

**KGO-TV
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**QUARTERLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES
AND
RELATED PROGRAMMING**

SECOND QUARTER - 2011

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING

During the second quarter of 2011, KGO-TV aired the following regularly scheduled local newscasts identified on air as "ABC 7 News" with a total cumulative average of over 100 hours per month:

Monday - Friday	4:30-7:00AM
Monday - Friday	11:00-11:30AM
Monday - Friday	4:00-5:00PM
Monday - Friday	5:00-5:30PM
Monday - Friday	6:00-7:00PM
Monday - Sunday	11:00-11:35PM
Saturday & Sunday	5:00-6:00AM / 6:00-7:00AM / 8:00-9:00AM
Sunday	9:00-10:00AM / 9:00-9:30AM
Saturday & Sunday	5:00-5:30PM & 6:00-6:30PM

During the second quarter of 2011, KGO-TV also aired the following regularly scheduled locally produced programming that addressed the problems and needs of the San Francisco-San Jose-Oakland Market area:

BEYOND THE HEADLINES- This locally produced public affairs program consisted of a variety of subjects primarily dealing with issues related to the local community. The program's objective was to go "beyond the headlines" and explore critical issues facing the community. KGO-TV news anchors hosted this program that aired Sundays from 10:00 to 10:30am.

ASSIGNMENT 7- This news compilation program repurposed and reviewed local news reports that covered significant community issues. These included in-depth Assignment 7 Reports, I-Team Investigations, Seven on Your Side Consumer issues, and Science & Medical Reports. KGO-TV news anchors hosted this program that aired Sundays from 4:30-5:00pm.

SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE- Michael Finney headed this consumer affairs unit that provided consumer information / product recalls during local 5:00pm newscasts, and reviewed investigations / resolutions during 6:00pm newscasts.

Office staff answered letters, e-mail and hotline telephone calls from viewers seeking help with a wide variety of consumer problems. On the average, the unit received over 4000 e-mails/ letters, and over 1500 phone calls per month.

7 LIVE: New, live, topical talk show engages viewers and guests in real-time candid conversations about the people and things making news including social networking, pop culture, entertainment, tech news and politics, all moderated by Brian Copeland, Lizzie Bermudez and Jennifer Jolly. This program aired weekdays from 3:00-4:00pm.

LOCAL SPECIALS

During the second quarter of 2011, KGO-TV aired the following locally produced specials that addressed the problems and needs of the San Francisco-San Jose-Oakland Market area:

BALENCIAGA SPANISH MASTER OF DESIGN:

He was a sculptor of shape, a painter of color, and an architect of design. Join Spencer Christian on a journey to Spain to discover the inspiration behind Balenciaga. This encore special aired on Saturday, April 2nd, 1:30-2:00pm, Saturday, May 7th, 12:30-1:00pm, and on Sunday, June 5th, 3:00-3:30pm.

PICASSO: LIFE, WORK & LEGACY:

ABC7's Spencer Christian traveled in the footsteps of one of the most famous and influential artists of the 20th century, Pablo Picasso. Learn how this visionary redefined art with his innovative styles, influencing generations of artists to come. Get an intimate look at the life and the genius of Picasso. This original program aired on Saturday, June 11th, 6:30-7:00pm, and was repeated on Saturday, June 18th, 4:30-5:00pm.

PROFILES OF EXCELLENCE:

This program was part of a series of yearly specials produced to celebrate the diversity of the Bay Area. This special saluted the achievements of five outstanding people from the Bay Area. This original program aired Sunday, June 26th, 4:00-4:30pm.

SPONSORED EVENTS

The following community events were featured on KGO-TV's day planner, "Around the Bay," the station's vehicle for sponsoring upcoming community events. Each of these thirty-second spots featured two to three events, and aired for two weeks on a fixed schedule:

4/1/11 -

SF Child Abuse Prevention Center (4/7/11)
SFO Terminal 2 Community Open House (4/9/11)
PBWC (5/10/11)

4/2/11 – 4/15/11

Community Housing Partnership: Night Out With the Stars (4/27/11)
McKinley Elementary School PTA: Dogfest (4/16/11)
PBWC (5/10/11)

4/16/11 – 4/29/11

March of Dimes: March for Babies (4/30)
Concourse d' Elegance (May)
1000 Mothers Against Violence: Mourning Mothers Walk (5/7)

4/30 – 5/13/11

SF Decorator Showcase (thru May 30)
Meals on Wheels: Star Chefs and Vintners (5/15)
Parents for Public Education: Summit (5/14)

5/14/11 – 5/27/11

Marin Home & Garden Expo (6/4 & 6/5)
Montalvo Food & Wine Classic (6/5/11)

5/28/11 – 6/10/11

Ethnic Dance Festival (6/3-7/3),
Hiller Aviation Museum: HeliFest (6/18-6/19)
SF Black Film Festival (6/17-6/19)

6/11/11 – 6/24/11

Ethnic Dance Festival (6/3-7/3)
East Oakland Youth Development Center: Something for Everyone (6/25)
Lance Armstrong Foundation: Ryan's Ride (6/26)

6/25/11 – 6/30/11

California Historical Radio Association: Live at KRE (7/16)
Our Fertile Ground: Photography Exhibit at Dominican University (7/16)

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS-

During the second quarter of 2011, KGO-TV aired over 1000 public service announcements in various time periods throughout the broadcast day that involved a variety of topics. These included station-produced Asian/Pacific Islander American Heritage Salutes. Some of the PSA sponsors that aired in this quarter included: March of Dimes, Boys Town National Hotline, U.S. Department of Health Services, Live United, Starting Arts, Hope Hospice, U.S. Marines, Driver's Edge, Give Kids A Smile, City Fields Foundation, Learn & Serve, PDFC, CARE, Baykids, Oakland Zoo, East Bay Parks, Diabetes Management, Social Security, Interactive Autism, San Jose City Parks, Todos Unidos, NASA, Foundation For Better Life, Give Kids a Smile, Tackle Prostate Cancer, and Paralyzed Veterans.

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

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KGO-TV regularly surveys community leaders and organizations, and responds to these surveys. The station also regularly hosts community feedback meetings known as "ABC 7 Listens" at different Bay Area locations. Residents are invited to discuss, key issues, problems, needs and interests. Through these efforts we've determined that the following issues are important to the community:

- **CRIME ISSUES**
- **EDUCATION ISSUES**
- **LGBT ISSUES**
- **SAFETY & EMERGENCY ISSUES**
- **TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**
- **SPECIAL NEWS REPORTS**

Some of the station's most significant treatments of these issues are described on the following pages.

LOCAL PROGRAMS ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS & NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

CRIME ISSUES

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11AM - Tuesday, June 21, 2011 (2:31)

Animal control officials investigated the deaths of at least seven dogs and cats in the same Brentwood neighborhood. All the pet owners said they found food in their backyards that they didn't feed their pets. Those who lost their pets said all of their backyards backed up to one man's home. Their concerns led an animal control investigator to the home where he took away a few small bowls that were in the yard along with an unlabeled can. Animal control said there hadn't been any prior complaints in the area. No arrests were made, and the homeowner in question said he had nothing to do with it.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Monday, June 6, 2011 (1:58)

Vallejo's cash-strapped police department invested in the next generation of crime cameras in an effort to keep a lid on prostitution and violence that spiraled out of control since the city went bankrupt two years before. Police officers equipped with wireless modems would be able to watch streaming video from the cameras while in their patrol cars. Police said the cameras would help them make the most of their limited resources.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11AM - Thursday, June 2, 2011 (2:01)

A dotcom company created a new online crime map to show people what it was really like in San Francisco when it came to crime, right down to the very block where a person might be thinking of renting or buying a home. The creator of the site said nothing had ever been done like this before. All of the information was available in different places, but nobody brought it all together, and displayed it so it would make it easy to use.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM - Wednesday, May 11, 2011 (1:51)

The City of Brentwood installed new motion sensor cameras throughout the city. The motion activated, solar-powered, portable cameras could read a sign or capture a license plate from 250 feet away in the dark. Police hoped that this new cost-effective crime-fighting tool would pose enough of a threat to criminals of getting caught and serve as a crime deterrent.

(Crime Issues Cont.)

ABC 7 NEWS AT 5PM - Friday, May 13, 2011

(3:04)

Oakland Police launched a drug crackdown in an effort to stop a spike in violent crime. "Operation Spring Cleaning" was a street-sweeping operation that targeted fifty hot spots of open air drug trafficking. They expected to arrest dozens of alleged criminals. Oakland police said although overall crime was down, homicides were up 13 percent and shootings up 29 percent from the prior year.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Tuesday, June 14, 2011

(3:16)

San Jose police agreed to pay cuts and layoffs in an effort to help the city balance its budget. Each officer would accept a 10 percent salary reduction, but that wouldn't be enough to save everyone's jobs since 100 officers will be laid off. Police officers were concerned this would increase the crime and homicide rates in the city. Ironically, just hours before the City Council and police agreed to the 100 layoffs, four people were shot, one fatally.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 5PM - Tuesday, June 7, 2011

(2:21)

A court-ordered deadline to relieve jail overcrowding in California was coming down to the wire, and there was no solid plan to remedy the situation. Indecision in Sacramento could put thousands of prisoners back on the streets. Governor Jerry Brown's plan was to move tens of thousands of state prisoners down to the local level, but there was no money to do it. Republicans say the plan was dangerous. Many county jails were already crowded and some jurisdictions would have to release their own inmates early to make room for the state prisoners.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6AM - Tuesday, May 24, 2011

(2:32)

The BART board of directors would consider spending up to \$141,000 to buy 130 more Tasers so that all of its police officers would have their own stun guns. BART Police already had 60 tasers leaving many officers without stun guns. A report by BART staff members said that giving each officer a taser would increase "the officer's level of familiarity with, care and confidence in the proper use and operation of the equipment." The issue of officers' training and familiarity with tasers was raised by lawyers for former BART police Officer Johannes Mehserle, who was convicted of involuntary manslaughter for fatally shooting an unarmed passenger on Jan. 1, 2009.

EDUCATION ISSUES

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11AM - Tuesday, June 28, 2011

(2:52)

California's K-12 students and teachers appear to be protected from any further state budget cuts. Lawmakers were counting on more than \$4 billion from existing taxes, but there was no guarantee it would be there. The state collected \$450 million extra dollars it did not expect to get, so lawmakers were predicting this extra flow of revenue would continue. But the uncertainty made educators nervous. Educators clearly wanted to extend existing taxes to guarantee revenue, but that idea failed to get bipartisan support.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 5PM - Monday, June 13, 2011

(2:12)

A chain of Bay Area charter schools was about to hold its first-ever high school graduation. Four years after it opened, all of the seniors in the graduation class at the high school in San Lorenzo were headed to college. Teachers said it was no coincidence their students consistently defied the odds, and that was because they learned to think of education not just as something you do but as a life decision.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 4PM – Tuesday, May 31, 2011

(2:02)

A new UCLA study found that more than one-third of California teens did not participate in school physical education. While high school students could exempt out of P.E. for certain reasons, researchers largely blamed the state budget cuts for the lack of school-based exercise programs and there were numerous studies that showed P.E. helped boost academic performance. One state lawmaker said if the expiring tax hikes weren't extended for a longer period of time, schools could see billions more in budget cuts.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11AM - Tuesday, May 24, 2011

(2:35)

A school district in the East Bay was facing an unusual budget dilemma. They were going to end up spending a lot, to close a school, just to save a little money. The school board voted to close the elementary school back in 2009 as part of a larger cost-cutting effort. Several board members said they had new information and wanted to reverse that decision. By the district's own estimates, it would cost at least \$1.5 million up front to buy and build portables and retrofit three other schools to accommodate the 300 students from the closed school.

(Education Issues Cont.)

**ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM – Friday, June 3, 2011
(3:27)**

This report reviewed a study that found huge disparities in the amount of cash spent school district to district throughout the state. The complicated school finance system was to blame. For instance, while one school district received almost as much money per student -- \$12,987 -- as it's wealthier neighbor, but did not achieve the same academic status.

**ABC 7 NEWS AT 11AM - Tuesday, May 24, 2011
(2:18)**

Parents and other supporters of public schools were gathering around the Bay Area this morning in their pajamas as part of a statewide campaign against budget cuts to education. The rallies titled "Wake Up California!" were being held in at least 20 places around the state, including several in the Bay Area. The protests were organized by Educate Our State, a grassroots campaign that developed as state legislators have proposed further cuts to public schools, which have already faced deep cuts in recent years. California ranked in the bottom fifth of states in funding public schools and ranked last in staff-to-student ratios, according to rally organizers.

**ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM - Wednesday, May 11, 2011
(2:10)**

About 350 high school students in Union City walked out of class in protest to call attention not only to state education cuts, but their own community that voted down a parcel tax to fund school needs. In the afternoon there was a barbeque held by teachers and other public employees to tell the state that they were not adequately funding education. Bothe events were very peaceful and very organized.

**ABC 7 NEWS AT 5PM - Thursday, June 23, 2011
(2:05)**

A school district in Union City settled a lawsuit that was filed after a 14-year-old student was shot to death in 2007. The mother of a boy who was a witness to the killing said her son and other boys who were present shared the same emotional symptoms. At a press conference held at NAACP offices in Hayward, attorneys announced that six families affected by that shooting death and the shooting of several other students at Southland Mall last year had settled a suit against the district. The suit charged that the school district did not adequately protect its African American students from a local gang.

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER (LGBT) ISSUES

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM - Thursday, January 23, 2011

(2:09)

To kick off this year's pride celebration leaders of the LGBT community threw a party in the city Thursday night and there was a lot to celebrate. The movers and shakers of the LGBT community got the pink carpet treatment Thursday night.

"They deserve the red carpet treatment because they're the ones that made our community what it is today. It's a thank you party basically, it's a thank you," said party host Mark Rhoades. "We're in a great place in our movement. That doesn't mean there won't be setbacks along the way, but we feel incredible momentum," said Robin Brand from the Gay and Lesbian Leadership Institute. Among the accomplishments, the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell and continuing progress for same-sex marriage.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 5PM - Saturday, June 25, 2011

(2:18)

The legalization of gay marriage in New York inspired celebrations at gay pride events all over the world, including San Francisco where the city kicked off its annual pride week. People gathered at Dolores Park Saturday evening to celebrate one of many gay pride events. "It means pride in every way," said a San Francisco resident. "Pride to be here, pride to be alive, to be in the Bay Area, proud of everything we have accomplished." One huge accomplishment was Friday's decision to allow same sex marriage in New York State. That decision set off celebrations throughout the country.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Sunday, June 26, 2011

(2:15)

Thousands of people filled the streets on Sunday for San Francisco's 41st annual Gay Pride Parade. The festivities began at 10:30am and the party was still going on by the evening. There was a lot of celebration this year, even if what many in San Francisco were excited about happened in New York's legislature. It might have looked like a wild party to some, but it came with a serious theme. This year's message: No bullying. Many people who spoke with ABC7 said they wished they'd heard that message years earlier.

(LGBT Issues Cont.)

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Monday, June 13, 2011

(1:49)

A ruling was expected the next day on whether the 2010 decision overturning Proposition 8 would be thrown out. Same-sex marriage opponents said the judge could not be fair because he himself was in a long-term relationship with a same-sex partner. Two hours of arguments were heard in federal court Monday.

Lawyers who wanted to throw out Judge Vaughn Walker's decision overturning Prop 8, the voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage argued he had a conflict of interest because he was in a long-term relationship with another man. But lawyers for Prop 8 supporters could not provide any evidence that Walker wanted to get married, only that he was in a long-term relationship.

ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER SALUTES –

(30 Seconds) Aired Throughout May 2011

At the age of 23, Madeleine Lim escaped persecution by the Singaporean government for her organizing work as a young lesbian artist-activist. Ten years later, she created Sambal Belacan in San Francisco, a film that is still banned in Singapore for its exploration of race, sexuality and nationality. As one of a small number of queer women of color filmmakers on the international film festival circuit, she saw that only queer women of color would tell their own authentic stories. She created Queer Women of Color Media Arts Project (QWOCMAP) with the belief that a community of artist-activist leaders could change the face of filmmaking and the social justice movement. She's an award-winning filmmaker with more than 20 years of experience as a producer, director, editor, and cinematographer.

7 LIVE – 3-4PM - Friday, June 24, 2011

(6:39)

Chaz Bono sat down with host Brian Copeland and talked about transitioning from a lesbian woman to a man. He said that his decision to transition was sort of a "slow dawning." He explained that the physical process was not unlike going through puberty as an adolescent male. He talked about being in the public eye and the subject of a documentary on his transition. He also discussed being the grand marshal of San Francisco's Pride Parade, and how it was to have Sonny and Cher for parents.

(LGBT Issues Cont.)

BEYOND THE HEADLINES - Sunday, June 26, 2011

(4:00)

AIDS and HIV was the topic of this Beyond the Headlines program, and the final segment featured an interview with Bob Katz, a gay man who had been living with HIV for over thirty years. He discussed how he was diagnosed and told that he was HIV positive, and how he was able to live with the virus for so long. He also talked about the partner he lost and the 160 friends who lost their lives to the virus. Bob talked about his involvement in the AIDS Walk and AIDS Ride.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 5PM - Friday, February 11, 2011

(2:45)

A report of five gay men contracting a strange disease was first published three decades before. A year later, that disease was given the name people came to fear as a death sentence -- it was AIDS. In 1981, people referred to AIDS as the "gay plague." At the time, the survival rate was zero. San Francisco became the epicenter and the virus eventually made its way to other groups. Fear spread throughout communities because so little was known about the disease. San Francisco General Hospital quickly became a model for AIDS care.

SAFETY & EMERGENCY ISSUES

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Tuesday, June 21, 2011

(2:45)

As part of a pilot program after the 1991 Oakland Hills fire, some residents were trained to use fire hoses and hook them up to their neighborhood fire hydrants. The idea was for residents to be able to put out a spot fire quickly or keep things under control until Oakland fire crews arrived. But in 2002, the city passed an ordinance prohibiting the opening of hydrants by citizens. "I would say that we certainly appreciated the citizens' interest in support of the fire department, in support of their communities, and wanting to help fight fires," said Oakland Fire Dept. Chief James Williams. "But the reality is that we don't want to put citizens in harm's way.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 5PM - Tuesday, June 21, 2011

(2:42)

CAL FIRE, the state's main firefighting agency, was gearing up for a long and difficult fire season. They faced working with smaller crews and fewer resources due to budget cuts, and not all of the air attack bases were opened yet. With so much rain during the year, firefighters were concerned about an overabundance of vegetation or fuel for wild land fires. On the upside, the rain continued so late into the spring, that vegetation was still very green, pushing the likelihood of a big wildfire to July and beyond.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Monday, May 23, 2011

(2:27)

Roughly a third of all the Contra Costa County building inspectors were to be laid off June 1. The county said there was simply not enough revenue to support those jobs, but the inspectors didn't think that was true. The building department had a \$5 million shortfall. The layoffs would save \$1.8 million and the harsh reality was in the big budget picture. The county believed that public safety, law enforcement, health and human services jobs were more important to try to save first over inspectors. Contra Costa County building inspectors warned that residents might have to deal with a lot more neglected, trashy-looking properties if 14 union inspectors and two non-union managers were laid off as planned.

(Safety & Emergency Issues Cont.)

ABC 7 NEWS AT 4PM - Monday, June 20, 2011

(2:16)

Warm temperatures sparked interest in fire safety in the Oakland Hills as the 20th anniversary of 1991's massive firestorm approached. One neighborhood turned to animals for help. It had become an annual tradition high in the hills: Goats were hard at work, clearing brush that could pose a threat during fire season. "They are working hard, eating away," said a Parkwoods resident "The weeds have gone down. Of course it keeps our territory a little safer from fire hazards and things like that." In the 1991 firestorm, the Parkwoods were the first of 3,700 homes to burn. In 2011, fire season was expected to start late due to heavy spring rains. But fire officials said the time was now for residents to get ready.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6AM - Friday, June 3, 2011

(2:11)

The city of Fremont conducted training for firefighters in light of the deaths of two San Francisco firefighters who lost their lives in a "flashover" earlier in the week. At a state-of-the-art training facility, Fremont firefighters trained in how to deal with the very dangerous flashover situation. Flags were flown at half-staff on Friday at the training center in Fremont in honor of San Francisco firefighter Lt. Vincent Perez, 48, who died while battling a two-story house fire in the Diamond Heights neighborhood. Two other firefighters were injured in the same blaze, with one sustaining critical injuries.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 5PM - Tuesday, May 24, 2011

(2:12)

A new study showed found that minorities and seniors made up most of the pedestrian deaths in the City of Oakland. They were being struck and killed more than any other group. In Oakland, more than 90 percent of all the pedestrians killed were minorities and more than one quarter were senior citizens.

"It could be that many of the neighborhoods that are home to racial minorities see less investment in pedestrian safety," says Jonathan Bair with Walk Oakland, Bike Oakland. "It could be that there are more pedestrians walking those areas." "We just don't have the resources that we need," said the Oakland transportation services manager." "We try to prioritize in locations that have the greatest need."

(Safety & Emergency Issues Cont.)

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Thursday, May 19, 2011

(2:51)

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood came to the Bay Area, and after meeting with victims of the San Bruno pipeline disaster, he promised to re-double efforts to increase the safety of the nation's oil and gas pipeline system. LaHood and the head of the Pipeline Safety and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Cynthia Quarterman, were invited by Rep. Jackie Speier to see the crater created by the explosion, the empty lots where 38 homes once stood and eight people died.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Friday, May 13, 2011

(2:32)

A severe budget crisis in the South Bay could lead to the declaration of a public safety emergency. That was the word from San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed following a rare special council meeting to deal with the budget crisis. Reed said if sweeping pension reform wasn't adopted soon, the Bay Area's largest city could conceivably find itself on the brink of bankruptcy. "This is an emergency," said Reed. "We're proposing that we declare an emergency so that we can focus on this with all the attention that it deserves and take the actions that are necessary to avoid a disaster." The fiscal emergency proposal came as San Jose Police Chief Chris Moore said that the city could lose 351 sworn officer positions in 2011 because of the budget crisis.

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Tuesday, April 5, 2011

(3:12)

Dramatic and disturbing video taken aboard a crowded San Francisco Muni train showed a fast moving train with the door wide open. The video was posted on YouTube, and also revealed a San Francisco supervisor was on board at the time and did nothing to alert the driver. This was not the first time this kind of thing occurred, but officials were at a loss to explain it. With the train barreling along underground, a passenger pulled out his camera and documented the door sliding open and closed as passengers seemingly unaware of the danger stood just inches from the opening. The train operator was a 10-year Muni veteran who was placed on non-driving status. Muni officials said they would take appropriate action after the investigation was completed.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM - Saturday, April 23, 2011

(2:23)

Members of San Francisco's Muni operators union authorized a strike if negotiations with the city, in their second month, didn't go as planned. When local 250A authorized its negotiators to strike it struck some as bold, especially given recent bad publicity. There was an operator who was caught on camera ordering passengers off a bus, another was caught texting while driving, and twice cell phone cameras caught malfunctioning doors wide open even as the Muni trains drove on. Union workers declined to talk on camera, but union secretary-treasurer Walter Scott, when asked about the negative publicity, told ABC7 over the phone that: "We already have two black eyes and a broken nose. It doesn't make any difference."

ABC 7 NEWS AT 5PM - Wednesday, June 22, 2011

(3:13)

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission's annual pothole report rated local roads on a scale of one to 100. For the second year in a row, the Bay Area average stalled at a lackluster 66. The MTC says the regional target is 75 and the rate of deterioration accelerates dramatically at 60. "A dollar spent at 75, for instance, is going to cost \$5 for more extensive repair once it falls below 60," said MTC spokesman John Goodwin, "so we're at a very critical stage in pavement quality." Pothole repair had traditionally been paid for with the state gas tax, but that hasn't gone up in 17 years. El Cerrito has found one solution with its half-cent sales tax, something residents in other towns seemed willing to accept.

(Transportation Issues Cont.)

ABC 7 NEWS AT 5PM - Tuesday, June 21, 2011 - 11PM

(2:23)

Three Caltrans workers were killed on the job in recent weeks. They were responsible for landscaping, filling potholes and picking up litter. The work itself wasn't necessarily dangerous, but their environment was, and that is why the head of Caltrans asked crews and drivers to be more careful. It was a close call Monday night for Caltrans workers along Interstate 80 in Vacaville. An SUV weaving in and out of their work zone caused a multi-car collision. Luckily, no crews were hit, but in San Diego on Monday morning a car hit a worker as he was picking up litter along Interstate 15. He was the third Caltrans worker to die on the job in 48 days, the most ever in such a short period of time. The Caltrans acting director halted all maintenance work so managers could go over safety practices and policies with their employees.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Wednesday, May 25, 2011

(2:03)

The California DMV is calling it a "silver tsunami" -- the big wave of older drivers about to hit California roadways. In recent years the department has been conducting extensive outreach to seniors and their families. Within ten years, the DMV predicted the number of senior drivers on California roadways to nearly double to six million. There had been three serious accidents in the Rossmore retirement community involving senior drivers in only six months. Two resulted in fatalities and one involved alcohol. A 94 year-old woman was hit in a crosswalk and survived after sustaining major injuries.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 5PM - Tuesday, May 17, 2011

(2:42)

San Francisco taxi drivers got the raises they wanted after a key vote on Tuesday. It was good news for them, but not so good for passengers. The cabbies pointed out that they hadn't had a raise in nearly a decade. What was approved is what a person would pay as they travel in a cab or if they're stuck in traffic. It's something the cabbies have been fighting for since 2003. There were 7,000 cab drivers in San Francisco. The SFMTA had not approved a raise for cabbies, an increase in meter rates in eight years. At the same time, the cost of living had jumped, gas prices were skyrocketing, and there were credit card processing fees. That's why some drivers threatened to strike and there were protests outside city hall.

(Transportation Issues Cont.)

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6AM - Thursday, May 12, 2011

(2:02)

It was bike to work day around the Bay Area. The event began in Oakland in 1994, and had inspired hundreds of people to choose cycling as their preferred mode of transportation instead of cars, according to the San Francisco and East Bay bicycle coalitions. The Oakland-based coalition saw its highest number of Bike to Work Day participants in the history of the event cycling through one spot last year. More than 700 participants stopped at Sproul Plaza in Berkeley during their morning commute. It was the first time that many cyclists were in one place for Bike to Work Day.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Thursday, April 21, 2011

(2:52)

Safety consultants for the Golden Gate Bridge presented recommendations to bridge directors that shocked and angered bicycle groups. One proposal was to limit bicycle speeds on the bridge to 10 miles per hour. What really concerned advocates was that they were not consulted for the report. The proposed fix also included a \$100 fine for speeding, new lanes that would separate pedestrians and bicyclists as well as new signs that would warn foreign tourists as well as the locals. While the bicycle coalitions did not believe there was a safety issue the CHP said it was ready to enforce a speed limit if passed.

SPECIAL NEWS REPORTS

ABC 7 NEWS AT 5PM - Saturday, April 09, 2011

(3:42)

There were thousands of school construction projects throughout California. More than 1,500 specially trained inspectors were supposed to make sure buildings were built to plans. But public records maintained by the Division of the State Architect uncovered by California Watch showed many weren't doing their jobs. They found nearly 300 school inspectors with documented problems over the last three decades. The issues ranged from absenteeism to failing to identify construction defects. When asked if the department could do more to watch over inspectors, the acting DSA director said, "I think it could be improved."

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Thursday, May 12, 2011

(7:15)

There were accusations from coworkers that a San Francisco parking control supervisor had crossed the line and broke the law. Some of the complaints from the public and people inside the Municipal Transportation Agency involved restraining orders, lawsuits, alleged assaults, sexual harassment, ticket fixing and pepper spraying drivers. MTA employees said management refused to take action, even after several run-ins that ended up in court. The I-Team took all the accounts to the MTA Executive Director. He said "what you've presented is disturbing and we will get to the bottom of it."

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Wednesday, April 13, 2011

(5:52)

A long-time resident of Napa claimed local government had failed her. At issue was a water hazard at her home of more than 60 years. Officials failed to solve the drainage problem and had known about it for nearly a year. The homeowner's family was worried about her safety. The problem began after a new neighbor rented a bulldozer and installed an illegal well right next to her property. The county ordered the neighbor to "mitigate the increased drainage that was occurring." The answer was to install a drain along the fence line to catch the water. But the neighbor had been unwilling to pay for it before, and said he planned on hiring a hydrologist to look into the situation.

(Special News Reports Cont.)

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Wednesday, May 25, 2011

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Whistleblowers are an important part of making government work. They often uncover corruption and save taxpayers money. But the ABC7 News I-Team learned that a San Francisco program to get whistleblowers to come forward had big problems. Several people who tried to blow the whistle said the program was broken. So they went public to demand changes. They said the whistleblower complaint unit operated in secrecy, didn't hold employers accountable, and left whistleblowers to fend for themselves. A civil grand jury was looking into the complaints.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Tuesday, May 17, 2011

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Managers of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary were grappling with a controversial issue. Should they renew a permit for a researcher to hook and land great white sharks near the Farallon Islands, 28 miles off the Golden Gate? This was after a controversial shark tagging technique went wrong back in 2009. Several researchers believe the tagging technique, along with the long fight and the barbed hook, made the shark weaker. The Farrallons Sanctuary and the original shark researcher refused comment.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 6PM - Thursday, April 28, 2011

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For the first time, the Livermore woman known as "Hummer Mom" talked publicly about her crimes. Christine Hubbs was convicted in March 2011 for unlawful sex with two 14-year-old boys. The case caught national attention. Hubbs refused to talk to police and never testified in court -- it was a plea deal -- and she did not address the families at her sentencing. In fact, she told the I-Team things she had not discussed even with her husband.

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM - Friday, April 08, 2011

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Thousands of public schools around the state were not meeting mandated seismic standards. That was the finding of a non-profit, bi-partisan project of the Center for Investigative Journalism. They sifted through documents provided by the Division of the State Architect (DSA) and found serious lapses that might put students in danger during a major temblor. DSA officials conceded that thousands of school projects lacked state certification, but claimed most were simply missing paperwork. "At this point, we don't believe that any of those projects pose a significant threat." But some experts weren't convinced.

(Special News Reports Cont.)

ABC 7 NEWS AT 11PM - Tuesday, June 14, 2011

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A SmartMeter or your power -- that was the ultimatum one man faced when he told the installer he didn't want one. Charles Pine said he turned down a SmartMeter in 2010, but on June 6th he claimed he saw a PG&E truck pull in unannounced. Pine confronted the man who appeared to be a PG&E worker and told him he didn't want a SmartMeter. He had a pocket tape recorder and was rolling when the worker said he'd call his boss. PG&E worker: They're going to call you and discuss with you either cutting you off at the line or allowing us to put it in. Pine: What do you mean, cutting you off at the line? PG&E worker: They're going to discontinue your service. Pine said the uniformed worker returned 45 minutes later and handed him a card with a PG&E opt-out hotline number. A PG&E spokesperson said "If our employee actually made that statement, we are sorry because that is not our policy and we're looking into this."