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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
ENVIRONMENT
HEALTH
HOUSING**

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.

CRIME

7/7/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm & 11pm

Crime rates rising in some San Francisco neighborhoods

BURGLARIES ARE ON THE RISE ACROSS SAN FRANCISCO, BUT THERE IS ONE NEIGHBORHOOD WHICH HAS BEEN HIT PARTICULARLY HARD, AND THAT'S THE NORTH-EASTERN PORTION OF TOWN. IT'S THE AREA MOST VISITED BY TOURISTS BECAUSE OF PLACES LIKE UNION SQUARE AND FISHERMAN'S WHARF. THINGS HAVE GOTTEN SO BAD, POLICE HAVE HAD TO STEP UP PATROLS. KRON 4'S EMILY TURNER JOINS US LIVE FROM ANOTHER POPULAR SPOT IN THAT PART OF TOWN, AND ONE HARDEST HIT:

SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE ENDLESS STREAM OF SELFIES AND THE CITY'S MOST SCENIC STREET ARE THE BREADCRUMBS OF CRIME THAT MAKE UP A MUCH BIGGER, LESS BEAUTIFUL PICTURE. THE NUMBER OF CAR BURGLARIES IN RUSSIAN HILL IS UP 88%, ALMOST DOUBLED, IN THE LAST YEAR.

Judith Calson, Russian Hill resident: "Every day I go out to walk my dog and see glass on the street. I'm starting to get used to it. It's starting to feel normal, which is really sad."

POLICE SAY WHILE IT'S NOT A VIOLENT CRIME, IT'S THE MOST POPULAR CRIME OF THE DAY. THEY KNOW IT'S HAPPENING AND ARE PATROLLING THE HOT SPOTS. THIS FAMOUS BLOCK OF LOMBARD STREET IS ONE OF THEM. TOURISTS HERE ARE SO FOCUSED ON THEIR PHOTOS THEY FAIL TO SEE THE CARS BEHIND THEM, MUCH LESS A PERSON BREAKING INTO THEM."

Mark Greenlaw, tourist from Boston: "Partly because the presence of people here all day long, you'd think it would be tough to find the opportunity to do anything bad."

BUT WITHIN THE LAST 45 DAYS, THIRTY DIFFERENT BURGLARIES HAPPENED JUST WITHIN A QUARTER MILE OF THE LOMBARD/LEAVENWORTH INTERSECTION. NEIGHBORS HAVE STARTED THEIR OWN CAMPAIGN TO KEEP PEOPLE SAFE. THESE SIGNS AND THE POLICE SHARE THE SAME MESSAGE: LEAVE NOTHING – REPEAT, NOTHING – IN THE CAR AND MAYBE THE CROOKS WILL MOVE ON.

Police Captain David Lazar, SFPD: "We used to say nothing of value, but now we say leave nothing at all. Not just in the vehicle, but in the trunk. If we take away the supply, we'll take away the demand in terms of suspects coming here and breaking into cars, because we're all educated and we're all aware that people are breaking into vehicles."

WHEN ASKED IF HE'D LEFT ANYTHING IN HIS CAR, THIS TOURIST REPLIED:

Tourist: "No, not after what he told us! Well, maybe just a bottle of water."

CRIME

7/10/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Pattern of burglaries in Concord

A WARNING TONIGHT REGARDING A SERIAL CAT BURGLAR TARGETING AN EAST BAY CITY. POLICE RECENTLY RELEASED PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SUSPECT. KRON 4'S

HAAZIQ MADYUN WENT TO CONCORD TODAY AND SPOKE WITH ONE RESIDENT WHO HAS WITH SURVEILLANCE VIDEO OF THE PERSON WHO IS SUSPECTED:

Resident: "That's him right there, just kind of walking around, looking around."

THIS CONCORD RESIDENT IS SHOWING ME HOME SURVEILLANCE VIDEO OF A SUSPECTED SERIAL CAT BURGLAR MAKING HIS WAY ONTO HER PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. SHE ASKED US NOT TO REVEAL HER IDENTITY

Resident: "The security light came on and spooked him and he kind of took off. Yep, there he goes."

CONCORD POLICE RECENTLY RELEASED THIS MUG SHOT AND STILL PHOTO OF THE MAN THEY BELIEVE IS IN THIS VIDEO. HE IS 31 YEAR OLD JASON LEE HARRIS. THEY SAY HE IS KNOWN TO HAVE ADDRESSES IN CONCORD, RICHMOND, ANTIOCH AND PITTSBURG. INVESTIGATORS SAY HARRIS IS THE PRIMARY SUSPECT IN NEARLY A DOZEN CONCORD BREAK-INS DATING BACK TO JANUARY OF THIS YEAR

Resident: "It's very creepy to know that someone is coming onto your property that you do not know."

AFTER HER HUSBAND POSTED THIS VIDEO ONLINE, THEY WERE CONTACTED BY OTHER CONCORD RESIDENTS WHO ALSO LIVE NEAR THE CONCORD BART STATION WHO SAY THEY WERE VICTIMS OF A BURGLAR MATCHING HARRIS' DESCRIPTION

Resident: "...and she did identify him by the picture that my husband took on the side of our house."

CONCORD POLICE SAY THE CAT BURGLARS' M.O. IS DIFFERENT THAN A TYPICAL BURGLAR. MOST BURGLARIES HAPPEN DURING DAY LIGHT HOURS WHEN NO ONE IS HOME. HOWEVER THE CAT BURGLAR STRIKES BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6AM, BREAKING-IN AND SNEAKING AROUND WHILE THE OCCUPANTS OF THE HOME ARE SLEEPING, ONLY TAKING SMALL PERSONAL ITEMS.

HARRIS CURRENTLY HAS A FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST. INVESTIGATORS HERE SAY IF ANYONE OUT THERE KNOWS HIS WHEREABOUTS THEY CAN CONTACT CONCORD POLICE.

IN CONCORD HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

CRIME

7/15/15 KRON 4 News Evening News

San Jose begins body cam program

DESPITE SOME CONTROVERSY, BODY-WORN CAMERAS ARE COMING FOR POLICE OFFICERS IN SAN JOSE. TESTING WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK. KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE SHOWS US THE CAMERAS AND EXPLAINS HOW THEY'LL BE USED:

Officer Christian Camarillo, San Jose Police: "Anything that I do, anything that I say, I already assume someone has a cell phone out recording what's going on. So this camera, to me, means well, now I have mine."

BEGINNING ON MONDAY OFFICER CHRISTIAN CAMARILLO IS ONE OF FIFTEEN SAN JOSE COPS WHO WILL BEGIN TESTING BODY WORN CAMERAS LIKE THIS ONE AND HE EXPECTS THERE WILL BE A LEARNING CURVE.

Camarillo: "It's not like the camera is going to turn on if I think about it. It's going to be something we have to remember every day as part of testing your equipment, making sure you're ready to go out."

MOUNTED ON THE CHEST OR ON EYEGLASSES LIKE THIS, THE BODY CAMERAS ARE PART OF A PILOT PROGRAM DESIGNED TO IMPROVE ACCOUNTABILITY. BUT CRITICS WORRY A POLICY THAT LETS OFFICERS DECIDE WHEN TO TURN THEIR CAMERAS ON AND OFF WILL UNDERMINE THE TRANSPARENCY THE CAMERAS ARE SUPPOSED TO CREATE.

Sgt. Elle Washburn, San Jose Police: "While the camera is an important tool, at the same time we have professional officers and we still need to allow them to have some discretion in how they perform their job and it is very clear if you read the policy it's very clear about when they turn it off and that's going to be for their own privacy, for instance if they're taking a personal phone call, or they're in a hospital room, or it might be at the request of a victim."

POLICE SAY THE BODY WORN CAMERA PROGRAM IS A WORK IN PROGRESS AND THAT THERE ARE SURE TO BE UNFORSEEN ISSUES THAT WILL LEAD TO CHANGES IN THE POLICY AS WRITTEN NOW. BUT OFFICER CAMARILLO, FOR ONE, BELIEVES IT WILL MAKE HIS JOB EASIER.

Camarillo: "Often times in the court of public opinion when people see officers engaging in some type of enforcement action whether it's use of force, it's opposite for us than the general public. We're usually guilty until proven innocent. With the body camera, there's not going to be 2 versions of the story anymore. Everything's going to be captured."

IF ALL GOES ACCORDING TO PLAN, EVERY OFFICER IN THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE WEARING A BODY CAMERA BY EARLY NEXT SUMMER.

IN SAN JOSE ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

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7/30/15 KRON 4 Evening News

San Jose responds to spike in crime rates

THE BODY COUNT IN SAN JOSE CONTINUES TO RISE... 9 MURDERS SINCE JUNE, BRINGING THE CITY'S TOTAL TO 17, SOME OF THE WORST OF THE VIOLENCE THIS PAST WEEKEND.

Officer Albert Morales, SJPD: "There were five shootings that left two people dead. There was a sexual assault incident where an individual attempted to sexually assault three females, stabbing one of them."

WHILE SPIKES IN CRIME ARE COMMON DURING THE HEAT OF THE SUMMER, SAN JOSE POLICE ARE NOW TAKING STEPS TO REDUCE THIS VIOLENCE, MUCH OF IT GANG RELATED, BY PUTTING MORE OFFICERS ON THE STREETS IN THE EVENING AND EARLY MORNING HOURS.

Officer Morales: "We are implementing a lot more overtime. We're going to utilize the overtime. We also have gang suppression cars and burglary suppression cars. Those cars are now going to be addressing some of these violent crime areas, saturating these areas and doing more of a proactive approach. They will be getting out of their vehicles, talking to people."

SAN JOSE HAS IDENTIFIED 5 HOT SPOTS TO REDEPLOY OFFICERS... MOST ARE ON THE EAST SIDE OF TOWN, BUT THE DOWNTOWN AREA WILL ALSO BE SATURATED WITH OFFICERS.

Resident: "Whatever is going on, I hope that somehow they learn their lessons and stop being so violent.

MANY WHO LIVE AND WORK IN SAN JOSE STILL FEEL AS IF THE CITY IS SAFE, BUT NEWS OF THE CRIME WAVE WILL MAKE THEM A BIT MORE ON GUARD...

Resident: "I think that's the way I was raised. Always keep your head on swivel. You never know what's going to happen – in any city."

DAN KERMAN KRON 4 NEWS

CRIME

8/11/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

San Jose police may acquire drones for tactical use

POLICE IN SAN JOSE ARE ONE STEP CLOSER TO USING DRONES IN DANGEROUS SITUATIONS. AS KRON 4'S ALECIA REID REPORTS, THE CITY COUNCIL HAS GIVEN THE GO-AHEAD:

THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S USE OF DRONES. THE POLICE CHIEF SAYS THEY WILL BE USED FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, SUCH AS HOSTAGE, SEARCH AND RESCUE, AND HARD TO REACH AREAS. DURING COMMUNITY OUTREACH, A MAJOR CONCERN WAS AUDIO CAPABILITIES AND INFRINGING ON PERSONAL SPACE. BUT THE DRONE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RECORD VIDEO AND WILL NOT FLY AT NIGHT.

AUTHORITIES SAY THE PRIMARY USE OF THE UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM, OR U-A-S, WILL BE FOR THE BOMB SQUAD.

Sam Licardo, San Jose mayor: "We need to focus the use of these kinds of devices for those exigent circumstances where we've got a live shooter who is barricaded in or we've got an explosive device. Clearly the police need some mechanism to be able to figure out what's going on without sending a police officer in there, exposing that officer to severe risk of harm."

Evelyn Bonato, San Jose resident: "I think they need all the help they can get, the San Jose police department. There's not enough of them."

THIS NOW GOES TO THE FAA FOR APPROVAL. ONCE CLEARED, THE SJ POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL USE DRONES FOR A ONE YEAR PILOT PERIOD, THEN MAKE ADJUSTMENTS FROM THERE.

IN SAN JOSE ALECIA REID KRON 4 NEWS

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8/19/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Local analysis of the Jared Fogel case

NEWS OF THE GUILTY PLEA OF SUBWAY'S STAR PITCHMAN IS SPARKING REACTION NATIONWIDE.

Subway customer: "It's really sad. For someone who did so much in their personal life, losing that weight, being a role model, representing the Subway company, well it's just a shock."

A LOCAL CHILD SAFETY ADVOCATE SAYS WHAT HAPPENED TO JARED FOGEL IS A HEADS-UP FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS. KRON 4'S TERIESA ESTACIO TALKED TODAY WITH MARC KLAAS.

THE NEWS THAT FORMER SUBWAY SPOKESPERSON JARED FOGLE PLED GUILTY - CERTAINLY TOUCHED A NERVE WITH CHILD ADVOCATE MARL KLAAS. KLAAS RUNS THE POLLY KLAAS FOUNDATION, NAMED AFTER HIS DAUGHTER POLLY WHO WAS ABDUCTED AND MURDERED IN 1993 BY A SEXUAL PREDATOR. KRON FOUR'S TERISA ESTACIO SAT DOWN WITH KLAAS TO GET HIS EXPERT OPINION ABOUT THE LESSONS THAT PARENTS CAN LEARN FROM THE FOGLE CASE.

Klaas: "Really, what do you do? You can't make your children prisoners, but you can arm them with good advice."

SOT: 23/MARK KLAAS/POLLY KLAAS FOUNDATION NOT THE USUAL SUSPECTS.... MARK KLAAS SAYS PARENTS CAN LEARN A LOT ABOUT THE CASE COMING TO LIGHT INVOLVING FORMER SUBWAY SPOKESPERSON JARED FOGLE...

Klaas: "It's just not about stereotypes. None of these people are necessarily stereotypes at all, including Jared. What we have to do is we have to make sure that kids understand that it's okay to say no and they should always tell their parents where they are and if something feels wrong they need to put distance between themselves and whatever that is and that they can generally go to anybody that's not making them feel bad because the vast majority of people are good people and they will help the child out of a difficult situation."

KLAAS WHO'S DAUGHTER POLLY SEEN HERE IN THIS PAINTING IN HIS FRONT ROOM - NOW RUNS A FOUNDATION DEDICATED TO THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABDUCTION AND EXPLOITATION.

Klaas: "This guy used his position and he used his money and he used secrecy to exploit children."

KLAAS ALSO SAYS THE CASE IS A BIG REMINDER THAT CHILD EXPLOITATION IS A SERIOUS MATTER THAT MUST BE PART OF A DAILY DIALOGUE BETWEEN PARENT AND CHILD.

Klaas: "It's just like everything else. They go to school to learn academically; they go onto the playing field to learn sports and to learn social skills, and we have to teach them about personal safety as well. In this day and age there is so much knowledge that we have and that conversation can't be just don't talk to strangers. It's got to be far more complex. It has to be more comprehensive but it also has to be broken down in ways that kids can understand and respond accordingly."

CRIME

8/19/15 KRN 4 Evening News
Preventing campus identify theft

COLLEGE STUDENTS HAND OVER A LOT OF INFORMATION WHEN THE ACADEMIC YEAR BEGINS. IN THE ERA OF MASSIVE DATA BREACHES AND STOLEN DATA, KARIN CAIFA SHOWS US HOW ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS ARE SECURING IT ALL AND WHA FAMILIES CAN DO TO KEEP INFORMATION SAFE:

FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO MASSIVE RETAILERS -- DATA BREACHES HAVE BECOME MORE PREVELANT IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS HAVEN'T BEEN IMMUNE.

Michael Kaiser/National Cyber Security Alliance: "You think about college campuses, they are rich with data, right? So the obvious, you have student data, people coming and going to school for the first time and they're registering for classes and they've got all this information they have to give the institution. That's all very valuable data to cybercriminals and the like."

MICHAEL KAISER OF THE NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY ALLIANCE SAYS THAT FREQUENT INFORMATION EXCHANGE -- PLUS DATA FROM THINGS LIKE MEDICAL RESEARCH, AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC CONTRACTS -- CAN MAKE THESE INSTITUTIONS A BIG TARGET. AND SOME ARE ONLY JUST CATCHING UP TO THAT IDEA.

Kaiser: "They may not always be aware of how much data they have. And that starts with any kind of organization looking at, what is the data we have on this campus, what are the crown jewels of that data, and what are we doing to protect it?"

AS STUDENTS HEAD BACK TO CAMPUS, IT'S ON INDIVIDUALS TO NOT ONLY PROTECT THEMSELVES - BUT ALSO THEIR INSTITUTION'S NETWORK.

Kaiser: "It starts at the very basic level of every user who's accessing a network - simple things like software patches, strong passwords, multi-factor authentication, which is a way to have something in addition to a password. That should be implemented at almost every college campus at this point."

KAISER ALSO SAYS PARENTS BACK HOME CAN HELP BY KEEPING LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN -- AND MAKING STUDENTS AWARE OF ANY BREACHES TO A BANK, INSURANCE COMPANY, OR ANYWHERE ELSE THE FAMILY DOES BUSINESS.

ALSO, REMINDING STUDENTS TO CHECK THEIR CREDIT CARDS, CREDIT REPORTS, AND BANK ACCOUNTS REGULARLY FOR SIGNS OF FRAUD.

IN WASHINGTON, I'M KARIN CAIFA.

CRIME

8/25/15 KRON 4 Evening news
National crime statistic trends

BELIEVE IT OR NOT CRIME IS COMING DOWN ACROSS AMERICA – FROM ABOUT FIVE PER THOUSAND PEOPLE DOWN A NOTCH TO LESS THAN FOUR PER THOUSAND. BUT THERE ARE SOME CITIES THAT ARE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS. OF THE TOP 30 MOST DANGEROUS CITIES IN AMERICA, YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED WHICH BAY AREA CITY IS IN THE TOP THREE.

IT'S NOT OAKLAND OR RICHMOND OR EVEN SAN JOSE. ACCORDING TO A STUDY BY SAFEWISE, EMERYVILLE RANKS NUMBER THREE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS CITIES. THAT'S FROM THE LATEST 2013 FBI CRIME REPORT STATISTICS. NOW, TO BE FAIR, THOSE NUMBERS ARE BASED ON PER CAPITA AND BECAUSE EMERYVILLE ONLY HAS A POPULATION OF A LITTLE MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE, THE RATE SEEMS HIGH.

I JUST GOT OFF THE PHONE WITH EMERYVILLE'S MAYOR AND SHE POINTS OUT THAT THE CITY IS ON THE BORDER OF OAKLAND, SO THE CITY IS NOT IMMUNE FROM CRIME FROM NEIGHBORING CITIES.

IN 2013 THERE WERE NO MURDERS IN EMERYVILLE, BUT LET'S GO AHEAD AND LOOK AT OTHER CRIMES. THERE WERE 132 VIOLENT CRIMES IN A POPULATION OF 10,415. AND THERE WERE 70 ROBBERIES, WITH 60 AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS AND TWO ARSONS. THE MAYOR SAYS THEFTS LIKE SHOPLIFTING AND CAR BREAK-INS ARE HIGH BECAUSE THERE'S SO MUCH RETAIL IN EMERYVILLE.

BUT, ACCORDING TO A FRESH SET OF CRIME STATS FOR 2014 WE RECEIVED FROM THE EMERYVILLE POLICE, THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT VIOLENT CRIMES DROPPED FROM 132 IN 2013 TO 107 LAST YEAR. THAT'S DOWN BY ALMOST A THIRD. AND HERE'S SOMETHING TO NOTE. THERE WERE NO HOMICIDES FOR EITHER YEAR. THAT'S RIGHT – A ZERO MURDER RATE FOR 2013 AND 2014. WHICH MAKES EMERYVILLE'S RANKING AS ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST DANGEROUS CITIES A LITTLE LESS "DANGEROUS."

CRIME

8/25/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

New crime technique – carjackers pose as cops

POLICE IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY ARE SEARCHING FOR TWO MEN WHO ARE IMPERSONATING OFFICERS, TWO MEN WHO REPORTEDLY STOLE CARS AS WELL. WE HAVE MORE:

Sgt. Anthony Berjaran, Stanislaus county Sheriff's Department: "He yielded as he was supposed to do and he heard two men ordering him to get out of the car. So he complied."

STANISLAUS COUNTY DETECTIVES SAY A TURLOCK MAN IN HIS FIFTIES DID EVERYTHING RIGHT, THE ONLY PROBLEM WAS THE OFFICERS WHO PULLED HIM OVER ON SOUTH MOFFAT ROAD WERE FAKE.

TUESDAY MORNING AROUND 5:20, TWO MEN RIDING AROUND IN AN OLDER MODEL FORD CRVON VICTORIA STOPPED THE VICTIM WHO WAS DRIVING HIS WHITE PICK UP TRUCK. THEY FLASHED THE RED AND BLUE LIGHTS BUT WITHIN SECONDS WHAT THE VICTIM THOUGHT WAS A ROUTINE TRAFFIC STOP TURNED INTO A LIFE OR DEATH SITUATION.

WITH HIS HANDS IN THE AIR AND A PISTOL TO HIS HEAD, THE VICTIM WAS ASKED TO TURN OVER ANY CASH OR DRUGS. WHEN HE TOLD THE SUSPECTS HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY THE SUSPECTS THEN STOLE HIS TRUCK AND DROVE AWAY.

ALTHOUGH THE VICTIM ONLY SUFFERED A SMALL SCRATCH TO HIS HEAD, HE SAID HE WAS TRAUMATIZED.

CLOSE TO A MILE AWAY, INVESTIGATORS RECOVERED THE MAN'S WHITE TRUCK AND NEXT TO IT WAS ANOTHER STOLEN CAR, THIS ONE FROM LIVINGSTON. AUTHORITIES SAY THE TURLOCK MAN MAY HAVE BEEN THE SECOND VICTIM OF THE DAY.

Sgt. Berjaran: "We did have a rancher who came across a couple of guys who yelled at him and told him to get back inside his house and told him they were police officers"

THIS WOMAN SAYS SHE HAS SEEN THE CAR AROUND TOWN AND IS WORRIED SHE MAY BE THE NEXT VICTIM.

Resident: "There's a lot of stuff posted on the local watch website. This is close to home. Of course, I'm scared. I've got three kids."

IT IS UNCLEAR IF THE TWO MEN WERE WEARING UNIFORMS, BUT INVESTIGATORS SAY THE MEN HAVE MODIFIED THEIR CAR WITH ACCESSORIES TO RESEMBLE A POLICE CRUISER. AUTHORITIES WANT THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THAT ALMOST ALL TRAFFIC STOPS IN THE AREA ARE MADE BY MARKED VEHICLES. IF YOU ARE PULLED OVER BY AN UNMARKED CAR, THERE ARE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF.

Sgt. Berjaran: "If you believe, if you have a grave concern that it is not a police officer or deputy sheriff, continue driving until you are in a well-lit area and please call 911."

CRIME

9/2/15

Richmond crime rates up in 2015

LAST YEAR, THERE WAS A DROP IN CRIME BUT NOW, THAT APPEARS TO BE CHANGING. CRIMES ARE ON THE RISE IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND. MOST RECENTLY, A 65 YEAR OLD MAN WAS SHOT AND KILLED SUNDAY, THE CITY'S 13TH MURDER THIS YEAR. LAST YEAR, THERE WERE 11 HOMICIDES IN RICHMOND TOTAL. POLICE SAY ON TOP OF THE KILLINGS, THERE'S BEEN A FIVE PERCENT INCREASE IN PROPERTY CRIME, AND A 20 PERCENT INCREASE IN ROBBERIES WITH ROBBERS TARGETING PEOPLE DISTRACTED ON THEIR CELL PHONES. IT'S HAPPENING IN A FEW HOTSPOTS AROUND THE CITY AND POLICE SAY THOSE STATISTICS COULD BE EVEN HIGHER IN THE CITY'S PREDOMINANTLY HISPANIC COMMUNITY, ALONG 23RD STREET BECAUSE THE CRIMES THERE OFTEN GO UN-REPORTED, ACCORDING TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE RICHMOND SOL SOCCER LEAGUE.

RICHMOND POLICE ARE ATTACKING THE PROBLEM WITH A CRIME SUPPRESSION UNIT. THE UNIT IS TARGETING THE AREA ALONG THE 23RD STREET CORRIDOR AND RECENTLY ARRESTED 4- SUSPECTS THEY BELIEVE ARE CONNECTED TO A NUMBER ROBBERIES. KRON 4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN HAS MORE:

DISTRACTED LATINOS WITH IPHONES, BACKPACKS, PURSES AND JEWELRY THAT IS WHAT ARMED ROBBERS ARE LOOKING FOR HERE ALONG THE 23RD STREET CORRIDOR IN RICHMOND.

Diego Garcia, local merchant: "There have been some crimes; mostly robberies."

Rosa Lara, 23rd Street Merchants Association: "They are targeting the Latino community."

ROSA LARA AND DIEGO GARCIA ARE MEMBERS OF THE 23RD STREET MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION. THEY SAY LATINOS WHO ARE OFTEN RELUCTANT TO TRUST LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE MAKING A BAD SITUATION WORSE BY NOT REPORTING THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ROBBED.

Lara: "A lot of people don't feel comfortable telling people or making a phone call, grabbing a phone and calling the cops and saying hey I just got robbed."

Garcia: "They don't know what to expect. They see the news, things going on in other cities, like I.C.E coming in."

Officer Yesenia Rogers, Richmond Police Department: "I'm Hispanic, so I understand the fear, but here in Richmond we do not call immigration."

RICHMOND POLICE OFFICER YESENIA ROGERS IS LEADING AN RPD EFFORT WORKING WITH THE LATINO COMMUNITY TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN VICTIMS OF ROBBERIES AND POLICE.

Officer Rogers: "There are many victims that don't report it to the police that they've been a victim of a robbery, but they will tell other people – their neighbor or friend, somebody they trust. Those people should encourage the victim to call us."

THESE FLIERS EDUCATING LATINOS ON HOW TO BE LESS OF A TARGET ARE ALSO A PART OF THE OUTREACH EFFORT.

Officer Rogers: "We are trying to educate people on how not to walk distracted."

AND SHE SAYS SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN SOME PRETTY GOOD RESULTS IN TERMS OF REDUCING ROBBERIES IN THE AREA.

Officer Rogers: "They have come down in this general area where the outreach has been conducted."

HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON 4 NEWS

CRIME

9/21/15 KRON 4 News at 11pm

Local municipality receives grant to expand anti-crime measures

THE VALLEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES 2.5 MILLION DOLLARS TO PUT MORE POLICE OFFICERS ON THE STREET.

WITH THAT MONEY, THE DEPARTMENT WILL HIRE SIX NEW OFFICERS TO HELP THE DEPARTMENT ADDRESS GUN VIOLENCE AND VIOLENT CRIME IN THE COMMUNITY. THE DEPARTMENT SAYS THE NEW HIRES WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH RESIDENTS.

OFFICIALS PLAN TO USE OUTREACH, INFORMATION FROM THEIR NEWLY LAUNCHED SMART PHONE APPLICATION, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND THEY PLAN TO CREATE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT VIDEOS. ALL IN AN EFFORT TO GAIN PUBLIC TRUST.

CRIME

9/23/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Cyber threat from baby monitors

IT'S A TROUBLING NEW TREND – HACKERS TARGETING BABY MONITORS TO SPY ON YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

IMAGINE BEING SPYED ON IN YOUR OWN HOME. CYBER SECURITY EXPERTS ARE WARNING THAT WI-FI ENABLED VIDEO BABY MONITORS ARE BEING TARGETED BY HACKERS. OUR TECH REPORTER GABE SLATE MET WITH A SECURITY FIRM TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF:

Jacqueline Arrizozn, parent: "It's very scary. I definitely feel violated "

THAT'S JACKQUELINE ARRIZON, AND HER CUTE 2 YEAR OLD PHIL, REACTING TO THE RECENT REPORTS OF VIDEO BABY MONITORS BEING HACKED TO SPY ON CHILDREN AND OTHER DARK DEEDS.

Arrizon: "You're always kind of on edge with your kids. You want to know where they are at and what they are doing. And to have somebody watching with you and not know that is very scary."

Travis Moss, cyber security expert with SAFE Security: "You won't know. They won't follow you around with the camera. They won't talk through the mic. They are not going to alert you that they now have access to your network because they got other plans in mind for you."

TRAVIS, A CYBER SECURITY EXPERT, SAYS THERE ARE PEEPING TOMS WHO WILL JUST WATCH YOU AND LISTEN TO YOU THROUGH THE BABY MONITORS. AND YEAH, THAT'S CREEPY.

BUT THE REAL DANGER IS THE HACKERS USING THE BABY MONITORS AS A GATEWAY INTO YOUR NETWORK AND CRITICAL INFORMATION.

Moss: "Any device that is wifi-enabled allows them into your network. It's like a Trojan horse. They are going to use that to get to the real information, your identity and banking info, etc."

TO PROTECT YOURSELF, MAKE SURE YOUR HOME WIFI NETWORK HAS A STRONG PASSWORD.

CHANGE YOUR USER NAMES AND PASSWORDS OFTEN THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR WIFI-ENABLED BABY MONITOR. MAKE SURE TO RUN SOFTWARE UPDATES FOR YOUR BABY MONITOR SOFTWARE OR APP. AND UNPLUG THE CAMERA WHEN IT'S NOT IN USE.

FOR MORE TIPS AND A LIST OF THE 9 MOST VULNERABLE BABY MONITORS ON THE MARKET, ACCORDING TO SECURITY RESEARCHERS, LOG ONTO KRON 4 DOT COM AND LOOK FOR MY TECH PAGE.

WITH YOUR TECH TRENDS GABE SLATE

CRIME

9/24/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

East Bay county facing shortage of deputies

IF YOU LIVE IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, YOUR SAFETY COULD BE IN JEOPARDY. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS LOSING DEPUTIES AND OTHER EMPLOYEES AT SOME OF THE HIGHEST RATES EVER AS THOSE PEOPLE OPT OUT OF THEIR JOBS IN FAVOR OF MORE MONEY. KRON 4'S JR STONE HAS THE STORY:

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HERE SERVES 160,000 PEOPLE AND THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO COULD BE IN JEOPARDY IF THEY HAVE AN EMERGENCY.

DIAL 911 AND IT MAY SOON TAKE LONGER TO SEE THESE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES AT YOUR HOUSE. THAT'S IF THEY'RE NOT ALREADY DELAYED. IT'S NOT BECAUSE THEY'RE JUST TAKING THEIR SWEET TIME. IT'S BECAUSE DEPUTIES AND OTHER EMPLOYEES ARE LEAVING THE DEPARTMENT AT SOME OF THE HIGHEST RATES EVER. THE MAIN ISSUES, ACCORDING TO INSIDERS, ARE LOW PAY AND LONG HOURS.

IN THE EARLY 2000'S IT WAS COMMON TO SEE UP TO EIGHT CARS PATROLLING WESTERN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY. TODAY FOUR ARE REQUIRED. AND IN AREAS WHERE THERE WERE TWO CARS, NOW IT'S JUST ONE.

UNION REPS SAY THE DEPARTMENT LOST 125 PEOPLE LAST YEAR. THAT'S MORE THAN TEN PERCENT OF THE STAFF. THIRTY-ONE OF THOSE WAS DUE TO RETIREMENT, BUT THE MAJORITY LEFT FOR HIGHER PAYING JOBS. AND ANOTHER 20 TO 30 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO LEAVE NEXT MONTH, SOMETHING THAT COULD HAVE A MAJOR INFLUENCE ON THE TYPE OF CRIMES OFFICERS RESPOND TO.

TO TRY TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM, THE DEPARTMENT HAS MOVED SOME WHO ARE IN SPECIAL UNITS TO PATROLS. IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT HAS PATROL UNITS WORKING A COMBINED 2500 HOURS OF OVERTIME A MONTH. THAT'S IN AN ATTEMPT TO KEEP THESE PATROL CARS ON THE ROAD. THAT MEANS SOME DEPUTIES ARE WORKING 18 HOUR SHIFTS TO DEAL WITH THE SHORTAGE.

A PRESENTATION TO THE COUNTY BOARD WILL COME NEXT MONTH. WE TALKED WITH UNION REPS. THEY ARE HOPING TO START NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE EARLY. THEIR AGREEMENT DOESN'T RUN OUT UNTIL NEXT SUMMER, BUT THEY SAY IF THIS PROBLEM DOESN'T GET FIXED SOON IT'S A PROBLEM THAT'S ONLY GOING TO GET WORSE.

JR STONE KRON 4 NEWS

CRIME

9/28/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Consumers get new tool to battle cyber crime

CREDIT CARD COMPANIES ARE SENDING OUT CARDS WITH A CHIP THAT WILL MAKE IT HARDER FOR THIEVES TO COMMIT FRAUD. AND COMPANIES ARE FACED WITH LEARNING THE NEW SYSTEM. KRON 4'S ALECIA REID CHECKED OUT HOW SOME EMPLOYEES ARE COPING WITH THE NEW MECHANISM:

CREDIT CARD COMPANIES ARE NOW ISSUING CARDS WITH THESE CHIPS ON THEM. SO THE QUESTION IS, ONCE YOU'RE READY TO PAY, DO YOU DO WHAT YOU NORMALLY DO AND SWIPE? OR DO YOU DIP? LET'S FIND OUT.

Store employee: "It's something we're going to have to get used to."

IT'S MEANT TO MAKE SHOPPING SAFER. YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THIS LITTLE BOX ON YOUR CREDIT CARD. BANKS AND OTHER AGENCIES ISSUED THESE NEW TYPES OF CARDS AFTER THE HIGH SECURITY BREACHES WITH COMPANIES SUCH AS TARGET. MANY STORES HAVE ALREADY ACTIVATED THE CHIP READER ON THEIR CREDIT CARD MACHINES. NOW CUSTOMERS HAVE TO INSERT THEIR CARDS INSTEAD OF SWIPING.

Bob Fisher, Walden Pond Books: "Some of our customers aren't particularly happy about it because they were sent cards without asking for them."

WALDEN PONDS BOOKSTORE WAS ALERTED BY ITS BANK TO ACTIVATE ITS CHIP READERS. BUT IT'S WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT HAD EMPLOYEES PUZZLED.

Fisher: "It asks you to insert the card instead of swipe the card, and that's new to us and the customer."

IT'LL TAKE SOME GETTING USED TO, BUT THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF FRAUD WELCOME THE CHANGE.

Jared, customer: "I think it's great. I feel safer with new chip cards. My card has gotten jacked 5 times last year. I have 3 cards, so spread out. This will help a lot."

NOT ALL STORES ARE SET UP TO USE THE CHIP READER JUST YET, BUT BY OCTOBER FIRST, ALL RETAILERS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE USING THE NEW SYSTEM. REPORTING.

IN OAKLAND ALECIA REID KRON 4 NEWS

DIVERSITY

7/1/15 KRON 4 Evening News

LGBT mural defaced in San Francisco

OUTRAGE IN A SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY TODAY AS A CONTROVERSIAL LGBT MURAL HAS BEEN VANDALIZED ONCE AGAIN. THE COMMUNITY HELD A RALLY TODAY AS POLICE TRY TO TRACK DOWN A SUSPECT. IT'S THE FOURTH TIME THE MURAL HAS BEEN VANDALIZED IN THE PAST THREE WEEKS. POLICE SAY THERE IS VIDEO OF THE LATEST INCIDENT, BUT IT HASN'T BEEN RELEASED. KRON4'S MAUREEN KELLY HAS REACTION FROM CONCERNED RESIDENTS:

YOU CAN SEE THE DAMAGE FOR YOURSELF, THE SCORCH MARKS OBSCURING THE GAY COUPLE WHICH HAD BEEN DEPICTED ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE. THE FLAMES WERE PUT OUT BY A GOOD SAMARITAIN WITH A FIRE EXTINGUISHER BEFORE THE FIRE GOT TO THE IMAGES OF THE TRANSGENDER MAN IN THE MIDDLE AND THE LESBIAN COUPLE ON THE RIGHT.

AND EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY, BEFORE IT CAUGHT THE BUILDING, WHICH HOUSES BOTH THE GALLERIA DE LA RAZA AND THE SEVERAL APARTMENTS ABOVE, ON FIRE.

Officer Albie Esparza: "If it had spread to the building it could have been devastating."

ONE PERSON WHO LIVES ABOVE THE ART GALLERY SAYS THIS HAS HER REALLY SCARED, SO SCARED SHE DIDN'T WANT TO APPEAR ON CAMERA. SHE IS EVEN CONSIDERING MOVING AWAY.

Building resident: "If this building becomes a target of violence, I can't logically stay here. And I can't afford to move anywhere else, .so I might leave San Francisco."

POLICE INVESTIGATORS WERE ON SCENE WEDNESDAY. ALL OF THE DEFACEMENTS ARE BEING INVESTIGATED AS HATE CRIMES. SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS CAUGHT AN IMAGE OF THE MALE SUSPECT IN THIS MOST RECENT INCIDENT, ALTHOUGH HIS FACE WAS COVERED BY A BLACK CLOTH. POLICE SAY HE ALSO LEFT BEHIND AN ACCELERANT AND AN INCINDEARY DEVICE.

THE ARTWORK – ENTITLED POR VIDA, MEANING FOR LIFE – IS A DIGITAL MURAL. IT WAS PRINTED ONTO PAPER AND PLASTERED UP. THE GALLERY HAS REPLACED IT TWICE ALREADY. THE FIRE BURNED PARTS OF THOSE AWAY SO YOU CAN NOW SEE SOME OF THE EARILER SPRAYPAINT USED IN THE OTHER INCIDENTS.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE NON-PROFIT ISN'T SURE YET IF THEY WILL PLASTER UP ANOTHER COPY. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN SOME THREATS MADE AND ANGRY COMMENTS POSTED ON THE GALLERY'S SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES FROM PEOPLE UPSET ABOUT THE LGBT THEMES DEPICTED IN THE MURAL.

ONE LONG-TERM RESIDENT SAYS HE DOESN'T AGREE WITH THE ARSON, BUT HE THINKS THIS MURAL IS BETTER SUITED FOR THE CASTRO.

Resident: "This should go up on that side of town. This right here has nothing to do with the Mission."

THAT FEELING IS NOT SHARED BY EVERYONE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

Resident: "You've got people thinking anti-gay, homophobic things and saying not in my community. But this is everybody's community. Gays and lesbians and everybody else has been living here WAY before this."

POLICE SAY THE SUSPECT IS EITHER A WHITE OR LATINO MAN, BETWEEN THE AGES OF 20 AND 40. HE IS ABOUT 5-FOOT-9, 160 POUNDS, AND WAS WEARING ALL BLACK, EXCEPT FOR WHITE GLOVES AND WHITE SNEAKERS.

MAUREEN KELLY KRON4 NEWS

DIVERSITY

7/10/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Homeless outreach efforts during drought

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF FAR REACHING EFFECTS TO THE STATEWIDE DROUGHT AND THE HOMELESS POPULATION KNOWS THAT ALL TOO WELL. DRY CREEKS AND LESS WATER AT PARKS CREATE A SERIOUS HEALTH CONCERN FOR THE HOMELESS. KRON 4'S PHILIPPE DJEGAL IS LIVE IN RICHMOND WHERE HOMELESS OUTREACH COORDINATORS ARE TRYING TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM:

WE TAGGED ALONG WITH DOUG STEWARD OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CENTRAL HOMELESS OUTREACH, SIMPLY TRYING TO KEEP THE HOMELESS HYDRATED.

Stewart: "If you're used to going to city parks where they are watering the grass and using the sprinkler water to wash up or fill up water bottles and now those parks are not using their sprinkler systems as much and the water fountains are at a bare trickle. And the creeks are all dried up."

[ride along as Stewart visits various homeless encampments handing out water bottles, as well as food and blankets if needed]

AS YOU CAN SEE, IT IS DEFINITELY A TOUGH SITUATION OUT HERE. BY THE END OF THIS SUMMER, STEWART BELIEVES HE WILL PROBABLY HAND OUT TWICE AS MANY WATER BOTTLES AS HE DID LAST SUMMER.

DIVERSITY

7/16/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Transgender high school student fighting for equality

A TRANSGENDER HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE IS FIGHTING FOR ACCEPTANCE IN NEW MEXICO. IT'S THE SAME KIND OF STRUGGLE THAT EARNED CAITLYN JENNER AN ESPY AWARD WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

A LAW IN NEW MEXICO PROHIBITS THE TEENAGER FROM PLAYING VOLLEYBALL ON THE GIRLS TEAM. SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY IT'S BECAUSE ALEX TRUJILLO WAS BORN A MALE. NEW MEXICO ATHLETIC OFFICIALS SAY THE GENDER ON A STUDENT'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE WILL DICTATE WHICH TEAM THEY ARE ALLOWED TO PLAY ON, AND UNLESS THE STUDENT UNDERGOES REASSIGNMENT SURGERY, THAT CANNOT CHANGE.

Adrien Lawyer, Transgender Resource Center: "It really shouldn't be that she needs a birth certificate amendment to play varsity sports."

Alex Trujillo: "It may not seem like a big deal to some people, but you never really know what you take for granted."

TRANSGENDER ADVOCATES SAY THAT'S UNFAIR BECAUSE NOT EVERYONE OPTS TO HAVE THE REASSIGNMENT SURGERY. STATE OFFICIALS SAY THERE ARE NO PLANS, AT LEAST RIGHT NOW, TO CHANGE THE RULES.

DIVERSITY

7/17/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Mother's attempt to protect autistic son draws surprise reaction

A FIVE YEAR OLD BOY WITH AUTISM HAS BEEN TARGETED BY VANDALS IN AN UNUSUAL WAY. PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES KNOW THEY NEED TO HAVE PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING. AND THEY ASK OTHERS TO DO THE SAME. BUT WHEN A UTAH MOTHER MADE A NOTE OF IT ON HER CAR, IT SPARKED A NASTY REACTION. REPORTER NICOLE VOWELL HAS THE STORY:

Eliese Livingston, parent: "There you go, Kyler. Can I have a hug?"

5 YEAR OLD KYLER RECENTLY DISCOVERED HIS LOVE FOR SUPER HEROES.

Livingston: "All of a sudden, he started playing with action figures."

BUT TAKING CARE OF THIS BRIGHT-EYED LITTLE BOY REQUIRES HIS PARENTS TO TAP INTO SOME SUPER POWERS OF THEIR OWN.

Livingston: "Autism is definitely a challenge."

COUPLED WITH 3 ADDITIONAL DISORDERS, KYLER IS LEFT WITH LIMITED COMMUNICATION SKILLS.

Livingston: "I have no idea what he was saying and he doesn't know what I'm saying."

SO SHE PLACED THESE STICKERS ON HER CAR, NOTIFYING OTHERS OF HER NON-VERBAL SON.

Livingston, "And that's why we have them, in case of an emergency."

LAST NIGHT, SHE DISCOVERED SOMEONE ELSE HAD A MESSAGE OF THEIR OWN.

Livingston: "It's just appalling, all of it. Undisciplined, spoiled, and entitled, or whatever they were trying to say."

SEEING THESE STICKERS FUELED A DIFFERENT KIND OF SUPER POWER IN THIS PROTECTIVE MOTHER.

Livingston: "He will struggle for his entire life and these people want to make fun of it."

SHE HAS BEEN MARCHING AROUND HER NEIGHBORHOOD, TRYING TO FIND THE PERSON BEHIND THE MESSAGES. NO LUCK.

Livingston: "If they have a problem, they can come talk to me."

TONIGHT, SHE JUST WANTS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT AUTISM, HOPING TO EDUCATE OTHERS ABOUT HOW "SUPER" PEOPLE LIKE KYLER REALLY ARE.

Livingston: "He's definitely a blessing."

LIVINGSTON FILED A POLICE REPORT FOR VANDALISM, SAYING SHE HOPES NOTHING LIKE THAT EVER HAPPENS AGAIN.

DIVERSITY

8/9/15 KRON 4 Weekend Morning News
Darren Wilson speaks out in magazine article

DARREN WILSON IS SPEAKING OUT ALMOST A YEAR AFTER SHOOTING AND KILLING UNARMED 18 YEAR OLD MICHAEL BROWN. A NEW PHOTO OF THE FORMER FERGUSON POLICE OFFICER ACCOMPANYIES AN OVER 20 PAGE IN-DEPTH INTERVIEW BY THE NEW YORKER MAGAZINE. THE REPORTER, WHO SPENT SEVERAL DAYS WITH HIM IN MARCH, SAYS THE NOW 29 YEAR OLD LIVES IN AN UNDISCLOSED NEW HOME. VERY FEW KNOW WHERE.

Darren Wilson, on ABC news: "We just want to have a normal life."

FAR FROM WILSON'S WISH PROCLAIMED FOR HIM AND HIS WIFE IN AN INTERVIEW WITH A-B-C NEWS NINE MONTHS AGO, WILSON NOW SAYS HE'LL ONLY GO TO PLACES WHERE THERE ARE "...LIKE-MINDED INDIVIDUALS," AND IT'S "NOT A MIXING POT."

AND, ABOUT THE DEATH THAT SPARKED NATIONAL OUTRAGE, WILSON SAYS HE DOESN'T THINK OF MICHAEL BROWN AS A PERSON BECAUSE, QUOTE, "...IT DOESN'T MATTER AT THIS POINT." WHEN ASKED IF HE THOUGHT BROWN WAS TRULY A BAD GUY, WILSON SAID, "I ONLY KNEW HIM FOR THOSE 45 SECONDS IN WHICH HE WAS TRYING TO KILL ME, SO I DON'T KNOW."

BROWN'S FAMILY SAYS THEY'RE NOT SURPRISED.

Anthony Gray, /Brown family attorney: "There are so many inconsistencies and hypocrisy through the article itself. It just perpetuates the view of Darren Wilson being self-serving."

WILSON ADMITTEDLY HAS NOT READ THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON THE SYSTEMIC RACISM IN FERGUSON. THE FORMER COP SAYS HE'S "NOT GOING TO KEEP LIVING IN THE PAST." WILSON SAYS "IF YOU LIVE IN A HIGH-CRIME AREA, WITH A LOT OF POVERTY, THERE'S GOING TO BE A LARGE POLICE PRESENCE." HE CLAIMS "IT'S NOT A RACE ISSUE." WILSON GOES ON TO SAY THAT, IN FERGUSON, THERE'S A LACK OF INITIATIVE TO GET A JOB. THE YOUTH ARE RUNNING IN THE STREETS, HE SAYS, NOT WORRIED ABOUT WORKING IN THE MORNING. THE 29 YEAR OLD CLAIMS THAT CULTURE IS "EVERYWHERE IN THE INNER CITIES."

A FORMER POLICE ASSOCIATE OF WILSON'S SPEAKS OUT IN HIS DEFENSE.

Jeff Roorda, St. Louis Police Officers Association: "Darren Wilson is no racist. I know him well. I think the article misrepresents who he is."

DIVERSITY

8/17/15 KRON 4 Evening News
San Francisco racist graffiti

Justin Kan (looking at security video): "It's messed up."

WHAT THE TECH ENTREPRENEUR SAYS IS MESSED UP IS WHAT WAS SCRAWLED ON HIS GARAGE DOOR BY AN UNKNOWN MAN CAUGHT ON VIDEO – AN OBSCENITY AND AN ANTI-ASIAN SLUR SO OFFENSIVE WE HAVE BLURRED IT OUT.

JUSTIN KAN LIVES IN THE DUBOCE TRIANGLE HOME WITH HIS FIANACE AND TWO BROTHERS, ALL OF WHOM ARE ASIAN.

Kan: "So it's clearly directed at someone in the house. Any of us could be the target."

HIS HOME SECURITY CAMERA SHOWS THE CRIME TAKING PLACE. HERE YOU CAN SEE THE SUSPECT, A WHITE MAN WITH A BEARD, WEARING A BASEBALL HAT AND HOODED SWEATSHIRT, USE A MARKER TO DEFACE THE PROPERTY. THIS ALL HAPPENING AROUND 3:30 AM SATURDAY MORNING. THE VANDALISM COMPLETED, THE SUSPECT THEN WALKS OUT OF FRAME A FEW SECONDS. LATER HE CAN BE SEEN CARRYING A BAG OR BACKPACK AND PUSHING A BICYCLE AS HE CALMLY STROLLS DOWN THE STREET

Kan "He was very casual about it which was a little chilling."

POLICE SAY THEY ARE INVESTIGATING THE INCIDENT AS A HATE CRIME.

Kan: "My fiancé was pretty shaken and that was probably the most upsetting part for me."

THE VICTIM, JUSTIN KAN, MIGHT LOOK FAMILAR TO SOME. HE FOUNDED JUSTIN TV AND LIVE STREAMED HIS LIFE ON THE INTERNET BACK IN 2007. MORE RECENTLY HE SOLD HIS STARTUP TWITCH TO AMAZON FOR CLOSE TO A BILLION DOLLARS. HE SAYS NEITHER HE, HIS FIANCE NOR HIS BROTHERS HAVE EVER SEEN THE MAN IN THE VIDEO. THERE HAS BEEN SOME SPECULATION THAT THIS INCIDENT IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF ANTI-TECH SENTIMENT, BUT KAN IS NOT SURE.

Kan: "He looks more like a hipster. He looks like he could be working in tech."

OTHER RESIDENTS ON THE STREET ARE SHOCKED BY WHAT HAPPENED.

Michael Halyard, neighbor: "It's disturbing. I don't think this is a racist neighborhood. It's obviously not a racist city. But there are elements of that."

KAN ALSO DOESN'T THINK THIS HATE CRIME IS INDICATIVE OF HIS NEIGHBORHOOD OR SAN FRANCISCO.

Kan: "My neighbors came out with an outpouring of support and were quick to condemn it. It's just not representative of San Francisco at all."

KAN SAYS ONE WELL-INTENTIONED NEIGHBOR EVEN PAINTED OVER THE OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE BEFORE KAN OR HIS OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS COULD FIX IT.

MAUREEN KELLY KRON4 NEWS

DIVERSITY

8/25/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Wine train apology

A NEW APOLOGY TODAY FROM THE CEO OF THE NAPA VALLEY WINE TRAIN TO THE MOSTLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOK CLUB MEMBERS WHO WERE THROWN OFF THE TRAIN ON SATURDAY. THIS TIME, THE WINE TRAIN TAKES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS ACTIONS SAYING QUOTE - " THE WINE TRAIN WAS 100 PERCENT WRONG IN ITS HANDLING OF THIS ISSUE." KRON 4'S DAN KERMAN SPOKE TO BOOK CLUB MEMBERS TODAY TO GET THEIR REACTION HE JOINS US LIVE FROM THE NEWSROOM:

THEY ARE GLAD THAT THE WINE TRAINING IS OWNING UP TO WHAT IT DID, BUT AT THIS POINT THEY'RE NOT SURE IF THEY ARE BUYING IT.

Lisa Rene Johnson: "I did receive a phone call from the CEO of the Napa Valley Wine Train."

LISA RENEE JOHNSON IS ONE OF THE 11 BOOK CLUB MEMBERS THROWN OFF THE NAPA VALLEY WINE TRAIN SATURDAY FOR ALLEGEDLY BEING TOO LOUD. AFTER RECEIVING WHAT THEY CALL AN UNACCEPTABLE APOLOGY MONDAY, THE WINE TRAIN'S CEO HAS SPOKEN TO HER AND SENT AN EMAIL TAKING FULL RESPONSIBILITY.

IN HIS EMAIL CEO TONY GIOSSIO DETAILS EACH INDIGNITY AND THEN APOLOGIZES FOR IT, CONCLUDING WITH:

"We were acutely insensitive to you and the members of the Book Club. Please accept my apologies for our many mistakes and failures. In this instance, we failed in every measure of the meaning of good service, respect and hospitality." T

THE EMAIL THEN PROMISES ADDITIONAL CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR WINE TRAIN EMPLOYEES.

Johnson:" I really hope that they get it. Because as I said yesterday, I firmly believe that in order to move forward you have to admit your wrongdoing; you have to embody those things. But the proof will be in the pudding in terms of down the road to see if they actually implement those things into the course of their business."

JOHNSON THOUGH ISN'T SO SURE WHETHER THE APOLOGY IS GENUINE OR JUST SPIN TO MAKE IT GO AWAY. SHE BASES THAT ON HER PHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE CEO.

Johnson: "He said to me, over the last few days my staff has been traumatized by this experience. We are being painted in the media to be something that we are not. And I was like, wow, this epiphany because that's the exact same thing that you guys did to us. We have been painted with this broad brushstroke in the media to be something that we are not, too. So I found it all to be, well, this is all about them and making it go away."

JOHNSON SAID SHE HOPES THIS ENTIRE SITUATION WILL MAKE OTHER COMPANIES THINK TWICE BEFORE THEY TREAT ANYONE, INCLUDING AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN, LIKE THIS.

DIVERSITY

8/28/15 KRON 4 News at 11p
Racist graffiti in Latino neighborhood

THE SEARCH IS ON FOR WHOEVER IS BEHIND A SERIES OF RACIALLY- CHARGED GRAFFITI MARKINGS IN SAN FRANCISCO'S MISSION DISTRICT. THE SLOGAN "WHITE POWER" – OFTEN USED BY HARDLINE WHITE SUPREMICISTS – HAS BEEN SCRAWLED OR ETCHED INTO MISSION STREET BUSINESSES AND MURALS WITH LATINO THEMES. AS MANY AS EIGHT WORKS OF ART OR BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN VANDALIZED WITH THE WHITE POWER GRAFFITI.

A LONG-TIME MISSION RESIDENT, DANCER AND ARTIST SANDRA BUSTO SANDOBAL HAS ORGANIZED EFFORTS TO CLEAN-UP THE GRAFFITI IN THE MISSION AND EXCELSIOR NEIGHBORHOODS.

Sandobal: “I was born and raised here. I was born here in 1976. My parents have been here since the 50’s. I have never seen anything like this. I told my parents and they have never seen anything on the walls that says “white power” or with a swastika. That’s the one that was on McDonald’s. It seems like they are targeting the culture, which is the murals, and the businesses that provide services to the diverse community here.”

SANDOBAL SAYS ANOTHER MURAL TARGETED WAS OF THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE SHOWING LOW-RIDERS IN THE ARTWORK. THIS COMES AT A TIME WHEN "WHITE POWER" HAS BEEN SHOUTED AT RALLIES FOR GOP PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL DONALD TRUMP, WHO HAS BEEN CRITIZED FOR HIS COMMENTS, VIEWED AS ANTI-LATINO .

SEVERAL OTHER MURALS IN THE MISSION DISTRICT CELEBRATING THE LGBT COMMUNITY HAVE ALSO BEEN DEFACED IN RECENT WEEKS.

DIVERSITY

9/1/15 KRON 4 Evening News
San Francisco’s Super Bowl homeless problem

THE BAY AREA IS ROUGHLY FIVE MONTHS AWAY FROM THE KICKOFF OF SUPERBOWL 50 AT LEVI STADIUM. BUT BECAUSE MANY OF THE FESTIVITIES ARE TAKING PLACE IN SAN FRANCISCO, MAYOR ED LEE IS SCRAMBLING TO GET HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS CLEARED AWAY BEFORE THE FANS DESCEND. KRON 4'S MAUREEN KELLY SPOKE TO THE MAYOR ABOUT HIS PLAN AND GOT REACTION.

THESE ARE RENDERINGS OF WHAT SUPERBOWL CITY IS EXPECTED TO LOOK LIKE, TRANSFORMING THE FOOT OF MARKET STREET AND THE EMBARCADERO INTO AN OASIS FOR FOOTBALL FANS.

MAYOR LEE IS GETTING THE MESSAGE OUT NOW THAT NOT EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO THE PARTY. HE'S TRYING TO DIS-INVITE THE HOMELESS CAMPING OUT IN THAT SECTION OF THE CITY.

Mayor Ed Lee: "I am taking the Superbowl as an opportunity. Let's help people. We see entire encampments along the Embarcadero, along Market Street, in areas south of Howard Street. Let's try to help these people on a long term basis."

PART OF ED LEE'S LONG TERM PLAN IS TO MOVE SOME OF THESE PEOPLE INTO A NEW NAVIGATION CENTER....WHICH OPENED LAST SPRING...WHERE WHOLE ENCAMPMENTS CAN MOVE INTO...INCLUDING PETS....HE'S ALSO GOT 500 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE FORMERLY HOMELESS EXPECTED TO BE READY TO GO BY THE END OF THE YEAR. HE'S SAYS THE SUPERBOWL ISN'T THE ONLY REASON HE WANTS TO GET THE HOMELESS HOUSED.

Lee: "As winter comes and with this reported El Nino, all the more reason to help people. It's not timed just for the Super Bowl."

ONE ADVOCATE FOR THE HOMELESS THINKS THE PLAN IS A SMOKESCREEN.

Jennifer Friedenbach, Coalintion on Homelessness: "In reality, I think it's just an excuse to do massive sweeps."

SHE SAYS THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WAITING TO GET INTO THE NAVIGATION CENTER AND SHE THINKS THE HOUSING UNITS THE MAYOR IS TALKING ABOUT WILL BE FULL UP BY FEBRUARY...

Frienbach: "Our hope is that the Superbowl motivates the city to end homelessness and invest in housing."

THIS MAN WHO IS CURRENTLY LIVING IN THE NAVIGATION CENTER...SAYS HE HOPES THE NEW EFFORT BY MAYOR WILL HELP OTHERS LIKE HIMSELF

Matthew Teague, navigation center resident, "It sucks that it takes the Superbowl to light a fire under him, but at least he's doing something."

SAM DODGE WITH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF HOPE IS SHOWING ME AROUND THE NEW NAVIGATION CENTER THAT OPENED IN THE SPRING....AS A PILOT PROGRAM.....IT'S DIFFERENT THAN OTHER SHELTERS....BECAUSE OUTREACH WORKERS TRY TO MOVE ENTIRE ENCAMPMENTS IN HERE...PUTTING THEIR POSEESIONS LIKE SHOPPING KARTS IN THESE SHIPPING CONTAINERS....THE HOMELESS CAN BRING THEIR PARTNERS...AND THEIR EVEN THEIR PETS HERE.

Dodge: "When they come in we rapidly work with them to get them attached to benefits and work rapidly towards housing. There are no curfews. People can come in and out as they need to and they can eat meals when they're hungry and sleep when they need to. The only thing we really ask is that people follow through with their appointments and work towards housing."

MATTHEW TEAGUE HAS BEEN LIVING HERE SINCE JULY, AFTER BEING ON THE STREETS SINCE 2012. HE SAYS HE LIKES THE FACT THE CENTER IS LESS STRICT THAN THE SHELTERS AND THAT THE

STAFF HERE REALLY SEEMS TO WANT TO GET HIM INTO HOUSING. HE'S HOPEFUL THAT THE MAYOR'S PLAN TO URGE THE HOMELESS OFF THE STREETS FOR THE SUPERBOWL WILL MOTIVATE OTHERS LIKE HIM TO GET HELP.

Teague: "Maybe hopefully it will get them pointed in the right direction."

THE NAVIGATION CENTER IS ACTUALLY SCHEDULED TO MOVE AWAY FROM THIS SITE JUST A FEW MONTHS AFTER THE SUPER BOWL IS OVER. THAT'S BECAUSE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT FOR FAMILIES IS SCHEDULED TO BREAK GROUND HERE IN THE SPRING OR EARLY SUMMER. THE CITY IS ALREADY LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME FOR THIS FACILITY.

MAUREEN KELLY KRON 4 NEWS

DIVERSITY

9/7/15 KRON 4 Evening News
Graffiti has neighborhood upset

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE ARE TRYING TO FIND OUT WHO IS BEHIND A RASH OF ANTI - CHINESE GRAFFITI WHICH APPEARED IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN THE PORTOLA NEIGHBORHOOD. POLICE KNOW OF FIVE INSTANCES, BUT AS KRON 4'S MAUREEN KELLY REPORTS, THERE ARE OTHERS AS WELL AND THEY HAVE NEIGHBORS UPSET.

Portola resident: "I was disappointed. I was saddened"

THE GRAFFITI...IN BRIGHT ORANGE SPRAY PAINT READS "NO MORE CHINESE" AND IT'S BEEN SPOTTED IN MORE THAN A HALF DOZEN LOCATIONS IN THE PORTOLA, INCLUDING ON THIS CITY PARK BACKSTOP RIGHT OUTSIDE TOMMY LUK'S DOOR.

THE NATIVE SAN FRANCISCAN SAYS HE'S LIVED IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD FOR 25 YEARS AND NEVER EXPERIENCED ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE.

Tommy Luk: "This neighborhood is very diverse. To target a particular ethnicity hurts me; to target any ethnicity hurts me a little bit."

IT WAS ALSO SCRAWLED ON THE FENCE OF THIS ABANDONED HOUSE ON UNIVERSITY STREET AND ON THREE DIFFERENT WALLS ON SOMMERSET AND SILVER. ALL OF THE TAGS APPEARING LATE SATURDAY NIGHT OR EARLY SUNDAY. THE SIGHT IS UPSETTING TO MANY.

Resident: "I wouldn't want to see that every day. It's hurtful."

BUT NOT EVERYONE WAS SURPRISED TO SEE AN ACT OF RACISM IN A CITY WORLD RENOWNED FOR ITS DIVERSITY AND TOLERANCE.

Resident: "I'm not surprised. It can happen anywhere. But it is surprising because it seems so out of the blue, I guess. I kind of thought we were past this. What's happened to bring this on suddenly, I don't get it."

ANOTHER NEIGHBOR WHO DIDN'T WANT TO APPEAR ON CAMERA SAYS THAT THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME THIS NOW EMPTY GROCERY STORE HAS BEEN SPRAY PAINTED

WITH RACIST WORDS. HERE'S A GOOGLE STREETVIEW SHOT THAT SHOWS A SIMILAR TAG FROM ABOUT A MONTH AGO.

LATE SUNDAY AFTERNOON, SOMEONE TOOK MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS AND ALTERED THE GRAFFITI HERE AT THIS BACKSTOP. YOU CAN SEE WHERE THEY PAINTED OVER THE NO AND DREW A HEART IN THE SAME COLOR SPRAYPAINT SO NOW IT READS "LOVE MORE CHINESE" – A GESTURE SOME NEIGHBORS APPRECIATE.

Resident: "I want to thank him. It shows a lot about the neighborhood, that people do care."

SAME WITH THE TAGGING DOWN THE STREET. SOMEONE WHITED OUT THE "NO", SO NOW IT READS "MORE CHINESE". IT'S MORE OF A POSITIVE MESSAGE.

POLICE SAY THEY ARE INVESTIGATING THE VANDALISM AND ARE LOOKING FOR SURVEILLANCE TAPE THAT MAY LEAD THEM TO THOSE BEHIND IT.

MAUREEN KELLY KRON4 NEWS

DIVERSITY

9/7/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Woman breaks pro football coaching glass ceiling

JEN WELTER JUST WRAPPED UP HER COACHING INTERNSHIP WITH THE ARIZONA CARDINALS, SHATTERING A HUGE GLASS CEILING IN THE SPORTS WORLD. WELTER, WHO HERSELF BATTLED ON THE GRIDIRON FOR 14 YEARS, IS NOW THE FIRST FEMALE COACH IN A MEN'S PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE. SHE SPOKE WITH OUR COVERAGE PARTNERS AT CNN ABOUT HER TRAILBLAZING ROLE AND HOW SHE GAINED THE RESPECT OF THE PLAYERS.

Because I cared as much about them as people as I did about them as players. And, I actually really know football. The first test would always be, does she know what she's talking about? And the other thing that I took as a show of respect was when they'd come up to me and say "coach, I watched your highlights – man! You were out there hitting."

WELTER IS NOT THE ONLY WOMAN PIONEER IN THE NFL THIS SEASON. SARAH THOMAS IS THE FIRST FEMALE OFFICIAL. SHE WILL BE A LINE JUDGE FOR THE 2015 SEASON.

DIVERSITY

9/16/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Muslim teenager arrested over homemade clock

HIS INVENTION LANDED HIM IN HANDCUFFS. BUT NOW, A TEXAS TEEN IS RECEIVING INVITATIONS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE AND EVEN FACEBOOK'S CEO TO SHOW OFF HIS ENGINEERING SKILLS.

THIS IS A PHOTO OF 14-YEAR-OLD AHMED MOHAMED BEING LED OUT OF SCHOOL IN HANDCUFFS AFTER SHOWING A TEACHER A DIGITAL CLOCK HE MADE FROM A PENCIL BOX. THE INVENTION APPARENTLY SCARED THE EDUCATOR AND THE POLICE WERE CALLED IN. THE TEEN SAYS OFFICERS TOLD HIM HE WAS BEING ARRESTED FOR HAVING A "FAKE BOMB".

THE INCIDENT LED TO WIDESPREAD OUTRAGE ON SOCIAL MEDIA, WITH SOME SUGGESTING THAT MOHAMED WAS TARGETED BECAUSE HE'S MUSLIM.

CELEBRITIES, ENGINEERS, JOURNALISTS, POLITICIANS, THE NATION'S EDUCATION SECRETARY AND COMPANIES LIKE 3M, HAVE VOICED SUPPORT FOR AHMED, INCLUDING A BIG "LIKE" FROM MARK ZUCKERBERG HIMSELF, WHO INVITED HIM TO VISIT THE FACEBOOK CAMPUS.

DIVERSITY

9/17/15 KRON 4 news at 8pm

Follow up on Muslim clockmaker story

NEW INFORMATION TONIGHT ON THAT MUSLIM TEXAS TEENAGER, ARRESTED AND SUSPENDED MONDAY FOR BRINGING A CLOCK TO SCHOOL THAT TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS THOUGHT WAS A BOMB.

THE MAYOR OF IRVING, TEXAS (OUTSIDE OF DALLAS) IS STANDING BY THE SCHOOL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE SCHOOL SUSPENDED AHMED MOHAMED FOR THREE DAYS, ALTHOUGH POLICE DECIDED NOT TO CHARGE THE 14 YEAR OLD.

THE REACTION ONLINE HAS BEEN HIGHLY CRITICAL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SCHOOL LEADERS. MANY SAY THIS IS AN UGLY CASE OF RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS PROFILING.

AND SEVERAL BAY AREA BUSINESSES AND OTHERS ARE REACHING OUT TO MOHAMED, SUPPORTING HIM AND INVITING HIM TO VISIT.

PRESIDENT OBAMA TWEETED "COOL CLOCK, AHMED" AND DID SO YESTERDAY. AS REPORTED YESTERDAY, MARK ZUCKERBERG WANTS HIM TO COME TO FACEBOOK. IN ADDITION, GOOGLE HAS INVITED HIM TO THIS WEEKEND'S SCIENCE FAIR. TWITTER AND REDDIT HAVE OFFERED HIM INTERNSHIPS, AND MIT WANTS HIM TO VISIT ITS CAMPUS.

MOHAMED IS TRANSFERING SCHOOLS. AND, AS FOR THAT CLOCK? POLICE STILL HAVE IT.

DIVERSITY

9/18/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Company apologizes for sexist commercial

AN ADVERTISEMENT TO DRUM UP BUSINESS FOR A WASHINGTON STATE REAL ESTATE COMPANY HITS A NERVE WITH WORKING MOTHERS.

THE MAILING WENT OUT TO HOMES ALONG ONE PARTICULAR STREET AND THE AD DEPICTS A FEMALE AGENT WHO LOOKS OVERWHELMED BY HER OUT OF CONTROL KIDS. THE AD SHOWS A WOMAN WITH THREE CHILDREN. SHE IS TIED UP WITH A ROPE, HER DAUGHTER PAINTING HER FACE WHILE SHE TRIES TO MAKE A PHONE CALL. SHE'S LABELED AS A PART-TIME AGENT. NEXT TO HER ARE TWO MEN IN AN OFFICE ENVIRONMENT LABELED AS FULL-TIME AGENTS.

SOME MOTHER'S IN THE AREA DON'T THINK IT'S A FAIR DEPICTION OF WHO THEY ARE.

Robin Baldwin, Snoqualmie Ridge resident: "It's a little insulting, I would say, that this mom seems to have no control of her house and then there are these 2 calmly smiling men juxtaposed to her chaotic situation."

Woman resident: "I would suggest that next time you have a woman look over your ad before you decide to put it out."

CHASE AND JEFF COSTELLO SAY THE PURPOSE FOR THEIR AD WAS TO SHOW THE VALUE OF HAVING A FULL-TIME AGENT IN A COMPETITIVE MARKET. BUT THEY WERE BOMBARDED WITH COMPLAINTS TODAY. IN AN APOLOGY THEY ADMIT - QUOTE - WE COMPLETELY FAILED.

DIVERSITY

9/22/15 KRON 4 Evening News

One of several stories on Ben Carson's comments about a Muslim in the White House

A REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE IS BLAMING THE NEWS MEDIA FOR DISTORTING HIS COMMENTS ON WHETHER A MUSLIM SHOULD BE PRESIDENT. CATHERINE HEENAN IS HERE TO TELL US WHAT BEN CARSON NOW SAYS HE REALLY MEANT:

JUST TWO DAYS AGO, CARSON TOLD A TELEVISION INTERVIEWER THAT A MUSLIM SHOULD NOT BE IN THE WHITE HOUSE. HE CALLED ISLAM INCONSISTENT WITH AMERICA'S PRINCIPLES AND CONSTITUTION. IN OHIO TODAY, HE SAID HE DIDN'T MEAN ALL MUSLIMS.

Ben Carson, presidential candidate: "I don't care what a person's religious beliefs are or what their religious heritage is. If they embrace American culture, if they embrace our Constitution and are willing to place that above their religious beliefs, I have no problem with them."

A MUCH MORE CONCILIATORY MESSAGE THAN HIS DECLARATION IN A NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW THAT QUOTE "MUSLIMS FEEL THAT THEIR RELIGION IS VERY MUCH A PART OF YOUR PUBLIC LIFE" AND THAT IS "INCONSISTENT WITH OUR PRINCIPLES AND CONSTITUTION."

HIS CRITICS NOTE THAT ARTICLE SIX OF THE CONSTITUTION FORBIDS ANY RELIGIOUS TEST FOR PUBLIC OFFICE, JUST THE KIND OF TEST HE APPEARED TO EMBRACE ON NBC.

Carson: "I would not advocate that we put a Muslim in charge of this nation. I absolutely would not."

CARSON SAYS THE MEDIA ARE TO BLAME FOR TAKING THAT COMMENT OUT OF CONTEXT.

Carson: "The PC culture says whenever, you know, you are asked a question, it has to be answered in a certain way. If you don't answer it that way, then let's attack. Let's not try to understand what a person is saying. Let's just attack, attack, attack. And hopefully everyone else will look at that and they will realize they were never supposed to say something like that. That's what PC culture is."

IN FACT, MOST REPUBLICANS ARE AGAINST THE IDEA OF ANY MUSLIM IN THE WHITE HOUSE. IN A RECENT GALLUP POLL, 54 PERCENT SAID THEY WOULD NOT SUPPORT AN OTHERWISE WELL-QUALIFIED CANDIDATE WHO HAPPENED TO BE MUSLIM. BY

COMPARISON, THREE OUT OF FOUR DEMOCRATS AND 60 PERCENT OF ALL AMERICANS SAY THEY'D VOTE FOR A MUSLIM CANDIDATE.

DOCTOR CARSON SAYS HE'D BE EQUALLY OPPOSED TO A CHRISTIAN WHO PUT HIS RELIGION BEFORE THE CONSTITUTION. AS FOR HIS OWN BELIEFS, HE SAYS HE OPPOSES SAME-SEX MARRIAGE, BUT WOULD HONOR THE SUPREME COURT RULING LEGALIZING IT.

DIVERSITY

9/29/15 KRN 4 News at 8pm
Racial bias on local police force

BERKELEY IS KNOWN AS ONE OF THE MOST LIBERAL AND PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITIES IN THE U.S. BUT THAT'S APPARENTLY NOT SO WHEN IT COMES TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND RACIAL PROFILING. KRON 4'S VICKI LIVIAKIS IS HERE WITH THE LATEST ON SOME HARSH CLAIMS BEING MADE ABOUT THAT EAST BAY CITY:

YOU MIGHT FIND IT SURPRISING. RACIAL BIAS IN BERKELEY? BUT THAT'S WHAT A NEW STUDY RELEASED TODAY REPORTEDLY SHOWS. CRIME-FIGHTERS AREN'T AS COLOR-BLIND AS SOME PEOPLE MIGHT THINK.

THE STUDY SAYS RACIAL BIAS NOT ONLY EXISTS IN BERKELEY - IT'S PREVALENT IN THE BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT. AND IT ALLEGES OVER-POLICING IN PREDOMINANTLY MINORITY AREAS.

THREE CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS PRESENTED THE DATA COLLECTED SO FAR THIS YEAR. THEY CLAIM WHEN BERKELEY POLICE STOP WHITE PEOPLE IT'S MORE OFTEN FOR LEGIT REASONS WHILE AFRICAN AMERICANS AND LATINOS ARE OFTEN STOPPED FOR NO GOOD REASON AND ARE SEARCHED MORE OFTEN.

HERE'S A BREAKDOWN OF THE NUMBERS. OF SOME 46 HUNDRED PEOPLE PULLED OVER BY BERKELEY POLICE, BLACKS MADE UP JUST OVER 30% WHILE THEY'RE ONLY ABOUT 8% OF THE CITY'S POPULATION. MEANWHILE, WHILE WHITES ARE 60% OF THE POPULATION, THEY ACCOUNT FOR JUST UNDER 37% OF THE STOPS.

SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS? TO REQUIRE THAT POLICE BE EQUIPPED WITH BODY CAMS AND, TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS, TO FILM THE POLICE.

THE BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT DID NOT COMMENT ON THE ACCURACY OF THESE STATISTICS, BUT SAYS MANY OF THE GROUPS' SUGGESTIONS ARE ALREADY BEING WORKED ON.

EDUCATION

7/15/15 KRON 4 Evening News
Anonymous donation benefits local school system

A HUGE WINDFALL FOR THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. AN ANONYMOUS DONOR HAS GIVEN THE DISTRICT 6 MILLION DOLLARS -- AS WELL AS 28 MILLION TO OTHER OAKLAND AGENCIES. AS KRON 4'S TERISA ESTACIO REPORTS DISTRICT OFFICIALS SAY THE GIFT WILL MAKE AN ENORMOUS DIFFERENCE IN MANY LIVES.

Troy Flint: "This is tremendous news."

THAT'S OAKLAND SCHOOLS SPOKESPERSON TROY FLINT REACTING TO THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR GRANT JUST GIVEN TO KIDS IN OAKLAND.

Flint: "The money is earmarked for certain specific purposes that are really aligned with the work we are doing here in Oakland through our Pathway to Excellence strategic plan to create healthy kids, care for the whole child and prepare all students for college, career, and community success."

AND IT IS NOT JUST OAKLAND SCHOOLS DIRECTLY, BUT THE TOTAL GRANT IS 34 MILLION DOLLARS. THE REST OF THE MONEY WILL GO TOWARD VARIOUS OAKLAND AGENCIES THAT WILL ALSO BENEFIT KIDS AND FAMILIES.

Flint: "That's going to strengthen the lives of our families. Healthy families mean healthy students and that makes our job a lot easier. So we're going to be able to collaborate in the service of students and families and that's incredibly exciting."

THE SAN FRANCISCO FOUNDATION IS MANAGING THE LARGE SCALE INVESTMENT, BUT ALL THE DISTRICT KNOWS IS THAT IT ORIGINALLY CAME FROM AN ANONYMOUS EAST BAY DONOR.

Flint: "We're planning to get to work quickly. I know the donor has those intentions. It's an anonymous donor which just shows their humility in addition to their generosity, but they were very specific that they wanted this money to go to Oakland and they wanted it to benefit Oakland in as wide a means as possible and we're going to uphold that wish."

IN OAKLAND, TERISA ESTACIO KRON 4 NEWS

EDUCATION

7/21/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Follow-up on series of stories about local day care center

IN TONIGHT'S MY KRON-4 STORY, AN EAST BAY PRESCHOOL IS BEING FORCED TO MOVE FROM THE CITY-OWNED FACILITY WHERE IT'S BEEN FOR MORE THAN A DECADE. THE PRESCHOOL'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TALKED TO KRON4'S HAAZIY MADYUN ABOUT WHY IT'S BEEN SO DIFFICULT TO FIND ANOTHER LOCATION:

IT IS THE FINAL PACKING DAY AND AN EMOTIONAL ONE FOR THE FACULTY HERE AT KIDS' CLUB PRESCHOOL IN ANTIOCH. THE EDUCATION PROGRAM IS THE LARGEST STATE FUNDED PRESCHOOL FACILITY IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY AND HAS ANNUALLY SERVED AN ENROLLMENT OF 300 STUDENTS AT THE BIDWELL EDUCATION CAMPUS FOR THE PAST 11 YEARS.

Carolyn Mokski, Kids' Club faculty member: "We do not have a place to go and I never thought that would happen to this program."

CAROLYN MOKSKI TOOK OVER THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FROM THE CITY OF ANTIOCH 20 YEARS AGO. NOW THAT THEIR LEASE HAS ENDED, THE SIZE OF THE PRESCHOOL HAS BEEN THE MAJOR PROBLEM IN FINDING A NEW FACILITY

Mokski: "We originally had 8 separate schools. We came together and brought all of those schools into this building, thinking it was a good idea to have all the children in one location. It was a great idea, but now it's backfired on us because now we've lost this building."

SO, PACKING UP, THIS HAS GOT TO BE KIND OF HEART BREAKING.

Julia White, Kids' Club site supervisor: "It is! I have been a preschool teacher for many, many years. I love this program a lot; I've committed myself to this. This is a career for me. It's hard to think about what my next step might be because this is what I dedicated my life to."

IN FACT KIDS' CLUB PRESCHOOL HAS BEEN A DEDICATED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM PRIMARILY SERVING LOWER INCOME ANTIOCH RESIDENTS LIKE ARIADANA SANTOS

THIS IS GOING TO AFFECT YOUR FAMILY ON MULTIPLE LEVELS YOU WORK HERE AND HAVE CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL, SO WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU?

Santos: "I don't know what's going to happen to me. Do I work or do I stay home and take care of my kids.? I will have to pay for high costs for quality care. It's going to be hard for me."

Mark Mokski, Kids' Club executive director: "Now we're putting our stuff in storage."

THE SCHOOL'S CURRENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS DISAPPOINTED THAT HE HAS REACHED AN IMPASSE WITH THE ANTIOCH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY LEADERS IN TRYING TO FIND ANOTHER LOCATION.

WHO SAYS NO TO KIDS' CLUB?

Mark Mokski: "A lot of people have come out and say yes they want to help, but words are doing no good. We need action"

IN ANTIOCH HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

EDUCATION

7/25/15 KRON 4 Evening News
East Bay teen pageant focuses on education

THIS WEEKEND AN EAST BAY FAMILY CONTINUES AN EFFORT TO PREVENT TEEN VIOLENCE. THEY ARE DOING IT BY EMPOWERING YOUNG GIRLS COMPETING IN A PAGEANT, BUT AS KRON4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN FOUND OUT, IT'S A CONTEST ABOUT THE BEAUTY OF BRAIN POWER:

NINETEEN YEAR-OLD JASMINE JOHNSON HAS THE VOCAL CHOPS ALRIGHT, BUT SHE ALSO HAD WHAT IT TOOK TO BE CROWNED THE QUEEN OF THE 2014 OAKLAND TEEN EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. BY WINNING THE CONTEST, SHE RECEIVED A TWO-YEAR THREE THOUSAND DOLLAR STIPEND TO A PERALTA COLLEGE AND IS PREPARING TO TRANSFER TO A UNIVERSITY IN 2016.

Jasmine Johnson: "Since winning the pageant, I had so many doors opened. I went to college right after I finished."

WINNING WASN'T EASY. ALONG WITH WRITING AN ESSAY, THE CONTESTANTS ARE ALSO JUDGED ON SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Nikki Shaw: "It's not about a beauty pageant, it's about a brainy pageant."

CELEBRITY CHEF NIKKI SHAW IS THE CHAIR OF THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT CREATED THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

Shaw: "We want to empower teens. We believe if you change the young women, you change the community. That's our slogan and we firmly believe that."

NIKKI'S MOTHER PAULA WELSH FOUNDED THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Welsh: "We found out that Oakland is number two for human trafficking and we thought it was our responsibility to try to do something to prevent young girls from getting caught up in violence."

HISTORIC SWEET'S BALLROOM WILL BE THE LOCATION FOR SATURDAY'S 2ND ANNUAL EVENT. AND THEY ALREADY TALKING ABOUT BIG PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

Welsh: "It's our goal to be sponsored by a tech company and set up a 5 year model program where we get girls involved in technology, STEM projects, move them into being competitive in the job market."

HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON 4 NEWS

EDUCATION

7/27/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Abrupt shut-down for East Bay pre-school

SOME EAST BAY PARENTS ARE VERY UPSET AFTER THEY RECEIVED AN EMAIL SAYING THEIR CHILDREN'S PRESCHOOL IS CLOSING AT THE END OF THE WEEK. CAMELOT SCHOOL IN CASTRO VALLEY HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR MORE THAN 35 YEARS. PARENTS SAY THEY ARE RECEIVING CONFLICTING INFORMATION ABOUT WHY THE SCHOOL IS CLOSING. KRON 4'S TERISA ESTACIO TRIED TO GET SOME ANSWERS, BUT THE OWNER OF THE SCHOOL REFUSED TO TALK.

KRON reporter: "Why won't you keep this school open?"

School owner, closing office door: "I don't know how to do that."

KRON 4 NEWS ATTEMPTED TO TALK WITH THE OWNER OF CAMELOT SCHOOL IN CASTRO VALLEY ON MONDAY, THIS FOLLOWING AN EMAIL SHE SENT OUT TO MORE THAN 100 FAMILIES LAST FRIDAY SAYING THE SAN LORENZO SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS ABRUPTLY SELLING THE SITE, SO SHE HAD TO SHUT THE DAYCARE AND PRESCHOOL'S DOORS BY THE END OF THE WEEK.

Eric Cormeir, parent: "They could have given us thirty days, maybe two months? I mean just enough time to figure out what we're going to do."

Michelle Belizario, parent: "I have another child that's under two. And there's very limited options in the area for him."

Dana Pazdirek, parent: "It's breaking my heart. Honestly, it's breaking my heart, but what can we do?"

I FOLLOWED SEVERAL PARENTS WHO ALSO WENT INTO THE SCHOOL LOOKING FOR ANSWERS.

[video of school owner shutting door in their face]

Parent: "She said they decided to sell and she had no choice."

KRON 4 NEWS WENT TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FIND OUT THEIR SIDE. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES SAYS THEY GAVE THE SCHOOL A SIX MONTH NOTICE IN APRIL, ALLOWING THE SCHOOL TO STAY OPEN UNTIL OCTOBER.

Reporter: "If you're going to sell the property don't you think about letting the parents know?"

Annette Heldman, San Lorenzo school district: "That would be up to the owner of the business. We exercised our option. The Board is looking to sell the property. The owner should have told them."

WE TRIED AGAIN TO TALK WITH THE OWNER BUT SHE STILL REFUSED TO TALK ABOUT WHY SHE GAVE THE PARENTS SUCH SHORT NOTICE.

Owner: "I'm sorry."

PARENTS SAY THEY ARE ALSO VERY UPSET ABOUT THE TEACHERS. THEY SAY THE OWNER IS NOT GIVING ANY TYPE OF SEVERANCE. THE PARENTS HAVE ORGANIZED AND PLAN TO SEEK MORE INFORMATION FROM THE DISTRICT AND THE OWNER.

IN THE MEANTIME, THIS PARENT SAID SHE HAS BEEN UPSET ALL WEEEKNEED. SHE CAME IN TO DROP OFF SOME DONUTS FOR THE TEACDHERS.

Parent: "It's just very sad. It could have been done differently."

TERISA ESTACIO KRON 4 NEWS

EDUCATION

7/31/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Follow-up on school closure story

TODAY PARENTS IN CASTRO VALLEY ARE SCRAMBLING TO FIND THEIR CHILDREN A SCHOOL AND EMPLOYEES OF THE ABRUPTLY CLOSED CAMELOT PRESCHOOL ARE LOOKING FOR JOBS. TODAY WAS THE LAST DAY. FRUSTRATED TEACHERS AND PARENTS DID NOT KNOW UNTIL A WEEK AGO THAT THE SCHOOL WAS SHUTTING DOWN. KRON 4'S EMILY TURNER HAS THE STORY:

AFTER MORE THAN 35 YEARS, TODAY IS THAT LAST DAY AT CAMELOT PRESCHOOL. MOST OF THE FAMILIES OF THE KIDS WHO GO HERE ARE WORKING FAMILIES AND THEY SAY THE LAST WEEK SINCE THEY WERE NOTIFIFED HAS BEEN A MAD RUSH TO FIND SOMETHING ELSE.

SO EVERYTHING IS FAR FROM PERFECT IN THIS CAMELOT. [VIDEO OF SAD TODDLER WAVING GOODBYE]. THE PRESCHOOL IS CLOSED, WITH ONLY ONE WEEK'S NOTICE AND TODAY WAS THE LAST DAY.

Amy McPartland, parent: "Getting notice on a Friday night and having only 5 days to find other care just doesn't seem fair."

THE TEACHERS WERE LEFT WITHOUT SEVERANCE PAY AND MANY PARENTS STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY'RE SENDING THEIR KIDS NEXT, BUT WHAT THEY DO HAVE – ALL OF THEM – IS A LOT OF HARD FEELINGS.

Keli Cooper, former Camelot secretary: "I am so disappointed that she gave everyone only a week to find new employment and new child care."

THEY'VE HAD TO TAKE TIME OFF WORK TO SCRAMBLE AND FIND A NEW SCHOOL, A TALL ORDER ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE.

Parent: "Because she gave us so little notice, we had to make last minute calls, go to facilities, and enroll our children essentially in a place we've only seen once."

THE WOMAN THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT IS THE OWNER, GEORGINA ARMSTRONG. THIS WOMAN: [VIDEO OF OWNER CLOSING OFFICE DOOR IN FACE OF REPORTER ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS].

THAT'S TODAY'S RESPONSE, WHICH WAS VERY SIMILAR TO THE ONE WE GOT EARLIER THIS WEEK WHEN WE TRIED TO ASK WHY SHE DIDN'T GIVE MORE NOTICE. SHE CLEARLY HAD NOTHING TO SAY TO US EITHER DAY, BUT THE PARENTS AND EMPLOYEES SHE DISAPPOINTED DID.

Cooper: "I'm technically unemployed at this time. I have not been able to find a job in a week. That makes me angry. I have rent to pay."

BECAUSE ARMSTRONG REFUSED TO PAY SEVERANCE, THE PARENTS STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE AND GIVE EACH EMPLOYEE A PORTION OF THE \$4900 DOLLARS THEY MANAGED TO RAISE THEMSELVES. THE TEACHERS DESERVE THEIR GRATITUDE, THESE PARENTS SAY, EVEN IF ARMSTRONG DOESN'T.

Ashley Mercier, parent: "As parents, we've been trying to turn our anger into throwing our support behind the teachers and making sure they know how absolutely faithful we are to them."

IN CASTRO VALLEY EMILY TURNER KRON 4 NEWS

EDUCATION

8/3/15 KRON 4 Evening News
San Francisco's teacher shortage

IN SAN FRANCISCO, THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS ONLY TWO WEEKS AWAY AND THE DISTRICT IS SCRAMBLING TO FILL OPEN TEACHER POSITIONS. RIGHT NOW THERE ARE 51 VACANCIES IN SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOMS. CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 17TH AND IT'S COMING UP QUICK.

THE DISTRICT SAYS THEY ARE ACTUALLY DOING BETTER THAN THIS TIME LAST YEAR, BUT STILL THE SUPERINDENT TOOK THE UNPRECEDENTED STEP OF SENDING OUT THIS EMAIL TO HIS STAFFERS, ASKING THEM TO TRY AND RECRUIT FROM THEIR OWN NETWORK OF FRIENDS.

THE BIGGEST NEEDS – SPECIAL ED, BILINGUAL AND HIGH SCHOOL MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHERS.

ONE REASON FOR THE TROUBLE IS THE SHRINKING POOL OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES. PEOPLE WERE TURNED OFF THE PROFESSION AFTER YEARS OF LAYOFFS DURING THE RECESSION.

Gentle Blythe, SF Unified School District: "California as a whole is facing a massive decline in the percentage of people who are exiting teacher credential programs with credentials. We saw a 53% decrease over the last five years, and so we are worried."

ANOTHER REASON IS THE HIGH COST OF HOUSING IN THE BAY AREA

Blythe: "When you think about what it costs to live here now, it's staggering."

THE DISTRICT SAYS THEY ARE MEETING WITH THE CITY AND THE TEACHERS UNION TO COME UP WITH LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS SUCH AS WORKFORCE HOUSING AND OFFERING RENT SUBSIDIES.

Lita Blanc, United Educators of San Francisco: "Building affordable housing that we would be able to get educators into; the district providing property on which to build."

THE UNION SAYS THEY WILL ALSO BE LOOKING FOR HIGHER SALARIES WHEN WAGES COME UP FOR NEGOTIATION NEXT YEAR.

I SPOKE BY PHONE TO A TEACHER WHO IS MOVING FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR A NEW JOB IN A SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO HIGH SCHOOL. HE SAYS HE'S DOING IT BECAUSE HE'S ALWAYS WANTED TO COME BACK TO THE CITY AND TO BE CLOSER TO HIS NEW NEPHEW.

Austin Lawrence, newly hired teacher: "I doubt I'll be buying property for quite a while."

THE DISTRICT SAYS SAN FRANCISCO IN ITSELF IS A POWERFUL RECRUITMENT TOOL AND THEY ARE CONFIDENT ALL OF THEIR CLASSROOM POSITIONS WILL BE FILLED IN TIME FOR THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS.

MAUREEN KELLY KRON4 NEWS

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EDUCATION

8/11/15 KRON 4 Evening News
Bay Area Teacher Shortage (2 stories)

A TEACHER SHORTAGE IS LOOMING OVER THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR, WHICH STARTS FOR MOST BAY AREA STUDENTS IN JUST A COUPLE OF WEEKS. IN THIS SEGMENT OF OUR CONTINUING READY-4- SCHOOL COVERAGE, KRON4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN TAKES A LOOK AT ONE EAST BAY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WHAT IT IS DOING TO FILL THOSE VACANT TEACHING POSITIONS.

Elizabeth Graswich, San Ramon Valley Unified School District: "The pink pages here list a number of our teaching positions, including some of our core positions. We have math, some science and other subject areas."

IT'S JUST ABOUT TWO WEEKS OUT FROM THE START OF THE 2015 SCHOOL YEAR HERE IN THE SAN RAMON VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND ACCORDING TO THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE THERE ARE 190 JOB POSTINGS FOR A TOTAL 418 JOB VACANCIES.

Reporter: "Alright! So, the school district is hiring?"

Graswich: "We ARE hiring!"

SAN RAMON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT SPOKESPERSON ELIZABETH GRASWICH ADMITS THEY HAVE GOT A LOT OF CATCHING UP TO DO IN TERMS OF FILLING ALL OF THOSE TEACHING VACANCIES IN THE DISTRICT'S 35 SCHOOLS OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS.

Graswich: "Like all school districts across California, right now we are facing a teacher shortage. It's something taking place in California following years of budget cuts. People saw years of teachers getting pink slips, getting laid off, so they didn't go into the teaching profession like they had in previous years. So this is really the first year that school districts are seeing the impact of those budget cuts."

AT MONTE VISTA HIGH SCHOOL IN DANVILLE THERE ARE SOME PRETTY IMPORTANT TEACHING POSITIONS YET TO BE FILLED INCLUDING BIOLOGY, COMPUTER SCIENCE, FRENCH, MATH AND SOCIAL SCIENCE.

Reporter: "That's quite a few openings. What happens if they are not filled on Day One?"

Graswich: "We do have a plan in place. We would hire a substitute and we would continue to recruit until we have the best professionals in place for our students."

THE SAN RAMON VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IS RATHER CONFIDENT THAT THOSE LOOKING FOR TEACHING JOBS WILL LIKE THE OPPORTUNITIES BEING OFFERED HERE.

Graswich: "The San Ramon Valley Unified School District is a fantastic school district. It is one of the top performing districts in the state of California. We offer a great benefits package, and we also offer a very rich professional development opportunity for our staff."

HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON 4 NEWS

THESE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SAN JOSE MAY KNOW THEIR DANCE ROUTINES, BUT WHAT THEY DON'T KNOW IS WHO WILL BE TEACHING CLASS ON WEDNESDAY.

Reporter: Do you know if you'll have a teacher?

Student: "I hope!"

YES, SAN JOSE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS A TEACHER SHORTAGE.

Student: "I've noticed teachers they've been slowly leaving, but I didn't think of it like a shortage."

Jorge Quintano, San Jose school district: "We do have a plan in place for Wednesday should we not have all the permanent teachers hired by then.."

JORGE QUINTANO OF THE DISTRICT SAYS THEY'RE HIRING EVEN NOW FOR ABOUT A DOZEN OPENINGS, BUT PARENTS SHOULDN'T WORRY.

Quintano: "The plan is, we have a number of substitute teachers who are ready to serve our students. These are veterans. They have their credentials; they're just retired."

THE AVERAGE PAY HERE IS 75 THOUSAND DOLLARS, BUT QUINTANO SAYS THE COST OF LIVING MAKES IT HARD TO LURE TEACHERS TO THE SILICON VALLEY.

Quintano: "It is becoming a challenge to find those teachers all across California."

PLUS, FEWER COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE GRADUATING WITH A TEACHING CREDENTIAL.. BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT IS STARTING TO SOUND ATTRACTIVE TO THIS HIGH SCHOOLER.

Student: "I've been thinking of becoming like an art teacher or a math teacher."

BOTTOM LINE, IF YOU'RE A TEACHER ESPECIALLY ONE WHO SPECIALIZES IN MATH SCIENCE OR SPECIAL ED - THE SAN JOSE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH YOU.

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EDUCATION

8/11/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Local educator speaks out on over-parenting students

Educator Julie Lythcott Haims: "When we over-help, we send this insidious message: hey kid, I don't think you're capable of doing this without me."

WHEN IT COMES TO PARENTING, IS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING? AS YOU GET READY TO SEND THE KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL, A FORMER STANFORD DEAN IS SPEAKING OUT AGAINST SO -CALLED "HELICOPTER PARENTS." KRON 4'S KATE CAGLE HAS A LIST OF THREE THINGS THIS EXPERT SAYS PARENTS SHOULD STOP DOING THIS SCHOOL YEAR:

THIS FORMER DEAN OF FRESHMAN SAID SHE SAW STUDENTS WHO WERE CAPABLE ENOUGH TO GET ADMITTED TO STANFORD, BUT WERE COMPLETELY UNPREPARED TO DEAL WITH THE REAL WORLD. SO, SHE DECIDED TO WRITE A BOOK – "HOW TO RAISE AN ADULT."

Lythcott Haims: "Our job as parents is to put ourselves out of a job and raise our kids to independent adulthood."

FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS, JULIA LYTHCOTT HAIMS HELPED FRESHMEN STUDENTS TRANSITION TO STANFORD UNIVERSITY. OVER THAT DECADE SHE NOTICED PARENTS BECOMING MORE INVOLVED IN THE LIVES OF THEIR COLLEGE-AGED CHILDREN AND SOMETHING ELSE...

Lythcott Haims: "At the same time I was seeing a decrease in the number of college-aged men and women who were capable of making decisions, solving problems, investigating opportunities for themselves."

IN HER BOOK "HOW TO RAISE AN ADULT," LYTHCOTT HAIMS PROMISES TO HELP PARENTS BREAK FREE FROM THE OVER-PARENTING TRAP.

Lythcott Haims: "It's of course a very loving thing, to want to do think be for your grown son or daughter, but my concern was what's happened to their drive to do for themselves?"

AS YOU GET READY TO SEND YOUR KIDS SO SCHOOL, THE MOTHER OF TWO HAS SOME ADVICE. FIRST, STOP SAYING "WE" WHEN YOU REALLY MEAN YOUR SON OR

DAUGHTER. SECOND, STOP ARGUING WITH AUTHORITY FIGURES IN YOUR KIDS' LIVES. INSTEAD TEACH YOUR KIDS TO ADVOCATE FOR THEMSELVES

Lythcott Haims: "A middle-schooler is capable of having a difficult conversation with a teacher or with a coach. If they can't do it in middle school, how are they going to do it in high school? And if they can't do it in high school, you're going to be that parent who feels the need to show up in college and have that conversation with a professor over a grade."

AND THIRD, STOP DOING THEIR HOMEWORK. EVEN IF IT HELPS THEM GET INTO A TOP COLLEGE, YOU MAY BE HURTING THEIR CHANCE FOR SUCCESS.

Lythcott Haims: "They have a more fragile sense of self. They have greater rates of anxiety and depression. Too much has been done for them and deprives them of the opportunity to have a sense of being their own person."

NOW THE AUTHOR SAYS SHE KNOWS THERE'S A LOT OF PRESSURE ON PARENTS AND TEENS TO GET INTO TOP COLLEGES, BUT SHE SAYS WE SHOULDN'T HAVE SUCH A NARROW DEFINITION OF SUCCESS. INSTEAD SHE SAYS PARENTS SHOULD LET THEIR KIDS CHOOSE THEIR OWN PATH.

KATE CAGLE, KRON 4 NEWS

EDUCATION

8/19/15 KORN 4 Evening News
National candidates weigh in on education

SIX OF THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT MADE THE SAME CAMPAIGN STOP TODAY AT AN EDUCATION SUMMIT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE. CATHERINE HEENAN IS HERE WITH THAT STORY:

ONE BY ONE THE SIX CANDIDATES TOOK THE STAGE FOR INTERVIEWS ON EDUCATION, WITH A FOCUS ON STANDARDS AND TEACHER UNIONS.

NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR CHRIS CHRISTIE SAID AGAIN THAT THE NATION'S TEACHER UNIONS "NEED A PUNCH IN THE FACE" AS HE PUTS IT. WISCONSIN GOVERNOR SCOTT WALKER ALSO DID SOME UNION BASHING.

UNLIKE MOST OF HIS RIVALS, JEB BUSH IS SUPPORTING A PLAN CALLED COMMON CORE THAT CENTERS AROUND TESTING. HE SAYS EDUCATION HAS TO BE A TOP PRIORITY.

Bush: "Billions of dollars are spent on community colleges and universities to deal with remediation, re-doing high school math and reading because it wasn't done right the first time. These are huge challenges and now you see what happens on the first anniversary of Ferguson, you see kids that are aimless who don't believe the system works for them."

BUSH SAYS IT SHOULD BE UP TO STATES TO SET THEIR OWN STANDARDS - AS LONG AS THEY'RE HIGH.

CARLY FIORINA WAS AMONG THE OTHER CANDIDATES SPEAKING AT THE EVENT. SHE ARGUES THAT MORE GOVERNMENT SPENDING DOES NOT EQUAL BETTER EDUCATION.

MEANWHILE DEMOCRAT BERNIE SANDERS CONTINUES TO GET BIG CROWDS AT HIS CAMPAIGN STOPS WHERE HE CONTINUES TO DETAIL HIS PLANS FOR FREE UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE TUITION.

EDUCATION

8/21/15 KRON 4 Evening News
Technology update – best laptops for students

ALL THIS WEEK KRON 4 IS GETTING YOU READY FOR SCHOOL. TONIGHT WE ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT GOOD STUDENT LAPTOPS THAT YOU CAN SCORE FOR UNDER \$300.

CHROMEBOOKS ARE A NEW BREED OF NOTEBOOK THAT ARE CATCHING ON WITH STUDENTS. THEY ARE VERY LIGHTWEIGHT, VERY PORTABLE AND VERY AFFORDABLE - YOU CAN GET A GOOD CHROMEBOOK FOR AS LOW AS \$150.

THEY LOOK LIKE TRADITIONAL LAPTOPS, BUT ON THE INSIDE THEY ARE A LOT DIFFERENT. THEY DON'T HAVE SPINNING HARD DRIVES.. THEY HAVE SOLID STATE HARD DRIVES. THIS MEANS YOU CAN'T STORE A LOT OF DATA ON THESE MACHINES. YOU USE THE CLOUD FOR THAT. IT ALSO MEANS THAT YOU CAN'T RUN A LOT OF APPS LIKE YOU WOULD ON A TRADITIONAL LAPTOP. THIS IS A VERY SIMPLIFIED LAPTOP.

BUT A BENEFIT OF NOT HAVING A SPINNING HARD DRIVE MEANS CHROMEBOOKS TURN ON AND OFF REALLY FAST. IT JUST TAKES SECONDS TO FIRE IT UP AND GET TO WORK.. AND THE BATTERY ON THESE NOTEBOOKS LASTS A LONG TIME. THEY ARE GREAT FOR LIFE ON THE GO.. STUDENTS GOING FROM CLASS TO CLASS...

CHROMEBOOKS ARE SIMPLIFIED WEB-BASED LAPTOPS RUNNING ON GOOGLE'S CHROME OPERATING SYSTEM. IT'S BASICALLY GOOGLES VERSION OF A LAPTOP. EVERYTHING YOU DO WITH IT RUNS OFF CLOUD INTERNET APPS, SO IT'S GREAT FOR WEB SURFING, EMAIL, AND DOCUMENT CREATING THROUGH GOOGLE DOCS WHICH IS LIKE THEIR VERSION OF MICROSOFT WORD.

BOTTOM LINE, THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS CHROMEBOOKS CAN'T DO THAT TRADITIONAL LAPTOPS CAN, BUT THEY PROVIDE USERS WITH FAST AND PORTABLE ACCESS TO THE WEB AND WORD PROCESSING AND IN A LOT OF WAYS THAT'S ALL STUDENTS NEED.. FOR A REALLY LOW PRICE.

ON OUR WEBSITE KRON 4 DOT COM IN OUR "READY FOR SCHOOL" SECTION I'VE LISTED A BUNCH OF CHROMEBOOKS UNDER \$300 THAT I RECOMMEND.

WITH YOUR TECH TRENDS GABE SLATE KRON 4 NEWS

EDUCATION

8/22/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Technology update – apps to help students with homework

ALL THIS WEEK KRON 4 HAS BEEN GETTING YOU READY FOR SCHOOL. TO KEEP IT GOING, TONIGHT I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOME GREAT MOBILE APPS THAT CAN HELP STUDENTS IF THEY GET STUCK ON SOME DIFFICULT HOMEWORK.

Jerome: "Here I have a geometry problem that I need to solve for x."

JEROME IS A SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT HE SHOWED ME HOW HE USES SNAPSOLVE A MOBILE APP THAT LETS YOU GET QUICK ON DEMAND HELP FROM TUTORS ANYTIME YOU NEED IT FROM ANYWHERE. YOU JUST TAKE A PICTURE OF THE PROBLEM YOU'RE WORKING ON AND SEND IT OUT. WITHIN SECONDS A TUTOR ON THE OTHER END SENDS BACK THE ANSWER AND A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW THEY GOT THE ANSWER.

Jerome: "I like how fast it is. And it's similar to snapchat and I'm used to snapchatting friends and talking through snapchat."

IT'S QUICK HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT. A LIFELINE. YOU TAKE PICTURES OF YOUR LAPTOP SCREEN OR BOOKS OR WHATEVER IS STUMPING YOU. HELP IS OUT THERE. IF IT'S SOMETHING THAT SENDING PICTURES AND TEXT MESSAGES CAN'T RESOLVE YOU CAN DO A QUICK SNAP SESSION WHICH OPENS UP A REAL TIME LIVE VIDEO CHAT WITH THE TUTOR WHO CAN WORK YOU THROUGH THE PROBLEM ON THE SHARED WHITE BOARD IN THE APP. YOU WILL ACTUALLY SEE AND HEAR THE TUTOR WORK THROUGH THE PROBLEM. THIS WAY YOU CAN INTERACT WITH THEM. IT'S THE CLOSEST THING TO IN PERSON TUTORING..

SNAPSOLVE CAN BE USED BY MIDDLE SCHOOLERS THROUGH COLLEGE, UNDERGRAD AND POSTGRAD. THE APP IS FREE.. SOME QUESTIONS ARE FREE. THE MORE COMPLICATED THEY GET AND TIME CONSUMING, THE HOMEWORK HELP WILL COST BETWEEN TWO AND TEN DOLLARS.

AND IF IT'S MORE THAN QUICK HELP SOLVING ONE PROBLEM YOU NEED, THERE ARE SEVERAL APPS AND WEBSITES THAT OFFER ON-DEMAND IN-PERSON TUTORING.

THIS WEBSITE CALLED WYZANT IS LIKE A YELP FOR TUTORS. YOU GET ON THERE, ENTER YOUR ZIP CODE AND THE SUBJECT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR AND YOU SHOP FOR TUTORS. ONCE YOU FIND ONE YOU LIKE WHO IS IN YOUR PRICE RANGE, YOU BOOK A IN-PERSON SESSION. IT CAN BE AT YOUR PLACE, OR A LIBRARY OR YOU COULD MEET AT ANY CAFÉ OR ANYWHERE IN PUBLIC THAT YOU WANT. THE TUTORS ON HERE ARE THOROUGHLY CHECKED OUT WITH BACKGROUND CHECKS. AND THEY ARE RATED AND REVIEWED BY THE CLIENTS SO YOU CAN GET A GOOD IDEA OF WHO YOU'RE GOING TO WORK WITH.

TUTORS CHARGE BETWEEN FIFTEEN AND FIFTY DOLLARS AN HOUR. AND SOME OF THEM WILL NEGOTIATE DEPENDING ON YOUR INCOME. WHAT I SAW IN MOST CASES WAS THE TUTORS ON HERE WERE CHEAPER THAN OUT OF THE PHONE BOOK. .

ON OUR WEBSITE KRON 4 DOT COM WE HAVE A SPECIAL "READY FOR SCHOOL" SECTION WHERE YOU CAN FIND LINKS TO THE APPS I JUST SHOWED YOU AS WELL AS OTHER APPS THAT HELP STUDENTS AND PARENTS DEAL WITH HOMEWORK AND STAYING CAUGHT UP THROUGH THE SCHOOL YEAR AND ON THERE WE HAVE A TON OF OTHER RESOURCES, ALL "READY FOR SCHOOL" RELATED.

WITH YOUR TECH TRENDS GABE SLATE

EDUCATION

8/26/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Local school provides free college prep education to low income students

KRON 4 IS GETTING YOU READY FOR SCHOOL. THE LATEST IN OUR ONGOING SERIES OF BACK-TO-SCHOOL STORIES TAKES YOU TO EAST PALO ALTO, WHERE KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE SHOWS YOU HOW SOME OF THE BAY AREA'S BEST AND BRIGHTEST ARE GETTING READY FOR COLLEGE:

OBVIOUSLY, THE KIDS HERE AT EASTSIDE PREPERATORY SCHOOL IN EAST PALO ALTO ARE HAPPY TO BE BACK. JUDGE CANTRELL IS IN THE 6TH GRADE.

Cantrell: "It's full of lots of care and support for the community and not just the school and that's Eastside, right?"

EASTSIDE PREP IS AN INDEPENDENT, PRIVATELY FUNDED MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL DEDICATED TO PROVIDING A FREE COLLEGE PREP EDUCATION FOR KIDS FROM LOW INCOME FAMILIES. HELEN KIM IS EASTSIDE'S CO-FOUNDER AND VICE PRINCIPAL.

Kim: "Our focus is getting our students prepared to be successful, not only in college but also to become leaders, to be comfortable with themselves in the academic world of higher education and beyond higher education."

WHAT IN 1996 BEGAN IN A PARK, AND THEN A SMALL HOUSE, NOW BOASTS A FIRST CLASS FACILITY WITH 300 STUDENTS, MANY OF WHOM LIVE ON CAMPUS. SENIOR ELIZABETH PEREZ IS HEADED FOR LAW SCHOOL

Perez: "My goal is to get my degree in business and then go to law school afterwards and become a lawyer.

I've always been incorporated into this idea of college and how you have to prepare to succeed. And also being in an area where it's all full of minorities trying to reach the same goal. Since we're a small school you can get a lot of help from the teachers and they really do lift you up when you're down. They listen to any problems you have even if it's not school-related. And they help you if it is school-related. Their goal is for you to succeed and that's not really common at other schools."

THE CURRICULUM IS RIGOROUS. THERE'S LOTS OF MATH AND SCIENCE OF COURSE, BUT JOURNALISM AND ART AND MUSIC AND SPORTS AND SO MUCH MORE.

EVERY GRADUATE IN EASTSIDE'S HISTORY HAS BEEN ACCEPTED TO A FOUR YEAR SCHOOL. HARVARD, YALE AND WELLSLEY TO NAME A FEW. MOST ARE THE FIRST IN THEIR FAMILIES TO GO TO COLLEGE.

Kim: "They forge a path for their families, for their relatives, their cousins, their neighbors and be models for what they can do."

IN EAST PALO ALTO ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS.

EDUCATION

9/3/15 KRON 4 NEWS AT 8PM

App helps parents of school-age kids stay organized

NOW THAT THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR HAS STARTED, THE REAL CHALLENGE STARTS FOR PARENTS – KEEPING UP WITH EVERYTHING. AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, THE SPORTING LEAGUES, THE CLUBS, THE SCOUTS, THE PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES THE VOLUNTEER DAYS – OKAY, YOU GET IT. IT'S EXHAUSTING JUST THINKING ABOUT IT. OUR TECH REPORTER GABE SLATE DISCOVERED A MOBILE APP THAT CAN HELP PARENTS KEEP ORGANIZED AND ON TOP OF EVERYTHING THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR:

Elaine, parent and Simply Circle spokesperson: "It contains literally my entire life as a parent. I don't have to go to ten different places to know where I should be and what I should do for my kids' school.

ELAINE WAS HAVING TROUBLE KEEPING UP WITH EVERYTHING WITH HER KIDS UNTIL SHE STARTED USING THE WEBSITE AND MOBILE APP "SIMPLY CIRCLE." IT'S LIKE A PERSONAL ASSISTANT FOR PARENTS. EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT GOING ON IS LAID OUT IN ONE PLACE.

Elaine: "Remember, bring in booster seat for the field trip. Remember, soccer practice at 5. And, oh yes, you may have forgotten that you signed up to volunteer in the library."

AND IT GIVES YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH ALL THE PEOPLE INVOLVED, THROUGH MESSAGING. EACH OF YOUR COMMUNITIES OR ACTIVITIES HAS A CIRCLE. IT COULD BE ONE OF YOUR KIDS' CLASSES OR SPORTS TEAM OR WHATEVER YOU'RE INTO. YOU CAN LOOK AT YOUR NEWS FEED OR CALENDAR AT ANY TIME OR JUST LOOK AT THE EMAILS THAT ARE SENT TO YOU TWICE A DAY.

Elaine: "The Daily Digest that comes out at 5pm every day and tells you all the new information that was shared across all of the different circles. The Morning Reminder that comes out at 6am as a reminder of everything scheduled for that day. And there is a Weekly Planner email that gives a week at a glance, everything scheduled for the week ahead. Simply Circle pools all the important information and helps you deal with the information overload that we otherwise have to deal with. It lets you focus on what really matters, which is being there for your children."

WITH YOUR TECH TRENDS, GABE SLATE KRON 4 NEWS

EDUCATION

9/7/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

New free app helps students and parents with homework

NOW THAT SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION, HERE COMES THE HOMEWORK. IT'S EASY FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS TO GET BEHIND AND OVERWHELMED BY ALL OF THE WORK SENT HOME FROM SCHOOL. OUR TECH REPORTED GABE SLATE SHOWS US A GREAT NEW RESOURCE FOR PARENTS IF THEIR KIDS GET STUCK ON SOME DIFFICULT HOMEWORK:

Elizabeth Slavitt, Khan Academy: "You're doing your homework and you're feeling stuck. You don't quite get something and there's no one around you can explain it to. So you might want to seek out some help. Khan Academy is like that free personal tutor that's available any time. It doesn't need to sleep so you can go and ask it a question whenever you're stuck."

KHAN ACADEMY IS A FREE WEBSITE AND IPAD APP THAT OFFERS SOPHISTICATED AND DETAILED INSTRUCTIONAL ANIMATIONS AND VIDEOS THAT WALK YOU THROUGH LESSONS STEP BY STEP. STUDENTS CAN GO AT THEIR OWN PACE. THEY CAN PAUSE OR REWIND THE VIDEO ANY TIME THEY NEED TO HEAR OR SEE SOMETHING AGAIN.

ALL THE MAJOR SUBJECTS ARE COVERED AND ALL GRADES ARE COVERED. FOR EVERY POSSIBLE TYPE OF MATH PROBLEM THAT YOUR KID COULD GET STUCK ON THERE ARE VIDEOS AND EXERCISES THAT WALK THEM THROUGH IT UNTIL THEY UNDERSTAND IT.

Slavitt: "You might go on the site and find a video that really helps you understand something that you weren't quite getting, or helps you understand it from a different angle. Or you might go in and do a practice problem, just to check your understanding so you feel confident that you're ready for your test tomorrow in class."

AND IT'S NOT JUST FOR STUDENTS. PARENTS CAN USE THE VIDEOS TO BRUSH UP ON THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SUBJECT MATTER SO THEY CAN HELP THEIR KIDS WITH THEIR HOMEWORK.

Slavitt: "Khan Academy is a non-profit with a mission of providing free world-class education for anyone, anywhere."

THERE ARE NO ADS. IT'S COMPLETELY FREE. IT'S AN INCREDIBLE RESOURCE FOR STUDENTS. KHAN ACADEMY IS COMPLETELY FUNDED THROUGH DONATIONS.

WITH YOUR TECH TRENDS, GABE SLATE REPORTING

EDUCATION

9/18/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

School district to limit student access to sweets

CLASSROOMS IN ORINDA ARE GETTING A LITTLE LESS SWEET AFTER A SCHOOL BOARD CRACKDOWN ON SUGARY TREATS DURING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. BUT REACTION FROM PARENTS IS MIXED – DOES THE NEW POLICY GO TOO FAR? KRON4'S SCOTT RATES REPORTS FROM ORINDA

CAKE, ICE CREAM, AND LOTS OF OTHER SUGARY SNACKS CAN BE YUMMY, ESPECIALLY IN CLASS, BUT ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS GOING SUGAR FREE!

Maya, student: "I was pretty bummed that I didn't get to have cake at school cause I always love having cake."

MAYA IS A 3RD GRADER HERE AT GLORIETTA ELEMENTARY IN ORINDA, AND WHILE SHE IS TOO NOT EXCITED OVER THE SUGAR CRACKDOWN IN THE CLASSROOMS, HER FATHER BELIEVES IT'S A WISE MOVE.

Maya's dad: "I think the more we educate kids about sugar and how much they should take, it's better for their health."

AND HE IS NOT ALONE; MANY PARENTS I SPOKE WITH SUPPORT THE DECISION. BUT OTHER PARENTS, WHO DIDN'T WANT TO BE ON TV, EXPRESSED OUTRAGE OVER THE DISTRICT PUTTING A CAP ON SUGAR.

WE WANTED TO KNOW WHY THE DECISION WAS MADE TO STOP OF SUGARY TREATS COMING INTO THE CLASSROOM DURING SCHOOL PARTIES AND EVENTS, INCLUDING BIRTHDAY PARTIES, SO WE WENT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ORINDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. DR. JOE JACONETTE SAYS THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE:

Dr. Jaconette: "We had a number of parents who did research into the amount of unhealthy treats that were available in our classrooms during the school day, brought in from the outside. So we support those efforts to limit that to build healthy kids."

Parent: "I don't think it takes away from tradition. I think there are so many other things that kids are interested in besides food that why not go in a different direction?"

Maya's dad: "Why not have a birthday with fruit salad, something healthy instead of cake?"

IN ORINDA SCOTT RATES KRON 4 NEWS

EDUCATION

9/23/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Problems arise with school lunch

STANFORD RESEARCHERS HAVE DETERMINED THAT SCHOOL LUNCHES CAN EXPOSE SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN TO A TOXIC CHEMICAL. BPA CAN BE FOUND IN THE CONTAINERS THAT THE FOOD IS STORED IN AND CAN BE ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS FOR CHILDREN WHOSE BODIES ARE STILL DEVELOPING. WE WANTED TO KNOW HOW YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN. KRON 4'S ALECIA REID SPOKE TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:

THIS STUDY BRINGS INTO QUESTION WHAT EXACTLY ARE CHILDREN EATING WHEN THEY GO TO SCHOOL. CANNED FOODS CONTRIBUTES TO MOST OF THE BPA EXPOSURE AND A LOT OF THE FOOD THAT'S SERVED IN SCHOOLS COMES FROM CANS.

Parent: "I didn't even know that."

MANY PARENTS ARE HEARING FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT SCHOOL LUNCHES AT BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MIDDLE AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS CONTAIN B-P-A.

Parent: "That's definitely a concern."

ACCORDING TO A RECENT STANFORD UNIVERSITY STUDY, THE TOXIC CHEMICAL COMES FROM FOODS THAT ARE STORED IN CANS AND PLASTIC BOTTLES. LOW INCOME CHILDREN WHO ARE GETTING FEDERALLY FUNDED MEALS ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED.

Parent: "Hearing that makes me think I need to make better choices for him and my daughter."

B-P-A HAS MANY NEGATIVE SIDE EFFECTS. MICHAEL GREEN FROM THE CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SAYS IT ALSO MIMICS ESTROGEN, CAUSING DEVELOPING BODIES TO REACT.

Steve Graham, Center for Environmental Health: "Earlier onset of puberty in girls is related to BPA and other chemicals in the environment that mimic estrogen in their bodies."

THERE IS SOMETHING PARENTS CAN DO TO HELP PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN. FOR ONE, SENDING THEM TO SCHOOL WITH LUNCHES THAT HAVE LOTS OF FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Parent: "We pretty much package lunch everyday right now. It's always something. In 20 years, they're gonna find something else that causes cancer, so you just have to be as careful as you can."

THE EFFORT FOR HEALTHY EATING IN SCHOOLS IS THERE, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE FOOD ISN'T CANNED. WHAT PARENTS CAN DO IS TALK DIRECTLY TO THEIR SCHOOL DISTRICTS ABOUT BRINGING MORE FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES INTO THEIR CAFETERIAS.

ALECIA REID KRON 4 NEWS

ENVIRONMENT

7/8/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Drought impact in the Sierras

THUNDERSTORMS AND THE POTENTIAL FOR DRY LIGHTNING – BOTH ARE MAJOR CAUSES FOR CONCERN ACROSS MUCH OF PARCHED CALIFORNIA TONIGHT. NEW AT EIGHT, IN THE FIRST OF A 2-PART REPORT, KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE SHOWS YOU HOW THE DROUGHT, AND NOW THE WEATHER, ARE INCREASING FIRE DANGER IN THE HIGH AND DRY SIERRA:

JULY IS BRINGING SOME RAIN TO THE SOUTH LAKE TAHOE AREA. I DROVE THROUGH A DOWNPOUR HER IN MEYERS AND THERE WAS A BIT OF HAIL, TOO.

THIS IS PHILLIPS STATION AT ECHO SUMMIT, ABOUT 7000 FEET. THIS IS WHERE THE STATE MEASURES THE SNOW PACK EVERY YEAR. THE LAST TIME THEY DID THAT BACK IN APRIL THERE WASN'T ANYTHING HERE TO MEASURE.

WELCOME AS IT IS, THE RAIN ALSO MEANS THUNDERSTORMS AND LIGHTNING AND THAT MEANS AN ALREADY ELEVATED FIRE RISK JUST GOT HIGHER.

Brice Bennett, CalFire: "The rain comes through here so quickly and sometimes it's ahead of the lightning, so we're getting dry lightning strikes as well."

THE DROUGHT HAS REDUCED THE AMERICAN RIVER HERE ALONG HIGHWAY 50 TO A TRICKLE IN SOME PLACES AND WHILE THE TREES MAY LOOK LUSH AND GREEN, THE LACK OF WATER HAS HURT THEIR NATURAL RESISTANCE TO FIRE.

Rita Mustatia, U.S. Forest Service: "Trees need water to survive and when there's a lack of water or they're competing with each other for water, they become stressed."

Tom Tinsley, CalFire unit forester: These are pitch tubes and these are the outward signs of attacks of beetles."

WHAT'S MORE, BARK BEETLES ARE KILLING THOUSANDS OF TREES, LIKE THIS ONE HERE AT CALFIRE HEADQUARTERS IN CAMINO, TREES THAT ARE NOW QUITE LITERALLY STANDING FIREWOOD.

Tinsley: "As these die and become tinder and the needles break away and the limbs come down, it's just added fuel in a forested landscape that we may have to deal with in a fire situation."

BY REMOVING DEAD AND DYING TREES, CALFIRE HAS MADE AREAS LIKE THIS NEAR SLY RESERVOIR MORE FIRE RESISTANT, BUT MUCH OF THE SIERRA REMAINS AT RISK FOR LACK OF RAIN AND THAT ALL IMPORTANT SNOWPACK.

Brice Bennet, CalFire: "The trees didn't have that snow blanket around them to give them the opportunity to absorb all that water and moisture into them to take them through the summer months."

AND NOWHERE IS THE IMPACT OF THE DROUGHT MORE APPARENT THAN RIGHT HERE AT LAKE TAHOE ITSELF WHERE THE WATER, AS YOU CAN SEE, HAS RECEDED HUNDREDS OF FEET. WE'LL HAVE MORE ON THAT TOMORROW IN PART 2 OF THIS REPORT.

ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

ENVIRONMENT

7/9/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Will this be an El Nino year?

THERE IS GROWING EVIDENCE THAT AN 'EL NINO' IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN IS GETTING STRONGER, AND THAT COULD MEAN MORE RAIN ACROSS CALIFORNIA THIS COMING WINTER. KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD IS LIVE TONIGHT IN SAN FRANCISCO WITH DETAILS:

IT RAINED A LITTLE BIT TODAY IN SAN FRANCISCO, BUT THERE COULD BE A PRECIPITATION BONANZA ON THE WAY. THAT'S BECAUSE WAY OUT IN THE PACIFIC THERE IS AN EL NINO FORMING, PUTTING MORE MOISTURE IN THE ATMOSPHERE AND IN A FEW MONTHS THIS WINTER SOME OF THAT COULD REACH CALIFORNIA.

ACCORDING TO A NEWLY RELEASED EL NINO ADVISORY, THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SAYS OCEAN TEMPERATURES ALONG PORTIONS OF THE EQUATORIAL PACIFIC ARE NOW NEARLY A FULL DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL. THAT MEANS THE EL NINO IS APPROACHING THE MODERATE CATEGORY AND FORECAST MODELS ARE PREDICTING THAT TEMPERATURES COULD REACH A DEGREE AND A HALF ABOVE NORMAL WHICH WOULD BUMP IT INTO THE STRONG CATEGORY.

THEY ARE ALSO FORECASTING A 90 PERCENT CHANCE THAT THIS EL NINO WILL STICK AROUND THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR. IT COULD ALSO BE AS BIG AS THE EL NINO

THAT FORMED BACK IN 1997 WHEN CALIFORNIA RECEIVED RECORD AMOUNTS OF RAINFALL.

Jan Null, Golden Gate Weather Service: "That year the state had about 200 percent of the normal rainfall, but fortunately it was spread out over about twice the normal amount of days."

AT THIS POINT, IT'S STILL TOO EARLY TO SAY FOR SURE IF A STRONG EL NINO WILL BRING ENOUGH EXTRA MOISTURE TO CALIFORNIA TO END THE ONGOING DROUGHT. THERE'S ALSO A DANGER THAT POWERFUL EL NINO ENHANCED STORMS COULD RESULT IN FLOODING. BUT METEOROLOGIST JAN NULL POINTS OUT THAT AN EL NINO IS JUST ONE PART OF A COMPLEX SYSTEM OF GLOBAL WEATHER FORCES. ITS PRESENCE DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT OUR STATE WILL SEE ABOVE AVERAGE PRECIPITATION.

Null: "El Nino does not automatically equate to above normal rainfall or flooding. We've had strong El Nino years when we've had below normal rainfall, but the odds get better the stronger the El Nino is, the bigger its impact is upon the atmosphere."

METEOROLOGISTS POINT OUT THAT THIS EL NINO COULD ALSO LEAD TO FEWER HURRICANES IN THE ATLANTIC AND MORE BIG STORMS IN THE PACIFIC AND IN FACT THERE ARE ALREADY A COUPLE OF STORMS MOVING IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC.

CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

ENVIRONMENT

7/9/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Drought impact in the Sierras

EL NINO AND THE PROMISE OF RAIN CANNOT ARRIVE SOON ENOUGH IN THE HIGH SIERRA. IN PART TWO OF HIS RECENT VISIT TO ASSESS THE IMPACT OF THE DROUGHT, KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE SHOWS YOU HOW THE WATER IN LAKE TAHOE IS GETTING LOWER AND FARTHER AWAY EVERY DAY.

IF YOU WANT TO TAKE A DIP IN LAKE TAHOE THESE DAYS YOU'LL HAVE TO WALK A WAYS BECAUSE THE WATER IS JUST ANKLE DEEP FOR HUNDREDS OF YARDS OUT.

Patrick Wright, Lake Tahoe Conservancy: "There are only a couple of boat ramps around the lake that remain open."

THE LAKE TAHOE CONSERVANCY'S PATRICK WRIGHT SAYS THE WATER IS GETTING FARTHER AWAY EVERY DAY.

Wright: "Even as we're talking, the lake is dropping about an inch every week. Now, that may not sound like much, but it's 3.5 billion gallons per week."

MOST OF THE BIG BOAT DOCKS AROUND THE LAKE ARE INDEED HIGH AND DRY AND THE EXPOSED LAKE BOTTOM IS A STARK REMINDER OF THE RELENTLESS DROUGHT WHICH IS OF COURSE IMPACTING LAKE DEPENDENT COMMERCE AS WELL.

Matthew Nolasco, Tahoe Stand-Up Paddle: "There's been a lot of dredging in the keys and the marinas just to get boats in and out. So it's been a lot of work just to be able to run through the summer."

IN MOST YEARS YOU CAN SEE A FEW SNOW-CAPPED PEAKS AROUND THE LAKE, NOT THIS YEAR. ON THE UP SIDE, THE LACK OF RAIN AND RUNOFF HAS MADE FOR THE BEST WATER CLARITY IN MORE THAN A DECADE.

Wright: "In many areas, you can see clear down to the bottom for over 70 or 80 feet, which makes Tahoe one of the clearest lakes in the world."

AS THE SUMMER WEARS ON, THE WATER LEVEL COULD DROP ANOTHER TWO FEET BY FALL. THE STARK REALITY OF THE DROUGHT'S IMPACT IS NOT LOST ON VISITORS, WHO ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE EXTRA BEACH. FROM A DISTANCE, THEY SEEM TO BE WALKING ON WATER, AS THE IMPACT OF CALIFORNIA'S EPIC DROUGHT HITS HOME.

Ty McClelland, lake visitor: "It makes me stop and think how important water is for me and what it does for the earth and what it does for us and we need to be more aware of it and how it benefits us. Maybe if we have less of it, we'll appreciate it more."

AS GRIM AS ALL THIS LOOKS, LOCALS TELL ME THE LAKE IS NOT AS LOW HERE AS IT WAS IN THE LAST BIG DROUGHT IN THE MID-TO-LATE NINETIES. INCREDIBLY, THEY SAY THE LAKE COULD COMPLETELY RECOVER IN A SINGLE YEAR OF SLIGHTLY ABOVE AVERAGE SNOWFALL.

AT LAKE TAHOE IN THE HIGH AND DRY SIERRA, ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

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Popular program helps East Bay residents keep lawns green

SOME EAST BAY RESIDENTS CAN BRAG THAT THEY HAVE THE GREENEST LAWNS AROUND. BUT, THEY'RE NOT WATER-WASTERS. THEY'RE GETTING FREE RECYCLED WASTE WATER. KRON 4'S VICKI LIVIAKIS FINDS OUTSIDERS ARE NOW BEING TURNED AWAY FROM THE PROGRAM.

YOUNG QUINN HERE IS HELPING HIS GRANDMA LOAD UP ON FREE WATER.

I have the greenest lawn in Pleasanton!

THANKS TO RECYCLED WASTE WATER FROM THIS DUBLIN-SAN RAMON DISTRICT FILL STATION.

Dan Gallagher, water district spokesperson: "We've sent 8.2 million gallons of water home in pickup trucks and cars."

ACCORDING TO DAN GALLAGHER OF THE WATER DISTRICT, THE LINES SNAKE AROUND THE BLOCK.

Gallagher: "Sometimes 700 people in a 4 hour shift; 700 people on a weekend. That's a car every 10 or 15 seconds."

NOBODY COULD HAVE PREDICTED HOW POPULAR THIS RECYCLING PROGRAM WAS GOING TO BE. FOR THE THIRSTY LAWNS AND GARDENS AROUND THIS AREA IT APPARENTLY HITS THE SPOT. BECAUSE OF THE LINGERING DROUGHT IT'S SO POPULAR, IN FACT, THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN COMING FROM ALL OVER THE BAY AREA TO PUMP FREE WATER.

Gallagher: "There was a guy who was here earlier. He was from Oakland."

BUT THAT'S COMING TO AN END.

Gallagher: "The one thing we had to do is restrict new people , new sign-ups for the program, to just those from Dublin, San Ramon, and Pleasanton.?"

NOT TO WORRY THOUGH, IF YOU'VE ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR THE RECYCLED WATER, EVEN IF YOU'RE FROM OUT OF THE AREA, YOU CAN STILL HAVE YOUR FILL. OTHERWISE, IT'S A BROWN LAWN FOR YOU.

OR YOU CAN CHECK OUT ONE OF SEVERAL OTHER WASTE WATER FILL STATIONS AROUND THE BAY AREA.

IN PLEASANTON, VICKI LIVIAKIS, KRON 4 NEWS

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7/15/15 KRON 4 Evening News
Water conservation wrap-up

A MAJOR WATER CONSERVATION EFFORT IS UNDERWAY IN THE EAST BAY, WHERE CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT CUSTOMERS HAVE GONE WAY OVER CALIFORNIA'S MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION GOAL, THAT GOAL, OF COURSE, THE RESULT OF THE DROUGHT THAT HAS PARCHED THE STATE..

Jennifer Allen, Contra Costa Water District: "For June, the numbers that we've seen for contra Costa Water District show that our customers have saved 40% compared to June of 2014. That is above the 28% goal that we had set by the state that we were mandated to achieve, starting June 1 and going through the end of February next year."

CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT OFFICIALS SAY A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN OUTDOOR WATER USE IS ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS FOR THAT 40% REDUCTION IN JUNE

STATE OFFICIALS ARE CONSIDERING NEW RULES AIMED AT KEEPING WATER GUZZLING LAWNS AWAY FROM NEW HOMES AND BUILDINGS. CALIFORNIA'S WATER COMMISSION IS MEETING TODAY TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL BY GOVERNER JERRY BROWN WHICH WOULD LIMIT THE WATER USED BY NEW SPRINKLER SYSTEMS. IT WOULD ESSENTIALLY MEAN MORE SHRUBS AND FEWER SPRINKLERS. CALIFORNIA UPDATED ITS BUILDING STANDARDS EARLIER THIS YEAR, BUT THESE NEW RULES WOULD APPLY TO MORE HOMES.

A ONCE UNDER-USED RECYCLED WATER PROGRAM IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY IS SUDDENLY VERY POPULAR. CONTRA COSTA RESIDENTS ARE FILLING UP ON RECYCLED WATER IN RECORD NUMBERS. WHY THE SUDDEN CHANGE? AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT, KRON 4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN SAYS IT'S ALL ABOUT THE DROUGHT:

FILLING UP THESE HUGE TANKS BY HUNDREDS OF GALLONS OF RECYCLED WATER, THAT'S WHAT THESE FOLKS ARE DOING HERE AT THE CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA SANITARY DISTRICT AND THEY'RE FILLING UP IN RECORD NUMBERS SAYS THE DISTRICT'S RECYCLED WATER PROGRAM MANAGER MELODY LABELLA.

Melody Labella: "When the Governor announced his proclamation on April 15 about mandatory 25% conservation, for the first time in history we saw exponential growth begin in our program. So much, that we are up to over 1200 registered users in our program and we have distributed almost 3 million gallons, 300 gallons at a time."

Butch Holeman, Martinez resident and recycled water customer: "Oh I used the recycled water to water my trees at home. I have 14 redwoods and other cedar trees and this drought is really taking a toll on them. So I heard about this program and came down here and it's really a fantastic program."

Ryan Kelsey, Martinez resident; "It's great cause it's free. I live super close to the facility so I don't have to spend anything getting the water and I can go 2 to 3 times per day. It's saving my landscaping and I've turned off the irrigation on my property. I have a drought tolerant front yard, but in the back I have lawn and some plants that take a lot of water. So I'm able to keep everything alive."

ALIVE AND DELICIOUS – LOOK AT THESE GRAPES! BUT THERE ARE SOME RESTRICTIONS.

Melody Labella: "For our program, you do have to be a Central Contra Costa Sanitary District customer or live in the cities of Concord/ Clayton or be a member of the Mt View Sanitary District."

HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON 4 NEWS

IN MORE WATER NEWS TODAY, A NEW STUDY BY THE U.S.G.S. SAYS THAT ABOUT A FIFTH OF CALIFORNIA'S RAW GROUND WATER CONTAINS HIGH LEVELS OF CONTAMINANTS. THEY LOOKED AT ABOUT 11 THOUSAND PUBLIC-WATER-SUPPLY WELLS IN THE STATE WHICH SUPPLY 99 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS. ONE SURPRISE WAS THE EXTENT TO WHICH POTENTIALLY TOXIC NATURAL ELEMENTS LIKE ARSENIC AND URANIUM ARE A PROBLEM. MILLIONS OF CALIFORNIANS RELY ON THE WATER SUPPLIES IN QUESTION.

OUR DROUGHT COVERAGE CONTINUES ONLINE. ON KRON 4 DOT COM THERE ARE SOME TIPS ON HOW TO CONSERVE WATER AT HOME. ALSO, THE RISE OF 'DROUGHT SHAMING' FOR WATER WASTERS AND IT LOOKS AT WHICH BAY AREA CITIES ARE SAVING THE MOST WATER DURING THE DROUGHT. IT'S ALL ON KRON 4 DOT COM.

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7/16/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Tracking down water wasters

ANGER IN ANTIOCH ABOUT A SPRINKLER SYSTEM THAT'S WASTING WATER IN A PUBLIC PARK. WITH EXTREME DROUGHT CONDITIONS AND WATER CUTS IN PLACE, ONE ANTIOCH RESIDENT TELLS KRON4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN THAT THE CITY SHOULD LEAD BY EXAMPLE. IT'S TONIGHT'S MY KRON4 STORY:

Antioch resident: "It's too much water. Over there, too."

YOU ARE LOOKING AT VIDEO OF SPRINKLERS OVER-SPRAYING WATER ONTO THE CONCRETE WALKING PATH HERE AT COUNTRY MANOR PARK IN ANTIOCH

Antioch resident: "Since we're in a drought, I really had some concerns. And then there's a sprinkler that goes out further on the other side doing the same thing."

THIS ANTIOCH RESIDENT AND KRON4 VIEWER {WHO ASKED NOT TO REVEAL HIS IDENTITY} SAYS WATER HAS BEEN WASTED HERE FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND BECAUSE OF THE DROUGHT HE DECIDED TO TAKE SOME ACTION. SO HE CONTACTED KRON4. I ASKED HIM WHAT HE WANTED TO SEE HAPPEN.

Antioch resident: "I would like someone in the Water Department to take notice. I called several times and complained about this earlier in the week and nothing's been done."

I TRACKED DOWN THE CITY'S DEPUTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO SEE WHAT HE KNEW ABOUT THE SITUATION.

Mike Bechtholdt, Antioch Deputy Public Works Director: "This is the first that we've heard about this incident and we take this very seriously. We're going to get our contractor in charge of maintaining the parks out to the location as soon as possible and get the entire irrigation system checked out."

AND SURE ENOUGH, A SHORT TIME LATER A GROUNDS CREW WAS ON THE SCENE AND STARTED RECALIBRATING THE SPRINKLERS AND REPLACING THE SYSTEM'S WORN OUT PARTS WITH NEW ONES. THE PROCESS WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO GET IT FIXED JUST RIGHT...AND THAT'S OKAY WITH THIS PARK GOER

Antioch resident: "I think it's great! Finally somebody's listening. I'm glad that KRON4 came out here and got something working so that this issue can really be addressed..."

OFFICIALS AT ANTIOCH PUBLIC WORKS TELL ME THEY WELCOME THE PUBLIC'S HELP IN POINTING OUT ANY PROBLEMS OF WATER BEING WASTED THROUGHOUT THE CITY, ASKING FOR RESIDENTS TO JUST CONTACT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

IN ANTIOCH HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

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7/17/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

How much is too much water use during drought

WE'RE ALL SUPPOSED TO BE CONSERVING WATER DURING THE DROUGHT, BUT JUST HOW MUCH? AN EXAMPLE-- YOU HAVE TO USE A LOT OF WATER IN THE EAST BAY BEFORE YOU GET IN TROUBLE: A THOUSAND GALLONS A DAY. KRON 4'S KATE CAGLE LOOKED INTO THE NUMBERS AND FOUND THAT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE STILL HITTING THE LIMIT:

THESE LETTERS JUST WENT OUT TO ABOUT 5 THOUSAND PEOPLE, WARNING THEM TO CUT BACK OR FACE A PENALTY.

THIS IS THE WATER BILL OF A COLLEAGUE AT KRON 4, A SINGLE MAN LIVING ALONE. HE USES ABOUT 37 GALLONS OF WATER A DAY.

Abby Figueroa, East Bay Municipal Utility District spokesperson: "He's a super saver! So thank you to him for saving so much water!"

BUT HE WAS SHOCKED TO REALIZE HE HAD A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE HE WOULD BE PENALIZED BEFORE USING TOO MUCH. IN FACT, THE THRESHHOLD FOR A PENALTY IN THE EAST BAY IS 984 GALLONS A DAY. THAT'S ABOUT 200 TOILET FLUSHES, OR 25 LOADS OF LAUNDRY, OR AN EIGHT HOUR LONG SHOWER.

Figueroa: "We usually find that our customers using too much water have a large lot. They have a lot of landscaped area. They may be overwatering. Or, they may have a leak."

IN FACT, THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF WATER WASTERS IN THE EAST BAY ARE IN DANVILLE. THAT'S WHERE ABOUT TWELVE HUNDRED PEOPLE RECEIVED THE LETTER TELLING THEM TO CUT BACK OR PAY UP. IN ALAMO, 894 PEOPLE RECEIVED THE LETTER. LAFAYETTE WAS IN THIRD PLACE, WITH 738 LETTERS.

Figuroa: "If we have our customers reduce their outdoor water use the most and follow the restrictions, then, yes, we should be able to achieve the 20 percent we're trying to cut back this year."

FIVE THOUSAND LETTERS MAY SOUND LIKE A LOT, BUT IN REALITY IT'S LESS THAN 2% OF THE CUSTOMERS HERE IN THE EAST BAY.

KATE CAGLE KRON 4 NEWS

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7/22/15 KRON 4 Evening News

California city's plan to combat drought water restrictions

A POSSIBLE TURN IN CALIFORNIA'S DROUGHT. THE SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL HAS VOTED TO REACTIVATE THE CITY'S DESALINATION PLANT WHICH IS DESIGNED TO TURN OCEAN WATER INTO FRESH WATER. THE COUNCIL VOTED TO SPEND FIFTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS TO START THE PLANT UP AGAIN.

IF IT WORKS, IT COULD PROVIDE UP TO FORTY PERCENT OF THE CITY'S WATER. THE COUNCIL SAYS IT'S AN INSURANCE POLICY AGAINST FUTURE DROUGHTS AND COULD BE UP AND RUNNING BY NEXT YEAR.

SOME LOCAL CUSTOMERS COULD SEE HIGHER RATES TO HELP PAY FOR PLANT OPERATIONS.

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8/11/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Local creek dramatic proof of drought's impact

THE DROUGHT IS DRYING UP RIVERS AND STREAMS ACROSS THE BAY AND TAKING A TOLL ON FISH AND WILDLIFE. IN SAN JOSE, THE GUADALUPE RIVER IS NO EXCEPTION. SHOCKING NEW IMAGES SHOW THE IMPACT OF THE EXTREME DROUGHT ON THE GUADALUPE, ONCE HOME TO SALMON, ALL KINDS OF BIRDS AND EVEN A FEW BEAVERS IN RECENT YEARS. KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE REPORTS NOW FROM SAN JOSE:

HERE'S AN IMAGE THAT PRETTY MUCH SAYS IT ALL. IM WALKING ALONG THE BOTTOM OF THE CHANNEL OF THE GUADALUPE RIVER HERE ALONG COLEMAN AVENUE JUST NORTH OF DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE. AS YOU CAN SEE, THE RIVER IS COMPLETELY DRY IN THIS AREA.

YOU CAN WALK A LONG WAYS WITHOUT SEEING A SINGLE BIRD, OR ANY SIGNS OF WILD LIFE FOR THAT MATTER. THE BEAVERS AND DUCKS THAT DEPEND ON THE RIVER HAVE MOVED ON AND THE GUADALUPE RIVER CONSERVANCY'S LESLEE HAMILTON IS WORRIED ABOUT WHAT'S LEFT OF THE FISH.

Leslee Hamilton, Guadalupe River Conservance: "All those animals are stressed by the drought and you can see by the dry riverbed that the fish have been particularly stressed because there is no habitat for them at all."

WATER RELEASES FROM CALERO AND OTHER UPSTREAM RESERVOIRS HAVE BEEN CUT IN HALF THIS SUMMER, LEAVING THE RIVER IN WORSE SHAPE THAN ANYONE CAN REMEMBER. YOU CAN STILL SEE A FEW STAGNANT POOLS OF WATER HERE AND THERE AND I DID SEE A FEW HARDY FISH AND MINNOWS IN ONE SPOT, SUGGESTING ALL IS NOT LOST. AT LEAST NOT YET.

Hamilton: "I think it's a setback, but I don't think it's a total disaster. And one of the silver linings, we hope, is that maybe the native fish won't have as much competition when the rains come back in the fall."

HERE ARE A FEW PHOTOS OF THE GUADALUPE AND FRIENDS JUST A FEW YEARS AGO, BEFORE THE DROUGHT GOT SERIOUS. TODAY, THE DRIEST FOUR-YEAR STRETCH SINCE 1850 HAS LEFT THE GUADALUPE A WEED-CHOKED EYESORE FROM ABOUT HIGHWAY 85 NORTH, A STARK REMINDER TO VISITORS ABOUT THE NEED TO SAVE WATER.

Hamilton: "They are really stunned to see the riverbed dry and so it really is an opportunity to do a lot of education about our personal practices."

IRONICALLY, THE GUADALUPE HAS BEEN ENGINEERED TO WITHSTAND A 100-YEAR FLOOD. BUT NOT THIS YEAR. BOTTOM LINE, IT'S FISH VS PEOPLE AT THIS POINT, AND THE PEOPLE ARE WINNING OF COURSE, UNTIL THE RAINS RETURN.

ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

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8/13/115 KRON 4 Evening News

Latest forecast on possible El Nino

A NEW PREDICTION TODAY FROM GOVERNMENT CLIMATE EXPERTS: THE EL NINO WHICH IS FORMING NOW IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN IS LIKELY TO BE ONE OF THE STRONGEST EVER RECORDED. AND THEY HAVE COME UP WITH A PRETTY COLORFUL NAME FOR IT. SCOTT RATES IS HERE TO FILL US IN:

EL NINO IS BACK AND WITH IT THE HOPE OF A WET WINTER. RIGHT NOW NO ONE IS PREDICTING AN END TO THE FOUR YEAR DROUGHT. ALL WE KNOW IS THAT THIS YEAR'S EL NINO IS A MONSTER. BIG AND SCARY AND HEADED OUR WAY: ONE NASA SCIENTIST CALLS THE CURRENT EL NINO "GODZILLA."
RED AND WHITE INDICATE THE RISING SEA TEMPERATURES STRETCHING WESTWARD FROM SOUTH AMERICA. NOW COMPARE THAT TO THE STRONGEST PREVIOUS EL NINO IN 1997. THE FOLLOWING WINTER BROUGHT SAN FRANCISCO TWICE ITS ANNUAL RAINFALL AND DOUBLED THE SNOWPACK IN THE SIERRA.

SO HOW DOES THE HIGHER OCEAN TEMPERATURE HERE [IN THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC] AFFECT THE WEATHER HERE [IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA]?

IN EL NINO YEARS, THE TROPICAL JET STREAM THAT USUALLY DUMPS RAIN ON CENTRAL AMERICA IS SHIFTED NORTH. THE CATCH IS THAT IT DOESN'T ALWAYS HAPPEN. WE HAVE ONLY HAVE RECORDS GOING BACK TO 1950. SINCE THEN, THE SEVEN EL NINOS HAVE PRODUCED THREE WET YEARS, THREE DRY YEARS AND ONE AVERAGE YEAR. SO EVEN THE EXPERTS ARE GUESSING.

IN AN AVERAGE YEAR, CHANCES ARE EQUAL FOR ABOVE, BELOW AND NEAR NORMAL PRECIPITATION. IN AN EL NINO YEAR, THERE IS A 60 PERCENT CHANCE OF MORE PRECIPITATION.

ONE MAJOR CONCERN THIS YEAR IS THAT A STRONG EL NINO COULD BRING WARMER WEATHER ALONG WITH THE RAIN. THAT WOULD FILL UP THE RESERVOIRS, BUT IT WOULD NOT REPLENISH THE SNOWPACK THAT KEEPS THOSE RESERVOIRS FILLED DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

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8/14/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Creative response to landscaping during drought

WHAT WAS ONCE BROWN IS NOW GREEN. HIS SUN-BAKED LAWN ALL BUT DEAD DUE TO WATERING RESTRICTIONS, LOS GATOS RESIDENT STEVE MONTOYA DECIDED TO BRING IN THE DROUGHT BUSTERS, A COMPANY CALLED GREEN CANARY WHICH IN JUST A FEW HOURS TIME QUITE LITERALLY PAINTED HIS BROWN LAWN GREEN.

Steve Montoya: "When we looked around to see how we as a family could save water, cutting the water for the lawn looked like the biggest benefit that we could do."

BUSINESS IS BOOMING. CUSTOMERS INCLUDE HOME OWNERS, GOLF COURSES, EVEN CEMETERIES. GREEN CANARY SAYS THE SPRAY-ON PRODUCT IS MADE FROM KELP, IT'S NON TOXIC AND BIO-DEGRADABLE.

Shawn Sahbari, Green Canary spokesperson: "It doesn't wash off. It doesn't fade with the sunlight. So the only time you get rid of it is when you cut it away. So normally we ask customers to cut back on water 70-80%."

PAINTING THE AVERAGE SIZE LAWN WILL COST ABOUT \$500, BUT THE COMPANY SAYS MOST CUSTOMERS CAN EXPECT TO RECOUP THAT IN TERMS OF WATER SAVINGS IN ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

IN THIS CASE, NEIGHBORS LIKE SALLY EDSALL, ARE VERY IMPRESSED.

Sally Edsall, neighbor: "This is terrific! What a shocker to see a brown lawn go green so quickly!"

WHAT BEGAN AS A WAY TO HIDE TROUBLE SPOTS OR SPRUCE UP DEPRESSED PROPERTIES TOOK OFF AS THE DROUGHT WORSENER. GREEN CANARY'S HANDIWORK HAS EVEN BEEN KNOWN TO FOOL THE WATER POLICE LOOKING FOR GRASS THAT'S A LITTLE TOO GREEN.

Sahbari: "We had to come up with signage that says 'this is a water-free lawn' because some people were getting knocks on their door and complaints about their water usage. They basically come back and say there is no water use, we're green without water."

THIS IS STEVE MONTOYA'S LAWN BEFORE THE TREATMENT GREEN CANARY AND THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE AFTER A DOSE OF WHAT SOME CALL "THE GREEN RAIN".

IN LOS GATOS, ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

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8/19/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Drought leads to over-pumping from aquifers

CALIFORNIA IS WELL INTO ITS FOURTH YEAR OF A HISTORIC DROUGHT. NOW NEW RESEARCH BY A NASA SCIENTIST SAYS WIDE AREAS OF CALIFORNIA'S CENTRAL VALLEY ARE SINKING FASTER THAN PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT. KRON 4'S ALECIA REID JOINS US LIVE. HOW MUCH DAMAGE IS THIS CAUSING?

IN SOME PLACES THE GROUND IS SINKING NEARLY TWO INCHES A MONTH. AND NEAR THE CITY OF CORCORAN, IT SANK 13 INCHES, THAT'S MORE THAN A FOOT, IN LESS THAN A YEAR. SO, IT'S DEFINITELY AN ISSUE THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED.

IT'S DRY. WATER IS RATIONED. AND FARMERS ARE PUMPING GROUND WATER AS FAST AS THEY CAN TO KEEP THEIR CROPS ALIVE. IN THE MEANTIME, THE LAND IS BECOMING UNSTABLE.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES SAYS THE SINKING LAND IS CAUSING COSTLY DAMAGE TO MAJOR CANALS THAT DELIVER WATER UP AND DOWN THE STATE. A PART OF THE CALIFORNIA AQUEDUCT SUNK EIGHT INCHES IN FOUR MONTHS LAST YEAR.

Vanessa De La Piedra, Santa Clara Water District: "Once that ground surface is lowered through permanent subsidence, that will never rebound."

LONG TERM SUBSIDENCE HAS ALREADY DESTROYED THOUSANDS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GROUND WATER WELL CASINGS. THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES IS LAUNCHING A TEN MILLION DOLLAR PROGRAM TO HELP COUNTIES DEVELOP CONSERVATION PLANS. VANESSA DE LA PIEDRA FROM SANTA CLARA WATER DISTRICT SAYS THEIR COUNTY ALREADY HAS A "MANAGE RECHARGE" PROGRAM IN PLACE.

De La Piedra: "We use local and imported surface water, and we use that water to basically replenish our ground water basins."

I POSED THE QUESTION, WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN ALL THE GROUND WATER IS GONE? I WAS TOLD WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO GET AROUND IT BEFORE THAT HAPPENS.

REPORTING LIVE IN SANTA CLARA ALECIA REID KRON 4 NEWS

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9/1/15 KRON 4 Evening News
El Nino's harmful effects

AT THE INTERNATIONAL BIRD RESCUE CENTER IN FAIRFIELD YET ANOTHER GROUP OF STARVING YOUNG SEABIRDS HAS ARRIVED, TO JOIN AN EVER INCREASING NUMBER RECEIVED IN AUGUST.

Russ Curtess, International Bird Rescue: "Typically on any given month, common murre, we may get ten and we've had a hundred and fifty in a month. That tells us pretty quickly that something is going on in the environment."

THE MAJORITY OF THE BIRDS ARE JUVENILE COMMON MURRES, A DEEP DIVING SEABIRD THAT FISH THE WATERS FROM MONTEREY TO MARIN COUNTY AND THOSE WATERS ARE CHANGING.

Curtess: "The primary cause seems to be a warming of the sea water around their fishing areas. The birds are looking for fish. The fish may be deeper looking for cold water and the birds can only dive so deep."

THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT THE INTERNATIONAL BIRD RESCUE HAS SEEN THE COMMON MURRE POPULATION IN STRESS.

Curtess: "The last time where we had a spike was back in the 1997-98 El Nino years. It looks like we're set for an El Nino year, and the birds are telling us. See the little white dot in his eye. It's a little ulcer. Something knocked him in the eye. We actually had to take the tip of his toe off because his bone was infected. I can see they are coming in with nicks and bumps but most are just starving."

AS MANY AS SIXTEEN BIRDS A DAY HAVE BEEN COMING INTO THE RESCUE CENTER WHICH HAS STRETCHED THEIR ABILITY TO CARE FOR THE BIRDS.

Curtess: "We need people to help us care for the animals. We need donations to help us feed the animals."

WHETHER IT IS AN IMPENDING EL NINO OR GLOBAL WARMING, THE CENTER CONTINUES TO SEE MORE BIRDS BEING SENT TO THEIR FACILITY.

Curtess: "These animals need a lot of care."

IN FAIRFIELD JEFF PIERCE KRON 4 NEWS.

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9/2/15 KRON 4 Morning News
Is El Nino official?

THIS NEW REPORT FROM THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATIONS CLAIMS THAT "A MATURE AND STRONG EL NIÑO IS NOW PRESENT IN THE TROPICAL PACIFIC OCEAN"

THE WMO SAYS THAT AVERAGE TEMPERATURES ACROSS THE PACIFIC WILL BE LIKELY REACH 2 DEGREES CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL "PLACING THIS EL NIÑO EVENT AMONG THE FOUR STRONGEST EVENTS SINCE 1950."

THE CURRENT EL NINO STARTED TO FORM LAST WINTER AND HAS BEEN GAINING STRENGTH EVER SINCE. EXPERTS BELIEVE THAT IT WILL PROBABLY PEEK BETWEEN OCTOBER AND JANUARY AND THEN STARTED TO FADE OFF.

THE LAST TIME THE PLANET SAW AN EL NINO THIS STRONG WAS THE WINTER OF 1998-99 WHEN THERE WAS DESTRUCTIVE FLOODING HERE IN CALIFORNIA, FLOODING IN THE SOUTHEAST, AN ICE STORM IN THE NORTHEAST, AND TORNADOES IN FLORIDA. OVERALL ACROSS THE U.S., THAT WINTER WAS ONE OF THE WARMEST AND WETTEST ON RECORD.

BUT THE WMO REPORT ALSO NOTES THAT "THE OUTCOMES OF EACH EVENT ARE NEVER EXACTLY THE SAME". MEANING THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT EXACTLY HOW THIS EL NINO WILL IMPACT WEATHER IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

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9/8/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Drought prompts home invasion by ants

THEY'RE CRAWLING OUT OF OUR BACKYARDS AND INTO OUR HOMES. ACROSS CALIFORNIA, THE ONGOING DROUGHT HAS LEFT INSECTS, INCLUDING ANTS, SEARCHING FOR WATER INSIDE HOMES AND OTHER BUILDINGS. AND IT'S BECOMING A BIG PROBLEM! KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD IS LIVE TONIGHT IN SAN FRANCISCO WITH MORE:

SO FAR THIS YEAR, CALIFORNIANS HAVE REDUCED THEIR WATER USE BY ABOUT 31 PERCENT. A LOT OF THOSE SAVINGS ARE THE RESULT OF PEOPLE CUTTING BACK ON OUTDOOR IRRIGATION. UNFORTUNATELY, DURING THE SUMMER, ANTS RELY ON THAT WATER TO SURVIVE. NOW THAT IT'S GONE, THE INSECTS ARE SEARCH FOR A NEW SUPPLY AND THEY ARE FINDING THEIR WAY INSIDE HOMES:

Rich Crawford, exterminator: "We've all stopped watering our yards and they are going to find water somewhere and that's with us."

RICH CRAWFORD IS AN EXTERMINATOR IN ALAMEDA, BUT HE TRAVELS ALL ACROSS THE BAY AREA HELPING PEOPLE DEAL WITH THEIR PEST PROBLEMS.

Crawford: "We are finding large trails of ants. We've even had some go into freezers where they just die. We've seen trails, two inch trails, running from the baseboards in the kitchens all the way through the whole house."

THE SURGE IN ANT ACTIVITY ALSO HAS PEOPLE HEADED TO THE HARDWARE STORE TO FIND A SOLUTION.

Homeowner: "Lots of ants everywhere. Upstairs. Downstairs. Bedrooms. Bathrooms. All over the house. It's been really crazy lately."

BUT CRAWFORD SAYS THAT IT'S DIFFICULT TO PERMANENTLY GET RID OF THE ANTS AND THAT FOR MOST PEOPLE THIS WILL BE AN ONGOING BATTLE UNTL THE DROUGHT IS OVER.

Crawford: "You've got to understand that these ants are on the move looking for new food sources. You might get them out of one room, but they will show up in another. Full strength."

CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

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9/18/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Microbead dangers

WHAT YOU WASH DOWN THE DRAIN DOESN'T ALWAYS DISSAPEAR. MICROBEADS ARE TINY PLASTIC BALLS PUT IN PRODUCTS LIKE TOOTHPASTE AND FACEWASH. A NEW STUDY BY OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY SAYS THE TINY BALLS ARE CAUSING SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. THEY ARE MAKING THEIR WAY TO BEACHES AND WATERWAYS AND MAY BE LETHAL TO ANIMALS.

RESEARCHERS SAY SOME EIGHT TRILLION MICROBEADS ENTER WATER HABITATS EVERY SINGLE DAY. THAT'S ENOUGH TO COVER THREE HUNDRED TENNIS COURTS. CALIFORNIA IS ONE OF ONLY A FEW STATES THAT REGULATE OR BAN THEIR USE.

ENVIRONMENT

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How good are local citizens at recycling?

SAN JOSE HAS A REAL PROBLEM WITH RECYCLING. THAT'S ACCORDING TO THE CITY'S TRASH COLLECTOR. CALIFORNIA WASTE SOLUTIONS SAYS THAT NEARLY 40-PERCENT OF WHAT FAMILIES THROW IN THE BLUE BIN. IS FOOD WASTE OR OTHER STUFF THAT DOESN'T BELONG. COMPARE THAT TO OAKLAND, WHICH HAS JUST A 6 PERCENT CONTAMINATION RATE.

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT A CITY AUDIT FOUND THAT RECYCLING RATES IN GENERAL IN THE BAY AREA'S LARGEST CITY ARE DROPPING.

BOTTOM LINE MOVING FORWARD, IF SAN JOSE RESIDENTS CAN'T GET IT RIGHT THEY MAY FACE A RED NOTICE ON THEIR UN-EMPTIED BINS AND POSSIBLY FINES.

HEALTH

7/15/15/ KRON 4 Evening News
Potential Alzheimers treatment

IT IS ONE OF THE MOST DREADED DISEASES OF OLD AGE: ALZHEIMER'S. RESEARCHERS HAVE A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT CAUSES IT AND CNN'S JIM MORELLI HAS DETAILS OF A NEW DEVELOPMENT THEY SAY MIGHT HELP STOP IT.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AFFECTS SOME 5 MILLION AMERICANS, AND OVER THE NEXT 30 YEARS THAT NUMBER COULD TRIPLE, SAYS DR. REISA SPERLING, A NEUROLOGIST AT BOSTON'S BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL.

BUT NOW, A TANTALIZING POSSIBILITY, A WAY TO POTENTIALLY CUT ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OFF AT THE PASS, BY EARLY DETECTION AND TREATMENT. IT'S THE EARLY DETECTION OF WHAT ARE KNOWN AS AMYLOID PLAQUES IN THE BRAIN, USING WHAT'S KNOWN AS A PET SCAN.

Dr. Reisa Sperling: "Amyloid is a protein that our nerve cells produce normally. But in Alzheimer's Disease, it accumulates into these plaques creating plaque build-up."

ARTHUR CANTER, WHO SCANNED POSITIVE FOR AMYLOID BUILD-UP, IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THAT WINDOW. THE 67-YEAR-OLD BOSTON RESIDENT IS ENROLLED IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE "A4 STUDY" AT BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL. THE STUDY IS TESTING WHETHER A NEW DRUG, KNOWN AS AN ANTI-AMYLOID ANTIBODY, CAN "CLEAR" PLAQUES FROM THE HUMAN BRAIN.

Arthur Canter: "It's worth it to participate. I have nothing to lose other than the time I'm taking to do an infusion once a month."

Dr. Sperling: "The idea behind the A-4 study is very similar to what we do with heart disease. We find people who have slightly elevated cholesterol and we decrease their cholesterol with statin drugs and hopefully prevent heart attacks and prevent strokes. I think we can do that in Alzheimer's Disease."

IN BOSTON, JIM MORELLI REPORTING

HEALTH

7/17/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm
New way to get medical advice

IF THE FLU OR OTHER BUGS HAVE GOT YOU DOWN, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT MEASLES OR OTHER MEDICAL PROBLEMS, OUR TECH REPORTER GABE SLATE SHOWS US A SERVICE THAT CAN CONNECT YOU WITH DOCTORS IN A CONVENIENT AND AFFORDABLE WAY:

DOCTORS ON DEMAND IS A WEBSITE AND A MOBILE APP THAT LETS YOU VIDEO CHAT WITH REAL LICENSED DOCTORS FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME THROUGH YOUR COMPUTER, PHONE, OR TABLET. IT'S PART OF A NEW TREND CATCHING ON CALLED "TELE-MEDICINE." DR. PHIL HAS RESEARCHED THIS NEW SERVICE OFFERED BY DOCTOR'S ON DEMAND AND RECOMMENDS IT.

Dr. Phil: "You don't have to get dressed. You don't have to wait 2 weeks for an appointment. You don't have to go sit in a waiting room where everybody is sick, so you don't have to get whatever you don't already have. So, it's fast, it's efficient and it's economic."

GETTING AN APPOINTMENT WITH A DOCTOR CAN TAKE 2 WEEKS OR LONGER, BUT WITH THIS APP YOU CAN BE CHATTING WITH A DOCTOR IN UNDER 2 MINUTES.

THESE WEB CONSULTATIONS COST A FLAT \$40. THAT'S A PRETTY GOOD DEAL CONSIDERING THAT CO-PAYS CAN COST THAT MUCH, DEPENDING ON YOUR INSURANCE.

Dr. Phil: "You wake up in the morning and your child has a sore throat, you don't have to take off a half-day from work to go to the pediatrician's office. You push the button and you get it dealt with right there."

YOU CAN USE THE SERVICE FOR ALL NON-EMERGENCY SYMPTOMS. SO ANYTHING COLD, FLU, MEASLES, PNEUMONIA, LACTATION CONSULTING FOR NEW MOTHERS, SPORTS INJURIES – ANYTHING MEDICAL RELATED – AND THE DOCTORS CAN WRITE PRESCRIPTIONS.

THEY ALSO HAVE PSYCHOLOGISTS AVAILABLE FOR ANY MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. THIS OFFERS A WAY FOR PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM DEPRESSION OR OTHER PROBLEMS TO GET HELP FROM HOME WITH VERY LITTLE EFFORT. GOING TO SEE A THERAPIST IN PERSON CAN BE INTIMIDATING. THIS IS A GOOD ALTERNATIVE.

GABE SLATE KRON 4 NEWS

HEALTH

7/17/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Which fats are healthy?

THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF CONFUSING NEWS LATELY ABOUT DIETARY FAT, SOME SUGGESTING FOR EXAMPLE THAT "BUTTER IS BACK." AS USUAL, ONE STUDY SEEMS TO CONTRADICT ANOTHER. IN TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE, HOLLY FIRFER TAKES A CLOSER LOOK AT FATS IN YOUR FOOD.

Paige Espenship, RD/Nutritionist, Professional Chef: "We used to think that fat cells had no metabolic benefit at all. But, now we know that the actual stored fat in our body, or adipose tissue, is metabolically active."

THAT'S REGISTERED DIETICIAN AND PROFESSIONAL CHEF, PAIGE ESPENSHIP. SHE EXPLAINS THAT ALL FAT IS NOT EQUAL. OUR DIETS ARE MADE UP OF FATS ORGANICALLY PRODUCED BY NATURE AND THOSE SYNTHETICALLY CREATED BY MAN. NO ONE TYPE OF NATURALLY OCCURRING FAT CAN BE CLASSIFIED ALL GOOD OR ALL BAD. BUT NATURE ALSO PRODUCES FATS THAT HAVE VARYING DEGREES OF HEALTH BENEFITS AND DISADVANTAGES.

WE KNOW THAT SATURATED FAT RAISES OUR LDL, OR BAD, CHOLESTEROL LEVELS WHICH CAN CONTRIBUTE TO HEART DISEASE.

Espenship: "Poly unsaturated fatty acids are fats that are beneficial because they help to lower the bad cholesterol. They help to raise the good cholesterol and they also help to improve your triglyceride levels. And all of those are markers for heart disease."

BUT IF ALL OF THIS FAT TALK IS STILL A LITTLE CONFUSING, WITH TOO MANY RULES TO REMEMBER, THEN PAIGE RECOMMENDS A SIMPLER METHOD TO USE WHEN CHOOSING FATS.

Espenship: "Just ask yourself, is this a whole food? Is this something that was around when my great grandparents were around? And does it come from a plant? If you can answer yes to all those questions, you know it's a healthy fat."

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

HEALTH

7/18/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Public health and e-cigarettes

THE LEGISLATURE TODAY ANNOUNCED A NEW PACKAGE OF BILLS THAT WOULD HELP PREVENT TOBACCO-RELATED ILLNESS IN CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING CALLS FOR STATEWIDE REGULATIONS OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES. "VAPING" OR USING E-CIGARETTES IN PUBLIC MAY SOON BE AGAINST THE LAW IF A LOCAL POLITICIAN HAS HIS WAY. THIS WEEK STATE SENATOR MARK LENO INTRODUCED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REGULATE ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES AS TOBACCO PRODUCTS. FROM WALNUT CREEK TONIGHT, KRON 4'S PHILIPPE DJEGAL EXPLAINS HOW THIS WOULD AFFECT YOU:

IT EMITS WHAT LOOKS LIKE SMOKE, BUT IN ALL ACTUALITY, THE THICK CLOUDS BLOWN OUT OF THESE ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES AMOUNTS TO VAPOR. STILL....

Vape user 1: "It does contain nicotine in it. So, yeah, I'd say it's the same kind of thing."

VAPOR 1 IN WALNUT CREEK IS PART OF THE BOOMING BUSINESS OF VAPING.

Vape user 2: "The past like 2 or 3 years, it's blown up so big."

IT'S ONE OF MORE THAN 14-HUNDRED SO-CALLED VAPE SHOPS IN CALIFORNIA. E-CIGARETTE AND VAPORIZER USERS SAY THESE DEVICES ARE MUCH HEALTHIER THAN TRADITIONAL CIGARETTES.

User 1: "Vaporizers, they put less stress on your body than cigarettes would."

User 2: "I can breathe a lot better. I can taste things way better."

BUT IF STATE SENATOR MARK LENO IS SUCCESSFUL IN PASSING SENATE BILL 2X-5 THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE ...

State Senator Leno: "They are marketing to the youth of California and the youth are buying it."

... ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES WILL BE BANNED AT WORKPLACES, SCHOOLS, RESTAURANTS AND HOSPITALS. THIS AFTER A FAILED ATTEMPTED TO DO SO EARLIER THIS YEAR.

Bob Simmons, Walnut Creek mayor: "Not to get into the science behind one or the other, we just felt that for the health of the community, not just the individual smoking, but for the people around that individual that we needed to apply the regulations to both."

WALNUT CREEK MAYOR BOB SIMMONS SAYS HIS CITY, LIKE 177 OTHER COMMUNITIES STATEWIDE, HAS ALREADY REGULATED E-CIGARETTES. THEY WERE INCLUDED IN THE SECOND HAND SMOKING ORDINANCE ADOPTED HERE ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO.

Mayor Simmons: "You cannot use them in a multi-family structure. You cannot smoke in our pedestrian retail downtown, and you cannot smoke in our parks or open space areas."

IN A STATEMENT, SENATOR LENO SAYS QUOTE WE MUST ACT NOW TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH.

RIGHT NOW, SMOKERS ARE REACTING WITH MIXED EMOTIONS.

Reporter: "You use vaporizers and you're not opposed to regulations?"

User 1: "No, not at all."

User 2: "A lot of people don't wanna see these products be banned. They don't want to see them be regulated so much, because it's helped them so much and helped them get off smoking."

IN WALNUT CREEK, PHILIPPE DJEGAL, KRON 4 NEWS

HEALTH

7/20/15 KRON 4 Evening News
Update on West Nile Virus

AN ELDERLY PERSON HAS DIED FROM EXPSOURE TO WEST NILE VIRUS. IT IS THE FIRST CASE CONFIRMED IN CALIFORNIA. HEALTH OFFICIALS WOULD ONLY SAY THE VICTIM WAS A SENIOR CITIZEN IN NEVADA COUNTY.

WEST NILE VIRUS IS SPREAD TO HUMANS BY MOSQUITOS AND BIRDS. IT CAN CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS INCLUDING MENINGITIS AND ENCEPHALITIS.

MARIN AND SONOMA VECTOR CONTROL OFFICIALS HAVE FOUND TWO CASES OF CONTAMINATED MOSQUITOS. IN REVEALING THE CASE TODAY, A STATE HEALTH OFFICER SAID "THE DEATH IS A TRAGIC REMINDER OF HOW SEVERE WEST NILE VIRUS DISEASE CAN BE."

HEALTH

7/27/15 KRON 4 Evening News
South Bay eColi Warnings

IN LOS ALTOS, THE DRINKING WATER MIGHT BE CONTAMINATED WITH BACTERIA. CUSTOMERS OF CAL WATER ARE BEING TOLD TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS BECAUSE OF AN E.COLI THREAT. KRON 4'S DAN KERMAN IS LIVE IN LOS ALTOS TONIGHT. DAN, HOW MANY CUSTOMERS ARE AFFECTED?

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 800 CUSTOMERS. WITH MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN A HOUSEHOLD, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE AFFECTED COULD BE IN THE THOUSANDS.

AT THIS HOME IN LOS ALTOS THE REFRIGERATOR IS FILLED WITH BOTTLED WATER... ICE HAS BEEN THROWN OUT AND WHEN WATER FROM THE TAP IS RUN, IT GOES INTO A POT AND THEN IS BOILED. MONDAY MORNING THIS FAMILY FOUND A NOTICE OUTSIDE ITS DOOR SAYING E.COLI AND COLIFORM BACTERIA HAVE BEEN FOUND IN PART OF THE CITY'S DRINKING WATER SYSTEM AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE SOME 800 HOMES IN THE AREA SHOULD NOT DRINK TAP WATER OR COOK WITH IT.

Larry Regis, Los Altos resident: "Well absolutely, I'm concerned. And I'm going to land on the side of being safe. So, yeah, I've boiled water."

THE DISCOVERY OF ECOLI WAS MADE AFTER A WATER MAIN RUPTURED ON O'KEEFE LANE ON FRIDAY. THE SECTION OF PIPE WAS REPLACED AND THE WATER WAS TESTED. WHEN RESULTS CAME BACK TO THE CAL WATER AGENCY ON SUNDAY, THE NEWS WASN'T GOOD.

Michael Smith, Cal Water Agency: "The sample results came back positive for coliform bacteria and eColi. The first possibility is that there's a false positive on the original sample. The second possibility is the new section of pipe did not get sufficiently disinfected when we installed it."

BASICALLY, THE AREA WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS BORDERED BY FOOTHILL ON ONE SIDE AND 280 ON THE OTHER. YOU CAN SEE THE MAP ON THE KRON 4 WEBSITE. AT THIS POINT, THE AGENCY IS CONDUCTING ADDITIONAL TESTS TODAY AND TOMORROW AT SIX LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM TO SEE IF THE PROBLEM STILL PERSISTS AFTER FLUSHING PROCEDURES. IF IT IS NOT STILL IN THE SYSTEM, CUSTOMERS WILL BE NOTIFIED THAT THEY CAN GO AHEAD AND USE THE WATER. BUT IF IT'S STILL A PROBLEM, CAL WATER WILL GET TOGETHER WITH THE STATE WATER AGENCY AND WORK ON ADDITIONAL TIPS TO SEE WHAT THEY CAN DO TO CLEAN OUT THE WATER SYSTEM. BUT WE WON'T HAVE ANY ANSWERS UNTIL WEDNESDAY.

IN LOS ALTOS DAN KERMAN KRON 4 NEWS

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF E. COLI TYPICALLY BEGIN THREE TO FOUR DAYS AFTER EXPOSURE. SYMPTOMS INCLUDE SEVERE STOMACH CRAMPS, DIARRHEA AND VOMITING. IN SOME CASES, IT CAN RESULT IN KIDNEY FAILURE OR OTHER SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS.

HEALTH

8/3/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Sunscreen controversy

Dr. Kristin Hudacek, dermatologist: "It's nice to hear people are using sunscreen. It's not great that they're getting burned even though they're using it."

A CONTROVERSY OVER SUNSCREEN HAS SOME CONSUMERS RED HOT AT A CELEBRITY AND HER BRAND. KRON 4'S VICKI LIVIAKIS SHOWS US THE NASTY SUNBURNS, THE ONLINE BACKLASH, AND WHAT A BAY AREA DERMATOLOGIST HAS TO SAY ABOUT IT:

YOU SLATHER THE KIDS IN SUNSCREEN TO STAY SAFE IN THE SUN. BUT, INSTEAD, THIS? SUNBURNED BODIES, PAINFUL TO LOOK AT.

Jessica Alba: "Now we have The Honest Company."

ACTRESS JESSICA ALBA'S HONEST COMPANY IS THE TARGET OF ONLINE HEAT. THESE PEOPLE COMPLAINING ON SOCIAL MEDIA SAY HER SUNSCREEN HONESTLY DOESN'T WORK FOR THEM. THE SPF 30 LOTION IS ALL-NATURAL WITH NON-NANO ZINC OXIDE. BUT IS IT ENOUGH?

DR. KRISTIN HUDACEK IS A SAN FRANCISCO DERMATOLOGIST WHO SAYS ZINC OXIDE CAN WORK TO PROTECT THE SKIN WHEN PRESENT IN HIGH ENOUGH CONCENTRATIONS.

RECENTLY HONEST SUNSCREEN CUT THE AMOUNT OF ZINC OXIDE ROUGHLY IN HALF.

Hudacek: "The percentage was decrease and that's part of the reason it isn't as protective."

THE COMPANY IS STANDING BY IT'S PRODUCT ALTHOUGH I HAD A TOUGH TIME TRYING TO FIND IT.

DR. HUDACEK ALSO SAYS WHEN IT COMES TO SUNSCREENS ONE SIZE DOESN'T FIT ALL ANYWAY, SO IF YOU DON'T LIKE ONE YOU CAN EXPERIMENT WITH ANOTHER.

AS FOR WHETHER SHE'S CONCERNED ABOUT SO-CALLED NATURAL VS. NON-NATURAL OR CHEMICAL BASED SUNSCREENS?

Hudacek: "I'm not concerned. It's very important to put sunscreen on your skin. Ultra violet radiation from the sun is a known carcinogen. The information we have about sunscreen ingredients, whether they're organic or not, is difficult to apply to real life in humans. But, if you're uncomfortable with a given ingredient, thankfully there are enough options that you can try other types of sunscreens."

THE KEY HERE IS WHATEVER SUNSCREEN YOU CHOOSE TO USE MAKE SURE YOU APPLY IT LIBERALLY AND OFTEN TO PROTECT YOUR PRECIOUS SKIN. AND THAT'S JUST BEING HONEST.

IN SAN FRANCISCO, VICKI LIVIAKIS KRON 4 NEWS.

HEALTH

8/11/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Two stories on back to school health issues

THE SCHOOL YEAR IS UPON US. SOME BAY AREA STUDENTS HEAD BACK TO CLASS THIS WEEK. AND AS APRIL WILLIAMS EXPLAINS, THAT MEANS GETTING UP-TO-DATE WITH YOUR CHILD'S VACCINATIONS:

READING, WRITING AND ARITHMETIC ARE ALL IMPORTANT, BUT WHEN IT COMES TO A STUDENT'S WELL BEING, PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY VACCINES ARE THE BEST WAY TO WARD OFF DISEASES.

SO IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORDS. THAT'S BECAUSE AS ADOLESCENTS GET OLDER, SOME OF THE PROTECTION FROM THEIR CHILDHOOD SHOTS BEGINS TO WEAR OFF. PLUS CHILDREN CAN DEVELOP OTHER DISEASES AS THEY AGE.

WHAT VACCINES DO HEALTH OFFICIALS FEEL ARE NECESSARY?

FOR PRETEENS, THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION RECOMMENDS VACCINES TO PROTECT AGAINST MENINGHITIS, H-P-V OR THE HUMAN PAPILOMA VIRUS, T-DAP FOR TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA AND PERTUSSIS.

AND THE FLU.

IF YOUR CHILD IS ALREADY A TEENAGER, THE C-D-C RECOMMENDS THEY UPDATE WITH CATCH-UP VACCINES FOR HEPATITIS B, POLIO, MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA AND VARICELLA.

IF YOU'RE NOT SURE WHICH VACCINES YOUR CHILD MAY NEED, SEE YOUR PEDIATRICIAN OR YOU CAN ASK YOUR COUNTY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR A LIST OF REQUIRED OR RECOMMENDED SHOTS FOR YOUR STUDENT.

FOR HEALTH MINUTE, I'M APRIL WILLIAMS.

SCHOOL IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND KRON4 IS GETTING YOU READY FOR SCHOOL. ON AVERAGE, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN GET UP TO 12 COLDS OR CASES OF THE FLU EACH SCHOOL YEAR. MANY PARENTS AND TEACHERS REFER TO IT AS THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL PLAGUE. BUT THERE ARE WAYS TO KEEP YOUR KIDS HEALTHY. HERE'S CNN'S HOLLY FIRFER WITH THE STORY:

BACK TO SCHOOL IS ALWAYS AN EXCITING TIME, BUT SHARING CLASSROOMS WITH LOTS OF CHILDREN CAN ALSO LEAD TO LOTS OF HEALTH PROBLEMS. THAT'S BECAUSE WHEN CHILDREN ARE YOUNGER, THEY TOUCH THEIR FACES, MOUTHS AND NOSES AND THEN TOUCH OTHER KIDS WHICH IS HOW THEY PICK UP ALL KINDS OF GERMS LIKE COLDS, PINK EYE AND STREP THROAT.

WHAT TO DO TO PROTECT YOUR LITTLE ONES? WELL, AVOID THE WATER FOUNTAIN. HAVE YOUR CHILD BRING THEIR OWN WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL AND ASK THEM NOT TO SHARE WITH ANYONE. USE HAND SANITIZER, ESPECIALLY BEFORE EATING LUNCH. CAFETERIA TRAYS ARE A HOTBED OF NASTY GERMS.

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD GETS ENOUGH REST TO KEEP THE IMMUNE SYSTEM HEALTHY. SLEEP EXPERTS SAY TEN TO ELEVEN HOURS OF SLEEP A NIGHT IS THE BEST. KEEP YOUR KIDS ACTIVE AND WELL FED. A GOOD NUTRITIOUS BREAKFAST INCLUDING VITAMIN C CAN BUILD ENERGY AND RESISTANCE TO GERMS. AND DOCTORS SAY TO BUNDLE UP THEIR OVERCOATS. STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT PEOPLE WHO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM OLD MAN WINTER'S WRATH ARE LESS LIKELY TO CATCH COLDS LATER IN THE YEAR.

ALL GOOD TIPS TO KEEP THE GERMS AWAY FROM YOUR SCHOOL KIDS AS WELL AS YOUR FAMILY.

FOR HEALTH MINUTE, I'M HOLLLY FIRFER

HEALTH

8/11/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Some diets are *really* bad for you

WHEN HARDLINE HEALTH NUTS TELLS US THAT FRIED FOODS AND SUGARY DRINKS WILL 'KILL' US.....IT TURNS OUT THEY'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. A NEW STUDY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA HAS CHILLING DETAILS. IT SAYS THAT EATING FRIED FOOD WASHED DOWN WITH SUGARY SODA WILL INCREASE YOUR RISK OF A HEART ATTACK BY 56 PERCENT. RESEARCHERS SAY THAT'S REGARDLESS OF YOUR GENDER, RACE, OR WHERE YOU LIVE.

THEY CALL IT A "SOUTHERN STYLE DIET" AND SAY IT INCLUDES LOTS OF PROCESSED MEATS, LIKE BACON AND HAM. THAT STYLE OF EATING ALSO DRAMATICALLY INCREASES THE RISK OF DEATH FROM KIDNEY DISEASE AND STROKE.

HEALTH

8/19/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Mutant head lice warning

AS KIDS HEAD BACK TO CLASS, HERE IS SOMETHING PARENTS NEED TO BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR. A NEW STUDY OUT TODAY ON HEAD LICE SUGGESTS "MUTANT LICE" MAY NO LONGER BE KILLED BY OVER-THE-COUNTER TREATMENTS. AND THIS BUG IS RIGHT HERE IN CALIFORNIA. KRON 4'S JUSTINE WALDMAN IS HERE WITH THE MAJOR WARNING FOR PARENTS:

THE LOOK OF LICE IS ENOUGH TO MAKE YOUR SKIN CRAWL AND THESE LITTLE BUGS ARE GETTING MORE PERSISTENT. A MUTATION HAS MADE THEM RESISTANT TO PERMYTHRIN, THE ACTIVE INGREDIENT IN COMMON OVER-THE-COUNTER LICE-KILLING SHAMPOOS.

Shawn Costigan, lice exterminator: "Every year it seems to get worse and worse and I am noticing that the product is doing less and less."

SHAWN COSTIGAN IS A NIT-PICKER. HE OWNS "NIT CONTROL" AND MAKES HOUSE CALLS TO RID YOUR LIFE OF LICE.

Costigan: "Let's glove up."

SHAWN CAME TO KRON AND EXAMINED PRODUCER KATIE'S HEAD FOR LICE.

Costigan: "It is really common to find lice at the nape of the neck and behind the ears."

NOW, HEALTH OFFICIALS RECOMMEND YOU PICK THE LICE OUT ONE BY ONE. AS A PROFESSIONAL, SHAWN USES A SOLUTION THAT DROWNS THE INSECTS AND A FINE TOOTH COMB, GOING STRAND BY STRAND TO REMOVE LICE AND EGGS.

SHAWN CHARGES \$125 AN HOUR. MOST SESSIONS LAST 30 MINUTES TO AN HOUR. DEPENDING ON HOW BAD IT IS, YOU MIGHT NEED MORE THAN ONE SESSION. BECAUSE IF YOU MISS EVEN ONE BUG...

Costigan: "The whole family gets infested."

AND OUR PRODUCER?

Costigan: "After my check, she looks clean. You are lice-free!"

SHAWN EXPECTS HE WILL BE WORKING A LOT MORE NOW SINCE THE USUAL HOME REMEDIES ARE NOT DOING THE JOB. PLUS...

Costigan: "We are coming up to the beginning of the school year which is the busiest time of the year."

JUSTINE WALDMAN, KRON 4 NEWS

HEALTH

8/19/15 KRON 4 Evening News

IF YOUR CHILD COMES HOME FROM SCHOOL WITH A COLD, THERE ARE SOME THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND WHICH CAN MAKE THE ANNUAL RITE OF PASSAGE A BIT EASIER. CNN'S TOMEKA JONES EXPLAINS:

A CONSTANT STRUGGLE FOR MANY PARENTS IS KNOWING HOW AND WHEN TO TREAT CHILDREN WITH COLDS.

"Kids get colds more often than adults on the order of once every month or the average of 8 to 10 per year. And that's because their immune system aren't as strong as ours."

COLDS ARE CAUSED BY VIRUSES - AND THE ALL-TOO-FAMILIAR SYMPTOMS CAN INCLUDE A RUNNY NOSE, COUGH, FEVER, SNEEZING AND IRRITABILITY.

DOCTOR SHU SAYS A COLD CAN LAST FOR 2 OR 3 WEEKS, HOWEVER THE WORST SYMPTOMS TEND TO PASS AFTER A FEW DAYS.

ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS, PARENTS SHOULDN'T GIVE KIDS UNDER AGE 4 OVER-THE-COUNTER COUGH AND COLD MEDICINES BECAUSE THEY CAN BE HARMFUL..

FOR A FEVER , THE A-A-P RECOMMENDS ACETAMINOPHEN FOR INFANTS from birth TO 6 MONTHS OF AGE.

ONCE THEY'RE 6 MONTHS OR OLDER, IT'S OKAY TO GIVE THEM ACETAMINOPHEN OR IBUPROFEN.

"Over the age of 2, kids tend to handle fevers a little bit better so I tend to say treat the child and not the fever so if there's a really high fever but the child is acting well then you don't have to get too concerned."

EVEN THOUGH COLDS AREN'T CURABLE, THERE IS A BRIGHT SIDE.

"...every time that your child does get a cold, it does strengthen his immune system."

I'M TOMEKA JONES.

HEALTH

8/25/15 KRON 4 Evening News
Burger superbug

SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION TONIGHT ABOUT THE FOOD WE EAT. KRON 4'S VICKI LIVIAKIS IS BACK WITH THE LATEST ON A SUPERBUG IN YOUR BURGER.

YES THERE'S NEW WORD TONIGHT ABOUT THE HAMBURGER MEAT WE GET FROM THE SUPERMARKET. THE RAW MEAT IS NOW SHOWING UP WITH SUPERBUGS AND THESE ARE DRUG-RESISTANT BACTERIA.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ISSUED WARNINGS THAT EATING RARE OR RAW HAMBURGER MEAT CAN BE A HEALTH THREAT. THESE SUPERBUGS ARE REPORTEDLY THE RESULT OF COMMERCIALY PROCESSED BEEF RAISED WITH HORMONES AND ANTIBIOTICS.

HEALTH

8/25/15 KRON 4 Evening News
Update on e-cigarettes

IT IS A HOTLY DEBATED TOPIC: THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES AS A WAY TO STOP SMOKING. STUDIES ON THE SUBJECT HAVE NOT BEEN CLEAR, BUT AS CNN'S MELISA RANEY EXPLAINS, A NEW STUDY FROM THE U.K. IS MAKING A BOLD STATEMENT ON "VAPING."

THE POPULARITY OF E-CIGARETTES HAS SKYROCKETED, BUT THE VERDICT IS STILL OUT AS TO HOW SAFE AND EFFECTIVE THEY ARE IN HELPING PEOPLE TO STOP SMOKING.

A NEW UK GOVERNMENT STUDY SAYS:

"Best estimates show e-cigarettes are 95% less harmful to your health than normal cigarettes and when supported by a smoking cessation service, help most smokers to quit tobacco altogether."

THE AUTHORS ALSO RECOMMEND THE ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES BE MADE AVAILABLE WITH A PRESCRIPTION, LIKE OTHER THERAPIES SUCH AS THE NICOTINE PATCH. RIGHT NOW, E-CIGARETTES ARE GENERALLY NOT REGULATED IN THE UNITED STATES OR THE U.K.

CRITICS OF E-CIGARETTES WORRY THAT THE REPORT'S FINDINGS MIGHT ENCOURAGE EX-SMOKERS AND POTENTIAL SMOKERS TO PICK UP THE HABIT. OTHERS SAY MORE STUDIES NEED TO BE DONE BEFORE IT'S KNOWN WHAT EFFECTS VAPING HAS ON A PERSON'S HEALTH.

EVEN WITH THE UNCERTAINTY, VAPING IS GROWING IN POPULARITY. THE CDC SAYS BETWEEN 2013 AND 2014, THE NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS USING ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES HAS TRIPLED.

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

HEALTH

9/7/15 KRON 4 Evening News
Obama signs sick leave measure

PRESIDENT OBAMA MARKED THIS LABOR DAY BY SIGNING AN EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT WILL PROVIDE A NEW BENEFIT TO THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN WORKERS. ANDY ROSE HAS THE DETAILS ON THIS MAJOR LABOR DAY ANNOUNCEMENT.

President Obama: "I believe that working Americans should have the basic security of paid leave."

ON HIS WAY TO A LABOR DAY EVENT IN BOSTON, PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER MANDATING THAT ALL COMPANIES WITH FEDERAL CONTRACTS OFFER THE BENEFIT TO THEIR EMPLOYEES.

President Obama: "As we were flying over here, I signed a new executive order requiring federal contractors to allow employees who work on our contracts to earn up to 7 paid sick days a year."

BEGINNING IN 2017, THE WHITE HOUSE SAYS 300,000 AMERICAN WORKERS WHO CURRENTLY DON'T RECEIVE ANY PAID SICK LEAVE, WILL RECEIVE ONE HOUR OF SICK TIME FOR EVERY THIRTY HOURS WORKED.

THE EXECUTIVE ORDER IS LIMITED, HOWEVER, AS IT ONLY APPLIES TO FIRMS WITH GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 44 MILLION AMERICAN WORKERS DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO PAID SICK LEAVE. PRESIDENT OBAMA IS PUSHING CONGRESS TO EXTEND THE NEW RULES TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR, BUT IS BEING MET WITH STRONG RESISTANCE FROM THE GOP WHO BELIEVE THESE POLICIES PLACE AN UNDUE BURDEN ON BUSINESSES.

BUT LABOR SECRETARY THOMAS PEREZ ARGUES THAT THESE NEW POLICIES ARE BRINGING AMERICAN WORKING STANDARDS IN LINE WITH THOSE OF OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

Labor Secretary Thomas Perez: "The United States is the only country where the issue of a federal paid leave law has become a partisan issue."

THIS LATEST ANNOUNCEMENT COMES ON THE HEELS OF SEVERAL SIMILAR ORDERS OBAMA HAS SIGNED TO RAISE STANDARDS FOR EMPLOYEES OF FEDERAL CONTRACTORS, INCLUDING BANNING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION, EXPANDING OVERTIME COMPENSATION, AND INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE.

I'M ANDY ROSE, REPORTING.

HEALTH

9/7/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Update on the latest Alzheimers research

ALZHEIMERS IS THE SIXTH LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES AFFECTING MORE THAN 5 MILLION AMERICANS, AND DOCTORS ADMIT THEY DON'T KNOW WHY. CNN'S HOLLY FIRFER SPOKE TO SOME OF THE LEADING RESEARCHERS IN THE FIELD, AND THEY SAY THEY HAVE DISCOVERED A WAY TO TRACK A KEY ELEMENT IN THE BRAIN THAT MAY UNLOCK SOME SECRETS.

THE AVERAGE HEALTHY BRAIN HAS MORE THAN 100 BILLION NERVE CELLS WHICH RECORD AND RECALL MEMORIES AND TELL OUR BODIES WHAT TO DO, BASICALLY KEEPING US ALIVE.

IN THE BRAIN OF AN ALZHEIMER'S PATIENT, IT'S BELIEVED THOSE NERVE CELLS ARE SLOWLY KILLED BY WHAT ARE CALLED "PLAQUES ' AND "TANGLES".

THE PLAQUES ARE CLUMPS OF AMYLOID PROTEIN PIECES THAT BUILD IN THE SPACE BETWEEN NERVE CELLS, INTERRUPTING SIGNALS.

THE TANGLES ARE TAU PROTEIN THAT HAVE COLLAPSED AND TWISTED, BUILDING UP INSIDE THE INDIVIDUAL NERVE CELLS, LIKELY CAUSING THEM TO DIE.

SO RESEARCHERS HAVE NOW DEVELOPED A WAY TO SCAN PATIENTS TO LOOK FOR THE BUILD UP OF THE TAU PROTEIN.

Dr. Val John Lowe/Professor of Radiology, Mayo Clinic: "So this has enabled us now to image the entire disease process from the start of the tangle to the plaque, how they interact with each other. The thinking is there's an interaction then between the abnormal amyloid that's been processed and the abnormal tau that's being laid down and both of these may accelerate at that point and time and produce symptoms and ultimately dementia."

WHICH IS WHY THEY CONTINUE TO STUDY BOTH PROTEINS IN HOPES OF DEVELOPING A COMBINATION THERAPY.

Dr. Lowe: "If we can postpone the onset of cognitive impairment, the forgetfulness, by 3 to 5 to 8 years that would be a very dramatic improvement in the quality of lives of people."

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

HEALTH

9/17 KRON 4 Evening News

More good health news for coffee drinkers

IF YOU'RE A CAFFEINE DRINKER, YOU MAY FIND IT HAS A SURPRISING BENEFIT. DRINKING A LITTLE JOE MAY HELP WITH YOUR EXERCISE. HOLLY FIRFER HAS MORE IN TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE:

IF YOU WANT A BETTER WORKOUT TRY A LITTLE CAFFEINE BEFORE YOU LACE UP YOUR TENNIS SHOES.

IT MAY BOOST YOUR EXERCISE ROUTINE. HOW SO? FOR STARTERS IF YOU'RE A TRAINED ATHLETE, IT MAY HELP YOU BURN MORE CALORIES A FEW HOURS POST WORKOUT ACCORDING TO A STUDY OUT OF SPAIN.

OTHER RESEARCH FROM JAPAN FINDS THAT DRINKING COFFEE MAY ALSO IMPROVE CIRCULATION GETTING OUR BLOOD FLOWING A LITTLE MORE. BETTER CIRCULATION MAY MEAN A BETTER WORKOUT.

AND A STUDY FROM JOHNS HOPKINS FINDS THAT CAFFEINE HELPS IMPROVE MEMORY. PEOPLE WHO HAD ABOUT 8 OUNCES OF COFFEE DID BETTER ON MEMORY TESTS GIVEN A DAY LATER. THIS BRAIN BOOST MAY HELP WITH RECALL FOR YOUR EXERCISE ROUTINE.

FOR ENDURANCE ATHLETES, COMBINING CAFFEINE WITH CARBS AFTER A WORKOUT MAY INCREASE THE STOCKPILE OF MUSCLE FUEL MEANING MORE RESERVES FOR THE NEXT WORKOUT. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A STUDY IN THE JOURNAL OF APPLIED PHYSIOLOGY.

BUT DON'T OVERDO IT. IF YOU DO CONSUME CAFFEINE, KEEP IT TO ABOUT 400 MILLIGRAMS A DAY. THAT'S THE EQUIVALENT OF ABOUT A 16 OZ CUP OF COFFEE.

AND DON'T FORGET TO CONTINUE TO DRINK PLENTY OF WATER.

FOR TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE HOLLY FIRFER.

HEALTH

9/18/15 KRON 4 Evening News

The importance of a routine bedtime for kids

CHANCES ARE IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN YOU'VE HAD TROUBLE GETTING THEM TO BED. NOW DOCTORS ARE FINDING THAT HAVING A SET BED TIME CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE, ESPECIALLY WHEN LITTLE ONES GET OLDER. HOLLY FIRFER EXPLAINS:

IT MAY NOT BE THE EASIEST THING TO GET YOUR CHILD TO DO, BUT SCIENTISTS ARE FINDING THAT PUTTING YOUR LITTLE ONE TO BED AT A SET TIME CAN HELP THEIR ATTITUDE BOTH AT HOME AND AT SCHOOL.

Dr. Jennifer Shu, American Academy of Pediatrics: "Sleep is important for everybody, but especially for little ones because it's so important for growth, in addition to learning, concentrating in school, and actually for good behavior during the day."

A RECENT STUDY IN THE JOURNAL OF "PEDIATRICS" FOUND THAT CHILDREN WHO WENT TO BED AT IRREGULAR TIMES WERE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS BY THE TIME THEY REACHED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

RESEARCHERS LOOKED AT DATA FROM MORE THAN 10 THOUSAND CHILDREN AND THEIR SLEEPING BEHAVIORS AT AGES, 3, 5 AND 7. THEY ALSO LOOKED AT COMMENTS MADE BY THEIR MOTHERS AND TEACHERS ON THE CHILD'S BEHAVIOR. THEY FOUND THAT, AS THEY AGED, CHILDREN WHO WENT TO BED AT A CERTAIN HOUR HAD FEWER PROBLEMS IN SCHOOL THAN THOSE WHO HAD NO SET BEDTIME. AND WHEN PARENTS SWITCHED THEIR CHILDREN TO A MORE STRICT NIGHTTIME ROUTINE, THE CHILD'S BEHAVIOR IMPROVED.

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

HEALTH

9/18/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Dark side to trendy activity

MILLIONS OF AMERICANS PARTICIPATE SAFELY IN MUD-RUNS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, BUT SOME UNKNOWN DANGERS OF THE RACE ARE NOW BEING REVEALED. THERE ARE EVEN WARNING SIGNS POSTED ALONG THE RACE COURSE REMINDING PARTICIPANTS THAT THEY SIGNED A DEATH WAIVER TO PARTICIPATE.

ONE RUNNER SAYS THAT ALTHOUGH THE INJURY SHE GOT IS NOT LIFE THREATENING, SHE CAN NO LONGER SEE OUT OF HER LEFT EYE. DURING THE RACE SHE FELT LIKE SHE GOT DEBRIS IN HER EYE BUT KEPT GOING. THE NEXT MORNING, SHE COULDN'T SEE.

Race participant: "“Whatever ended up being in my eye actually melted off 80% of my cornea. I have only 20% of my cornea left at this point.”"

ONE OF OUR PARTNERS FROM INSIDE EDITION SIGNED UP FOR A RACE TO SEE HOW DANGEROUS IT REALLY WAS. SAMPLES OF THE MUD COURSE REVEALED DISTURBING RESULTS. SOME SAMPLES INCLUDED E. COLI, WHICH COMES FROM FECAL MATTER, AND OTHER BACTERIA THAT CAN CAUSE SKIN IRRITATION AND INFECTIONS..

HOUSING

7/1/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Bay Area evictions continue to uproot families

TODAY WAS THE DAY FAMILIES IN A REDWOOD CITY APARTMENT COMPLEX HAD TO BE OUT OF THEIR HOMES. THEY ARE BEING EVICTED. BUT SEVERAL HAVE STAYED, THEIR FUTURE HOME STILL UNKNOWN TONIGHT. KRON 4'S JUSTINE WALDMAN HAS MORE:

Gabriel Banuelos: "“We have nowhere else to go.”"

THE HALLS ARE EMPTY. THE BOXES ARE PACKED. NOTHING HANGS ON THE WALLS. MOVING DAY IS WAITING.

Banuelos: "It's hard having to look for places, having to leave your friends, church, schools. It's all here in Redwood City, so it is hard."

FOURTEEN YEAR OLD GABRIEL BANUELOS GREW UP AT 910 CLINTON STREET. OF THE 18 FAMILIES EVICTED, EIGHT HAVE NOT LEFT BY THE JUNE 30TH DEADLINE. GABRIEL'S IS ONE OF THEM.

Banuelos: "All over the Bay Area and the Peninsula, it is too expensive."

THE OWNER OF THE BUILDING, FPI MANAGEMENT, WANTS TO DO EXTENSIVE RENOVATIONS TO THE PROPERTY. ONCE UPDATED, GABRIEL HAS HEARD RENTS WILL INCREASE TO A PRICE HIS FAMILY CANNOT AFFORD.

Linda Howell, resident of 910 Clinton Street; "People think we are staying here just to buck the system or to take advantage. But we are not!"

AFTER LIVING HERE FOR 32 YEARS, LINDA HOWELL GOT HER JULY RENT CHECK SENT BACK TO HER. SHE ALSO HAS NOT FOUND A NEW HOME.

THIS RESIDENT, MARIA ANGULO, WILL BE ALL MOVED OUT OF HER 2 BEDROOM BY TONIGHT. SHE DID MANAGE TO FIND A NEW PLACE NEARBY – A ONE BEDROOM COSTING HER HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS MORE THAN THE TWO BEDROOM.

THE EVICTION, THE PENDING MOVE, THE UNCERTAIN FUTURE IS ALL VERY STRESSFUL ON THIS TEENAGER. HE WANTS THE PROPERTY MANAGERS TO GIVE HIS FAMILY MORE TIME TO FIND A NEW HOME.

Banuelos: "Sometimes I do get sad because it is sad. It's hard."

JUSTINE WALDMAN KRON 4 NEWS

HOUSING

7/15/15 KRON 4 Evening News
Real estate squeeze continues

A PROPOSAL TO FREEZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF LUXURY HOUSING IN SAN FRANCISCO'S MISSION DISTRICT HAS QUALIFIED FOR THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. THE IDEA FAILED WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LAST MONTH – DESPITE HUNDREDS OF PLEAS FROM RESIDENTS WHO SAY THEY'RE BEING PRICED OUT AND EVICTED.

THE BALLOT MEASURE WOULD STOP MARKET-RATE DEVELOPMENTS FOR 18 MONTHS AND WOULD SET ASIDE AT LEAST 50 PERCENT OF NEW HOUSING FOR LOW TO MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS.

OPPONENTS ARGUE THAT A FREEZE WON'T REALLY HELP THE CITY'S HOUSING PROBLEMS.

HOUSING

7/16/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

How expensive is real estate in San Francisco?

SAN FRANCISCO REAL ESTATE SEEMS TO BE GETTING MORE EXPENSIVE BY THE MINUTE. SO NOT EVERYONE WILL BE SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT THIS 650 SQUARE FOOT BUILDING IN THE NOE VALLEY AREA THAT SOME PEOPLE CALL A SHACK IS SELLING FOR 1.6 MILLION DOLLARS.

OF COURSE THE LISTING AGENT POINTS OUT IT'S REALLY ABOUT THE PROPERTY ITSELF. HE ARGUES THAT IT'S A GREAT DEAL FOR A HIGH END DEVELOPER BECAUSE LOTS IN THIS AREA USUALLY SELL FOR CLOSER TO TWO MILLION DOLLARS.

HOUSING

7/22/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Local city controversial reaction to heated rental market

RICHMOND'S CITY COUNCIL HAS APPROVED RENT CONTROL. IT WAS A HOTLY DEBATED ISSUE, WITH HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ATTENDING LAST NIGHT'S MEETING WHICH LASTED NEARLY 5 HOURS. AFTER THE VOTE, THE MAYOR AND A COUNCILMAN WALKED OUT IN FRUSTRATION.

THE MEASURE WILL CREATE A RENT CONTROL BOARD AND IT FREEZES RENT ON PROPERTIES BUILT BEFORE 1995. SEVERAL LANDLORDS SHOWED UP TO VOICE THEIR OPPOSITION, SAYING THAT RENT CONTROL WILL EAT INTO THEIR COSTS ON NECESSARY REPAIRS.

HOUSING

8/14/15 KRON 4 Evening News

More Bay Area residents facing evictions

AARON AND CAROLINE HAYES THOUGHT THEY HAD FINALLY FOUND A PLACE TO RAISE THEIR FAMILY.

Caroline: "We're working around the clock. I work during the day. He works at night. We never see each other. That's what we do to try to make ends meet."

THEY'RE RENTING THIS HOME AT THE PACIFIC SKIES ESTATES FOR ABOUT 23-HUNDRED DOLLARS A MONTH, BUT THEY DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THEY'LL BE ABLE TO STAY.

Caroline: "We thought we were forever residents, but now we have no idea what's going to happen."

THEIR NEIGHBORS ONE STREET AWAY HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE NOTICES TELLING THEM THEY HAVE 2 MONTHS TO FIND SOMEWHERE ELSE TO LIVE.

Susan, Pacific Skies Estates resident: "The biggest thing is the fear of not having a place to go or a roof over my head. I have an excellent rent history. I've never been late. I've never missed a payment."

THESE RENTERS ARE GETTING HELP FROM THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SAN MATEO, BUT RIGHT NOW THEIR FUTURE IS MURKY.

Spokesperson for the Legal Aid Society: "There's a real community interest in preserving not just 'affordable housing' in the city of Pacifica, but accessible housing for just regular people."

THIS IS JUST THE FIRST WAVE OF NOTICES. A SPOKESWOMAN FOR THE OWNER OF THE PARK SAYS THEY PLAN TO UPGRADE THESE 40 YEAR OLD TRAILERS. THE PIPES UNDER THE HOMES NEED REPAIR, SO ALL THE TENANTS HAVE TO MOVE OUT. AFTER THE UPGRADES, THE RENT HERE WILL GO UP BUT STAY MODERATE. THAT'S ACCORDING TO THE PARK OWNERS.

BUT SUSAN'S RENT ALREADY TAKES UP HER ENTIRE SOCIAL SECURITY CHECK AND SHE HAS NOWHERE ELSE TO GO.

Susan: "The reality is I might have to sleep in my car. And I can't do that. Tell the world. I cannot do that!"

IN PACIFICA, KATE CAGLE KRON 4 NEWS

HOUSING

8/17/15 KRON 4 Evening News
Advice for students on a budget

NOW THAT SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO SHARE, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND STUDENT BRIANNA KOVACS HAS PLANS FOR HER OWN ROOM IN AN ON-CAMPUS APARTMENT THIS FALL WITH A TRAVEL THEME.

Kovacs: "I already had so much travel stuff, and since I really love traveling and have all these pictures, I really wanted to make it cohesive in my room."

RETAILERS HAVE CAUGHT ON TO STUDENTS' DESIRES TO FEEL AT HOME AWAY FROM HOME, AND DORM DECOR AND FURNISHINGS WILL ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN SIX BILLION DOLLARS IN SPENDING THIS BACK-TO-SCHOOL SEASON. BUT FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES ALREADY SQUEEZED BY TUITION, PILING ON MORE COSTS CAN BE A STRETCH.

BRIANNA'S IDEA OF STARTING WITH HER OWN PHOTOS IS RIGHT IN LINE WITH THE ADVICE OF WASHINGTON-BASED DESIGNER KERRA MICHELE HUERTA.

Huerta, designer and blogger: "Grab a \$3 frame with a mat, pop it in, it's on the wall and it looks much more expensive than it actually was. And it personalizes your space that was otherwise a cookie-cutter dorm room or rental apartment."

HUERTA'S BLOG, APARTMENT ENVY, IS FULL OF INEXPENSIVE IDEAS FOR TEMPORARY SPACES. LIKE BASKETS TO MAXIMIZE SPACE FROM FLOOR TO CEILING, REMOVABLE WALLPAPER TO BRIGHTEN A BACKSPLASH OR EVEN A DRAB APPLIANCE., AND FOR STUDENTS LIKE BRIANNA WITH PLENTY OF TEXTBOOKS, PUTTING THEM TO WORK.

Huerta: "I keep my books and my magazines in stacks of like items near seating and I use them as side tables and extra surface storage for when guests come over. They have a place to set their drinks down."

OUTSIDE OF HER TRAVEL-THEMED ROOM, BRIANNA WILL SHARE COMMON AREAS WITH OTHER CLASSMATES.

Kovacs: "We got one of those giant wall tapestries. But, other than that, it's going to be pretty plain and simple and we're basically thinking we'll figure it out when we get there and buy whatever else we need to."

SHOULD THEY RUN INTO DECORATING DISAGREEMENTS, HUERTA ADVISES FINDING COMMON GROUND.

Huerta: "My tip for roommates is if you can agree on a color scheme or an overall color that everyone agrees upon or really likes, it doesn't really matter what the style of the pieces are, they'll all just sort of go together or blend together."

AND TO MAKE A SMALL SPACE FEEL BIGGER AND BRIGHTER, DITCH THE OLD BLINDS, AND COVER WINDOWS WITH AN INEXPENSIVE FABRIC FOR PRIVACY INSTEAD

Huerta: "The windows and natural light available is a really great way to keep a space feeling larger and more airy."

LITTLE THINGS TO MAKE DORM SWEET DORM FEEL MORE LIKE HOME SWEET HOME.

IN WASHINGTON, I'M KARIN CAIFA.

HOUSING

8/28/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Tough housing market impacts displaced residents

TWENTY RESIDENTS WHO WERE EVACUATED FROM THEIR WEST OAKLAND HOME ON MONDAY ARE STILL WAITING TO HEAR WHEN THEY WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE BACK IN. THIS IS VIDEO OF THE DAMAGE. THE UNDERSIDE OF A SECOND STORY WALKWAY COLLAPSED, EXPOSING EXTENSIVE DRY ROT. LUCKILY NO ONE WAS HURT, BUT THE BUILDING HAS BEEN RED- TAGGED.

THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY SAYS, A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER SHOULD HAVE A PLAN TO FIX THE DAMAGE SOON. THEY ARE ALSO TRYING TO COME UP WITH A WAY RESIDENTS CAN GET IN TO RECOVER THEIR BELONGINGS SAFELY.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE COMPANY IS CUTTING CHECKS FOR THE DISPLACED TENANTS TO COVER RELOCATION COSTS, BUT ONLY ONE TENANT, SO FAR, WANTS TO MOVE OUT PERMANENTLY.

WE SPOKE TO ONE DISPLACED RESIDENT WHO MOVED HER FAMILY OF FIVE INTO A RELATIVE'S TWO-BEDROOM TOWNHOUSE. SHE SAYS SHE IS WORRIED SHE CAN'T AFFORD TO MOVE ANYWHERE ELSE IN THIS PRICEY HOUSING MARKET.

Jessica Rigmaiden, tenant: "So that is as you can tell probably the hard part about it. Do we stay and be homeless for a while with none of our items, but then when we move back it will be kind of new but we would still pay the same rent. Or do we move somewhere else and try to scrounge together the new rent. It's impossible."

UNDER THE CITY'S MANDATE, FAMILIES WILL GET ABOUT THREE- THOUSAND DOLLARS TO TEMPORARILY RELOCATE. BUT A HOUSING ADVOCATE SAYS THAT'S NOT ENOUGH AND ADDS THE ORDINANCE WHICH COVERS THESE SITUATIONS SHOULD BE REVISED TO REFLECT CURRENT MARKET RATE HOUSING PRICES.

HOUSING

9/1/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

San Jose City Council tackles housing crisis

THE HOUSING CRISIS IS AN ISSUE MANY PEOPLE ARE FACING ACROSS THE BAY AREA AND TONIGHT. IT IS TAKING A FRONT AND CENTER SPOT ON SAN JOSE'S CITY COUNCIL AGENDA. THE CITY'S HOUSING ORDINANCES HAVE NOT BEEN UPDATED IN DECADES. MEANWHILE, THE PRICE OF HOUSING HAS BEEN SKYROCKETING. TODAY THE COUNCIL VOTED TO UPDATE THOSE ORDINANCES. KRON 4'S EMILY TURNER WAS AT THE MEETING TO TELL US WHAT THAT MEANS:

WHAT THAT MEANS IS THAT THEY ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH RENT CONTROL; THEY ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH BANNING UNJUST EVICTIONS. BUT HOW THAT'S GOING TO BE DONE, THE SPECIFICS OF THE LEGISLATION THAT ISN'T KNOWN. IT'S A LONG ROAD BETWEEN THE PROPOSAL MOVING FORWARD AND THE LEGISLATION BEING ENACTED. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, FOR FOLKS WHO DESPERATELY NEED IT, AT LEAST THEY SAY THIS GIVES THEM HOPE.

Micaela Munos, evicted renter: "It's hard. I cry every night because I don't know what to do."

MICHAELA MUNOS' STORY IS SHARED BY THOUSANDS IN SAN JOSE AND TODAY MANY OF THEM SHOWED UP AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ASKING THEM TO UPDATE THEIR APARTMENT RENTAL ORDINANCE. THAT LEGISLATION HASN'T BEEN TOUCHED SINCE 1979.

Munos: "I deserve to have something for me and my son and still have some money in my pocket to at least take him out."

ATTORNEYS, ENGINEERS AND THE ELDERLY ALL ECHOED THAT PLEA AT THE COUNCIL MEETING. BUT THOSE ON THE OTHER END OF THE LEASE, OWNERS AND LANDLORDS, WORRY THAT SOME OF THE CHANGES COULD PUT THEM OUT OF BUSINESS AND MAKE MATTERS WORSE.

Richard Matthews, landlord: "Rent control can cause all kinds of problems, including, eventually, rents going up even more than they would have if there hadn't been rent control."

ACCORDING TO THE SILICON VALLEY RENTERS ASSOCIATION, THE AVERAGE PERSON NEEDS TO MAKE MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR TO AFFORD THE AVERAGE RENT IN SAN JOSE, THAT'S 25 HUNDRED A MONTH FOR A TWO BEDROOM. TODAY, THE CITY COUNCIL AGREED THAT SOMETHING DOES NEED TO BE DONE IN ORDER TO MANAGE THE SITUATION. BUT WHAT THOSE CHANGES ARE HAD YET TO BE DETERMINED.

ONE THING IS CERTAIN, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IS NOW CHARGED WITH FIGURING IT OUT AND GIVING FOLKS LIKE MUNOS THE HOPE SHE DESPERATELY NEEDS.

Munos: "I hate to see my son suffer. I didn't bring him into this world to suffer and I don't want to suffer."

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT TO SEE OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS IS A LOT OF COMMUNITY MEETINGS. THEY WILL BE TALKING WITH LANDLORDS AND TALKING WITH RENTERS ABOUT WHAT EACH ONE WANTS. THEY WILL PRESENT THE REPORT BACK TO CITY COUNCIL AROUND NOVEMBER AND THEY ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE LEGISLATION READY TO VOTE ON IN JANUARY. THAT'S A VERY TENTATIVE TIMELINE, BUT STILL GIVES THE FOLKS WHO DESPERATELY NEED IT SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO.

EMILY TURNER KRON 4 NEWS

HOUSING

9/4/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Group takes battle for affordable housing to the suburbs

WE'VE SEEN PROTESTS LIKE THESE OVER LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND TENANT EVICTIONS, BUT NOW THERE'S A NEW APPROACH. SUE THE SUBURBS. A JOKE? NOT BY A LONG SHOT.

Brian Hanlon: "We are very serious. This is no joke."

BRIAN HANLON IS WITH THE CALIFORNIA RENTERS LEGAL ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION FUND.

Hanlon: "For decades now, the suburbs have been underbuilding housing. They've tried to maintain a single family character and in doing so, they have drastically increased the price of current housing and have just made it unaffordable to all but the wealthy to move in."

NOW HANLON'S GROUP PLANS TO SUE VARIOUS BAY AREA CITIES TO GET THEM TO BUILD MORE HOUSING. FIRST STOP IS THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE. THEY'VE SENT THIS LETTER TO THE CITY ABOUT THIS PARCEL OFF DEER HILL ROAD. THE PLAN ORIGINALLY CALLED FOR MORE THAN 300 MODERATE INCOME UNITS, BUT PUBLIC OUTCRY CAUSED THE DEVELOPER TO RECONFIGURE THE PROJECT TO 44 SINGLE FAMILY HOMES AND A PARK.

Hanlon: "This is the exact wrong time to be building luxury single family homes."

Steven Falk, City Manager: "The site on Deer Hill Road is not a good site for dense housing."

LAFAYETTE CITY MANAGER STEVEN FALK AGREES THERE IS AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING SHORTAGE IN HIS CITY AND ACROSS THE BAY AREA, BUT SAYS THE LOCATION IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THE UNITS THEMSELVES.

Falk: "We think dense housing, affordable housing, should be downtown, within walking distance of the BART station, not on a grassy hillside where the people can't get the transit station."

FALK POINTS TO THIS 5-STORY 69 UNIT PROJECT NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, JUST STEPS FROM THE LAFAYETTE BART STATION AND WHERE 15% OF THE UNITS WILL BE CONSIDERED AFFORDABLE.

Falk: "The challenge is where to put the housing so it best preserves and enhances the character of the community and provides good living conditions for the people that will ultimately live there."

ON SEPTEMBER 14, CITY OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO GIVE FINAL APPROVAL TO THAT SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON DEER HILL ROAD.

IN LAFAYETTE, DAN KERMAN KRON 4 NEWS

HOUSING

9/17/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Is the real estate market finally cooling off?

AS THE SUMMER ENDS, CALIFORNIA REAL ESTATE IS COOLING OFF. CORELOGIC, A RESEARCH FIRM, SAYS THE SLOWDOWN IN SALES IS BECAUSE THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH HOMES AVAILABLE OR THE HOUSES ON THE MARKET ARE TOO EXPENSIVE FOR SOME.

THE FIRM SAYS THE MEDIAN PRICE FOR HOUSES WAS DOWN ABOUT TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM LAST YEAR'S HIGH.

MORE THAN FORTY THOUSAND HOMES SOLD SO FAR THIS YEAR, WHICH IS MORE THAN 2014.

SAN FRANCISCO'S PRICES WERE UP OVER SIXTEEN PERCENT, WITH THE MEDIAN PRICE ABOVE A MILLION DOLLARS. SAN MATEO WAS SECOND, WITH A FIFTEEN - PERCENT INCREASE. SOLANO COUNTY PRICES ARE UP THIRTEEN PERCENT, WITH MEDIAN HOMES THERE COSTING MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND. AND ALAMEDA COUNTY IS UP SIX PERCENT, WITH HOMES AROUND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

HOUSING

9/22/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Anti-eviction fight takes new tack

THE BATTLE OVER TECH BUSES IS BREWING AGAIN. THIS TIME, HOUSING ADVOCATES SAY THERE IS A MAP THAT SHOWS WHERE THE BUSES STOP THE EVICTIONS GO UP. SO WE SENT KRON 4'S VICKI LIVIAKIS TO ONE OF THE BUSIEST TECH BUS STOPS IN THE CITY TO CHECK INTO THIS:

ADDING FUEL TO THE ALREADY HOT DEBATE, ANTI-SHUTTLE AND ANTI-EVICTION ACTIVISTS ARE BLAMING THE TECH BUSES FOR A MULTITUDE OF CITY SINS AND THEY ARE SUING SAN FRANCISCO IN ORDER TO GET A FULL IMPACT STUDY.

SARA SHORRT OF THE HOUSING RIGHTS COMMITTEE SAYS THE BUS ROUTES ARE A WAY TO ROUT OUT TENANTS.

Shorrt: "Rents are higher near the tech shuttle bus stops and evictions are also higher near those areas as well."

THERE'S A MAP THAT SHOWS THE BUS STOPS, CLICK AND YOU CAN SEE WHICH TECH COMPANIES OPERATE THEM. SHORRT SAYS INSTEAD OF THE BUSES RUNNING THRU NEIGHBORHOODS, THEY WANT TO SEE A TRANSIT DEPOT.

Shorrt: "The City hasn't done enough to explore the alternatives. One in particulare is just having one central hub where all the buses congregate so they don't go through the neighborhoods."

SUPERVISOR JANE KIM SAYS SHE SUPPORTS TENANTS BUT ALSO DOESN'T WANT TO PAINT TECHIES AS THE BAD GUYS. THEY'RE CITIZENS, TOO, WHO HAVE TO GET TO WORK.

Supervisor Kim: "We don't want all of these workers driving. Our city can't handle all that congestion, but we also want to be sure these buses are paying for the wear and tear on neighborhoods and roads and also are really being respectful of the neighborhoods they are operating in."

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OKAYED AN 18 MONTH PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE TECH BUSES. THAT WAS BACK IN JANUARY OF 2014. RIGHT NOW, THE ANTI-EVICTION GROUPS ARE PUSHING FOR A REVIEW BEFORE THE BUSES REV UP FOR ANOTHER ROUND.

REPORTING LIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO, VICKI LIVIAKIS KRON 4 NEWS.

HOUSING

9/30/15 KRON 4 News at 11pm

Oakland wants to be proactive about affordable housing

THE OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED THE CITY'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS. AT A PACKED HOUSE SESSION TONIGHT. KRON 4'S ALECIA REID ATTENDED AND HAS THE STORY:

TENANT PROTECTION AND ILLEGAL EVICTIONS WERE HOT TOPICS ON TONIGHT'S CITY COUNCIL AGENDA.

Latifa Lewis, renter: "I'm being forced out."

LATIFA LEWIS AND HER 6 and 8 YEAR OLD GIRLS LIVE IN AN EAST OAKLAND APARTMENT THAT SHE SAYS IS UNINHABITABLE.

Lewis: "They basically wanted all of the tenants out so they could remodel and charge more rent."

HER CEILINGS IN BOTH OF HER BATHROOMS CAVED IN. AFTER A YEAR AND A HALF COURT BATTLE WITH HER LANDLORD, SHE DECIDED TO SETTLE.

Lewis: "There could've been more enforcement on violation of the codes. The stairs are bad. There are holes in my ceiling. There's been the hot water leaking and bursting into my bedroom."

SHE IS NO LONGER PAYING RENT AND HAS FOUR MONTHS TO FIND A NEW PLACE. EXCEPT, EVERYTHING IS SO EXPENSIVE, THE ONLY APARTMENT SHE CAN AFFORD IS IN STOCKTON.

AND THAT STORY RESONATED THROUGHOUT THE PACKED ROOM. AFTER 25 YEARS IN AN APARTMENT THAT HAD NO REPAIRS, LYNN PARKER AGREED TO LIVE 6 MONTHS RENT-FREE IN ORDER TO FIND A PLACE, BUT NOW SHE SAYS

Parker: "I do not bring in enough money to pay my rent, let alone live."

WITH LAST WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT UBER IS MAKING ITS WAY TO OAKLAND, CITY COUNCILWOMAN REBECCA KAPLAN FEARS THERE WILL BE EVEN MORE DISPLACEMENT. SHE'S PUSHING TO FIX OAKLAND'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS BY STRENGTHENING TENANT PROTECTIONS, WHILE TAKING ACTIONS TO INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE LONG TERM. KAPLAN'S GOAL IS TO FIND REAL SOLUTIONS TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROBLEM.

Rebecca Kaplan: "We absolutely need to look at vacant lots and buildings. Those are good options. And in the meantime, we need to enforce the laws we have so that existing tenants aren't displaced from Oakland en masse."

MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF HAS FORMED THE OAKLAND HOUSING CABINET, WHERE THEY ARE WORKING ON A NUMBER OF STRATEGIES, TO IMMEDIATELY STABILIZE NEIGHBORHOODS, AND PROTECT EXISTING RESIDENTS BY CONVERTING MARKET RATE HOUSING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

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