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The following pages summarize program and program segments that provided the most significant treatment of community issues during the past quarter. Programming frequently deals with more than one issue.

KRON-TV has presented programs addressing these issues:

**CRIME
DIVERSITY
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Listed in the following pages are a sampling of typical and illustrative programs used to meet those problems and needs. These programs were broadcast during the preceding three-month period.

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10/1/15 KRON 4 Evening News
Oakland crime status

HOMICIDES ARE UP 24% IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND. THAT POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTIC DOESN'T INCLUDE THE CITY'S MOST RECENT KILLINGS RECORDED THIS WEEK. THIS UP-TICK IN VIOLENCE COMES ON THE HEELS OF LAST YEAR'S DRAMATIC DROP IN CRIME. KRON4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN TALKED TO ONE OAKLAND CITY LEADER ABOUT THE PROBLEM:

OAKLAND IS IN THE MIDST OF A VIOLENT SPIKE IN CRIME – FOUR HOMICIDES IN A MATTER OF DAYS INCLUDING THE SHOOTING DEATH OF MURAL ARTIST ANTONIO RAMOS, TWO DEAD BODIES DUMPED ON ROADSIDES ONE ON SKYLINE BLVD IN THE OAKLAND HILLS, ANOTHER FOUND WRAPPED IN PLASTIC IN WEST OAKLAND TIED TO A RICHMOND INVESTIGATION. THURSDAY MORNING A MAN WAS FOUND CRITICALLY INJURED FOLLOWING A SHOOTING ON THE 3100 BLOCK OF HIGH STREET

Noel Gallo, Oakland City Councilmember: "You know I have noticed some of the gang activity has picked up."

OAKLAND CITY COUNCILMEMBER NOEL GALLO IS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND HAS BEEN MONITORING THIS RECENT UP-TICK IN VIOLENT CRIME

Gallo: "We recently lost two lives on the street over the gang activity. There's been other shooting, but I don't know what we are killing each other about. And that's really insanity."

IN FACT, HE SAYS ONE OF THE RECENT MURDERS OCCURRED WHILE HE WAS ON A PEACE WALK WITH RESIDENTS IN THE FRUITVALE DISTRICT.

Gallo: "The victim was shot in the stomach twice."

ARE THE RESIDENTS GETTING NUMB TO THIS TYPE OF VIOLENCE?

Gallo: "We were numb, but now through the activity and the participation of the community, residents are more forthcoming, taking pictures and videos. Now they're looking for a response."

HOW ABOUT THAT RESPONSE?

Community member: "Well, let me tell you something. For the past five years, I see no changes."

THIS SHOP OWNER HAS A LOT TO SAY ABOUT CRIME IN HIS COMMUNITY AND WE WILL HEAR MORE FROM HIM COMING UP ON KRON4NEWS AT 6.

IN OAKLAND HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

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10/14/15 KRON 4 Evening News
East Palo Alto turns its crime rates around

IN ONE PENINSULA CITY, VIOLENT CRIME IS TAKING A SIGNIFICANT DOWNTURN. ONCE DEEMED THE MURDER CAPITAL OF THE UNITED STATES, EAST PALO ALTO IS NOW SEEING ITS CRIME STATS DROP. KRON 4'S DAN KERMAN IS LIVE AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN EAST PALO ALTO WITH MORE ON THE NEW NUMBERS:

WELL THE NEW NUMBERS ARE GOOD IN TERMS OF VIOLENT CRIME OVERALL BEING DOWN IN THIS CITY COMPARED TO LAST YEAR. POLICE SAY IT'S REALLY A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN OFFICERS AND THE COMMUNITY THAT SEEMS TO BE WORKING.

Peggy Walters, longtime resident: "I've seen it go bad. I've seen it go good. And I've seen it go bad again. Up and down."

AFTER LIVING IN EAST PALO ALTO FOR 35 YEARS, PEGGY WALTERS HAS SEEN IT ALL. SHE EVEN LIVED HERE WHEN THIS CITY HAD AN INFAMOUS TITLE

Albert Pardini, east Palo Alto Police Chief: "In 1992, it was the per capita murder capital of America. We are way away from that now."

THAT YEAR, EAST PALO ALTO HAD MORE THAN 40 MURDERS. IN 2014, THERE WERE JUST FIVE."

Walters: "I don't hear gunshots every night like I used to."

RESIDENTS CAN HEAR AND SEE THE DIFFERENCE. AND IT'S NOT JUST MURDERS THAT ARE DOWN. THE MOST RECENT F.B.I. STATISTICS SHOW OVERALL VIOLENT CRIME IN EAST PALO ALTO IN 2014 DROPPED 64% COMPARED TO 2013. MURDERS HAVE DROPPED FROM 8 TO 5, RAPES FROM 11 TO 8, ROBBERIES FROM 80 TO 55 AND ASSAULTS FROM 248 IN 2013 TO JUST 56 IN 2014

Pardini: "It's been a huge factor that the community is getting involved."

EAST PALO ALTO POLICE CHIEF ALBERT PARDINI SAYS HE HAS WORKED HARD TO HAVE HIS OFFICERS REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY AND CREATE A BOND.

Pardini: "The fact that they are calling us early on in investigations means we are getting involved at the dispute level, before it escalates to violent crime. So we are seeing a reduction in assaults and things like that, and that plays a huge factor in the reduction in violent crime."

POLICE SAY THEY KNOW THESE STATS ARE VOLATILE. THEY MOVE IN ALL DIRECTIONS SO THEY KNOW THEY HAVE TO KEEP WORKING AT IT IN ORDER TO KEEP THESE TRENDS MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND THEY PLAN TO DO THAT.

DAN KERMAN KRON 4 NEWS

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10/20/15 KRON 4 News at 11pm
ATM Theft Warning

THIEVES ARE TARGETING BANKS IN SAN LEANDRO, BUT NOT THE BANK CLERKS INSIDE. INSTEAD, THEY ARE PREYING ON CUSTOMERS USING THE A-T-M'S.

KRON 4'S ALECIA REID IS IN SAN LEANDRO TONIGHT WHERE POLICE HAVE ARRESTED TWO MEN BUT BELIEVE THERE MAY BE MORE SUSPECTS:

CROOKS ARE SHOULDER SURFING. AND THERE HAVE BEEN AT LEAST SIX INSTANCES IN SAN LEANDRO. MORE THAN NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS HAVE BEEN STOLEN FROM ATMS. IT STARTED IN MAY AT THE BANK OF AMERICA ON 14TH STREET. SINCE THEN, THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR OTHER INSTANCES. THE LATEST WAS ON SUNDAY. MONEY WAS ALSO STOLEN FROM THE BANK ON FAIRMONT DRIVE.

Olu Ayanbajo, victim: "It's not good. I didn't want that to happen to me. Not to anybody."

UNDERCOVER OFFICERS WERE DEPLOYED TO THE DOWNTOWN BRANCH, AND IN LATE SEPTEMBER, TWO MEN WERE ARRESTED.

Lt. Robert McManus, San Leandro Police Department: "One suspect had \$4900 on his person at the time he was arrested."

42 YR OLD TREMELL WATTS HAS NOT BEEN CRIMINALLY CHARGED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, BUT A FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY. THE OTHER SUSPECT BLADE KITTRELL HAD NEARLY 700 DOLLARS IN HIS POSSESSION. THE 23 YEAR OLD IS IN CUSTODY ON 55 THOUSAND DOLLARS BAIL. HE'S BEING CHARGED WITH IDENTITY THEFT AND FRAUDULENT USE OF ACCOUNT INFORMATION.

McManus: "This is a nationwide trend."

SHOULDER SURFING HAPPENS WHEN A THIEF STANDS IN LINE OR AT THE ATM NEXT TO A CUSTOMER TO SEE THEIR PIN. IF THE CUSTOMER DOESN'T CLOSE OUT THE TRANSACTION, THE THIEF WALKS OVER AND WITHDRAWS MORE MONEY. OLU AYANBAJO SAYS HE WAS ONCE A VICTIM.

Ayanbajo: "They took over six thousand dollars from my account. I went into the bank on Monday and I had negative balance."

ONE WAY TO COMBAT THIS IS TO BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS AT ATMS. AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THERE COULD BE A LOT MORE VICTIMS THAT THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT, BECAUSE WHILE INCIDENTS ARE BEING REPORTED TO THE BANK, THEY'RE NOT BEING REPORTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES.

IN SAN LEANDRO ALECIA REID KRON 4 NEWS

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10/21/15 KRON 4 News at 11pm

Police and community celebrate together

TWO WEEKS AFTER A SUSPECT TRIED TO GOUGE HIS EYE OUT, A REDWOOD CITY POLICE OFFICER IS BACK ON THE JOB, AND TONIGHT, KRON 4'S PHILIPPE DJEGAL WAS THERE AS THAT OFFICER'S RETURN WAS CELEBRATED BY THE NEIGHBORS WHO HELPED SAVE HIM FROM FURTHER INJURY.

IT'S A PHOTO OFFICER CHRIS WINN HAS ANXIOUSLY BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO TAKING.

Winn: "We helped each other out."

A 13-YEAR REDWOOD CITY POLICE VETERAN, WINN SHARING A MOMENT WITH HIS PROUD CHIEF...

Redwood City police chief: "He's a real hardworking guy. He wanted to come right back. We're trying to slow him down a little bit."

ALSO BY HIS SIDE, TWO NEIGHBORS ON CASTLE HILL ROAD WINN WON'T SOON FORGET.

Neighbor: "I've been praying for him ever since that night."

Neighbor: "It's neat to see everyone come together, during a challenging time."

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CATERED THIS NEIGHBORHOOD PIZZA PARTY ON FIRST GRADE TEACHER BOB MOOS' DRIVEWAY TWO WEEKS AFTER MOOS WITNESSED 26-YEAR-OLD GREGORY WEGMAN VANDALIZING HIS NEIGHBOR'S HOMES.

Moos: "He seemed to be on drugs."

THAT NIGHT, MOOS CONFRONTED WEGMAN, WHO ALSO LIVES DOWN THE STREET, AND WOUND UP IN TUSSELE WITH HIM BEFORE HIS NEIGHBOR DAVID HESPELT, A MARTIAL ARTS INSTRUCTOR JUMPED IN. AND EVENTUALLY OFFICER WINN, WHO NEVER FIRED HIS GUN, JUST HIS TASER.

Moos: "When the taser didn't work, I was pretty shocked. I was pretty surprised. I've never seen that before."

Winn: "Sometimes in shooting situations, you don't have time to go and grab your gun. I never really considered it."

POLICE SAY WEGMAN TRIED GOUGING WINN'S EYE OUT, BUT WITH HELP FROM THE NEIGHBORS ON CASTLE HILL WEGMAN WAS EVENTUALLY RESTRAINED AND ARRESTED. WINN SPENT SOME TIME IN THE HOSPITAL, BUT THIS WEEK RETURNED TO DUTY. AND FOR THAT EVERYONE IS GRATEFUL.

Winn: "It feels great to know that the city, uh, the community here is very supportive of the law enforcement and I enjoy working for the city."

ALL OF THOSE INVOLVED SAYING THAT IF THEY HAD TO DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN, THEY WOULDN'T CHANGE A THING AND THAT, THANKFULLY, NO ONE SUFFERED A LIFE-THREATENING INJURY.

IN REDWOOD CITY, PHILIPPE DJEGAL, KRON 4 NEWS

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10/22/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Oakland mayor discusses crime in the city

WE GO ONE-ON-ONE WITH OAKLAND MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF, JUST ONE DAY AFTER THE MURAL FOR ANTONIO RAMOS WAS DEDICATED IN HIS MEMORY. RAMOS, AN ARTIST, WAS KILLED DURING A SCUFFLE AS HE WAS PAINTING THE MURAL. KRON 4'S J.R. STONE SPENT TIME TODAY TALKING ABOUT CRIME WITH THE OAKLAND MAYOR:

TO BE HONEST I WENT TO THE MAYOR TO TALK SPORTS BUT WE ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE RECENT KILLINGS IN OAKLAND. ANTONIO RAMOS'S DEATH AND THE ICE CREAM TRUCK DRIVER WHO WAS SHOT AND KILLED. BOTH UNSOLVED THIS EVENING.

Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf: "Yesterday we dedicated the mural that Antonio Ramos was painting when he was shot. It's one of my most poignant days as being the Mayor of Oakland."

MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF DIDN'T HOLD BACK WHEN WE SPOKE WITH HER ABOUT BOTH THE DEATH OF RAMOS AND THE DEATH OF AN ICE CREAM TRUCK DRIVER IN EAST OAKLAND.

Schaaf: "Overall our crime statistics are positive, but I cannot celebrate that when talking about instances like this."

WHEN IT COMES TO VIOLENT CRIMES WITH GUNS OR OTHER WEAPONS, SCHAAF IS CORRECT. CRIME STATISTICS AS OF LAST WEEK SHOW THE INSTANCES ARE DOWN BETWEEN 6 AND 12 PERCENT. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO THE MURDER RATE, THAT HAS RISEN. THERE HAVE BEEN 69 HOMICIDES IN 2015 COMPARED TO 57 AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR.

SCHAAF IS AWARE OF THAT AND SAYS MORE OFFICERS ARE MAKING THEIR WAY ONTO THE STREETS.

Schaaf: "In January of 2013 we had 607 officers. As of October 30th of this year, we will have 735. We are on track to get to 800 officers by 2017."

AS FOR THESE TWO MOST RECENT CASES...

Schaaf: "Those are two very active cases and I know our officers feel very confident we'll be able to bring some closure and peace not just to those families but to this entire community."

IF YOU'D LIKE TO SEE MORE OF MY INTERVIEW WITH MAYOR SCHAAF, YOU CAN GO TO OUR WEBSITE KRON 4 DOT COM.

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11/3/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Police take controversial measure to try to catch abduction suspect

AFTER FIVE ATTEMPTED CHILD KIDNAPPINGS, AN EAST BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT IS TRYING SOMETHING NEW TO CATCH A PREDATOR. ALL THOSE ATTEMPTED ABDUCTIONS HAPPENED NEAR WILLARD MIDDLE SCHOOL IN BERKELEY. KRON 4'S JUSTINE WALDMAN IS LIVE IN BERKELEY TONIGHT WITH THE DRASTIC TACTICS POLICE ARE USING AND WHY NOT EVERYONE IS HAPPY ABOUT IT:

Parent: "I am very scared for these kids around here; very, very scared."

TO BRING BACK A FEELING OF SAFETY, THIS TINY CAMERA IS RECORDING LICENSE PLATES ON TELEGRAPH AVENUE. THE READER IS CAMOUFLAGED AS A SPEED LIMIT SIGN. IT'S A TOOL BERKELEY POLICE ARE USING TO FIND THE PERSON WHO TRIED TO LURE KIDS INTO HIS CAR NEAR WILLARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THE FIVE DIFFERENT ATTEMPTED ABDUCTIONS HAPPENED IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER. EACH TIME, POLICE SAY, A DARK COLORED VAN WAS INVOLVED. AND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE

SUSPECT REMAINS THE SAME – AN HISPANIC MALE IN HIS 20S OR 30S WITH DARK HAIR AND A SCRUFFY FACE.

THE CAMERA COLLECTS DATA ON EACH CAR THAT DRIVES BY, AND MANY HOPE IT WILL LEAD TO THE SUSPECT.

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Lamar Ferguson, PARENT: "It does make parents feel a little more comfortable especially since kids walk around every day and walk to school every morning. You never know when this van could pop up again."

THE CAMERA HAS BEEN PLACED RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL. THE PRINCIPAL DOES NOT WANT THE SIGN TO GET TOO MUCH ATTENTION, SO THE SUSPECT WON'T KNOW WHAT IS BEING DONE TO FIND HIM, BUT

Debbie Dean, Willard Middle School principal: "Any and every thing that can be done on the behalf of Willard I am supportive of."

THAT IS A FEELING MANY PARENTS ECHO – AS LONG AS THE CAMERA ONLY CAPTURES INFORMATION USEFUL IN THE POLICE INVESTIGATION.

Kisha Grove, parent: "There is other political stuff around it. Well dang, I don't want people to know if I am coming to Berkeley or not. But it goes with the privacy and security issues we are living with in today's society."

AS FOR THOSE PRIVACY ISSUES? THIS IS A PUBLIC STREET. THE BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT TELLS ME THE LICENSE PLATE READER IS ON LOAN FROM A FEDERAL PROGRAM AND THEY ONLY WANT TO KEEP IT UNTIL THEY CATCH THE WILLARD SCHOOL ABDUCTION SUSPECT.

IN BERKELEY JUSTINE WALDMAN KRON 4 NEWS

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11/18/15 KRON 4 Evening News
College Students Protest Campus Rapes

IN THE EAST BAY TODAY, A GROUP OF STUDENTS AT CAL RALLIED TO SUPPORT VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND TO ENCOURAGE THE SCHOOL TO KEEP SEXUAL PREDATORS OFF CAMPUS. KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD HAS DETAILS IN A STORY THAT'S NEW AT SIX:

HERE AT CAL ON WEDNESDAY, A GROUP OF STUDENTS RALLIED TO OPPOSE SEXUAL ASSAULTS ON CAMPUS. THEY SAY THAT CRIMINAL CHARGES ARE RARE IN RAPE CASES AND THAT THE UNIVERSITY NEEDS TO DO A BETTER JOB OF HANDLING SEXUAL ASSAULTS.

Student: "Only 4 percent of cases result in criminal charges."

THE STUDENTS ALSO ENCOURAGED THE UNIVERSITY TO ENFORCE THE NEW YES MEANS YES LAW.

Student: "They need to really change things fundamentally to stop rape and hold rapists accountable."

THE GROUP ALSO MARCHED WEDNESDAY TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR A RECENT VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT THIS PAST AUGUST. A MALE STUDENT AT CAL WAS EXPELLED

FROM THE SCHOOL FOR ASSAULTING A FEMALE STUDENT ON CAMPUS. HE IS CURRENTLY APPEALING HIS EXPULSION AND THE STUDENTS RALLIED OUTSIDE THE HEARING TO OPPOSE HIS RETURN TO THE SCHOOL.

Student: "We want to make it clear to students across all campuses not just UC Berkeley that if you rape there are serious repercussions. You will be expelled and you will be held accountable. That's how you stop rape."

IN BERKELEY CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

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11/20/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Walnut Creek alerts residents to crime trend

A CRIME TRACKER ALERT OUT OF WALNUT CREEK TODAY. THE CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT SAYS IT HAS SEEN AN INCREASE IN BURGLARIES RECENTLY BECAUSE RESIDENTS ARE LEAVING THEIR GARAGE DOORS OPEN. WITH THE HOLIDAY AND SHOPPING SEASON HERE, POLICE ARE ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT THESE CRIMES FROM HAPPENING.

Walnut Creek police department spokesperson: "Please, please, do not leave things of value inside your car. It only takes seconds for auto burglars to break a window and get your items. Don't leave your garage doors open. This is the season where crooks are going to take advantage of everybody else's good will."

POLICE SAY IF YOU ARE LEAVING ITEMS IN YOUR CAR, LEAVE THEM OUT OF SIGHT AND IN A LOCKED TRUNK.

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11/27/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Modified baseball bats causing concern to police

A DISTURBING DISCOVERY HAS RESIDENTS FEELING THREATENED IN A SAN FRANCISCO NEIGHBORHOOD. A LITTLE GIRL DESCRIBED WHAT SHE SAW TO KRON4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN:

Witness Jasmin Garcia: "It was like a bat, like a wood one, that had like sticky things coming out of it"

LIKE NAILS OR SPIKES OR SOMETHING?

Jasmin: "Yeah."

NINE YEAR-OLD JASMIN GARCIA IS DESCRIBING A DISTURBING SITE, A DANGEROUSLY MODIFIED BASEBALL BAT RECENTLY FOUND CHAINED TO A POLL HERE ON MISSION STREET IN SAN FRANCISCO. SHE SAW THE BAT THURSDAY EVENING WHILE SHE WAS OUT FOR A WALK WITH HER DAD

Jasmin: "We saw it when we were coming here and after that when we were leaving it was still there."

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE INVESTIGATORS CONFIRM THAT THIS IS ONE OF MULTIPLE LOCATIONS THAT HAD BATS CHAINED TO POWER POLES THROUGHOUT THE CITY

SFPD spokesperson: "In a 24 hour period from Thursday morning to Friday, 27 bats have been recovered, They have been converted into a weapon."

WHETHER THE WEAPONIZED BATS WERE MEANT TO BE SOME FORM OF ARTISTIC EXPRESSION OR JUST A MENACING THREAT FOR ALL TO SEE, THE RESULT WAS UNNERVING FOR THIS 9-YEAR-OLD

Jasmin: "I was a little scared because I thought someone was hiding behind it or somebody in the car trying to get people."

SF POLICE SAY THEY DO NOT KNOW WHO IS DOING THIS, HOWEVER ALTERING A BASEBALL BAT WITH SPIKES, MAKING IT A DEADLY WEAPON, IS A FELONY UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW.

IN SAN FRANCISCO HAAZIY MADYUN KRON4NEWS

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11/27/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Shoppers warned about counterfeit merchandise

A BLACK FRIDAY WARNING FOR SHOPPERS --- FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. WHILE THEY LOOK LIKE THE REAL DEAL, ALL THE SPORTS MERCHANDISE, BAGS, JEWELRY AND OTHER PRODUCTS ON THIS TABLE ARE FAKE. THE COUNTERFEIT MERCHANDISE WAS SEIZED BY UNDERCOVER AGENTS AT THE DE ANZA COLLEGE FLEA MARKET IN CUPERTINO. MOSTLY MADE OVERSEAS, AGENTS SAY THE PRODUCTS ARE INFERIOR, POSSIBLY EVEN HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH BECAUSE CAN CONTAIN TOXIC CHEMICALS AND DON'T ALWAYS MEET FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS. THEY ALSO SAY THAT BUYING COUNTERFEIT MERCHANDISE CAN LEAD TO LOST JOBS HERE AT HOME.

AN AUTHENTIC WARRIORS HAT, FOR EXAMPLE, WON'T HAVE LOOSE STITCHING LIKE THIS KNOCK-OFF WHICH SELLS FOR HALF THE PRICE. AND THE 49ERS DON'T EVEN OFFER THEIR LOGO ON 'CHUCK TAYLOR-STYLE' SNEAKERS LIKE THESE. MORE OF THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY IS EXPECTED, LEADING UP TO THE SUPER BOWL AND HOMELAND SECURITY IS PLANNING A MAJOR CAMPAIGN TO STOP IT.

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12/3/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

New tech tool for campus safety

ONE OF THE HARDEST PARTS OF PARENTING IS SEEING YOUR KIDS OFF TO COLLEGE. PARENTS CAN'T HELP BUT WORRY. ESPECIALLY LATELY, WITH THE NEWS OF SHOOTINGS ON CAMPUSES, SEXUAL ASSAULTS AND VIOLENT HAZING INCIDENTS. OUR TECH REPORTER GABE SLATE SHOWS US A NEW MOBILE APP WHICH HE SAYS EVERY STUDENT SHOULD HAVE DOWNLOADED ONTO THEIR PHONE, ONE THAT CAN OFFER PEACE OF MIND TO STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS AND HELP KEEP THEM SAFE.

I'M AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY EAST BAY IN HAYWARD WHERE THEY HAVE IMPLEMENTED THIS NEW APP – RAVE GUARDIAN – INTO THEIR CAMPUS POLICE 911 SYSTEM AND IT'S GREAT. I BELIEVE IN TEN YEARS ALL CAMPUSES ACROSS THE COUNTRY WILL BE USING THIS.

Sheryl Boykins, University Police Chief: "This is a way for them to participate in their safety. They have the ability to press one button and alert authorities."

HAVING THE RAVE GUARDIAN APP ON YOUR PHONE IS LIKE HAVING A GUARDIAN ANGEL WITH YOU. IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY YOU JUST HIT THE CALL THE CAMPUS POLICE BUTTON AND YOU ARE CONNECTED ON THE PHONE TO CAMPUS POLICE.

BUT ALSO BECAUSE THE UNIVERSITY IS TIED INTO THIS APP FOR ITS STUDENTS AN OFFICER WHO IS MONITORING GUARDIAN ALARMS IN THE POLICE STATION WILL HEAR THIS ALARM SOUND WHEN SOMEONE PUSHES THAT BUTTON AND INSTANTLY ON THEIR SCREEN INFORMATION WILL POP UP EXACTLY WHERE YOU ARE BASED ON GPS, YOUR NAME, YOUR PICTURE, ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS YOU HAVE, ANYTHING YOU LAID OUT IN YOUR PROFILE WHEN YOU CREATED IT WILL SHOW UP. THEY WILL INSTANTLY SEND SOMEONE OUT TO YOUR LOCATION.

ANOTHER GREAT FEATURE IS CALLED 'SAFETY TIMER'. YOU CAN SET A COUNTDOWN OF WHEN YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE SOMEWHERE AND IF YOU DON'T DEACTIVATE IT BEFORE IT GOES OFF, IT'S THE SAME THING. THE POLICE ARE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY AND WILL START CALLING YOU, TEXTING YOU, AND EVEN COME AND FIND YOU IF YOU'RE NOT RESPONDING..

THIS CAN COME IN HANDY IF YOU'RE WALKING ACROSS CAMPUS LATE AT NIGHT BACK FROM A CLASS TO THE DORM OR SUPER LATE NIGHT BACK FROM A BAR. IT'S AN INVISIBLE INSURANCE POLICY THAT IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO YOU, HELP WILL COME AND FIND YOU.

YOU CAN SET ANYONE AS YOUR GUARDIAN THAT IS ALERTED. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE CAMPUS POLICE. IT COULD BE A ROOMMATE, A FRIEND, A PARENT.

ONE OTHER COOL FEATURE IS THIS SEND A TIP. IT LETS YOU ANONYMOUSLY SEND A TEXT MESSAGE TO THE CAMPUS POLICE THAT WILL HAVE YOUR LOCATION. SO IF YOU'RE WITNESSING A CRIME OR MAYBE A PARTY IS GETTING OUT OF CONTROL AND YOU WANT THE POLICE TO COME TO BREAK IT UP, BUT YOU DON'T WANT TO SEEM LIKE A PARTY POOPER TATTLE TALE, YOU CAN USE THAT FEATURE.

WITH YOUR TECH TRENDS GABE SLATE.

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12/4/15// KRON 4 Evening News

Oakland legislation takes aim at gun violence

NEW GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY CITY LEADERS IN OAKLAND. THE PROPOSAL IS AIMED AT LIMITING LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES. OAKLAND POLICE GIVE KRON 4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN A CLOSE LOOK AT THE PROBLEM

Officer Johnna Watson, Oakland Police Dept: "This is what law enforcement carries. This is a 17 capacity magazine. And this is a 30 round magazine. This is illegal."

ILLEGAL AND IF NEW GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION LEGISLATION BECOMES THE LAW OF THE LAND IN OAKLAND, RESIDENTS WILL HAVE TO VOLUNTARILY GET RID THEM. OAKLAND CITY COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB AUTHORED THE NEW PROPOSAL

Kalb: "Nobody needs these for protection. Nobody need these for hunting. You don't need these. They shouldn't exist. We don't need these in Oakland."

COUNCILMEMBER ANNIE CAMPBELL WASHINGTON CO-AUTHORED THE GUN CONTROL ORDINANCE.

Washington: "As a local elected leader in Oakland, I run into mothers everyday who say enough. I see little children suffering from PTSD because of the gun violence in their neighborhood."

Chief Whent: "This year OPD has recovered nearly 900 firearms."

MANY OF THEM WITH LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES. OPD CHIEF SEAN WHENT ADMITS ENFORCING THIS TYPE OF AMMUNITION LAW WOULD BE A CHALLENGE FOR HIS OFFICERS

Chief Whent: "The challenge is everybody is not going to abide by the law. We will still continue to encounter large capacity magazines even after this passes. It's about reducing the number of it."

THAT MAKES IT WORTH THE EFFORT, SAYS OAKLAND VICE MAYOR REBECCA KAPLAN, WHO AUTHORED THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN MOTOR VEHICLES COMPONENT OF THE BILL.

Kaplan: "We have an obligation to those whose lives were lost and the families that are in mourning, to say we are going to take action to put a stop to it."

THE GUN VIOLENCE LEGISLATION ALSO REQUIRES FIREARMS BE STORED IN LOCKED CONTAINERS OR BE DISBALED WITH A TRIGGER LOCK.

IN OAKLAND HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

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12/10/15 KRON 4 Evening News

New technology helps apprehend home invasion suspect

THERE'S BEEN AN ARREST IN A VIOLENT HOME INVASION ROBBERY IN ORINDA, AND A HIGH TECH LAW ENFORCEMENT TOOL HELPED POLICE TRACK DOWN THE SUSPECT. KRON4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN GIVES YOU A CLOSE LOOK AT WHAT INVESTIGATORS USED:

FROM A DISTANCE YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW IT'S THERE. THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE UP CLOSE. IT'S THE HIGH TECH LICENSE PLATE READER THAT SNAPPED THIS PHOTO OF THE SUSPECT VEHICLE IN THE RECENT HOME INVASION ROBBERY

Mark Nagel, Orinda Chief of Police: "This is the critical tool in this specific case. This was the key piece of evidence that led us to where we are today."

ORINDA POLICE CHIEF MARK NAGEL CREDITS ONE OF HIS TOWN'S 12 LICENSE PLATE READERS FOR TRACKING DOWN 18 YEAR-OLD HOME INVASION ROBBERY SUSPECT ARMANI MILLER OF OAKLAND WHO WAS ARRESTED WEDNESDAY IN OAKLAND AFTER OPD SPOTTED THE CAR IN THE PROXIMITY OF AN SUV STOLEN DURING THE HOME INVASION.

Chief Nagel: "That very same vehicle, matching description, matching license plate drove right past the stolen car in Oakland. The suspect crashed into another police vehicle and was apprehended"

Karen Yim, homeowner: "Now that there has been an arrest I definitely feel safer."

KAREN YIM'S HOME HERE ON EL CASTILLO IS WHERE THE INCIDENT OCCURRED

Yim: "I really don't know how to feel at this point. Right now we are just doing extra measures to make our home, our neighborhood more safe so something like this won't happen again."

YIM'S NANNY WAS RECENTLY RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL. SHE SUFFERED A HEAD INJURY AFTER BEING PISTOL WHIPPED DURING THE INCIDENT. ORINDA POLICE SAY THEY ARE LOOKING FOR A 2ND SUSPECT WHO DROVE THIS GETAWAY VEHICLE FROM THE SCENE THE NIGHT OF THE ROBBERY.

IN ORINDA HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

CRIME

12/15/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Schools see increase in numbers of bomb threats

Jeff Godown, Oakland School District Police Chief: "We get threats all the time. We receive bomb threats in some of the schools on occasion. We get those here and we vet those out."

THAT FROM OAKLAND SCHOOL POLICE CHIEF JEFF GODOWN WHO SAYS THAT BOMB THREATS TO OUR BAY AREA SCHOOLS HAVE BECOME FAIRLY COMMON.

Chief Godown: "I just talked with a chief of another school district. I'm not going to tell you the district, but he just said they had 4 or 5 bomb threats this week alone."

IN NEW YORK SCHOOL OFFICIALS OPTED TO ALLOW SCHOOLS TO STAY OPEN DESPITE A THREATENING EMAIL. IN L.A. THEY CLOSED THE SCHOOLS. FORMER FBI SPECIAL AGENT RICK SMITH OF CANON STREET INVESTIGATIONS WEIGHED IN.

Rick Smith, former FBI agent: "It's my personal view that something would happen and then the perpetrators would send some sort of special message saying that they were responsible for it as opposed to warning people in advance. But I think we're in a totally different era today and anything could happen."

SMITH SAYS THE LANGUAGE AND CONTENT OF THESE EMAILS HAS TO BE READ, EVALUATED, AND COMPARED TO ANY OTHER PRIOR INTELLIGENCE. HE BELIEVES WE'LL SEE MORE OF THESE TYPE OF INCIDENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

Smith: "Based on San Bernardino and Paris, we're going to see more and more stuff like this and more and more reactions that are - well some are overreactions, too. But it's just the tenor of the times we're in. These are perilous times and things are more difficult than they've ever been. And different. There will be things happening that have never happened before."

JF STONE KRON 4 NEWS

CRIME

12/16/15 KRON 4 Evening News
Burglaries at BART parking facilities

IT HAPPENED HERE INSIDE OF THIS COVERED PARKING GARAGE AT THE PLEASANT HILL BART STATION...4-VEHICLES FOUND WITH SIGNS OF BEING BURGLARIZED. BART POLICE SAY AROUND 5:45AM TUESDAY MORNING THE BURGLAR GAINED ENTRY THROUGH SMASHED WINDOWS IN 3 CASES AND THROUGH THE TRUNK IN THE 4TH BREAK IN.

BART PASSENGERS WHO PARK THEIR CARS IN THE GARAGE ARE VERY CONCERNED.

Assib Safi, passenger: "I've heard about it at other BART parking lots, but here at Pleasant Hill? It's kind of scary."

Ron Gilmete, passenger: "Where is the security? Where are the cameras? How is this happening? This is actually a very nice area."

Daniel Escobar, passenger: "You don't really see a lot of robberies around here, so it's surprising actually to hear about this."

MESHA SEARS WAS CONCERNED AFTER LEARNING ABOUT THE BREAK-INS, BUT SHE SAYS SHE ALWAYS TAKES PRECAUTIONS WHEN PARKING HER CAR

Sears: "You know how you put your jacket over your belongings or hide your stuff under the seat, you know where the tint won't let anybody see it."

REPORTER: RIGHT! YOU'RE A VETERAN YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO RIGHT?

Sears: "I'm not a veteran but my mom taught me how to put my things away."

PUTTING YOUR VALUABLE THINGS OUT OF THE SIGHT OF WOULD-BE AUTO BURGLARS IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED SAYS BART BOARD DIRECTOR GAIL MURRAY.

Gail Murray, BART Board Director: "You know it's the holiday season and we are reminded over and over, hide your things, because this is the prime time that people want to go and grab."

INVESTIGATORS ARE CHECKING SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS FOR ANY EVIDENCE OF WHO COMMITTED THESE CRIMES. AUTO BREAK-INS ARE NOT UNUSUAL AT BART STATIONS, BUT FOUR INCIDENTS AT ONE STATION, OCCURRING IN THE SAME DAY, IS ENOUGH TO WARRANT INCREASED VISIBILITY OF BART POLICE PATROLLING ON FOOT AND IN THEIR VEHICLES THROUGHOUT THE STATION.

IN PLEASANT HILL HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

CRIME

12/18/15 KRON 4 Morning News
Tips to combat package theft

WE SEE IT OVER AND OVER AGAIN. VIDEO OF THIEVES RUNNING OFF WITH PACKAGES, GETTING AWAY WITH YOUR STUFF!.

Rona Reigh, package theft victim: "I felt like my privacy was violated and I felt like my landlord and no one could do anything about it."

WITH HER PRESENT STOLEN, RONA REICH DID NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO.

BUT THERE ARE PRECAUTIONS YOU CAN TAKE TO MAKE SURE THE PRESENTS YOU SENT GET DELIVERED. LIKE SETTING UP A DELIVERY TIME OR INSURING THE PACKAGE. BUT WHEN YOU REALIZE THE GOODS ARE GONE, WHERE DO YOU GO? WHO WILL HELP YOU?

TO FIND OUT, KRON 4 CONTACTED SOME MAJOR DELIVERY COMPANIES TO ASK ABOUT HOW TO HANDLE THIS. ONLY UPS AND FEDEX RESPONDED.

UPS TOLD US IT WOULD WORK WITH THE ORIGINAL SHIPPER THROUGH THE CLAIMS PROCESS TO MAKE THE CUSTOMER WHOLE. FEDEX ONLY ANSWERED THAT PEOPLE SHOULD CALL CUSTOMER SERVICE, BUT THEY DID NOT SAY IF IT WOULD REIMBURSE EVERY CUSTOMER.

AND TO RECOUP ANY LOSSES, YOUR CREDIT CARD COMPANY MIGHT ALSO BE ABLE TO HELP.

Officer Grace Gatpandan, San Francisco Police Department: "Criminals are opportunistic. Especially this time of year."

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE TELL ME PEOPLE SHOULD REPORT A STOLEN PACKAGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE DEPARTMENT HAS A TEAM DEDICATED TO REVIEWING SECURITY CAMERA VIDEO AND WILL OPEN AN INVESTIGATION.

Officer Gatpandan: "Mail theft, while it may not seem like important stuff to other people, every single crime is important to SFPD and we want to make sure we catch people and hold them responsible."

LUCKILY FOR RONA, AFTER MAKING SOME CALLS, THE COMPANY SHE ORDERED FROM RE-SENT HER GIFT. HOPEFULLY, THE SAME CAN BE SAID FOR THE RIGHTFUL OWNERS OF THESE PACKAGES SEEN STOLEN ON THESE SECURITY VIDEOS.

Reich: "Now I have all my packages mailed to work because I know there is someone to sign for it. It's secure and won't be left out for someone to take. I actually don't trust anything being sent to my home address anymore."

JUSTINE WALDMAN KRON 4 NEWS

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10/1/15 KRON 4 Evening News
Wine train lawsuit

ELEVEN WOMEN WHO SAY THEY WERE KICKED OFF THE NAPA WINE TRAIN SAY THEY'VE BEEN TRYING TO WORK WITH THE COMPANY WHICH OWNS THE WINE TRAIN BUT THEY SAY THAT NOTHING HAS HAPPENED SO THEY'RE TAKING ACTION. AS KRON 4'S TERISA ESTACIO REPORTS, THEY'VE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY'RE SUING THE WINE TRAIN FOR 11 MILLION DOLLARS.

Book club member: "That was the most humiliating experience."

Book club member: "It breaks my heart."

TEARS WERE SHED AND HANDS HELD FOR SUPPORT AS THIS GROUP OF WOMEN BONDED TOGETHER AS THEY ANNOUNCED WHY THEY WERE SUING THE NAPA VALLEY WINE TRAIN.

Lisa Rene Johnson, book club member: "This incident up herer allows us to invoke some consciousness raising conversations and I think that another way to take forget. That is why we stepped forward and we felt it was important to take a stand for ourselves."

TWO WOMEN SAY THEY EVEN LOST THEIR JOBS BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED. ANOTHER HAD THIS TO SAY:

Book club member: "To be singled out in a manner that was humiliating and deeply disrespectful. I have a son in college and he thought I had done something wrong. It's horrible."

THIS ALL UNFOLDED BACK IN AUGUST. THE WOMEN, PART OF A BOOK CLUB, BOUGHT A BLOCK OF TICKETS FOR THE WINE TERAİN. THEY HAD BEEN TO NAPA MANY TIMES BEFORE, BUT NOT ON THE WINE TRAIN. BUT THE WOMEN SAY SOON AFTER THEY GOT ON THE TRAIN, A PERSON COMPLAINED, CLAIMING THEY WERE TOO LOUD. THEN THERE WERE ACCUSATIONS OF BEING DRUNK. BUT THE WOMEN SAY THAT WASN'T TRUE. PLUS SEVERAL SAY THEY DON'T DRINK. NO MATTER, THEY WERE KICKED OFF.

WINE TRAIN OFFICIALS HAVE SINCE APOLOGIZED, OFFERRED FREE TICKETS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. PLUS, THEY LAUNCHED AN INVESTIGATION AND THE COMPANY HAS BEEN SOLD. BUT STILL, THE WOMEN SAY THE ACTIONS WERE INEXCUSABLE AND THE APOLOGY FALLS SHORT.

Tira McDonalds, book club member, "How can that apology erase the fact that we had to stand in the hot sun and have people on the train looking at us as if we were criminals. An apology won't take away that pain."

IN SAN FRANCISCO, TERISA ESTACIO KRON 4 NEWS

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10/6/15 KRON 4 Evening News
State takes step to reduce gender based salary discrimination

GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN HAS SIGNED NEW LEGISLATION TO HELP CLOSE THE WAGE GAP FOR WOMEN. LAWMAKERS SAY IT WILL HELP CREATE THE STRONGEST EQUAL-PAY PROTECTION IN THE NATION. THE LAW WILL ALLOW WOMEN TO ALLEGE PAY DISCRIMINATION BASED ON WAGES FOR OTHERS WHO DO SIMILAR WORK. IT ALSO REQUIRES THAT EMPLOYERS PROVE A MAN'S HIGHER PAY IS BASED ON FACTORS OTHER THAN GENDER. IT WOULD ALSO PROTECT WORKERS FROM DISCRIMINATION IF THEY ASK HOW MUCH OTHERS EARN. THE GOVERNOR IS ALSO CONSIDERING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD BAN USING PREVIOUS SALARY INFORMATION TO JUSTIFY PAYING WOMEN LESS THAN MEN.

DIVERSITY

10/8/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Mother discovers child's toy has racist overtones

A SACRAMENTO MOTHER SAYS SHE IS OUTRAGED. SHE SAYS HER SON'S TOY CAME WITH A RACIST CHARACTER. SHE BOUGHT A PIRATE SHIP WITH A DARK-SKINNED WHICH APPEARS TO BE A SLAVE. REPORTER DEREK SHORE HAS HER STORY:

Mother: "He was very excited when he got it."

IDA LOCKETT SAYS SHE WAS HAPPY FOR HER SON TERRY WHEN HE RECEIVED THE PLAYMOBIL PIRATE SHIP SET FOR HIS FIFTH BIRTHDAY, A GIFT FROM HIS AUNT.

Ida: "I spent the weekend putting it together."

BUT ONLY AFTERWARDS DID SHE SEE WHAT HER SON WAS PLAYING WITH, SPECIFICALLY ONE OF THE SHIP'S PASSENGERS.

Ida, showing toy: "This right here was found around his neck."

A DARK-SKINNED CHARACTER WITH NO SHOES AND TATTERED PANTS AND DIRECTIONS INSTRUCTING HER SON TO PUT ON WHAT APPEARS TO BE SOME SORT OF NECKPIECE.

Ida: "You cannot have this particular accessory and call it anything else. You can google it, look it up, try to say what it is. It's a slave collar."

IDA HAD LITTLE DOUBT HER SON WAS PLAYING WITH A TOY SLAVE. THE SHIP ITSELF CONTAINS WHAT SHE CONSIDERS A DUNGEON.

Ida: "It's definitely racist. It told my son to put a slave cuff around the black figure's neck and then to play with the toy."

WE REACHED OUT TO THE TOYMAKER TODAY, PLANMOBIL. WE LEFT MULTIPLE MESSAGES BUT NO ONE RESPONDED. IDA SAYS THE TOY CAME FROM TOYS R US, AT AROUND 90 DOLLARS ALTHOUGH WE FOUND IT ON SALE ON THEIR WEBSITE. TOYS R US ALSO HAS NOT RESPONDED TO MULTIPLE REQUESTS FOR COMMENT EITHER.

Ida: "It's a racist piece. It's a racist toy."

THE SACRAMENTO NAACP PRESIDENT STEVEN WEBB SAYS THE ORGANIZATION IS DEMANDING ACTION.

Webb: "This is deplorable. It cannot be accepted. It needs to be pulled off the shelf."

IDA IS NOW PLANNING TO RETURN THE TOY, BUT HER SON IS NOT QUITE OLD ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND WHY.

Ida: "I'm going to ask to speak to the manager and I'm going to ask him not to support this particular product."

IN SACRAMENTO DEREK SHORE REPORTING

ANCHOR: WELL, TONIGHT THE TOY MAKER, PLAYMOBIL, ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING: "THE FIGURE WAS MEANT TO REPRESENT A PIRATE WHO WAS A FORMER SLAVE IN A HISTORICAL CONTEXT. IT WAS NOT OUR INTENTION TO OFFEND ANYONE IN ANY WAY."

DIVERSITY

10/14/15 KRON 4 News at 8
Racist note put in a Wendy's meal

8:45PM

TWO EMPLOYEES FROM A COLORADO WENDY'S RESTAURANT WERE LET GO AFTER THE FAST-FOOD CHAIN SAYS THEY PUT A RACIST NOTE IN A LITTLE GIRL'S MEAL. WE HEAR FROM HER OUTRAGED MOTHER. KEVIN TORRES BRINGS US THE STORY.

[video of picketers] IT WASN'T THE LARGEST PROTEST, BUT THE PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE WERE PASSIONATE ABOUT THE MATTER. ESPECIALLY THE MOTHER OF THE CHILD WHO RECEIVED THE CARD.

Manige Osowski, mother: "I had to explain to my child what the N-word means and she's never heard that term before."

WE BLURRED OUT MOST OF THE CARD SINCE IT'S NOT FRIENDLY FOR T-V. ACCORDING TO WENDY'S TWO EMPLOYEES WROTE THE RACIST REMARKS AND PUT IT IN THE PACK OF PLAYING CARDS GIVEN WITH THE MEAL.

Osowski: "My child is now aware of what racism is, and what that word means. And it's because of this card."

Candis Goins, Wendy's spokesperson: "This is something that is not the culture of Wendy's. You know we took this very seriously and we immediately investigated and identified the two employees that were involved. They no longer work for Wendy's."

ONCE THE EMPLOYEES WERE FIRED, WENDY'S APOLOGIZED TO THE FAMILY.

Goins: "They accepted our apology and, um, you know we offered our condolences."

Osowski: "I don't accept the apology because I am fully aware of what racism is in this country."

THE FAMILY SAYS THEY ARE WAITING FOR WENDY'S TO GIVE THE CHILD A FORMAL APOLOGY.

DIVERSITY

10/15/15 KRON 4 Evening News
Controversy at East Bay Baptist Church (2 stories)

CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING A NUISANCE COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST A WEST OAKLAND CHURCH. ALTHOUGH THE COMPLAINT SAYS THE CHURCH SHOULD BE FINED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, CITY LEADERS TELL KRON4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN WHY THAT IS NOT LIKELY TO HAPPEN:

THIS COMPLAINT SAYS THE MUSIC AT PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH IN WEST OAKLAND IS CREATING A NUISANCE BECAUSE IT'S TOO LOUD. SO IS THE CITY TRYING TO HIT THE MUTE BUTTON ON CHURCH WORSHIPERS IN THIS PART OF TOWN? THE CITY'S COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR KAREN BOYD SAYS NO WAY!

Karen Boyd, City of Oakland Communications Director: "I would say we have no intension of silencing churches in Oakland or other cultural expressions. Absolutely not."

HOWEVER THIS LETTER SENT BACK ON AUGUST 31ST IMPLIES THAT A \$3,529 DOLLAR NUISANCE CASE FEE AND CIVIL PENALTIES OF \$500 DOLLARS A DAY COULD BE BROUGHT AGAINST THE CHURCH...CITY COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE MCELHANEY {{SOT...Lynette McElhaney/Oakland City Council}}

Lynette McElhanaey, Oakland City Councilmember: "There was the indication of that in a letter that was poorly drafted. But I would say that the intent of that letter was to alert the church that a complaint was filed about the noise and if there is indeed a noise problem you need to resolve it."

BOYD SAYS AS FAR AS CITY HALL IS CONCERNED, THE MATTER IS RESOLVED.

Boyd: "Since August 31st, when we sent out the letter, we haven't had any further complaints against the property."

ALTHOUGH IT WAS JUST ONE COMPLAINT FROM A RESIDENT REGARDING LOUD MUSIC ALLEGEDLY BEING PLAYED AFTER 9PM, COUNCILMEMBER MCELHANEY SAYS THERE IS A BIGGER PICTURE ISSUE OF GROWING CONCERN IN OAKLAND

McElhaney: "Because is really taps into a larger concern that people are beginning to feel around gentrification, displacement and cultural displacement."

SHE IS GOING TO TALK MORE ABOUT THAT IN MY STORY COMING UP ON KRON4NEWS AT 6....IN OAKLAND HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

IN THE EAST BAY TONIGHT, THE FIGHT OVER NOISE COMING FROM A HOUSE OF WORSHIP IS BASCIALLY OVER. THE CHURCH IS NOT GOING TO BE FINED AFTER ALL. BUT WHAT THE CHURCH HAS BEEN DOING FOR DECADES AND HOW ITS NEWER NEIGHBORS ARE DEALING WITH IT NOW HAS CITY LEADERS TALKING ABOUT WHAT TO DO NEXT. KRON 4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN REPORTS.

Karen Boyd, City of Oakland Communications Director: "I think we're at a moment that is really critical."

Lynette McElhaney, Oakland City Councilmember: "And I think we have to deal with these other issues."

ALTHOUGH A NOISE COMPLAINT FILED BY AN ANNONYMOUS RESIDENT AGAINST A WEST OAKLAND CHURCH APPEARS TO BE RESOLVED, OAKLAND CITY LEADERS SAY THE ISSUE IS GIVING THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE LARGER ISSUE OF GENTRIFICATION LOOMING OVER THE CITY.

Boyd: "There are many ways that this conversation is playing out and we are extremely attuned to it. We're in a situation where we're in a housing crisis."

McElhaney: "People are feeling priced out and pushed out and in many ways bumped up against."

OAKLAND COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR KAREN BOYD SAYS THE CITY'S NEW DEPARTMENT OF RACE AND EQUITY WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN ADDRESSING SOME OF THESE NEW CULTURAL ISSUES.

Boyd: "The City Council passed a fairly important piece of legislation in the last budget to create a Department of Race and Equity. So, the City Administrator's Office is in the process of putting that department together and I think that's a place and an opportunity for us to really look at the issues that are emerging."

CITY COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE MCELHANEY ADDS THAT ANY NEW GROWTH MUST NOT COME AT THE EXPENSE OF OAKLAND'S RICH CULTURAL HISTORY

McElhaney: "We've had a long history of being not only diverse, but inclusive. We are saying to newcomers that we don't accept xenophobic behaviors here. That we don't tolerate intolerance. That we are going after, in a very real way, the protection of our communities."

IN OAKLAND HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

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10/16/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm
School election controversy

AN ELECTION CONTROVERSY HAS STUDENTS AND PARENTS UP IN ARMS. A MIDDLE SCHOOL IN SAN FRANCISCO IS REFUSING TO TELL STUDENTS THE WINNERS OF THE STUDENT BODY GOVERNMENT ELECTION BECAUSE, AS ONE STUDENT TOLD KRON 4'S JUSTINE WALDMAN, THE PRINCIPAL DOES NOT LIKE THE STUDENT WHO WON:

Sebastian Kaplan, student: "Yeah, I wanted to get more involved and change some things."

SEBASTIAN KAPLAN IS NOW INVOLVED IN A SLIGHT CONTROVERSY WHEN ALL HE WANTED WAS TO BE HIS 7TH GRADE REPRESENTATIVE AT EVERETT MIDDLE SCHOOL IN SAN FRANCISCO'S MISSION DISTRICT.

Kaplan: "I feel like it is disrespectful to everyone who was running because we're not getting the results."

SEBASTIAN TELLS ME THE RESULTS OF THE STUDEN GOVERNMENT ELECTIN HELD ON OCTOBER 10TH HAVE NOT COME OUT YET. HE AND THE OTHER CANDIDATES WERE TOLD THIS WEEK IT IS BECAUSE THE PRINCIPAL BELIEVES THE WINNERS ARE NOT DIVERSE ENOUGH.

Kaplan: "The organizers are saying things like we want everyone's voice to be heard. But in truth the voters' voices are not being heard. Most kids are in agreement that it's not fair and the results need be given out because people worked really hard on it."

WHILE KEEPING THE RESULTS SECRET, THE PRINCIPAL TOLD SEBASTIAN THE SCHOOL COULD ADD POSITOINS TO BETTER REFLECT THE STUDENT BODY. THE WHOLE ISSUE HAS TAUGHT SEABASTIAN A TOUGH LESSON IN POLITICS.

Kaplan: "The whole school voted for those people, so it is not like people rigged the game. But in a way, now it is kinda being rigged."

FOR NOW, SEBASTIAN JUST WANTS TO KNOW IF HE WON OR LOST.

JUSTINE WALDMAN KRON 4 NEWS

ANCHOR: KRON 4 REACHED OUT TO THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS FOR THEIR COMMENTS ON THE ELECTION, BUT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE AT THIS TIME.

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11/5/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Racist comments prompt demonstrations at local high school

THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS AT BERKELEY HIGH SCHOOL WALKED OUT OF CLASS AND TOOK TO THE STREETS IN PROTEST TODAY. THE DEMONSTRATION WAS STAGED AFTER SOMEONE LEFT A RACIST MESSAGE ON A LIBRARY COMPUTER SCREEN. TONIGHT BERKELEY OFFICIALS SAY THEY KNOW WHO MADE THE THREAT. OUR COVERAGE BEGINS WITH DAN KERMANIN BERKELEY:

WE ARE OUTSIDE OF BERKELY HIGH AND IT WAS JUST ABOUT AN HOUR AGO THAT SCHOOL OFFICIALS CAME OUT AND SAID THEY KNOW WHO DID THIS. THEY ARE NOT RELEASING A NAME, BUT THEY SAY THE STUDENT HAS CONFESSED.

IT'S THIS MESSAGE THAT APPEARED ON A BERKELEY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY COMPUTER DURING THE LUNCH HOUR WEDNESDAY. IT NOT ONLY CONTAINS RACIAL EPITHETS AGAINST AFRICAN AMERICANS, BUT MAKES A SPECIFIC THREAT, WARNING OF A PUBLIC LYNCHING ON DECEMBER 9TH.

Mark Coplan, Berkeley Unified School District spokesperson: "It clearly is a hate crime and we think a terrorist act because it terrorized students and staff."

THE BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED AND AN INVESTIGATION ENSUED TO FIND OUT WHO MODIFIED A PAGE ON THE LIBRARY COMPUTER. SHORTLY AFTER 3 THIS AFTERNOON, SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY THEY WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY TO THE STUDENT WHO POSTED THE THREAT.

Sam Passarowa, Berkeley High School principal: "There was an in-depth technology analysis in which the computer where this was found for forensically looked at very closedly so when we interviewed the student today, myself and an assistant principal, we had a fair amount of empirical evidence to rely on as we pressed this student and eventually we got a confession from the student."

SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY A PARENT VOLUNTEER SAW THE HATEFUL MESSAGE ON THE COMPUTER AND SAW THE STUDENT LEAVE THAT COMPUTER. AS FOR THE STUDENT'S MOTIVES....

Passarowa: "The student's motives appeared not to be to carry out violence. My sense is really bad judgment but I'm not going to reveal too many details of the investigation as I want it to go forward uncompromised."

THIS IS THE THIRD KIND OF RACIST MESSAGE AT BERKLEY HIGH SCHOOL IN THE LAST YEAR. THE PREVIOUS TWO, DURING THE PAST SCHOOL YEAR. OFFICIALS SAY THIS STUDENT IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EARLIER INCIDENTS BECAUSE THIS

PERSON IS A NINTH GRADER. IT IS POSSIBLE THIS STUDENT WILL BE EXPELLED FROM BERKELEY HIGH.

DAN KERMAN KRON 4 NEWS

BERKELEY MAYOR TOM BATES ISSUED A STATEMENT... REGARDING THE THREAT TOWARDS AFRICAN AMERICANS, SAYING QUOTE: "I'M OUTRAGED AT THIS DESPICABLE RACIST THREAT... IT IS TOTALLY OUT OF LINE WITH BERKELEY'S VALUES. THESE RACIAL SLURS REMIND US THAT RACISM IS STILL ALIVE, EVEN IN BERKELEY."

STUDENTS WANTED TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR OUTRAGE OVER THE RACIST THREATS. THE ACTION WAS ORGANIZED BY MEMBERS OF BERKELEY HIGH'S BLACK STUDENT UNION AND THEY SPOKE WITH KRON4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN ABOUT THE SITUATION: {{TAKE PKG..}}

Demonstrators chanting: "Black lives matter! Black lives matter!"

OVER TWO THOUSAND BERKELEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WALKED OUT OF CLASS THURSDAY AND HELD A MASSIVE RALLY ON THE FOOTSTEPS OF BERKELEY CITY HALL TO PROTEST OF A RACIST THREAT TOWARD AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS FOUND ON A SCHOOL LIBRARY COMPUTER THE DAY BEFORE.

Alecia Harger, Black Student Union: "Three really hateful racist messages that the BSU considers terrorism."

Deijah Thomas, student: "On our Berkeley High School library website it read F all the N-words in the world kkk forever public lynching December 9th 2015 and on the next side it says I hung an n-word by his neck in my backyard."

ALECIA HARGER IS CO-PRESIDENT OF BERKELEY HIGH SCHOOL'S BLACK STUDENT UNION.

Harger: "This was a problem because it was a direct threat on the lives of black students at Berkeley high. And black teachers and black administrators. This is a threat to black lives at Berkeley High and we cannot learn if our lives are in danger. We can't focus if we know there is somebody out there who thinks we deserve to die because of the color of our skin

Thomas: "It actually made me really sad. I cried. And my first period teacher, my Spanish teachers, we had a whole group discussion about it early this morning. She actually broke down and cried which made me have a connection with her because I didn't know that teachers cared that much about it"

Student: "I'm hurt, I'm scared, they threatened our lives, I'm black and I don't feel safe coming to school quite frankly"

Student: "It puts a big threat on everyone that goes to Berkeley High. It was really mean. I saw it last night and I couldn't sleep afterwards."

Student: "I don't want my peers coming to school scared. We need to switch the thought process on racism. Racism is alive on campus and we need to help change it."
AFTER THE RALLY HERE AT CITY HALL THE STUDENTS MARCHED PEACEFULLY TO UC BERKELEY FOR A MUCH LARGER PROTEST...MAKING A CALL FOR INCREASED SECURITY ON THE BERKELY HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS

Kaylah Grisby, student: "They don't want students to come to school intoxicated and high on rally day, so they bring in reinforcements, the Berkeley Police Department, extra security. But I need extra security for my own safety. "I do agree that all lives matter but the point is all lives aren't being threatened at this moment, it is black lives being threatened. I want them to make it so when I go to school I feel safe."

IN BERKELEY HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

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11/17/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Push back against Syrian refugees

GETTING OUT OF SYRIA AND INTO THE U.S. IS NOT EASY. AND NOW THERE IS A CALL ON CAPITOL HILL FOR THE PRESIDENT TO STOP SYRIAN REFUGEES FROM SETTLING HERE. IN THE WAKE OF FRIDAY'S ATTACKS IN PARIS, LAWMAKERS ARE URGING PRESIDENT OBAMA TO STOP PLANS TO ALLOW SYRIAN REFUGEES TO RE-SETTLE IN THE UNITED STATES. KRON 4'S NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT MARK MEREDITH EXPLAINS THE PROCESS IS FRAUGHT WITH CONTROVERSY:

THEY ESCAPE WITH ALMOST NOTHING ELSE BUT THE CLOTHES ON THEIR BACK. RIGHT NOW TENS OF THOUSANDS OF MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN ARE ESCAPING SYRIA AND MAKING A NEW LIFE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, EUROPE, AND EVEN THE UNITED STATES. BUT BEFORE MANY HAVE THE CHANCE TO REACH THE U.S. THERE'S NEW RESISTANCE HERE AT HOME.

Marsha Blackburn, Tennessee Congresswoman: "They should be going to other countries in the Middle east."

WE CHECKED WITH RESETTLEMENT GROUPS, U-S OFFICIALS, AND LAWMAKERS WHO'VE HELPED BUILD THE PROCESS WHICH HAS BEEN AROUND FOR DECADES.

RIGHT NOW, REFUGEES FROM SYRIA AND DOZENS OF OTHER COUNTRIES END UP IN CITIES LIKE TAMPA, INDIANAPOLIS, AND SAN FRANCISCO. DIGGING DEEPER, WE FOUND THEY ALSO CAN RESTTLE IN MUCH SMALLER CIITES LIKE SAVANNAH, JACKSON, AND COLUMBUS OHIO. BUT SOME LAWMAKERS NOW FEEL ACCEPTING SYRIANS IS A RECIPE FOR DISASTER.

Representative Mike McCaul, Texas (R): "I don't know who these people are and until Congress has assurances that we know who these people are and we can bring them in safely, I think we have an oversight responsibility."

THE STATE DEPARTMENT STRESSES THERE ARE PROCEDURES IN PLACE TO STOP TERRORISTS FROM SLIPPING THROUGH THE CRACKS. AMONG THEM:

- REFUGEES FACE DUAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FROM BOTH HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT.
- REFUGEES MUST MEET FACE TO FACE WITH US OFFICIALS FOR IN-PERSON INTERVIEWS.
- APPLICANTS ALSO FACE HEALTH SCREENINGS TO PREVENT ANY CONTAGIOUS DISEASES LIKE TURBECLIIOUS FROM REACHING THE U.S.

TERRORISM EXPERTS TELL US THOUGH THAT THE PROCESS ISN'T A PERFECT SCIENCE.

Daveed Gartenstein-Ross, security expert: "The screening I don't think is very effective, but there is a screening procedure. More to the point, you have to be selected to come."

AND THE SELECTION PROCESS IS NOT ONLY LONG, BUT EXTREMELY PICKY. ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF APPLICANTS WHO APPLY ARE EVER ACCEPTED, WHICH IS WHY SOME LAWMAKERS BELIEVE KEEPING AMERICA'S FRONT DOORS OPEN IS ESSENTIAL TO KEEP THE PROMISE OF OFFERING THOSE WHO WANT IT A BETTER LIFE.

Senator Tim Caine, Virginia (D): "If we send that signal "no Syrians ever", we will be compounding the humanitarian suffering that these people have."

WE'RE HEARING THAT A POSSIBLE VOTE ON STOPPING SYRIAN REFUGEES COULD COME AS SOON AS THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK. MEANWHILE IT IS IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT THAT WHEN A REFUGEE COMES HERE IT DOES NOT MEAN AUTOMATIC CITIZENSHIP. THAT'S A PROCESS THAT COULD TAKE A LOT LONGER. FOR THE FIRST 12 MONTHS, THEY ARE UNDER A SPECIAL STATUS WHICH ALLOWS THEM TO FIND JOBS AND WORK. MOST REFUGEES DO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE WITH HOUSING AND EDUCATION BUT ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME BEFORE THEY'RE EXPECTED TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT.

IN WASHINGTON, MARK MEREDITH KRON 4 NEWS

DIVERSITY

11/18/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

How one young Bay Area resident helps others during the holidays

FOR MANY CHILDREN THE HOLIDAYS CAN BE HARD, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE WHO LIVE IN FOSTER HOMES. ONE LITTLE GIRL, ALONG WITH HER FATHER AND SLEEP TRAIN MATTRESS STORES, IS TRYING TO MAKE THE HOLIDAYS BETTER – ONE GIFT AT A TIME. KRON 4'S SCOTT RATES INTRODUCES US TO THIS REMARKABLE YOUNG GIRL IN TONIGHT'S MY KRON4 STORY:

Lily Lee: "There are basketballs, soccer balls, playground balls, bouncy balls, footballs, and this is a minion."

FOR TWO YEARS 9 YEAR OLD LILY LEE HAS GIVEN BACK.

Lily: "All these toys are for the foster kids."

BECAUSE FOR SO MANY FOSTER CHILDREN...

Lily: "...it's not really a merry Christmas."

SO LILY IS TRYING TO CHANGE THAT.

Lily: "I'm getting toys for them so they can play with something."

THIS YEAR ALONE, SHE HAS DONATED A TON OF TOYS AND JUST HERE AT THIS ONE SLEEP TRAIN LOCATION, LILY HAS ALREADY GIVEN...

Lily: "About 52 toys."

NOT TO MENTION SOME THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN DONATIONS ALL OVER. SHE HAS EVEN STARTED HER OWN WEB SITE "GIVE WITH LILY" WHERE PEOPLE CAN GO AND DONATE. LILY HAS TAKEN IT UPON HERSELF TO BUY THE TOYS FOR FOSTER

KIDS WITH THE DONATIONS, EVEN WORKING OUT DEALS WITH THE STORES WHERE SHE BUYS THEM!

Lily: "I just tell them what I'm doing and ask them if they would like to donate and they do. Two of these toys were 20% discount and the rest were 10."

AND, YES, WHILE IT WAS ALL HER IDEA, LILY DOES GET A LITTLE BIT OF HELP FROM ONE PROUD PAPA.

Sam Lee: "I'm very proud, obviously. It was interesting. When she first discovered what a foster child was, she was moved enough to take what was most important to her, which was her birthday money, and split it with them and give. She's always kind of been that way."

Lily: "I'm grateful for all the people who are donating because they are helping another child."

IN SAN FRANCISCO, SCOTT RATES KRON 4 NEWS

DIVERSITY

11/19/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Some Mexican immigrants leaving the U.S.

BIG NEWS OUT TODAY AS A STUDY SUGGESTS MORE MEXICANS ARE LEAVING THE UNITED STATES THAN COMING INTO THE COUNTRY. ACCORDING TO THE STUDY, MORE THAN ONE MILLION MEXICANS HEADED SOUTH IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS. THAT'S COMPARED TO JUST 870 THOUSAND WHO MIGRATED NORTH TO THE UNITED STATES.

OVER THE PAST 50 YEARS, MORE THAN 16 MILLION MEXICAN IMMIGRANTS MIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES. THAT'S MORE THAN FROM ANY OTHER COUNTRY. THE SAME STUDY FINDS ABOUT HALF OF ALL ADULTS IN MEXICO BELIEVE THOSE WHO LEFT TO FIND A BETTER LIFE IN AMERICA ARE STILL BETTER OFF THAN THOSE THEY LEFT BEHIND.

KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE TALKED TO ONE SOUTH BAY ACTIVIST GROUP WHICH IS ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO STAY HERE IN THE UNITED STATES:

THE LARGEST SHARE OF THOSE MEXICAN NATIONALS WHO RETURN TO THEIR NATIVE COUNTRY ARE IMMIGRANTS WHO HAD BEEN IN THE U.S. ILLEGALLY. MANY CITE A LACK OF IMMIGRATION REFORM AS THE REASON FOR THEIR DECISION TO LEAVE. BUT IMMIGRANT RIGHTS ACTIVIST VICTORIA RAMIREZ SAYS THEY ARE BEING RASH.

Victoria Ramirez, Services Immigrant Rights & Education Network: "What we try to do is explain to them that while there might not be a direct path to citizenship right now, it is definitely in the pipeline and we are definitely fighting for it. So we are encouraging people to stay here before they make any drastic decisions that affect not only themselves but also their families.

FROM ITS NORTH SAN JOSE OFFICES, S.I.R.E.N, WHICH STANDS FOR SERVICES, IMMIGRANT RIGHTS AND EDUCATION NETWORK, IS COUNSELING IMMIGRANTS, MANY OF WHOM ARE THINKING OF PULLING UP STAKES. THEY ARE WORRIED NOT JUST ABOUT TOUGHER IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT, BUT ALSO ABOUT THE LACK OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. DESPITE THAT, SIREN IS ENCOURAGING THEM TO STAY.

Ramirez: "We want to encourage them to make these decisions not out of fear, not out of fear that they won't have opportunities here in the future."

AS PART OF ITS EFFORTS TO CONVINCING MEXICAN NATIONALS AND OTHER ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO STAY IN THIS COUNTRY AND FIGHT FOR A PATH TO CITIZENSHIP, SIREN HAS DECLARED TOMORROW A 'DAY OF ACTION' AND WILL HOLD RALLIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO MARK THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF PRESIDENT OBAMA'S EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT DEFERRED ACTION ON THE DEPORTATION OF UNDOCUMENTED PARENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN WHO ARE CITIZENS OR LEGAL RESIDENTS.

IN JOSE ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

DIVERSITY

11/26/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Volunteering to feed people in need on Thanksgiving
1 of 3 stories on local holiday food programs

IN THE EAST BAY, A MOTHER AND DAUGHTER WERE AMONG THE VOLUNTEERS FEEDING HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ON THIS THANKSGIVING. AS KRON4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN REPORTS, THEY WERE TAKING PART IN THE 9TH ANNUAL RICHMOND SOL FOOD DRIVE:

Adriana Ledezma: "We are looking at mash potatoes right here, some pasta, some lentils."

ADRIANA LEDEZMA IS ONE OF THE VOLUNTEERS THIS THANKSGIVING HERE AT RICHMOND'S MULTICULTURAL INSTITUTE. THIS YEAR THE ORGANIZATION TEAMED UP WITH THE RICHMOND SOL SOCCER PROGRAM HELPING TO COLLECT FOOD FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE THIS HOLIDAY

Ledezma: "You know it really feels from my heart, something that we do for others, feels wonderful."

THAT POSITIVE FEELING SHE GETS FROM HELPING OTHERS IS SOMETHING THIS MOM IS PASSING ON TO HER DAUGHTER ANA WHO IS HERE ALONG WITH MEMBERS OF THE RICHMOND SOL SOCCER PROGRAM

Ana Ledezma: "My mom has brought that value to me and I see all of her hard work, and it's showed me a lot and it is something that I want to continue to."

THE CHARITY DOESN'T END HERE, AFTER HANDING OUT OVER 200 BAGS OF GROCERIES, THE VOLUNTEERS HEAD OVER TO THE ST CORNELIUS CHURCH WHERE MEMBERS FROM THE EAST BAY LOW RIDERS COMMUNITY ARE SERVING A DELICIOUS MEAL FOR THOSE IN NEED

Volunteer: "a hot thanksgiving meal"

Volunteer: "this is the first time we are going to do it in a church"

WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

Diego Garcia: "On the menu is chicken mole, rice and refried beans."

DIEGO GARCIA IS THE LEAD ORGANIZER FOR THIS CHARITABLE EVENT.

Garcia: "This is the first year for the meal, but it's the 9th year for the food drive."

Reporter: "So the program is growing?"

Garcia: "It's growing. It's about the collaboration we can have in the community."

IN RICHMOND HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

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12/3/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Anti-Muslim Backlash

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOOTING RAMPAGE APPEARS TO HAVE TOUCHED OFF A BACKLASH AGAINST MUSLIMS. AS KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE REPORTS NOW, A LOCAL ISLAMIC-AMERICAN RELATIONS ORGANIZATION IS RECEIVING HATE-FILLED E-MAILS AND PHONE CALLS.

Zahra Billoo, reading an email: "Nobody here likes you. We don't like the way you treat women and the hatred you have toward the world."

COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ZAHRA BILLOO SAYS E-MAILS SUCH AS THIS ONE, WHICH BLAME MUSLIMS FOR THE SAN BERNADINO SHOOTING, FINDS THEM LIVING IN FEAR.

Billoo: "We have heard from people who are already experiencing hate incidents, also from people who were afraid to leave their homes today, afraid to wear head scarves in public, essentially worried about protecting their first amendment rights and fear about being attacked."

Billoo, reading another email: "Your organization is tied to terrorist groups and funds terrorist groups like Hamas and others. If you idiots want to participate...."

THERE HAVE BEEN HATE-FILLED VOICE MAILS TOO AND DEROGATORY SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS ALL OF WHICH BILLOO SEES AS AN EFFORT TO GENERATE ANTI-MUSLIM SENTIMENT.

Billoo:"The conversation in the San Bernardino story was entirely about gun violence until it became clear that the shooter had a Muslim-sounding name and we worry that the conversation about gun violence will be overshadowed by anti-Muslim rhetoric and really what we need is a conversation about how mass shootings are becoming more and more normal in this country. People are not safe at school. They are not safe at movie theaters. They are not safe at Planned Parenthood or children with disabilities clinics."

Billoo, reading from an email: "What has Islam done in 1400 years? What contributions to mankind have you made as a group?"

BILLOO SAYS THE ISLAMIC-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IS STILL COMING TO TERMS WITH BACKLASH THAT FOLLOWED THE RECENT TERRORIST ATTACKS IN PARIS.

Billoo: "There is no indication this had anything to do with the person's faith. All we know at this point is that two people went on a shooting rampage and yet this community is held to a higher standard, a double standard where they must apologize for and condemn things they had nothing to do with, no knowledge of and no connection to."

THE ANTI-MUSLIM SENTIMENT NOW, SAYS BILLOO, IS NOT UNLIKE THE ONE THAT FOLLOWED 9/11.

IN SAN JOSE ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

DIVERSITY

12/4/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Two stories on reaction to SFPD shooting

THE VIDEO THAT WENT VIRAL OF A DEADLY OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN SAN FRANCISCO HAS RESIDENTS DEMANDING ANSWERS. IN THE VIDEO, YOU CAN SEE SEVERAL OFFICERS OPENING FIRE ON MARIO WOODS. POLICE SAY HE WAS CARRYING A KNIFE. WOODS DIED AS A RESULT OF THE SHOOTING.

AND HAPPENING NOW, RESIDENTS ARE VOICING THEIR CONCERNS OVER THE INCIDENT AT A COMMUNITY MEETING WITH S-F-P-D. THAT'S WHERE KRON 4'S JEFF BUSH IS LIVE:

AN OFFICER WHO WAS ON THE SCENE WAS TRAINED TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE IN CRISIS [SHOUTING FROM THE CROWD].

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE CHIEF GREG SUHR WAS INTERRUPTED BY THE CAPACITY CROWD AS HE WAS DELIVERING HIS REPORT OF THE FATAL OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING THAT HAPPENED ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON HOURS AFTER HE STABBED A MAN NOT TOO FAR AWAY FROM WHERE THE SHOOTING OCCURRED.

THE CROWD WAS ANGRY AND ROWDY AND LOUD, BUT, EVENTUALLY, CALM AND ORDER WAS RESTORED. AND THEN PEOPLE LINED UP, ONE BY ONE, TO EXPRESS THEIR FRUSTRATION TO THE CHIEF.

Citizen: "We are in a state of emergency and we are no different than Harriet Tubman. They are killing us out here, so what are we going to do about it?"

Citizen: "People are fearful of you and they are angry. As a father and a member of this community, I am afraid of you."

Citizen: "We have a fer culture in our community. If that is the law, that they can use that kind of excessive force, then we need to change the law."

THE LINE FOR SPEAKERS IS VERY LONG AND THIS MEETING IS EXPECTED TO GO ON FOR QUITE A WHILE.

I'M JEFF BUSH, LIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO, KRON FOUR NEWS.

STATEMENT BY ATTORNEY FOR FAMILY OF THE SLAIN MAN:

Adante Pointer, attorney: "They gave him a death sentence as if he was in front of an execution squad. That is not justice and that is not how policing should take place."

HARSH WOODS FRIDAY FROM THE ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE FAMILY OF MARIO WOODS. HE'S THE MAN WHO WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY SAN FRANCISCO POLICE WEDNESDAY, AN INCIDENT CAPTURED BY SEVERAL PEOPLE ON HOME VIDEO.

POLICE HAVE MAINTAINED WOODS WAS SHOT IN SELF DEFENSE AFTER HE APPROACHED THEM WITH A KNIFE, BUT THE WOODS FAMILY ATTORNEY DOESN'T SEE IT THAT WAY.

Pointer: "You see officers all with guns trained on a person who appears to be wobbly on his feet and doesn't appear to be making any sort of lunges or jabbing or stabbing motions or threatening

the officer with any type of object. He appears to be scurrying along the wall scared and what you see is an officer jump in this person's path with their gun out and the officers are then claiming that Mr. Woods confronted the officer, when really it's the exact opposite."

ATTORNEY ADANTE POINTER SAYS THE FAMILY WILL FILE A CLAIM AGAINST THE CITY AND THAT WILL LIKELY LEAD TO A FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHT LAWSUIT

Pointer: "What we're calling for is for policing to be done right. We are calling for the police to meet out justice fairly, no matter what your creed or color or where you stay in the City and County of San Francisco.

DIVERSITY

12/9/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Local attack may be hate crime

A HEATED CONFRONTATION AT A LOCAL PARK AFTER A WOMAN CONFRONTS A MUSLIM MAN AND ALLEGEDLY THROWS COFFEE IN HIS FACE AFTER, ACCORDING TO THE VICTIM, SHE SAW THE GROUP PRAYING AT LAKE CHABOT. TONIGHT, WE ARE HEARING FROM THE MAN BEHIND THE VIDEO YOU JUST SAW. KRON-4'S SCOTT RATES JOINS US LIVE FROM NEAR WHERE THE ALLEGED ATTACK HAPPENED AND TELLS US THE INCIDENT COULD BE CHARGED AS A HATE CRIME:

WELL THE INCIDENT HAPPENED AT THE PARK'S ENTRANCE, NEAR THE VOLLEYBALL COURTS AND NOW THE WOMAN SEEN IN THE VIDEO COULD BE FACING CHARGES.

Woman on video: "The people you tortured will have an eternity in heaven. You are very deceived by Satan. You have been brainwashed. You are filled with nothing but hate, nothing but hate."

IT'S A SMARTPHONE VIDEO THAT'S QUICKLY GONE VIRAL, THE VIDEO CAPTURING AN INTENSE CONFRONTATION THAT TURNS PHYSICAL IN A MATTER OF SECONDS.

Man's voice on video: "Do not touch me!.. [sounds of scuffle]... Call the cops!"

Rasheed Albeshari: "She swings with her umbrella and throws coffee in my face."

RASHEED ALBESHARI SHOT THIS VIDEO, HE POSTED IT TO FACEBOOK JUST AFTER THIS INCIDENT AT LAKE CHABOT. HE AND HIS FRIENDS WERE PRAYING AT THE PARK JUST BEFORE THIS HAPPENED.

Albeshari: "She was saying things about my God. She doesn't know me. And she came at us because we were doing things that only a Muslim person does."

THE WOMAN IN THIS VIDEO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS DENISE SLADER. ACCORDING TO PARKS DISTRICT SPOKESWOMAN CAROLYN JONES, SLADER IS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS. TODAY I WENT BY HER HOME WHERE I WAS NOT WELCOME. AND NOW RASHEED HAS THIS PLEA TO ANYONE OUT THERE WHO MIGHT FEEL LIKE THEY NEED TO ATTACK SOMEONE BASED ON THEIR RELIGION.

Albeshari: "I would say two things: a) you need to stop listening to the Donald Trumps; and b) educate yourself."

PARK POLICE OFFICER DID TAKE STATEMENTS FROM EVERYONE, AND WROTE A REPORT RECOMMENDING A MISDEMEANOR CHARGE OF BATTERY. THE REPORT WILL

ALSO BE FORWARDED TO THE ALAMEDA COUNTY DA'S OFFICE WHERE PROSECUTORS COULD PURSUE HATE CRIME CHARGES.

DIVERSITY

12/14/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Vandals targeting Japantown in San Jose

JAPANTOWN BUSTLES WITH BUSINESS. JUST WHAT THESE LOCAL MOM AND POP SHOPES NEED TO STAY OPEN.

Douglas Sunlin, neighbor: "It's a pity that people don't respect the neighborhood."

OVER THE WEEKEND, SOME DESTRUCTIVE PEOPLE DID SOME MAJOR DAMAGE HERE. FIRST THEY SMASHED THE WINDOWS OF A NUMBER OF RESTAURANTS. SOME CRACKED GLASS STILL REMAINS. BEFORE IT COULD OPEN TONIGHT, GOMBEI RESTAURANT HAD TO SPEND TIME – AND MONEY – DOING REPAIRS.

Huang Pham, ,Gombe Restaurant: "Some guy got drunk and broke windows at 3 or 4 restaurants."

IN A SEPARATE PROBLEM, VANDALS TAGGED SEVERAL FAMILY-OWNED SHOPS AND SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS CAPTURED IT ALL. THIS VIDEO, WHICH YOU WILL ONLY SEE ON KRON 4, WAS RECORDED AT 2:40 ON SATURDAY MORNING. IT SHOWS A MAN IN A HAT WALK UP TO A DOOR WITH WHAT LOOKS LIKE A MARKER IN HIS HANDE. HE IS THERE FOR A FEW SECONDS AND APPEARS TO SCRAWL SOME WRITING AND THEN TAKES OFF. THIS PHOTO SHOWS THE GRAFFITI HE LEFT BEHIND – SOME SYMBOLS IN SILVER PAINT. SEVERAL BUSINESSES GOT MARKED UP AND HAD TO QUICKLY CLEAN UP THE DAMAGE.

"We feel unsafe in our own neighborhood. We need more cops or security to pass by more often."

A FRIEND OF THE MAN CAUGHT ON THE VIDEO WROTE TO ME ON FACEBOOK, SAYING THE MAN IS MORTIFIED BY HIS ACTIONS AND EXTREMELY REMORSEFUL. BUT HE HAS NOT TURNED HIMSELF INTO POLICE.

IN SAN JOSE JUSTINE WALDMAN KRON 4 NEWS

DIVERSITY

12/19/15 KRON 4 News at 8pp
Backlash against Muslim homework assignment

MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE TURNED TO FACEBOOK TO SUPPORT A TEACHER RIDICULED FOR A GEOGRAPHY ASSIGNMENT. THE VIRGINIA TEACHER ASKED STUDENTS TO COPY THE ISLAMIC STATEMENT OF FAITH IN ORDER TO EXPERIENCE THE ARTISTIC COMPLEXITY OF CALLIGRAPHY. BUT BACKLASH FROM THE ASSIGNMENT FORCED THE CLOSURE OF AN ENTIRE SCHOOL DISTRICT. A GROUP IN FAVOR OF THE RIVERHEADS HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER GATHERED AT A PARK TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT

Parent: "We want to show her we support her. This was her job. She was just doing what the state requires her to do which is to teach kids, to educate our kids."

THE TEACHER RELEASED A STATEMENT SAYING IN PART-- "THIS NEEDS TO DIE DOWN SO THAT OUR COMMUNITY CAN BEGIN A HEALING PROCESS. I HAVE NO DESIRE TO BE SPOTLIGHTED FOR HOW IT HAS AFFECTED US. I THINK THAT'S BEEN DONE ENOUGH."

THE SCHOOL'S SUPERINTENDENT SAYS A DIFFERENT NON-RELIGIOUS SAMPLE OF ARABIC CALLIGRAPHY WILL BE USED IN THE FUTURE. THE NEXT AUGUSTA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 7TH.

DIVERSITY

12/22/15 KRON 4 Evening News
Muslim immigration debate

WHETHER OR NOT TO ALLOW MUSLIMS INTO THE UNITED STATES HAS BECOME PART OF OUR DEBATE ON TERRORISM AFTER DONALD TRUMP PROPOSED A TEMPORARY BAN ON LETTING THEM INTO THE COUNTRY. KRON 4 CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENT ALEX SCHUMAN INTRODUCES US TO ONE OF THE TWO MUSLIMS ELECTED TO CONGRESS:

DISAGREEMENT AND STRONG BELIEFS ARE PART OF THE OXYGEN IN WASHINGTON DC, BUT RECENT TERROR ATTACKS ARE AGAIN FOCUSING SOME MEMBERS ON MUSLIMS.

Congressman Andre Carson: "I think for the most part, most of my colleagues are very civil."

CONGRESSMAN ANDRE CARSON, WHO REPRESENTS INDIANAPOLIS, IS ONE OF JUST TWO MUSLIMS WHO SERVE IN CONGRESS.

Carson: "For me as a representative, I think it presents an opportunity to show that muslims are very diverse and we're part of this country and we love this country."

PEW RESEARCH SURVEYS CONGRESS AND IN JANUARY SHOWED 91.8 PERCENT OF THE MEMBERS CALL THEMSELVES CHRISTIAN WHILE NO OTHER RELIGION HAS MORE THAN 2 PERCENT.

Donald Trump: "We are not talking about isolation. We are talking about security. We're not talking about religion. We're talking about security."

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP TAKES CREDIT FOR STARTING THIS CONVERSATION, PROPOSING A TEMPORARY BAN ON NON-AMERICAN MUSLIMS COMING INTO THE COUNTRY. IT'S A CONVERSATION, CARSON POINTS OUT, AMERICA HAS HAD BEFORE.

Carson: "Where you had Jewish brothers and sisters because of their identity, you had Irish-Americans who were questioned, you had Japanese Americans who have been questioned."

CARSON THINKS THE BEST WAY TO CHANGE PEOPLE'S MINDS ABOUT MUSLIMS IS TO WORK HARD AT BEING A GOOD CONGRESSMAN.

Carson: "I hope to make them proud and I think we're doing a good job."

THE SECOND MEMBER OF CONGRES SWHO ALSO IDENTIFIES AS A MUSLIME IS REPRESENTATIVE KEITH ELLISON FROM MINNESOTA.

IN WASHINGTON, I'M CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENT ALEX SCHUMAN

DIVERSITY

12/29/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Follow up on attack at local park

A SAN FRANCISCO JUDGE HAS ORDERED A RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST A WOMAN WHO WAS RECORDED MAKING ANTI-ISLAMIC SLURS AND THROWING COFFEE AT A MUSLIM MAN PRYAING IN A LOCAL PARK.

DENISE SLADER HAS BEEN ORDERED TO STAY 200 YARDS AWAY FROM RASHEED ALBESHARI AS WELL AS FROM LAKE CHABOT REGIONAL PARK. SHE IS CHARGED WITH HATE CRIME AND BATTERY.

SLADER HAS SAID THAT THE MUSLIM RELIGION IS "DANGEROUS" AND HER ACTIONS WERE "INSTINCTUAL." SHE'S SCHEDULED TO BE BACK IN COURT NEXT MONTH.

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10/6/15 KRN 4 News at 11p
Local city makes school more affordable

THE SAN JOSE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IS INVESTING IN ITS STUDENTS AND REMOVING BARRIERS WHEREVER IT CAN. IT'S THE LARGEST SCHOOL DISTRICT IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY, WITH 32-THOUSAND STUDENTS. AND NOW THOSE STUDENTS CAN TAKE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS FREE. KRON 4'S ALECIA REID HAS THE STORY FROM SAN JOSE, WHERE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS AIMING AT GIVING EACH CHILD A CHANCE AT COLLEGE:

THIS IS A BIG DEAL. AS OF RIGHT NOW, LESS THAN HALF OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TAKES THE SATS EACH YEAR. AND ALL OF THAT COULD CHANGE BECAUSE NOW ALL JUNIORS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR FAMILY INCOME, CAN NOW TAKE THE TEST FOR FREE

Student: "I wish I could've gotten that opportunity."

COLLEGE IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER FOR STUDENTS ON THE LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS.

Student: "I do love getting a higher education. But it's really expensive."

NOW THAT THE SAN JOSE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS COMMITTED TO CLOSING THE OPPORTUNITY GAP, STUDENTS CAN TAKE THE SAT'S FREE OF CHARGE.

Victoria Russell, Lincoln High Junior: "It's a great opportunity to take the expenses away and let us just worry about the test and not the money."

MANUEL RODRIGUEZ IS A SENIOR. HE DIDN'T TAKE THE SAT'S LAST YEAR, AND WISHES HE HAD THIS OPPORTUNITY THEN.

Rodriguez: "Better late than never. I just wished it could've happened earlier. It would've been great opportunity."

IN ADDITION, SENIORS TAKING ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS WILL ALSO BENEFIT.

Stephen McMahon, Chief Business Officer SJUSD, : "We're reducing a test that normally run about \$100 to \$5. We have students that take 5 AP exams. That would be currently \$500 and we would be reducing that down to \$25."

Trinidad Sanchez, senior taking AP classes: "We're very fortunate to have that, to be lucky enough to not have to worry about expenses getting in the way and not interfering with how we're going to take our tests."

ALTHOUGH THE EXAMS WILL BE FREE OR LOW COST, ALL FAMILIES THAT WANT THE DISCOUNT MUST ALSO APPLY FOR SUBSIDIZED LUNCHES. THE DISTRICT BELIEVES MAKING THIS A REQUIREMENT WILL TAKE AWAY A LOT OF STIGMA.

THE DISTRICT PUT ASIDE HALF A MILLION DOLLARS TO PAY FOR COLLEGE EXAMS THIS SCHOOL YEAR. AND IT'S SOMETHING THEY PLAN ON DOING FOR THE LONG HAUL.

IN SAN JOSE ALECIA REID KRON 4 NEWS

EDUCATION

10/16/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

School election controversy

AN ELECTION CONTROVERSY HAS STUDENTS AND PARENTS UP IN ARMS. A MIDDLE SCHOOL IN SAN FRANCISCO IS REFUSING TO TELL STUDENTS THE WINNERS OF THE STUDENT BODY GOVERNMENT ELECTION BECAUSE, AS ONE STUDENT TOLD KRON 4'S JUSTINE WALDMAN, THE PRINCIPAL DOES NOT LIKE THE STUDENT WHO WON:

Sebastian Kaplan, student: "Yeah, I wanted to get more involved and change some things."

SEBASTIAN KAPLAN IS NOW INVOLVED IN A SLIGHT CONTROVERSY WHEN ALL HE WANTED WAS TO BE HIS 7TH GRADE REPRESENTATIVE AT EVERETT MIDDLE SCHOOL IN SAN FRANCISCO'S MISSION DISTRICT.

Kaplan: "I feel like it is disrespectful to everyone who was running because we're not getting the results."

SEBASTIAN TELLS ME THE RESULTS OF THE STUDEN GOVERNMENT ELECTIN HELD ON OCTOBER 10TH HAVE NOT COME OUT YET. HE AND THE OTHER CANDIDATES WERE TOLD THIS WEEK IT IS BECAUSE THE PRINCIPAL BELIEVES THE WINNERS ARE NOT DIVERSE ENOUGH.

Kaplan: "The organizers are saying things like we want everyone's voice to be heard. But in truth the voters' voices are not being heard. Most kids are in agreement that it's not fair and the results need be given out because people worked really hard on it."

WHILE KEEPING THE RESULTS SECRET, THE PRINCIPAL TOLD SEBASTIAN THE SCHOOL COULD ADD POSITONS TO BETTER REFLECT THE STUDENT BODY. THE WHOLE ISSUE HAS TAUGHT SEABASTIAN A TOUGH LESSON IN POLITICS.

Kaplan: "The whole school voted for those people, so it is not like people rigged the game. But in a way, now it is kinda being rigged."

FOR NOW, SEBASTIAN JUST WANTS TO KNOW IF HE WON OR LOST.

JUSTINE WALDMAN KRON 4 NEWS

ANCHOR: KRON 4 REACHED OUT TO THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS FOR THEIR COMMENTS ON THE ELECTION, BUT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE AT THIS TIME.

EDUCATION

10/23/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Teacher of the Week Profile (part of an ongoing series focusing on the contributions of teachers to Bay Area youth and community)

KRON FOUR HAS BEEN HONORING BAY AREA TEACHERS AND TONIGHT IT IS A MUCH - LOVED KINDERGARTEN TEACHER. OUR TEACHER OF THE WEEK IS FROM GLENWOOD ELEMENTARY IN SAN RAFAEL. CATHERINE HEENAN IS HERE TO TELL US ABOUT HER:

JANE GRAY SAYS SHE BEGAN AS A CLASSROOM VOLUNTEER AND LOVED IT SO MUCH, SHE BECAME A FULL-TIME TEACHER. THAT WAS 12 YEARS AGO, AND SHE STILL CALLS HER JOB "AMAZING."

ONE OF JANE GRAY'S KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS AT GLENWOOD ELEMENRRARY SUMMED IT UP THIS WAY - SHE LOVES PLAYING OUTSIDE *AND* IN THE CLASSROOM.

ANY TEACHER WHO CAN MAKE CHILDREN LOOK FORWARD TO BOTH MUST BE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT.

Student: "She's nice and she let's us play."

BUT LIKE THIS ALPHABET GAME, JANE MAKES LEARNING SEEM LIKE PLAYING.

Mom who is also a teacher's assistant: "They're happy. I don't even think kthey know they're learning because they're having so much fun with her."

EVERYONE GETS INVOLVED. EVERYONE PAYS ATTENTION. WITH CHILDREN THIS AGE, WE USUALLY HAVE TO GENTLY REMIND THEM NOT TO WAVE AT THE CAMERA AND JUMP AROUND. NOT IN MISS GRAY'S CLASS.

Mom/assistant #2: "Yes, Mrs. Gray runs a tight ship! She expects a high level of behavior and they respond to her because they just love her. Her lessons are so engaging."

Student: "Whatever she says, because she's the teacher we listen. Because she's the boss of this class."

THERE'S ART AND COLOR EVERYWHERE. MONARCH BUTTERFLIES. AUTUMN TREES. A CORNER FOR 'BIRTHDAY CAPES'. AND NO PRE-PRINTED LABELS. THE CHILDREN ARE LEARNING TO READ AND WRITE AND HAVE LABELED EVERYTHING FROM THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER TO THE MIRROR.

Mrs. Gray: "It never fails to amaze me how incredibly capable and competent kindergarteners are. They're usually thought of as young and they can't do much and we always hear 'oh it's only kindergarten.' For me, it's 'only' the foundation everything else comes from."

JANE WANTS EVERY STUDENT TO GO INTO THE WORLD KNOWING THAT THEY'RE CARED FOR AND BELIEVING THEY CAN LEARN ANYTHING. IN THIS CLASS, THEY'RE OFF TO A GOOD START.

EDUCATION

10/28/15 KRON 4 News at 11p

Community concerns over abrupt closure of local charter school

IT APPEARS A CHARTER SCHOOL IN PITTSBURG IS ON LIFE SUPPORT. THIS, AFTER PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF S-E-P HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVED LETTERS FROM THE COMPANY THAT MANAGES THE SCHOOL SAYING IT IS TERMINATING ITS CONTRACT WITH THE SCHOOL. KRON 4'S PHILIPPE DJEGAL SPOKE WITH FAMILIES DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT IS ON THE HORIZON:

THERE IS DEEP CONCERN AND OUTRAGE HERE.

Jessica Moore-Diaz, student: "This has been pretty difficult. The staff and my friends here are all like a big family to me."

WE SPOKE WITH STUDENTS, LIKE 8TH GRADER JESSICA MOORE-DIAZ, WHO SAY THEY SIMPLY DIDN'T FIT IN AT ANY OTHER SCHOOL BEFORE COMING HERE, AND THAT IF THIS SCHOOL DOES GO AWAY, THEY WOULD ABSOLUTELY BE LOST.

Moore-Diaz: "It's a lot easier for me to learn the academics here. They're a lot more engaging than at public schools."

THE GRANDMOTHER OF ONE OF THE STUDENTS SHARED THE LETTER SHE RECEIVED FROM ENCORE EDUCATION CORPORATION ON SATURDAY. E-E-C IS THE COMPANY THAT MANAGES AND OPERATES SYNERGY EDUCATION PROJECT HIGH SCHOOL. IN THE LETTER, EEC STATED IT HAS INFORMED THE S-E-P HIGH SCHOOL BOARD AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT ENCORE IS TERMINATING ITS MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WITH THE SCHOOL. IT DOES NOT GIVE A REASON, BUT STUDENTS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS TELL KRON 4 IT'S ALL ABOUT MONEY.

ENCORE SAYS ITS UP TO THE SCHOOL BOARD TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO KEEP THE SCHOOL OPEN. BUT AS OF NOW, THE DOORS WILL CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 18TH.

HELEN KINMON DESCRIBES HOW SHE FELT WHEN SHE RECEIVED THE LETTER ON HER GRANDDAUGHTER'S BEHALF...

Kinmon: "It was devastating. Heartbreaking. I knew the letter was coming, but didn't know what it would say because on Wednesday Nicole came home from school asking if I'd received an email about the school closing. But I thought, no the school's not closing. Little did I know that on Saturday I was going to get a certified letter that told me the school would close on November 18th. Why would they open a school for 2 months and then just close it all of a sudden? It doesn't make sense and it's leaving everybody a little bit hopeless. We're up in the air about what are we going to do."

KINMON ADDED S-E-P IS A SCHOOL WHERE, FOR ONCE, HER GRANDDAUGHTER LOOKED FORWARD TO ATTENDING.

THE SCHOOL SPECIALIZES IN ARTS, DANCE AND MUSIC AND IS A PLACE WHERE STUDENTS WHO DIDN'T DO WELL IN A TRADITIONAL EDUCATIONAL SETTING HAVE EXCELLED. THERE ARE JUST OVER 200 STUDENTS AND ABOUT A HALF DOZEN TEACHERS. MARGIE DIGIRGIO IS ONE OF THEM...

DiGirgio: "Many people have put their hearts and souls into this place. To see it disappear just because a company came in, promised the world and then took it away within a matter of three months is unacceptable."

THIS SCHOOL HAS BEEN OPEN SINCE 2012. WE SPOKE WITH THE UPSET PARENTS, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS. THEY SAY ALL THEY CAN DO RIGHT NOW IS TRY TO RAISE SOME MONEY AND HOPEFULLY IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE. THEY'VE SET UP AN ACCOUNT AT GOFUNDME DOT COM. THEY SAY IF THAT IS NOT SUCCESSFUL THEN THESE STUDENTS WILL NOT BE GOING TO SCHOOL ANY TIME SOON.

PHILIPPE DJEGAL KRON 4 NEWS

EDUCATION

11/3/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Another East Bay arts school faces closure

THE CLOCK IS TICKING FOR ONE EAST BAY MAGNET SCHOOL. THE SAN LORENZO SCHOOL BOARD HAS ISSUED A DEADLINE THE SCHOOL MUST GROW BY 100 STUDENTS BY THE END OF THE YEAR, OR ELSE IT WILL BE MERGED WITH A LARGER HIGH SCHOOL. STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ARE EXPRESSING THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PLAN. KRON 4'S JEFF BUSH HAS THE LATEST:

TODAY WAS A PROTEST DAY AS STUDENTS AT THE EAST BAY **ARTS** HIGH SCHOOL MARCHED TO THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AFTER CLASS. THEY WANTED TO SHOW A UNITED FRONT AND TO TELL THE SCHOOL BOARD NOT TO CLOSE THEIR SCHOOL. BUT THE CLOCK IS TICKING AND TEACHERS AND STUDENTS SAY THE BOARD'S TIME LINE IS NOT FAIR...100 STUDENTS BY MID-DECEMBER.

Doug Spaulding, teacher: "The are premising it on our ability to attract 100 students who choose us as a first choice, whether or not we can do that on such a short timeline."

Student: "Yes, the school is small and you may see that as a problem. But to us, it is our strength. Due to its size, everyone knows each other and somebody will always have their arms open for you."

Student: "It's like they are trying to delete the arts from our school."

EDUCATION

11/20/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Teacher of the Week – part of an on-going series highlight the work of Bay Area teachers

KRON 4 HAS BEEN HONORING SOME OF THE BAY AREA'S BEST TEACHERS IN A SEGMENT WE CALL TEACHER OF THE WEEK. CATHERINE HEENAN IS HERE TO TELL US ABOUT A PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER IN SONOMA COUNTY WHO SAYS HER JOB WILL BE DONE WHEN HER STUDENTS DON'T NEED HER ANY MORE. BUT THAT'S PROBABLY NEVER:

THAT'S HER MESSAGE THOUGH AND YOU'LL SEE WHY. IT'S PRETTY IMPRESSIVE. HER NAME IS NANCY WILLIAMS AND SHE'S DOING EXACTLY WHAT SHE SAYS SHE DREAMED ABOUT DOING SINCE SEVENTH GRADE. SHE CONFIDENTLY CALLS HER CLASSES THE BEST ON CAMPUS AND A LOT OF STUDENTS AGREE.

YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE CALM BEFORE A STORM OF ACTIVITY. THIS IS "ALTERNATIVE FITNESS", ONE OF THE CLASSES TAUGHT BY NANCY WILLIAMS AT ANALY HIGH IN SEBASTOPOL.

Williams: "So you're going to get a big dose of a cardio blast..."

THERE ARE KIDS ON CAMPUS WHO SIGN UP JUST TO GET THEIR P.E. CREDITS AND THEN MAKE A STARTLING DISCOVERY. NANCY IS REALLY, REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT GETTING THEM IN SHAPE – FOR LIFE.

Williams: "Okay, pull those abs in, shoulders in your back pockets, march it out!"

THEY START SLOWLY THEN BEGIN BUILDING UP MOMENTUM. SHE'S NOT KIDDING WITH THE SIGN OUTSIDE THAT SAYS BRING A "GET AFTER IT" ATTITUDE.

Williams, hopping: "Come on!"

IT GETS INTENSE AND GOES ON FOR 90 MINUTES. BUT THESE KIDS HAVE A TEACHER WHO THINKS THIS CAN CHANGE LIVES.

Williams: "I want them to feel their best. And it has nothing to do with how skinny they are or what size jeans they can put on. I want them to walk with their shoulders back and be the best version of them. And usually we feel that way when we feel more fit."

THE STUDENTS LAUGH AT THE MUSIC CHOICES, WORK HARD AND NANCY'S ENTHUSIASM IS CONTAGIOUS.

Lily Zarate, student: "She just has such a great spirit. I just see her and it brightens my day. Yes, I'm going to work out! It's alt-fit time!"

Kayla Bieri, student: "She's happy all the time, even when she's having a rough time.

Williams: "It's only 20 seconds. It's only 20!"

SHE SHOWS THEM ALL KINDS OF WORKOUTS THEY CAN DO ANYWHERE WITH LITTLE OR NO EQUIPMENT. AND ACTUALLY GETS THEM TO LIKE IT.

Emilee Pilisdorf, student: "I hated working out so much. But with her, knowing what I was doing and what it was doing to my body in a healthy way, it made me love working out."

AND DURING QUIET TIME, WHICH THEY'VE EARNED, THEY ALSO HAVE TIME TO REFLECT ON WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED.

IT'S ALWAYS GREAT TO SEE WHEN SOMEONE REALLY LIKES THEIR JOB AND NANCY SAYS SHE'S GOT THE BEST JOB ON EARTH.

EDUCATION

11/12/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

New study to look at teen suicide rates in local school district

JOINING FORCES TO CURB TEENAGE SUICIDES. TONIGHT WE ARE LEARNING THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS REACHED OUT TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION TO LOOK INTO WHY SO MANY TEENAGERS IN PALO ALTO HAVE TAKEN THEIR OWN LIVES. KRON 4'S PHILIPPE DJEGAL IS LIVE IN PALO ALTO AT GUNN HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE SPOKE WITH A PARENT WHO APPLAUDS THIS STUDY:

BACK IN 2009, AT LEAST FOUR STUDENTS FROM THIS HIGH SCHOOL TOOK THEIR OWN LIVES AS WAS REPORTEDLY ALSO THE CASE AT PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL LAST YEAR AND THAT'S WHY PAIGE PARSONS SAYS THIS STUDY COULDN'T COME OUT FAST ENOUGH.

Paige Parsons, parent: "My hope is that there's just some strategies helping to deal with student stress and how to be more open about suicide."

PAIGE PARSONS' 16 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER EMMA IS TECHNICALLY STILL A SENIOR AT GUNN HIGH SCHOOL. BUT SINCE MIDWAY THOROUGH HER JUNIOR YEAR, EMMA HAS BEEN ENROLLED IN THE MIDDLE COLLEGE PROGRAM AT FOOTHILL COLLEGE. A CHANCE FOR HER TO EARN COLLEGE CREDITS AS SHE PREPARES FOR HER NEXT STEP IN LIFE, IN WHAT IS OFTEN A VERY STRESSFUL TIME FOR TEENS.

Parsons: "She started the program, really, as a reaction to the suicides and the pressure at school. It's just something that she felt wasn't being handled particularly well and she felt there were going to be changes in the long term, but just not soon enough for her. So, she chose a path more appropriate and less stressful for her."

THE CDC HAS CONDUCTED SIMILAR STUDIES IN OTHER U.S. CITIES. IT WILL ANALYZE THE CURRICULUM IN THE PALO ALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND HOW THE ACADEMIC STRESS COMPARES TO OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

PARSONS SAYS THE DISTRICT HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO PARENTS, BY HOLDING MEETINGS ABOUT SUICIDE PREVENTION. BUT SHE HOPES THIS NEW STUDY WILL LEAD TO QUICK CHANGES THAT WILL SAVE LIVES.

Parsons: "How to talk more with your children. Recognize the signs, and that basically, the more information the better."

EDUCATION

11/20/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Some parents complain about conditions at local school

PARENTS ARE UPSET. THEY SAY THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH TABLES AND BENCHES, LEAVING SOME SOUTH BAY SCHOOL CHILDREN TO EAT THEIR LUNCH ON THE GROUND. ONE FRUSTRATED PARENT HAS NOW STARTED A PETITION DRIVE FOR SUPPORT. KRON FOUR'S ROB FLADEBOE HAS MORE ON THIS IN THE LATEST 'MY KRON 4 STORY.

Felicia Andrade, parent: "I'm not trying to cause trouble. I just want to help."

FELICIA ANDRADE IS THE MOTHER OF A KINDERGARTNER HERE AT HACIENDA ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE MAGNET SCHOOL IN SAN JOSE. WHILE SHE HAS NOTHING BUT PRAISE FOR THE ACADEMICS HERE, ANDRADE SAYS LUNCH TIME STAFFING AND PROTOCOL IS SADLY LACKING.

Andrade: "We want all our kids to have equal access to facilities."

ANDRADE SAYS THERE AREN'T ENOUGH TABLES AND BENCHES TO GO AROUND. BY THE TIME HER DAUGHTER AND THE OTHER HOT LUNCH KIDS ARRIVE FROM THE CAFETERIA, WHICH THESE PHOTOS SHE TOOK SHOW, THE SEATS ARE ALL TAKEN BY THE LUNCH FROM HOME KIDS, LEAVING THE OTHERS TO EAT ON THE GROUND.

Andrade: "Eating on asphalt is unsanitary."

AN OCCASIONAL PARENT VOLUNTEER HERSELF, ANDRADE IS ALSO CRITICAL OF WHAT SHE SEES AS OVERCROWDING ON THE LONE PLAY STRUCTURE AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE ADULTS ON DUTY AT LUNCH OR A CHANGE IN THE LUNCH SCHEDULE

Andrade: "Maybe they could split the kindergarten class in two."

ANDRADE SAYS HER COMPLAINTS AND A PETITION WITH THE SUPPORT OF SEVENTEEN OTHER PARENTS HAS RUFFLED SOME FEATHERS WITH THE ADMINISTRATION. A SPOKESMAN INSISTED STAFFING IS ADEQUATE AND THAT EATING ON THE GROUND IS A KINDERGARTEN TRADITION AT HACIENDA, ADDING THAT THEY WILL SEE TO IT THAT ANDRADE'S DAUGHTER EATS LUNCH AT A TABLE FROM NOW ON.

Andrade: "I don't want to slander the school or the teachers. I just want to help."

IN SAN JOSE ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

EDUCATION

12/4/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Local schools increase security drills

THE ACT OF TERROR IN SAN BERNARDINO HAS HIGHLIGHTED HOW VULNERABLE OUR SOCIETY IS TO ATTACK. THE GRIM REALITY HAS PUT MANY ON EDGE AND OTHERS PLANNING FOR SAFETY. KRON4'S MAUREEN KELLY WENT TO AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN MARIN, WHICH HELD A LOCKDOWN DRILL TODAY THAT LEFT PARENTS WITH MIXED EMOTIONS THAT THEIR CHILDREN SHOULD BE FORCED TO LEARN SUCH A SOMBER LESSON.

FOR A BRIEF PART OF THE SCHOOL DAY WADE THOMAS ELEMENTARY IN SAN ANSELMO LOOKED EMPTY. SHADES WERE DRAWN. CLASSROOMS DARK AND THE PLAYGROUND DESERTED. THE ONLY MOVEMENT DURING WHAT WAS CALLED A SILENT SAFETY DRILL WAS ADMINISTRATORS GOING AROUND MAKING SURE THE MOCK LOCKDOWN WAS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN.

AFTER THE ALL CLEAR WAS GIVEN, YOU COULD SEE THAT SCHOOL REALLY WAS IN SESSION, THE KIDS HAVING LEARNED WHAT HAS BECOME AN ESSENTIAL LESSON IN TODAY'S AMERICAN REALITY – HOW TO STAY SAFE WHEN TROUBLE COMES.

Student: "We needed to be hidden and quiet and safe, so if there were any real thing on campus we could hide."

SOME STUDENTS I SPOKE TO SAY THEY WERE HIDING FROM A PRETEND GUNMAN, BUT THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL SAYS KIDS MAY HAVE PICKED THAT UP FROM CURRENT EVENTS.

Principal: "We didn't want to frighten them or alarm them. We did not use the term active shooter."

SHE SAYS THIS DRILL WHICH WAS PLANNED WELL BEFORE THE ACT OF TERRORISM IN SAN BERNADINO CAN BE USED TO KEEP KIDS OUT OF HARM'S WAY DURING MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF STRIFE.

Principal: "Gas leak, police activity..."

THE KIDS I TALKED TO TOOK THE DRILL IN STRIDE.

Student; "It was fun hiding for a while, but it would be scary if there was an actual person there."

THE PARENTS HAD MIXED FEELINGS ABOUT IT.

Parent: "There is always a concern that it creates an atmosphere of fear, but I am glad they have procedures. I think it's our new reality."

Parent: "It's not something they should have to deal with. It makes me really mad."

BUT NO PARENT I TALKED TO WAS MAD THAT THE SCHOOL HELD THE DRILL. IF THEY WERE ANGRY, IT WAS AT THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAKE IT A NECESSARY PART OF THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATION.

MAUREEN KELLY KRON4 NEWS

EDUCATION

12/8/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Parents show support of local teachers

PARENTS PULLED THEIR KIDS OUT OF SCHOOL FOR A SECOND CONSECUTIVE DAY IN A PROTEST AIMED AT THE SAN LORENZO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE PROTEST IS TO SUPPORT TEACHERS IN THEIR FIGHT FOR A SALARY INCREASE. SUPERINTENDENT FRED BRILL SAYS ALMOST 800 STUDENTS WERE ABSENT TODAY.

ACCORDING TO THE TEACHERS UNION, THEY ARE ASKING FOR A 6.2 PERCENT BASE PAY RAISE, WHILE DISTRICT OFFICIALS SAY THEY CAN ONLY OFFER A 1.5 PERCENT BUMP.

BECAUSE STUDENTS ARE BEING PULLED OUT OF CLASS, THE DISTRICT HAS LOST THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.

SOME PARENTS AND KIDS PICKETED OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES CARRYING SIGNS WITH MESSAGES LIKE "YOU CAN'T PUT STUDENTS FIRST IF YOU PUT OUR TEACHERS LAST." WE SPOKE WITH ONE PARENT WHO EXPLAINED WHY SHE IS PROTESTING.

Sonia Sablan: "We want them to know that we stand with our teachers, that we are going to fight for them to get better pay. That is solely why we're out here, to fight for them to get what they deserve. These kids' education is worth more than a one percent raise when obviously there are people getting five percent."

THE WALKOUT WAS ORGANIZED BY A SAN LORENZO PARENT USING SOCIAL MEDIA.

EDUCATION

12/9/15 KRON 4 News at 11pm

Controversy at local school as principal faces formal complaints

A STORM HAS BEEN BREWING AT MATTOS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN FREMONT. PARENTS, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ALLEDGE THE PRINCIPAL THERE RULES BY FEAR OF INTIMIDATION AND TONIGHT THAT GROUP HAD ENOUGH. AT A BOARD MEETING TONIGHT, A FORMAL PETITION WAS FILED WITH THE FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, CALLING FOR NEW LEADERSHIP AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. KRON 4'S PHILIPPE DJEGAL SPEAKS WITH PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS ARGUMENT, ALL DESPERATE FOR A SOLUTION. IT'S A STORY YOU WILL ONLY SEE ON KRON 4:

THESE DAYS, IT'S BEEN TRYING TIMES AT MATTOS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. AT THE CENTER OF THE STORM IS LIZA MUZAFERY WHO TOOK OVER AS PRINCIPAL AT THE SCHOOL IN FREMONT AT THE END OF THE 2013 SCHOOL YEAR AND HAS REMAINED IN CHARGE EVER SINCE.

Student: "She makes us feel like we have to feel ashamed in ourselves."

THIS GROUP OF CURRENT STUDENTS AND PARENTS AT MATTOS, AS WELL AS FORMER TEACHERS, ARE AMONG THE 106 PEOPLE WHO HAVE SIGNED A PETITION, STATING THAT THE SCHOOL ONCE KNOWN FOR POSITIVE AND STRONG LEADERSHIP HAS MORPHED INTO A CULTURE OF BELITTLING AND BULLYING.

Tawney Warren, concerned parent: "We have a large attrition of teachers who have left due to medical reasons."

ONE FORMER TEACHER TELLING KRON 4 OFF-CAMERA THAT MUZAFERY'S ATTITUDE CAUSED SO MUCH STRESS A DOCTOR WOULDN'T ALLOW HER TO RETURN TO WORK. SHE HAS SINCE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT.

STILL, NOT EVERYONE IS AGAINST MUZAFERY.

Aaron Cammarata, concerned parent: "She has been an intelligent, professional driven principal who has worked very hard for our students."

AT A SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENTS SECTION, AT LEAST A DOZEN PEOPLE SPOKE OUT AGAINST MUZAFERY, BUT THREE SPOKE IN FAVOR.

Ryan Ghaith, yard duty supervisor: "During my time there, I worked with no one more fair than Mrs. Muzafery. She's only doing her job."

THOSE IN SUPPORT SAY MUZAFERY HAS HELPED IMPROVED THE CIRICULUM, ESPECIALLY IN SCIENCE, BUT THAT DOESN'T FALL IN LINE WITH THE EXPERIENCES OF OTHERS.

Student: "We just kinda try to avoid her and not be around her."

WE GAVE MRS. MUZAFERY AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS, BUT SHE HAS YET TO REPLY. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SAYS IT CANNOT COMMENT ON PERSONEL MATTERS, BUT ADDS THAT ANY EXISTING COMPLAINT THAT MAY HAVE BEEN FILED WILL BE LOOKED AT THOROUGHLY AS WILL ANY FILED IN THE FUTURE.

IN FREMONT, PHILIPPE DJEGAL KRON FOUR NEWS

EDUCATION

12/14/15 and 12/19/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Controversial homework assignments

A TEXAS FATHER IS OUTRAGED OVER A HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT GIVEN TO HIS SON, A STUDENT AT BEAR CREEK INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL. SIXTH-GRADER KAYDEN PICK MISSED A FEW DAYS OF SCHOOL AFTER GETTING STREP THROAT. HIS FATHER SAYS HE WAS GOING OVER HIS SON'S MAKE-UP WORK FOR SCIENCE CLASS AND CAME ACROSS AN ASSIGNMENT CALLED "THE COCAINE TRADE: FROM FIELD TO STREET." IT LISTED THE STEPS OF THE DRUG TRADE FROM THE CARTELS TO THE DRUG LABS AND HOW IT'S SMUGGLED AND SOLD. THE TEACHER SAYS IT WAS INTENDED AS A CRITICAL THINKING EXERCISE.

MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE TURNED TO FACEBOOK TO SUPPORT A TEACHER RIDICULED FOR A GEOGRAPHY ASSIGNMENT. THE VIRGINIA TEACHER ASKED STUDENTS TO COPY THE ISLAMIC STATEMENT OF FAITH IN ORDER TO EXPERIENCE THE ARTISTIC COMPLEXITY OF CALLIGRAPHY. BUT BACKLASH FROM THE ASSIGNMENT FORCED THE CLOSURE OF AN ENTIRE SCHOOL DISTRICT. A GROUP IN FAVOR OF THE RIVERHEADS HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER GATHERED AT A PARK TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT

Parent: "We want to show her we support her. This was her job. She was just doing what the state requires her to do which is to teach kids, to educate our kids."

THE TEACHER RELEASED A STATEMENT SAYING IN PART-- "THIS NEEDS TO DIE DOWN SO THAT OUR COMMUNITY CAN BEGIN A HEALING PROCESS. I HAVE NO DESIRE TO BE SPOTLIGHTED FOR HOW IT HAS AFFECTED US. I THINK THAT'S BEEN DONE ENOUGH."

THE SCHOOL'S SUPERINTENDENT SAYS A DIFFERENT NON-RELIGIOUS SAMPLE OF ARABIC CALLIGRAPHY WILL BE USED IN THE FUTURE. THE NEXT AUGUSTA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 7TH.

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ENVIRONMENT

10/2/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Drought creates rat problems

THERE'S A GROWING PEST PROBLEM HERE IN THE BAY AREA – RATS FINDING THEIR WAY INTO HOMES, CHEWING ON ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING. BUT THEY MAY BE AFTER JUST ONE THING – WATER. KRON4'S GABE SLATE EXPLAINS WHY THE DROUGHT MAY BE TO BLAME.

NOEL HAS BEEN SPECIALIZING IN WASHER AND DRYER REPAIR FOR OVER 15 YEARS IN THE BAY AREA. HE HAS BEEN SEEING A MAJOR INCREASE IN RATS AND MICE INFESTING PEOPLE'S HOMES AND CHEWING ON DISHWASHER AND WASHER LINES TRYING TO GET TO THE WATER.

SO HERE'S SOME RODENT 101.... THEY CAN GET INTO YOUR HOUSE VERY EASILY. ALL THEY NEED IS A QUARTER INCH OPENING.

ONE QUICK SIMPLE SOLUTION IS TO SMOTHER THE HOSES IN YOUR APPLIANCES WITH SOMETHING UNAPPEALING TO PROTECT THEM. LIKE SIRACHA.

SEE THIS OPENING UNDER THIS DOOR THAT LEADS OUTSIDE, A MOUSE OR RAT CAN FIT UNDER THAT. THEY CAN MAKE THEMSELVES FLAT. THEIR BONES ARE VERY FLEXIBLE. YOU HAVE TO COVER AND BOARD UP EVERY LITTLE OPENING TO YOUR HOUSE.

AND NOW – HOLD ONTO YOUR HAT – YOU'RE ABOUT TO SEE SOMETHING SHOCKING. THEY CAN CRAWL UP YOUR TOILET AND GET INTO YOUR HOUSE THAT WAY. SO KEEP YOUR TOILET LID CLOSED!

NOW YOU CAN HIRE AN EXTERMINATOR, BUT IT'S EXPENSIVE. GENERALLY, BETWEEN \$500 AND \$1000. I DID A TON OF RESEARCH AND I HAVE BECOME AN EXPERT ON RAT AND MOUSE TRAPS. THE KIND YOU CAN BUY AND SET AROUND YOUR HOUSE. IT'S A LOT CHEAPER THAN AN EXTERMINATOR. FOR INFORMATION ON THOSE, LOG ONTO KRON 4 DOT COM.

GABE SLATE KRON 4 NEWS

ENVIRONMENT

10/14/15 KRN 4 News at 8pm

Tracking down the state's biggest water users

DROUGHT SHAMING IS A THING, AND NOW A LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTER IS ON A MISSION TO FIND OUT WHO'S USING 32 THOUSAND GALLONS OF WATER A DAY! THE BIGGEST WATER WASTER IN THE STATE IS IN BEL-AIR, BUT THE LA WATER DEPARTMENT WON'T REVEAL THE EXACT ADDRESS.

THESE ARE CELEBRITY HOMES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA THAT HAVE BEEN DROUGHT SHAMED RECENTLY. TIMES REPORTER STEVE LOPEZ SAYS HE HAS A DROUGHT POSSE SCOURING SATELLITE MAPS, FOLLOWING NEIGHBORHOOD WATER FLOWS, EVEN USING A DRONE.

BY THE WAY, 32 THOUSAND GALLONS A DAY WORKS OUT TO NEARLY 12 MILLION GALLONS A YEAR. FOR A LITTLE PERSPECTIVE, YOU'D HAVE TO FLUSH A TOILET MORE THAN SIX THOUSAND TIMES A DAY TO USE THAT MUCH WATER.

ENVIRONMENT

10/15/15 KRON 4 Evening News
Latest El Nino Predictions

NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT ANOTHER NATURAL DISASTER THREATENING OUR STATE, WHAT THE EXPERTS ARE CALLING THE GODZILLA EL NINO FORMING IN THE PACIFIC. A NEW PREDICTION FROM GOVERNMENT CLIMATOLOGISTS SAY THERE IS NOW VERY LITTLE DOUBT THAT THIS WILL BE A VERY WET WINTER.

AFTER FOUR YEARS OF DROUGHT WE COULD BE SEEING A LOT MORE OF THIS [FOOTAGE OF FLOODS AND MUDSLIDES].

TORRENTIAL DOWNPOURS CAUSING MUDSLIDES, FLOODING AND POWER OUTAGES ... JUST LIKE IN 1997 WHEN A RECORD EL NINO WAS BEING CALLED THE CLIMATE EVENT OF THE CENTURY.

HERE'S A TIMELAPSE, COMPARING 1997 WITH 2015 THE RED SHOWING WARMER SEAS, THE BLUE, COOLER TEMPERATURES. A WARMING PACIFIC OCEAN HAS A DRAMATIC EFFECT ON OUR WEATHER. THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IS PREDICTING A WARM WET WINTER FOR MOST OF THE SOUTHERN U.S.

HERE IN CALIFORNIA, THE LATEST OUTLOOK IS 33 PERCENT MORE RAIN THAN AVERAGE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, 40 PERCENT IN THE BAY AREA, AND 50 PERCENT IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

ONE EXPERT AT NASA'S JET PROPULSION LABORATORY SAYS THE TREND TOWARDS EXTREME WEATHER MAKES IT HARD TO DEFINE WHAT'S NORMAL, BUT CLIMATOLOGIST BILL PATZERT SAYS FOR NORTH AMERICA "THIS WILL DEFINITELY NOT BE A NORMAL WINTER."

THE GOVERNMENT SAYS ITS CURRENT PROJECTIONS CALL FOR EL NINO TO PEAK IN LATE FALL OR EARLY WINTER. THE WETTEST MONTHS ARE EXPECTED TO BE JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH.

ENVIRONMENT

10/21/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Drought impacts Yosemite

ACROSS CALIFORNIA, THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF DROUGHT CONDITIONS DRAGS ON AND THAT INCLUDES IN YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK. THE RIVERS AND STREAMS THERE ARE VERY LOW AND THERE'S VIRTUALLY NO SNOWPACK LEFT IN THE MOUNTAINS. THIS WEEK WE VISITED YOSEMITE AND SPOKE WITH THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE. THEY SAY THAT THE DRY WEATHER IS TAKING TOLL:

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, LIKE THE REST OF CALIFORNIA, IS DEALING WITH A FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF DROUGHT. THE MOST OBVIOUS SIGNS OF DRY CONDITIONS ARE IN THE RIVERS AND STREAMS, ESPECIALLY THE MERCED RIVER.

National Park Service spokesperson: "The river level is incredibly low right now. It's always low in the fall, but right now it's incredibly low. We haven't had a snowpack in a long time and what we did have melted early and we have dry conditions around the park."

THE PARK'S TWO BIG WATERFALLS, YOSEMITE AND BRIDAL VEIL, DRIED UP EARLIER IN THE SUMMER THAN USUAL, ALTHOUGH BOTH HAVE TEMPORARILY REAPPEARED THIS WEEK.

Spokesperson: "Last week Yosemite Falls was bone dry, but this little bit of rain we got over the weekend brought it and Bridal Veil falls back to life."

THE DRY WEATHER HAS ALSO INCREASED FIRE DANGER. THE PARK SERVICE HAS RECENTLY EXTINGUISHED SEVERAL LIGHTNING- AND HUMAN-CAUSED FIRES. THEY'VE ALSO TAKEN STEPS TO PREVENT ANOTHER MORE ACCIDENTAL BLAZES.

Spokesperson: "We restricted fire in the higher elevations and the backcountry. We do a lot of this kind of thing; we talk about fire safety."

THE DRY WEATHER HAS ALSO STRESSED MANY OF THE TREES AROUND THE PARK, MAKING THEM SUSCEPTIBLE TO PESTS SUCH AS BARK BEETLES. BUT YOSEMITE'S WILDLIFE, INCLUDING BEARS AND COYOTES, SEEM TO BE TAKING THE DRY WEATHER IN STRIDE.

Spokesperson: "The animals are fine. People forget sometimes how adaptable these animals are and drought is just part of the natural process. We haven't seen any huge impact to wildlife."

WHILE THE ONGOING DROUGHT CERTAINLY PUTS STRESS ON YOSEMITE'S RIVERS, TREES AND WILDLIFE, THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE IS QUICK TO POINT OUT THAT HISTORICALLY SPEAKING LONG PERIODS OF DRY WEATHER ARE NORMAL.

Spokesperson: "For the most part, the park is incredibly resilient. We aren't seeing any huge die off of plants or animals. It's just part of the natural environment here in Yosemite."

IN YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

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10/22/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Yosemite El Nino concerns?

FORECASTS ARE PREDICTING THAT BECAUSE OF EL NINO, MOST OF CALIFORNIA WILL PROBABLY SEE ABOVE AVERAGE RAINFALL THIS WINTER. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IS EXPECTED TO GET HIT THE HARDEST, BUT YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK COULD ALSO SEE ABOVE AVERAGE PRECIPITATION. THE PARK DOES HAVE A HISTORY OF VERY DRAMATIC FLOODING AND EARLIER THIS WEEK KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD WAS IN YOSEMITE AND ASKED THE PARK SERVICE IF THEY ARE PREPARED FOR A WET WINTER:

THIS WAS THE YOSEMITE VALLEY BACK IN JANUARY OF 1997. WARM, HEAVY RAIN COMBINED WITH A RAPIDLY MELTING SNOWPACK FLOODED SEVERAL STREAMS AND THE MERCED RIVER. THOUSANDS OF PARK VISITORS WERE STRANDED FOR DAYS UNTIL THE WATERS RECEDED. IT WAS THE WORST FLOODING IN THE RECORDED HISTORY OF THE YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK. IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE FLOOD, THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MADE EXTENSIVE CHANGES ALONG THE RIVER.

Park Service spokesperson: "Since 1997, the park has moved campgrounds away from the river. That's to both mitigate flood impacts and to work with the Merced River plan that the park is in the process of implementing."

EVEN THOUGH THERE IS A HIGH LIKELIHOOD THAT THE LARGE EL NINO IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN WILL SEND HEAVY RAINS INTO CALIFORNIA THIS WINTER, THE PARK SERVICE SAYS THAT A REPEAT OF THE 1997 FLOOD IS UNLIKELY.

Spokesperson: "If we get heavy rains with the El Nino this year, the difference between that and 1997 is that we had that huge snowpack in 1997. We don't have that now. If we get warmer weather with heavier rains, the river is going to have much more capacity to handle that water."

THE PARK SERVICE IS ALSO HOPING THAT A WET WINTER WILL RESULT IN A DEEP SNOWPACK WHICH COULD HELP RELIEVE DROUGHT CONDITIONS AND KEEP THE STREAMS, RIVERS AND WATERFALLS FLOWING THOROUGH NEXT SUMMER.

Spokesperson: "We would certainly love to see lots of snow in the upper elevations here in the park. It helps to feed the reservoirs, but we would be glad to have the rain as well."

CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

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10/22/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Tough new wood burning restrictions

NEW CHANGES COMING AFFECTING WOOD BURNING DEVICES IN HOMES. TODAY, THE BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT IMPOSED TOUGHER RESTRICTIONS ON RESIDENTS CONCERNING WHAT TYPE OF DEVICES YOU CAN PUT IN YOUR HOMES. PLUS, THE BOARD IS MANDATING RESIDENTS REGISTER THEIR STOVES OR FIREPLACES. AS KRON 4'S TERISA ESTACIO REPORTS, IT IS ALL IN ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE THE AIR QUALITY:

WHEN IT COMES TO REMODELING, THE NEW RULES PASSED BY THE BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT INCLUDE MANDATE THAT ALL JOBS OVER 15 THOUSAND DOLLARS MUST HAVE A WOOD BURNING DEVICE THAT IS EPA CERTIFIED OR IS EITHER A GAS OR ELECTRIC INSERT. IN NEW CONSTRUCTION, THE NEW REGULATIONS BLOCK ANY NEW WOOD BURNING DEVICES TO BE INSTALLED... THEY CAN ONLY BE GAS OR ELECTRIC. IN ADDITION, THOSE HOMEOWNERS WHO RELY ON WOOD BURNING DEVICES MUST NOW HAVE A DEVICE THAT IS EPA CERTIFIED AND REGISTERED WITH THE BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. ALL OF THESE NEW RULES GO INTO EFFECT IN 2016. THIS IS BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT SPOKESPERSON AARON RICHARDSON...

Richardson: "We know the particles cause pollution in the Bay Area."

RICHARDSON ADDS THE RULES WILL MEAN THAT ALL DEVICES SOLD STARTING IN JANUARY OF 2016 IN THE BAY AREA MUST COMPLY WITH FEDERAL EPA STANDARDS.

JULEE FLORES IS IN THE PROCESS OF REMODELING HER SAN MATEO COUNTY HOME. SHE SAYS THAT HER FAMILY RECENTLY TOOK OUT SOME OLD WOOD BURNING DEVICES AND ALL OF THE NEW HOMES WILL BE GAS AND ELECTRIC.

Flores:

FOR THOSE NOT GOING THROUGH A REMODEL, BUT WHO WANT TO MAKE SOME CHANGES, THE BOARD IS LOOKING TO HELP RESIDENTS BY SETTING UP A GRANT PROGRAM. THE DETAILS ARE NOT AVAILABLE YET, BUT RICHARDSON SAYS THEY MAY TRY AND PAY 50 PERCENT OF THE COSTS TO SWITCH OUT A WOOD DEVICE FOR CLEANER ONE.

IN SAN MATEO COUNTY TERISA ESTACIO KRON 4 NEWS

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10/23/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm
El Nino Safety Warnings

FOR MONTHS, A HUGE EL NINO HAS BEEN FORMING IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN. FORECASTERS HAVE BEEN WARNING THAT THIS MASS OF WARM WATER NEAR THE EQUATOR COULD SUPERCHARGE CALIFORNIA'S RAINY SEASON, BRINGING ABOVE AVERAGE RAINFALL AND WARMER THAN NORMAL TEMPERATURES ALL ACROSS THE SOUTHWEST AND INTO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

ON FRIDAY, NOAA METEOROLOGISTS ALSO ADMITTED THAT RIGHT NOW THE PACIFIC OCEAN IS FAR MORE ACTIVE THAN THEY ORIGINALLY THOUGHT, AS EVIDENCED BY THE APPEARANCE OF MASSIVE HURRICANE PATRICIA. THEY, ALONG WITH FEMA OFFICIALS, ARE NOW WARNING EVERYONE IN CALIFORNIA TO TAKE THE EL NINO THREAT SERIOUSLY AND TO BE AWARE THAT POWERFUL STORMS AND FLOODING COULD BE A VERY REAL POSSIBILITY IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

THEY WANT TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT IT ONLY TAKES 6 INCHES OF WATER TO KNOCK A PERSON DOWN AND 2 FEET OF WATER TO SWEEP AWAY A VEHICLE.

IN PREPARATION, THEY'RE ASKING THAT EVERYONE KEEP AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY OF AT LEAST 72 HOURS WORTH OF FOOD AND WATER IN THEIR CARS AND HOMES. THEY ALSO ADVISE KEEPING BLANKETS AND A WINDOW BREAKER INSIDE VEHICLES.

AND FINALLY, FEMA AND NOAA WANT PEOPLE TO PAY ATTENTION TO WEATHER REPORTS DURING BIG STORMS. FEMA IS ALSO PLANNING ON SENDING OUT PUSH ALERTS THROUGH THEIR SMARTPHONE APP, WHICH CAN BE DOWNLOADED FOR FREE.

YOU CAN ALSO KEEP UP TO DATE ON THE CURRENT WEATHER SITUATION BY DOWNLOADING KRON 4'S FREE WEATHER APP.

IN MARIN COUNTY CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

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11/2-11/6 Various dates and newscasts
Weeklong series of special reports focused on local preparations for El Nino

Examples of stories:

UTILITY COMPANIES AROUND THE BAY AREA ARE GETTING READY FOR WHAT IS EXPECTED TO BE A WINTER OF HEAVY RAINS. TONIGHT, KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE SHOWS US HOW PG&E IS MAKING PLANS TO DEAL WITH THE STORMY WEATHER. HOPING FOR THE BEST AND PREPARING FOR THE WORST, PG&E'S PREPARATION ALSO INCLUDES SOME HELPFUL AND POTENTIALLY LIFESAVING ADVICE:

Kevin Clifford, PGE meteorologist: "It kind of has a wave effect around the planet."

AT A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON EL NINO PREPAREDNESS, PG&E'S OWN METEOROLOGIST SAYS MAKE NO MISTAKE, EL NINO IS COMING. THE ONLY QUESTION IS WHEN.

Clifford: "It will take a week or to for us to to see this pattern has established itself and see it for a couple of weeks before we can say El Nino is happening. You kind of have to be in it to know it."

ONCE WE'RE IN IT, PG&E EXPECTS AND WILL BE READY FOR A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF STORM-RELATED POWER OUTAGES, MANY OF THEM CAUSED BY POWER LINES DOWNED BY FALLING TREES, WHICH OCCUR MOST OFTEN IN PLACES LIKE THE SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS. BUT IT CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE.

Barry Anderson, VP PG&E: "Make sure you remind your family to look out for downed power lines and if you see one call 911 or PG&E. That can be extremely important. We never know what lines may be energized."

THE UTILITY IS ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO HAVE AN EMERGENCY SURVIVAL KIT LIKE THIS ONE WITH FOOD AND WATER, FIRST AID SUPPLIES, A PORTABLE RADIO, FLASHLIGHT AND EXTRA BATTERIES.

Cynthia Shaw, American Red Cross: "Make a plan. Talk with your families. What are you going to do if you should be separated. In an evacuation order or if there's a mudslide and you can't get back together."

Jim Call, Alameda County Fire Department: "You see people who try to drive through water that's too deep or not seeing the downed power lines. So really, having that situational awareness and not taking risks."

PG&E'S IN-HOUSE FORECAST, BASED ON PREVIOUS WEATHER PATTERNS, SUGGESTS THE BRUNT OF THIS LATEST EL NINO LIKELY WON'T ARRIVE UNTIL JANUARY, BUT THE TIME TO PREPARE, THEY SAY, IS NOW.

AS THIS VOLUNTEER FOUND OUT DURING A DRILL HERE AT THE UTILITY'S FREMONT FACILITY ON TUESDAY, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER IF YOU ARE TRAPPED IN YOUR CAR BY A DOWNED POWER LINE IS TO STAY IN YOUR CAR UNTIL HELP ARRIVES.

Dane Lobb, PG&E: "Call 911. Have emergency responders go out and they'll arrive on the scene and protect you until PG&E can get to the scene and make it safe for you to get out of your vehicle."

DOWNED POWER LINES ARE ALL TOO COMMON DURING WINTER STORMS AROUND THE BAY AREA AND THE POTENTIAL IS THAT MUCH GREATER WITH WEATHER FORECASTS INDICATING THE INTENSITY OF EL NINO-DRIVEN STORMS WILL EVEN GREATER THIS WINTER. PG&E'S LOBB COACHED THIS VOLUNTEER HOW BEST TO JUMP CLEAR OF THE VEHICLE AND AVOID CONTACT WITH ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE TOUCHING IT.

Lobb: "What we saw there was we told the occupant to stand up in their doorwell with their back up against the roof, cross their arms across their chest and jump clear of the car. They don't have to jump very far, a foot or two and not coming down in contact with the vehicle. And then hopping with their feet together or shuffling one foot in front of the other at least 30 feet from their vehicle."

THAT HOP AND SHUFFLE, SAYS LOBB, LESSENS THE CHANCES YOU WILL MAKE CONTACT WITH THE ENERGY FIELD FROM A LIVE WIRE. HE POINTS OUT WE SHOULD ALWAYS ASSUME THAT ANY DOWNED WIRE IS A LIVE WIRE.

IN FREMONT ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS.

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EXPERTS ARE PREDICTING A VERY WET RAINY SEASON FOR THE BAY AREA BECAUSE OF EL NINO. THAT COULD BE PROBLEMATIC FOR THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO SINCE TORRENTIAL DOWNPOURS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO CAUSING FLOODING AND OTHER PROBLEMS. KRON4' S MAUREEN KELLY CHECKED IN WITH OFFICIALS ABOUT WHAT IS BEING DONE IN ADVANCE OF WHAT COULD BE A SOGGY COUPLE OF MONTHS TO COME.

THE AGENCY IN CHARGE OF THE CITY'S WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS ARE OUT CLEANING STORM DRAINS OF DEBRIS SO WHEN THE RAIN COMES, WATER WILL FLOW THROUGH. IN THIS VIDEO FROM LAST YEAR, YOU CAN SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THINGS GET CLOGGED UP – BIG POOLS FORM AND BLOCK STREETS.

THE EQUIPMENT THEY ARE USING TO DO THIS WORK IS CALLED A VAC CON TRUCK. IT'S BASICALLY A VACUUM ON WHEELS. EXCEPT IT'S A LOT MORE PWOERFUL THAN WHAT YOU HAVE AT HOME. I HAVE TO WEAR EAR PLUGS TO BE AROUND IT AND IT'S PICKING UP STUFF THAT'S WAY MORE HEAVY DUTY THAN WHAT YOU WILL FIND IN YOUR CARPET.

BUT NOT MATTER HOW MUCH CLEANING THEY DO IN ADVANCE OF EL NINO, THEY MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO PREVENT FLOODING. THIS VIDEO SHOWS WHAT HAPPENED IN THE MISSION LAST YEAR.

City spokesperson: "We don't want people to panic, but if you are in a low lying area that has flooded in the past you might flood this year. We are really doing our part as a city to be prepared but we are asking people to do their part and protect their properties."

THE CITY OFFERS FLOODWATER GRANTS THAT REIMBURSES RESIDENTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS LIKE THESE FLOOD GATES HERE. A SIMPLER STEP WOULD BE TO PICK UP FREE SANDBAGS. THE CITY IS ALSO ASKING RESIDENTS TO HELP OUT IF THEY SEE TROUBLE, SINCE WITH 25 THOUSAND STORM DRAINS IN THE CITY HEY CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE ALL AT ONCE.

City spokesperson: "If you see clogged catch basins where water is ponding and pooling and it looks really deep people should call 311. But if it's just a little bit of leaves, we are asking people to help us out and do it themselves."

LIKE A STORM DRAIN, 3-1-1 CAN ALSO GET CLOGGED UP WHEN THEY GET FLOODED WITH PEOPLE CALLING IN TO REPORT TROUBLE SPOTS. SO THE CITY CREATED A FIX SO THEY CAN TRACK EVEN THE CALLS THEY CAN'T ANSWER.

City spokesperson: "We've created this map that works in real time to help us see where the clusters of calls are coming in from, so we can prioritize where we can send out crews."

THOSE CREWS GETTING READY FOR THE RAIN SAY THEY ARE PREPARED FOR WHAT EVER MOTHER NATURE HAS TO THROW AT THEM.

Crew member: "We were born ready!"

MAUREEN KELLY KRON4 NEWS

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SAN FRANCISCO RESIDENTS ARE ALREADY SHOWING UP AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE YARD TO PICK UP THE 10 FREE SANDBAGS THEY ARE ALLOTTED.

Resident: "El Nino is coming. It's winter time. We just want to get prepared in advance. When the rain comes, there's going to be a long time out of here."

THE CITY PLANS TO HAVE AS MANY AS 20 THOUSAND SAND BAGS READY TO GO AT ANY GIVEN TIME AND THIS YEAR TO MAKE IT EASIER ON PEOPLE THEY PLAN TO HAND THEM OUT AT MORE SOON TO BE ANNOUNCED LOCATIONS.

DPW spokesperson: "We are looking at six other spots, giving them out on Saturdays starting this month."

PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO GET A LITTLE NUTS OVER THESE SANDBAGS. THE DPW SAYS THEY GAVE OUT 16 THOUSAND IN JUST A FEW DAYS IN ADVANCE OF A BIG STORM LAST DECEMBER. IT GOT SO CRAZY THEY HAD TO CALL IN THE POLICE FOR CROWD CONTROL WHILE THERE IS A LOT OF HYPE OVER THIS EL NINO, THE CITY IS ASKING THAT PEOPLE USE THEIR HEADS AND TO THINK IF THEY REALLY NEED THEM.

DPW spokesperson: "If your property has not flooded in the past...there's a very good chance it's not going to flood this time."

CITY ARBORISTS ARE ALSO OUT AT WORK TRYING TO PREVENT AS MANY TREES AS POSSIBLE FROM FALLING DOWN. LIKE YOU SEE HERE IN THIS VIDEO FROM A STORM LAST YEAR, THIS COULD BE A BIG YEAR FOR THAT SINCE TREES CAN WEAKEN IN THE DROUGHT.

DPW spokesperson: "If trees haven't had a lot of water for a while, each drop is a weight and that can really make a tree more vulnerable. If the root system is at all compromised and the ground is dry, it's easier for a tree to topple."

THE CITY IS ASKING RESIDENTS TO REPORTS ANY TREES THEY THINK MIGHT BE VULNERABLE SO THEY CAN BE CHECKED OUT BY AN INSPECTOR.

MAUREEN KELLY KRON4 NEWS

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11/6/15 KRON 4 Evening News
Controversial new plan at San Francisco's Ocean Beach

TO COPE WITH OVERFLOWING TRASH CANS AT OCEAN BEACH IN SAN FRANCISCO, THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE HAS... REMOVED THEM.

TRASH RECEPTACLES WERE TAKEN OUT AT THE FIRST FOURTEEN STAIRWELLS AT THE BEACH. PARK OFFICIALS ARE HOPING BEACH GOERS WILL TAKE THEIR TRASH

WITH THEM WHEN THEY LEAVE. MANY VISITORS DIDN'T SHARE THE PARK'S SERVICE OPTIMISM.

Beachgoer: "I don't what the Park Service and the City and County of San Francisco were thinking by taking the garbage cans out. You're going to make a worse problem out here. People are still going to leave garbage. Pack it in pack it out is a good rule, but not everyone is going to observe that."

EVIDENCE OF THAT COULD BE FOUND IN THE PARKING LOT TODAY. [video of garbage]. THE PARK SERVICE IS CALLING THE TRASH CAN REMOVAL AN EXPERIMENT.

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11/8/15 KRON 4 News at 11pm
Signs of unhealthy ocean conditions

THEY ARE COMING IN ALMOST EVERY DAY. HUNDREDS OF SEALS AND SEA LIONS AND OTHER MAMMALS HAVE BEEN TREATED AT THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER IN MARIN COUNTY. ALMOST ALL OF THEM HAVE COME IN SICK AND MALNOURISHED AND UNABLE TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES BECAUSE OF THE NEUROTOXIN DIMOIC ACID FROM REPEATED CONSUMPTION OF THE SMALL FISH IN THEIR DIET WHICH HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO TOXIC ALGAE BLOOMS. VETERINAIANS AT THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER SAY THINGS ARE BAD AND THE EL NINO CONDITIONS EXPECTED THIS WINTER ARE LIKELY TO MAKE THINGS WORSE BEFORE THEY GET BETTER.

CARA FIELD IS A VETERINARIAN AND SAYS SHE IS WORRIED.

Cr. Cara Field, Marine Mammal Center: "Sea birds and marine mammals are sentinels of things that are going on in the ocean. So when they are impacted by these harmful algal blooms and the toxins they produce, we who consume the same things that they eat can certainly be affected as well."

SCIENTISTS SAY THE OCEAN IS CHANGING. IT COULD BE A TEMPORARY CHANGE OR SOMETHING MORE DRASTIC, BUT THE RECENT TOXIC ALGAE BLOOMS ARE ONE MORE THING THAT HASN'T BEEN SEEN FOR DECADES.

Dr. Field: "It's throughout the entire food chain that we can see all these secondary effects. We should be concerned about our own selves, but we should be very concerned about the effects on threatened or endangered species as well as our California sea lion population which seems plentiful now but we are concerned about their numbers overall in the long term."

SCIENTISTS SAY THESE TOXIC ALGAE BLOOMS TEND TO COME AND GO, BUT THEY ARE WORRIED THAT THE EL NINO EFFECT MIGHT ALLOW THOSE ALGAE BLOOMS TO STAY AROUND LONGER IN THE OCEAN. THEY SAY THEY ARE GOING TO KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON THE STATE OF OCEAN CONDITIONS THIS YEAR.

JEFF BUSH KRON 4 NEWS

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11/27/15 KRON 4 Evening News
Drought and Christmas trees

WHEN YOU THINK "BLACK FRIDAY" YOU PROBABLY THINK ABOUT SHOPPING. BUT IT'S ALSO A BIG DAY FOR SELLING CHRISTMAS TREES. THE BUSIEST OF THE YEAR IN

FACT. THIS YEAR, GROWERS SAY THE DROUGHT IS MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE TO THOSE TREES. KRON 4'S J.R. STONE HAS THE STORY FROM LOS GATOS:

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR. CHRISTMAS IS NOW IN SIGHT AND CHRISTMAS TREE GROWER JIM BECK SAYS BLACK FRIDAY IS HIS BIGGEST DAY OF THE YEAR.

Jim Beck: "Oh yeah for sure. It's definitely the busiest."

IN FACT EVEN ON THANKSGIVING FAMILIES CAME TO THE PATCHEN CHRISTMAS TREE FARM TO CUT DOWN THEIR TREE.

Tree buyer: "You get your workout after getting all that turkey. I already had my nap so we woke up and said let's go get our tree now so we can go decorate and have some pie."

BUT WHAT MANY OF THESE FOLKS DON'T REALIZE IS THAT THE DROUGHT HAS HAD A MAJOR IMPACT ON THESE TREES. IN FACT, IN BECK'S 46 YEARS AT THE TREE FARM HE'S NEVER SEEN A DROUGHT SLOW THE GROWTH OF HIS TREES LIKE THIS ONE HAS.

Beck "This is by far the worst. The larger trees that you see have been growing for several years, so the effect of a drought is harder to see. But it's a different story when you look at some of these small trees. This could be an arm length longer if it wasn't for the drought. A year prior to the drought, this age tree would have been 18 to 24 inches or more, so you can see it's a difference of 5 inches or so."

BECK SAYS THERE'S ANOTHER SIGN OF THE DROUGHT. THESE NEEDLES THAT ARE THREE QUARTERS OF AN INCH SHOULD BE DOUBLE THAT LENGTH. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THIS IS UNLIKELY TO AFFECT THE COST OF WHAT YOU PAY, AND YOUR TREE SHOULD LAST JUST AS LONG WITH PROPER CARE. MEANING YOU CAN FOCUS ON THE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS.

Beck: "It takes a while to find the perfect tree that everyone can agree upon. I heard there was a lot of talking going into this one. Lots of talking, not much cutting."

IN FACT BECK SAYS THAT RECENT RAINS HAVE ACTUALLY HELPED PERK UP HIS GROWING TREES JUST IN TIME FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY, J.R. STONE KRON 4 NEWS.

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11/26/15 KRON 4 Evening News

El Nino round-up

KRON FOUR IS COMMITTED TO COVERING EL NINO AND HOW YOU CAN PREPARE. FOR THE NEXT HALF HOUR, WE WILL BRING YOU COMPLETE COVERAGE AS WE GET READY FOR A STORMY WINTER. SCIENTISTS SAY THE CURRENT CONDITIONS ARE SIMILAR TO THE STRONGEST EL NIÑO EVER RECORDED. KRON 4'S SCOTT RATES TAKES US BACK TO 1998, THE YEAR OF THE SUPER EL NINO.

THE BAY AREA RECORDED ITS WETTEST WINTER IN 120 YEARS. IN SAN FRANCISCO ALMOST 15 INCHES OF RAIN FELL IN FEBRUARY ALONE, WITH 119 RAINY DAYS TOTAL – MORE THAN TWICE AS MANY AS A NORMAL YEAR. LOS ANGELES GOT A YEAR'S WORTH OF RAINFALL IN A SINGLE MONTH.

FOUR BIG STORMS IN FEBRUARY DROPPED A RECORD 13.6 INCHES OF RAIN. IN THE SIERRA, THE SNOWPACK DOUBLED IN SIZE. TAHOE SKI RESORTS STAYED OPEN THROUGH MID-APRIL.

BUT SKIERS WEREN'T THE ONLY THINGS MOVING DOWNHILL. WATERLOGGED HILLSIDES GAVE WAY FROM THE EAST BAY TO THE SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS. IN FREMONT, YOU CAN STILL SEE THE SCAR FROM THE '98 STORMS.

MORE THAN 20 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF ROCKS TUMBLED DOWN FROM MISSION PEAK. IT WAS THE BIGGEST MUDSLIDE IN BAY AREA HISTORY AND NEARLY SWEEP AWAY "HAMMER TIME", THE HILLTOP MANSION BUILT FOR RAP ARTIST MC HAMMER.

ON THE COAST, DRAMATIC IMAGES AS CLIFFS CRUMBLED INTO THE SEA, PULLING HOMES AND APARTMENTS WITH THEM. HOUSES PRIZED FOR THEIR PANORAMIC VIEWS ENDED UP AS DEBRIS SCATTERED ON THE BEACH OR WASHED AWAY WITH THE TIDE.

FLOODS ADDED TO THE MISERY. IN SAN JOSE PEOPLE LIVING ALONG COYOTE CREEK ESCAPED WITH THEIR CLOTHES ON THEIR BACK AND LITTLE ELSE. IN LAKE COUNTY, CLEAR LAKE REACHED ITS HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE 1909. THE FLOOD-PRONE RUSSIAN RIVER SPILLED INTO HOMES AND EVEN A MOVIE THEATER,

BY MARCH, 35 CALIFORNIA COUNTIES WERE FEDERAL DISASTERS AREAS, 17 PEOPLE HAD DIED AND THE DAMAGE TOPPED HALF A BILLION DOLLARS.

WHILE THERE IS A CONCERN ABOUT TOO MUCH RAIN FROM EL NINO, ALL THAT WATER IS VERY MUCH NEEDED. SEVERAL YEARS OF DROUGHT HAVE TAKEN A MASSIVE TOLL ON CALIFORNIA'S LAKES AND RESERVIORS WHICH HELP PROVIDE CALIFORNIA'S WATER SUPPLY. KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD TAKES US TO FOLSOM LAKE TO SHOW US THE CONDITIONS THERE:

RIGHT NOW, I'M STANDING ON THE EDGE OF FOLSOM LAKE WHICH IS JUST TO THE EAST OF SACRAMENTO. FOLSOM IS ALSO ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST RESERVOIRS WITH A CAPACITY OF ABOUT 1 MILLION ACRE FEET OF WATER. IN A GOOD YEAR, THE SHORELINE REACHES TO RIGHT BEHIND ME HERE BY T HOSE GRAY ROCKS. BUT, AFTER FOUR YEARS OF DROUGHT, THE RESERVOIR IS AT JUST 15 PERCENT OF CAPACITY. THE SHORE IS NOW ABOUT THREE QUARTERS OF A MILE OFF IN THE DISTANCE.

FOLSOM LAKE IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF JUST HOW BAD CALIFORNIA'S DROUGHT HAS GOTTEN. NORMALLLY AROUND THIS TIME OF EYAR, WATER MANAGERS WOULD INTENTIONALLY LOWER THE RESERVOIR'S WATER LEVEL TO MAKE ROOM FOR INCOMING WINTER RAIN AND SNOW MELT, BUT AFTER FOUR DRY YEARS THERE'S ALREADY PLENTY OF SPACE.

Water manager: "The hope is that these storms actually materialize."

NOAA FORECASTERS ARE PREDICTING THAT CALIFORNIA COULD SEE ABOVE AVERAGE MOISTURE THIS WINTER AND WATER OFFICIALS ARE HOPING IT WILL BE ENOUGH TO AT LEAST PARTIALLY FILL RESERVOIRS LIKE FOLSOM BACK UP.

Water manager: "We will store as much water as possible and then make adjustments as needed to either increase outflow or contain and conserve that water for future dates."

ON THE OFF CHANCE THAT WINTER STORMS ARE EXTREMELY HEAVY, MANAGERS ARE ALSO PREPARED TO ADJUST THE RESERVOIR'S WATER LEVEL TO PREVENT FLOODING.

Water manager: "Right now, we are dealing with really low reservoirs. We want to fill those up as much as possible, but if the systems persist where they provide us with a tremendous amount of precipitation, then we need to be able to maintain flood control as well. So it's balancing storage, flood control and other needs for that same water."

AND THEY ARE ALSO HOPING FOR COLD WEATHER AND SNOW IN THE MOUNTAINS, SO THEY CAN KEEP WATER FLOWING INTO THIS RESERVOIR THROUGH NEXT SUMMER.

IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

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12/4/115 KRON 4 Evening News
Latest El Nino conditions

A PROGRESS REPORT ON EL NINO AND EXPECTATIONS FOR THE "MOTHER OF ALL" RAINY SEASONS WHICH MAY LIE AHEAD. KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE GOT A LESSON ON EL NINO TODAY AND SHARES WHAT HE LEARNED:

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY METEOROLOGY AND CLIMATE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT CHAIRWOMAN ALLISON BRIDGER SAYS CURRENT THE EL NINO IS NOT ONLY THE STRONGEST EVER BUT IT'S GETTING STRONGER EVERY DAY.

Professor Bridger: "Those conditions have been out there all summer, gradually building and a month or so ago it officially became a full-blown El Nino. And now, it's a full-blown gigantic El Nino."

I GOT A PRIVATE EL NINO LECTURE FROM PROFESSOR BRIDGER ON FRIDAY WHERE SHE EXPLAINED HOW THE SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURES IN THE EQUATORIAL PACIFIC ARE LITERALLY OFF THE CHARTS AND THAT GLOBAL WARMING IS ALSO PLAYING A ROLE.

Prof. Bridger: "We've got extra warming on top of a warmer ocean. So the result is not unexpected. It's a big El Nino this year. And it could very well have big impact all around the world."

BRIDGER SAYS EL NINO IS ALREADY HERE. THURSDAY'S RAIN, WHILE DISAPPOINTING, A TEASER OF WHAT LAY AHEAD WITH THE BRUNT OF THE STORMS LIKELY ARRIVING IN JANUARY AMID PLENTY OF CLUES THAT IT'S ALREADY HAPPENING ELSEWHERE TOO.

Bridger: "One of the things we often see with an El Nino is extra rainfall in the southern states. I would say the heavy rain and flooding they've had in Texas the past 2 months is a fingerprint of El Nino.

BRIDGER SAYS WE CAN EXPECT ANOTHER, MORE FORMIDABLE TASTE OF EL NINO TO ARRIVE ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK.

IN SAN JOSE ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

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12/8/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Uranium warning for the nation's water supply

IT IS USED TO MAKE NUCLEAR FUEL AND ATOM BOMBS AND IT IS ALSO SHOWING UP IN DRINKING WATER. URANIUM IS INCREASINGLY BEING FOUND IN WATER USED BY MAJOR FARMING REGIONS, INCLUDING HERE IN CALIFORNIA'S CENTRAL VALLEY. AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE NOT DONE MUCH TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE DANGER.

AND, EXPERTS SAY, IT COULD TAKE YEARS TO REVERSE THE DAMAGE TO THE WATER SUPPLY. RESEARCHERS SAY THE URANIUM WASHES DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAINS AND MAKES ITS WAY INTO THE GROUNDWATER USED FOR IRRIGATION.

WE HAVE MUCH MORE ON THIS STORY ONLINE. YOU CAN READ THE ENTIRE ARTICLE ABOUT THE URANIUM CONCERNS AT KRON-4 DOT COM.

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12/9/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Federal preparations for El Nino

THE COMING RAIN IS JUST A TASTE OF MORE WET WEATHER TO COME IF THE PREDICTIONS ABOUT EL NINO HOLD TRUE. IN A NEW REPORT OUT TODAY, THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY WARNED THAT THE EXPECTED HEAVY RAINS THIS WINTER COULD CAUSE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF DAMAGE. KRON 4'S MAUREEN KELLY REPORTS FEMA ALSO LAID OUT WHAT IT'S DOING TO TRY AND LESSEN THE IMPACT:

THE WORST CASE SCENERIO FOR THIS COMING WINTER IS BEING BASED ON 1997-98 EL NINO WHICH WAS THE STRONGEST EVENT ON RECORD. IT WAS AN EXPENSIVE AND DEADLY RAINFALL SEASON. FORTY COUNTIES WERE DECLARED DIASTER AREAS.

AS FLOODWATERS ROSE AND MUDSLIDES CAME CRASHING DOWN, 17 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE WERE EVACUATED. THE STATE RACKED UP 883 MILLION DOLLARS IN DAMAGE. ALONG THE COAST, HOMES WERE LOST DUE TO EROSION.

THIS TIME AROUND, IT'S BELIEVED THAT CALIFORNIA WILL HAVE MORE WET DAYS AND THEY WILL BE WETTER THAN USUAL AND HIGHER SNOW LEVELS. THE REPORT SAYS THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL RISK FOR LEVEE FAILURE. THEY ARE ALSO EXPECTING SIGNIFICANT HIGH TIDES.

THERE IS INCREASED CONCERN THAT SOIL HARDENING FROM THE DROUGHT COULD MAKE FLOODING MORE WIDESPREAD IN VALLEY AND URBAN AREAS BECAUSE THE SUN BAKED EARTH WON'T SOAK UP THE RAIN, INCREASING RUN OFF.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE BEING TOLD TODAY TO BRACE FOR ILLNESS COMING FROM BACKED UP SEWERS AND CONTAMINATED WATER.

TODAY IN SACRAMENTO, FEMA BROUGHT TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVES OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONEL FROM CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND ARIZONA TO RUN THROUGH A DRILL OF WEATHER-RELATED EMERGENCIES SO THEY CAN BETTER PREPARE IN CASE THIS EL NINO WILL BRING DISASTER ALONG WITH IT, AS IT HAS IN THE PAST.

RIGHT NOW THEY ARE PREDICTING THAT THE RAINS WILL BE HEAVIER IN THE LATER PART OF THE WINTER AND THEY ARE EXPECTING IT TO BE WETTER IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS SHOULD NOT BE BRACED FOR A GOOD DOUSING.

AND WHILE CITY CREWS CLEAN STORM DRAINS AND TRIM TREES IN ADVANCE, OFFICIALS ADVISE RESIDENTS TO DO THE SAME ON THEIR OWN PROPERTIES TO HELP KEEP THE RISK OF STORM DAMAGE DOWN.

MAUREEN KELLY KRON4 NEWS.

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12/9/15 KRON 4 Evening News
Status of state reservoir system

WITH RAIN IN THE FORECAST, HOPES ARE HIGH THAT A WET WINTER COULD END CALIFORNIA'S LONG, ONGOING DROUGHT AND FILL UP THE STATE'S RESERVOIRS. THIS PAST WEEK, KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD VISITED SEVERAL BAY AREA RESERVOIRS AND USED KRON 4'S NEW QUAD-COPTER-4 TO SEE JUST HOW MUCH WATER REMAINS.

HE ALSO SPOKE WITH A LOCAL HYDROLOGIST ABOUT WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO GET OUR WATER SUPPLY BACK TO NORMAL.

ACROSS CALIFORNIA THERE ARE MORE THAN 1300 RESERVOIRS THAT COLLECT WATER DURING THE WINTER MONTHS AND HOLD IT THROUGH THE DRY SUMMER MONTHS, BUT NO TWO RESERVOIRS ARE EXACTLY THE SAME. JEAN MORAN IS A PROFESSOR OF HYDROLOGY AT CAL STATE UNIVERSITY EAST BAY.

Jean Moran: "The areas that are captured by each reservoir are different. Some are snow dominated, some are rain dominated. Others are just temporary storage areas.

BUT AFTER FOUR CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF DROUGHT, NEARLY ALL OF THE STATE'S RESERVOIRS ARE HOLDING LESS WATER THAN THEY NORMALLY WOULD AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.

ANOTHER PROBLEM IS THAT DURING EL NINO YEARS, CALIFORNIA TENDS TO SEE WET AND WARM WINTERS. WHILE RAINFALL IS GOOD, WHAT THE STATE REALLY NEEDS IS A WET AND COLD WINTER THAT RESULTS IN A LARGE SNOWPACK IN THE SIERRA. MOST RESERVOIRS WERE DESIGNED TO CAPTURE SNOWMELT AND HOLD IT THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE YEAR.

Moran: "Even though we'll see some snow in the Sierra's, we need to capture a lot of snow in the snowpack in order to fill up those reservoirs and start to replenish the whole system."

AND WHILE HOPES ARE HIGH THAT THE EL NINO IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN COULD RESULT IN A WET WINTER FOR CALIFORNIA, MORAN CAUTIONS THAT IT'S UNLIKELY THE STATE'S WATER WOES WILL BE ENDED IN JUST ONE WINTER.

Moran: "It would take several above average precipitation years to refill the reservoirs. So, to think that we could fix that in one year is quite unrealistic."

IN OAKLAND CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

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12/14/15 KRON 4 News at 11pm

Parents protest use of pesticides in local parks

THE GROUP CALLED PARENTS FOR A SAFER ENVIRONMENT SAYS THE CITY OF WALNUT CREEK IS USING HARMFUL CHEMICALS TO MAINTAIN BASEBALL PARKS AND SOCCER FIELDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACE, AND THEY FEAR THE CHEMICALS COULD BUILD UP IN THEIR CHILDREN'S BODIES AND EVENTUALLY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS. TIFFANY DAVIS IS A MOTHER OF TWO BOYS AND SHE DOESN'T LIKE THE IDEA OF HER KIDS BEING EXPOSED TO PESTICIDES IN THE PARK.

Tiffany Davis: "I would like for them to look for the least toxic alternatives and work with other cities that have already successfully done this to come up with a plan to phase these chemicals out of use and really be thought leaders in this space."

MANY OF THE PARENTS POINT TO THE CITY OF MORAGA WHICH USES NO PESTICIDES TO MAINTAIN ITS PARKS. BUT MORAGA IS A FRACTION OF THE SIZE OF WALNUT CREEK AND CITY OFFICIALS SAY THAT IS IMPRACTICAL AND SAY THE CITY HAS ALREADY REDUCED THE AMOUNT OF PESTICIDE AND HERBICIDE CHEMICALS BY 80 PERCENT IN THE LAST DECADE. THE CITY SAYS A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION HAS BEEN PAID TO THIS ISSUE AND ASSURES THE PUBLIC THE CHEMICALS ARE SAFE IN THE AMOUNTS BEING USED.

Mike Vickers, Walnut Creek Parks & Rec: "We haven't had any accidents. We haven't had any accidents reported to us. We have an excellent track record."

CITY OFFICIALS SAY ALL CHEMICALS USED TO MAINTAIN THE PARKS HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE FEDERAL EPA AS WELL AS THE CALIFORNIA EPA AND ARE SAFE IN THESE AMOUNTS.

I'M JEFF BUSH IN WALNUT CREEK, KRON 4 NEWS.

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HEALTH

10/2/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Watch out for junk food disguised as health food

MORE AMERICANS ARE LOOKING FOR HEALTHIER FOOD OPTIONS AND GROCERY STORE BRANDS ARE COMPETING FOR THEIR ATTENTION, BUT MARKETING LABELS LIKE "LESS SUGAR" AND "ORGANIC" COULD BE MISLEADING. WE HAVE THE DETAILS IN TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE:

A WALK THROUGH THE GROCERY STORE WILL REVEAL TONS OF ADS AND PACKAGES FOR FOODS CLAIMING TO BE HEALTHY. IT CAN BE CONFUSING, SO WE CONSULTED

DIETICIAN PAIGE ESPENSHIP TO HELP DECODE WHAT'S FACT AND WHAT'S MARKETING SPIN.

Paige Espenship, Registered Dietician: "I have a kids' yogurt. It advertises that it has no high fructose corn syrup. They've been able to keep the sugar down in this product by reducing the portion size. This is only a little over a third of a cup of yogurt."

PAIGE WARNS THAT GRANOLA BARS, PERCEIVED BY MANY AS HEALTHY, ESPECIALLY IF PROMOTING LESS SUGAR, CAN BE FULL OF ARTIFICIAL SWEETENERS.

ANOTHER CONFUSING ITEM IS JUICE. THE LABEL SAYS IT'S ONE HUNDRED PERCENT FRUIT JUICE, SO IT'S GOOD FOR YOU. OR IS IT?

Espenship: "For someone on 1500 calories, which most kids are going to be at that level, that means about 30 grams of sugar per day and this is at 22 grams of sugar already in just one box of juice."

AS A RULE OF THUMB WHEN GAUGING THE NUTRITIONAL VALUE OF PACKAGED GOODS, PAIGE LOOKS FOR HIGH DIETARY FIBER AND LOW ARTIFICIAL SUGAR CONTENT.

AND BY FAR, PAIGE'S FAVORITE SECTION OF THE STORE IS THE PRODUCE DEPARTMENT.

Espenship: "There are no hidden ingredients. What you get is what you get. You don't have to look at labels. You know it's good for you."

HEALTH

10/5/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Flu season's financial toll

IF YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT SKIPPING A FLU SHOT THIS YEAR, PERHAPS YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT YOUR WALLET. FLU SEASON CARRIES AN ACTUAL PRICE TAG FOR THE NATION -- BUT AS CNN'S KARIN Cay-fa REPORTS, THE IMPACT ON YOUR BOTTOM LINE CAN BE LIMITED WITH SOME SIMPLE STEPS.

IN ADDITION TO THE SNEEZING, THE COUGHING, THE ACHES AND THE MISERY, THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION SAYS THE FLU CARRIES AN ECONOMIC TOLL FOR THE NATION EVERY YEAR.

THAT INCLUDES TEN-POINT-FOUR BILLION DOLLARS IN DIRECT MEDICAL EXPENSES, AND 16-POINT-THREE BILLION IN LOST EARNINGS FOR SICK EMPLOYEES.

THE FLU CAN BE PARTICULARLY COSTLY FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN, WHO ARE MOST LIKELY TO BECOME INFECTED WITH THE FLU VIRUS, THE C-D-C SAYS.

THEY FOUND THAT CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN SICK WITH THE FLU TOOK ON MEDICAL EXPENSES BETWEEN 3 HUNDRED AND FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS, DEPENDING UPON THE SEVERITY OF THE ILLNESS.

FOR KIDS AND ADULTS, FIGHTING FALL AND WINTER COLDS AND FLU CAN BE MADE EASIER BY PUTTING CERTAIN ITEMS IN THE GROCERY CART.

-- YOGURT'S LIVE CULTURES CAN HELP PREVENT COLDS

- MUSHROOMS SHOW PROMISE IN BOOSTING IMMUNITY
- WATER AND OTHER FLUIDS CAN HELP CLEAN A COLD OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM
- HOT PEPPERS AND SPICES CAN HELP CLEAR SINUSES
- AND HONEY CAN SOOTHE AN IRRITATED THROAT.

FLU SEASON TYPICALLY PEAKS BETWEEN JANUARY AND MARCH, BUT THE C-D-C WARNS THE FLU IS UNPREDICTABLE, AND TIMING VARIES EVERY YEAR. THAT'S WHY THEY RECOMMEND GETTING A VACCINE NOW, IN THE FALL.

FOR CONSUMER WATCH, I'M KARIN CAIFA.

HEALTH

10/7/15 KRON 4 News at 11p

Kids want cleaner air at their school

IN THE EAST BAY TODAY, A GROUP OF STUDENTS AND HEALTH OFFICIALS IN PLEASANTON TRIED TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS WAITING TO PICK UP THEIR CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL NOT TO IDLE THEIR ENGINES. THEY SAY POLLUTION FROM RUNNING CARS POSES A DANGER TO CHILDREN WITH BREATHING PROBLEMS. KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD IS IN PLEASANTON WITH DETAILS:

AN IDLING CAR CAN EMIT POLLUTION INCLUDING PARTICULATES AND IF SOMEONE WITH ASTHMA, A CHILD, BREATHE IN THOSE PARTICULATES IT CAN CAUSE LUNG IRRITATION AND IF YOU HAVE A LARGE GROUP OF CARS ALL IDLING AT THE SAME TIME, SAY OUTSIDE OF A SCHOOL, THAT CAN CAUSE EVEN BIGGER PROBLEMS.

HERE AT PLEASANTON MIDDLE SCHOOL, LIKE MANY SCHOOLS, PARENTS SOMETIMES HAVE TO WAIT A VERY LONG TIME TO PICK UP THEIR KIDS.

parent: "I sit here maybe 45 minutes because I need to get out of the parking lot as quick as possible."

AND WHEN IT'S HOT OUT, LIKE TODAY, MANY PEOPLE KEEP THEIR CARS RUNNING WITH THE AIR CONDITIONING ON IN ORDER TO STAY COOL. THE PROBLEM IS THAT ALL THOSE IDLING ENGINES ARE PUTTING OUT POLLUTION WHICH COULD BE BREATHED IN BY YOUNG KIDS WHOSE LUNGS ARE STILL DEVELOPING.

Lisa Adamos, child development specialist: "For kids that have asthma, it's really difficult for them to breathe when the air quality is bad. Right off the bat, kids are coming out of school and smelling the exhaust coming out of the cars."

ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, A GROUP OF STUDENTS AND LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS WENT CAR TO CAR TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO TURN OFF THEIR MOTORS.

Student: "We're trying raise awareness about not idling in cars."

AS AN INCENTIVE, THE KIDS HANDED OUT THESE SMALL FAN MISTERS. NOT EXACTLY A SUBSTITUTE FOR AIR CONDITION, BUT THEY HOPE IT WILL HELP SEND A MESSAGE.

Student: "We just want to tell them to be conscious when you're idling and using any sort of air conditioning, the pollutants that come out are so harsh. We need to ensure that they do not use it that often. It affects hundreds of kids with asthma in just our school alone."

SCHOOL AND HEALTH OFFICIALS HERE HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT PARENTS IDLE THEIR ENGINES FOR NO LONGER THAN 30 SECONDS.

IN PLEASANTON CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

HEALTH

10/20/15 KRON 4 Evening News

2 stories focusing on the new mammogram guidelines

IN A MAJOR SHIFT, THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY HAS ISSUED NEW GUIDELINES FOR WHEN AND HOW OFTEN WOMEN SHOULD BE SCREENED FOR BREAST CANCER, WAITING UNTIL 45 INSTEAD OF 40 TO BEGIN GETTING MAMMOGRAMS. OFFICIALS ALSO SUGGEST THAT WOMEN SKIP ALTOGETHER THE ROUTINE MANUAL BREAST CHECKS BY THEIR DOCTOR. KRON 4'S MAUREEN KELLY TALKED TO ONE YOUNG BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR ABOUT THE NEW ADVISORY:

Meghan Calcari Campbell: "It was a shock."

IT WASN'T LONG AFTER MEGHAN CALCARI CAMPBELL HAD GOTTEN MARRIED THAT SHE DISCOVERED A LUMP IN HER BREAST.

Campbell: "I was diagnosed with breast cancer when I was 32."

MEAGAN, WHO HAD NO FAMILY HISTORY OF BREAST CANCER, UNDERWENT A YEAR AND HALF OF TREATMENT, INCLUDING A SINGLE MASTECTOMY AND CHEMOTHERAPY. SHE CONTINUES TO BE ON HORMONE THERAPY AND WILL BE FOR THE NEXT 10-15 YEARS, BUT FOR NOW, HER MAMMOGRAMS AND OTHER TESTS HAVE COME BACK CLEAN.

SHE NOW WORKS WITH BAY AREA YOUNG SURVIVORS, A GROUP OF BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS UNDER 45. DESPITE WHAT SHE'S BEEN THROUGH, SHE DOESN'T THINK SHE WOULD HAVE BENEFITED FROM AN EARLY MAMMOGRAM AND AGREES WITH THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S GUIDELINES, AT LEAST IN TERMS OF THE MAMMOGRAMS THEMSELVES BECAUSE OF THE HIGH NUMBER OF FALSE POSITIVES. OTHER BREAST CANCER ADVOCACY GROUPS SAY MAMMOGRAMS CAN LEAD TO PAINFUL AND EXPENSIVE TREATMENT OF TUMORS THAT AREN'T LIFE THREATENING.

Campbell: "The science shows that early detection and mammograms don't save lives. The absolute number of women who die from metastatic breast cancer is 40 thousand annually and that hasn't changed in a meaningful way since all the campaigns started around increased screening and increased access to screening with mammograms."

BUT SHE AND HER GROUP DISAGREE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT DOCTOR'S SKIP THE ROUTINE MANUAL BREAST EXAM.

Campbell: "80% of young women who are diagnosed with breast cancer find that lump on their own which suggests that lump, that mass is palpable so it could theoretically be found by a clinical breast exam by a doctor or health care provider."

SHE SAYS IF HER MASS HAD GONE UNDETECTED...

Campbell: "Chances are I wouldn't have been alive today. It was that aggressive."

MAUREEN KELLY KRON4 NEWS.

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THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY IS NOW SAYING THAT WOMEN WHO ARE NOT AT HIGH RISK FOR BREAST CANCER SHOULD PUT OFF GETTING MAMMOGRAMS UNTIL LATER IN LIFE. THEY ARE NOW RECOMMENDING WOMEN BEGIN GETTING THE ANNUAL EXAM AT 45 RATHER THAN 40. KRON4'S MAUREEN KELLY SPOKE TO LOCAL BREAST CANCER ADVOCACY GROUP WHICH SAYS THE NEW GUIDELINES ARE A LONG TIME IN COMING:

FOR DECADES IT'S BEEN A RITE OF PASSAGE FOR WOMEN TURNING 40 – ANNUAL MAMMOGRAMS. NOW THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY SAYS WOMEN WHO ARE NOT HIGH RISK SHOULD WAIT.

ONE REASON, WOMEN'S BREAST TISSUE BEFORE 45 IS DENSER AND THERE IS MORE OF A RISK FOR A FALSE POSITIVE WHICH IN ADDITION TO REQUIRING MORE MAMMOGRAMS CAN ALSO REQUIRE SURGICAL INTERVENTION, SUCH AS BIOPSIES, AND OF COURSE CAUSES ANXIETY.

ONE BAY AREA BREAST CANCER ADVOCACY GROUP SAYS THE SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE HAS NOT SHOWN THAT MAMMOGRAMS ARE DOING MUCH TO SAVE WOMEN'S LIVES.

Karuna Jaggar, Breast Cancer Action: "85% of the women who die of breast cancer will die regardless of screening."

SHE SAYS IN ADDITION TO FALSE POSITIVES, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF WOMEN EACH YEAR ARE OVER-TREATED FOR CANCERS.

Jaggar: "Mammogram screening is creating a population of women that survived something that wasn't life-threatening to begin with."

SHE SAYS NOT ALL BREAST CANCER TUMORS ARE THE SAME. SOME ARE VERY SLOW GROWING

Jaggar: "They don't create a harm for women. They don't spread beyond the breast. The breast is a non- vital organ and at time of death many women have lesions in their breasts that never came to their doctor's attention."

BECAUSE DOCTORS CAN'T RELIABLY DISTINGUISH THE HARMFUL FROM THE HARMLESS CANCERS, SOME WOMEN GO THROUGH PAINFUL AND LIFE-CHANGING TREATMENTS THAT THEY MAY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LIVE WITHOUT.

BREAST CANCER ACTION BELIEVES THE ENERGY AND MONEY GOING INTO PUSHING WOMEN INTO EARLY SCREENING SHOULD INSTEAD GO INTO FINDING CURES FOR THE CANCERS THAT DO KILL.

Jaggar: "We need more effective, less toxic treatments to treat the cancers that women do get. We also need to focus on primary prevention to prevent cancer in the first place. Right now there are some cancers that are so aggressive that it doesn't matter when they are caught. We just don't have effective treatments."

THE NEW AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RECOMMENDATION DOES SAY THAT WOMEN IN THEIR EARLY 40'S SHOULD STILL GET SCREENED FOR BREAST CANCER IF THEY WANT TO, AS LONG AS THEY UNDERSTAND THE RISKS.

MAUREEN KELLY KRON4 NEWS.

## **HEALTH**

10/20/15 KRON 4 News at 11pm  
Shigella outbreak in San Jose

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO GOT SICK AFTER EATING AT A POPULAR SOUTH BAY RESTAURANT HAS GROWN TO 80. NOW THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS SHUT DOWN THE MEXICAN SEAFOOD RESTAURANT INVOLVED. THIS IS A STORY WE FIRST BROUGHT YOU LAST NIGHT AT ELEVEN. DOZENS OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED. TWELVE PEOPLE SENT TO AN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AFTER CONTRACTING THE INFECTIOUS DISEASE SHIGELLA. THE OUTBREAK IS BELIEVED TO BE CONNECTED TO THE RESTAURANT CALLED MARISCO'S SAN JUAN. . KRON 4'S JEFF BUSH TALKED TO ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO WAS INFECTED WITH THE BACTERIA AND HAS THE LATEST:

WELL, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT MOVED IN AND SHUT DOWN MARISCO'S BUT IT WAS TOO LATE FOR ONE WOMAN I SPOKE WITH TONIGHT AND FOR THE MORE THAN 80 PEOPLE WHO GOT SICK FROM EATING THE TAINTED FOOD.

GET WELL SOON BALLOONS AND CANS OF SOUP ARE ON THE KITCHEN TABLE AT ALICIA INGRAM'S HOUS, THREE DAYS AFTER GOING TO THE HOSPITAL WITH FOOD POISONING.

Alicia Ingram, recovering from food poisoning: "I ended up collapsing in the hallway here and I passed out. My body was telling me that you can't do any more. That's when my family said we need to get her to the hospital."

ALICIA WAS ONE OF MORE THAN 80 PEOPLE WHO GOT SICK FROM FOOD PREPARED AT MARISCO'S SAN JUAN NUMBER THREE. SHE ATE A FISH TACO AND SHRIMP COCKTAIL FOR LUNCH ON FRIDAY AND BY MIDNIGHT THE FIRST SYMPTOMS WERE COMING ON – SYMPTOMS OF INFECTION FROM THE BACTERIA CALLED SHINGELLA.

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT STARTED GETTING CALLS FROM LOCAL HOSPITALS AND WITH SOME DETECTIVE WORK, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT ALL THE PATIENTS ATE AT MARISCO'S. THE SIGN WENT UP AND THE DOORS WERE CLOSED...INDEFINITELY.

MORE THAN A DOZEN OF THE PEOPLE WHO GOT SICK WERE WORSE OFF THAN ALICIA AND HAD TO BE ADMITTED TO THE I.C.U., BUT STILL ALICIA WHO SAYS HER BLOOD PRESSURE WAS 60 OVER 40 WHEN SHE GOT TO THE HOSPITAL, FEELS IT WAS ONE OF THE WORST EXPERIENCES OF HER LIFE.

Ingram: "In my mind I was like, this seems more severe but I'm going to continue to give it some time to pass. And it didn't and then the fainting episode is what triggered thinking of it as something more than just regular food poisoning."

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT ALICIA IS FEELING MUCH BETTER BUT HER DOCTOR SAYS SHE WILL BE ON ANTIBIOTICS FOR SEVERAL MORE WEEKS.

IN SAN JOSE, JEFF BUSH KRON 4 NEWS.

ANCHOR: MORE NOW ON SHIGELLA WHICH IS KIND BACTERIA THAT CAUSES AN INFECTION. SYMPTOMS TO LOOK FOR INCLUDE DIARRHEA WHICH GOES ALONG WITH NAUSEA, FEVER, SOMETIMES VOMITING. ALSO ABDOMINAL PAIN AND CRAMPING.

SYMPTOMS APPEAR IN A DAY OR TWO AFTER EXPOSURE. AND IT HANGS AROUND A WHILE, SOMETIMES UP TO A WEEK.

PLENTY OF FLUIDS AND REST WILL WORK FOR MOST PEOPLE. YOU SHOULD SEE IMPROVEMENT AFTER A COUPLE DAYS, BUT TALK TO A DOCTOR IF YOU'RE NOT GETTING BETTER.

TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THIS INFECTIOUS CONDITION, WASH HANDS FREQUENTLY AND TAKE OTHER GOOD HYGIENE PRECAUTIONS. AND BE AWARE THAT FECES CAN CONTINUE TO CARRY THE SHIGELLA INFECTION FOR WEEKS.

FOR MORE DETAILS ON SHIGELLA IN GENERAL AND THIS OUTBREAK IN PARTICULAR, HEAD TO [KRON4.COM](http://KRON4.COM).

## **HEALTH**

11/4/15 KRON 4 News at 11pm

Doctor's advice following local flu death

THE PEAK FLU SEASON IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, BUT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REPORTS THE FIRST FLU-RELATED DEATH. IT IS SOMEONE WHO IS 65 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER FROM SANTA CLARA COUNTY. KRON 4'S PHILIPPE DJEGAL SPOKE WITH A LOCAL PEDIATRICIAN TO FIND OUT WHO SHOULD BE CONCERNED:

DOCTOR KJARTAN ARMANN SAYS THERE'S NO REASON TO PANIC JUST YET.

Dr. Armann: "We don't know if they had any pre-existing conditions."

BUT KNOWING THAT THE VICTIM DIED RELATIVELY YOUNG IS A BIT ALARMING.

Dr. Armann: "The patient is under the age of 65. But pre-existing conditions could predispose this person to have a bad outcome having had the flu. Since this is an isolated case, we can't speculate whether it's going to be a bad flu strain or not. We'll have to wait and see what happens in the next few weeks."

THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SAYS THAT THE FLU LEVELS AROUND CALIFORNIA AND THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES RIGHT NOW ARE LOW. NOT MUCH ACTIVITY AT ALL, ACTUALLY. STILL ARMANN, A PEDIATRICIAN IN PRIVATE PRACTICE HERE IN SAN JOSE FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS, SAYS THE PEAK FLU SEASON HERE IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY IS USUALLY FEBRUARY.

Dr. Armann: "I recommend that everyone get the quadravalent flu vaccine. I recommend that you get it as soon as possible."

THE NUMBER OF LOCAL FLU CASES, ARMANN SAYS, WILL MOST LIKELY START TO RISE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND INTO DECEMBER. HE SAYS LAST YEAR'S FLU VACCINE WAS ONLY ABOUT 19% EFFECTIVE BECAUSE THE VIRUS MUTATED. BUT THIS YEAR'S IS BETTER. AND THERE IS EVEN A HIGH DOSAGE VACCINE AVAILABLE WHICH THE DOCTOR RECOMMENDS FOR PATIENTS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

Dr. Armann: "The older you are the more significant your response to the flu potentially. Our immune systems start to break down and they don't work as well after the age of 65."

DR. ARMANN STRESSES THAT THE FLU CAN BE A LIFE-THREATENING DISEASE. EVERYONE SIX MONTHS OF AGE OR OLDER SHOULD GET THE SHOT. PEOPLE DIE EVERY YEAR FROM THE FLU. MOST OF THOSE ARE 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY, PHILIPPE DJEGAL KRON 4 NEWS

## HEALTH

11/19/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Health warnings for some toys on holiday shopping lists

CHOKING HAZARDS, INJURIES AND THE POTENTIAL FOR STRANGULATION – ALL WARNINGS TONIGHT ABOUT THE DANGERS OF CERTAIN TOYS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN. THIS COMES AS THE NATIONAL RETAIL FEDERATION SAYS MORE THAN HALF OF HOLIDAY SHOPPERS HAVE ALREADY STARTED BUYING GIFTS. A CONSUMER WATCH GROUP SENT OUT A WARNING ON TOYS NOT TO BUY AND KRON 4'S JUSTINE WALDMAN TELLS US WHICH TOYS ARE ON THE LIST:

THE RUSH TO PURCHASE HOLIDAY PRESENTS IS HERE. BUT BEFORE YOU BUY, A WARNING ON HOW A PUPPY, ZEBRA, AND A PLASTIC SWORD COULD HURT YOUR CHILD.

Shopper: "I trust that everything in the store is safe and let him help me pick them out."

BUT THE GROUP WORRIES ABOUT TOYS CAUSING HARM ALSO KNOWN AS "WATCH" SAYS THE TOYS SINGLED OUT AS THE TEN MOST DANGEROUS FOR THIS YEAR REPRESENT COMMON PROBLEMS – FROM CHOKING TO LOSING AN EYE.

INCLUDED ON THE LIST ARE VELOCIRAPTOR CLAWS. THESE ARE CHILD-SIZED DINOSAUR GLOVES MADE OF FOAM. THE GROUP CLAIMS THEY CAN CAUSE EYE AND FACIAL INJURIES.

OR THIS TRAMPOLINE THAT LOOKS REALLY FUN, BUT THE GROUP SAYS IT CAN LEAD TO INJURIES BOTH DURING USE AND ASSEMBLY.

A PLAY-DOH-LIKE SUBSTANCE ALSO MADE THE LIST. WATCH SAYS THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS WHEAT AND COULD CAUSE AN ALLERGIC REACTION SUCH AS HIVES, OR HEADACHES, AND DIFFICULTY BREATHING.

Shopper: "I would think stores would try to put what is safe on the shelves so I would make that assumption."

EVEN A DOCTOR SET, THE GROUP WORRIES, COULD SEND YOUR CHILD TO THE HOSPITAL BECAUSE IT PRESENTS A CHOKING HAZARD.

AND THIS FOAM DART GUN? ACCORDING TO WATCH, IT'S JUST TOO REALISTIC LOOKING.

WATCH WANTS SHOPPERS TO KNOW THESE 10 TOYS ARE NOT THE ONLY POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS TOYS OUT THERE BECAUSE THEY KNOW PARENTS WANT THIS REACTION – WOW!!!! – INSTEAD OF OW!!!!

JUSTINE WALDMAN KRON 4 NEWS

IN RESPONSE TO THE LIST, THE TOY INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION SAYS ALL TOYS FOR SALE ON U.S. SHELVES GO THROUGH SOME OF THE STRICTEST SAFETY REQUIREMENTS IN THE WORLD. TO SEE THE FULL LIST HEAD TO KRON 4 DOT COM.



## HEALTH

11/25/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

3 stories focused on the well-being of our kids

A WARNING TONIGHT FOR PARENTS OR ANYONE WHO KNOWS FAMILIES WITH LITTLE BABIES. GRANT IS HERE WITH THE NEW EVIDENCE ABOUT CRIB BUMPERS:

THERE'S A RENEWED EFFORT BY MANY TO GET AN ALL-OUT BAN ON THESE CRIB BUMPERS. THE JOURNAL OF PEDIATRICS HAS NEW INFORMATION INDICATING 23 BABIES IN THE U.S. DIED DURING A RECENT SEVEN YEAR PERIOD. AND THAT'S THREE TIMES HIGHER THAT WHAT THEY'D SEED IN PREVIOUS SIMILAR TIME SPANS.

DEATHS IN THIS PARTICULAR STUDY RANGED FROM ONE MONTH TO 22 MONTHS. THE AVERAGE AGE WAS FOUR MONTHS OLD. USUALLY SUFFOCATION OR CHOKING TO DEATH IS TO BLAME.

CHICAGO AND THE STATE OF MARYLAND HAVE BANNED THEM. THE CDC DISCOURAGES USING THEM. THE BOTTOM LINE: SAFETY ADVOCATES SAY IF YOU DON'T USE THE BUMPERS, YOUR BABIES WON'T DIE BECAUSE OF THEM.

MAN'S BEST FRIEND MAY OFFER MORE THAN JUST COMPANIONSHIP. GRANT IS BACK WITH HOW DOGS MAY HELP WITH YOUR CHILD'S ANXIETY:

EVERYONE KNOWS A DOG CAN CHEER YOU UP AFTER A ROUGH DAY, BUT A NEW STUDY FOUND CHILDREN LIVING WITH A PET DOG SEEM LESS LIKELY TO DEVELOP ANXIETY.

THE FINDINGS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE JOURNAL "PREVENTING CHRONIC DISEASE." RESEARCHERS TESTED MORE THAN SIX HUNDRED KIDS .AND ABOUT HALF OF THEM HAD DOGS. AMONG THE KIDS WITH DOGS, ONLY 12 PERCENT HAD SIGNS OF ANXIETY COMPARED TO 21 PERCENT OF THE GROUP WITHOUT PETS.

DOCTORS ARE NOT SURE HOW OUR FURRY FRIENDS DO IT, BUT THINK THE COMPANIONSHIP COULD BOOST SELF-ESTEEM AND FOSTER RELAXATION.

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN SPENDING TO MUCH TIME ON A TABLET? OUR TECH REPORTER GABE SLATE DISCOVERED A GREAT NEW APP WHICH PERIODICALLY LOCKS KIDS OUT OF THE DEVICE UNTIL THEY CORRECTLY ANSWER MATH QUESTIONS BASED ON THEIR GRADE LEVEL. HE MET UP WITH A MOTHER WHO IS CURRENTLY USING THIS APP WITH HER TWO KIDS.

Janessa Murphy: "I think it's a great idea to kind of help balance the screen time with some educational activity for the kids. "

THE NEW APP LOCK 2 LEARN FORCES KIDS TO DO SOME LEARNING WHEN THEY ARE PASSING TIME ON THE TABLET PLAYING GAMES OR WATCHING VIDEOS.

LEARNING TO UNLOCK. I LOVE IT. IT'S GENIOUS.

THE PARENT SETS HOW OFTEN THE SCREEN WILL LOCK AND HOW MANY QUESTIONS THEY WILL HAVE TO ANSWER TO UNLOCK THE DEVICE. IT COULD BE EVERY 5 MINUTES OR EVERY 2 HOURS.

THE APP ALSO LETS PARENTS ASSIGN THE APPS THE KIDS HAVE ACCESS TO, SO THEY WON'T HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR EMAIL , FINANCIAL, OR ADULT TYPE APPS.

WHEN THE SCREEN LOCKS, THE QUESTIONS POP UP. THEY ARE GENERALLY MATH QUESTIONS, BUT THERE IS ALSO BASIC TRIVIA STUFF.

THE QUESTIONS ARE BASED ON THE GRADE LEVEL OF THE KID AND LEAN TOWARD THE EASIER SIDE. IT'S STUFF THEY SHOULD KNOW OR BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT..

JENESSA'S KIDS, DASH 7, AND MACKENZIE 8, DON'T MIND THE INTERRUPTION.

Murphy: "During their screen time and the questions popped up, they actually thought it was an interactive game and liked it when they answered the questions correct. You know this day and age, you can't keep them from electronics so it's nice to know during their screen time that they will get some education. It creates a good piece of mind for parents".

WITH YOUR TECH TRENDS GABE SLATE

## **HEALTH**

11/27/15 KRON 4 Evening News

What you need to know about sciatica

WHEN POPE FRANCIS VISITED THE U.S., A LOT OF PEOPLE NOTICED THAT HE WAS LIMPING. IT TURNS OUT THAT HE SUFFERS FROM A FAIRLY COMMON CHRONIC PROBLEM CALLED SCIATICA. CNN'S HOLLY FIRFER EXPLAINS:

Dr. Gathline Etienne, neurologist: "Sciatica is a term used to describe a group of symptoms, mainly back pain that radiates down the leg and sometimes into the foot. The pain can be sharp, lancinating or even electric."

SO, WHAT'S HAPPENING THAT CAUSES THIS PAIN?

Dr. Etienne: "Between the bones there are cushions or shock absorbers you might call them-or discs. These discs, they provide cushion to prevent bone from rubbing against bone. Over time, or in some cases with sciatica, these discs can slip out of place. When it pinches on the nerve, the nerve is irritated causing pain to go down the distribution of the leg."  
TREATMENT STARTS WITH REST, BUT NOT TOO MUCH. DOCTORS ALSO SUGGEST STRETCHING TO RELEASE THE TENSION IN TIGHT MUSCLES. OVER THE COUNTER ANTI-INFLAMMATORY PAIN RELIEVERS ALSO MAY HELP AND CAN REDUCE INFLAMMATION AND RELIEVE PRESSURE ON THE NERVES FOLLOWED WITH HEAT TO RELAX THE MUSCLES.

THE GOOD NEWS, SAY DOCTORS, IS THAT MOST OF THE SCIATIC PROBLEMS WILL GO AWAY OVER TIME WITH CARE AND ATTENTION.

FOR TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE, I'M HOLLY FIRFER.

## **HEALTH**

11/30/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Benefits of massage for infants

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP YOUR BABY RELAX A LITTLE MORE AND SLEEP THROUGH THE NIGHT, TRY GIVING YOUR BABY A MASSAGE. CNN'S MARTHA SHADE FOUND A CLASS WHERE WOMEN ARE LEARNING HOW TO DO THAT:

Dr. Shefali Chheda, instructor: "So what makes infant massage so special is the skin to skin contact that helps with the bonding between you and the baby, and it helps with nerve stimulation as well."

THIS INFANT MASSAGE CLASS IS AIMED AT STRENGTHENING THAT BOND. FOR THE NEXT 45 MINUTES, DOCTOR SHEFALI CHHEDA WILL DEMONSTRATE HOW TO SAFELY MASSAGE INFANTS ONCE THEY'RE AT LEAST A MONTH OLD.

Dr. Chheda: "I start from the head and work my way down to the toes so that I don't miss any body parts. When you massage the scalp you always help eliminate cradle cap. When you massage the face you help with blocked tear ducts."

IT CAN ALSO HELP WITH COLIC.

Dr. Chheda: "Massage the abdomen from the 9 o'clock position to the 6 o'clock position and that helps move all that gas around."

AND THE DOCTOR SAYS, THE BENEFITS ARE PLENTIFUL.

Dr. Chheda: "Massage is amazing. You can see the results that first day. You'll have a more calm baby. You'll have a baby that will interact, and will coo and goo with you."

FOR TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE, I'M MARTHA SHADE.

## **HEALTH**

12/4/15 KRN 4 Evening News  
Dealing with holiday stress

THERE'S LESS THAN A MONTH TO GET YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING DONE. NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CROWDS, THE TRAFFIC AND THE DECORATING? CARL AZUZ BREAKS DOWN SOME WAYS TO ENJOY THE SEASON WITHOUT HAVING TO PULL OUT YOUR HAIR:

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY. BUT WHY ARE THESE PEOPLE FIGHTING OVER CROCK POTS AND MP-3 PLAYERS?

Dr. Marc Dalton, psychiatrist: "Most people freak out about three particular things during the holiday. Specifically time, money and other people."

WHEN IT COMES TO TIME, LIMIT YOURSELF TO THE FESTIVITIES, BOTH ON THE GIVING AND RECEIVING END. THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH EGGNOG YOU CAN DRINK.

Dr. Dalton: "I would say pick two or three things that you really, really want to do and then reserve the other times for yourself."

IF THE EXPENSE OF THE HOLIDAYS IS NIPPING AT YOUR WALLET, SET A BUDGET AND STICK TO IT. REMEMBER, SOME OF THE BEST CHRISTMAS MEMORIES DON'T COME FROM A STORE.

Dr. Dalton: "Experiences are usually a lot better than things, especially during the holiday season."

FOR SOME, CREATING THE PERFECT HOLIDAY CAN BRING ON FRUSTRATIONS AND UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS. DOCTORS SUGGEST DURING THIS TIME OF YEAR, IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO JUST BREATHE.

Dr. Dalton: "I always say take one weekend where you plan to do nothing, but do things that you need to do for yourself."

SO WHEN SANTA CLAUS VISITS THIS YEAR, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SAY HO, HO, HO, INSTEAD OF A BAH HUMBUG.

FOR TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE, I'M CARL AZUZ.

## **HEALTH**

12/8/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
Uranium warning for the nation's water supply

IT IS USED TO MAKE NUCLEAR FUEL AND ATOM BOMBS AND IT IS ALSO SHOWING UP IN DRINKING WATER. URANIUM IS INCREASINGLY BEING FOUND IN WATER USED BY MAJOR FARMING REGIONS, INCLUDING HERE IN CALIFORNIA'S CENTRAL VALLEY. AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE NOT DONE MUCH TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE DANGER.

AND, EXPERTS SAY, IT COULD TAKE YEARS TO REVERSE THE DAMAGE TO THE WATER SUPPLY. RESEARCHERS SAY THE URANIUM WASHES DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAINS AND MAKES ITS WAY INTO THE GROUNDWATER USED FOR IRRIGATION.

WE HAVE MUCH MORE ON THIS STORY ONLINE. YOU CAN READ THE ENTIRE ARTICLE ABOUT THE URANIUM CONCERNS AT KRON-4 DOT COM.

## **HEALTH**

12/9/15 KRON 4 Evening News  
New app lets kids have their tech and get their exercise too

THIS IS A FAMILIAR SCENE NOWADAYS – CHILDREN VEGGING OUT ON THE COUCH WITH A TABLET. A LOT OF PARENTS WOULD PREFER TO SEE THEIR KIDS UP AND ABOUT, GETTING EXERCISE. BUT, TIMES HAVE CHANGED AND TECHNOLOGY HAS ALTERED HOW KIDS PASS TIME AND ENTERTAIN THEMSELVES. OUR TECH REPORTER GABE SLATE DISCOVERED ONE NEW PRODUCT THAT MIGHT HELP WITH THIS, SOMETHING THAT LETS THEM PLAY GAMES ON THEIR TABLET, BUT STILL FORCES THEM TO BE ACTIVE:

THIS IS ALEX. HE'S PLAYING WITH HIS TABLET AND SWINGY WHICH IS THESE TWO WOODEN BOARDS CONNECCTED TO THE TABLET WIRELESSLY.

Alex's father: "I think it's a cool toy. I think anything that gets kids off the couch and moving is good."

SWINGY IS ALL ABOUT GETTING KIDS OFF THE COUCH AND ACTIVE. IT'S KIND OF LIKE THE WII IN THAT WAY, BUT FOR TABLETS.

THE LEG MOVEMENTS ON THE SWINGY CONTROL THE ACTION ON THE TABLET. I KNOW IT SEEMS SIMPLE. IT'S NOT LIKE THEY'RE OUT RUNNING OR JUMPING. BUT

YOU'LL BE SURPRISED HOW MANY CALORIES THIS CAN BURN AND HOW EFFECTIVE IT CAN BE.

SWINGY STRENGTHENS CORE MUSCLES, IMPROVES POSTURE AND COORDINATION, BALANCE AND MOTOR SKILLS.

IMPROVING BALANCE WILL HELP KIDS WITH SPORTS LIKE ROLLER BLADING, BIKING, SKATING, CLIMBING AND SKIING.

Parent: "It was very easy to set up. I was surprised at the quality of the workmanship of the wood. I was expecting a cheaper-made plastic product. So simple. Less than a minute."

WITH YOUR TECH TRENDS, GABE SLATE KRON 4 NEWS

## **HEALTH**

12/10/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Science explains why it's hard to cut back on sugar

WE'RE ALWAYS BEING TOLD TO CUT DOWN ON SUGAR, BUT THAT'S PRETTY HARD TO DO EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SWEET TOOTH. NOW THERE'S AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHY IT'S DIFFICULT. WHILE IT'S NOT CLEAR IF SUGAR IS ACTUALLY ADDICTIVE, NEW RESEARCH SHOWS THAT EATING SUGAR FIRES OFF THE SAME REWARD CENTERS IN THE BRAIN AS COCAINE. AND IT TRIGGERS CRAVINGS AND HUNGER - SIMILAR TO THE WAY DRUGS DO. NUTRITIONISTS RECOMMEND EATING MORE -PROTEIN AND FIBER TO CURB SUGAR CRAVINGS.

## **HEALTH**

12/11/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Health numbers you should know

Dr. Jyoti Sharma/Cardiologist, Piedmont Heart: "Knowing your numbers means knowing your personal risk for developing certain diseases like heart attack, stroke and heart failure."

LET'S START WITH BLOOD PRESSURE OR THE FORCE OF BLOOD IN YOUR ARTERIES AS YOUR HEART BEATS. THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION SAYS FOR THE AVERAGE PERSON, BLOOD PRESSURE SHOULD BE LESS THAN 130 OVER 80.

Dr. Sharma: "The second is cholesterol- and when we talk about cholesterol we are really talking about your total cholesterol. A normal total cholesterol is probably less than 200, or so. And for triglycerides, your number should be less than 150. Now, your LDL, which is often times referred to as your bad cholesterol, the goal for that is really going to depend on what other risk factors you have for development of heart disease."

THE THIRD SET OF NUMBERS YOU NEED TO KNOW IS YOUR BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVEL OR HEMOGLOBIN A1C. THE AMOUNT OF SUGAR IN YOUR BLOOD STREAM CAN TELL A DOCTOR WHETHER YOU ARE AT RISK OF DEVELOPING DIABETES.

Dr. Sharma: "A number less than 6.5 is considered normal."

AND THE LAST NUMBER TO KNOW IS BMI- OR BODY MASS INDEX.

Dr. Sharma: "Body mass index is a number that we calculate based on a person's height and weight. A body mass index anywhere between 18.5 and 25 lets us know that you are in the normal range."

FOR TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE, I'M HOLLY FIRFER.

## **HEALTH**

12/21/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Tips for maintaining a healthy diet over the holidays

EATING DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS ALL ABOUT BALANCE - EATING THE TREATS WE WANT, BUT REMEMBERING OUR GOOD HEALTH HABITS SO WE DON'T PACK ON THE POUNDS. HOW DO WE MAKE THIS HAPPEN? REGISTERED DIETITIAN DANA NAHAI SAYS START BY PREPARING LIGHTER MEALS IN-BETWEEN THE HOLIDAY GET TOGETHERS.

Dana Nahai, Registered Dietitian: "You want to focus on foods that are naturally low in fat and high in fiber like vegetables, whole grains and beans."

SUCH AS IN THIS DISH WITH BROWN RICE, LENTILS, BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND PARSLEY.

AND WHEN YOU DO HEAD TO THE HOLIDAY PARTIES, TRY NOT TO PILE TOO MUCH ON YOUR PLATE.

Nahai: "You don't want to consume more than the typical amount that you would consume at any other sit-down meal."

AND IF YOU'RE DRINKING ALCOHOL, HERE'S A TRICK TO CUT DOWN ON CALORIES.

Nahai: "Try refilling your glass with water in-between the cocktails."

AND THOUGH OUR SCHEDULES GET HECTIC THIS TIME OF YEAR, IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER TO EXERCISE. IT CAN HELP BURN OFF THOSE EXTRA CALORIES, SO THAT WHEN WE INDULGE WE DON'T LEAVE THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH AN EXTRA BULGE.

FOR TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE, I'M ELIZABETH COHEN.

## **HEALTH**

12/23/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Common sense can help when fighting off germs

IT'S A SEASON FOR ICKINESS. GERMS, COLDS, AND VIRUSES LIKE THE FLU ARE GETTING READY TO DESCEND ON YOUR FAMILY AND YOU NEED TO BE PREPARED. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BEST WAYS TO AVOID GETTING SICK THIS WINTER? HERE ARE A FEW TIPS.

-BEWARE OF CLOSE CONTACT - TRY TO GIVE PEOPLE THEIR SPACE. A LOT OF GERMS CAN BE TRANSFERRED FROM PERSON TO PERSON JUST BY BREATHING ON EACH OTHER.

-STAY AT HOME WHEN YOU FALL ILL. GOES WITHOUT SAYING. YOU MAY FEEL OK, BUT YOU CAN PASS GERMS TO OTHERS AT SCHOOL AND WORK IF YOU ARE STILL CONTAGIOUS.

-WHEN YOU COUGH, COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE. SOME HEALTH EXPERTS SAY THE BEST WAY TO AVOID TRANSFERRING GERMS IS TO SNEEZE OR COUGH INTO YOUR ELBOW. THAT WAY YOU WON'T SPREAD ANYTHING WITH YOUR HANDS.

-AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, MOUTH OR NOSE. GERMS ARE OFTEN SPREAD WHEN SOMEONE TOUCHES SOMETHING THAT IS CONTAMINATED AND THEN TOUCHES THESE AREAS OF THE FACE WHICH ARE TRADITIONALLY MOIST.

-AND, CLEAN YOUR HANDS. THIS IS THE NUMBER ONE WAY TO PROTECT AGAINST NASTY GERMS. SOAP AND WATER DOES THE TRICK, BUT IF YOU HAVE AN ALCOHOL-BASED HAND SANITIZER THAT CAN WORK IN A PINCH.

FOR TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE, I'M CARL AZUZ

## **HEALTH**

12/23/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Eat the rainbow – but don't forget the whites

WE OFTEN HEAR, THE MORE COLORFUL YOUR PRODUCE, THE HEALTHIER. BUT WINTER WHITES - FRUITS AND VEGETABLE THAT ARE PALE IN COLOR - ARE PACKED WITH HEALTHY NUTRIENTS AS WELL. VEGGIES SUCH AS WHITE POTATOES, CAULIFLOWER, TURNIPS, ONIONS, GARLIC AND EVEN PARSNIPS, WHICH LOOK A LOT LIKE A WHITE CARROT.

Marisa Moore, Registered Dietitian: "They offer vitamins and nutrients, but they also have some compounds in them that help to fight cancer, fight heart disease as well as keep your blood pressure in check, as well as cholesterol levels."

AND THOUGH POTATOES OFTEN GET A BAD RAP, IT'S WHAT WE PUT ON THEM, NOT THE VEGETABLE ITSELF THAT'S AN ISSUE.

Moore: "White potatoes are virtually fat free and they are also a good source of Vitamin C and a great source of potassium which helps to lower blood pressure levels."

MOORE SAYS GARLIC CONTAINS A COMPOUND THAT HAS BEEN SHOWN TO REDUCE THE RISK FOR PROSTATE AND STOMACH CANCER. AND ONIONS HAVE NUTRIENTS THAT HELP WITH DIGESTION.

AND WHEN IT COMES TO WINTER WHITE FRUITS, TOP OF THE LIST ARE THE PALE FLESH FRUITS SUCH AS APPLES AND PEARS.

Moore: "There are some studies to show that eating an apple or a pear a day can help lower the risk of stroke."

WE CAN GET MOST PRODUCE YEAR ROUND, BUT WHEN WE BUY WHAT'S IN SEASON IT'S USUALLY CHEAPER AND TASTES BETTER.

FOR TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE, I'M HOLLY FIRFER.

## **HEALTH**

12/25/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Keeping you and your holiday food safe

PART OF THE FUN OF THE HOLIDAYS IS EATING THE BIG FAMILY MEAL AND ENJOYING THE DELICIOUS LEFT OVERS. FOLLOWING SOME SIMPLE RULES CAN KEEP OUR FOOD SAFE . FOR STARTERS:

Julie Schwartz, Registered Dietitian: "Make sure that we don't leave it sitting out longer than two hours and we want to make sure we chill it appropriately as well."

WHETHER THAT'S THE TURKEY OR A CASSEROLE, GET IT INTO THE REFRIGERATOR QUICKLY TO KEEP BAD BACTERIA FROM MULTIPLYING.

Schwartz: "Put your food in airtight containers. Air fuels the bacteria, so you want to keep that air out."

THE TEMPERATURE OF YOUR REFRIGERATOR SHOULD BE SET BELOW 40 DEGREES TO ENSURE THAT THE FOOD WILL STAY SAFE. YOU MAY WANT TO GET A THERMOMETER IF YOUR FRIG DOES NOT HAVE ONE.

AND WHEN IT'S TIME TO REHEAT THE LEFTOVERS - BRING THE TEMPERATURE BACK UP TO THE LEVEL NEEDED WHEN COOKED THE FIRST TIME.

Scheartz: "We want to make sure the poultry is at least at 165."

THE ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS SAYS WE SHOULD EAT THE LEFTOVERS WITHIN 3 - 4 DAYS. AND IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT SAFETY

Schwartz: "If in doubt throw it out is the motto to keep in mind."

FOR TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE, I'M HOLLY FIRFER.



## **4Q2015 TRANSPORTATION**

### **TRANSPORTATION**

10/6/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Study ranks local public transit options

A NEW REPORT CARD ON THE STATE'S RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEMS SAYS SAN FRANCISCO'S MUNI METRO IS THE BEST IN CALIFORNIA AND THE WORST IS THE SOUTH BAY'S VTA.

WE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THE RATINGS ARE NOT BASED ON WHAT RIDERS EXPERIENCE. ON TIME PERFORMANCE WASN'T MEASURED, AND NO ONE WAS COUNTING THE OUT-OF-SERVICE ESCALATORS. THE STUDY BASICALLY RANKS HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS USE TRAINS TO GET TO THEIR JOBS AND HOMES, COMPARED TO USING THEIR CARS.

ON THAT SCALE MUNI'S MARKET AND CHURCH STATION SCORES AN A+ WITH LOTS OF DESTINATIONS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE, A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL RIDERS, AND A LOW NUMBER OF CAR OWNERS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

NOT FAR AWAY, BART'S CIVIC CENTER U.N. PLAZA STATION ALSO GOT A TOP GRADE FOR THE SAME REASONS: HIGH RIDERSHIP, EASY WALKING ACCESS TO LOCAL AMENITIES AND PLENTY OF ZERO-CAR HOUSEHOLDS WITHIN A HALF-MILE RADIUS.

AS FOR THE RATINGS FOR SAN JOSE'S VALLEY TRANSIT, ITS TOP STATION GOT ONLY A B+. JAPANTOWN AYER GETS POINTS FOR WALKABILITY AND ACCESS TO AMENITIES, BUT IT WAS DOCKED FOR LOW RIDERSHIP. IT SEEMS MOST PEOPLE IN THAT AREA WOULD RATHER DRIVE,

SAN DIEGO'S MTS ALSO GOT A BELOW AVERAGE OVERALL RANK. LOS ANGELES AND SACRAMENTO EACH RATED A "C".

### **TRANSPORTATION**

10/14/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

BART riders frustrated by lack of parking at stations

IN TONIGHT'S MY KRON 4 STORY, A VIEWER CONTACTED US ABOUT A PROBLEM SHE IS HAVING WITH BART. SHE TELLS US SHE CAN NEVER FIND A PARKING SPACE BEFORE TAKING THE TRAIN FROM THE EAST BAY TO SAN FRANCISCO. KRON 4'S JUSTINE WALDMAN JOINS US TONIGHT FROM THE ROCKRIDGE BART STATION. SHE GOT SOME ANSWERS AS TO WHAT BART IS AND IS NOT DOING TO MAKE MORE PARKING SPACES AVAILABLE:

EVEN AT THIS HOUR, THE LOT IS MOSTLY FULL. AND IN THE MORNING, FINDING A SPOT HERE IS DRIVING ONE COMMUTER MAD.

Viewer: "My name is Sonia Reyes and this is My KRON 4 Story."

A CAR FILLS EACH AND EVERY SPACE AT THE ROCKRIDGE BART STATION. IT'S A SCENARIO SONIA REYES KNOWS ALL TOO WELL.

Reyes: It's becoming more and more frustrating because I rely on BART to get to work."

THE NURSE PRACTITIONER COMMUTES FROM ROCKRIDGE TO SAN FRANCISCO EVERY WEEKDAY AND EVEN WHEN SHE ARRIVES BBY 7:15 IN THE MORNING, SHE SAYS THE LOT IS ALREADY FULL.

Reyes: "We try to use public transportation to get to work, but it is becoming more and more impossible to get a spot in the morning."

THE ROCKRIDGE STATIONS IS A BUSY ONE. BART'S WEBSITE EVEN S HOWS THE PARKING LOTS HERE ARE FULL BY 7:25AM. RIDERS CANNOT PARK ON THE STREET BECAUSE THERE IS A TWO HOUR LIMIT.

Reyes: "It makes me nervous about the sustainability of working in the city and it makes me nervous about the sustainability of our BART system."

SHE WANTED KRON 4 ATO FIND OUT WHAT BART IS DOING ABOUT ADDIN MORE SPACES. A BART SPOKESPERSON ANSWERED OUR QUESTIONS VIA EMAIL AND WROTE:

"There is no room to grow. Many stations are in densely populated areas. There currently is no money to purchase real estate for parking lots or multi-level garages."

ALSO, BART JUST RAISED PARKING FEES OVER THE SUMMER. WITH THAT MONEY, BART WANTS TO SEND OUT TEXT OR EMAIL ALERTS TO RIDERS WHEN A LOT IS FULL. THIS IS STILL IN THE WORKS, BUT IT'S AN IDEA THIS FRUSTRATED COMMUTER LIKES.

Reyes: "When you have transparency and communication, you can have a plan B, C, or D. That would be very helpful."

BART DID RECOMMEND THE CARPOOL TO BART PROGRAM. YOU CAN RIDE TO THE BART STATION WITH OTHER COMMUTERS AND PARK IN A DESIGNATED CARPOOL SPACE.

JUSTINE WALDMAN KRON 4 NEWS

## **TRANSPORTATION**

10/22/15 KRON 4 News at 11p  
Early rush starting earlier

THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION SAYS THE MORNING COMMUTE IS STARTING EARLIER AND EARLIER AS DRIVERS COMPETE FOR LOWER TOLLS AND PARKING AVAILABILITY, AND BART RIDERS COMPETE FOR A SEAT ON THE TRAIN. KRON FOUR'S JEFF BUSH IS LIVE TONIGHT AT THE BAY BRIDGE TOLL PLAZA WITH MORE ON THIS DISHEARTENING NEWS:

THE M.T.C. SAYS THE TRAFFIC LOAD ON BAY AREA BRIDGES HAS GONE UP ABOUT 20% COMPARED TO LAST YEAR. THOSE NUMBERS WERE TAKEN BETWEEN FOUR AND FIVE A.M. THE M.T.C. SAYS MORE PEOPLE ARE ON THE ROAD EARLIE, A LOT OF PEOPLE TRYING TO GET AHEAD OF THE RUSH. BUT, THE RUSH IS STARTING EARLIER THAN IT WAS THIS TIME LAST YEAR.

John Goodwin, Metropolitan Transportation Commission: "It is amazing. Across the board. All seven of the state-owned toll bridges had significant increases in traffic this year compared to 2014. The Bay Bridge, between four o'clock and five o'clock in the morning is almost at half capacity. It's just about 50% full between four and five in the morning.

A NOTICABLE FACTOR IN ALL OF THIS IS THE FACT THAT THE TOLL IS FOUR BUCKS BEFORE FIVE AND JUMPS TO SIX FROM FIVE A.M. TO TEN A.M. THE COMMISSION SAYS THE SIMPLE FACT IS THAT THERE ARE JUST MORE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE BAY AREA THAN LAST YEAR. BUT, THE NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES HAS REMAINED THE SAME. THE SIMPLE CONCLUSION? PEOPLE ARE LEAVING HOME EARLIER SO THEY CAN GET A PARKING SPOT IN SAN FRANCISCO.

BART RIDERS SAY THEY HAVE SEEN AN INCREASED COMPETITION FOR PARKING SPACES AT THE STATION AND COMPETITION FOR SEATS ON THE TRAINS.

Todd Lewis, BART spokesperson: "The commute has gotten worse. It seems there has been a big increase in the number of people getting into the BART stations, especially from the East Bay, primarily on the earlier trains, which is quite surprising."

Eugene Louis, commuter: "Yeah, it's really cut throat. Everybody is trying to get a parking space if you can. You just luck out."

THE TAKE AWAY IS THAT MORE AND MORE PEOPLE KEEP MOVING HERE AND IT'S JUST GOING TO TAKE LONGER TO GET AROUND, NO MATTER HOW YOU DO IT.

JEFF BUSH KRON 4 NEWS

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

10/28/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
New cars coming to BART

NEW BART CARS COULD IMPROVE THE BAY AREA'S COMMUTE.

BART IS SHOWING OFF A NEW FEATURE ON ITS FLEET OF THE FUTURE – MORE DOORS. NEW CARS WILL HAVE THREE DOORS ON EACH SIDE.

BART PROMISES THE CHANGE WILL REDUCE NOISE LEVELS ON TRAINS BECAUSE THE NEW DOORS ARE "MICRO-PLUG DOORS" SIMILAR TO WHAT YOU SEE ON A MINIVAN. THE DOORS SLIDE OPEN ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE TRAIN AND SEAL TIGHT WHEN CLOSED.

ALSO THE NEW CARS WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY A FEW MORE PASSENGERS. AND BART SAYS THREE DOORS WILL EASE CONGESTION IN THE CARS SINCE PASSENGERS TYPICALLY CLUSTER AT THE DOORS. THE CHANGE SHOULD MAKE BOARDING OR EXITING THE CARS EASIER AND FASTER WHICH IN TURN WOULD MEAN LESS TIME FOR EACH STATION STOP.

THE CARS ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ARRIVING FOR TESTING LATER THIS YEAR.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

11/6/15 KRON 4 Evening News  
BART offers new services for riders

BART RIDERS MAY HAVE NOTICED NEW POP-UP RETAIL KIOSKS IN A PAIR OF DOWNTOWN SAN FRANCISCO BART STATIONS. TODAY WAS DAY ONE FOR THE NEW VENDORS. KRON4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN SHOWS YOU WHAT THEY HAVE TO OFFER:

SO YOU JUST GOT OFF THE BART TRAIN AT THE EMBARCADERO STATION AND NO, THIS IS NOT A MIRAGE. YOU CAN ACTUALLY DROP OFF YOUR DRY CLEANING TO BE SERVICED AT THIS KIOSK

Kristen Younce, Blinq representative: "Absolutely you can just drop it off with my concierge. She will be able to give you all of the information that you need, and you can pick it up in about 48 hours."

Commuter: "Oh, this is so awesome."

THESE NEW COMMUTER FRIENDLY RETAIL OUTLETS ARE BROUGHT TO YOU BY A RETAIL SERVICE PROVIDER CALLED BLINQ

Younce: "We are here to give the commuters back 5 minutes of their day by offering new and exciting brands and an excellent concierge service."

BART PASSENGERS WILL FIND GRUB MARKET LOCATED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE KIOSKS, OFFERING A VARIETY OF ORGANIC FOOD PRODUCTS.

Lily Antebi, Grub Market representative: "and deliver it from farm to your door"

AND IN THIS CASE FROM FARM TO THE EMBARCADERO BART STATION

Antebi: "Yes so what we've done here is we were able to put up a kiosk thanks to Blinq. I's basically like your own little market that will have eggs and snacks that you can purchase here rather than online."

Commuter: "I love that the food is healthy and organic and the main thing is it's convenient."

IN ADDITION TO THIS BLINQ KIOSK HERE AT THE EMBARCADERO STATION, THERE IS ANOTHER BLINQ SET UP AT THE MONTGOMERY STATION. BLINQ REPRESENTATIVES SAY THE GOAL IS TO OUTFIT ALL 43 BART STATIONS WITH KIOSKS OFFERING GOODS AND SERVICES BY THE END OF 2016.

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## **TRANSPORTATION**

11/18/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

"Google Busses" pass the test

THE PRIVATE SHUTTLES THAT PICK UP THOUSANDS OF TECH WORKERS IN SAN FRANCISCO ARE HERE TO STAY.

WE'VE ALL SEEN THEM, THOSE UNMARKED BUSES THAT FERRY WORKERS TO GOOGLE, FACEBOOK, APPLE AND OTHER COMPANIES IN SILICON VALLEY. NOW, AFTER A PILOT PROGRAM THAT TESTED THE IMPACT OF THE SHUTTLES ON TRAFFIC AND THE COMMUNITY, SAN FRANCISCO'S TRANSIT AGENCY HAS DECIDED TO PERMANENTLY ALLOW THE BUSES. BUT, NOT WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS.

THE NEW PROGRAM, WHICH BEGINS IN FEBRUARY, WILL MAKE SURE THE LARGER SHUTTLES STAY ON MAIN ROADS AND THE CITY WILL CHARGE THE COMPANIES A PER STOP FEE.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

11/19/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
New option for city driving

AS URBAN AREAS SUCH AS SAN FRANCISCO, SAN JOSE AND OAKLAND ARE GETTING MORE AND MORE CROWDED, AUTOMAKERS ARE DEVELOPING NEW TYPES OF VEHICLES FOR US TO USE TO GET AROUND TOWN. THIS IS THE TOYOTA "I-ROAD" – A TINY THREE-WHEELED, FULLY ELECTRIC CAR THAT YOU MIGHT SOONSEE IN BIG CITIES. OUR TECH REPORTER GABE SLATE TOOK IT FOR A TEST DRIVE AND WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN HOW IT WORKS:.

HERE'S A VISUAL WALK AROUND THE TOYOTA I-ROAD. IT'S GOT THREE WHEELS, TWO IN THE FRONT AND ONE IN THE BACK. IT'S JUST THREE FEET WIDE AND A LITTLE OVER SEVEN FEET LONG AND ABOUT FOUR FEET TALL.

IT'S REALLY SOMETHING BEING RIGHT UP CLOSE TO THE TOYOTA I-ROAD AND SEE HOW SMALL IT REALLY IS. IT BASICALLY JUST SURROUNDS THE HUMAN BODY. I AM BASICALLY BIGGER THAN THIS VEHICLE, BUT THAT'S NOT GOING TO STOP ME FROM GETTING INSIDE AND TAKING IT FOR A SPIN.

DRIVING IT WAS FUN! IT'S REALLY DIFFERENT. IT'S LIKE A MOTORCYCLE BLENDED WITH A CAR BLENDED WITH A SEGWAY. THE I-ROAD LEANS TO THE LEFT AND RIGHT AS YOU MAKE TURNS. JUST A LITTLE, BUT YOU FEEL IT. IT KIND OF SWAYS BACK AND FORTH. IT'S NOT LIKE ANY OTHER CAR I'VE EVER DRIVEN.

THIS WILL BE PRIMARILY A SINGLE RIDER CAR ALTHOUGH A SMALL ADULT OR CHILD CAN FIT SAFELY BEHIND THE DRIVER. THE I-ROAD IS A FULLY ELECTRIC, ZERO EMISSIONS VEHICLE. IT RUNS OFF OF A LITHIUM BATTERY SO IT'S GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. IT COMES IN A VARIETY OF BRIGHT COLORS. THIS LITTLE GUY CERTAINLY GRABS THE EYE. THE IDEA IS THAT PEOPLE WOULD HAVE THIS AS A SECOND CAR OR A COMMUTER CAR OR FOR PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN A BIG CITY. IT'S A GLIMPSE INTO WHAT I THINK IS THE FUTURE – THESE TYPES OF SMALL ELECTRIC CARS IN URBAN AREAS. IT'S GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, MAKES THE STREETS LESS CROWDED AND PARKING IS A LOT EASIER. FOUR OF THESE CARS CAN FIT INTO ONE STANDARD PARKING SPOT.

THERE'S NOT AN OFFICIAL PRICE OR RELEASE DATE YET, BUT I'M TOLD THE I-ROAD SHOULD COME IN UNDER TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

GABE SLATE KRON 4 NEWS

## **TRANSPORTATION**

12/1/15 KRON 4 Evening News  
Public transit gearing up for Super Bowl

Peter Albert, SFMTA Planning Manager: "We're ensuring that transportation not only works for the visitors and football fans but also for the people who are doing their day to day work."

CONFIDENT WORDS FROM SAN FRANCISCO MTA PLANNING MANAGER PETER ALBERT TO THE MTA BOARD THAT SAN FRANCISCO IS READY FOR SUPERBOWL 50 ACTIVITIES.

Albert: "The morning commute should be unaffected because the big events kick in about 10 or 11 in the day."

THE BIGGEST OF THE SUPERBOWL 50 ACTIVITIES IN SAN FRANCISCO WILL BE THE SUPERBOWL CITY FESTIVAL RIGHT HERE AT THE END OF MARKET STREET. THAT MEANS ALL THESE CARS AND PUBLIC TRANSIT VEHICLES YOU SEE WILL NOT BE HERE BECAUSE MARKET WILL BE CLOSED FROM BEALE TO THE FERRY BUILDING.

Albert: "Some of the muni lines that terminate downtown, their terminals won't be effected. Others will, those terminating on Mission Street, at Steuart or Beale, they might be moved a block away."

THE F-LINE TROLLEY WILL ALSO SEE A CHANGE. FROM CASTRO TO DOWNTOWN, A BUS WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF THE TROLLEY. THEN, ONCE AT MISSION AND THE EMBARCADERO, PASSENGERS WILL TRANSFER TO THE TROLLEY TO CONTINUE ON TO FISHERMAN'S WHARF. FOR THOSE WHO TRAVEL UNDERGROUND IN THE MUNI SUBWAY, THEY CAN LOOK FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICE

Albert: "We look at running not just longer and more frequent trains in the midday but in the evening as well to complement the intense service already at the peak periods."

## **TRANSPORTATION**

12/4/15 KRON 4 News at 11pm

Local public transit operator gets into holiday spirit for good cause

CAL -TRAIN'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY TRAIN WILL RIDE AGAIN THIS WEEKEND. STARTING TOMORROW AND GOING THROUGH SUNDAY DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, THE HOLIDAY TRAIN WILL VISIT NINE CAL-TRAIN STATIONS BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO AND SANTA CLARA.

THE TRAIN WILL BE DECORATED WITH 70 THOUSAND GLITTERING LIGHTS AND WILL PROVIDE HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT LIKE THIS BRASS BAND. ALL TO GET IN THE SPIRIT FOR THE TOY DONATIONS THAT WILL BE COLLECTED AT EACH STOP FOR LOCAL CHILDREN WHO OTHERWISE MIGHT NOT RECEIVE GIFTS DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

KRON 4 WAS THERE THIS MORNING TO GET A SNEAK PEAK AT THE TRAIN AND LEARN WHAT GOES INTO PUTTING ON THE ANNUAL EVENT.

Cal Train spokesperson: "We start this project in September. In September, we're doing repairs on all the decorations and then we start the decorating in October. So we've been putting this together for about three months now."

SOME SPECIAL CHARACTERS THAT WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE ARE MISTER AND MRS. CLAUS ALONG WITH SOME ELVES AND EVEN FROSTY THE SNOWMAN.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

12/17/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Latest data on Bay Area commutes

THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION JUST RELEASED SOME UPDATED DATA ON BAY AREA COMMUTES. ACCORDING TO THE MTC, IN 2014 THE AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME IN THE BAY AREA AS 30 MINUTES. THAT'S ONLY UP ONE MINUTE FROM THE 29 MINUTE AVERAGE IN 2013, BUT IS THE RESULT OF WORSENING CONGESTION AND LONGER DISTANCES FOR PEOPLE COMMUTING INTO AND OUT OF SAN FRANCISCO AND SILICON VALLEY.

THE MTC ALSO RELEASED ITS ANNUAL LIST OF THE MOST CONGESTED COMMUTES IN THE BAY AREA:

COMING IN AT NUMBER FIVE IS THE EVENING NORTHBOUND SLOG FROM SAN RAMON TO PLEASANT HILL ON 680.

AT NUMBER FOUR IS THE EASTBOUND APPROACH TO THE BAY BRIDGE IN SAN FRANCISCO DURING THE AFTERNOON COMMUTE.

NUMBER THREE IS SOUTHBOUND 101 FROM FAIR OAKS AVENUE IN SUNNVALE TO OAKLAND ROAD IN NORTH SAN JOSE. THAT'S FOR THE AFTERNOON COMMUTE.

NUMBER TWO IS THE MORNING DRIVE ON SOUTHBOUND 880 FROM SAN LEANDRO TO MILPITAS.

AND NUMBER ONE, THE MOST CONGESTED ROUTE IN THE BAY AREA ACCORDING TO THE MTC, IS THE WESTBOUND MORNING COMMUTE ALONG 80 FROM HERCULES TO OAKLAND.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

12/30/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
BART commuters face rate hikes

ATTENTION BART RIDERS... YOUR COMMUTE IS ABOUT TO GET A LITTLE MORE EXPENSIVE. BART PASSENGERS CAN EXPECT TO PAY MORE FOR A RIDE IN 2016. FARES ARE SET TO INCREASE AROUND 3.4 PERCENT STARTING FRIDAY. THE MINIMUM FARE WILL RISE TO \$1.95.

THE RATE HIKE IS EXPECTED TO GENERATE 15 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR AND BART SAYS IT NEEDS THE EXTRA MONEY TO KEEP THE SYSTEM RUNNING SAFELY.

AND THERE ARE MORE RATE HIKES TO COME. FARES ARE SET TO INCREASE AT THE START OF EVERY EVEN-NUMBER YEAR THROUGH 2020.