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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:

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

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CRIME

1/7/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm
New Bay Area warning about ATM skimmers

THE SAN LEANDRO POLICE DEPARTMENT TWEETED OUT A PHOTOGRAPH THIS WEEK TO WARN THE PUBLIC ABOUT CREDIT CARD SKIMMERS. SKIMMERS ARE MOLDED IN PLASTIC TO MATCH CARD SLOTS ON ATMS. THIEVES THEN USE THE DEVICES TO STEAL CREDIT CARD AND ATM INFORMATION FROM UNSUSPECTING VICTIMS. AT GAS PUMPS, ATM MACHINES OR CARD READERS INSIDE STORES. THIS PAST FALL, SAFEWAY DISCOVERED CARD READERS IN TWO STORES IN THE EAST BAY. LUCKILY, NO INFORMATION WAS TAKEN.

POLICE SUGGEST THAT BEFORE USING A CARD AT AN ATM, CHECK THE CARD SLOT. PULL OR TUG ON THE ATM TO SEE IF ANYTHING IS LOOSE OR HAS BEEN TAMPERED WITH. YOU SHOULD ALSO CHECK TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY SMALL UNUSUAL HOLES IN THE MACHINE WHERE A THIEF MAY HAVE HIDDEN A CAMERA. THEY ALSO RECOMMEND COVERING THE KEY PAD WHEN YOU ENTER ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION, LIKE PIN CODES, AND SUGGEST USING A CREDIT CARD RATHER THAN AN ATM CARD WHENEVER POSSIBLE TO AVOID HAVING TO ENTER PIN INFORMATION.

BOTTOM LINE, IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT THE SECURITY OF AN ATM OR CARD READER, DON'T USE IT.

CRIME

1/13/16 KRON 4 Evening News
Warning about crime trend in local city

A SERIES OF RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES HAS PEOPLE IN ONE SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO NEIGHBORHOOD ON EDGE. KRON 4'S TERISA ESTACIO HAS MORE ON THE PROBLEM AND WHAT POLICE ARE DOING ABOUT THE CRIMES:

POLICE IN SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO SAY THEY ARE ON THE LOOK OUT...

Sgt. Ken Chetcuti: "The City of South San Francisco has recently noticed an increase in reported residential burglaries.

...AS THEY TRY AND CRACK DOWN ON CRIMINALS BREAKING INTO HOMES. THESE HOME BURGLARIES ARE TAKING PLACE IN THE BURI BURI NEIGHBORHOOD. THAT'S FAIRLY CLOSE TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. POLICE SAY THIEVES ENTER THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND SEE IF ANYONE IS AROUND.

Chetcuti: "We suspect the suspects are casing the neighborhood and checking out specific homes before they target them."

THEN THEY GO AROUND THE BACK OF THE HOME

Chetcuti: "They are using some kind of blunt object to shatter the rear sliding glass doors or rear windows, allowing them access to the interiors. They are taking computers, jewelry, personal items."

NEIGHBORS SAY IT IS DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH, BUT THESE CRIMES ARE OCCURRING PRIMARILY DURING THE DAY WHEN PEOPLE ARE AT WORK.

SO FAR AUTHORITIES HAVE INVESTIGATED 4 SEPARATE CASES JUST IN LAST WEEK... AND THIS IS ON TOP OF MORE THAN A DOZEN HOME BURGLARIES LAST MONTH. AN INVESTIGATION NABBED ONE PERSON, BUT THE CRIMES CONTINUE. AS OF RIGHT NOW, POLICE DON'T BELIEVE THE BURGLARS ARE ARMED.

Chetcuti: "There is nothing indicating they are armed, however we encourage everybody to be cautious. And take measures like making sure your bushes are cut back to increase visibility."

POLICE SAY THEY ARE INCREASING PATROLS AND LOOKING INTO OTHER WAYS TO GRAB THE SUSPECTS AND PUT AN END TO THESE CRIMES.

IN SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO TERISA ESTACIO KRON 4 NEWS

CRIME

1/15/16 KRON 4 Morning News

Live interview with Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf

ANCHOR: IN ADDITION TO HOUSING, OAKLAND CRIME IS ALSO IN THE HEADLINES. YOUR POLICE STAFFING YOU HAVE FINALLY BROUGHT IT UP TO OVER 700 OFFICERS. THERE ARE SOME EXPERTS WHO SAY YOU NEED UPWARDS OF 1100 OFFICERS TO PROPERLY POLICE OAKLAND. WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS GOING FORWARD IN TERMS OF ADDING OFFICERS AND YOUR PLANS FOR POLICING IN THE FUTURE?

Schaaf: "As of tonight, Oakland will have 750 officers. That is 150 more officers than we had in January of 2013. So we are making some great progress. Officers do not get hired overnight. We go through a very rigorous process to create a police officer. That's why it takes time. I am committed to getting this city to 800 officers by the end of 2017. But the good news is that Oakland is getting safer. When you look at violent crime, for example, we have had steady drops. To give a sense, compared to just two years ago, more than 1500 fewer people were victims of violent crime this past year in Oakland. That's a big difference. But I'm not saying that I am at all satisfied with where we are with the state of safety in Oakland. We did have four more homicides this year than last year, although the fact that the total was under 85 is very historically good for the city of Oakland, but I am determined to make this city safer. It is my highest priority. I have a great partner in Chief Sean Whent as well as incredible community partners around prevention and intervention and really addressing the root causes of crime by making sure that our kids get good educations and that Oakland has some great jobs to offer them.

CRIME

1/17/15 KRON 4 Morning News

Another skimming operation uncovered

POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING CREDIT CARD SKIMMING AT ONE CENTRAL MARIN COUNTY GAS STATION. DETECTIVES ARE LOOKING FOR 2 SUSPECTS THAT WERE PHOTOGRAPHED WITHDRAWING MONEY FROM PEOPLES' ACCOUNTS. OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, THERE'S BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS. KRON 4'S ALECIA REID REPORTS FROM THE "GAS AND SHOP" IN MARIN AND HAS TIPS TO AVOID BECOMING ANOTHER VICTIM:

AT 2.21 A GALLON FOR REGULAR ...

Customer: "It's pretty crowded, but it has the best prices in Marin."

THIS GAS AND SHOP IS CHEAP, BUT IT'S ALSO BEEN THE CENTER OF A SERIES OF CREDIT CARD FRAUD CASES.

Customer: "I'm not terribly surprised. Well you know, you gotta be careful with debit cards."

THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS HAS BEEN GROWING FOR WEEKS. NOW THERE'S EVEN MORE CONCERN. BETWEEN FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, IT MORE THAN DOUBLED – FROM 20 TO 50.

Cheryl Lynne Rubbo, customer: "I don't feel safe using ATM's or places like this with a debit card."

CHERYL LYNNE AND HER HUSBAND DONALD HAVE REASON TO BE CONCERNED. THEIR CARD INFORMATION WAS STOLEN FROM ONE OF THESE PUMPS.

Donald Rubbo: "My wife got a call from the credit card company."

Cheryl Lynne: "Luckily they didn't get any money. They tried to, twice. But then my card was instantly not usable."

DURING THEIR INVESTIGATION, AUTHORITIES FOUND SKIMMING DEVICES AT VARIOUS PUMPS, AND HAVE SINCE REMOVED THEM. THEY ARE HOWEVER, OFFERING UP SOME ADVICE.

Margo Rohrbacher, Central Marin Police Department: "If you see something affixed to the pump, or protruding from the credit card slot, then that's a bad sign. Another thing you can do is go in and use your card inside instead of at the pump. It's less convenient, but it offers more protection."

AND THERE'S ALWAYS THE CASH OPTION.

Customer: "I don't like this kind of activity in our community. You know I don't like theft."

POLICE BELIEVE THERE ARE MORE VICTIMS OUT THERE. ANYONE WHO USED THEIR DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD AT THIS GAS STATION WITHIN THE LAST 60 DAYS IS URGED TO CHECK THEIR

ACCOUNT ACTIVITY TO SEE IF THERE IS ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS, AND CONTACT THEIR BANK IMMEDIATELY. AND IF YOU'VE BEEN A VICTIM, DEFINITELY CALL POLICE AS WELL.

ALECIA REID KRON 4 NEWS

CRIME

1/19/16 KRON 4 Evening News
National crime trends

THE FBI HAS RELEASED NEW CRIME NUMBERS FOR THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 2015. CATHERINE HEENAN IS HERE WITH DETAILS WHICH A LOT OF PEOPLE FIND DISCOURAGING:

UNFORTUNATELY, A LOT OF THE CRIME NUMBERS ARE UP. VIOLENT CRIME ROSE ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 2015, COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD THE YEAR BEFORE. THE STATISTICS SHOW A 1.7 PERCENT JUMP IN THE NUMBER OF VIOLENT CRIMES REPORTED BY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO THE FBI, WITH INCREASES IN MURDER, RAPE, ROBBERY AND AGGRAVATED ASSAULT. AND NATIONWIDE, THERE'S A 6.2 PERCENT JUMP IN MURDERS FROM JANUARY TO JUNE OF 2015. THE FBI ISN'T OFFERING ANY POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS, SIMPLY RELEASING THE NUMBERS.

TAKING A LOOK AT A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES IN THE BAY AREA:

IN SAN FRANCISCO, 3279 VIOLENT CRIMES WERE REPORTED FOR THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 2014. THAT JUMPED TO 3453 FOR 2015. LOOKING SPECIFICALLY AT ROBBERY, THE NUMBERS ARE 1510 ROBBERIES IN 2014 BUT NEARLY 1900 IN 2015.

AND IN SAN JOSE, 1629 VIOLENT CRIMES WERE REPORTED FOR THE PERIOD IN 2014, WHILE IN 2015 IT WAS 1700. AND SAN JOSE ROBBERIES WERE 561 IN 2014, BUT JUMPED TO 581 IN 2015.

NATIONWIDE, SOME OFFICIALS ARE TRYING TO PUT A POSITIVE SPIN ON THE REPORT BY POINTING OUT THAT MOST NUMBERS ARE STILL BELOW WHERE THEY WERE 20 YEARS AGO.

CRIME

1/22/15 KRON4 News at 8pm
East Bay County begins accepting 911 text messages

RICHMOND POLICE ARE NOW THE FIRST DEPARTMENT IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TO ALLOW YOU TO TEXT 911. THE SYSTEM WORKS IN THE CITIES OF RICHMOND, SAN PABLO, EL CERRITO AND KENSINGTON. KRON 4'S KATE CAGLE WENT TO THE DISPATCH CENTER TO FIND OUT HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:

IT ISN'T HARD TO THINK OF A SITUATION WHERE SOMEONE NEEDS HELP, BUT CAN'T SPEAK UP. POLICE SAY THAT IS THE EXACT SITUATION TO SEND THEM A TEXT.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY YOU NEED HELP TO GET A POLICE RESPONSE ANYMORE. IN RICHMOND, YOU CAN TEXT IT.

THE NEW SYSTEM ISN'T FAST. TODAY IT TOOK 16 SECONDS FOR THIS TEXT TO REACH DISPATCH. TEN SECONDS AFTER THAT FOR A RESPONSE ASKING FOR THEIR ADDRESS.

Richmond dispatcher: "Location! Location! Location! We can't do anything if we can't find you!"

RICHMOND POLICE ARE NOW JUST THE SECOND DEPARTMENT IN THE STATE TO ACCEPT EMERGENCY TEXTS.

Lt. Felix Tram, Richmond Police Department: "The situation could be if somebody were breaking into your house and you were home alone."

RIGHT NOW, A STAFF OF FIVE HANDLES MORE THAN A THOUSAND CALLS A DAY, SO THEY ASK IF YOU NEED HELP STILL CALL. ONLY TEXT IF YOU REALLY NEED IT.

Lt. Tram: "Really, this is not the ideal way of communicating that you need help. But if you don't want the bad guy or the suspect to hear you on the phone, you can certainly text.

Dispatcher: "The majority of our calls are pretty standard but yes, there have been cases where the callers were hiding in a closet."

THE NEW TECHNOLOGY COMES WITH A DOWN SIDE. THE DEPARTMENT STARTED TESTING THE SYSTEM IN NOVEMBER. WITHOUT ANY PUBLICITY, THEY RECEIVED FOUR MESSAGES, BUT SOME WERE FROM TEENAGERS PLAYING A PRANK.

Lt. Tram: "This is not a game. This is not just texting your friends. This is real."

SINCE THE SYSTEM KNOWS THE LOCATION OF YOUR PHONE, ANY TEXT RECEIVED MEANS POLICE ARE ON THE WAY.

Dispatcher: "If used appropriately it's going to be great. It's going to really make a difference."

KATE CAGLE KRON 4 NEWS

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Various dates in January/February KRON 4 News at 8pm & 11pm

Multiple stories: Human trafficking in the Super Bowl spotlight

AS THE SUPER BOWL APPROACHES, THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS ESCALATING HERE IN THE BAY AREA. TODAY, KRON 4'S PHILIPPE DJEGAL SPOKE WITH ANTI-TRAFFICKING GROUPS WITH TIPS ON HOW TO HELP VICTIMS BEING EXPLOITED AT HOTELS:

IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH THE ROOM COSTS, WHERE THE HOTELS, OR MOTELS, ARE LOCATED.

Advocate: "We have seen trafficking cases in high end and low end."

ANTI-TRAFFICKING ADVOCATES SAY VICTIMS CAN BE EXLPOITED FOR SEX AND LABOR ANYWHERE.

Advocate: "There is no such thing as a child prostitute."

AHEAD OF THE BIG GAME, SUPPORTERS OF TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS ARE ZEROING IN ON THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY. COORDINATORS WITH THE BAY AREA COALITION "NO TRAFFIC AHEAD" HELP TRAIN PEOPLE ON HOW TO RECOGNIZE RED FLAGS.

Advocate: "The bellboy may notice someone checking in who appears very young taking adult roles, uh, the housekeeping staff play a huge role -- they notice things on a daily basis."

Advocate: "You need to trust your gut."

SHAUNN CARTWRIGHT IS WITH THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS, INVESTED IN THIS ISSUE BECAUSE OF THE HIGH PERCENTAGE OF FEMALE TRAFFICKING VICTIMS.

Cartwright: "People who might look afraid. People who might have a lot of people going in and out of their rooms. Or, that same person going in and out of a number of rooms."

AS LEVI'S STADIUM IS BEING TRANSFORMED INTO A SUPER BOWL MECCA, THOSE LEADING THE CHARGE AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING REMIND US THAT IT'S NOT ONLY AN ISSUE ONCE A YEAR, NOT ONLY AT BIG EVENTS, BUT 365 DAYS A YEAR.

Cartwright: "We're talking about all over the Bay Area. Every neighborhood is at risk for this."

ADVOCATES SAY THE HOPE IS THAT THE PUBLIC TAKES ACTION IF SOMETHING OR SOMEONE LOOKS OUT OF PLACE.

Cartwright: "There's no harm in reporting. You don't have to investigate further. It's really about noticing things that just don't look right and making that call."

IN SANTA CLARA, PHILIPPE DJEGAL, KRON4 NEWS

PACKING IT FORWARD FOR SURVIVORS OF HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING. TODAY, VOLUNTEERS IN SUNNYVALE FILLED UP BACKPACKS WITH ESSENTIALS FOR VICTIMS OF THE TRADE, RESCUED OFF THE STREETS FROM HORRIBLE CONDITIONS. KRON4'S PHILIPPE DJEGAL SAYS THE SUPER BOWL IS BEING USED TO LAUNCH THIS NEW PROGRAM:

AT THE AIRPORT, AT HOTELS, MOTELS OR ON THE STREET, SURVIVORS OF HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING ARE RECOVERED ON A DAILY BASIS, BUT OFTEN WITHOUT EVEN A DIME TO BUY FOOD OR WATER.

Volunteer: "So, yes, this is something they can use and keep with them and that's the idea of the backpack."

AND THAT'S THE REASON BEHIND OF THE NAME OF THE PROGRAM "PACK IT FORWARD."

IN SUNNYVALE, VOLUNTEERS WITH THE NON-PROFIT "THE GRATEFUL GARMENT PROJECT" BUSY TURNING BACKPACKS INTO SURVIVAL KITS FOR THOSE WHO CAN USE THE HELP BEFORE AND AFTER THE SUPER BOWL LEAVES TOWN. THE GROUP ASSISTS VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

Volunteer: "Unfortunately, there's a market for trafficked children, women and men during an event like this."

TODAY MORE THAN 20 VOLUNTEERS HELPED FILL UP 175 OF THESE BACKPACKS, AN EFFORT THEY KNOW WILL GO A LONG WAY.

Volunteer: "One of my very close friends, her friend was actually involved in this, so um, I could see the PTSD she was going through and, like, it is very difficult for these people to actually survive in the world. So, if any and all of us can come together and make a difference, we should."

THE BACKPACKS WERE FILLED WITH ABOUT 20 THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF DONATED ITEMS – CLOTHES, SNACKS, WATER, GAMES AND NON-FICTION BOOKS WRITTEN BY OTHER SURVIVORS. THE PACKS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS TO VICTIMS ALL OVER THE BAY AREA. THE PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.
IN SUNNYVALE, PHILIPPE DJEGAL, KRON4 NEWS

OUR COVERAGE ON THIS CASE CONTINUES, WITH KRON4'S PHILIPPE DJEGAL. TODAY, HE SAT DOWN WITH A TRAFFICKING EXPERT IN TOWN FOR THE SUPER BOWL, AN EXPERT WHO SAYS IT SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE THAT A PRO ATHELTE IS ONCE AGAIN CONNECTED TO A TRAFFICKING CASE:

Nita Belles: "No, it didn't boggle my mind, because that's why we're here."

"WE" BEING A HOST OF VOLUNTEERS, LOCALLY AND FROM OUTSIDE THE STATE, IN THE SOUTH BAY FOR THE WEEK LEADING UP TO THE SUPER BOWL, SOME IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, LENDING A HAND OFF-DUTY. THEY ARE WORKING OUT OF A COMMAND CENTER IN SAN JOSE, WHERE ON THE WALLS, PICTURES OF MISSING CHILDREN FUEL THE MOTIVATION TO HELP CRACK DOWN ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

Belles: "Last year, we had Warren Sapp that was arrested."

AN EXPERT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING, NITA BELLES IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE OREGON-BASED ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING NON-PROFIT "IN OUR BACKYARD."

Belles: "If you have internet, you have human trafficking."

BELLES HAS ALSO AUTHORED A BOOK WITH THE SAME TITLE AS HER ORGANIZATION, DETAILING THE TRAFFICKING PROBLEM AND HOW TO HELP FIX IT. AFTER LEARNING THAT DENVER BRONCO'S PRACTICE SQUAD SAFETY RYAN MURPHY WAS QUESTIONED BY THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE TUESDAY DURING A STING AT A LOCAL MOTEL SIX, BELLES SAYS SHE HOPED IT WOULD RAISE EYEBROWS.

Belles: "Honestly, when we heard, there was a little cheer in our command post, because we knew that by a celebrity, um, it was gonna hit the news. And, honestly, one of the biggest things that needs to happen in this fight against this crime is awareness. By something like this happening, it increases the awareness, because the more people that know, the less we're gonna have human trafficking."

IN SAN JOSE, PHILIPPE DJEGAL, KRON4 NEWS

THOSE AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE ANTI- TRAFFICKING BATTLE SAY, THE RYAN MURPHY INCIDENT SHOULD SERVE AS A GLARING REMINDER THAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE AND INVOLVE ANYONE. TONIGHT, KRON4'S PHILIPPE DJEGAL SPOKE WITH A TRAFFICKING EXPERT WHO IS NOT SURPRISED BY THIS HIGH-PROFILE CASE:

A WEEK IN THE BAY AREA FOR NITA BELLES IS A FAR CRY FROM A VACATION AWAY FROM HOME.

Nita Belles: "I absolutely do believe the Super Bowl leads to an increase in human trafficking."

THOUGH, THE OREGON-BASED HUMAN TRAFFICKING EXPERT WAS NOT PART OF THE STING OPERATION, WHICH LED THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE TO A MOTEL SIX TUESDAY...

Belles: "Ryan Murphy's brother was cited, and, um, Ryan Murphy was with him, we have to wonder why."

BELLES SAYS KNOWING THAT A PRO ATHLETE FOR THE DENVER BRONCO'S RYAN MURPHY WAS IN THE AREA AND QUESTIONED BY POLICE SHOULD SOUND THE ALARM THAT NO ONE IS IMMUNE TO THIS CRIME

Belles: "Last year, we had Warren Sapp that was arrested. Um, years before we had Eugene Robinson."

MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE ANTI-TRAFFICKING NON-PROFIT "IN OUR BACKYARD," BELLES HAS ALSO AUTHORED A TRAFFICKING BOOK UNDER THE SAME TITLE AND HANDED OUT COPIES LAST YEAR AT THE FREEDOM SUMMITT HOSTED AT LEVI'S STADIUM.

WHILE IN THE SOUTH BAY DURING THE WEEK LEADING UP TO THE SUPER BOWL, SHE'S SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT WHAT SHE CALLS AN EPIDEMIC AND WORKS CLOSELY WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT TO TURN VICTIMS INTO SURVIVORS.

Belles: "FBI, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office and some other law enforcement agencies -- they're doing their very best to help the victims."

BELLES SAYS SIMPLY MAKING PEOPLE AWARE OF THE ISSUE MAY SAVE LIVES.

Belles: "If we're quiet, they can keep doing what they're doing. The more we talk about it, the less trafficking we'll have."

IN SAN JOSE, PHILIPPE DJEGAL, KRON4 NEWS

CRIME

2/9/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Local town takes steps to combat internet sales crime

DALY CITY MAY BE THE FIRST BAY AREA CITY TO CREATE AN INTERNET SALES SAFE ZONE. KRON 4'S MAUREEN KELLY TALKED TO THE AUTHOR OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WHO CALLS THIS IDEA A COMMON SENSE SOLUTION TO A 21ST CENTURY PROBLEM:

WEBSITES LIKE CRAIGSLIST, THE ONLINE VERSION OF THE WANT ADS, ARE A FREE AND EASY WAY TO BUY AND SELL THINGS. BUT THEY ALSO COMES WITH RISKS BECAUSE SOMETIMES THEY ARE USED BY PREDATORS TO LURE IN UNSUSPECTING VICTIMS AND SOMETIMES THOSE ROBBERIES END IN VIOLENCE.

IN 2013, DALY CITY RESIDENT IKENNA UWAKAH LOST HIS LIFE TRYING TO SELL A PLAYSTATION 4. HE WAS SHOT MULTIPLE TIMES WHILE MAKING THE TRANSACTION AT A LOCATION IN SAN FRANCISCO'S BAYVIEW.

VICE MAYOR DAVID CANEPA SAYS THERE'S BEEN OTHER CASES OF ONLINE TRANSACTIONS THAT ENDED UP HAPPENING AT GUNPOINT.

Canepa: "A couple years ago, someone was posting fake ads and robbing people of their iPhones."

HE SAYS ONE OF HIS CONSTITUENTS TOLD HIM ABOUT A SOLUTION THAT OTHER COMMUNITIES HAVE COME WITH – CREATING AN INTERNET SALES AND EXCHANGE SAFE ZONE ON THE PROPERTY OF POLICE STATIONS. THIS SNAPSHOT IS FROM THE CENTRAL VALLEY CITY OF CLOVIS.

SO HE'S INTRODUCING SIMILAR LEGISLATION HERE, TO DEDICATE TWO PARKING SPOTS IN VIEW OF A RECENTLY INSTALLED VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERA RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE DALY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S AMPLE PARKING LOT.

Canepa: "This legislation will cost the taxpayer zero dollars."

THOSE WHO USE ON-LINE WEBSITES LIKE CRAIGSLIST AND EBAY TO BUY AND SELL PROPERTY SAY IT'S A NO BRAINER.

MOS: "It makes you feel a lot safer than going to someone's random house. You don't know who that person is. I think it will deter people who have negative things in mind."

THE LEGISLATION TO MAKE THESE PARKING SPOTS INTO A SAFE ZONE WILL GO BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL IN TWO WEEKS. IF PASSED, IT COULD BE MADE REALITY IN ABOUT A MONTH OR SO

MAUREEN KELLY KRON4 NEWS

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2/12/16 KRON 4 News at 11pm

Local residents take to street to protest community violence

IN ANTIOCH, TONIGHT GUNFIRE TAKES A BACKSEAT TO PEACE. THIS EVENING, SOME 300 PEOPLE MARCHED THE STREETS OF ANTIOCH, CALLING FOR PEACE AND AN END TO GUN VIOLENCE. THE "CEASE-FIRE" WALK STARTED AT THE "MOST HOLY ROSARY" CHURCH. THE GROUP THEN WALKED TO A MAJOR INTERSECTION DOWN THE STREET, BEFORE RETURNING TO THE PARISH FOR PRAYER.

WITH TWO HOMICIDES RECENTLY REPORTED IN ANTIOCH, NEIGHBORS SAY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. SIMILAR WALKS HAVE BEEN HELD IN RICHMOND AND IN OAKLAND, AND ORGANIZERS SAY ANOTHER "CEASE-FIRE WALK" IS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MONTH.

KRON 4'S PHILIPPE DJEGAL WAS AT TONIGHT'S WALK. HE SPOKE WITH NEIGHBORS CALLING FOR PEACE AND AN END TO GUN VIOLENCE:

Protestors: "No Mas Armas!"

FRUSTRATION OVER THE VIOLENCE IN ANTIOCH...

Protestors: "Don't be silent!"

BOILING OVER INTO THE STREETS.

Protestors: "Stop the violence!"

EAST COUNTY PRESIDENT OF THE NAACP, ODESSA LEFRANCOIS, WAS ONE OF SOME 300 PEOPLE MARCHING ALONG A-STREET.

LeFrancois: "People are just fed up with the gun violence and with the, you know, people coming in and coming into our community and not respecting it, so I think enough is enough."

IN THE MOST RECENT CRIME STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT, FROM 2014 TO 2015, VIOLENT CRIME IS DOWN. STILL, POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING TWO HOMICIDES REPORTED IN THE PAST THREE WEEKS. ONE, A DEADLY SHOOTING IN THIS RITE-AID PARKING LOT, THE BACKDROP OF THIS CEASE-FIRE WALK.

Resident: "We still hear gunshots. We still like, we're here at mass and we still hear gunshots. So it's just, we just want to stop all that."

Resident: "People running for president, they've been saying about background checks for guns in order to buy one. I think that law should be passed, too."

THE WALK WAS ORGANIZED BY THE CONTRA COSTA INTERFAITH SUPPORTING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION.

Gabriel Makinano, CCISC member: "I used to be a part of the violence going on in the streets."

GABRIEL MAKINANO IS NOW A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER FOR CCISCO AND HAS A POWERFUL MESSAGE FOR THOSE COMMITTING THE CRIMES.

Makinano: "I just pray that they look at these murders that are going on and it would put a little fear in them that they could be next and that they would want to be a part of the change as well."

Protestor: "We want our communities to be alive and free."

IN ANTIOCH PHILIPPE DJEGAL KRON FOUR NEWS

CRIME

2/16/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

State AG issues report on cyber crime

STUNNING NEW DETAILS REVEAL SIXTY PERCENT OF CALIFORNIANS HAVE BEEN HIT BY SOME KIND OF DATA BREACH IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS. THAT'S 49 MILLION PEOPLE. STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL KAMALA HARRIS HAS ISSUED A DATA BREACH REPORT IN HOPES OF INSPIRING BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT TO DO MORE TO PROTECT YOU. KRON 4'S J.R. STONE IS FOLLOWING THE STORY AND JOINS US IN THE STUDIO TONIGHT. J.R. SOME STARTLING NUMBERS.

THEY CERTAINLY ARE, PAM. YOU CAN SEE THE CHART BEHIND ME. IT BASICALLY SHOWS YOU THAT IN 2012, 2.6 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE STATE WERE AFFECTED BY DATA BREACHES. IN 2015, THAT NUMBER ROSE TO 24 MILLION PEOPLE. THAT'S A MORE THAN 800 PERCENT INCREASE.

IN CALIFORNIA SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, PAYMENT CARD DATA, AND MEDICAL INFORMATION WERE THE TOP THREE TYPES OF DATA BREACHED OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

Kamala Harris, California Attorney General: "California consumers have been violated because their private information has been shared with people it should not be shared with."

CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL KAMALA HARRIS SPOKE ABOUT THE DATA BREACH REPORT ON TUESDAY TO A SMALL GROUP OF STANFORD STUDENTS. IN FACT, HER OFFICE'S FINDINGS SHOW THAT AS MANY AS THREE IN FIVE CALIFORNIANS MAY HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM OF A DATA BREACH LAST YEAR. AS TO SOME OF THE SOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMPANIES AND CONSUMERS...

Harris: "What software have you purchased and do you employ to keep information safe? Do you know how you should transfer some important information to a USB and have encryption on top of that?"

IN PAST STORIES, I'VE HIGHLIGHTED THIS PROBLEM WITH THE TECHIEST OF THE SECURITY TECH GURUS.

Harris: "Throughout all these breaches you just have to realize that somebody bad has your data."

THOSE WHO SAY THAT THERE IS STILL A LONG WAY TO GO WHEN IT COMES TO DESIGNING SAFE SYSTEMS...

Harris: "It's not like we know what to do and we're just not doing it. We know what to do in small systems. Us talking about this will hopefully lead consumers will demand it on a bigger scale."

AS FOR THE LARGEST BREACHES OVER THE PAST 4 YEARS, THE ANTHEM MEDICAL BREACH AFFECTED 10.4 MILLION PEOPLE IN CALIFORNIA AND THE TARGET BREACH AFFECTED 7.5 MILLION IN CALIFORNIA.

CALIFORNIA'S ATTORNEY GENERAL SAYS AS MANY AS THREE IN FIVE CALIFORNIANS MAY HAVE HAD ELECTRONIC RECORDS STOLEN LAST YEAR. HARRIS SAID TODAY THAT THERE WERE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT DATA BREACHES IN CALIFORNIA. THAT ALONE ENDANGERS 24 MILLION RECORDS. RETAILERS WERE THE MOST VULNERABLE. FOLLOWING THEM WERE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH CARE AND SMALL BUSINESSES.

CRIME

2/22/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Changes on SFPD use of force policy

SAN FRANCISCO'S MAYOR AND POLICE CHIEF HAVE UNVEILED CHANGES IN POLICY FOR WHEN AND HOW OFFICERS CAN USE DEADLY FORCE. IT'S A RESPONSE TO THE FATAL POLICE SHOOTING OF MARIO WOODS, A STABBING SUSPECT WHO WAS SHOT 21 TIMES BY POLICE IN DECEMBER. KRON4'S MAUREEN KELLY WAS AT A NEWS CONFERENCE WHERE THE REFORMS WERE LAID OUT:

Mayor Lee: "We are fundamentally re-engineering how police officers use force."

SURROUNDED BY MEMBERS OF THE POLICE COMMISSION AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY, THE MAYOR AND THE POLICE CHIEF LAID OUT WHAT THEY ARE CALLING MAJOR CULTURAL CHANGES TO HOW THEY WANT OFFICERS TO DEAL WITH SUSPECTS ARMED WITH SOMETHING LESS LETHAL THAN A FIREARM, SUCH AS A KNIFE.

THAT'S WHAT POLICE SAY MARIO WOODS WAS HOLDING, BACK ON DECEMBER 2ND, BUT THEY ALSO SAY HE WOULDN'T DROP IT, EVEN AFTER BEING PEPPER SPRAYED AND HIT WITH BEAN BAG ROUNDS. AND WHEN THEY SAY HE TOOK A STEP TOWARDS POLICE... HE WAS FIRED ON REPEATEDLY.

THE GOAL IS TO CALM THINGS DOWN AND CREATE MORE TIME AND DISTANCE FROM SUSPECTS. THE CHIEF SAYS A RECENT STUDY SHOWS MOST POLICE SHOOTINGS HAPPENED IN THE FIRST FIVE MINUTES AFTER OFFICERS ARRIVE AND WHEN THEY'RE WITHIN 15 YARDS OF THE SUSPECT. NOW THEY ARE TRAINING OFFICERS TO BACK AWAY WHEN THERE ISN'T AN IMMEDIATE THREAT.

SOME OF THE CHANGES THEY ARE CALLING DE-ESCALATION PRACTICES HAVE ALREADY BEEN IMPLEMENTED. THE MAYOR SAYS A POLICE ENCOUNTER SIMILAR TO THE MARIO WOODS INCIDENT HAPPENED EARLIER THIS MONTH, BUT HAD A MUCH DIFFERENT ENDING BECAUSE OF THE NEW EDGED WEAPON PROTOCOL.

Mayor Lee: "The police officers retreated to create time and distance and they were eventually able to apprehend the suspect without having to fire their guns."

OTHER CHANGES IN THE NEW POLICY:

A SUPERVISOR WILL NOW BE CALLED TO THE SCENE FOR ANY INCIDENT INVOLVING A WEAPON.

THEY ARE PLANNING TO EXPAND THE CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAMS.

OTHER NON-LETHAL TOOLS LIKE BEAN BAGS HAVE BEEN DOUBLED FOR THE ENTIRE FORCE.

TASERS ARE BEING PROPOSED, BUT ONLY FOR USE BY THE SWAT TEAM AND SPECIALISTS.

FROM NOW ON ANY TIME AN OFFICER POINTS A WEAPON AT A SUSPECT, IT WILL BE REPORTED AS A USE OF FORCE.

ONE PERSON NOT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS THE PRESIDENT OF THE POLICE UNION. HE SAYS HE WAS NOT INVITED AND HAS A PROBLEM WITH SOME OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES.

Martin Halloran, SFPOA President: "There are parts of it that would jeopardize my members and put them in harm's way."

THE CHIEF SAYS THAT'S NOT TRUE.

Chief Suhr: "Every single thing we talked about is only as practical and safe for the officers to do so. None of this was designed to make people less safe."

THE GOAL IS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS BY 80 PERCENT.

MAUREEN KELLY KRON4 NEWS

CRIME

2/25/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Local community sees worrisome crime trend

A SPIKE IN VIOLENT CRIME IN THE CITY OF ANTIOCH DEEPLY CONCERNING FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE. IN THE PAST MONTH ALONE, THE CITY HAS REPORTED FOUR DEADLY SHOOTINGS. TWO ARE CURRENTLY BEING INVESTIGATED AS HOMICIDES. KRON 4'S PHILIPPE DJEGAL IS IN ANTIOCH, WHERE HE SPOKE TO A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER. HE USED TO BE A PART OF THE PROBLEM, BUT HE IS NOW WORKING HARD FOR A SOLUTION, SPEAKING OUT AGAINST THE VIOLENCE:

IN JUST A MINUTE, YOU'LL MEET GABRIEL MAKINANO, AN ADMITTED FORMER GANG MEMBER WHO NOW SERVES AS A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER HERE IN ANTIOCH. WE FIRST MET HIM TWO WEEKS AGO AT A CEASE-FIRE WALK. AND YET, SINCE THEN, THERE'S BEEN ANOTHER HOMICIDE.

LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE MOST RECENT MURDER. COURTESY OF EAST COUNTY TODAY, THESE ARE PICTURES FROM MONDAY'S CRIME SCENE ON THE 34 HUNDRED BLOCK OF OAKLEY ROAD. ANTIOCH POLICE SAY AN 18 YEAR-OLD MAN NAMED KAIL MIRAMONTES WAS FOUND ON THE GROUND SUFFERING FROM MULTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS. HE LATER DIED. AT THIS TIME, POLICE HAVE NOT RELEASED ANY INFORMATION ON A POSSIBLE SUSPECT.

INVESTIGATORS ARE ALSO SAYING IT'S TOO EARLY TO TELL IF THIS WAS A GANG-RELATED SHOOTING, BUT GABRIEL MAKINANO IS CONVINCED IT IS. ACTING POLICE LIEUTENANT THOMAS FUHRMANN SAYS HIS DEPARTMENT HAS CERTAINLY SEEN A SPIKE IN VIOLENT CRIMES THIS PAST MONTH. SINCE THE END OF JANUARY, THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR DEADLY SHOOTINGS, TWO OF THEM RULED HOMICIDE. ONE IS STILL UNDER REVIEW BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. THE FOURTH HAS BEEN DISMISSED.

MAKINANO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF AND SERVED TIME IN JAIL IN THE PAST FOR GANG CRIMES COMMITTED HERE IN ANTIOCH. HE WAS ARRESTED AND CONVICTED OF WEAPONS AND DRUGS CHARGES, BUT HAS TURNED HIS LIFE AROUND.

Makinano: "God showed up in my jail cell and asked me if I was finished."

AND NOW SERVES AS A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER FOR THE NON-PROFIT CCISCO, REACHING OUT TO TROUBLED YOUTH. HE SAYS THIS VIOLENCE, ESPECIALLY GANG-RELATED CRIMES, HAS TO STOP.

Makinano: "It's gonna take a village to raise these children. They're throwing their whole life away and causing themselves to be in prison for the rest of their lives. And they don't really understand until they get there, and then they have like an oh crap moment. Like, what do I do now?"

THE BEST WAY MAKINANO SAYS TO PUT AN END TO THIS GANG VIOLENCE IS TO ENCOURAGE YOUTH TO NEVER EVEN JOIN THE GANGS IN THE FIRST PLACE.

Makinano: "There's no glory in it and you have to watch your back at all times. Because you don't even know if your own people are going to turn their back on you."

AS I MENTIONED, SO FAR THIS YEAR, THERE HAVE BEEN TWO CONFIRMED HOMICIDES AND ONE STILL UNDER REVIEW. LAST YEAR THERE WERE SEVEN HOMICIDES FOR THE WHOLE YEAR HERE IN ANTIOCH. THE REASON FOR THE SPIKE IS UNCLEAR.

IN ANTIOCH, PHILIPPE DJEGAL, KRON FOUR NEWS

CRIME

2/26/16 KRON 4 Evening News
Catalytic converter thefts

THERE HAS BEEN A RASH OF CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFTS AT A BART PARKING LOT IN THE EAST BAY. KRON 4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN SHOWS YOU WHERE THE THEFTS ARE TAKING PLACE AND WHAT BART IS DOING TO PUT A STOP TO THEM.

FOUR CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFTS WITHIN A SPAN OF 12 HOURS IN THIS PARKING LOT AT THE NORTH BERKELEY BART STATION. IN EACH CASE VEHICLES MADE BY HONDA WERE TARGETED. BART OFFICIALS SAY TWO THEFTS WERE REPORTED ON MONDAY FOLLOWED BY REPORTS OF ANOTHER PAIR OF STOLEN CATALYTIC CONVERTERS ON TUESDAY. INVESTIGATORS SAY ALL OF THE VEHICLES WERE PARKED AT THE NORTH BERKELEY STATION IN THE MORNING AND WHEN THE DRIVERS RETURNED EIGHT HOURS LATER THEY NOTICED THE AUTO PARTS MISSING.

Darren Via, parks car at North Berkeley BART: "That's crazy that they have the time to do that much. It's not like it's a simple thing to take a catalytic converter off."

HOWEVER, BART POLICE SAY DURING THAT TIME FRAME THE PARKING LOT IS FULL OF VEHICLES. THE THEIVES ARE USING THAT AS COVER WHILE THEY ARE ON THE GROUND BETWEEN PARKED CARS DISCONNECTING THE CONVERTER FROM THE VEHICLE'S EXHAUST SYSTEM.

THERE ARE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS HERE AT THE NORTH BERKELEY BART STATION, LIKE THIS ONE YOU SEE UP THERE BEHIND ME. HOWEVER IT IS POINTED AT THE ELEVATOR DOOR BEHIND MY CAMERA, NOT AT THE PARKING LOT WHERE THE CATALYTIC CONVERTERS ARE BEING STOLEN.

BART OFFICIALS SAY THERE ARE OTHER SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS ON THIS PROPERTY BUT DECLINED TO SAY EXACTLY WHERE FOR SECURITY REASONS.

Via: "While they are 8 or 9 hours at work, who is going to defend their vehicles except for the BART police? If they can't defend from someone taking catalytic converters, then why should we park here?"

ON FRIDAY BART POLICE WERE PATROLLING THE PARKING LOT, IN THEIR VEHICLES, AND ON FOOT IN RESPONSE TO THESE CRIMES. IT HAS BEEN A TOUGH MONTH FOR BART IN TERMS OF CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFTS. COUNTING THESE FOUR, BART OFFICIALS CONFIRM 23 VEHICLES HAVE BEEN TARGTED IN THEIR PARKING LOTS ACROSS THE BAY AREA.

IN NORTH BERKELEY HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

CRIME

3/11/16 KRON 4 Evening News
Local police force has new crime-fighting tool

GRANT LODES IS HERE TO TELL US ABOUT A NEW HIGH-TECH CRIME-FIGHTING TOOL THAT HELPED LOCAL POLICE MAKE AN ARREST:.

POLICE SAY THIS GUY IS A BIG TIME CRIMINAL, WANTED IN SEVERAL WESTERN STATES FOR CRIMES LIKE MAIL THEFT, IDENTIFY THEFT. HE HAD METH IN HIS POSSESSION WHEN VACAVILLE POLICE ENCOUNTERED HIM.

THIS STARTED AS A ROUTINE TRAFFIC STOP LAST NIGHT. POLICE SAY DARNELL THOMPSON HANDED VACAVILLE POLICE A FAKE CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE. ONCE POLICE REALIZED THAT, THEY HAD THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MAN USE A MOBILE FINGERPRINT READER – RIGHT THERE ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD.

THE RESULTS OF THAT TIPPED THEM OFF TO ALL THE CRIMES HE'S ALLEGED TO HAVE COMMITTED. THE 27-YEAR OLD WAS ARRESTED AND CHARGED HIM WITH A LITANY OF CRIMES.

POLICE SAID NEARLY ALL PATROL CARS IN VACAVILLE ARE EQUIPPED WITH THE MOBILE FINGERPRINT READERS, AND THEY'VE PROVED USEFUL ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS..

CRIME

3/16/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Two stories on series of freeway shooting incidents – police ask public's help and police try to reassure worried drivers

FRUSTRATED AND FRIGHTENED DRIVERS ARE CONCERNED BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN ANOTHER SHOOTING ON THE INTERSTATE 80 FREEWAY. THE INCIDENT HAPPENED YESTERDAY DURING THE EVENING COMMUTE. C-H-P INVESTIGATORS TELL KRON 4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN WHY THIS LATEST SHOOTING IS DIFFERENT FROM THE PREVIOUS CASES:

YOU ARE DRIVING EASTBOUND ON I-80 NEAR RICHMOND PARKWAY DURING THE EVENING COMMUTE AND SUDDENLY A CAR PULLS ALONG SIDE OF YOU, AND THAT IS WHEN IT HAPPENS.

CHP Officer Daniel Hill: "She saw a vehicle occupied by what she thought was an Hispanic male, who pointed a gun at her and then fired it into the air several times."

IT'S THAT DETAIL RIGHT THERE, FIRING THE GUN IN THE AIR INSTEAD OF FIRING THE WEAPON AT THE WOMAN IN THE VEHICLE IS WHAT SEPARATES TUESDAY'S FREEWAY SHOOTING FROM THE PREVIOUS 7 SHOOTING INCIDENTS ON I-80, SAYS CHP OFFICER DANIEL HILL.

Officer Hill: "The weapon was not pointed at a vehicle and fired. It was more of a brandishing a firearm type of crime. That's a little bit different than what we are normally involved in."

AS A RESULT INVESTIGATORS DON'T BELIEVE THIS INCIDENT IS CONNECTED TO THE PREVIOUS FREEWAY SHOOTINGS. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE PREVIOUS CAR TO CAR SHOOTINGS INVOLVED PERSONS WHO KNEW EACH OTHER. OFFICER HILL SAYS THERE IS ALSO ANOTHER BIG DIFFERENCE IN THIS RECENT CASE

Officer Hill: "The other unique thing is that the victim stayed and reported it to law enforcement."

HE SAYS GETTING WITNESSES TO COME FORWARD HAS BEEN ONE OF THE FRUSTRATING ASPECTS IN TRACKING DOWN THE PEOPLE PULLING THE TRIGGERS.

Officer Hill: "What we think is causing people not to report is that they think the information they have might be too insignificant for our investigation, when in fact the smallest detail may help us."

THE VICTIM OF YESTERDAYS INCIDENT SAYS THE SHOOTER WAS IN THE BACKSEAT OF A GREEN TOYOTA.

Officer Hill: "We are hoping for any information from the public. People were traveling at slow speeds, so it's most likely that they were able to see some detail."

ON INTERSTATE 80, HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

HAAZIQ MENTIONED THE TREND – MORE THAN A HALF DOZEN SHOOTINGS ON A STRETCH OF INTERSTATE 80 IN THE EAST BAY IN RECENT MONTHS. GRANT LODES IS HERE TO MAP THEM OUT.

IT'S NOW EIGHT SHOOTINGS SINCE NOVEMBER ON THIS STRETCH OF INTERSTATE 80, FROM PINOLE TO BERKELEY, WITH THE MAJORITY OF THEM BETWEEN RICHMOND AND PINOLE. INVESTIGATORS HAVE SAID THE PREVIOUS SHOOTINGS APPEAR TO BE TARGETED AND GANG RELATED. BUT LAST NIGHT'S SHOOTING WAS MORE RANDOM AND THE GUN WAS SHOT INTO THE AIR RATHER THAN INTO ANOTHER CAR.

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EIGHT SHOOTINGS ON INTERSTATE 80 FREEWAY, MOST OF THE INCIDENTS OCCURRING BETWEEN RCHMOND AND PINOLE. IN 7OF THE 8 CASES, THE SHOOTERS AND THE VICTIMS KNEW EACH OTHER. YET THAT IS LITTLE COMFORT TO THOSE WHO DRIVE ON ONE THE BAY AREA'S BUSIEST FREEWAYS

Driver: "It makes me nervous and apprehensive."

Driver: "You know it just concerns me now because I have a baby in the car and it could affect us."

CHP Officer Daniel Hill: "We know the public is nervous about being on the freeway with all these shootings happening."

BUTCALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICER DANIEL HILL SAYS DESPITE VIOLENT IMAGES LIKE THESE, INTERSTATE 80 IS SAFE FOR DRIVERS

Officer Hill: "We know that there is a danger when someone discharges a weapon at a moving vehicle, but we want to put that danger in perspective. Seventy million vehicles travel on 80 per year. Out of those 70 million, we have only had 2 incidents where people who weren't directly involved in these shootings were affected. That basically puts you in a 1-in-35million chance of being involved in a freeway shooting."

HE SAYS THE ODDS ARE FAR GREATER THAT DRIVERS WILL BE INVOLVED IN A INJURY COLLISION.

Officer Hill: "There is a 1 in 15 chance of a person getting into a crash on the freeway."

JUST IN CASE IF THAT DOES NOT MAKE YOU FEEL ANY SAFER WHEN DRIVING, THE CHP HAS INCREASED PATROLS ALONG INTERSTATE 80 HOPING TO CATCH WHOEVER IS RESPONSIBLE BEFORE THE NEXT SHOOTING HAPPENS.

HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

## **CRIME**

3/17/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Local community reports ongoing wave of vandalism

MULTIPLE VEHICLES HAVE BEEN TARGETED BY VANDALS IN SAN LEANDRO AND SHATTERED WINDSHIELDS ARE BEING REPORTED ALL OVER THE CITY. POLICE SAY IT IS AN ONGOING PROBLEM DATING BACK TO DECEMBER OF 2015. TODAY INVESTIGATORS RELEASED SURVEILLANCE VIDEO OF A PERSON SUSPECTED OF COMMITTING THESE CRIMES. KRON 4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN GIVES YOU A CLOSE LOOK AT THE VIDEO:

THIS RESIDENTIAL SURVEILLANCE VIDEO SHOWS A VEHICLE COMING TO A STOP IN FRONT OF THIS HOUSE ON SANTIAGO ROAD IN SAN LEANDRO. THE PASSENGER REAR DOOR OPENS, THEN A MAN, HOLDING WHAT POLICE SAY IS A BB GUN, EMERGES FIRING OVER AND OVER AGAIN AT THE WINDOWS OF VEHICLES PARKED IN THE DRIVE WAY, THEN RUNNING TO GET BACK INTO THAT SAME CAR AS IT DRIVES AWAY.

THIS PICK UP TRUCK IS ONE OF THE VEHICLES TARGETED IN THAT VIDEO.

Lt. Robert McManus, San Leandro Police Department: "Eight vehicles had their windows shot out."

EIGHT VEHICLES VANDALIZED IN ONE NIGHT. THIS INCIDENT HAPPENED WEDNESDAY AT AROUND 1:30AM. SAN LEANDRO POLICE LT. ROBERT MCMANUS SAYS THESE LATEST ACTS OF VANDALISM WILL BE ADDED TO A STAGGERING NUMBER OF VEHICLES WITH WINDOWS BLOWN OUT BY SOMEONE WITH A BB GUN.

Lt. McManus: "Typically it's a drive by type fashion where the suspect vehicle drives by, and randomly shoots at the parked cars and in the past roughly three months there are up to more than 120 victimized vehicles in the city of San Leandro alone"

INVESTIGATORS ESTIMATE SINCE LAST DECEMBER THE DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY IS AROUND \$100-THOUSAND-DOLLARS

Lt. McManus: "One of our goals here is not only locate and arrest and have those responsible prosecuted, but really to seek restitution for the people victimized. Most of them have to pay out of pocket to have those windows replaced."

THIS SURVEILLANCE VIDEO IS A LEAD ON THE RECENT CASE, HOWEVER MCMANUS SAYS INVESTIGATORS HAVE DOUBTS THE GUY YOU SEE HERE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THE WINDOWS THAT HAVE BEEN SHATTERED.

Lt. McManus: "Right now we're just kind of scratching our heads, wondering why people would do this. Is it some sort of a game? Is this a small group of individuals doing all of it, or is this part of a larger group out to create damage and havoc responsible for these crimes? What we do know right now is that we are looking for a dark colored sedan with tinted windows with chrome wheels. That car appears that it could be a Lexus or similar vehicle."

SAN LEANDRO POLICE HAS INCREASED PATROLS IN THE AREAS WHERE THE VANDALISM IS TAKING PLACE. THEY ARE ALSO WORKING WITH INVESTIGATORS WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BECAUSE SIMILAR CRIMES HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN UNINCORPORATED PARTS OF ALAMEDA COUNTY.

IN SAN LEANDRO HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

## **CRIME**

3/21/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Auto break-ins continue to rise in San Francisco

IF YOUR CAR HAS BEEN BROKEN INTO IN SAN FRANCISCO, YOU'RE IN GOOD COMPANY. CAR BREAK-INS HAVE BEEN ON THE UPTICK SINCE 2014 AND THERE SEEMS TO BE NO END IN SIGHT. KRON 4'S DAN KERMAN HAS BEEN LOOKING INTO THE PROBLEM AND JOINS US TONIGHT LIVE FROM POLICE HEADQUARTERS:

WELL, YOU'RE RIGHT. IT SEEMS AS IF THERE IS NO END IN SIGHT. IT KEEPS HAPPENING. IT SEEMS TO BE MORE RAMPANT. IT SEEMS LIKE EVEN IF POLICE ARE PUTTING STINGS ON IT, THE STING IS IN ONE PLACE BUT THE CRIME IS IN ANOTHER. EVERYONE HIT IS A VICTIM IN THIS. WHETHER THE THIEVES TAKE SOMETHING OR NOT, THE OWNER IS STILL ON THE HOOK FOR REPAIRS THAT CAN RUN ANYWHERE FROM TWO TO FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS. WE SPOKE WITH VICTIMS TODAY AND WE ALSO SPOKE WITH POLICE POLICER ARE TRYING TO GET AHEAD OF THIS CRIME.

LIN CHASE IS COMING TO THE REPAIR SHOP TO PICK UP HER CAR. LIKE THOUSANDS OF OTHERS IN SAN FRANCISCO, IT WAS RECENTLY BROKEN INTO.

Lin Chase: "I had three laptops, two iPads, a guitar, and a printer in the car.

FORTUNATELY FOR HER, THIEVES MISSED ALL OF THAT AND INSTEAD TOOK A FOLDER FILLED WITH PAPERS

Chase: "I am never going to leave anything in my car again. It's very clear to me that I was stupid to do so on this occasion.

MOST AREN'T SO LUCKY.

THIS VIDEO SHOWS JUST HOW QUICK SOMEONE CAN BREAK INTO A CAR AND STEAL THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OF ITEMS. IN SAN FRANCISCO VEHICLE THEFT CLIMBED MORE THAN 30% IN 2015 COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

Sabrina Jusino, victim: "It's ridiculous. I go to City College. I make minimum wage. It costs a lot of money to be repairing my window."

SABRINA JUSINO KNOWS ALL ABOUT IT. HER CAR WAS JUST BROKEN INTO FOR THE SECOND TIME IN THREE MONTHS.

Jusino: "They didn't even take anything. They broke into my car, but I didn't have anything to steal. There was some dirty laundry on the floor and that's about it. They didn't take anything. They just broke into it."

THE SURGE IN AUTO BREAK-INS HAS MEANT BIG BUSINESS FOR REPAIR SHOPS LIKE IN AND OUT AUTO GLASS.

Ricky Villareal, proprietor: "What I'm seeing now is that often they don't even take anything. They're just being curious. They break in to see. If there's nothing there, fine. If they see a small bag, if there's nothing in it, they throw it back in. Believe it or not, they'll take a piece of gum or a pair of sunglasses and then they move on."

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE HAVE SET UP UNDERCOVER STING OPERATIONS WHICH THEY SAY IS HELPING. BUT EVEN IF A PERSON IS CAUGHT, IT DOESN'T MEAN THEY WILL BE ARRESTED AND GO TO JAIL. FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE PERSON WHO BROKE INTO

THIS CAR IS CAUGHT, BUT THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY TAKEN IS LESS THAN \$95, THE SUSPECT SIMPLY GETS A CITATION.

Officer Carlos Manfredi, SFPD: "That means if the officer apprehends the criminal, all we are doing is giving him a ticket and handing it to them for a court date. And they can go and commit more crimes in an area where we can't see it."

THE CITATION THRESHHOLD USED TO BE \$450 BUT THAT CHANGED WHEN PROP 47 WAS PASSED BACK IN NOVEMBER. I'VE SPOKEN WITH THE CHIEF WHO IS NOT READY TO POINT THE FINGER AND BLAME PROP 47, BUT CERTAINLY THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION IS POINTING THE FINGER WHILE THE D.A. IS FIGHTING BACK SAYING NO IT IS NOT THE CAUSE.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT CAR BURGLARIES CONTINUE TO BE A RAMPANT PROBLEM IN THIS CITY WITH NO APPARENT END IN SIGHT.

DAN KERMAN KRON 4 NEWS

### **CRIME**

3/22/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Attorney General supports public access to police reports

CALIFORNIA'S TOP LAW ENFORCER WANTS TO SPEED UP PUBLIC DISCLOSURES ABOUT SHOOTINGS BY POLICE. ATTORNEY GENERAL KAMALA HARRIS SAYS SHE'S BACKING A BILL TO IMPROVE A CITIZEN'S ABILITY TO SEE INFORMATION ON POLICE-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS AND ASSAULTS MORE QUICKLY. ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF POLICE AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS STILL FILE ON PAPER. HARRIS SAYS UNDER THE NEW BILL THAT INFORMATION WOULD BE FILED ON COMPUTERS AND PUT ON LINE FOR FASTER PUBLIC ACCESS.

### **1Q2016 DIVERSITY**

#### **DIVERSITY**

1/14/16 KRON 4 News at 11pm

Trying to help the homeless

EL NINO-DRIVEN STORMS NOT ONLY SOAKING THE ROADS AND BOGGING DOWN TRAFFIC, BUT THE WET AND WINDY CONDITIONS ARE POTENTIALLY DEADLY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS, AS WE'VE ALREADY REPORTED, THE WEATHER IS BEING BLAMED FOR THE DEATHS OF TWO WALNUT CREEK MEN LAST WEEK. IN A FOLLOW-UP STORY, KRON 4'S PHILIPPE DJEGAL MET WITH A LOCAL OUTREACH COORDINATOR WHO IS TRYING TO SAVE LIVES:

DOUG STEWART FOUNDED CONTRA COSTA HOMELESS OUTREACH MORE THAN 10 YEARS AGO AND SAYS THAT THE WINTER RAINS ARE ALWAYS ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT FOR THE HOMELESS. BUT HE SAYS THAT THIS YEAR MAY BE ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT. HE AND HIS CREWS HAVE BEEN WORKING 12 HOUR SHIFTS, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK SINCE THANKSGIVING.

Stewart: "I could put you guys in a hotel bed for one night. There's, I mean, not one shelter bed in this county tonight."

BEFORE EVEN STARTING HIS SHIFT, HOMELESS PEOPLE DOUG HAS COME ACROSS IN THE PAST ARE REACHING OUT, CALLING HIM FOR HELP ON FINDING A PLACE TO STAY FOR THE NIGHT.

Stewart: "Every night, we're averaging about 105 calls per night for shelter or blankets or plastic."

THAT'S UP CLOSE TO 25 PERCENT FROM THE USUAL AVERAGE. ON THIS NIGHT, DOUG STOPS BY HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS ALONG HIGHWAY 4 IN MARTINEZ, BUT THE CAMPSITES APPEAR ABANDONED -- BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER.

Stewart: "In 2015, we saw 2,996 unique homeless folks and we sheltered 1,040 people."

THAT MEANS CLOSE TO TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE DECLINED HELP. TWO OF THEM WERE MEN WHO DIED IN WALNUT CREEK LAST WEEK, ONE A SUSPECTED VICTIM OF HYPOTHERMIA THE OTHER A FROSTBITE VICTIM. OVER THE YEARS, DOUG HAD GOTTEN TO KNOW BOTH GUYS WELL.

Steward: "To me, it tells me that we need to do a better job. If somebody lays there and dies of hypothermia, that's on us. That's on me and my team. It happened on our watch, and we'll have to live with that. We have offered them help, but it's still our job to keep them warm and safe and in that case, we didn't do it."

FOR NOW, DOUG AND HIS CREW WILL KEEP LEAVING BUSINESS CARDS AT CAMPSITES, HOPING THE HOMELESS ACCEPT THE OFFERED HELP, RATHER THAN SETTLE FOR COLD DITCHES UNDER BRIDGES WHERE THE WATER IS RISING.

IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, PHILIPPE DJEGAL, KRON 4 NEWS

## **DIVERSITY**

1/18/16 KRON 4 Morning News

City opens emergency homeless shelters

Ben Amyes, SF Human services Agency Disaster Response Team: "We want to give them the opportunity to get out of the rain and come inside."

MANY OF THE CITY'S HOMELESS BRAVED THE HEAVY DOWNPOUR ON SUNDAY, BUT TWO EMERGENCY SHELTERS OPENED UP TO HELP.

Amyes: "Get warm, get dry, have some food."

THIS MAN WAS READY TO GO INSIDE THE GENE FRIEND RECREATION CENTER ON FOLSOM STREET, BUT HAD TO WAIT UNTIL 4:30 IN THE AFTERNOON. CREWS HAD TO LAY DOWN TARPS, AND GET THE PLACE READY TO ACCOMMODATE EVERYONE WALKING IN.

AFTER REGISTRATION, STAFF HAND OVER A WELCOME BAG.

Shelter staff member: "There's socks, a hygiene kit, snacks, and a bottle of water."

Amyes: "We have existing homeless shelters and that system is already full, so we'll be recruiting people to come from that system into this emergency system."

THE SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAM IS ALSO TALKING TO FOLKS ON THE STREET. FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WILL BE SENT TO THE MISSION RECREATION CENTER WHERE THE SECOND FLOOR GYM CAN FIT UP TO 100 PEOPLE AND ANOTHER 30 ON THE FIRST FLOOR.

Amyes: Throughout the El Nino season, every time we see periods of heavy rain, we're going to be coming back and opening sites up."

NOW THAT THESE DOORS ARE OPEN, PEOPLE THAT NEED SHELTER CAN WALK IN ANY TIME OF DAY. THE EMERGENCY SHELTERS WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 9 O'CLOCK TUESDAY MORNING.

ALECIA REID KRON 4 NEWS

#### **DIVERSITY**

1/18/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
Commemorating Dr. King

IT IS A DAY TO COMMEMORATE THE LEGACY OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR. AND HERE IN THE BAY AREA, SCORES OF PEOPLE TOOK PART IN A 30 YEAR OLD MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY TRADITION. CAL-TRAIN'S "CELEBRATION TRAIN" CONTINUED THE TRADITION TODAY THAT WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AS "THE FREEDOM TRAIN". LAST YEAR WAS THE FINAL JOURNEY OF THE FREEDOM TRAIN. THIS NEW EFFORT IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN CAL-TRAIN AND THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR FOUNDATION.

AS IN THE PAST, THE RIDE FROM THE SOUTH BAY TO SAN FRANCISCO COMMEMORATES THE HISTORIC 54 MILE MARCH FROM MONTGOMERY TO SELMA, ALABAMA THAT DR. KING AND OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS PIONEERS EMBARKED UPON BACK IN 1965.

AS KRON4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN SHOWS YOU, ONCE THEY ARRIVED IN THE CITY IT WAS TIME TO MARCH:

Singer: "Peace is the solution. We shall not be moved."

HUNDREDS OF MARCHERS WERE MOVING THEIR FEET HERE IN SAN FRANCISCO IN CELEBRATION OF THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY HOLIDAY. AFTER EXITING THE CELEBRATION TRAIN AT THE CALTRAIN STATION, PARTICIPANTS BEGAN A PEACEFUL MARCH TO HONOR LEGACY OF AMERICA'S CIVIL RIGHTS PIONEER

Kyra Small, marcher: "It was very important for me to be here."

THIS IS 13 YEAR-OLD KYRA SMALL. SHE SAYS SHE ADMIRES DR. KING'S COMMITMENT TO NON-VIOLENCE IN THE FACE OF VIOLENCE.

Kyra Small: "He didn't really like actually fight back. They just marched instead of violence and that seems very smart to me."

Rolanda Small, marcher: "We have done this many time before."

KYRA CAME HERE WITH HER MOM.

Rolanda Small: "I think if we could have a sense of peace for people, we would be in a much better place right now. People understanding that we can love one another and work through anything – I think thing would be better for us."

SOME MARCHERS LIKE SEAN HIGGINS HELD BLACK LIVES MATTER SIGNS. HE SAYS IT IS A SIGN THAT DR. KING'S DREAM OF RACIAL EQUALITY HAS YET TO BE FULLFILLED

REPORTER: DO YOU THINK WE ARE GETTING CLOSER TO THE DREAM?

Sean Higgins, marcher: "I think the dream is continual. I don't think there is an end destination. Certainly we have come a long way, but we have a long way to go."

IT HAS BEEN 33-YEARS SINCE PRESIDENT RONALD REGAN SIGNED THE KING HOLIDAY INTO LAW. SOME PEOPLE IN THIS CROWD ASK WHETHER IT WILL TAKE ANOTHER 33 YEARS BEFORE DR. KING'S DREAM OF PEOPLE BEING JUDGED BY THE CONTENT OF THEIR CHARACTER AND NOT THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN WILL COME TRUE.

IN SAN FRANCISCO HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

PRESIDENT OBAMA WAS AMONG THE MANY ACROSS THE NATION WHO MARKED MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR DAY BY PARTICIPATING IN A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT. THE DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR 'DAY OF SERVICE' OFFERS AMERICANS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR THE LATE CIVIL RIGHTS ICON. AMERICANS ARE ASKED ON THE DAY OF SERVICE TO HELP MEET NEEDS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA VOLUNTEERED WITH THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF GREATER WASHINGTON TODAY. OTHER SENIOR ADMINISTRATION AND CABINET OFFICIALS DID SIMILAR PROJECTS ACROSS D.C. AND THE NATION.

VARIOUS EVENTS MARKING MARTINE LUTHER KING DAY TOOK PLACE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. AMONG THEM, FBI DIRECTOR JAMES COMEY PLACED A WREATH AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON. DR. KING WOULD HAVE TURNED 87 ON FRIDAY.

## **DIVERSITY**

1/20/16 KRON 4 News at 11pm

Public protests Mario Woods murder at police commission meeting

PROTESTORS AND POLICE COME FACE-TO-FACE TONIGHT IN SAN FRANCISCO AS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CLASHED WITH OFFICERS AT AN EMOTIONAL MEETING OF THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE COMMISSION. PROTESTORS DEMANDED JUSTICE FOR MARIO WOODS THE 26-YEAR-OLD BLACK MAN GUNNED DOWN BY POLICE LAST MONTH WHILE HOLDING A KNIFE. KRON 4'S PHILIPPE DJEGAL WAS THERE DURING THE PASSIONATE EXCHANGE:



IT DID NOT TAKE LONG FOR TEMPERS TO FLARE INSIDE THE SALVATION ARMY COMMUNITY CENTER IN THE TENDERLOIN. NO VIOLENCE, BUT PLENTY OF SHOUTING. DOZENS OF PROTESTORS HELD SIGNS CALLING FOR SAN FRANCISCO POLICE CHIEF GREG SUHR'S OUSTER WHILE MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE FOR MARIO WOODS COALITION SHOUTED DOWN OFFICERS WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION DEFENDING THEIR CHIEF AND ORGANIZATION.

Meeting moderator: "Mr. Williams, please stop. Everyone gets two minutes. Everybody gets two minutes."

POLICE CHIEF GREG SUHR SAT QUIETLY WHILE THE PUBLIC COMMENTS PORTION OF THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE COMMISSION'S MEETING ESCALATED INTO A YELLING MATCH.

Crowd chanting: "Fire Chief Suhr. Fire Chief Suhr."

Protester: "This community feels pain. We want some responsibility taken. Nobody's even said sorry to the mother."

IN A SHOW OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE FIVE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE DEADLY DECEMBER OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING OF 26-YEAR-OLD MARIO WOODS – ALL OF WHOM RECENTLY RETURNED TO WORK – COPS SHARED STORIES ABOUT THE GOOD THINGS THEY DO IN THE COMMUNITY, IN PARTICULAR THE BAYVIEW DISTRICT, WHERE WOODS, ARMED WITH A KNIFE WHEN OFFICERS OPENED FIRE, WAS KILLED.

Officer Shante Williams: "Have you dropped to your knees to administer CPR? Our actions see no color lines. I will tell you what we are not -- we are not a diverse firing squad. We put our lives in harm's way every day."

Sgt. Tracy McCray: "I do this job to defend the city of San Francisco to make lives better. This young lady here lost her son. She wants to know the truth. We all want the truth, but can you wait for it to come out?"

PROTESTORS WERE UNINTERESTED, INSTEAD DROWNING OUT THE FIRST FEW SPEAKERS WITH BOO'S AND CALLS FOR THE RESIGNATION OR FIRING OF CHIEF SUHR.

Protester: "Mario Woods' death was a murder."

AFTER JUST A FEW SPEAKERS, MOST MEMBERS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION IN ATTENDANCE WALKED OUT.

IN SAN FRANCISCO, PHILIPPE DJEGAL, KRON 4 NEWS

## **DIVERSITY**

1/28/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm\

Uproar over high school students' racially insensitive party

FOURTEEN STUDENTS ARE SUSPENDED AND FACING DISCIPLINE AFTER ATTENDING A RACIST-THEMED PARTY. THE PRINCIPAL OF ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREPARATORY CALLS THE BEHAVIOR UNACCEPTABLE AND SAYS IT DOES NOT REPRESENT THE SAN FRANCISCO CATHOLIC SCHOOL. KRON 4'S J.R. STONE IS FOLLOWING THE STORY. HE HAS MORE FROM THE OUTER SUNSET:

Lizzie Ford, SI student body president: "I was shocked and I remain shocked."

THAT IS THE REACTION FROM STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT LIZZIE FORD OF ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL AFTER LEARNING THAT MANY STUDENTS ATTENDED A PARTY LAST WEEKEND – A PARTY WHERE RACE WAS THE THEME. THEY THEN POSTED PICTURES ABOUT IT ON INSTAGRAM AND SNAPCHAT.

Principal: “There were racial undertones with students dressed inappropriately in a way that promoted black stereotypes.”

Student: “They were wearing like big jersey's and hoop earrings.”

AT THE PARTY, NON-BLACK STUDENTS DRESSED UP IN THAT CLOTHING. FIFTY-SEVEN PERCENT OF THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IS WHITE AND SOME ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED.

Student: “It should not be taken lightly and I feel like it did effect the SI community as a whole.”

JUST FIVE PERCENT OF THE STUDENT BODY HERE IS BLACK.

Parent: “I think it's kinda sad that people think of each other in those type of ways. You know, it's a little disappointing.”

BUT STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND MANY PARENTS HERE SAY THAT TIMES HAVE CHANGED AND THEY DON'T BELIEVE THERE IS A RACE PROBLEM.

Lizzie Ford: If this were thirty years ago we wouldn't have kids angry. We wouldn't have 500 kids showing up in the theater to talk about this. I haven't done a thing today. We were supposed to do a million worksheets. I was supposed to take two tests. We've just been talking about this This is what's driving and buzzing around the school. And the fact that kids care about this, the fact that kids want to change this, that's what's different.”

THE PRINCIPAL FROM ST. IGNATIUS TELLS ME THERE WERE STUDENTS FROM SEVERAL OTHER SCHOOLS ATH THIS PARTY AS WELL. BUT, AS OF RIGHT NOW, ST. IGNATIUS IS THE ONLY SCHOOL THAT HAS TAKEN ACTION AND SUSPENDED STUDENTS.

JR STONE KRON 4 NEWS

## **DIVERSITY**

2/8/16 KRON 4 News at 11pm

Neighbors upset about sex offender clinic moving in

SAN FRANCISCO RESIDENTS OF THE DUBOCE TRIANGLE NEIGHBORHOOD ARE UP IN ARMS. A SEX OFFENDER REHAB TREATMENT CENTER IS MOVING IN AND RESIDENTS SAY THE DEAL WAS QUIETLY MADE WITHOUT ANY OUTREACH. KRON 4'S JEFF BUSH IS LIVE TONIGHT WHERE A COMMUNITY MEETING JUST WRAPPED UP ON THE ISSUE:

“SHARPER FUTURE” TREATS SEX OFFENDERS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND REHAB AT THE TREATMENT FACILITIES AS PART OF THE TERMS OF THEIR PAROLE OR PROBATION. THEYHAVE BEEN OPERATING IN A BUILDING AT VAN NESS AND MARKET STREET FOR DECADES, BUT THEY HAVE TO MOVE AND HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO TAKE OVER THIS SPOT AT THE CORNER OF CHURCH AND DUBOCE AT THE END OF THE MONTH. RESIDENTS SAY THEY WERE NOT INFORMED OF THE DEAL UNTIL AFTER THE APPEAL WINDOW CLOSED.

Devin Kortt-Thomas, resident: "If it weren't for the breaking article in Hook Line News, the neighborhood would definitely not know about it. It was a huge shock and there was actually no visibility and no transparency or outreach that I am aware of to date."

RESIDENTS SAY THAT SHARPER FUTURE HAS PUT PROFITS ABOVE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SAY THE COMPANY SHOULD NOT MOVE INTO THE DUBOCE TRIANGLE NEIGHBORHOOD BECAUSE OF THE CLINIC'S PROXIMITY TO HOMES AND CHILD DAYCARE FACILITIES.

Kortt-Thomas: "I actually started a petition on change dot org when this became known. Currently there are 900 petitioners who believe that the brakes should be applied. There should be a public dialog and this should be explored before they bring high risk sex offenders to the neighborhood."

SHARPER FUTURE SAYS THE CENTER WILL NOT BE AS BAD AS PEOPLE THINK, AND IS FARTHER THAN THE REQUIRED DISTANCE OF 250 FEET AWAY FROM THOSE DAYCARE FACILITIES.

Mary Perry-Miller, Sharper Future: "We hope to continue to do outreach and community education and hopefully help people understand that they are not at risk in the ways people think they are, and hopefully be able to bring the community around to seeing that they are better off with us watching these guys in the community than not."

SHARPER FUTURE SAYS ITS CLIENTS WEAR ANCKLE MONITORS AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO HANG OUT NEAR THE CENTER AND SAY THOSE TREATED THERE HAVE A LOW RATE OF RE-OFFENDING.

I'M JEFF BUSH, LIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO, KRON 4 NEWS

## **DIVERSITY**

2/18/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Dress code controversy – 2 stories

PART 1:

THERE'S CONTROVERSY ABOUT THE DRESS CODE AT A BAY AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL WHERE LEGGINGS AND TIGHTS ARE CONSIDERED INAPPROPRIATE ATTIRE FOR GIRLS. ONE STUDENT TELLS KRON4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN THAT SHE SEES A DOUBLE STANDARD BEING APPLIED:

NO LEGGINGS WITHOUT SOMETHING WORN OVER THEM FOR GIRL STUDENTS HERE AT PLEASANT HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Reporter: SO IS THIS A NEW POLICY OR HAS IT ALWAYS BEEN THAT WAY?

Analisa Liotta, 8<sup>th</sup> grade student: "This is a very new policy and it needs to be overturned."

EIGHTH GRADE STUDENT ANALISA LIOTTA SAYS SHE CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY LEGGINGS ARE BEING TARGETED BY THE SCHOOL.

Liotta: "We don't wear it for boys. We don't wear it to show off. We wear it to be comfortable. It's cold in the morning, so we wear it to be warm in the morning."

I CAME TO THE SCHOOL TO GIVE THE PRINCIPAL A CHANCE TO TELL HER SIDE OF THE STORY. I WAS TOLD SHE WASN'T AVAILBALE. THE CLOSEST THING I GOT TO AN OFFICIAL SCHOOL RESPONSE WAS A SITE SUPERVISOR INTERRUPTING AN INTERVIEW WITH A PARENT AND THAT KIND OF WENT SOMETHING LIKE THIS:

Site Supervisor: "We don't say no leggings, we say a little bit shorter..."

Reporter: I AM GOING TO PUT YOU ON TV

Site Supervisor: "No no...we don't say no leggings."

Reporter: HAVE YOU READ IT?

Leonor Liotta, Analisa's mom: "Actually, no I haven't."

HERE'S WHAT THE SCHOOLS DRESS CODE SAYS: "Leggings or tights are considered undergarments and must be accompanied by dress code compliant outer wear."  
THIS IS ANNA LISA'S MOM AND SHE TOTALLY DISAGREES.

Leonor Liotta: "It is not underwear. It's outer wear."

Reporter: YOU SEE A DOUBLE STANDARD HERE?

Annalisa Liotta: "Yeah! If guys can sag their pants, we can wear leggings."

THE RULES DO STATE THAT ALL PANTS MUST BE WORN ABOVE THE BUTTOCKS AT ALL TIMES. I DIDN'T SEE ANY OF THE BOYS SAGGIN WHILE I WAS HERE, BUT SOMETHING TELLS ME WE HAVEN'T HEARD THE END OF THIS ONE.

IN PLEASANT HILL HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

PART 2

WEARING LEGGINGS HERE AT PLEASANT HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL CAN LEAD TO BEING EMBARRASSED BY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS ACCORDING TO THIS 8TH GRADE STUDENT.

Annalisa Liotta, student: "When someone gets singled out, it disrupts the whole class."

ANALISA LIOTTA SAYS SHE HAS SEEN THIS HAPPEN SEVERAL TIMES TO HER CLASSMATES SINCE THE NEW DRESS CODE POLICY WAS PUT IN PLACE

Annalisa Liotta: "The administrator comes in and she pulls you out. They'll be like, you come here."

Reporter: THAT'S EMBARASSING

Liotta: "Mmm hmm."

THE DRESS CODE DOESN'T BAN LEGGINGS OR TIGHTS PER SAY, BUT IT DOES REQUIRE THAT AN OUTER GARMENT IS WORN OVER THEM. SOMETHING THAT ANNALISA'S MOM DOESN'T THINK THE SCHOOL SHOULD BE REGULATING

Leonor Liotta, parent: "Absolutely. I am a parent and if something doesn't look appropriate on my daughters or my sons, I will call them out on it. It's my job to do that. I don't think the school needs to take on that task. They are there to teach our children."

THIS MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BOTH THINK THE LESSON THAT IS BEING TAUGHT HERE IS DOUBLE STANDARDS

Annalisa: "There should be a boy's policy, too."

Leonor: ""If it's gender based, because it's not obviously the boys, they should modify the boys wearing sagging pants."

PLEASANT HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL DOES A DRESS CODE REQUIRMENT FOR PANTS BEING WORN ABOVE THE WAIST BUT ANNALISA FEELS THAT MORE GIRLS ARE BEING EMBARRASSED OVER THE DRESS CODE ISSUE

Annalisa: "You should be told when you are not in class, so you are not pulled out of the class and everybody is looking at you instead of the teacher."

I TRIED REACHING THE PRINICIPAL TO GET HER SIDE OF THE STORY. I WAS TOLD SHE WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

IN PLEASANT HILL HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

## **DIVERSITY**

2/22/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Reaction to reinstatement of SJPD officer

THE BACKLASH CONTINUES OVER THE REINSTATEMENT OF A SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICER FIRED OVER TWEETS THAT WERE CRITICAL OF THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT. AS KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE REPORTS, POLICE WATCH DOG GROUPS ARE VOWING TO FIGHT OFFICER PHIL WHITE'S RETURN TO THE FORCE, INSISTING HE'S A THREAT TO THE COMMUNITY:

SOT VICTOR GARZA/LA RAZA ROUNDTABLE

Victor Garza, La Raza Roundtable: "Now this guy made a lot of racist remarks and a lot of threats against people of color."

AMONG THE LATEST VOICES TO CONDEMN THE REINSTATEMENT OF OFFICER PHIL WHITE IS VICTOR GARZA OF LA RAZA ROUND TABLE, WHO SAYS IT'S WORRISOME TO KNOW THAT WHEN WHITE GOT HIS BADGE BACK, HE ALSO GOT HIS GUN BACK.

Garza: "Officer White is a danger not only to himself but to his family and to the entire community because he's carrying a weapon."

GARZA IS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF AN ARBITRATOR'S RECENT DECISION TO REINSTATE OFFICER WHITE, WHO WAS FIRED LAST FALL FOR POSTING TWEETS LIKE THIS. '.....THREATEN ME OR MY FAMILY AND I WILL USE MY GOD GIVEN AND LAW APPOINTED RIGHT AND DUTY TO KILL YOU....' HASHTAG...'COPS LIVES MATTER....'

Garza: "Officer White making those kinds of remarks indicates to me that possibly he is in need of some kind of psychiatric assistance and help."

THE N.A.A.C.P. IS NOW GATHERING SIGNATURES ON A PETITION DENOUNCING THE ARBITRATOR'S RULING, EVEN THOUGH CITY HALL AND POLICE BRASS WERE OPPOSED TO IT.

Jethro Moore, NAACP: "A police officer's oath is to protect the community a police officers oath is not to let his personal biases interfere with his police work and obviously this officer has biases that will interfere with him doing the job we believe."

VICTOR GARZA DENOUNCED WHAT HE SAYS WAS A HIGHLY SECRETIVE ARBITRATION PROCESS IN THIS CASE, WHICH HE SAYS LACKS THE TRANSPARENCY NEEDED TO HOLD POLICE ACCOUNTABLE FOR MISCONDUCT AND CASTS DOUBT ON WHITE'S FELLOW OFFICERS.

Garza: "The people in the community are scared and they're going to be looking at every officer on the street and to them it's Officer White. And that's not right."

IRONICALLY, OFFICER WHITE NOW HAS A DESK JOB, ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S NEW BODY-WORN CAMERA PROGRAM WHICH IS BILLED AS A WAY TO IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY AND RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY.

IN SAN JOSE ROB FLADEBO KRON 4 NEWS

### **DIVERSITY**

2/22/16 KRON 4 news at 11pm  
Ruling in local hate crimes case

IT WAS A DISAPPOINTING RULING TODAY FOR A VICTIM OF AN ALLEGED HATE CRIME AT SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY. THREE FORMER STUDENTS WERE FOUND GUILTY, NOT OF A HATE CRIME BUT OF BULLYING A SCHOOLMATE IN 2013. KRON 4'S ALECIA REID REPORTS FROM THE CAMPUS, WHERE THE VICTIM IS NOW A JUNIOR.

THIS WAS A HIGH PROFILE CASE THAT CAUSED OUTRAGE ON THIS CAMPUS 3 YEARS AGO. THREE OF THE STUDENTS THAT WERE INVOLVED IN THE BULLYING WERE CHARGED WITH MISDEMEANOR BATTERY AND NOT A HATE CRIME, WHICH IS A FELONY.

Student: "You can't just get away with a little slap on the wrist."

THE VICTIM CLAIMS THAT HIS FORMER ROOM-MATES BULLIED HIM, PUT A U-SHAPED BICYCLE LOCK AROUND HIS NECK AND REFUSED TO GIVE HIM THE KEYS TO OPEN IT, LOCKED HIM IN A CLOSET, AND HUNG A CONFEDERATE FLAG IN THEIR ROOM.

AT THE TIME, DJ WILLIAMS WHO HAPPENS TO BE BLACK, WAS A FRESHMAN, AND THE GUYS THAT BULLIED HIM, WERE WHITE. THE DEFENDANTS CLAIM THEY WERE ALL PRANKS.

Student: "When I heard about that, I was in shock because everyone here is so friendly. No one does anything crazy that makes you think that was a little racist."

THERE WAS A 4TH STUDENT THAT WAS ALSO INVOLVED AND CHARGED. THE DETAILS OF HIS CASE AREN'T BEING RELEASED, BECAUSE AT THE TIME OF THE ASSAULT HE WAS A JUVENILE. NONE OF THOSE 4 STUDENTS ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT SAN JOSE STATE.

Student: "They should face a far more severe punishment than what they got."

THE SCHOOL HAS TAKEN MEASURES TO ADDRESS RACIAL CONCERNS ON CAMPUS. AFTER MONDAY'S RULING, LETTERS WERE SENT TO STUDENTS LETTING THEM KNOW

THAT THERE'S STILL A LOT OF WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN ORDER TO CREATE A MORE INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT ON CAMPUS, INCLUDING A SEARCH FOR A "CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER" IN WHICH THEY PLAN ON MAKING A DECISION SOON.

Student: "I like how they're sending out letters and keeping everyone updated."

DJ WILLIAMS AND HIS FAMILY DID NOT GET THE RULING THEY WERE HOPING FOR TODAY. THEY DO PLAN TO PURSUE CIVIL CLAIMS AGAINST THOSE 4 FORMER STUDENTS.

REPORTING IN SAN JOSE ALECIA REID KRON 4 NEWS

## **DIVERSITY**

2/23/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Further developments in SJPD officer reinstatement case

THE FESTERING CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING THE RE-INSTATEMENT OF A SAN JOSE police officer ... WHO WAS FIRED FOR POSTING OFFENSIVE TWEETS, APPEARS TO be drawing CITY HALL INTO THE FRAY.

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo: "It's clear that the deck is stacked against any city that is going to challenge a decision of an arbitrator."

ADMITTING IT'S A LONG SHOT AT BEST, SAN JOSE MAYOR SAM LICCARDO SAYS THE FOCUS OF A SUPERIOR COURT CHALLENGE WILL BE TO FIND OUT IF THE ARBITRATOR OVER STEPPED HIS AUTHORITY IN REINSTATING OFFICER WHITE.

Mayor Liccardo: "We might be able to shed some light on what was the basis of the decision as well as to defend what I think was a sound decision by our police chief."

OFFICER WHITE WAS FIRED LAST OCTOBER AFTER HE WROTE ON TWITTER:

"...THREATEN ME OR MY FAMILY AND I WILL USE MY GOD GIVEN AND LAW APPOINTED RIGHT AND DUTY TO KILL YOU..."

AND:

".....IF ANYONE FEELS THEIR LIVES MATTER, I'LL BE AT THE MOVIES TONIGHT, OFF DUTY, CARRYING MY GUN..."

THE MAYOR SAYS THE TWEETS AND WHITE'S REINSTATEMENT REFLECT POORLY ON THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. IT UNDERMINES THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORITY TO DISCIPLINE OFFICERS AND CASTS OTHER POLICE IN A BAD LIGHT.

Mayor Liccardo: "It does not help our department to have an officer who has been engaged in this kind of communication coming back into the force and having people believe whatever they might believe about what that says about the rest of our department. I know our officers are better than that."

THE MAYOR SAYS HE EXPECTS TO HAVE A STRATEGY FOR CHALLENGING THE ARBITRATOR'S RULING READY TO PRESENT TO HIS COLLEAGUES ON THE CITY COUNCIL NEXT WEEK.

IN SAN JOSE ROB FLADEBOE KRON4 NEWS

## **DIVERSITY**

3/2/16 KRON 4 News at 8m

Local community protests recent hate crime

COMMUNITY LEADERS ARE MEETING TONIGHT TO DISCUSS A HATE CRIME THAT OCCURRED IN EL CERRITO LAST WEEK. THE INCIDENT HAPPENED IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS. FIRES WERE LIT UNDERNEATH THE FAMILY CAR GAS TANK AND A NOTE WAS LEFT BEHIND WITH A RACIAL SLUR. KRON 4'S JEFF BUSH JUST STEPPED OUT OF THE MEETING WITH THE LATEST:

IT WAS A FULL HOUSE IN THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION WITH RESIDENTS WHO WERE ANGRY AND DISGUSTED BY THE FEBRUARY 24TH INCIDENT ON ARLINGTON STREET THAT POLICE ARE CALLING A HATE CRIME. EL CERRITO RESIDENTS SAY THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE IN THIS COMMUNITY.

Resident: "They don't speak for us. They are in the minority. If they think they can intimidate and push somebody out, they are simply wrong and we won't stand for it."

Resident: "My suggestion is that we do whatever we can to alert the entire community of El Cerrito that this is not acceptable and we have zero tolerance."

Resident: "Hate is nothing but cowardly. Whoever did this is a coward, no matter what. Racism comes from cowards, period."

POLICE CAPTAIN PAUL KEITH SAYS THE DEPARTMENT HAS PLACED A HIGH PRIORITY IN SOLVING THIS HATE CRIME BECAUSE IT AFFECTS MORE PEOPLE THAN JUST THE FAMILY THAT WAS ATTACKED.

Captain Keith: "I think that some of the reaction from the community is because a hate crime really doesn't just target a person. It really affects the community because the people here, they know their neighbors could be the next target or they could be the next target based on nothing they have even done."

POLICE SAY THEY ARE WAITING FOR DNA EVIDENCE TO COME BACK FROM THE LAB AND ARE ASKING IF ANYONE HAS VIDEO FROM THAT NIGHT.

IN EL CERRITO JEFF BUSH KRON 4 NEWS

## **DIVERSITY**

3/9/16 KRON 4 News at 11pm

Another local community deals with hate crime

DETECTIVES IN SAN LEANDRO HAVE BEEN QUESTIONING A SUSPECT IN CONNECTION WITH SOME RACIALLY-OFFENSIVE GRAFFITI. THE VANDALISM WAS DISCOVERED EARLIER THIS WEEK AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES OF THE SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. KRON 4'S PHILIPPE DJEGAL HAS THE STORY FROM POLICE HEADQUARTERS:

Lt. Robert McManus, San Leandro Police Department: "This is something that can really damage and affect a community. But in this case, we're not gonna let it happen here."

THE MOST OFFENSIVE MESSAGES IN THIS PHOTO OF THE GRAFFITI OBTAINED BY KRON 4 HAVE BEEN BLURRED OUT – HATE SPEECH TARGETED TOWARDS AFRICAN



AMERICANS. THE F-WORD AND THE N-WORD SPRAY-PAINTED ON THE DOORS ABOVE THE CAPTION "WHITE POWER."

Lt. McManus: "We are very, very troubled by this."

SAN LEANDRO POLICE LIEUTENANT ROBERT McMANUS SAYS THE MAN BELIEVED TO BE BEHIND THE INCIDENT WAS STOPPED BY DETECTIVES LATE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, RIDING AROUND ON A BMX STYLE BIKE RECENTLY SPRAY-PAINTED IN THE SAME COLORS USED TO TAG THIS BUILDING. THE 21-YEAR-OLD CAUCASIAN WAS ARRESTED ON UNRELATED CHARGES, INCLUDING A PROBATION VIOLATION. THE ARREST CAME TWO AND A HALF DAYS AFTER THE DISTURBING DISCOVERY AT THE SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES ON JUNIPER STREET MONDAY MORNING.

Lt. McManus: "As the employee came through the main entrance doors of the building, he was shocked to see hate-motivated graffiti spray-painted in red and white on the doors to the employee entrance to this building."

A PARK AND AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ARE NEARBY, BUT NO GRAFFITI WAS FOUND AT THOSE LOCATIONS.

McMANUS SAYS THIS CASE WAS IMMEDIATELY MADE A TOP PRIORITY. DETECTIVES WERE PULLED OFF OF OTHER INVESTIGATIONS TO HELP OUT, AND HE SAYS HE'S GRATEFUL AN ARREST WAS MADE SO QUICKLY.

Lt. McManus: "This is not something that San Leandro, one of the most diverse communities in the United States, accepts."

LIEUTENANT MCMANUS SAYS THE SUSPECT WAS BORN AND RAISED HERE IN SAN LEANDRO. HE HAS NO PRIOR HATE CRIME ARRESTS OR CONVICTIONS AND HIS MOTIVE IS UNCLEAR.

THE SUSPECT WAS NOT OFFERED BAIL TONIGHT BECAUSE OF THE PROBATION VIOLATION. IT'S POSSIBLE HE WILL EVENTUALLY BE CHARGED WITH VANDALISM AND A HATE CRIME.

LIVE IN SAN LEANDRO, PHILIPPE DJEGAL KRON 4 NEWS

#### **DIVERSITY**

3/10/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Racial tension at high school basketball game

STUDENTS AND PARENTS AT A SACRAMENTO SCHOOL SAY A RIVAL SCHOOL'S FANS CROSSED THE LINE DURING A BASKETBALL GAME LAST MONTH. PARENTS SAY THE GAME GOT OUT OF HAND AS VULGAR LANGUAGE TURNED TO VIOLENCE IN THE STANDS. SOME PARENTS SAY THE VERBAL ABUSE TURNED RACIST

IT WAS A PLAYOFF MATCH BETWEEN C.K. MCCLATCHY AND OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOLS WHERE STUDENTS AND PARENTS SAY THE OAK RIDGE FANS TOOK IT TOO FAR. ONE PARENT SAYS THE WORST PART WAS NO AUTHORITY FIGURES WERE TAKING ACTION TO STOP THE STUDENTS.

Parent: "The most disturbing thing was that there were a lot of administration people at the game and it didn't seem like they were making any moves to stop it."

Student: "The entire cheering section would just shout abuse at us you guys are trash, you guys are ugly, you guys are fat."

THE EL DORADO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT RELEASED A STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF OAK RIDGE HIGH SAYING THEY ARE SADDENED AND WORKING ON ADDRESSING THE INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

#### **DIVERSITY**

3/14/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
Sentencing in San Jose State hate crime case

THREE FORMER SAN JOSE STATE STUDENTS WERE SENTENCED TO PROBATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE TODAY FOR MISDEMEANOR BATTERY AGAINST THEIR FORMER ROOMMATE WHOSE NECK THEY FORCED INTO A BIKE LOCK. THAT WAS BACK IN 2013.

LOGAN BEASCHLER AND COLIN WARREN, BOTH 20 YEARS OLD, AND 21-YEAR-OLD JOSEPH "BRETT" BOMGARDNER WERE DORMITORY ROOMMATES WITH DONALD "D-J" WILLIAMS JR. FOR A FEW MONTHS IN 2013. OFFICIALS SAY THE THREE MEN WHO ARE WHITE, PUT A BIKE LOCK AROUND WILLIAMS' NECK AND TRAPPED WILLIAMS, WHO IS BLACK, IN A BATHROOM AND HUNG A CONFEDERATE FLAG AMONG OTHER THINGS.

MISDEMEANOR HATE CRIME CHARGES WERE BROUGHT AGAINST THE TRIO PREVIOUSLY, BUT THOSE CHARGES WERE DROPPED LAST MONTH. THEY WILL NOW SERVE TWO YEARS PROBATION AND 30 DAYS IN JAIL.

#### **DIVERSITY**

3/17/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
2016 election spurring rush for citizenship

A NEARBY COMMUNITY IS SEEING AN INCREASE IN APPLICANTS WHO WANT TO BECOME U.S. CITIZENS SO THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION. THOSE WHO WANT TO VOTE NEED TO START REGISTERING NOW.

A CITIZENSHIP TEACHER IN MODESTO SAYS HER CLASS HAS DOUBLED IN SIZE OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS. IN A NORMAL CLASS THERE ARE USUALLY 30 STUDENTS, BUT THIS YEAR, NEARLY 70 SIGNED UP. ONE OF HER STUDENTS KNOWS THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING A VOICE AS A CITIZEN, AND HE DECIDED TAKING TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE CLASS WAS WELL WORTH IT.

Immigrant seeking US citizenship: "My vote is my voice, okay? I want to be part of the decisions that we take that make the future of our nation."

THE PROCESS TO BECOME A LEGAL VOTER CAN BE A LENGTHY ONE. FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED RESIDENCY IN THE U.S., IT TAKES FEDERAL OFFICIALS ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO APPROVE THE CITIZENSHIP. SO, APPLICANTS WHO SUBMIT THEIR PAPERWORK NOW, MAY BE ABLE TO VOTE IN NOVEMBER.

## **DIVERSITY**

3/18/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Local woman's campaign to improve Muslim relations in the community

A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE ON EDGE WHEN IT COMES TO TALK ABOUT MUSLIMS AND ISLAM. THE COMBINATION OF HEATED POLITICAL RHETORIC AND TERRORIST ATTACKS AROUND THE WORLD.. LED ONE EAST BAY WOMAN WHO IS MUSLIM, TO TAKE ACTION. SHE SAYS MUSLIMS WHO DETEST THE VIOLENCE AND THE HATE SPEECH ARE BEING MADE TO FEEL GUILTY AND SHE DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO OPEN A BROADER DIALOGUE BETWEEN FOLLOWERS OF ISLAM AND THEIR NEIGHBORS.

Moina Shaiq: "Especially after the San Bernardino shootings, I thought what can I do to reach out to the community and people that have never met a Muslim and are probably not going to meet a Muslim on their own."

THIS GATHERING IN FREMONT IS CALLED "MEET A MUSLIM."

Woman attending meeting: "I've read some books where women in the Middle East are made to wear a burka."

NO QUESTIONS ARE OFF LIMITS. MOINA SHAIQ'S EFFORT IS TO REACH OUT AND TALK AND TO DISPEL MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT ISLAM, TO DISPEL ANY IGNORANCE ABOUT MUSLIMS THAT CAN SOMETIMES LEAD TO FEAR, TENSION AND VIOLENCE.

White male in the audience: "Why don't Muslims try to give the name Muslim a better identity? If they say Muslim, I would say 80% of the people in this country think of terrorists, really giving you Muslims a bad name."

One of the event organizers: "So what you're suggesting is we change our name?" [Laughter]

Woman in audience: "No. Do more of what you're doing tonight. Enlightenment and education.

Moina Shaiq: "We appreciate that you all came today."

MOINA WAS BORN IN PAKISTAN. SHE AND HER HUSBAND HAVE LIVED IN FREMONT FOR NEARLY 34 YEARS.. THEY'VE RAISED FOUR CHILDREN HERE AND SHE HAS RECEIVED COMMENDATIONS FOR HER WORK IN THE INTERFAITH COMMUNITY AND FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE.

Moina: "I'm just like anybody else. I shop at Target and Costco and do regular things anybody does. Like all of you probably."

MOINA SAYS PEOPLE HAVE QUESTIONS. THEY WANT TO KNOW WHAT ISIS IS. THEY WANT TO KNOW WHY IT'S HAPPENING. THEY WANT TO KNOW WHAT JIHAD IS. WHY ARE WOMEN OPPRESSED IN ISLAM.

Audience member: "Isis people claim to be Muslim?"

Audience member: "Some Moslem leaders have declared jihad on this country. So you don't respect that? }

Audience member: "Are woman oppressed and how do Muslims practice their faith?"

MOINA SAYS SOME OF THE QUESTIONS ARE VERY CHALLENGING AND SHE TELLS THEM UP FROM SHE IS JUST AN ORDINARY PERSON. SHE, NOT A SCHOLAR. BUT SHE,

AND THOSE WHO JOIN HER AT MEET A MUSLIM EVENTS TRY TO ANSWER AS BEST THEY CAN...

FEWER THAN ONE PERCENT OF THE U.S. POPULATION IS MUSLIM.. BUT THERE ARE SOME 50 OR SO MUSLIM COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD. AND JUST LIKE CHRISTIANS HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE CATHOLICS OR SOUTHERN BAPTISTS OR METHODISTS, ISLAM IS ALSO PRACTICED DIFFERENTLY BY DIFFERENT PEOPLE AND CULTURES. AND AT TIMES, IT TOO IS POLITICIZED, RADICALIZED AND PERVERTED BY PEOPLE WHO MEAN HARM.

AND THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY BLAMES THE MEDIA FOR FOCUSING ON ISLAM WHEN THERE IS AN ACT OF TERROR.

Moina: "It's very sad in the media that the faith is portrayed as the culprit. When Planned Parenthood place was bombed did we expect all Christians to come out and say we are sorry. Nobody did. Why would they? We don't know the faith of the guy who did Sandy Hook shooting, where he killed all those little innocent children."

Rev. Kenneth Parris, Saint James Episcopal Church: "A lot of what drives the animosity is fear and when you learn about your neighbors or somebody, you have compassion and you can find love and it drives out that fear. "

Moina: "My main goal is to change one heart at a time."

MUSLIMS MAKE UP LESS THAN ONE PERCENT OF THE U.S. POPULATION AND A RECENT PEW RESEARCH SURVEY FOUND FEWER THAN HALF OF AMERICANS EVEN KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS MUSLIM. BUT THOSE WHO DO, RATE MUSLIMS MORE FAVORABLY THAN THOSE WHO DO NOT.

MOINA SAYS HER NEXT "MEET A MUSLIM" GATHERING WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND AT 7PM AT THE CONNECTIONS COUNSELING CENTER IN FREMONT.

## **DIVERSITY**

3/23/16 KRON4 News at 11pm

Muslim community reacts to terror attack in Brussels

THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY HAS SEEN BACKLASH FROM THE RECENT TERROR ATTACKS BOTH HERE IN CALIFORNIA AND ABROAD. IN THE EAST BAY, A MUSLIM WOMAN HELD A COMMUNITY MEETING TONIGHT TO TELL OTHERS THAT HER RELIGION DOES NOT POSE A THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY. KRON 4'S ALECIA REID HAS DETAILS FROM THE MEETING, WHERE PEOPLE WERE ASKING TOUGH QUESTIONS:

THE ROOMFUL OF PEOPLE ASKED A HOST OF QUESTIONS, INCLUDING HOW DO MUSLIM PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT OTHER RELIGIONS AND THE PANEL EXPECTED THAT, SAYING NO QUESTION IS OFF THE TABLE.

Moina Shaiq: "We are ordinary Americans. We're no different."

THAT IS PART OF THE REASON THE "ASK A MUSLIM" OPEN SESSION IS HAPPENING, TO CREATE A SPACE WHERE PEOPLE CAN ASK ANYTHING. MOINA SHAIQ SAYS MUSLIMS HAVE FACED BACKLASH BECAUSE OF ALL THE ISIS RELATED TERROR ATTACKS.

Shaiq: "We are victims as much as anyone else. We need to stand together, to unite together to face an enemy."

SOON AFTER THE ATTACK IN BRUSSELS, SENATOR TED CRUZ CALLED FOR SPECIAL PATROLS IN MUSLIM NEIGHBORHOODS AND DONALD TRUMP ECHOED WHAT HE'S SAID BEFORE, THAT THE U.S. NEEDS TO HAVE STRONGER BORDERS.

Shaiq: "They might as well just put us in internment camps. We're going so many years into our dark history. We called it dark and now we're trying to do the same thing again today."

BUT THESE MUSLIMS SAY THERE MAY BE A SILVER LINING.

Shaiq: "If there's a police car outside my home, I'll feel safe that there won't be any backlash towards me."

THERE ARE ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS, BUT FOLKS THAT CAME WITH THEIR QUESTIONS READY NOW UNDERSTAND THAT NOT ALL MUSLIMS ARE TERRORISTS.

Reverend Barbara Myers, Connections Counseling center: "I think it dispels some of the fear. Not all Muslims are like that. Here are examples of people who are speaking who are wonderful neighbors and individuals, people who we would love to have in our communities."

MOINA HAS BEEN HOLDING THESE SESSIONS FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS NOW. THEY STARTED HERE IN FREMONT BUT HAS SINCE SPREAD ACROSS THE BAY AREA.  
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## **1Q2016 ECONOMY**

### **ECONOMY**

1/11/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
Look ahead at gasoline prices for 2016

HOW LOW WILL GASOLINE PRICES GO THIS YEAR? TRIPLE-A MOTOR CLUB SAYS THE NATIONAL AVERAGE PRICE FOR A GALLON OF REGULAR UNLEADED GAS IS AT A DOLLAR-96. FOLKS IN TEN SOUTHERN STATES ARE PAYING A DOLLAR-75 OR LESS. USA TODAY DOT COM REPORTS IN SOME STATES, A GALLON OF REGULAR HAS DROPPED TO A DOLLAR-42! TUMBLING OIL PRICES COMBINED WITH STRONG REFINERY CAPACITY COULD PUSH THE PRICE OF GAS TO A DOLLAR A GALLON IN SOME AREAS. THAT HASN'T HAPPENED SINCE 1999.

### **ECONOMY**

1/14/15 KRON 4 Evening News  
More ways your wallet is being squeezed

THE NATION'S BIG BANKS ARE CASHING IN – ON YOUR ATM FEES. J-P MORGAN CHASE, BANK OF AMERICA AND WELLS FARGO RAKED IN MORE THAN SIX BILLION DOLLARS IN TOTAL LAST YEAR. THEY ALSO MADE FIVE BILLION ON OVERDRAFT FEES.

MANY SAY THE FEES ARE SO OUTRAGEOUS, SOME PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES ARE PROMISING TO TAKE ACTION. HILLARY CLINTON IS LABELING THE BILLION DOLLAR PAYDAY UNETHICAL. BERNIE SANDERS SAYS IF HE WINS THE WHITE HOUSE HE WILL CAP ATM FEES AT TWO DOLLARS. THE AVERAGE RIGHT NOW IS FOUR DOLLARS.

EVEN CELL PHONE COMPANIES ARE FINDING WAYS TO GET INTO OUR WALLETS. A NEW SURVEY FOUND OVERAGE CHARGES, ALREADY AT RECORD HIGHS, ARE UP YET AGAIN. NEARLY ONE IN FIVE CELL PHONE CUSTOMERS REPORTED PAYING OVERAGES

DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS. AT&T CONTINUES TO LEAD ALL OF ITS RIVALS, WITH 28 PERCENT OF CUSTOMERS SAYING THEY WERE CHARGED FOR OVERAGES. IT WAS 20 PERCENT OF VERIZON CUSTOMERS, 12 PERCENT OF T-MOBILE AND FIVE PERCENT OF SPRINT CUSTOMERS.

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## **ECONOMY**

1/20/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Stock market slide

ANOTHER WILD DAY FOR U.S. STOCKS. AT ONE POINT TODAY, THE DOW WAS DOWN MORE THAN 500 POINTS. IT DID RECOVER SOME OF ITS LOSSES. AT THE CLOSE, THE DOW LOST 249 POINTS, THE S&P LOST 22 POINTS AND THE NASDAQ DROPPED FIVE-POINTS. JOINING ME NOW TO TALK ABOUT WALL STREET'S SLIDE IS KRON 4 FINANCIAL EXPERT ROB BLACK:

THIS IS THE WORST START TO A NEW YEAR EVER ON WALL STREET. SO LET'S TALK ABOUT THE CAUSES AND THEN GET TO SOME ADVICE FOR WHAT PEOPLE CAN DO.

WE KNOW THAT OIL PRICES HAVE DROPPED DRAMATICALLY AND THAT'S A BIG CONCERN. SOME PEOPLE ARE FEARING THAT OIL COMPANIES MAY GO INTO DEFAULT. IS THAT A POSSIBILITY?

Rob Black, financial expert: "Absolutely. In the United States, To give you the angle that you might not be aware of. A lot of countries like Nigeria or even Saudi Arabia have borrowed money saying we have high oil prices that we can pay back to you down the road. So the debt issue that countries have taken on is pretty large, so it's likely there will be defaults, some failures."

CHINA IS THE OTHER ISSUE THAT PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT.

Black: "China is slowing down. This is the worst year in 25 years for them in terms of the slowdown. But it's normal; it's healthy."

WAS IT TOO HIGH BEFORE?

Black: "Well, they went from a communist country to a socialist country to a let's pretend were capitalists situation and then add the Olympics to that. So there's a lot economic spinning for them. But earnings have not been great in the United States. Revenue hasn't been great. We know about wage disparity. That's a pretty big issue. So there are some flaws out there. After six amazing up years and one sideways year, we're getting a correction to start this year. It will probably become a bear market, because people become afraid. They get chicken legs. They don't mind losing five percent, but ten percent becomes too much. And then it will become fifteen – and that's the best time to buy."

OKAY, BUT BEFORE WE GET TO BUYING, SHOULD WE BE AFRAID? PEOPLE ARE LOOKING AT THEIR 401KS AND INVESTMENT STATEMENTS AND THERE IS REAL REASON FOR CONCERN.

Black: "If you're 55 or older, I would be really concerned. If you're 45, 35, 25, I'd be maxed out on that 401k saying things are on sale now and this is a wonderful time. Capitalism is alive and well."

Unemployment is at five percent in the United States. Do I think we go lower? I think it's very likely that we do. Do I have a crystal ball? No. Am I worried? No. Am I worried for the person who has 70% of their money in Starbucks? Yes! You need to diversify. And you should have an emergency fund for times like this. I like corrections. They are normal and healthy. Since 1928, the stock market has average 9.8%. That's through world wars and atomic bombs and presidential assassinations and a lot of crazy thing that have happened. So we'll be okay. Capitalism is a wonderful thing. A bear market is good. It takes away excesses."

WHAT ABOUT REGULAR PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE A LOT IN THE MARKET, MAYBE JUST SMALL AMOUNTS IN THE MARKET AND MAY NOT BE IN THEIR FIFTIES YET, WHAT IS YOUR ADVICE TO THEM?

Black: "Look at utilities or big blue chip companies like Nike or Disney that are not going out of business or a CVS or other consumer staple. Go for things that people have to have."

## **ECONOMY**

1/22/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Economic impact of Super Bowl 50

SUPER BOWL EXCITEMENT BUILDING IN THE BAY AREA. BUT HOSTING THE BIG GAME ISN'T CHEAP. KRON 4'S DAN KERMAN HAS MORE ON THE COSTS AND THE PROJECTED REVENUE THE SUPER BOWL IS EXPECTED TO BRING SAN FRANCISCO:

SUPER BOWL 50 WILL NOT BE WITHOUT COSTS TO SAN FRANCISCO TAXPAYERS. THE CITY PROJECTS IT WILL SPEND NEARLY 5 MILLION DOLLARS IN GENERAL FUND MONEY TO AUGMENT CITY SERVICES RANGING FROM PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO POLICE TO FIRE. THAT'S TO ACCOMMODATE THE ESTIMATED ONE MILLION PEOPLE THAT WILL TAKE PART IN THE WEEKLONG SERIES OF EVENTS...

Christine Falvey, spokesperson for Mayor Ed Lee: "We know from sales tax, hotel tax, business tax, we expect direct revenue back to the City and County of San Francisco to provide the very services and pay for those."

THE CITY POINTS TO NEW ORLEANS WHICH BROUGHT IN MORE THAN 10 MILLION DOLLARS IN SALES AND HOTEL TAX IN 2013 AND INDIANAPOLIS THAT BROUGHT IN NEARLY 7 MILLION DOLLARS IN 2012.

Falvey: "We are confident the city will be in the black at the end of this, meaning we will generate tax revenue and significant economic impact for our workers here."

CITY OFFICIALS SAY THAT COULD BE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND THEY POINT TO PHOENIX WHICH GENERATED MORE THAN 700 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE 2015 SUPER BOWL AND NEW ORLEANS WHICH GENERATED NEARLY 500 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE 2013 SUPER BOWL

Supervisor Jane Kim, San Francisco Board of Supervisors: "I just don't think a single dollar of taxpayer dollars should be spent on a private marketing party."

WHILE SHE'S ALL FOR IMPROVING SAN FRANCISCO'S TOURIST ECONOMY, SOME LIKE SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR JANE KIM OPPOSE THE CITY SPENDING 5 MILLION DOLLARS OUT OF ITS GENERAL FUND FOR SUPER BOWL 50 EVENTS.

Kim: "It could be spent on city services, affordable housing, services for the homeless. Five million dollars is two navigation centers for our homeless residents, and on top of that it's only a 30 second commercial for the Super Bowl. They can easily pay that amount."

KIM NOW PLANS TO AUTHOR A RESOLUTION TO PUSH THE MAYOR TO GET THAT MONEY BACK.

Kim: "Santa Clara got the Super Bowl. We got the traffic jam and yet Santa Clara is getting its costs recouped. We think we should get the same."

Falvey: "We set up the event the way we set up events like Pride, like Chinese New Year. We provide basic city services around large free public civic events and that's the way we set up this one and the Mayor believes it was not only financially responsible but a strategic investment in the economy of san Francisco."

OF COURSE, BOTH THE COSTS AND THE REVENUES ARE ESTIMATES AND THAT MEANS WE REALLY WON'T KNOW FOR A OCUPLE OF MONTHS WHETHER THE SUPER BOWL ENDS UP BRINING THE CITY REVENUE OR COSTS THEM QUITE A BIT OF MONEY.

IN SAN FRANCISCO, DAN KERMAN KRON 4 NEWS

## **ECONOMY**

2/8/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
Gas prices hitting new lows

DON'T LOOK NOW. BUT GAS PRICES COULD DIP BELOW ONE DOLLAR A GALLON – EXCEPT HERE IN CALIFORNIA. PRICES HAVE PLUNGED TO A 12 YEAR LOW IN THE MIDWEST, PUTTING THE PRICE OF PETROLEUM IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS A PACK OF GUM OR A CAN OF SODA. RIGHT NOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IS \$1.72.

BUT DON'T EXPECT THE BARGAIN FUEL PRICES TO LAST FOREVER. EXPERTS SAY OIL REFINERIES AREN'T MAKING ANY MONEY AND MAY BEGIN SHUTTING DOWN REFINERIES FOR MAINTENANCE. THAT'S EXPECTED TO DRIVE THE PRICE AT THE PUMP BACK UP.

CALIFORNIA IS PAYING THE SECOND HIGHEST FOR GAS IN THE NATION, BEHIND HAWAII. HERE'S WHAT IT WILL COST YOU TO FILL UP IN THE BAY AREA TONIGHT ACCORDING TO TRIPLE A:

SAN FRANCISCO DRIVERS ARE PAYING \$2.56 FOR A GALLON OF REGULAR.

OAKLAND DRIVERS ARE PAYING \$2.39 A GALLON ON AVERAGE.

AND IN THE SOUTH BAY, SAN JOSE DRIVERS ARE PAYING \$2.40 A GALLON.

THE STATEWIDE AVERAGE NOW STANDS AT \$2.49.

## **ECONOMY**

2/9/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
Drivers reaction to low gas prices

GOOD NEWS FOR DRIVERS. GAS PRICES AROUND THE BAY AREA ARE THE LOWEST THEY HAVE BEEN IN YEARS. SOME SPOTS ARE SEEING FUEL BELOW TWO DOLLARS A GALLON. KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD WAS IN MARIN COUNTY TODAY WHERE DRIVERS WERE LINING UP FOR CHEAP GAS:



AT THIS ARCO GAS STATION IN MILL VALLEY, THERE'S ALMOST ALWAYS A LONG LINE OF CARS WAITING TO FILL UP THESE DAYS. LATE LAST WEEK, THE PRICE OF A GALLON OF UNLEADED GAS DROPPED BELOW TWO DOLLARS A GALLON HERE. THAT'S SOMETHING MANY PEOPLE, INCLUDING MYSELF, THOUGHT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN ANYWHERE.

Anchor: Did you ever think you would see two dollar gas?

Driver: "Not in my lifetime"

Driver: "It's pretty awesome."

TUESDAY EVENING, DRIVERS WERE FILLING UP THEIR TANKS, STUNNED AT HOW LITTLE THEY WERE PAYING.

Driver: "There we go. Thirty-one dollars. Not too bad at all."

UNFORTUNATELY, THE CHEAP GAS AT THIS ARCO APPEARS TO BE THE EXCEPTION, NOT THE RULE. JUST ACROSS THE ROAD, A GALLON OF UNLEADED GAS AT THIS CHEVRON IS GOING FOR \$2.79 WHICH IS MORE IN LINE WITH PRICES AT OTHER STATIONS. BACK AT THE ARCO, DRIVERS DON'T MIND WAITING IN LINE TO SAVE A FEW BUCKS.

Driver: "We are definitely taking more road trips with the family. Take advantage of the cheap gas."

Driver: "I just filled up for 15 bucks!"

NO ONE IS SAD.

IN MARIN COUNTY CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

## **ECONOMY**

2/24/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Is a tech bubble burst on the way?

THE WILD RIDE FOR TECHNOLOGY START-UPS MIGHT BE COMING TO AN END. THERE ARE SIGNS THAT THE RED-HOT TECH SCENE IS SLOWING DOWN IN SILICON VALLEY. SOME ANALYSTS ARE PREDICTING A MAJOR CRASH IS ON ITS WAY LATER THIS YEAR, BUT OTHERS ARE MORE OPTIMISTIC, SAYING THAT LESSONS WERE LEARNED DURING THE DOT COM BUST IN 2001. OUR TECH TRENDS REPORTER GABE SLATE HAS BEEN LOOKING INTO THIS AND JOINS US NOW WITH WHAT HE FOUND OUT:

I LEARNED TECH STOCKS ARE DOWN, LAYOFFS ARE HAPPENING AND THERE WILL BE MORE TO COME. VENTURE CAPITALISTS ARE STARTING TO CLOSE THEIR WALLETS AND NOT INVEST IN TECH. REAL ESTATE ANALYSTS ARE WARNING THE RATE OF GROWTH FOR THE COST OF HOUSING IN THE BAY AREA HAS SURPASSED WHERE IT WAS AT RIGHT BEFORE THE DOT COM BUST IN 2001. SO, THE BIG QUESTION – ARE WE HEADING FOR A DEVASTATING BUBBLE POP? OR A LESS SCARY SLOW DOWN?

HERE'S WHAT I LEARNED FROM EXPERTS AND A GOOD LOOK AT THE OVERALL STATE OF TECH RIGHT NOW.

Erica Sandberg, tech financial expert: "There is definitely a real sense of fear out there, and when fear is there, the opposite of optimism, then certainly venture capitalists and any other sort of backers are going to hit the brakes, and they are going to go slower and lend less money."

LAYOFFS AND THE EXTREME FALL OF SOME TECH STOCKS ARE SPOOKING INVESTORS. LINKEDIN STOCK IS 50% DOWN FROM WHERE IT WAS IN NOVEMBER. TWITTER IS DOWN 62% OVER THE LAST YEAR. THEY ARE IN BIG TROUBLE, LAYING OFF 8% OF THEIR WORKFORCE. AND FOR THE FIRST TIME THEY ARE NOT GAINING ANY USERS. IN FACT, THEY ARE LOSING PEOPLE. IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS OF 2015 TWITTER LOST 2 MILLION USERS.

YAHOO IS ALSO IN REALLY BAD SHAPE. THEY ANNOUNCED THEY ARE LAYING OFF 15% OF THEIR WORKFORCE. THAT IS AROUND 1,700 PEOPLE. HP HAS LAID OFF 33,000 AND MICROSOFT 7,800.

AND NOW SMALLER, HOT TECH COMPANIES ARE ALSO FEELING THE PAIN. GOPRO, INSTA CART, AUTO-DESK, AND YELP ARE ALL LAYING OFF.

Jon Swartz, USA Today San Francisco Bureau Chief: "A confluence of different events is happening that don't spell unbridled growth for 2016"

JON SWARTZ WROTE THIS ARTICLE FOR USA TODAY ABOUT HOW "THE HOUR OF RECKONING IS COMING FOR TECH" AND IT'S GOTTEN A LOT OF BUZZ.

Swartz: "I think you're going to see the belt tightening. It's not going to be this unbridled growth and stratospheric valuations that have been dominating tech for so long."

Sandberg: "It sounds so dramatic to say a big bubble pop. But it's definitely a slow-down. That is a fact. People are losing their job and companies are not hiring as aggressively as they were. So it's a definite change."

BOTH JON, ERICA AND OTHER TECH ANALYSTS I TALKED TO SAY THERE WILL NOT BE A FIERCE BUBBLE POP LIKE 2001. IT WILL BE A SLOW DOWN. LESSONS WERE LEARNED WITH THE DOT COM BUST AND THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW.

Swartz: "Now you have a much larger audience online. You have half a billion people versus half a million back then. You have a lot of real profitable businesses. The mobile phone revolution and the use of apps has all kind of led to a really strong internet economy. All I am saying is what you are going to see is a scaling back of what has been going on which was not sustainable to begin with"

Sandberg: "Are lessons learned? Some yes, some no. I have no faith whatsoever that everybody is going to go like well we've learned so much the last time and now we are not going down that path again, that's not necessarily true. But what is true is that people have this memory. We remember what it was like when jobs were scarce."

AND WE ALL NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR THAT – FOR JOBS BEING SCARCE. SO FROM WHAT I LEARNED, UNLESS THERE IS ANOTHER MAJOR TERRORIST ATTACK OR A FOREIGN MARKET COLLAPSING, THERE WILL NOT BE A DRAMATIC BUBBLE POP WITH A DIFFERENT COMPANY CLOSING ITS DOORS EVERY DAY. BUT, THIS SLOW-DOWN WILL AFFECT THE JOB MARKET. LAYOFFS WILL CONTINUE. IT WILL BE HARDER TO GET A TECH JOB HERE OR KEEP ONE YOU ALREADY HAVE.

TOMORROW NIGHT AT 8PM I COVER THAT PART OF THE STORY, HOW THIS AFFECTS JOBS AND I WILL HAVE SOME GOOD ADVICE TO SHARE FOR PEOPLE LOOKING FOR TECH JOBS, OR FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS ABOUT TO BE ENTER THE TECH WORKFORCE.

## **ECONOMY**

2/25/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

How tech slow-down will impact bay Area economy

IT IS NOT A BUBBLE POP, BUT SILICON VALLEY IS ENTERING A SLOW DOWN. SO HOW WILL THIS AFFECT TECH JOBS IN THE BAY AREA? OUR TECH TRENDS REPORTER GABE SLATE JOINS US WITH MORE:

RIGHT, LAST NIGHT WE LOOKED AT ALL THE EVIDENCE AND HEARD FROM EXPERTS POINTING US TO THE CONCLUSION THAT A BIG BUBBLE BURST IS NOT ABOUT TO HAPPEN HERE BUT THERE WILL BE A BIG SLOW DOWN. IF YOU WANT TO SEE THAT STORY IT'S ON OUR WEBSITE OR MOBILE APP.

TONIGHT, WE ARE FOCUSING ON HOW THIS SLOW DOWN WILL AFFECT THE TECH JOBS HERE. FOR THE WORKERS LAID OFF AND THE STUDENTS GRADUATING ENTERING THE WORKFORCE, WILL IT BE HARDER FOR THEM TO FIND A JOB?

I WENT TO THE SOURCE TO SEEK ANSWERS. IN THE HEART OF SILICON VALLEY IN SUNNYVALE IS THE NOVA JOB CENTER. THIS IS WHERE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN LAID OFF FROM A TECH JOB GO FOR HELP, OR PEOPLE LOOKING TO GET A TECH JOB GO FOR HELP.

Kris Stadelman, Nova Job Center Silicon Valley: "The hiring isn't roaring the way it was last year, but it's still pretty good."

KRIS IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE JOB CENTER HERE. SHE SAID THE SLOW DOWN HAS NOT AFFECTED TECH JOBS HERE YET.

Stadelman: "We are still seeing people go back to work, oddly enough. There are still a lot of layoffs, but that is typical churn for Silicon Valley. That is natural to us, that is our normal job market."

SAY WHAT?

THAT I FOUND SURPRISING. USUALLY WHEN WE HEAR LAYOFFS, WE THINK DOOM AND GLOOM.

PART OF THE REASON I'M DOING THIS STORY IS BECAUSE OF ALL THE RECENT LAYOFFS AND ALL THE LAYOFFS THAT ARE EXPECTED THIS YEAR IN THE TECH SECTOR. BUT AS KRIS BREAKS IT DOWN, A LOT OF LAYOFFS DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN A BUBBLE BURST.

Stadelman: "For us, large layoffs are not uncommon. And in fact, the companies having layoffs are often hiring at the very same time. And that is simply because the churn. It's mergers. It's new products, old ones going away. It's new coding languages, old ones becoming obsolete. The demands for skills from employers are changing rapidly and that has been happening. Companies layoff those with obsolete skills and go search the market place to scoop up those with the most up to date skills."

SO BOTTOM LINE, KRIS AND OTHER EXPERTS I TALKED TO SAID FOR TECH WORKERS THAT ARE HIGHLY SKILLED FOR NOW THEY WILL STILL FIND IT EASY TO GET A JOB HERE DURING THIS TECH SLOW DOWN WE WILL BE EXPERIENCING.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT HIGHLY SKILLED, AND FOR COLLEGE GRADS LOOKING TO BREAK INTO THE TECH SCENE HERE, IT WILL TAKE LONGER TO FIND A JOB THAN IT DID LAST YEAR.

AND, THEY SHOULD "SKILL UP." AND CONSIDER GETTING A JOB OVERSEAS, WHERE THERE IS LESS COMPETITION.

Stadelman: "One thing people can do to forestall long-term unemployment is sort of anticipate what is the next big thing and skill up, while you're still employed. Skills get very obsolete very quickly around here. Jobs are created and destroyed around here very fast."

Erica Sandberg, tech financial expert: "What is not such great news is if you're young, you're unexperienced and you don't have contacts, it's going to be harder in the future than it was in the past. If you're job seeking in the tech industry right now it's time to step back a little bit from the start-ups, the dicey companies with no product, or kind of a hazy product, who are not turning a profit yet. Personally I would go toward a more established company and certainly a company that is turning a profit."

GOOD ADVICE. AND FOR MORE ADVICE AND RESOURCES ON HOW TO KEEP YOUR TECH JOB OR GET A TECH JOB IF YOU HAVE BEEN LAID OFF OR IF YOU'RE A STUDENT ABOUT TO BE LOOKING FOR A TECH JOB HERE, CHECK OUT MY TECH PAGE ON KRON 4 DOT COM OR ON OUR MOBILE APP.

WITH YOUR TECH TRENDS GABE SLATE

## **ECONOMY**

3/10/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Fallout from Great Recession austerity measures still felt in San Jose

SAN JOSE POLICE HAVE DECLARED THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW IN CRISIS. PART OF THE PROBLEM -- CHRONIC LOW STAFFING. AS KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE REPORTS NOW, THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT IS FACING MANDATORY OVERTIME

Eddie Garcia, San Jose police chief: "Morale in the department is very tenuous right now."

SAYING STAFFING HAS HIT AN ALL TIME LOW, SAN JOSE POLICE CHIEF EDDIE GARCIA ANNOUNCED THURSDAY THAT NO ONE IN THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE SPARED FROM WORKING MANDATORY OVERTIME.

Garcia: "The low staffing number is clearly unsustainable and because of this we are working with the POA on the rollout of mandatory overtime for every police officer in this department, regardless of bureau."

CHIEF GARCIA WAS JOINED BY MAYOR SAM LICCARDO AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS WHO PLEDGED TO FIGHT A NEW LEGAL CHALLENGE FROM THE SILICON VALLEY TAXPAYER'S ASSOCIATION. THE LAWSUIT IS SEEN AS AN EFFORT TO UNDERMINE EFFORTS TO INVALIDATE THE CONTROVERSIAL, VOTER APPROVED MEASURE B PENSION REFORM, WHICH SPARKED AN EXODUS OF COPS THAT CONTINUES TO THIS DAY.

Mayor Sam Liccardo: "We have negotiated ballot language to go to the ballot in November. So far, we have the agreement of the police and fire unions and we are in negotiations now with the remaining unions. I'm confident we'll get there. And that ballot language will clearly empower the voters of this city to supplant Measure B with a series of protections that will ensure that the city cannot increase pension benefits or retirement health benefits without the vote of the people.

THE 839 STREET READY OFFICERS IS AN ALL TIME LOW SAYS THE CHIEF AND THAT HAS LED TO SLOWER RESPONSE TIMES AND MANY LOWER LEVEL CALLS LIKE BURGLARIES GOING UNANSWERED.

Chief Garcia: "As we put all our officers in patrol, we don't have the investigative resources to investigate your crime and we don't have the ability to deal with quality of life issues that we dealt with in the past."

MORALE TOO IS SUFFERING AND THE CHIEF SAYS THERE IS TALK OF PERHAPS CANCELLING THE NEXT POLICE ACADEMY ALTOGETHER FOR LACK OF INTEREST. IN SAN JOSE ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

## **ECONOMY**

3/16/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Unpopular move by city looking to make up budget shortfall

WHAT IS FREE NOW MIGHT COST YOU IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT PARKING PAST 6 AT NIGHT IN SAN FRANCISCO. KRON 4'S JUSTINE WALDMAN FOUND OUT WHY THIS COULD HAPPEN AND WHAT PEOPLE THINK OF THIS NEW PLAN:

WHEN EVERY NICKEL AND DIME COUNT, THE THOUGHT OF PAYING EVEN MORE TO PARK IN SAN FRANCISCO IS NOT GETTING RAVE REVIEWS.

Resident: "Not a great idea."

BUT PEOPLE MIGHT NEED TO SAVE THEIR CHANGE BECAUSE PARKING METER ENFORCEMENT COULD SOON EXTEND PAST 6PM.

Resident: "I like the 6pm rule. I know I can come get a spot and then have dinner and spend the evening down here without worrying about having to pay the meter."

HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED TO SPARK THE CHANGE. THIS WEEK, IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURE FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SENSITIVE TO INCOME INEQUALITY IN THE CITY, THE SFMTA VOTED TO DROP SOME TOWING FEES FROM NEARLY \$500 TO ABOUT \$380 STARTING APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>. WHILE THIS IS GOOD NEWS FOR SOME, THE MTA NOW NEEDS TO MAKE UP ABOUT A 10 MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET SHORTFALL. THE IDEA OF MAKING PEOPLE PAY TO PARK IN THE EVENINGS COULD BE A WAY TO GET BACK THE MONEY.

Resident: "It's a bad idea in residential neighborhoods where San Franciscans live and are running around after work trying to get things done."

THE LONGER HOURS AT THE METERS COULD JUST BE FOR BUSY COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS, BUT THE MTA IS LOOKING AT SEVERAL PLANS NOW.

THE OWNER OF CURBSIDE RESTAURANT ON CALIFORNIA AND FILLMORE WORRIES THIS COULD COST HIM BUSINESS.

Owner: "People always love to come out and eat and park for free, so I don't know why they would come over and pay for it."

WE WON'T KNOW IF YOU'LL HAVE TO FEED THE METER PAST 6 AND HOW MUCH LATER AT NIGHT UNTIL THIS SUMMER.

IN SAN FRANCISCO JUSTINE WALDMAN KRON 4 NEWS

## **ECONOMY**

3/16/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
Downside to booming local economy

LOW GASOLINE PRICES AND HIGH EMPLOYMENT MEAN BAY AREA COMMUTERS SPEND ABOUT 75 HOURS A YEAR STUCK IN TRAFFIC. GRANT LODES IS HERE WITH A LOOK AT HOW WE STACK UP COMPARED TO THE REST OF THE COUNTRY:

THERE IS ONLY ONE CITY WHERE THE TRAFFIC IS WORSE. YOU GUESSED IT, LOS ANGELES. HERE ARE THE COUNTRY'S MOST CONGESTED CITIES.

LA IS TOPS, WHERE THE AVERAGE COMMUTER WASTED 81 HOURS IN TRAFFIC LAST YEAR.

THE BAY AREA IS TIED WITH WASHINGTON, DC FOR SECOND PLACE, WITH NEW YORK AND HOUSTON ROUNDING OUT THE TOP FIVE.

OVERALL, AMERICANS SPENT EIGHT BILLION HOURS LOOKING AT THE TAILLIGHTS OF THE CAR AHEAD OF THEM. BY FAR THE WORST COMMUTE LOCALLY IS ON 680 AT MISSION BOULEVARD IN FREMONT, WHERE THE AVERAGE BACKUP ON FRIDAY AFTERNOONS IS 40 MINUTES.

## **ECONOMY**

3/23/16 KRON 4 News at 11pm  
California to vote on minimum wage

A PROPOSAL TO RAISE CALIFORNIA'S MINIMUM WAGE TO 15-DOLLARS AN HOUR HAS QUALIFIED FOR THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. CALIFORNIA'S CURRENT MINIMUM WAGE IS THE HIGHEST IN THE COUNTRY AT TEN DOLLARS AN HOUR. THE PROPOSAL WOULD RAISE IT BY ONE DOLLAR OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS UNTIL THE YEAR 2021.

A COMPETING PROPOSAL WOULD RAISE WAGES TO 15-DOLLARS BY 20-20... AND WOULD PROVIDE SIX PAID SICK DAYS A YEAR.

GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN SAYS A STEEP WAGE INCREASE WOULD BE "INCREDIBLY COSTLY."

## **ECONOMY**

3/28/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
Pros and cons of new minimum wage law

AS EXPECTED, GOVERNOR BROWN HAS ANNOUNCED A DEAL WITH LAWMAKERS TO GRADUALLY RAISE CALIFORNIA'S MINIMUM WAGE TO 15 DOLLARS AN HOUR, THE HIGHEST IN THE NATION. KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE HAS MORE ON THE DEAL AND REACTION FROM LABOR AND BUSINESS INTERESTS:

ALREADY PUTTING IN A LOT OF HOURS BEHIND THE COUNTER OF HIS MOJO BURGERS FRANCHISE IN SAN JOSE, OWNER PETER FAVRE SAYS RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE MEANS SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS LIKE HIM WILL HAVE TO TAKE EVEN MORE HOURS AWAY FROM THE HELP AND PROBABLY RAISE HIS PRICES AS WELL.

Peter Favre, small business owner: "I just feel that the bottom line with an increase in minimum wage is that it gets passed on to the consumer."

BRUSHING ASIDE THOSE CONCERNS, THE GOVERNOR ON MONDAY ANNOUNCED A DEAL WITH LABOR GROUPS AND TOP LEGISLATORS.

Governor Jerry Brown: "It's a matter of economic justice. It makes sense. It will help our entire state do much better for its citizens."

UNDER THE PLAN, THE MINIMUM WAGE WOULD GO UP FIFTY CENTS AN HOUR FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS AND THEN A DOLLAR AN HOUR PER YEAR UNTIL IT REACHES 15 DOLLARS. THE SOUTH BAY LABOR COUNCIL'S BEN FIELD SAYS IT'S GOING TO A BIG HELP FOR THOSE MOST IN NEED.

Ben Field, South Bay Labor Council: "At the lower end of the pay spectrum, these increases make a huge difference. Workers right now are struggling to get by and many of them are not making ends meet. They're not earning enough to pay for essentials, particularly in the Bay Area where the cost of living is extremely high."

FIELD ADDS THAT WITH MORE MONEY IN THEIR POCKET THOSE MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS WILL HAVE MORE MONEY TO SPEND, HELPING THE ECONOMY.

BUT FAVRE SAYS SUCH AN EXTREME HIKE IN THE MINIMUM WAGE COULD BACK FIRE, RESULTING NOT JUST IN FEWER HOURS FOR WORKERS, BUT LAYOFFS. THE BUSINESS OWNER SAYS THE HELP WANTED SIGN CURRENTLY IN HIS WINDOW MIGHT NOT BE UP FOR LONG IS THE MEASURE PASSES.

Favre: "An increase in minimum wage is always tighter employee controls and less hiring by companies and definitely less hours issued."

PROPONENTS OF THE WAGE HIKE SCOFF AT THE IDEA IT WILL LEAD TO MORE UNEMPLOYMENT, BUT PETER FAVRE ARGUES IN TURN THAT THE BURGER BUSINESS, FOR EXAMPLE, IS 'PENNIES ON THE DOLLAR' AND EVEN A MODEST HIKE IN THE PAY ROLL IS GOING TO HURT HIS BOTTOM LINE

Favre: "The other outcome is myself as the owner working more hours, trying to control the labor line which effects the number of employees I hire and the amount of hours I give them."

BOILING IT DOWN, THE OWNER OF MOJO BURGERS SAYS IT'S LIKE THIS, HE FEELS CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE. HE SAYS HE'LL HAVE TO RAISE HIS PRICES IF THE MINIMUM WAGE GOES UP AND THAT IN TURN COULD COST HIM SOME BUSINESS.

IF THE MINIMUM WAGE HIKE FAILS TO PASS THE LEGISLATURE AND WIN THE GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE, LABOR GROUPS SAY THEY WILL PRESS AHEAD WITH PLANS TO TAKE IT TO THE BALLOT.

IN SAN JOSE ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

## **1Q2016 EDUCATION**

### **EDUCATION**

1/15/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

No nonsense teaching

THE WORD TEACHERS NEVER SAY AT SOME SCHOOLS.... WE'LL TAKE YOU INSIDE A NO-NONSENSE CLASSROOM...

A NEW EDUCATION CONCEPT IS TAKING OFF IN SCHOOLS IN NORTH CAROLINA. IT'S CALLED NO-NONSENSE NURTURING. GRANT SUSKIN EXPLAINS WHY TEACHERS ARE NOT USING THE WORD "PLEASE" WITH THE STUDENTS THERE:

Teacher: "Give me a sentence with the word jump."

THIS FIRST GRADE CLASS AT THE DRUID HILLS ACADEMY LOOKS LIKE ANY OTHER, BUT THE TEACHER SPEAKS A BIT DIFFERENTLY. YOU WON'T HEAR HER SAY PLEASE SIT DOWN OR PLEASE STOP TALKING. INSTEAD, IT'S....

Teacher: "When I say go level zero, put your materials..."

THE CONCEPT IS NO-NONSENSE NURTURING AIMED AT NOT ONLY IMPROVING BEHAVIOR BUT CREATING A BETTER LEARNING ENVIRONMENT BY CLEARLY TELLING KIDS WHAT'S EXPECTED OF THEM.

DENISE WATTS LEADS PROJECT LIFT THAT PROVIDES HELP TO LOW ACHIEVING SCHOOLS.

Watts: "An adult is expected to come to work every day. Nobody says will you please come to work."

SO INSTEAD OF PRAISING A CHILD FOR DOING ONLY WHAT'S EXPECTED, STUDENTS ARE PRAISED WHEN THEY GO ABOVE AND BEYOND. WATTS SAYS IT'S MORE THAN A TEACHING METHOD.

Watts: "It's a culture that is both no-nonsense but nurturing at the same time."

SOME PARENTS SAY IT'S A GOOD IDEA BUT NEEDS HELP FROM FAMILIES, TOO.

Parent: "If it's not instilled at home then it will be difficult on teachers to try to instill."

BUT CMS SAYS ALL TEACHERS IN THE PROGRAM USE THE SAME PLAYBOOK, SO EACH CLASS THE STUDENT GOES TO THEY'LL HEAR THE SAME MESSAGE, INSTEAD OF EACH TEACHER TRYING WHATEVER WORKS FOR THAT DAY.

ONE PARENT TOLD ME IT COULD IMPROVE DISCIPLINE, TOO.

Parent: "I do believe in them being more firm with the kids. If you don't, they can just run right over you."

THE NO-NONSENSE NURTURING PROGRAM WAS INTRODUCED THREE YEARS AGO AND IS NOW USED IN MORE THAN 200 SCHOOLS AROUND THE NATION.

## **EDUCATION**

1/18/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Setback for school lunch improvements

LAWMAKERS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE ARE COMING TOGETHER TO DELAY WHAT MANY SEE AS HEALTHY CHANGES TO SCHOOL LUNCHES. A BI-PARTISAN SENATE BILL IN WASHINGTON AIMS TO REVISE HEALTHIER MEAL STANDARDS PUT INTO PLACE OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

THE BILL WOULD EASE REQUIREMENTS ON WHOLE GRAINS AND DELAY A DEADLINE TO CUT SODIUM LEVELS ON THE LUNCH LINE. THE LEGISLATION AIM IS TO EASE THE BURDEN ON SOME



SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHICH COMPLAINED THE NEW RULES WOULD BE TOO HARD TO PUT INTO PLACE.

## **EDUCATION**

1/26/16 KRON 4 News at 11p

East Bay school district struggles with overcrowding

THE DUBLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS A BIG PROBLEM WITH OVERCROWDED SCHOOLS. FAMILIES ARE WORKING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD TO COME UP WITH A SOLUTION. KRON 4'S ALECIA REID WAS AT THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TONIGHT. SHE JOINS US NOW. ARE THEY ANYWHERE CLOSE TO A FIX FOR THE PROBLEM?

OVERCROWDING IS A BIG CONCERN AT DUBLIN SCHOOLS. BUT THIS IS JUST THE BEEGINNING OF THE PROCESS. THEY HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE A PERMANENT SOLUTION IS ACHIEVED.

Concerned parent: "A prison culture is what we'll have with more and more crowding."

VOICING THEIR CONCERNS, PARENTS FEAR THE WORST FOR THEIR CHILDREN. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS SITTING DOWN WITH PARENTS TO COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS.

Michelle McDonald, Dublin Unified School District: "We have a school in the pipeline that's gonna open in the fall of 2018, and another that we're preparing, and we're in discussion about another high school in Dublin, because we're a one high school city."

ONE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE SECOND FASTEST GROWING CITY IN THE STATE. MANY STUDENTS IN THE DUBLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOW USE PORTABLE CLASSROOMS. THAT HELPS KEEP THE STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO AT THE AVERAGE. YET, MARGARET LIANG WHO HAS TWINS IN THE 3RD GRADE FORESEES A BIGGER PROBLEM. SHE SAYS THE EAST SIDE OF TOWN NEEDS ITS OWN HIGH SCHOOL.

Margaret Liang, concerned parent: "For such a small city to have one high school with 5 thousand students, I don't think that should be an option."

AT THE RATE THE CITY IS GROWING, THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS BEING ADMITTED TO THE DUBLIN SCHOOLS SKYROCKETING. FAMILIES ARE HOPING THE DECISION TO ADD ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE MADE SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.

## **EDUCATION**

2/18/16 KRON 4 evening News

Parents sue over services for special needs students

THERE'S GROWING CONCERN AMONG PARENTS ABOUT THE COMING RELEASE OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION ON MILLIONS OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOL CHILDREN. A JUDGE HAS RULED THAT NAMES, ADDRESSES, PHYSICAL ASSESSMENTS, EVEN SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS BE MADE AVAILABLE. THIS FOLLOWS A 5-YEAR-OLD LEGAL BATTLE BETWEEN THE 'MORGAN HILL CONCERNED PARENTS ASSOCIATION' AND CALIFORNIA'S DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION --- OVER WHETHER DISABLED STUDENTS ARE GETTING ENOUGH ACCESS TO SERVICES MANDATED BY FEDERAL LAW. KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE TALKED TO ONE OF THE PLAINTIFFS IN THE LAWSUIT:

Jayne Rovianek, Morgan Hill Concerned Parents Association: "We just want services for our kids."

JAYNE ROVIANEK, A PARENT IN THE MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, HAS TWO SONS, RICHARD AND QUINCY, WHO SUFFER FROM ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER AND DEPRESSION, JOINED THE LAWSUIT AGAINST THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ACCESS SPECIAL SERVICES SHE SAYS WERE BEING DENIED.

Rovianek: "We didn't want a whole lot of descriptive information, just basic information, so that our group could pinpoint other families that were also having the same problem."

ROVIANEK AND OTHER PARENTS OF SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS SAY THEY AREN'T AFTER SPECIFIC STUDENT INFORMATION BUT WANT TO FIND OUT IF KIDS WITH BEHAVIORAL ISSUES HAD AN APPROPRIATE MANAGEMENT PLAN IN PLACE THE LAST THING SHE WANTS IS TO COMPROMISE A CLASSMATE'S PRIVACY.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOUGHT TO WITHHOLD ANY STUDENT INFORMATION AND DENIES IT HAS FAILED TO MEET FEDERAL GUIDELINES WITH REGARD TO SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS BUT JAYNE ROVIANEK AND OTHERS ADVOCATING FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES THINKS OTHERWISE.

Rovianek: "It's not so much the information itself. This is the common plight of many special needs parents that districts will disallow or not give services because it's a way of saving money."

IT'S NOT CLEAR WHEN THE INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED, PERHAPS AS SOON AS LATER THIS SPRING. WHEN IT IS RELEASED, IT WON'T HAPPEN THROUGH LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, LIKE MORGAN HILL UNIFIED, BUT RATHER DIRECTLY FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO A COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL MASTER WHO WILL THEN DISSEMINATE THAT INFORMATION TO THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEYS AS NEEDED. AND WE'RE TOLD A PLAN IS IN THE WORKS TO GIVE PARENTS CONCERNED ABOUT THE RELEASE OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION, SUCH AS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, THE OPPORTUNITY TO OPT OUT ONLINE

IN MORGAN HILL ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

## **EDUCATION**

2/19/16 KRON 4 Evening News

New trend in classroom furniture

A GROWING TREND IN THE WORKPLAC HAS MADE ITS WAY INTO ONE ANTIOCH CLASSROOM. FIFTH GRADERS AT BELSHAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAVE TRADED IN THEIR OLD DESKS FOR ONES THAT REQUIRE THEM TO STAND UP AS THEY LEARN. KRON 4'S MAUREEN KELLY REPORTS THE IDEA WAS TO HELP THE STUDENTS PAY ATTENTION IN SCHOOL, BUT THE KIDS SAY THERE ARE OTHER BENEFITS AS WELL:

KEEPING KIDS IN THEIR SEATS IS NOT A PROBLEM IN THIS CLASSROOM. BECAUSE MOST STUDENTS IN MR. ANDREWS FIFTH GRADE CLASS DON'T HAVE A CHAIR TO SIT IN. THIS CAME ABOUT AFTER THE BELSHAW SCHOOL TEACHER GOT WIND OF THE IDEA OF THE STANDING DESK AND MADE THE PITCH TO HIS PRINCIPAL TO LET HIM GIVE IT TRY AS A WAY TO HELP KIDS PAY ATTENTION TO THEIR LESSONS. HE SAYS HE CAN SEE A CHANGE IN HIS PUPILS. HE SAYS STANDING HELPS IMPROVE THE STUDENTS ABILITY TO PAY ATTENTION IN CLASS AND FOCUS ON THEIR WORK.

Andrews: "The longer they are in it the more focused and on task they seem to be."

BUT THERE ALSO ARE BELIEVED TO BE HEALTH BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH KEEPING ONE'S FEET SINCE SITTING FOR LONG PERIODS HAS BEEN LINKED WITH THINGS LIKE OBESITY, HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND CARDIO VASCULAR DISEASE.

Andrews: "When you have good posture it helps blood circulation and it increases your focus levels and your ability to focus for long periods of time."

THE DESKS COME WITH WHAT'S CALLED A FIDGET BAR THAT LETS KIDS BURN OFF EXCESS ENERGY. AND YOU CAN SEE IS A VERY POPULAR FEATURE. ONE PARENT WE TALKED TO SAYS IT SEEMS TO BE WORKING FOR HER DAUGHTER.

Parent: "She's always been fidgety. She likes the fidget bar because she can move around and not disrupt the whole class. Her behavior has improved as well."

THE STUDENTS SAY STANDING ALL DAY INSTEAD OF PLOPPING DOWN AT THEIR DESKS TOOK SOME GETTING USED TO.

Student: "At first my feet hurt."

BUT THEY HAVE NOTICED A CHANGE IN HOW THEY LEARN. THEY FEEL THAT STANDING UP IS HELPING THEM LEARN BETTER THAN THEY DID WHEN THEY WERE SITTING.

Student: "I wasn't playing as close of attention. I was getting in trouble more. But now with the standing desk it's better. I'm getting smarter. I'm on the honor roll."

AND SEVERAL SAY THAT THEY EVEN FEEL BETTER AFTER A DAY AT THEIR STANDING DESK THAN THEY DID WHEN THEY HAD CHAIRS.

Student: "When I go home I feel more energetic."

Student: "I don't just go home and take a nap. Now I get my homework done after school."

THE STANDING DESKS HAVE WORKED OUT SO WELL THAT THE PINCIPAL HAS ORDERED NEW DESKS FOR THE OTHER FIFTH GRADE CLASSES AND, AT \$200 APIECE, HE'S APPLYING FOR GRANTS SO THAT EVENTUALLY THE THIRD AND FOURTH GRADERS CAN STAND AS THEY STUDY AS WELL.

MAUREEN KELLY KRON 4 NEWS

## **EDUCATION**

2/23/16 KRON 4 News at 11pm

Controversy over condoms in middle schools

THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE CONDOMS TO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS. UNDER THE RESOLUTION STUDENTS WILL MEET WITH SCHOOL NURSES FOR ASSESSMENT, EDUCATION AND INTERVENTION. STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE CONDOMS ONLY WHEN A NURSE DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE. THE DECISION IS VERY CONTROVERSIAL, WITH MANY PARENTS UPSET. KRON 4'S VICKI LIVIAKIS SPOKE EARLIER TODAY WITH PARENTS, EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS ABOUT WHAT THEY THINK ABOUT THE POLICY:

Parent: "For a 10 year old? That's a crazy thing to do for the child."

Educator: "We've learned that some parents have concerns, but we know that students have questions about sexuality and we also know that the law allows young members of society to access condoms."

Educator: "Students as young as fifth and sixth grades are experiencing puberty."

AS EDUCATORS CONTEND, IT'S BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY WHEN IT COMES TO SEX

High school student: "I think it's a bit young. They're not ready for it yet."

High school student: "That's way too young. I don't want my sister coming home with condoms in her backpack."

High school student: "It's kind of giving them the idea. When I was in eighth grade, it didn't even cross my mind because I didn't have access to having safe sex."

THIS GROUP OF SAN FRANCISCO HIGH SCHOOL KIDS HAS MIXED FEELINGS.

"Bad idea."

"Don't do it."

"They're not old enough."

"But you gotta be safe. They should start teaching them younger."

CONDOMS IN THE CLASSROOM IS A HOT BUTTON ISSUE AND SO CONTROVERSIAL, THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING WAS PACKED WALL TO WALL TONIGHT WAITING FOR THE VOTE.

VICKI LIVIAKIS KRON 4 NEW

## **EDUCATION**

2/29/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Latest developments at local special needs school under attack (part of on-going coverage of this story)

THE ANTIOCH SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL WHICH CAME UNDER FIRE AFTER A VIDEO SHOWING A STUDENT BEING ABUSED BY A TEACHER'S AIDE WENT VIRAL, HAS RESPONDED TO THE STATE'S CALL FOR REFORMS. KRON 4'S MAUREEN KELLY HAS THE LATEST ON THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND SHE TALKED WITH AN ATTORNEY WHO SAYS HE IS PLANNING TO SUE THE SCHOOL ON BEHALF OF A NUMBER OF STUDENTS:

IT WAS A VIDEO THAT CAUSED ANGER AND OUTRAGE, SHOWING A NINE YEAR OLD BOY BEING SLAPPED AND DRAGGED BY A TEACHER'S AIDE AT THE ANTIOCH TOBINWORLD II CAMPUS.

TWO AIDES WERE FIRED, AND NOW ONE HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH MISDEAMOR CHILD ABUSE AND ANOTHER HAS BEEN CHARGED FOR ALLEGEDLY FAILING TO REPORT IT.

THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GAVE TOBINWORLD UNTIL LAST WEEK TO COME UP WITH A PLAN OF ACTION TO MAKE SURE EMPLOYEES ARE TRAINED ANNUALLY ON HOW TO REPORT INSTANCES OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE AND DEVELOP A POSITIVE BEHAVIOR IMPLEMENTATION TRAINING PROGRAM.

TOBINWORLD SAYS THEY'VE MET THE DEADLINE, BUT THE ATTORNEY NOW REPRESENTING THE CHILD IN THIS VIDEO SAYS IT'S ABOUT TIME THE STATE STEPPED IN.

Peter Alfert, attorney: "This particular school has been known for some time to be using techniques that are unlawful in the state of California."

AVERSIVE TECHNIQUES, SUCH AS RESTRAINING OR HOLDING A CHILD DOWN, WHICH BY LAW SHOULD ONLY BE USED WHEN A CHILD IS A DANGER TO HIMSELF OR OTHERS.

THE ATTORNEY IS ALSO REPRESENTING ANOTHER FAMILY WHO SAYS AN AIDE FORCIBLY HELD THEIR SON'S FACE DOWN ON THE DESK. THIS A PHOTO OF THE BRUSING THE NINE YEAR OLD SUFFERED.

Alfert: "And that was with the behaviorist watching. So what happens to these kids when someone from outside the school is not watching?"

THE ATTORNEY SAYS THIS SAME STUDENT WAS RESTRAINED 40 TIMES IN ONE YEAR AT TOBINWORLD.

Alfert: "This a child who in regular school had never been restrained and all of a sudden he was to be restrained 40 times because he's a danger to himself or others? I don't believe it."

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TOBINWORLD SCHOOLS RELEASED THIS STATEMENT TODAY: "My life's mission is to improve specialized education and increase access for children who desperately need our care. We strive to cultivate a positive educational environment at our schools and do not use aversive therapy."

THE ATTORNEY REPRESENTING BOTH BOYS SAYS HE PLANS TO FILE A LAWSUIT AGAINST TOBINWORLD IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. AND THERE MAY BE MORE TO FOLLOW. SINCE THIS VIDEO CAME OUT, HE'S BEEN CALLED BY APPROXIMATELY EIGHT OTHER FAMILIES WHO HAVE RAISED SIMILAR CONCERNS ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN AT TOBINWORLD.

MAUREEN KELLY KRON4 NEWS.

## **EDUCATION**

3/3/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Update on controversial release of student records

THE RECORDS OF NEARLY TEN MILLION CALIFORNIA STUDENTS WILL NOT BE RELEASED TO ATTORNEYS AFTERALL, BECAUSE OF A NEW RULING BY A FEDERAL JUDGE. KRON 4'S KATE CAGLE HAS BEEN POURING OVER THE COURT DOCUMENTS AND JOINS US WITH WHAT THIS RULING MEANS FOR YOUR CHILDREN:

PARENTS WERE WORRIED THAT THE RECORDS COULD BE VULNERABLE TO HACKERS IF THEY WERE RELEASED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO THE PLAINTIFF'S OF A LAWSUIT.

THE FEDERAL JUDGE RULING ON THIS ISSUE RECEIVED SO MANY OBJECTIONS FROM PARENTS SHE CAN'T EVEN READ THEM ALL. BECAUSE OF THE FLOOD OF MAIL INTO THE FEDERAL COURT, THE JUDGE WILL STRENGTHEN PROTECTIONS ON STUDENT'S DATA.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THE PLAINTIFFS IN THIS CASE ARE ALSO PARENTS WHO SAY CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS ARE NOT ADEQUATELY SERVING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. TWO WEEKS AGO, WE SAT DOWN WITH ONE OF THE PLAINTIFFS FROM MORGAN HILL WHO EXPLAINED WHY THEY WANT TO LOOK AT STUDENT DATA.

Jayne Rovianelk, plaintiff: "We didn't want descriptive information. Just basic information. So that our group could pinpoint other families who were also having the same problems."

JAYNE SAYS HER TWO SONS WHO HAVE ATTENTION DEFICITE DISORDER AND DEPRESSION ARE NOT GETTING AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION. UNDER THE RULING, ATTORNEYS WILL HAVE TO GET STUDENT DATA DIRECTLY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. IN HER RULING TODAY, JUDGE MUELLER SAYS THIS CASE HIGHLIGHTS HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO PARENTS THAT THEIR STUDENT'S PRIVATE INFORMATION STAYS IN SECURE HANDS.

KATE CAGLE KRON 4 NEWS

## **EDUCATION**

3/16/16 KRN 4 News at 8pm

Parents upset about guest at local school

A SPECIAL GUEST AT AN EAST BAY HIGH SCHOOL IS CAUSING AN UPROAR FROM PARENTS. FORMER 49ER RAY MCDONALD, WHO WILL STAND TRIAL FOR ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHARGES, SPOKE WITH AT-RISK STUDENTS IN AN ASSEMBLY LAST MONTH. KRON 4'S ALECIA REID JOINS US LIVE FROM TENNYSON HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE PARENTS DID NOT FIND OUT ABOUT HIS APPEARANCE UNTIL AFTER IT HAPPENED:

PARENTS ARE NOT HAPPY ABOUT THIS. THEY COMPLAINED TO THE DISTRICT THAT THIS IS ALREADY A POOR PERFORMING SCHOOL AND USING RAY MCDONALD AS A MENTOR WAS A BAD IDEA.

School spokesperson: "Aall we can do is apologize to the parents, and set a policy in place."

A POLICY THAT SHOULDVE ALREADY BEEN IN PLACE. TENNYSON HIGH SCHOOL HAS A "DROP OUT PREVENTION" PROGRAM WHERE GUEST SPEAKERS MOTIVATE STUDENTS THAT ARE AT-RISK FOR NOT GRADUATING. BUT SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE DR. LUIS RENOSO SAYS WITH NEARLY 70% OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FAILING, SOMEONE WITH A QUESTIONABLE BACKGROUND SHOULDN'T BE USED AS A MENTOR TO THESE STUDENTS.

Dr. Renoso: "The talk is about respect and restraint, yet if you look at his lifestyle it doesn't show either."

BOTH THE 49'ERS AND THE CHICAGO BEARS DROPPED RAY MCDONALD AFTER A NUMBER OF RUN-INS WITH THE LAW DEALING WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND RAPE. VOLUNTEERS THAT TAKE PART IN THE SCHOOL'S PROGRAM ARE NORMALLY VETTED

THROUGH A BACKGROUND CHECK. YET RENOSO SAYS MCDONALD BYPASSED ALL THAT BEFORE TALKING TO HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS AT AN ASSEMBLY.

Dr. Renoso: "I'm just disappointed at the whole leadership. Here we condone violence."

PARENTS ARE RILED UP ABOUT THIS APPEARANCE. BUT STUDENTS WERE EXCITED ABOUT THE VISIT. EDUARDO LOPEZ, CURRENTLY A QUARTERBACK ON THE VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, AND SOME OF HIS FRIENDS SAT IN THAT ASSEMBLY. NONE OF THEM HAD ANY IDEA ABOUT MCDONALD'S CURRENT LEGAL TROUBLES, BUT SAY THEY WERE INSPIRED BY HIS VISIT.

Lopez: "How he went through the hood and everything and how he made it to success."

Friend: "I learned that I go through hard times, too. But I gotta keep my head on and do what I gotta do to get to my goal."

WE REACHED OUT TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND HAVEN'T HEARD BACK, BUT THEY DID SEND THIS LETTER TO PARENTS SAYING RAY MCDONALD HAS NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME, BUT IT MAY HAVE BEEN INAPPROPRIATE TO HAVE HIM AS A GUEST SPEAKER, ALTHOUGH HE WAS HERE TO SHARE A POSITIVE MESSAGE.

IN THE MEANTIME, THERE HAS BEEN AN INTERNAL REVIEW TO DETERMINE WHAT PROTOCOLS WERE FOLLOWED WHEN BRINGING HIM IN.

REPORTING LIVE IN HAYWARD ALECIA REED KRON4 NEWS

## **EDUCATION**

3/23/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Parent reaction to middle school teacher meltdown (part of ongoing exclusive coverage)

WE'RE GETTING NEW INFORMATION TONIGHT ABOUT THE TEACHER CAUGHT ON CAMERA HAVING A MELTDOWN IN A CLASSROOM FULL OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS. IT'S A STORY YOU'LL SEE ONLY ON KRON 4 NEWS. THE CLASSROOM WAS IN A CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SCHOOL. AS KRON 4'S TERISA ESTACIO REPORTS, PARENTS ARE UPSET ABOUT THE VIDEO AND SOME ARE WONDERING IF THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE:

THIS EXCLUSIVE VIDEO OBTAINED BY KRON 4 NEWS SHOWS THE TEACHER LOSING HIS TEMPER IN A CLASSROOM. WE SHOWED PARENTS THE VIDEO AND AS YOU CAN SEE, THEY WERE VISABLY UPSET ABOUT HEARING THE TEACHER SEEMINGLY ANGRY ABOUT SOME MISSING RUBBER BANDS YELL AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS.

Aurelio Diaz: "That is awful."

THIS FATHER SAYS HE WONDERS IF THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE AND WHAT THE SCHOOL IS GOING TO DO.

Diaz: "I'm going to talk to my child and see. It makes me upset."

AMALIA GARCIA HAS 4 CHILDREN INCLUDING ONE THAT ATTENDS ANTIOCH MIDDLE SCHOOL WHERE THE INCIDENT HAPPENED.

Amalia Garcia, parent: "I'm alarmed."

KRON4 REACHED OUT TO THE SCHOOL. THE PRINCIPAL DECLINED TO GO ON CAMERA, BUT SAID THE TEACHER INVOLVED WAS A LONGTERM SUBSTITUTE AND HAS SINCE BEEN LET GO.

AS FOR THE DISTRICT, WE REACHED OUT TO THEM AS WELL. WE WANTED TO KNOW IF THERE HAD BEEN PREVIOUS INCIDENTS INVOLVING THIS TEACHER. THEY WOULD ONLY TELL US THE CASE IS UNDER REVIEW AND THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTEMENT IS CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION.

THIS PARENT WHO DID NOT WANT TO GO ON CAMERA BELIEVED THE TEACHER WAS WRONG, BUT ALSO THOUGHT THE STUDENTS WERE BEHAVING BADLY.

Parent: "You don't go to play; you go to learn. They were not respecting the teacher."

KRON4 OBTAINED THE VIDEO FROM A SOURCE WHO ALLEGED SCHOOL OFFICIALS WERE UPSET ABOUT THE VIDEO AND WANTED IT DELETED AND CERTAINLY NOT GIVEN TO THE MEDIA.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS STORY. AND YOU CAN FOLLOW ALONG WITH OUR MOBILE APP FOR THE VERY LATEST ON THIS STORY AND OTHER NEWS.

IN ANTIOCH TERISA ESTACIO KRON 4 NEWS

## **EDUCATION**

3/23/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Follow up on Antioch teacher story – reactions from viewers

THIS OUTBURST COST A CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SUBSTITUTE TEACHER HIS JOB. IN THIS VIDEO, WHICH YOU WILL ONLY SEE ON KRON4, HE LOSES HIS TEMPER AT STUDENTS INSIDE THE CLASSROOM OVER MISSING SCHOOL SUPPLIES. WE FIRST BROUGHT YOU THIS EXCLUSIVE VIDEO LAST NIGHT HERE AT 8 AND MANY OF YOU TOLD US ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS THE STUDENTS NOT THE TEACHER...ARE TO BLAME FOR THE BEHAVIOR.

THE STORY HAS CREATED A VERY HEADTED CONVERSATION ON OUR KRON4 FACEBOOK PAGE WHERE IF YOU THINK THAT TEACHER WAS ENTIRELY OUT OF LINE AND UNJUSTIFIED, YOU'D BE IN THE MINORITY. GRANT IS HERE WITH SOME EXAMPLES OF WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING.

MICHELLE WRITES: "Kids are soooo cruel to subs!!! I'm a teacher and I've seen it firsthand! They torment these teachers! No respect!!"

HERE'S WHAT SANDY HAS TO SAY: "Many teachers have to purchase school supplies for classroom use out of their own pockets. Teacher probably thought a student stole or hid the box of rubber bands and maybe other school supplies."

AND BRENDA: "The teacher sets the example, and in no way do I want my kids or grandkids to think this is ok. He threatens to call security, which is what he should have done."

DOES THE TEACHER GO OFF THE RAILS? SURE. BUT NOT HAVING BEEN A TEACHER IN A CLASSROOM WHERE KIDS MAYBE TAUNT YOU, YOU CAN SEE WHY SOME PEOPLE ARE COMMENTING AS THEY ARE. YOU CAN JOIN THIS CONVERSATION ON OUR KRON4 FACEBOOK FAN PAGE.



## **1Q2016 ENVIRONMENT**

### **ENVIRONMENT**

1/7/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Status report on Bay Area reservoirs

THERE ARE HIGH HOPES THIS WINTER THAT THESE STORMS WILL FILL UP CALIFORNIA'S RESERVOIRS AND LEAD TO THE END OF CALIFORNIA'S YEARS-LONG DROUGHT. WHILE MANY EXPERTS CAUTION, IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN ONE RAINY SEASON TO FIX THE PROBLEM, THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE THAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE. KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD WAS IN THE SOUTH BAY TODAY WHERE HE CHECKED THE WATER LEVELS AT SEVERAL RESERVOIRS:

BACK ON DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> WE VISITED THREE RESERVOIRSHERE IN THE SOUTH BAY USING QUADCOPTER 4. WE WANTED TO GET AN OVERHEAD VIEW OF WHAT THOSE RESERVOIRS LOOKED LIKE AFTER FOUR YEARS OF DROUGHT. AND NOW, A MONTH AND SEVERAL STORMS LATER, WE DECIDED TO TAKE A SECOND LOOK.

THE FIRST RESERVOIR WE VISITED WAS ANDERSON LAKE NER MORGAN HILL. THIS IS HOW IT LOOKED BACK ON DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> AND HERE'S HOW IT LOOKS ON JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>. THERE'S NOT REALLY A NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCE. THE WATER LINE APPEARS TO BE AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL.

THE SECOND STOP WE MADE WAS A FEW MILES AWAY AT THE COLERO RESERVOIR. THIS IS HOW THE LAKED LOOKED FROM QUADCOPTER 4 A MONTH AGO AND HERE'S HOW IT LOOKS NOW. AGAIN, NOT MUCH DIFFERENCE IN THE WATER LEVEL.

BUT THAT'S NOT THE CASE WITH OUR THIRD STOP WHICH WAS AT THE STEVENS CREEK RESERVOIR. THIS IS HOW STEVENS CREEK LOOKED BACK IN DECEMBER. THE WATER LEVEL WAS EXTREMELY LOW. THERE WERE LONG STRETCHES OF THE RESERVOIR THAT WERE ALMOST COMPLETELY EMPTY WITH JUST A TRICKLE OF WATER FLOWING THROUGH THE MIDDLE. YOU COULD ALSO SEE MUD BETWEEN THE WATER LINE AND THE BOTTOM OF THE DAM.

A MONTH LATER, THE WATER LEVEL IN THE RESERVOIR HAS RISEN SIGNIFICANTLY. THOSE LONG EMPTY SECTIONS OF THE LAKE ARE NOW FILLIN UP WITH MUDDY WATER AND THE LAKE IS ONCE AGAIN TOUCHING THE BOTTOM OF THE DAM.

THERE IS ALSO RUNOFF FROM THE SURROUNDING MOUNTAINS GUSHING INTO THE RESERVOIR. HERE'S ANOTHER LOOK AT A DRY PART OF THE LAKE FROM EARLY DECEMBER AND HERE'S HOW THE SAME SPOT LOOKS NOW.

IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

1/12/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
The latest on El Nino

WE CONTINUE TO TRACK EL NINO. IT IS STILL ON COURSE TO RANK AMONG THE STRONGEST ON RECORD AND IT'S NOT LIKELY TO GO AWAY ANY TIME SOON. AS KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE REPORTS NOW, THE BIGGEST EFFECTS FROM EL NINO MAY BE YET TO COME:

SOME BAY AREA LOCALES ARE ABOVE AVERAGE FOR SEASONAL RAINFALL WHILE OTHERS ARE A BIT BELOW NORMAL, BUT THAT MAY BE ABOUT TO CHANGE. AS THIS GRAPHIC SHOWS, EL NINO HAS PASSED ITS PEAK IN TERMS OF TROPICAL OCEAN TEMPERATURES BUT JAN NULL, OF GOLDEN GATE WEATHER SERVICE, SAYS IT'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE ANYTIME SOON.

Jan Null, Golden gate Weather Service: "The fact that it has peaked there doesn't mean that the effects have peaked here in California. The effects will be felt for several more months. This is what we've seen with all the past El Nino events like what we have now.

IN TERMS OF CUMULATIVE IMPACT, THE EARLY RAIN FINDS THE SIERRA SNOW PACK AT 103 PERCENT OF NORMAL WHILE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S BIG THREE RESERVOIRS, TRINITY, SHASTA AND OROVILLE ARE RUNNING AROUND 50-PERCENT OF HISTORICAL AVERAGE. BUT NULL SAYS THE CURRENT WEATHER PATTERN IS BEGINNING TO MIRROR THE STRONG EL NINO YEARS OF THE PAST

Null: "If we look at 97/98 which is the most similar one in terms of strength to the current year, January and February both had over 12 inches of rain, three to four times the normal rainfall for those months. And we are certainly off to a somewhat wet beginning in the first ten days of January. But the pattern is shifting and it looks like even a wetter second two thirds of the month."

AGAIN, BASED ON PAST EL NINOS, NULL AND OTHER FORECASTERS EXPECT OCEAN TEMPERATURES TO SLOWLY DECLINE AND EL NINO TO DECAY THROUGH THE WINTER. BUT FOR NOW, THE STORM DOOR IS OPEN AND LIKELY TO STAY OPEN FOR QUITE A WHILE.

BOTTOM LINE, EL NINO MAY WELL BE PEAKING BY HISTORICALLY HERE IN THE BAY AREA MOST OF THE RAIN IN EL NINO YEARS LIKE THIS ONE COMES AFTER THE PEAK OF THE WEATHER-INFLUENCING PHENOMENON, SO YOU MIGHT WANT TO KEEP THAT UMBRELLA HANDY GOING FORWARD.

IN SANTA CLARA ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

1/12/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
Concerns about storm-related coastal cliff erosion

NEW TONIGHT, THERE'S GROWING CONCERN THAT POWERFUL EL NINO STORMS COULD LEAD TO EROSION ALONG THE CALIFORNIA COAST. WITH MORE WET WEATHER ON THE WAY, EXPERTS ARE KEEPING A CLOSE EYE ON SEVERAL BAY AREA TROUBLE SPOTS. KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD IS LIVE TONIGHT ALONG OCEAN BEACH IN SAN FRANCISCO WITH MORE:

WELL FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS, CALIFORNIA HAS HAD MILD WINTERS AND COASTAL EROSION HASN'T REALLY BEEN MAKING THE HEADLINES. BUT THAT COULD CHANGE IF WE GET A FEW BIG STORMS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

Daniel Hoover, USGS: "Things are so crazy this year with the El Nino."

DANIEL HOOVER IS AN OCCEANOGRAPHER WITH THE USGS. HE STUDIES COASTAL EROSION AND SAYS THAT WET EL NINO WEATHER CAN CAUSE PROBLEMS.

Hoover: "Typically in an El Nino winter we see about 20 percent more wave energy than in an average winter. we get plenty of wave energy up here anyway so if we couple a big wave event with high tides then we could definitely see some damage. Most of the areas are armored by the beaches which keeps the waves from coming up and hitting the base of the cliffs. But when the sand goes away and big waves come up to the base, you will start to see some incision and the cliffs are going to start to fail."

SOME OF THE MOST TROUBLESOME SPOTS IN THE BAY AREA INCLUDE THE SOUTHERN END OF OCEAN BEACH IN SAN FRANCISCO AND THE BLUFFS IN PACIFICA AND DALY CITY.

Hoover: "The bluffs are hard. They are complicated geologically. They are hard to measure and there are a lot of them. There's a lot of areas that have them and there are a lot of differences in the local geology and hydrology that effects how the bluffs will fail. So it's a pretty complicated issue."

THE USGS REGULARLY VISITS TROUBLE SPOTS ALONG THE COAST, LOOKING FOR ANY PROBLEMS. THEY'RE ALSO RUNNING A RELATED PILOT PROGRAM THIS WINTER TO TRY TO PREDICT LANDSLIDES. SENSORS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN HILLSIDES AROUND THE BAY AREA THAT MEASURE THE WATER STAURATION IN THE GROUND. THE GOAL IS TO SEND OUT ALERTS WHEN THE EARTH IS ABOUT TO GIVE WAY.

Hoover: "Hopefully this winter we will be able to get some data and actually be able to do some predicting."

SO FAR THIS YEAR, EROSION ALONG THE COAST HASN'T REALLY BEEN A BIG PROBLEM, BUT THE WET WEATHER HAS FORCED THE CLOSURE OF SEVERAL POPULAR TRAINS AND BEACHES INCLUDING FORT FUNSTON HERE IN SAN FRANCISCO AND TENNESSEE VALLEY IN MARIN COUNTY.

IN SAN FRANCISCO, CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

1/13/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Concerns about storm-related coastal cliff erosion – Follow-Up Story

AS WE TOLD YOU LAST NIGHT AT 8 O'CLOCK, COASTAL EROSION IS A VERY REAL DANGER THIS WINTER, AS POWERFUL EL NINO STORMS MOVE THROUGH CALIFORNIA. TODAY, WE RECEIVED AN EMAIL FROM A MAN IN HALF MOON BAY WHO SAYS THE BLUFFS NEAR WHERE HE WORKS ARE ALREADY STARTING TO FALL AWAY. KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD HAS TONIGHT'S MY KRON 4 STORY:

Christopher Hedge: "It's like being on the bow of a ship."

CHRISTOPHER HEDGE RENTS A MUSIC STUDIO ON HALF MOON BAY THAT OVERLOOKS THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

Hedge: "The waves will actually come up against the cliff."

IT'S A GREAT SPOT, BUT OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS HE HAS WATCHED WITH ALARM AS THOSE BIG WAVES HAVE STARTED TO ERODE AWAY THE BLUFFS LESS THAN TWENTY FEET FROM HIS STUDIO.

Hedge: "When I arrived today, I saw that the cliff had actually fallen off. What used to be a guard rail all across this area has just completely dropped into the ocean."

THE FENCE, CHUNKS OF MIRADA ROAD AND THIS PLATFORM ARE NOW HANGING OVER THE EDGE. WHILE OTHER PARTS OF THE BLUFF NEARBY ARE PROTECTED FROM THE SURF BY LARGE ROCKS, THIS SECTION IN FRONT OF CHRISTOPHER'S STUDIO IS ONLY EXPOSED EARTH AND THE WAVES ARE STARTING TO CUT UNDERNEATH THE ROADWAY.

Hedge: "And these waves are relentless. This has been going on against the cliff for the last week."

THE CITY OF HALF MOON BAY HAS PUT OUT BARRIERS AND CAUTION TAPE TO KEEP PEOPLE AWAY FROM THE EDGE, BUT IT'S CLEAR THE EROSION PROBLEM IS JUST GOING TO GET WORSE.

SO THE QUESTION NOW IS HOW ARE THEY GOING TO FIX THIS PROBLEM. WELL, THAT HAS A VERY COMPLICATED ANSWER. THE BEACH IS MANAGED BY THE CITY OF HALF MOON BAY. THE ROADWAY, WHICH IS STARTING TO FALL AWAY, THAT'S MANAGED BY SAN MATEO COUNTY. THOSE TWO ENTITIES NEED TO GET TOGETHER AND COME UP WITH A SOLUTION. I SPOKE WITH HALF MOON BAY OFFICIALS TODAY WHO SAY THEY ARE AWARE OF THE PROBLEM AND HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN WORKING ON IT FOR SOME TIME. BUT WHATEVER SOLUTION THEY COME UP WITH, THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION THEN NEEDS TO APPROVE THAT PLAN AND UNFORTUNATELY ALL OF THAT WILL TAKE TIME AND FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE ALONG HERE THEY HAVE A VERY IMMEDIATE PROBLEM THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED SOON.

Hedge: "It's not a matter of if. It's now a matter of when."

IN HALF MOON BAY CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

1/19/16 KRON 4 Evening News

New source of concern for health of the oceans

AN OMINOUS PREDICTION TODAY WHICH DOES NOT BODE WELL FOR THE HEALTH OF OUR OCEANS. GRANT LODES IS HERE WITH THE SPECIFICS:

THE WARNING TODAY COMES FROM THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM. IT PREDICTS THERE WILL BE MORE PLASTIC THAN FISH, IN TERMS OF WEIGHT, IN THE WORLD'S OCEANS BY 2050.

THE REPORT IS BASED ON INTERVIEWS WITH MORE THAN 180 EXPERTS AND ON ANALYSIS OF MORE THAN 200 REPORTS. THEY ESTIMATE BY 2050, THE AMOUNT OF PLASTICS PRODUCED GLOBALLY WILL INCREASE THREE TIMES, TO MORE THAN 1.1 MILLION TONS.

ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS SAY THE ONLY WAY TO AVOID A DISASTER IS TO INCREASE THE AFFORDABILITY AND FREQUENCY OF RECYCLING. THAT MEANS GIVING PEOPLE INCENTIVES TO COLLECT PLASTIC GARBAGE AND RECYCLE AND USE REUSABLE PACKAGING.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

1/21/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Concerns about storm-related coastal cliff erosion – Second Follow-Up Story

CONCERNED NEIGHBORS ON THE PENINSULA SAY THEY HAVE BEEN WATCHING WITH ALARM AS WAVES ERODE A BLUFF NEAR THEIR HOMES. IT IS A MY KRON-4 STORY WE FIRST BROUGHT YOU LAST WEEK. TONIGHT KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD SPOKE WITH A LOCAL MAN WHO SAYS THE REPAIRS HAVE STARTED ON THAT POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS BLUFF.

Christopher Hedge: "The waves will actually come up against the side of the cliff."

LAST WEEK, CHRISTOPHER HEDGE EMAILED KRON 4 THAT THE BLUFF JUST OUTSIDE HIS STUDIO IN HALF MOON BAY WAS STARTING TO ERODE INTO THE OCEAN, THREATENING THE NEARBY HOMES.

AT THE TIME, CITY OFFICIALS TOLD US THAT THEY WERE AWARE OF THE PROBLEM, BUT THAT FINDING A SOLUTION WOULD REQUIRE THE CITY, SAN MATEO COUNTY AND THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION TO AGREE ON A REPAIR PLAN, AND THAT WOULD TAKE TIME – SOMETHING CHRIS AND HIS NEIGHBORS DIDN'T HAVE. AS HE SAID THEN...

Hedge: "It's not matter of if; it's a matter of when."

WE AIRED CHRIS'S MY KRON 4 STORY THAT SAME DAY AT 8 O'CLOCK.

Hedge: "My name is Christopher Hedge and this is my KRON 4 story."

THE STORY WAS ALSO POSTED ON KRON DOT COM AND STARTED POPPING UP ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

Hedge: "All of a sudden the word spread and hundreds of people called in to the County."

OVER THE WEEKEND, HEAVY WIND AND RAINS ERODED THE BLUFF SEVERAL MORE FEET AND NEIGHBORS FEARED THE WORST. BUT, ON WEDNESDAY THE CAVALRY ARRIVED. USING MASSIVE BOULDERS, COUNTY CREWS STARTED BUILDING AN EMERGENCY SURF BREAK ON THE BEACH JUST BELOW THE BLUFF. CHRIS SAYS THEY ARRIVED JUST IN TIME.

Hedge: "If this didn't happen within days after you were out here, I think this road would be impassable."

THE WORK TO BUILD THE SURF BREAK CONTINUED ON THURSDAY. CHRIS SAYS HE WAS TOLD A PERMAENT SOLUTION IS STILL BEING DESIGNED, BUT HE'S GRATEFUL THAT SOMETHING WAS DONE QUICKLY.

Hedge: "I'm happy that you reported it. A lot of people took action. A lot of people wrote, posted on Facebook and the County came out and repairs are happening."

IN HALF MOON BAY, CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

2/16/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
Concerns about Sierra snow pack

THE EXPECTED RETURN OF WET WEATHER THIS WEEK COULD BE GOOD NEWS FOR CALIFORNIA'S SNOWPACK. IT HAS BEEN SHRINKING IN RECENT WEEKS BECAUSE OF WARMER TEMPERATURES. KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD IS LIVE TONIGHT IN THE NEWSROOM WITH A LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE SIERRA:

UNTIL THIS MONTH, CALIFORNIA'S SNOWPACK WAS ON TRACK TO BE ONE OF THE LARGEST IN YEARS. ON FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, THERE WAS 114% OF THE NORMAL AMOUNT OF SNOW ACROSS THE SIERRA.

BUT DUE TO A LACK OF RECENT STORMS, THERE HASN'T BEEN SIGNIFICANT NEW SNOWFALL IN WEEKS. WARMER TEMPERATURES HAVE ALSO MELTED SOME OF THE SNOW THAT'S ALREADY ON THE GROUND. AS OF FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, THE AVERAGE SNOWPACK STATEWIDE HAS DROPPED TO ABOUT 92% OF NORMAL.

THE NORTHERN SIERRA IS IN THE BEST SHAPE AT 99%. THE CENTRAL SIERRA, INCLUDING THE LAKE TAHOE AREA, HAS 91 PERCENT OF AVERAGE FOR MID-FEBRUARY AND THE SOUTHERN SIERRA IS SITTING AT 86% OF NORMAL.

THE QUESTION NOW IS WILL WET, SNOWY WEATHER RETURN? WELL, THE EL NINO OUT IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN IS STILL GOING STRONG AND PROBABLY WILL BE FOR MONTHS MEANING THAT WE COULD STILL GET HIT WITH BIG STORMS.

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE AND NOAA ARE PREDICTING THAT FROM FEBRUARY THROUGH APRIL, TEMPERATURES ALL ALONG THE WEST COAST WILL REMAIN WARMER THAN NORMAL, BUT THEY ALSO BELIEVE THAT CALIFORNIA WILL SEE ABOVE AVERAGE AMOUNT OF MOISTURE. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, IN PARTICULAR, HAS THE GREATEST CHANCE OF SEEING EXTRA RAIN AND SNOW.

CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

2/17/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
Officials continue El Nino warning

FEDERAL EMERGENCY OFFICIALS HAVE A WARNING FOR CALIFORNIANS GETTING COMPLAISANT ABOUT OUR RELATIVELY CALM WEATHER – EL NINO IS NOT GONE. CATHERINE HEENAN IS HERE WITH DETAILS ON WHAT THEY ARE SAYING:

WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE DAYS OF POUNDING RAIN IN A WHILE, BUT SCENES LIKE THIS MAY BE JUST AROUND THE CORNER AGAIN. FEMA AND THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE ARE DOING A KIND OF TRAVELING ROAD SHOW, REMINDING PEOPLE THAT THE EL NINO SEASON IS TYPICALLY JANUARY THROUGH MARCH – AND MAYBE EVEN BEYOND. MEANING, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE'S MORE POTENTIAL FOR FLOODING.

THEY ALSO GAVE AN UPDATE ON HOW THE DROUGHT-PARCHED STATE IS DOING, SAYING MOST OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IS LAGGING BEHIND THE NORTHERN PART OF THE STATE AND THE MOUNTAINS.

FEMA SAYS THAT CALIFORNIANS DO SEEM TO BE MORE AWARE OF EL NINO'S POTENTIAL FOR TROUBLE. IN DECEMBER ALONE, 27 THOUSAND NEW FLOOD INSURANCE POLICIES WERE SOLD.

BOTTOM LINE? DESPITE SOME DRY WEATHER THIS MONTH, HEAVIER EL NINO RAINS AND SNOWFALLS ARE EXPECTED INTO MARCH.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

2/24/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Local volunteers keep beaches clean

RESIDENTS IN PACIFICA ARE STRUGGLING TO REMOVE TRASH WHICH HAS BEEN COLLECTING ALONG THE BEACHES. WINTER STORMS AND ROUGH SEAS HAVE LEFT GARBAGE AND DEBRIS ALL ALONG THE SHORELINE. KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD WAS IN PACIFICA TODAY AND HAS THAT STORY:

Volunteer: "I'm an old timer."

LYNN ADAMS HAS VOLUNTEERED WITH THE PACIFICA BEACH COALITION FOR 18 YEARS. SHE'S DEDICATED TO KEEPING THE SHORELINE AS CLEAN AS POSSIBLE.

Adams: "This piece of garbage isn't going into the ocean because I just picked it up."

BUT OVER THE PAST YEAR, HER JOB HAS GOTTEN HARDER. THE COALITION HAS SEEN AN UNUSUALLY LARGE AMOUNT OF GARBAGE AND DEBRIS WASHING ASHORE. LAST SUMMER, THERE WERE TWO DEAD WHALES. IN DECEMBER, A PAIR OF SHIPPING CONTAINERS SHOWED UP, SPILLING PLASTIC GARBAGE AND INSULATION ALL OVER THIS BEACH. WINTER STORMS DAMAGED SEVERAL HOMES, SENDING DEBRIS LIKE THIS PIECE OF DECK MATERIAL, TUMBLING TO THE SHORELINE BELOW.

Adams: "We also have landscape netting that's getting caught up in the sand. Very heavy to remove."

THEY'VE ALSO SEEN A LOT OF GARBAGE WASHING ASHORE FROM HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY INLAND.

Adams: "As far away as Sacramento. Washing through the storm drains, down the rivers through the watershed."

VOLUNTEERS WITH THE COALITION DO WHAT THEY CAN TO PICK UP THE TRASH, BUT ADAMS SAYS THEY NEED A LITTLE BIT OF HELP FROM EVERYONE.

Adams: "I think the average person can look out their door, check their parking lots when they go shopping. Look for litter anywhere it is. Keep their street clean."

THE PACIFICA BEACH COALITION IS PLANNING A CLEANUP FOR THIS WEEKEND AND THEN ANOTHER BIG CLEAN UP ON APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> WHICH IS EARTH DAY.

CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

2/25/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
Californians saving less water

THE LATEST NUMBERS ARE OUT ON HOW CALIFORNIANS ARE HANDLING THEIR WATER-SAVING TARGETS AND THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD IS NOT ENTIRELY PLEASED AS CALIFORNIA HAS MISSED THE MARK FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN IT COMES TO CONSERVING WATER.

THE WATER CONSERVATION BOARD REPORTS PEOPLE USED 17 PERCENT LESS WATER IN JANUARY. THAT FALLS WELL SHORT OF THE 25 PERCENT ORDERED BY GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN AND IS THE FIRST TIME SINCE JUNE THAT WE'VE MISSED THE OVERALL TARGET.

OFFICIALS WORRY THAT THE RECENT STORMS HAVE CAUSED PEOPLE TO USE MORE WATER. CALIFORNIA IS IN ITS 5TH YEAR OF DROUGHT AND JANUARY WAS THE 8TH MONTH OF MANDATORY CONSERVATION, WITH THE ORDER GOING INTO EFFECT LAST JUNE. THE ORDER HAS BEEN EXTENDED THROUGH OCTOBER SINCE WE DON'T KNOW IF THIS EL NINO WILL END THE DROUGHT.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

2/26/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
SF expands commitment to alternative energy

SAN FRANCISCO COULD BECOME THE FIRST CITY IN THE COUNTRY TO MAKE SOLAR PANELS MANDATORY ON ALL NEW BUILDINGS. SUPERVISOR SCOTT WIENER HAS INTRODUCED A MEASURE REQUIRING SOLAR PANELS TO BE INSTALLED IN EVERY NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, INCLUDING HOMES, OFFICE BUILDINGS AND OTHER BUSINESSES. HE SAYS HE WILL ALSO OFFER A FOLLOW-UP PLAN WHICH WOULD GIVE DEVELOPERS THE ALTERNATIVE OF INSTALLING "LIVING ROOFS" COVERED WITH VEGETATION, LIKE THE ONE OVER THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IN GOLDEN GATE PARK.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

2/29/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
Water managers hoping for wet spring

DESPITE A WET START TO THE RAINY SEASON, LARGE SECTIONS OF CALIFORNIA ARE STILL DEALING WITH A DROUGHT. AND IT IS UNLIKELY THIS NEW ROUND OF WET WEATHER WILL BE ENOUGH. STILL, HOPES ARE HIGH THAT IT MIGHT BE ENOUGH TO KEEP THE DROUGHT FROM GETTING WORSE. KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD HAS A LOOK AT CURRENT CONDITIONS ACROSS THE STATE:

ACROSS CALIFORNIA, MARCH COULD VERY WELL BE THE MAKE OR BREAK MONTH WHEN IT COMES TO THE ONGOING DROUGHT. BEFORE FEBRUARY, THE STATE WAS ON TRACK TO HAVE A VERY WET WINTER, BUT THE RECENT DRY SPELL HAS STALLED THE RECOVERY.

THIS WAS HOW THE STATE'S DROUGHT MAP LOOKED LAST SEPTEMBER. AS WINTER ARRIVED, THE WET WEATHER BEGAN TO ROLL BACK THE DRY CONDITIONS, BUT THE MOST RECENT MAP SHOWS THAT PROGRESS HAS SLOWED.



CURRENTLY, THE STATE'S SNOWPACK IS AT ABOUT 85% OF NORMAL FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR. THAT'S NOT BAD, BUT IT WILL TAKE A LOT MORE SNOW TO END THE DROUGHT.

STATEWIDE, THE 11 LARGEST RESERVOIRS ARE HOLDING ABOUT 56 PERCENT OF THE AVERAGE AMOUNT OF WATER FOR LATE FEBRUARY. STATE WATER MANAGERS HAVE SAID THAT THEY, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, ARE WAITING AND WATCHING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

CALIFORNIA WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD CHAIR FELICIA MARCUS RECENTLY WARNED THAT CALIFORNIANS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO KEEP SAVING WATER.

Marcus: "We're hoping for a miracle March and an awesome April. But we can't know what the next couple months will bring. And a warm and dry February has proved that we can't count on El Niño to save us,"

CALIFORNIA'S RAINY SEASON NORMALLY PEAKS AROUND APRIL 15 AND BY MID OR LATE APRIL, WATER MANAGERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO DECIDE IF STATEWIDE WATER USE RESTRICTIONS SHOULD CONTINUE.

IN SAN FRANCISCO, CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

3/9/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

In a big change local county dumping water from reservoirs

SONOMA COUNTY IS EXPECTED TO GET POUNDED DURING THIS NEXT ROUND OF RAIN. IN FACT, AS KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD EXPLAINS, WATER MANAGERS HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN DUMPING WATER OUT OF SEVERAL RESERVOIRS THIS WEEK IN ORDER TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE INCOMING DELUGE:

I'M STANDING AT THE EDGE OF LAKE SONOMA RESERVOIR HERE IN SONOMA COUNTY AND AT THE MOMENT THE RESERVOIR IS COMPLETELY FULL. THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS MANAGES THIS LAKE AND THEY SAY THEY HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAKE THIS FULL SINCE 2011. IN FACT, JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO THE WATER LEVEL WAS DRAMATICALLY LOWER. WE VISITED THIS RESERVOIR LAST FALL AND FLEW QUAD COPTER 4 OVER THE EDGE TO TAKE A LOOK AT EXACTLY WHAT FOUR YEARS OF DROUGHT HAD DONE TO THE LAKE. YOU CAN SEE ON THAT VIDEO THAT THE LEVEL IS QUITE A BIT LOWER AND NOW LOOKING AT IT TODAY THE WATER HAS RISEN DOZENS OF FEET TO BRING THE WATER LEVEL BACK UP TO THE TOP.

LAKE SONOMA SERVES SEVERAL DIFFERENT PURPOSES. THIS IS THE DRINKING WATER SUPPLY FOR MORE THAN SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE IN SONOMA AND MARIN COUNTIES. BUT THIS RESERVOIR IS ALSO USED FOR FLOOD CONTROL. AND IN FACT THERE IS SO MUCH WATER IN THE RESERVOIR NOW THAT THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS HAS BEEN DUMPING WATER OUT THIS WEEK IN PREPARATION FOR THE BIG STORMS THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO ROLL IN STARTING ON THURSDAY. THEY NEED TO LOWER THE WATER LEVEL IN ORDER TO HAVE SOME ROOM TO CAPTURE SOME OF THE RUNOFF AND RAINFALL FROM THE STORMS.

THEY STARTED DUMPING WATER ABOUT TWO DAYS AGO AND EXPECT TO REACH THE DESIRED WATER LEVEL ON THURSDAY.

CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

3/10/16 KRON 4 Evening News

City tries new flood control methods

SAN FRANCISCO IS BRACING FOR POTENTIAL FLOODING IN LOW LYING AREAS. IN THE MISSION DISTRICT, NEW TEMPORARY FLOOD BARRIERS ARE BACK OUT AROUND 17TH AND FOLSOM. IT'S A NEW PILOT PROJECT DESIGNED TO PROTECT HOMES AND BUSINESSES WHICH HAVE BEEN SOAKED MANY TIMES BEFORE. KRON4'S MAUREEN KELLY TALKED WITH BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE AREA WHO HAVE SUFFERED PAST FLOODING DAMAGE. SOME OF THEM ARE WORRIED THE NEW BARRIERS COULD MAKE THE SITUATION WORSE WHILE OTHERS WONDER WHY A MORE PERMANENT SOLUTION HASN'T BEEN FOUND:

THEY LOOK LIKE LEGOS FOR GIANT TODDLERS – HUGE INTERLOCKING PLASTIC MODULES THAT FIT TOGETHER TO MAKE A WATERPROOF SEAL. SOME ARE ALREADY FILLED WITH WATER FOR STABILITY WHILE OTHERS ARE EMPTY WAITING TO BE FILLED WITH FLOOD WATERS OR TO BE EASILY MOVABLE SO PEOPLE CAN STILL GAIN ACCESS TO THE HOMES AND BUSINESS ALONG THIS STREET.

THE PRICE TAG ON THIS IS 160 THOUSAND DOLLARS, ALTHOUGH THE COST TO THE CITY IS MORE THAN THAT WHEN YOU ADD IN PAY FOR THE STAFF STANDING BY THE ENTIRE TIME THEY ARE UP, WHICH IS ONLY DURING THE THREAT OF HEAVY DOWNPOUR.

THEY ARE ONLY A TEMPORARY SOLUTION TO A PROBLEM THAT HAS COST THE CITY PLENTY OF MONEY IN THE PAST. THIS VIDEO SHOWS WHAT HAS SOMETIMES HAPPENED IN THE AREA OF 17TH AND FOLSOM DURING BIG RAINS. WHEN TOO MUCH RAIN FALLS TOO FAST, THE CITY'S SEWER SYSTEM GETS OVERWHELMED AND THIS AREA, WHICH USED TO BE A CREEK, BEARS THE BRUNT OF IT, AS A RIVER OF WATER AND WASTE COMES RISING UP, FOULING HOMES AND BUSINESSES. IT'S A FRUSTRATING PROBLEM FOR THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED IT OVER AND OVER AGAIN. THE CITY CLEANS IT UP, BUT SOME OF THESE BUSINESSES HAVE HAD TO CLOSE FOR MONTHS AT A TIME.

THE PLASTIC BARRIERS ARE UP IN FRONT OF HANS ART'S AUTO SHOP ON 17TH STREET.

Hans Art: "I'm glad the city is taking an interest in our problem. We hope they will eventually make the ultimate repair, but I am curious to see if this system works."

THE PILOT ONLY INVOLVES TWO BLOCKS, AND JUST ON ONE SIDE OF THOSE STREETS, LEAVING BUSINESSES ON THE OTHER SIDE TO CONTINUE TO RELY ON SANDBAGS. THAT INCLUDES HILDEBRAND FURNITURE MANUFACTURER, AND THEY ARE WORRIED THE BARRIERS WILL PUSH FUTURE FLOODWATERS IN THEIR DIRECTION.

Hildebrand spokesperson: "We are going to get more water across the street, more damage here across the street, and six months of sadness here across the street."

AT HILDEBRAND THEY QUESTION THE WISDOM OF THE WHOLE SYSTEM PROJECT.

Hildebrand spokesperson: "They don't know if it will work or not. I wonder why we are spending all this money on something that is temporary. We already have a solution that works. There are other barriers, aluminum barriers that worked last year."

HE'S TALKING ABOUT THE METAL FLOODGATES THAT WERE INSTALLED IN THE DOORWAYS OF THE STABLE CAFÉ. HE THINKS THE CITY SHOULD INSTALL THEM UP AND DOWN THE STREET. BUT THE CITY SAYS THEY CAN'T DO THAT.

City spokesperson: "We can't make improvements to private businesses. There's a grant program for that."

THE CITY SAYS THEY DID STUDIES BEFORE DECIDING WHERE BEST TO PUT THESE BARRIERS.

City spokesperson: "We did some modeling to show that this is the best place to put them up for this pilot, because the water will be dispersed over a wide area. We couldn't do this if this was a very confined area, because it would just raise the level elsewhere. We think this is an effective place to try them."

THE CITY IS ALSO LOOKING AT A BIGGER MORE PERMANENT SOLUTION TO ADDRESS THE FLOODING HERE, BUT THEY SAY THAT PROJECT WILL TAKE YEARS AND HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO COMPLETE.

SO FOR NOW IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME TO SEE IF THIS NEW SOLUTION WILL KEEP THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND WORK HERE DRY.

MAUREEN KELLY KRON4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

3/11/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Local reservoirs finally bouncing back after recent heavy rains

CALIFORNIA STILL HAS A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE WE CAN DECLARE AN END TO THE DROUGHT. BUT, AS KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE SHOWS YOU NOW, THE RECENT RAINS ARE BEGINNING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR RESERVOIRS:

WHAT A DIFFERENCE THE RETURN OF WINTER RAINS HAS MADE HERE IN THE MOUNTAINS WEST OF GILROY. UVAS RESERVOIR IS FULL AND CAN'T HOLD ANOTHER DROP OF RAIN. THAT MEANS THE SPILLWAY IS DOING JUST THAT, SPILLING OVER, SENDING A TORRENT OF WATER DOWNSTREAM INTO UVAS CREEK.

Marty Grimes, Santa Clara Valley Water District: "Well the good news is we've seen a lot of rain. Last week we added about 20 thousand acre feet of water to our local reservoirs which is fantastic. And we'll get more this weekend as well."

THIS WAS UVAS RESERVOIR WHEN IT WAS ALL BUT DRY LAST SUMMER. HERE'S THE SAME VIEW TODAY. THE WATER WAS 30 FEET BELOW THE TOP OF THE DAM THEN. TODAY IT'S JUST BELOW ME AS I WALK ON TOP TOWARD THE SPILLWAY.

UVAS RESERVOIR IS ONE OF THE SMALLER RESERVOIRS HERE IN THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY, BUT THE FACT THAT IT'S ENTIRELY FED BY RUNOFF FROM THE RAIN IS A GOOD SIGN.

STEVENS CREEK RESERVOIR NEAR CUPERTINO IS ALSO FULL, BUT COLLECTIVELY THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY RESERVOIR SYSTEM IS STILL JUST SLIGHTLY OVER HALF FULL AND JUST 86 PERCENT OF AVERAGE FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR. AND THEY ARE ONLY PART OF THE WATER SUPPLY PICTURE FOR THE GREATER SOUTH BAY.

Grimes: "But the snowpack in the Sierra is still below average. And some of the largest reservoirs in the state that we depend on are also still below average for this time of year.

UPSTREAM FROM HERE, UVAS CANYON IN THE SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS CAN SEE AS MUCH AS 50 OR 60 INCHES OF RAIN IN A WET YEAR AND ALTHOUGH MUCH OF THIS WATER GOING DOWN THE SPILLWAY WILL END UP IN THE OCEAN, SOME OF IT WILL RECHARGE THE AQUIFER FOR CITIES LIKE GILROY AND FARMERS DOWNSTREAM.

AT UVAS RESERVOIR ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

3/14/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Another reservoir recovering from historic low levels

EI NINO-DRIVEN STORMS DELIVERED ONCE AGAIN OVER THE WEEKEND IN THE SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS. A KEY RESERVOIR HARD HIT BY THE DROUGHT IS NOW SPILLING OVER. AS KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE REPORTS NOW, IN TIME THAT COULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON WATER RESTRICTIONS THIS SUMMER.

A DRAMATIC AND RATHER ENCOURAGING SIGN HERE IN THE SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS. I'M STANDING BELOW THE FALLS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SPILLWAY OF LOCH LOMOND RESERVOIR OUTSIDE OF THE TOWN OF BEN LOMOND. THE RESERVOIR AFTER ANOTHER FIVE TO SIX INCHES OF RAIN CAME DOWN HERE OVER THE WEEKEND BEGAN SPILLING OVER ON SUNDAY THE FIRST TIME IT'S DONE THAT IN OVER THREE YEARS.

IF YOU FOLLOW THE ROARING WATER FROM NEWELL CREEK HERE AT THE BASE OF THE FALLS, A COUPLE OF HUNDRED FEET BACK UP THE CONCRETE SPILLWAY YOU WILL ARRIVE AT A SIGHT NOT SEEN HERE IN A VERY LONG TIME. LOCH LOMOND RESERVOIR FULL TO THE TOP – ALL 2.8 BILLION GALLONS OF IT.

SOT EILEEN CROSS/SANTA CRUZ WATER DEPARTMENT

Eileen Corss, Santa Cruz Water Department; "The good news is that a full reservoir pretty much rules out mandatory rationing this summer. But it's still a little too early to tell about restrictions."

IN OTHER WORDS, GREATER SANTA CRUZ, WHICH DEPENDS ON LOCH LOMOND RESERVOIR FOR 95 PERCENT OF ITS WATER COULD STILL SEE SOME RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, BUT THERE WILL LIKELY BE NO PENALTIES OR FINES LIKE THERE WERE HERE LAST SUMMER.

Cross: "We have already met or far exceeded the stat's goals every year, but then our local city council will be setting policy and direction for this coming summer."

A FULL RESERVOIR RIGHT NOW IS HUGE IN TERMS OF DROUGHT RELIEF, BUT THE AMOUNT OF FLOW IN THE CREEK CAN ALSO INFLUENCE WATER POLICY DOWNSTREAM. THE PERFECT SCENARIO HERE WOULD BE A COUPLE OF LATE SPRING STORMS TO KEEP THE RESERVOIR FULL AND THE CREEK FLOWING AS LONG AS POSSIBLE HEADING INTO SUMMER.

A FULL RESERVOIR CAN MEAN GOOD NEWS FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES LIKE BOATING AND FISHING. BECAUSE OF THE DROUGHT, THE RESERVOIR HAD BEEN CLOSED FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS. NOT ANYMORE.

AT LOCH LOMOND RESERVOIR NEAR BEN LOMOND ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

3/14/16 KRON 4 News at 11p

East Bay water district says drought is not over yet

SOME BAY AREA COMMUNITIES ARE REEVALUATING DROUGHT RESTRICTIONS, IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT EL-NINO DRIVEN RAINS. KRON-4'S ALECIA REID REPORTS ON ONE CONTRA COSTA AREA.... WITH SOME OF THE MOST STRICT WATER RATIONING RULES ... AND WHETHER ALL THE RECENT RAIN WAS ENOUGH TO STOP THE 4 YEAR DROUGHT..

THE SUN IS BACK!!! GIVING US A BREAK FROM ALL THAT WET WEATHER WE'VE BEEN GETTING. RAIN TOTALS ARE ADDING UP, BUT WE MAY NOT BE IN THE CLEAR JUST YET.

Nelsy Rodriguez, East Bay Municipal District spokesperson: "One year of rain isn't going to make up for 4 years of drought. We still have to allow the earth to absorb all this water, then see what's left for consumption."

NEXT MONTH'S SNOW SURVEY WILL GAUGE HOW MUCH RUN-OFF THE SNOW WILL PRODUCE TO REFILL THE RESERVOIRS THAT ARE CURRENTLY AT 60% CAPACITY, AND 77% OF AVERAGE.

Rodriguez: "Then they'll decide if we're still in a Stage 4 extreme drought, or if that can be lifted a little bit."

IT SEEMS LIKE THERE'S MORE THAN ENOUGH WATER FALLING FROM THE SKY THESE DAYS, BUT PEOPLE MUST CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO WATER RESTRICTIONS THE GOVERNOR PUT IN PLACE. AND PRACTICE MINDFUL WATER USE.

LIKE THE BATTLE FAMILY THAT STARTED TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A LAWN CONVERSION PROGRAM A YEAR AGO THAT OFFERS REBATES FOR WATER USAGE.

Mike Battle, resident with drought resistant landscaping: "In our bill every month, there's a graph that shows us how much better than our neighbors we're doing. That's the best part. Still, it wouldn't take much for the drought to come back again, so that's the whole thing."

IT'S TOO EARLY TO SAY IF THE DROUGHT IS OVER. THE NEXT SNOW SURVEY WILL HAPPEN ON APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> AND WE WON'T FIND OUT UNTIL WEEKS LATER WHEN CALCULATIONS ARE DONE.

REPORTING IN ALAMEDA ALECIA REID KRON 4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

3/15/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Downside to all the rain

LAST WEEK WE TOLD YOU ABOUT RATS AND MICE INFESTING HOMES FOLLOWING THE EL NINO-FUELED STORMS SLAMMING THE BAY AREA. BUT THERE IS ANOTHER PEST THAT IS ALSO CAUSING MAJOR PROBLEMS. ANTS ARE INVADING HOMES IN SEARCH OF FOOD. RON 4'S J.R. STONE IS FOLLOWING THIS STORY AND JOINS US NOW FROM THE NEWSROOM. HE SAYS HE'S SEEN HIS FARE SHARE OF ANTS TODAY:

I CERTAINLY HAVE PAM. THE BIG QUESTION GOING AROUND TOWN RIGHT NOW – YA GOT ANTS? LOTS OF PEOPLE DO AND THOSE THAT I TALKED WITH SAID IT DOESN'T APPEAR THE PROBLEM IS GOING TO GO AWAY BY ITSELF ANYTIME SOON.

THIS MAY LOOK LIKE A NORMAL DEN, BUT IT'S A SAN FRANCISCO DEN WITH ANTS MARCHING EVERY WHICH WAY.

Joseph Shiloh, professional exterminator: "It doesn't seem to matter where you live, they'll find you."

JOSEPH SHILOH IS AN EXPERT WHEN IT COMES TO FINDING AND KILLING ANTS. HE MANAGES WESTERN EXTERMINATOR COMPANY ON THE PENINSULA AND SAYS YES THEY'VE BEEN BUSY WITH MICE AND RATS, BUT EVEN MORE BUSY WITH ANT CALLS.

Shiloh: "The Argentine population is absolutely massive. Some say it runs the entire state. It's really, really large."

AND THOSE ANTS ARE COMING INSIDE IN HIGH NUMBERS BECAUSE OF ALL THE WET WEATHER WE'VE HAD.

Shiloh: "A lot of times when you only see a couple, they're the scouts. They're searching for food or they may be searching for water. Or maybe another place to nest. So that's when you should be mostly concerned. And you should take care of the problem."

SHILOH SAYS THAT LIQUID ANT BAITs LIKE THESE WILL WORK WITH SMALL NESTS. HE SAYS SPRAYS COULD LEAD TO MORE PROBLEMS, AND BELIEVES THAT A PROFESSIONAL EXTERMINATOR IS KEY. HE SAYS THAT NESTS WILL OFTEN HAVE BETWEEN TWENTY AND SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND ANTS.

Shiloh: "I think you should get it taken care of. There's no guarantee that it's going to go away. The nest can keep getting larger, and larger, and larger."

SHILOH TELLS ME YOU SEE ANTS BOTH DURING HOT PERIODS AND WET PERIODS. SO HE BELIEVES HE'LL CONTINUE TO GET ANT CALLS WITH THIS WARM WEATHER.

## **ENVIROMENT**

3/15/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
Concern about rising sea levels

A DISTURBING NEW REPORT THAT COULD AFFECT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE LIVING ALONG THE BAY AREA COASTLINE. GRANT LODES IS BACK WITH THE GRIM PREDICTION:

LOTS OF US WOULD LOVE TO LIVE NEAR THE OCEAN, BUT A TEAM OF SCIENTISTS WARN THAT PEOPLE NEAR THE WAVES AND DUNES WILL BE FORCED TO MOVE INLAND BY THE END OF THE CENTURY.

ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY IN THE JOURNAL NATURE CLIMATE CHANGE, THE SWELLING OCEAN MAY POSE A THREAT TO OVER 13 MILLION COAST-DWELLING AMERICANS. AND OF THE 13 PLUS-MILLION, NEARLY 700 THOUSAND ARE BAY AREA RESIDENTS.

THE FORECASTERS PREDICT MAJOR FLOODING TO LOW-LYING NEIGHBORHOODS BY THE YEAR OF 2100. CLIMATE RECORDS SHOW SEA LEVELS AROUND THE WORLD HAVE BEEN ON THE RISE SINCE 1900 AND NASA SATELLITES SHOW THE RATE HAS DOUBLED IN THE PAST 20 YEARS.

## **1Q2016 HEALTH**

### **HEALTH**

1/11/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
Protecting the health of Super Bowl visitors

SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE CRACKING DOWN ON FOOD VENDORS WHO DO NOT HAVE THE PROPER PERMITS AS THOUSANDS OF VISITORS DESCEND ON THE CITY FOR SUPER BOWL 50 FESTIVITIES.

THE CITY HAS ALREADY ISSUED PERMITS TO THREE HUNDRED FOOD TRUCKS AND 50 FOOD CARTS. BUT, CITY OFFICIALS ARE WARNING FOOD VENDORS WHO DECIDE TO SELL TO SUPER BOWL CROWDS WITHOUT A PERMIT THEY WILL FACE CONSEQUENCES. YES, THE GAME'S IN SANTA CLARA, BUT SAN FRANCISCO WILL BE HOSTING SEVERAL EVENTS DURING THE WEEK LEADING UP TO SUPER BOWL 50 AND THE MESSAGE IS IF YOU'RE NOT STREET LEGAL, DON'T BE TRYING TO SELL FOOD WHEN THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE DESCEND ON SAN FRANCISCO.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS HOSTING TWO INFORMATIONAL TOWN HALL MEETINGS TO ISSUE PERMITS TO ANYONE WHO WANTS ONE. THE IDEA HERE IS TO REGULATE VENDORS TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE BUYING FOOD AND DRINKS ON THE STREET CAN DO SO SAFELY AND NOT GET SICK.

TO FIND INFORMATION ON THE TOWN HALL MEETINGS, YOU CAN LOG ONTO OUR WEBSITE – KRON FOUR DOT COM. AND IF YOU DO GET SICK AFTER EATING SOMETHING FROM A STREET VENDOR, YOU CAN REPORT IT ON 311 DOT ORG.

### **HEALTH**

1/11/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
New blood test for cancer

A NEW CANCER TEST IS GETTING SOME SERIOUS INVESTMENT FROM TWO OF THE RICHEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. GRANT IS BACK WITH THE FINANCING DETAILS AND WHEN PEOPLE MAY BE ABLE TO GET A JUMP ON DETECTING CANCER:

TWO OF THE RICHEST GUYS IN THE WORLD, MICROSOFT'S BILL GATES AND AMAZON'S JEFF BEZOS, ARE LEADING A FUNDRAISING EFFORT. THEY HELPED GET THE FIRST 100 MILLION FOR A NEW COMPANY CALLED GRAIL. AS IN HOLY GRAIL.

HERE'S THE DEAL. THE COMPANY IS DEVELOPING A BLOOD TEST THAT CAN DETECT MANY KINDS OF CANCER MUCH EARLIER THAN DOCTORS ARE CURRENTLY ABLE TO. GRAIL'S NEW TEST USES A TECHNIQUE CALLED A "LIQUID BIOPSY." IT SCANS THE BLOOD STREAMS OF PATIENTS FOR SIGNS OF CANCER DNA, WHICH CAN INDICATE THAT A TUMOR IS FORMING. THAT'S EVEN IF A DOCTOR CAN'T SEE IT ON A SCAN AND THE PATIENT HASN'T EXPERIENCED ANY SYMPTOMS.

GRAIL CLAIMS THE TESTS WILL COST ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR LESS AND BE AVAILABLE BY 2019.

## HEALTH

1/13/15 KRON 4 Evening News

ACL injuries increase in young girls

DOCTORS SAY THEY ARE SEEING MORE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH KNEE INJURIES THESE DAYS... SOME AS YOUNG AS EIGHT-YEARS OLD. THE PROBLEM IS TYPICALLY A TORN ACL, THE PRIMARY LIGAMENT BEHIND THE KNEE THAT STABILIZES IT. DOCTORS AT STANFORD'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL SAY THEY STARTED SEEING A RISE IN CHILDREN WITH TORN ACL'S BACK IN 2013 AND NOW THEY ARE SEEING A RISE IN ACL INJURIES AMONG YOUNG GIRLS. DOCTORS SAY YOUNG PATIENTS REQUIRE SPECIAL TREATMENT AND CARE SINCE THEY ARE STILL GROWING. KRON 4'S JEFF PIERCE MET UP WITH A VERY ACTIVE YOUNG GIRL AT STANFORD CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WHO KNOWS THE PROBLEM ALL TOO WELL:

Aminah Carter: "I do dance. I do gymnastics. I do volley ball. I do basketball."

EIGHT YEAR OLD AMINAH CARTER HAS BEEN A VERY ACTIVE YOUNG ATHLETE, BUT SHE'S HAD TO CURTAIL THOSE ACTIVITIES BECAUSE SHE'S INJURED HER ACL.

Aminah: "I tore my ACL off the bone."

Sarah Ahmed, Aminah's mother: "I've never heard of a child having an ACL injury."

WHILE WE HEAR OF A TORN ACL MOST FREQUENTLY IN PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES, DOCTOR CHARLES CHAN OF STANFORD CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL HAS BEEN TREATING MUCH YOUNGER PATIENTS.

Dr. Charles Chan: "We're seeing these types of injuries at increasingly younger ages, most likely because of the increasing participation in sports."

FOR YOUNG PATIENTS LIKE AMINAH, A DIFFERENT PROCEDURE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED RATHER THAN THE SURGERY USED TO TREAT ADULT INJURIES.

Dr. Chan: "Rather than drilling holes through her knees which would potentially injure her growth plates, we take a portion of a tendon off the side of her thigh."

AMINAH HAS BECOME ACCOMPLISHED AT EXPLAINING THE PROCEDURE.

Aminah: "For ACL surgery they usually go through the growth plate, but they went around the growth plate so it takes more time to grow. This is my ACL. They took a part from right up here and replaced the ACL with that."

Dr. Chan: "We suture it down to the tibia, the shin, to reconstruct the ACL."

AMINAH IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TIME SHE CAN PUT AWAY HER BRACE AND GET BACK TO SPORTS ONCE AGAIN.

Aminah's mom: "Our hope is to ease into them slowly. Very slowly."

AT STANFORD CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL JEFF PIERCE KRON 4 NEWS

AND DOCTORS RECOMMEND THAT YOUNG ATHLETES DO KNEE STRENGTHENING DRILLS AND STRETCHING BEFORE AND AFTER ANY SPORTS RELATED ACTIVITIES TO PREVENT INJURIES.



## **HEALTH**

1/18/15 KRON 4 Evening News  
Your screens and your sleep

ONE OF THE LAST THINGS MOST PEOPLE DO BEFORE THEY GO TO BED IS CHECK THEIR CELL PHONES. BUT LOOKING AT THAT BRIGHT SMARTPHONE IN A DARK ROOM CANNOT ONLY HURT YOUR EYES, IT CAN AFFECT YOUR SLEEP. NOW APPLE SAYS IT WANTS TO HELP YOU GET A BETTER NIGHT'S SLEEP. CNN'S MARY MOLONEY EXPLAINS HOW:

MANY THINGS CAN INTERRUPT YOUR SLEEP.

A PESKY ROOMMATE... "Hey are you awake?" "Yeah."

OR A FINICKY FIRE ALARM... "How could you be beeping? I just disconnected you. I took out your batteries. How could you?"

BUT STUDIES SHOW ONE THING THAT CAN MAKE YOU TOSS AND TURN -- YOUR CELL PHONE. EXPOSURE TO A SMART PHONE'S BLUE GLOW IN THE DARK CAN AFFECT YOUR CIRCADIAN RHYTHM. TO HELP YOU SNOOZE THROUGH THE NIGHT, APPLE IS ADDING A NEW MODE TO THE IPHONE. IT'S CALLED NIGHT SHIFT. AND IT WILL BE IN THE NEXT iOS UPDATE.

ESSENTIALLY, NIGHT SHIFT CHANGES THE SCREEN FROM A BLUE LIGHT TO A WARMER SETTING THAT'S EASIER ON THE EYES. IT ALSO FIGURES OUT YOUR LOCATION AND TURNS ON AUTOMATICALLY AT NIGHT.

WHILE IT DOESN'T GUARANTEE A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP, APPLE SAYS WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR PHONE IT CAN AT LEAST HELP.

FOR CONSUMER WATCH, I'M MARY MOLONEY.

## **HEALTH**

1/19/15 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
Spread of new virus concerns CDC and local doctors

A FRIGHTENING VIRUS HAS REACHED THE U.S. AND THERE IS NO VACCINE TO PREVENT IT AND NO MEDICATION TO TREAT IT. ITS MOST DEVASTATING EFFECTS OCCUR IN INFANTS. NOW THE CDC IS RECOMMENDING THAT SOME PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD GET SCREENED FOR THE ZIKA VIRUS IF THEY HAVE TRAVELLED TO AFFECTED AREAS ABROAD. KRON 4'S VICKI LIVIAKIS REPORTS ON WHY SO MANY PREGNANT WOMEN ARE CONCERNED:

SAN RAMON FERTILITY SPECIALIST DR. AMY EYVAZZADEH SAYS HER PREGNANT PATIENTS NOW HAVE A NEW WORRY – THE ZIKA VIRUS. SPREAD BY MOSQUITOES, WITH MILD EFFECTS ON ADULTS, IT IS DANGEROUS TO THE UNBORN.

Dr. Amy Eyvazzadeh: "I've received dozens of phone calls over the weekend that a woman in Hawaii was diagnosed with it."

HEALTH OFFICIALS CONFIRM AN INFANT IN HAWAII WAS BORN WITH THE ZIKA VIRUS AND CASES ARE CROPPING UP IN FLORIDA AND ILLINOIS OF WOMEN WHO'VE TRAVELLED TO AFFECTED AREAS - LIKE BRAZIL - WHERE IT'S SPIKING.

Dr. Eyvazzadeh: "What it can cause is a severe birth defect called microcephaly that can result in a child dying or having severe developmental issues."

WHILE THE ZIKA VIRUS IS SPREADING IN PARTS OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, AS WELL AS PUERTO RICO, SO FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO KNOWN CASES OF ZIKA CONTRACTED BY A MOSQUITO BITE HERE IN THE U.S.

Dr. Eyvazzadeh: "Of course, we're going to be worried about it. But women should be reassured that you don't get it by touching someone else or from saliva. It's from a mosquito bite and infected mosquitos have only been found in those countries listed on the CDC website."

IF YOU'RE PREGNANT IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO STAY AWAY FROM THOSE AFFECTED AREAS. THAT'S WHAT THE CDC IS SAYING, BUT IF YOU MUST, FIRST GO TO A TRAVEL CLINIC TO SEE WHAT THE LATEST RECOMMENDATIONS ARE.

Dr. Eyvazzadeh: "There's no vaccination. There is no cure. The only thing you can do right now is prevention. So, if at all possible avoid traveling to these places during pregnancy."

IN SAN RAMON VICKI LIVIAKIS KRON 4 NEWS

## **HEALTH**

1/20/15 KRON 4 Evening News

Should kids consume energy drinks?

ENERGY DRINKS ARE GROWING IN POPULARITY, BUT EXPERTS SAY NOT EVERYONE SHOULD DRINK THEM. CNN'S HOLLY FIRFER LOOKS AT THE DANGERS OF ENERGY DRINKS FOR CHILDREN:

ENERGY DRINKS – THEY'RE CHEAP, HIGH-OCTANE, AND READILY AVAILABLE IN STORES. MAYBE TOO READILY AVAILABLE.

A RECENT STUDY FOUND THAT OVER 40% OF ALL ENERGY DRINK-RELATED CALLS TO POISON CONTROL CENTERS IN THE U.S. WERE FOR KIDS UNDER SIX, MANY OF THEM SUFFERING SERIOUS NERVOUS SYSTEM AND HEART SYMPTOMS.

Dr. Jennifer Shu, Pediatrician; "A can or a bottle of an energy drink could have as much as 500 mg of caffeine which is equal to about 14 cans of soda. So that's way higher than you'd want a child to have. Sometimes these drinks aren't labeled well, so you don't see what the ingredients can be, including the high amounts of caffeine. And a child may think it's the same as any type of soda or juice that their parents might be okay with giving them."

SHU SAYS THE DANGERS OF OVERCONSUMPTION FOR KIDS, AND EVEN ADULTS, VARIES FROM THE MINOR TO SEVERE.

Dr. Shu: "As simple as headaches or some shakiness or jitteriness, but they could even be more serious like problems with your heart rhythm, where your heart is irregular, it beats too fast, or even seizures."

THE RISKS ARE PARTICULARLY HIGH, SHE SAYS, FOR KIDS WHO ALREADY TAKE STIMULANT MEDICATIONS FOR THINGS LIKE ADHD AND OLDER KIDS WHO MAY MIX THE ENERGY DRINKS WITH ALCOHOL. BUT IT'S NOT JUST THE CAFFEINE AND OTHER STIMULANTS THAT RAISE CONCERNS. THE DRINKS ARE ALSO OFTEN FILLED WITH SUGAR.

Dr. Shu: "Too much of that sugar can cause weight gain as well as cavities."

IN GENERAL, SHU SAYS, IT'S BEST TO KEEP KIDS AWAY FROM ANYTHING BUT THE BASICS.

Dr. Shu: "For the most part, all of the fluid your body needs can be found in water, in milk and some 100% fruit juice. You really don't need what's marketed as sports drinks with electrolytes unless you're doing some really vigorous physical exercise."

AND TO PREVENT YOUR CHILD FROM ACCIDENTALLY DRINKING AN ENERGY DRINK, SHE SAYS TO KEEP THEM LOCKED UP.

Dr. Shu: "I encourage parents to treat energy drinks like they would any kind of drug or medicine or household chemical. Keep them out of the reach of kids. You're keeping alcohol out of the reach of kids. You're also keeping cleaning supplies out reach. You should keep energy drinks out kids' reach as well."

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

## **HEALTH**

2/9/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Latest on Zika virus

THE ZIKA VIRUS - LINKED TO BIRTH DEFECTS - IS SPREADING IN THE UNITED STATES. CATHERINE IS BACK WITH THE LATEST STATES TO CONFIRM HUMAN CASES:

TWO MORE STATES TODAY ANNOUNCED CONFIRMED CASES OF THE ZIKA VIRUS -- INDIANA AND OHIO. ALTHOUGH HEALTH OFFICIALS IN BOTH PLACES SAY THE RISK OF GETTING THE VIRUS IS STILL FAIRLY LOW. OHIO SAYS THE PATIENT IS A 30-YEAR-OLD WOMAN FROM CLEVELAND, ALTHOUGH THEY'RE NOT RELEASING MANY DETAILS. INDIANA OFFICIALS SAY THE PATIENT IN THEIR STATE IS NOT A PREGNANT WOMAN, AND DID NOT GET SERIOUSLY ILL.

IN FACT, THE NEW CASES IN INDIANA AND OHIO BOTH INVOLVED PEOPLE WHO HAD TRAVELED TO HAITI. ZIKA HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN AT LEAST 13 STATES INCLUDING CALIFORNIA AND WASHINGTON D.C. AN EAST BAY WOMAN WHO WAS TESTED HAS POSTED ON HER FACEBOOK PAGE THAT SHE'S HAPPY TO REPORT THAT SHE DOES NOT HAVE THE VIRUS.

THERE'S NO VACCINE FOR ZIKA. THE U.S. IS WORKING ON ONE, BUT IT MIGHT NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

## **HEALTH**

2/15/16 KRON 4 News at 11pm

Allergy sufferers start suffering early

IT'S NOT SPRING YET, BUT WINTER RAINS ALONG WITH THE UNSEASONABLY WARM WEATHER WE'VE BEEN HAVING LATELY HAVE CAUSED FLOWERS TO BLOSSOM AND THE ALLERGY SEASON TO START EARLY. KRON 4'S JEFF BUSH WENT TO WALNUT CREEK TO TALK TO ALLERGY SUFFERERS.

IT SEEMS LIKE IT HAPPENED OVERNIGHT, BUT TAKE A LOOK AROUND. THE FLOWERS HAVE STARTED TO BLOOM AND THE TREES HAVE STARTED TO BLOOM. IT SEEMS LIKE THE SEASON IS MUCH EARLIER THAN IN YEARS PAST. MAYBE IT'S EL NINO. MAYBE IT'S JUST COINCIDENCE, BUT EITHER WAY IT'S CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR THOSE WHO ARE PRONE TO REACTIONS FROM POLLEN IN THE AIR. EARLY OR NOT, IT'S

SOMETHING THAT JUST CAN'T BE IGNORED. ITCHY EYES, SNIFFLES AND SINUS CONGESTION – ALLERGY SEASON IS HERE AND IT'S STILL MORE THAN A MONTH AWAY FROM THE OFFICIAL START OF SPRING.

Cassie Yee, allergy sufferer: "My allergies are like ten times worse and my nose is running everywhere. It's like kinda horrible."

OFFICIALS SAY THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING AND THERE WILL BE EVEN MORE POLLEN AND ALLERGIES IN THE DAYS AND WEEKS TO COME. SPRINGLIKE TEMPS HAVE MADE THE FLOWERING PLANTS GO CRAZY AND IT'S NOT HARD TO FIND PEOPLE WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THE EARLY BLOOM.

Allergy sufferer: "It's beautiful. I love it, but it's definitely out of season. All the little cherry blossoms everywhere."

Sophie Essay, allergy sufferer: "I've been affected like last week, a little bit. I had some red eyes and some itching in my eyes."

ROSANNE STEPHENSON SAYS IT IS AFFECTING HER AND HER HUSBAND BADLY.

Rosanne Stephenson: "My husband has had a runny nose at night. And I have itchy eyes."

ROSANNE IS NOT ALONE. THOUSANDS OF BAY AREA RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLAINING LATELY ABOUT THE POLLEN AND OTHER ALERGENS IN THE AIR. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALLERGIES, THEY KNOW THE SYMPTOMS WHEN THEY START AND, USUALLY, THERE IS LITTLE THAT CAN BE DONE TO RELIEVE THE SYMPTOMS.

MICHELLE GENERAL HAS ALLERGIES.

Michelle General: "They've come early. I think it has something to do with that drought situation and then the heavy rains. All the pollen and everything is just coming off the trees. It's the trees. The trees are in bloom and we are getting allergies like crazy.

Amber Fretwell: "Yeah, definitely. I think it's worse and I think it dredged up some of the pollen and things like that. The trees are blooming now which is great, but bad for me."

ALL OF THIS POLLEN IN THE AIR AFFECTS SOME PEOPLE MORE THAN OTHERS, BUT ONE THING IS FOR SURE – ALLERGY SEASON IS HERE AND IT'S NOT GOING AWAY ANY TIME SOON.

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

## **HEALTH**

2/16/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
Teen suicides in Palo Alto

STOPPING TEEN SUICIDES ON THE PENINSULA. A WEALTHY SILICON VALLEY COMMUNITY IS ASKING FOR FEDERAL HELP TO SAVE LIVES. PALO ALTO HAS BEEN PLAGUED BY TEEN SUICIDES, PROMPTING THE SANTA CLARA HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO CALL IT AN "URGENT HEALTH PROBLEM." SO THE COMMUNITY IS ASKING FOR HELP. KRON 4'S JUSTINE WALDMAN HAS THE STORY:

THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL ARRIVE DTUESDAY TO DO AN IVESTIGATION AND THEY WILL BE HERE FOR TWO WEEKS. THEY WILL BE TALKING WITH PARENTS,

TEACHERS, MEMBERS FROM THE COUNTY AND CITY – ALL TO FIGURE OUT WHY KIDS FROM THIS AFFLUENT COMMUNITY KEEP TAKING THEIR OWN LIVES.

IN PALO ALTO ALONE, ALMOST A DOZEN KIDS HAVE TAKEN THEIR OWN LIVES SINCE 2009. THE PAIN IS NOT SOMETHING THE COMMUNITY WANTS TO GO THROUGH AGAIN.

Mary Gloner, Project Safety Net: "How can we better understand this health issue, not just our city but other cities, as well."

MARY GLONER WITH PROJECT SAFETY NET TELLS ME THE COUNTY ASKED THE MEMBERS FROM THE CDC SUICIDE PREVENTION TEAM TO COME INVESTIGATE THE CRISIS HERE.

Gloner: "They are doing this work because we want to understand better what is happening in our community and really address youth well-being."

MANY OF THE KIDS TOOK THEIR OWN LIVES ON THE CALTRAIN TRACKS.

THE CDC WILL EVALUATE THE CURRENT SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND WATCH MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE DEATHS. THEY DID A SIMILAR INVESTIGATION LIKE THIS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY VIRGINIA AND FOUND THAT PEER PRESSURE, BULLYING, HIGH EXPECTATIONS AND DENIAL OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES ALL PLAYED A PART IN THE DEATHS. SANTA CLARA COUNTY WANTS THE CDC TO UNCOVER THE RISK FACTORS HERE.

Gloner: "So it can better help us support our youth and help them stay resilient and really address this health issue here.

IT WILL TAKE A FEW WEEKS FOR THE CDC TO COMPLETE ITS REPORT. FROM THERE, THE COUNTY HOPES IT CAN STOP THE CRISIS OF TEEN SUICIDES WHICH ARE FIVE TIMES GREATER HERE THAN THE REST OF THE NATION.

IN PALO ALTO JUSTINE WALDMAN KRON 4 NEWS

## **HEALTH**

2/17/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
Politics and autism

IT IS A DISORDER THE GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES AFFECTS THREE MILLION AMERICANS. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO AUTISM, IT'S A TOPIC YOU RARELY HEAR ON THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN TRAIL. BUT AS KRON 4'S NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT MARK MEREDITH EXPLAINS, SOME AUTISM ADVOCATES AND EXPERTS SAY THAT NEEDS TO CHANGE NOW.

WHEN IT COMES TO A PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, THERE'S NO SHORTAGE OF TOPICS TO TALK ABOUT. BUT ONE ISSUE YOU DON'T HEAR ABOUT OFTEN IS ONE THAT IMPACTS JOHN ROBISON AND MILLIONS OF PEOPLE LIKE HIM.

Robinson: "It's very easy to underestimate us when looking at autistic children."

LIVING WITH AUTISM JOHN IS STANDING UP FOR THE AUTISTIC COMMUNITY AND ENCOURAGING CANDIDATES ON BOTH SIDES TO REACH OUT TO A VOTING BLOCK UNLIKE ANY OTHER IN THE COUNTRY.

Robinson: "I think it's the duty of the candidates to seek us out. To suggest that we have to sell ourselves to the candidates, really I don't think that should be so."

THE CDC ESTIMATES ONE IN SIXTY EIGHT CHILDREN ARE BORN WITH SOME FORM OF AUTISM, A DISORDER WHICH CAN LEAVE PEOPLE WITH SOCIAL, COMMUNICATION, AND BEHAVIORAL CHALLENGES.

BUT IT'S BECAUSE THE DISORDER CAN IMPACT PEOPLE IN VERY DIFFERENT WAYS THAT AUTHORS JOHN DONVAN AND CAREN ZUCKER SAY IT'S HARD TO GET CANDIDATES TO TALK ABOUT AUTISM.

Zucker: "I think we will, once the race gets tighter, when there's just two candidates because Hillary has put it out there on the table."

ON HILLARY CLINTON'S CAMPAIGN WEBSITE, THE FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE URGES MORE STUDIES, RESOURCES, AND SCREENING FOR AUTISM.

FOR SOME REPUBLICANS THOUGH, LIKE DONALD TRUMP, THE DEBATE SHIFTS TO THE CAUSES OF AUTISM AND WHETHER CERTAIN VACCINES PLAY ANY ROLE.

AS FOR VOTERS LIKE JOHN, IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO HAVE CANDIDATES JUST TALK ABOUT AUTISM. INSTEAD, IT'S ABOUT KEEPING SPECIAL NEEDS PEOPLE INVOLVED.

Robinson: "It's a big deal for us. What are the candidates going to do to bring us into the conversation? And that's done by bringing in autistic leaders."

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT AUTISM OF COURSE. DISABILITY GROUPS CONTINUE TO HOLD MORE AND MORE CANDIDATES ACCOUNTABLE TO THEIR ISSUES BECAUSE THEY DO HAVE SUCH A LARGE INFLUENCE. FOR INSTANCE IN SOUTH CAROLINA - THE NEXT STATE TO VOTE - IT'S ESTIMATED MORE THAN 600 THOUSAND PEOPLE LIVE WITH SOME FORM OF A DISABILITY.

REPORTING IN WASHINGTON, I'M MARK MEREDITH.

## **HEALTH**

2/22/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Health hazards of laminate flooring

IF YOU'VE BOUGHT LAMINATED FLOORING FROM LUMBER LIQUIDATORS, THERE'S AN UPDATED WARNING YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT.

THE CDC SAYS IT UNDERESTIMATED THE HEALTH RISK OF CERTAIN TYPES OF FLOORING MADE IN CHINA. THERE HAD BEEN WARNINGS THAT THE FUMES COULD CAUSE CANCER AND OTHER HEALTH PROBLEMS. BUT THE CDC NOW ADMITS THE FLOORING HAS MUCH HIGHER LEVELS OF FORMALDEHYDE THAN THEY FIRST CALCULATED.

LUMBER LIQUADATORS STOPPED SELLING THE CHINA-MADE LAMINATED FLOORING AFTER A CRITICAL REPORT ON '60 MINUTES.'

## **HEALTH**

2/22/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Using psychology to improve workplace wellness program outcomes

WORKPLACE WELLNESS PROGRAMS HAVE BECOME A COMMON WAY FOR COMPANIES TO GET THEIR EMPLOYEES IN BETTER HEALTH AND SOME OF THE PROGRAMS EVEN USE CASH AS A MOTIVATOR. BUT IS THERE A SMARTER WAY TO GO ABOUT THAT? AS ANDREW SPENCER EXPLAINS, THAT'S AT THE CENTER OF A NEW STUDY:

EMPLOYERS WANT HEALTHIER EMPLOYEES, AND AS A RESULT WORKPLACE WELLNESS PROGRAMS ARE HOT!

ACCORDING TO A STUDY PUBLISHED IN THE ANNALS OF INTERNAL MEDICINE, MORE THAN 80% OF BIG COMPANIES ARE NOW OFFERING SOME FORM OF FINANCIAL INCENTIVE TO GET THEIR WORKERS TO PARTICIPATE.

RESEARCHERS HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT HOW SUCH PROGRAMS CAN BE MORE EFFECTIVE. IN ONE STUDY, THEY GAVE NEARLY 300 PEOPLE A 7 THOUSAND STEP PER DAY GOAL TO KEEP UP DURING A 13-WEEK-CHALLENGE.

THE STUDY PARTICIPANTS WERE BROKEN UP INTO GROUPS. ONE GOT ONE DOLLAR AND FORTY CENTS FOR EACH DAY THEY HIT THE 7 THOUSAND STEP GOAL. THE SECOND GROUP'S PARTICIPANTS WERE ENTERED INTO A DAILY LOTTERY -- THEY COULD ONLY WIN IF THEY MET THEIR GOAL THE DAY BEFORE. THE THIRD RECEIVED \$42 UPFRONT EACH MONTH, WITH THE CAVEAT THAT PARTICIPANTS LOST ONE DOLLAR AND FORTY CENTS FOR EACH DAY THEY FAILED TO MEET THE 7 THOUSAND STEP GOAL.

SO WHAT DID RESEARCHERS FIND?

THE GROUP THAT WAS THREATENED WITH LOSING MONEY EXERCISED MORE.

ONE PHYSICIAN INVOLVED WITH THE STUDY SAYS IT'S ALL HOW THE REWARD IS FRAMED, ADDING THAT OUR BRAINS ARE WIRED TO AVOID LOSING THINGS. AND WE LIKE THE IMMEDIATE GRATIFICATION OF GETTING THE MONEY UPFRONT.

FOR HEALTH MINUTE I'M ANDREW SPENCER.

## **HEALTH**

3/2/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Zika virus in the Bay Area

IN THE NORTH BAY, A PREGNANT WOMAN IN NAPA HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH ZIKA VIRUS. IT IS THE FIRST CASE OF THE DISEASE IN THE BAY AREA. AN OUTBREAK OF THE ZIKA VIRUS IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA HAS MADE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ILL AND COULD BE CAUSING BIRTH DEFECTS IN THE UNBORN CHILDREN OF PREGNANT WOMEN. KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD WAS IN NAPA TODAY. HE SPOKE WITH HEALTH OFFICIALS ABOUT THIS NEW CASE:

HERE IN NAPA TUESDDAY, HEALTH OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED THAT A PREGNANT WOMAN WHO RECENTLY TRAVELLED TO CENTRAL AMERICA HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR ZIKA VIRUS. SHE RETURNED HERE TO NAPA ABOUT A MONTH AGO, DEVELOPED A RASH AND WENT IN FOR TESTING. TODAY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CONFIRMED THAT SHE DID INDEED HAVE ZIKA VIRUS.

HEALTH OFFICIALS WORKED TUESDAY TO GET THE WORD OUT THAT THERE IS LITTLE TO NO RISK OF THE VIRUS SPREADING. THE DISEASE IS NOT AIRBORNE. IT DOESN'T SPREAD PERSON TO PERSON THROUGH THE AIR. THE DISEASE IS MAINLY SPREAD BY TWO TYPES OF MOSQUITOS THAT DON'T EXIST IN NAPA COUNTY. THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO ARE REALLY AT RISK RIGHT NOW IS ANYONE WHO MAY HAVE TRAVELLED TO COUNTRIES WHERE THE DISEASE IS SPREADING, SUCH AS IN PARTS OF CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA. PREGNANT WOMEN IN PARTICULAR SHOULD BE CAREFUL.

Karen Relucio, Napa County health officer: "Pregnant women should avoid travel to areas where zika virus is taking place. Sexual partners of pregnant women who travel to those areas should use condoms or avoid sexual activity as it could be sexually transmitted as well."

THE COUNTY HAS ALSO ALLOCATED RESOURCES TO DEAL WITH ANY ADDITIONAL CASES.

Relucio: "We have been preparing so we opened our departmental operation center in order to have more people and a more coordinated response to zika virus."

IN NAPA CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

## HEALTH

3/2/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

New steps in the battle against bed bugs

THERE HAS BEEN A MAJOR INCREASE IN BED BUG INFESTATIONS HERE IN THE BAY AREA. THE PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE GETTING WORSE. ONE PEST CONTROL COMPANY SHOWS KRON4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN THE FOUR-LEGGED HELPERS BEING BROUGHT IN TO SNIFF OUT THE PROBLEM:

IF YOU ARE NOT SURE WHAT BED BUGS LOOKS LIKE, HERE YOU GO. NASTY LITTLE CREATURES SAYS ROBERT GALLO OF ROUND THE CLOCK PEST CONTROL

Robert Gallo: "They're like vampires, they hide out at night, come out and feed on you, and go back to their hiding spots after they're done eating."

HOWEVER THERE IS NO HIDING PLACE FOR BED BUGS WHEN THESE GUYS ARE AROUND. SAY HELLO TO THESE BED-BUG SNIFFING BEAGLES, SPECIALLY TRAINED TO FIND THESE LITTLE BLOOD SUCKERS.

Gallo: "The dogs are trained just like a bomb dog or an arson dog. They are imprinted with an odor, in this particular case they're imprinted with the odor of live bed bugs."

THIS IS TOBY. WE'RE GOING TO PUT HIM TO THE TEST. TOBY HAS BEEN DOING THIS KIND OF WORK FOR THE PAST 2 YEARS FOR ROUND THE CLOCK PEST CONTROL, SO HE'S A VETERAN. AND HAS HE GOT A GOOD RECORD?

Gallo: "Yeah, he's got a very good record."

I PLACED MY CAMERA IN THIS CLOSET, UNDERNEATH IT IS THE SCENT OF LIVE BED BUGS.



Gallo: "If he were to find bed bugs, he would scratch at the area."

HE IS ALL OVER IT!

AND GALLO SAYS BED BUGS ARE NOW ALL OVER THE BAY AREA.

{{SOT...Robert Gallo/Round The Clock Pest Control}}

Gallo: "Around 2006, we were doing 2 or 3 bed bug calls a year. Now we are getting 5 to 8 thousand bed bug calls per year."

HE SAYS THE BUGS TYPICALLY FIND THEIR WAY INTO THE UNITED STATES ON PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN TRAVELING OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTRY.

Gallo: "There is nothing you can really do to prevent bed bugs. The only thing you can do is catch them early."

AND THAT'S WHAT THESE GUYS ARE FOR.

HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4 NEWS

## **HEALTH**

3/7/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Local scientists host zika symposium

THIS IS THE MOSQUITO THAT HAS DRAWN WORLD WIDE CONCERN. IT'S THE ONE THAT CAN SPREAD THE ZIKA VIRUS, A VIRUS LINKED TO BIRTH DEFECTS. SO FAR, THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY FIVE CONFIRMED CASES OF THE VIRUS IN THE BAY AREA. NONE OF THE PATIENTS CONTRACTED THE VIRUS HERE, BUT DID WHILE OVERSEAS. KRON 4'S DAN KERMAN TALKED WITH EXPERTS TODAY ABOUT WHAT ELSE WE'RE LEARNING ABOUT THE SPREAD OF ZIKA. HE JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO WITH MORE:

RIGHT NOW, WE'RE SEEING THE ZIKA VIRUS IN LATIN AMERICAN AND THE CARIBBEAN. THE PREVALENCE OF THE TYPE OF MOSQUITOS THAT CARRY THE VIRUS, COUPLED WITH THE CLIMATE, AND THE LACK OF MOSQUITO ABATEMENT MAKE THOSE AREAS RIPE FOR AN EPIDEMIC. BUT EXPERTS SAY WIDESPREAD TRANSMISSION IN THE U.S., AND ESPECIALLY THE BAY AREA, IS UNLIKELY.

AT A SYMPOSIUM TODAY AT UCSF, DOCTORS SAY WHILE THERE EVENTUALLY MAY BE SOME MOSQUITO TO PERSON TRANSMISSION OF THE VIRUS, MOST CASES IN THE U.S. WILL BE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN INFECTED OVERSEAS, OR HAVE BEEN INFECTED THROUGH SEXUAL CONTACT WITH SOMEONE INFECTED OVERSEAS. THAT'S WHY PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY PREGNANT WOMEN, SHOULD THINK TWICE ABOUT WHERE THEY ARE TRAVELLING.

Dr. George Rutherford, UCSF professor: "The real risk is people going on vacation or traveling back and forth to latin America or the Caribbean. If you are a pregnant woman and can avoid it, I would avoid it. If you are the sexual partner of a pregnant woman and can avoid that, I would certainly avoid it."

Dr. Kirsten Salmeen, UCSF professor: "Zika virus presents a pregnant woman's worst nightmare. She might not know if infected, she might not be able to avoid infection and if there is an impact on her fetus, it may not be diagnosed until the late third trimester."

I SHOULD ALSO MENTION WHILE THE RISK OF TRANSMISSION IS VERY LOW IN THE BAY AREA, THAT IS NOT TRUE OF ALL OF CALIFORNIA... LA TO SAN DIEGO, PLUS RIVERSIDE, IMPERIAL, FRESNO AND MADERA COUNTIES ARE ALL LIKELY TO HAVE GREAT TRANSMISSION OF THE VIRUS, AGAIN DUE TO THE CLIMATE AND PREVALENCE OF THAT SPECIES OF MOSQUITO.

THERE HAS BEEN PUBLIC CONCERN ABOUT CONTAMINATED BLOOD DONATIONS, BUT THE FDA AND THE CDC ARE ALREADY TAKING STEPS TO SAFEGUARD THE BLOOD SUPPLY.

BLOOD CENTERS WILL SCREEN DONORS AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TO AN AREA WHERE THERE IS ACTIVE TRANSMISSION OF ZIKA WILL BE TOLD TO HOLD OFF DONATING FOR A MONTH. IN ADDITION TO THAT, TWO COMPANIES ARE NOW DEVELOPING A TEST TO DETERMINE IF DONORS HAVE THE ZIKA VIRUS. DOCTORS SAY THAT TEST WILL LIKELY BE READY TO BE DEPLOYED IN PUERTO RICO IN A MONTH OR TWO. IN THE MEANTIME...

Dr. Michael Busch, UCSF professor: "As of today Health and Human Services has announced that all blood is being imported from the continental United States until we can implement testing, hopefully over the next several months."

THOSE TESTS WILL COME TO THE U.S. LATER, ONCE MOSQUITO BORN TRANSMISSION IS CONFIRMED IN THE U.S. IT'S POSSIBLE THOUGH THAT BEFORE THAT THERE WILL BE SOME TYPE OF SCREENING AVAILABLE IN THE REGIONS AT RISK, MEANING SOUTHERN FLORIDA AND SOUTHERN TEXAS.

DAN KERMAN KRON 4 NEWS

## **HEALTH**

3/9/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
How to keep your workout healthy

WORKING UP A SWEAT IS GREAT, BUT OVER-TRAINING CAN LEAD TO BURNOUT. CNN'S MARY MOLONEY EXPLAINS WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO GIVE YOUR BODY TIME TO RECOVER:

WHETHER YOU'RE LOOKING TO SHED A FEW POUNDS OR GETTING THAT BEACH BODY READY, YOUR WORKOUT SCHEDULE SHOULD INCORPORATE SOME RECOVERY TIME. HERE ARE A FEW SIGNS YOUR BODY IS CALLING OUT FOR A REST DAY.

YOU'RE ALWAYS SORE. FEELING SOME MUSCLE SORENESS FOLLOWING A WORKOUT IS PRETTY NORMAL, ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE A NEWBIE, BUT NOT IF YOU EXERCISE REGULARLY. GIVE YOUR MUSCLES 1 TO 2 DAYS TO RECOVER BETWEEN TRAINING SESSIONS.

YOU'RE CONSTANTLY TIRED. FATIGUE IS ALSO AN INDICATION THAT YOU MIGHT BE OVERTRAINING. THE RUSH OF ENDORPHINS DURING A WORKOUT CAN BLOCK THE SENSATION OF PAIN, BUT STRESS PRODUCES A HORMONE CALLED CORTISOL. WHEN CORTISOL LEVELS ARE ELEVATED, THEY CAN TAKE A TOLL ON YOUR MENTAL HEALTH.

YOU'RE DEHYDRATED. WHILE WE ALL KNOW STAYING HYDRATED DURING WORKOUTS IS IMPORTANT, IT'S JUST AS CRITICAL TO START YOUR WORKOUT THAT WAY. FOR THE BODY TO RECOVER FROM EVEN MILD DEHYDRATION IT CAN TAKE ABOUT AN HOUR.

A LITTLE 'R-n-R' IN BETWEEN WORKOUT ROUTINES CAN GO A LONG WAY.

FOR TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE, I'M MARY MOLONEY.

## **HEALTH**

3/9/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
Carb cancer connection?

A NEW STUDY IS SUGGESTING THAT EATING CERTAIN CARBS CAN INCREASE THE RISK OF GETTING LUNG CANCER BY 49 PERCENT. RESEARCHERS SAY THAT EATING LOTS OF STARCHY FOOD LIKE WHITE BREAD, BAGELS, CORN FLAKES, AND PUFFED RICE SPIKES YOUR RISK.

AND ON THE OTHER HAND, THEY SAY LOW GLYCEMIC INDEX FOODS LIKE WHOLE WHEAT BREAD, STEEL-CUT OATMEAL, AND WHOLE-MEAL PASTA CAN REDUCE YOUR CHANCES OF DEVELOPING LUNG CANCER.

## **HEALTH**

3/10/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
California raises legal smoking age

CALIFORNIA COULD BE THE SECOND STATE IN THE NATION TO RAISE THE LEGAL AGE TO BUY CIGARETTES AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS. SAN FRANCISCO HAS ALREADY ADOPTED ITS OWN CITY LAW, AND NOW THE STATE LEGISLATURE HAS DONE THE SAME. KRON 4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN REPORTS THAT BUYERS WOULD HAVE TO BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD:

REPORTER: WHAT AGE DID YOU START SMOKING?

Brandon Imada, smoker: "Sixteen."

REPORTER: SIXTEEN? THAT'S KIND OF YOUNG!

Brandon Imada, smoker: "It is!"

THE LEGAL AGE TO BUY CIGARETTES IS CURRENTLY 18, BUT CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATORS HAVE NOW APPROVED A BILL THAT WILL RAISE THE AGE TO BUY CIGARETTES TO 21. THAT WOULD MAKE 18-YEAR-OLD ANTHONY RIOS'S CALIFORNIA I.D. USELESS FOR BUYING CIGARETTES. HE IS NOT FEELING GOOD ABOUT THE NEWS OUT OF SACRAMENTO.

Anthony Rios, 18 YEAR OLD, "The main reason I got my I.D. is so I can buy my tobacco products, legally you know. If state legislators are trying to change that to 21, I really don't like that."

STATE LAW MAKERS IN FAVOR OF THE BILL ARE TRYING TO ADDRESS WHAT THEY SEE IS AN EMERGING HEALTH CRISIS FOR CALIFORNIA YOUTH.

Imada: "I've been smoking since I was 16. At this point, it is almost like trying to kick a heroin addiction."

BRANDON IMADA SAYS BEING HEALTHY IS THE REASON HE WISHES HE NEVER PICKED UP THE HABIT OF SMOKING

REPORTER: NOW THAT YOU'RE 25 AND ALL, DO YOU WISH THAT YOU NEVER STARTED SMOKING?

Imada: "I do actually. Probably better for my health. It would be a lot easier to do running and all that stuff."

BUT SOME FOLKS THINK LAW MAKERS MISSED THE MARK ON THIS ONE

Woman on street: "I think more tools to help educate during school and get the world out would be more beneficial than just saying no you can't, because at that age you want to do what you're not supposed to do."

GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN WILL HAVE THE FINAL SAY ON WHETHER OR NOT THE AGE LIMIT TO BUY TOBACCO PRODUCTS WILL BE INCREASED, AS THE BILL NOW SITS ON HIS DESK AWAITING HIS APPROVAL.

IN CONCORD HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

## **HEALTH**

3/15/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Local county taking stand against opioid abuse

OVER THE YEARS, YOU'VE SEEN THE HIGH PROFILE ADDICTIONS AND CELEBRITY OVERDOSES. NOW THE EFFECT OF OVER-PRESCRIBING PAINKILLERS IS HITTING HOME. KRON 4'S VICKI LIVIAKIS SHOWS US ONE EAST BAY COMMUNITY RESPONDING TO THE ABUSE.

THIS IS ONE WAY TO SAVE A LIFE IF A PERSON OVERDOSES...

Dr. Ken Saffier, with vial in his hand: This, injected into somebody who's turning blue and not breathing will cause them to become awake. If they aren't already dead."

BUT ANOTHER WAY IS TO STOP PRESCRIPTION ADDICTION BEFORE IT GETS OUT OF CONTROL. IT'S A FRIGHTENING FACT, BUT MORE PEOPLE DIE FROM OVERDOSE OR ACCIDENTAL POISONING FROM PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THAN CAR CRASHES. THIS STUFF CAN KILL YOU. AND WE'RE NOT TALKING HEROIN, BUT LEGAL DRUGS.

Dan Peddycord, Contra Costa County Health Director: "We are in the middle of an epidemic. It's now the number one accidental death for individuals 25 to 64, replacing motor vehicle accidents. It's a big issue."

SO BIG THAT HEALTH DIRECTOR DAN PEDDYCORD SAYS CONTRA COSTA IS NOW ISSUING A PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY URGING LOCAL DOCTORS AND HOSPITALS TO LIMIT THE OPIOID PAINKILLERS THEY PRESCRIBE. PAINKILLERS LIKE OXYCONTIN, NORCO, CODEINE AND MORPHINE.

Peddycord: "Your providers in the future will probably be prescribing fewer in number and for a shorter amount of time."

DR. KEN SAFFIER IS A FAMILY AND ADDICTION SPECIALIST WHO'S SEEN THE DANGERS IN PILL-POPPING PATIENTS.

Dr. Saffier: "People who go doctor shopping or are lying or trying to not be drug sick so they are desperate and we want to be able to help them."

AND FOR PARENTS, THESE EXPERTS SAY THERE'S A WAY TO HELP AT HOME

Peddycord: "That's how many young people get their hands on these medications that aren't prescribed for them. They are going through the medicine cabinets. So, parents, lock them up. Dispose of them correctly. Don't keep a stockpile around."

IN MARTINEZ, VICKI LIVIAKIS, KRON 4 NEWS.

## **HEALTH**

3/16/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Follow-up: national angle on local opioid story

THE C-D-C HAS ISSUED NEW GUIDELINES FOR PRESCRIBING OPIATE PAINKILLERS. THE AGENCY SAYS THE RISKS FROM THE DRUGS OUTWEIGH THE BENEFITS FOR MOST PEOPLE. DOCTORS ARE NOW ADVISED TO PRESCRIBE THE LOWEST DOSE POSSIBLE FOR THE SHORTEST AMOUNT OF TIME.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE C-D-C HAS ISSUED GUIDELINES FOR OPIOID PAINKILLERS AND IT COMES AS A RESPONSE TO THE RISING NUMBERS OF AMERICANS BECOMING ADDICTED TO THEM.

HOWEVER, DOCTORS ARE NOT LEGALLY REQUIRED TO FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

## **HEALTH**

3/16/16 KRON 4 Evening News

New hope in battle against zika virus

RESEARCHERS ARE COMING UP WITH A NEW WAY TO FIGHT THE ZIKA VIRUS. HEALTHY PEOPLE ARE VOLUNTEERING TO GET INJECTED WITH THE DENGUE VIRUS AND AN EXPERIMENTAL VACCINE. RESEARCHERS ARE PLANNING TO USE THIS SAME STRATEGY TO CURE DENGUE'S COUSIN, THE ZIKA VIRUS.

SO FAR, RESEARCHERS SAY, THE RESULTS FROM THE VOLUNTEERS ARE HIGHLY PROMISING IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ZIKA. DENGUE FEVER COMES FROM MOSQUITOES JUST LIKE ZIKA. IT EFFECTS MORE THAN 2 MILLION PEOPLE A YEAR."

## **HEALTH**

3/17/16 KRON 4 Evening News

How stress undermines health

STRESS CAN BE HARMFUL NOT ONLY MENTALLY, BUT PHYSICALLY AS WELL. IT CAN BE ESPECIALLY BAD FOR YOUR HEART. FROM OUR PARTNERS AT CNN, JIM MORELLI HAS A LOOK AT THE DAMAGE STRESS CAN DO TO THE BODY AND STRATEGIES FOR DEALING WITH IT, IN TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE.

TRAFFIC, SCHOOL, WORK, MARRIAGE, PARENTING – IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO YOU ARE, STRESS IS A SIMPLE FACT OF LIFE. IT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO AVOID IT. SO...

Dr. Deepak Bhatt, cardiologist: "It's really a matter of how you're dealing with stress that is the key point."

DR. DEEPAK BHATT IS A CARDIOLOGIST AT BOSTON'S BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL. HE SAYS STRESS MANAGEMENT IS CRUCIAL TO HEALTHY LIVING BECAUSE STRESS CAN BE HARMFUL. IT RAISES BLOOD PRESSURE AND HEART RATE.

Dr. Bhatt: "Those elevations - if repetitive, if pronounced - can ultimately lead to things like a heart attack or heart failure."

HE SAYS ANOTHER PROBLEM WITH STRESS IS THAT IT CAN LEAD TO UNHEALTHY BEHAVIORS.

Dr. Bhatt: "Not exercising, not eating right, maybe smoking, maybe other bad habits like excessive drinking that can lead to bad health, including bad heart health."

SO WHAT ARE SOME PROVEN WAYS TO RELIEVE STRESS?

Dr. Bhatt: "I think that exercise is one of the best ways to relieve stress."

OTHER POTENTIAL WAYS TO RELIEVE STRESS?

PRACTICE POSITIVE THINKING. MEDITATE OR PRAY. UNPLUG FROM ELECTRONICS, ESPECIALLY AT BEDTIME. GET ENOUGH SLEEP. AND FINALLY, FIND ACTIVITIES THAT MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD.

IN BOSTON, JIM MORELLI FOR CNN

## **1Q2016 TRANSPORTATION**

### **TRANSPORTATION**

1/14/16 KRON 4 News at 11pm

Golden Gate Bridge median barrier success story

THIS WEEK IS THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOVABLE BARRIER ON THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, AND BY ALL ACCOUNTS, THE PROJECT IS A SUCCESS. KRON 4'S JEFF BUSH SPOKE WITH THE BRIDGE GENERAL MANAGER WHO SAYS THE BARRIER IS WORKING WELL AND HAS SAVED SEVERAL LIVES IN THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION:

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE GENERAL MANAGER DENIS MULLIGAN SHOWS OFF THE ONLY THING THAT USED TO SEPARATE CARS GOING IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. THE THIN PIECE OF YELLOW PLASTIC TUBING WAS NOT ENOUGH TO PREVENT THE HEAD ON CRASHES THAT HAPPENED ON THE BRIDGE SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR, OFTEN WITH A GRIM OUTCOME. THE MOVABLE MEDIAN BARRIER WAS IN THE WORKS FOR YEARS AND FINALLY GOT INSTALLED LAST YEAR.

ROUGHLY 100,000 CARS CROSS THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE EVERY DAY AND DENIS SAYS THE BARRIER HAS SAVED LIVES ALREADY IN THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION.

Denis Mulligan, Golden Gate Bridge GM: "In its first year in place, the barrier has prevented four vehicles from going into oncoming traffic. So, we've had a series of accidents that it has prevented."

THE BARRIERS ARE FILLED WITH STEEL AND HEAVY CONCRETE AND ARE ALL CONNECTED WITH STEEL PINS. VERY SOLID, YET MOVEABLE. YOU CAN SEE THE EVENING COMMUTE IS SMOOTHER AND SAFER BECAUSE OF THE MOVABLE BARRIER.

THE BARRIER HAS ALSO MADE IT EASIER TO RECONFIGURE THE LANES FOR EACH COMMUTE DIRECTION. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, BRIDGE OFFICIALS ARE HAPPY WITH THE RESULT OF THE YEAR-OLD BARRIER. PREVENTING CARS FROM COLLIDING HEAD-ON IS THE NUMBER ONE PURPOSE OF THE BARRIER.

Mulligan: "What happens in a crossover accident is you have cars going in opposite directions going fast, so the speed of impact is basically double your speed. In the past, we have had some horrific accidents. But for the barrier, we've had four vehicles that would have been pushed into oncoming traffic."

IN ADDITION TO THE SAFETY VALUES OF THE BARRIER, IT TAKES LESS TIME TO RECONFIGURE THE LANES WHICH SAVES TIME FOR COMMUTERS.

I'M JEFF BUSH AT THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE IN SAN FRANCISCO, KRON FOUR NEWS.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

1/14/15 KRON 4 Evening News  
How safe is BART?

NOW TO THE MURDER INVESTIGATION OF A PASSENGER ON A BART TRAIN. BART POLICE RELEASED THESE PICTURES OF THE SUSPECT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR. BUT TONIGHT, THERE ARE NEW QUESTIONS ABOUT BART'S SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT SOME OF THE CAMERAS ON TRAINS ARE NOT REAL AND OTHERS DON'T WORK. TODAY, KRON 4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN TRIED TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE ISSUE BY SPEAKING WITH BART'S POLICE CHIEF KENTON RAINEY:

ARE THESE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS ON BART TRAINS REAL OR DECOYS?

Chief Kenton Rainey: "We have cameras on our trains; some of them are live videoing."

SOME OF THESE CAMERAS APPARENTLY ARE NOT LIVE ACCORDING TO BART POLICE CHIEF KENTON RAINEY, BUT HE SAYS FOR SECURITY REASONS HE WON'T REVEAL WHICH CAMERAS ARE ACTUALLY RECORDING.

Chief Rainey: "I'm not going to actually go into which of our cameras are actually videoing or not videoing or decoys as you say. It's a layered security system. Cameras functioning on the train is just a part of it."

THESE BART CAMERAS HAVE COME IN TO QUESTION IN THE WAKE OF THE SHOOTING DEATH OF A BART PASSENGER LAST WEEKEND INSIDE A BART TRAIN CAR.

JUST YESTERDAY, BART POLICE RELEASED THIS PHOTO OF THE SHOOTING SUSPECT EXITING THE WEST OAKLAND STATION. CHIEF RAINEY SAYS THE PHOTO IS A DEMONSTRATION OF HIS LAYERED SECURITY SYSTEM.

Chief Rainer: "You can tell that our system worked because of the photos we released last night. You can clearly see who this guy is. This system is safe."

CHIEF RAINEY SAYS THE LAYERED SECURITY SYSTEM INCLUDES SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS ON TRAINS AND ON BART PROPERTY, AS WELL AS OVER 300 BART POLICE OFFICERS AND BART CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.

Chief Rainey: "But ultimately, the most important piece are the 420 thousand riders."

REASSURING WORDS, BUT ARE THEY ENOUGH FOR PASSENGERS WHO JUST WANT TO BE SAFE ON THE TRAIN? THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

IN OAKLAND HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

SINCE 9/11, BART HAS APPLIED FOR AND BEEN AWARDED 200 MILLION DOLLARS IN HOMELAND SECURITY MONEY. IF THOSE FEDERAL DOLLARS HAVE NOT GONE TO MAKING EVERY CAMERA ON EVERY TRAIN CAR FUNCTIONAL, WHERE HAS THE MONEY GONE? KRON 4'S DAN KERMAN IS LIVE AT BART HEADQUARTERS TONIGHT WITH THAT PART OF THE STORY:

WELL, THE MONEY HAS GONE TO OTHER CAMERAS THROUGHOUT STATIONS. IT'S GONE TO MAKING THE SYSTEM SECURE WITH FENCING AND THAT KIND OF THING, AS WELL AS STAFFING. THERE'S A WHOLE VARIETY OF PRIORITIES AND WHEN THERE'S A LIMITED BUDGET YOU HAVE TO DECIDE JUST WHAT IS BEST TO KEEP THE SYSTEM SAFE.

NOW THAT WE KNOW THAT SOME OF THE CAMERAS ON BART TRAINS DON'T ACTUALLY RECORD VIDEO, SOME ARE SAYING THAT'S CREATED A HOLE IN THE TRANSIT SYSTEM'S SECURITY.

Gail Murray, BART board member: "That is not how I would characterize it. There is no perfectly safe system, but BART is one of the safest systems, as shown by our record."

BART BOARD MEMBER GAIL MURRAY SAYS MOST TRAIN CAMERAS DO RECORD VIDEO, AND IT'S JUST ONE OF MANY LAYERS OF SECURITY. SHE SAYS BART'S BUDGET IS NOT UNLIMITED AND THAT REQUIRES BART TO SET PRIORITIES

Murray: "We have to make many choices, and I think the choices we've made have been the highest priority choices."

WHILE THERE ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE NOTHING TOPS HAVING AN ACTIVE CAMERA ON EVERY TRAIN, MURRAY SAYS SYSTEMWIDE, THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY THE CASE.

Murray: "We've used Homeland Security to tighten security on our transbay tube and that is a really important aspect of BART and that would be a higher priority than anything."

HOMELAND SECURITY MONEY HAS ALSO BEEN USED TO BRING ON BOMB SNIFFING DOGS AS WELL AS OUTFIT BART OFFICERS WITH CAMERAS, AND STATIONS AND PLATFORMS WITH LIVE STREAMING CAMERAS.

Chief Rainey: "We also use Homeland Security money to form our critical asset protection team which is a team of officers specifically responsible for patrolling downtown Oakland and downtown San Francisco stations. Some people feel there should be a working camera in every car. Some feel we should have a camera spaced out every so many feet on a platform. Most want an officer at every station; some want an officer on every train. It's impossible. So we try to balance all our safety and security concerns based on intelligence we have and make those deployment decisions and right now it's working."

THE CHIEF SAYS THE PROOF IS IN THE PUDDING. CRIME IS DOWN ON BART SYSTEM-WIDE TEN PERCENT. STILL, HE SAYS, AS A RESULT OF THIS MURDER AND AS A RESULT OF WORD GETTING OUT THAT ALL OF THE CAMERAS DO NOT WORK, THEY



WILL RELOOK AT THEIR DEPLOYMENT STRATEGY AND DECIDE IF ANY CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE.

LIVE AT BART HEADQUARTERS DAN KERMAN KRON 4 NEWS

### **TRANSPORTATION**

1/15/16 KRON 4 Morning News

Live interview with Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf

ANCHOR: A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WANTED ME TO ASK YOU THIS. WHAT ABOUT FIXING THE POTHOLES? POTHOLES IN OAKLAND COULD BE THE NUMBER ONE QUESTION (AFTER THE RAIDERS) YOU'LL GET AS OAKLAND MAYOR.

Mayor Schaaf: "Well, I don't like them either! So there are two things you are going to see me doing in the near term around the state of our streets in Oakland. One of the things is that for the very first time Oakland will be creating a Department of Transportation. We will be bringing that plan to the City Council within a month. That will help us attract more outside funding for things like street repairs. The other thing we're working on is an infrastructure bond to put on the November ballot, asking voters to dig a little bit deeper into their pockets to make a really good long-term investment to take up the state of our streets. Not just fill the pot holes, but really build complete streets. And that means making the city of Oakland one of the most walkable, bikeable cities in the United States. That's part of what can make it a great place to live."

### **TRANSPORTATION**

2/9/16 KRON 4 Evening News

New express lanes open – for a price

SOME BIG RELIEF IS COMING TO COMMUTERS IN THE EAST BAY NEW EXPRESS LANES ARE GOING INTO EFFECT SOON. KRON FOUR'S TERISA ESTACIO HAS THE BREAKDOWN ON WHERE THESE LANES ARE AND HOW MUCH THEY ARE GOING TO COST YOU:

NEW EXPRESS LANES ARE GOING INTO EFFECT ON INTERSTATE 580. OFFICIALS SAY THE LANES WILL BENEFIT EVERYONE, NOT ONLY THOSE WHO USE THE LANES DURING PEAK TRAVEL HOURS, BUT OTHER TIMES AS WELL BY EASING TRAFFIC OFF OF THE REGULAR LANES.

THESE ARE THE NEW EXPRESS LANES THERE ARE TWO HEADING EAST ON I580 AND ONE WESTBOUND LANE IN THE TRI-VALLEY AREA.

TODAY OFFICIALS TOOK US ON A BUS TOUR SO THAT WE COULD SHOW YOU THE LANES UP CLOSE.

ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AGENCY OFFICIALS SAY THEIR RESEARCH SHOWS THAT THIS AREA IS ONE OF THE WORST COMMUTES SO THAT'S WHY THEY ARE PUTTING IN THESE LANES. THERE IS A CATCH THOUGH. THEY ARE GOING TO COST YOU.

Tess Lengyel, Alameda County Transportation Commission: "The tolls will vary depending upon the congestion in the lane. On the westbound, the maximum toll which goes all the way from Greenville to San Ramon and Foothill Road, that's a 13 dollar maximum."

THAT'S RIGHT. THIRTEEN DOLLARS. THAT'S THE MAXIMUM FIGURE DURING PEAK COMMUTE TIMES HEADING WESTBOUND AND HEADING EAST THE MAXIMUM IS NINE DOLLARS.

RIGHT NOW I'M ALONG WESTBOUND 580 AND YOU CAN SEE ONE OF THE EXPRESS LANE SIGNS OVER THERE. THIS IS HOW THE PRICING OF THESE LANES IS GOING TO WORK.

Lengyel: "The top readout on the sign will tell you the price, for this zone to the end and entering the next zone. The bottom tells you the price from this point to the end of the corridor."

IF YOU ARE CARPOOLING, THE EXPRESS LANES ARE FREE. NO CHARGE. HOWEVER, YOU WILL HAVE TO CHANGE OVER YOUR CURRENT FASTRAK TRANSPONDER TO A NEW "FLEX" MODEL THAT ALLOWS YOU TO FLIP A SWITCH ON THE BACK SO THE READER CAN CHARGE YOUR DEVICE ACCORDING TO WHETHER YOU ARE CARPOOLING OR NOT.

IT'S A LOT TO TAKE IN, SO KRON4 DOT COM HAS YOU COVERED WITH A LINK TO GET MORE INFORMATION.

THE LANES GO INTO EFFECT IN A FEW WEEKS AND THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING. NEXT UP THERE WILL BE SOME EXPRESS LANES THAT WILL OPEN UP ON I680 IN BOTH DIRECTIONS IN 2017.

TERISA ESTACIO KRON 4 NEWS

## **TRANSPORTATION**

2/12/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Tesla's self-driving car will

TECH TRENDS REPORTER GABE SLATE HERE. YOU ARE SEEING ME THROUGH QUADCOPTER4, OUR DRONE. WE BROUGHT IT OUT WITH US TODAY TO HELP US SHOOT THIS VERY SPECIAL STORY. RECENTLY TESLA PUSHED OUT AN OVER-THE-AIR SOFTWARE UPDATE TO THEIR MODEL S CARS, ADDING A NEW AUTO PILOT FEATURE. THIS LETS THE CAR DRIVE ITSELF AND IT'S A HUGE DEAL. IT'S A MAJOR ADVANCEMENT IN AUTO TECHNOLOGY. LET'S TEST IT OUT:

WE DROVE THE TESLA OUT TO A PRETTY LOW TRAFFIC AREA OUT IN RURAL MARIN – NOTHING AROUND BUT COWS. I WASN'T QUITE READY TO TRY THIS OUT ON A BUSY HIGHWAY!

WHEN YOU'RE DRIVING, YOU CAN ACTIVATE THE AUTO PILOT FEATURE AT ANY SPEED. YOU SIMPLY TAP THE CRUISE CONTROL LEVEL TWICE TOWARD YOU TO ENGAGE IT.

SO, NOW I'M GOING TO TAKE MY HANDS OFF THE WHEEL.

Reporter: "Oh, it's so weird!"

BUT IT JUST KNOWS TO STAY IN THE LANE, AND ONCE YOU'RE IN AUTO PILOT, YOU CAN TAKE YOUR FEET OFF THE PEDALS. YOU CONTROL THE SPEED JUST LIKE CRUISE CONTROL, TAPPING THE LEVER UP AND DOWN.

YOU CAN DEACTIVATE THE AUTO PILOT FEATURE AT ANY TIME AND REGAIN CONTROL OF THE CAR BY PRESSING ON THE BRAKE.

Reporter: "Oh, there's a turn coming up. There's a turn! Is it going to turn?!"

IT WAS REALLY FREAKY AS CURVES IN THE ROAD APPROACHED. PUTTING MY FAITH IN TECHNOLOGY AT 50 MILES PER HOUR WAS DIFFICULT....

Reporter: "It's doing it! It's taking the turn. God, that is amazing. It's like you're on a ride, a roller coaster or like a ride at Disney, like it's on a track and just knows where to go. "

ONE LANE COUNTRY ROADS CAN BE SCARY ENOUGH, BUT DRIVING THEM WITHOUT YOUR HANDS ON THE WHEEL AND WITH A CAR COMING YOUR WAY IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION? THAT REALLY PUSHED ME. MY INSTINCT WAS TO TAKE BACK CONTROL OF THE CAR, BUT I RESISTED.

Reporter: "Here comes a car toward me! My hands are off the wheel. Oh, this is weird! I guess you just get used to it. "

IF A CAR DRIFTS IN YOUR LANE OR DANGEROUSLY CUTS YOU OFF, THE AUTO PILOT WILL KNOW AND KEEP YOU SAFE.

Alexis Georgeson, Tesla representative: "It has automatic braking. It has side collision avoidance. So, if it needed to, it would avoid a car coming in or come to a complete stop to avoid an accident."

SO THIS IS A CAR THAT CAN STAY IN ITS LANE, ADJUST SPEED, AND BRAKE ALL BY ITSELF. THIS IS HUGE!! THIS IS THE FIRST REAL-WORLD LEGIT EXAMPLE OF A SELF-DRIVING EXPERIENCE. FOR NOW, IT'S INTENDED MOSTLY FOR HIGHWAY DRIVING. IT REQUIRES CLEAR LANE MARKINGS. IT'S NOT DESIGNED FOR MAKING TIGHT TURNS IN A CITY ON ITS OWN.

I ASKED ALEXIS HOW IT WORKS.

Alexis Georgeson, Tesla representative: "These little sensors are built in they are all around the car. A long-range radar in the front of the car senses a few hundred feet ahead of the car. And a forward facing camera sees ahead of the car. That is what sees the lanes on the road. And then separately the cars also have high precision mapping in them so the systems are actually learning and improving."

SO THIS IS A PRETTY AMAZING FEATURE. DRIVING WITH NO HANDS. IT SLOWED DOWN ON TURNS, TAKING THEM WELL. ONE GUY VEERED INTO OUR LANE THE TESLA KIND OF MOVED OVER A FOOT TO AVOID IT. IT SENSES EVERYTHING AND I FELT VERY SAFE. BUT YOU WOULD NOT TAKE A NAP OR GET IN THE BACK SEAT. YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT IT LIKE CRUISE CONTROL.

Alexis Georgeson: "It's a driver convenience feature. We still expect drivers to be aware and present.

GABE SLATE KRON4 NEWS

## **TRANSPORTATION**

2/18/16 KRON 4 Evening News

New report issued on local bridge safety

WHEN WE TALK ABOUT BAY AREA FREEWAYS, USUALLY THE TOP CONCERN IS TRAFFIC, BUT A NEW REPORT IS RAISING SAFETY QUESTIONS. IT FINDS THAT SEVEN

HIGHWAY BRIDGES IN THE BAY AREA ARE STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT. KRON 4'S DAN KERMAN IS LIVE AT CALTRANS HEADQUARTERS IN OAKLAND WITH MORE:

THE BRIDGES WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HERE ARE NOT BIG ONES LIKE THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE OR THE BAY BRIDGE. THESE ARE BRIDGES THAT ARE OFTEN OVER CREEKS OR RAILWAY TRACKS OR CITY STREETS AND SEVEN HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED HERE IN THE BAY AREA AS NEEDING WORK.

A NEW REPORT BY THE AMERICAN ROAD AND TRANSPORTATION BUILDERS ASSOCIATION FINDS OF THE TOP 50 MOST HEAVILY TRAVELLED BRIDGES THAT ARE STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT, SEVEN ON THE LIST ARE IN THE BAY AREA – IN SAN FRANCISCO, CONTRA COSTA, ALAMEDA AND SAN MATEO COUNTIES.

INTERSTATE 680 OVER MONUMENT BLVD IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY IS NUMBER 19 ON THE LIST. CALTRANS SAYS JOINT REPLACEMENT IS NEEDED, BUT THE PROJECT IS NOT IN THE PIPELINE YET AND IS NOT FUNDED. HOWEVER, THEY SAY THAT DOES NOT MEAN THE ROAD IS NOT SAFE TO DRIVE ON.

Rocquel Johnson, CalTrans spokesperson: "If they were unsafe, we definitely would not have them open to traffic for the public to use. So it does mean that they are safe for traveling, for all our commuters throughout the state of California."

CAL TRANS SAYS THREE OF THE BRIDGES LISTED AS DEFICIENT HAVE ALREADY BEEN REPAIRED, INCLUDING INTERSTATE 880 OVER WHIPPLE AVENUE IN HAYWARD AND HIGHWAY 101 AT CANDLESTICK.

Johnson: "We've spent about 450 million dollars on doing bridge replacements and repair work throughout the whole state of California."

COMPLETE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IS ALREADY UNDERWAY ON HIGHWAY 101 OVER SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK JUST SOUTH OF EMBARCADERO ROAD IN PALO ALTO, BUT IT'S NOT YET COMPLETED AND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT WORK HAS YET TO BEGIN ON HIGHWAY 101 OVER CORDILLERAS CREEK IN REDWOOD CITY.

Johnson: "Overall I think we're doing a pretty good job. Yes, we could do more? I think we always feel like we can."

AS FAR AS THAT REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN PALO ALTO, THAT'S IN ITS THIRD PHASE AND CALTRANS IS HOPING TO HAVE THAT ONE WRAPPED UP BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

AT CAL TRANS HEADQUARTERS IN OAKLAND DAN KERMAN KRON 4 NEWS

## **TRANSPORTATION**

2/18/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
BART trying to clean up its act

BART IS TRYING TO CLEAN UP ITS ACT BY HIRING MORE CLEANING STAFF. THEY'RE FOCUSING ON SCRUBBING DOWN THE STATIONS THAT GET THE MOST FOOT TRAFFIC. KRON4'S MAUREEN KELLY WENT TO ONE OF THE STATIONS AND GOT REACTION FROM RIDERS:

THIS WOMAN CLEANING THE FARE GATES AT THE EMBARCADERO STATION WAS JUST HIRED LAST MONTH. SHE IS ONE OF 19 NEW SYSTEM SERVICE WORKERS HIRED THIS YEAR TO BEEF UP THE CREW THAT TRIES TO KEEP UP WITH THE DAILY GRIME.

THESE SNAPSHOTS PROVIDED BY BART SHOW SOME OF THE OTHER NEW HIRES THAT MAKE UP BART'S NEW SPECIAL PROJECT CREWS, CREWS THAT NOW WORK OVERNIGHT FIVE NIGHTS A WEEK MOPPING, SCRUBBING, VACUUMING AND SCRAPING UP GUM. IT TAKES EACH THREE PERSON CREW SIX WEEKS TO CLEAN ONE ENTIRE STATION FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, AND BECAUSE EACH TEAM IS DEDICATED TO JUST ONE STATION, AT THE END OF THAT SIX WEEKS THEY WILL START RIGHT BACK UP CLEANING ALL OVER AGAIN.

THERE ARE FOUR OF THESE SPECIAL CLEANING CREWS AND THEY'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE FOUR BUSIEST – AND THEREBY DIRTIEST – STATIONS, ALL LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN SAN FRANCISCO: EMBARCADERO, MONTGOMERY STREET, POWELL STREET AND CIVIC CENTER.

BART SAYS THEY ARE DOING THIS IN RESPONSE TO A 2014 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY WHERE RIDERS LET THEM KNOW THAT THEY WANTED CLEANER STATIONS.

AND IT'S MUSIC TO THE EARS TO FREQUENT RIDERS, LIKE THESE TWO ARTISTS WHO PERFORM DAILY ON THE TRAINS. THEY SAY THEY'VE SEEN SOME PRETTY GROSS STUFF ON BART.

Adeley Penner & Ibby Freeman, musicians and BART riders: "The pee in the elevator, that's the grossest." "Pee, poop condoms..."

Beverly, BART rider: "BART is disgusting. It really is. The stations are disgusting. The trains are disgusting."

Brian Birchell, BART rider: "I think cleaning is a very good thing. It's important to have sanitation."

Stefan Dismukes, BART rider: "Yes, I've noticed a difference. It's a lot cleaner, especially in the stairwells. There's been a lot less stench of urine, etc."

BUT NOT EVERYONE IS NOTICING THE DIFFERENCE.

Jay Scholl, BART rider: "It's well needed, but so far I haven't seen the results of those efforts."

BART SAYS THEY'VE ALSO ADDED MORE PERSONNEL TO THE TEAMS THAT CLEAN THE TRAINS THEMSELVES AT THE END OF THE LINE.

MAUREEN KELLY KRON4 NEWS.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

2/18/16 KRON 4 News at 11p

Follow up on express lane story

HELP IS ON THE WAY FOR DRIVERS WHO SPEND SEVERAL HOURS A DAY STUCK IN TRAFFIC ALONG THE TRI-VALLEY CORRIDOR. STARTING TOMORROW MORNING, FROM DUBLIN THROUGH PLEASANTON EXPRESS LANES WILL OPEN UP, ALLOWING DRIVERS TO PAY A LITTLE EXTRA TO SKIP THE LINE. KRON 4'S PHILIPPE DJEGAL TALKED WITH DRIVERS WHO HOPE THIS WILL IMPROVE THE COMMUTE:

HOPEFULLY A SIGN TO A SMOOTHER COMMUTE, SIGNAGE ON I-580 OVERPASSES WARNING THE EXPRESS LANES ARE COMING UP.

Driver: "Can't wait for it."

Reporter: "Yeah?"

Driver: "Yeah."

Reporter "What's the ride like without them?"

Driver: "Rough, brutal. Its always been rough. As a matter of fact, they've been there for, I want to say six or eight months and I've been waiting for them to open up."

A 14-MILE STRETCH FROM DUBLIN THROUGH PLEASANTON. DRIVERS WHO CHOOSE TO USE THESE LANES WILL BE BILLED THROUGH FASTRAK. THERE ARE TWO EXPRESS LANES ON THE EASTBOUND SIDE BUT ON THE WESTBOUND SIDE, ONLY ONE. AND, THE WESTBOUND LANE WON'T OPEN UNTIL MONDAY MORNING.

Reporter: "Do you think it'll help traffic out?"

Driver: "It definitely will."

Reporter: "Do you drive here often?"

Driver: "Yes, everyday."

Reporter: "How bad does it get?"

Driver: "It just took me an hour to get from San Leandro to here."

AND, KEEP IN MIND, IT'S NOT GOING TO BE A CHEAP RIDE...

Driver: "It doesn't matter. If it saves you an hour to be with your family, it's worth it."

THE COST DEPENDS ON THE TIME OF DAY YOU USE THESE LANES AND FOR HOW LONG YOU USE THEM. THE MAXIMUM RATE DURING PEAK COMMUTE HOURS ON THE EASTBOUND SIDE WILL BE NINE DOLLARS. ONCE THE WESTBOUND SIDE OPENS, THE MAX WILL BE 13 DOLLARS. BUT REMEMBER, THAT PRICE GOES DOWN THE LESS TIME YOU SPEND IN THE LANES.

Driver: "I don't know, I'm probably not going to use them, because they're pretty expensive when I drive. So it's exciting for people who can afford it, haha.

Reporter: "Do you think it'll help traffic?"

Driver: "I really hope so, but we'll see."

THE EXPRESS LANES WILL BE FREE FOR CARPOOLERS THOUGH. YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO SWAP OUT YOUR FASTRAK TRANSPONDER WITH A FASTRAK FLEX TOLL TAG. THE FLEX TAG ALLOWS YOU TO HIT A SWITCH ON THE BACK, ALLOWING DRIVERS TO NOTIFY FASTRAK IF THEY'RE DRIVING SOLO OR CARPOOLING.

THESE LANES WILL BE OPERATIONAL MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM FIVE IN THE MORNING UNTIL EIGHT AT NIGHT.

PHILIPPE DJEGAL, KRON FOUR NEWS

## **TRANSPORTATION**

3/3/16 KRON 4 Evening News

BART tries to move commuters out of peak hours

FEWER BART PASSENGERS DURING PEAK HOURS DURING THE MORNING COMMUTE – THAT IS THE AIM OF A NEW BART PILOT PROGRAM. IT'S CALLED BART PERKS. THE IDEA IS TO GET PASSENGERS TO AVOID TAKING THE TRAIN DURING THE BUSIEST TIMES OF DAY. KRON 4'S HAAZIQ MADYUN TAKES A LOOK AT SOME OF THE POTENTIAL PERKS BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE PROGRAM:

BART IS EXPERIENCING RECORD RIDERSHIP NUMBERS THESE DAYS ESPECIALLY DURING PEAK TIME BETWEEN 7AM AND 8:30AM IN THE PEAK DIRECTION OF THE TRANSBAY CORRIDOR. OVER 2,600 PASSENGERS PER HOUR ON PACKED TRAINS. THE TRANSIT AGENCY IS NOW WORKING ON A NEW PILOT PROGRAM AIMED AT EASING OVERCROWDING BY NUDGING PASSENGERS TO ALTER THEIR COMMUTE TRAVEL TIMES. IT'S CALLED PERKS.

THE SPECIFICS OF THE PROGRAM ARE STILL BEING HAMMERED OUT BUT ACCORDING TO BART OFFICIALS SOME OF THE IDEAS INCLUDE ENCOURAGING PASSENGERS TO TAKE THE TRAIN AT OFF-PEAK HOURS, WITH INCENTIVES SUCH AS CASH AND PRIZES FOR FREQUENT RIDERS AND EVEN CREATING A GAME WITH A CASH PRIZE. THE QUESTION IS WOULD PASSENGERS BE INTERESTED IN SHIFTING THEIR TRAVEL TIMES FOR THESE KIND OF PERKS?

BART rider: "If I did use BART to go to work and back, I would."

BART rider: "Oh yeah, anything, as long as I am making money, then heck."

BUT FOR SOME PASSENGERS NOT EVEN A CASH INCENTIVE COULD ENTICE THEM TO ALTER TRAVELING DURING THE PEAK TIME FRAME

BART rider: "I can't see what BART could do, even if it were free. I have to get to work when I have to get to work, so I don't see them incentivizing me to do it."

BART IS HOPING TO GET 5% OF ITS RIDERS TO OPT IN TO THE PERKS PROGRAM. CLIPPER CARDS WILL BE USED TO KEEP TRACK OF TRAVEL PATTERNS DURING THE six MONTH PERIOD OF THE PILOT PRGRAM SET TO BEGIN IN THE SPRING.  
IN CONCORD HAAZIQ MADYUN KRON4NEWS

## **TRANSPORTATION**

3/8/16 KRON 4 Evening News

BART's plan to deal with "seat hogs"

IF YOU RIDE BART, MAYBE YOU HAVE SEEN IT HAPPEN BEFORE. SOMEONE HAS THEIR FEET, LUGGAGE OR LUNCH TAKING UP A SEAT WHILE OTHER PEOPLE ARE SQUEEZED IN SO TIGHT, THERE IS STANDING ROOM ONLY. WELL, THOSE "SEAT HOGS" COULD SOON HAVE TO SLIDE OVER, OR PAY UP. KRON 4'S JUSTINE WALDMAN IS LIVE AT THE EMBARCADERO BART STATION IN SAN FRANCISCO WITH THE FINES THAT COULD BE COMING...

DURING A RIDE ON BART, PEOPLE PACKED ON THE TRAIN HAD A FEW CHOICE WORDS FOR SEAT HOGS.

Rider: ""I think it is awful, very selfish."

THE HOGS ARE THE PEOPLE WHO PUT THEIR FEET UP, OR BAGS OR LUGGAGE ON SEATS WHEN CLEARLY PEOPLE NEED TO SIT. NOW, A BART BOARD MEMBER WANTS TO PUT FINES IN PLACE TO FORCE SEAT HOGS TO MOVE THEIR STUFF OR PAY UP. SEANDEA BROWN FROM VALLEJO RIDES BART EVERY DAY.

Brown: "It is disrespectful, but why would you fine someone for their idiotic mistake? Not everyone is perfect, not everyone was taught courtesy or manners."

IF THIS DOES BECOME A NEW LAW ON BART, THE FIRST FINE WOULD BE \$100; SECOND FINE \$200. GET ASKED TO MOVE YOUR BELONGINGS A THIRD TIME? THAT'S \$500.

THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS. SUCH AS WHEN A PERSON'S SIZE OR MEDICAL DONCITION MAKES THEM TAKE UP MORE THAN ONE SEAT. BUT THE LAW WOULD ALLOW BART POLICE TO GET INVOLVED IF NECESSARY.

Rider: "You paid for a seat, not multiple seats. Someone should be able to sit down."

Rider: "It's kinda hard to fine somebody for not knowing any better."

A RECENT AWARENESS CAMPAIGN HAPPENED ON THE SUBWAY SYSTEM IN YORK AGAINST MANSREADING – GUYS SPREADING THEIR LEGS SO WIDE, THEY TOOK UP SEVERAL SEATS. BUT THERE WAS NEVER A FINE ATTACHED TO MANSREADING.

BACK IN THE BAY AREA, BART RIDERS TRY TO BE GOOD TO ONE ANOTHER. AS IT IS SAID, MANNERS MAKE A BETTER RIDE.

Rider: ""My bag should not take the precedence over a human being."

JUSTINE WALDMAN KRON 4 NEWS

## **TRANSPORTATION**

3/8/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
Pedestrian fatalities on the rise

THERE IS MOUNTING EVIDENCE THAT THE NUMBER OF PEDESTRIANS KILLED EACH YEAR BY CARS IS ON THE RISE, AND A NEW REPORT RELEASED TODAY SAYS CALIFORNIA IS THE DEADLIEST STATE IN THE COUNTRY FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS. KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD IS LIVE TONIGHT IN THE EAST BAY WITH DETAILS FROM THE REPORT:

IN THIS NEW REPORT FROM THE GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY ASSOCIATION, THE AUTHORS CONCLUDE THT BETWEEN 2014 AND 2015, THE NUMBER OF PEDESTSRIANS KILLED B Y MOTOR VEHICLES WILL CLIMB BY ABOUT 10 PERCENT. DURTING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2015, 42 PERCENT OF ALL FATALITIES WERE IN JUST FOUR STATES – CALIFORNIA, TEXAS, FLORIDA AND NEW YORK.

DURING THAT TIME, 347 PEDESTRIANS WERE KILLED IN CALIFORNIA. THAT'S SEVEN PERCENT MORE THAN THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND BY FAR THE MOST OF ANY STATE IN THE COUNTRY. THE NEXT CLOSES IS FLORIDA WITH SAW 273 FATALITIES.

WHY THE INCREASE? WELL, THE AUTHORS SAY THT MORE PEOPLE ARE DRIVING, POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF LOWER GAS PRICES. BETWEEN 2014 AND 2015, THERE WAS A 3.5 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CARS ON THE ROADS. THEY ALSO SAY



THAT MORE PEOPLE ARE USING CELL PHONES WHILE WALKING, WHICH CAN LEAD TO DISTRACTIONS.

THE REPORT ALSO NOTES THAT NEARLY EVERY STATE IS TAKING SEPTS TO TRY TO REDUCE AUTO PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES. HERE IN CALIFORNIA, THREE MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANTS WERE GIVEN OUT IN 2015 AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS LAUNCHED A STATEWIDE WALKSMART CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

ONE OTHER NOTE FROM THE REPORT, THE AUTHORS SAY THAT OVER ABOUT THE PAST TEN YEARS, ABOUT A MILLION ADDITIONAL PEOPLE ARE NOW WALKING OR BIKING TO WORK.

CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

### **TRANSPORTATION**

3/11/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
BART earns dubious distinction

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN LOTS OF PASSENGERS CROWD INTO THE CONFINED SPACE OF A BART CAR? ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY, THE ANSWER ISN'T PRETTY. THE STUDY CONFIRMS WHAT MANY BART RIDERS ALREADY FEAR: YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO SEE IT, BUT WITH SO MANY PASSENGERS ON BOARD, THE TRAINS ARE BRIMMING WITH BACTERIA. KRON 4'S AVERI HARPER HAS THE DETAILS:

ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY, BART IS THE SECOND DIRTIEST TRANSIT SYSTEM IN THE NATION. I SPOKE WITH BART RIDERS ABOUT THE STUDY'S FINDINGS.

Rider: "I witnessed vomit on the floor last night. There's stuff on the seats. There's always something there. It could be cleaned up a bit. It's a little unhygienic."

RESEARCHERS AT A GROUP CALLED TRANSIT MATH TOOK SEVERAL SWABS OF HANDRAILS IN BART CARS AND IN OTHER METRO SYSTEMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO MEASURE FOR BACTERIA COUNTS.

ACCORDING TO THE STUDY, BART CARS HAVE NEARLY 500 COLONIES OF BACTERIA PER SQUARE INCH. THEY POINT OUT THAT NOT ALL BACTERIA IS BAD, BUT ON BART THEY FOUND HIGH LEVELS OF BACTERIA THAT CAN CAUSE NAUSEA, VOMITTING AND INFECTIONS OF THE SKIN, EARS AND EYES.

Rider: "Well it's kind of rainy around here and we track in a lot of dirt. It doesn't look like the cars are cleaned every day, so I'm not surprised by the results."

THE STUDY ALSO FOUND THAT SOME OF THE BACTERIA IS RESISTANT TO DISINFECTANTS.

Rider: "I saw the report. I wasn't surprised. I'm on BART every day and I do see why we we're on the map, yeah."

IN LAFAYETTE AVERI HARPER KRON 4 NEWS

BUT AT NUMBER TWO BART IS FAR FROM THE WORST CULPRIT ON THE BAD HYGIENE LIST. TRAVELMATH-DOT-COM REPORTS THAT NEW YORK CITY'S SUBWAY HAS FOUR

THOUSAND TIMES MORE BACTERIA ON ITS TRAINS. CHICAGO'S EL TRAINS ARE RANKED THIRD, FOLLOWED BY THE METRO IN WASHINGTON, DC.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

3/14/16 KRON 4 Evening News  
BART unveils its new cars

FOR BART RIDERS, THE FLEET OF THE FUTURE CANNOT GET HERE SOON ENOUGH. TODAY THERE'S SOME GOOD NEWS AS BART IS RELEASING VIDEO OF THE FIRST BRAND NEW TRAIN CAR MAKING ITS JOURNEY TO THE BAY AREA. GRANT LODES IS HERE WITH THAT STORY:

THE NEW TRAIN CARS ARE BEING MADE IN PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK. THE FIRST CAR IS NOW BEING SENT TO A BART TESTING FACILITY IN HAYWARD. NINE OTHER CARS WILL DO THE SAME THROUGHOUT 2016. THEY'LL MAKE BART'S FIRST NEW 10-CAR TEST TRAIN.

THIS IS A CAB CAR YOU SEE LOADED ONTO THE FLAT BED THERE, MEANING IT LEADS THE TRAIN, AND IT'S 70 FEET LONG.

THE JOURNEY TO CALIFORNIA COULD TAKE A WHILE – THERE ARE SOME SNOW COVERED ROADS BACK EAST – BUT IF TESTING GOES SMOOTHLY, THIS 10 CAR TRAIN COULD BE USED FOR ACTUAL BART PASSENGERS BY DECEMBER OF THIS YEAR.

AT LEAST 50 ADDITIONAL TRAIN CARS WILL BE ADDED TO THE BART SYSTEM NEXT YEAR. IN TOTAL, NEARLY 800 NEW TRAIN CARS WILL BE INTEGRATED INTO THE SYSTEM BY 2021. BART IS STILL HOPING MORE FUNDING WILL ALLOW IT TO MANUFACTURE EVEN MORE NEW TRAIN CARS. IT'S A SYSTEM THAT IS CURRENTLY BURSTING AT THE SEAMS AS BART RIDERSHIP CONTINUES TO SOAR.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

3/17/16 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
Serious problems for BART (part of ongoing coverage/multiple days & newscasts)

MORE HEADACHES FOR BART RIDERS TONIGHT. SERVICE BETWEEN THE PITTSBURG/BAY POINT STATION AND NORTH CONCORD IS NOW SHUT DOWN INDEFINITELY. BART STILL HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO PINPOINT THE EXACT PROBLEM..WHICH HAS ALREADY TAKEN 50 CARS OUT OF SERVICE. IT IS OUR TOP STORY TONIGHT. KRON 4'S PHILIPPE DJEGAL SPOKE WITH FRUSTRATED PASSENGERS. BUT WE BEGIN WITH KRON 4'S CHARLES CLIFFORD LIVE AT THE NORTH CONCORD BART STATION. CHARLES, BART SAYS SERVICE COULD BE AFFECTED FOR MONTHS?

BART BUS BRIDGES WILL CONTINUE TONIGHT AND TOMORROW. ALSO, BART SAYS THAT WHILE THEY MAY BE ABLE TO RESTORE SERVICE BETWEEN NORTH CONCORD AND PITTSBURG/BAY POINT IN A FEW DAYS, DOZENS OF BART TRAINS COULD REMAIN OUT OF SERVICE FOR WEEKS, MAYBE MONTHS.

ON THURSDAY, BART OFFICIALS SAID THAT 50 TRAIN CARS HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY POWER SURGES IN NORTH CONCORD. NORMALLY, THE CARS USE ABOUT 1000 VOLTS OF ELECTRICITY FROM THE THIRD RAIL IN THE TRACKS TO POWER THEIR ELECTRIC MOTORS. BUT FOR UNKNOWN REASONS, THE THIRD RAIL POWER IN NORTH

CONCORD MAY HAVE SPIKED TO AS HIGH AS 2000 VOLTS ON WEDNESDAY. THAT'S WAY MORE ENERGY THAN THE CARS' ELECTRONICS CAN HANDLE.

BART spokesperson: "Imagine plugging your 110 volt hair dryer into a 220 outlet. That's what's happening."

SPECIFICALLY, THE POWER SPIKES ARE DAMAGING THESE HOCKEY-PUCK-SIZED ELECTRONIC SWITCHES CALLED THYRISTERS. WITHOUT THEM, THE CARS CAN'T FUNCTION. BART SAYS THAT IT NORMALLY TAKES ABOUT 22 WEEKS TO GET NEW THYRISTERS AND FOR THAT REASON THE DAMAGED CARS COULD BE OUT OF SERVICE FOR WEEKS OR MONTHS. BART IS TRYING TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS.

BART spokesperson: "We are reaching out to other manufacturers who might have a similar device that meets our specifications."

AS FOR WHAT'S CAUSING THE PROBLEM IN THE FIRST PLACE, BART SAYS THEY'RE WORKING ON IT.

BART spokesperson: "We've narrowed it down to an area. We're testing and trouble shooting, We're moving in and out different power configurations and doing a lot of inspection work."

FINALLY, BART SAYS THEY ARE WORKING WITH PG&E AND ARE ALSO FLYING IN EXPERTS TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S GOING ON HERE.

IN CONCORD, CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON 4 NEWS

BART PASSENGERS ARE REALLY FEELING THE PINCH. RIDERS HAVE BEEN JUMPING ON AND OFF THE BUS BRIDGE FROM THE PITTSBURG/BAY POINT STATION ALL DAY. KRON 4'S PHILIPPE DJEGAL CONTINUES OUR COVERAGE :

IT'S BEEN LESS THAN TWO DAYS OF THIS, BUT, YES, THE FRUSTRATION IS MOUNTING. MAINLY BECAUSE AN END DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE IN SIGHT.

BART passenger: "I'm getting frustrated."

AND PATIENCE FOR PASSENGERS...

Passenger: "It is what it is."

IS WEARING THIN.

Passenger: "I really thought they would have had it fixed by now."

Passenger: "I don't know if I can deal with it."

Passenger: "I was trying to get to class on time... I had to take a big detour."

KEONTE REDD SAYS THE BUS BRIDGE FROM PITTSBURG TO THE NORTH CONCORD STATION MADE HIM LATE FOR CLASS AT DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE.

Redd: "I ended up not going because I was so late."

BY THE EARLY EVENING, THE LINES FOR BUSES SHUTTLING PASSENGERS TO AND FROM PITTSBURG DWINDLED DOWN BUT REMAIN LONG, ADDING A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME TO EACH PERSON'S COMMUTE.

Passenger: "Maybe about 20, 30 minutes."

REPORTER: HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE YOU TO GET HOME?

Passenger: "Uh, about another hour."

STILL, DESPITE THE SETBACK, MANY PASSENGERS ARE DOING THEIR BEST TO SEE THE BRIGHT SIDE AND STAY OPTOMISTIC.

Passenger: "I'm prepared. Just got to leave earlier, that's all."

Passenger: "There's nothing I can do about it. It's beyond my control. So, just roll with the punches -- that's it."

Passenger: "If this continues into next week, it's really going to wear on my patience."

THE BUS BRIDGE IS STILL CHEAPER THAN TAKING A TAXI THOUGH. SO, THERE'S THAT, BUT IT APPEARS BART RIDERS MAY CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH THIS SITUATION FOR THE DAYS AND MAYBE WEEKS TO COME.

LIVE IN CONCORD, PHILIPPE DJEGAL, KRON 4 NEWS

## **TRANSPORTATION**

3/30/16 KRON 4 Evening News

Police stage sting operation to improve pedestrian safety

IT WAS VERY CLOSE CALL TODAY FOR A PEDESTRIAN TRYING TO CROSS AN EAST BAY STREET. FORTUNATELY, THE PERSON WAS A POLICE OFFICER. BUT YOU WON'T BELIEVE HOW MANY TIMES CARS GOT DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO HITTING THE UNDERCOVER OFFICER. AS KRON 4'S TERISA ESTACIO REPORTS, THOSE IN CHARGE OF THE OPERATION SAY THE GOAL TODAY WAS MUCH DIFFERENT THAN WHAT YOU MIGHT IMAGINE:

WATCH AND YOU CAN SEE AS DRIVER AFTER DRIVER AFTER DRIVER BLASTS THROUGH A CROSSWALK ON GRAND AVENUE WHILE THIS PERSON TRIES TO GET TO THE OTHER SIDE. LOOK AT THIS ONE – THE CAR GETS REALLY CLOSE TO HITTING THE PEDESTRIAN.

FORTUNATELY, THIS IS NOT JUST ANY PERSON, BUT AN UNDERCOVER OFFICER, OUT HERE TO BRING MORE AWARENESS TO DRIVERS. AND GET THIS, THE GOAL HERE IS NOT TO GIVE TICKETS.

Lt. David Elzey, Oakland Police: "It would be more of a success if we didn't give any tickets because that would mean the motoring public are obeying the traffic laws."

HOWEVER, TICKETS CERTAINLY WERE HANDED OUT BECAUSE DRIVERS REPEATEDLY FAILED TO FOLLOW THE LAW.

Lt. Elzey: "Unfortunately, we are writing a lot of tickets. And educating them, making them aware of the issue and hopefully we don't have repeat offenders."

Reporter to driver who was stopped: "Did you not see the person in the crosswalk?"

Driver: "I don't see nobody."

OFFICERS ARE STILL COUNTING UP HOW MANY INFRACTIONS THEY WROTE DURING THIS OPERATION TODAY. THE DEPARTMENT SAYS THEY HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN PEDESTRIAN INJURIES, WHICH IS WHAT PROMPTED THIS OPERATION. IN THE LAST THREE YEARS, THEY AHVE SEEN 876 INJURY-RELATED COLLISIONS. AND THIS OPERATION IS NOT GOING TO STOP HERE. OPD SAYS THEY PLAN TO DO MORE OF THESE OPERATIONS IN THE FUTURE.

TERISA ESTACIO KRON4 NEWS