

Upcoming Events at Michaan's!

Free Appraisal Event

Wednesday, January 7th; 9 am - 12 pm
Wednesday, January 21st; 9 am - 12 pm

January Gallery Auction

Friday, January 16th; 10 am
Preview:
Sunday, January 11th; 10 am - 5 pm
Thursday, January 15th; noon - 5 pm
Friday, January 16th; 9 am - end of auction

January Annex Auction

Mon., Jan. 12th; Tues., Jan. 13th; Wed., Jan. 14th | 9 am
Preview:
Sun., Jan. 11th; 10 am - 5 pm;
Mon., Jan. 12th & Tues., Jan. 13th; 9 am - 5 pm;
Wed., Jan. 14th; 9 am - end of auction.

Twelve Royal Copenhagen Flora Danica Dinner Plates
January Gallery Auction

Cultured Pearl, 14k Yellow Gold Bee Brooch

Ira Yeager, Peasant Vendor
January Gallery Auction
Discovered at a free appraisal event.

Chinese Carved Soapstone Fish Group
January Gallery Auction
Discovered at a free appraisal event.

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Flash points in Trump's battle with California

First year of second term marked by lawsuits, troops and insults of state leaders

By Sophia Bollag
STAFF WRITER

SACRAMENTO — Threatening to withhold money for public schools and disaster aid. Focusing his mass deportation push in the nation's second-largest city. Nearly flood-

ing acres of Central Valley farmland.

Targeting California — through lawsuits, policies to undermine state laws and insults hurled at its leaders — has become a hallmark of President Donald Trump's second term in office. Home to the nation's largest population of Democrats, California and its liberal policies are frequently a thorn in the side of the Republican president. As Trump has focused his attention on the Golden State, its leaders have struck back, speaking out against his administration and seeking to erode his party's control over the federal government at the ballot box.

Here's a look at some of the biggest flash points from a turbulent year in the relationship between *Trump continues on A14*



Mark Schiefelbein/Associated Press
President Donald Trump talks with Gov. Gavin Newsom on Jan. 24 after arriving in Los Angeles to view the devastation caused by wildfires.

THE YEAR IN PHOTOS



Plug-in solar gets tested in Bay Area

Portable option cheaper than rooftop systems

By Julie Johnson
STAFF WRITER

Amanda Royal felt the thrill of freedom, and all she'd done was plug a new device into the wall at her East Bay home.

The cord ran from an outdoor outlet, under a picnic table and across the grass to a pair of solar panels — each about the size of a door, small enough to fit in a Subaru — tucked in a corner of her backyard.

"Why should solar be any harder than that?" Royal said.

Royal, a renter, bought the panels this fall for about \$2,600 from Bright Saver, a Palo Alto nonprofit, to offset rising energy costs for her four-person household, including her elderly mother who needs additional heat to stay warm as well as medical equipment.

In just one week with backyard solar panels, a routine energy report from their utility said Royal's family

Solar continues on A15



This year, Chronicle staff photojournalists and contributors bore witness to news and daily life, bringing us images and stories filled with tension and strife as well as beauty and joy. We looked through more than 75,000 images to bring you the highlights from 2025. Above, members of the Feline Finesse Dance Company, based in the Bayview district, practice on June 22 before the Juneteenth parade in San Francisco.

SEE MORE IN THE SPECIAL SECTION, S1.

LIZZY MONTANA MYERS/FOR THE S.F. CHRONICLE

SEASON OF SHARING

Rent aid helping retiree recover from 'nightmare'

By Shayna Rubin
STAFF WRITER

Moving boxes fill Patricia Ferraro's narrow living room, leaving just enough of a path for her to navigate between her apartment's front door and her chair, which is specially cushioned to aid her ailing back.

Ferraro would love

nothing more than to stay put, but she is on the move again.

After decades of work as a cosmetologist, hunched over clients' feet and inhaling acetone and other nail care solvents, Ferraro has suffered from illnesses that required multiple surgeries and sent her into early retirement.

Sharing continues on A13



Santiago Mejia/S.F. Chronicle
Patricia Ferraro, a retired cosmetologist with health problems, got stuck with a big rent bill in San Jose when her housing voucher was delayed.