMPERATURES IN PARIS HAVE HIT CLOSE TO 108 DEGREES. SO, SEVERAL TEAMS ARE WORRIED THEIR ATHLETES WILL OVERHEAT. BUT OLYMPIC ORGANIZERS ARE ASSURING THEM THE BUILDINGS WILL STAY COOL. THEY CLAIM A SYSTEM OF COOL UNDERGROUND WATER WILL HELP KEEP THE APARTMENTS FROM OVERHEATING. HOWEVER, THE GREEK AND AUSTRALIAN TEAMS PLAN TO PROVIDE ATHLETES WITH THEIR OWN AC AND FANS. OVER TEN THOUSAND ATHLETES WILL STAY IN THE VILLAGE.

## GOVERNMENT

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/1/24 REPORTED...**

THE MARCH PRIMARY IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. AND TODAY-- SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR LONDON BREED GATHERED WITH SUPPORTERS TO STUMP FOR 'PROP C'. PROP C TEMPORARILY WAIVES THE CITY'S TRANSFER TAX. THE IDEA IS TO MAKE IT MORE AFFORDABLE TO CONVERT EMPTY DOWNTOWN OFFICE BUILDINGS INTO HOUSING. THE MAYOR PLACED IT ON THE BALLOT TO BUILD ON HER EFFORT TO ADDRESS DOWNTOWN OFFICE VACANCIES.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/5/24 REPORTED...**

REPUBLICANS CONTINUING THEIR PUSH TO IMPEACH THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS. NOW PRESIDENT BIDEN IS FIRING BACK. LAST MONTH THE HOUSE LAUNCHED IMPEACHMENT HEARINGS AGAINST MAYORKAS. REPUBLICANS SAY IT'S OVER "RECORD HIGH" ILLEGAL BORDER CROSSINGS. BIDEN ISSUED A STATEMENT TODAY CONDEMNING THE IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS, CALLING IT A POLITICAL STUNT AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THE PRESIDENT SAYS HIS ADMINISTRATION IS WORKING WITH CONGRESS TO SECURE THE BORDER AND STRENGTHEN IMMIGRATION POLICIES. THE HOUSE COULD VOTE TO IMPEACH MAYORKAS BY TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/6/24 REPORTED...**

PRESIDENT BIDEN SAYS ONE PERSON WILL BE TO BLAME IF A BORDER SECURITY: FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP. DEMOCRATS IN THE SENATE INTRODUCED THE BILL ON SUNDAY. IT WOULD ALLOW THE GOVERNMENT TO CLOSE THE BORDER TO MIGRANTS TEMPORARILY. THE MOVE WOULD BE TRIGGERED IF CROSSINGS INCREASE ABOVE 5 THOUSAND ON AVERAGE PER DAY IN WEEK. PRESIDENT BIDEN SAYS THIS IS THE STRONGEST BORDER BILL THIS COUNTRY HAS EVER SEEN. PRESIDENT BIDEN SAYS MISTER TRUMP WOULD RATHER WEAPONIZE BORDER CONTROL THAN ACTUALLY SOLVE IT. REPUBLICANS SAY DEMOCRATS ARE RUSHING THE BILL AND WON'T HAVE ENOUGH VOTES TO PASS IT.



**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/8/24 REPORTED...**  
HE'S ALREADY BRINGING IN THE CHP TO CATCH CRIMINALS. NOW, GOVERNOR NEWSOM IS DEPLOYING LEGAL HELP TO BOOST PROSECUTIONS IN ALAMEDA COUNTY. THE GOVERNOR AND ATTORNEY GENERAL ROB BONTA ARE PARTNERING WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY PAMELA PRICE TO BRING IN ATTORNEYS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND NATIONAL GUARD. THE GOAL IS TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY TO INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE MORE SUSPECTS ACCUSED OF VIOLENT CRIMES, RETAIL THEFT AND AUTO BURGLARIES. OAKLAND HAS SEEN MANY MAJOR AND SMALL BUSINESSES FORCED TO SHUT DOWN AFTER CONTINUOUSLY BEING TARGETED BY CRIMINALS. THE PARTNERSHIP BUILDS ON THE GOVERNOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT EARLIER THIS WEEK, DEPLOYING AN ADDITIONAL 120 CHP OFFICERS TO THE EAST BAY.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/8/24 REPORTED...**  
SAN JOSE MAYOR MATT MAHAN IS DOUBLING DOWN ON HIS SUPPORT FOR PRISON REFORM. TODAY, THE MAYOR HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE TO SPEAK ON HIS SUPPORT OF CHANGING PROPOSITION 47. PROP 47 PASSED TEN YEARS AGO, AS PART OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS AIMED AT CUTTING PRISON OVERCROWDING. IT LOWERED 'DRUG POSSESSION' TO A MISDEMEANOR, RAISED THE THRESHOLD FOR PROSECUTING THEFT AND PROPERTY CRIMES AND ALLOWED RESENTENCING FOR PEOPLE WHO WERE ALREADY SERVING HARSH SENTENCES. THIS YEAR, ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT THE PROPOSED "HOMELESSNESS, DRUG ADDICTION, AND THEFT REDUCTION ACT" AIMS AT WALKING BACK PROP 47. BACKERS OF THE NEW ACT ARGUE THAT SINCE PROP 47, HOMELESSNESS IN CALIFORNIA HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. MAYOR MAHAN SAYS PROP 47 WAS WELL-INTENDED, BUT IT'S HURTING FAMILIES AND SMALL BUSINESSES ACROSS THE STATE.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/8/24 REPORTED...**  
IMPERSONATING SOMEONE WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IS NOW ILLEGAL. THAT'S WHAT THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RULED. LAST MONTH TWO TELECOM COMPANIES SENT THOUSANDS OF VOTERS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE A "ROBOCALL." IT WAS AN AUTOMATED CALL PRETENDING TO BE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN. SO TODAY THE "FCC" RULED THAT CALLS WITH AI GENERATED VOICES ARE ILLEGAL. IT SAYS THE MOVE IS TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM MISINFORMING VOTERS DURING PRIMARY ELECTIONS. THE NEW LAW ALSO GIVES PEOPLE WHO RECEIVE THOSE CALLS THE RIGHT TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION. AND FINES CAN REACH UP TO 23-THOUSAND DOLLARS PER CALL.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/8/24 REPORTED...**

THE SENATE IS MOVING FORWARD WITH A STRIPPED-DOWN FOREIGN AID BILL. IT CALLS FOR \$95-BILLION DOLLARS IN AID TO ISRAEL, UKRAINE AND TAIWAN. THE MEASURE PASSED AN INITIAL VOTE AND NOW MOVES FORWARD IN THE SENATE FOR CONTINUED DEBATE. IT COMES AFTER REPUBLICANS BLOCKED A WIDER BILL THAT ALSO INCLUDED BORDER SECURITY MEASURES. BUT THE NEW VERSION STILL FACES AN UPHILL BATTLE, AS SENATORS DEBATE AMENDMENTS WITH JUST A FEW DAYS UNTIL THEY BREAK FOR TWO WEEKS. IF THE AID PACKAGE DOESN'T PASS, IT WILL LIKELY BE SIDELINED BY LOOMING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN DEADLINES COMING NEXT MONTH.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/14/24 REPORTED...**

A HIGH PROFILE CONGRESSIONAL RACE IN NEW YORK. DEMOCRAT TOM SWAZZY IS HEADING BACK TO CONGRESS. HE'S FILLING THE LONG ISLAND CONGRESSIONAL SEAT THAT USED TO BELONG TO REPUBLICAN GEORGE SANTOS. SUOZZI REPRESENTED NEW YORK'S THIRD DISTRICT FROM 20-17 TO 20-23. THEN THE COMTORVERSIAL GEORGE SANTOS TOOK HIS SPOT... BUT NOT FOR LONG. IN DECEMBER FEDERAL PROSECUTORS CHARGED SANTOS WITH FRAUD AND STEALING PUBLIC MONEY, AND THE HOUSE VOTED TO EXPEL HIM. YESTERDAY SUOZZI SECURED SANTOS' OLD SEAT.. BEATING A REPUBLICAN OPPONENT. THE WIN MEANS THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IS SLIMMED DOWN TO 219 TO 213 -- A SLIM MARGIN TO PASS LEGISLATION.

## **HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE**

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00 PM-6:00 PM 2/1/24 REPORTED...**

TONIGHT, WE'RE LEARNING NEW DETAILS ABOUT WHAT CAUSED THE MARTINEZ REFINERY TO RELEASE COKE DUST INTO THE AIR. IT HAPPENED IN NOVEMBER OF 2022. WORKERS SAY THEY DIDN'T KNOW THAT THE DUST BEING WAS RELEASED, BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T SEE IT BLOWING AWAY FROM THE REFINERY. THEY DIDN'T FIND OUT UNTIL THE NEXT DAY, WHEN PEOPLE CALLED TO COMPLAIN. INVESTIGATORS SAY IT HAPPENED DURING A FAILURE OF CATALYTIC CRACKING. THAT'S THE PROCESS OF BREAKING DOWN HYDRO-CARBON MOLECULES INTO SMALLER ONES. THEY ALSO BLAMED WORKER FATIGUE AND BROKEN EQUIPMENT FOR THE RELEASE. THE FINAL COMMUNITY RISK ASSESSMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED ON FEBRUARY 22ND.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00 PM-6:00 PM 2/14/24 REPORTED...**

SAN FRANCISCO SAW A RISE IN OPIOID OVERDOSES LAST MONTH. THE CITY SAYS 66 PEOPLE DIED FROM ACCIDENTAL DRUG OVERDOSES IN JANUARY. THAT'S UP FROM 53 THE MONTH BEFORE. CITY HEALTH LEADERS SAY THAT EVEN THOUGH THE NUMBER OF DEATHS IS HIGH, ITS LOWER THAN THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR. DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, THEY SPOKE ABOUT WAYS TO HELP PEOPLE DEALING WITH DRUG ADDICTION. AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING METHADONE, A DRUG USED TO TREAT OPIOID ADDICTION, MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00 PM-6:00PM 2/15/24 REPORTED...**

A STATE LAWMAKER FROM THE BAY AREA IS BACKING A NEW BILL. IT'S AIMED AT MAKING SURE CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS ARE NEVER CHARGED A FEE TO CROSS CALIFORNIA BRIDGES, INCLUDING THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE. ASSEMBLYMAN PHIL TING OF SAN FRANCISCO BELIEVES HIS LEGISLATION WILL HELP PROMOTE ACTIVE, HEALTHY LIFESTYLES. HE SAYS ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO GET OUT OF THEIR CARS AND ENJOY THE OUTDOORS, WILL ALSO HELP CUT DOWN ON POLLUTION.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/19/24 REPORTED...**

A GROUNDBREAKING NEW STUDY FINDS VIRTUAL REALITY CAN VASTLY IMPROVE THE EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OF SENIOR CITIZENS. STANFORD RESEARCHERS STUDIED THE IMPACT OF VIRTUAL REALITY ON 245 SENIORS. PARTICIPANTS USED THE TECHNOLOGY TO DO THINGS LIKE TRAVEL THE WORLD, GO PARACHUTING, EVEN PLAY WITH PUPPIES. RESEARCHERS SAY THOSE EXPERIENCES CREATED A GATEWAY FOR SENSORY STIMULATION AND MEMORY REVIVAL WITH 80% OF PARTICIPANTS REPORTING A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE. AND 60% SAYING THEY FELT A TANGIBLE REDUCTION IN SOCIAL ISOLATION.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/20/24 REPORTED...**

WE HAVE AN UPDATE ON A STORY WE BROUGHT YOU LAST WEEK. A PROPOSED SOBER LIVING CENTER IN SAN FRANCISCO'S CHINATOWN - IS BEING DROPPED. THAT ANNOUNCEMENT JUST CAME FROM MAYOR LONDON BREED. THE CITY PLANNED TO CONVERT THE "NORTH BEACH HOTEL" INTO A PERMANENT HOUSING FACILITY FOR PEOPLE IN RECOVERY FROM ALCOHOL AND DRUGS. IT SITS AT THE CORNER OF KEARNY AND COLUMBUS - NEAR SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS IN CHINATOWN. IT SPARKED SAFETY CONCERNS FROM LOCALS AND BUSINESS OWNERS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/20/24 REPORTED...**

IN OAKLAND TODAY, A VERY CANDID CONVERSATION ON KIDS AND MENTAL HEALTH. AMONG THOSE INVOLVED - DEMOCRATIC SENATOR LAPHONZA BUTLER OF CALIFORNIA AND THE MOTHER OF POP STAR, LADY GAGA. SENATOR BUTLER AND LADY GAGA'S, BORN THIS WAY FOUNDATION - ARE TEAMING UP TO HOST PANEL DISCUSSIONS FOCUSING ON YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH. TODAY- THEY STOPPED AT "YOUTH UPRISING" A LOCAL NONPROFIT COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER IN EAST OAKLAND. LADY GAGA'S MOM, CYNTHIA GERMANOTTA, LED PART OF THE HOUR LONG DISCUSSION FOCUSING ON KIDS PERSONAL STORIES. THEY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF TARGETED RESOURCES, LEGISLATIVE CHANGES AND EARLY MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/22/24 REPORTED...**

ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH IN CHILDREN IS CANCER. AND TODAY, BAY AREA CONGRESSWOMAN ANNA ESHOO IS HIGHLIGHTING THE URGENT NEED TO ADDRESS THAT PROBLEM. SHE VISITED LUCILE PACKARD CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN PALO ALTO THIS MORNING. ESHOO TALKED ABOUT FOUR BILLS SHE'S INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS - AIMED AT ALLOWING MORE CHILDREN TO BENEFIT FROM PEDIATRIC DRUG STUDIES. SHE SAYS THE BILLS WILL CLOSE LOOPHOLES FOR COMBINATION DRUG THERAPIES AND TREATING RARE DISEASES. THE LEGISLATION WILL ALSO STABILIZE OUR NATION'S SUPPLY OF DRUGS FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER.

## **NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS/SAFETY & SECURITY**

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/8/24 REPORTED...**

GRIDLOCK IN WASHINGTON AND THE MIDDLE EAST, IS POSING SERIOUS THREATS TO NATIONAL AND GLOBAL SECURITY. SECRETARY OF STATE ANTONY BLINKEN IS IN THE MIDDLE EAST MEETING AGAIN TODAY WITH ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN LEADERS. HE'S PUSHING FOR A CEASEFIRE IN GAZA, AND FOR HAMAS TO RELEASE REMAINING HOSTAGES. HAMAS RELEASED A COUNTER-PROPOSAL FOR A 4-AND-A-HALF MONTH PAUSE IN FIGHTING. IT INCLUDES, EXCHANGING HOSTAGES FOR PALESTINIAN PRISONERS IN ISRAELI JAILS. ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU IS REJECTING THAT IDEA. BUT SECRETARY BLINKEN SAYS HE BELIEVES THERE'S SPACE FOR AN AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/8/24 REPORTED...**

A BIG SHAKE-UP IN THE UKRAINE MILITARY. PRESIDENT VOLODYMYR ZELENSKYY FIRED HIS TOP ARMY GENERAL TODAY. IT'S PART OF A SWEEPING OVERHAUL OF HIS MILITARY COMMAND. AND IT'S THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE COUNTRY'S MILITARY LEADERSHIP IN TWO YEARS. GENERAL VALERI ZALUZHNYI HAS BEEN POPULAR WITH THE TROOPS AND THE PUBLIC. AND IN A POST ON "X", THE PRESIDENT THANKED HIM FOR HIS TWO YEARS OF SERVICE. BUT THE WAR BETWEEN UKRAINE AND RUSSIA REMAINS DEADLOCKED. AND THE PRESIDENT SAYS IT'S TIME FOR RENEWAL. HE IS APPOINTING OLEKSANDR SYRSKYY TO LEAD THE ARMY. SYRSKYY WAS PREVIOUSLY THE COMMANDER OF UKRAINE'S GROUND FORCES.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/14/24 REPORTED...**

A BIZARRE CRIME IN THE EAST BAY REMAINS UNSOLVED. TODAY THE FBI PUT OUT AN ALERT FOR A BAY AREA MAN WHO'S BEEN ON THE RUN SINCE 2017. THE FBI TWEETED "BOB TANG" IS ON THE AGENCY'S MOST WANTED LIST. TANG IS WANTED IN THE MURDER OF "PISETH CHHAY". CHHAY WAS AN UBER DRIVER WHO DISAPPEARED ON MOTHER'S DAY IN 2017. HIS BODY PARTS WERE LATER FOUND INSIDE A WAREHOUSE IN HAYWARD, WHERE "TANG" WAS A LONG-TIME EMPLOYEE. TANG IS BELIEVED TO BE IN CAMBODIA NOW. THERE'S A 10-THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD FOR ANY INFO THAT LEADS TO HIS ARREST.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/15/24 REPORTED...**

THE WHITE HOUSE CONFIRMED TODAY THAT RUSSIA HAS OBTAINED WHAT IT CALLS A "TROUBLING" ANTI-SATELLITE WEAPON. IT ALL CAME OUT YESTERDAY WHEN THE HOUSE INTELLIGENCE CHAIRMAN, MIKE TURNER, RELEASED AN UNUSUAL STATEMENT. HE URGED THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION TO DECLASSIFY INFORMATION ABOUT A SERIOUS NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT. THEN TODAY, THE WHITE HOUSE SPOKESPERSON, JOHN KIRBY, CONFIRMED THAT RUSSIA HAS THE WEAPON. HE DECLINED TO SAY WHETHER THE WEAPON HAS NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES. BUT HE DID SAY IT CAN'T ATTACK HUMANS OR DESTROY THE EARTH. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER. AND HE SAID HE WILL KEEP THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AS INFORMED AS POSSIBLE.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/19/24 REPORTED...**

AFTER MONTHS OF REQUESTS FROM UKRAINE, THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION IS WORKING TOWARD PROVIDING THE COUNTRY W/ LONG-RANGE MISSILES. THAT'S ACCORDING TO TWO U.S. OFFICIALS. LATE LAST YEAR, THE U.S. BEGAN TO SUPPLY UKRAINE W/ ARMY TACTICAL MISSILE SYSTEMS, BUT ONLY THE OLDER, MEDIUM-RANGE KIND. NOW, THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION IS LOOKING TOWARD SENDING NEW, LONGER-RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILES. THE WEAPONS WOULD ALLOW UKRAINE TO STRIKE FURTHER INSIDE THE RUSSIAN-HELD TERRITORIES. FUNDING FOR ARMS SHIPMENTS REMAINS UNCERTAIN DUE TO REPUBLICAN OPPOSITION.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/20/24 REPORTED...**

PRO-PALESTINIAN PROTESTERS ONCE AGAIN BLOCKED TRAFFIC IN SAN FRANCISCO TODAY. DOZENS SHUT DOWN THE INTERSECTION OF MONTGOMERY AND MARKET STREETS THIS MORNING. THE SURROUNDING STREETS WERE CLOSED AS WELL. SOME OF THE PROTESTERS EVEN LOCKED THEMSELVES TO A TABLE. THEY WANT CALIFORNIA SENATORS, ALEX PADILLA AND LAPHONZA BUTLER, TO TALK WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS ABOUT SUPPORTING A CEASEFIRE. AND SOME SAY, THEY'RE NOT BACKING DOWN EVEN AFTER 80 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED FOR BLOCKING TRAFFIC ON THE BAY BRIDGE IN NOVEMBER.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/20/24 REPORTED...**

BEFORE HE TOOK OFF FOR THE WEST COAST, THE PRESIDENT CONFIRMED THAT MAJOR SANCTIONS ARE PLANNED AGAINST RUSSIA, FOR THE DEATH OF ALEXEI NAVALNY. NAVALNY DIED AT A RUSSIAN PRISON LAST WEEK - BUT THE DETAILS OF HIS DEATH HAVEN'T BEEN REVEALED. HE WAS AN OUTSPOKEN CRITIC OF RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN, AND HIS FAMILY IS ACCUSING RUSSIA OF MURDERING HIM. HIS DEATH HAS SPARKED OUTRAGE WITHIN RUSSIA AND AROUND THE WORLD.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 2/23/24 REPORTED...**

AMAZON HAS AGREED TO PAY ALMOST 2-MILLION DOLLARS TO SETTLE CLAIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES OVERSEAS. THE MONEY WILL GO TO MORE THAN 700 CONTRACT MIGRANT WORKERS-- AT TWO AMAZON WAREHOUSES IN SAUDI ARABIA. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL FIRST REPORTED THE ABUSES. AMAZON THEN HIRED INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATORS -- WHO VERIFIED THE CLAIMS. INVESTIGATORS SAY WORKERS WERE EMPLOYED BY THIRD-PARTY RECRUITING AGENCIES WHO MADE THEM SIGN EXPLOITATIVE CONTRACTS. THEY WERE ALSO FORCED TO LIVE IN OVERCROWDED WAREHOUSES INFESTED WITH BED BUGS AND LACKING EVEN BASIC FACILITIES.

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KNTV/NBC BAY AREA is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community through regularly scheduled public affairs programming, newscasts, public service announcements as well as documentaries and specials. The following is a list of some of the programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the preceding three-month period.

**BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT**

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/1/24 REPORTED...**

A LEGAL BATTLE HAS BEGUN BETWEEN ELON MUSK AND A COMPANY HE HELPED FOUND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT OPEN-AI. MUSK ORIGINALLY HELPED SET IT UP AS A NON-PROFIT. THE WHOLE IDEA WAS TO CREATE A TRANSPARENT COMPANY THAT DOES GOOD FOR HUMANITY. NOW MUSK SAYS THAT'S FAR FROM THE CASE. ESPECIALLY AFTER OPEN A-I MADE A MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR DEAL WITH MICROSOFT. LAST NIGHT HE FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST OPEN A-I AND ITS C-E-O, SAM ALTMAN. LAWYERS FOR MUSK SAY THE GOAL OF THE SUIT IS TO COMPEL OPEN A-I TO RETURN TO IT'S ORIGINAL MISSION. NEITHER OPEN A-I NOR MICROSOFT HAS COMMENTED ON THE CASE.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00 PM-6:00 PM 3/1/24 REPORTED...**

CVS IS FACING A HEFTY FINE FOR UNDERSTAFFING ITS PHARMACIES. INSPECTORS INVESTIGATED 22 STORES IN OHIO BETWEEN 2020 AND 2023. AND THEY FOUND SEVERAL SAFETY AND LEGAL CONCERNS. THOSE INCLUDE DRUG DISPENSING ERRORS, PRESCRIPTION DELAYS, DIRTY EQUIPMENT, POOR DRUG SECURITY AND MORE. NOW THE STATE IS FINING THE PHARMACY CHAIN 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS. PART OF THAT FINE WILL COVER WHAT'S CALLED ADVANCED MONITORING IN THE STORES WITH THE WORST VIOLATIONS FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/1/24 REPORTED...**

A BIG CHANGE AT BOEING . THE COMPANY WANTS TO BUY THE SUPPLIER RESPONSIBLE FOR A MALFUNCTION ON AN ALASKA AIRLINES FLIGHT. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE DOOR PLUG THAT BLEW OUT OF A 737 JET TWO MONTHS AGO. BOEING IS LOOKING TO ACQUIRE FUSELAGE MAKER "SPIRIT AERO-SYSTEMS," FOR THE SECOND TIME. SPIRIT ORIGINALLY SPLIT OFF FROM BOEING TWO DECADES AGO. THE POSSIBLE MERGER COMES AFTER REGULATORS GAVE BOEING 90 DAYS TO IMPROVE IT'S QUALITY CONTROL.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/4/24 REPORTED...**

APPLE TAKES CENTER STAGE IN THE AI FRENZY. THE COMPANY SAYS IT CREATED THE WORLD'S BEST CONSUMER LAPTOP FOR AI. IT'S A NEW VERSION OF THE "MACBOOK AIR" LAPTOP. THE NEW MODEL USES WHAT APPLE CALLS ITS "M3 CHIP" APPLE SAYS THE CHIP ALLOWS THE LAPTOP TO RUN APPS WITH ADVANCED AI FEATURES. APPLE FIRST RELEASED THE "M3 CHIP" BACK IN OCTOBER WHEN IT ANNOUNCED OTHER NEW PRODUCTS WITH CHIP. BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IT'S MENTIONED THE CHIP'S CONNECTION TO AI. TECH ANALYSTS SAY THE MOVE INDICATES APPLE IS STEPPING UP IT'S MARKETING AROUND AI.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/4/24 REPORTED...**

SPIRIT AIRLINE'S SHARES TUMBLED TODAY - AFTER NEWS SPIRIT AND JETBLUE AIRLINES CALLED OFF THEIR NEARLY 4 BILLION DOLLAR MERGER AGREEMENT. THE MOVE COMES AFTER THE TWO AIRLINES LOST A FEDERAL, ANTI-TRUST LAWSUIT THAT CHALLENGED THE DEAL. BACK IN JANUARY, A FEDERAL JUDGE SIDED WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT THAT SUED TO BLOCK THE MERGER. THE DOJ ARGUED IT WOULD HAVE REDUCED COMPETITION AND DRIVEN UP TICKET PRICES FOR THOSE WHO RELY ON SPIRIT'S LOW-COST FARES. ATTORNEY GENERAL MERRICK GARLAND CALLED TODAY'S NEWS A VICTORY FOR AMERICAN CONSUMERS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/5/24 REPORTED...**

FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM AND OTHER META PLATFORMS ARE BACK ONLINE TONIGHT, AFTER SUFFERING A SIGNIFICANT OUTAGE THIS SUPER TUESDAY. THE PLATFORMS ALL WENT DOWN AROUND 7:30 THIS MORNING. THE OUTAGE SPANNED MULTIPLE COUNTRIES AND APPEARED TO BE RELATED TO HOW USERS LOG IN. A META SPOKESPERSON TOOK TO "X" THIS AFTERNOON SAYING THE ISSUE WAS RESOLVED. BUT DIDN'T SAY WHAT CAUSED THE OUTAGE. THE TIMING OF THE ISSUE CAUSED EXTRA CONCERN BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE USE THE PLATFORMS TO GET INFORMED BEFORE HEADING TO THE POLLS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/6/24 REPORTED...**

THE COMPANY BEHIND THE POPULAR 'FORNITE' VIDEO GAME SAYS APPLE HAS TERMINATED ITS DEVELOPER ACCOUNT. IT'S THE LATEST IN AN ONGOING FUED BETWEEN THE TWO COMPANIES. APPLE IS PREVENTING 'EPIC GAMES' FROM RELEASING ITS GAME IN THE EUROPEAN UNION. EPIC SAYS ITS RETALIATION OVER ITS LAWSUIT AGAINST APPLE AND THE COMPANY'S ANTI-TRUST LOBBYING. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN APPLE AND EPIC GAMES HAS BEEN CONFRONTATIONAL. EPIC SUED APPLE IN 2020 OVER WHETHER FORTNITE COULD EVADE APPLE'S APP STORE RULES AND BYPASS APPLE'S 30% CUT OF GAME SALES.



**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/7/24 REPORTED...**

LAYOFFS IN THE U-S HAVE ALMOST REACHED AN HISTORIC LEVEL. AND TECH IS LEADING THE WAY. THIS COMES FROM A FIRM THAT HELPS LAID OFF WORKERS "CHALLENGER, GRAY AND CHRISTMAS." A REPORT RELEASED TODAY SHOWS COMPANIES IN THE US LAID OFF ABOUT 85,000 WORKERS LAST MONTH. THE FIRM SAYS IT WAS THE WORST FEBRUARY FOR LAY OFFS SINCE THE GREAT RECESSION 15 YEARS AGO. TECH HAD THE MOST CUTS, BUT THE FINANCE INDUSTRY WAS RIGHT BEHIND. THE COMPANY SAYS THE COMMON REASONS FOR LAYOFFS RIGHT NOW ARE: RESTRUCTURING, SLASHING COSTS, AND EMBRACING NEW TECHNOLOGY.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/7/24 REPORTED...**

A BLOWN OUTR DOOR , TODAYS TIRE FAILING OFF AND A NEW INVESTIGATION FOR BEOING AFTER OBE OF ITS JETS A STUCK RUDDER PEDAL DURING LANDING. IT HAPPENED LAST MONTH IN NEW JERSEY. THE NTSB SAYS THE UNITED AIRLINES PLANE HAD JUST TOUCHED DOWN, WHEN THE RUDDER PEDAL GOT STUCK. THAT MEANT THE PILOT WAS INITIALLY UNABLE TO SLOW THE PLANE DOWN AND STRUGGLED TO KEEP IN ON THE RUNWAY. THE CREW ULTIMATELY GOT THE PEDAL UNSTUCK AND BROUGHT THE PLANE TO A SAFE STOP.

## CONSUMER ISSUES

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/1/24 REPORTED...**

PG&E GETTING ITS CUSTOMERS READY FOR THE STORM. EARLIER TODAY THE COMPANY MET WITH PEOPLE AT A COFFEE SHOP IN PITTSBURG. THEIR TEAM WAS THERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS PEOPLE HAD. THEY SAY A LOT OF PEOPLE WANTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEIR ENERGY BILL. BUT THE STORM WAS ALSO A BIG CONCERN FOR MANY. PG&E ADVISES PEOPLE TO CHARGE THEIR ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND CARS. IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT MAKE SURE FLASHLIGHTS HAVE FRESH BATTERIES.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00 PM-6:00 PM 3/4/24 REPORTED...**

CHECK YOUR FREEZERS. TRADER JOE'S IS RECALLING ITS STEAMED CHICKEN SOUP DUMPLINGS. THE GROCERY STORE CHAIN SAYS THE DUMPLINGS COULD CONTAIN PLASTIC FROM A PERMANENT MARKER. THE RECALL IMPACTS 61-THOUSAND POUNDS OF THE DUMPLINGS MADE ON DECEMBER 7TH. CUSTOMERS CAN RETURN THE DUMPLINGS TO ANY TRADER JOE'S TO RECEIVE A FULL REFUND.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/5/24 REPORTED...**

TARGET HAS A NEW PLAN TO BOOST WEAK SALES: A PAID MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM. IT'S CALLED 'TARGET CIRCLE 360'. IT OFFERS UNLIMITED FREE SAME DAY DELIVERY IN AS LITTLE AS AN HOUR FOR ORDERS OVER 35 DOLLARS. AND IT GIVES MEMBERS FREE TWO DAY SHIPPING, ALONG WITH OTHER PERKS. THE PROGRAM WILL LAUNCH IN EARLY APRIL, WITH A SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP OFFER OF 49 DOLLARS A YEAR. AFTER THAT IT WILL COST 99 DOLLARS A YEAR.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/11/24 REPORTED...**

RATE HIKE ARE ADDING SOME PAIN AT THE PLUG... FOR THOSE WHO DRIVE ELECTRIC VEHICLES. LAST WEEK, THE CPUC APPROVED THE SECOND RATE HIKE OF THIS YEAR. THIS ONE IS EXPECTED TO RAISE THE AVERAGE BILL BY ABOUT 5 BUCKS A MONTH. THAT'S ON TOP OF A 13 PERCENT INCREASE IN JANUARY. THERE'S ALSO A THIRD HIKE IN THE WORKS. E-V CUSTOMERS SAY THEY'VE NOTICED THE JUMP IN THEIR BILLS. WE SPOKE WITH A LOCAL CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY THINK TANK ABOUT THE ISSUE. THEY TOLD US E-V CUSTOMERS SHOULDN'T GET SPOOKED...AND POINT OUT THAT E-V'S ARE STILL CONSIDERABLY CHEAPER TO FILL UP THAN THEIR GAS COUNTERPARTS.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/12/24 REPORTED...**

STARTING TODAY, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO "SKIP THE MIDDLE MAN" WHEN IT COMES TO FILING YOUR TAXES. THE I-R-S IS ROLLING OUT A PILOT PROGRAM IN 12 STATES, INCLUDING CALIFORNIA. IT'S CALLED "DIRECT FILE." IT ALLOWS SOME PEOPLE TO FILE THEIR TAXES ONLINE, FOR FREE, DIRECTLY WITH THE IRS. THE PROGRAM IS MEANT TO SAVE TAXPAYERS' TIME AND THE HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS THEY MIGHT SPENT WITH TAX PREPARERS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/13/24 REPORTED...**

A HEADS UP FOR BART RIDERS THIS SAINT PATRICK'S DAY WEEKEND. IF YOU'RE PLANNING ANY TRIPS THROUGH THE EAST BAY, EXPECT DELAYS. WORKERS WILL BE REPLACING PART OF THE TRACK IN RICHMOND AND IT'S GOING TO IMPACT SERVICE. THERE'S NO RED-LINE SERVICE THIS WEEKEND. THIS GRAPHIC SHOWS WHICH LINES WILL BE AVAILABLE. TRANSBAY RIDERS FROM THE EAST BAY WILL HAVE TO TAKE THE YELLOW LINE TO GET TO SAN FRANCISCO OR THE PENINSULA. A BUS BRIDGE WILL BE IN PLACE BETWEEN RICHMOND AND EL CERRITO DEL NORTE. AS WELL AS A SHUTTLE SERVICE BETWEEN MILLBRAE AND S-F-O.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/22/24 REPORTED...**

NO MORE DOUBLE DOUBLES. OAKLAND'S ONLY, IN-N-OUT BURGER -- IS CLOSING THIS WEEKEND. SUNDAY AT 1AM. THE CHAIN FIRST ANNOUNCED ITS CLOSURE IN JANUARY - IN RESPONSE TO SAFETY CONCERNS. THE RESTAURANT IS LOCATED NEAR THE AIRPORT, ALONG THE HEGENBERGER CORRIDOR - THAT'S BEEN PLAGUED WITH CRIME. OTHER BUSINESSES INCLUDING A DENNY'S AND "BLACK BEAR DINER" HAVE ALSO SHUT DOWN.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/22/24 REPORTED...**

BART CREWS IN SAN FRANCISCO ARE CRACKING DOWN ON PEOPLE JUMPING GATES WITHOUT PAYING. THE INSTALLATION OF THESE MODERN, FARE GATES BEGAN TODAY AT THE SAN FRANCISCO CIVIC CENTER STATION. YOU CAN SEE THE GATES ARE MUCH HIGHER THAN THE PREVIOUS ONES. BART SAYS THIS STATION, IN PARTICULAR, HAS BEEN A BIG TARGET OF FARE EVADERS. LAST DECEMBER, CREWS PUT IN ITS FIRST SET OF HIGH-TECH GATES AT THE WEST OAKLAND STATION.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/22/24 REPORTED...**

ITS TIME FOR A BEER. A VERY COVETED BEER. PEOPLE ARE LINING UP AT TWO NORTH BAY BREW-PUBS. "PLINY THE YOUNGER" IS BACK. "RUSSIAN RIVER BREWING" STARTED OFFERING THE BEER TODAY, IN BOTH OF ITS PUBS. THOSE ARE LOCATED IN SANTA ROSA AND WINDSOR. THIS YEAR THE BREWERY IS CELEBRATING ITS 20-TH RELEASE OF "PLINY THE YOUNGER." AFTER SO MANY YEARS, THE COVETED BEER STILL DRAWS BIG CROWDS. THE BREWERY ADVISES PEOPLE TO EXPECT AN HOURS-LONG LINE ON BUSY DAYS.

## **CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN**

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/1/24 REPORTED...**  
SHE'S CREDITED WITH REVIVING THE ROM-COM MOVIE GENRE. AND NOW SHE'S TAKING ON SNL. ACTRESS SYDNEY SWEENEY IS MAKING HER HOSTING DEBUT ON SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE. SHE'LL APPEAR ALONGSIDE MUSICAL GUEST, "KACEY MUSGRAVES," WHO JUST ANNOUNCED A NEW ALBUM. SWEENEY'S HAD A BUSY CAREER SO FAR. SHE STARRED IN THE POPULAR ROM COM "ANYONE BUT YOU," AND SHOWS "WHITE LOTUS" AND "EUPHORIA." DESPITE HER SUCCESS, SWEENEY SAYS SHE HAS "STAGE FRIGHT" AND IS "REALLY NERVOUS" TO HOST. THE EPISODE WILL AIR TOMORROW.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/1/24 REPORTED...**  
THOUSANDS CAME TOGETHER IN MOSCOW TODAY, FOR THE FUNERAL OF RUSSIAN OPPOSITION LEADER ALEXEI NAVALNY. NAVALNY WAS RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADMIR PUTIN'S MOST OUTSPOKEN CRITIC. HE DIED IN PRISON, TWO WEEKS AGO. THE FUNERAL WAS UNDER HEAVY POLICE WATCH. NAVALNY'S MOTHER WAS IN ATTENDANCE, BUT HIS WIFE WASN'T ABLE TO ATTEND. DURING THE SERVICE, THE CROWD OUTSIDE CHANTED "NO TO WAR" AND "LOVE IS MORE POWERFUL THAN FEAR."

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/4/24 REPORTED...**  
COULD MADBUM MAKE A RETURN TO BASEBALL? GIANTS LEGEND MADISON BUMGARNER HASN'T PITCHED SINCE BEING RELEASED BY THE DIAMONDBACKS, LAST APRIL. HE'S REPORTEDLY CONSIDERING A POTENTIAL RETURN THIS SEASON. BUMGARNER TURNS 35 IN AUGUST, AND IS STILL OWED \$14 MILLION DOLLARS BY ARIZONA AFTER THE HE SIGNED A 5 YEAR DEAL IN 2020. BUMGARNER DEBUTED W/ AS A 19 YEAR-OLD... HELPING LEAD THE TEAM TO 3 WORLD SERIES TITLES, DURING HIS 11 SEASONS IN SAN FRANCISCO.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/4/24 REPORTED...**  
BASEBALL SEASON MAY BE RAMPING UP... BUT FOOTBALL SEASON NEVER REALLY SLEEPS. THE N-F-L DRAFT IS NEXT MONTH, AND FREE AGENTS CAN START SIGNING WITH TEAMS A WEEK FROM TODAY. THERE'S A LOT OF INTRIGUE AROUND 49ERS WIDE RECEIVER 'BRANDON AIYUK'. HE'S ENTERING THE FIFTH AND FINAL YEAR OF HIS ROOKIE CONTRACT SO THAT LEADS TO THE QUESTION... WILL HE SIGN AN EXTENSION WITH THE 49ERS, OR COULD HE BE TRADED? THE N-F-L NETWORK REPORTS THAT WHILE OTHER TEAMS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A TRADE... THE NINERS PLAN ON WORKING OUT A NEW DEAL.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/5/24 REPORTED...**

A VERY SPECIAL BIRTHDAY PARTY IN THE EAST BAY- FOR A WORLD WAR TWO VETERAN-- WHO TURNED 104 TODAY. ARTHUR LARSON LIVES AT BROOKDALE DIABLO LODGE, IN DANVILLE. BY HIS SIDE, HIS WIFE OF 72 YEARS, JOAN. ARTHUR SERVED IN THE U-S ARMY AS A SECOND LIEUTENANT FROM 1940 TO 1946. HE ALSO EARNED A DOCTORATE FROM U-C BERKELEY. ON HIS SPECIAL DAY, ARTHUR GAVE US SOME ADVICE FOR LIVING A GOOD, LONG LIFE.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/8/24 REPORTED...**

CONGRESS MAY NOT HAVE SEEN THE LAST OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE SANTOS. BACK IN DECEMBER, TWO-THIRDS OF THE HOUSE VOTED TO EXPEL SANTOS. HE'S ACCUSED OF FRAUD, MONEY LAUNDERING, AND IDENTITY THEFT -- AND CURRENTLY FACES 23 FEDERAL CHARGES. BUT, LAST NIGHT, HE ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR A COMEBACK IN THE MIDDLE OF PRESIDENT BIDEN'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS, SANTOS TWEETED SAYING HE PLANS TO RUN FOR CONGRESS AGAIN. THIS TIME, HE SAYS HE'S GOING AFTER THE LONG ISLAND SEAT OF REPRESENTATIVE NICK LALOTA. LALOTA SAYS HE LED THE CHARGE TO EXPEL SANTOS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/8/24 REPORTED...**

AS WE CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WE SPOKE TO ONE WOMAN, THE RECENTLY CROWNED MISS UNIVERSE AS SHE KICKS OFF HER WORLD TOUR. MISS UNIVERSE IS FROM NICARAGUA. HER NAME: "SHEYNNIS PALACIOS". SHE STOPPED BY AND TALKED WITH OUR SISTER STATION TELEMUNDO 48'S FLAVIO LACAYO. HE ASKED HER WHAT MESSAGE SHE HAS FOR HER FANS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/11/24 REPORTED...**

FEELING GOOD AND AT PEACE. THATS WHAT TEENS SAID ABOUT NOT HAVING THEIR PHONES WITH THEM ACCORDING TO A NEW REPORT FROM THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER. OF THE 14 HUNDRED TEENS SURVEYED, 74% SAID THEY FEEL HAPPY WITHOUT THEIR DEVICES. THE NEW NUMBERS COME AS PARENTS AND ADVOCATES HAVE GROWN MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON THE MENTAL HEALTH OF KIDS AND TEENS. LAST YEAR DOZENS OF STATES, INCLUDING CALIFORNIA SUED META. THE LAWSUIT ACCUSES THE COMPANY OF HARMING YOUNG PEOPLE BY KNOWINGLY AND DELIBERATELY DESIGNING FEATURES THAT ADDICT CHILDREN.

## **CRIMES-FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/1/24 REPORTED...**

SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS AGREED TO PAY OUT 4-AND-A-HALF MILLION DOLLARS - TO SETTLE AN ALLEGED RAPE CASE OF TWO STUDENTS ON CAMPUS. THE INCIDENTS HAPPENED AT GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BETWEEN 20-12 AND 20-16. UNDER THE LAWSUIT, ONE OF THE FORMER STUDENTS SAID THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR RAPED HER SEVERAL TIMES. THE OTHER ALLEGES HE FONDLED HER AND FORCED HER TO PERFORM ORAL SEX. THE SETTLEMENT MEANS THE CASE AVOIDS TRIAL, SPARING THE TWO FORMER STUDENTS FROM HAVING TO RE-TELL THEIR STORIES IN COURT. THEIR ATTORNEY SAYS THEY CAN NOW MOVE FORWARD AND START TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00 PM-6:00 PM 3/5/24 REPORTED...**

A TRAFFIC STOP TURNED INTO A POLICE CHASE, AND THEN A CRASH IN THE EAST BAY TODAY. THIS HAPPENED AROUND 9:45 THIS MORNING ON 71ST AVENUE IN OAKLAND. OFFICERS TRIED TO PULL OVER A CAR THEY SAY WAS CONNECTED TO A RECENT CARJACKING. THE DRIVER TOOK OFF. AND POLICE CHASED THE CAR UNTIL IT CRASHED NEAR 73RD AVENUE. THE DRIVER DITCHED THE CAR AND RAN INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD. OFFICERS SET UP A PERIMETER AND ARRESTED THE DRIVER.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/5/24 REPORTED...**

IN FREMONT TONIGHT, POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A SHOOTING THAT SENT A DRIVER TO THE HOSPITAL TODAY. IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE TEN THIS MORNING AT STEVENSON BOULEVARD AND ALBRAE STREET, NEAR I-880. WHEN POLICE ARRIVED THEY FOUND ONE PERSON SHOT INSIDE A CAR. NO WORD ON THAT PERSON'S CONDITION TONIGHT. THERE WERE EARLY REPORTS THAT TWO DRIVERS MAY HAVE BEEN SHOOTING AT EACH OTHER - BUT POLICE HAVE REFUSED TO CONFIRM THOSE REPORTS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/5/24 REPORTED...**

PROPERTY CRIME OVERALL IS ALSO DOWN 29%. AND VIOLENT CRIME IS DOWN 17%. LAST JUNE, GOVERNOR NEWSOM DOUBLED THE NUMBER OF C-H-P OFFICERS DEPLOYED TO THE CITY, AND ALSO INCREASED NATIONAL GUARD STAFFING TO PROVIDE MORE SUPPORT TO FIGHTING CRIME IN THE CITY.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/6/24 REPORTED...**

POLICE HAVE MADE AN ARREST IN A DEADLY SHOOTING IN EAST SAN JOSE. IT HAPPENED LAST MONTH, ON 'STORY ROAD.' INVESTIGATORS SAY PEOPLE WERE GATHERING IN A PARKING LOT, FOR THE VIGIL OF A MAN THAT HAD PASSED AWAY--WHEN TWO WOMEN AND ONE MAN WERE SHOT. THE WOMEN WERE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL - AND ARE EXPECTED TO RECOVER. UNFORTUNATELY, THE MAN DIED AT THE SCENE. LAST FRIDAY, POLICE ARRESTED 'JUAN CARLOS PEREZ' FOR THE SHOOTING. THEY ARE STILL INVESTIGATING A MOTIVE.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/6/24 REPORTED...**  
BOOBY TRAPPED AND LOADED WITH FIREARMS. THAT'S HOW PROSECUTORS SAY POLICE FOUND A HOME IN GILROY. POLICE WERE FIRST ALERTED TO THE MAN WHO LIVES THERE WHEN HE WAS FOUND LOITERING NEAR AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. 2 DAYS LATER, POLICE SAY THE MAN, MARKUS BECK WAS INVOLVED IN A D-U-I CRASH. THEY FOUND A LOADED FIREARM IN HIS CAR, AND A LOADED AR-15 STYLE RIFLE IN THE TRUNK. WHEN POLICE WENT TO HIS HOME AFTERWARDS, THEY DISCOVERED HE HAD LEFT THE OVEN ON. HIS HOME WAS FILLED WITH NATURAL GAS, SPARKING CONCERNS THAT THERE COULD BE AN EXPLOSION. THAT TRIGGERED THE LOCKDOWN AT THE SCHOOL.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/7/24 REPORTED...**  
FREMONT'S FORMER CITY MANAGER IS GOING TO JAIL AFTER PLEADING GUILTY TO FRAUD TODAY. 'MARK DANAJ' WORKED FOR THE CITY FROM 2018 TO 2021. ALAMEDA COUNTY PROSECUTORS SAY HE USED HIS CITY CREDIT CARD TO PAY FOR 18-THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF PERSONAL PURCHASES, INCLUDING CLOTHES AND VACATIONS TO MEXICO. THEY SAY HE OWED THE CITY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WHEN HE TOOK 315-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN SEVERANCE PAY.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/12/24 REPORTED...**  
ALSO IN THE SOUTH BAY, A STRING OF COPPER WIRE THEFTS. AND THEY'RE CREATING PROBLEMS AT LIGHT RAIL STATIONS ACROSS SANTA CLARA COUNTY. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS THERE'S BEEN AN UPTICK OF COPPER WIRE THEFTS AT V-T-A STATIONS. IT'S COST V-T-A 500-THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF DAMAGE THIS PAST YEAR. JUST YESTERDAY OFFICERS ARRESTED TWO PEOPLE - WHO WERE ALLEGEDLY CAUGHT STEALING AT A LIGHT RAIL STATION IN SUNNYVALE. COPPER WIRING IS CRUCIAL TO KEEPING THE LIGHT RAIL SERVICE RUNNING SMOOTHLY.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/13/24 REPORTED...**  
A MAJOR RULING OUT OF GEORGIA TODAY. IT INVOLVES THE ELECTION INTERFERENCE CASE AGAINST FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP. THE JUDGE PRESIDING OVER THE CASE HAS DISMISSED SOME OF THE CRIMINAL COUNTS AGAINST TRUMP. HE RULED 6 OF THE CHARGES LACKED SUFFICIENT DETAIL. THE JUDGE SAID THE CHARGES DIDN'T CLEARLY EXPLAIN WHAT FELONY WAS COMMITTED. THE D-A'S OFFICE IS REVIEWING THE RULING AND COULD APPEAL THE DECISION. DESPITE THIS, TRUMP AND HIS FORMER LAWYER, RUDY GIULIANI, ARE EACH STILL FACING 10 CHARGES IN THIS CASE. A TRIAL DATE HAS NOT YET BEEN SET.

## DIVERSITY

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/4/24 REPORTED...**

THIS MORNING, WE'RE CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH. AND WE BEGIN WITH SPOTLIGHTING A BOOK WHICH IS HELPING EMPOWER YOUNG BLACK WOMEN. "I AM, I CAN, I WILL" IS A GUIDED JOURNAL HOPING TO SPARK SELF-DISCOVERY. IT'S ALSO FILLED WITH QUOTES, MANTRAS AND STORIES FROM HISTORICAL AND PRESENT BLACK WOMEN. THAT INCLUDES OPRAH WINFREY, HARRIET TUBMAN, VENUS WILLIAMS AND MORE. THE BOOK IS SPLIT INTO THREE SECTIONS. THEY'RE MEANT TO GUIDE THE READER AND SHOW THEM WHAT THEY'RE CAPABLE OF. WE TALKED TO DOCTOR CYNTHIA JACOBS CARTER , ONE OF THE CO-WRITERS OF THE BOOK.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/8/24 REPORTED...**

DURING APEC LAST NOVEMBER, CHINATOWN HOSTED A PAIR OF NIGHT MARKETS. THEY WERE SO POPULAR ORGANIZERS DECIDED TO DO THEM MORE OFTEN. SO WE'LL BE SEEING THESE MARKETS MONTHLY THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/8/24 REPORTED...**

UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE US EDGED HIGHER ...WITH ONE EXCEPTION - BLACK WOMEN. OVERALL, U-S GOVERNMENT DATA SHOWS UNEMPLOYMENT ROSE BY POINT-2 PERCENT LAST MONTH. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO JUST BLACK WOMEN -- UNEMPLOYMENT DROPPED POINT-4 PERCENT. WHAT CAUSED THE CHANGE - ECONOMISTS SAY IT COULD BE DUE TO THE INDUSTRIES WITH THE HIGHEST JOB GROWTH LAST MONTH. HEALTH CARE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES SAW INCREASES -- WHERE ECONOMISTS SAY HIGH NUMBERS OF BLACK WOMEN ARE EMPLOYED. ECONOMISTS SAY THE LABOR MARKET IS SHOWING POSITIVE SIGNS FOR BLACK WOMEN.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/12/24 REPORTED...**

A FRIGHTENING EXPERIENCE AT A LOCAL MOSQUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF "RAMADAN." THIS HAPPENED LAST NIGHT AT THE ISLAMIC CENTER OF MARIN IN NOVATO. A MEMBER TOLD POLICE THEY SPOTTED A GUN INSIDE A MAN'S HANDBAG. A STRUGGLE BROKE OUT OVER THE HANDBAG, AND A MAN PEPPER-SPRAYED THE MEMBER OF THE MOSQUE -- TO ESCAPE. POLICE WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE SUSPECT AS 48-YEAR-OLD DAVID MARGOLIASH. HE WAS ARRESTED IN SAN RAFAEL OVERNIGHT. NO GUN HAS BEEN FOUND - AND NOVATO'S POLICE CHIEF SAYS FOR NOW, THIS DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE A HATE CRIME.



**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/13/24 REPORTED...**

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH. AND TODAY BROADCAST LEGENDS WERE HONORED IN SAN FRANCISCO - INCLUDING OUR OWN JESSICA AGUIRRE. THE EVENT FEATURED A PANEL OF LONG-TIME BAY AREA WOMEN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTERS. THEY SHARED THEIR EXPERIENCES ABOUT HOW THEY GOT STARTED IN THE BUSINESS, AND IF THE CONCEPT OF DIVERSITY IMPACTED THEM EARLY IN THEIR CAREERS. THE GROUP ALSO ADDRESSED THE ISSUES OF AGEISM IN THE INDUSTRY. EVENT ORGANIZERS SAY THESE WOMEN EXEMPLIFY THIS YEAR'S "THEME" OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/14/24 REPORTED...**

A NEW HUB FOR PEOPLE LOOKING FOR A JOB IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE CITY OPENED ITS FIRST-EVER CAREER CENTER AT CITY HALL TODAY. IT'S PART OF AN EFFORT TO GET PEOPLE HIRED FASTER, AND FILL THE CITY'S JOB VACANCIES. STAFF AT THE CAREER CENTER WILL HELP NEW CANDIDATES NAVIGATE THE CITY'S HIRING PROCESS. THE CENTER WILL ALSO SERVE AS A HUB FOR ONE-ON-ONE CAREER COUNSELING FOR BOTH APPLICANTS AND EMPLOYEES. STAFF THERE WILL HELP WITH THINGS LIKE ADVICE FOR INTERVIEWING AND HOW TO WRITE A RESUME.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/18/24 REPORTED...**

AS FOR TONIGHT'S GAME IT'LL BE FUN TO WATCH FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. THE TEAM IS CELEBRATING ALL THINGS WOMEN - WITH AN ALL FEMALE TELECAST HONORING WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT MONTH. THE A'S NEW PLAY-BY-PLAY ANNOUNCER JENNY CAVNAR WILL CALL THE GAME. WOMEN WILL ALSO HOLD ALL THE MICROPHONES - "PRE AND POST" GAME. YOU CAN SEE ALL OF THE AMAZING LADIES ON YOUR SCREEN.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/19/24 REPORTED...**

THERE'S BEEN A 300-PERCENT INCREASE IN CHILDREN DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM SINCE 2006, ACCORDING TO THE C-D-C. THAT'S THE YEAR CONGRESS PASSED THE "AUTISM CARES ACT." NOW, SERVICES AND FUNDING COULD VANISH BECAUSE THAT BILL IS SET TO EXPIRE. TODAY, AUTISM ADVOCATES AND FAMILIES WERE ON CAPITOL HILL CALLING ON LAWMAKERS TO REAUTHORIZE THE "AUTISM CARES ACT." THE "AUTISM SPEAKS" ORGANIZATION SAYS THE BILL LED TO RESEARCH THAT TRANSFORMED THE COMPREHENSION, AND DIAGNOSIS, OF AUTISM.

## EDUCATION

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00 PM-6:00 PM 3/8/24 REPORTED...**  
STUDENTS TAKING THE SAT NO LONGER NEED NUMBER-2 PENCILS. INSTEAD THEY WILL NEED A LAPTOP. FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, THE S-A-T WILL BE ADMINISTERED IN A DIGITAL FORMAT. BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO SHOW UP TO A S-A-T TESTING CENTER. DURING THE PANDEMIC, COLLEGES MADE THE TESTING REQUIREMENT OPTIONAL FOR APPLICANTS. MANY BELIEVED THE S-A-T FAVORED HIGH-INCOME STUDENTS--WHO HAD ACCESS TO TUTORING. BUT, THIS YEAR, SOME PRESTIGIOUS COLLEGES LIKE YALE AND BROWN, HAVE REINSTATED THE REQUIREMENT. THE COLLEGE BOARD, THE COMPANY WHO CREATED THE S-A-T, WANTS TO CONVINCING SCHOOLS OF ITS VALUE.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/11/24 REPORTED...**  
PROTESTS AT U-C BERKELEY TODAY-- JEWISH STUDENTS AND SUPPORTERS DEMANDING THE SCHOOL ACT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM. HUNDREDS MARCHED ACROSS CAMPUS THIS AFTERNOON, URGING THE SCHOOL PROVIDE MORE SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR JEWISH STUDENTS. LAST MONTH, PRO PALESTINIAN STUDENTS DISRUPTED A PRIVATE EVENT THAT HAD TO BE ABRUPTLY CANCELED BECAUSE OF SECURITY CONCERNS. AND FOR THE PAST MONTH, JEWISH STUDENTS SAY THEY HAVE BLOCKED AND HARASSED THEM AT THE ENTRANCE TO CAMPUS. PRO-PALESTINIAN ACTIVISTS SAY THEY ARE NOT BLOCKING THE GATE, BUT MAKING A STATEMENT.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/13/24 REPORTED...**  
A TENSE DAY FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS IN THE SOUTH BAY. A PELLET GUN TRIGGERED A SHELTER-IN-PLACE AT TWO SAN JOSE SCHOOLS. ADMINISTRATORS AT WILLOW GLEN HIGH SCHOOL GOT A TIP A STUDENT MAY HAVE BROUGHT A WEAPON ON CAMPUS. SO ADMINISTRATORS TOLD EVERYONE TO SHELTER-IN-PLACE AND CALLED POLICE. WILLOW GLEN MIDDLE SCHOOL ALSO HAD TO SHELTER IN PLACE, SINCE THE SCHOOLS SHARE A CAMPUS. OFFICERS FOUND A STUDENT WITH A PELLET GUN AND ARRESTED HIM. NO SHOTS WERE FIRED. BUT COUNSELORS WILL BE ON HAND TO SUPPORT STUDENTS IF THEY NEED IT.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/13/24 REPORTED...**  
ARE YOU READY FOR MARCH MADNESS? THE NCAA TOURNAMENT TIPS OFF NEXT WEEK. BUT THE PARTY IS ALREADY HAPPENING IN MORAGA. THIS MORNING ON THE ST. MARY'S CAMPUS THE GAELS RETURNED HOME -- FRESH OFF THEIR W-C-C CHAMPIONSHIP WIN OVER GONZAGA. THE GAELS TOOK ON THE BULLDOGS IN LAS VEGAS -- AND SNAPPED GONZAGA'S 4-YEAR REIGN-- AS THE CONFERENCE CHAMPS. NOW ST. MARY'S IS LOOKING AHEAD TO THE BIG DANCE.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/14/24 REPORTED...**

YOU MIGHT ALREADY KNOW, TODAY, MARCH 14TH -- IS "PI DAY." IT'S THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE NEVER-ENDING NUMBER "PI" -- OR 3-POINT-ONE-FOUR FOR SHORT. BUT WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW -- IS THAT THE HOLIDAY STARTED RIGHT HERE IN THE BAY AREA. "LARRY SHAW" WAS A PHYSICIST WHO WORKED AT SAN FRANCISCO'S EXPLORATORIUM. AND HE'S CREDITED WITH FOUNDING THE FIRST PI DAY CELEBRATION AT THE MUSEUM BACK IN 1988. TODAY, THE EXPLORATORIUM CELEBRATED ITS 36TH ANNUAL PI DAY ... WITH FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES, LECTURES AND GAMES THAT WAS ALL ABOUT THE NUMBER PI. THEY ALSO CELEBRATED BY SINGING HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALBERT EINSTEIN

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/14/24 REPORTED...**

TENSE MOMENTS AT A HIGH SCHOOL IN SAN JOSE. STUDENTS WERE FORCED TO SHELTER IN PLACE AS POLICE LOOKED FOR A SUSPECT. IT HAPPENED THIS AFTERNOON AT PIEDMONT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL. POLICE SAY A MAN WHO RAN AWAY FROM OFFICERS DURING AN UNRELATED CALL, JUMPED SEVERAL FENCES AND RAN ONTO THE SCHOOL'S CAMPUS. A SHELTER IN PLACE WAS ACTIVATED. THEY EVENTUALLY GAVE AN ALL-CLEAR FOR THE CAMPUS -- AN HOUR LATER. NO WORD YET ON ANY ARREST.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/14/24 REPORTED...**

A SOUTH BAY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR WHO WORKS AT CHICK-FIL-A GOT A LIFE-CHANGING GIFT TODAY. MEET NOEL HWANG. HE'S GRADUATING FROM MILPITAS HIGH SCHOOL THIS SPRING. AND HE COMMUTES TO DALY CITY SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK TO WORK AT THE CHICK-FIL-A THERE. TODAY, HE CLOCKED INTO WORK THINKING IT WAS JUST ANOTHER DAY AT THE JOB. WHAT HE DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT C-E-O, "ANDREW CATHY" HAD A SURPRISE FOR HIM-- A \$25-THOUSAND DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP AND AN APPLE LAPTOP. NOEL SAYS HE HOPES TO ATTEND THE KELLEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY IN THE FALL.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/15/24 REPORTED...**

COULD MORE FINANCIAL RELIEF BE ON THE WAY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS? THE WHITE HOUSE HOPES SO. THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION IS CALLING ON CONGRESS TO END "JUNK FEES." THOSE JUNK FEES ON STUDENT LOANS ARE HIDDEN COSTS THAT COMPANIES AND SCHOOLS INCLUDE ON STUDENTS' BILLS. THESE CAN BE LIKE AUTOMATIC CHARGES FOR TEXTBOOKS AND LEFT OVER MONEY FROM MEAL PLANS. ALONG WITH FEES ON THE ORIGINAL LOAN OF 1 TO 4-PERCENT. THE WHITE HOUSE SAYS IF THESE FEES ARE ELIMINATED

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/18/24 REPORTED...**

A BIG FINANCIAL BOOST FOR THOUSANDS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY STUDENTS. IT'S FOR THOSE WHO NEED HELP DEALING WITH DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, EATING DISORDERS AND OTHER MENTAL ISSUES. COUNTY LEADERS ANNOUNCED A GRANT OF MORE THAN 13-MILLION DOLLARS FROM LOCAL AGENCIES AND PRIVATE DONORS. THE MONEY WILL FUND 28 NEW WELLNESS CENTERS AT MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS AND UPGRADE A DOZEN EXISTING ONES. THE BOARD PRESIDENT SAYS THE SITES WILL OFFER A WARM AND WELCOMING SPACE - WHERE TEENAGERS CAN UNWIND, GET COUNSELING, OR REFERRALS TO OTHER SERVICES.

## ENVIRONMENT

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00 PM-6:00PM 3/6/24 REPORTED...**

AN INCREDIBLE SIGHTING FOR SOME NEW ENGLAND SCIENTISTS. A GREY WHALE--THOUGHT TO HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM THE ATLANTIC 200 YEARS AGO SIGHTED 30 MILES SOUTH OF NANTUCKET A TEAM FROM THE "NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM" WAS FLYING OVER THE WATER LAST WEEK WHEN. THEY IMMEDIATELY NOTICED AN UNUSUAL LOOKING WHALE. SO, THEY TOOK SOME PHOTOS. LATER, RESEARCHERS CONFIRMED IT WAS IN FACT A RARE GRAY WHALE. SCIENTISTS THINK CLIMATE CHANGE EXPLAINS THIS SIGHTING. THEY SAY MELTING ICE IS MAKING IT EASIER FOR MARINE LIFE TO MIGRATE INTO THE ATLANTIC.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/7/24 REPORTED...**

GOING FROM GAS TO ELECTRIC. THAT STHE PUSH TODAY FROM CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION. THE CPUC NTRODUCED THE "CALIFORNIA CLEAN MILES PROGRAM", WHICH WILL HELP TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES PAY FOR THOSE NEW VEHICLES. IT NCLUDES A DRIVERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO HELP RIDESHARE DRIVERS SWITCH TO ELECTRIC CARS. THE MONEY FOR THAT PROGRAM WILL BE GIVEN TO RIDESHARE COMPANIES LIKE LYFT AND UBER TO DISTRIBUTE TO QUALIFYING DRIVERS.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/8/24 REPORTED...**

LAKE MERRITT IS TURNING RED AND IT'S RAISING CONCERNS ABOUT ANOTHER DEADLY ALGAE BLOOM. THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGIONAL WATER CONTROL BOARD IS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT KIND OF ALGAE IS CAUSING THE SO CALLED "RED TIDE." THEY ARE NOT ALWAYS HARMFUL. BUT A SIMILAR BLOOM KILLED LARGE NUMBERS OF FISH ... LESS THAN TWO YEARS AGO. THAT PRIOR RED TIDE SPREAD FROM LAKE MERRITT TO PARTS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY. IT RELEASED TOXINS AND PULLED OXYGEN OUT OF THE WATER KILLING EVERYTHING FROM FISH TO CLAMS.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/8/24 REPORTED...**

AN OIL SPILL IS UNDER INVESTIGATION OFF THE COAST OF HUNTINGTON BEACH. INVESTIGATORS FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FILED A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPILL REPORT. IT SAID THAT AN OVERFLOW OF PETROLEUM WAS COMING FROM AN OFFSHORE PLATFORM BELONGING TO "BETA OFFSHORE". VIDEO SHOWS THE SHEEN, FLOATING ABOUT A MILE FROM THE BEACH. THE BETA OFFSHORE DRILLING COMPANY RELEASED A STATEMENT, SAYING THERE'S NO INDICATION THE SHEEN WAS CREATED BY ITS OPERATIONS, BUT SAYS IT'S COOPERATING WITH THE INVESTIGATION.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/12/24 REPORTED...**  
THE MONEY COMES FROM THE CALIFORNIA CAP-AND-TRADE PROGRAM. IT REQUIRES POWER PLANTS, FUEL PROVIDERS AND OTHERS TO BUY CARBON POLLUTION ALLOWANCES. THE CREDITS ARE DISTRIBUTED TWICE A YEAR. EXPECT YOUR NEXT ONE IN OCTOBER.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/18/24 REPORTED...**  
A COMPLETE BAN. THE "ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY" ANNOUNCED IT'S FINAL RULING ON THE USE OF ASBESTOS TODAY. THE NEW RULE WOULD BAN "CHRYBOTILE ASBESTOS." IT'S THE ONLY FORM OF ASBESTOS STILL USED IN THE U-S. IT'S FOUND IN PRODUCTS LIKE BRAKE LININGS AND GASKETS - AND IS USED TO MAKE CHLORINE BLEACH. ASBESTOS IN ANY FORM IS ALREADY BANNED IN 50 OTHER COUNTRIES. THIS FINAL RULE HAS BEEN IN THE WORKS SINCE 20-16 - WHEN E-P-A REGULATIONS WERE OVERHAULED THAT GOVERN THOUSANDS OF TOXIC CHEMICALS IN EVERYDAY PRODUCTS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/19/24 REPORTED...**  
AS MORE PEOPLE NEED A CHARGE -- SAN FRANCISCO IS EXPLORING WAYS TO EXPAND ACCESS TO E-V CHARGING STATIONS. TODAY CITY AND TRANSPORTATION LEADERS INTRODUCED THE NEW PILOT PROGRAM ON THE STEPS OF CITY HAL. IT AIMS TO INSTALL PUBLIC "CURBSIDE" E-V CHARGING STATIONS IN SEVERAL NEIGHBORHOODS. LEADERS SAY CURBSIDE CHARGERS WOULD MAKE E-V OWNERSHIP MORE ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE LIVING IN APARTMENTS OR CONDOS. AND THAT WOULD HELP THE CITY REACH ITS GOAL OF ACHIEVING NET ZEROS EMISSION BY 2040.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/19/24 REPORTED...**  
OUR CLIMATE REPORT TONIGHT. IN 15 YEARS, FLOODING ALONG OUR COASTS IS PROJECTED TO HAPPEN UP TO THREE TIMES AS OFTEN. THAT'S BECAUSE SEA LEVEL RISE, DRIVEN BY CLIMATE CHANGE, IS ACCELERATING. THE PROBLEM IS ALREADY COSTING MORE THAN A BILLION DOLLARS IN DAMAGE EVERY YEAR. IN THE BAY AREA, MARIN & SAN MATEO COUNTIES HAVE THE HIGHEST RISK FOR HIGH TIDE FLOODING AND EROSION. 'NOAA', THE 'NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION,' IS WORKING TO IMPROVE ITS COASTAL FLOOD PREDICTIONS, TO HELP COMMUNITIES PREPARE

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/20/24 REPORTED...**  
THE WHITE HOUSE IS CALLING IT THE MOST AMBITIOUS PLAN EVER TO CUT PLANET-WARMING EMISSIONS. NEW CAR EMISSIONS STANDARDS WERE UNVEILED TODAY BY THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION. THE NEW RULE INCREASINGLY LIMITS THE AMOUNT OF POLLUTION ALLOWED FROM TAILPIPES OVER TIME. THE GOAL IS THAT BY 20-32, MORE THAN HALF OF NEW CARS SOLD IN THE U-S WILL BE ZERO EMISSION. OFFICIALS SAY THAT WOULD PREVENT MORE THAN SEVEN 'BILLION' TONS OF CARBON EMISSIONS OVER THE NEXT 30 YEARS.

## GOVERNMENT

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/4/24 REPORTED...**

ON THE EVE OF SUPER TUESDAY, SENATE CANDIDATE ADAM SCHIFF MADE STOPS IN THE BAY AREA TODAY TO TALK TO SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS. SCHIFF IS RUNNING TO TAKE OVER THE LATE DIANNE FEINSTEIN'S SEAT IN THE SENATE. HE'S CURRENTLY POLLING AS THE TOP DEMOCRAT IN THE RACE. SCHIFF TOURED BUSINESSES IN SAN FRANCISCO'S CASTRO DISTRICT THIS MORNING. AND THEN SPOKE TO BUSINESS OWNERS IN DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE, JOINED BY MAYOR MATT MAHAN.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/4/24 REPORTED...**

HELP MAY BE ON THE WAY FOR PEOPLE TRYING TO MAKE IT IN THE BAY. A NEW BILL IS IN THE PIPELINE THAT COULD HELP GET UNSHELTERED PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS. SAN JOSE MAYOR MATT MAHAN AND BAY AREA LAWMAKERS INTRODUCED THE SO-CALLED "INTERIM SUPPORTIVE HOUSING ACT." THIS WAS AT THE TRANSITIONAL COMMUNITY "EVANS LANE" TODAY. LAWMAKERS SAY THE BILL WOULD HELP SPEED UP THE PROCESS OF BUILDING INTERIM HOUSING. AND IT WOULD HELP PEOPLE TRANSITION FROM ENCAMPMENTS TO PERMANENT HOUSING. ONE MAN WHO LIVES THERE SAYS THE PROGRAM HAS CHANGED HIS LIFE.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/4/24 REPORTED...**

VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS CONTINUES TO CALL FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE IN GAZA. THE VICE PRESIDENT MET WITH ISRAELI WAR CABINET MEMBER 'BENNY GANTZ' AT THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY. SHE EMPHASIZED THE URGENCY OF SECURING A HOSTAGE DEAL AND REDUCING THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS THAT HAS UNFOLDED ALONGSIDE ISRAEL'S WAR AGAINST HAMAS.

### **NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/4/24 REPORTED...**

TODAY -- A NOTABLE DECISION BY THE SUPREME COURT. THE HIGH COURT HAS RULED IN MR. TRUMP'S FAVOR -- ALLOWING HIM TO REMAIN ON THE COLORADO BALLOT. THE COURT RULED THAT STATES CANNOT KICK HIM OFF THE BALLOT FOR HIS ACTIONS LEADING UP TO THE JANUARY 6TH ATTACK ON THE CAPITOL. IT REVERSES A DECISION FROM THE COLORADO SUPREME COURT, WHICH RULED THAT MR. TRUMP COULD NOT SERVE AS PRESIDENT AGAIN -- UNDER THE 14TH AMENDMENT. THE SUPREME COURT'S RULING MAKES IT CLEAR THAT CONGRESS, NOT STATES, SETS THE RULES ON HOW THAT PROVISION IS ENFORCED.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/6/24 REPORTED...**

HOUSE REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS INTRODUCED A NEW BILL TODAY THAT COULD BAN TIKTOK IN THE US. IT WOULD CREATE A PROCESS FOR THE U-S GOVERNMENT TO IDENTIFY APPS THAT ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF A FOREIGN ADVERSARY, LIKE CHINA, RUSSIA, AND NORTH KOREA AS A NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT. ONCE THOSE APPS ARE DEEMED A RISK, THEY WOULD BE BANNED IN THE US UNTIL THEY CUT TIES WITH ALL FOREIGN ADVERSARIES. THAT WOULD MEAN TIKTOK, WHICH IS OWNED BY CHINESE COMPANY 'BYTEDANCE,' COULD FACE A POTENTIAL BAN, UNLESS 'BYTEDANCE' ACTS QUICKLY TO DIVEST IT.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/7/24 REPORTED...**

A VICTORY LAP TODAY FOR MAYOR LONDON BREED AS SHE GAVE HER STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS. THE MAYOR SPOKE AT THE FERRY BUILDING ON THE EMBARCADERO. SHE QUICKLY TURNED HER ATTENTION TO KEY BALLOT MEASURES THAT APPEAR POISED TO PASS. THEY'LL LOOSEN RESTRICTIONS ON POLICE PURSUITS, SCREEN WELFARE RECIPIENTS FOR DRUGS AND BUILD TRANSITION HOUSING FOR HOMELESS. ANOTHER COULD REVITALIZE DOWNTOWN WITH A SO CALLED "THIRTY BY THIRTY" INITIATIVE THAT WOULD ATTRACT 30-THOUSAND STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS TO DOWNTOWN BY 2030.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/8/24 REPORTED...**

A POLITICAL OPPONENT TO MAYOR LONDON BREED IS PUSHING TO EXPAND A PROGRAM THAT SHIPS UNHOUSED PEOPLE OUT OF SAN FRANCISCO. THE PROJECT IS CALLED "HOMEWARD BOUND." FORMER MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM STARTED IT BACK IN 2005. BUT, SUPERVISOR AHSHA SAFAI SAYS ITS BEEN SIDELINED BY THE CURRENT MAYOR. UNDER THE PROGRAM, CITY WORKERS HELP CONNECT UNHOUSED PEOPLE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THEN THEY BUY THAT PERSON A TICKET TO REUNITE THEM WITH FAMILY. COUNTY LEADERS WILL TALK ABOUT POSSIBLY REVIVING THE PROGRAM, AT A MEETING NEXT WEEK.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/22/24 REPORTED...**

THE U-S SENATE IS FACING A HARD DEADLINE TO AVOID A PARTIAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. EARLIER TODAY THE HOUSE PASSED A TRILLION-DOLLAR SPENDING DEAL. THAT PROVIDES FUNDS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT, HOMELAND SECURITY, AND OTHER AGENCIES. THE BILL IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE SENATE, WHICH FACES A MIDNIGHT DEADLINE. THE BIGGEST HURDLE: ALL 100 SENATORS NEED TO GREENLIGHT MOVING TO A FINAL VOTE. THEN THEY STILL NEED TO ACTUALLY PASS IT BEFORE THE DEADLINE. PRESIDENT BIDEN SAID HE PLANS TO SIGN THE BILL IF PASSED.



## HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00 PM-6:00 PM 3/1/24 REPORTED...**  
THE C-D-C SAYS ITS TIME TO TREAT COVID MORE LIKE THE FLU. PEOPLE WHO TEST POSITIVE FOR THE VIRUS NO LONGER HAVE TO ISOLATE FOR FIVE DAYS. TODAY THE AGENCY REVISED ITS LONGSTANDING GUIDELINES. THEY NOW ALIGN WITH PUBLIC HEALTH ADVICE FOR FLU AND OTHER RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES: STAY HOME WHEN YOU'RE SICK. BUT RETURN TO SCHOOL OR WORK ONCE YOU'RE FEELING BETTER AND HAVE BEEN FEVER-FREE FOR 24 HOURS. THE SHIFT REFLECTS SUSTAINED DECREASES IN COVID DEATHS SINCE THE START OF THE PANDEMIC. AS WELL AS RECOGNITION THAT MANY PEOPLE ARE NO LONGER TESTING FOR COVID ANY WAY.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00 PM-6:00PM 3/1/24 REPORTED...**  
AN ABORTION DRUG WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE AT CALIFORNIA PHARMACIES. "MIFEPRISTONE" IS ONE OF THE DRUGS DOCTORS PRESCRIBE TO INDUCE A MEDICAL ABORTION. NORMALLY YOU HAVE TO FILL THOSE PRESCRIPTIONS IN PERSON AT A CLINIC OR IN A DOCTOR'S OFFICE. BUT THE F-D-A RECENTLY CHANGED THE RULES TO EXPAND ACCESS TO THE MEDICATION. TODAY WALGREEN'S AND C-V-S ANNOUNCED THEY'LL BEGIN DISPENSING THE DRUG TO PATIENTS WITH A PRESCRIPTION. BUT THAT'S ONLY IN STATES WHERE ABORTION IS LEGAL. THE PHARMACIES WON'T SELL THEM IN STATES WHERE ABORTION IS BANNED. AND THEY WILL NOT SHIP THE DRUG IN THE MAIL.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3m/1/24 REPORTED...**  
A NEW STUDY SHOWS A PROMISING WAY TO TREAT OVARIAN CANCER -- WITHOUT MAKING THE PATIENT SICKER. SCIENTISTS AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY AND SLOAN-KETTERING INSTITUTE USED NUCLEAR MEDICINE TO TARGET METASTATIC OVARIAN CANCER IN MICE. THIS MEANS, SCIENTISTS ATTACHED RADIATION TO SPECIFIC MOLECULES TO TARGET THE CANCER RATHER THAN USING RADIATION THAT AFFECTS MORE OF THE BODY. AT THE END OF THIS TRIAL-- 83% OF MICE TREATED THIS WAY -- WERE STILL ALIVE COMPARED WITH JUST 30% OF MICE THAT DID NOT GET THE NUCLEAR TREATMENT. A NUCLEAR MEDICINE EXPERT SAYS NUCLEAR TREATMENTS ARE ALREADY IN USE FOR PROSTATE AND THYROID CANCERS WHICH ARE EFFECTIVE W/ FEWER SIDE EFFECTS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/6/24 REPORTED...**

HAVE YOU NOTICED YOU'VE BEEN GETTING WORSE HANGOVERS AFTER HAVING COVID? YOU'RE NOT ALONE. A NEW STANFORD STUDY FOUND THAT LONG COVID MAY BE TO BLAME FOR WORSENING HEADACHES, NAUSEA AND FATIGUE AFTER DRINKING. RESEARCHERS STUDIED FOUR PATIENT'S ALCOHOL HABITS BEFORE AND AFTER COVID. ALL REPORTED WORSE HEADACHES AND FATIGUE, WHEN DRINKING THE SAME AMOUNT, OR LESS, THAN THEY DID BEFORE COVID. RESEARCHERS ALSO REFERENCED A UNITED KINGDOM STUDY, WHICH FOUND THAT TWO-THIRDS OF LONG-COVID PATIENTS STUDIED "VOLUNTARILY DECREASED THEIR ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION" DUE TO WORSENING SYMPTOMS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/7/24 REPORTED...**

THE COVID-19 VIRUS CAN STAY MORE THAN A YEAR IN THE BODY AFTER INFECTION. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW UCSF STUDY WHICH LOOKED AT BLOOD SAMPLES FROM NEARLY 200 PATIENTS. RESEARCHERS FOUND "COVID ANTIGENS" LINGERING IN THE BLOOD UP TO 14 MONTHS. THEY SAY IT EXPLAINS WHY SOME PATIENTS CONTINUED TO HAVE SYMPTOMS INCLUDING BRAIN FOG, DIGESTIVE PROBLEMS AND VASCULAR ISSUES. A TEAM AT UCSF IS NOW LOOKING INTO FINDING A CURE TO REMOVE THE VIRUS FROM THE BODY PERMANENTLY.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/8/24 REPORTED...**

GET READY TO RESET YOUR CLOCKS. WE'RE SPRINGING FORWARD. WE'LL JUMP AHEAD ON SUNDAY MORNING. SO THE MORNINGS MIGHT BE DARK A LITTLE LONGER... BUT THE AFTERNOONS AND EVENINGS MIGHT BE A LITTLE BRIGHTER. SOME PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF THE TIME CHANGE -- LITERALLY. THE CHANGE CAN DISRUPT OUR SLEEP CYCLE. AND DATA SHOWS THAT AFTER A TIME CHANGE, THERE'S A SPIKE IN CAR CRASHES AND HEART ATTACKS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/8/24 REPORTED...**

A NEW USE FOR THE POPULAR WEIGHT LOSS DRUG "WEGOVY." NOW IT WILL BE USED TO REDUCE THE RISK OF STROKE OR HEART ATTACK. THE F-D-A APPROVED WAGOVY TODAY. A RECENT STUDY FOLLOWED MORE THAN 17-THOUSAND PEOPLE WITH OBESITY AND HEART DISEASE. IT FOUND THE DRUG REDUCED THE RISK OF HEART ATTACKS BY ABOUT 20-PERCENT. THE LABEL CHANGE COULD PUSH MORE INSURERS TO COVER THE DRUG, WHICH RETAILS FOR MORE THAN A THOUSAND DOLLARS A MONTH.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/11/24 REPORTED...**

A THIRD CASE OF MEASLES HAS BEEN CONFIRMED IN CHICAGO. TWO HAVE BEEN LINKED TO THIS MIGRANT SHELTER. THAT THIRD CASE INVOLVES A STUDENT ENROLLED IN CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS. HEALTH OFFICIALS WARN THAT THE HYPER-CONTAGIOUS VIRUS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY, AMONG THE UNVACCINATED, IN CRAMPED SPACES. TEAMS FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT WERE AT THE SHELTER ALL WEEKEND SCREENING RESIDENTS FOR SYMPTOMS AND ADMINISTERING VACCINES.

## **NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS/SAFETY & SECURITY**

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/15/24 REPORTED...**  
STOP THE CONFLICT. THAT'S THE MESSAGE FROM A BAY AREA DOCTOR-- BACK HOME TONIGHT AFTER A MEDICAL MISSION IN GAZA. DR. MOHAMMAD SUBEH IS A PALESTINIAN AMERICAN AND EMERGENCY ROOM DOCTOR AT EL CAMINO HOSPITAL IN THE SOUTH BAY. HE LANDED AT S-F-O THIS AFTERNOON AFTER SPENDING FIVE WEEKS WORKING AT A GAZA FIELD HOSPITAL. THE DOCTOR SAYS HE WITNESSED FIRSTHAND THE DEVASTATING IMPACT OF THE WAR ON CIVILIANS. HE PROVIDED VITAL MEDICAL CARE AMID DIRE CONDITIONS WHICH INCLUDED TREATING SHRAPNEL AND GUNSHOT WOUNDS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/15/24 REPORTED...**  
THEY'RE CALLING LONELINESS AN EPIDEMIC. SAN MATEO COUNTY LEADERS ANNOUNCED AN INITIATIVE TO TACKLE LONELINESS. IT'S CALLED "ARE YOU ALONE." IT'S A CAMPAIGN TO CREATE POLICIES THAT ADDRESS LONELINESS AMONG OLDER ADULTS. THE SURGEON GENERAL SAYS LONELINESS IS AS BAD AS SMOKING A PACK OF CIGARETTES A DAY. THE COUNTY DECLARED IT A PUBLIC EMERGENCY A COUPLE MONTHS AGO. NOW LEADERS ARE SEEKING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN FUNDING TO CREATE AWARENESS AROUND THIS ISSUE.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/18/24 REPORTED...**  
ACCIDENTAL SHOOTINGS BY CHILDREN ARE AT THE HIGHEST RATE SINCE RECORD KEEPING BEGAN. THAT'S THE WORD FROM A NEW STUDY. THE GUN SAFETY ORGANIZATION "EVERYTOWN" JUST PUBLISHED THE FINDINGS. IT SAYS KIDS PULLING THE TRIGGER KILLED 157 PEOPLE AND WOUNDED 270 JUST LAST YEAR. ABOUT HALF OF THOSE CHILDREN SHOT THEMSELVES. THE OTHER HALF OF THE SHOOTINGS TARGETED SOMEONE ELSE, USUALLY ANOTHER CHILD. GUN SAFETY ACTIVISTS WANT TO REMIND THESE SHOOTINGS ARE PREVENTABLE. TO ALWAYS KEEP FIREARMS UNLOADED AND STORED SEPARATELY FROM AMMUNITION. AND TO KEEP THEM LOCKED AWAY AND OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/19/24 REPORTED...**  
THE SUPREME COURT SAYS, FOR NOW, TEXAS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENFORCE A CONTROVERSIAL NEW IMMIGRATION LAW. THE LAW GIVES LOCAL POLICE THE POWER TO ARREST MIGRANTS WHO ILLEGALLY CROSS THE SOUTHERN BORDER. TODAY THE HIGH COURT REJECTED AN EMERGENCY REQUEST, FROM THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION, TO PUT THE LAW ON HOLD. KNOWN AS SB-4, THE LAW ALSO EMPOWERS STATE JUDGES TO ORDER PEOPLE TO BE DEPORTED. THE WHITE HOUSE SAYS THE MEASURE TRAMPLES ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S AUTHORITY TO OVERSEE IMMIGRATION ISSUES. BUT TEXAS GOVERNOR GREGG ABBOT SAYS THE LAW IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT TEXAS FROM WHAT HE CALLS, "AN INVASION."

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/20/24 REPORTED...**

SECRETARY OF STATE ANTONY BLINKEN IS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WORKING TO SECURE A CEASEFIRE IN THE ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR. THE TRIP COMES AS RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U-S AND ISRAEL HAVE SOURED IN RECENT WEEKS. LAST WEEK, ISRAEL APPROVED PLANS TO CONDUCT A GROUND OFFENSIVE IN GAZA'S SOUTHERNMOST CITY OF "RAFAH." TODAY, SECRETARY BLINKEN IS IN SAUDI ARABIA. HE'S HOPING TO CONVINCED SAUDI ARABIA TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. THE SAUDI CROWN PRINCE SAYS HE WON'T WORK WITH ISRAEL UNLESS IT AGREES TO ACCEPT PALESTINE AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE. BLINKEN WILL ALSO VISIT BOTH EGYPT AND ISRAEL IN THE COMING DAYS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/21/24 REPORTED...**

THE US IS CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE AND SUSTAINED CEASEFIRE IN GAZA... IN A RESOLUTION THAT WILL SOON BE PUT TO A VOTE AT THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL. THE RESOLUTION CONTINUES TO LINK THE CALLS FOR A CEASEFIRE AND THE RELEASE OF ALL HOSTAGES HELD BY HAMAS. THE LANGUAGE IS THE STRONGEST YET PUT FORWARD BY THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION, WHICH HAS VETOED OTHER U-N COUNCIL CEASEFIRE RESOLUTIONS. THE U-S HAS FACED SHARP CRITICISM FROM A SWATH OF COUNTRIES AND U-N MEMBER STATES FOR THOSE VETOES. NBC NEWS OBTAINED THE FINAL TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/21/24 REPORTED...**

THE EXODUS CONTINUES FROM HAITI. TODAY -- ANOTHER FLIGHT OF EVACUEES ARRIVED IN MIAMI. IT'S PART OF THE U-S GOVERNMENT'S EFFORT TO GET U-S CITIZENS TO SAFETY. THEY'RE FLEEING THE EMBATTLED NATION AFTER IT SPIRALED INTO GANG VIOLENCE IN RECENT WEEKS. THERE ARE AT LEAST 16 HUNDRED AMERICANS REGISTERED WITH THE U-S EMBASSY IN HAITI. THE SMALL COUNTRY HAS BEEN UNDER A LEVEL FOUR "DO NOT TRAVEL" WARNING SINCE 2020 BECAUSE OF THE ONGOING INSTABILITY CAUSED BY THE GANGS.

**NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 5:00PM-6:00PM 3/22/24 REPORTED...**

WE'RE ALSO FOLLOWING DEVELOPING NEWS OUT OF RUSSIA. A DEADLY ATTACK AT A CONCERT HALL NEAR MOSCOW. AT LEAST 40 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED -- AND OVER A HUNDRED MORE ARE HURT. IN THE DISTANCE OF THIS VIDEO, YOU CAN SEE THE CONCERT HALL IN FLAMES. BEFORE THE ATTACK, PEOPLE WERE GATHERING TO SEE A POPULAR ROCK BAND PERFORM. RUSSIAN NEWS REPORTS THREE PEOPLE THEN BROKE IN AND BEGAN SHOOTING. THEY ALSO THREW SOME KIND OF EXPLOSIVES -- POSSIBLY LEADING TO THE FIRE.

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