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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
EDUCATION
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HEALTH
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TRANSPORTATION**

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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CRIME

4/8/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

East Bay community sees spike in burglaries

THERE ARE SOME RATTLED NERVES IN THE COMMUNITY OF DUBLIN TONIGHT AFTER A RASH OF RECENTBURGLARIES THERE. KRON 4'S MAUREEN KELLY SPOKE TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE ABOUT WHAT HIS DEPARTMENT IS DOING ABOUT IT:

THE AREA OF EAST DUBLIN HAS SEEN AN ALARMING RISE IN THE NUMBER OF BURGLARIES LATELY. THERE WERE NINE IN THE MONTH OF MARCH ALONE. HERE'S A MAP THAT SHOWS WHERE THEY ARE CLUSTERED.

IN ADDITION TO THE SAME AREA BEING HIT, THE CHIEF SAYS THEY HAVE NOTICED A DISTINCT PATTERN REGARDING THESE BREAK-INS.

Dublin police chief: "Most of them occur in the evenings. The suspects are looking for people who aren't at home, so they knock at the front door. When they don't get an answer, they move to the back and what they've been doing is breaking the rear sliding glass doors."

THE RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN HIT TELL POLICE THEY ARE LOSING JEWELRY AND OTHER EASILY PORTABLE VALUABLES. THE CHIEF SAYS HE HAS INVESTIGATORS DEDICATED TO THIS CRIME WAVE AND INCREASED PATROLS TO THIS PART OF THE COMMUNITY.

AND THIS RASH OF BREAK-INS HAS NEIGHBORS IN THE AREA RETHINKING THEIR OWN HOME SECURITY SYSTEMS.

Resident: "Alarms don't seem to be a major deterrent, although cameras, high definition cameras, would be a great idea. If you can't stop them, at least maybe you can catch them."

THE CHIEF RECOMMENDS ALARMS WITH MOTION SENSORS AND GLASS BREAKAGE DETECTORS AND ALSO SAYS IF ANYONE HEARS A KNOCK AT THEIR FRONT DOOR, KEEP IT CLOSED BUT MAKE SURE THE PERSON ON THE OTHER SIDE OF IT KNOWS SOMEONE IS HOME. THEN CALL POLICE. THAT'S HOW THEY WERE ABLE TO ARREST FOUR SUSPECTS AT THE END OF MARCH, HERE ON BASSETS WAY.

THOSE ARRESTED INCLUDE ONE ADULT, 18 YEAR OLD ISRAEL JOHNSON, AND THREE JUVENILES, ALL FROM RICHMOND. ONE OF THE JUVENILES WAS ALLEGEDLY IN POSSESSION OF A LOADED FIREARM.

THERE HAS BEEN AT LEAST ONE OTHER BREAK IN AFTER THOSE ARRESTS, SO THE POLICE BELIEVE THERE ARE MORE THIEVES CONNECTED WITH THE CREW BEHIND THESE BURGLARIES.

Resident: "It's good to know the police are backing us up but we also need to have the neighborhood band together and increase our own vigilance to act as a deterrent."

I PERSONALLY HAVE SEEN NEIGHBORS PATROLLING THIS AREA. OVER THE COURSE OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR I HAVE BEEN PARKED HERE, WORKING IN MY CAR, I WAS APPROACHED BY THREE SEPARATE GROUPS OF NEIGHBORS ASKING WHAT I WAS DOING HERE – WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT THE CHIEF SAYS HE IS ASKING THESE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUPS NOT TO DO. HE SAYS HE HAS REPEATEDLY ASKED RESIDENTS NOT TO APPROACH SUSPICIOUS INDIVIDUALS AND THEY SHOULD DEFINITELY NOT BE TRYING TO ARREST SUSPECTS ON THEIR OWN. HE SAYS HE IS STRESSING THAT CONCERNED RESIDENTS ONLY OBSERVE AND REPORT TO POLICE DESCRIPTIONS OF SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE, THEIR CARS AND LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS SO NO ONE GETS HURT.

MAUREEN KELLY KRON4 NEWS.

CRIME

4/15/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm
East Bay thieves targeting work trucks

IN THE EAST BAY, THIEVES ARE TARGETING WORK-RELATED TRUCKS IN LIVERMORE. POLICE THERE SAY IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS AT LEAST TWO DOZEN COMMERCIAL TRUCKS HAVE BEEN STOLEN -- MANY NOT RECOVERED. TONIGHT, KRON 4'S PHILIPPE DJEGAL TELLS US WHAT THIEVES ARE LOOKING FOR AND HOW TO AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM:

OUTSIDE HOMES... IN PARKING LOTS... AND ALONG MAJOR THOROUGHFARES...

Lt. John Hurd, Livermore Police Department: "It's across the board. If we could target one area, we would. But it's really all over the place."

WORK TRUCKS IN LIVERMORE ARE SITTING DUCKS FOR THIEVES WHO DON'T CARE WHO THEY'RE RIPPING OFF.

Lt. Hurd: "I mean, the numbers are kind of bad right now. In the last six months, we've had 24 work-type vehicles stolen."

LIVERMORE POLICE LIEUTENANT JOHN HURD SAYS THE MAJORITY OF THE TARGETED VEHICLES ARE FORD VANS OR TRUCKS, TYPICALLY WHITE F-250'S, F-350'S AND OTHER MODELS MADE BETWEEN 2002 AND 2006. HURD SAYS 90 PERCENT OF THE STOLEN VEHICLES WERE LOCKED AT THE TIME AND HAVE SIGNAGE OR LOGOS ON THE DOORS AND TOOLBOXES IN THE BACK.

Lt. Hurd: "Can you imagine being a construction guy? All of your livelihood is in the back of your truck or your van. You come out one morning and it's all gone. I mean, that's gotta be heartbreaking."

POLICE SAY PURCHASING A STEERING WHEEL LOCK, KNOWN AS THE CLUB, MAY BE A STRONG INVESTMENT. YOU CAN FIND THESE AT MOST AUTO SHOPS IN YOUR AREA.

Josue Parjarito, assistant manager: "They actually make them pretty bright red. They make them very visual and obvious."

JOSUE PARJARITO AT O'REILLY AUTO PARTS IN LIVERMORE SAYS BREAK PEDAL LOCKS AND THE CLUB ARE BIG SELLERS.

Parharito: "It keeps the vehicle from being stolen, and turning it. So, if you can't turn it, you can't steal it."

IN ABOUT HALF OF THE CASES, LT. HURD SAYS THE TRUCKS ARE BEING STRIPPED OF THEIR TOOLS, BEFORE BEING DUMPED ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD SOMEWHERE.

Lt. Hurd: "But other cases, we're not even finding the trucks or recovering them."

SO, IT'S BEST TO TAKE MATTERS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS, AND USE EVERY AVAILABLE DETERANT TO SECURE YOUR TRUCK OR VAN.

Lt. Hurd: "If it has an alarm, turn it on. If it has GPS tracking, turn it on so we can find it later on, if it is stolen. But, really, just be aware."

IN LIVERMORE PHILIPPE DJEGAL KRON 4 NEWS

CRIME

4/20/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm
New cyber crime warning

WE HAVE A WARNING FOR YOU. A TEXTING SCAM IS GAINING TRACTION AND TRICKING PEOPLE INTO GIVING OUT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION TO CYBER CRIMINALS. OUR TECH TRENDS REPORTER GABE SLATE SHOWS US HOW IT WORKS AND HOW TO AVOID FALLING VICTIM:

PEOPLE ARE GETTING A MESSAGE THAT POPS UP ON THEIR PHONE SAYING THAT THEIR APPLE ID IS EXPIRING AND THEY WILL BE LOCKED OUT OF THEIR ACCOUNT UNLESS THEY TAKE ACTION. DON'T FALL FOR THIS. HERE'S A CLOSER LOOK.

THE MESSAGE LOOKS SOMETHING LIKE THIS, SAYING YOU NEED TO SIGN IN AND CONFIRM YOUR DETAILS OR YOUR APPLE ID WILL BE DEACTIVATED.

IT LOOKS REAL AND THE LINK URL IN THE MESSAGE LOOKS REAL, WITH THE WORDS SIGN IN ICLOUD. IF YOU CLICK ON THAT LINK IT TAKES YOU TO THIS PHONY WEBSITE SET UP TO PHISH OUT YOUR INFORMATION.

TO ME THIS IS THE SCARY PART. THIS IS A VERY CONVINCING FAKE APPLE WEBSITE. IT LOOKS REAL.

NOW, REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU ENTER ON THE USERNAME/PASSWORD SCREEN YOU WILL BE TOLD THAT YOUR APPLE ID HAS BEEN "LOCKED FOR SECURITY REASONS". TO UNLOCK YOUR APPLE ID, THE PHISHING SITE THEN ASKS YOU TO ENTER FURTHER PERSONAL DETAILS INCLUDING YOUR DATE OF BIRTH, TELEPHONE NUMBER, ADDRESS, AND CREDIT CARD DETAILS.

THERE IS ANOTHER SCAM SIMILAR TO THIS GOING AROUND, AGAIN THROUGH TEXT MESSAGE. BUT THIS ONE SAYS THAT YOUR ICLOUD ACCOUNT WAS LOGGED INTO ON SOMEONE ELSE'S IPHONE. IN THIS EXAMPLE THEY SAY IT WAS "ALEXANDER'S IPHONE."

THE MESSAGE POINTS OUT THE OBVIOUS THAT THIS IS SUSPICIOUS AND YOU SHOULD LOG INTO YOUR ACCOUNT TO VERIFY EVERYTHING IS SAFE, AGAIN SAME THING. IT'S A TRAP.

DON'T EVER CLICK ON LINKS IN A TEXT MESSAGE. IF YOU THINK ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS IS GOING ON, VISIT THE REAL ICLOUD APPLE WEBSITE AND CHECK IT OUT.

GABE SLATE KRON 4 NEWS

CRIME

4/26/16 KRON 4 Evening
My KRON4 Story illustrates disturbing trend in vehicle theft

A PLUMBER'S TRUCK THAT WAS RECENTLY STOLEN HAS BEEN FOUND. HOWEVER, THAT IS NOT GOOD NEWS IN THIS CASE BECAUSE OF THE CONDITION THE VEHICLE.. THE OWNER OF THE TRUCK IS DEEPLY TROUBLED BY THE SITUATION AS HE TELLS KRON4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN IN THIS MY KRON4 STORY:

Rick Howell, R.B.Travis Plumbing Contractor: "Okay, this is the truck when we went out there yesterday. The cab is completely burned up and everything's taken out of the bins."

THE OWNER OF R.B. TRAVIS PLUMBING CONTRACTOR, RICK HOWELL, IS SHOWING ME PHOTOS OF WHAT SOMEBODY DID TO ONE OF HIS TRUCKS THAT WAS RECENTLY STOLEN FROM AN EMPLOYEE'S HOME IN PLEASANT HILL. HE SAYS THE TRUCK LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE THIS ONE WHEN IT WAS STOLEN LAST MONDAY. FIVE DAYS LATER THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL FOUND IT ON FRANKLIN CANYON ROAD IN MARTINEZ – FULLY ENGULFED IN FLAMES.

Howell: "It was burned completely. So I was going out there hoping that it would look a little bit better and at least we could pull our parts of the truck, because they have never stolen our parts before, just always our tools."

BUT IN THIS CASE?

Howell: "They took everything. They took the tools, the parts, cleaned out every bin."

NOW MR. HOWELL SAYS HE DECIDED TO TELL KRON4 HIS STORY BECAUSE, AS HE TOLD ME, THIS ISN'T HIS FIRST PICK UP THAT HAS BEEN STOLEN FROM HIS BUSINESS. HOWEVER, HE SAYS IT IS THE FIRST THAT HAS BEEN SET ON FIRE AND HE SAYS HE FINDS THAT VERY DISTURBING.

Howell: "You know it's kind of a sick feeling when you see one of your trucks burned that bad, just because somebody wanted to steal your tools."

Cpl. Christopher Blakely, Concord Police Department: "Unfortunately when a car is torched like that or is burned, there is a lot of evidence that goes up with it."

CONCORD BORDERS PLEASANT HILL. POLICE THERE SAY THEIVES AE BURNING STOLEN VEHICLES MORE OFTEN THESE DAYS.

Blakely: "The reason why they do it is because there is evidence in those vehicles even after the suspect is gone."

Howell: "These guys are serious. The ones who took this truck, they weren't playing around, I would like to see them caught so other people don't have to go through anything like this."

POLICE ARE HOPING SOMEONE REMEMBERS SEEING THIS TRUCK AND ARE ASKING ANYONE WITH ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THIS CASE TO GIVE THEM A CALL.

HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

CRIME

5/9/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Online Safe Zone idea catching on

ANOTHER BAY AREA CITY IS POISED TO CREATE A 'SAFE ZONE' FOR ONLINE SALES TRANSACTIONS. DALY CITY'S CITY COUNCIL IS VOTING TONIGHT ON LEGISLATION TO MAKE A SAFE EXCHANGE. THE ZONE WOULD HAVE H-D CAMERAS AND PROVIDE 24- HOUR SURVEILLANCE. IF APPROVED, THE PROGRAM WILL NOT COST TAXPAYERS ANY MONEY. PITTSBURG HAS ALSO ADOPTED A SIMILAR IDEA FOR ONLINE SALES TRANSACTIONS.

CRIME

5/17/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Thieves targeting women in East Bay

IN THE EAST BAY, A WARNING GOING OUT TO WOMEN, AFTER SEVERAL HAVE BEEN TARGETED BY THIEVES WHILE OUT WALKING IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS. THE CROOKS ARE STEALING GOLD CHAINS, AND IN ONE CASE THEY EVEN TRIED TO RIP A PAIR OF EARRINGS OUT OF A WOMAN'S EARS. KRON 4'S TERISA ESTACIO SHOWS US WHERE THESE CRIMES ARE HAPPENING AND TELLS US WHY POLICE BELIEVE A CERTAIN GROUP OF WOMEN IS AT GREAT RISK:

Manaswini Vonteru: "It's too dangerous."

MANASWINI VONTERU SAYS SHE IS TAKING NO CHANCES. SHE'S NOW LEAVING HER EXPENSIVE JEWELRY AT HOME BEFORE GOING OUT.

Vonteru: "It puts you at risk. It's really scary. It leaves marks here [pointing to neck area] sometimes when they snatch the chains."

Geneva Bosques, Fremont Police Department: "These suspects really don't care who they hurt."

GENEVA BOSQUES, SPOKESPERSON WITH THE FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT, SAYS IN THE LAST FEW DAYS THEY'VE HAD AT LEAST THREE CASES WHERE THIEVES HAVE COME UP TO VICTIMS AND VIOLENTLY SNATCHED GOLD CHAINS. IN ONE CASE THE VICTIM WAS NEARLY SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Bosques: "We had one suspect stand behind the female. And this is a female that is with her father and baby. So once suspect stands behind her while another suspect grabs the chain. It sounds as though something fell to the ground and so he went back for more and starts to tug at her earrings. He was not successful, thank goodness."

IN THIS EAST BAY CITY THIS IS THE AREA ON THE MAP WHERE THE LATEST CRIMES ARE TAKING PLACE, IN WHAT'S KNOWN AS THE ARDENWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD.

POLICE SAY THESE THEIVES ARE TARGETING A PATICULAR GROUP OF WOMEN IN THESE CHAIN-SNATCHING CASES.

Bosques: "It has been South Asian and Indian females."

MANSWINI SAYS SHE FEARS FOR SOME OF THE OLDER WOMEN OUT WALKING. JEWELRY IS A CULTURAL MATTER AND CHAINS ARE LIKE WEDDING RINGS FOR SOME PEOPLE.

Vonteru: "They cannot fight them. They cannot go against because they are not enough strong."

POLICE BELIEVE MOST OF THE ITEMS ARE BEING SOLD QUICKLY TO PAWN SHOPS. THE NECKLACES CAN RANGE IN PRICE ANYWHERE FROM A COUPLE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO SEVERAL THOUSAND.

Bosques: "The way that we normally solve these crimes is from vigilant citizens who take a photo or call us immediately."

POLICE ARE ALREADY INCREASING PATROLS AND GETTING FLYERS OUT TO TRY AND CATCH THE THIEVES. LAST SUMMER THEY HAD A SIMILAR RASH OF CRIMES AND DID MAKE A COUPLE OF ARRESTS.

IN FREMONT TERISA ESTACIO KRON 4 NEWS

CRIME

5/19/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Police say rash of freeway shootings is gang-related

IN THE EAST BAY WE ARE FOLLOWING THE RECENT SPIKE IN FREEWAY SHOOTINGS. INVESTIGATORS ARE DESCRIBING IT AS HIGH-SPEED GANG WARFARE AND SAY THEY ARE DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO TRY AND STOP THE VIOLENCE.

THERE HAVE BEEN MORE THAN 20 SHOOTINGS ON BAY AREA FREEWAY'S SINCE NOVEMBER OF 2015. ONLY ONE SUSPECT HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION TO ONE SHOOTING CASE. KRON 4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN RODE ALONG WITH OFFICERS -- IN A STORY YOU'LL ONLY SEE ON KRON4:

TWNETY-FOUR SHOOTINGS ON BAY AREA FREEWAYS SINCE NOVEMBER OF 2015, NO SUSPECTS IDENTIFIED, SO FAR ONE PERSON ARRESTED IN CONNECTION TO ONLY ONE OF THESE SHOOTINGS

Lt. Felix Tan, Richmond Police Department: "A lot of times we know who is doing what. We have a pretty good pulse as to what has been occurring. We just need confirmation."

BUT RICHMOND POLICE OFFICER FELIX TAN SAYS GETTING CONFIRMATION HAS BEEN DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF THE CONNECTION TO GANG ACTIVITY.

Lt. Tan: "Well unfortunately with gang investigations, it is really challenging for detectives to crack the case. That's due to the fact that the gang members don't want to talk. They don't want to cooperate and witnesses are very, very hesitant to talk about what they know."

SO, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ACROSS THE BAY AREA ARE TURNING UP THE HEAT ON THEM.

Lt. Tan: "So then we have to go into our plan, our strategy. Sometimes it can involve surveillance and sometimes enforcement."

AND SOMETIMES IT INVOLVES TECHNOLOGY.

Lt. Tan: "All the officers have shot spotter in their cars, so it's pretty much immediate notification."

IN ADDITION TO THAT CRIME FIGHTING TOOL, THE CITY ALSO HAS SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS ON THE STREET ALL OVER TOWN. BUT THERE MIGHT BE AN UNINTENDED SIDE EFFECT TO THAT.

Lt. Tan: "A lot of the gang members, the criminals, they know about this. So, did we push them outside of our city? Perhaps, but there is no one clear answer to why they are going on the freeway."

MEANWHILE, TO HELP DETER THE FREEWAY VIOLENCE, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS IN PITTSBURG HAVE APPROVED THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CAMERAS ALONG HIGHWAY 4.

INVESTIGATORS SAY SINCE THE FORMING OF A SPECIAL JOINT LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE, 29 FIREARMS HAVE BEEN CONFISCATED AND 77 INDIVIDUALS WITH GANG TIES HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR FELONY CRIMES ASSOCIATED WITH GANG ACTIVITY.

IN RICHMOND HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

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5/23/16 KRN 4 News at 8pm
Warning on new ATM malware

A WARNING FOR ATM USERS. MALWARE COULD BE STEALING YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION. THIEVES ARE INSTALLING MALWARE PROGRAMS ON CASH MACHINES AND THERE MAY BE VERY LITTLE YOU CAN DO TO STOP THEM. KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD IS LIVE TONIGHT IN THE NEWSROOM TO EXPLAIN THE PROBLEM. THIS AFTERNOON HE ALSO SPOKE WITH A SECURITY EXPERT WHO SAYS THAT THIS IS JUST ONE OF MANY THREATS FACING ATM USERS. CHARLES:

IN AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION, THE CYBERSECURITY COMPANY KASPERSKY LAB SAYS THEY'VE FOUND A NEW VERSION OF AN OLD MALWARE PROGRAM CALLED SKIMMER THAT'S DESIGNED TO CORRUPT AN ATM'S SOFTWARE.

BY INSTALLING SKIMMER INTO THE MACHINE, THIEVES CAN STEAL PERSONAL INFORMATION, CREDIT CARD NUMBERS AND PIN NUMBERS. UNLIKE PREVIOUS VERSIONS OF THE MALWARE, THE NEW SKIMMER CAN HIDE UNDETECTED FOR MONTHS, QUIETLY GATHERING DATA UNTIL

SOMEONE ENTERS AN ACTIVATION CODE. IF THE THIEF IS ONLY LOOKING FOR SOME QUICK CASH, SKIMMER CAN ALSO DISPENSE THE ATM'S FUNDS ON CUE.

Tony Anscombe, cyber-security expert: "And some lucky cyber-criminal is going to stand there with a bag and collect the cash."

TONY ANSCOMBE IS A CYBER-SECURITY EXPERT WITH AVG TECHNOLOGIES. HE SAYS THAT BECAUSE SKIMMER IS SOFTWARE INSIDE THE ATM, THERE'S ALMOST NOTHING THAT THE AVERAGE PERSON CAN DO TO AVOID IT. IT FALLS TO THE OWNER OF THE ATM TO PROTECT THEIR MACHINE.

Anscombe: "You have to think of them as a PC. Make sure they are patched. Make sure they have the latest version of the operating system. Make sure you're protecting the ATM network with good antivirus software so the malware is detected if someone inserts it."

THAT BEING SAID, ANSCOMBE ALSO SAYS THAT ATM USERS SHOULD NOT LET THEIR GUARD DOWN. THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER SECURITY THREATS THAT CAN BE AVOIDED SIMPLY BY BEING OBSERVANT.

Anscombe: "When we go to an ATM, make sure no one is looking over your shoulder. If the machine doesn't look in good order, or if it's been tampered with, walk to the next one."

FINALLY, EXPERTS ALSO SAY THAT THIEVES CAN ACTUALLY INSTRUCT THIS MALWARE TO SELF-DESTRUCT, LEAVING NO TRACE THAT THERE WAS EVER A THREAT.

CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

CRIME

5/23/16 KRON 4 News at 10pm

Criminals turning security cameras to their advantage

HOME SECURITY CAMERAS ARE SUPPOSED TO KEEP YOU SAFE, BUT IT TURNS OUT SOME CAMERAS COULD BE DOING THE EXACT OPPOSITE. WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING IT, YOUR CAMERA COULD BE OPENING A WINDOW INTO YOUR HOME FOR BURGLARS AND PEEPING TOMS. ANYBODY. AND YOU'LL NEVER EVEN KNOW SOMEONE IS WATCHING. REPORTER AMANDA SMITH SHOWS US WHAT'S HAPPENING:

HOME SECURITY SYSTEMS HAVE COME A LONG WAY. YOU CAN GET A SIMPLE WI-FI SYSTEM FOR LESS THAN A TANK OF GAS. BUT, IF YOU DON'T SET IT UP PROPERLY THE VERY THINGS YOU ARE TRYING TO PROTECT – YOUR LOVED ONES, YOUR PROPERTY, EVEN YOUR PRIVACY - COULD BE BROADCASTING MORE THAN YOU KNOW. IT'S LIKE PUTTING WHAT'S INSIDE YOUR HOUSE AND PUTTING IT UP ON THE OUTSIDE FOR EVERYONE TO SEE.

WHEN YOU BUY A HOME CAMERA SYSTEM, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT IT WITH A PASSWORD. IF YOU DON'T, YOUR HOME COULD WIND UP ON THIS WEBSITE OUT OF RUSSIA. IT COLLECTS THE FEEDS AND THEN ORGANIZES THEM BY CITY. I LOOKED IN ON SOME GUY'S LIVING ROOM, THIS FAMILY'S BACKYARD, THIS DAYCARE, AND EVEN THIS BAR.

I SHOWED THE WEBSITE TO DR. ADAM EARNHARDT AT YSU.

Dr. Earnhardt: "Creepy."

HE TEACHES CLASSES ON PRIVACY AND ONLINE SAFETY.

Dr. Earnhardt: One that I researched this morning was actually looking right into someone's living room. There was no one in the room, thank God, but just imagine there is somebody out there at five o'clock having dinner."

POLICE SAY THESE CAMERAS CAN CREATE A HUGE DANGER. BURGLERS CAN USE THE GPS INFORMATION THEY CONTAIN AND THEN USE YOUR OWN SECURITY SYSTEM AGAINST YOU.

Police officer: "Without securing your camera system, anyone can view it and they can pick up your habits, see what's in your house, see what security you have in the house besides the camera and they can use that against you."

NOW THESE CAMERAS CAN CATCH BURGLERS AND HELP SOLVE CRIMES, BUT ONLY IF YOU SET THEM UP THE RIGHT WAY.

BestBuy spokesperson: "The security of your system is very important, so if you're allowing just anybody to get on there, you are potentially setting yourself up for some problems."

IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO SET UP YOUR NEW SYSTEM, IT'S GOOD IDEA TO GET HELP.

BestBuy spokesperson: "We can send a tech out to your house to set the network up for you, secure it properly and make sure it's encrypted so you don't have any unwanted guests on your system."

BOTTOM LINE, IF YOU ARE IN ANYWAY UNSURE ABOUT SETTING UP YOUR HOME SECURITY SYSTEM IT'S BEST TO REACH OUT FOR HELP, OTHERWISE WHO KNOWS WHO'S WATCHING.

CRIME

6/6/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Who is responsible for stopping the freeway shootings?

FIVE BAY AREA MAYORS HEADED TO SACRAMENTO TO MEET WITH STATE OFFICIALS ABOUT THE SURGE IN VIOLENCE ALONG EAST BAY HIGHWAYS. SINCE LAST FALL, THERE HAVE BEEN MORE THAN 20 SHOOTINGS ALONG THOSE ROADWAYS AND NOW OFFICIALS ARE STEPPING UP EFFORTS TO CONFRONT THE PROBLEM. KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD HAS MORE:

WHEN VIOLENCE ERUPTS ALONG A BAY AREA INTERSTATE OF HIGHWAY, THE CITY WHERE IT HAPPENS UNWILLINGLY BECOMES PART OF THE STORY. DAN ROMERO IS THE MAYOR OF HERCULES, WHICH INCLUDES SECTIONS OF HIGHWAY 4 AND INTERSTATE 80, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE BEEN PLAGUED BY PROBLEMS IN RECENT MONTHS.

Mayor Romero: "The city of Hercules gets tagged with this. We are an innocent law-abiding community. When the shooting happens on the freeway, the town of Hercules gets mentioned into it."

HE ALSO FEELS THAT'S IT'S NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES TO MONITOR STATE ROADWAYS FOR PROBLEMS.

Mayor Romero: "That's not our duty as a locality. That's CalTrans and CHP's duty to make sure that residents are travelling in a safe environment."

AND HE'S NOT ALONE. ON MONDAY, ROMERO ALONG WITH THE MAYORS OF EL CERRITO, PINOLE, SAN PABLO AND PITTSBURG MET WITH STATE TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS, THE HIGHWAY PATROL AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. THE GOAL WAS TO SEE WHAT THE STATE WAS DOING TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM.

Mayor Romero: "The purpose of today's meeting was to let the five mayors have a say with the state, which we did."

A TASK FORCE MADE UP OF THE CONTRACOSTA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, CALTRANS, LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE HIGHWAY PATROL IS CONSIDERING INSTALLING HIGH-DEFINITION CAMERAS, SHOTSPOTTER TECHNOLOGY AND LICENSE PLATE

READERS ALONG INTERSTATE 80 AND HIGHWAY 4. CALTRANS ALSO APPEARS WILLING TO PAY FOR THE EQUIPMENT IF THE STATE APPROVES THE NECESSARY FUNDING.

ROMERO BELIEVES THAT IS THE RIGHT APPROACH.

Mayor Romero: "That's what's important right now. Finding a solution, finding out what it costs so we can get it back to the state so they can fit it into their budget."

CHUCKCLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

CRIME

6/9/16 KRON 4 Evening News

New plan to address freeway shootings

THE ALARMING NUMBER OF FREEWAY SHOOTINGS – CLOSE TO 30 IN RECENT MONTHS – HAS EAST BAY CITIES STRUGGLING TO COME UP WITH ANSWERS ON HOW TO CATCH THOSE RESPONSIBLE. HOWEVER, ONE TOWN HAS AGREED ON A SECURITY PLAN, AND AS KRON4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN REPORTS, THAT PLAN IS NOW BEING PUT INTO ACTION.

AFTER TWO FATAL FREEWAY SHOOTINGS IN THE CITY OF PITTSBURG, ONE IN APRIL AND ANOTHER IN MAY. CITY LEADERS HAVE TAKEN SWIFT ACTION IN RESPONSE. THE MONEY HAS BEEN APPROVED. THE PLAN IS NOW IN PLACE. SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS ARE COMING TO HIGHWAY 4.

Captain Ron Raman, Pittsburg Police Department: "My time line is right away! We are hoping to have that done within the next few weeks. We are going to have at least 10 cameras."

THOSE CAMERAS WILL BE STRATEGICALLY PLACED ALONG THIS STRETCH OF THE EAST BAY FREEWAY, SAYS PITTSBURG POLICE CAPTAIN RON RAMAN.

Captain Raman: "We have identified several locations, nothing set in concrete yet but, the goal is, if a crime does occur to have an investigative tool to let people know that if they come into the city limits of Pittsburg, they are going to be on camera if they commit a violent crime."

Marcus McFarland, Pittsburg resident: "I don't know if it will be enough, but 10 is a good start."

THIS PITTSBURG RESIDENT SAYS HE KNOWS WHERE THE CAMERAS SHOULD BE PLACED.

McFarland: "Put one on Bailey. Put one on Lonetree, You got to go through that area at some point to get out of Contra Costa County."

KNOWING THAT SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS ARE GOING UP SOON MAKES THIS WOMAN FEEL BETTER ABOUT DRIVING ON HIGHWAY 4. THESE CAMERAS ARE GOING TO MAKE YOU FEEL A LITTLE SAFER?

Resident: "The cameras? It will make me feel safe knowing that the people who are out here doing the shootings will eventually be caught and off the street."

SINCE LAST NOVEMBER THERE HAVE BEEN NEARLY 30 SHOOTINGS ON BAY AREA FREEWAYS. WHILE OTHER CITIES IMPACTED BY THIS VIOLENCE ARE TRYING TO FIND THE MONEY TO PAY FOR CAMERAS, THIS TOWN FOUND \$100,000 DOLLARS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO GET THE JOB DONE.

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6/9/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm
New cyber security threat

SECURITY EXPERTS ARE WARNING AGAINST A NEW TYPE OF HACK WHICH CAN BE DONE THROUGH A WIRELESS MOUSE OR KEYBOARD. THESE CONVENIENT CABLE-FREE DEVICES THAT CONNECT TO YOUR COMPUTER OR LAPTOP USE THESE LITTLE DONGLES WHICH, EXPERTS SAY, LEAVE AN OPEN DOOR TO HACKERS. KRON 4'S TECH REPORTER GABE SLATE SHARES THE DETAILS ON THIS FRIGHTFUL DISCOVERY:

WATCH WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN. THIS SMART PHONE IS ABOUT TO TAKE CONTROL OF THIS LAPTOP REMOTELY THROUGH A NEW SECURITY THREAT CALLED MOUSEJACK.

THE HACKER WITH THE PHONE SENDS TEXT TO THE COMPUTER AND THAT IS FREAKY. THE PHONE IS NOW CONTROLLING THE COMPUTER. IT'S A TRAP THAT ANYONE USING THESE WIRELESS DONGLE DEVICES COULD FALL INTO. HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

THE HACK SOFTWARE IS RUNNING ON A SMARTPHONE. THE ANTENNA ATTACHED SNIFFS OUT THE WIRELESS BRIDGE BETWEEN THE DONGLE AND THE WIRELESS MOUSE. THE HACKER FINDS AN ELECTRONIC FLAW, A HOLE, AND A WAY TO TAKE OVER THE DONGLE AND FROM THERE TAKE OVER THE COMPUTER.

THA MEANS SOMEONE ELSE CAN PRETEND TO BE YOU THROUGH YOUR COMPUTER. SEND OUT EMAILS. POST TO SOCIAL MEDIA. ANYTHING YOU CAN DO ON YOUR COMPUTER. A MOUSEJACK CAN ALSO BE DONE THROUGH A LAPTOP. IT KIND OF MAKES YOU THINK TWICE ABOUT THAT PERSON SITTING INNOCENTLY BEHIND YOU IN THE CAFÉ.

BAD GUYS COUL DDELETE FILES ON YOUR MACHINE, INSTALL MALWARE THAT COULD STEAL YOUR PICTURES DOCUMENTS AND PERSONAL INFORMATION – EVERYTHING THEY NEED TO STEAL YOUR IDENTITY.

SECURITY RESEARCHERS WITH BASTILLE WHO DISCOVERED THIS FLAW FOUND THAT WITH THIS LARGER ANTTENNA, A HACKER WOULD NOT NEED TO BE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE VICTIM TO PULL OFF A MOUSEJACK.

Bastille spokesperson: "They could do the attack from 500 feet away, from across the street, through a wall. We tested 13 different dongles from 5 major manufacturers Dell, Microsoft, Lenova, Logitech, and found they were al vulnerable to one variation or another of this attack."

I TALKED TO SERVERAL OF THE MANUFACTURERS OF THESE WIRELESS MICE AND KEYBOARDS LIKE LOGITECH WHO SAY THEY ARE AWARE OF BASTILLE'S FINDINGS AND HAVE RELEASED FIRMWARE UPDATES THAT PEOPLE CAN DOWNLOAD TO PATCH THE SECURITY HOLE CREATED BY THE DONGLES.

WITH YOUR TECH REPORT GABE SLATE KRON 4 NEWS

SO ARE YOU VULNERABLE TO A MOUSE JACK? VISIT GABE'S TECH PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE, OR ON OUR MOBILE APP, TO FIND OUT. THERE IS A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL THE MICE AND KEYBOARDS WHICH ARE VULNERABLE TO THIS ATTACK AND DIRECT LINKS TO THE FIRMWARE UPDATES TO MAKE YOUR DONGLE DEVICE SECURE.

CRIME

6/11/16 KRON 4 News at 10pm
San Francisco's auto theft problem

THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO IS EXPERIENCING AN EPIDEMIC OF AUTO BURGLARIES, ACCORDING TO THE SFPD. POLICE TOOK A RECORD BREAKING 26 THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED

VEHICLE BREAK-IN REPORTS LAST YEAR. THAT'S THE MOST IN THE COUNTRY ON A PER CAPITA BASIS.

POLICE SAY A NEW STATE LAW THAT REDUCED FELONY CRIMES TO MISDEMEANORS IS AT FAULT. ACCORDING TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, POLICE HAVEN'T MADE ENOUGH ARRESTS, SOLVING JUST 2 PERCENT OF THE REPORTED CASES. BUT SAN FRANCISCO RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS SAY THEY WANT THE BURGLARIES CURTAILED AND THE CULPRITS CAUGHT.

CRIME

6/13/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Orlando shooting prompts new gun control efforts

A GROUP OF BAY AREA LAWMAKERS ARE COMING TOGETHER TO TALK ABOUT A PACKAGE OF GUN SAFETY BILLS THEY'RE PUSHING FORWARD IN THE STATE CAPITOL THIS WEEK. KRON4'S MAUREEN KELLY REPORTS THAT SOME OF THE LEGISLATION WAS INSPIRED BY THE SAN BERNARDINO SHOOTINGS LAST YEAR. AND TODAY, THE LAWMAKERS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS SAY THE MASSACRE IN ORLANDO ONLY REINFORCES THE NEED FOR REFORM:

Paula Hawthorn, Brady Campaign: "You listen to anyone who was there and they say it was bang bang bang bang bang. Of course it was! He had an automatic weapon which should not have been in his hands!"

THE BAY AREA CHAPTER OF THE BRADY CAMPAIGN AND THE GROUP OF LOCAL LAWMAKERS SAY THE NEARLY 50 BODIES LEFT BEHIND AND MORE THAN 50 WOUNDED IN ORLANDO ARE A CALL TO ACTION.

Marc Levine, California Assemblyman: "It is time to get assault rifles off our streets once and for all."

CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLYMAN MARC LEVINE OF MARIN COUNTY IS ONE OF SEVERAL BAY AREA LAWMAKERS PUSHING A PACKAGE OF GUN SAFETY BILLS THROUGH SACRAMENTO. ONE, INSPIRED BY THE SAN BERNARDINO TERROR ATTACK, WOULD CLOSE THE SO CALLED BULLET BUTTON LOOPHOLE IN THE STATE'S ASSAULT WEAPON BAN THAT CURRENTLY ALLOWS FOR QUICK RELOADING OF AMMUNITION.

Levine: "I was able to reload in seconds and I have no training at all."

LAWMAKERS SAY THEY WANT CALIFORNIA TO CONTINUE TO BE A LEADER IN GUN SAFETY AND POINT TO A GUN LAW THAT IS CURRENTLY ON OUR BOOKS THAT MIGHT HAVE PREVENTED WHAT HAPPENED IN ORLANDO.

Phil Ting, California Assemblyman: "What we've heard is that law enforcement had concerns. This person's ex-wife was concerned. Family members were concerned. Any of them in California today could have gone to court and asked for a restraining order to get that individual's guns taken away for a year."

ASSEMBLYMAN PHIL TING WANTS TO STRENGTHEN THAT LAW TO ALLOW COWORKERS AND FELLOW STUDENTS TO ASK FOR A SIMILAR RESTRAINING ORDER, POINTING OUT THAT MIGHT HAVE PREVENTED THE SHOOTER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 2014 ISLA VISTA MASSACRE.

MEMBERS OF THE MUSLIM AMERICAN AND THE LGBT COMMUNITIES STOOD ALONGSIDE THE LAWMAKERS.

Chiu: "What happened Sunday in Orlando could have happened in the Castro."

BUT NOT EVERYONE IN THE LGBT COMMUNITY FEELS THE SAME WAY.

Nicki Stallard, Pink Pistols: "It's dancing on the bodies of dead people to promote an agenda and it's disgusting."

I SPOKE TO NICKI STALLARD WITH THE PINK PISTOLS BY PHONE, A TRANS WOMAN WHO CALLS THIS CIVIL DISARMMENT.

Stallard: "All it's going to do is make it harder for law abiding citizens to defend themselves."

THE LAWMAKERS HOPE THAT WHAT HAPPENED IN ORLANDO WILL FORCE THEIR COLLEAGUES IN THE STATE CAPITOL WHO ARE THINKG OF VOITING AGAINST THESE BILLS TO THINK AGAIN.

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6/13/16 KRON 4 Evening News
New credit report scams

WHAT'S YOUR CREDIT SCORE? TO SOME, THAT THREE DIGIT NUMBER CAN BE MORE LIKE A DIRTY WORD. THERE ARE WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR SCORE, BUT YOU NEED TO BE CAREFUL. AS CNN'S MARY MOLONEY EXPLAINS, SCAMMERS CAN NOT ONLY STEAL YOUR INFORMATION, THEY CAN ALSO TURN YOU INTO A CROOK:

WHEN TRYING TO MAKE A FINANCIAL DECISION FOR THE FUTURE, IT'S OFTEN FINANCIAL DECISIONS FROM THE PAST THAT CAN TRIP YOU UP. FROM BUYING A CAR TO BUYING A HOME, LENDERS CAN SEE YOUR DECISIONS IN A CREDIT REPORT. AND SOME SCAMMERS SEE AN OPPORTUNITY.

ACCORDING TO THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, THERE ARE A FEW EASY WAYS TO SPOT A CREDIT REPAIR SCAM. FIRST, IF THE COMPANY ASKS FOR PAYMENT BEFORE THEY RENDER ANY SERVICES. ALSO, IF THEY ASK THAT YOU DO NOT CONTACT THE CREDIT REPORTING AGENCIES DIRECTLY. AND IF THEY SUGGEST GIVING FALSE INFORMATION WHEN APPLYING FOR A MORTGAGE OR A LOAN.

ANOTHER TROUBLING TREND AMONG CREDIT REPAIR SCAMMERS, THE PROMISE OF AN ENTIRELY NEW CREDIT IDENTITY WHICH CAN UNWITTINGLY LAND A CONSUMER IN TROUBLE WITH THE LAW.

YOU CAN SPOT THESE SCAMS WHEN A SERVICE SUGGESTS ABANDONING A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AS A PRIMARY SOURCE OF IDENTIFICATION. AND INSTEAD USING A NEW NUMBER THEY ASSIGN AND CALL A CPN -- FOR CREDIT PRIVACY NUMBER OR CREDIT PROFILE NUMBER. IN MANY CASES, THESE NUMBERS ARE STOLEN SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS -- OFTEN FROM CHILDREN -- WHICH IS WHY THEY HAVE A CLEAN CREDIT SLATE.

AND THAT CAN TURN A CONSUMER INTO AN UNKNOWING IDENTITY THIEF -- DESPITE THEIR GOOD FINANCIAL INTENTIONS.

FOR CONSUMER WATCH -- I'M MARY MOLONEY.

CRIME

6/17/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm
New cyber threats and how to protect yourself

THE FBI IS WARNING ABOUT THE RISE IN "DIGITAL EXTORTION" – ONLINE RANSOMWARE ATTACKS BY CYBER CRIMINALS. RANSOMWARE IS A FORM OF MALWARE. IT WORKS BY EITHER HOLDING YOUR ENTIRE COMPUTER HOSTAGE OR BY BLOCKING ACCESS TO YOUR FILES. OUR TECH REPORTER GABE SLATE TALKED WITH A CYBER SECURITY EXPERT TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF.

Jerome, cyber security expert: "The assumption used to be that if you don't browse dodgy sites you won't get infected, but that isn't true anymore. You browse visit perfectly legitimate sites, popular sites like Huffington Post, and still get infected."

JEROME IS A CYBER SECURITY EXPERT WITH MALWARE FIGHTS. HE SAYS EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE AWARE OF THIS NEW THREAT ONLINE – RANSOMWARE – AND HOW EASY IT IS TO GET INFECTED FROM NORMAL WEB-BROWSING BEHAVIOR. NO ONE IS 100% SAFE FROM IT IF THEY'RE ONLINE.

Jerome: "Getting the malware cleaned up is fairly easy. Getting the files restored is practically impossible without actually paying."

IT'S A NIGHTMARE TO THINK ABOUT AND HERE'S HOW IT HAPPENS. YOU'RE BROWSING THE INTERNET AND YOU PICK UP SOME MALWARE. AND THEN SUDDENLY YOU'RE COMPUTER FREEZES AND THERE'S A POP UP WINDOW SAYING ALL THE FILES ON YOUR COMPUTER ARE LOCKED UNLESS YOU PAY A RANSOM. TYPICALLY THE HIJACKERS WILL INSTRUCT THE VICTIM TO BUY A PREPAID CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD FROM A CONVENIENCE STORE AND GIVE THEM THE CODE OFF THE CARD FOR USE. OR, THEY WILL HAVE THE VICTIM USE BITCOIN. THEY MAKE PEOPLE USE ANONYMOUS TYPES OF PAYMENT SERVICES.

HERE'S THE BIG TAKEAWAY. AVOIDING DIGITAL EXTORTION IS ALL ABOUT PREVENTION.

Jerome: "You've got to keep your computer up to date. Keep you antivirus up to date. Your anti-malware solution."

AND BACK UP YOUR FILES. ANYTHING IMPORTANT ON YOUR COMPUTER, YOUR DOCUMENTS, VIDEOS, PICTURES – BACK IT UP TO AN EXTERNAL HARD DRIVE.

THIS IS THE BAD NEWS. IF YOU GET HIT WITH ONE OF THESE TYPES OF ATTACKS YOU LIKELY WILL NEVER SEE YOUR PERSONAL FILES AGAIN UNLESS YOU PAY. YES, YOU CAN REFUSE TO PAY THE RANSOM AND HIRE A CYBER SECURITY EXPERT TO REMOVE THE MALWARE FROM YOUR COMPUTER. YOU CAN GAIN BACK ACCESS TO YOUR MACHINE. BUT THE FILES ON THE COMPUTER ARE STILL ENCRYPTED AND YOU WON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THEM.

Jerome: "The damage is done. There is no solution at the moment on the market to recover the files. The encryption they use is legitimate. It's a very strong encryption. It would take years and years by a powerful computer to decrypt your files."

NOW, DEPENDING ON YOUR COMPUTER, I FOUND A FEW FIXES THAT MIGHT WORK IF YOU GET INFECTED WITH RANSOMWARE. FOR A LOOK AT THESE AND A LIST OF SUGGESTIONS FOR PREVENTION SUCH AS ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE, VISIT MY TECH PAGE ON KRON 4 DOT COM OR ON OUR MOBILE APP.

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CRIME

6/20/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Auto burglaries now at "epidemic" levels in San Francisco

A NEW REPORT ON CAR BURGLARIES IN SAN FRANCISCO IS OUT, AND A CIVIL GRAND JURY SAYS THE CITY IS FACING AN EPIDEMIC WITH ALMOST 25 THOUSAND CAR BREAK-INS JUST LAST YEAR. THE GRAND JURY ISSUED ITS REPORT AFTER A NINE MONTH REVIEW. KRON 4'S SPENCER BLAKE HAS MORE:

THOSE BURGLARIES FROM 2015 ALONE AMOUNTED TO 19 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF DAMAGE TO CARS IN SAN FRANCISCO. BUT THE CIVIL GRAND JURY DOES HAVE CERTAIN STEPS THAT IT HOPES WILL HELP LOWER THOSE NUMBERS.

IF IT'S EVER HAPPENED TO YOU, YOUR STOMACH PROBABLY DROPPED WHEN YOU DISCOVERED YOUR CAR WINDOW SMASHED TO BITS.

Julio Lara, Auto Glass Now manager: "We see it all the time."

THAT MEANS PLACES LIKE AUTO GLASS NOW HAVE PLENTY OF BUSINESS. BUT IT'S BUSINESS THAT REPRESENTS A CHRONIC PROBLEM IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Lara: "Today we've touched 15 cars that have just been door glasses. And broken back glasses, vent glasses, etcetera. No windshields. And we specialize in windshields!"

THE CIVIL GRAND JURY IDENTIFIED A PROBLEM THAT THEY SAY IMPACTS THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE CITY.

Mike Skahill, civil grand juror: "It's really gotten out of hand, and something needed to be done, so we took it on and took a hard look at the problem."

WITH POLICE IDENTIFYING SERIAL CRIMINALS AS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND CAR BURGLARIES, JURORS NOTE THAT THE PROBLEM IS NOT ISOLATED TO ANY ONE DISTRICT, SO THEY RECOMMEND DEALING THE CRIMINAL GANGS CITYWIDE. THEY ALSO SUGGEST USING DATA ANALYSIS TO HELP POLICE IDENTIFY PATTERNS AND HELP PREDICT FUTURE CRIME TRENDS AND USING SOCIAL MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY TO DO A BETTER JOB OF INFORMING THE PUBLIC.

JURORS POINTED OUT THAT SAN FRANCISCANS AREN'T THE ONLY VICTIMS.

Skahill: "We found that a lot of tourists and visitors to the city are targeted."

WHICH LEADS THEM TO ANOTHER PLEA TO THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO COME UP WITH A PUBLIC SAFETY STRATEGY TO PROTECT THOSE OUT-OF-TOWNERS WHO CONTRIBUTE SO MUCH TO THE CITY'S ECONOMY. ONLY TIME WILL TELL IF THE PROPOSALS WILL CLEAN UP THE CITY, WHILE THE CITY'S AUTO REPAIR SHOPS CONTINUE CLEANING UP AFTER THE BURGLARS.

IN SAN FRANCISCO, SPENCER BLAKE, KRON 4 NEWS

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4/1/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Parents protest local school's plan for Acceptance Week

SOME EAST BAY PARENTS ARE NOT PLEASED ABOUT A PLANNED CURRICULUM DEALING WITH LGBTQ ISSUES THAT INCLUDES SOME VIDEOS. THIS IS ALL UNFOLDING IN SAN RAMON AT A MIDDLE SCHOOL. AS KRON 4'S TERISA ESTACIO REPORTS, PARENTS HAD A MEETING TODAY WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ASK FOR SOME CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM, OR ELSE:

Trisha Bear. Parent: "I think the material is really something that is best suited for discussion at home with your family."

THIS PARENT AND ABOUT A DOZEN OTHERS SHOWED UP AT THE SAN RAMON VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, CONCERNED ABOUT THIS VIDEO. IT'S ONE OF SEVERAL VIDEOS THAT IS SCHEDULED TO BE PLAYED DURING "ACCEPTANCE WEEK" AT WINDEMERE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN

SAN RAMON, STARTING APRIL 11TH. A DISTRICT SPOKESPERSON SAYS THE STUDENTS CAME UP WITH THE IDEA TO DEDICATE A WEEK TO LGBTQ ISSUES IN CONNECTION WITH THE NATIONAL DAY OF SILENCE ON THE TOPIC ON APRIL 15. HOWEVER, NOT ALL PARENTS ARE ON BOARD.

Debbie Rocha, parent: "We viewed the videos. They're not acceptable for children 12 or 13 years old."

THE MEETING WAS HELD BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AT THE DISTRICT. PARENTS DO HAVE THE OPTION TO HAVE THEIR KIDS OPT OUT OF THE PROGRAM. YET...

Sharlee Stemmons, parent: "The issue with opting out is it forces kids to have to walk away and show that they're not participating. Children the ages of 11 to 14, their maturity level is just not there to handle why they are not going to participate."

FOR SHARLEE STEMMONS, OPTING OUT JUST MEANS THEY WILL BE A TARGET AND COME ACROSS AS NOT TOLERANT.

THIS PARENT FELT SO STRONGLY, HE PLANS TO PULL HIS CHILDREN OUT OF CLASSES IF IT GOES FORWARD, JUST ON PRINCIPLE,

John Rocha: "I'll speak on a personal note. We are going to boycott school for the week. We'll pull our children out of school for the whole week and we're going to deal with it that way."

AT WINDEMERE, THERE SEEMED TO BE A DIFFERENT MOOD.

Teacher; "I am tolerant of all. Teaching tolerance is good."

AND THIS MOM, SHE DID NOT HAVE KIDS AT THE SCHOOL, BUT SHOWED UP TO BRING FLOWERS TO THE PRINCIPAL IN SUPPORT. SHE HAS A SAME SEX PARTNER AND HAS CHILDREN AT ANOTHER MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Judy Gestring, parent: "It's important to talk about these matters. I've started a little Facebook conversation with my friends and they are very angry about what's going on here. I went to Safeway to pick up some flowers for the principal to support him."

THE DISTRICT SPOKESPERSON SAYS THEY APPRECIATE THE DIALOGUE WITH PARENTS. THEY SENT OUT THE CURRICULUM SEVERAL WEEKS IN ADVANCE TO ALLOW FOR FEEDBACK AND HAVE MADE CHANGES TO THEIR ORIGINAL PLAN BASED ON THAT. WINDEMERE HAD A SIMILAR PROGRAM LAST YEAR.

IN SAN RAMON TERISA ESTACIO KRON 4 NEWS

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4/6/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Local residents protest proposed homeless shelter

SAN JOSE'S WILLOW GLEN NEIGHBORHOOD, MORE SPECIFICALLY THE AREA SURROUNDING EVANS LANE AND CANOAS GARDEN, IS THE LATEST HOT SPOT IN THE ONGOING EFFORT TO FIND SHELTER FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS IN SAN JOSE. RESIDENTS OF A NEARBY MOBILE HOME PARK ARE SPEAKING OUT AGAINST THE PROPOSAL TO LOCATE A HOMELESS SHELTER IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE SHOWS YOU THE SITE AND EXPLAINS WHY NEIGHBORS AREN'T HAPPY:

Joshua Howerton, against the shelter: "I walk to work every morning about 5am and there's trash all over the sidewalk. They leave whatever, bags of trash out there. They just don't care."

Angel Cortinas, against the shelter: "Certainly I don't think a homeless shelter would be great next to a rehabilitation center or a place where there's a lot of kids. It just doesn't seem like it would make any sense at all."

Mike Williams mobile home park manager: "You don't know if these people are violent or if they're under the influence of alcohol or drugs."

MIKE WILLIAMS IS THE MANAGER OF THE WILLOW GLEN MOBILE HOME PARK HERE ON EVANS LANE. AS WE CRUISED AROUND THE PARK IN HIS GOLF CART, HE EXPLAINED WHY VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE 150 RESIDENTS HERE ARE AGAINST THE CITY'S PLAN TO BUILD A HOMELESS SHELTER ON A VACANT, 6-ACRE SITE RIGHT NEXT DOOR.

Williams: "You have families and kids throughout this park and their lives will be put into a situation where they won't be able to go outside and enjoy life around the neighborhood anymore."

THE PLAN, THOUGH FAR FROM COMPLETE, COULD ENTAIL HOUSING AS MANY AS 100 HOMELESS PEOPLE, IN A CAMPGROUND-LIKE SETTING, IN TEMPORARY UNITS. IT'S NEXT DOOR TO A REHABILITATION CENTER. BUT DESPITE CONCERNS A NEW SHELTER COULD MAKING AN EXISTING CRIME PROBLEM WORSE, THE CITY IS DETERMINED TO FIND MORE HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS.

Ray Bramseon, San Jose homeless outreach manager: "We firmly believe that well-managed, well-run, well-operated affordable housing developments and programs like the one we're proposing at Evans Lane will revitalize the community, will provide add attention and help us address some of the neighborhood issues that are going on right now."

MEANWHILE MIKE WILLIAMS IS LOBBYING PARK RESIDENTS TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST THE SHELTER PLAN. FORMERLY HOMELESS HIMSELF, WILLIAMS AGREES THE HOMELESS NEED A NEW SHELTER BUT HE INSISTS THIS IS NOT THE RIGHT PLACE FOR IT.

Williams: "Put this place somewhere else where people won't intertwine with the families, then I think you'll be better off."

IT IS POSSIBLE THE SHELTER WOULD BE LIMITED TO HOMELESS FAMILIES, SINGLE MOTHERS WITH CHILDREN AND VETERANS, BUT THE PLAN IS STILL A LONG WAYS FROM BEING APPROVED. THERE'S AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT TO BE COMPLETED AND NEIGHBORS HAVE A COUPLE MORE WEEKS TO WEIGH IN BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION MAKES ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

IN SAN JOSE ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

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4/8/16 KRN 4 Evening News
South Bay church helps homeless

INSPIRED BY A CALL FROM THE POPE TO SHOW MERCY, AND BY THE EL NINO-DRIVEN WINTER RAINS, A SOUTH BAY CHURCH GROUP IS REACHING OUT TO HELP THE HOMELESS, OPENING ITS DOORS AND PARKING LOT TO HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING IN THEIR CARS. ABOUT A DOZEN FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN AT ODDS WITH THE LAW BY ILLEGALLY SLEEPING IN THEIR VEHICLES ON CITY STREETS HAVE FOUND AN OVERNIGHT REFUGE HERE AT SANTA TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SAN JOSE. THE CHURCH HAS ALSO TAPPED ITS COFFERS TO PROVIDE SOME FOOD AND ASSISTANCE, ALONG WITH BATHROOM FACILITIES AND ACCESS TO A KITCHEN. AS KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE SHOWS YOU, SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS A SAFE PLACE TO PARK IS A BLESSING:

Sheila H: "I never thought, never thought, I would be in this situation."

HOMELESS AND LIVING AND SLEEPING IN HER VAN FOR THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF, SHEILA H. HAS FOUND AN OVERNIGHT REFUGE HERE IN THE PARKING LOT OF SANTA TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH AND IN HER WORLD THAT IS HUGE.

Sheila H: "They give us meals. They bring us hot meals every night. It's so wonderful. These people are just wonderful. They help us out with blankets and a little bit of gas."

A SURPRISING 16 PERCENT OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY'S HOMELESS POPULATION LIVE IN THEIR VEHICLES, MOST OF WHOM PARK AND SLEEP ON CITY STREETS, WHICH IS ILLEGAL AND DANGEROUS.

PROVIDING A SAFE PLACE TO PARK IS A MISSION OF MERCY SAYS CHURCH LEADER LYNDA DEMANTI.

Lynda DeManti, Santa Teresa Church: "A safe place for them to park so they can get a good night's sleep and not be interrupted. To also provide them with some fellowship and meals so that they might be able to focus on making their own lives better."

RIGHT NOW ABOUT TEN CARS ARE SPENDING THE NIGHT HERE IN THE PARKING LOT OF SANTA TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THAT COMES WITH ACCESS TO BATHROOM FACILITIES AND A KITCHEN.

Monifa Edwards-Lincoln: "This is a big deal because it gives us a place to feel safe at night."

FOR MONIFA EDWARDS-LINCOLN AND DANIEL SATTERWHITE, WHO HAVE BEEN LIVING IN THIS TOYOTA SEDAN FOR MONTHS, SAFE PARKING IS A BLESSING.

Daniel Satterwhite: "Having a place to use the restroom and have a kitchen where you can actually cook some food for yourself and have a hot meal. Before this we were having trouble just getting a night's sleep."

Edwards-Lincoln: "Not just getting by, but actually living. And that is what this church has offered us – a shot at living."

THE KINDNESS HAS NOT BEEN LOST ON SHEILA H., WHO HAS PTSD. AFTER A DAY ON THE STREET, SHOWING OFF HER ART AND LOOKING FOR WORK, A FEW HOURS IN THE CHURCH GARDEN HELPS ALOT.

Sheila H: "It's a godsend. I get teary-eyed when I think about what they've done for us here. They're giving us a chance at some normalcy which we don't find a lot of."

IN SAN JOSE ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

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4/10/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Lawmakers seek to expand equal pay laws

A DEMOCRATIC STATE LAWMAKER IS LOOKING TO EXPAND CALIFORNIA'S TOUGHEST-IN-THE-NATION EQUAL PAY LAW TO PROTECT WORKERS FROM RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. THE PROPOSAL WOULD BUILD ON THE LAW THAT REQUIRES FAIR PAY REGARDLESS OF GENDER WHICH CALIFORNIA BUSINESSES BEGAN IMPLEMENTING IN JANUARY.

THE CURRENT LAW ALLOWS EMPLOYEES TO OPENLY DISCUSS THEIR WAGES AND REQUIRES EMPLOYERS TO JUSTIFY ANY PAY DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN WHO DO SIMILAR WORK. NOW THE LAWMAKER WANTS TO ADD MAKING BUSINESSES CORRECT ANY PAY GAPS BETWEEN DIFFERENT RACES OR ETHNICITIES.

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4/10/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

NAACP seeks repeal of North Carolina law

THE NAACP IS THE LATEST GROUP TAKING A STAND AGAINST NORTH CAROLINA'S SO-CALLED "BATHROOM LAW". THE STATE HAS BEEN TAKING FIRE AND FACING LAWSUITS OVER ITS HOUSE BILL 2. AS BEAU MINNICK REPORTS, THE NAACP IS TELLING STATE LAWMAKERS "SCRAP THE LAW":

William Barber, North Carolina NAACP president: "We are the laughing stock of the entire nation."

NORTH CAROLINA NAACP PRESIDENT WILLIAM BARBER SAYS THE NATION IS WATCHING TO SEE WHAT THE STATE WILL DO ABOUT HOUSE BILL 2, THOUGH HE HAS A DIFFERENT NAME FOR IT.

Barber: "Hate Bill 2. We cannot be silent in the face of this."

THE LAW REQUIRES BATHROOMS AND CHANGING FACILITIES AT GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS TO BE USED ACCORDING TO BIOLOGICAL SEX. IT ALSO DETAILS DISCRIMINATION PROTECTIONS, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE LANGUAGE RELATED TO SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY."

Bishop Tonya Rawls, Sacred Souls Community Church: "This is not about bathrooms, North Carolina. It's about money and votes."

OPINIONS ON HOUSE BILL 2 IN NORTH CAROLINA VARY.

Resident: "I really am very embarrassed, actually, that we have this bill."

Resident: "Well, what our Assembly is doing is actually just to enforce the Constitution."

REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS THAT WE'VE SPOKEN WITH THIS WEEK SAY THE LAW IS A COMMONSENSE SAFETY MEASURE FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Nelson Dollar (R), state representative: "I think state lawmakers are committed to protecting our young people, in the interest of all of our young people."

THEY ALSO SAY CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL OVERSTEPPED ITS AUTHORITY IN CREATING ITS NON-DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE.

Julia Howard (R), state representative and House Bill 2 sponsor: "If this had not started there, then it would not have been laid in our lap."

OPPONENTS TO THE LAW DISAGREE.

Bishop Rawls: "We as citizens have got to stop this madness."

THE NAACP IS CALLING ON STATE LAWMAKERS TO REPEAL HOUSE BILL 2 BY APRIL 21, BEFORE LAWMAKERS RETURN TO SESSION. IF THEY DON'T, THE GROUP SAYS EXPECT A NUMBER OF DEMONSTRATIONS TO HAPPEN AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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4/11/16 KRON 4 News at 6pm

New study shows troubling trend in traffic stops

AN ALARMING NEW STUDY THAT SUGGESTS MINORITY DRIVERS IN CALIFORNIA ARE TARGETED BY POLICE. GRANT LODES HAS THE DETAILS:

T'S RACIAL PROFILING, PLAIN AND SIMPLE. ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE BAY AREA, BLACK AND HISPANIC DRIVERS IN CALIFORNIA ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE PULLED OVER AND MORE LIKELY TO BE ARRESTED OR HAVE THEIR LICENSES SUSPENDED AFTER BEING PULLED OVER.

THIS HAPPENS DESPITE NO NOTICABLE DIFFERERECE IN DRIVING BEHAVIOR, ACCORDING TO A LAWYER FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS GROUP.

IN SAN FRANCISCO, FOR INSTANCE, THE POPULATION IS ABOUT SIX PERCENT BLACK WHILE BLACK PEOPLE ACCOUNTED FOR ALMOST HALF OF ALL ARRESTS FOR DRIVING WITH A SUSPENDED LICENSE.

THE AUTHORS USED INFO FROM THE DMV, POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND THE CENSUS.

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4/19/16 KRON 4 Evening News
Uproar over new public urinal

A LAWSUIT IS BREWING IN SAN FRANCISCO OVER A TOILET – NOT JUST ANY TOILET, BUT AN OUTDOOR PUBLIC URINAL. THE NEW FACILITY IS LOCATED NEXT TO A POPULAR PARK, ACROSS THE STREET FROM A NEIGHBORHOOD AND CLOSE TO A SCHOOL. AS KRON 4'S TERISA ESTACIO REPORTS, THE GROUP AGAINST IT SAYS THE TOILET IS INDECENT AND MUST GO. BUT NOT EVERYONE IS UPSET ABOUT THE URINAL:

THERE IT IS – THE CEMENT CIRCULAR PUBLIC URINAL AT THE CENTER OF THE CONTROVERSY AND NOW AT ISSUE IN A LAWSUIT BROUGHT ON BY THIS GROUP, THE SAN FRANCISCO CHIESE CHRISTIAN UNION.

Frank Lee, San Francisco Chinese Christian Union: "We are very concerned and outraged. We do not want this to be a prototype for other areas to follow. This ridiculous proposal must be condemned and terminated."

Dr. Brad Dacus, against the public urinal: "We have a number of violations of the law. For example, the disabled. Those who are handicapped cannot use this facility. And, it's impossible for any woman to use without exposing themselves in a very demeaning and inappropriate manner."

THE URINAL SITS AT THE CORNER OF DOLORES PARK, BY A MUNI STOP. ON THIS DAY, AS RIDERS PASSED BY AND THIS MOM WALKED BY TAKING HER SON TO THE PARK, THERE WAS NOT MUCH LOVE FOR THE URINAL.

Meghan Daniel, San Francisco resident: "I don't really like having a urinal right when you step off the bus at the bus station. That's not something that I would expect or ever think to have in a city space like this."

Beth, Mission Dolores resident: "We do see many people using it. And it's causing people to be a little more brazen around the neighborhood, urinating everywhere in public."

AND USING IT OUT IN THE OPEN IS A BIG ISSUE WITH THE CHRISTIAN GROUP.

Lee: "Unsanitary, chaotic, and disgusting. It's major regression of mankind and we must stop this."

THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE RESPONDED, SAYING THE 16-ACRE PARK IS WELL KNOWN FOR ITS "COUNTER CULTURE." THE CITY INSTALLED THE PUBLIC URINAL AS PART OF THE RECENT 20 MILLION DOLLAR UPGRADE AT THE PARK. IN A STATEMENT, A PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESPERSON TOLD KRON FOUR THAT IT WAS PLACED AFTER PUBLIC INPUT ON HOW TO DEAL WITH PUBLIC URINATION ISSUES IN THE AREA. IN ADDITION TO THE PUBLIC OPEN URINAL, THERE ARE 26 TRADITIONAL BATHROOMS.

ALTHOUGH THE GROUP IS NOW FIGHTING TO HAVE IT REMOVED, NOT EVERYONE SAYS IT IS A BAD IDEA. PEOPLE WHO LIVE NEAR THE PARK ADVOCATED FOR THE URINAL, SAYING IT WOULD STOP PEOPLE FROM URINATING ON WALLS, BUSHES, AND SIDEWALKS.

James Carlson, Mission Dolores resident: "Well, it's not necessarily a bad thing. People from the park were just coming up the hill to take care of their bodily functions. It's better than my driveway."

THE CHINESE CHRISTIAN UNION GROUP SAYS IT WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT UNTIL THIS CEMENT URINAL IS GONE.

TERISA ESTACIO KRON 4 NEWS

DIVERSITY

5/9/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Facebook facing charges of liberal bias

CONSERVATIVES HAVE LONG ACCUSED THE MEDIA OF LEANING LEFT. NOW THEY ARE SAYING.. FACEBOOK IS BIASED AGAINST THEM. KRON 4'S VICKI LIVIAKIS IS HERE WITH THE LATEST ON THIS NEW CONTROVERSY:

AN ANONYMOUS FORMER FACEBOOK CONTRACTOR SAYS HE SAW CO-WORKERS SUPPRESS NEWS ABOUT POPULAR CONSERVATIVE TOPICS FROM THE WEBSITE'S TRENDING SECTION.

THAT CLAIM WAS MADE THIS MORNING ON THE SITE GIZMODO AND IT IMMEDIATELY SET OFF AN INTERNET FIRESTORM.

FACEBOOK FIRED BACK AND SAYS IT TAKES THE ALLEGATIONS VERY SERIOUSLY AND THAT ANY EMPLOYEE DOING SO, WOULD HAVE VIOLATED COMPANY POLICY. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, THE WHOLE DEBATE OVER WHETHER SOCIAL MEDIA PUSHES LIBERAL AGENDAS IS ALSO A HOT TOPIC AND IS NOW TRENDING ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

FACEBOOK EMPLOYEES ARE COMING FORWARD SAYING THEY'VE NEVER BEEN TOLD TO BE ANTI-CONSERVATIVE OR PRO-LIBERAL.

DESPITE THE FACT THAT MARK ZUCKERBERG ONCE CRITICIZED DONALD TRUMP'S IMMIGRATION RHETORIC, FACEBOOK SAYS IT WANTS TO BE A PLACE FOR ALL PEOPLE AND PERSPECTIVES ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM.

DIVERSITY

5/9/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Reaction to SF Muni driver's racist rant

A MUNI DRIVER WAS CAUGHT ON CAMERA THIS MORNING, CALLING A WOMAN THE N-WORD.

TONIGHT, MUNI SAYS IT IS TAKING SWIFT ACTION AND THE BUS DRIVER HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN OFF HIS LINE. KRON 4'S KATE CAGLE SPOKE TO THE WOMAN WHO SHOT THE VIDEO THAT IS GOING VIRAL AT SAN FRANCISCO STATE WHERE SHE IS A STUDENT:

THE WOMAN IS A BUSINESS MAJOR HERE AT STATE, MAYRA VILLAREAL IS IN CLASS NOW, BUT SHE WAS ON HER WAY TO WORK THIS MORNING AT FISHERMAN'S WHARF WHEN THIS HAPPENED. IF YOU KNOW THAT AREA, YOU KNOW THAT PARKING CAN BE CUT THROAT, BUT MAYRA SAYS THIS SIMPLY WENT TOO FAR.

THIS ALL HAPPENED ON POWELL STREET THIS MORNING NEAR THE KIRKLAND BUS YARD. SOURCES HAVE IDENTIFIED THE BUS DRIVER AS JOHN HOLDEN. MUNI TELLS US HE DRIVES ON THE 28 / 19TH AVENUE ROUTE WHICH GOES ALL THE WAY TO DALY CITY FROM SAN FRANCISCO. THE DRIVER IS CLEARLY WEARING HIS UNIFORM IN THE VIDEO.

Mayra Villarreal, took video of MUNI driver: "I just took out my video because I was scared. This man is next to my car, yelling crazy things at me. So I mainly did it just for safety reasons."

Paul Rose, MUNI spokesperson: "We are doing an investigation. We've already taken immediate action and will take corrective action going forward."

THE DRIVER HAS ALREADY BEEN PULLED OFF HIS ROUTE WHILE MUNI INVESTIGATES. THEY COULDN'T GO INTO DETAIL ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO THE DRIVER, BUT A SPOKESMAN CALLED THE VIDEO DISTURBING. HE SAYS THEY BEGAN LOOKING INTO THE MATTER AS SOON AS SOMEONE SHARED THE VIDEO WITH THEM ON TWITTER.

AS FOR MAYRA, SHE SAYS SHE'S THANKFUL FOR ALL THE SUPPORT SHE'S RECEIVED. AT THIS TIME, THE VIDEO HAS BEEN VIEWED MORE THAN 30 THOUSAND TIMES ON FACBOOK.

DIVERSITY

5/10/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Nextdoor confronts racial profiling claims

THE SOCIAL WEBSITE CALLED "NEXT DOOR" ANNOUNCED CHANGES TO THEIR PLATFORM TO ADDRESS RACIAL PROFILING. THE COMPANY DECIDED TO MAKE THE CHANGES BECAUSE OF GROWING PROBLEMS BROUGHT UP BY ITS USERS IN OAKLAND. KRON 4'S JEFF BUSH EXPLAINS WHAT IS DIFFERENT AND HAS REACTION FROM CONCERNED COMMUNITY GROUPS:

Shikira Porter, Neighbors for Racial Justice: "The issue is when you describe a person who is. not doing anything wrong, but you are, based on the color of their skin, determining that they are probably doing something wrong."

THERE WAS A GROWING PROBLEM WITH POSTINGS ON THE SOCIAL WEBSITE, NEXT DOOR. MANY OF THEM WERE FROM RESIDENTS WHO WERE USING RACIAL DESCRIPTIONS WHEN REPORTING QUESTIONABLE ACTIVITY IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. OFTEN TIMES, THE DESCRIPTIONS WERE INCOMPLETE AND VAGUE AND BIASED, WHETHER CONCIIOUSLY OR UNCONCIIOUSLY. THE PRACTICE MADE SOME PEOPLE UNCOMFORTABLE AND THEY WANTED IT TO STOP.

SEVERAL COMMUNITY GROUPS MADE IT AN ISSUE AND THE TECH COMPANY RESPONDED WITH CHANGES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE DURING THE LIFE ENHANCEMENT MEETING AT CITY HALL.

Nirav Tolia, Next Door: "You can see the help text here: 'focus on the crime or activity that is potentially criminal and where and when it occurred.' This is probably the most important line: "Please save any descriptions of people involved for the next step.'"

NEXT DOOR NOW ENCOURAGES USERS TO FOCUS MORE ATTENTION ON CLOTHING, HAIR AND OTHER THINGS LIKE CARS OR OTHER VEHICLES TO DESCRIBE PEOPLE IN PLATFORM POSTINGS. THAT HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE A BETTER WAY TO DESCRIBE A PERSON, RATHER THAN JUST ON RACE. COMMUNITY GROUPS LIKE THE NEIGHBORS FOR RACIAL JUSTICE WERE DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH RECOMMENDING THE CHANGES AND SAY NEXT DOOR IS DOING THE RIGHT THING.

Shikira Porter: "The fact that now there's going to be a form where neighbors are no longer allowed to do that in neighborhoods has a huge impact and it's going to allow people to ride their bikes and to walk slowly by and look at their neighbors' yard and not be described as being up to something."

THE CHANGES TO THAT WEB SITE WILL GO INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY AND WILL BE NATION WIDE.

I'M JEFF BUSH, IN OAKLAND, KRON 4 NEWS

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5/10/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Facebook facing charges of political bias

FACEBOOK IS RESPONDING TO ACCUSATIONS OF POLITICAL BIAS AMONG WORKERS WHO ADMINISTER ITS "TRENDING SECTION. KRON 4'S VICKI LIVIAKIS IS BACK TO TELL US WHERE THINGS STAND.

WE FIRST TOLD YOU ABOUT THIS ALLEGED FACEBOOK "BIAS" STORY LAST NIGHT AND TONIGHT THERE'S MORE FALLOUT. NOW A TOP HOUSE REPUBLICAN WANTS TO INVESTIGATE.

SOUTH DAKOTA REPRESENTATIVE JOHN THUNE IS ASKING CEO MARK ZUCKERBERG TO RESPOND TO THE CLAIM. IT CAME FROM AN ANONYMOUS FORMER CONTRACTOR WHO SAYS HE SAW SUPPRESSION OF NEWS ABOUT "POPULAR CONSERVATIVE TOPICS." THE ALLEGATIONS ARE PART OF A REPORT PUBLISHED BY GIZMODO ON MONDAY. THE HEAD OF THE FACEBOOK TEAM RESPONSIBLE FOR TRENDING TOPICS SAID HE FOUND NO EVIDENCE THAT THE ALLEGATIONS ARE TRUE. THE COMPANY HAS UNTIL MAY 24TH TO RESPOND TO THE CONGRESSMAN'S LETTER.

DIVERSITY

5/23/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Did MLB team snub gay men's chorus?

THE SAN DIEGO PADRES HAVE ISSUED AN APOLOGY FOR AN INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED ON THE FIELD BEFORE SATURDAY'S GAME. CATHERINE HEENAN IS HERE WITH DETAILS OF THE CONTROVERSY:

THE SAN DIEGO PADRES HAVE ISSUED AN APOLOGY TO THAT CITY'S GAY MEN'S CHORUS. THE GROUP HAD GATHERED ON THE FIELD, ALL SET TO SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM... BUT IT NEVER HAPPENED. THEY ENDED UP JUST STANDING THERE. WHAT EVERYONE HEARD INSTEAD? A RECORDING OF A WOMAN'S VOICE SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

EARLIER TONIGHT WE LEARNED THAT MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL IS GOING TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENT. CHORUS MEMBERS WANT TO KNOW WHETHER IT WAS JUST A MISTAKE OR A DELIBERATE ACT OF DISCRIMINATION. WHAT MADE IT ALL WORSE – THE RECORDING JUST KEPT GOING THROUGH THE WHOLE SONG. NO ONE TURNED IT OFF AND LET THE MEN SING.

THEY ENDED UP JUST WALKING OFF THE FIELD. SOME OF THE MEMBERS SAY THEY WERE MORTIFIED AND CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE TEAM HANDLED IT SO BADLY. THE PADRES NOW

SAY THEY'VE FIRED THE THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTOR WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT THEY'RE CALLING AN "ERROR."

DIVERSITY

6/11/16 KRON4 News at 10pm

Charity group helps homeless and low-income women

IMAGINE GOING FROM HOMELESS TO CORPORATE CHIC. IT HAPPENS AT AN UNUSUAL DRESS SHOP IN DOWNTOWN SAN FRANCISCO, WHERE WOMEN CHANGE THEIR CLOTHES AND CHANGE THEIR OUTLOOK ON LIFE. IT'S CALLED "DRESS FOR SUCCESS" AND VICKI LIVIAKIS SHOW US SOME OF THEIR REAL SUCCESS STORIES:

CHRISTINE KNOWS HOW TO ROCK A PAIR OF HOT HEELS. BUT SHE WASN'T ALWAYS THIS CONFIDENT.

Christine: "I was really depressed and not knowing where to move forward from there."

WITH A DRUG POSSESSION CONVICTION, SHE ADMITS SHE WAS LOST.

Christine: "When I got out, I was fortunate enough to find Dress for Success and they gave me the courage. No one understands the power of that one suit."

FOR CHRISTINE, THE ONE SUIT LED TO SCHOOL AND A JOB. A SUIT WORKED MAGIC FOR HEATHER, TOO.

Heather: "It gives you a new perspective on not only how important your job is to you, but how important you are to you job."

DRESS FOR SUCCESS SAN FRANCISCO HAS HELPED OVER 5,000 WOMEN SINCE IT STARTED. PEOPLE LIKE CHERYL WHO'S STARTING HER OWN COMPANY.

Cheryl: "I came to Dress for Success homeless, no job or no place to stay."

Claudia Ross, Dress for Success volunteer: "To me, fashion is armor and I think these women come in naked and bare and when we put them in a beautiful suit, it's their armor to go out there and accomplish anything."

VOLUNTEERS TAKE IN GENTLY USED CLOTHES AND JEWELRY. AS ONE WOMAN CLEANS OUT HER CLOSET IT HELPS ANOTHER WOMAN MOVE ON IN HER CAREER.

Ross: "With all this excess out there in retail, you can bring it here and that betters the live of a woman which then better the life of her children and the whole family."

Christinel: "I can't stop smiling and I can't believe that I did that on my own."

WEARING A SMILE – THAT MAY BE THE ONLY THING THAT CAN ECLIPSE WEARING A NEW SUIT.

YOU CAN DONATE YOUR MAGIC INTERVIEW OUTFIT TO DRESS FOR SUCCESS OR COME TO THEIR GALA JUNE 22ND IN SAN FRANCISCO. THERE WILL BE MORE STORIES OF SUCCESS AND... A GREAT FASHION SHOW!

DIVERSITY

6/13/16 KRON 4 News at 6

Community reactions to hate crime in Orlando

THE TRAGIC EVENTS IN ORLANDO BROUGHT MEMBERS OF THE LGBT AND MUSLIM COMMUNITIES TOGETHER IN SAN FRANCISCO TODAY. KRON4'S MAUREEN KELLY REPORTS THEY WERE ALONGSIDE LOCAL LAWMAKERS, ALL HOPING TO PUSH NEW GUN SAFETY MEASURES THROUGH THE STATE LEGISLATURE:

THE RAINBOW FLAG FLIES AT HALF STAFF IN THE CASTRO IN THE WAKE OF THE MASS KILLINGS INSIDE A GAY ORLANDO NIGHTCLUB, ON THE SAME DAY A HEAVILY ARMED GUNMAN WAS STOPPED APPARENTLY HEADED TO L.A. PRIDE FESTIVITIES.

TODAY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LGBT CENTER IN SAN FRANCISCO CALLED ON HER COMMUNITY NOT TO GIVE WAY TO FEAR.

Rebecca Rolfe, SF LGBT Center: "It's important for us to be even more present, even more active, to stand taller, to attend Pride, to attend our events, to really let the world know that this is not something that we will take."

SHE STOOD ALONGSIDE ELECTED LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF THE MUSLIM AMERICAN COMMUNITY TODAY SHOWING SUPPORT.

Zahra Billoo, Council on American-Islamic Relations: "Hate violence that impacts any single community impacts all of us."

Mark Levine, State Assemblyman: "Stand tall. Be proud. Be yourself. You are perfect the way you are and we love you."

THOSE SAME POLITICIANS PUT TOGETHER THIS HASTILY CALLED NEWS CONFERENCE SINCE THE MASSACRE COINCIDENTLY HAPPENED THE SAME WEEK THAT THEIR PACKAGE OF GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION IS HEADED BEFORE THE STATE SENATE SAFETY COMMITTEE. THAT PACKAGE INCLUDES BILLS THAT WOULD REMOVE THE LOOPHOLE IN THE STATE ASSAULT WEAPON BAN THAT ALLOWS FOR A "BULLET BUTTON" ON GUNS FOR THE QUICK CHANGING OF AMMUNITION MAGAZINES AS WELL AS LIMITING THE PURCHASE OF LONG GUNS TO ONE PER MONTH.

David Chiu, State Assemblyman: "What happened in Orlando could have happened in the Castro, on Polk Street, could have happened anywhere in our city."

BUT NOT EVERYONE IN THE LGBT COMMUNITY SUPPORTS MORE GUN REGULATIONS. NICKI STALLARD WITH THE PINK PISTOLS IS A TRANS WOMAN WHO CALLS THE PROPOSALS CIVIL DISARMAMENT.

Nicki Stallard, Pink Pistols: "I am in the demographic with most incidents of hate crimes in the country, if not the world. I definitely need access to arms for self-defense."

WHILE STALLARD SAYS SHE IS DISGUSTED THAT THE POLITICIANS WOULD USE THIS TRAGEDY AS A WAY TO PUSH THEIR AGENDA, THE ELECTED LEADERS SAY THE DEATH AND WOUNDING OF SO MANY IS A CALL TO ACTION. THEY WANT CALIFORNIA TO CONTINUE TO BE THE LEADER IN SENSIBLE GUN REFORM.

MAUREEN KELLY KRON4 NEWS

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6/16/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Sacramento preacher creates nationwide backlash

BACKLASH CONTINUES TO GROW OVER A SACRAMENTO PASTOR'S INFLAMMATORY REMARKS ABOUT THE TRAGEDY IN ORLANDO. LGBT COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE NATION ARE REACTING TO PASTOR ROGER JIMENEZ'S COMMENTS IN PROTEST. YESTERDAY THEY GATHERED OUTSIDE

THE SACRAMENTO CHURCH WHERE JIMENEZ WORKS. PRIVATE SECURITY, SHERIFF DEPUTIES AND CHURCH DEACONS GUARDED THE BUILDING DURING THE HOUR LONG SERVICE AS PROTESTORS SHOUTED OUTSIDE.

Protester: "I want people like him to kind of show their ugly faces so we can fight them with more love."

Protester: "Crazy people will take his words and shoot me or shoot my kids, or shoot my house, why are they hiding? Don't you hide! Don't you hide behind that book!"

MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION REFUSED TO SPEAK TO REPORTERS. THOSE WHO WORK NEARBY SAY THEY NEVER HAD PROBLEMS WITH THIS CHURCH BEFORE.

DIVERSITY

6/16/16 KRON 4 Evening News
San Francisco's new human rights advocate

SAN FRANCISCO HAS APPOINTED A HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE TO HANDLE THE CTY'S TRANSGENDER ISSUES. MAYOR ED LEE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HE HAS APPOINTED THERESA SPARKS AS HIS SENIOR ADVISOR.

ONCE A HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER AND POLICE COMMINSSIONER FOR SAN FRANCISCO, SPARKS WILL START WORK JULY 1ST. SHE'LL ASSIST IN LEADING THE MAYORS "COALITION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION" WHICH LEE HELPED FORM IN THE WAKE OF LAWS PASSED IN NORTH CAROLINA AND MISSISSIPPI THAT NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE LGBT COMMUNITY.

HER DUTIES WILL INCLUDE OVERSEEING CITY FUNDED PROJECTS AND ANALYZING WHERE CITY SERVICES ARE LACKING WHEN IT COMES TO VIOLENCE PROTECTION, HEALTH CARE, AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES., AMONG OTHER THINGS, FOR TRANSGENDER PEOPLE.

DIVERSITY

6/16/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Controversy around blood donation by gay men

SINCE THE MASSACRE IN ORLANDO, PEOPLE HAVE BEEN RUNNING TO BLOOD BANKS TO DONATE. BUT THERE'S ONE COMMUNITY THAT HAS A HARD TIME DONATING.

A LOT OF INQUIRIES FOR BLOOD DONATIONS STARTED COMING IN ON MONDAY. THERE'S BEEN A 36% INCREASE DONATIONS, BUT GAY MEN ARE STILL BEING HELD BACK. GAY MEN CAN'T JUST WALK INTO A BLOOD BANK AND DONATE. KRON 4'S ALECIA REID JOINS US FROM THE NEWSROOM, WITH MORE ON THEIR FRUSTRATION:

BLOOD CENTERS OF THE PACIFIC IS ON STANDBY TO GIVE BLOOD TO ORLANDO AS NEEDED, AND THEY'VE BEEN WELCOMING LOTS OF DONORS.

Scott Rowe, blood donor: "I think it's really important for peole to donate blood because there is a need and especially after a huge tragedy like this one. I have a lot of friends in the LGBT community and I donate because a lot of them can't."

GAY MEN, MEN THAT HAVE SEX WITH OTHER MEN OR M-S-M HAVE TO BE CELIBATE FOR ONE YEAR BEFORE GIVING BLOOD.

Dr. Suchitra Pandey: "I can understand the frustration in the gay community."

THERE WAS A PERMANENT BAN FOR MEN, BUT LAST DECEMBER THE F-D-A CUT IT DOWN TO A ONE YEAR. THAT DEFERRAL IS ALSO IN PLACE FOR OTHER HIGH RISK BEHAVIORS .

Dr. Suchitra Pandey: "Any behavior that would put someone at greater risk for getting HIV or Hepatitis C. So this would include sex with someone who does IV drugs without a prescription. Anytime somebody gets an accidental needle stick at work, that would be a one year deferral. Or a transplant."

OR SOMEONE HAVING SEX WITH AN INDIVIDUAL THAT HAS HIV.
THE HIGHEST PRIORITY IS KEEPING THE BLOOD SUPPLY SAFE. DR. HYMAN SCOTT SAYS
SCIENCE AND TESTING HAVE MARGINALIZED OVER THE YEARS ... AND THAT THE BAN IS HARSH.

Dr. Hyman Scott: "The science supports that this 12 month ban isn't necessary. Some tests are extremely sensitive. They can detect in less than two weeks and some of them are down to less than a week."

EVEN WITH THE NEW DONATIONS, BLOOD SUPPLY IS LOW.

Dr. Pandey: "Very low inventories in all blood types right now. We're appreciating the support from the community."

THIS BAN WAS LIFTED 6 MONTHS AGO, AND IT'LL TAKE TIME FOR THE WORD TO SPREAD. IN THE MEANTIME, THE BLOOD BANK IS ENCOURAGING MORE PEOPLE TO COME IN AND DONATE.

THIS CHANGE BY THE FDA IS STILL BEING IMPLEMENTED ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND THEN MORE DATA NEEDS TO BE GATHERED AND STUDIES DONE. SO CHANGES TO THIS NEW LAW PROBABLY WON'T HAPPEN ANY TIME SOON.

REPORTING LIVE IN THE NEWSROOM ALECIA REID KRON 4 NEWS

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6/17/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Reaction to Marine's controversial post on social media

TWO ACTIVE-DUTY CAMP PENDLETON MARINES ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR A SOCIAL MEDIA POST IN THE WAKE OF THE ORLANDO SHOOTING. REPORTER BRANDON LEWIS HAS THE DETAILS.

THIS PICTURE APPEARING TO FEATURE A CORPORAL IN UNIFORM WITH THE CAPTION QUOTE "COMING TO A GAY BAR NEAR YOU" WENT VIRAL AFTER IT WAS POSTED ON FACEBOOK. COMMENTERS SAY IT APPEARS TO HAVE INITIALLY STARTED AS A "SNAPCHAT" AND THEN WAS POSTED TO THE PRIVATE "CAMP PENDLETON RESALE" PAGE FOR MALE MARINES. IT'S RUN BY THE MENDLETON FOUNDATION -- A NON-PROFIT THAT WORKS TO HELP VETERANS IN NEED.

THE ORGANIZATION SAYS IT IMMEDIATELY DELETED THE POST AS SOON AS IT WAS NOTIFIED. IN A STATEMENT THEY SAID QUOTE "We believe that it was a very insensitive and possibly dangerous photo that needed to be taken seriously given the nature of the possible threat.....As a group, we do not condone any type of hate speech or threats."

STILL, ONE OF ITS 25 THOUSAND MEMBERS TOOK A SCREEN GRAB AND POSTED ON PUBLIC PAGES WHERE IT WENT VIRAL WITH HUNDREDS OF VETERANS AND CIVILIANS CHIMING IN.

THIS PERSON SAID THEY REPORTED THE PICTURE TO THE MARINES, ADDING QUOTE (JT BYRD) "As Marines, we learn to police our own and realize that we are responsible and accountable for our actions." OTHERS QUESTIONED THE CORPORAL'S INTENT, (SUZANNE) ASKING "Isn't it possible they were eluding to taking on the terrorist instead of everyone automatically assuming it was hate-related toward the gay community?"

BUT THE ONE MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE APPEARED TO DISAGREE WITH THAT THEORY IN A STATEMENT OF ITS OWN SAYING QUOTE "This type of behavior and mindset will not be allowed and it is not consistent with core values of honor, courage and commitment that are demonstrated by the vast majority of Marines on a daily basis."

THE TASK FORCE SAYS THEY'VE IDENTIFIED THE CORPORAL IN THE PICTURE AND ARE INVESTIGATING ONE OTHER MARINE. THEIR NAMES HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASED.

DIVERSITY

6/22/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Follow-up on Sacramento homophobic pastor

THAT WAS VIDEO OF THE SACRAMENTO PASTOR UNDER FIRE FOR ESSENTIALLY PRAISING THE DEATHS OF THOSE KILLED IN THE ORLANDO MASS SHOOTING. HE IS NOWS BEING ASKED TO LEAVE. THE LANDLORD FOR THE PASTOR'S CHURCH IS ENCOURAGING HIM TO LOOK FOR A NEW PLACE FOR HIS CONGREGATION TO WORSHIP. FROM OUR PARTNERS AT CNN, KELLY RYAN HAS THE STORY:

AFTER THE CONTROVERSIAL REMARKS FROM PASTOR ROGER JIMENEZ OF VERITY BAPTIST CHURCH PRAISING THE DEATHS OF THOSE KILLED IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA AT A GAY NIGHTCLUB, A STATEMENT WAS RELEASED TODAY BY THE OWNER OF THE BUSIENSS PARK THAT LEASES TO THE CHURCH. IT ASKED CHURCH OFFICIALS TO CONSIDER LEAVING BEFORE THE LEASE IS UP.

THE STATEMENT FROM HARSCH INVESTMENT PROPERTIES READS IN PART:

"We have many places of worship and other religious organization in the properties we manage. Like all our tenants, their occupancy rights are protected in their leases, but we will not tolerate tenants who advocate hatred and the taking of innocent lives."

ROGER JIMENEZ SAYS HE HAS NO REGRETS ABOUT WHAT HE SAID IN HIS JUNE 12 SERMON WHERE HE ASKED HIS CONGREGATION "ARE YOU SAD 50 PEDOPHILES WERE KILLED?" ALSO ADDING "IT'S A TRAGEDY MORE DIDN'T DIE."

THE PROPERTY COMPANY SAYS IT SUPPORTS THE LGBT COMMUNITY AND MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND SAYS IT WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE CHURCH TO MOVE OUT OF THE PARK.

Spokesperson for Harsch Investment Properties: "They're trying to distance themselves and let people know that as the owners of the building they don't support what this person has said."

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE PROTESTED OUTSIDE THE CHURCH THIS PAST SUNDAY. JIMENEZ HAS YET TO RESPOND TO THE REQUEST TO MOVE OUT.

DIVERSITY

6/27/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Stonewall monument dedication

LOCAL AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS JOINED THE LGBT COMMUNITY AT A DEDICATION CEREMONY OF THE STONEWALL INN IN NEW YORK, MAKING IT A NATIONAL MONUMENT FOR GAY RIGHTS. THE CEREMONY WAS HELD TODAY AT THE ICONIC TAVERN IN NEW YORK CITY WHERE THE BIRTH OF THE MODERN GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT TOOK PLACE NEARLY 50 YEARS AGO. LAST WEEK PRESIDENT OBAMA MADE THE INN THE FIRST NATIONAL MONUMENT TO GAY RIGHTS. MANY PEOPLE CAME TO THE CEREMONY TO SHARE THEIR SUPPORT.

Bill deBlasio, New York City mayor: "So, we're not going to sanitize our history, we're going to remember the moment when things were wrong. We're going to remember the struggle. We're going to remember the people we lost. We're going to remember that fateful night, 1969, people here were pursuing something that

is a fundamental part of the founding documents of this nation -- the pursuit of happiness. The right to be who you are. And, nothing, in this nation can stop the pursuit of happiness and nothing can stop love.">

THE STONEWALL NATIONAL MONUMENT WILL COVER NEARLY SEVEN ACRES OF NEW YORK'S GREENWICH VILLAGE. THE AREA INCLUDES THE TAVERN AND CHRISTOPHER PARK, BETTER KNOWN AS STONEWALL PARK. THE SURROUNDING STREETS ARE ALSO INCLUDED WHERE PEOPLE RIOTED AFTER THE TAVERN WAS RAIDED BY POLICE IN 1969.

DIVERSITY

6/27/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Fighting the stigmatism of homelessness

(part of weeklong series focusing on the problem of homelessness)

TONIGHT SEVEN THOUSAND HOMELESS PEOPLE WILL BE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SLEEP IN SAN FRANCISCO. MOST OF THEM WON'T FIND ONE - AT LEAST NOT INDOORS. KRON 4'S SPENCER BLAKE INTRODUCES US TO ONE WOMAN WHO'S HELPING PEOPLE FIND SOME STABILITY. SHE TOLD HIM ABOUT HER OWN JOURNEY FROM HOMELESS TO HELPER:

THREE YEARS AGO, REGINA BATES HAD WORKED AS A RECEPTIONIST AT A MEDICAL GROUP UNTIL SHE CAME BACK FROM DISABILITY LEAVE TO FIND OUT SOMEBODY ELSE HAD BEEN GIVEN HER JOB. THAT WAS JUST AS BATES GAVE A 30 DAY NOTICE TO MOVE OUT OF HER APARTMENT BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT SHE'D BE ABLE TO AFFORD A NICER ONE. INSTEAD, SHE ENDED UP UNEMPLOYED AND HOMELESS.

SUPER: Regina Bates | Peer Organizer, Coalition on Homelessness

Regina Bates, peer organizer, Coalition on Homelessness: "You feel like everyone's looking at you. My kids were constantly saying, 'Mom, don't tell people we're homeless,' you know, and they had a stigma behind it. They didn't feel good about themselves."

FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS, BATES AND HER FAMILY STAYED AT CHURCH SHELTERS AND IN FRIENDS' HOMES. THROUGH THE TOUGH TIMES, THOUGH, SHE DECIDED TO PULL HERSELF UP BY HER OWN BOOTSTRAPS – AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Bates: "I was like, 'This is my job to get myself out of homelessness, and I gotta research my way out of this situation.'"

THAT RESEARCH INCLUDED WAYS TO GET FREE CLOTHES FOR HER KIDS. SHE FOUND OUT HOW TO USE HER LIBRARY CARD TO GET FREE TICKETS TO THE ZOO AND OTHER FUN PLACES IN THE CITY. SHE ALSO APPLIED FOR JOBS, AND HER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE KICKED IN, EVENTUALLY LANDING HER TWO JOBS, ONE OF THEM WITH THE COALITION ON HOMELESSNESS.

NOW, BATES IS HELPING OTHER FAMILIES WHO ARE IN A PICKLE SHE KNOWS ALL TOO WELL.

Ghaimah Cutkelvin, homeless mother: "It keeps us comfortable. It gives us hope for a brighter future. It gives us inspiration. People like Regina, she feels where we're coming from."

THINGS GOT BETTER FOR THE BATES FAMILY, TOO. THEY'RE ON A FIVE-YEAR PLAN WITH A HOME SUBSIDY PROGRAM THAT PUTS A ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS.

WHILE SHE WORKS TO GET OTHERS ON THEIR FEET, REGINA SAYS SHE WANTS EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT HOMELESSNESS IS NOT A DISEASE.

Bates: "When you go by a person that is in need, you feel like they might be homeless - or even if they're not homeless - I think it's really good for people to at least acknowledge the person. Say hello. You might make their day."

IN SAN FRANCISCO SPENCER BLAKE. KRON 4 NEWS

ALL THIS WEEK, WE WILL BE COVERING THE PLIGHT OF THE HOMELESS HERE IN THE BAY AREA. STAY TUNED FOR NEW STORIES AT EIGHT AND TEN ALL WEEK, AS WE JOIN FORCES WITH DOZENS OF OTHER MEDIA OUTLETS TO FOCUS ON THIS ISSUE.

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EDUCATION

4/5/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Tech company partners with local high school

SAN FRANCISCO'S MISSION IS A NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE TECHIES AND TENANTS MAY HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES AT ODDS AT TIMES. BUT HERE AT MISSION HIGH, TECH LEADERS ARE TALKING TO THE KIDS ABOUT FORMING THEIR OWN TECH COMPANIES.

THIS HIGH SCHOOLER HAS ALREADY DEVELOPED HIS OWN APP.

Student: "If you believe in something, just give it a little faith and maybe it can work and grow into something big."

MISSION HIGH SCHOOL HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE COMPANY DROPBOX. THE PRINCIPAL WAS SKEPTICAL AT FIRST.

Mission High principal: "My first question to them was how are they going to be part of this community and actually support this community and not just do this as a vanity piece, but really do it as a real commitment to San Francisco and to Mission High. And they were like, we're all for that. That's who we are and what we want to do."

THE COMPANY SAYS IT'S ALL IN WITH ACADEMICS AND PATHWAYS TO CAREER AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Drew Houston, Dropbox CEO: "We hope to keep doing it. We hope to set a precedent that all companies should be doing this and it should become a norm in the industry."

Dropbox co-founder: "I think it's important to inspire everyone to get into technology, but especially young girls."

Dropbox co-founder: "There aren't a lot of things that you can do where you can use your mind and start with nothing and create something. So, it's one of the most satisfying things I've done and hopefully some of the kids here will be able to go on and do that, too."

THE FOUNDERS OF DROPBOX WERE SHARING THEIR OWN STORIES OF SUCCESS AND FAILURE AND PERHAPS ON THE SIDE SCOUTING OUT SOME POTENTIAL TALENT.

IN SAN FRANCISCO VICKI LIVIAKIS KRON 4 NEWS

EDUCATION

4/13/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Battling high school suicide rates

AFFECTED BY STUDENT SUICIDES AT HIS FORMER HIGH SCHOOL, A TEACHER STARTED A GRASSROOTS INITIATIVE THAT HE BELIEVES WILL HELP STOP PALO ALTO TEENAGERS FROM TAKING THEIR OWN LIVES. BUT SURPRISINGLY, AS KRON 4'S ALECIA REID EXPLAINS, HE FEELS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS GIVING HIM PUSHBACK.

Marc Vicenti, teacher: "I don't understand it."

WITHIN THE LAST SEVEN YEARS, TEN PALO ALTO STUDENTS COMMITTED SUICIDE. THE CDC CALLS IT AN EPIDEMIC IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. WITH HIGH EXPECTATIONS TO SUCCEED, STUDENTS FIND THEMSELVES UNDER PRESSURE. FORMER GUNN HIGH TEACHER MARC VINCENTI SAYS OVERCROWDED CLASSES, EXCESSIVE HOMEWORK, OVER ENROLLMENT IN A-P CLASSES AND A HOST OF OTHER ISSUES ARE THE REASONS BEHIND THE DEPRESSION.

Vicenti: "The other kids are whispering about those are the kids from the suicide school. It's there. It's painful for everybody."

STUDENTS SAY THERE'S CONSTANT STRESS THAT THEY DEAL WITH.

Student: "There might be a new schedule next year, and they had a lot of turnover schedules this year. That's been stressing us out."

VINCENTI STARTED A CAMPAIGN TO MAKE CHANGES, BUT SAYS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS IGNORING HIS PLEA. HE PLANS TO CONTINUE PUSHING FORWARD...

Vicenti: "Til we're a chorus of voices so loud that we can't be denied"

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS SINGING A DIFFERENT TUNE. A REP TELLS ME MENTAL HEALTH AND STUDENT WELL-BEING ARE TOP PRIORITY.

Joren Quintana, Palo Alto Unified School District: "There have been many ideas and suggestions and the school district has looked at the best practices and data. It's an ongoing effort. We look at data and we implement."

GUNN HIGH HAS IMPLEMENTED A POLICY TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF HOMEWORK, BUT THESE JUNIORS DON'T FEEL MUCH RELIEF.

Student: "I feel like they've been trying to minimize the workload, but then they make it worth a lot of points."

Student: "Last year, they used to give us a lot of time to finish. Now, they give us 2 or 3 days."

THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL CONDUCTED A SURVEY AT THIS SCHOOL TO SEE HOW THEY CAN PUT A STOP TO THESE SUICIDES. THOSE RESULTS ARE EXPECTED BY THIS SUMMER. ONE THING THAT'S NEW AT ALL THE HIGH SCHOOLS IN THIS CITY, A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO EACH ONE.

REPORTING IN PALO ALTO ALECIA REID KRON 4 NEWS

EDUCATION

4/14/16 KRN 4 News at 8pm

Schools could help teens get more sleep

PARENTS – LET YOUR TEENS SLEEP IN. IT COULD SAVE LIVES!

WHEN TEENAGERS GET LESS THAN SEVEN HOURS OF SLEEP, A NEW STUDY SAYS, IT'S NOT ONLY DANGEROUS, BUT COULD BE DEADLY.

THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL SAYS TEEN WHO DON'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP TEND ENGAGE IN RISKY BEHAVIOR, LIKE TEXTING AND DRIVING OR DRINKING AND DRIVING, IF THEY DON'T GET NINE HOURS OF SHUT EYE.

OTHER CONCERNS FOR SLEEPY TEENS INCLUDE OBESITY, DEPRESSION AND ACCIDENTS. IN THE PAST THE C-D-C FOUND INSUFFICIENT SLEEP WAS ASSOCIATED WITH ALCOHOL AND MARIJUANA USE, SEXUAL ACTIVITY, AND SUICIDAL THOUGHTS.

IN 2014, DOCTORS RECOMMENDED SCHOOLS BEGIN CLASSES AT 8:30 OR EVEN LATER TO MAKE UP FOR HOURS TEENS MISS IN THE BED. STILL, MOST SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY DO NOT ADHERE TO THE RECOMMENDATION.

EDUCATION

5/2/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

School district partners with local technology company

IN THE EAST BAY, A SCHOOL DISTRICT IS TRYING TO CLOSE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE. THE PITTSBURG UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS TEAMED UP WITH A TECHNOLOGY COMPANY TO SEND LIKE-NEW COMPUTERS HOME WITH FAMILIES WHO HAVE NEVER HAD A COMPUTER BEFORE. KRON 4'S JUSTING WALDMAN SAYS THAT TO SAY THE FAMILIES ARE GRATEFUL IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT:

LINED UP AND READY TO GO ARE DOZENS OF DONATED COMPUTERS OUTSIDE PARKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Parent: "This is a great opportunity."

Parent: "We are beyond grateful. This is the perfect opportunity for my family."

THEY ARE FOR FAMILIES HERE WHO DO NOT HAVE COMPUTERS AT HOME WHICH MAKES REGISTERING FOR CLASSES, STAYING CONNECTED WITH TEACHERS AND DOING HOMEWORK DIFFICULT FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS.

Jeff Varner, Parkside principal: "When we say you have to do it online and they say what do you mean by online..."

THAT CHANGED TODAY WITH THIS GIFT FROM OAKLAND TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE WEST. SINCE 1995, OTX HAS GIVEN OUT 40 THOUSAND COMPUTERS. OTX REFURBISHES DONATED CORPORATE AND GOVERNMENT COMPUTERS, CLEANING OUT THE HARD DRIVE, UPDATING THE SOFTWARE AND INSTALLING NEW PROGRAMS.

FAMILIES LEAVE WITH MONITOR, CENTRAL PROCESSING UNIT, CABLES AND A MOUSE... FOR FREE. PLUS THEY SIGN UP FOR THE INTERNET FOR JUST \$10 A MONTH.

OTX WANTS TO BRIDGE THE TECHNOLOGY GAP.

Domingo Vazquez, OTX: "Just the simple access to the computer and internet makes a big impact, especially in communities that are underserved."

THESE ARE ALL FAMILIES WHO HAVE NEVER HAD ACCESS TO THE INTERNET AT HOME BEFORE. LIKE MONIQUE WHITE'S FAMILY.

Monique White: "We have to go to the library or use other people's. It's a big inconvenience.

FIFTY OF THE DONATED COMPUTERS WENT HOME WITH PARKSIDE FAMILIES TODAY. MONIQUE'S KIDS ARE READY TO LOG ON.

Student: "I can play some games and do my homework, too."

THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE IMPROVED WITH JUST ONE CLICK.

JUSTINE WALDMAN KRON 4 NEWS

EDUCATION

5/9/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Application form change to improve enrolment process

A QUESTION ON WHAT'S CALLED THE COMMON APPLICATION WHICH IS USED BY MORE THAN SIX HUNDRED COLLEGES, ASKING ABOUT STUDENT CRIMINAL RECORDS, WILL BE CHANGING. TODAY, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS URGING SCHOOLS TO CONSIDER DROPPING THE QUESTION ALTOGETHER. THE 2016-17 APPLICATION WILL STILL ASK WHETHER STUDENTS HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY, BUT REMOVE PART OF THE QUESTION ASKING ABOUT ANY OTHER CRIMES. OFFICIALS SAY SUCH QUESTIONS CAN DISCOURAGE THE MILLIONS OF U.S. CITIZENS WITH A RECORD FROM APPLYING.

EDUCATION

5/12/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Stanford hosts symposium on early education

TODAY ON THE CAMPUS OF STANFORD UNIVERSITY, A SYMPOSIUM ON THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION. IT BROUGHT TOGETHER GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO ARE DESIGNING EARLY EDUCATION PRODUCTS, GOOGLE EXECUTIVES, NEUROSCIENTISTS, SILICON VALLEY START-UPS, AND CELEBRITIES. THE GOAL OF THE MEET-UP IS TO SHARE IDEAS AND SHOW PRODUCTS IN DEVELOPMENT. KRON4'S GABE SLATE SHOWS US WHAT IS BEING DEVELOPED TO HELP OUR KIDS BETTER PREPARE FOR SCHOOL:

LeVar Burton, chairman of Reading Rainbow: "I'm interested in how we collectively can do better job of educating our kids. And I know that technology is a large part of it. I've known that. I mean, I've been using technology to educate kids for over 30 years. Television was the technology we used back in the day because it gave us access to where kids are. Now, reading Rainbow isn't on TV. It's an app. It's on tablet computers. It's on the web. We're in classrooms. It's about meeting kids where they are and taking them where we want them to go, and these are some of the best and brightest people in the world who are actually thinking about it. How do we do this better?"

Andre Agassi, Andre Agassi Education Foundation: "So, we can educate a child at an early age or we can incarcerate them and spend four times more doing it. We have to figure it out. And I'm scared, quite frankly."

ANDRE AGASSI TALKED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILDREN LEARNING THE BASICS OF PHONICS BEFORE ENTERING THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. STUDIES SHOW THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT TIME FOR BRAIN DEVELOPMENT IS BIRTH TO EIGHT YEARS AND ALMOST 35% OF CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN LACK THE BASIC LANGUAGE SKILLS NEED TO LEARN HOW TO READ. SO HE TEAMED UP WITH A SILICON VALLEY START UP NAMED SQUARE PANDA AND THEY CREATED THIS PLAY SET THAT TEACHES CHILDREN PHONICS IN A FUN WAY. IT HITS THE MARKET IN JUNE.

Agassi: "It's a device that works with your tablets and puts you in a world that inspires motivates and incentivizes the child to learn with text tiles, too. So you get to pick the letters and put them in and you evolve in activity of learning combined with seeing the letters. Science has proven how much faster you can learn to read if you have that. I'm a parent. I don't want my kid just sitting in front of a table, pushing buttons and scrolling. This gives them a way to engage with the tablet."

EDUCATION

5/17/16 KRON 4 Evening News
High school graduation rates

MIXED NUMBERS TONIGHT COMING FROM CALIFORNIA'S HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOMS WHEN IT COMES TO GRADUATION RATES.

EIGHTY-TWO PERCENT OF STUDENTS GRADUATED ON TIME IN 2015. THAT'S THE HIGHEST NUMBER SINCE THE STATE STARTED TRACKING THE FIGURE SIX YEARS AGO. BUT THERE'S A DISPARITY WHEN IT COMES TO RACE.

EIGHTY-EIGHT PERCENT OF WHITE STUDENTS GRADUATED WITHIN FOUR YEARS. THAT'S COMPARED TO 79 PERCENT OF LATINO STUDENTS. AND THE RATE WAS 71 PERCENT FOR BLACK STUDENTS. THE STATE SAYS THE GAP IS ACTUALLY GETTING WIDER BETWEEN MINORITIES.

EDUCATION

5/21/16 KRON 4 Morning News
Statistics show new trend in college admissions

MORE PEOPLE ARE SKIPPING COLLEGE AND SOME EXPERTS THINK THAT'S GOOD NEWS FOR THE ECONOMY. ACCORDING TO NEWLY RELEASED GOVERNMENT DATA, COLLEGE ENROLLMENT IN THE U.S. DROPPED FROM ITS PEAK IN 2010 BY MORE THAN 812 THOUSAND STUDENTS.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND FOR-PROFIT UNIVERSITIES ARE SEEING THE BIGGEST DECLINES. THOSE ARE THE SCHOOLS THAT TYPICALLY DRAW HEAVILY FROM LOWER-INCOME AND MINORITY HOUSEHOLDS. SOME ANALYSTS BELIEVE THE DROPPING ENROLLMENT IS A SIGN THAT THE ECONOMY IS IMPROVING.

THE U.S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION SAYS HISTORICALLY AS THE ECONOMY IMPROVES AND MORE AMERICANS GET BACK TO WORK COLLEGE ENROLLMENT DECLINES.

EDUCATION

5/23 – 5/27/16 KRON 4 News various newscasts
Weeklong series on conditions at local special needs school
2 stories from the series:

IT WAS VIDEO THAT CAUSED A SOCIAL MEDIA FIRESTORM. IT SHOWS A 9- YEAR OLD BOY BEING SLAPPED AND MANHANDLED BY A TEACHER'S AIDE AT AN ANTIOCH SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL. KRON 4'S MAUREEN KELLY HAS BEEN SPENDING MONTHS DIGGING DEEPER INTO THE TOBINWORLD SCHOOL WHERE THE ABUSE TOOK PLACE. SHE JOINS US IN THE STUDIO LIVE WITH WHAT SHE'S FOUND OUT.

THIS VIDEO WAS FIRST POSTED ON A FACEBOOK PAGE FOR PARENTS OF AUTISTIC CHILDREN, AND IT WAS THEIR OUTRAGE THAT CAUSED IT TO GO VIRAL. THE SHOCKING FOOTAGE DREW A LOT OF ATTENTION TO THE TOBINWORLD SCHOOL, FROM STATE OFFICIALS TO THE POLICE. TWO AIDES ENDED UP BEING FIRED, AND BOTH HAVE PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO MISDEMEANOR CRIMINAL CHARGES.

THE VIDEO ALSO CAUSED THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO STEP IN AND ORDER REFORMS AT THE SCHOOL. SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO SAW IT COMMENTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA ABOUT SIMILAR EXPERIENCES THEY OR THEIR CHILDREN ALLEGEDLY HAD WHILE AT THE TOBINWORLD ANTIOCH CAMPUSES. IT ALSO PROMPTED FORMER STAFF MEMBERS TO SPEAK

OUT. WE TRACKED DOWN SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE, ONE OF THEM A FORMER STUDENT WHO IS NOW AN ADULT.
HE WAS DISTURBED BY THE VIRAL VIDEO BUT NOT SURPRISED.

Former student: "They claim they are restraining these students for their safety and the safety of their students, but they use far more force than is actually necessary."

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TOBINWORLD SAYS NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT TO THEM THAN STUDENT SAFETY, SHE SAYS HER STAFF ARE TRAINED TO USE STATE APPROVED NON-VIOLENT TECHNIQUES, BUT ONLY WHEN THE STUDENT IS CLEARLY A DANGER TO HIM OR HERSELF, OTHER STUDENTS OR STAFF.

YOU'LL HEAR MORE FROM THAT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DURING MY WEEK LONG INVESTIGATIVE SERIES THAT GOES IN-DEPTH INTO THE TOBINWORLD SCHOOL. YOU'LL ALSO HEAR FROM FORMER STAFF MEMBERS WHO TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY SAY THEY'VE SEEN BEHIND CLOSED CLASSROOM DOORS.

BUT YOU'LL BE SHOCKED BY SOME OF THE THINGS I'VE UNCOVERED, INCLUDING ABOUT THE BACKGROUND OF ONE PERSON INVOLVED IN TOBINWORLD. I'LL HAVE STORIES ALL WEEK LONG, STARTING TONIGHT AT 10.

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THIS VIDEO PROMPTED A STATE INVESTIGATION. IT ALSO CAUSED MORE PEOPLE TO COME FORWARD TO SAY THEY OR THEIR CHILDREN HAD BEEN ABUSED WHILE STUDENTS AT TOBINWORLD.

A 9 YEAR OLD BOY IS SLAPPED BY A TEACHER'S AIDE, AS TWO OTHER PEOPLE HOLD HIS ARMS AND LEGS. THAT AIDE, IDENTIFIED LATER AS 26 YEAR OLD KAMALJOT KAUR, IS SEEN GOING AFTER THAT SAME BOY AGAIN AND AGAIN.

THE IMAGES ENDED UP BEING POSTED ON A FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE FOR PARENTS WITH AUTISTIC CHILDREN SOME OF WHOM CALLED THE SCHOOL DEMANDING ACTION. THE SCHOOL CALLED ANTIOCH POLICE IN TO INVESTIGATE.

KAUR WAS ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH MISDEAMOR CHILD ABUSE, AND A SECOND AIDE 23 YEAR OLD CHAD CORBIN, HAS ALSO BEEN CHARGED FOR FAILING TO REPORT SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE. THEY HAVE BOTH PLEADED NOT GUILTY AND ARE BACK IN COURT JUNE 6TH.

BOTH WERE FIRED BY TOBINWORLD, A SCHOOL THAT SPECIALIZES IN TEACHING AUTISTIC, SEVERELY EMOTIONALLY OR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED STUDENT RANGING IN AGE FROM 5 TO 22 YEARS OLD. TOBINWORLD'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SAID IN A STATEMENT THAT SHE WAS HORRIFIED BY THE INCIDENT AND THEY WOULD NOT TOLERATE THE MISTREATMENT OR ABUSE OF A CHILD.

THE BOY SEEN VICTIMIZED IN THAT VIDEO TALKED EXCLUSIVELY TO KRON4 NEWS. WE ARE BLURRING HIS FACE BECAUSE OF HIS AGE.

Reporter: "How did you feel when all of that was happening?"

Victim: "I felt angry."

THE BOY'S FAMILY NOW HAS A LAWYER AND ARE EXPECTED TO SUE. THIS PHOTO OF SHOWS AN ABRASION ON THE FACE OF ANOTHER CLIENT OF THAT SAME LAWYER THAT THE CHILD ALLEGEDLY GOT AT THE HANDS OF YET ANOTHER TOBINWORLD AIDE.

Victim's attorney: "That video shows a culture of abuse."

ANTIOCH POLICE ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE INSTITUTION. WE Poured OVER THE POLICE LOG OF CALLS FOR SERVICE INVOLVING THE TOBINWOOD TWO CAMPUS SINCE 2008. MANY CALLS INVOLVED STUDENTS ALLEGEDLY ACTING OUT VIOLENTLY, AGAINST OTHER KIDS, THEIR TEACHERS, OR EVEN THEMSELVES. BUT I COUNTED CLOSE TO A DOZEN INSTANCES OF POLICE COMING TO LOOK INTO ALLEGATIONS OF STAFF BEING ABUSIVE.

WE SHOWED THE VIDEO TO A FORMER TOBINWORLD STUDENT. JAMAL VICTORIA SAYS HE ATTENDED THE SAME TOBINWORLD CAMPUS IN ANTIOCH FOR APPROXIMENTLY EIGHT YEARS. HE WAS DISTRUBED BY WHAT HE SAW

Victoria: "She's straight up attacking him at this point."

BUT NOT SURPRISED. WHEN JAMAL WAS 11 YEARS OLD HE CAME HOME WITH BROKEN CAPALIARIES AROUND HIS NECK. THESE ARE PHOTOS TAKEN AT THE TIME. JAMAL TOLD HIS MOTHER THAT HE HAD BEEN CHOKED AND RESTRAINED BY A TEACHER FOR REFUSING TO DO HIS WORK.

WHEN JAMAL'S MOTHER SAW HIS INJURIES SHE FILED A POLICE REPORT AND PULLED HIM OUT OF THE SCHOOL. SHE SAYS SHE TRIED TO GET HELP BUT COULDN'T FIND A LAWYER TO TAKE THEIR CASE.

Jamal's mom: "When I talked, nobody would listen. If somebody had listened, then maybe that child in the video wouldn't have been hurt. It hurts these children; it hurts them for the rest of their lives."

SHE IS WORRIED MOST ABOUT WHAT MIGHT BE HAPPENING TO KIDS WHO ARE SO DISABLED THEY CAN'T SPEAK UP FOR THEMSELVES.

Jamal's mom: "No one is there to help them. No one is there to save them. It's just a horror story. They are just suffering and it's unacceptable."

WE'VE REACHED OUT TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TOBINWORLD ABOUT THESE LATEST ALLEGATIONS. IN A STATEMENT SHE SAYS:

"Nothing is more important to Tobinworld than the safety and wellbeing of our students. Tobinworld and its staff are doing everything they can to provide the best education and support services possible to emotionally disabled, autistic and developmentally disabled students. The California Department of Education vigorously investigated claims against Tobinworld and continues to certify and approve the operation of our schools."

I TRACKED DOWN FORMER TOBINWORLD TEACHER'S AIDES WHO SAY THEY HAVE SEEN OTHER STAFF USING UNNECESSARY FORCE WITH STUDENTS MANY TIMES AT THAT SCHOOL . THEIR EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF WHAT THEY SAY IS ABUSE TOMORROW.

MAUREEN KELLY KRON4 NEWS

## **EDUCATION**

5/31/16 KRON 4 News at 10pm

Non-profit helps local girls attend college

IT WAS A GREAT DAY FOR THIRTY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WHO ARE GRADUATING AND HEADING OFF TO COLLEGE. TODAY, A NATIONAL NON-PROFIT WITH A CHAPTER IN DOWNTOWN OAKLAND CALLED "GIRLS INCORPORATED" GAVE THE GIRLS EVERYTHING, FROM SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO DORMATORY ITEMS TO MAKE THEIR COLLEGE TRANSITION A BIT EASIER.

EARLIER TONIGHT, AN EVENT WAS HELD AT U.C. BERKELEY TO CELEBRATE THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS. THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION AIMS TO HELP GIRLS, PARTICULARLY GIRLS

FROM LOW- INCOME FAMILIES. MANY OF THE GIRLS ARE THE FIRST IN THEIR FAMILIES TO GO TO COLLEGE.

Girls Inc. spokesperson: "So many children from low-income communities get into college but they don't actually go because they are worried about all the other expenses. So we are showering them with items like laptops, with calculators, sheets and towels for their dorms – all the things they need to focus on their academics when they get there."

Student: "They gave me so many items. Like post-its and index cards, pens, pillows. So many things that I know I will absolutely need."

Student: "I'm going to be taking calculus or AP calculus because I'm going to be and investment banker. So the TI84 calculator is really going to help out a lot. The laptop will help out a lot."

THE GIRLS HONORED TONIGHT WILL BE ATTENDING VARIOUS PRESTIGIOUS COLLEGES INCLUDING GEORGETOWN AND U-C-BERKELEY. CONGRATS TO ALL OF THEM!

## **EDUCATION**

6/21/16 KRON 4 News at 10pm

Challenges faced by low-income students

THE AVERAGE COLLEGE STUDENT IS WELL FAMILIAR WITH STRESS THAT COMES FROM PAPERS AND EXAMS, BUT A FIRST OF ITS KIND STUDY SHOWS SOME CAL STATE STUDENTS ARE EVEN MORE WORRIED ABOUT WHERE THEY'LL SPEND THE NIGHT OR GET THEIR NEXT MEAL. THE STUDY FINDINGS ARE VERY DISTURBING. KRON 4'S ELLA SOGOMONIAN MET WITH SOME STUDENTS IN THE EAST BAY TODAY AND HAS MORE:

I'M HERE AT CAL STATE EAST BAY. IT'S ONE OF THE CAMPUSES WHERE STUDENTS COULD BE WALKING BY CLASSMATES WHO ARE HOMELESS OR DON'T KNOW WHERE THERE NEXT MEAL WILL COME FROM.

ACROSS CALIFORNIA, ONE IN TEN CAL STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ARE HOMELESS AND ONE IN FIVE DON'T KNOW WHERE OR WHEN THEY'LL GET THEIR NEXT MEAL. THAT'S WHAT A STUDY COMMISSIONED BY THE CSU SCHOOLSYSTEM REPORTS.

Anthony Noriega, Cal State East Bay freshman: "That's a pretty high number right there, so that's a little sad to be honest."

SEVERAL STUDENTS WE SPOKE WITH SAID THEY PERSONALLY KNEW OF OTHERS ON CAMPUS WHO ARE STRUGGLING JUST TO MAKE ENDS MEET, LET ALONE FOCUS ON STUDIES.

Karina Foores, Cal State East Bay sophomore: "Sadly there are people who sleep in their cars. I know people who do not know where they're going to stay next year, so it's very frustrating to see that."

IN FEBRUARY CAL STATE EAST BAY BROUGHT IN CASE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR ALEX BAKER TO HELP THESE UNDERSERVED STUDENTS.

Alex Baker, case management coordinator: "Our students of concern have been reported to us by our staff or faculty. Or sometimes they've been referred by friends on campus that are concerned about their friend who may be experiencing some hardship."

NEW INITIATIVES ARE NOW LAUNCHED ACROSS 23 CAL STATE CAMPUSES TO COMBAT THE PROBLEM. CAL STATE UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS MET THIS WEEK IN LONG BEACH TO DISCUSS WHAT MORE THEY CAN DO FOR THEIR STUDENTS WHO ARE CONFRONTING THESE ISSUES.

IN HAYWARD ELLA SOGOMONIAN KRON 4 NEWS

SEVERAL CAL STATE SCHOOLS INCLUDING THOSE IN THE BAY AREA ALREADY HAVE SOME PROGRAMS SUCH AS LOANS AND SHORT TERM HOUSING IN PLACE TO HELP STUDENTS GET BACK ON THEIR FEET.

## **EDUCATION**

6/22/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Lawsuit address protecting students from predator teachers

IN THE SOUTH BAY, HIGH PROFILE ATTORNEY GLORIA ALLRED IS NOW INVOLVED IN LAWSUITS AGAINST THE GILROY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

SHE SPOKE TODAY ON BEHALF OF A MOTHER WHOSE CHILD WAS ALLEGEDLY A VICTIM OF A TEACHER'S SEXUAL MISCONDUCT. TWENTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD DOUGLAS LE WAS ARRESTED AT HIS HOME BACK IN APRIL. HE IS ACCUSED OF POSING AS A YOUNG GIRL ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ASKING HUNDREDS OF MINORS TO SEND HIM SEXUALLY EXPLICIT PHOTOS.

LE WORKED AS A SCIENCE TEACHER AT GILROY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. NOW, THE PARENTS OF ONE TEENAGER ARE SUING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR NOT DOING ENOUGH TO PROTECT STUDENTS

Allred: "We allege the GUSD failed to protect and safeguard our clients from sexual misconduct against them by Mr. Le even though GUSD know that Mr. Le had previously engaged in unlawful, sexually related conduct with minors at Gilroy High School."

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SAYS THE TEACHER HAD PASSED A BACKGROUND CHECK WHEN HE WAS HIRED. THEY SAY THEY ARE WORKING TO KEEP ALL STUDENTS SAFE.

## **EDUCATION**

6/24/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Latest follow-up on Tobinworld abuse story

AN ANTIOCH SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL THAT HAS BEEN UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE STATE AND KRON4 NEWS FOR ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE IS SHUTTING DOWN SOME OF THEIR CAMPUSES. KRON4'S MAUREEN KELLY HAS BEEN DIGGING INTO THE TOBINWOOD SCHOOLS FOR MONTHS. TODAY SHE UNCOVERED A NEWLY RELEASED PUBLIC RECORD THAT DETAILS WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE EMBATTLED PRIVATE SCHOOL:

HERE'S THE VIDEO OF A 9 YEAR OLD SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENT BEING SLAPPED BY A TEACHER'S AIDE. IT HAPPENED BACK IN JANUARY. TWO AIDES WERE FIRED AS A RESULT. THE SHOCKING TAPE ALSO PROMPTED CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST THOSE AIDES AND LAUNCHED AN INVESTIGATION BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. IT ALSO GOT KRON4NEWS TO DIG DEEPER.

I FOUND SEVERAL FORMER AIDES WILLING TO COME FORWARD WHO HAD OTHER TALES TO TELL ABOUT STAFF MEMBERS ALLEGEDLY ABUSING THEIR POWER OVER THE SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS UNDER THEIR CARE.

Nic, a former Tobinworld aide: "I've seen staff instigate with students to the point of setting them off so they have to be restrained Staff talking down, being really disrespectful to students because they feel the students are lower than them."

WE'VE JUST LEARNED THAT TWO OTHER TOBINWORLD AIDES WE TALKED TO WERE SUBPOENAED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AFTER COMING FORWARD TO KRON 4 WITH THEIR STORIES.

BEHIND ME IS THE CAMPUS CALLED TOBINWORLD TWO....THAT'S WHERE CELL PHONE VIDEO CAPTURED THE BOY BEING ABUSED. THIS SCHOOL SITE IS NOT SHUTTING DOWN. BUT I GOT MY HANDS ON A RECENTLY RELEASED PUBLIC RECORD THAT SHOWS HOW TOBINWORLD IS PULLING OUT OF FOUR SCHOOL SITES, THREE OF WHICH JUST OPENED UP THIS MOST RECENT SCHOOL YEAR.

HERE'S THE LETTER FROM JUDY WEBER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TOBINWORLD, DATED TWO MONTHS AFTER THE EXPLOSIVE CELL PHONE VIDEO CAME TO LIGHT AND AFTER KRON4 NEWS HAD BEGUN LOOKING INTO THEIR HISTORY. IT'S ADDRESSED TO ANTIOCH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, LETTING THEM KNOW THE TIMELINE OF WHEN THEY ARE SHUTTING THOSE CAMPUSES.

TOBINWORLD THREE LOCATED AT FREMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ALREADY SHUT DOWN ON JUNE 2ND. DVT ACADEMY LOCATED AT DIABLO VISTA AND A &T PRESCHOOL AT GRANT ELEMENTARY ARE CLOSING ON WEDNESDAY. KT ACADEMY ON THE KIMBALL ELEMENTARY CAMPUS CLOSES ON THURSDAY.

TOBINWORLD SAYS THEY CAN'T RESPOND BECAUSE OF PENDING LITIGATION PROMPTED BY THE VIDEO. AND THE ANTIOCH UNIFIED OFFICES WERE NOT OPEN, SO WE DON'T KNOW THE EXACT REASON WHY THE CAMPUSES ARE SHUTTING DOWN.

A SOURCE FAMILIAR WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION IN THE DISTRICT SAYS TWO OTHER PRIVATE SCHOOLS THAT WORK WITH SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS, SPECTURM AND SIERRA, ARE IN THE PROCESS OF TAKING OVER THE PROGRAMS. ONE OF THE FORMER AIDES WE SPOKE SAYS THAT'S GOOD NEWS FOR ANTIOCH PARENTS.

Nic: "It gives parents another resource, to put their children in a different rather than Tobinworld. I feel that Tobinworld kind of said they were their last resort so that parents felt trapped that they had to go there. But now there are other resources available, so that's good."

A WORKER HERE AT TOBINWORLD TWO SAYS SHE HASN'T HEARD OF ANY PLANS TO SHUT THIS CAMPUS DOWN, IN FACT SUMMER SCHOOL STARTS HERE ON MONDAY.

MAUREEN KELLY KRON4 NEWS.

## **EDUCATION**

6/28/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Tobinworld now focus of state investigation

WE ARE NOW HEARING FROM THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ABOUT HER INVESTIGATION INTO THE ANTIOCH SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL WHERE THIS DISTURBING VIDEO WAS SHOT. IT SHOWS A TEACHER'S AIDE BEING VIOLENT WITH A 9- YEAR OLD STUDENT IN HER CARE. THE NEWS OF THIS INVESTIGATION IS COMING ON THE HEELS OF KRON 4'S SERIES OF REPORTS UNEARTHING OTHER ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE AT THE TOBINWORLD SCHOOL. KRON 4'S MAUREEN KELLY HAS THE LATEST ON THIS NEW STATE INQUIRY AND REACTION FROM A PARENT WHO WISHES IT HAD BEEN LAUNCHED SOONER:

Kamala Harris, California Attorney General : "We are concerned and we are doing something about it."

THE CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL IS TALKING ABOUT THE INVESTIGATION LAUNCHED BY THE BUREAU OF CHILDREN'S JUSTICE. IT'S FOCUSING ON TOBINWORLD, WHERE THIS ABUSE WAS CAUGHT ON TAPE, AS WELL AS OTHER NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS, RELATING TO THEIR TREATMENT OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. THE RECENTLY FORMED DEPARTMENT OF THE DOJ IS LOOKING FOR POTENTIAL CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR SYSTEM.



TODAY TWO FORMER AIDES WHO SPOKE OUT TO KRON4 NEWS, ALLEGING OTHER STUDENTS AT TOBINWORLD WERE RESTRAINED TOO AGRESSIVELY, TOO OFTEN AND FOR TOO LONG, ARE TESTIFYING IN FRONT OF DOJ INVESTIGATORS AFTER BEING HIT WITH SUPEONAS.

KAMALA HARRIS COULDN'T GIVE SPECIFICS ABOUT THE INVESTIGATION, BUT SAYS SHE WANTED TO COME FORWARD ABOUT WHAT HER AGENCY IS LOOKING INTO.

Harris: "To encourage victims to come forward and to let the public know that these children do matter. We want to know what's going on with them."

Andrienne Pantell, parent: "That was the only reason I chose to push, so it would go public."

ANDRIANNE PANTELL IS HAPPY THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS LOOKING INTO WHAT IS HAPPENING AT TOBINWORLD AND OTHER SCHOOLS LIKE IT. SHE SAYS IT'S PART OF THE REASON SHE FILED THIS LAWSUIT AGAINST THE SCHOOL AFTER WHAT SHE SAYS HAPPENED TO HER DISABLED SON WHEN HE ATTENDED TOBINWORLD WHEN HE WAS EIGHT YEARS OLD.

Pantell: "They would just throw him to the floor. They would sit on him, sometimes for 2-4 hours at a time. He would get bloody noses. They would withhold food as punishment and there were times they wouldn't let him use the bathroom. He would have sit in wet pants until I picked him up."

SHE SAYS SHE KNEW SHE HAD TO PULL HIM OUT WHEN SHE SAW BRUISES ON HER SON'S BODY AND ASKED HIM WHERE THEY CAME FROM.

Pantell: "He said that's from when they throw me down and sit on me. That's when they restrain me. He says isn't that why you sent me there, because my brain doesn't work like everybody else's?"

SO FAR WE'VE HAD NO RESPONSE FROM TOBINWORLD ABOUT ANDRIANNE'S CLAIMS.

MEANWHILE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE LIKE ANDRIANNE TO COME FORWARD VIA THE BUREAU OF CHILDREN'S JUSTICE WEBSITE. YOU CAN FIND A LINK ON KRON4 DOT COM.

MAUREEN KELLY KRON4.COM

## **EDUCATION**

6/30/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
Financial impact on Tobinworld

TODAY THE SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL UNDER FIRE FOR ALLEGED ABUSE OF DISABLED STUDENTS CLOSED UP ITS LAST SCHOOL SITE ON A PUBLIC SCHOOL CAMPUS TODAY. KRON4'S MAUREEN KELLY WAS THERE AND HAS NEW INFORMATION FROM THE ANTIOCH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ABOUT HOW MUCH MONEY TOBINWORLD STANDS TO LOSE AS STUDENTS ARE PULLED FROM THEIR CLASSROOMS:

Tobinworld employee: "I hope I can see you guys again."

TOBINWORLD STAFF MEMBERS SAY GOODBYE TO STUDENTS AT THE KT ACADEMY. AS THEY HELP THEM BOARD THE BUS FOR THE FINAL TIME THIS YEAR.

Employee: "Bye!"

IT'S THE LAST OF TOBINWORLD'S FOUR SATELITTLE CAMPUSES TO CLOSE IN ANTIOCH THIS MONTH. IN ALL, CLOSE TO 115 KIDS FROM THE ANTIOCH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WERE TAUGHT AT THOSE SCHOLS, BUT NOT ANYMORE.

TOBINWORLD MADE THE DECISION TO PULL OUT AFTER THIS VIDEO SURFACED SHOWING THE ABUSE OF A 9 YEAR OLD STUDENT BY A TEACHER'S AIDE INSIDE A CLASSROOM.

Antioch school district superintendent: "Tobinworld informed us several months ago that they were pulling out of the collaboratives which we had much more oversight of. That leaves students the only option of T2."

T2 OR TOBINWORLD 2, IS THE SCHOOL'S MAIN ANTIOCH LOCATION AND IS NOT ON PUBLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS. IT'S ALSO WHERE THE EXPLOSIVE CELL PHONE VIDEO WAS TAKEN.

MORE THAN 30 ANTIOCH STUDENTS WERE TAUGHT THERE THIS YEAR AND SOME OF THOSE PARENTS WANTED A CHANGE AFTER the VIDEO SURFACED.

Superintendent: "Many parents wanted understandably to get out."

ACCORDING TO THE ANTIOCH SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERIDENDENT AFTER THEY GOT THIS LETTER ALERTING THEM THAT THE COLLARBOTIVES WERE CLOSING, PARENTS WITH STUDENTS THOSE SITES TOLD THEM THAT WAS TOBINWORLD ENCOURAGING THEM TO MOVE THEIR KIDS INTO TOBINWORLD TWO.

TOBINWORLD WAS GETTING 112 DOLLARS PER STUDENT, PER DAY FROM THE DISTRICT FOR KIDS AT THE COLLABROTIVES. BUT AT TOBINWORLD TWO, IT WOULD GET 146 DOLLARS A DAY. IF ALL OF THE KIDS AT THE SATELLITE SCHOOLS MOVED TO T2, THE NON-PROFIT STANDS TO GAIN MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE DISTRICT. SO FAR THIS YEAR, THE ANTIOCH SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS PAID TOBINWORLD NEARLY TWO AND HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

I TALKED TO ONE WOMAN PICKING UP HER GRANDSON WHO SAYS SHE WANTS TO TRANSFER HIM TO T2.

Grandmother: "They didn't talk me into staying. I just think this is the perfect school for my grandson. I like Tobinworld."

KRON 4 NEWS HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING TOBINWORLD FOR SEVERAL MONTHS NOW, UNCOVERING OTHER ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE. JUST LAST WEEK, THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCED IT WAS LAUNCHING ITS OWN INVESTIGATION.

THAT PROMPTED THE ANTIOCH SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SEND OUT THEIR LETTER, TELLING PARENTS IT WAS PULLING OUT OF TOBINWORLD.

TOBINWORLD'S LAWYER SAYS THEY DISPUTE THE DISTRICT'S CHARACTERIZAITON OF EVENTS, BUT THEY ARE UNABLE TO COMMENT FURTHER DUE TO ONGOING LITIGATION, ADDING THAT TOBINWORLD CONTINUES TO "WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH THEIR PARTNERS AS WELL AS INTERESTED STATE AGENCIES."

IN ANTIOCH MAUREEN KELLY KRON 4 NEWS

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### **ENVIRONMENT**

4/7/16 KRON 4 Evening News

First steps taken toward clean emission air travel

A EUROPEAN AIRPLANE MAKER IS TAKING THE HYBRID CAR CONCEPT TO THE SKIES. AIRBUS PLANS TO START SELLING HYBRID PASSENGER PLANES BY 2030. THE PLANES WOULD CARRY UP TO A HUNDRED PASSENGERS AND HAVE A RANGE OF ABOUT 620 MILES. THAT'S ENOUGH, FOR EXAMPLE, TO GET YOU FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO SALT LAKE CITY.

OFFICIALS SAY THE HYBRID PLANES WOULD USE LESS FUEL AND BE MORE QUIET, JUST LIKE A TOYOTA PRIUS. THEY WILL USE ELECTRIC ENGINES FOR TAKEOFF AND LANDING, BUT STILL USE JET FUEL AT CRUISING ALTITUDES. AIRBUS SAYS ITS ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO DEVELOP "ZERO-EMISSIONS AVIATION."

## **ENVIRONMENT**

4/7/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
Hidden price for clean energy

THERE MAY BE FEWER OF THESE BIRDS AROUND OVER THE NEXT DECADE. IT HAS BEEN CALLED ONE OF THE TOP BIRD KILLERS IN NORTH AMERICA, AND NOW THERE ARE PLANS UNDERWAY TO REPOWER A MASSIVE WIND ENERGY FARM IN THE ALTAMONT PASS. KRON 4'S KATE CAGLE SHOWS US WHAT THE CLEAN ENERGY MEANS FOR PROTECTED CALIFORNIA BIRDS:

EVERY THURSDAY YOU CAN SEE TOPAZ ON HER PERCH IN THE EAST BAY. SHE'S A FAN FAVORITE AT THE LINDSEY WILDLIFE CENTER..AND A STAFF FAVORITE AS WELL.

Amber Paczkowski, animal keeper: "She's really calm. She's one of the few birds I trust as close to my face as she gets."

GOLDEN EAGLES ARE MASSIVE MAJESTIC BIRDS. TOPAZ WEIGHS 11 POUNDS. HER WING SPAN IS ABOUT 6 FEET. SHE CAME HERE INJURED, DISCOVERED WITH A BROKEN WING NEAR LAKE TOPAZ AND NEVER FULLY RECOVERED.

Paczkowski: "We don't know what happened. She was found with that injury. It's the same story for a lot of our raptors."

BUT BIRD ADVOCATES KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IS HAPPENING TO GOLDEN EAGLES IN THE ALTAMONT PASS. EVERY YEAR THEY ARE KILLED BY WIND TURBINES. THIS PROJECT ALONE WAS ESTIMATED TO KILL 80 RAPTORS EVERY YEAR, UP UNTIL IT SHUT DOWN AMID CONCERNS FOR THE WILDLIFE.

Paczkowski: "All California raptors are protected. So much so, it's illegal to even own a feather of a golden eagle like Topaz."

BUT A NEW PLAN IS IN THE WORKS TO GET THIS FARM BACK UP AND RUNNING. THE "SUMMIT REPOWERING PROJECT" WILL REMOVE AND DISMANTLE MORE THAN 500 OF THESE OLD, OUTDATED TURBINES AND REPLACE THEM WITH ABOUT 30 OF THE BIG GUYS. THE NEW MODELS WILL BE SIMILAR TO THESE ON A NEIGHBORING PROJECT, TOWERING 42 STORIES FROM TOP TO BOTTOM.

Bob Cooper, wind project neighbor: "We'll sit on our back patio and they'll swirl around. Sometimes we have three golden eagles."

NEIGHBORS TO THE SITE IN LIVERMORE, LIKE BOB COOPER, ARE USED TO THE WIND TURBINES – THEY'VE BEEN HERE FOR DECADES – AND THEY'VE SEEN THE DEVASTATION THEY CAN CAUSE. THIS VIDEO SHOWS NEIGHBORS RESCUING A GOLDEN EAGLE THEY BELIEVE WHACKED BY A TURBINE THE RAPTOR LATER DIED.

Cooper: "It was really sad and that happens too often."

ALAMEDA COUNTY APPROVED REPOWERING THE PROJECT IN JANUARY AND WHILE THEY THINK THE BIG TURBINES WILL KILL FEWER BIRDS, PLANS NOTED THE DEATH RATE WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT AND UNAVOIDABLE.

REPORTING IN LIVERMORE KATE CAGLE KRON 4 NEWS

PART OF THE AGREEMENT TO RESTART THE PROJECT INCLUDED A FEE. "ALTAMONT WINDS LLC" WILL HAVE TO PAY 580 DOLLARS FOR EVERY RAPTOR KILLED. THAT MONEY WILL GO TO CONSERVATION EFFORTS. ALTAMONT WINDS DID NOT RESPOND TO OUR REQUEST FOR COMMENT.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

4/4/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Officials already concerned about fire season

LATE APRIL OR EARLY MAY IS TYPICALLY THE BEGINNING OF FIRE SEASON HERE IN THE BAY AREA. THERE'S NOTHING OFFICIAL SO FAR, BUT AS KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE REPORTS NOW, THERE ARE SOME UNNERVING SIGNS INDICATING IT HAS ALREADY STARTED:

HERE'S A SCENE THAT LOOKS MORE LIKE SUMMER THAN SPRING AND IF WE SEE TEMPERATURES IN THE 90'S THIS WEEK, AS FORECAST, ANY MOISTURE THAT'S LEFT IN THIS GRASS WILL BE LONG GONE AND WITH IT, ANY DOUBTS ABOUT WHETHER IT CAN BURN.

Pam Temmermand, CalFire spokesperson: "You get those higher temperatures. You get a little bit of wind blowing and if the humidity is lower than you are starting to get that right recipe for fire starting."

THIS GRASS FIRE LAST WEEK IN MENLO PARK, AS SEEN IN VIDEO FROM OUR HELICOPTER PARTNERSHIP WITH ABC 7, WAS ONE OF 63 FIRES RESPONDED TO BY CALFIRE LAST WEEK AND THERE HAVE BEEN 325 SUCH FIRES STATEWIDE SINCE JANUARY 1ST.

Temmermand: "We've already had our first round of seasonal firefighter hirings. They will be hiring a second round here pretty soon. In the next few weeks they'll start that academy. And, of course, we'll be bringing more engines on line."

OFFICIALLY, FIRE SEASON IS PERHAPS TWO WEEKS TO A MONTH AWAY. IT'S GOING TO BE A BUSY TIME FOR WEED ABATEMENT CREWS LIKE THIS ONE AND CALFIRE IS ONCE AGAIN PUSHING RESIDENTS WHO LIVE NEAR WILDLAND AREAS TO GET A HEAD START ON THEIR DEFENSIBLE SPACE.

Temmermand: "We've got these warm temperatures coming up. Before you know it, all these weeds and grasses are going to start growing up around their homes. So get out there with the weed whacker or the lawn mower and start creating your defensible space around your home."

THE HILLS LOOK GREEN NOW, BUT THEY CAN GO FROM THIS TO THIS IN JUST A FEW DAYS WHEN THE WEATHER WARMS UP AND AS WE SAW IN MENLO PARK THE OTHER DAY, EVEN IF IT'S STILL A LITTLE BIT GREEN, THAT GRASS CAN STILL BURN.

THE RETURN OF EL NINO AND SPRING RAINS COULD DELAY THE ONSET OF FIRE SEASON SOME, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND IT WILL ONLY MEAN THAT MUCH MORE GRASS, THAT MUCH MORE FUEL FOR LATER IN THE SUMMER.

ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

4/11/16 KRON 4 News at 11pm

Negative side-effects of El Nino in marine ecosystem

THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER IS ALMOST OUT OF ROOM BECAUSE NEW PATIENTS KEEP COMING IN EVERY DAY, MOSTLY BECAUSE OF MALNUTRITION. SCIENTISTS SAY THE EL NINO CONDITIONS IN THE PACIFIC ARE MOSTLY TO BLAME. KRON 4'S JEFF BUSH HAS MORE FROM THE MARIN HEADLANDS:

EIGHTY SEA LIONS, 110 ELEPHANT SEALS AND 50 HARBOR SEALS – THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER IS PACKED AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE THE EL NINO CONDITIONS IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN HAVE FORCED THE MACKEREL, SARDINES AND OTHER FISH THAT ARE THEIR MAIN DIET TO HEAD NORTH WHERE THE WATER IS COLDER. THE CENTER SAYS THERE ARE MORE ANIMALS THAN AVERAGE BEING TREATED HERE.

Dr. Shawn Johnson, lead veterinarian: "We are about at capacity. All our pools are completely full and our pens. We are doing the best we can to take care of every animal that needs our help."

THE CENTER RESCUES ANIMALS FROM AS FAR SOUTH AS SAN LUIS OBISBO AND AS FAR NORTH AS FORT BRAGG. LATELY THE CENTER REPORTS MORE PATIENTS THAN NORMAL, AND THEY KEEP COMING IN.

THE REHABILITATION IS A LONG PROCESS. DAILY TUBE FEEDINGS ARE NECESSARY TO GET THE ANIMALS STRONG ENOUGH TO BE RELEASED. THE CENTER FEEDS THEM MORE THAN A THOUSAND POUNDS OF FISH A DAY. THEY ARE CHECKED AND WEIGHED FREQUENTLY. THEIR PROGRESS IS MONITORED UNTIL THEY ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO GO BACK INTO THE WILD.

THE SEA LION PUPS ARE COMING IN BECAUSE THEY ARE MALNOURISHED AND CONFUSED, TOO YOUNG TO KNOW HOW TO HUNT DOWN THE HARD-TO-FIND FISH AND, NOT VERY STRONG TO BEGIN WITH BECAUSE THEIR MOTHERS AREN'T PRODUCING ENOUGH MILK FOR THEM.

Dr. Johnson: "It's worse this year because the last three years we've had elevated ocean temperatures so the fish stocks are at record lows for this time of year. The sardine and anchovy populations have just plummeted off the west coast. There's really not a lot of food out there for these newly weaned animals."

SCIENTISTS AT THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER SAY IT IS UNCLEAR HOW LONG EL NINO WILL BE AFFECTING THE WATER TEMPERATURE AND THEY SAY AS LONG AS THAT IS IN EFFECT THE FISH ARE GOING TO STAY AWAY AND THEY EXPECT TO SEE MORE PATIENTS COMING INTO THE CENTER.

I'M JEFF BUSH IN MARIN COUNTY KRON 4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

4/12/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
San Francisco seawall safety

THERE IS GROWING EVIDENCE THAT A BIG EARTHQUAKE COULD SEVERELY DAMAGE SAN FRANCISCO'S WATERFRONT. NOW A NEW STUDY CLAIMS THE CITY'S AGING SEAWALL IS IN NEED OF AN UPGRADE. KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD IS LIVE TONIGHT ALONG THE EMBARCADERO WITH MORE ON WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO FIX THE PROBLEM:

FROM AT&T PART OF FISHERMAN'S WHARF, SAN FRANCISCO'S EMBARCADERO IS A SCENIC AND POPULAR SPOT WITH LOCALS AND TOURISTS ALIKE. BUT THIS ENTIRE STRETCH OF WATERFRONT RESTS ON TOP OF MUD AND A NEARLY 100 YEAR OLD SEAWALL THAT ALSO SITS ON MUD. THE SEAWALL HAS A PYRAMID SHAPE THAT RUNS THE LENGTH OF THE EMBARCADERO AND IT'S MADE UP OF ROCKS THAT WERE DUMPED INTO THE BAY STARTING IN THE 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY. IN THIS NEW REPORT, COMMISSIONED BY THE PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO, ENGINEERS STUDIED THE SEAWALL. THEIR CONCLUSION IS THAT DURING A MODERATE-TO-LARGE EARTHQUAKE THE WALL COULD MOVE SEVERAL FEET OUTWARD TOWARDS THE BAY. THEY SAY THE SEAWALL PROBABLY WON'T FAIL, BUT THAT MOVEMENT COULD RESULT IN SEVERE DAMAGE TO THE EMBARCADERO, THE BUILDINGS THAT SIT ON IT AND LARGE PARTS OF THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT.

Elaine Forbes, Port of San Francisco: "The study is really a call to action that we need to invest in our seawall."

ELAINE FORBES IS THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO.

Forbes: "It's time to shore it up so that in a big earthquake, The Embarcadero is in good shape and can be an area of response in an emergency."

ON TUESDAY, THE STUDY WAS PRESENTED TO THE PORT COMMISSION. FORBES SAYS THAT THEY ARE WORKING ON A PLAN TO IMPROVE THE SEAWALL. POSSIBLE OPTIONS INCLUDE DRILLING THROUGH THE WALL AND INJECTING CEMENT INTO THE MUD BELOW TO STABILIZE THE GROUND. OR, THEY COULD STRENGTHEN THE WALL ITSELF WITH CONCRETE AND BULKHEADS. FORBES SAYS THE WORK WOULD PROBABLY BE DONE IN STAGES, RATHER THAN ALL AT ONCE, AND, AS YOU CAN PROBABLY GUESS, IT WON'T BE CHEAP OR QUICK.

Forbes: "We are estimating 2 to 3 billion dollars and up to 5 billion, if we are also addressing sea level rise, and we would like to see major investment in the seawall in the next 8 to 10 year period."

## **ENVIRONMENT**

4/14/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Is La Nina coming in El Nino's wake?

FOR THE PAST YEAR, METEOROLOGISTS HAVE BEEN TRACKING A LARGE EL NINO IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN, BUT THAT MASS OF WARM WATER MAY BE COOLING OFF. BY NEXT FALL, A LA NINA COULD TAKE ITS PLACE, BRINGING COLD AND DRY WEATHER TO CALIFORNIA. KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD IS LIVE TONIGHT IN SAN FRANCISCO WITH DETAILS:

ONE OF THE LARGEST EL NINO'S EVER RECORDED IS FADING AWAY. NOAA SAYS THAT OCEAN TEMPERATURES NEAR THE EQUATOR IN THE PACIFIC HAVE STARTED TO COOL OFF, SIGNALING THE END OF AN EL NINO THAT HAS LASTED ALMOST A YEAR.

HISTORICALLY, WHEN A WARM EL NINO ENDS, IT'S OFTEN FOLLOWED BY A PERIOD OF COOLER OCEAN TEMPERATURES KNOWN AS LA NINA. ON THURSDAY, NOAA ISSUED A LA NINA WATCH, MEANING THAT THEY BELIEVE ONE COULD DEVELOP IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

IF THAT HAPPENS, IT COULD BE BAD NEWS FOR CALIFORNIA. HOPES WERE HIGH THIS PAST WINTER THAT EL NINO-FUELED STORMS MIGHT END THE ONGOING DROUGHT. BUT THE STATE ONLY RECEIVED AN AVERAGE AMOUNT OF RAIN AND SNOW. THE LATEST U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR RELEASED ON THURSDAY SHOWS THAT 90 PERCENT OF CALIFORNIA IS STILL DEALING WITH SOME FORM OF MODERATE TO EXTREME DROUGHT CONDITIONS. WHERE AN EL NINO IS ASSOCIATED WITH WARM AND WET WEATHER, A LA NINA IS THE OPPOSITE, USUALLY RESULTING IN COLD AND DRY WEATHER FOR CALIFORNIA.

ACROSS THE COUNTRY, A LA NINA COULD MEAN WET WEATHER IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, DRY WEATHER ACROSS THE SOUTH AND COLD WET WEATHER IN THE NORTHEAST. THERE ALSO TEND TO BE MORE HURRICANES IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AND FEWER IN THE PACIFIC DURING A LA NINA YEAR.

CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

4/19/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Local community defies state water use mandates

FINES FOR SAVING WATER. THAT'S THE THREAT RESIDENTS IN ONE GATED COMMUNITY IN THE EAST BAY ARE NOW FACING. THIS THREAT COMES DESPITE THE STATE'S DROUGHT AND THE GOVERNOR'S MANDATE TO CUT BACK ON WATER USE. THE BLACKHAWK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION SENT A LETTER TO ITS TWO THOUSAND RESIDENTS, URGING THEM KEEP UP GREEN LAWNS OR ELSE. BROWN, DEAD YARDS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED ANYMORE DURING THIS DROUGHT. KRON 4'S JUSTINE WALDMAN HAS THIS STORY FROM BLACKHAWK:

THE ENTRANCE TO THE UPSCALE GATED COMMUNITY OF BLACKHAWK HAS LUSH GREEN GRASS. THE PLANTS HERE DO NOT LOOK THIRSTY.

Mick Yertin, Blackhawk resident; "Our sprinklers have been off. We turn them on maybe once a week."

MICK YERTIN LIVES IN BLACKHAWK. DURING THE DROUGHT, HIS FAMILY OF SIX HAS TRIED TO CUT BACK ON THEIR WATER USE. ANOTHER PERSON WHO LIVES HERE SENT KRON 4 NEWS THESE PHOTOS TO SHOW THEIR DRIED UP BACK YARD. BUT A LAWN LIKE THIS MIGHT GET A HOMEOWNER IN TROUBLE.

THIS LETTER SENT FROM THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TELLS THE TWO THOUSAND MEMBERS "THE BEAUTY OF OUR COMMUNITY HAS REALLY SUFFERED. ALLOWING THE DROUGHT TO NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE LANDSCAPING DOES A DISSERVICE TO PROPERTY VALUES AND IS A VIOLATION OF OUR CC&Rs."

Yertin: "There's a lot of water shaming going on."

SO A DEAD BROWN YARD LIKE THIS COULD SOON GET PEOPLE HERE FINED, SUED OR HAVE THE REMOTES THEY USE TO ENTER THE GATED COMMUNITY TURNED OFF. ON THE HOA WEBSITE, THERE ARE PHOTOS POSTED SHOWING THE BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPING STANDARD AND SUGGESTS THAT REIDENTS USE ALTERNATIVE LANDSCAPE LIKE LOW-WATER-USE PLANTS OR TURF.

Yertin: "This is more about just taking care of your property. We live in an upscale community."

THERE IS A LAW THAT SAYS HOA'S CANNOT PENALIZE A PERSON FOR SAVING WATER. EVEN SO, THE HOA HERE AT BLACKHAWK PROMISES IT WILL START AGGRESSIVE ENFORCEMENT OF ITS LANDSCAPING STANDARDS ON JUNE FIRST.

JUSTINE WALDLMAN KRON 4 NEWS

EAST BAY WATER OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE CURRENTLY RE-EVALUATING DROUGHT WATERING REQUIREMENTS AND SAY BLACKHAWK'S DIRECTIVE IS TOO SOON.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

4/20/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Quality of Bay Area air depends on where you are

SOME OF THE MOST POLLUTED AIR IN THE COUNTRY IS RIGHT HERE IN THE BAY AREA. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW REPORT, BUT NOT ALL OF THE BAY AREA IS ON THE LIST. GRANT LODES IS HERE TO SHOW US HOW WHERE YOU LIVE AFFECTS WHAT YOU BREATHE:

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS MAP. THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION SAYS SAN FRANCISCO, MARIN AND SONOMA COUNTIES HAVE LITTLE TO NO POLLUTION. THEY GET AN "A" WHILE SAN MATEO AND NAPA COUNTIES EARN A "B". SOLANO AND CONTRA COSTA EACH GET A "D", WITH FAILING MARKS GOING TO ALAMEDA AND SANTA CLARA COUNTIES.

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE AIR IS GETTING CLEANER. UNHEALTHY OZONE DAYS HAVE DROPPED 73 PERCENT IN 16 YEARS. PARTICLE POLLUTION, DUST, POLLEN AND INDUSTRIAL

EXHAUST IS DOWN EVEN MORE. THE LUNG ASSOCIATION SAYS THE CREDIT GOES TO TOUGHER EMISSION LAWS.

ALTHOUGH THOSE NUMBERS ARE DECLINING, THERE'S STILL A LOT MORE THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. ALAMEDA, CONTRA COSTA, SANTA CLARA COUNTIES ALL EXCEED THE OZONE STANDARD. KRON 4'S ALECIA REID SPOKE WITH THE BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND TELLS US HOW WE CAN ALL HELP ELIMINATE AIR POLLUTION:

THERE ARE SOME PLACES IN THE BAY AREA WHERE THE AIR IS CLEAN AND OTHERS WHERE IT'S DIRTY. IT'S A MATTER OF MAKING SOME CHANGES SO WE CAN BREATHE CLEAN AIR ALL AROUND.

Bill Stulburg, East Bay resident: "The traffic situation seems to be a continuous hemorrhage."

THESE DAYS IT SEEMS TRAFFIC IS GETTING WORSE. AND A BIG PROBLEM WE FACE - SMOG – FROM ALL THE CARS ON THE ROAD.

Lisa Fasan, Bay Area Air Quality Management District: "The biggest culprit is transportation. Car-pooling, taking public transit and biking are areas where we really need the public's help."

BECAUSE AIR POLLUTION GENERATED ON THE PENINSULA AND MARIN BLOWS OVER INTO THE EAST BAY, ALAMEDA, CONTRA COSTA, AND SANTA CLARA COUNTIES ALL EXCEED THE OZONE STANDARD. WHICH MEANS, THE AIR THERE IS UNHEALTHY.

Stulburg: "I would be more in favor of mass transit and carpooling because they just keep adding more lanes and it's a band aid on a major wound."

LISA FASANO FROM THE BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AGREES PEOPLE SHOULD CUT DOWN ON THE AMOUNT OF TIME THEY DRIVE ALONE IN OUR CARS, BUT COOLER WEATHER IS ALSO A GREAT TIME TO CUT ANOTHER HABIT THAT POLLUTE THE AIR.

Fasano: "In the winter months the more we can reduce our wood burning or eliminate it all together, the better it will be for our air quality and that will be an immediate improvement."

THE BAY AREA AS A WHOLE IS DOING MODERATELY WELL. AIR POLLUTION IS DECLINING, BUT HERE IN THE EAST BAY WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.

REPORTING IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ALECIA REID KRON 4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

4/20/16 KRON 4 News at 11p

Will state lift drought restrictions?

LOCAL WATER AGENCIES ARE ASKING THE STATE TO EASE UP ON WATER RESTRICTIONS AND ALLOW LOCAL AGENCIES TO DETERMINE WHAT THE APPROPRIATE WATER USE SHOULD BE FOR CUSTOMERS. KRON 4'S JEFF BUSH EXPLAINS WHAT THE DISTRICTS ARE ASKING FOR AND WHY.

LOCAL WATER AGENCIES HAVE BEEN UNDER ORDER FROM THE STATE WATER BOARD TO MAINTAIN A 25 PERCENT REDUCTION BECAUSE OF THE DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN CALIFORNIA FOR THE LAST YEAR OR SO. BUT THIS WINTER BROUGHT A LOT OF RAIN AND THE RESERVOIRS ARE GETTING BACK TO NORMAL. THAT IS WHY THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES HAVE ASKED THE STATE TO EASE UP AND LET THE LOCALS DETERMINE WHAT IS APPROPRIATE.

Steve Ritchie, SFPUC: "What all of the agencies in California have done over time is subscribe to a list of best management practices that we have all been trying to practice for years."



WHICH MEANS THAT DIFFERENT REGIONS HAVE DIFFERENT NEEDS. HERE IN THE BAY AREA, THE EL NINO CONDITIONS BROUGHT A LOT OF RAIN AND SNOW PACK. OTHER REGIONS IN THE STATE MIGHT NOT HAVE HAD AS MUCH RAIN AND WOULD NEED TO CONSERVE MORE WATER.

AGENCIES LIKE THE SAN FRANCISCO P.U.C. ARE ASKING TO CONTROL THE WATER STOCK IN THEIR LOCAL AREAS.

Steve Ritchie, San Francisco P.U.C.: "Let's take into account our realistic supply and the fact that we have been conserving a whole lot of water so far. Everyone has been doing a great job here in the Bay Area and our customers in particular have conserved well beyond the requirements."

THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT SAYS:

"Rather than a tiered system based on an urban water agency's gallons per capita per day, the District recommends an urban water agency's standard be based on local conditions."

EAST BAY MUD SAYS:

"Following the State's determination on the water needs of California as a whole, the EBMUC Board of Directors will evaluate our improved drought status and consider easing conservation targets, water use restrictions, and other measures. EBMUD will review these actions on May 24<sup>th</sup>."

STATEWIDE, CALIFORNIANS USED 24 PERCENT LESS WATER OVER THE NINE MONTHS ENDING IN FEBRUARY, UNDER ORDERS TO USE 25 PERCENT LESS WATER COMPARED TO THE SAME MONTHS IN 2013. AND WE'RE NOW UNDER ORDERS TO CUT BACK BY AT LEAST 20% THROUGH OCTOBER.

Ritchie: "People have to keep conserving, no matter what. Do they have to keep conserving in a draconian way? Maybe we can ease up a little bit there. Certainly, as a lifestyle, Californians have to conserve because we live on the edge of a desert."

THE STATE WATER BOARD IS GOING TO MAKE A DECISION ON THIS SOMETIME NEXT MONTH BUT, UNTIL THEN, THE RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE.

I'M JEFF BUSH IN SAN FRANCISCO KRON 4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

5/2/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Some Bay Area residents unhappy and ready to leave

IT'S EASY TO LOVE THE MILD WEATHER AND LIFESTYLE. BUT A NEW STUDY OUT TODAY SAYS THAT MORE AND MORE OF US WHO LIVE HERE IN THE BAY AREA ARE BECOMING DISENCHANTED AND MANY ARE THINKING ABOUT PACKING UP AND LEAVING. KRON 4'S VICKI LIVIAKIS FINDS OUT WHY:

SURE IT'S GREAT TO LIVE HERE IN THE BAY AREA. WE HAVE GOOD WEATHER, GOOD FOOD AND LOTS TO DO, BUT AT WHAT PRICE? A NEW POLL BY THE BAY AREA COUNCIL SHOWS DESPITE THE PLUSES THERE ARE SERIOUS MINUSES AND MORE PEOPLE ARE FED UP AND READY TO BOLT.

ABOUT A THIRD OF US HERE IN THE BAY AREA WOULD CONSIDER MOVING.

Resident: "I think it would be better if I moved to Sacramento or Vacaville area."

Resident: "I'm actually moving to Southern California."

WITH SKYROCKETING RENTS UNAFFORDABLE MORTGAGES, LONG COMMUTES, AND TRAFFIC JAMS, IT'S APPARENTLY BECOMING A LITTLE TOO TOUGH.

Rufus Jeffris, Bay Area Council: "This is definitely a wake-up call."

RUFUS JEFFRIS OF THE BAY AREA COUNCIL SAYS ONE SOLUTION IS TO INCREASE HOUSING SUPPLY AND BRING DOWN PRICES.

THE BIGGEST GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO SAY THEY ARE LEAVING SAY THEY ARE SPENDING 40-50-60% OF THEIR INCOME ON HOUSING COSTS. THAT'S NOT SUSTAINABLE YOU CAN'T ENJOY THE BAY AREA IF YOU'RE PUTTING 60% OF YOUR INCOME INTO YOUR HOUSING COSTS AND IN ADDITION COMMUTING LONGER DISTANCES.

THESE COMMUTERS PUT IN AN EXTRA HOUR A DAY JUST GETTING TO AND FROM WORK.

Commuter: "About an hour and a half to two."

Commuter: "It's a twelve hour day."

THE UPSIDE, THERE'S STILL A LOT OF US WHO, NO MATTER WHAT, LOVE IT HERE ENOUGH TO STICK AROUND.

Resident: "I would never leave. Never. I've lived in Texas. I know what it's like outside of California!"

IN SAN FRANCISCO VICKI LIVIAKIS KRON 4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

6/9/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

State extending conservation efforts

"WATER CONSERVATION MUST BE A PART OF OUR EVERYDAY LIFE" THOSE WORDS TODAY COMING FROM GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN. HE IS WARNING PEOPLE THAT THE EL NINO-FUELED STORMS WE HAD OVER THE WINTER DO NOT CHANGE THE LONG-TERM DROUGHT SITUATION IN CALIFORNIA. GRANT LODES IS HERE WITH MORE:

IT'S THE NEW REALITY. THE GOVERNOR SAYS GET USED TO CONSERVING, BASICALLY FOREVER. HE'S SAYS CLIMATE CHANGE MEANS THAT DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN CALIFORNIA WILL BECOME A WAY OF LIFE, AND WE CANNOT RELAX AFTER A GOOD, BUT NOT GREAT, YEAR OF RAIN AND SNOW.

HE'S ORDERING THAT ALMOST ALL RESTRICTIONS CURRENTLY IN PLACE BECOME PERMANENT, INCLUDING BANS ON WASHING YOUR CAR WITHOUT A SHUT-OFF HOSE, NO HOSING DOWN DRIVEWAYS, OR WATERING THE GARDEN WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER A RAINFALL.

THE GOVERNOR SAID TODAY THAT WHILE CITIZENS HAVE BEEN STEPPING UP AND DOING A GOOD JOB, THE DROUGHT IS NOW A 'REGULAR' OCCURRENCE. HE'S ASKING STATE WATER AUTHORITIES TO DEVELOP LONG-TERM PLANS FOR EACH OF CALIFORNIA'S 400 BIGGEST WATER SUPPLIERS.

Marty Grimes, Santa Clara Valley Water District: "What will likely be changing is that instead of the State mandating what each city needs to do to reduce water use local areas will be able to propose their own standard base on their local water supply situation. We have climate change, stresses on our water supply, growing population – so we're looking at the fact that there's never going to be a time where we can waste water

THE CURRENT RATIONING PROGRAM HAS RESULTED IN A NEARLY 25% DROP IN WATER USE BETWEEN LAST JUNE AND MARCH OF 2016, COMPARED TO THE SAME MONTHS IN 2013 WHICH WAS BEFORE THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED A DROUGHT EMERGENCY.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

5/11/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
Drought impact on local vineyards

FOUR YEARS INTO CALIFORNIA'S DROUGHT AND VINEYARDS ACROSS THE BAY AREA CONTINUE TO HARVEST GRAPES AND PUMP OUT WINE. GROWERS TELL US THE CHALLENGES ARE REAL. THIS WEEK WE TOOK QUADCOPTER4 TO SONOMA COUNTY TO GET AN UP-CLOSE LOOK AT THE VINEYARDS, ONE MONTH INTO GROWING SEASON. KRON4'S J.R. STONE JOINS US WITH THE STORY:

PAM, WE ARE JUST ONE MONTH INTO THE GROWING SEASON SO WE'RE NOT SEEING GRAPES JUST YET BUT THE VINES ARE GROWING. YOU CAN SEE BEHIND ME THE VIEWS FROM QUADCOPTER 4 ARE NOTHING SHORT OF SPECTACULAR. ROW AFTER ROW OF VINES.

IT'S THE FIFTH YEAR OF CALIFORNIA'S DROUGHT, BUT YOU'D NEVER KNOW FROM THIS VIEW OF A RODNEY STRONG VINEYARD IN SONOMA COUNTY. ONE GREEN VINE AFTER THE NEXT.

Ryan Decker, Rodney Strong winery: "One of the misconceptions is that we have no water. Here we're pretty lucky. Here in Sonoma county if you go ten miles to the west towards the coast it's the wettest place in California. Sometimes they get a 100 inches in Calidero. So even last year when it was in the middle of the big drought, we got 20 inches of rain in the wintertime."

RYAN DECKER FROM RODNEY STRONG SAYS HE IS ALREADY STARTING TO SEE A BLOOM WHICH IS ABOUT TWO TO THREE WEEKS AHEAD OF NORMAL, SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR BUT NOT QUITE AS EARLY.

MANY OF THE WINERIES HERE IN NAPA AND SONOMA COUNTY SOURCE THEIR GRAPES FROM A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT VINEYARDS. RIGHT NOW I'M 750 FEET UP AND AS FOR THE CONDITON OF THESE VINES, SO FAR SO GOOD.

Decker: "Well the vines are a little bit taller than they were last year, so I think all that extra moisture they got really gave them a boost. But the crop looks pretty spotty. Spotty means you'll see some vineyards that look really great, maybe an average or better than average crop. But then some vineyards might have two thirds of a crop. It's all over the place. It's definitely not uniform like some years you see."

ACCORDING TO THE U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR THIS AREA IN SONOMA COUNTY IS ABNORMALLY DRY ON THE DROUGHT SCALE. OTHER PARTS OF THE BAY AREA ARE IN A SEVERE AND EXTREME DROUGHT. DECKER SAYS WHEN IT COMES TO THESE VINEYARDS, RAIN OR NO RAIN, THEY ARE STILL FEELING LINGERING EFFECTS FROM LAST YEAR.

Decker: "I think because of the lack of moisture and conditions during last spring, we're seeing a little bit of a shorter crop this year. I'd expect an average crop this year."

RYAN DECKER SAYS DURING THESE DROUGHT YEARS THEY STILL PRODUCE GREAT WINE. THEY JUST DON'T ALWAYS PRODUCE THE SAME AMOUNT OF GRAPES WHICH CAN SOMETIMES PUSH PRICES HIGHER. AND PAM A SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE AT RODNEY STRONG VINEYARDS WHO ALLOWED US THIS UP CLOSE ACCESS.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

5/18/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
California drought update

AFTER OUR EL NINO WINTER, THERE ARE STRONG SIGNS TONIGHT IN THE SIERRA JUST HOW MUCH OF A DENT ALL THE RAIN AND SNOW MADE IN THE DROUGHT. TOURISTS HAVE TAKEN NOTICE AS WELL. THEY ARE FLOCKING TO THE MOUNTAINS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT ALL. REPORTER MIKE LUERY DESCRIBES JUST HOW MUCH THINGS HAVE IMPROVED AND THE SHOW THAT MOTHER NATURE IS NOW PUTTING ON:

LISTEN TO THE SOUND OF NATURE TODAY ALONG THE NORTH FORK OF THE AMERICAN RIVER. THE SNOW IS MELTING FAST HERE AS TEMPERATURES START TO CLIMB.

Boater: ""It's pretty high compared to the other years."

THESE RAGING WATERS ARE GOOD NEWS NOT ONLY FOR SWIMMERS AND BOATERS, BUT ALSO FOR NOTHREN CALIFORNIA RESERVOIRS THAT ARE FILLING UP FAST.

LAKE SHASTA IS 93 PERCENT FULL TODAY THANKS TO A HEALTHY SNOWPACK, AS YOU CAN SEE IN THIS VIDEO CAPTURED LAST WEEKEND AT THE TOP OF MT. SHASTA WITH AN ELEVATION OF MORE THAN 14 THOUSAND FEET. AND LAKE OROVILLE IS AT 96 PERCENT OF CAPACITY FOR THIS DATE.

BUT IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, IT'S A VERY DIFFERENT STORY.

Doug Carlson, California Department of Water Resources: "There are many parts of the state that are suffering extreme drought conditions."

STATEWIDE, WATER EXPERTS SAY THAT CALIFORNIA'S TEMPERATURES HAVE BEEN CLIMBING FOR SIXTEEN YEARS.

Carlson: "We have set records almost every year since the year 2000 on the warmth of the year. I think these are the conditions that we face now - not as much precipitation in the winter - and warmer temperatures."

WATER IS CALIFORNIA'S MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE AND THE PROSPECT OF MINIMAL SNOWPACKS IN THE FUTURE IS A DAUNTING ONE FOR THESE TWO HIKERS WE FOUND TODAY ALONG THE AMERICAN RIVER.

Teresa Conaghan, hiker: "From a recreational standpoint we want to go up to the Sierra and Tahoe and go skiing and snowboarding. And in the next few years, if this keeps happening, we're not going to be able to do that."

Sydney Sharp, hiker: "When I think about all the snow melting because of the higher temperatures - it makes me upset - like we should do something about global warming."

MIKE LUERY REPORTING

## **ENVIRONMENT**

5/19/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Mayor promises to fix San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR ED LEE HAS PROMISED THE CITY HE WILL IMPROVE THE OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES.

EARLIER TODAY MAYOR LEE LAUNCHED THE "SAFE AND CLEAN NEIGHBORHOODS PRACTICE". THE INITIATIVE WILL FOCUS ON ENFORCING EXISTING LAWS SUCH AS ILLEGAL DUMPING, STREET CAMPING, GRAFFITI ABATEMENT AND DISORDERLY BEHAVIOR TOWARDS FELLOW RESIDENTS.

MAYOR LEE ALSO LAUNCHED NEIGHBORHOOD "FIX IT" TEAMS TO INDIVIDUALLY GO TO DIFFERENT AREAS OF SAN FRANCISCO AND LITERALLY FIX ANY ISSUE THEY CAN ON THE SPOT.

Sandra Zuniga, "Fix It" director: "The neighborhood promise is very important to the mayor and our City and I'm really grateful that the mayor has entrusted me to execute this initiative for our residents and our visitors."

MAYOR ED LEE PLANS TO INVEST MORE \$6.1 MILLION DOLLARS INTO NEW FUNDING FOR ENHANCED STREET CLEANING IN NEIGHBORHOODS ACROSS SAN FRANCISCO.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

6/4/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Another side effect of global climate change

PEOPLE AT THE BEACH CAN EXPECT TO HAVE MORE ENCOUNTERS WITH SHARKS OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL DECADES. THIS IS ACCORDING TO SOME RESEARCHERS WHO HAVE BEEN TRACKING GROWING SHARK POPULATIONS.

THE REASON IS THAT OCEAN WATER IS BECOMING WARMER AS A RESULT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND THAT MEANS OCEAN PREDATORS COME CLOSER TO SHORE. THE AVAILABILITY OF FOOD IN DEEPER WATER DECREASES AS THE TEMPERATURES RISE.

THERE WERE 98 UNPROVOKED HUMAN-SHARK ENCOUNTERS WORLDWIDE IN 2015 AND THIS RESEARCH SAYS THE NUMBERS ARE ONLY EXPECTED TO RISE.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

6/11/16 KRON 4 News at 10pm

South Bay spraying for mosquitoes

MOSQUITO FOGGING WILL BE HAPPENING TONIGHT IN THE SOUTH BAY AFTER MOSQUITOS TESTED POSITIVE FOR WESTNILE VIRUS IN THE AREA. THE FOGGING WILL BE DONE IN PARTS OF SAN JOSE AND CAMPBELL...SOME OF THE STREETS INCLUDE WILLOW STREET, ALMADEN EXPRESSWAY, PETER DRIVE AND NORMAN AVENUE. IT WILL START IN ABOUT 45 MINUTES... AT ELEVEN PM... AND LAST UNTIL TWO IN THE MORNING.

CREWS ARE ASKING PEOPLE IN THE AREA TO CLOSE THEIR WINDOWS, DOORS AND TO STAY INSIDE DURING THE FOGGING. FIFTY-THREE PEOPLE DIED FROM WEST NILE VIRUS LAST YEAR IN CALIFORNIA.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

6/11/16 KRON4 News at 10pm

Ban on burning

THE DROUGHT AND RECENT WILDFIRES HAS MADE CAL-FIRE DECLARE A BAN ON BURNING HOME YARD WASTE IN ALL THE AREAS IT PROTECTS. THE BAN BEGINS MONDAY AND WILL BE IN EFFECT UNTIL IT IS CANCELED.

THAT MEANS BURN PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL OPEN BURNING EXCEPT CAMPFIRES AND A FEW OTHER PURPOSES. CAMPERS NEED TO MAINTAIN THE FIRE TO KEEP IT FROM SPREADING.

A LOT OF NEW GRASS GREW BECAUSE OF THE RAIN THIS PAST WINTER AND NOW IT IS DRYING UP, MAKING FUEL FOR DANGEROUS WILDFIRES.

CAL FIRE DOES NOT COVER SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY OR CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

6/16/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
New water use guidelines

DUE TO HEAVY WINTER RAINS, BOARD MEMBERS IN SANTA CLARA HAVE APPROVED LOWERING THE WATER USAGE REDUCTION TARGET FROM 30 TO 20 PERCENT IN THE COUNTY. AS THE STATE MOVES INTO YEAR FIVE OF THE DROUGHT, THE WATER DISTRICT HAS SEEN A SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT IN RESERVOIR AND LOCAL GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS. THAT'S BECAUSE LAST WINTER BROUGHT A GOOD AMOUNT OF RAIN, BUT WATER OFFICIALS MAINTAIN THAT THE STATE REMAINS IN A DROUGHT. THE DISTRICT DOESN'T EXPECT ITS WATER SUPPLIES TO REACH NORMAL LEVELS IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND THEY SAY THE CHANGE TO 20 PERCENT IS A RELATIVELY MODEST REDUCTION.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

6/22/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
Drought killing huge numbers of California's trees

A LARGE NUMBER OF TREES IN THE SIERRA NEVADA FORESTS HAVE DIED BECAUSE OF THE RECENT DROUGHT. NEW FIGURES RELEASED BY THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE SHOW THAT A TOTAL OF 66 MILLION DEAD TREES WERE COUNTED. GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN DECLARED CALIFORNIA'S TREE DIE-OFF AN EMERGENCY. OFFICIALS SAY THIS EPIDEMIC CAN CREATE A HIGH RISK OF CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRES AND ENDANGERING LIVES. A CALL TO CALIFORNIA'S LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE SPENDING ON MANAGING FORESTS HAS BEEN MADE. KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD HAS MORE:

ON WEDNESDAY, THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE RELEASED THE RESULTTS OF IT SLATEST AERIAL SURVEY OF CALIFORNIA'S TREES ANDA THE NEWS IS NOT GOOD. THEY ESTIMATE THAT SINCE 2010 MORE THAN 66 MILLION TREES HAVE DIED FROM DROUGHT-RELATED STRESS AND BARK BEETLE INFESTATOINS. THAT ESTIMATE IS MORE THAN TWICE AS MANY TREES AS LAST YEAR'S COUNT AND MORE THAN 20 TIMES AS MANY TREES AS IN 2014.

HERE IN THE BAY AREA, THERE ARE TREES THAT HAVE DIED FROM DROUGHT RELATED PROBLEMS AND DISEASES, SUCH AS SUDDEN OAK EATH, BUT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE DEAD TREES ARE IN THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN SIERERA.

THE MOST IMMEDIATE PROBLEM IS ALL THAT DRY DEAD WOOD IS A SERIOUS FIRE HAZARD.

CAL FIRE DIRECTOR KEN PIMLOTT ISSUED A STATEMENT ON WEDNESDAY.

Pimlott: "If a wildfire burns in an area with high tree mortality we know it will burn fast than many residents may be ready for."

IN RESPONSE, A COORDINATED EFFORT IS UNDERATY IN TEN OF THE HARDES HIT COUNTIES TO REMOVE AS MANY DEAD TREES AS [PSSOB;E/ CAL FIRE, CALTRANS, PG&E, COUNTY WORK CREWS AND OTHER UTILITY PROVIDERS ARE FOCUSING ON REMOVING DEAD TREES FROM AROUND ROADS, POWER LINES AND HIGHWAY. CAL FIRE IS ALSO BUILDING FUEL BREAKS AROUND VULNERABLE AREAS.

OFFICIALS ARE ALSO ASKING THAT HOME OWNERS REMOVE AS MANY DEAD TREES AS THEY CAN FROM THEIR PORPERTY AND TO BE PREPARED TO EVACUATE QUICKLY IF WILDFIRE BREAKS OUT.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

6/28/16 KRON 4 Evening News

California's hidden water supply

WITH CALIFORNIA IN ITS 5TH YEAR OF DROUGHT, ANY NEWS OF MORE WATER IS GOOD NEWS. NOW, STANFORD SCIENTISTS SAY THEY'VE FOUND LOTS OF USABLE GROUNDWATER THAT'S THOUSANDS OF FEET UNDERGROUND IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY. THE PROBLEM, HOWEVER, WILL BE GETTING TO IT. THAT'S BECAUSE PUMPING WATER OUT OF THE GROUND MIGHT CAUSE THE LAND TO SINK. IN FACT, IT'S ALREADY SINKING IN SOME AREAS. ALSO, DEEP OIL AND GAS DRILLING CAN POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATE THE WATER. THE RESEARCHERS SAY NO ONE IS CURRENTLY MONITORING THE UNDERGROUND WATER.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

6/28/16 KRON 4 News at 10pm

Disturbing new report on America's drinking water

MILLIONS OF AMERICANS ARE IN DANGER OF DRINKING TOXIC WATER. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW RESEARCH ON DRINKING WATER NATIONWIDE. CNN HAS LEARNED MILLIONS OF AMERICANS ARE DRINKING WATER FROM SYSTEMS WHICH VIOLATE LEAD RULES. AND IT IS NO SECRET TO THE GOVERNMENT. CNN'S SARA GANIM REPORTS:.

MORE THAN 18 MILLION AMERICANS ARE GETTING THEIR DRINKING WATER FROM SYSTEMS THAT HAVE VIOLATED FEDERAL LEAD RULES AND NOT ONLY DOES THE EPA KNOW ABOUT IT, THEY'VE DONE ALMOST NOTHING TO ENFORCE THEIR OWN REGULATIONS, ACCORDING TO MULTIPLE INDUSTRY EXPERTS .

Erik Olson, Natural Resources Defense Council: "I think that the public needs to be told the truth about contamination in their water supply."

MORE THAN 5 THOUSAND WATER SYSTEMS ARE IN VIOLATION, INCLUDING FAILURE TO PROPERLY TEST WATER, FAILURE TO REPORT CONTAMINATION, AND FAILURE TO TREAT WATER PROPERLY, ACCORDING TO A NEW ANALYSIS BY THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL OR NRDC.

IN NINE OUT OF TEN CASES, THE EPA TOOK NO ENFORCEMENT ACTION WHEN WATER SYSTEMS VIOLATED THE "LEAD AND COPPER RULE," A FEDERAL REGULATION MEANT TO KEEP AMERICA'S TAP WATER SAFE FROM LEAD.

Olson: "Imagine a cop sitting, watching people run stop signs, and speed at 90 miles per hour in small communities and still doing absolutely nothing about it. That's unfortunately what we have now."

OLSON IS AMONG THE EXPERTS SAYING WATER UTILITIES ARE ROUTINELY "GAMING THE SYSTEM", USING INCORRECT TESTING METHODS TO "AVOID DETECTING HIGH LEVELS OF LEAD." WHAT THAT MEANS IS THERE ARE MORE WATER SYSTEMS WITH LEAD ISSUES, THAT AREN'T OFFICIALLY IN VIOLATION.

Olson: "They don't care if they're violating the law. They don't feel like they're going to face any penalties."

PHILADELPHIA IS ONE CITY ACCUSED OF GAMING THE SYSTEM. IN 2014, CITY OFFICIALS SENT RESIDENTS QUESTIONABLE INSTRUCTIONS FOR TESTING, TELLING THEM TO PRE-FLUSH THEIR WATER, AND TO REMOVE AERATORS WHICH OFTEN TRAP PARTICLES OF LEAD. EXPERTS SAY BOTH TECHNIQUES WOULD MAKE LEAD LEVELS APPEAR LOWER THAN THEY ACTUALLY ARE. IN FACT, THE EPA INSTRUCTED AS FAR BACK AS 2007 THAT THEY "SHOULD NOT REMOVE OR CLEAN AERATORS."

Jonathan King, The Philly Unleaded Project: "I wanted to test my water."

JONATHAN KING'S 18 MONTH OLD DAUGHTER HAS BEEN DRINKING PHILADELPHIA'S WATER FROM THE TAP SINCE SHE WAS BORN. HE'S ORGANIZING A GROUP OF HOMEOWNERS TO GET

INDEPENDENT ANSWERS BECAUSE HE DOESN'T TRUST THE WAY THE CITY CONDUCTED ITS TESTING.

King: "It concerns me that they're not using the best practices available. It concerns me that they're not following the latest EPA regulations."

SO WHY DOESN'T THE EPA ENFORCE ITS OWN RULES? MULTIPLE SOURCES AND INDUSTRY EXPERTS TELL CNN IT COMES DOWN TO TWO KEY REASONS. WATER ISN'T A MAIN PRIORITY FOR THE EPA BECAUSE ITS RESOURCES ARE STRETCHED THIN, AND THE EPA HAS A COZY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WATER SYSTEMS IT'S SUPPOSED TO REGULATE.

Olson: "They're friends. They hang out with each other. They ask for each other's advice, and you get close after a while."

Reporter: "So should citizens be worried?"

Alan Morrissey, Retired, EPA Office of Civil Enforcement: "Citizens should be very concerned."

WHEN ALLAN MORRISSEY RETIRED LAST YEAR FROM HIS JOB AS AN EPA WATER DEPARTMENT ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, HE SAID HE WAS FRUSTRATED BECAUSE BLATANT VIOLATIONS WOULD GO WITHOUT PUNISHMENT. MORRISSEY SAYS EVEN EPA EMPLOYEES DON'T TRUST WHAT COMES OUT OF THE TAP.

Morrissey: "So most of my colleagues have all chosen to install a water filter underneath our kitchen sink."

Reporter: "You're saying that people who work at the EPA are buying water filters because they aren't confident in the quality of their tap water."

Morrissey: "Yes."

SARA GANIM REPORTING

SOME BAY AREA COUNTIES ARE INCLUDED IN THE NRDC'S RESEARCH. WE'VE POSTED AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE DATA AT KRON4 DOT COM WHERE WE HAVE MAPPED OUT WHERE THE VIOLATIONS ARE HAPPENING.

## **2Q2016 HEALTH**

### **HEALTH**

4/6/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Stress taking a toll on kids

BEING A KID DOES NOT ALWAYS MEAN BEING CAREFREE. EMOTIONAL CUES SUCH AS NEGATIVE BEHAVIOR, SICK FEELINGS AND SHIFTS IN INTERACTIONS MAY BE SMPTOMS OF STRESS. CNN'S MELISSA RANEY LOOKS AT HOW TO FIND OUT WHAT STRESSES KIDS OUT AND HOW TO HELP THEM COPE:

STRESS CAN AFFECT ANYONE WHO FEELS OVERWHELMED, INCLUDING KIDS. HERE ARE A FEW SIGNS FOR PARENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR.

NEGATIVE CHANGES IN BEHAVIOR. FOR YOUNGER KIDS, WITHDRAWAL FROM THEIR FAVORITE ACTIVITIES, BECOMING CLINGY TO A PARENT OR EVEN A SUDDEN CHANGE IN THEIR APPETITE ARE ALL RED FLAGS. BECOMING HOSTILE TOWARDS FAMILY AND ABANDONING FRIENDSHIPS ARE MORE COMMON SIGNS AMONG TEENS.



INTERACTION WITH OTHERS. HOW YOUR CHILD INTERACTS WITH OTHERS, OUTSIDE OF THE HOME, CAN INDICATE IF STRESS IS FACTOR.

EXPERTS SAY A GOOD WAY FOR PARENTS TO TAP INTO THEIR CHILD'S BEHAVIORS IS COMMUNICATING WITH EACH OTHER, TEACHERS AND COACHES.

LISTEN TO YOUR CHILD. KIDS MAY OFTEN EXPRESS HOW OVERWHELMED THEY ARE WITH WORDS LIKE, "ANGRY" OR "ANNOYED" OR SPEAK NEGATIVELY ABOUT THEMSELVES. PARENTS SHOULD KEEP AN EAR OUT FOR KEY WORDS OR PHRASES THAT MAY INDICATE A SOURCE OF STRESS.

SEEK SUPPORT. PARENTS SHOULD KNOW THAT TACKLING THE STRESS IN THEIR CHILD'S LIFE IS NOT SOMETHING THEY HAVE TO DO ALONE. LICENSED THERAPISTS CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE THEIR CHILD NEEDS.

FOR TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE, I'M MELISA RANEY.

## **HEALTH**

4/7/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Another Bay Area city tries a soda tax

IN THE EAST BAY A PROPOSED NEW TAX ON SUGARY DRINKS IS STIRRING UP SOME CONTROVERSY. ON ONE HAND, CITY OFFICIALS AND HEALTH EXPERTS SAY, IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN. HOWEVER, SOME BUSINESS OWNERS SAY THE NEW TAX WOULD PUNISH THEM. KRON 4'S TERISA ESTACIO HAS MORE ON THE TAX ... AND WHEN IT COULD GO BEFORE VOTERS

Annie Campbell Washington, Oakland Vice Mayor: "I am thrilled to be here today to celebrate our first step."

THIS BIG ANNOUNCEMENT COMING TODAY FROM OAKLAND'S VICE MAYOR AND SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS. AT ISSUE, THEY SAY - THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS AS WELL AS OTHER RESIDENTS.

Rebecca Kaplan, City Council member: "We have got a crisis in this community of obesity, diabetes and dental problems."

Dr. Tom Sugarman, Alameda County Medical Association: "Surprising enough, there's a huge number of patients who don't have access to adequate dental care who have bad teeth due to sugary beverages."

THE PROPOSED TAX CALLED THE SUGAR SWEETENED BEVERAGE DISTRIBUTORS TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF OAKLAND WOULD CALL FOR A 1 CENT TAX PER OUNCE AND WOULD BE TACKED ON TO ALL COMPANIES THAT SELL SWEETENED DRINKS TO BUSINESSES IN OAKLAND. THIS BUSINESS OWNER IS NOT AT ALL PLEASED ABOUT THE PROPOSAL.

Allen Michaan, small business operator: "This hits low income people the most and makes it difficult for businesses like the Grand Lake Theater which I operate to keep prices low. It forces us to pass along the price increase."

AT CROCKER HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN OAKLAND TODAY THERE WAS THE BOARD SUPPORT.

Krista VonGlohn, parent: "I think response is probably going to be neighborhood by neighborhood. I think parents who really look into nutrition for their kids and buy organic would probably be more likely to support it. And people who are just looking for the cheapest thing on the aisle, maybe not."

CITY OFFICIALS SAY RESEARCH SHOWS REVENUE COULD GENERATE FROM 6 TO 12 MILLION ANNUALLY AND COULD BE USED TO SUPPORT HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS. THE CITY OF

BERKELEY PASSED A SIMILAR TAX AND OFFICIALS THERE SAY IT HAS WORKED WELL BY REDUCING THE SALE OF SUGARY DRINKS.

RICHMOND AND SAN FRANCISCO VOTERS REJECTED A SUGAR DRINK TAX IN RECENT YEARS, BUT OAKLAND IS FEELING CONFIDENT ABOUT THEIR MEASURE.

Washington: "San Francisco ran a different tax. They were trying to do two cents and they were trying to do a two thirds ballot measure. We are not doing that. We are doing the exact same tax that Berkeley did. One cent per ounce and a simple majority vote."

IN OAKLAND TERISA ESTACIO KRON 4 NEWS

## HEALTH

4/11/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Robotic therapy seal helps patients with Alzheimers

THERAPY DOES NOT ALWAYS COME FROM A PSYCHIATRIST OR A PRESCRIBED MEDICATION. A SENIOR LIVING FACILITY IN KANSAS IS USING A SPECIAL KIND OF THERAPY TO TREAT ITS PATIENTS WITH ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA. REPORTER HARRISON DRAKE, FROM OUR SISTER STATION IN TOPEKA, HAS MORE:

MEET EVIE, A WELCOME NEWCOMER TO THE STAFF AT LEGEND SENIOR LIVING AT CAPITAL RIDGE.

Nicole Wheeler, Legend Senior Living staff member: ""She's brand new and she's slowly learning our residents and learning how to react to them."

EVIE IS AN ADVANCED PIECE OF MACHINERY EQUIPPED WITH THOUSANDS OF SENSORS, VIDEO CAMERAS IN HER EYES, AND 32 GIGABYTES OF MEMORY, ALL WRAPPED UP IN FURRY, CUDDLY, BLISS.

BUT AS CUTE AS SHE IS, I WAS A LITTLE INTIMIDATED ABOUT HOLDING HER AT FIRST. SHE'S A BIOFEEDBACK THERAPEUTIC ROBOTICV SEAL DESIGNED OT SIMULATE CALM, NURTURING INTERACTIONS FOR RESIDNETS THAT MAY BE DEPRESSED OR SUFFERING ANXIETY.

IN OTHER WORDS, FOR THE STAFF...

Wheeler: "She's a tool in a bucket of many tools that we can use to help the residents."

STUDIES SHOW A TREATMENT SESSION WITH HER CAN HAVE SIGNIFICANT THERAPEUTIC EFFECTS INCLUDING POSSIBLE A DECREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF MEDICATION RESIDENTS TAKE FOR ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, AND AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR.

SHE'S BEEN AT THE FACILITY FOR A MONTH NOW. SHE CAN LEARN AND RECOGNIZE THE RESIDENTS WHO ARE WITH HER. AND EVIE CAN HELP DO SOMETHING ELSE FOR ALZHEIMER'S PATIENTS.

Marla Lopeman, Legend Senior Living staff member: "To create new pathways for learning and remembering. No cure for this disease but there are opportunities to make life better for each one of those people who are affected by it. And Evie certainly does that for us."

LEGEND SENIOR LIVING IS PLANNING TO DISTRIBUTE SEALS LIKE HER TO MORE OF ITS FACILITIES.

## **HEALTH**

4/13/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Dismaying update on zika virus

U.S. HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE CONFIRMING TONIGHT WHAT MANY HAVE FEARED... THAT THE ZIKA VIRUS DOES INDEED CAUSE BIRTH DEFECTS IN BABIES.

(DOUBLE BOX)

KRON 4'S DAN KERMAN IS LIVE IN THE NEWSROOM WITH MORE TONIGHT.

THE LINK BETWEEN PREGNANT WOMEN WITH ZIKA INFECTIONS AND NEWBORNS WITH BIRTH DEFECTS WAS FIRST MADE LAST YEAR BY DOCTORS IN BRAZIL. BUT NOW DOCTORS IN THE U.S. SAY THERE'S NO DOUBT ZIKA CAUSE MICROENCEPHALY AND OTHER SERIOUS DEFECTS.

HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY SIGNS OF THE ZIKA VIRUS HAVE BEEN FOUND IN BRAIN TISSUE, SPINAL FLUID AND AMNIOTIC FLUID OF BABIES WITH THIS TYPE OF BIRTH DEFECT. WHILE THE VIRUS HAS BEEN SWEEPING THROUGH LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, DOCTORS HERE SAY THE U.S. MUST GET PREPARED.

Dr. Ann Schuchat, Centers for Disease Control: "I don't expect there to be large outbreaks in the continental U.S. I can't give a number to how many cases, but I can't assume we won't have a big problem. We know with other viruses we have had bigger problems than we expected, so we are taking this very seriously."

PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS SOUGHT 1.9 BILLION DOLLARS IN EMERGENCY MONEY TO FIGHT THE EPIDEMIC INTERNATIONALLY AND TO PREPARE IN CASE THE VIRUS COMES TO THE U.S. BUT THE REQUEST HAS STALLED IN THE GOP-CONTROLLED CONGRESS. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS SAID THEY WOULD USE 589 MILLION DOLLARS IN FUNDS LEFT OVER FROM THE EBOLA OUTBREAK.

BUT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH SAYS THAT'S ONLY A STOPGAP. IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO GET THE JOB DONE.

LIVE IN THE NEWSROOM DAN KERMAN KRON 4 NEWS

## **HEALTH**

4/14/16 KRN 4 News at 8pm

New findings on importance of sleep

PARENTS – LET YOUR TEENS SLEEP IN. IT COULD SAVE LIVES!

WHEN TEENAGERS GET LESS THAN SEVEN HOURS OF SLEEP, A NEW STUDY SAYS, IT'S NOT ONLY DANGEROUS, BUT COULD BE DEADLY.

THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL SAYS TEEN WHO DON'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP TEND ENGAGE IN RISKY BEHAVIOR, LIKE TEXTING AND DRIVING OR DRINKING AND DRIVING, IF THEY DON'T GET NINE HOURS OF SHUT EYE.

OTHER CONCERNS FOR SLEEPY TEENS INCLUDE OBESITY, DEPRESSION AND ACCIDENTS. IN THE PAST THE C-D-C FOUND INSUFFICIENT SLEEP WAS ASSOCIATED WITH ALCOHOL AND MARIJUANA USE, SEXUAL ACTIVITY, AND SUICIDAL THOUGHTS.

IN 2014, DOCTORS RECOMMENDED SCHOOLS BEGIN CLASSES AT 8:30 OR EVEN LATER TO MAKE UP FOR HOURS TEENS MISS IN THE BED. STILL, MOST SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY DO NOT ADHERE TO THE RECOMMENDATION.

## **HEALTH**

4/19/16 KRN 4 evening News

Wet winter increases West Nile worries

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL SAYS ITS CREWS ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR WEST NILE VIRUS. TODAY, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OFFICIALS REPORTED THE VIRUS HAD BEEN FOUND IN MOSQUITO TRAPS. AND AS KRON-4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD REPORTS, VECTOR CONTROL AGENCIES ARE CONCERNED THAT AFTER A RAINY WINTER THIS COULD BE A VERY ACTIVE YEAR FOR THE VIRUS.

WEST NILE VIRUS IS ENDEMIC TO CALIFORNIA AND THE BAY AREA. THAT MEANS IT'S HERE TO STAY. NEW CASES ARE FOUND EVERY YEAR. IN 2015, 783 PEOPLE WERE DIAGNOSED WITH THE DISEASE STATEWIDE. FIFTY-THREE OF THOSE CASES WERE FATAL.

WHILE NO HUMAN INFECTIONS HAVE BEEN FOUND SO FAR THIS YEAR, VECTOR CONTROL AGENCIES ACROSS THE BAY AREA ARE KEEPING AN EYE OUT. AFTER FOUR YEARS OF DROUGHT, CALIFORNIA HAS FINALLY HAD A SOMEWHAT WET WINTER. THAT MEANS THERE'S PROBABLY MORE STANDING WATER ON THE GROUND, THE KIND OF PLACES WHERE MOSQUITOES LIKE TO BREED.

Deborah Bass, Contra Costa County Vector Control: "Right now in Contra Costa County, we don't have any West Nile activity that we have found."

DEBORAH BASS IS WITH CONTRA COSTA MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL. SHE SAYS CREWS ARE CHECKING MOSQUITO TRAPS, TESTING DEAD BIRDS AND LOOKING FOR PROBLEMS.

Bass: "We are seeing mosquitoes at this time and we're also seeing other insects – midges, crane flies, gnats."

BASS ALSO SAYS THERE ARE SOME SIMPLE THINGS PEOPLE CAN DO TO DRAMATICALLY REDUCE THEIR RISK OF CONTRACTING WEST NILE VIRUS.

Bass: "Make sure you're not breeding mosquitoes in your backyard. Dump out all standing water. Even water in a soda cap can produce hundreds of mosquitoes. Report dead birds to the dead bird hotline. Also, make sure you wear mosquito repellent when you're out so you don't get bitten."

IN ADDITION TO WEST NILE VIRUS, VECTOR CONTROLS ACROSS THE BAY AREA ARE ALSO ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ZIKA VIRUS. FORTUNATELY, THAT DISEASE IS TRANSMITTED BY TWO TYPES OF MOSQUITOES THAT ARE NOT FOUND IN THE BAY AREA.

Bass: "We are looking for them, but we haven't found any here."

CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

## **HEALTH**

4/21/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Expanding health coverage for undocumented residents

BIG CHANGES ARE COMING TO CALIFORNIA'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. NEARLY 200 THOUSAND UNDOCUMENTED CHILDREN IN THE STATE CURRENTLY ARE NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE. BUT THAT WILL NO LONGER BE THE CASE NEXT MONTH.

REPORTER LEMOR ABRAMS SAYS SOME LAWMAKERS STILL AREN'T SATISFIED AND WANT TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM:

AN ESTIMATED 170,000 UNDOCUMENTED CHILDREN IN CALIFORNIA DON'T HAVE MEDICAL INSURANCE. BUT THAT'LL CHANGE, COME MAY 16TH. THAT'S WHEN MEDI-CAL, CALIFORNIA'S MEDICAID PROGRAM, WILL EXTEND COVERAGE TO CHILDREN 18 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER.

Jose Hernandez, resident with no medical insurance: "Thank God that we have that."

JOSE HERNANDEZ WAS ABLE TO ENROLL HIS CHILDREN INTO MEDI-CAL, BECAUSE THEY WERE BORN HERE. IT SAVED HIS SON'S LIFE WHEN HE HAD HIS APPENDIX REMOVED.

Son: "Painful, but I'm happy I had the coverage."

BUT MANY FAMILIES AT THE CHURCH THEY ATTEND CAN'T SAY THE SAME. THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ALSO EXCLUDES UNDOCUMENTED CHILDREN AND ADULTS.

Sen. Ricardo Lara, (D) State Assembly: "We're California. Our job is to explore our values and to ensure no one is left behind."

SENATOR RICARDO LARA WASN'T DISCOURAGED THE FIRST TIME HIS "HEALTH FOR ALL" ACT FAILED. FOR HIM, GETTING THE LAW PASSED WAS PERSONAL.

Lara: "'Growing up in L.A. to two undocumented parents who lived over ten years as undocumented immigrants, I understand first-hand the plight that many of these undocumented families go through."

THE EXPANSION OF UNDOCUMENTED CHILDREN INTO MEDI-CAL IS PROJECTED TO COST 40 MILLION DOLLARS THIS FISCAL YEAR AND \$132 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY. BUT LARA MAINTAINS ACCESS TO PREVENTATIVE CARE WILL SAVE CALIFORNIANS MORE MONEY IN THE LONG RUN.

Lara: "Even the most conservative numbers estimate that we currently spend 1.3 billion dollars annually in emergency room care, and we know it'll cost much less to be able to give people the access to see a doctor."

LARA WON'T STOP HERE. HE HOPES THE NEW LAW WILL EVENTUALLY LEAD TO COVERAGE FOR ADULT UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS IN CALIFORNIA.

HERNANDEZ IS WAITING FOR THAT DAY. HIS CHILDREN MAY HAVE INSURANCE, BUT HE'S STILL FIGHTING FOR HIS.

Hernandez: "No matter where you go you need to be covered with that, because, you know...it's your health."

## **HEALTH**

4/25/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
Politics holding up Zika funding

TONIGHT THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION SAYS IT'S EXPECTING TO SEE A "MARKED" INCREASE IN NUMBER OF ZIKA VIRUS CASES WORLDWIDE. THE MOSQUITO-SPREAD DISEASE CAN CAUSE A HOST OF PROBLEMS, INCLUDING INFANT BIRTH DEFECTS FOR WOMEN WHO ARE PREGNANT WHEN THEY'RE INFECTED. BUT TONIGHT, KRON 4'S NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT MARK MEREDITH TAKES A LOOK AT WHY EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE ARE HITTING A ROAD BLOCK IN WASHINGTON:

WITH SUMMER FAST APPROACHING, THE WORLD'S HEALTH COMMUNITY IS ONCE AGAIN TURNING ITS ATTENTION TO A POTENTIAL CRISIS: THE ZIKA VIRUS.

CDC spokesperson: "Everything we know about this virus seems to be scarier than we originally thought."

FEDERAL HEALTH EXPERTS EXPECT THE VIRUS – WHICH CAN LEAD TO FEVER, RASH, AND BIRTH DEFECTS FOR WOMEN WHO ARE PREGNANT – TO BE A MAJOR PROBLEM THIS SUMMER.

TO FIGHT BACK, THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION WANTS 1.9 BILLION DOLLARS IN EMERGENCY FEDERAL FUNDING, BUT GETTING THE CASH FROM CONGRESS CONTINUES TO HIT ROADBLOCKS.

Senator Mitch McConnell (R): "It's an important issue. We're in a discussion with them about how much do they really need."

SENATE REPUBLICANS SAY THEY NEED MORE TRANSPARENCY ABOUT WHERE THE MONEY WOULD END UP BEFORE HOLDING ANY VOTE. SOME HOUSE DEMOCRATS CONSIDER THE SLOWDOWN RIDICULOUS.

Representative Rosa DeLauro (D): "We have more information about this than we had about going to war in Iraq, where we couldn't find a weapon of mass destruction."

THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL SAYS SO FAR THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF MOSQUITOS IN THE UNITED STATES FOUND TO BE CARRYING THE VIRUS. DATA SHOWS THE HIGHEST RISK REMAINS IN COUNTRIES SOUTH OF THE U.S. BORDER. BUT WITH A POTENTIAL CRISIS LOOMING, SENATE LEADERS SAY THEY'RE MORE LIKELY THAN NOT TO FIND A SOLUTION.

McConnell: "We're working with them to figure out the right amount of money, how's it going to be spent, and I don't think it'll be the end to any opposition to what we think is going to be a fairly significant public health crisis."

SO FAR, THE SENATE HASN'T SET A DATE FOR A VOTE ON A ZIKA FUNDING BILL. HEALTH OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO SEE THE BIGGEST RISK COMING FROM TRAVELERS WHO VISIT COUNTRIES WHERE THERE'S A ZIKA OUTBREAK AND THEN BRINGING THE VIRUS BACK TO THE U.S. SOME PEOPLE CAN BE INFECTED AND NOT EVEN KNOW IT.

IN WASHINGTON, I'M MARK MEREDITH

## **HEALTH**

5/2/16 KRON 4 Evening News

America's opioid crisis

ADDICTION SPECIALISTS SAY THE MEDICINE CABINET HAS BECOME THE NEW DRUG DEALER. TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND PEOPLE DIED FROM OVERDOSES LINKED TO OPIOIDS IN 2014, THE MOST RECENT FEDERAL DATA AVAILABLE. EXPERTS LIKE DOCTOR OMAR MANEJWALA ARE NOTHING SHORT OF ALARMED...

Dr. Omar Manejwala, addiction specialist: "Yeah, it's an epidemic for sure. We're five percent of the world's population, Americans are, and yet we consume 80 percent of the global supply of opiates."

PAIN MEDICATIONS SUCH AS OXYCODONE, MORPHINE, AND HYDROCODONE ARE SOME OF THE MOST WIDELY PRESCRIBED DRUGS IN THE COUNTRY. OPIOIDS REDUCE PAIN BY SWITCHING OFF PAIN RECEPTORS IN THE BRAIN. HEROIN, MEANWHILE, IS AN ILLEGAL OPIOID DERIVED FROM THE SAME POPPY PLANT AS GOVERNMENT-APPROVED MEDICATIONS. HEROIN ABUSE HAS SKYROCKETED AS WELL, PARTLY BECAUSE OF GREATER STREET AVAILABILITY.

Dr. Manejwala: "Even when you look at people who are using heroin, the vast majority of them now started with pain pills."

IT'S A DANGEROUS CRISIS THAT MANEJWALA SAYS IS CURRENTLY SENDING SEVEN THOUSAND PEOPLE A DAY TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM.

FOR TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE I'M MELISA RANEY.

## **HEALTH**

5/5/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Federal government moves to regulate e-cigarettes

AS THE INDUSTRY CONTINUES TO GROW, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS MOVED TO REGULATE E-CIGARETTES, MUCH LIKE TRADITIONAL CIGARETTES.

Sylvia M. Burwell, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary: "We cannot let the enormous progress that we have made toward a tobacco-free generation be undermined by products that impact our health and economy in this way."

SINCE E-CIGARETTES DON'T ACTUALLY CONTAIN TOBACCO, THEY DIDN'T FALL UNDER PREVIOUS REGULATION. THE DEVICES TURN NICOTINE INTO A VAPOR, HENCE, "VAPING." VAPING HAS NOW TURNED INTO A MULTIBILLION-DOLLAR BUSINESS, LEADING PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCATES TO CLAMOR FOR OVERSIGHT IN PART BECAUSE IT'S NOT CLEAR IF VAPING INTRODUCES HEALTH ISSUES OF ITS OWN.

THE RULES ANNOUNCED THURSDAY WILL BAN THE SALE OF E-CIGARETTES TO MINORS BEGINNING IN AUGUST. THEY WILL ALSO REQUIRE NEW HEALTH WARNINGS AND ANY PRODUCTS THAT HIT THE MARKET AFTER FEBRUARY 2017, WILL HAVE TO SUBMIT TO A FEDERAL REVIEW.

THIS ALSO EXTENDS TO CIGARS, AND HOOKAH AND PIPE TOBACCO, AMONG OTHER PRODUCTS.

Dr. Robert Califf, FDA Commissioner: "The rule will also allow the FDA to evaluate the ingredients of these additional tobacco products, how the products are made and their potential impact on public health."

THIS COMES THE DAY AFTER ANTI-SMOKING ADVOCATES CLAIMED A VICTORY IN CALIFORNIA WHERE GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN SIGNED A SERIES OF BILLS THAT INCLUDED RAISING THE SMOKING AGE TO 21.

THE VAPING INDUSTRY POINTS TO THOSE WHO USE E-CIGS AS A MEANS OF SMOKING CESSATION. IN A STATEMENT, AN INDUSTRY GROUP -- THE VAPOR TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION -- CITED THE POTENTIAL BURDEN OF NEW RULES, SAYING, "TODAY'S ACTION WILL YANK RESPONSIBLY MANUFACTURED VAPOR PRODUCTS FROM THE HANDS OF ADULT SMOKERS AND REPLACE THEM WITH THE TOBACCO CIGARETTES THEY HAD BEEN TRYING TO GIVE UP."

IN WASHINGTON, I'M KARIN CAIFA.

## **HEALTH**

5/9/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Short workouts are fine

GOT A MINUTE? NEW RESEARCH SAYS THAT'S ALL THE EXERCISE YOU NEED TO GIVE YOUR HEALTH A BOOST. ACCORDING TO A STUDY FROM MCMASTER UNIVERSITY IN CANADA, SIXTY SECONDS OF HIGH INTENSITY ACTIVITY DOES AS MUCH GOOD AS 45 MINUTES OF A MODERATE WORKOUT.

RESEARCHERS TOOK A LOOK AT 25 INACTIVE MEN AND ASSIGNED THEM INTENSE OR MODERATE WORKOUTS THREE TIMES A WEEK FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS. A PORTION OF THE MEN WERE IN A CONTROL GROUP THAT DID NO EXERCISE. THE STUDY FOUND THAT THE GROUP THAT DID THREE TWENTY SECONDS BURSTS ON AN EXERCISE BIKE OVER A TEN MINUTE PERIOD SAW SIMILAR RESULTS AS THE GROUP THAT DID 45 MINUTES OF CONTINUOUS CYCLING AT A MODERATE PACE. THAT INCLUDED IMPROVED HEART AND LUNG FITNESS, AND BETTER INSULIN LEVELS.

A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE STUDY SAYS SHORT INTENSE WORKOUTS DON'T EVEN HAVE TO BE IN A GYM. CLIMBING A FEW FLIGHTS OF STAIRS ON YOUR LUNCH HOUR CAN ALSO BRING SIGNIFICANT HEALTH BENEFITS.

FOR TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE I'M JEREMY ROTH.

## **HEALTH**

5/10/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
Prayer and healing

WHEN AMERICANS ARE HAVING HEALTH PROBLEMS, OR SOMEONE CLOSE TO THEM IS, A NEW STUDY SAYS AN OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF THEM TURN TO PRAYER:

THE REPORT CONDUCTED BY A BAYLOR UNIVERSITY EPIDIMIOLOGY PROFESSOR IN CONJUNCTION WITH GALLUP FOUND THAT 80 PERCENT OF PEOPLE SURVEYED HAVE PRAYED FOR THEIR OWN HEALING. THAT NUMBER GOES UP TO 90 PERCENT WHEN THOSE IN THE STUDY WERE ASKED IF THEY HAD PRAYED FOR OTHERS' HEALTH.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED BY TALKING TO 17-HUNDRED PEOPLE OVER THE PHONE AND HAS A MARGIN OF ERROR OF PLUS OR MINUS FOUR PERCENTAGE POINTS. IT ALSO FOUND MOST WHO DO USE PRAYER FOR HEALING DO SO IN CONJUNCTION WITH REGULAR MEDICAL CARE.

THE REPORT'S AUTHOR SAID HE EXPECTED THE NUMBERS TO BE STRONG -- BUT SAID THE FINAL RESULTS QUOTE "BLEW ME AWAY". HOWEVER HE SAYS THIS STUDY IS JUST THE BEGINNING AND MORE QUESTIONS NEED TO BE ASKED. HE HOPES FURTHER RESEARCH CAN BE DONE TO LOOK MORE INTO WHETHER PRAYER IS ACTUALLY HELPING PEOPLE HEAL.

FOR TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE I'M JEREMY ROTH.

## **HEALTH**

5/17/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
New information on heart attacks



A NEW STUDY SAYS NEARLY HALF OF ALL HEART ATTACKS CAUSE NO OBVIOUS SYMPTOMS.. BUT THEY CAN STILL BE LIFE THREATENING. CATHERINE HEENAN IS HERE WITH DETAILS OF THE WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY STUDY:

IT MEANS AN ASTONISHING NUMBER OF AMERICANS ARE WALKING AROUND UNAWARE THAT THEY'VE HAD ONE OR MORE HEART ATTACKS. ONE ESTIMATE SAYS THAT EVERY 43 SECONDS AN AMERICAN HAS A HEART ATTACK.

THIS STUDY TRACKED MORE THAN 9 THOUSAND MEN AND WOMEN FROM 1987 TO 2013. THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX WERE REPORTED TO HAVE HAD A HEART ATTACK.

BUT ANOTHER 317 TURNED OUT TO HAVE HAD A 'SILENT' HEART ATTACK, AND UNTIL THEIR MEDICAL RECORDS WERE CHECKED THEY HAD FAILED TO RECOGNIZE SOME OF THE MAJOR SYMPTOMS.

MEN HAVE MORE SILENT HEART ATTACKS, BUT WOMEN ARE MORE LIKELY TO DIE FROM THEM. SIGNS CAN INCLUDE UNEXPLAINED FATIGUE AND DISCOMFORT IN THE JAW, UPPER BACK OR ARMS. PAIN CAN EVEN BE MISTAKEN FOR INDIGESTION. SILENT HEART ATTACKS CAN BE DETECTED BY AN EKG.

#### **HEALTH**

5/17/16 KRON 4 evening News  
Health warnings on sugary drinks

SOON YOU COULD BE SEEING HEALTH WARNING LABELS ON YOUR FAVORITE SUGARY BEVERAGES. SAN FRANCISCO'S BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ENACTED THE MEASURE LAST YEAR, REQUIRING SODAS AND OTHER SUGARY DRINKS TO CARRY A HEALTH WARNING LABEL. THE AMERICAN BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION AND TWO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS FILED A LAWSUIT OPPOSING THE MEASURE. TODAY A SAN FRANCISCO JUDGE DENIED THOSE EFFORTS. UNLESS THE DECISION IS SUCCESSFULLY APPEALED IN A HIGHER COURT, THE LAW CAN GO INTO EFFECT AS EARLY AS JULY 25TH.

#### **HEALTH**

5/17/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
New study says GMO's are safe

THE CONTROVERSY OVER GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOODS MAY BE OVER. A NEW MAJOR STUDY SEEMS TO SHOW THAT GMO'S DON'T HURT HUMANS AS SOME PEOPLE FEARED. KRON 4'S VICKI LIVIAKIS IS HERE TO TELL US ABOUT THE FINDINGS:

YOU MIGHT KNOW THEM AS "FRANKEN-FOODS". OF COURSE ANYONE WHO'S OPPOSED TO SERVING UP GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD ISN'T GOING TO LIKE IT, BUT A MAJOR NEW STUDY SHOWS THAT GMO FOODS ON THE GROCER'S SHELF ARE ESSENTIALLY SAFE TO EAT.

THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND MEDICINE IS JUST OUT WITH THE RESEARCH. BASICALLY, THE 400 PAGE REPORT FINDS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOODS CURRENTLY ON THE MARKET AND CONVENTIONAL FOODS, AND SAYS THERE IS NOT A HIGHER RISK TO HUMAN HEALTH. IN OTHER WORDS, IN THEIR VIEW, MESSING WITH MOTHER NATURE HASN'T PRODUCED FOOD THAT MAKES US HUMAN MUTANTS.

AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, THIS IS A CONTROVERSIAL STUDY AND SOCIAL MEDIA IS EATING IT UP. SO, WE HAVEN'T HEARD THE LAST OF IT.

## **HEALTH**

5/19/ 6 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Warning on bogus sun screen products

DOCTORS HAVE BEEN WARNING US ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF THE SUN AND TELL US TO ALWAYS USE SUNSCREEN. BUT WORD TONIGHT, BARELY HALF OF THE SUNSCREENS ON THE MARKET EVEN WORK. KRON 4'S VICKI LIVIAKIS IS HERE TO TELL US ABOUT THE DISTURBING NEW STUDY:

IT'S PRETTY UN-NERVING. YOU SLATHER UP YOURSELF WITH SPF 30 THINKING YOU'RE PROTECTED FROM HARMFUL RAYS AND SKIN CANCER, BUT CONSUMER REPORTS SAYS NEARLY HALF OF THE SUNSCREEN BRANDS IT TESTED DIDN'T LIVE UP TO THE LABEL. BEFORE YOU BREAK OUT THE BOTTLE FOR YOUR NEXT TRIP TO THE BEACH, TAKE HEED.

CONSUMER REPORTS TESTED 65 LOTIONS, SPRAYS, AND STICKS MARKED WITH SPF 30 OR HIGHER AND CLAIMS 43% TESTED BELOW THE ADVERTISED SPF LEVEL. FOR INSTANCE, BANANA BOAT KIDS TEAR-FREE LOTION AND CVS KIDS SUN LOTION WERE BOTH LABELED AS SPF 50 BUT WERE FOUND TO HAVE ONLY SPF 8. CONSUMER REPORTS SAYS CHEMICAL-BASED SUNSCREENS PERFORMED BETTER THAN MINERAL-BASED ONES.

THE RECOMMENDATION IN GENERAL IS TO GO FOR A HIGHER NUMBER LIKE SAY 50 SPF TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE. ALSO APPLY LOTION EVERY TWO HOURS AND MORE IF YOU'RE IN THE WATER OR SWEAT A LOT.

OF COURSE, COMMON SENSE SAYS MAYBE WEAR A HAT AND STAY IN THE SHADE WHEN YOU CAN.

## **HEALTH**

5/21/16 KRON 4 News at 10pm

Concerning skin cancer numbers

IT'S TANNING SEASON, BUT CONSIDER THIS BEFORE BAKING IN THE SUN. DIAGNOSES OF MELANOMA, THE DEADLIEST FORM OF SKIN CANCER, HAVE DOUBLED IN RECENT DECADES. WITH ALMOST 150 THOUSAND MELANOMA CASES IN THE U.S. EXPECTED THIS YEAR, SOME EXPERTS ARE OUTRAGED THAT THE FDA HAS DELAYED THE APPROVAL OF SEVERAL POTENTIALLY LIFE-SAVING SUNSCREEN INGREDIENTS. KRON 4'S NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT CHANCE SEALES EXPLAINS:

IN JANUARY 2011 CASSIE BISILLE FOUND A LUMP. DAYS LATER DOCTORS TOOK A BIOPSY AND THEN IT WASN'T LONG...

Bisille: "Ten minutes later he came back in the room, flung the door open and said oh my gosh you need surgery right away. Pretty sure you have breast cancer,"

BUT IT WAS MELANOMA, THE DEADLIEST FORM OF SKIN CANCER. WITHIN DAYS, CASSIE HAD HER LYMPH NODES REMOVED AND BEGAN TREATMENT.

Senator Isaacson: "Most people don't think about a mole or a skin cancer as being a dangerous cancer. But melanoma is the most deadly cancer there is.

SENATOR JOHNNY ISAACSON OF GEORGIA IS A TWO-TIME MELANOMA SURVIVOR HIMSELF AND SAYS IT'S UNACCEPTABLE THAT POTENTIALLY LIFE-SAVING ADDITIVES EXIST BUT ARE BANNED FROM AMERICAN SHELVES.

Senator Isaacson: "There are sunscreen ingredients that are being actively used in Europe today that have been withheld from American sunscreen products for twelve years pending approval by the FDA."

A TOTAL OF EIGHT OF THESE CRITICAL INGREDIENTS ARE AWAITING APPROVAL HERE IN THE U.S., SOME FOR FOURTEEN YEARS. LIKE AT V3 SIGMA IN GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA. THE OWNER SAYS HE CAN'T SELL HIS PRODUCT UVASORB HERE IN THE U.S., BUT GET THIS – HE SHIPS TRUCKLOADS OF THE PRODUCT EVERY DAY TO EUROPE WHERE IT'S BEEN SELLING FOR TWENTY YEARS. ISACSON WANTS THE FDA TO CUT THE RED TAPE.

Isaacson: "The death from melanoma is just as bad as death from a heart attack or other cancers or ALS.

THE FDA DECLINED TO RESPOND ON CAMERA, BUT SAID PART:

FDA statement: "The FDA must balance the public health benefits of access to a broader range of sunscreen active ingredients against the importance of providing an adequate margin of safety."

IF COMPANIES EVER WANT TO GET THOSE PRODUCTS ON STORE SHELVES, THE FDA-MANDATED TESTS COULD RUN NORTH OF TEN MILLION DOLLARS. STILL, SENATOR ISAACSON AND CASSIE REMAIN HOPEFUL.

Bisille: "We need to bring them here, to help our chances, to better our chances of survival."

REPORTING IN WASHINGTON, NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT CHANCE SEALES

## **HEALTH**

5/23/16 KORN 4 News at 8pm  
Lyme disease awareness month

IT'S LYME AWARENESS MONTH. THE MYSTERIOUS DEBILITATING DISEASE THAT COMES FROM TINY TICKS. KRON 4'S VICKI LIVIAKIS IS WITH THE LATEST.

THEY ARE CREEPY BLOOD SUCKERS THAT LATCH ON TO YOUR SKIN. AS IF THAT ISN'T BAD ENOUGH, TICKS ARE BEING BLAMED FOR ONE VERY NASTY DISEASE CALLED LYME THAT SO FAR HAS NO REAL CURE. BUT LYME VICTIMS ARE FIGHTING BACK.

YOU MAY KNOW HER AS A HOUSEWIFE OF BEVERLY HILLS, BUT YOLANDA HADID IS ALSO A LYME DISEASE SUFFERER AND NO FRIEND OF THE LOWLY TICK.

Yolanda Hadid: "I'm not the same person today and I still wake up wondering what treatments I'm going to do and don't know if I'll ever be living a normal life again."

HADID WAS IN THE SOUTH BAY FOR AN EVENT CALLED STAND4LYME TO SUPPORT STANFORD RESEARCH ON THE MYSTERIOUS DISEASE CAUSED BY TICKS.

Dr. Laura Roberts, Stanford Lyme working group: "It is a medical mystery. We don't have the solutions yet, but we've got pieces coming together."

SYMPTOMS INCLUDE FEVER, FATIGUE, JOINT PAIN. RIGHT NOW THERE'S NO REAL CURE, ONLY EARLY DETECTION AND PREVENTION.

Reporter: "How did you get it?"

Kyla Cagan, Lyme sufferer: "I love catching lizards and they carry a lot of ticks. They must have gotten onto me, but I didn't notice it."

SOME TIPS TO AVOID TICKS...

Kandace Cota, Project Lyme: "You don't want them to get on your skin. Wear light-colored clothing and do frequent tick checks."

IF YOU DO SUSPECT YOU'VE BEEN BITTEN AND HAVE FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS, CALL YOUR DOCTOR. ANTIBIOTICS ARE EFFECTIVE, BUT ONLY IN THE EARLY STAGES.

A NEW TEST IS BEING DEVELOPED, ONE THAT SHOWS THE PRESENCE OF LYME DISEASE IN URINE. IT'S ONLY IN THE EARLY STAGES THOUGH. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, IT WAS INVENTED BY A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.

VICKI LIVIAKIS KRON 4 NEWS.

## **HEALTH**

6/6/16 KRON 4 Evening News

New numbers on obesity

THE CDC HAS COMPLETED ONE OF THE LARGEST AND BROADEST SURVEYS OF HEALTH IN THE UNITED STATES. WHILE SOME OF THE FINDINGS ARE ENCOURAGING, OTHER AREAS REMAIN PROBLEMATIC. REID BINION BREAKS DOWN THE RESULTS:

AMERICANS ARE FATTER THAN EVER. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A 2015 SURVEY COMPLETED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION. IN 2015, 30.4% OF AMERICANS AGE TWENTY OR OLDER SAID THEY WERE OBESE. THAT'S UP FROM 29.9% THE YEAR BEFORE. WHILE THAT'S NOT SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER, IT REPRESENTS A TROUBLING TREND THAT HAS GROWN STEADILY SINCE AT LEAST 1997 WHEN RESEARCHERS BEGAN USING THE CURRENT SURVEY.

OBESITY RATES WERE HIGHEST AMONG THE MIDDLE-AGED AND AFRICAN AMERICANS. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO SAY THEY HAVE DIABETES ALSO CONTINUES TO RISE.

IT'S NOT ALL BAD NEWS, THOUGH. ABOUT HALF OF ADULTS SAY THEY ARE GETTING THE RECOMMENDED AMOUNT OF EXERCISE. THAT NUMBER HASN'T CHANGED MUCH SINCE 2009. MORE AMERICANS ARE REPORTING THEY HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE AND ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND FEWER SAY THEY REGULARLY SMOKE CIGARETS.

FOR TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE REID BINION

## **HEALTH**

6/8/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Surprising results of new stroke study

ACCORDING TO THE CDC, STROKE KILLS MORE THAN 130,000 PEOPLE EACH YEAR IN THE UNITED STATES. A RECENT REPORT DETAILS SOME TEN YEARS WORTH OF MEDICAL DATA RELATED TO STROKES. CNN'S JEREMY ROTH HAS MORE ON WHAT RESEARCHERS FOUND:

WHEN IT COMES TO STROKES, A NEW STUDY SAYS THERE'S GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS. ACCORDING TO UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RESEARCHERS, BETWEEN 2000 AND 2010 THE NUMBER OF STROKES DECLINED OVERALL AMONG AMERICANS. THAT INCLUDES A 50 PERCENT DROP AMONG PEOPLE 65 AND OLDER.

HOWEVER, THE SAME STUDY SAYS STROKES INCREASED 49 PERCENT AMONG 25 TO 64 YEAR OLDS. RESEARCHERS ALSO FOUND HOSPITALIZATIONS INCREASED 14 PERCENT AMONG AFRICAN-AMERICANS.

ONE NEUROLOGIST SAYS THAT FIGURE IS PROOF MANY AFRICAN-AMERICANS AREN'T GETTING THE ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE THEY NEED. EXPERTS DIDN'T HAVE A CLEAR ANSWER ON WHY STROKES ARE UP AMONG YOUNGER PEOPLE, BUT SAY BETTER AWARENESS OF SYMPTOMS IS THE MOST LIKELY REASON.

DOCTORS MEANWHILE SAY THEY CAN'T STRESS ENOUGH THAT A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE IS KEY TO AVOIDING STROKES. INCLUDED IN THAT IS BEING ACTIVE, NOT SMOKING AND MONITORING CHOLESTEROL AND BLOOD PRESSURE LEVELS.

## **HEALTH**

6/9/16 KRON 4 Evening News

How to avoid post-vacation depression

SADLY THAT EPIC TRIP TO THE BEACH OR TO SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS HAS TO COME TO AN END AT SOME POINT! AND WHEN IT DOES, MANY REPORT FEELING DEPRESSED AND SLUGGISH IN THE OFFICE. EXPERTS SAY IT'S A THING AND HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO BEAT IT. CNN'S JEREMY ROTH HAS MORE:

THIS CLIP EXPRESSES HOW MANY FEEL AFTER COMING BACK TO WORK AFTER VACATION OR A HOLIDAY. [VIDEO]

DOCTORS MIGHT NOT HAVE A NAME FOR THE CONDITION, NOR HAS IT BEEN SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THE OFFICIAL MANUAL OF MENTAL DISORDERS. BUT ON SOCIAL MEDIA. IT'S KNOWN AS THE BACK-TO-WORK BLUES OR A POST-VACATION HANGOVER.

A PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR AT LOYOLA UNIVERSITY IN ILLINOIS SAYS THERE COULD BE A VARIETY OF REASONS FOR IT. DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON, FOR EXAMPLE, IT'S SEVERAL DAYS OF PEOPLE HAVING LOTS OF FUN AND SPENDING TIME WITH LOVED ONES. THAT COULD VERY WELL SET SOMEONE UP FOR A CRASH.

THE DRUDGERY OF ANSWERING A ZILLION WORK EMAILS AFTER SO MUCH JOY CAN BE TOUGH FOR ONE'S EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING. PLUS, MANY TIMES EXPECTATIONS DURING HOLIDAYS AREN'T MET AND THAT CAN BRING ABOUT THE BLUES AS WELL.

A MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR SAYS THIS IS WHAT YOU SHOULD DO. EASE BACK INTO WORK. DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING TO GET COMPLETELY CAUGHT UP IN 24 HOURS.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE BREAK IN YOUR ROUTINE TO DEVELOP SOME NEW POSITIVE OFFICE HABITS.

DON'T DWELL ON THAT VACATION OR HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE THAT HAS NOW COME AND GONE. MOVE ON AND TELL YOURSELF IT WILL COME AGAIN.

FOR TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE I'M JEREMY ROTH.

## **HEALTH**

6/13/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Using coffee to get more out of a workout

IF LOOKING TO GIVE YOUR WORKOUT AN ADDED JOLT -- ONE FITNESS EXPERT SAYS TURN TO ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR JOLTS AROUND -- COFFEE. BUT BEFORE YOU FUEL UP AT YOUR FAVORITE COFFEE HOUSE-- THERE ARE SOME THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND. CNN'S JEREMY ROTH HAS MORE.

A RESEARCHER IS SAYING HAVE SOME COFFEE BEFORE YOUR WORKOUT. SPORTS NUTRITIONIST HEIDI SKOLNIK SAYS CAFFEINE'S EFFECT AS A STIMULANT HELPS PUSH YOU HARDER WHEN EXERCISING. SHE ADDS THE JAVA CAN ALSO HELP RELEASE FEEL-GOOD NEUROTRANSMITTERS LIKE DOPAMINE. IN OTHER WORDS - YOU MIGHT ACTUALLY ENJOY GETTING SWEATY.

IF YOU GO TO THE GYM IN THE MORNING, SKOLNIK SAYS FIGURING IN THE TIME IT TAKES FOR CAFFEINE TO GET INTO YOUR SYSTEM, DRINKING COFFEE AN HOUR BEFORE YOUR WORKOUT IS OPTIMAL. JUST DON'T GO OVERBOARD -- TOO MUCH CAFFEINE CAN ACT AS A LAXATIVE.

HOWEVER, IF YOU WORKOUT AT NIGHT IT'S MORE COMPLICATED. CAFFEINE STAYS IN YOUR SYSTEM FOR FOUR TO SIX HOURS AFTER YOU CONSUME. BUT IT AFFECTS EVERYONE DIFFERENTLY. WHEN IT COMES TO SLEEP -- YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE ANY TROUBLE AT ALL HAVING A CUP OF CAFFEINE IN THE EVENING. BUT SOMEONE ELSE MIGHT FIND THEMSELVES RESTLESS IN BED LATE AT NIGHT.

POSSIBLE OPTIONS IF IT AFFECTS YOUR SLEEP ARE SWITCHING TO DRINKS THAT PACK LESS JOLT SUCH AS DARK ROAST OR BLACK TEA. SKOLNICK SAYS SOME PEOPLE, HOWEVER, MIGHT HAVE TO SKIP CAFFEINE ALTOGETHER. OR SWITCH TO MORNING WORKOUTS.

FOR TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE I'M JEREMY ROTH.

## **HEALTH**

6/16/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
Troubling new Zika virus report

THE CDC HAS A NEW REPORT ON THE ZIKA VIRUS IN THE U.S, LINKING IT TO BIRTH DEFECTS. CATHERINE HEENAN IS HERE WITH THE TROUBLING DETAILS:

THE LATEST – ZIKA HAS BEEN TIED TO BIRTH DEFECTS IN THE BABIES AND FETUSES OF SIX WOMEN IN THE U.S. THREE OF THE WOMEN HAD BABIES BORN WITH BIRTH DEFECTS, INCLUDING BRAIN DAMAGE. THREE OTHERS LOS' BABIES WITH BIRTH DEFECTS, EITHER THROUGH MISCARRIAGE OR STILL BIRTH.

THE INFECTIONS WERE ALL TRAVEL RELATED AND AT LEAST TWO OF THE WOMEN WERE INFECTED THROUGH SEXUAL CONTACT.

AS OF JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>, A TOTAL OF 234 PREGNANT WOMEN HAD TESTED POSITIVE FOR THE ZIKA INFECTION IN THE U.S. MORE THAN HALF THE PREGNANCIES ARE STILL UNDERWAY, MEANING THE NUMBER OF ZIKA-RELATED BIRTH DEFECTS HERE COULD SOON GO HIGHER.

## **HEALTH**

6/20/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
New warnings for parents about kids' screen-time

DOES THIS LOOK FAMILIAR? IT'S SOMETHING PARENTS SEE A LOT THESE DAYS – THEIR KIDS HUNCHED OVER, WITH THEIR FACES GLUED TO A SCREEN. OUR TECH REPORTER GABE SLATE MET WITH CHIROPRACTORS WHO ARE WARNING PARENTS ABOUT THE DANGER OF KIDS OVER-USING GADGETS. A NEW CONDITION IS ON THE RISE CALLED "TEXT NECK":

Dr, Ken Thomas, chiropractor: "Text Neck is a repetitious, over-use syndrome with the person in this hunched position more than they should be. In fact we should almost never be in this position."

WELL, THAT'S NOT GOOD. JUST LOOK AROUND. EVERYONE IS ALMOST ALWAYS LOOKING DOWN AT THEIR DEVICES, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG CROWD. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS IS NOT THE BEST POSITION FOR THE HUMAN SPINE.

Dr. Thomas, demonstrating with a model spine: "So, this should be curved this way. But if someone's looking down at their phone, going way in the opposite direction, they're actually pulling their spinal cord longer and stressing out the muscles, the tendons and the ligaments of the neck. Because as you go forward, the head is actually heavier on the neck so the muscles of the neck have to work much, much

harder. Some early studies are showing that prolonged posture in this way is actually leading to early spinal arthritis and that's really alarming. It's something that doesn't usually show up until the thirties or forties."

DR. THOMAS RUNS A CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICE IN THE BAY AREA AND IS A DIPLOMATE OF THE AMERICAN CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION'S BOARD OF NEUROLOGY. HE SAYS TEN YEARS AGO HE TREATED VERY FEW KIDS AND TEENAGERS. NOW, DAILY HE'S SEEING YOUNGER PATIENTS IN PAIN FROM OVER-USING GADGETS.

Dr. Thomas: "In the old days we might take a test, or eat, or maybe driving a little bit and that was it. But now the focus is down all the time. So they're bending their necks the wrong direction."

BESIDES THE OBVIOUS – CUTTING DOWN ON USING DEVICES – DR. THOMAS SAYS THERE IS A GREAT SIMPLE STRETCH TO HAVE YOUR KIDS DO THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND KEEP THEM FROM HAVING TO SEE HIM.

Dr. Thomas, demonstrating the exercise, "Just interlock your fingers behind your back, squeeze your shoulder blades together and look up at the ceiling and sort of squeeze and pump. This position is the opposite of text neck and that will really be relieving for people who are working at desks of for your kids."

GABE SLATE KRON 4 NEWS

## HEALTH

6/21/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Keep your body in shape to keep your mind in shape

A NEW STUDY SAYS WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE BODY IS GOOD FOR THE MIND. ACCORDING TO RESEARCHERS, IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO KEEP YOUR MEMORY SHARP, HEAD FOR THE GYM. JEREMY ROTH HAS MORE IN TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE:

THERE ARE LOTS OF GOOD REASONS TO BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE...

WELL ACCORDING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA -- YOU CAN ADD PROTECTING MEMORY AND THINKING SKILLS TO THAT LIST.

RESEARCHERS FOUND REGULAR AEROBIC WORKOUTS BOOSTED THE SIZE OF THE AREA OF THE BRAIN INVOLVED WITH VERBAL MEMORY AND LEARNING.

WHY IS THAT?

SCIENTISTS SAY EXERCISE HELPS REDUCE INSULIN RESISTANCE AND REDUCES INFLAMMATION.

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL...

IT ALSO STIMULATES THE RELEASE OF GROWTH-FACTORS AND CHEMICALS THAT MAKE THAT PART OF YOUR BRAIN HEALTHIER, AND SHARPER.

TO FIND THEIR RESULTS, STUDY PARTICIPANTS WALKED BRISKLY FOR AN HOUR, TWICE A WEEK.

RESISTANCE TRAINING, BALANCE AND MUSCLE TONING EXERCISES DID NOT SEEM TO ACHIEVE THE SAME RESULT, AS THE HEART PUMPING AEROBIC ACTIVITY.

NEED ONE MORE REASON TO HIT THE GYM?

ACCORDING TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

ALMOST 8 MILLION NEW CASES OF DEMENTIA ARE DIAGNOSED EACH YEAR...

AND NEARLY 136 MILLION PEOPLE WILL SUFFER FROM DEMENTIA BY 20-50 - A GREAT REASON TO STAY ACTIVE.

FOR TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE, I'M JEREMY ROTH.

## 2Q2016 HOUSING

### HOUSING

4/6/16 KRON 4 Evening News

2 stories on Oakland's 90 day rent freeze

BECAUSE OF SCARCE AND HIGH-PRICED HOUSING, RENTAL PRICES IN OAKLAND ARE FROZEN, AT LEAST FOR NOW. THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED A 90-DAY MORATORIUM, ALLOWING CITY LEADERS TIME TO COME UP WITH A SOLUTION TO WHAT THEY SAY IS A GROWING CRISIS. BUT AS KRON 4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN DISCOVERED TODAY, EVEN NEW UNITS THAT ARE BEING BUILT RIGHT NOW MAY BE OUT OF REACH FOR MANY OAKLAND RESIDENTS:

Noel Gallo, Oakland City Councilmember: "You look at that property right there, Brooklyn Basin, 3400 units and 3100 of those units are going to be market rate. You're going to have to make 100 to 120 thousand dollars to live there."

THAT IS A BIT OUT OF THE PRICE RANGE FOR THE INCOME OF THE AVERAGE OAKLAND RESIDENT, SAYS OAKLAND CITY COUNCILMEMBER NOEL GALLO. HE IS GIVING ME A TOUR OF CURRENT AND NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS THAT HE SAYS ARE NOT GOING TO ADDRESS OAKLAND'S HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CRISIS. WE ARE NOW IN HIS DISTRICT.

Gallo: "This community, they call it Jingle Town, but it's known as the Kennedy Track area. You see what they call the Phoenix Commons, that senior housing that just got built. Brand new, it hasn't opened yet, beautiful development. These here are condominiums. Affordable? I don't think so."

IN HIS DISTRICT ALONE, THERE ARE OVER 6000 NEW UNITS BEING DEVELOPED, BUT THE RENTS WILL BE HIGH. HE SAYS SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO ALREADY LIVE IN THE AREA ARE FEELING THE PINCH FROM THE NEW HOUSING OPTIONS GOING UP ALL AROUND THEM.

Gallo: "I've gotten some complaints by some of the artists that have moved in here. They're concerned. They're being displaced because landlords are raising the rents."

HOWEVER, OVER THE NEXT 90 DAYS, THERE WILL BE A FREEZE ON RENT HIKES THANKS TO GALLO AND HIS CITY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES WHO APPROVED A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM, GIVING CITY LEADERS A CHANCE TO TRY TO FIND A SOLUTION. OAKLAND MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF EXPLAINS THE 90 DAY PLAN:

Mayor Libby Schaaf: "We've got to do two things. We've got to protect the people who live here now and make sure they are not displaced from Oakland. Secondly, we have got to build more housing in this city."

BUT THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS FOR THAT NEW HOUSING TO BE AFFORDABLE FOR LONG- TIME OAKLAND RESIDENTS.

IN OAKLAND HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

IN THE EAST BAY, A 90-DAY MORATORIUM ON RENT INCREASES COMES AS GOOD NEWS TO AN OAKLAND RESIDENT WHO TELLS KRON4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN SHE HAS EXPERIENCED MULTIPLE RENT INCREASES WITHIN A MATTER OF MONTHS



## BACK TO BACK RENTAL INCREASES IN THE SAME YEAR?

Victoria Herrera, Oakland Resident: “

IT IS STORIES LIKE VICTORIA HERRERA'S THAT PROMPTED OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL TO PLACE A 90-DAY MORATORIUM ON RENT INCREASES. THE 26 YEAR-OLD WORKS AS AN AIDE IN THE CITY COUNCIL OFFICE AND LIVES IN THE CITY'S FRUITALE DISTRICT.

Herrera: “There were two rent increases of \$200 dollars each. Yes and they were unforeseen. Unfortunately, I did not know at that time that I could challenge them and I went from paying \$1,200 a month to \$1,650 per month.”

Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf: "There is a lot of focus right now on improving renter protection and that is part of what we need to do."

OAKLAND MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF SAYS OVER THE NEXT 90 DAYS THERE WILL BE A LOT OF WORK DONE TRYING TO SOLVE THE CITY'S HOUSING CRISIS.

Schaaf: "We're also going to be looking for existing buildings that we can buy, fix up, and put affordability protections on them to benefit the people who are already living there."

HERRERA SAYS THOSE PROTECTIONS ARE SORELY NEEDED

Herrera: “We actually get on a weekly basis anywhere from 10 to 20 complaints from renters that are going through the same situation.”

SOME HOUSING ADVOCATES WANT THE CITY TO IMPOSE RENT CONTROL ON THE HOUSING MARKET, BUT MAYOR SCHAAF SAYS THAT IS UP TO THE VOTERS.

Schaaf: “No-cause evictions was enacted by Oakland voters, so the City Council cannot do a moratorium or in any way change eviction laws.”

IN ORDER FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, NO-CAUSE EVICTIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. HERRERA SAYS SHE FAVORS THE IDEA

Herrera: "I hear as I walk through our community, through District 5, my landlord is trying to evict me. It is a real reality for a lot of people"

IN OAKLAND HAAZIY MADYUN KRON4NEWS

ANCHOR: EARLIER THIS WEEK SAN MATEO OPTED NOT TO PUT A RENT FREEZE IN PLACE. HOWEVER, THAT DOES NOT MEAN THE ISSUE IS DEAD, AND IN FACT IT COULD BE PUT TO A VOTE. A COALITION IS NOW WORKING TO GATHER ENOUGH SIGNATURES TO PLACE A RENT CONTROL MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. IT WOULD CAP RENT INCREASES, PREVENT TENANTS FROM BEING EVICTED WITHOUT JUST CAUSE AND CREATE AN ANNUAL RENTAL HOUSING FEE. THE GROUP HAS JUST A FEW MONTHS TO GATHER THE SIGNATURES IT NEEDS TO QUALIFY FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION.

## HOUSING

4/11/16 KRON 4 News at 11pm

San Mateo emergency housing ordinance falters

THE RISING COST OF LIVING IN SAN MATEO IS LEADING TO MORE AND MORE TENANTS LOSING THEIR HOMES SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD THEIR RENT. NOW THE CITY IS PROPOSING AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE, THAT REQUIRES LANDLORDS TO PAY TENANTS

RELOCATION ASSISTANCE WHEN THERE ARE 'NO CAUSE' EVICTIONS. KRON 4'S ALECIA REID ATTENDED TONIGHT'S CITY COUNCIL MEETING, ALONG WITH SOME VERY UNHAPPY LANDLORDS:

Speaker: "I just don't see it as a solution. Please vote against it."

THAT WAS THE OVERALL CONCENSUS AT TONIGHT'S MEETING.

Speaker: "It's going to be a very big financial burden for people."

THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER WAS COMPLETELY PACKED, WITH PEOPLE STANDING OUTSIDE IN THE OVERFLOW ROOM, AND IT WAS PRETTY EASY TO FIGURE OUT WHO THE MAJORITY WAS.

IT WAS MOSTLY LANDLORDS THAT WERE HERE FOR THIS SPECIAL MEETING, TO SAY "NO" TO AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE, THAT WOULD MAKE IT MANDATORY FOR THEM TO PAY RELOCATION EXPENSES FOR NO FAULT EVICTIONS. THAT COULD BE UP TO 6 MONTHS WORTH OF RENT. AT THE CURRENT RATE, THAT COULD BE UP TO 30 THOUSAND DOLLARS. SMALL LANDLORDS WOULD FEEL THE BRUNT OF IT.

Steve Blanton, San Mateo County Association of Realtors: "It's incredibly punitive to small landlords. No one disputes the fact that there is a housing shortage in the area and that renters in particular are feeling that very acutely right now. But there are other alternatives that can be pursued that address the problem without penalizing small landlords."

Landlord: "We've just got a little family unit and we're renting it out just to supplement our income. It would be a financial disaster for us to have to pay six months market rate rent and do any necessary repairs of whatever problems the renter has created."

RENT IN SAN MATEO COUNTY INCREASED DRAMATICALLY OVER THE LAST 8 YEARS, AND WITHIN THE LAST 4, THOSE NUMBERS HAVE SKYROCKETED.

County official: "Something has to be done. People are being displaced. I know some of them personally. And some of them have actually passed away through it."

THIS ORDINANCE HAS BEEN A CONVERSATION FOR MONTHS AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS. IT WOULDN'T APPLY TO EVERY APARTMENT. LANDLORDS CAN INCREASE RENT UP TO 10%, AND HAVE NO OBLIGATION TO PAY RELOCATION ASSISTANCE, AND IT DOES NOT APPLY TO GOVERNMENT-OWNED HOUSING OR RENT CONTROLLED APARTMENTS BUILT BEFORE 1994.

IN ORDER FOR THE ORDINANCE TO PASS, IT NEEDED 4 OUT OF 5 OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO VOTE YES, BUT WITH VIRTUALLY NO SUPPORT FOR THE ORDINANCE THE CITY COUNCIL DECIDED NOT TO VOTE ON IT AND DROPPED THE MATTER ALL TOGETHER. BUT, THEY ARE ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW TO GET AFFORDABLE HOUSING INTO THE COMMUNITY.

IN SAN MATEO ALECIA REID KRON 4 NEWS ...

## **HOUSING**

4/17/16 KRON 4 News at 11pm

Evicted tenants hold rally for tenants' rights

IN THE SOUTH BAY, A PLANNED REDEVELOPMENT OF AN APARTMENT COMPLEX IN WEST SAN JOSE IS NEARING THE FINAL STAGES OF BEING FULLY APPROVED, AND THAT WILL RESULT IN THE DISPLACEMENT OF ALL FAMILIES LIVING IN THE 216 UNITS AT THE RESERVE APARTMENTS. TODAY, KRON FOUR'S PHILIPPE DJEGAL WAS THERE AS THOSE TENANTS RALLIED FOR RELOCATION BENEFITS.

ON THE STREETS, THEY CHANTED...

Protesters: "Greystar lies; people move."

AND, IN TURN, DRIVERS PASSING ALONG SOUTH WINCHESTER BOULEVARD HONKED IN SUPPORT AS ABOUT TWO DOZEN TENANTS AT THE RESERVE APARTMENTS LINED UP OUTSIDE THEIR COMPLEX IN WEST SAN JOSE SATURDAY.

Tyrone Lockett: "My main concern is my sick wife."

THE GROUP WAVED SIGNS READING "DON'T MAKE ME A REFUGEE AGAIN" AND "STOP MASS DISPLACEMENT," JUST FIVE DAYS AFTER RECEIVING A LETTER FROM THE PROPERTY OWNER AND MANAGER, GREYSTAR, NOTIFYING TENANTS THAT THE PLANNED REDEVELOPMENT OF THIS PLACE IS NEARING FINAL APPROVAL, AND THAT DEMOLITION COULD START AS SOON AS NEXT MARCH. GREYSTAR SAYS TENANTS WILL RECEIVE AT LEAST 120 DAYS NOTICE, MEANING EVICTION NOTICES MAY BE POSTED ON DOORS AS EARLY AS NOVEMBER.

Lockett: "I'm out of luck."

FACED WITH THE PROSPECT OF AN EVICTION, THESE TENANTS SAY THEIR TIME IS RUNNING OUT.

Lockett: "I think that's not fair for a tenant that's been paying rent for over 12 years on time, or before, to deserve this treatment."

GREYSTAR WANTS TO TEAR THE CURRENT 216-UNIT PROPERTY DOWN AND REPLACE IT WITH 640 NEW MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND 8 THOUSAND SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL SPACE. BUT TYRONE LOCKETT, WHO WORKS AS A SCHOOL CHEF, SAYS SINCE HIS WIFE HAD A STROKE FOUR YEARS AGO, THEY'VE RELIED ONLY ON HIS INCOME AND CAN'T AFFORD TO MOVE OUT OF WHAT ARE CURRENTLY RENT-CONTROLLED APARTMENTS.

Lockett: "And, it's already hard now when the rent is three times the amount that we can afford."

THOUGH A COUNCILMEMBER RECENTLY PROPOSED ONE, IN ADDITION TO SUGGESTED CHANGES TO THE CITY'S RENT CONTROL ORDINANCE, SAN JOSE DOESN'T HAVE A RELOCATION BENEFITS PROGRAM OR REQUIRE PROPERTY OWNERS TO PROVIDE ANY. IN THIS CASE GREYSTAR HAS OFFERED, BUT STILL, TENANTS LIKE BRANDIE LOCKE SAY THEY AREN'T GOING FAR ENOUGH.

Brandie Locke: "We don't believe they're fair."

GREYSTAR SAYS ALL TENANTS WILL RECEIVE A FULL REFUND OF THEIR SECURITY DEPOSITS, BUT OTHER THAN THAT, BASED ON INCOME, FAMILIES NEED TO QUALIFY TO RECEIVE THE OTHER BENEFITS, WHICH COULD MEAN UP TO SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS. BUT LOCKE SAYS MOST TENANTS, INCLUDING HER AND HER FINACEE, WON'T QUALIFY.

NOW, SHE SAYS THE ONLY HOPE IS THAT FINAL APPROVAL ON THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT PERMIT SCHEDULED FOR THE END OF THIS MONTH IS DELAYED, SO TENANTS AND GREYSTAR CAN NEGOTIATE A BETTER DEAL.

Locke: "There's some people here that wondering, are we going to be able to live with a roof over our heads or we going to have to live down in the car?"

IN SAN JOSE, PHILIPPE DJEGAL, KRON 4 NEWS

## **HOUSING**

4/19/16 KRON 4 Evening News

San Jose City Council debates rent control

IN WHAT IS EXPECTED TO BE A MARATHON SESSION TONIGHT, THE SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ACTION TO TIGHTEN RENT CONTROL. WITH PASSIONS RUNNING HIGH ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ISSUE, KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE BRINGS US UP TO DATE ON THE STORY NOW LIVE FROM SAN JOSE CITY HALL:

RIGHT NOW, SAN JOSE'S CURRENT RENT CONTROL ORDINANCE ALLOWS PROPERTY OWNERS TO RAISE RENT A MAXIMUM OF EIGHT PERCENT PER YEAR. TONIGHT, THE CITY COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO LOWER THAT CAP TO PERHAPS FIVE OR SIX PERCENT. THEY'RE ALSO BEING ASKED TO CONSIDER A NEW IDEA THAT WOULD TIE THOSE INCREASES TO INFLATION. BUT THE COUNCIL WON'T DO ANYTHING UNTIL THEY HEAR FROM HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF RENTERS AND THEIR LANDLORDS.

A PACKED CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY IS SPLIT BETWEEN RENTERS WEARING TEE SHIRTS THAT READ 'SAN JOSE, WE BELONG' AND PROPERTY OWNERS WEARING BADGES THAT SAY 'AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROVIDER.' AT ISSUE, BY HOW MUCH SHOULD THE CURRENT 8 PERCENT ANNUAL INCREASE BE LOWERED FOR RENT CONTROLLED APARTMENTS.

Anthony King, Renters Rights Coalition: "We feel attaching the annual rent increase to CPI is a much fairer way for both landlords and tenants because when the economy is running high rents are high when the economy is running low rents are low."

Gina Marciano, property owner advocate: "An eight percent increase really isn't that bad. I think that we'd find if they did the research that probably most landlords don't raise rents on people until they move."

THE PROBLEM IS TOO MANY JOBS AND NOT ENOUGH RENTALS. WHAT'S MORE, ONLY ABOUT ONE THIRD OF THE CITY'S RENTAL UNITS, THOSE BUILT BEFORE 1979, ARE RENT CONTROLLED. INCREASINGLY, MORE AFFORDABLE APARTMENTS LIKE THOSE IN 'THE RESERVE,' ARE BEING REPLACED BY HIGH DENSITY, MARKET-RATE UNITS WHICH WILL NOT BE RENT CONTROLLED. MAYOR SAM LICCARDO...

Sam Licardo, San Jose mayor: "What is most important to recognize is that there is nothing about this law that we can enact that is really going to solve the problem for thousands of families who struggle every day against higher rents. The real solution is building more affordable housing and that's where we really need to focus most of our efforts."

THE CHALLENGE WILL BE FOR THE CITY TO STRIKE A BALANCE BETWEEN PROTECTION FOR RENTERS AND RULES THAT ARE ACCEPTABLE TO OWNERS AT THE SAME TIME.

THE COUNCIL IS ALSO EXPECTED TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL THAT WILL REQUIRE RELOCATION HELP FOR THOSE RENTERS WHOSE RENT-CONTROLLED APARTMENTS ARE CLOSING. BUT WITH

SEVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE HAVING FILLED OUT CARDS TO SPEAK, I DON'T EXPECT THE COUNCIL TO ACTUALLY VOTE ON ANY OF THIS UNTIL VERY LATE TONIGHT.

ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

## **HOUSING**

4/19/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Local family battling landlord over mold

A REDWOOD CITY COUPLE HAD TO MOVE OUT OF THEIR HOME BECAUSE THE MOLD PROBLEM WAS CAUSING HEALTH PROBLEMS AND THEY SAY THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE IS NOT DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT. KRON 4'S JEFF BUSH SHOWS YOU THE PROBLEM AND TRIED TO GET SOME ANSWERS FROM THE LANDLORD. IT'S A STORY YOU WILL ONLY SEE ON KRON 4.

RICKY MARTINEZ MOVED INTO THE YELLOW HOUSE AT 3328 BAY ROAD IN REDWOOD CITY WITH HIS PREGNANT WIFE AND YOUNG DAUGHTER BACK IN JANUARY. RICKY SAYS EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY STARTED FEELING SICK AFTER THE LAST BIG RAIN STORM.

Ricky Martinez: "My wife, my daughter and I all had what was almost like the common cold, but the symptoms kept persisting. None of us were getting any better."

RICKY SAYS THAT WAS BAD ENOUGH BUT HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER STARTED HAVING ADDITIONAL HEALTH PROBLEMS.

Martinez: "Both her and my daughter, about ten weeks in, developed a rash over their entire bodies. It was severe enough that we decided to go and seek medical attention."

IT WAS DIAGNOSED AS A REACTION TO MOLD. RICKY STARTED PULLING FURNITURE AWAY AND DISCOVERED MOLD GROWING ALONG THE BASE BOARDS IN THE HOUSE. IT WAS EVEN GROWING ON THE SOLES OF A PAIR OF SHOES THAT WERE SITTING IN THE CLOSET.

RICKY SAYS THE LANDLORD SENT A HANDY MAN WHO SAID THE PROBLEM WAS NOT THAT BAD, BUT RICKY HIRED AN INDEPENDENT EXPERT WHO SAYS THE HOUSE IS UNSAFE, ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN.

RICKY AND THE FAMILY HAVE BEEN IN A HOTEL FOR THE LAST THREE WEEKS. HE SAID THE LANDLORD OFFERED TO RELEASE THEM FROM THEIR LEASE,, BUT WITHOUT REFUNDING THEIR DEPOSIT. RICKY SAYS HIS FAMILY IS NOT BEING TREATED FAIRLY.

Martinez: "Never once have we been offered help for us to move our stuff out of the house and have it professionally cleaned.

KRON 4 REACHED OUT TO THE OWNER OF THIS HOME TO GET SOME REACTION FOR THIS STORY BUT SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE.

I'M JEFF BUSH IN REDWOOD CITY, KRON 4 NEWS.

## **HOUSING**

4/20/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Two perspectives on new San Jose rent control law

WHEN THE DUST SETTLED, FOLLOWING A MARATHON SESSION LAST NIGHT, THE SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO TIGHTEN SOME OF THE RULES GOVERNING RENT CONTROL. LANDLORDS SAY THE COUNCIL'S DECISION TO LOWER ANNUAL RENT INCREASES FROM 8 TO 5 PERCENT WILL MAKE IT HARDER FOR THEM TO MAKE A LIVING AND FORCE MANY TO SELL BUT AS KRON

4'S ROB FLADEBOE REPORTS NOW, MANY RENTERS ARE ALSO NOT HAPPY, SAYING THE REFORMS DID NOT GO FAR ENOUGH:

Robert Bencoter, evicted from apartment: "I love the area. I love the neighborhood. I love a lot of my neighbors."

ROBERT BENSCOTER HAS LIVED HERE IN THIS WEST SIDE RENT-CONTROLLED APARTMENT FOR 27 YEARS, BUT NOW HE'S FACING EVICTION.

Bencoter: "The new owner of the building, who bought the place a few years ago, wants to get me out so he can renovate the place and then jack up the rent. I don't think it's fair to me or anybody else living in a rent-controlled situation that the owners have the ability to just do that without some sort of justifiable cause."

BENSCOTER WAS AMONG THE HUNDREDS OF RENTERS AND THEIR LANDLORDS WHO MADE THEIR RESPECTIVE CASES TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON TUESDAY. FOR BENSCOTER, A REDUCTION IN RENT IS TOO LITTLE TOO LATE.

Bencoter: "I would have liked to have seen them act now on the eviction without cause situation and on maybe equalizing the rent control so that the people who own buildings that are as old as mine are not the only ones shouldering the burden of not being able to raise their rents."

AS HE PACKED BOXES, BENSCOTER TOLD ME HIS RENT WAS WELL BELOW MARKET FOR MANY YEARS, BUT IT WENT UP BY 8 PERCENT IN EACH OF THE PAST FIVE YEARS AND NOW HE SIMPLY CAN'T AFFORD IT ANYMORE.

Bencoter: My previous owner didn't give me an increase for ten years. He saw the value of keeping good tenants who look after the place. I took care of the building for him."

NEXT MONTH THE CITY COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER ACTION ON POSSIBLE RELOCATION HELP FOR TENANTS WHOSE RENT-CONTROLLED APARTMENTS ARE CLOSING. BUT THAT WON'T HELP BENSCOTER EITHER BECAUSE HE SAYS HE COULD BE ON THE STREET BY THEN.

Bencoter: "I never in my life dreamed I would be one of these people. Not having a place to go. Right as of this minute, I have no place to go."

IN SAN JOSE ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

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SAN JOSE HAS APPROVED LOWERING THE CITY'S ANNUAL ALLOWABLE RENT INCREASE FOR TENANTS OF RENT CONTROLLED APARTMENTS. RENTERS SAY THE REDUCTION FROM 8 DOWN TO 5 PERCENT DID NOT GO FAR ENOUGH AND AS KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE REPORTS NOW, THE LANDLORDS ARE NOT HAPPY EITHER:

Steve Hanleigh, property owner: "Most landlords are good guys."

I CAUGHT UP WITH PROPERTY OWNER STEVE HANLEIGH, WHO WAS DOING WHAT HE DOES EVERY DAY, CARING FOR HIS 40 PLUS UNITS ACROSS THE VALLEY AND, HE EMPHASIZES, THE TENANTS WHO RENT FROM HIM

Hanleigh: "You've got to put your heart into it. You've got to improve it, paint it, nurture it. And the only way you can do that is if you have tenants who will work with you to do that."

HANLEIGH WAS AMONG THE SCORES OF LANDLORDS WHO MADE THEIR CASE BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, WHOSE ACTION TO REDUCE RENT INCREASES WAS COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, SAYS HANLEIGH.

Hanleigh: "I think the five percent increase is going to become automatic. Those who haven't been raising now have to, in order to get any kind of return."

HANLEIGH SAYS HE SAW ALL OF THIS COMING AND SOLD MOST OF HIS APARTMENTS IN SAN JOSE. HE SAYS THE LAST THING LANDLORDS WANT ARE EMPTY UNITS AND SAYS HE HAS SEVERAL THAT ARE RENTING FOR WELL BELOW MARKET.

Hanleigh: "We've had five years of tough times where in order to keep tenants we reduced the rents. Nobody ever talks about that."

HANLEIGH INSISTS HE AND MOST OF THE OTHER RESPONSIBLE MOM AND POP LANDLORDS ARE THE NEXT BEST THING TO THE CITY'S STATED GOAL OF CREATING MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUT FEELS LIKE THEY HAVE, IN HIS WORDS 'BEEN THROWN UNDER THE BUS.'

Hanleigh: "Good landlords don't want bad landlords. What happened last night is going to do nothing but create more bad landlords."

AND IT DOESN'T END HERE. IN MAY, THE CITY COUNCIL IS GOING TO BE CONSIDERING SOMETHING ELSE PROPERTY OWNERS ARE NOT GOING TO BE SUPPORTING – RELOCATION BENEFITS FOR TENANTS FORCED OUT OF RENT-CONTROLLED APARTMENTS.

IN SAN JOSE ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

## **HOUSING**

5/2/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

San Francisco housing boom – is it enough?

THERE'S A CONSTRUCTION BOOM HAPPENING IN THE BAY AREA NEW NUMBERS FROM DODGE DATA AND ANALYTICS SUGGEST THAT HOUSING CONSTRUCTION IS UP 92 PERCENT OVER LAST YEAR. BUT AS KRON 4'S KATE CAGLE REPORTS, IT MIGHT NOT BE ENOUGH TO GIVE THE MIDDLE CLASS SOME RELIEF:

THE STREETS ARE SO EMPTY WHEN ROBERT KNIGGE DRIVES AROUND, HE USES A GOLF CART.

Robert Knigge, San Francisco resident: "Where else can you be in San Francisco and be at the beginning of a new development?"

ROBERT IS ONE OF THE FIRST PEOPLE TO BUY A TOWNHOUSE AT "THE SAN FRANCISCO SHIPYARD." IT'S ONE HALF OF A MASSIVE NEW DEVELOPMENT AT THE OLD NAVAL YARD AND CANDLESTICK PARK THAT WILL CREATE 12 THOUSAND HOMES WHEN FINISHED. TO PUT IT IN PERSPECTIVE, THAT'S THE SAME NUMBER OF NEW HOMES BUILT IN ALL OF SAN FRANCISCO IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

Knigge: "The sidewalk just put it in. The trees just put in."

ROBERT'S THREE BEDROOM CONDO WITH A VIEW IS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION. HE THINKS IT'S A PART OF SOMETHING BIG.

Knigge: "Out here it's quiet. It's nothing. But you do know it's coming."

Sheryl McKibben, Lennar Urban marketing spokesperson: "I'd say it's world class. It's very unique. This is the last undeveloped area in San Francisco. Maybe there's a handful in the world that are really this scale."

THIS AREA IS GOING TO BE SO TRANSFORMED OVER THE NEXT DECADE THE SALES TEAM IS USING VIRTUAL REALITY TO SHOW CLIENTS WHAT IT'S GOING TO LOOK LIKE. YOU CAN SEE APARTMENT BUILDINGS, A PARK AND EVEN TWO HIGH RISE BUILDINGS IN THE DISTANCE.

Knigge, using virtual reality goggles: "I knew the water taxi area was going to be down here, but now you can see it on this. Very cool."

Patrick Carlisle, Paragon Real Estate: "Developers have jumped back in, in a very big way."

PATRICK CARLISLE WITH PARAGON REAL ESTATE SAYS THERE ARE 60 THOUSAND NEW HOMES IN THE PIPELINE RIGHT NOW IN SAN FRANCISCO ALONE. EVEN IF THEY ALL GET BUILT, THAT FALLS SHORT OF THE HUGE DEMAND FOR HOUSING. SO PROJECTS LIKE THE SHIPYARD THAT START OUT AS RELATIVELY AFFORDABLE DON'T STAY THAT WAY FOR LONG.

Carlisle: "If supply and demand is out of whack, it jumps back up. So housing that was affordable is no longer affordable."

Knigge: "The value right now is still great."

THIS TOWNHOUSE IS ACTUALLY ROBERT'S SECOND PROPERTY OUT HERE. LAST YEAR, HE BOUGHT THIS TWO BEDROOM FOR ABOUT 750 THOUSAND.

Knigge: "I didn't think it would be this quick. The time is right."

IN APRIL, HE SOLD IT FOR 14 PERCENT MORE.

Knigge: "The price that I listed this place for is very reasonable with what else is in the city. It's pretty much brand new, but it's ready to go."

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW JUST HOW HIGH PRICES WILL CONTINUE TO GO. EXPERTS SAY THE LUXURY CONDO MARKET HERE MAY BE QUIETING DOWN, BUT HOUSING FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS IS STILL IN HIGH DEMAND.

IN SAN FRANCISCO KATE CAGLE KRON 4 NEWS

## **HOUSING**

5/4/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

State making it easier to build backyard housing units

THE SOLUTION TO THE BAY AREA HOUSING CRISIS MAY BE IN OUR OWN BACKYARDS. A NEW BILL IN THE STATE SENATE WOULD EASE UP THE FEES HOMEOWNERS HAVE TO PAY IF THEY WANT TO BUILD A BACKYARD COTTAGE. KRON 4'S KATE CAGLE LOOKS AT HOW THESE "ACCESSORY UNITS" MAY BE A QUICK FIX TO THE BAY AREA HOUSING CRISIS:

ANDRE JAMES KNOWS A GOOD ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD IS A BIT OF A LUXURY IN THE BAY AREA THESE DAYS.



James: "I want to put in 1000 square foot two bedroom two bath rental unit."

SO HIS PLAN FOR THE CONCRETE SLAB IN HIS BACKYARD IS AS MUCH ABOUT SELF-INTEREST AS IT IS ABOUT SOLVING A BIG PROBLEM.

James: "We have our budget here."

BUT THERE'S A WALL HE JUST CAN'T GET OVER.

James: "Twenty thousand in fees and ten thousand in a sprinkler system."

ALL THOSE FEES, PAID TO AGENCIES ALL OVER WALNUT CREEK, BEFORE YOU CAN EVEN START POURING THE CONCRETE. AS BAY AREA BOOMERS FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH THEIR EMPTY NESTS, THEY'RE REALIZING THE FEES IN SOME COMMUNITIES TO BUILD A RENTAL UNIT COULD ADD UP TO AS MUCH AS FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Matt Regan, Bay Area Business Council: "We don't think that's fair."

HOMEOWNERS HOPE TO GET SOME HELP FROM STATE LAWMAKERS. A BILL IN THE SENATE WOULD ELIMINATE SOME OF THE REQUIREMENTS TO BUILD AN EXTRA UNIT, SUCH AS NEW UTILITY HOOK-UPS, SPRINKLERS AND PARKING. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE BAY AREA BUSINESS COUNCIL.

Regan: "We believe the home has already paid those fees when it was originally built."

MATT REGAN SAYS IF "NOT IN MY BACKYARD" CREATED THIS PROBLEM, THE "YES IN MY BACKYARD" IS THE SOLUTION.

Regan: "These things will be built by families. By small contractors. Not by big businesses."

James: "We might get two young people who want to split the rent."

JAMES SAYS IN THE SHORT TERM HIS UNIT COULD HELP OUT HIS DAUGHTER WHO GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE AND NOW PAYS HIGH RENT IN SAN FRANCISCO, OR BRING HOME HIS SON WHO UP AND MOVED TO PORTLAND.

James: "And it's a solution that's so simple! It doesn't cost any funding to just say yes."

THE BILL IS MAKING ITS WAY THROUGH THE SENATE RIGHT NOW. IF IT PASSES, IT WOULD GO INTO EFFECT IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR. SO HOMEOWNER ANDRES JAMES IS WAITING UNTIL THEN TO BUILD HIS SECOND UNIT.

KATE CAGLE KRON 4 NEWS

## **HOUSING**

5/5/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
Tiny house trend

ONE OF THE SOLUTIONS TO THE BAY AREA'S HOUSING CRISIS MAY ACTUALLY BE... TINY. TINY HOMES HAVE BEEN POPPING UP ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND LOCAL BUILDERS TELL US THE DEMAND IS SKYROCKETING. KRON 4'S KATE CAGLE LOOKS INTO WHY 100 SQUARE FEET GOES MUCH FURTHER THESE DAYS:

WITH SLEEK LINES, CLEAN FINISHES, AND BEAUTIFUL WINDOWS, THIS IS NOT YOUR PARENT'S BACKYARD COTTAGE.

Randy Woodman, Escape Traveler Tiny Homes: "There is incredible demand."

THE NEW TINY HOMES USE A FEW DESIGN TRICKS TO FEEL MUCH BIGGER. BRINGING YOUR MOUNTAIN CABIN INTO THE 21ST CENTURY, IN THIS UNIT THERE ARE ELEVEN FOOT CEILINGS ON JUST 240 SQUARE FEET.

Katia Barrett, tiny home buyer: "That's my taste. That's my taste!"

KATIA BARRETT'S HUSBAND IS SIX FOOT FIVE, AND THEY'RE ABOUT TO GO IN ON THE TINY TREND!

Barrett: "The high ceiling gives you the feeling that it's a much bigger space than it is."

MULTIPLE BUILDERS SAY DEMAND FOR THEIR TINY HOMES IS DRIVEN BY AIR BNB.

Woodman: "It has just skyrocketed. Especially this year."

INCLUDING LOUIS OF "TINY MOUNTAIN HOUSES" WHO BUILT 20 OF THEM LAST YEAR.

Lou Pereyra, Tiny Mountain Houses: "They're going crazy with us for Airbnb. Tiny house Airbnb can go for two, three, four hundred bucks a night."

THIS YEAR, HE'S BUILDING 70.

THERE ARE TWO THINGS YOU'LL NOTICE ON MOST NEW TINY HOME MODELS – MASSIVE WINDOWS TO MAKE THE PLACE SEEM BIGGER AND THEY'RE ALL ON WHEELS.

Woodman: "We build tiny houses, but we went to the expense and time to get RV certified."

THAT RV STATUS IS A WAY AROUND HOUSING RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY TO MOST BACKYARD COTTAGES OR GRANNY UNITS.

THE BARRETS ARE THINKING OF USING THIS MODEL AS A GUEST UNIT ON THEIR RETIREMENT PROPERTY IN SONOMA.

Barrett: "You could buy this space for 50 thousand dollars and be done with it and have a fully functional space to share with your guests."

AN INVESTMENT IN THEIR FUTURE THEY CAN TAKE ON THE ROAD.

REPORTING IN SAN MATEO KATE CAGLE KRON 4 NEWS

## **HOUSING**

5/17/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
Housing crisis scam

AN APPARENT LEGAL SAVVY SQUATTER IS MAKING LIFE TOUGH FOR A CALIFORNIA HOMEOWNER. THE WOMAN FILED A RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST THE LANDLORD, LEAVING THE HOMEOWNER WITHOUT ACCESS TO HER OWN HOME. HOMEOWNER SANDRA FORBES HAS

BEEN HAVING A TOUGH TIME GETTING THE ALLEGED SQUATTER OUT OF HER HOUSE. SHE SAYS THE WOMAN HAS BEEN LIVING IN HER HOME WITHOUT HER PERMISSION FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS. THE WOMAN CLAIMS SHE SIGNED A LEASE, BUT FORBES SAYS THAT DOCUMENT IS A FAKE. AND THAT SHE NEVER EVEN MET THE WOMAN. BUT FORBES IS NOT THE ONLY VICTIM. SUSAN HALTOM SAYS HER NIGHTMARE BEGAN IN 2012.

Susan Haltom: "We decided to tell her if you just leave we won't file charges against you. We gave her ample time to go, but she never left."

AS FOR FORBES, SHE SAYS LAW ENFORCEMENT HAVE THEIR HANDS TIED AND ARE UNABLE TO HELP. THE WOMAN LIVING IN THE HOUSE NOTED THAT SHE IS NOT A CRIMINAL AND DID NOT FORCE THE FORBES OUT OF THEIR HOME.

## **HOUSING**

5/18/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Home prices continue to climb

THE HOUSING MARKET IN THE BAY AREA HAS SET A NEW RECORD. THE CORELOGIC COMPANY SAYS THE MEDIAN FOR ALL NINE COUNTIES HIT AN ALL-TIME HIGH OF 686 THOUSAND DOLLARS IN APRIL.

THAT HELPED PUSH THE STATE MEDIAN PRICE TO 430 THOUSAND DOLLARS. AND THAT IS THE HIGHEST IT'S BEEN SINCE SEPTEMBER 2007.

HERE IN SAN FRANCISCO THERE IS NO SIGN THE CITY IS SLOWING DOWN. THAT MEDIAN PRICE ALSO HIT A HIGH, CLOCKING IN AT 1.3 MILLION DOLLARS.

## **HOUSING**

5/24/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Housing prices mean more young people living with parents

BACK IN THE DAY, YOU COULDN'T WAIT TO MOVE OUT OF MOM'S AND DAD'S HOUSE, BUT BOY HAVE TIMES CHANGED. KRON 4'S VICKI LIVIAKIS HERE WITH A REPORT ON THE MILLENNIALS WHO ARE HANGING OUT WITH THE FOLKS:

FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, YOUNG ADULTS APPEAR TO BE IN NO HURRY TO LEAVE THEIR OLD BEDROOMS. IN FACT, CENSUS FIGURES SHOW MORE MILLENNIALS LIVE WITH THEIR PARENTS THAN PARTNERS. EMPTY NEST, WHAT EMPTY NEST?

FOR THE FIRST TIME ON RECORD, "LIVING WITH PARENT" IS NOW THE MOST COMMON ARRANGEMENT FOR PEOPLE AGES 18 TO 34. IN FACT, A THIRD OF MILLENNIALS NOW LIVE WITH THEIR FOLKS. IT'S OUT-PACING THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO LIVE WITH A SPOUSE OR PARTNER. SOMETHING THAT HASN'T HAPPENED SINCE RECORD-KEEPING BEGAN IN 1880. IT'S A BIG CHANGE AND IT REFLECTS A LONG-RUNNING DECLINE IN MARRIAGE. THERE ARE SIMPLY MORE SINGLE PEOPLE. THE TREND IS PARTICULARLY STRONG WITH AMERICANS WHO DON'T HAVE A COLLEGE DEGREE.

I TALKED WITH SOME MILLENNIALS IN SAN FRANCISCO WHERE RENTS ARE SKY HIGH TO GET THEIR PERSPECTIVE.

MOS: "I wouldn't. Absolutely not."

MOS: "I like to think they live with me, by the way."

MOS: "In my culture it's very common to live with parents. In fact, in the Filipino culture you can still live with parents until you have grandkids."

MOS: "I think my parents would like to try to get me back in, because of the grandkid, but I wouldn't do that to my wife."

MOS: "It's actually quite nice, especially when Mom cooks for you!"

SOME ECONOMISTS SAY THE TREND IS NOT A GOOD THING FOR THE ECONOMY. FEWER PEOPLE NEED TO BUY THINGS LIKE APPLIANCES, FURNITURE OR CABLE SUBSCRIPTIONS WHEN THEY LIVE AT HOME WITH THE FOLKS. THE UPSIDE TO NOT PAYING RENT, OF COURSE, IS THAT MILLENNIALS ARE INTO SAVING MORE, SOCKING AWAY CASH FOR OTHER THINGS.

MAYBE THEY CAN TAKE THEIR PARENTS OUT FOR A NICE MEAL TO THANK THEM!

## **HOUSING**

6/21/16 Multiple newscasts  
Habitat for Humanity build-a-thon

Stories in multiple newscasts covering local Habitat for Humanity build-a-thon event  
Live reports and in-studio discussion  
KRON4 sent a team of volunteers to participate

## **HOUSING**

6/22/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
Analyzing the current housing market

SOME INTERESTING NUMBERS COMING FROM THE BAY AREA HOUSING MARKET. "CORELOGIC" REPORTS THAT SALES DROPPED IN MAY. THAT'S THE SECOND MONTH IN A ROW THAT'S HAPPENED. BUT HERE'S THE FLIPSIDE. THE MEDIAN SALES PRICE WENT UP, HITTING 700 THOUSAND DOLLARS. AND THAT IS AN ALL-TIME HIGH.

EXPERTS SAY A COMBINATION OF LOW MORTGAGE RATES, HIGH JOB GROWTH AND TIGHT INVENTORY IS BEHIND THE NUMBERS. THE MEDIAN HOME PRICE STATEWIDE HAS GONE UP 51 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS.

## **HOUSING**

6/22/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
Homelessness tied to housing problem

SAN FRANCISCO VOTERS CAN WEIGH IN ON THE CITY'S HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS... AT THE POLLS THIS NOVEMBER. SUPERVISOR MARK FARRELL SUBMITTED AN INITIATIVE TODAY WHICH WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR POLICE TO REMOVE HOMELESS TENTS ON 24 HOURS NOTICE.

THE MEASURE IS LIKELY TO FACE STIFF OPPOSITION. THE ENCAMPMENTS HAVE BECOME A HIGHLY VISIBLE AND CONTENTIOUS SYMBOL OF THE CITY'S HOUSING CRISIS. HOMELESS ADVOCATES SAY THERE ARE ALREADY LAWS ALLOWING POLICE TO REMOVE TENTS AND THAT THE MEASURE IS NOT A REAL SOLUTION. BUT SUPERVISOR FARRELL SAYS "It is not compassionate to allow human beings to live in tents on our streets," CALLING IT "both dangerous and unhealthy."

## **HOUSING**

6/23/16 KRON4 News at 8pm  
Rent-controlled apartments lose vote in San Jose, set for demolition

HUNDREDS OF SAN JOSE RESIDENTS WILL NEED TO START LOOKING FOR NEW HOMES AFTER A LAST DITCH EFFORT TO SAVE THEIR APARTMENT COMPLEX FROM THE WRECKING BALL FAILS. THOSE RESIDENTS HAD HOPED AN APPEAL TO THE SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL WOULD STOP A PLANNED DEMOLITION OF THEIR HOMES BUT THE EFFORT FAILED. KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD VISITED THE APARTMENT COMPLEX THIS AFTERNOON AND SPOKE WITH RESIDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE DISSAPPOINTED.

Danica Espinoza: "I like living here. The neighborhood is great."

DANICA ESPINOZA IS ONE OF THE MORE THAN 600 PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE AT THE RESERVE APARTMENTS ALONG SOUTH WINCHESTER BOULEVARD IN SAN JOSE. SHE, ALONG WITH HER MOTHER AND SPECIAL NEEDS SISTER, MOVED IN LAST FALL AND DANICA SAYS NO ONE TOLD THEM THE APARTMENT COMPLEX MIGHT EVENTUALLY BE DEMOLISHED. THEY ONLY FOUND OUT WHEN DANICA SAW THIS PUBLIC NOTICE SIGN ALONG WINCHESTER.

Espinoza: "At first it was a shock to me. I had only been living here for two weeks and when I saw the sign it was pretty disappointing."

NOW, WHAT WAS JUST A POSSIBILITY HAS BECOME A REALITY. THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY, GREYSTAR REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, HAVE WON APPROVAL FROM THE CITY TO DEMOLISH THE 216 RENT-CONTROLLED APARTMENTS HERE AND REPLACE THEM WITH 640 MARKET RATE APARTMENTS ALONG WITH 8,000 SQUARE FEET OF RETAIL SPACE.

EVERYONE WHO LIVES HERE, INCLUDING DANICA AND HER FAMILY, WILL HAVE TO MOVE BY APRIL 2017.

ON TUESDAY EVENING, THE SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERED A LAST DITCH APPEAL BY A GROUP OF RESERVE RESIDENTS TO STOP THE DEMOLITION. THE ISSUE WAS HOTLY DEBATED WITH SOME COUNCIL MEMBERS SAYING THE PROJECT WOULD ADD BADLY NEEDED HOUSING TO THE CITY OF SAN JOSE.

Johnny Khamis, San Jose City Councilmember: "If we don't start understanding the business of housing, we're never going to be able to succeed at our goals of making housing affordable."

OTHER COUNCILMEMBERS ARGUE THAT APPROVING THE PROJECT WOULD FORCE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE, SOME OF WHOM ARE LOW INCOME, OUT OF THEIR HOMES AND INTO A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE HOUSING MARKET.

Ash Kalra, San Jose City Councilmember: "Let's take a pause, figure out what the needs are of the residents and try our best to mitigate those needs."

IN THE END, THE COUNCIL DENIED THE APPEAL AND THE PROJECT IS NOW SET TO MOVE FORWARD. THE OWNERS ARE OFFERING FINANCIAL HELP TO A HANDFUL OF RESIDENTS WHO QUALIFY, BUT DANICA MAKES TOO MUCH MONEY.

Espinoza: "I won't qualify for that even if my sister is in a wheel chair."

SHE'S ALSO NOT SURE WHERE THEY WILL MOVE TO.

Espinoza: "Prices keep going up every year. In this area, it's just not going to be affordable."

IN SAN JOSE CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

## **HOUSING**

6/27/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Hot San Francisco real estate market makes homeless problem worse

(part of weeklong series focusing on the issue of homelessness)

THIS WEEK KRON4 NEWS IS TAKING PART IN AN UNPRECEDENTED MEDIA EVENT WHERE 71 MEDIA OUTLETS ARE JOINING FORCES TO SHINE A SPOTLIGHT ON THE HOMELESS PROBLEM IN SAN FRANCISCO AND AROUND THE BAY AREA. TONIGHT AN OPENING LOOK AT THE ISSUES FACED IN THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO. KRON 4'S DAN KERMAN IS LIVE TONIGHT AT CITY HALL WITH HOW HOMELESS ADVOCATES FEEL THE CITY IS DOING.

FINDING HOMELESS PEOPLE IN SAN FRANCISCO IS NOT DIFFICULT TO DO. THE MOST RECENT SURVEY IN 2015 FOUND 3500 LIVING ON THE STREET, DOWN ABOUT A THOUSAND FROM 2002.

Jennifer Friedenbach, San Francisco Coalition on Homelessness: "We had a lot of investment in supportive housing. We are basically housing 6000 in San Francisco who were homeless before and that has helped our numbers to go down slowly, but it hasn't been enough."

JENNIFER FRIEDENBACH WITH SAN FRANCISCO'S COALITION ON HOMELESSNESS SAYS PART OF THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN BUDGET CUTS ON THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL, BUT THAT'S NOT ALL.

Friedenbach:"In San Francisco most recently with our driving up of rents we've seen huge numbers of people be displaced and more on the street. So our efforts locally have not kept up with that rate."

FRIEDENBACH SAYS AN EVER INCREASING PROBLEM OF DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AMONG THE HOMELESS CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM AS WELL.

Friedenbach: "If they don't have housing, those health issues continue to deteriorate, and so what we have now is a population in San Francisco that is a lot sicker and a lot more at risk."

WHILE SHE ALSO HAS CONCERNS ABOUT WHETHER THE CITY IS COMMITTED TO HAVE ENOUGH UNITS FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE TO TRANSITION INTO, SHE DOES NOTE A SEA CHANGE IN THE CITY'S ATTITUDE

Friedenbach: "A part of the culture of homelessness in the city has been to make it as uncomfortable for homeless people so they will disappear. There's finally a recognition that that philosophy has been a failure and we instead need to engage people in services and work hard to get them off the street and the homeless department has certainly come together with that idea in mind. We love that we are focusing on ending homelessness. That's exactly the direction we'd like to see the city go in."

THE KRON 4 WEBSITE HAS A SPECIAL SECTION SET UP FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO HOMELESS PROJECT. JUST GO TO KRON 4 DOT COM AND THEN LOOK FOR THE LINK ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE PAGE, UNDER THE "SPECIAL REPORT" SECTION.

## **HOUSING**

6/27/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Homeless demographics

(part of weeklong series on homelessness)

THIS WEEK KRON FOUR NEWS IS PLEASED TO BE TAKING PART IN AN UNPRECEDENTED MEDIA EVENT. SEVENTY-ONE DIFFERENT MEDIA OUTLETS ARE JOINING FORCES TO SHINE A SPOTLIGHT ON THE HOMELESS PROBLEM IN SAN FRANCISCO AND THE BAY AREA.

WE LIVE AT THE EPICENTER OF A NATIONAL PROBLEM. ONE FOURTH OF THE NATION'S HOMELESS LIVE IN CALIFORNIA. IN SAN JOSE, SEVEN OUT OF TEN HOMELESS ARE CLASSIFIED AS "UNSHeltered," MEANING THEY SLEEP IN CARS, DOORWAYS OR TENT CITIES ON PUBLIC LAND. THE BAY AREA'S BIGGEST CITY HAS MORE THAN FOUR THOUSAND HOMELESS, ABOUT 400 FOR EACH 100 THOUSAND RESIDENTS.

OAKLAND HAS THREE THOUSAND, 128 PER 100 THOUSAND RESIDENTS.

SAN FRANCISCO HAS THE DENSEST HOMELESS POPULATION. MORE THAN 75 HUNDRED MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE LIVING ON THE STREETS OR IN TEMPORARY SHELTERS. THAT'S NEARLY 991 PER 100 THOUSAND RESIDENTS.

MORE THAN ONE THIRD HAVE DRUG OR ALCOHOL PROBLEMS. MORE THAN ONE THIRD HAVE PSYCHOLOGICAL OR EMOTIONAL DIFFICULTIES. TWENTY-EIGHT PERCENT HAVE PHYSICAL DISABILITIES.

AFRICAN AMERICANS MAKE UP 36 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL, MORE THAN FIVE TIMES THEIR SHARE OF THE GENERAL POPULATION.

BUT THE CITY'S HEAD COUNT CASTS DOUBT ON THE COMMON IDEA THAT SAN FRANCISCO IS A MAGNET FOR THE HOMELESS. SEVEN IN TEN SAID THEY WERE LIVING IN SAN FRANCISCO WHEN THEY BECAME HOMELESS. NEARLY HALF OF THEM HAD LIVED HERE FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS. THE MOST COMMON CAUSES WERE LOSS OF A JOB, DIVORCE, OR DRUGS AND ALCOHOL.

BUT 13 PERCENT SAID THEY WERE EVICTED, AND THAT'S A FOURFOLD INCREASE IN FOUR YEARS.

## **2Q2016 TRANSPORTATION**

### **TRANSPORTATION**

4/6/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
BART unveils new cars

BART UNVEILED A NEW TRAIN TODAY - IT IS ONE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED WHICH WILL BE PUT INTO THE SYSTEM. THE 'FLEET OF THE FUTURE' BOASTS MANY IMPROVED FEATURES AND UPGRADES, COMPARED TO THE OLDER ONES. AS KRON 4'S TERISA ESTACIO SHOWS US, OFFICIALS ARE EAGER TO GET THESE TRAINS ON THE TRACKS. HOWEVER, THERE IS A CATCH.

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS! THIS IS CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING, AND IT RUNS ALL THE WAY DOWN THE SLEEK NEW BART TRAIN. ON A WARM DAY IT'S CERTAINLY A WELCOMED FEATURE, COMPARED TO THE OLD TRAINS THAT PUMPED AIR BY THE WINDOWS. AND IT IS JUST ONE OF MANY IMPROVEMENTS ON THIS NEW 2 MILLION DOLLAR CAR.

Grace Crunican, BART general manager: "This is historic for us. This is not an inexpensive proposition. It cost about 2.5 million dollars to bring this car to the Bay Area. They will help relieve congestion and improve our reliability."

ON THIS WEDNESDAY, BART OFFICIALS WERE EXUBERANT TO UNVEIL THIS TRAIN. IT IS ONE OF 775 THAT WILL ULTIMATELY REPLACE THE CURRENT FLEET. THERE ARE COUNTLESS UPGRADES. BESIDES CENTRAL AIR, THERE ARE LED MONITORS THAT WILL HIGHLIGHT ROUTES AND GIVE DISTANCE ALERTS. THIS IS ONE OF 6 SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS THAT WILL WORK AND RECORD CONSTANTLY. AND THIS LARGE AREA IS RESERVED FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES.

Aaron Weinstein, BART chief of marketing: "We're at the middle door location on the new train car and this location has two wheelchair parking areas. We've also eliminated the floor to ceiling pole in this location to provide a nice wide accessible path."

ANOTHER BIG DEAL - THE SEATS. THEY ARE COLORFUL, MORE NARROW FOR EASIER ACCESS PLUS ANOTHER NEW FEATURE ABOUT THESE SEATS IS THAT THEY ARE MADE OUT OF VINYL WHICH BART OFFICIALS SAY MAKES THEM EASIER TO CLEAN. PLUS, THERE'S BUILT-IN LUMBAR SUPPORT FOR COMFORT.

THE NEW DOORS ARE ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT. THEY BLOCK SOUND, MAKING FOR A QUIETER RIDE. AND THIS AREA TUCKED AWAY IS FOR BIKES.

OFFICIALS SAY THE FEATURES ARE A RESULT OF RIDER FEEDBACK. FUNDING WAS A MIX OF FEDERAL, AND LOCAL MONIES. BART WANTS TO ADD 300 MORE AS THEY DEAL WITH AN INCREASE IN SERVICE. ALTHOUGH THIS TRAIN CAR IS HERE, THE OTHERS ARE STILL EN ROUTE. OFFICIALS SAY THEY MUST FIRST TEST THEM, THEN PUT INTO SERVICE. BUT THE PLAN IS TO PHASE IN THE CARS STARTING WITH TEN BY THE END OF 2016.

TERISA ESTACIO KRON 4 NEWS

## **TRANSPORTATION**

4/12/16 KRON 4 News at 11pm  
New solutions for I-80 congestion?

BART MAY BE EXPANDING SOON IN ORDER TO EASE THE CONSTANT GRIDLOCK ALONG INTERSTATE 80. A TEAM OF RESEARCHERS FROM THE WEST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONDUCTED A STUDY. KRON 4'S ALECIA REID REPORTS FROM SAN PABLO WHERE TONIGHT A BART BOARD MEMBER CALLED FOR MORE BART SERVICE AROUND THE BAY:

Commuter Pamela Wagner: "I've been waiting for this ... "

AN EXTENSION ...

Wagner: "...for over ten years."

IS WELL OVERDUE.

Wagner: "The traffic is horrendous."

THE I-80 CORRIDOR IS THE MOST CONGESTED IN THE REGION, AND IT'S BECOMING MORE AND MORE OF A NIGHTMARE FOR DRIVERS.

Wagner. "We need something that's gonna get these people off the road, so I'm really excited."

THE BART TRANSIT STUDY SHOWS ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF WEST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY RESIDENTS USE TRANSIT TO GET TO WORK.

Wagner: "More people that I know work in San Francisco and Berkeley, but commute from Vallejo, Fairfield, even Sacramento."

THEY DRIVE TO GET CLOSER TO A BART STATION OR HAVE ACCESS TO BUS SERVICE. THE RICHMOND STATION HASN'T BEEN EXPANDED SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE BART SYSTEM, YET THE POPULATION CONTINUES TO GROW.

John Nemeth, West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee: "BART has expanded in a lot of different directions. This is really the only part of the line that hasn't expanded yet."



THERE ARE SOME POSSIBLE OPTIONS.

Zakhary Mallett, BART director: "A extended express bus system, bus rapid transit including dedicated bus lanes along San Pablo Avenue or 23<sup>rd</sup> Street..."

IN ADDITION TO TONIGHT'S MEETING HERE IN SAN PABLO, THERE WILL BE TWO MORE PUBLIC MEETINGS, ONE AT PINOLE CITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY AND THE OTHER AT RICHMOND CITY HALL ON THURSDAY SO PEOPLE CAN ASK QUESTIONS OR MAKE SUGGESTIONS ABOUT WAYS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC.

IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT EXTENDING THE RICHMOND BART LINE, THAT COULD TAKE DECADES, AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. SO, FOR NOW THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT SHORT TERM GOALS THAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS.

LIVE IN SAN PABLO ALECIA REID KRON 4 NEWS

## **TRANSPORTATION**

4/14 16 KRON 4 Evening News  
BART long-term monetary woes

THE BART BOARD OF DIRECTORS GOT A LOOK AT THE COMING YEARS FISCAL BUDGET, AND WHILE THAT LOOKS GOOD, THE OVERVIEW FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS DOES NOT. KRON 4'S DAN KERMAN IS LIVE AT BART HEADQUARTERS IN OAKLAND WITH NEWS OF A SUBSTANTIAL BUDGET DEFICIT:

WHEN THEY FORECAST OUT FOR TEN YEARS, THE BUDGET DEFICIT IS MORE THAN 400 MILLION DOLLARS AND THAT'S SOMETHING BART DIRECTORS SAY THEY MUST ADDRESS RIGHT AWAY.

WHILE BART IS ON BUDGET FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, THE OUTLOOK FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS SHOWS A TROUBLING BUDGET GAP.

Alicia Trost, BART spokeswoman: "The 400 million dollar gap that's our 10-year shortfall. That number is basically because of wanting to get to 1000 railcars and the new train control system."

AVOIDING THOSE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IS PRETTY MUCH A NON-STARTER AND MEANS FINDING OTHER WAYS TO TRIM THE FAT.

Trost: "We're actually talking with our partner counties on how much they can help us fund BART railcars."

A BART BOND MEASURE ON THIS NOVEMBER'S BALLOT COULD ALSO BE HELPFUL.

Trost: "In that bond measure, 400 million of it would go toward the new train control system. So, if you do look at the long-term picture, if the bond passes we're going to be in a much better place in terms of that ten-year number because it basically washes it away."

IF THE BOND DOESN'T PASS THE BART BOARD WILL HAVE TO GET CREATIVE. BUT THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN ADDITIONAL FARE INCREASES.

Joel Keller, BART Director: "I think we've gotten to the point where we are at our limits. People can't afford to pay more than they are paying right now."

BART DIRECTOR JOEL KELLER SAYS HE'S ASKED BART STAFF TO LOOK AT SURCHARGES FOR THOSE WHO TRAVEL ON BART FOR JUST A SHORT DISTANCE WITHIN THE SAME CITY.

Keller: "What I suggested we take a look at is putting a fifty cent surcharge for intra-San Francisco trips and intra-Oakland trips and using that money to make improvements in those two corridors with the money raised

so we can reinvest in those systems and also perhaps use pricing to relieve some of the congestion that riders are currently experiencing.”

OF COURSE, THAT’S JUST ONE IDEA., THIS ONE AS WELL AS OTHERS, WILL BE EXPLORED BY BART DIRECTORS OVER THE NEXT WEEKS AND MONTHS.

DAN KERMAN KRON 4 NEWS

## **TRANSPORTATION**

4/14/16 KRON 4 Evening News

BART moves ahead with seat hog fine

WE ALL KNOW HOW CROWDED BART TRAINS HAVE BECOME AND HOW OFTEN RIDERS HAVE TO STAND. BUT SOMETIMES THEY ARE STANDING BECAUSE SOMEONE IS TAKING UP TWO SEATS. TODAY THE BART BOARD TOOK AIM AT THOSE PEOPLE, CALLED SEAT HOGS, WITH A NEW ORDINANCE. KRON 4’S DAN KERMAN IS LIVE AT BART HEADQUARTERS IN OAKLAND WITH WHAT’S CHANGING ON THE TRAINS:

A VERY DIVIDED BART BOARD DEBATED AND VOTED 5-4 IN FAVOR OF THIS NEW ORDINANCE WHICH WILL ALLOW POLICE TO CITE AND FINE PEOPLE IF THEY ARE TAKING UP TWO SEATS.

HAVE YOU EVER BOARDED A BART TRAIN AND FOUND SOMEONE TAKING UP TWO SEATS? WHAT DO YOU DO?

Joel Keller, BART Director: “I didn’t want them to be placed in a position where the rider taking up more than one seat refuses to give up the seat and their only opportunity is to walk away and do nothing. I fear that in that circumstance a really minor matter could escalate into something much more serious.”

THAT’S WHY BART DIRECTOR JOEL KELLER HAS AUTHORED A SEAT HOG ORDINANCE GIVING POLICE THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE WARNINGS, CITATIONS AND EVEN FINES FOR THOSE WHO ARE TAKING MORE THAN ONE SEAT.

Keller: “We need to find a way to protect our riders and be sure they have the necessary seats that they’re paying for.”

Tom Radulovich, BART Director: “We are jumping right to criminalization of rudeness and that is difficult to enforce. It’s a lot of resources that would go into that. And where does that end? Where do we stop being human beings who interact in a society and become human beings who just ask the police to mediate every interaction between us?”

SOME BART DIRECTOR THOUGH THINK THE ORDINANCE GOES TOO FAR

Radulovich: “I think the thing you do, I think the way society works, the glue is social sanction. It’s shame. I think a courtesy campaign, which we’ve never done, could work.”

BUT BY A 5-4 VOTE THE BOARD PASSED THE ORDINANCE WHICH WILL GO INTO EFFECT ONCE BART POLICE DRAFT ENFORCEMENT POLICIES. WHENEVER THAT HAPPENS, BART POLICE CHIEF KENTON RAINEY SAYS HE DOES NOT BELIEVE IT’S GOING TO LEAD TO LOTS OF CITATIONS AND FINES. HE THINKS ONCE WORD GETS OUT, PEOPLE WILL SIMPLY COMPLY AND STAY IN THEIR SINGLE SEAT.

DAN KERMAN KRON 4 NEWS

## **TRANSPORTATION**

4/21/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Controversy over new high speed rail plans

SOME NEW CHANGES COULD BE MADE TO PART OF THE NEW \$64 BILLION CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL PLAN . CATHERINE HEENAN IS HERE WITH DETAILS ON WHAT IS LIKELY TO BE DIFFERENT:

THERE'S BEEN A BIG FUSS OVER THE RECENT DECISION TO FIRST SEND THE TRAIN TO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, RATHER THAN THE LA AREA. SO MUCH SO, A VOTE WAS PUT OFF TODAY ON THE REVISED PLAN JUST TO GIVE STATE OFFICIALS MORE TIME TO TRY TO GET PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA USED TO THE IDEA.

THERE WAS A MEETING IN SAN JOSE AND THE BOARD WAS EXPECTED TO ADOPT THE 64 BILLION DOLLAR PLAN, BUT THAT VOTE WILL HAPPEN LATER.

THE LATEST IDEA CALLS FOR THE BULLET TRAIN TO HEAD FROM THE CENTRAL VALLEY TO SAN JOSE, RATHER THAN SOUTH TO THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. THE CHANGES INCLUDE SHIFTING THE CENTRAL VALLEY STARTING POINT TO MERCED AND ADDING ANOTHER STATION NEAR BAKERSFIELD. THE FIRST STRETCH WOULD BEGIN OPERATING IN 2025.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

5/11/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

High tech transport takes a leap forward

THEY ARE CALLING IT THEIR KITTY HAWK MOMENT. THE HIGH-TECH HYPERLOOP TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM HIT A HUGE MILESTONE TODAY WHEN CREWS RAN THEIR FIRST FULL SCALE TEST. OUR GABE SLATE EXPLAINS HOW IT WORKS AND HOW IT COULD REVOLUTIONIZE HOW WE TRAVEL:

HYPERLOOP TAKES A PASSENGER POD HOLDING A DOZEN PEOPLE AND ROCKETS IT THROUGH A TUBE AT SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY MILES AN HOUR. IT COULD DELIVER PEOPLE FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO LA IN 30 MINUTES. IT COULD REPLACE TRAINS, PLANES, AND BUSES.

HERE IS A MAP OF HOW THEY SEE THE MAJOR METROPOLITAIN CITIES IN UNITED STATES CONNECTED THROUGH A TRACKING OF HYPERLOOP TUBES.

THIS AFTERNOON IN THE DESERT JUST OUTSIDE OF LAS VEGAS, THEY SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMED THEIR FIRST FULL-SPEED FULL- SCALE TEST OF THEIR PROPULSION SYSTEM.

Hyperloop One spokesperson: "People who had not had faith, who thought it was science fiction will begin to believe that it is possible to move people and things this fast."

THE HYPERLOOP TUBE WILL BE DEPRESSURIZED CREATING A VACUUM, ELIMINATING MOST AIR RESISTANCE. USING THE POWER OF MAGNETS, THE POD IS THRUST THROUGH THE TUBE AT HIGH SPEEDS. THE TUBE IS SUSPENDED OFF THE GROUND TO PROTECT FROM THE ELEMENTS OF WEATHER, BUT COULD ALSO TRAVEL UNDER WATER.

CAPSULES CARRYING THE PEOPLE WOULD DEPART EVERY 30 SECONDS, WITH TICKETS COSTING AS LOW AS TWENTY DOLLARS. THE CREATERS OF HYPERLOOP WANT IT TO BE AN AFFORDABLE MEANS OF TRAVEL.

I HATE FLYING; TRAINS TAKE TOO LONG; TRAFFIC RUINS CAR TRAVEL. SO, THIS SEEMS APPEALING . BUT WE'VE GOT TO TALK ABOUT THE CREEPY FACTOR. IT FEELS CLAUSTROPHOBIC. YOU ARE LOCKED IN THIS SMALL POD ZOOMING AT 700 MILES AN HOUR. A LOT OF SAFETY CONCERNS COME TO MIND, INCLUDING WHAT IF YOU'RE IN ONE DURING AN EARTHQUAKE? OUR PARTNERS AT CNN ASKED A HYPERLOOP ENGINEER ABOUT THAT.

Hyperloop One engineer: "The system is the most safe system for an earthquake because it will be built on pylons and pylon technology is fairly far along to be able to withstand earthquakes of 8.0."

THIS IS HAPPENING. THEY ARE BUILDING THIS. THE COMPANY BEHIND THIS, HYPERLOOP ONE, HAS 150 EMPLOYEES, OVER \$80 MILLION IN FUNDING AND NEW INVESTORS JUMPING ON EVERY MONTH.

HYPERLOOP ONE HOPES TO BE MOVING CARGO AS SOON AS 2019 AND PREDICTS IT WILL BE READY FOR PASSENGERS BY 2021.

WITH YOUR TECH TRENDS GABE SLATE KRON 4 NEWS

## **TRANSPORTATION**

5/12/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

BART announces noise abatement plans

BART ANNOUNCED PLANS TO INSTALL SPECIAL TRACK BUMPERS ON CERTAIN TRACKS KNOWN FOR BEING NOISY. KRON 4'S JEFF BUSH EXPLAINS WHERE THE IMPROVEMENTS ARE TAKING PLACE AND WHEN PASSENGERS CAN EXPECT SOME RELIEF FROM THE NOISE:

THE NOISE ON BART TRAINS CAN BE DOWNRIGHT PAINFUL AND THOSE WHO RIDE THE TRAINS KNOW SOME PARTS OF THE TRACKS ARE NOISIER THAN OTHERS.

Passenger: "Just lots of screaming and screeching is the best way I can describe it."

Passenger: "When you are on the BART, it does get very loud in there. If you were taking it more often, I would recommend headphones because it gets very squeaky in there."

BART HEARD THE COMPLAINTS AND IS GOING TO INSTALL NOISE DAMPENERS ALONG THE TRACKS NEAR THE BALBOA STATION AND THE WEST OAKLAND STATION. THE WAY IT WORKS IS THE TRACKS WILL BE INSTALLED WITH SPECIAL BUMPERS THAT FIT TIGHTLY ALONG THE RAILS WHICH REDUCES THE OVERALL NOISE IN SOME OF THE NOISIEST PARTS OF THE LINE.

MORE THAN 3000 FEET OF TRACK WILL GET THE TREATMENT. BUT, IT'S NOT CHEAP. BART SAYS THE INSTALLATION WILL RUN ABOUT A MILLION DOLLARS PER MILE.

THE TRACKS NEAR THE BALBOA STATION WILL REQUIRE A SHUTDOWN OVER THE COURSE OF THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND. THE WEST OAKLAND TRACKS WILL BE FITTED LATER THIS YEAR AND WILL NOT REQUIRE A SHUTDOWN.

JEFF BUSH KRON 4 NEWS

## **TRANSPORTATION**

5/20/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Local city tops in biking alternative

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN. IT'S BIKE TO WORK DAY AND THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU RELEASED NEW DATA ON THE TOP CITIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE BIKING TO WORK. THE CITY OF BERKELEY TAKES THE NUMBER ONE SPOT, WITH 10 PERCENT OF ITS POPULATION PEDALING.

MANY CITIES ARE SEEING A RISE IN PEOPLE RIDING THEIR BIKES AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT PEOPLE WHO RIDE THEIR BIKES HAVE A HIGHER ATTENTION SPAN, CALL OUT LESS FROM WORK, AND OF COURSE HAVE BETTER HEALTH.

THE OTHER CITIES THAT MADE IT TO THE TOP THREE WERE BOULDER COLORADO AND CAMBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

6/22/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
California highways becoming less safe

THE NUMBER OF DEATHS AND INJURIES FROM DISTRACTED DRIVING IS ON THE RISE. THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC AND SAFETY SAYS NEARLY 13 PERCENT OF DRIVERS WERE SEEN USING THEIR MOBILE DEVICES IN APRIL. THAT IS UP BY NINE PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR.

OFFICIALS SAY NEARLY 60 PERCENT OF DRIVERS HAVE REPORTED BEING HIT OR NEARLY HIT BY ANOTHER DRIVER USING A CELLPHONE.

THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL WROTE MORE THAN 13 THOUSAND DISTRACTED DRIVING TICKETS IN APRIL ALONE.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

6/23/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
New cyclist fatalities in San Francisco spark discussion of street safety

POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR THE DRIVER RESPONSIBLE FOR HITTING AND KILLING A FEMALE BICYCLIST IN GOLDEN GATE PARK YESTERDAY EVENING. THAT WAS THE FIRST OF TWO FATAL HIT AND RUN COLLISIONS IN THE CITY. THEY HAPPENED JUST HOURS APART. KRON4'S MAUREEN KELLY SPOKE WITH CITY LEADERS AND BICYCLE ACTIVISTS WHO SAY THESE DEATHS WERE PREVENTABLE:

HERE'S THE MUG SHOT OF THE MAN ARRESTED IN WEDNESDAY'S SECOND FATAL HIT AND RUN COLLISION. THIRTY-TWO YEAR OLD FARRUKH MUSHTAG HAS BEEN BOOKED ON THE CHARGES OF FELONY HIT AND RUN AND VEHICULAR MANSALUGHTER.

HE ALLEGEDLY SPED THROUGH A RED LIGHT AT 7TH AND HOWARD AROUND 8:30 PM, STRIKING AND KILLING 26 YEAR OLD BICYCLIST KATHRINE SLATTERLY. HE PULLED OVER A FEW BLOCKS AWAY AND WAS HELD ON THE SCENE BY SEVERAL GOOD SAMARITANS UNTIL POLICE ARRIVED.

POLICE SAY THEY ARE WORKING LEADS TO TRY AND FIND THE DRIVER OF THIS STOLEN WHITE HONDA LEFT ABOUT A MILE AND HALF FROM THE OTHER FATAL HIT AND RUN CRASH THAT HAPPENED ONLY A FEW HOURS BEFORE. WITNESSES SAY THE DRIVER WAS GOING WESTBOUND ON JFK DRIVE AND WHILE GOING 50 TO 60 MILES AN HOUR VEERED INTO THE EASTBOUND LANE, KILLING 41 YEAR OLD HEATHER MILLER AS SHE RODE HER BIKE.

Ed Reiskin, SF MTA: "It's just horrific. The idea that something like this could happen to two people who are lawfully and probably enjoyably riding their bikes through the city."

SFMTA'S ED REISKIN SAYS THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 30 TRAFFIC-RELATED FATALITIES IN SAN FRANCISCO EVERY YEAR WHICH IS WHY THEY HAVE ADOPTED VISION ZERO, A TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. THE GOAL IS TO ELIMINATE THESE NEEDLESS DEATHS.

Reiskin: "We do believe they are preventable. We're doing what we can to redesign the streets to make them safer and supporting the police to enforce the laws."

THE SAN FRANCISCO BICYCLISTS SAY THE CITY TALKS A GOOD GAME, BUT THEY WANT TO SEE MORE PROTECTED BIKE LANES.

Margaret McCarthy, SF Bicycle Coalition: "The city of San Francisco is behind and it needs to stop now. We need urgent action from our city leaders to make sure these kinds of horrifying and fully preventable fatalities stop occurring on our streets."

THE CITY SAYS IT UPGRADES 13 MILES OF CITY STREETS EACH YEAR AS PART OF VISION ZERO AND THEY ARE BREAKING GROUND ON IMPROVEMENTS TO THREE HIGH INJURY BIKE CORRIDORS IN 2016.

MAUREEN KELLY KRON4 NEWS

## **TRANSPORTATION**

6/24/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Uber takes steps to make its service more user-friendly

UBER IS ROLLING OUT UPFRONT FARES. THEY'RE TESTING A NEW VERSION OF THEIR APP THAT WILL MAKE IT EASER FOR CUSTOMERS TO SEE HOW MUCH THEY'LL PAY FOR A RIDE.

DURING PEAK HOURS, THE APP WILL SIMPLY DISPLAY A SET FARE AND MAKE IT CLEAR THAT INCREASED DEMAND IS MAKING FARES GO HIGHER. RIGHT NOW, CUSTOMERS ARE ASKED TO AGREE TO AN ESTIMATED PRICE HIKE.

UBER HAS BEEN TESTING THE IDEA IN A FEW CITIES SINCE APRIL. IT WILL ALSO BE CREATING THE ABILITY TO SCHEDULE RIDES IN ADVANC, WHICH COULD HAPPEN IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

6/24/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Recap of BART seat hog rules

STARTING THIS FALL, BART RIDERS WHO TAKE UP MORE THAN ONE SEAT DURING THE BUSIEST TIMES OF THE DAY COULD FACE FINES AND EVEN BE ARRESTED.

THE NEW POLICY WAS ADOPTED IN APRIL AND WILL BE ENFORCED WEEKDAYS FROM 6 TO 10 IN THE MORNING AND THEN 3 TO 7:30 FOR EVENING COMMUNTE HOURS.

BART OFFICIALS SAY FIRST-TIME OFFENDERS WILL HAVE THEIR NAMES ENTERED IN A DATABASE AND BE GIVEN A VERBAL WARNING. IF THEY GET CAUGHT AGAIN, A WRITTEN WARNING WILL BE ADMINISTERED. BUT A THIRD OFFENSE WILL MEAN A ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR CITATION WITH TICKET COSTS RISING FROM THERE FOR FURTHER INFRACTIONS.