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KRON-TV programs that regularly address issues of community concern include (but are not limited to) the following:

KRON 4 Morning News, a weekday news/informational program aired 4 am to 10 am, includes reports and in-depth features, typically of 30 seconds to 2 minutes in duration, dealing with community issues.

KRON 4 News @ 5 a daily news/informational program aired 5pm to 6 pm, includes reports and features, typically of 30 seconds to 2 minutes in duration, dealing with community issues.

KRON 4 News @ 6, a weekday news/informational program aired 6 pm to 7 pm, includes reports and features, typically of 30 seconds to 2 minutes, dealing with community issues.

KRON 4 News @ 8, a prime time news/informational program aired from 8 pm to 9 pm, includes reports and features, typically 30 seconds to 2 minutes long, dealing with community issues and the day's major news stories.

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KRON 4 Morning News Weekend, a weekend news/informational program aired Saturdays and Sundays 7 am to 10 am, includes reports and in-depth features, dealing with community issues.

KRON 4 News @ 8 Weekend, a Saturday and Sunday news/informational program aired 8 pm to 9 pm, includes reports and in-depth features, typically of 30 seconds to 2 minutes, dealing with community issues.

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

CRIME

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10/20/14 KRON 4 Evening News

Baffling vandalism spree in San Jose

MORE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS ARE GOING UP IN ONE SAN JOSE NEIGHBORHOOD AFTER A RASH OF VANDALISM. AND ONE BUSINESS OWNER WAS TARGETED MORE THAN ONCE. KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE HAS MORE:

PLYWOOD NOW COVERS WHAT'S LEFT OF A LARGE, PLATE-GLASS WINDOW HERE AT THE DI MODA SALON IN DOWNTOWN WILLOW GLEN. EARLY SUNDAY MORNING AS THIS SURVEILLANCE VIDEO SHOWS, SOMEONE SMASHED THAT WINDOW. OWNER AMBER LOPEZ SAYS IT'S HAPPENED THREE TIMES NOW. LOPEZ TURNED OVER TO POLICE AN IMAGE FROM A SURVEILLANCE CAMERA THAT SHOWS ONLY THE SMASHED WINDOW AND THIS, A PAIR OF PLIERS FOUND AMONG THE BROKEN GLASS.

Amber Lopez, owner of Di Moda Salon: "The first time we had the window and the door broken and they stole our computers. We lock everything up now. The second time, they just broke the window and again this time. Just vandalism."

SAN JOSE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING AS LOPEZ AND OTHER MERCHANTS HERE SUSPECT SUNDAY'S INCIDENT MAY BE RELATED TO PREVIOUS WINDOW SMASHING EPISODES.

ELSEWHERE ON OR NEAR BUSY LINCOLN AVENUE, THE BASKIN ROBBINS STORE, BEVERAGES AND MORE STORE AND A STARBUCKS HAVE ALSO HAD WINDOWS SMASHED IN RECENT WEEKS. MERCHANTS LIKE JERRY BROYLES AT THE ALLIED DRIVING SCHOOL NEXT DOOR TO THE SALON ARE STEPPING UP SECURITY.

Jerry Broyles, Allied Driving School: "We have video cameras here, so we're somewhat protected. If someone decides to throw a wrench, they may wind up with their picture on TV."

BROYLES SAYS WILLOW GLEN RESIDENTS AND MERCHANTS WHO LOOK OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER ARE NOW ON HIGH ALERT AND HE IS CONFIDENT THAT WHOEVER IS TO BLAME FOR THE VANDALISM WILL BE CAUGHT.

IN SAN JOSE ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

CRIME

11/11/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Richmond violence – the mayor and the community react

THE SHOOTING DEATH OF POPULAR RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PLAYER RODNEY FRAZIER JR. APPEARS TO BE A CASE OF THE TEEN BEING IN THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME EVEN THOUGH HE WAS KILLED IN FRONT OF HIS OWN HOME.

RODNEY FRAZIER WAS REPORTEDLY NOT IN A GANG, BUT POLICE SAY A FEUD BETWEEN RIVAL GANGS IS HEATING UP AND THAT SAME FEUD MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECENT SHOOTINGS WHICH INJURED FOUR OTHER RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

ONE OF THEIR TEACHERS SPOKE OUT TODAY ABOUT THE VIOLENCE.

Juan Ledesma, Richmond High School math teacher: "All these kids are really good kids, with good hearts. It's so bad that they have to go out there and look behind their backs all the time. Even myself, when I have my soccer players in North Richmond I feel I have to be watchful, I need to be watching everything I do in these neighborhoods. It's sad when a 16 year old can't go outside and just play."

ON WEDNESDAY, A VIGIL WILL BE HELD AT RICHMOND CITY HALL IN MEMORY OF RODNEY FRAZIER. IT WILL ALSO SERVE AS A CALL FOR AN END TO THE VIOLENCE.

WE HAVE TEAM COVERAGE ON THIS IMPORTANT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE AS KRON 4'S ALECIA REID ASKED RICHMOND'S NEW MAYOR-ELECT HOW HE PLANS TO ADDRESS THIS VIOLENCE:

MAYOR-ELECT TOM BUTT PLANS TO CONTINUE USING MULTIPLE RESOURCES FOR CRIME PREVENTION. HE SAYS HIS GOAL IS TO ERADICATE HOMICIDES IN RICHMOND.

Mayor Butt: "They are disputes which are just plain stupid. We're going to get on top of this. We're going to increase our resources and we won't be happy until we totally wipe it out."

CRIME HAS BEEN DOWN IN RICHMOND. LAST YEAR THE CITY HAD FEWER HOMICIDES THAN ANY TIME IN THE LAST 33 YEARS. BUT THIS RECENT UPTICK IN MURDERS IS CAUSING CONCERN. MAYOR-ELECT TOM BUTT SAYS CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGIES WILL BE RAMPED UP. A HUGE CHUNK OF THE 90 MILLION DOLLAR BENEFITS AGREEMENT WITH CHEVRON HAS A PURPOSE.

Mayor Butt: "A significant portion of that money will go to things like youth activities and job training which are actually important, particularly for young people who are likely to be the perpetrators and victims of violent crime.

NORTH RICHMOND IS UNDER COUNTY JURISDICTION. BUTT'S GOAL IS TO ANNEX IT INTO THE CITY OF RICHMOND TO MAKE CRIME-FIGHTING EFFORTS COHESIVE ACROSS THE BOARD

Mayor Butt: "You have two law enforcement agencies trying to do a job in two different jurisdictions that are totally intertwined."

A RALLY WITH RODNEY FRAZIER'S TEAM AND OTHER TEAMS FROM THE AREA IS PLANNED FOR TOMORROW AT 5PM. THEY WILL GATHER HERE AT CITY HALL TO CALL FOR AN END TO THE VIOLENCE.

ALECIA REID KRON 4 NEWS

CRIME

11/12/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Richmond vigil and anti-violence rally

[Follow-up coverage on the anti-violence rally in Richmond following shooting death of Rodney Frazier]

CRIME

11/21/14 KRON 4 Evening News

A new kind of crime trend in Contra Costa County

IT'S HAPPENING MORE AND MORE – THIEVES STEALING WATER IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY. THE CROOKS ARE TARGETING HYDRANTS AS WELL AS WATER LINES ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES. THIS HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST, BUT COUNTY OFFICIALS ARE NOW SEEING A SPIKE IN WATER THEFT.

THIEVES USUALLY BYPASS WATER METERS, SO THE WATER DISTRICT HAS NO IDEA HOW MUCH IS BEING STOLEN.

THE WATER BOARD WILL CONSIDER INCREASING FINES WHEN THEY MEET IN DECEMBER. INSTEAD OF A 25 DOLLAR FINE, IT COULD BE RAISED TO 250 BUCKS. AND REPEAT OFFENDERS WOULD BE FINED 500 DOLLARS.

OFFICIALS SAY INSTEAD OF STEALING WATER, PEOPLE WHO NEED IT, ESPECIALLY IN RURAL AREAS, CAN EITHER RENT A TEMPORARY WATER HYDRANT METER OR BUY A PERMANENT ONE FROM THE DISTRICT.

CRIME

11/22/14 KRON 4 Evening News

Operation Second Chance in Santa Clara

POLICE IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY ARE OFFERING A SECOND CHANCE TO SOME PEOPLE WHO HAVE WARRANTS OUT FOR THEIR ARREST. THE PROGRAM, THAT RUNS THROUGH THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, OFFERS INDIVIDUALS WITH NON-VIOLENT MISDEMEANOR CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC WARRANTS, THE OPPORTUNITY TO TURN THEMSELVES IN, INSTEAD OF BEING BOOKED INTO THE COUNTY JAIL.

INDIVIDUALS CAN GO TO ANY SANTA CLARA COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO RECEIVE THEIR WARRANT CITATION, WHICH WILL REQUIRE A NEW "PROMISE TO APPEAR" COURT DATE.

CRIME

12/22/14 KRON 4 Evening News

BART releases new crime statistics

NEW CRIME DATA FROM BART TELLS WHICH STATIONS ARE THE MOST DANGEROUS FOR YOU AND FOR YOUR CAR. KRON4'S SCOTT RATES JOINS US LIVE AT THE BAY FAIR BART STATION IN SAN LEANDRO WITH THE INFORMATION:

ACCORDING TO A NEW CHRONICLE ANALYSIS, CRIME IS SPREAD OUT AMONG ALL 44 BART STATIONS. BUT SOME HAVE MUCH MORE OF A CRIME PROBLEM THAN OTHERS. THE ANALYSIS LOOKS AT 10 MONTHS OF CRIME STATISTICS PROVIDED BY BART POLICE AND SHOWS VIOLENT CRIME ROSE 5.6 PERCENT FROM 2013 TO 2014.

SERIOUS INJURY ASSAULTS UP 27 PERCENT AND BATTERIES UP 26%, WITH CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE UP 10% AND CAR THEFTS ALSO ON THE RISE. THE BART STATION WITH THE MOST OVERALL CRIME WAS POWELL STREET STATION, THE MOST VIOLENT CRIME RIDDEN STATION WAS RIGHT HERE AT HE BAYFAIR BART STATION IN SAN LEANDRO. THAT'S WHERE I SPOKE TO RIDERS ABOUT THE DUBIOUS DISTINCTION.

[comments from BART riders]

THE GOOD NEWS? DURING THE 10 MONTH PERIOD THERE WERE FEWER HOMICIDES, DOWN BY 31%, AND ROBBERIES DECREASED BY 32%.

SCOTT RATES KRON 4 NEWS

CRIME

12/22/14/ KRON 4 News at 8pm

Local reaction to NYC cop ambush

THE MURDER OF THE TWO POLICE OFFICERS IN NEW YORK HAS OFFICERS IN THE BAY AREA WATCHING THEIR BACKS. TONIGHT KRON 4'S DAN KERMAN TELLS US WHAT SAN FRANCISCO POLICE ARE DOING AND HOW THEY'RE REACTING TO THE SHOOTING:

AS A RESULT OF THE FATAL AMBUSH OF TWO NEW YORK CITY POLICE OFFICERS, SAN FRANCISCO POLICE HAVE ISSUED A HEIGHTENED SAFETY ALERT FOR ITS OFFICERS

SFPD Chief Greg Suhr: "Just to tell the officers to be aware of their surroundings, don't go anywhere by themselves, back each other up and err on the side of caution to make sure we're safest."

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE CHIEF GREG SUHR SAYS ALERT OR NOT, IT WON'T DETRACT FOR HIS DEPARTMENT DOING ITS JOB

Suhr: "Our hearts are heavy, but everyone has their priorities straight. We're going to keep San Francisco safe."

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE OFFICERS HAVE SEEN THEIR FARE SHARE OF ANTI-POLICE PROTESTS IN RECENT WEEKS, BUT THIS AMBUSH IS A DIFFERENT STORY

Martin Halloran, president, S.F. Police Officers' Association: "When it leads to an eye for an eye or vigilante behavior against officers who are merely doing their job, its disturbing."

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT MARTIN HALLORAN SAYS HE SUPPORTS THE CHIEF'S HEIGHTENED ALERT, BUT SAYS OFFICERS REMAIN ON EDGE.

Halloran: "The officers are concerned. They, too, have families they want to go home to at the end of their shift. They are just doing their jobs 24/7. The communities are also very disturbed about what happened in New York and we need to work together to keep the dialogue alive where this type of action does not happen here in San Francisco."

WHILE OFFICIALS ADMIT THIS DEPARTMENT HAS ITS DETRACTORS AS WELL, THEY ARE HOPEFUL THE REALTIONSHPIS THEY'VE BUILT UP WITH VARIOUS COMMUNITIES, PLUS THE ONGOING DIALOGUE WILL PREVENT A SMILAR SITUATION FROM HAPPENING HERE.

DAN KERMAN KRON 4 NEWS

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10/14/14 KRON 4 Evening News

Gas prices are down

GAS PRICES, ALREADY DOWN IN RECENT WEEKS, ARE FALLING EVEN MORE. TRIPLE A ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE AVERAGE PRICE IN CALIFORNIA IS \$3.59. THAT'S DOWN 23 CENTS FROM ONE MONTH AGO.

HERE IN THE BAY AREA, A GALLON OF REGULAR IS SLIGHTLY HIGHER AT \$3.61. THAT'S THE AVERAGE IN OAKLAND. IN SAN JOSE IT'S \$3.58 WHILE SAN FRANCISCO IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE AT \$3.73 PER GALLON.

WE HAVE A USEFUL TOOL ON OUR WEBSITE FOR FINDING THE ABSOLUTE CHEAPEST GAS NEAR WHERE YOU LIVE OR WORK. CLICK ON THE SECTION AND YOU'LL FIND AN INTERACTIVE MAP WHERE YOU SEE THE ACTUAL PRICES. CHECK OUT KRON 4 DOT COM.

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11/3/14

Drivers taking advantage of declining gas prices

WE HAVE BEEN TRACKING THE FALLING GAS PRICES AROUND THE BAY AREA. TAKE A LOOK AT THIS VIDEO FROM THE GAS & SHOP AT 33RD AND MCKEE AVENUE IN SAN JOSE. PEOPLE LINED UP AROUND THE BLOCK FOR A CHEAP FILLUP. SO WHAT DO PEOPLE THERE THINK ABOUT IT? KRON 4'S ANNIE ANDERSEN HAS MORE:

WITH PEOPLE SHELLING OUT BIG BUCKS TO FILL UP, SMILES AREN'T VERY COMMON AT GAS STATIONS. BUT MONDAY AT THE GAS AND SHOP ON THE CORNER OF MCKEE ROAD AND 33RD STREET IN SAN JOSE THERE WERE SMILES ALL AROUND.

Markeeta Greenwood, consumer: "Because of the price. Did you see the price? It's awesome."

UNLEADED GAS WAS JUST 2.85 A GALLON, AND THAT'S A BIG CHANGE FROM WHERE IT WAS JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO. MANY WHO STOPPED BY THE GAS STATION TO FILL UP WERE EXCITED ABOUT THEIR SAVNGS.

Miriam Gutierrez, consumer: "Before it was 80 dollars, so I'm hoping it's going to be cheaper."

Ariana Caldera, consumer: "Every time, just to fill it up, it was 50, 60 dollars. Right now it's not that much. It's only about 25, 30."

SO HOW ARE PEOPLE PLANNING TO SPEND THEIR SAVNGS?

Greenwood: "Probably go to Walmart."

Gutierrez: "It will probably buy groceries."

Caldera: "That, I don't know. We'll still find out."

GAS PRICES ARE HISTORICALLY LOW BEFORE ELECTIONS. THAT'S WHY SOME PEOPLE CHOSE TO FILL UP ON MONDAY.

Greenwood: "I'm apprehensive that the prices will go back up after the election. Like maybe Wednesday, they'll shoot back up."

THAT SAID, THIS CUSTOMER IS STAYING OPTOMISTIC.

Greenwood: "But I hope they go down even lower. I hope they last forever."

ACCORDING TO TRIPLE A, PRCES ARE EXPECTED TO KEEP GOING DOWN ABOUT ANOTHER 15 CENTS AND STAY DOWN THROUGH THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

IN SAN JOSE ANNIE ANDERSEN KRON 4 NEWS

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11/7/14 KRON 4 Evening News

Local charity sees new trend in holiday support services

WE SAW HUNDRED OF FAMILIES CAMPING OUT OVERNIGHT, BRAVING THE COLD AND THE FOG, TO ENSURE THEY WILL BE GETTING SOME HELP OVER THE HOLIDAYS. THIS IS HERE AT SACRED HEART COMMUNITY SERVICE IN SAN JOSE. AFTER THESE FAMILIES REGISTER TODAY, LATER THIS MONTH OVER THANKSGIVING AND NEXT MONTH OVER CHRISTMAS THEY CAN RECEIVE A THANKSGIVING OR A CHRISTMAS FOOD BOX STOCKED FULL WITH A TURKEY AND ALL THE SIDES. THEY CAN ALSO REGISTER FOR A TOY GIVEAWAY THAT TAKES PLACE THE END OF DECEMBER TO ENSURE THEIR KIDS RECEIVE GIFTS OVER THE HOLIDAYS.

Samantha Skinner, San Jose resident: "This is my first time coming out. I have volunteered here in the past, but this year I need the help myself."

ORGANIZERS HERE AT SACRED HEART EXPECT TO HELP SEVEN THOUSAND PEOPLE HERE OVER HOLIDAYS, BUT THEY SAY, UNLIKE IN YEARS PAST, THEY'RE SEEING A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO DO HAVE JOBS BUT ARE NOT MAKING ENOUGH MONEY TO AFFORD HOLIDAY TOYS OR MEALS.

Poncho Guevara, Sacred Heart representative: "They still need help. They need support. They are feeling frustrated because they see the wealth and prosperity all around them, but they're not seeing it in their pocketbooks and they find they are falling further and further behind."

TODAY'S REGISTRATION RUNS UNTIL 6P. IF THEY STILL HAVE OPEN SPOTS THEY WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION NEXT FRIDAY MORNING. AFTER ALL THE REGISTRATION PROCESS IS COMPLETE, SACRED HEART WILL BEGIN DISTRIBUTING THANKSGIVING MEALS ON NOVEMBER 24. MIKE PELTON KRON 4 NEWS

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11/12/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Lower gas prices predicted

GASOLINE PRICES WILL FALL BELOW 3 DOLLARS A GALLON NEXT YEAR. THAT WHAT THE THE GOVERNMENT IS PREDICTING. THE ENERGY DEPARTMENT SAYS, ON AVERAGE, AMERICAN DRIVERS WILL PAY\$2.94 A GALLON. AND THAT'S ALMOST 50 CENTS CHEAPER THAN THIS YEAR.

BASED ON CURRENT GAS CONSUMPTION, THE LOWER ESTIMATE WILL SAVE DRIVERS AND THE ECONOMY MORE THAN 60 BILLION DOLLARS. ECONOMISTS EXPLAIN THAT LOWER GAS PRICES ACT LIKE A TAX CUT, LEAVING PEOPLE MORE MONEY TO SPEND ON OTHER THINGS.

WE HAVE A USEFUL TOOL ON KRON4 DOT COM FOR FINDING THE CHEAPEST GAS NEAR WHERE YOU LIVE OR WORK. CLICK ON "TRACK BAY AREA GAS PRICES" ON OUR HOME PAGE FOR A MAP SHOWING ACTUAL PRICES WITH A BREAKDOWN BY REGION.

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11/12/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Local food bank received windfall donation

ABOUT 25 THOUSAND POUNDS OF FROZEN TURKEY SPILLED ONTO THE FREEWAY AFTER A BIG RIG OVERTURNED AND CRASHED IN SAN RAMON. THE CRASH SNARLED TRAFFIC FOR MUCH OF THE MORNING ON SOUTHBOUND INTERSTATE 680. THE DRIVER WAS HEADED TO A COSTCO IN TRACY, WHEN HE ACCIDENTALLY GOT OFF AT THE WRONG OFF-RAMP WHERE A SHARP TURN LED TO THE TRUCK TIPPING OVER.

THE DRIVER SUFFERED A MINOR HEAD INJURY, BUT AFTER THE ACCIDENT ALL OF THOSE TURKEYS WERE HEADED TO THE DUMPSTER. UNTIL KRON4 STEPPED IN AND CONNECTED THE DRIVER WITH A LOCAL FOOD BANK. KRON 4'S MAUREEN KELLY WAS AT THE FOOD BANK AS THE SURPRISE WINDFALL WAS DELIVERED AND SHE GOT THE REACTION:

THANKSGIVING CAME EARLY TO THE ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOODBANK, IN THE FORM OF THIS BIG RIG HAULING IN THE TRUCKLOAD OF THE 15 TO 20 THOUSAND POUNDS OF FROZEN TURKEYS DEEMED SALVAGEABLE AFTER THE CRASH.

BEFORE THEY COULD BE ACCEPTED, A HEALTH INSPECTOR HAD TO CHECK THEM OUT AND TEST THEM TO MAKE SURE THEY WERE STILL COLD ENOUGH. THEY HAD BEEN FROZEN SOLID BEFORE THE ACCIDENT, BUT SPENT A CHUNK OF TIME UNREFRIGERATED AFTERWARDS. BUT THE TEMPERATURE READING WAS GOOD NEWS FOR THE CHARITY.

Gene Ostrovsy, Alameda County Health Agency inspector: "It tells me that it's frozen. It's good to be loaded into the walk in freezer."

AND THEN THE FOOD BANK EMPLOYEES WENT TO WORK, USING FORKLIFTS TO HAUL THE 9 PALLETS OF BUTTERBALL TURKEYS OUT OF THE TRAILER AND INTO COLD STORAGE.

Suzan Bateson, Alameda County Community Food Bank director: "I think it did a happy dance when the health inspector said they were okay."

THE CHARITY'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SAYS THE SURPRISE DONATION CAME AT THE PERFECT TIME.

Bateson: "We are so grateful that KRON4 was able to make that connection for the company and help them hear about food banks who need turkey's year round, but especially this time of year. It's a wonderful windfall for us. We are looking at record need in our community, so we know these will be put to good use. Protein like turkeys is very expensive for food banks like ours to acquire."

THEY SAY THESE TURKEYS WILL GO OUT FOR THANKSGIVING AND MAKE A DENT INTO THE 5 TO 10 THOUSAND BIRDS THEY TYPICALLY GIVE OUT DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

Bateson: "While it's really terrible for the driver, it's really great for food banks in the East Bay."

BECAUSE THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED IN SAN RAMON, THE FOODBANK HERE IN ALAMEDA COUNTY IS GOING TO BE SHARING THEIR UNEXPECTED BOUNTY WITH THEIR SISTER FOOD BANK IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY. ALL IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON.

MAUREEN KELLY KRON 4 NEWS

ECONOMY

11/26/14 KRON 4 Evening News
More signs of the economic times

FIRST FACEBOOK DRIVERS, NOW APPLE SECURITY GUARDS ARE PUSHING FOR BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS AT THE COMPANY'S CUPERTINO CAMPUS.

UNION ORGANIZERS SAY GUARDS CAN BARELY MAKE ENDS MEET, GIVEN THE HIGH COST OF LIVING IN THE BAY AREA. THE GUARDS ARE EMPLOYED BY A SECURITY COMPANY THAT HAS A CONTRACT WITH APPLE. NOW THE GUARDS WANT TO UNIONIZE. JUST YESTERDAY, APPLE WAS VALUED AT 700 BILLION DOLLARS.

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11/27/14 KRON 4 Evening News
Economic forecast for the holidays

IT MAY BE THANKSGIVING, BUT THE SHOPPING COUNTDOWN IS ON FROM NOW UNTIL CHRISTMAS. DESPITE THE SLOW ECONOMIC RECOVERY, AMERICANS WILL BE HITTING THE STORES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. THE NATIONAL RETAIL FEDERATION PREDICTS HOLIDAY SALES WILL TOTAL MORE THAN 616 BILLION DOLLARS. THAT IS UP 4.1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR. AND ONLINE SHOPPING IS EXPECTED TO GROW AS MUCH AS 105 BILLION DOLLARS.

AN INCREASING NUMBER OF AMERICANS ARE HEADING TO THE STORES TODAY TO KICKOFF THEIR HOLIDAY SHOPPING. THE NATIONAL RETAIL FEDERATION EXPECTS 25.6 MILLION SHOPPERS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE STORES OPENING ON THANKSGIVING DAY. AND THE THURSDAY SALES ARE STARTING TO TAKE A BITE OUT OF 'BLACK FRIDAY' BUSINESS. SALES DROPPED MORE THAN 13 PERCENT TO 9.7 BILLION DOLLARS ON BLACK FRIDAY LAST YEAR.

RETAILERS HAVE BEEN PUSHING PROMOTIONS BEFORE BLACK FRIDAY TO GRAB THE ATTENTION OF DEAL-HUNGRY SHOPPERS.

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Multiple dates, multiple newscasts
Tracking the downward trend of gasoline prices... why and results

Examples:

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF REGULAR GAS NATIONWIDE IS DOWN 25 CENTS A GALLON TO \$2.47. ANALYSISISTS SAY PRICES WILL LIKELY CONTINUE TO FALL. LOWER CRUDE OIL PRICES, AN ABUNDANT OIL SUPPLY, AND THE RISING PRICE OF THE U.S. DOLLARE ARE DRIVING GAS PRICES DOWN. THE LOWEST AVERAGE IN CALIFORNIA WAS IN SACRAMENTO AT \$2.58 A GALON. THIS IS THE LOWEST IT'S BEEN IN MORE THAN FIVE YEARS.

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12/3/14 KRON 4 News at 11pm
San Francisco "Winter Walk"

Story: In a boost for local merchants, San Francisco halts construction on central subway for one month to encourage holiday shopping in the Union Square area. Merchants have complained of poor business during construction. Area now a pedestrian mall with streets covered in green astroturf. Comments from SF Mayor Ed Lee who hopes merchants will see improved business and various shoppers saying it's much better than last month when it was noisy and congested and they did not stay to shop.

ECONOMY

12/5/14 KRON 4 Evening News
2014 gets high marks for the job market

PRESIDENT OBAMA MADE IT CLEAR. THINGS ARE FINALLY GETTING BETTER.

Obama: "The American economy is making real progress."

A ROBUST JOBS REPORT DELIVERED WELCOME NEWS TO THE WHITE HOUSE – 321 THOUSAND JOBS ADDED, MAKING 2014 THE BEST YEAR FOR JOBS SINCE 1999. AND THESE AREN'T JUST PART-TIME FAST FOOD JOBS.

WORKERS WERE ADDED IN PROFESSIONAL, MANUFACTURING AND TECH SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

Jason Furman, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers: "Across the board, you are seeing an economy that is strengthening."

BUT WHILE THINGS ARE MUCH BETTER, THERE ARE STILL SOME AREAS OF CONCERN.

Christine Romans, CNN business correspondent: "Even as the demand grows for skilled and unskilled labor, wages have not risen. That makes workers feel this recovery less."

THERE ARE MORE JOBS, BUT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY PAY BETTER. WHICH COULD HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH A FLAT START TO THE HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON.

Furman: "Holiday sales are important, but they are also over-rated."

THE WHITE HOUSE ARGUES THAT 10 MONTHS OF STRONG CONSUMER SPENDING ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN A FEW DAYS DURING ONE SEASON OF THE RETAIL YEAR.

Furman: "I'd look at sales over a month or over a year, and there you see a very consistent story of strengthening."

AND FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA, THE FUEL HE NEEDS TO GET A POTENTIALLY CONFRONTATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONGRESS TO WORK WITH HIM.

Obama: "So we've got an opportunity to keep up this progress if Congress is willing to keep our government open and avoid self-inflicted wounds."

A TASK THAT WON'T BE EASY, NO MATTER WHAT ANY JOBS REPORT SAYS.

RYAN NOBLES REPORTING

ECONOMY

12/23/14 KRON 4 Evening News

Economic indicators boost Dow to all time high

NEW YEAR'S EVE IS NEXT WEEK, BUT INVESTORS ARE ALREADY BREAKING OUT THE BUBBLY. THE DOW CLOSED ABOVE 18 THOUSAND FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, PUTTING AN EXCLAMATION POINT ON A STELLAR YEAR. THE S&P ALSO FINISHED AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH.

THE MARKET JUMP CAME AS INVESTORS LEARNED THAT THE U.S. ECONOMY GREW AT AN INCREDIBLE FIVE PERCENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER. IT WAS THE STRONGEST QUARTER OF GROWTH SINCE 2003.

DIVERSITY

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10/1/14 KRON 4 Evening News

Facebook's new policy

SOME SAN FRANCISCO DRAG QUEENS FOUGHT FACEBOOK AND WON. AFTER WHAT THEY ARE CALLING IT A MAJOR VICTORY, THE SOCIAL MEDIA SITE NOW HAS A NEW POLICY FOR USER PROFILES.

FACEBOOK IS APOLOGIZING TO A GROUP OF SAN FRANCISCO DRAG QUEENS WHO WERE LOCKED OUT OF THEIR ACCOUNTS BECAUSE THEY DID NOT USE THEIR LEGAL NAMES. THE COMPANY IS NOW TAKING STEPS TO FIX THE POLICY. FACEBOOK SAYS IT HAS ALWAYS REQUIRED THE USE OF A USER'S REAL NAME IN PROFILES FOR SECURITY REASONS. BUT NOW, THE COMPANY SAYS "REAL NAME" WILL NO LONGER MEAN A PERSON'S LEGAL NAME, BUT THE NAME THEY USE IN REAL LIFE.

TODAY SEVERAL PROMINENT DRAG QUEENS, INCLUDING SISTERS ROMA AND HECKLINE, HELD A VICTORY RALLY AT SAN FRANCISCO CITY HALL. THE GROUP APPLAUDED FACEBOOK'S DECISION TO CHANGE ITS "REAL NAME" POLICY, A DECISION WHICH COMES WEEKS AFTER THE DRAG QUEENS WERE KICKED OFF THEIR ACCOUNTS.

DIVERSITY

10/7/14 KRON 4 Morning News

Supreme Court decision on same sex marriage

THE SUPREME COURT HAS DECIDED NOT TO HEAR THE CASE ON SAME SEX MARRIAGE BANS. SAME SEX COUPLES ARE MARRYING IN MORE STATES NOW BUT THIS ISSUE IS FAR FROM RESOLVED. ANDREW SPENCER REPORTS NOW ON HOW SUPPORTERS AND OPPONENTS OF SAME SEX MARRIAGE ARE FRUSTRATED AT THE LACK OF A SUPREME COURT DECISION.

TWO MEN WHO SUED THE STATE WERE AMONG THE FIRST TO GET THEIR MARRIAGE LICENSE IN VIRGINIA.

"Thank you so much. It was a pleasure suing you."

THEIR CASE ENDED THIS WEEK AS THE U.S. SUPREME COURT REFUSED TO ISSUE A RULING ON LAWS BANNING STATES FROM RECOGNIZING SAME SEX MARRIAGES. FIVE STATES DEFENDING THOSE BANS NOW HAVE TO START ISSUING SAME SEX MARRIAGE LICENSES. SIMILAR BANS IN SIX OTHER STATES LIKELY ARE NOT FAR BEHIND.

IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR EXAMPLE, 61% OF VOTERS SUPPORTED A LAW DEFINING MARRIAGE AS BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN, BUT THE GOVERNOR SAYS HIS ADMINISTRATION WILL NO LONGER FIGHT TO KEEP THAT LAW ON THE BOOKS.

Governor: "My chief legal counsel has advised me that it's probably a matter of time."

THE LACK OF A SUPREME COURT DECISION CAUSES FRUSTRATION ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ISSUE, MAKING SAME SEX MARRIAGE LEGAL IN ABOUT HALF THE U.S., AND LEAVING IT UNRECOGNIZED IN THE REST OF THE STATES. UTAH'S GOVERNOR SAYS IT LEAVES THE COUNTRY WITH A PATCHWORK OF LAWS.

Gary Herbert, governor of Utah: "I am surprised about this and disappointed. I believe that the people deserve to have this hearing. To have the Supreme Court do that job I thought was appropriate to resolve the issue and give us some finality."

WHILE SOME CEREMONIES STARTED RIGHT AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT, OFFICIALS SAY THIS TIME THERE'S NO RUSH.

Joseph Czarnecki, Milwaukee County Clerk, "The ban on same sex marriage is not ever going to go into effect here in the state of Wisconsin."

Same sex partner: "We can finally plan our wedding. We can invite our family members and our friends and celebrate together!"

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11/12/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Women pay more for clothes than men

MORE THAN 20 THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED A PETITION ASKING OLD NAVY TO STOP CHARGING PLUS SIZE WOMEN MORE THAN BIG AND TALL MEN. THE WOMAN WHO STARTED THE PETITION ON CHANGE DOT ORG SAYS SHE IS FINE WITH PAYING THE EXTRA MONEY, BUT SHE WAS ALARMED THAT THE SAME STANDARDS DID NOT APPLY TO THE MENSWEAR. OLD NAVY RELEASED A STATEMENT SAYING QUOTE "WOMEN'S ITEMS INCLUDE CURVE-ENHANCING AND CURVE-FLATTERING ELEMENTS, SUCH AS FOUR-WAY STRETCH MATERIALS AND CONTOURED WAISTBANDS, WHICH MOST MEN'S GARMENTS DO NOT INCLUDE.

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11/21/14 KRON 4 Evening News
Reaction to Obama's executive action on immigration

President Barack Obama: "I'm not giving up. I will never give up. I will never give up. We're going to keep on working with members of Congress to make permanent reform a reality. But, until that day comes, there are actions that I have the legal authority to take that will help make our immigration system more fair and more just. And this morning, I began to take some of those actions."

PRESIDENT OBAMA HIT THE ROAD TODAY TO SELL HIS NEW IMMIGRATION PLAN. SPEAKING AT A HIGH SCHOOL IN LAS VEGAS, THE PRESIDENT SAID NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT. THE PLAN WILL OFFER WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR NEARLY FIVE MILLION

UNDOCUMENTED PARENTS OF U.S. CITIZENS OR LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENTS, AS LONG AS THEY HAVE LIVED IN THE U.S. FOR FIVE YEARS OR MORE.

ONE DAY AFTER THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED A PATH FOR MILLIONS OF UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS TO LEGALLY STAY IN THIS COUNTRY, THERE IS A LOT OF INTENSE REACTION TO THE CONTROVERSIAL PLAN. TONIGHT, WHAT THE REPUBLICANS ARE SAYING AND WHAT SOME PEOPLE IN THE BAY AREA THINK ABOUT IT ALL. BUT FIRST, CATHERINE HEENAN IS HERE TO SHOW US HOW MR. OBAMA SYMBOLICALLY ENACTED HIS NEW LAW TODAY:

DETERMINED TO GO IT ALONE, PRESIDENT OBAMA WAS IN NEVADA TODAY TO SIGN AN EXECUTIVE ORDER AIMED AT HELPING MILLIONS OF IMMIGRANTS WHO ARE IN THE COUNTRY ILLEGALLY. HE WAS AT THE SAME LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE UNVEILED HIS PLAN TO OVERHAUL IMMIGRATION NEARLY TWO YEARS AGO. HE'S TAKING STEPS DESIGNED TO MAKE NEARLY 5 MILLION IMMIGRANTS ELIGIBLE FOR PROTECTION FROM DEPORTATION AND FOR WORK PERMITS.

HE GOT A MOSTLY WARM RECEPTION, BUT WAS ALSO HECKLED AT ONE POINT. THE HECKLER WAS A TEACHER WHO SAYS HE DOESN'T THINK THE PRESIDENT IS TAKING HIS REFORMS FAR ENOUGH. MEANTIME, REPUBLICAN LEADERS ARE VOWING TO FIGHT THE PRESIDENT ON HIS PLAN EVERY STEP OF THE WAY, FURIOUS THAT HE'S BYPASSING CONGRESS. STEVE NANNES HAS THAT STORY:

THIS MORNING, REPUBLICANS FIRED BACK.

Rep. John Boehner, (R) House Speaker: "We will not stand idle as the president undermines the rule of law in our country and places lives at risk."

HOUSE SPEAKER JOHN BOEHNER SAYS THE PRESIDENT IS OVERSTEPPING HIS AUTHORITY BY BYPASSING CONGRESS.

Boehner: "The president has taken actions that he, himself, has said are those of a king or an emperor, not an American president."

THE PRESIDENT CALLS HIS ACTIONS LAWFUL AND IN HIS ADDRESS, THE PRESIDENT LEFT THE DOOR OPEN TO A BIPARTISAN DEAL.

Obama: "I want to work with both parties to pass a more permanent legislative solution."

BUT, AT LEAST FOR NOW, THAT DOOR APPEARS TO BE SLAMMED SHUT.

Boehner: "The President has chosen to deliberately sabotage any chance of enacting bipartisan reforms."

IN WASHINGTON, I'M STEVE NANNES REPORTING

LOCAL IMMIGRATION REFORM ACTIVISTS ARE HAILING THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION AS THE ONLY WAY FORWARD FOR THE MILLIONS OF UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS IN THE COUNTRY. KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE HAS THEIR REACTION NOW FROM THE SOUTH BAY:

THIS WAS THE SCENE AT A SAN JOSE UNION HALL THIS AFTERNOON, WHERE DOZENS OF IMMIGRANTS AND ACTIVISTS ALIKE GATHERED TO WATCH THE PRESIDENT'S LAS VEGAS SPEECH. EMOTIONS WERE RUNNING HIGH, AS SEVERAL UNDOCUMENTED RESIDENTS OF SILICON VALLEY EXPRESSED THEIR HOPE THAT CONGRESS OR A NEW PRESIDENT WILL NOT UNDO MR. OBAMA'S ACTION.

ERNESTO PEREZ, WHO SAYS HE HAS BEEN LIVING IN THE SHADOWS FOR YEARS, SAYS HE WILL BE AMONG THE FIRST TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PROGRAM WHEN THE TIME COMES.

Perez: "I just look at this. This is the future for me. Even for my daughters, the future is here."

LOCAL IMMIGRATION REFORM ACTIVISTS ARE CALLING THE PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE ACTION BETTER LATE THAN NEVER, AGREEING WITH CONGRESSWOMAN ZOE LOFGREN AND OTHERS THAT THIS IS THE ONLY WAY FORWARD.

Zoe Lofgren: "If they don't like this action, the remedy is obvious. Pass a bill. Do your job as legislators. Don't tell the President because you're not doing your job, he can't do his."

THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENT THAT THIS IS NOT JUST A LATINO ISSUE IS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN SILICON VALLEY, NOW HOME TO UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS FROM INDIA AND PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS, SAYS THE ASIAN LAW ALLIANCE'S RICHARD KONDA.

Richard Konda, Asian Law Alliance: "It could be that they arrive on a temporary work visa and for whatever reason is not at that same job and that visa expired, but they just remained here. Other times, people come as visitors or tourists or students and overstay."

WHILE MANY OF THESE FOLKS REMAIN SKEPTICAL THAT'S THE SO-CALLED ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE AND WORRY THAT CONGRESS OR A NEW PRESIDENT WILL UNDO THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION. ERNESTO PEREZ PLANS TO BE AMONG THE FIRST TO SIGN UP FOR IT.

Perez: "I feel really proud about the decision from the President because right now my daughters feel happy because I'm not afraid any more. I can come out of the shadows and show to people that I'm a good person. I'm a good man and deserve the opportunity to live out of the shadows."

PEREZ SAYS HE UNDERSTANDS THE PRESIDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF PLAN MEANS HE CAN ONLY APPLY FOR DEFERRED ACTION.. TO REMAIN IN THE U.S. TEMPORARILY AND GET A WORK PERMIT, BUT HE IS HOPEFUL IT COULD BE A STEPPING STONE TO BECOMING A U.S. CITIZEN.

IN SAN JOSE ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

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11/24/14 KRON 4 Evening News

Coverage of Ferguson decision and response

THE VERDICT IS IN ON THE FERGUSON MISSOURI SHOOTING DEATH OF MICHAEL BROWN BY A POLICE OFFICER THIS AUGUST. JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO, THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY PROSECUTOR ANNOUNCING THAT THERE WILL BE NO INDICTMENT OF OFFICER DARREN WILSON. WE WATCHED NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS ARRIVE IN CLAYTON JUST A SHORT TIME AGO WHERE THE DECISION WAS ANNOUNCED.

OFFICIALS SAY THAT FORENSIC EVIDENCE SUPPORTS THE POLICE ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED. POLICE SAY BROWN WAS SHOT ONLY AFTER HE CHARGED THE OFFICER AND WENT FOR HIS GUN IN THE OFFICER'S CAR. SOME WITNESSES ARGUED THE TEENAGER HAD HIS HANDS IN THE AIR WHEN HE WAS SHOT. BOTTOM LINE, AFTER THREE MONTHS OF HEARING TESTIMONY THE GRAND JURY DID NOT INDICT OFFICER WILSON ON ANY CHARGE. IN FERGUSON, THERE IS CONCERN THAT PROTESTS - NOW UNDERWAY - COULD TURN VIOLENT TONIGHT.

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CATHERINE HEENAN, KRON FOUR NEWS.

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11/24/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Continued coverage of Ferguson decision and response

[Official announcement from Robert McCulloch, St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney]

THAT'S THE DECISION FROM THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY GRAND JURY. OFFICER DARREN WILSON WILL NOT BE INDICTED IN THE SHOOTING DEATH OF 18 YEAR-OLD MICHAEL BROWN.

THE BROWN FAMILY HAS ASKED FOR 4-AND-A-HALF MINUTES OF SILENCE BEFORE ANY POTENTIAL PROTESTS BEGIN TONIGHT TO SIGNIFY THE 4-AND-A-HALF HOURS BROWN'S BODY LAY IN THE STREET FOLLOWING THE SHOOTING.

IN A STATEMENT, THE FAMILY SAID, "We are not here to be violent. We are here in memory of our son. We are here for protection of all children."

THE TWELVE JURORS CAME TO THEIR DECISION AFTER MONTHS SPENT REVIEWING EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONY SURROUNDING BROWN'S DEATH.

POLICE SAID THERE WAS A STRUGGLE, WITH BROWN TRYING TO GRAB WILSON'S GUN, AND THAT THE OFFICER FIRED IN SELF-DEFENSE.

BUT BROWN'S FAMILY AND SOME EYE-WITNESSES SAID WILSON WAS THE AGGRESSOR, SHOOTING BROWN AS THE TEENAGER RAISED HIS HANDS TO SURRENDER.

NOW FERGUSON IS BRACING FOR MORE DEMONSTRATIONS...

Daniel Isom, Missouri Public Safety Director: "Our hope is that this will be peaceful, that we will have peaceful protests."

Jeff Roorda, St.Louis Police Officers Association: "We're hoping for the best, but bracing for the worst."

SHOPS ARE BOARDING UP WINDOWS. SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE CLOSING TUESDAY, INCLUDING THE FERGUSON FLORISSANT DISTRICT. AUTHORITIES SAY THEY WILL NOT TOLERATE VIOLENCE... AND NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS ARE ON THE GROUND TO HELP POLICE KEEP THE PEACE.

NEAR FERGUSON, MISSOURI, I'M CHRIS WELCH REPORTING.

WHILE OAKLAND HAS SEEN MORE THAN ITS SHARE OF PROTESTS AND VANDALISM, THIS TIME AROUND MOST BUSINESSES OPTED NOT TO BOARD UP. KRON 4'S DAN KERMAN SPOKE TO TWO BUSINESSES ABOUT THAT DECISION:

OVER THE YEARS OAKLAND HAS SEEN ITS SHARE OF PROTESTS AND AS A RESULT BUSINESSES HAVE SEEN MORE THAN THEIR FAIR SHARE OF VANDALISM. AND WHILE THAT HAS LED SOME TO BOARD UP OR CLOSE EARLY IN ANTICIPATION OF THE NEXT PROTEST, THIS TIME AROUND, MOST BUSINESSES ARE NOT DOING ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Alyah Baker, Show and tell: "We never consider boarding up. We are part of the community. We are not scared of the community raising their voices."

ALYAH BAKER OWNS SHOW AND TELL ON BROADWAY

Baker: "They've always been respectful of us being a small business."

SHE IS NOT ALONE

Rudi Wilson: "We don't usually board up our windows for any protests."

OAKLAND ASSISTANT MANAGER RUDI WILSON SAYS THEY TOO DON'T FEEL THE NEED TO BOARD UP, DESPITE BEING VANDALIZED IN THE PAST.

Wilson: "Last year during the Trayvon Martin verdict we were vandalized. We had our windows smashed. But we don't take any extra measures. We close up like normal, like it's a normal day. We give the city so much love that we hope they return it to us."

AND OAKLAND BUSINESSES ARE HOPING THAT LOVE IS RETURNED IN THE HOURS AND DAYS AHEAD. IN OAKLAND DAN KERMAN KRON 4 NEWS.

WE ASKED KRON 4 POLITICAL ANALYST ATTORNEY MICHAEL YAKI WHAT HE MAKES OF TONIGHT'S BIG ANNOUNCEMENT OUT OF MISSOURI.

Yaki: "I'm not surprised at all. It's very hard to bring a case like this against an officer in any part of America, much less Missouri. With this grand jury investigation sounds like it was a complete abdication of responsibility by the prosecutor, leaving it to the grand jury to decide who was credible and who was not. And that's a job for a real jury, not a grand jury. That's not the job the prosecutor was supposed to be doing."

ON OUR WEBSITE RIGHT NOW, THE DOCUMENTS THE GRAND JURY USED IN MAKING ITS DECISION NOT TO INDICT OFFICER DARREN WILSON. THEY HAVE BEEN RELEASED ONLINE AND YOU CAN READ THEM AT KRON 4.COM.

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11/26/14 Multiple Newscasts

On-going coverage of Ferguson decision and aftermath, national and local

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11/26/14 KRN 4 News at 8pm

Ferguson reaction from San Francisco Public Defender

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC DEFENDER JEFF ADACHI IS BLASTING THE GRAND JURY IN MISSOURI FOR REFUSING TO INDICT OFFICER DARREN WILSON FOR KILLING MICHAEL BROWN. HERE'S A PORTION OF THE STATEMENT HE RELEASED TODAY, QUOTE:.

"A SERIES OF QUESTIONABLE, AND IN MY OPINION, BIASED LEGAL AND ETHICAL DECISIONS IN THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF THE CASE PRESENTED TO THE GRAND JURY, LED TO THIS UNJUST RESULT, MOST NOTABLY, ALLOWING A LOCAL PROSECUTOR WITH STRONG FAMILY CONNECTIONS TO POLICE .. To SUPERVISE THE INVESTIGATION AND PRESENTATION OF THE EVIDENCE."

ADACHI GOES ON TO SAY:

"WE MUST ALSO DEMAND THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES BEGIN USING AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY, SUCH AS POLICE BODY CAMERAS, TO IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE PUBLIC THEY ARE SWORN TO SERVE."

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11/27/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm
A different way to protest

BLACK OUT BLACK FRIDAY. THAT'S THE MOVEMENT THAT LOTS OF CELEBRITIES ARE SUPPORTING TONIGHT. THE GOAL IS TO BOYCOTT TRADITIONAL BLACK FRIDAY SHOPPING, AS A WAY TO TAKE A STAND AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY IN THE WAKE OF THIS WEEK'S RULING IN FERGUSON WHEN THE GRAND JURY ELECTED NOT TO CHARGE OFFICER DARREN WILSON IN THE DEATH OF MICHAEL BROWN.

OAKLAND NATIVE RYAN COOGLER, WHO DIRECTED THE AWARD WINNING FILM FRUITVALE STATION ABOUT THE OSCAR GRANT KILLING IS ON BOARD AS IS HIP HOP MOGUL RUSSEL SIMMONS AND OTHERS.

THE HASH-TAGS BLACK OUT BLACK FRIDAY AND NOT ONE DIME ARE TRENDING ON TWITTER.

DIVERSITY

12/15/14 KRON 4 News at 11pm
Controversy over San Jose officer's tweet

A SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICER IS UNDER FIRE AFTER POSTING CONTROVERSIAL TWEETS ONLINE. WHAT HE SAID THAT HAS PEOPLE GOING AFTER HIS JOB...

IN THE MIDST OF DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE BAY AREA AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY, A SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICER IS ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE DURING AN INVESTIGATION INTO CONTROVERSIAL COMMENTS HE POSTED ON TWITTER.

IN THE TWEETS, OFFICER PHILLIP WHITE SAYS HE WOULD KILL ANYONE WHO THREATENS HIM OR HIS FAMILY. HE GOES ON TO REFERENCE THE WORDS OF ERIC GARNER, THE NEW YORK MAN WHO DIED AT THE HANDS OF A POLICE OFFICER, SAYING "BY THE WAY IF ANYONE FEELS THEY CAN'T BREATHE OR THEIR LIVES MATTER, I'LL BE AT THE MOVIES TONIGHT, OFF DUTY, CARRYING MY GUN."

SAN JOSE'S POLICE CHIEF AND THE MAYOR ARE DISTANCING THEMSELVES FROM THE COMMENTS. IN A PREPARED STATEMENT, SGT. PAUL KELLY OF THE SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION MADE IT CLEAR THE OFFICER'S REMARKS ARE NOT SOMETHING THE POLICE UNION SUPPORTS:

Kelly: "We condemn these comments. Offensive, disrespectful and inappropriate social media comments have no place in social discourse surrounding the tragic loss of life from recent officer-involved incidents."

SAN JOSE POLICE SAY THEY ARE TAKING THE TWEETS SERIOUSLY. A STATEMENT ISSUED BY POLICE CHIEF LARRY ESQUIVEL SAYS "IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR THE COMMUNITY TO KNOW THE COMMENTS MADE ON OFFICER WHITE'S PRIVATE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT DO NOT REFLECT THE THOUGHTS OR FEELING OF THE MEN AND WOMEN HERE AT THE SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT. NOR DO WE CONDONE THIS TYPE OF BEHAVIOR."

A CHANGE DOT ORG PETITION IS CALLING FOR THE OFFICER TO BE FIRED.

DAN KERMAN KRON 4 NEWS

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12/23/14 KRON 4 Evening News
Toy drive for underprivileged

SACRED HEART COMMUNITY SERVICES IN SAN JOSE IS MAKING ITS FINAL PUSH TO COLLECT DONATIONS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. KRON 4'S DAN RUBIN CHECKED IN WITH VOLUNTEERS TO SEE IF THEY'RE MEETING THEIR GOALS:

KRON 4 HELPED PUT OUT THE WORD. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DAY, SACRED HEART COMMUNITY SERVICES WAS DOWN ABOUT 45 HUNDRED TOYS FROM THEIR GOAL OF 17 THOUSAND. AND KRON 4 VIEWERS HELPED ANSWER THE CALL.

Graciela Mann, Sacred Heart spokesperson: "It looks like we're making progress, but look at this long line of people."

GRACIELA MANN APPRECIATES THE KRON FOUR BUMP, BUT SACRED HEART STILL NEEDS HELP GETTING OVER THE HUMP.

Mann: "The community has been incredibly generous, really responding to our need, bringing in donations. Still, we're not quite there."

ON TUESDAY, KIND-HEARTED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY PASSED THROUGH WITH BIKES AND TOYS OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES. IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A PARTICULAR AGE GROUP YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION FOR, TEENAGERS ARE IT.

Volunteer: "My mom would always say when I was a teenager, she never knew what to give me and that's what's happening to our families, too."

SACRED HEART VOLUNTEERS SAY DONATIONS AREN'T KEEPING PACE WITH THE TIMES.

Volunteer: "The economy is getting better and we're seeing that create a very positive effect for a very specific group, but that's not getting spread around to the majority."

TUESDAY IS THE LAST DAY SACRED HEART WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT DONATIONS IN TIME FOR THIS CHRISTMAS. IF YOU CAN'T COME IN PERSON, DONATIONS ARE ALSO ACCEPTED ONLINE YEAR ROUND.

REPORTING AT SACRED HEART IN SAN JOSE DAN RUBIN KRON FOUR NEWS.

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12/23/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm
San Francisco resident creates a new way for her neighborhood to celebrate Christmas

SOME HOLIDAY TREES ARE DECORATED WITH TINSEL AND ORNAMENTS. BUT THIS ONE IS DECORATED WITH DREAMS.

Neighbor: "I wish that everyone feels loved. Especially during this holiday season."

THIS IS THE WISHING TREE IN SAN FRANCISCO'S NOE VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD. STARTED FOUR CHRISTMASSES AGO, RIGHT NOW THE WISHING TREE HAS MORE THAN 600 WISHES AND IT'S GROWING EVERY DAY.

Vanessa Sabarese: "At this time of the year, people are all about doing material things. And I wanted to do something really from the heart."

THE WISHING TREE WAS STARTED BY NEIGHBOR VANESSA SABARESE WHO THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE A NICE WAY FOR PEOPLE TO SHARE THEIR WELL-WISHES ANONYMOUSLY.

Neighbor: "It's a fun thing to do. And it's nice to do something that's not about shopping."

SOME PEOPLE WISH FOR A NEW DOG. OR A CURE FOR CANCER. OTHERS HAVE TO THINK ON IT A BIT.

Neighbor: "I think I'm going to sit and read the wishes on the tree before I make my final wish."

VICKI LIVIAKIS KRON 4 NEWS

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12/23/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Discriminatory blood donation policies

FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICIALS WANT TO CHANGE A POLICY WHICH CURRENTLY BANS GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN FROM DONATING BLOOD. WHEN THE LIFETIME BLOOD DONATION BAN WENT INTO EFFECT 31 YEARS AGO -- IT WAS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE AIDS CRISIS. GAY ADVOCATES CALLED IT DISCRIMINATORY. NOW, HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY ADVANCES IN H-I-V TESTING NO LONGER JUSTIFY A LIFETIME BAN.

SO THE F.D.A. IS PROPOSING THAT GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN CAN DONATE BLOOD, AS LONG AS THEY HAVE NOT HAD SEX WITH ANOTHER MAN FOR 12 MONTHS. GAY RIGHTS ADVOCATES SAY REQUIRING GAY BLOOD DONORS TO BE CELIBATE FOR 12 MONTHS ISN'T SUPPORTED BY SCIENCE AND CONTINUES TO PROMOTE DISCRIMINATION.

THE F.D.A. IS EXPECTED TO ADOPT THE NEW POLICY SOMETIME NEXT YEAR.

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12/24-12/25 Multiple newscasts
Holiday support for the needy

Coverage of various Bay Area food banks, toy drives and holiday meal events for people in need, including Christmas for Everyone at New Hope International in Walnut Creek, services and free meals at Glide Memorial in San Francisco, the Salvation Army's meal delivery service, Lefty O'Doul's toy drive, Hell's Angels toy drive.

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10/14/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm

City of Oakland closing citizen complaint files prematurely

IT'S AN APPLICATION USED BY LARGE CITIES TO HELP REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPOING AND GRAFFITI. IT'S SUPPOSED TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS. IT'S CALLED SEE CLICK FIX.

Bennet Hall, Business Image Group: "The more recent concern we noticed is what we called See Click Not Fix where the city has been actually been robo-signing issues closed when in fact they're not closed and not touched."

THIS IS BENNET HALL A BUSINESS OWNER IN OAKALND AND HE HAS BEEN DOCUMENTING FAILURES IN THE SEE CLICK FIX APPLICATION.

THE WAY IT'S SUPPOSED TO WORK IS YOU SEE SOMETHING LIKE ILLEGAL DUMPING, YOU TAKE A PICTURE OF IT WITH YOUR CAMERA AND YOU SEND IT IN TO THE CITY. THEY FIX IT AND TELL YOU IT'S DONE. THAT IS THE WAY THE APPLICATION SHOULD WORK. HOWEVER, THAT'S NOT WHAT'S HAPPENING, ACCORDING TO BENNET HALL.

Hall: "So what happens – and it's not just here; it's in West Oakland, it's in Lakeshore; it's been a number of other areas – I became aware of other posts on See Click Fix where citizens were saying this was not closed, what do you mean this was closed. And they would reopen it and document it by reshoving the same graffiti or blight still existing after the city had closed the issue."

FOR EXAMPLE, THIS PILE OF ILLEGALLY DUMPED FURNITURE WAS REPORTED ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 AND WAS CLOSED BY THE CITY ON SEPTEMBER 11 AS CLEANED UP. BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, IT WASN'T.

HERE'S ANOTHER ONE THAT SAYS CLOSED. WAS IT CLOSED?

Hall: "It was not closed. These same sofas, which have distinguishing look, stayed on the street."

GET THIS – FOR MORE THAN A MONTH AFTER THE CITY CLOSED THE ACCOUNT CLAIMING IT WAS CLEANED UP. AND BENNET HALL HAS THREE MORE EXAMPLES OF THE SAME THING - ITEMS BEING CLOSED BY THE CITY BUT NEVER CLEANED UP.

Eric Linville, Eco Framing: "I submit something to See Click Fix and sometimes it takes a week sometimes it takes only a couple of days before they say they cleaned it up. But they never did."

SO I PUT IN A CALL TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND WHERE OFFICIALS TELL ME THEY ARE AWARE OF SOME GLITCHES IN THE SEE CLICK FIX APPLICATION AND ARE WORKING ON FIXING THEM. BUT AS IT RELATES TO THE THINGS BEING CLOSED WHILE THEY HAVE NOT, THEY SAY THEY ARE INVESTIGATING. THEY ALSO SAY IF ANY PERSON HAS A PROBLEM WITH SEE CLICK FIX, THEY SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY ASAP.

IN EAST OAKLAND STANLEY ROBERTS KRON 4 NEWS

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10/15/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Follow-up with Oakland mayoral candidates about illegal dumping

HOLDING POLITICIANS' FEET TO THE FIRE. ON "PEOPLE BEHAVING BADLY," WE HAVE SHOWED YOU THE CONSTANT PROBLEMS WITH ILLEGAL DUMPING IN CERTAIN SECTIONS OF OAKLAND AND SHOWED YOU THE APPLICATION AND WEBSITE CALLED "SEE- CLICK- FIX" DESIGNED TO HELP WITH THAT PROBLEM. NOW, WITH THE MAYORAL ELECTION COMING UP, KRON 4'S STANLEY ROBERTS REACHED OUT TO ALL THE MAYORAL CANDIDATES ABOUT THIS PROBLEM. FOUR OF THEM RESPONDED AND STANLEY PUT THEM IN THE HOT SEAT:

AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN ON THE FOREFRONT OF COMBATTING ILLEGAL DUMPING IN OAKLAND. SO, I ASKED A LOT OF THE PEOPLE RUNNING FOR OFFICE ONE SIMPLE QUESTION: WHAT IS YOUR SOLUTION TO ENDING ILLEGAL DUMPING IN OAKLAND?

Bryan Parker: "My solution to ending illegal dumping in Oakland is to make sure we enforce the laws we have; make legal dumping free to incent people to take their stuff to the city dump; and then to fine them and pursue them criminally if they are caught dumping. With See Click Fix, I would make sure we are keeping an accurate matrix and reporting that out to the public, along with information on how long it took us to fix a complaint and how many closes we've had in each quarter."

Courtney Ruby: "The solution to fixing illegal dumping in Oakland is to have an accountable government. For eight years, I've been reported out that City Hall is broken. We need a mayor who will hold City Hall accountable and making sure when a citizen puts in a report of See Click Fix that it gets picked up. That's about accountable leadership."

Joe Tuman: "The first part of the answer is you have to recognize that there are different causes for illegal dumping in East and West Oakland. They have to do with homelessness. They have to do with illegal haulers who are supposed to take things to the dump, but don't. And also u-haul companies that rent out trailers and have people that leave stuff on the side of the road before they take the truck back. It's not one solution that fits all. But I will say this. The best way to fix illegal dumping in Oakland is to recognize the hot spots that we have and have sting operations there. As mayor of Oakland what I would argue to do is impound vehicles that are involved in that illegal activity, for at least one month, charging a fee to get their vehicles back and send a message to people who are doing this that you will pay a price for this in Oakland."

Ken Houston: "What I would do is exactly what I'm doing right now. I would restructure Public Works. Get rid of the dead weight. I would implement policies that are already in place. And third, I would continue to work with the District Attorney and the FBI to get these violators and I'm already doing it."

SO JUST TO BE FAIR, I SENT AN EMAIL TO ALL THE CANDIDATES AT THE EXACT SAME TIME AND ONLY A FEW SHOWED UP. ONE PERSON OF NOTE WHO DIDN'T SHOW UP? MAYOR JEAN QUAN. AND THE FUNNY THING IS I'M RIGHT OUTSIDE OF HER OFFICE.

IN OAKLAND, STANLEY ROBERTS KRON 4 NEWS

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10/27/14 KRON 4 EVENING News
Money and politics – analysis

IF MONEY IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF POLITICS, IT HAS BEEN FLOWING IN ONE DIRECTION. OPPONENTS HAVE RAISED 95 PERCENT OF THE MONEY IN THE PROPOSITION 45 CAMPAIGN AND 86 PERCENT OF THE MONEY IN PROPOSITION 46. THE BOTTOM LINE: A LOT SEEMS TO BE AT STAKE. HERE'S A CLOSER LOOK.

PROPOSTIOIN 45 WOULD GIVE THE STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER THE POWER TO SET HEALTH INSURANCE RATES, THE SAME WAY HOMEOWNERS AND CAR INSURANCE RATES HAVE BEEN REGULATED FOR DECADES. THE IDEA IS BACKED BY NURSES, TEACHERS, TRIAL LAWYERS AND CALIFORNIA'S TWO DEMOCRATIC SENATORS. OPPONENTS INCLUDE DOCTORS, INSURANCE COMPANIES AND THE CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN PARTY. THEIR 20 TO 1 FUNDING ADVANTAGE YIELDED AN ADVERTISING BLITZ THAT CUT A MAJORITY SUPPORT LAST SUMMER TO JUST 39 PERCENT IN THE LATEST POLL BY THE PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE.

PROPOSITION 46 WOULD DO THREE THINGS: INCREASE THE CAP ON PAIN AND SUFFERING DAMAGES IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE SUITES; REQUIRE RANDOM DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTS FOR DOCTORS; AND MAKE IT MANDATORY FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TO CONSULT A STATEWIDE DATABSE BEFORE DISPENSING POTENTIALLY ABUSIVE DRUGS TO MAKE SURE THE PATIENT WAS NOT GETTING THE SAME DRUG FROM ANOTHER DOCTOR. BACKERS INCLUDE TRIAL LAWYERS AND SENATOR BARBARA BOXER, WITH DOCTORS AND INSURANCE COMPANIES ON THE OTHER SIDE.

AS WITH PROPOSITION 45, THE "NO" HAS DEEP POCKETS, OUTSPENDING BY SIX TO ONE, TO PAY FOR A TV CAMPAIGN THAT HAS SENT SUPPORT NUMBERS DOWN TO 37 PERCENT IN A FIELD POLL LAST MONTH.

GOVERNMENT

11/3/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Two local cities trying to pass soda tax laws

MEASURES ON BALLOTS IN TWO BAY AREA CITIES ARE AIMED AT PASSING A SODA TAX. IT'S HAPPENING IN BERKELEY AND SAN FRANCISCO. KRON 4'S J.R. STONE IS FOLLOWING THE STORY:

COKE, SPRITE, PEPSI – YOU NAME THE SODA, IF YOU LIVE IN BEREKELY OR SAN FRANCISCO YOU MAY SOON BE PAYING MORE FOR YOUR SUGARY DRINK.

Maureen Erwin, choose Health SF: "We know now that having just one soda or sugary beverage a day raises your risk for Type 2 diabetes by 22 percent."

IN SAN FRANCISCO, THERE IS A PROPOSAL TO CHARGE AN ADDITIONAL TWO CENTS PER OUCE ON SUGAR SWEETENED BEVERAGES LIKE SODA. IN BERKELEY THE CITY WOULD CHARGE 1 CENT PER OUNCE IF PASSED. SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS IN BOTH CITIES WERE QUICK TO GIVE THEIR THOUGHTS ON THE MATTER.

Shop owner: "It's totally crazy. It's going to be crazy. I think they shouldn't do it. If they pass it, it will be hard on our business for sure."

A 20 OUNCE SUGARY DRINK WOULD BE TAXED 20 CENTS IN BERKELEY AND 40 CENTS IN SAN FRANCISCO. THAT ANGERED MANY THAT I TALKED WITH ON MONDAY NIGHT.

Consumer: "Why are they always going after us, the middle class and us poor people who can't afford it with a tax? If we find pleasure in soda, why are they allowing it to come on the market at all?"

Consumer: "I don't like to see it coming from the government. I don't like the government telling me what to do, telling me to pay an extra 50 cents for a soda."

Grocery store owner: "I know how much additional will come into my registers to the tune of 4 thousand to 6 thousand dollars every month that we will be collecting additionally from our customers."

THOSE SUPPORTING THE MEASURES SAY IT'S ABOUT HEALTHY LIVING.

Erwin: "When you have Type 2 diabetes, this is a serious impact on your body."

IN BERKELEY THE MEASURE NEEDS A SIMPLE MAJORITY VICTORY. IN SAN FRANCISCO THE MEASURE NEEDS TO WIN BY A TWO THIRDS VOTE.

JR STONE KRON 4 NEWS

GOVERNMENT

11/6/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm

San Jose mayoral race controversy

TWO DAYS AFTER BALLOTS WERE CAST, VOTES ARE STILL BEING COUNTED IN THE SAN JOSE MAYOR'S RACE. HERE ARE THE LATEST NUMBERS – CITY COUNCILMAN SAM LICCARDO IS AHEAD BY FEWER THAN THREE THOUSAND VOTES AND IS ALREADY CLAIMING VICTORY, WHILE SANTA CLARA SUPERVISOR DAVE CORTESE SAYS DON'T COUNT HIM OUT YET. KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE IS IN SAN JOSE WITH THE LATEST:

THE CAMPAIGN FOR SAN JOSE MAYOR ENDED A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO BUT YOU WOULDN'T KNOW IT JUDGING FROM THE SCENE OUTSIDE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THURSDAY AFTERNOON. COUNTY SUPERVISOR MAYORAL CANDIDATE DAVE CORTESE, THE APPARENT RUNNER-UP SO FAR IN THE CAMPAIGN, COULD BE SEEN MEETING AND GREETING RANK AND FILE OFFICERS DURING THEIR SHIFT CHANGE, THANKING THEM FOR THEIR SUPPORT. ALTHOUGH HE TRAILS CITY COUNCILMAN SAM LICCARDO AS THE VOTES CONTINUE TO BE COUNTED, CORTESE HAS SO FAR REFUSED TO CONCEDE THE RACE BECAUSE THERE ARE STILL THOUSANDS OF VOTES TO BE COUNTED AND CORTESE SAYS IT ISN'T OVER UNTIL LICCARDO IS OFFICIALLY DECLARED THE WINNER.

Supervisor Dave Cortese: "The Registrar of Voters counts votes, first in first out. And we believe the last batch of votes that they are counting is most likely to represent the GOTV effort that we made with hundreds of volunteers and I put a lot of money behind it. So we'll see what happens, but we want to see. That's the main point here."

BASED ON WHAT HE SAYS IS A LEAD THAT IS NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE MUCH, SAM LICCARDO DECLARED VICTORY ON WEDNESDAY. I ASKED SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR MELINDA JACKSON ABOUT THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT.

Melinda Jackson, San Jose State University: "Well there is a little bit of a risk, I will say that. Every vote counts and you want to make sure every vote is counted. But I'm sure he's getting advice from his campaign team that the remaining numbers would have to be overwhelmingly for Cortese in order for him to win at this point. And I think that probably both candidates, but especially Liccardo is eager to have this behind him and to move on."

MEANTIME CORTESE SAYS HE REMAINS CONCERNED THAT STILL MORE POLICE OFFICERS WILL QUIT THE FORCE IF LICCARDO, WHO SUPPOORTS PENSION REFORM, PREVAILS AND BECOMES MAYOR.

IN SAN JOSE ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS.

GOVERNMENT

11/12/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm
Controversial concealed weapon ruling

A NEW RULING CAME TODAY FROM SAN FRANCISCO'S FEDERAL APPEALS COURT THAT AFFECTS GUN OWNERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. IT HAS TO DO WITH CONCEALED WEAPONS HERE IN CALIFORNIA. KRON 4'S VICKI LIVIAKIS IS HERE TO EXPLAIN:

BASICALLY, THE RULES ARE RELAXING. IT LOOKS LIKE COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE CANNOT REQUIRE GUN OWNERS TO SHOW GOOD CAUSE BEYOND THE NEED FOR SELF DEFENSE TO GET A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT.

GUN OWNERS ARE PLEASED. SHERIFFS ARE WORRIED.

GUN-RIGHTS ADVOCATES CHALLENGED THE CURRENT LAW. RIGHT NOW IT REQUIRES CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT APPLICANTS TO SHOW GOOD MORAL CHARACTER, GOOD CAUSE, AND TAKE A TRAINING COURSE AT A FIRING RANGE. THOSE PERMITS ARE ISSUED BY EITHER POLICE CHIEFS OR THE COUNTY SHERIFF. THIS NEW RULING BY THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT DRAMATICALLY LOOSENS UP THE RESTRICTIONS.

RESPONSE FROM ONE GUN RIGHTS GROUP: "WE'RE STARTING TO SMELL THE HINT OF FREEDOM IN THE AIR AND IT SMELLS GOOD."

POLICE GROUPS SAY ANY CITY SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO REASONABLY RESTRICT THE CARRYING OF LOADED, HIDDEN HANDGUNS IN PUBLIC. CALIFORNIA'S ATTORNEY GENERAL IS REVIEWING THE RULING TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO APPEAL. IT MIGHT EVEN MAKE IT TO THE SUPREME COURT.

VICKI LIVIAKIS KRON 4 NEWS

GOVERNMENT

12/8/14 KRON 4 Evening News
Moving homeless people does not address problem of homelessness

WEEKS BEFORE THE CITY OF SAN JOSE CLOSED THE JUNGLE, THE NATION'S LARGEST HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT, RESIDENT ROBER AGUIRRE KNEW EXACTLY WHAT WOULD HAPPEN.

Aguirre: "We have 300 people who are all trying to find a place to live and those people are going to go wherever they can go."

AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED. AFTER THE JUNGLE WAS CLEARED OUT LAST THURSDAY, THE HOMELESS PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN LIVING THERE MOVED TO DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE CITY. SOME WENT JUST A FEW MILES A WAY TO A WOODED AREA ON COYOTE CREEK OF TULLY ROAD. THIS ENCAMPMENT IS ALREADY BEING REFERRED TO AS THE JUNGLE 2.0. OTHERS MOVED CLOSER TO DOWNTOWN – LIKE A NEW ENCAMPMENT AT 22ND AND TAYLOR STREETS RIGHT NEAR AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

AND THAT, AGUIRRE SAYS, IS EXACTLY WHAT THE CITY DIDN'T WANT.

Aguirre: "The city has spent a lot of money trying to get people to move out of the downtown area and out of the creeks and the river."

BUT, ACCORDING TO AGUIRRE, CLOSING THE JUNGLE IS INDICATIVE OF A MUCH LARGER PROBLEM.

Aguirre, "This is not an issue of homelessness that the city is looking at; they are not looking at the problem of homelessness. But that the homeless people are the problem. Not the other way around, where we have a homeless problem and we need to solve that problem for homeless people. There's a big difference."

ANNIE ANDERSEN KRON 4 NEWS.

GOVERNMENT

Multiple dates/multiple newscasts

Coverage of the Sony hack and "The Interview" and international relations

HOLLYWOOD LOOKS DIFFERENT TONIGHT AS SONY IS TRYING TO MAKE THE CONTROVERISAL MOVEIE "The INTERVIEW" GO AWAY. BANNERS AND OTHER ADS WERE BEING REMOVED TODAY AFTER THE HACKING OF SONY PICTURES AND QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER NORTH KOREA IS TO BLAME. SONY KILLED THE CHRISTEMAS DAY RELEASE OF THE NEW MOVIE AFTER HACKERS THREATENED VIOLENCE AT MOVIE THEATERS. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS STOPPED SHORT OF BLAMAING NORTH KORIEA AND THE EVIDENCE IS NOW BEING DESCRIBED AS LARGELY CIRCUMSTANTIAL SO FAR, BUT THE POWER AND INFLUENCE OF THE HACK HAS A LOT OF PEOPLE WORRIED.

Senator John McCain: "It's remarkable that a county like North Korea can have that capability. If they are able to disrupt a film you can imagine what they are doing or attempting to do to our national defense capability."

ANOTHER MOVIE ABOUT NORTH KOREA, A COMEDY WITH ACTOR STEVE CARELL, HAS BEEN SCRAPPED IN THE WAKE OF THE INTERVIEW'S CANCELLATION. THE STUDIO NEW REGENCY IS APPARENTLY NOT TAKING ANY CHANGES. CARELL CALLED IT A "SAD DAY FOR CREATIVE EXPRESSION."

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THE WHITE HOUSE THIS MORNING IS EXPECTED TO PBLICLY BLAME NORTH KOREA FOR THE MASSIVE INTERNET HEIST AT SONY PICTURES.... U.S. INVESTIGATORS SUSPECT A TOP SECRET GROUP IWTHIN THE NORTH KOREAN MILITARY CALLED BUREAU 121 IS BEHIND THE CYBER ATTACK AND THAT IT'S TAKING ORDERS FOR PYONGYANG.

ACCORDING TO TOP U.S. OFFICIALS, A RESPONSE IS COMING SOON.

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PRESIDENT OBAMA SAYS SONY PICTURES MADE A MISTAKE BY PULLING THE PLUG ON THE CONTROVERSIAL MOVIE "THE INTERVIEW" AT THE CENTER OF THE HACKING SCANDAL.

Obama: "We cannot have a society in which some dictator some place can start imposing censorship here in the United States."

SONY IS NOT HAPPY ABOUT HIS COMMENT, BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE SEEM TO AGREE WITH THE PRESIDENT.

MOVIE-GOERS IN THE BAY AREA AND ELSEWHERE WILL NOW GET A CHANCE TO SEE "THE INTERVIEW" AFTER ALL. KRON4'S JEFF BUSH IS LIVE AT A MOVIE THEATER IN BERKELEY, WHERE THE FILM WILL BE RELEASED ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

THE ELMWOOD IS ONE OF A HANDFUL OF THEATERS NATION-WIDE THAT WILL SCREEN THE CONTROVERSIAL FILM, THE INTERVIEW. THERE WAS MUCH SPECULATION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THE SONY MOVIE WOULD EVER SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY BUT THE ANNOUNCEMENT CAME OUT AND THE PLAN IS TO GO FORWARD. SONY PICTURES CONTACTED THE ELMWOOD EARLY TUESDAY MORNING.

Kenzie Donovan, Elmwood Theater: "We have got a crazy number of phone calls that have been coming in from media and from customers who have heard we are showing it and they have been buying tickets online. At one point, our server went down because we were selling so many tickets."

THE FILM WILL SHOW THREE TIMES A DAY, STARTING ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND RUN THROUGH NEW YEARS DAY. BERKELEY RESIDENTS APPROVE.

Abby Falk, Berkeley resident: "It's a very progressive place and if there were any theater that were to take a leap of faith and do something a little more radical and to shake things up, it would be this Elmwood Theater."

Bryan Walker, resident: "I'm glad somebody is doing ti. I believe in freedom of speech. I think it took some courage to do. Of course, it is in my own neighborhood, so my other thought is if somebody is going to do something that disrupts my life and my family, but I am glad they are showing it.

THERE ARE A FEW OTHER THEATERS IN THE BAY AREA SHOWING THE MOVIE. GO TO KRON FOUR DOT COM. WE HAVE ALL THE DETAILS THERE.

I'M JEFF BUSH, LIVE IN BERKELEY, KRON FOUR NEWS

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NORTH KOREA HAS DENIED IT WAS BEHIND THE SONY HACK, BUT IT'S APPARENTLY PAYING THE PRICE ANYWAY. THE COUNTRY'S INTERNET SERVICE WAS INTERRUPTED AGAIN TODAY. INTERMITTENT OUTAGES FOLLOWED A TEN HOUR SHUTDOWN YESTERDAY. LAST WEEK PRESIDENT OBAMA PROMISED RETALIATION BUT DID NOT GIVE SPECIFICS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS NOT SAYING THE U.S. WAS RESPONSIBLE.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

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10/2/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Residents concerned about dead fish in local lake

HUNDREDS OF FISH DEAD AT LAKE CUNNINGHAM IN EAST SAN JOSE. DEAD CARP, SOME MORE THAN TWENTY POUNDS, ARE WASHING UP ON THE ROCKS, ALONG WITH VARIOUS OTHERS KIDS OF FISH. FREQUENT PARK VISITOR MARY MIRANDA BROUGHT THE PROBLEM TO OUR ATTENTION IN THIS "MY KRON 4 STORY":

Mary Miranda: "The smell is just getting worse. We were walking here today and I thought, I don't want to come back. But this is my normal routine that we come here with my daughter and my husband. But, it's not pleasant. It's not a pleasant environment."

MARY MIRANDA FOUGHT BACK THE URGE TO HOLD HER NOSE AS SHE POINTED OUT THE PROBLEM HERE AT LAKE CUNNINGHAM IN EAST SAN JOSE. DEAD FISH. HUNDREDS OF THEM.

Miranda: "You can see them all around the lake, in the corners. If you really look, they are underneath the rocks and on the side. All along the trail you can see them.

DEAD CARP ARE WASHING UNDER THE ROCKS, ALONG WITH SUCKERS, CAT FISH AND OTHER ROUGH FISH. MARY MIRANDA WANTS TO KNOW WHY.

Miranda: "I'm worried. I don't want to see sick people around. There are so many viruses and people are getting sick. So, yes, I am concerned."

THE SAN JOSE PARKS DEPARTMENT IS INVESTIGATING. THIS CREW WAS SCOOPING UP DEAD FISH TODAY AND TESTING THE WATER WHICH HAS GROWN STAGNANT. MIRANDA IS ALSO CONCERNED FOR THE TURKEY VULTURES AND OTHER BIRDS THAT ARE FEASTING ON THE DEAD FISH. THERE IS SO FAR NO BAN ON FISHING HERE, AND MIRANDA FINDS THAT, TOO, A BIT TROUBLING.

Miranda: "I'd like to get an answer as to what's going on with these fish and are they okay to eat? People are fishing out here and there's no signs to prohibit fishing."

A REGULAR VISITOR TO LAKE CUNNINGHAM, MIRANDA HAS SEEN DEAD FISH HERE IN YEARS PAST, BUT NEVER SO MANY. SHE PLANS TO STAY AWAY UNTIL THE MYSTERY IS SOLVED.

Miranda: "I've come here for several years and I've never seen anything like this."

Miranda: "I'm Mary Miranda, and that's my KRON 4 story."

### **ENVIRONMENT**

10/13/14 KRON 4 Evening News

Follow-up on dead fish at local lake

YET ANOTHER TALE OF WOE BEING BLAMED, IN PART, ON THE PERSISTENT DROUGHT. THIS ONE IS CONCERNING DEAD FISH AT A POPULAR SOUTH BAY LAKE. KRON 4'S ROB FLADEBOE BRINGS YOU UP TO DATE ON A STORY WE FIRST TOLD YOU ABOUT EARLIER THIS MONTH, WHEN VISITORS COMPLAINED ABOUT THE DEAD FISH WASHING ASHORE AT LAKE CUNNINGHAM IN SAN JOSE:

THE GOOD NEWS IS NOT ALL THE FISH IN LAKE CUNNINGHAM ARE DYING. THIS FOUR-POUND CATFISH WAS LANDED ALONG THE NORTH SHORE EARLY MONDAY BUT FISHERMEN SAY THERE ARE STILL FAR MORE DEAD FISH THAN LIVE ONES.

Toti Marcello, local fisherman: "I fish here every day for many years. This year is the worst year. I have never seen this many fish die."

IN HER 'MY KRON FOUR 4 STORY' EARLIER THIS MONTH, LAKE CUNNINGHAM VISITOR MARY MIRANDA CALLED OUR ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEM.

Mary Miranda: "It's not pleasant. It's not a pleasant environment."

WE HAVE SINCE LEARNED THAT THE ON-GOING DROUGHT AND LOW WATER LEVELS HAVE MADE WORSE A FISH DIE-OFF THAT OCCURS TO A CERTAIN EXTENT EVERY YEAR ABOUT THIS TIME AS THE WATER GROWS STAGNANT.

ROSE PEREZ SAYS IT TAKES THE FUN OUT OF HER DAILY RIDE AROUND THE LAKE.

Rose Perez: "I told my husband something's not right. It didn't feel right and it didn't smell right either."

MOST OF THE DEAD FISH ARE BEING CLEANED UP OR ARE BEING EATEN BY BIRDS, BUT THE WATER IS GREEN WITH ALGAE. BAKED BY THE RELENTLESS LATE SEASON HEAT, THE WATER LEVEL IS GROWING INCREASINGLY SHALLOW IN PLACES AND LACKS SUFFICIENT OXYGEN FOR THE FISH.

EVEN SO, FISHING IS STILL PERMITTED AND THERE ARE NO ADVISORIES ABOUT EATING THE FISH. TOTI MARCELLA FISHES FOR FUN NOT FOOD, BUT HE'S WORRIED THAT SOON THERE WILL BE NO FISH LEFT TO CATCH AT ALL.

Marcello: "If they all die, I have nowhere else to go. This is the only place I can go."

FISH ARE DYING IN OUR FAST DISAPPEARING RESERVOIRS AND STREAMS WITH NO RELIEF UNTIL THE RETURN OF WINTER RAINS. WHEN THAT HAPPENS, LAKE CUNNINGHAM IS EXPECTED TO BOUNCE BACK. AND SO WILL THE FISH.

IN SAN JOSE ROB FLADEBOE KRON 4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

10/13/14 KRON 4 Evening News  
Finding an up-side to the drought

ONE INDUSTRY IS ACTUALLY BENEFITTING FROM THE DROUGHT – WINEMAKERS. VINEYARD OWNERS SAY LESS WATER MEANS SMALLER, MORE FLAVORFUL GRAPES.

THE SUN IS ALSO MAKING GRAPES RIPEN EARLIER, SO THE HARVESTS HAPPEN BEFORE THE THREAT OF AUTUMN STORMS. SOME ARE ALREADY PREDICTING DROUGHT WINES WILL BE POPULAR WITH CONSUMERS.

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WINEMAKERS WANT THE DROUGHT TO LAST. AFTER ALL, IT TAKES GALLONS OF WATER TO MAKE ONE GLASS OF WINE.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

11/5/14 KRON 4 Evening News  
Convenience vs conservation in Pacifica

Kathy Marinelli, resident: "It's ridiculous."

KATHY MARINELLI IS ONE OF MANY IN PACIFICA UPSET ABOUT SITTING IN THIS TRAFFIC ALONG HIGHWAY ONE WHERE THE SAN PEDRO CREEK BRIDGE IS BEING REPLACED. A CONSTRUCTION SITE THAT, AS OF THIS WEEK, IS BARREN. WILDLIFE RESTRICTIONS MEAN NO MAJOR ONSITE WORK FOR THE NEXT 5 MONTHS.

Marinelli: "Five months! Five months! Oh my god."

YOU CAN BLAME THIS GUY AND THIS GUY FOR THAT DELAY – A RED-LEGGED FROG AND A STEELHEAD TROUT. THEY ARE ENDANGERED ANIMALS THAT HAVE BEEN FOUND IN THIS CREEK AREA. AND BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN FOUND HERE, CALTRANS CREWS ARE NOT ABLE TO WORK UNTIL APRIL IN THE AREA THAT IS PROTECTED ON A FEDERAL LEVEL BECAUSE OF ITS WETLANDS STATUS.

Marinelli: "It's frustrating... The traffic backs up bumper to bumper. It's very irritating and I'm done with it."

Pacifica resident: "Traffic gets backed up all the way down there and now there is not work being done."

THOSE WORKING ON THE PROJECT TELL ME THAT THE DELAY IS NOT A SURPRISE AND IS SOMETHING THAT WAS WRITTEN WITHIN THE PERMIT OF THE PROJECT. BUT THAT NEWS IS UNLIKELY TO SOOTHE THE THOUGHTS OF THOSE WHO SAY THE TRAFFIC HERE HAS BECOME A NIGHTMARE ON WEEKENDS.

Marinelli "I don't know who makes the decisions around here, but they don't use their brain."

CALTRANS SAYS THAT EVEN WITH THE DELAY, THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE FINISHED BY OCTOBER 2015.

IN PACIFICA JR STONE KRON 4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

11/5/14 KRON 4 News at 11pm  
Another CalTrans project shut down by conservation efforts

THE BAY BRIDGE HAS A BIRD PROBLEM AND IT'S COSTING CALTRANS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS CALTRANS HAS BEEN WORKING ON RELOCATING HUNDREDS OF NESTING BIRDS OFF THE OLD EASTERN SPAN OF THE BAY BRIDGE ONTO THE NEW EASTERN SPAN SO THEY CAN TEAR DOWN THE OLD BRIDGE.

CALTRANS HAS SPENT BIG MONEY TRYING TO LURE THE BIRDS AWAY FROM THE OLD SPAN, BUT IT'S NOT WORKING. SO FAR, THE BIRDS HAVE NOT BUDGED. AND THAT IS LEADING TO COSTLY DELAYS IN THE DEMOLITION OF THE OLD SPAN. A SPOKES PERSON WITH THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONS SAYS THE DELAY IS PUTTING CALTRANS AT RISK OF GOING OVER BUDGET ON THE ENTIRE BAY BRIDGE PROJECT IF THOSE BIRDS AREN'T MOVED SOON.

CALTRANS ENGINEERS ARE TRYING TO FIND A SOLUTION, WHICH COULD MEAN PUTTING NETS ON THE OLD BRIDGE. BUT IN THE MEANTIME WORK ON DEMOLISHING THE OLD BRIDGE HAS BEEN DELAYED UNTIL AT LEAST FEBRUARY.

CHARLES CLIFFORD KRON4 NEWS

## **ENVIRONMENT**

11/18/14 KRON 4 Evening News  
Innovative way to save water during drought

SEA WORLD SAYS IT IS DOING ITS PART TO CONSERVE WATER DURING CALIFORNIA'S DROUGHT AND IT'S A CONCEPT YOU MAY HAVE NEVER SEEN OR HEARD OF – SALTWATER RESTROOMS. JEFF ZEVELY SHOWS US HOW THE NEW SYSTEM WORKS.

WHAT STARTS OUT AS SEAWATER IN MISISON BAY HAS BEEN FILTERED, CHLORINATED AND PUMPED INTO SHAMU STADIUM FOR YEARS, SO SEAWORLD FIGURED, WHY NOT TAP INTO THAT SAME SYSTEM TO FIGHT THE DROUGHT.

John Reilly, Seaworld Park president: "It's a really big deal to us here. It's 1.3 million gallons of water saved. That's especially important during the severe drought here in California."

THE NEW SALTWATER BATHROOMS WILL FEATURE 21 URINALS AND 34 TOILETS. EVERYWHERE YOU SEE A WHITE PLUMBING PIPE STICKING UP WILL SOON CONNECT SEAWATER TO SINKS, TOILETS AND URINALS.

Reilly: "The new facility under construction will open this spring, and we have a second facility under planning and development right now."

SEAWORLD BELIEVES THE FACILITY WILL BE THE FIRST SALTWATER BATHROOMS BUILT ON MAINLAND CALIFORNIA.

Project engineer: "It's been done in Hong Kong and also on Catalina Island."

THE FALLOUT FROM THE DOCUMENTARY "BLACK FISH" HAS HURT THE PARK'S ATTENDANCE AND THE COMPANY'S STOCK PRICE. WE ASKED SEAWORLD OFFICIALS IF SALTWATER BATHROOMS ARE PART OF A NEW PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.

Reilly: "This is part on an ongoing conservation effort that Seaworld has undertaken for several years on water conservation."

SEAWORLD SAN DIEGO'S PARK PRESIDENT JOHN REILLY SAYS SEAWORLD HAS ALREADY BEEN SAVING MILLIONS OF GALLONS OF WATER EACH YEAR WITH DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANTS AND SPRINKLER HEADS. THE PARK ALSO INVESTED IN A NEW HIGH PRESSURE SCRUBBER THAT DEEP-CLEANS SIDEWALKS AND CUTS DOWN ON THE WASTEFUL METHOD OF SPRAYING DOWN CONCRETE SURFACES WITH HOSES.

AS FOR THE NEW SALTWATER TOILETS WE ASKED SEAWORLD IF THEY'LL FLUSH OR SMELL ANY DIFFERENT FROM THE FRESH WATER ONES.

Engineer: "Absolutely not. If we didn't tell you, you would not know it."

SEAWORLD SAYS, IT IS ALSO SAVING WATER BY REPLACING SOME OF ITS LAWN AREAS WITH ARTIFICIAL TURF.

**ENVIRONMENT**

12/5/14 KRON 4 Evening News  
Study shows how bad the drought is

SCIENTISTS STUDIED TREE RINGS GOING BACK 12 HUNDRED YEARS AND FOUND OTHER DROUGHTS LAST THREE YEARS, BUT NONE AS SERIOUS AS THE ONE WE'RE GOING THROUGH. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THIS WEEK'S STORMS WERE THE BIGGEST TO HIT THE STATE SINCE THE DROUGHT BEGAN. RESERVOIRS ARE FILLING AND THE SNOW PACK HAS GONE FROM 24% TO 39% OF NORMAL FOR THIS DATE. BUT 39% MEANS WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.

**ENVIRONMENT**

Multiple dates / multiple newscasts  
Storm coverage and effects on reservoirs and drought conditions  
Including:

SONOMA COUNTY WATER OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE FEELING GOOD ABOUT WATER LEVELS IN THEIR AREA AFTER THIS RECENT SERIES OF STORMS. THE RUSSIAN RIVER IN HEALDSBURGG IS RUNNING HIGH AND FAST COMPARED TO THIS TIME LAST YEAR. THE SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY SAYS THEIR TWO RESERVOIRS ARE ALSO ABOUT 75% FULL. BUT WHILE THEY SAY ALL OF THIS RAIN IS PUTTING A DENT IN THE DROUGHT, THEY NEED MORE STORMS THIS WINTER BEFORE THEY CAN SAY WE ARE IN THE CLEAR.

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THE CONSISTENT RAIN HAS BEEN GOOD NEWS FOR THE SOUTH BAY. WATER LEVELS IN THE AREA'S TEN RESERVOIRS HAVE GONE UP A TOTAL OF 10 PERCENT. COUNTY WATER MANAGERS SAY THAT'S BECAUSE THE SATURATED GROUND IS SENDING MORE RAIN WATER INTO LOCAL CREEKS AND INTO THE RESERVOIRS. BUT WATER OFFICIALS ADD THIS DOES NOT MEAN IT'S TIME TO STOP CONSERVING.

Marty Grimes, Santa Clara Valley Water District: "We are definitely still in a drought. We have not seen recovery of our ground water supplies. Imported water, which we depend on in this county is still very low. So we still need to conserve."

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ALL THE RAINWATER IS ADDING UP.. THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SAYS SAN FRANCISCO HAS HAD MORE THAN ONE FOOT OF RAIN SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON ON JULY FIRST. OAKLAND AND SAN JOSE ARE NOT FAR BEHIND.

COMPARE THOSE FIGURES TO WHERE WE WERE AT THIS POINT LAST YEAR: JUST OVER 2 INCHES IN SAN FRANCISCO AND OAKLAND AND BARELY AN INCH AND A HALF IN SAN JOSE. NOW LOOK AT THE NORMAL RAINFALL FOR THE THREE CITIES: 6.6 INCHES IN SAN FRANCISCO, 5.5 INCHES IN OAKLAND, AND JUST OVER 3.7 INCHES IN SAN JOSE.

THAT MEANS THIS YEAR'S TOTALS TO DATE ARE NEARLY TWICE AS MUCH IN SAN FRANCISCO AND OAKLAND AND TWO AND A HALF TIMES MORE IN SAN JOSE.

ALL THAT RAIN IS FILLING OUR RESERVOIRS, BUT A NEW STUDY RELEASED TODAY IN SAN FRANCISCO SAYS THE DROUGHT THAT TOOK YEARS TO DEVELOP WILL TAKE YEARS TO RECOVER FROM. HASA SAYS DATA FROM ITS ORBITING EARTH MEASUREMENT SATELLITES SHOW THE DROUGHTS SERIOUS EFFECT ON CALIFORNIA'S GROUNDWATER LEVELS. AND THAT WILL TAKE TIME TO FIX.



## **ENVIRONMENT**

12/18/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Rats are unwelcome consequence of welcome rain

IT'S JUST ONE DAY AFTER A COUPLE OF WEEKS OF RAIN...

Gilbert Jimenez, Coulson-Moseley Pest Control: "As soon as the first storm hit we started getting calls left and right. A typical day we get maybe one or two calls. But we've been getting five or six calls."

WE CAUGHT UP WITH RAT SPECIALIST AND TERMITE INSPECTOR GILBERT JIMENEZ WHILE RESPONDING TO A HOUSE CALL IN WALNUT CREEK.

Jimenez: "We first came here a couple weeks ago. The place had holes in the eaves and you can see how we wired it up."

GILBERT SAYS THIS INFESTATION OF RATS IS A BY-PRODUCT OF THE WET WEATHER.

Jimenez: "It's everywhere. Concord, Walnut Creek, Moraga, Orinda."

HE SAYS THE RATS ARE BOLTING FROM CONSTRUCTION SITES LIKE THIS ONE, THE BROADWAY PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER, AND ARE HEADING INTO RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS.

Jimenez: "They have burrows out there in the vegetation, and when they start getting flooded by so much rain, they're getting wet and they want to get dry just like you and me. So they want to come move in with us, and I'm here to stop them from doing that."

GILBERT SPENDS HIS TIME COVERING UP HOLES CHEWED BY RATS AND SETTING TRAPS.

[video of rats caught in previously-set traps]

HE SAYS IF YOU SUSPECT YOUR HOME IS BEING OVERRUN BY RATS, GET IN TOUCH WITH A SPECIALIST IMMEDIATELY BEFORE IT GETS OUT OF CONTROL.

Jimenez: "Rats can be in your attic now, ruining on insulation, chewing on wiring, getting into your heating ducts, running around and you may be breathing in their stuff."

PHILLIPE DJEGAL KRON 4 NEWS

## **HEALTH**

### **HEALTH**

October 2014

Extensive, ongoing coverage of both the enterovirus outbreak and Ebola, across many days and multiple newscasts

### **HEALTH**

10/2/14 KRON 4 Evening News

How concerned should you be about Ebola

YOU CAN LOOK AT ALL THE PICTURES COMING OUT OF WEST AFRICA AND YOU MIGHT THINK ARE WE GOING TO HAVE BODIES LYING IN THE STREETS HERE? DOCTORS SAY NO. EBOLA CANNOT SPREAD QUICKLY IN COUNTRIES WITH MODERN HEALTH FACILITIES.

BUT IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT INFECTIONS, THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER CANDIDATES.

LET'S START WITH INFLUENZA. THE FLU. MOST PEOPLE THINK OF IT AS A BAD COLD. BUT IT KILLS 49 THOUSAND AMERICANS A YEAR AND SEND MORE THAN 200 THOUSAND TO THE HOSPITAL.

MEASLES IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST INFECTIOUS DISEASES. UNLIKE EBOLA, IT SPREADS THROUGH THE AIR. AND THE MEASLES VIRUS IS SO HARDY THAT IT CAN LINGER IN THE AIR FOR TWO HOURS AFTER AN INFECTED PERSON LEAVES THE ROOM AND STILL INFECTION THE NEXT PERSON TO WALK BY, ACCORDING TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION. AFTER BEING ALMOST COMPLETELY ELIMINATED IN THE U.S., IT STAGED A COMEBACK LAST YEAR WITH NEARLY 200 CASES REPORTED, NONE OF THEM FATAL.

THE NOROVIRUS IS THE COUNTRY'S MOST COMMON CAUSE OF STOMACH-RELATED PROBLEMS. IT CAN LIVE ON SURFACES FOR DAYS, SO PEOPLE CAN PICK UP THE VIRUS JUST FROM TOUCHING A DOOR HANDLE. IT AFFLICTS UP TO 21 MILLION AMERICANS A YEAR WITH VOMITING, DIARRHEA AND CRAMPS. ABOUT 800 PEOPLE DIE.

ONE DOCTOR COMPARES FEAR OF EBOLA TO THE FEAR OF FLYING. MANY PEOPLE ARE AFRAID TO GET ON AN AIRPLANE EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE IN MUCH MORE DANGER IN THEIR CARS DRIVING TO THE AIRPORT.

### **HEALTH**

10/7/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Dying with dignity

YESTERDAY A YOUNG WOMAN MADE A PROFOUND DECISION. SHE WENT ON LINE TO ANNOUNCE THE DAY THAT SHE PLANS TO DIE. NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>. KRON 4'S VICKI LIVIAKIS IS HERE TO EXPLAIN:

THIS IS NOT AN EASY STORY TO TELL. TWENTY-NINE YEAR OLD BRITTANY MAYNARD OF SAN FRANCISCO IS TERMINALLY ILL. AND YESTERDAY SHE ANNOUNCED THAT SHE, NOT HER BRAIN TUMOR, WILL DECIDE HOW HER LIFE WILL END. SHE LAUNCHED AN ONLINE VIDEO CAMPAIGN WITH THE NON-PROFIT COMPASSION AND CHOICES IN

HOPES OF RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT DYING WITH DIGNITY. HERE IS SOME OF THAT VIDEO:

[extensive clips from the video]

NOT EVERYONE AGREES WITH WHAT SHE IS DOING. IT IS CONTROVERSIAL, ALTHOUGH SHE STATES CLEARLY THIS IS NOT A SUICIDE. SHE LOVES LIFE BUT WANTS TO LEAVE THIS WORLD ON HER TERMS.

GRANT LODES HAS MORE:

IT'S AN INTERESTING CONCEPT. THE NON-PROFIT COMPASSION AND CHOICES DESCRIBES DEATH WITH DIGNITY AS AN OPTION TO REDUCE SUFFERING AT THE END OF SOMEONE'S LIFE SO THEY CAN DIE IN COMFORT AND IN CONTROL. OREGON, MONTANA, WASHINGTON, VERMONT AND NEW MEXICO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZE IT. DOCTORS THERE CAN PRESCRIBE LETHAL MEDICATIONS TO PATIENTS WHO ARE MENTALLY COMPETENT BUT TERMINALLY ILL.

THE L.A. TIMES REPORTS A DEATH WITH DIGNITY PROPOSITION WAS DEFEATED HERE IN CALIFORNIA IN 1992 AND AGAIN IN 2005. BUT COMPASSION AND CHOICES IS CAMPAIGNING TO GET A MEASURE ON THE CALIFORNIA BALLOT AGAIN.

AND BRITTANY MAYNARD'S VIDEO CAMPAIGN IS RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT THE ISSUE. A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT THIS NOW.

## **HEALTH**

10/13/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm

Local hospitals prepare for Ebola

SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL IS TAKING EXTRA STEPS IN PREPARING ITS STAFF FOR ANY POSSIBLE EBOLA PATIENT. TODAY, HOSPITAL STAFF UNDERWENT SEVERAL TRAINING DRILLS. DOCTORS SAY THEY PRACTICED PUTTING ON AND TAKING OFF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT WHEN TREATING A PATIENT WITH EBOLA SYMPTOMS.

A COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIAL SAYS THESE TRAINING EXERCISES WILL RAISE THE LEVEL OF COMPETENCY WHEN IT COMES TO TREATING A PATIENT WITH EBOLA.

Dr. Thomas Aragon, San Francisco County Health Officer: "One of the things we've realized is the devil is in the details. The staff need to feel very comfortable with the personal protective equipment, especially being able to take it off without becoming contaminated. Also, having procedures in place so they know how to transport a patient, how to minimize the number of laboratory blood draws that need to be done for the patient."

STAFF AT KAISER PERMANENTE ALSO ARE GETTING ADDITIONAL TRAINING ON HOW TO HANDLE SUSPECTED CASES OF EBOLA.

## **HEALTH**

10/28/14 KRON 4 News at 11pm

Controversial HIV drug approved

THIS IS A PATH TO ELIMINATING ANY NEW HIV INFECTIONS IN SANFRANCISCO. IF IMPLEMENTED ACROSS THE BOARD, I'M TOLD THIS COULD BE A GAME CHANGER.

David Campos, San Francisco supervisor: "This is specifically focused on HIV. We're not here to replace condoms. We want people to use condoms and be responsible."

PEOPLE WHO ARE AT RISK OF CONTRACTING HIV, THAT WANT TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM GETTING THE VIRUS CAN TAKE PREP, ALSO KNOWN AS PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS, ONCE A DAY.

Campos: "It's not only something that can help gay men, transgender men and women. We have also heard from many women who have used Truvada PREP to have unprotected sex with their partner for the purpose of having a baby. There's a lot of controversy about it, but I believe anything you can do to prevent a lot of people from being sick and dying, we should do it. It should be available to everybody."

THE NUMBER OF INFECTIONS IN GAY MEN, AFRICAN AMERICANS, LATINOS AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE CONTINUE TO RISE. SUPERVISOR DAVID CAMPOS SAYS NOT ONLY WILL THIS PILL HELP STOP NEW INFECTIONS, BUT THE CITY WILL SAVE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS BECAUSE OF THIS EFFORT.

Campos: "For every HIV infection that we prevent, we are saving, as a city, anywhere from 350 to 500 thousand dollars in treatment over the life of that individual."

BECAUSE THIS IS A NEW DRUG AND NOT MANY INSURANCE COMPANIES ARE AWARE OF IT, SUPERVISOR CAMPOS HAS BUDGETED OVER 300 THOUSAND DOLLARS TO HIRE NAVIGATORS TO HELP PATIENTS ACCEESS PREP THROUGH THEIR CURRENT MEDICAL COVERAGE.

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## **HEALTH**

11/10/14 KRON 4 Morning News  
Tech gadgets for your health

ADMIT IT... WE ALL CAN USE A LITTLE HELP TO BREAK OUR BAD HABITS. WHETHER IT'S SMOKING OR SLOUCHING, HERE'S TECH TO THE RESCUE.

BAD HABIT #1 – TROUBLE GETTING UP, OVERSLEEPING. LARK PRO SLEEP MONITOR CAN HELP, A WRISTBAND THAT TRACKS YOUR SLEEP PATTERNS AND GENTLY VIBRATES TO WAKE YOU UP.

BAD HABIT #2 – TERRIBLE POSTURE. SLOUCHING. LUMO LIFT PERFECTS YOUR POSTURE.

Spokesperson: "Good posture can help you look 5-10 pounds slimmer. It aligns your body so your organs can function properly and improves your circulation.

BAD HABIT #3 – TOO MUCH SUN. SUN FRIENDS PERSONAL UV MONITOR WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'VE SOAKED UP YOUR DAILY LIMIT.

BAD HABIT #4 – SMOKING. CLAIMS NEARLY HALF A MILLION LIVES A YEAR IN THE U.S. ALONE. BUT IT'S HARD TO QUIT. QUIT KEY WILL GRADUALLY WORK YOU DOWN TO ZERO.

OF COURSE GADGETS ALONE WON'T DO THE JOB. YOU HAVE TO BRING YOUR WILL POWER AND YOUR DESIRE TO SUCCEED.

## HEALTH

11/21/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
High tech help for disabled

THE 'ABILITIES EXPO' IS RUNNING NOW THROUGH THIS WEEKEND IN SAN JOSE. OUR TECH REPORTER GABE SLATE WENT THROUGH THE EXHIBITS AND DISCOVERED NEW TECHNOLOGY IS PLAYING A BIG ROLE IN IMPROVING THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:

BEFORE WE GET TO THE LATEST IN CUTTING EDGE TECHNOLOGY THAT IS ON DISPLAY HERE, I WANT TO SHOW YOU THIS BECAUSE IT REALLY CAPTURES THE SPIRIT OF THE EXPO WHICH IS TO OVERCOME CHALLENGES IN YOUR LIFE.

THIS IS DONNA RUSSO SHE WAS A PROFESSIONAL DANCER FOR 20 YEARS AND NOW IS LIVING WITH MD AND HAS LIMITED MOVEMENT.

YOU MIGHT HAVE SEEN THIS VIRAL VIDEO OF HER ON YOUTUBE. IT'S HER DANCING WITH HER TWO "ABLE BODIED" ALTER EGOS SET TO THE SONG "I WON'T GIVE UP" AND SHE IS PERFORMING THAT DANCE AT THIS EXPO ALL WEEKEND. IT'S KIND OF COOL.... IT'S LIKE A VIRAL VIDEO PERFORMED LIVE.

THIS EXPO LET'S ATTENDEES EXPERIENCE CUTTING-EDGE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH A WIDE RANGE OF DISABILITIES.

THE RE-WALK EXOSKELETON IS HERE FOR PEOPLE TO GET THEIR HANDS ON. IT JUST HIT THE MARKET AND IT ALLOWS PEOPLE WHO ARE PARALYZED TO WALK AGAIN.

THERE ARE KINDS OF NEW SCOOTERS, CHAIRS, BEDS, LIFTS AND VEHICLES ON DISPLAY.

HERE'S A NEW INNOVATION. THIS IS A MODAFIED PICK UP TRUCK. IT'S NICKNAME AT THE SHOW IS THE TRANSFORMER. IT OFFERS A NEW WAY FOR SOMEONE IN A WHEEL CHAIR TO ENTER A PICK UP TRUCK. THE DOOR SLIDES OUT, THE LIFT GOES UP, AND PLACES THE DRIVER DIRECTLY BEHIND THE WHEEL.

THIS IS THE RO-SCOOTER, A NEW PRODUCT COMING OUT IN FEBURARY. THE USER PUMPS THE HANDLE BARS TO POWER THE SCOOTER, GIVING THEM CARDIO EXERCISE WHILE GETTING AROUND.

THIS IS THE NOVA CHAT TABLET SYSTEM. IT GIVES PEOPLE WITHOUT A VOICE THE ABILITY TO SPEAK. WITH PICTURE TILES REPRESENTING LETTERS, WORDS, SENTANCES, A USER CAN EASILY COMMUNICATE BY PUTTING A SENTENCE TOGETHER AND THEN HAVING THE TABLET SPEAK IT FOR THEM.

AT THE SHOW THERE IS INFORMATION AND PRODUCTS RELATED TO ADAPTIVE SPORTS LIKE ROWING, SAILING, TENNIS, BASKETBALL, SWIMMING, ARCHERY AND POWER SOCCER. VISITORS CAN ALSO LEARN ABOUT ASSISTANCE DOGS.

THE EVENT IS FREE HERE AT THE SAN JOSE CONVENTION CENTER AND IS OPEN 11AM-5PM SATURDAY AND 11AM -4PM ON SUNDAY.

GABE SLATE KRON 4 NEWS

## **HEALTH**

11/24/14 KRON 4 Evening News  
Global obesity trends

ABOUT 30 PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION IS NOW OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE. ACCORDING TO A NEW REPORT BY THE MCKINSEY GLOBAL INSTITUTE, THE GLOBAL COST OF OBESITY HAS RISEN TO TWO TRILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY, NEARLY AS MUCH AS THE COST OF SMOKING. THE STUDY ALSO PREDICTS, NEARLY HALF OF THE WORLD'S ADULT POPULATION WILL BE OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE BY THE YEAR OF 2030. MCKINSEY SAYS THERE IS NO SINGLE OR SIMPLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM, BUT GLOBAL DISAGREEMENT ON HOW TO MOVE FORWARD IS HURTING PROGRESS.

## **HEALTH**

11/27/14 KRON 4 Evening News  
Healthy holidays?

HERE'S SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PILED UP YOUR HOLIDAY PLATE. THAT TURKEY AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS ADDS UP TO A LOT OF CALORIES. ABOUT 45 HUNDRED TO BE EXACT, ACCORDING TO RESEARCH FROM THE CALORIE CONTROL COUNCIL.

THAT'S HOW MUCH THE AVERAGE PERSON CONSUMES DURING A TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER. THREE THOUSAND CALORIES FOR THE MEAL AND ANOTHER 15 HUNDRED FOR SNACKING AND NIBBLING COMBINED. THE CCC SAYS WE EAT ENOUGH FAT AT A HOLIDAY MEAL TO EQUAL THREE STICKS OF BUTTER.

AFTER THAT NEWS, YOU MIGHT BE WONDERING IF THERE IS SOME KIND OF FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH TO HELP OUT. NOT REALLY, BUT RESEARCH SHOWS A MODERATE AMOUNT OF EXERCISE CAN HELP. EXERCISING AFTER EATING A LARGE MEAL NOT ONLY KEEPS OFF THE EXTRA POUNDS BUT A MODERATE AMOUNT OF EXERCISE CAN ADD YEARS TO YOUR LIFE. JIM MORELLI HAS THE DETAILS IN TODAY'S HEALTH MINUTE:

Dr. Aaron Baggish: "It's the one thing, the one magic bullet that everyone can do to reduce their risk of heart disease."

DR. AARON BAGGISH IS DIRECTOR OF THE CARDIOVASCULAR PERFORMANCE PROGRAM AT BOSTON'S MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL. HE SAYS EXERCISE TRULY IS MEDICINE.

Dr. Baggish: "Fewer medications, less depression, better sleep habits, better diet – they are all coupled with being active and exercising."

AND BY EXTENSION, EXERCISE CAN DO SOMETHING ELSE – PROLONG LIFE. IN FACT, CANADIAN RESEARCHERS RECENTLY FOUND THAT YOUNG ADULTS ENGAGED IN 150 MINUTES OF MODERATE EXERCISE A WEEK ADDED UP TO FIVE YEARS TO THEIR LIVES.

Dr. Baggish: "Really, no matter what decade in life you start exercising, you are better off than if you were to maintain a sedentary lifestyle. That applies whether you're in the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh decade of life."

SOME OLDER MEN MAY BE CONCERNED THAT STARTING AN EXERCISE PROGRAM COULD LEAD TO AN INCREASED RISK OF HAVING A HEART ATTACK AND IT TURNS OUT THAT THEY'RE RIGHT. BUT IT ALSO TURNS OUT THAT THE BENEFITS OF REGULAR EXERCISE FAR OUTWEIGH THAT RISK.

## **HEALTH**

11/27/14 KRN 4 News at 8pm  
Breakthrough in the fight against Ebola?

SCIENTISTS RACING TO PREVENT OR TREAT EBOLA HAVE COME UP WITH A VACCINE THAT APPEARS TO WORK AND WITH NO SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAYS THE EXPERIMENTAL EBOLA VACCINE TRIGGERED SIGNS OF IMMUNE PROTECTION IN THE FIRST 20 VOLUNTEERS TO TEST IT. THOSE WHO GOT THE SHOT AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH DEVELOPED ANTIBODIES WITHIN 4 WEEKS.

Institute of Health physician: "There still are some unanswered questions. And we know from some of the preliminary work that was done in animal studies previously that the antibodies that are generated in response to the vaccine don't last as long as we would like."

THE ADDED GOOD NEWS IS THAT SOME OF THE TEST PATIENTS ALSO DEVELOPED A DIFFERENT SET OF VIRUS-FIGHTING IMMUNE CELLS, CALLED T -CELLS.

RIGHT NOW, THE VACCINE IS ONLY IN THE FIRST STAGE OF TESTING.

## **HEALTH**

12/3/14 KRON 4 Morning News  
Local community's hospital gets closure reprieve

DEBT RELIEF IS ON THE WAY FOR THE DOCTORS MEDICAL CENTER IN SAN PABLO. THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVED TWO DEBT RELIEF MEASURES DURING A MEETING YESTERDAY. THIS IS A KEY STEP IN SAVING THE HOSPITAL.

ONE MEASURE DELAYS A THREE MILLION DOLLAR DEBT REPAYMENT THAT THE HOSPITAL OWES THE COUNTY. THE OTHER MEASURE WAIVES AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS OF DEBT REPAYMENT.

LAST MONTH, OFFICIALS LAUNCHED A FIVE-YEAR PLAN TO KEEP THE HOSPITAL OPEN AND WIPE OUT A 15 MILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT.

## **HEALTH**

12/22/14 KRON 4 Evening News  
Officials warn of bad flu season

THERE'S A NASTY FLU SEASON JUST AHEAD AND DOCTORS ARE URGING THE PUBLIC TO GET FLU SHOTS. FLU SEASON IS HERE AND ALREADY THE VIRUS IS SPREADING FAST.

DOCTORS HERE IN THE BAY AREA SAY THIS YEAR COULD BE ESPECIALLY BAD. THEY'RE URGING PEOPLE TO GET A FLU SHOT BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

THE CDC SAYS THAT FLU IS WIDESPREAD IN 29 STATES. BUT NOT YET IN CALIFORNIA.

CLOSE TO 36 THOUSAND PEOPLE DIE EACH YEAR FRM THE FLU.

## **EDUCATION**

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11/6/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
Technology and autism

PARENTS OF AN AUTISTIC CHILD IN FREMONT ARE GIVING BACK. THE HUSBAND-AND-WIFE TEAM IS WORKING TO USE THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY FROM SILICON VALLEY TO IMPROVE EDUCATION FOR OTHER CHILDREN WITH AUTISM. THEY SAY USING TECHNOLOGY HELPED THEIR SON, SO THEY STARTED A FOUNDATION TO HELP OTHER AUTISTIC STUDENTS. KRON 4'S DANIEL VILLAREAL SPOKE WITH THE FAMILY WHICH IS ABOUT TO GIVE THEIR FIRST DONATION:

IF THERE'S ONE THING THE PINCILOTTI FAMILY IS PASSIONATE ABOUT, IT'S GETTING TECHNOLOGY INTO THE HANDS OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE AUTISM. AS PARENTS OF AN AUTISTIC SON, THEY SAY THEY'VE SEEN THE DIFFERENCE THAT THINGS LIKE IPADS, COMPUTERS AND DIGITAL COMAREAS CAN MAKE.

Jessica Pincilotti, parent and co-founder of Autism Yesterday and Today: "We started this foundation two years ago, my husband and I. We have an autistic child who graduated from high school two years ago and we found out that because of the technology that we were able to provide for him, he did so much better. So we decided to do a foundation to try to provide this benefit for other kids."

THIS DECEMBER THE NON-PROFIT THEY STARTED, AUTISM YESTERDAY AND TODAY, WILL MAKE ITS FIRST DONATION OF 14 IPAD MINIS, AN IMAC COMPUTER, A PRINTER AND A DIGITAL CAMERA TO MISSION SAN JOSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN FREMONT. THAT'S ABOUT NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF ELECTRONICS. ALL OF IT WILL GO TO THE SCHOOL'S SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOM WHERE THEY SAY STUDENTS WITH AUTISM WILL BENEFIT GREATLY FROM THE DONATION.

Pincilotti: "We feel that technology helps these kids to expand their world. Some of the kids who are usually unable to communicate find they are able to communicate using the iPads and other technology. We believe that if we give them this technology, that is not in the classrooms now, they will do much better in the future."

THE PINCILOTTI'S SAY THEY PLAN TO CONTINUE RAISING FUNDS SO THEY CAN MAKE AT LEAST ONE DONATION TO A BAY AREA CLASSROOM EACH YEAR AND THEY ENCOURAGE POTENTIAL DONORS TO STEP FORWARD AND VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT AUTISM YESTERDAY AND TODAY DOT ORG.

DANIEL VILLAREAL KRON 4 NEWS

### **EDUCATION**

11/21/14 KRON 4 Evening News  
New ruling on charter schools

IF YOUR CHILD ATTENDS A CHARTER SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA, THAT SCHOOL MAY BE MAKING DEMANDS ON PARENTS WHICH ARE ILLEGAL. AS KRON 4'S DAN KERMAN TELLS US, A NEW REPORT FINDS CHARTER SCHOOLS DO NOT QUITE UNDERSTAND THAT VOLUNTEERING IS A CHOICE AND CANNOT BE REQUIRED:



A NEW REPORT FROM PUBLIC ADVOCATES FINDS NEARLY A THIRD OF THE 555 CALIFORNIA CHARTER SCHOOLS THEY SURVEYED TO BE VIOLATING THE LAW BECAUSE THEY ARE REQUIRING PARENTS TO VOLUNTEER

Public Advocates spokesperson: "Required volunteer hours is something public schools can't do."

HILARY HAMMAL WITH PUBLIC ADVOCATES SAYS THE RESEARCH FOUND CHARTER SCHOOLS REQUIRED PARENTS TO VOLUNTEER ANYWHERE FROM 1 TO 96 HOURS A YEAR AS A CONDITION OF THEIR CHILD'S ENROLLMENT. SHE SAYS THAT'S NOT ONLY ILLEGAL BUT INEQUITABLE

Hillary Hammal: "The person it excludes are hard working families who maybe can't afford to give those hours and excludes kids who are not lucky enough to come from a household that has highly motivated or well-resourced parents."

THIS BAY AREA MOTHER, WHO PREFERRED WE DIDN'T REVEAL HER IDENTITY FOR FEAR OF RETALIATION FROM HER CHILD'S SCHOOL, KNOWS ALL ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS FORCED VOLUNTEERING

Anonymous mother, "The experience I had was when I went to enroll my son for the second year, they told me I wasn't enrolled because I hadn't paid the hours."

THIS MOTHER SAID SINCE SHE HAD NOT FULFILLED HER 35 HOURS OF VOLUNTEERING THE PREVIOUS YEAR SHE WAS GIVEN A CHOICE, FIND ANOTHER SCHOOL PAY \$350 IN CASH OR BY PURCHASING SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Mother: "I thought it was unjust, but I liked the school and I wanted to stay in the school so I decided to go and buy the items."

THE REPORT SAYS THAT IS NOT A CHOICE CHARTER SCHOOL PARENTS SHOULD HAVE TO MAKE.

PUBLIC ADVOCATES HAS SENT A LETTER TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, REQUESTING THEY TAKE ACTION TO CORRECT WHAT IS GOING ON. AND IF THEY REFUSE TO DO SO, PUBLIC ADVOCATES HAS THREATENED A LAWSUIT. IN BERKELEY DAN KERMAN KRON 4 NEWS

## **EDUCATION**

11/26/14 KRN 4 Evening News

Reaction to UC tuition hikes

THE WEEK-LONG PROTEST AT U-C BERKELEY OVER TUITION HIKES IS OVER. STUDENTS AND ACTIVISTS STAGED A SIT-IN AT WHEELER HALL FOR SEVERAL DAYS AFTER THE U-C BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVED A 5 PERCENT TUITION HIKE FOR EACH OF THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. ORGANIZERS SAY THE STUDENTS TOOK A VOTE LAST NIGHT AND DECIDED TO PACK UP THIS MORNING AND GO HOME.

STUDENTS SAY THEY MAY PROTEST AGAIN NEXT WEEK BUT SAY THEY DON'T THINK THAT STAYING THERE FULL-TIME IS THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE TUITION HIKES KNOWN. POLICE SAY THERE WERE NO ALTERCATIONS OR ARRESTS DURING THE WEEK-LONG SIT-IN.

## **EDUCATION**

12/22/14 KRON 4 News at 11p

Producer's anti-school violence PSA causes controversy

KIDS SHOULD NOT HAVE ACCESS TO GUNS AT HOME. THAT'S REJINA SINCIC'S ULTIMATE MESSAGE.

Rejina Sincic, Sleeper 13 Productions: "The message is NOT for kids to take the gun and take it to school and give it to the teacher. That's what the video shows, but the message is that kids should not have access to guns at home. They should not be able to do what you see in the video. The guns should be locked up."

SINCIC HAD A HARD TIME FINDING A SCHOOL THAT WAS OKAY WITH SHOOTING THIS TYPE OF MESSAGE, BUT SAYS NORTH OAKLAND COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL APPROVED THE SCRIPT AND GAVE HER THE OKAY. THE SCHOOL'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SAYS THE CREW WAS ALLOWED ACCESS TO FILM THE PSA ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, BUT THE SCHOOL DID NOT REVIEW, APPROVE OR ENDORSE THE VIDEO, AND THAT NORTH OAKLAND COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL DOES NOT CONDONE OR SUPPORT BRINGING WEAPONS OF ANY KIND, WHETHER REAL OR A REPLICA, TO SCHOOL. THEY'VE ALSO ASKED THE PRODUCER TO REMOVE THE SCHOOL'S NAME FROM THE VIDEO.

Sincic: "They were the ones to ask us from the beginning to put their name in the credits. Now they want it off, so we're okay with removing it."

SINCIC SAYS A TOY GUN WAS USED IN THE PSA AND IT WAS SECURED THROUGHOUT THE FILMING. ALL THE STUDENTS WERE CASTED ACTORS. AND THE MESSAGE – MEANT FOR PARENTS – KEEP YOUR GUNS LOCKED UP.

Sincic: "I want a safer world for the kids."

THE PRODUCER SAYS THE MESSAGE IS GETTING A LOT OF BACKLASH BECAUSE IT IS BEING TAKEN TOO LITERALLY.

ALECIA REID KRON 4 NEWS

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **TRANSPORTATION**

10/13/14 KRON 4 Evening News

Progress in South Bay public transit project

A MAJOR MILESTONE HAS BEEN REACHED IN THE SOUTH BAY. IT ALL HAS TO DO WITH BRINGING BART INTO SANTA CLARA COUNTY. AS KRON 4'S TERISA ESTACIO REPORTS, OFFICIALS WITH THE PROJECT SAY, BESIDES TODAY'S FEAT, THERE ARE ALSO SOME OTHER REASONS TO CELEBRATE:

FOR MORE THAN A YEAR THIS HEAVILY TRAVELED SECTION OF HOSTETTER ROAD NEAR FROST DRIVE HAS BEEN COMPROMISED, WITH LANE CLOSURES CAUSING DELAYS FOR COMMUTERS. BUT NOT ANY MORE. ALL LANES ARE NOW UP AND RUNNING.

THAT IS BECAUSE WORK ON THE BART EXTENTION INTO THE SOUTH BAY INVOLVING HOSTETER HAS BEEN COMPLETED. THIS IS VTA SPOKESPERSON BRANDI CHILDRESS.

Brandi Childress, VTA: "This is a major milestone. We are bringing BART here. This is a group project between BART and VTA and we are so glad that this step is under our belts so that the project can keep on going. Commuters should be pleased. This will provide new levels of public transportation for people."

THE WORK FOCUSED ON CREATING THIS HUGE TRENCH UNDER THE ROADWAY FOR TRAINS TO PASS EASILY THROUGH. BESIDES THE FACT THAT ALL LANES ARE NOW OPEN, CHILDRESS SAYS THERE IS ALSO ANOTHER ASPECT OF THIS PROJECT TO CELEBRATE THESE DAYS.

Childress: "We are ahead of schedule. This project has been moving along very nicely. We're looking at some time savings. The original estimate was to open in 2018 and currently we're looking at a late 2017 opening for the BART to San Jose project."

TERISA ESTACIO KRON 4 NEWS

### **TRANSPORTATION**

10/20/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm

SFO reverses policy and okays deals ridesharing companies

SFO OFFICIALS SAID IT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN AND IT WAS NOT THAT LONG AGO WHEN RIDESHARE DRIVERS WERE THREATENED WITH CRIMINAL TRESPASSING IF THEY BROUGHT PEOPLE TO THE AIRPORT. ALL THAT CHANGED LAST WEEK WHEN SFO SHOCKED THE GROUND TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY BY ANNOUNCING A DEAL WITH THE RIDE SHARING APP SIDEDAR. UBER AND LYFT WERE SOON TO FOLLOW. THE PERMITS ARE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS AND WILL BE REVIEWED AT A LATER DATE, BUT ALL THREE RIDESHARING OPERATIONS WILL START SERVICE HERE WITHIN THE NEXT 30 DAYS.

SO, WHAT HAPPENED? WHY DID THE AIRPORT CHANGE COURSE ON THE ISSUE? IT'S SIMPLE: MONEY.

THE DEAL STATES THAT EACH DRIVER WILL PAY THE AIRPORT \$3.85 EVERY TIME THEY COME ONTO AIRPORT PROPERTY. DRIVERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BOTH PICK UP AND DROP OFF PASSENGERS AT THE AIRPORT IN EXCHANGE FOR THAT FEE.

COMPARE THAT WITH THE \$2.00 THAT TRADITIONAL CABS HAVE TO PAY TO OPERATE AT THE AIRPORT. THE DIFFERENCE MIGHT SEEM EXCESSIVE, BUT THE ADDITIONAL MONEY IS A SMALL EFFORT TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD WITH CAB COMPANIES THAT HAVE HIGHER OPERATIONAL COSTS THAN THE RIDE SHARING APPS.

CAB DRIVERS HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT THE RIDE SHARING SERVICE SINCE THEY STARTED OPERATING IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA, SAYING THE COMPANIES ARE TAKING FARES AWAY BECAUSE OF LOWER COSTS. CABBIES ALSO SAY THE COMPANIES ARE NOT PROPERLY INSURED, BUT SEVERAL LEGAL JUDGMENTS AND THE RECENT DECISION BY THE STATE PUC TO REGULATE THE INDUSTRY HAVE MADE MANY OF THOSE COMPLAINTS INVALID.

AT SFO, JEFF BUSH KRON 4 NEWS

**TRANSPORTATION**

10/27/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm  
BART ends free parking

[details of BART's change of policy at its parking lots]

**TRANSPORTATION**

10/29/14 KRON 4 Evening News  
Bay Area roadways

[details of new report on conditions of roads in the Bay Area]

**TRANSPORTATION**

11/6 KRON 4 News at 8pm & 11/7 KRON 4 News at 11pm  
Golden Gate Bridge moveable median barriers project begins

HEAD ON COLLISIONS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A CONCERN HERE ON THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE. BUT VERY SOON, THEY WON'T BE ANY LONGER.

WE'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT THE MOVEABLE BARRIER AND NOW THE 30 MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF WORK ON AND AROUND THE BRIDGE LATELY. IF YOU TRAVEL IT, YOU HAVE PROBABLY NOTICED THE OLD BOOTH THAT USED TO BE AT THE NORTHBOUND ENTRANCE HAS BEEN REMOVED.

ALL OF THIS AS CREWS GET READY TO INSTALL THE MOVEABLE MEDIAN BARRIER THAT IS OVER 13,000 FEET IN LENGTH, 12 INCHES WIDE AND 32 INCHES IN HEIGHT. ONCE INSTALLED, IT WILL TAKE 45 MINUTES TO REPOSITION THE BARRIER AS NEEDED. EACH SECTION IS VERY HEAVY, ABOUT 1500 POUNDS.

BRIDGE OFFICIALS WILL BE RELEASING LOTS MORE INFORMATION TOWARD THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK. AND THE BRIDGE WILL BE ENTIRELY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> TO START WORK ON THE PROJECT.

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THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT MOVED IN AND STARTED TAKING OUT THE CONCRETE BARRIERS. SOON THOSE BARRIERS ARE GOING TO BE REPLACED WITH THE NEW, STATE OF THE ART MOVEABLE BARRIER LIKE YOU SEE IN THIS ANIMATION PROVIDED BY THE BRIDGE DISTRICT. ALL THIS PRELIMINARY WORK IS NECESSARY FOR THE NEW EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED. THE WEEKEND WORK AND THE BARRIER WILL SAVE LIVES ON THE BRIDGE.

Priya Clemens, Golden Gate Bridge Authority: "Drivers are going to face some inconvenience on the road this weekend, but it's nothing compared to the devastation of a head-on collision on the Golden Gate Bridge and ultimately that is what we are trying to virtually eliminate, with the installation of the moveable median barrier."

THE INSIDE SOUTHBOUND LANES WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL 1PM SATURDAY AND THE INSIDE NORTHBOUND LANES WILL THEN BE CLOSED UNTIL MID-AFTERNOON ON SUNDAY. TRAFFIC WILL BE IMPACTED, BUT THE DEGREE OF THAT IMPACT WILL DEPEND ON THE TIME OF DAY. SO, IF YOU ARE COMING INTO OR GOING OUT OF THE CITY THIS WEEKEND, GIVE YOURSELF SOME EXTRA TIME.

TRANSPORTATION

11/13/14 KRON 4 Evening News

Financial roadblocks for Bay Bridge pedestrian/bike lane

THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY IS GIVING THE GREEN LIGHT TO PAY UP TO \$10-MILLION DOLLARS TO A CONSULTANT TO EXPLORE CHEAPER OPTIONS FOR EXTENDING THE BAY BRIDGE PEDESTRIAN PATH TO THE WESTERN SPAN. THE TWO-MILE EXTENSION WOULD GIVE WALKERS AND BIKERS A WAY TO GET ALL THE WAY FROM OAKLAND TO SAN FRANCISCO.

BUT CURRENT ESTIMATES INDICATE THE PROJECT WOULD REPORTEDLY COST 400 TO 500 MILLION DOLLARS TO BUILD, AND BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY OFFICIALS SAY THAT IS TOO MUCH. STILL, INTEREST IN EXTENDING THE PATH HAS PICKED UP SINCE LAST YEAR WHEN THE NEW EASTERN SPAN OPENED.

TRANSPORTATION

11/26/14 KRON 4 News at 8pm

New BART airport extension a hit with passengers

ON THANKSGIVING EVE, SOME TRAVELERS ARE HAVING A HARD TIME GETTING TO THEIR HOLIDAY DESTINATIONS. MORE THAN 700 FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN CANCELED ACROSS THE NATION, MOST OF THOSE IN THE NORTHEAST. THAT'S WHERE A MASS NOR'EASTER STORM HAS LED TO LOTS OF RAIN AND SNOW. BUT HERE IN THE BAY AREA SOME PEOPLE ARE FINDING TRAVELING JUST A LITTLE BIT EASIER. SOME TRAVELERS HEADING TO OAKLAND AIRPORT ARE RIDING BART'S NEW TRAIN CONNECTOR FOR THE FIRST TIME. KRON 4'S JEFF BUSH IS LIVE IN OAKLAND WHERE BART IS EXPECTING TO HAVE A LARGE WAVE OF PEOPLE RIDING THE TRAINS THIS HOLIDAY:

IT'S BEEN UP AND RUNNING LESS THAN A WEEK, BUT ALREADY THE NEW BART EXTENSION ELEVATED CABLE CARS TO OAKLAND AIRPORT ARE MAKING A LASTING IMPRESSION ON PEOPLE HEADING TO THE AIRPORT FOR THEIR THANKSGIVING TRIP.

Passenger: "It was fun. It's like a roller coaster."

Lorraine Pile, passenger: "I loved it. I heard that it's new. It got me right where I needed to go. We are totally unaccustomed to travelling this way and it was easy breezy."

Matthew Putzulu, passenger: "It's pretty nice. Nicest BART station I've been in. Fare gates alone are the newest thing I've seen. I hope it stays this clean for a long time. I used to take the old vans all the time. They worked, but they got frustrating to wait for."

THE RIDE WAS SMOOTH AND IT WAS QUIET AND IT CAME WITH A NICE VIEW ALONG THE EIGHT MINUTE TRIP TO THE AIRPORT.

Maria Anguino, passenger: "And this is so much more convenient than the AirBART used to be. I even stopped taking it because it was so inconvenient. So I was pretty excited to be able to get public transportation again."

AND IT WAS FUN TO WATCH EVERYTHING GOING ON.

Liz Garcia, passenger: "I was taking pictures."

Passenger: "It was fun to go past all the cars and the parking lot."

JEFF BUSH KRON 4 News

TRANSPORATION

12/16/14 KRON 4 Evening News

BART escalator update

BART SAYS IT WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU. THE TRANSIT AGENCY RECEIVED SOME 12 MILLION DOLLARS TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO ESCALATORS AND ELEVATORS. THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED POWELL AND CIVIC CENTER AS THE WORST-PERFORMING AND SO THAT'S WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO BE CONCENTRATING ON MAKING IMPROVEMENTS.

AND NOW THEY ARE COLLECTING FEEDBACK FROM RIDERS. THEY ARE GOING TO MEET WITH DESIGN PEOPLE AND THEN COME BACK AND MAKE THEIR PRESENTATION ON VISIBILITY AND CANOPIES AND OTHER UPGRADES IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS TO GET MORE FEEDBACK FROM THE PUBLIC.

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