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KNTV/NBC11-TV is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community through regularly scheduled public affairs programming, newscasts, public service announcements as well as documentaries and specials. The following is a list of some of the programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the preceding three-month period:

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT, LABOR

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT SHARES SANK AFTER YAHOO SPURNED MICROSOFT'S OFFER BACK IN MAY. AS YOU WILL RECALL, THAT LED BILLIONAIRE CORPORATE RAIDER CARL ICAHN TO BUY UP SHARES OF YAHOO WITH THE INTENTION OF TOPPLING YAHOO'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH A SHAREHOLDER VOTE. AT THE COMPANY'S MEETING AHEAD IN AUGUST. THIS MORNING, MICROSOFT SAYS IF ICAHN CAN REPLACE THE YAHOO BOARD, IT WILL RECONSIDER ITS OFFER TO BUY THE SUNNYVALE COMPANY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/10/2008 REPORTED THAT ROUGHLY 200 NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS WILL BE ON THE FIRELINES ACROSS CALIFORNIA, FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS MORNING. THIS PAST WEEK, THEY'VE GONE THROUGH 40 HOURS OF TRAINING ON FIRE BEHAVIOR TO PREPARE FOR TODAY. THEY LEARNED HOW TO USE HAND TOOLS AND FIRE LINE COMMUNICATIONS ON THE COLD FIRE LINES NEAR BOONEVILLE IN MENDOCINO COUNTY. MANY OF THESE SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN TO IRAQ AND THEY KNOW ALL ABOUT ENEMY COMBATANTS, BUT PREDICTING HOW AND WHERE A FIRE MIGHT SPREAD IS WHOLE DIFFERENT LEARNING CURVE. AN ADDITIONAL 200 SOLDIERS ARE ON THE WAY. THE NEXT WAVE, KNOWN AS "TASK FORCE PICK", ARE TRAINING NOW AT TWO BASES NEAR SACRAMENTO.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/10/2008 REPORTED THAT OPEC SAYS OIL SUPPLIES WILL KEEP PACE WITH GLOBAL DEMAND IN THE COMING DECADES. WORLD ENERGY NEEDS ARE EXPECTED TO SPIKE BY MORE THAN 50 PERCENT BY THE YEAR 2030. OPEC SAYS OIL RESERVES, CONSERVATION, AND NEW METHODS OF RECOVERY WILL KEEP OIL DEMANDS MET. SOME CRITICS BLAME SKYROCKETING FUEL PRICES ON OPEC'S REFUSAL TO INCREASE OUTPUT. OPEC LEADERS SAY THE WEAK DOLLAR AND MARKET SPECULATORS ARE PARTLY TO BLAME. THEY ALSO SUGGESTED THAT PAST LOW PRICES LED TO UNDER-INVESTMENT IN THE INDUSTRY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT FEDERAL AGENTS TARGETED SEVERAL BAY AREA BUSINESSES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BAY TODAY IN A DRUG OPERATION THAT SPANS THE WESTERN U.S. THE THIRD EYE LOUNGE AT INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD AND 19TH AVENUE IN OAKLAND WAS ONE OF THE BUSINESSES RAIDED THIS MORNING.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT CHEVRON'S PLAN TO EXPAND ITS REFINERY IN RICHMOND WAS SO CONTROVERSIAL, THE CITY COUNCIL DELAYED A VOTE UNTIL A SECOND MEETING TONIGHT. HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE PACKED A HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM LAST NIGHT. CHEVRON WANTS TO UPDATE ITS RICHMOND FACILITY TO PROCESS A WIDER RANGE OF CRUDE OIL. OPPONENTS SAY CHEVRON WOULD THEN BE ABLE TO PROCESS HEAVIER, DIRTIER CRUDE OIL. PUTTING MORE POLLUTANTS IN THE AIR. CHEVRON INSISTS THAT WON'T HAPPEN.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT TODAY, WORKERS AT SFO AND LAX AIRPORTS ARE HANDING OUT CLEANING WIPES TO PASSENGERS, TO USE ON THE PLANES. THEY SAY THEY'RE UNDER STAFFED, AND DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT TO CLEAN THE INTERIORS OF THE PLANES. THE WORKERS SAY THEY OFTEN CLEAN BATHROOMS ONBOARD WITH JUST WATER, BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ANY DISINFECTANT, AND SOMETIMES, THEY ONLY HAVE TWO TO THREE MINUTES TO CLEAN A PLANE. THE AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, WHICH REPRESENTS THE NATION'S MAJOR AIRLINES, WOULD NOT COMMENT ON THE CLAIMS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/17/2008 REPORTED THAT A JUDGE COULD DECIDE TODAY WHETHER TO ALLOW CAL BERKELEY TO BEGIN BUILDING A NEW ATHLETIC FACILITY NEXT TO MEMORIAL STADIUM. THE PLANNED CONSTRUCTION SITE WOULD DESTROY A GROVE OF OLD OAK TREES AND THREE TREE SITTERS HAVE BEEN THERE FOR 18 MONTHS, TRYING TO STOP THE PROJECT. A JUDGE COULD DECIDE WHETHER TO LIFT A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION, WHICH BLOCKED CONSTRUCTION.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/17/2008 REPORTED THAT IN A MEETING THAT LASTED UNTIL 2:00 THIS MORNING, THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL DECIDED TO ALLOW CHEVRON'S REFINERY TO EXPAND. IT WAS A CLOSE 5 TO 4 TO VOTE, BUT ALLOW CHEVRON TO OVERHAUL ITS REFINERY AND EXPAND. BUT IT WILL HAVE TO REPLACE OLD EQUIPMENT. COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS SPOKE AGAINST THE EXPANSION. CHEVRON WILL START PROCESSING "HEAVY CRUDE" WHICH COULD RELEASE DANGEROUS TOXINS INTO THE AIR.

CHEVRON CLAIMS THE UPGRADES WILL ALLOW IT TO REFINE A WIDER RANGE OF LIGHT TO INTERMEDIATE CRUDES, AND THE EMISSIONS WILL NOT INCREASE. THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL AGREED TO THE EXPANSION AFTER CHEVRON PLEDGED 61 MILLION DOLLARS TO HELP IMPROVE CITY SERVICES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/17/2008 REPORTED THAT A LONG AWAITED PROJECT TO TRANSFORM AN EAST BAY BART STATION INTO A TRANSIT VILLAGE IS NOW OFFICIALLY UNDERWAY. BART AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LEADERS BROKE GROUND ON THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR VILLAGE AT THE PLEASANT HILL BART STATION THIS MORNING. THE DESIGN INCLUDES SPACE FOR HOMES, STORES, RESTAURANTS, OFFICE, BUILDINGS, AND A BUSINESS CONFERENCE CENTER. THE IDEA IS TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR CARS. THE PLEASANT HILL PROJECT IS ONE OF SEVEN TRANSIT VILLAGES AT OR NEAR BART STATIONS. THE PLEASANT HILL, DUBLIN PLEASANTON, AND UNION CITY VILLAGES ARE SLATED TO OPEN IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/17/2008 REPORTED THAT MORE THAN A DOZEN MEN COULD SPEND UP TO 40 YEARS IN PRISON IF THEY ARE CONVICTED OF AN ELABORATE DRUG TRAFFICKING RING HERE IN THE BAY AREA. DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENTS AND THE FBI RAIDED NUMEROUS HOMES AND BUSINESSES ACROSS THE BAY AREA, SACRAMENTO, LOS ANGELES, AND DENVER. ONE RAID HAPPENED AT THE "THIRD EYE LOUNGE" ON INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD IN EAST OAKLAND YESTERDAY MORNING. WHILE LAW ENFORCEMENT IS NOT GIVING SPECIFICS ABOUT WHAT THEY FOUND, THEY SAY THEY HAVE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO BRING 16 MEN TO COURT. AFTER THE RAIDS POLICE IN DENVER SAID THEIR TARGET WAS THE DRUG ECSTASY. INVESTIGATORS HAVE BEEN GATHERING EVIDENCE AGAINST THE MEN FOR AT LEAST A YEAR AND A HALF.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/17/2008 REPORTED THAT THIS WEEKEND, THE LARGEST OUT DOOR FASHION SHOW ON THE WEST COAST WILL BE HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO. MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND FASHION DESIGNERS, STUDENTS AND TOURISTS WILL CONVERGE ON UNION SQUARE FOR THE EVENT. THIS IS A FUNDRAISER FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION, THE FASHION GROUP INTERNATIONAL. FASHION ON THE SQUARE WILL BE THIS SATURDAY AT UNION SQUARE PARK IN SAN FRANCISCO.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/28/2008 REPORTED THAT THE TOP SECRET SPACECRAFT THAT COULD ONE DAY LAUNCH TOURISTS INTO SPACE WAS PARTIALLY REVEALED THIS MORNING. BILLIONAIRE RICHARD BRANSON AND AEROSPACE DESIGNER BURT RUTAN UNVEILED "WHITE NIGHT TWO" IN THE MOJAVE DESERT. THEY CALL THIS PART "THE MOTHERSHIP" IT WILL RELEASE A SMALLER SHIP CALLED "SPACESHIP TWO" AT A CERTAIN ALTITUDE SO THAT IT CAN SOAR INTO SUB-ORBITAL SPACE. BRANSON HOPES THE ENDEAVOUR WILL RAISE AWARENESS OF THE GLOBAL ISSUES FACING OUR PLANET. MORE THAN 250 WANNABE ASTRONAUTS HAVE SIGNED UP TO PAY 200-THOUSAND DOLLARS OR MORE TO FLOAT SOME 62 MILES ABOVE EARTH. BRANSON HOPES THE FIRST PASSENGER FLIGHTS WILL START IN LATE 2009 OR EARLY 2010.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/26/2008 REPORTED THAT THE BUILDING CONTRACTOR - WHOSE COMPANY REPAIRED THE MACARTHUR MAZE AFTER IT COLLAPSED IN 2007, HAS FILED FOR PERSONAL BANKRUPTCY THE SACRAMENTO BEE REPORTS C.C. MYERS IS FILING FOR CHAPTER SEVEN DUE TO LOSSES INVESTMENTS IN A MASSIVE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. C.C. MYERS IS A WELL KNOWN CONTRACTOR IN CALIFORNIA. HIS COMPANY WON A FIVE MILLION DOLLAR BONUS FOR FIXING THE OAKLAND MAZE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, AFTER A FIERY CRASH CAUSED A SECTION TO COLLAPSE. THE BANKRUPTCY DOES NOT AFFECT HIS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, BUT DOES AFFECT HIS PERSONAL FINANCES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/26/2008 REPORTED THAT THE AILING HOUSING MARKET TOOK A TURN FOR THE BETTER IN JULY. THE LATEST HOUSING FIGURES WERE RELEASED THIS MORNING. THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT SAYS SINGLE FAMILY HOME SALES ROSE 2 POINT 4 PERCENT IN JULY, BUT THE RESULTS ARE BITTERSWEET. SALES IN JULY ARE STILL DOWN MORE THAN 35 PERCENT WHEN COMPARED TO LAST JULY. THE NUMBERS ARE UP, HOWEVER, WHEN COMPARED TO JUNE. THAT'S WHEN THE U.S. EXPERIENCED ITS WORST HOUSING SLUMP SINCE 1991.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/27/2008 REPORTED THAT WITH ALL THE MONEY AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE BAY AREA AND SILICON VALLEY, WOULD YOU EXPECT THE MOST AFFLUENT CITY IN THE NATION TO BE PLANO, TEXAS? THE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE DALLAS SUBURB IS MORE THAN 84 THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR. NEW NUMBERS FROM THE CENSUS DEPARTMENT HAVE SAN JOSE AT NUMBER TWO, WITH ALMOST 80 THOUSAND DOLLARS. AND SANTA CLARA COUNTY, WITH A MEDIAN INCOME OF MORE THAN 84 THOUSAND DOLLARS IS THE 10TH MOST AFFLUENT BIG COUNTY IN THE NATION AND TOPS ON THE WEST COAST.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-11:30 AM 08/29/2008 REPORTED THAT NEARLY TWO THOUSAND HEALTH CARE WORKERS FROM SEVERAL BAY AREA HOSPITALS BEGAN WALKING THE PICKET LINE THIS MORNING, KICKING OFF A 24 HOUR STRIKE TODAY. THIS STRIKE DOES NOT AFFECT THE NURSING STAFF. WORKERS IN AREAS LIKE HOUSEKEEPING, ADMITTING, AND FOOD SERVICE IN THE "DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY HEALTH SYSTEM" ARE INVOLVED. THEY HAVE BEEN WITHOUT A CONTRACT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF MAY. THEY ACCUSE THE HEALTH SYSTEM OF UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES, AND NOT NEGOTIATING IN GOOD FAITH. HOSPITALS SAY THE STRIKE WILL NOT AFFECT THE MEDICAL CARE OF PATIENTS.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/08/2008 REPORTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT, TAKING OVER TWO COMPANIES OVER THE WEEKEND, THE DOW SKYROCKETING, AND SHARES OF UNITED AIRLINES' PARENT COMPANY COLLAPSING. SHARE VALUE IN UNITED FELL TO ESSENTIALLY NOTHING AFTER ERRONEOUS REPORTS SAID THE COMPANY WAS FILING FOR BANKRUPTCY. CNBC TRACED THE ERROR BACK TO AN ARTICLE ON THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE WEBSITE. UNITED IS BASED OUT OF SUBURBAN CHICAGO. THE ARTICLE WAS OLD, FOUR YEARS AGO UNITED REALLY DID FILE FOR BANKRUPTCY. WHICH MAKES THE STOCK WORTHLESS. TRADING WAS HALTED, AND WHAT WILL PROBABLY HAPPEN WILL BE A SORT OF STOCK MULLIGAN. THE SEC MAY SAY THE CLOCK SHOULD BE TURNED BACK TO BEFORE THAT FALSE

REPORT BECAME PUBLIC, AND ANY TRADES AFTER WILL BE CONSIDERED NOT TO HAVE EXISTED. UNITED AIRLINES IS A VERY IMPORTANT COMPANY HERE IN THE BAY AREA, ITS ONE OF THE LARGEST EMPLOYERS IN SAN MATEO COUNTY. ALL THIS AFTER THE WEEKEND NEWS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE OVER OPERATIONS OF PRIVATE COMPANIES FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC. THE TWO COMPANIES EITHER FUNDED, OR GUARENTEED HALF OF ALL AMERICAN MORTGAGES. THIS IS UNCHARTED TERRITORY FOR AMERICAN CAPITALISM, WASHINGTON INVOLVING ITSELF IN THE SALE OF BEAR STERNS, INDY MAC, AND NOW FREDDIE MAC AND FANNIE MAE.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/08/2008 REPORTED THAT "JET BLUE" IS AUCTIONING OFF MORE THAN 300 FLIGHTS ON E-BAY THIS WEEK. THEY ARE FOR WEEKEND FLIGHTS IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER TO MORE THAN A DOZEN DESTINATIONS, INCLUDING FLIGHTS BETWEEN OAKLAND AND WASHINGTON DC. ALSO UP FOR AUCTION, FOUR "MYSTERY" VACATION PACKAGES TO UNDISCLOSED LOCATIONS. ONE AIRLINE EXPERT PREDICTS THE FINAL PRICES LIKELY WILL AMOUNT TO A TEN TO 15 PERCENT DISCOUNT.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/08/2008 REPORTED THAT ONE OF THE BAY AREA'S MOST HISTORIC BUILDINGS IS CELEBRATING ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY TODAY. THE UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA'S MAIN BANKING HALL WAS ONE OF THE FIRST COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS TO BE BUILT IN THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT AFTER THE GREAT QUAKE OF 1906. A SPECIAL CEREMONY WAS HELD THIS MORNING TO REDEDICATE IT AS AN HISTORIC LANDMARK. THE BUILDING HAS EARNED THE NICKNAME, THE GRAND OLD LADY OF CALIFORNIA STREET. TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENIAL, THE MAIN BANKING HALL WILL HOUSE A SPECIAL EXHIBIT ABOUT ITS HISTORY FROM TODAY THROUGH NOVEMBER 7.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/15/2008 REPORTED THAT ANALYSTS ARE CALLING IT THE BIGGEST RESTRUCTURING ON WALL STREET SINCE THE DEPRESSION, FINANCIAL GIANT LEHMAN BROTHERS IS NOW BANKRUPT AND MERRILL LYNCH HAS BEEN SOLD TO BANK OF AMERICA. THE DOW IS CURRENTLY DOWN 300 POINTS. MARKETS AROUND THE WORLD HAVE PLUNGED.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/30/2008 REPORTED THAT HARD TO GET EXPENSIVE CREDIT HURTS MANY SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS. THEY'RE FINDING THEMSELVES CAUGHT IN A SEVERE CREDIT CRUNCH. BANKS ARE TURNING DOWN LOAN REQUESTS, AND IN SOME CASES, CUTTING AND FREEZING CREDIT LINES. FOR MANY BUSINESSES, THAT MEANS THEY ARE UNABLE TO PAY THEIR WORKERS AND VENDORS, OR BUY EQUIPMENT TO KEEP THEIR BUSINESSES GOING. THE NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SAYS SMALL BUSINESSES HAVE CREATED 93.5 PERCENT OF NET NEW JOBS SINCE 1989. BUT NOW SOME 67 PERCENT OF SMALL BUSINESSES ARE REPORTING THEY'VE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE CREDIT CRUNCH. IT'S A DIRE SITUATION FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS WHO SAY THEY NEED RELIEF, SOON. THE FED IS POURING HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS INTO THE CREDIT MARKET. IT DOESN'T NEED CONGRESS'S APPROVAL TO DO SO.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/30/2008 REPORTED THAT THE HARD TIMES ARE HURTING LOCAL FOOD BANKS. ALL OVER THE BAY AREA, FOOD BANK SUPPLIES ARE DIMINISHING BECAUSE THERE IS A LARGER DEMAND AND LESS FOOD COMING IN. ONE OF THE BANKS HIT HARDEST IS THE EL SOBRANTE SALVATION ARMY, WHERE THE RESERVE FOOD IS GONE AND IT COULD BE JUST HOURS BEFORE FOOD SUPPLIES RUN OUT COMPLETELY. VOLUNTEERS SAY UNLESS THEY GET MORE DONATIONS, THEY PROBABLY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE OUT FOOD TOMORROW.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/30/2008 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO CITY ATTORNEYS ARE IN SUPERIOR COURT THIS MORNING, DEFENDING THE NEW BAN ON TOBACCO SALES AT PHARMACIES. WALGREENS IS SUING THE CITY, ARGUING THE LAW IS ANTI-COMPETITIVE AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THE DRUG STORE CHAIN HAS 52 PHARMACIES IN SAN FRANCISCO. WALGREENS SAYS THE CITY UNFAIRLY SINGLES OUT "STAND ALONE" PHARMACIES, BUT ALLOWS GROCERY STORES AND WHOLESALE CLUBS WITH PHARMACIES TO SELL TOBACCO. PHILLIPS MORRIS IS ALSO CHALLENGING THE BAN, WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO TAKE EFFECT TOMORROW.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/30/2008 REPORTED THAT THE STOCK MARKET IS BOUNCING BACK THIS MORNING, JUST ONE DAY AFTER THE DOW'S WORST POINT FALL IN HISTORY. THE REBOUND COMES DESPITE THE FACT THAT HOUSE REJECTED THE WALL STREET BAILOUT BILL YESTERDAY. THE PRESIDENT ADDRESSED THE NATION THIS MORNING, TRYING TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE HOUSE TO PASS A BAILOUT PLAN. THE U.S. IS NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH PROBLEMS. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC, A COUPLE OF EUROPEAN BANKS HAVE ALSO FALLEN INTO TROUBLE.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/30/2008 REPORTED THAT ANOTHER DELAY FOR A BAY AREA ASTRONAUT, HOPING TO MAKE IT TO SPACE. NEXT MONTH'S SPACE SHUTTLE MISSION, HAS BEEN PUT-OFF UNTIL NEXT YEAR. THE PLAN CHANGED AFTER THE HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE SUDDENLY STOPPED SENDING DATA OVER THE WEEKEND. THE CREW OF ATLANTIS WAS SUPPOSED TO MAKE OTHER REPAIRS TO THE TELESCOPE, BUT THIS NEW PROBLEM COULD MEAN A DIFFERENT REPAIR IS NEEDED, WHICH THE CREW HAS NOT TRAINED FOR. SOUTH BAY NATIVE AND FLIGHT ENGINEER; MEGAN McARTHUR IS ON THE TEAM. SHE GRADUATED FROM SAINT FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL IN MOUNTAIN VIEW, AND HER PARENTS LIVE IN SAN JOSE. A LAUNCH MAY NOT HAPPEN UNTIL FEBRUARY.

CONSUMER ISSUES

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/01/2008 REPORTED THAT INVESTIGATORS ARE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHY A BIG RIG SWERVED INTO THE MEDIAN ON INTERSTATE 880, TRIGGERING A DEADLY CRASH THAT TIED UP TRAFFIC FOR HOURS. A WASTE MANAGEMENT BIG RIG SWERVED, CRASHED THROUGH THE CEMENT MEDIAN ON INTERSTATE 880 IN SAN LEANDRO, AND COLLIDED HEAD ON WITH A TRUCK CARRYING EMPTY COFFINS. BOTH DRIVERS WERE KILLED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/01/2008 REPORTED THAT CALTRANS HAD TO CALL IN ITS BIGGEST SWEEPER TO DEAL WITH THIS FREEWAY MESS THIS MORNING. DISHWASHERS, REFRIGERATORS AND NAILS SPILLED ONTO INTERSTATE-80 IN BERKELEY AFTER AN ACCIDENT NEAR ASHBY AVENUE. NO ONE WAS HURT, BUT BOTH DIRECTIONS OF THE FREEWAY WERE SHUT DOWN FOR ABOUT AN HOUR.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/01/2008 REPORTED THAT GAS PRICES AROUND THE BAY AREA ARE HOLDING STEADY. TRIPLE "A" REPORTS THE AVERAGE PRICE FOR A GALLON OF REGULAR IN SAN FRANCISCO AND SAN JOSE REMAINED THE SAME OVERNIGHT, \$4.61 AND \$4.58 A GALLON. THE AVERAGE PRICE DROPPED A PENNY IN OAKLAND TO \$4.56.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/01/2008 REPORTED THAT BILL GATES IS GIVING UP DAY-TO-DAY CONTROL OF MICROSOFT TODAY TO FOCUS ON HIS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/03/2008 REPORTED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS DECADE, TRIPLE "A" EXPECTS A DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF TRAVELERS ACROSS THE STATE THIS HOLIDAY WEEKEND. THE BLAME FALLS ON THE COMBINATION OF HIGH GAS PRICES, HIGH AIRFARES, AND A STRUGGLING ECONOMY. THE DROP IN TRAVEL ISN'T HUGE. JUST UNDER A PERCENTAGE POINT. THAT'S WHY AIRPORTS ARE BRACING FOR THE USUAL RUSH, AND ADVICE TRAVELERS TO ARRIVE WELL AHEAD OF TIME. NATIONWIDE, A CNN POLL SHOWS A THIRD OF AMERICANS HAVE CANCELLED OR CUT SHORT THEIR 4TH OF JULY VACATION BECAUSE IT'S JUST TOO EXPENSIVE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT IF YOU LIVE IN THE EAST BAY, YOU MAY HAVE TO CUT BACK, OR FACE HIGHER WATER RATES, BECAUSE OF THE DROUGHT CONDITIONS. THE EAST BAY MUD BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL MEET TOMORROW TO CONSIDER NEW DROUGHT RATES. SOME CUSTOMERS WILL BE ASKED TO REDUCE THEIR WATER USE BY 19 PERCENT. IF THEY DON'T CONSERVE, THEY COULD FACE A 10 PERCENT RATE HIKE. BUT IF CUSTOMERS "DO" CUT BACK BY AT LEAST 19 PERCENT, THEIR OVERALL WATER BILL COULD ACTUALLY GO DOWN. THE NEW RATES WILL TAKE EFFECT AUGUST 1ST IF APPROVED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT FOUR PEOPLE ARE RECOVERING FROM AN AMTRAK CRASH IN SOLANO COUNTY. A FURNITURE DELIVERY TRUCK CRASHED INTO THE TRAIN'S DINING CAR YESTERDAY EVENING. IT HAPPENED AT THE FRYE ROAD CROSSING IN DIXON. THE IMPACT BROKE TWO WINDOWS AND SMASHED A DOOR. TWO AMTRAK EMPLOYEES AND TWO PASSENGERS WERE HURT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT NEW RECOMMENDATIONS THIS MORNING FROM PEDIATRICIANS THAT CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS EIGHT YEARS OLD SHOULD TAKE CHOLESTEROL LOWERING MEDICATION. HIGH CHOLESTEROL HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PROBLEM FOR ADULTS, BUT THE "AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS" SAYS THEY ARE SEEING MORE AND MORE CHILDREN EATING FOOD THAT PUTS THEM AT RISK. PEDIATRICIANS

SAY CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS TWO, SHOULD BE SCREENED FOR CHOLESTEROL AND CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS EIGHT MIGHT HAVE TO TAKE CHOLESTEROL FIGHTING DRUGS. DOCTORS ALSO RECOMMEND LOW FAT MILK FOR ONE-YEAR OLDS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT MERRIAM WEBSTER HAS UNVEILED THIS YEAR'S NEW WORDS THERE ARE ABOUT 100 NEW ENTRIES INCLUDING: NOROVIRUS, INFINITY POOL, AND TEXAS HOLD 'EM. A PESCATARIAN IS A VEGETARIAN WHO EATS FISH. AND THEN THERE IS MONDEGREEN. IT DESCRIBES WORDS MISTAKEN FOR OTHER WORDS. A MONDEGREEN MOST OFTEN COMES FROM MISUNDERSTOOD PHRASES OR LYRICS, SUCH AS INSTEAD OF IN THE 1967 JIMI HENDRIX CLASSIC - "SCUSE ME, WHILE I KISS THE SKY" IS MISTAKEN FOR SCUSE ME WHILE I KISS THIS GUY."

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/09/2008 REPORTED THAT TODAY'S TRIPLE-DIGIT TEMPERATURES ARE TAXING THE STATE'S POWER GRID, AND ENERGY LEADERS HAVE ISSUED ANOTHER FLEX ALERT THROUGH TOMORROW. GRID OPERATORS SAY CALIFORNIA COULD SET A RECORD THURSDAY FOR THE MOST POWER USED IN A DAY, BUT THEY DON'T ANTICIPATE ANY BLACKOUTS. THEY ARE URGING EVERYONE TO CONSERVE, ESPECIALLY BETWEEN 3:00 AND 6:00 IN THE AFTERNOON. SET YOUR THERMOSTAT TO 78 DEGREES, TURN OFF UNNECESSARY LIGHTS, AND ONLY RUN BIG APPLIANCES IN THE EARLY MORNING OR EVENING.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/09/2008 REPORTED THAT ACE TRAINS ARE BACK ON TRACK THIS MORNING, BUT AS THE TEMPERATURE HEATS UP, RIDERS ARE BEING WARNED TO PREPARE FOR DELAYS. IT GOT HOT ENOUGH YESTERDAY TO WARP THE TRACKS NEAR PLEASANTON, CAUSING UP TO TWO-HOUR DELAYS AS CREWS MADE REPAIRS. ACE HAS FERRY AND BUS BRIDGES READY TO GO IN CASE THERE ARE PROBLEMS AGAIN TODAY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/09/2008 REPORTED THAT SEVERAL PARKS ACROSS THE BAY AREA ARE CLOSED THIS MORNING BECAUSE OF THE EXTREME FIRE DANGER. THEY INCLUDE ALUM ROCK PARK IN SAN JOSE, WHERE IT GOT UP TO 103 DEGREES YESTERDAY. MOUNT DIABLO STATE PARK IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, AND THE CITY OF NAPA HAS CLOSED WESTWOOD HILLS PARK, AND ALSTON PARK. THE PARKS WILL BE CLOSED AT LEAST THROUGHOUT THE DAY, AND POSSIBLY INTO TOMORROW.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/09/2008 REPORTED THAT THE RAIL AUTHORITY IS MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO TO DECIDE WHERE TO BUILD. IF APPROVED BY VOTERS, THE HIGH SPEED RAIL WOULD RUN BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO THEN ACROSS TO SACRAMENTO. STOPS IN THE BAY AREA COULD INCLUDE MILLBRAE, REDWOOD CITY OR PALO ALTO, SAN JOSE, AND GILROY. TICKETS WOULD COST ABOUT 55 DOLLARS. THE RAIL AUTHORITY SAYS IT WOULD HELP FIGHT GLOBAL WARMING.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/10/2008 REPORTED THAT STATE POWER MANAGERS ISSUED ANOTHER FLEX ALERT TODAY, URGING YOU TO CONSERVE ELECTRICITY ESPECIALLY DURING THE AFTERNOON HOURS. HOWEVER, GRID OPERATORS DON'T EXPECT ANY BROWNOUTS OR ROLLING

BLACKOUTS, IN PART BECAUSE SO FAR THIS WEEK CALIFORNIANS HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL TO CONSERVE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/10/2008 REPORTED THAT THE F.D.A. SAYS MORE THAN JUST TOMATOES MAY BE TO BLAME FOR THE RECENT SALMONELLA OUTBREAK. THE F.D.A. IS ADDING JALEPEN0 AND SERRANO PEPPERS TO THE LIST OF SUSPECT PRODUCE WHICH ALREADY INCLUDES SOME RED ROUND, PLUM AND ROMA TOMATOES. CILANTRO IS ALSO ON THE LIST OF SUSPECTS. INSPECTORS ARE LOOKING AT FARMS THAT GREW TOMATOES EARLY IN THE SPRING, THEN SWITCHED TO PEPPERS AND CILANTRO. MORE THAN A THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE COME DOWN WITH SALMONELLA IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS, MAKING IT THE WORST FOOD BORNE OUTBREAK, IN A DECADE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT OAKLAND VOTERS WILL DECIDE IN NOVEMBER WHETHER TO RAISE THEIR OWN TAXES TO HIRE MORE POLICE. THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED, SIX TO TWO, TO PUT MAYOR RON DELLUMS' PROPOSED POLICE TAX ON THE BALLOT. THE MEASURE WOULD COST SINGLE- FAMILY HOMEOWNERS 106 DOLLARS THE FIRST YEAR AND WOULD RISE TO 266 DOLLARS BY THE THIRD YEAR. IT WOULD PAY FOR 105-NEW POLICE OFFICERS AND 75 TECHNICIANS. OPPONENTS SAY OAKLAND IS MISMANAGING MONEY AND SHOULD FIND ANOTHER WAY TO PAY FOR MORE POLICE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/28/2008 REPORTED THAT TRANSPORTATION LEADERS ARE DEBATING WHETHER TO CHARGE DRIVERS IN SAN FRANCISCO, TO EASE CONGESTION. THE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY WILL MEET TONIGHT AT THE SAN RAFAEL COMMUNITY CENTER TO TALK ABOUT A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS AND THEIR IMPACT ON MARIN COUNTY DRIVERS. ONE INVOLVES A TOLL OF ABOUT A DOLLAR 50 IN AREAS LIKE THE CIVIC CENTER, SOUTH OF MARKET, AND THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT. ANOTHER WOULD CHARGE DRIVERS WHEN THEY ENTER SAN FRANCISCO.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/28/2008 REPORTED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN WEEKS, THE NATIONAL AVERAGE PRICE FOR GAS IS BELOW FOUR DOLLARS A GALLON. THE LUNDBERG SURVEY SHOWS THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FELL TO \$3.99 PER GALLON FRIDAY. THAT'S THE LOWEST LEVEL SINCE MAY 16TH. BUT THEY ARE STILL MORE THAN A DOLLAR HIGHER THAN THEY WERE ONE YEAR AGO. OF COURSE, WE PAY MUCH MORE HERE IN THE BAY AREA. SAN FRANCISCO DOWN A PENNY FROM THE WEEKEND. A GALLON OF GAS WILL COST YOU \$4.44 THIS MORNING, AVERAGE PRICE IN OAKLAND DOWN 2 CENTS OVERNIGHT. SAN JOSE IS PAYING \$4.37 FOR A GALLON OF REGULAR.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT PLANS TO SHUT DOWN A MAJOR SAN FRANCISCO ROAD FOR TWO BLOCK PARTIES ARE MOVING AHEAD. FOR TWO DAYS THIS SUMMER, THE CITY PLANS TO CLOSE SIX MILES OF THE EMBARCADERO - FROM CHINATOWN TO BAYVIEW - ON AUGUST 31ST AND SEPTEMBER 14TH. THE IDEA IS TO GET RID OF TRAFFIC AND ALLOW PEOPLE TO WALK THE STREETS. YESTERDAY, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOT DOWN A PLAN REQUIRING THE CITY TO STUDY THE ECONOMIC IMPACT BEFORE THE EVENTS CAN TAKE PLACE. FISHERMAN'S

WHARF MERCHANTS ARE CONCERNED THE CLOSURE WILL CUT OFF TRAFFIC DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE TOURIST SEASON.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT STARTING TODAY ONLY *SAN FRANCISCO* RESIDENTS WILL HAVE FREE ADMISSION TO THE SAN FRANCISCO ZOO ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. THE ACTION COMES AFTER DECEMBER'S TIGER ATTACK AT THE ZOO THAT KILLED A SAN JOSE TEENAGER AND INJURED TWO OF HIS FRIENDS. SOME SPECULATED THE VICTIMS MIGHT HAVE TAUNTED THE TIGER BEFORE IT ESCAPED FROM ITS ENCLOSURE. ZOO LEADERS SAY ATTENDANCE DURING ITS FREE DAY CAN REACH 30 THOUSAND WITH A NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN TAUNTING, TEASING, AND SHOUTING TOWARDS THE ANIMALS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT STATE LAWMAKERS MAY ADD A TEN-DOLLAR FEE TO VEHICLE REGISTRATION, IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT CALIFORNIA'S PARKS. PARK MAINTENANCE AND STAFFING IS ALREADY UNDERFUNDED, AND BUDGET CUTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT THREATEN MORE AND MORE OPEN SPACE. LAWMAKERS COULD VOTE ON A "STATE PARK ACCESS PASS". IT WOULD ADD 10 DOLLARS TO VEHICLE LICENSE FEES, GIVING DRIVERS' FREE YEARLY ACCESS TO ALL STATE PARKS. THE FEE WOULD BRING IN AN ESTIMATED 282 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT SAN JOSE TAXI DRIVERS NOW EARN SOME OF THE HIGHEST FARES IN THE NATION. STARTING TODAY, DRIVERS GET THREE DOLLARS PER MILE INSTEAD OF \$2.50. THEY HAVE NOT HAD A FEE INCREASE SINCE FEBRUARY 2003. DRIVERS ALSO WANT A 15 DOLLAR MINIMUM CHARGE FOR PICKING UP FARES FROM NORMAN MINETA SAN JOSE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. CITY COUNCILMEMBERS MAY CONSIDER THAT AFTER STUDYING THE PROPOSAL FOR 75 DAYS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/25/2008 REPORTED THAT IT MAY COST A LOT MORE FOR A SCHOOL LUNCH THIS YEAR. THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTS DELIVERY FEES ARE HIGHER BECAUSE OF GAS PRICES. THE COST OF FOOD IS ALSO HIGHER, AND SO THE AVERAGE PRICE JUMPED 25 CENTS PER MEAL. SOME DISTRICTS ARE COMBATING THE HIGHER PRICES BY CUTTING MORE EXPENSIVE ITEMS FROM THE MENU, OR TRYING TO GET BETTER DEALS BY BUYING IN BULK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/26/2008 REPORTED THAT THIS WEEK WILL BE THE FINAL OPPORTUNITY FOR CALTRAIN RIDERS TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS ON A PROPOSED RATE HIKE. PUBLIC MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE SANTA CLARA CAL TRAIN STATION TONIGHT, ANOTHER TOMORROW AT THE SAN FRANCISCO MAIN LIBRARY. BOTH MEETINGS ARE AT 6:00. CALTRAIN SAYS IT NEEDS TO RAISE FARES BY AS MUCH AS 25 CENTS PER ZONE BECAUSE OF SKYROCKETING GAS PRICES. IF THE RATE HIKE IS APPROVED, IT WOULD GO INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1 OF NEXT YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/26/2008 REPORTED THAT IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE MORE BIKE FRIENDLY, THE CITY PLANS TO BUILD NEW BIKE LANES, CREATE A PROGRAM TO HELP COMMUTERS SAFELY STORE THEIR BIKES, AND INTRODUCE A BIKE SHARING PROGRAM. THE GOAL IS TO MAKE SAN JOSE'S STREETS SAFER FOR BICYCLISTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/26/2008 REPORTED THAT SOUTHWEST AIRLINES WILL SOON BE MAKING CUTS TO TRY AND BATTLE HIGH FUEL PRICES AND THE WEAKENING ECONOMY. THE CARRIER SAYS IT WILL CUT 196 FLIGHTS ON JANUARY 11. SOME OF THE FLIGHTS COULD BE RESTORED LATER NEXT YEAR, WHEN TRAVEL TYPICALLY PICKS UP. ONE OF THE AIRPORTS AFFECTED IS OAKLAND, WHICH WILL LOSE SOME OF ITS NON-STOP FLIGHTS. SOUTHWEST HAS BEEN RAISING FARES TO OFFSET FUEL PRICES. THE COMPANY SAYS MORE FEE HIKEs ARE LIKELY IN THE FUTURE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/26/2008 REPORTED THAT TODAY, STARBUCKS IS UNVEILING A NEW BREAKFAST MENU. THE COFFEE GIANT SAYS IT'S A NUTRITION FRIENDLY MENU AIMED AT THE INCREASINGLY HEALTH CONSCIOUS AMERICAN PUBLIC. THE NEW MENU IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE ITEMS SUCH AS MULTI-GRAIN ROLLS AND OATMEAL. IT'S SCHEDULED TO DEBUT AT ALMOST ALL OF STARBUCKS' STORES ON SEPTEMBER 3RD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/27/2008 REPORTED THAT A NINE YEAR OLD BOY HAS BEEN BANNED FROM PLAYING LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL BECAUSE THE ADULTS SAY HE IS TOO GOOD. JERICHO SCOTT CAN THROW A 40-MILE AN HOUR FASTBALL. THE LEAGUE SAYS THAT'S TOO FAST FOR THE OTHER BEGINNING PLAYERS, AND SOMEONE COULD GET HURT. HIS MOM SAYS HE IS BEING TARGETED FOR TURNING DOWN AN OFFER TO JOIN A TEAM SPONSORED BY ONE OF THE LEAGUE'S OWNERS. JERICHO SAYS HE JUST WANTS TO PLAY BALL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/27/2008 REPORTED THAT YOU HAVE HEARD THE SAYING, DO NOT PLAY WITH YOUR FOOD, WELL NO ONE TOLD THIS CROWD. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FLOCKED TO SPAIN TODAY TO TAKE PART IN THE LA TOMATINA FESTIVAL. IT IS A GIANT FOOD FIGHT, WHERE THE FOOD OF CHOICE IS RED TOMATOES. THE LA TOMATINA FOOD FIGHT IS CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF SUMMER IN SPAIN. IT TAKES PLACE EVERY YEAR, ON LAST WEDNESDAY OF AUGUST.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00 PM 08/29/2008 REPORTED THAT PLANS TO BUILD A SUICIDE BARRIER ON THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE COULD SOON MOVE FORWARD. BUT A POLL BY BRIDGE MANAGERS HAS CHANGED A BIT. LAST TIME WE CHECKED MANY PEOPLE DID NOT WANT ANY BARRIER. BUT NOW, SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF PEOPLE WHO RESPONDED FAVOR OF SOME TYPE OF A BARRIER. JUST FEWER THAN 50 PERCENT ARE OPPOSED. A MAJORITY OF THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE IDEA THINK AN 8 FOOT FENCE SHOULD BE ADDED ON TO THE CURRENT 4-FOOT HAND RAIL. THE BRIDGE BOARD COULD CHOOSE A BARRIER DESIGN AS SOON AS OCTOBER.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/30/2008 REPORTED THAT GROCERY SHOPPERS WILL NOW FIND MORE THAN A FRESHNESS LABEL ON THEIR MEAT. A NEW FEDERAL LAW GOES INTO EFFECT TODAY, REQUIRING ITEMS LIKE FRESH PRODUCE, FROZEN FRUIT, BEEF, LAMB PORK, AND CHICKEN TO BE LABELED WITH A COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. THE LAW DOES NOT APPLY TO MIXED VEGETABLES, OR MEATS THAT ARE COOKED OR PROCESSED. SHOPPERS

ARE DIVIDED ON WHETHER THIS REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE. THE LAW WAS RUSHED, AMID CONCERNS ABOUT UNSAFE IMPORTS FROM COUNTRIES LIKE CHINA. BUT MANY GROCERY STORE OWNERS SAY IT JUST CREATES MORE PAPER WORK.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/30/2008 REPORTED THAT IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, PEOPLE ARE WORRIED ABOUT BANKS AND NOT JUST THE FINANCIAL KIND. THE BEAVERS THAT ARRIVED IN MARTINEZ 18 MONTHS AGO MAY NOW BE DESTROYING THE BANKS OF A LOCAL CREEK, AND TAXPAYERS MAY GET A HEFTY BILL.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/03/2008 REPORTED THAT THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY PAID HONOR TO FORMER KNTV NEWS DIRECTOR TERRY MCELHATTON. BY FORMALLY ADJOURNING THIS MORNING IN HIS MEMORY. HE DIED SATURDAY OF A MASSIVE HEART ATTACK, AT THE AGE OF 53. HE WAS ON HIS WAY BACK TO SAN JOSE, AFTER WINDSURFING IN MOUNTAIN VIEW. HE SERVED AS NEWS DIRECTOR HERE AT NBC11 FOR ABOUT 10 YEARS, BETWEEN 1989 AND 1998. HE LATER SERVED AS A PRODUCER AT TECH TV, AND THEN WENT ON TO TEACH AT VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/03/2008 REPORTED THAT BAY AREA NATIVE NATALIE COUGHLIN DID IT AGAIN LAST NIGHT AT THE OLYMPIC TRIALS IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA. SHE SET A WORLD RECORD IN THE 100-METER BACKSTROKE. SHE ALSO CAME IN SECOND IN THE 200 I.M. EARNING AN OLYMPIC SPOT IN THAT EVENT. COUGHLIN HAS ALREADY WON FIVE OLYMPIC MEDALS, INCLUDING TWO GOLD. THE 25 YEAR OLD GREW UP IN CONCORD, AND NOW LIVES IN LAFAYETTE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/03/2008 REPORTED THAT A DOUBLE AMPUTEE FAILED IN HIS FIRST ATTEMPT TO QUALIFY FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES. "OSCAR PISTORIUS" RAN TWO SECONDS TOO SLOW YESTERDAY DURING THE 400 METER TRIALS IN MILAN. THE SOUTH AFRICAN RUNS WITH CARBON FIBER BLADES AFTER BOTH LEGS WERE AMPUTATED WHEN HE WAS A BABY. LAST MAY, HE WON THE RIGHT TO COMPETE ALONGSIDE ABLE-BODIED RUNNERS AT THE GAMES, DESPITE SOME CALLING HIS HIGH-TECH PROSTHETICS AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE. PISTORIUS' WILL GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO EARN AN OLYMPIC SLOT AT A MEET NEXT WEEK IN ROME.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/03/2008 REPORTED THAT THE GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS TO BE AWARDED AT THE OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS WERE TURNED OVER TO ORGANIZERS THIS MORNING DURING A CEREMONY IN BEIJING. A TOTAL OF SIX THOUSAND MEDALS WILL BE AWARDED AT THE TWO GAMES. THESE ARE THE FIRST OLYMPIC MEDALS TO BE DESIGNED BY ACTUAL WINNERS OF PUBLIC COMPETITION. THEY INCLUDE A JADE INLAY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT THE BODY OF A SAN FRANCISCO WOMAN WHO DISAPPEARED OVER THE WEEKEND

HAS BEEN FOUND IN YOLO COUNTY. 77-YEAR-OLD CHEE TSE LEFT HOME TUESDAY MORNING AND WAS LAST SEEN AT THE CACHE CREEK CASINO IN BROOKS WEDNESDAY NIGHT. HER BODY WAS FOUND LAST NIGHT ALONG A FENCE OUTSIDE THE CASINO. POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS HAD BEEN SEARCHING THE AREA FOR TSE, WHO ONLY SPOKE CANTONESE AND WAS SAID TO BE IN THE EARLY STAGES OF DEMENTIA. THE CAUSE OF HER DEATH REMAINS UNDER INVESTIGATION. POLICE FOUND NO SIGN OF TRAUMA.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT AN ATTEMPT TO SAVE SAN FRANCISCO'S JUNIOR R.O.T.C. PROGRAM IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO THE NOVEMBER BALLOT THIS MORNING. SUPPORTERS OF JUNIOR ROTC TURNED IN THOUSANDS OF SIGNATURES THIS MORNING. IF 7-THOUSAND SIGNATURES ARE VERIFIED, SAN FRANCISCO VOTERS WILL DECIDE THE FATE OF THE CONTROVERSIAL PROGRAM. SAN FRANCISCO'S SCHOOL BOARD VOTED TO ELIMINATE THE PROGRAM AT SEVEN HIGH SCHOOLS BY 2009. AND THE BOARD RECENTLY VOTED TO NO LONGER AWARD P.E. CREDITS TO STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN THE PROGRAM. JUNIOR R.O.T.C IS A 90-YEAR-OLD LEADERSHIP PROGRAM THAT FEATURES A MILITARY DESIGNED CURRICULUM.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT A FORMER COACH WHO TRAINED SEVERAL BAY AREA OLYMPIANS APPEARS TO HAVE DIED IN A PLANE CRASH NEAR LAKE TAHOE. SEARCH CREWS FOUND A BODY INSIDE WRECKAGE DEEP IN THE FOREST NEAR TRUCKEE. NEVADA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES SAY THEY BELIEVE THE MAN INSIDE THE PLANE IS 37 YEAR OLD CLAYTON BECK. HE COACHED GOLD MEDALIST JONNY MOSELEY, AMONG OTHERS. INVESTIGATORS SAY BECK LEFT THE TRUCKEE AIRPORT SATURDAY FOR A SHORT FLIGHT IN HIS SINGLE ENGINE PLANE. THEY ARE NOT SURE WHAT CAUSED THE CRASH.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT THE MOST SENSATIONAL STORY TO COME OUT OF THE OLYMPIC SWIM TRIALS EASILY GOES TO DARA TORRES, THE OLDEST SWIMMER EVER TO MAKE THE TEAM. SHE CAME OUT OF RETIREMENT TO BREAK THE AMERICAN RECORD IN THE 100-METER AND 50 METER FREESTYLES. THE 41 YEAR OLD MOTHER IS HEADING TO HER FIFTH OLYMPIC GAMES, WITH MOST OF HER TEAMMATES HALF HER AGE. SHE TALKED WITH TODAY'S MATT LAUER THIS MORNING ABOUT HER INCREDIBLE COME BACK. HE ASKED HER HOW SHE MANAGED TO DEFEY FATHER TIME. TORRES SAYS YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD TO FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/10/2008 REPORTED THAT A NEW REPORT SHOWS AN ALARMING INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WITH AUTISM IN THE BAY AREA. THE RESEARCH, RELEASED BY THE LUCILE PACKARD FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN'S HEALTH, SHOWS THERE ARE MORE THAN 56-HUNDRED STUDENTS DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM IN THE BAY AREA. THE REPORT COMPARED THE NUMBERS FROM 2001 TO 2007. IN ALAMEDA COUNTY THE NUMBER OF AUTISTIC STUDENTS JUMPED FROM JUST UNDER 600 TO MORE THAN 14-HUNDRED. SANTA CLARA SAW A JUMP OF MORE THAN 12-HUNDRED AUTISTIC STUDENTS. BUT HE SAYS EVEN IF FAMILIES WITH AUTISTIC CHILDREN MOVE HERE FOR THE SERVICES IT STILL DOESN'T COMPLETELY ACCOUNT FOR THE 17 PERCENT A YEAR INCREASE IN SOME BAY AREA COUNTIES. SOME EXPERTS SAY

BECAUSE THE BAY AREA HAS SO MANY EXCELLENT SCHOOLS FOR AUTISTIC STUDENTS, MANY FAMILIES MOVE HERE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THOSE RESOURCES AND THAT MAY BE ONE REASON THE BAY AREA HAS SUCH A HIGH NUMBER OF AUTISTIC STUDENTS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/10/2008 REPORTED THAT 49ERS FANS CAN SIGN UP TO TAKE PART IN A FREE PUBLIC PRACTICE DURING TRAINING CAMP. THE FREE PRACTICES WILL INCLUDE INTERACTIVE FOOTBALL DRILLS AND GAMES AS WELL AS APPEARANCES BY THE TEAM MASCOT "SOURDOUGH SAM" AND PLAYER AUTOGRAPH SESSIONS. THE OPEN PRACTICES ARE FREE- TICKETED EVENTS. THERE IS A LIMIT OF THREE-THOUSAND TICKETS AVAILABLE PER PRACTICE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT IN ABOUT 20 MINUTES, A U.S. SENATE PANEL WILL HOLD A HEARING ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY. LAWMAKERS WILL LOOK AT WAYS TO GET KIDS MORE ACTIVE, AS WELL AS THE DAMAGING EFFECTS OF BEING OBESE. A NEW STUDY REPORTS 90-PERCENT OF 9-YEAR OLDS GET A COUPLE OF HOURS OF EXERCISE MOST DAYS. BY THE AGE OF FIFTEEN, FEWER THAN THREE PERCENT DO. THE STUDY ALSO SUGGESTS THAT FEWER THAN A THIRD OF TEENS THAT AGE GET EVEN THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF EXERCISE RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS AN HOUR OF MODERATE TO VIGOROUS EXERCISE LIKE BIKE RIDING OR SWIMMING.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/17/2008 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO IS OFFICIALLY THE MOST "WALKABLE" CITY IN THE NATION. ACCORDING TO "WALKSCORE DOT COM", THE CITY BY THE BAY BEAT NEW YORK AND BOSTON FOR THE EASIEST ACCESS BY FOOT TO STORES, RESTAURANTS, AND OTHER AMENITIES. CHINATOWN, THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT, DOWNTOWN, AND NORTH BEACH ALL SCORED THE HIGHEST IN WALKABILITY. HILLS WERE NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE RANKINGS, JUST DISTANCE AND CONCENTRATION.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT THE SEARCH IS ON IN THE EAST BAY FOR SIX KIDS POLICE SAY WERE ABDUCTED BY THEIR MOTHER. AUTHORITIES HAVE JUST ISSUED AN AMBER ALERT, SAYING THE CHILDREN MAY BE IN DANGER.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT A LONGSHOREMAN IS BACK ON DRY GROUND AFTER FALLING INTO THE BAY AT THE PORT OF OAKLAND THIS MORNING. HE WENT INTO THE WATER AROUND 7:00 THIS MORNING WHILE WORKING ON A LINE AT BERTH 55. THE PILOT OF A NEARBY BOAT PULLED HIM OUT OF THE WATER. THE OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT CHECKED THE MAN OUT AND HE IS EXPECTED TO BE OK.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT TEAM U.S. MADE IT'S OLYMPIC DEBUTE AGAINST NORWAY TODAY. BUT THE DEFENDING GOLD MEDAL WINNERS WERE DOMINATED IN THE FIRST HALF, ALLOWING TWO GOALS IN THE FIRST FOUR MINUTES. THE AMERICANS NEVER RECOVERED AND LOST 2 - 0.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT A BRITISH COUPLE EXCHANGING VOWS A THOUSAND FEET IN THE AIR. KATIE HODGSON AND DARREN MCWALTERS, IN WEDDING GOWN AND A TUX, SAID "I DO" WHILE WALKING ON THE WINGS OF BI-PLANES OVER ENGLAND. GUESTS BELOW STILL HEARD EVERY WORD THANKS TO SPECIAL MICROPHONES. THE COUPLE IS PART OF A WING WALKING TEAM, AND THEY'LL TALK ABOUT THEIR UNIQUE CEREMONY AT 7:00 ON TODAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/25/2008 REPORTED THAT A NORTH BAY MAN'S DYING WISH CAME TRUE OVER THE WEEKEND WHEN HE ATTENDED ONE LAST GIANTS GAME WITH HIS SON PATRICK SIMON HAS A DEBILITATING BRAIN VIRUS AND DOCTORS ONLY EXPECT HIM TO LIVE FOR A FEW MORE DAYS. HIS 45TH BIRTHDAY WAS FRIDAY. SATURDAY, HE GOT TO SEE THE GIANTS WITH HIS 13 YEAR OLD SON MCCAULLY. PATRICK IS TOO FRAIL TO TRAVEL BY WHEELCHAIR, AND HAD TO WATCH THE GAME FROM HIS HOSPITAL BED AT THE PARK. HIS SISTER POSTED AN AD ON CRAIGSLIST FOR A LUXURY BOX, THE ONLY PLACE IN THE PARK BIG ENOUGH TO ACCOMODATE HIS BED. WITH THE HELP OF THE BOX'S OWNER, A SAN JOSE AMBULANCE COMPANY, AND THE GIANTS, PATRICK'S FINAL WISH WAS GRANTED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/25/2008 REPORTED THAT KIDS TODAY LOVE TO PLAY THEIR X-BOX, WII AND PLAYSTATIONS. BUT BEFORE ALL THE HIGH-TECH SYSTEMS, MANY ONLY HAD PINBALL. NOW THE MOST DIE-HARD PINBALL FANS WANT TO RE-LIVE THE GOOD OLD DAYS. THAT'S WHERE CHRIS HUTCHINS, OR THE "PINBALL WIZARD" COMES IN. COLLECTORS PAY UPWARDS OF 25-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BUY AN OLD PINBALL MACHINE. ANOTHER FIVE TO SEVEN GRAND PAYING HUTCHINS TO RESTORE IT. UTCHINS TAKES THE MACHINES APART BY HAND. E SHINES EVERY SCREW, CLEANS EVERY WIRE, REPLACES EVERY LIGHT AND RE-PAINTS EVERY DETAIL. AND ONCE ONE MACHINE IS MADE FLAWLESS, 'S BACK TO THE STORAGE UNIT, WHERE THE CHILDHOOD DREAMS OF DOZENS MORE WAIT FOR HUTCHINS' TOUCH.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-11:30AM 08/29/2008 REPORTED THAT A YOUNG MAN FROM THE SILICON VALLEY IS USING HIS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT TO HELP CHILDREN IN AFRICA WHO BECAME RPHANS WHEN THEIR PARENTS DIED FROM AIDS. 17-YEAR-OLD TAD MALONE IS A JUNIOR AT HOMESTEAD HIGH. HE PACKED UP AND SENT A 40 FOOT CRATE FULL OF SCHOOLBOOKS, COMPUTERS, AND EVEN PIANOS. IT WILL ALL BE SENT TO THE SCHOOL IN AFRICA. THE PROJECT COST TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO GET OFF THE GROUND, BUT TAD SAYS IF ALL GOES WELL, THIS WILL BE ONLY THE FIRST OF MANY CONTAINERS TO GO WHERE THE NEED IS GREAT. TAD RAISED THE MONEY BY CONTACTING VENTURE CAPITALISTS AND LOCAL CEOs.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-11:30AM 08/29/2008 REPORTED THAT ALAMEDA NATIVE, AND DALLAS MAVERICK, JASON KIDD IS KEEPING A PROMISE HE MADE BEFORE WINNING GOLD AT THE SUMER OLYMPICS. HE IS GIVING HIS GOLD MEDAL TO ELAINE WYNN, THE WIFE OF THE OWNER OF WYNN HOTEL AND CASINO IN LAS VEGAS. KIDD BECAME FRIENDS WITH WYNN WHILE TEAM U.S.A. WAS TRAINING IN VEGAS BEFORE THE OLYMPICS. SHE SAYS

SHE THOUGHT HE WAS KIDDING. HE HAS ANOTHER GOLD FROM THE SYDNEY GAMES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/28/2008 REPORTED THAT PRESSURE IS MOUNTING FOR NATIONALLY SYNDICATED RADIO HOST MICHAEL SAVAGE TO EITHER STEP DOWN OR BE FIRED IN THE WAKE OF HIS CONTROVERSIAL AUTISM COMMENTS. ABOUT 100 PEOPLE, INCLUDING POLITICIANS, PROTESTED IN FRONT OF HIS SAN FRANCISCO STUDIO YESTERDAY. EARLIER THIS MONTH SAVAGE SAID MANY DOCTORS MISDIAGNOSING AUTISTIC CHILDREN, AND HE CALLED SOME OF THE CHILDREN "BRATS" AND "MORONS". SEVERAL SPONSORS OF HIS SHOW HAVE PULLED ADVERTISING, AND AT LEAST SEVEN RADIO STATIONS HAVE CANCELLED THE SHOW. CRITICS ARE CALLING FOR HIS RESIGNATION. THE NETWORK SYNDICATING SAVAGE'S SHOW "TALK RADIO NETWORK" IS DEFENDING THE HOST, AND SAVAGE HAS NOT APOLOGIZED.

NBC BAY AREA'S COMUNIDAD FEATURED, DAVID SANDATE AND CARMEN GIL WITH THE ALUM ROCK COUNSELING CENTER (ARCC) TALK ABOUT THEIR ORGANIZATION'S NEED FOR MORE COMMITTED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP YOUTHS FROM BROKEN HOMES, TO TALK WITH THEM, PROVIDE SUPPORT AND REPRESENT AS POSITIVE ROLE MODELS. THEIR VOLUNTEERS ARE MENTORS TO THE YOUTHS. THEY TALK ABOUT THE DIFFERENT SUPPORT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THAT THEIR YOUTHS GET INVOLVED WITH. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.ALUMROCKCC.ORG.

NBC BAY AREA'S COMUNIDAD FEATURED, CRISTINA GONZALEZ AND LORNA SOLITO (FOUNDER) WITH JEREMIAH'S HOUSE OF HOPE (JHOH) TALK ABOUT A PLACE THEIR ORGANIZATION IS BUILDING TO PROVIDE A FAITH-BASED HOME THAT WILL PROVIDE COUNSELING SERVICES TO ITS YOUTH RESIDENTS WHO COME FROM A TROUBLED BACKGROUND. ONE OF THE GOALS IS TO BRING FAMILY VALUES TO THE YOUTHS THAT LACK THEM IN THEIR OWN LIVES. THEY HOPE FOR THE YOUTHS TO KNOW THEY CAN HAVE A BETTER LIFE AND THAT THEY CAN REACH OUT TO GET HELP. THEY ALSO TALK ABOUT THEIR UPCOMING EVENT "RAISING AWARENESS FUNDRAISER" TO RAISE FUNDS. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.JEREMIAHSHOUSEOFHOPEBAYAREA.ORG.

NBC BAY AREA'S COMUNIDAD FEATURED, TERESA ALVARADO, HEAD OF HFSV, TALKS ABOUT THEIR 19TH ANNUAL HISPANIC CHARITY BALL, WHERE ATTENDEES DRESS UP AND GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. ONE OF THE MAIN EVENTS OF THE EVENING IS THE LA FAMILIA AWARD. THERE WILL ALSO BE A SILENT AUCTION, BAND AND CASINO NIGHT. NBC BAY AREA'S VERY OWN JESSICA AGUIRRE WILL BE EMCEEING THE HISPANIC CHARITY BALL. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.HFSV.ORG.

NBC BAY AREA'S COMUNIDAD FEATURED, COMUNIDAD FEATURES THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2008 LA FAMILIA AWARD BY THE HISPANIC FOUNDATION OF SILICON VALLEY. OSCAR GARCIA, ROSEMARY ROQUERO AND MARCO GARCIA EACH TALK ABOUT THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN THEIR COMMUNITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW THAT GOT THEIR FAMILY RECOGNIZED BY HFSV. ROQUERO TALKS ABOUT HOW A SCHOOL CLOSURE BECAME THE SPRING BOARD FOR THEIR FAMILY'S COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.HFSV.ORG.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM 09/07/2008 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH SHARON OGBOR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STEVE TROTTER, BOARD MEMBER. THEY SEE FAMILIES WITH AND WITHOUT MEDICAL INSURANCE. THEY HAVE 5 LOCATIONS IN THE SOUTH BAY AREA. STEVE ADDS THAT HE ALWAYS WANTED TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY IN SOME WAY. HE BELIEVES THIS ORGANIZATION BRINGS TOGETHER A GAP BETWEEN KIDS AND THE HEALTH CARE THEY MIGHT NOT RECEIVE.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/08/2008 REPORTED THAT A YOUNG WHITE SHARK THAT WAS ON DISPLAY AT THE MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM FOR 11 DAYS IS BACK IN THE WILD TODAY. IT WAS BROUGHT TO THE AQUARIUM ON AUGUST 27TH, BUT SHE ATE ONLY ONCE WHILE LIVING IN THE OUTER BAY EXHIBIT, SO STAFF DECIDED TO RETURN HER TO THE OCEAN. THE SHARK WAS RELEASED YESTERDAY IN THE SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL. RESEARCHERS TAGGED HER WITH A TRACKING DEVICE TO MONITOR WHERE SHE TRAVELS.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/08/2008 REPORTED THAT ACTOR AND COMEDIAN STEPHEN COLBERT IS ABOUT TO GO WHERE NO OTHER COMEDIAN HAS GONE BEFORE: SPACE! A VIDEO GAME DESIGNER WILL FLY TO THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION NEXT MONTH AND HE WILL ADD A DIGITAL COPY OF COLBERT'S DNA TO A TIME CAPSULE. THE DESIGNER SAYS THE HOST OF "THE COLBERT REPORT" WILL ESSENTIALLY BE PRESERVED SO ALIENS CAN CLONE HIM IF EARTH IS DESTROYED.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 – 10:30 PM 09/14/2008 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH GREG MASSIALAS, 2008 OLYMPIC FENCING COACH. HE TALKS ABOUT HIS BEIJING EXPERIENCE AND WHAT AN EXCITING TIME HE HAD. HIS PROTAGONIST GEREK MEINHARDT WAS THE YOUNGEST OLYMPIC ATHLETE EVER, AND HE PLACED TENTH OVERALL IN THE FENCING DIVISION. HE ENCOURAGES EVERYONE IN THE BAY AREA TO ATTEND THE WELCOME HOME OLYMPIANS DINNER. IT'S A CHANCE FOR THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN AND SO THANKS TO ALL OLYMPIC PARTICIPANTS. HE SAYS THIS WAS THE SIXTH OLYMPIC GAME HE'S GONE TO. AS THE YEARS HAVE GONE BY, HE HAS A DEEPER APPRECIATION FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 – 10:30 PM 09/14/2008 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW BARBRA HIGGINS, V.P., BAY AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME, TOMMY SLATER, MGR., BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB SILICON VALLEY BRANCH AND ALEXYS TRAN (BGC) MEMBER. SHE TALKS ABOUT HER FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH FENCING, THE FIRST TIME SHE FENCED AN OLYMPIAN AND WON. SHE THOUGHT SHE COULD BE AN OLYMPIAN HERSELF. TOMMY APPLIED AND RECEIVED A \$2,500 GRANT FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB. ALEXYS, PLAYS FLAG FOOTBALL AT THE BGC. TOMMY ADDS, TO KIDS TO THE CLUB THEY ADVERTISE ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES AND CALL PARENTS. BARBRA SAYS IT'S VERY REWARDING TO SEE THESE CHILDREN'S IN THE PROGRAM AND THE CONFIDENCE IT GIVES THEM. BAY AREA SPORTS HALL OF FAME DONATES MORE THAN \$150,000 IN GRANTS PER YEAR THROUGH VARIOUS PROGRAMS INCLUDING THE UPCOMING BASH OF GOLF CLASSIC.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 – 10:30 PM 09/14/2008 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH PATRICIA MILJANICH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR., CASA - SAN MATEO COUNTY AND JUSTIN WILLIS, PARTICIPANT. CASA - SAN MATEO WORKS WITH YOUTH BY, TRAINING, RECRUITING AND SUPPORTING VOLUNTEERS, IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM (OR DELINQUENCY SYSTEM). THE PROGRAM PROVIDES SERVICES FOR YOUTH TO HAVE A HEALTHY AND NORMAL LIFESTYLE UNDER DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. JUSTIN WAS PUT INTO THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM WHEN HE WAS 8 YEARS OLD. HE ADDS THAT THE CASA PROGRAM BECAME THE VOICE THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE. THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAMS TRAINS ADVISORS FOR BETTER COMMUNICATION WITH CHILDREN. TO UNDERTSAND THE COMPLEXITIES THAT FOSTER CHILDREN GO THROUGH. HE'S CURRENTLY A JUNIOR AT SAN JOSE STATE, HE'S LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS FOOTBALL CAREER AND THE POSSIBILITY OF MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKING.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 – 10:30 PM 09/14/2008 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH PAT DISKIN, SPECIAL OLYMPICS COORDINATOR AND STEPHANIE CHING, SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE. SHE FIRST STARTED COMPETING AT AGE 6 AND HOW SHE'S 25 YEARS OLD. MOST OF THE VOLUNTEERS, ARE STAFF MEMBERS. THEY PLACE EMPHASIS ON THE ATHLETE'S ABILITY RATHER THAN FOCUSING ON THEIR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY. IT'S A YEAR ROUND PROGRAM. STEPHANIE STRESSES THAT HAVING FUN, BEING A TEAM PLAYER AND CONFIDENCE IS IMPORTANT IN THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS. THERE IS NO FEE FOR THE PROGRAM - EVERYTHING IS FREE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/15/2008 REPORTED THAT MOTORCYCLISTS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND AROUND THE WORLD HAVE COME TO THE PENINSULA, FOR THE FUNERAL OF A LOCAL HELLS ANGEL LEADER. POLICE ARE WARNING DRIVERS ABOUT WHAT COULD BE THE LARGEST TWO WHEEL PROCESSION IN BAY AREA HISTORY.

NBC BAY AREA'S COMUNIDAD FEATURED AN UPCOMING EVENT THAT REACHES OUT TO SENIORS INCLUDING THE BABY BOOMERS GENERATION WHO ARE AT THE RETIREMENT AGE. MAXINE GOULDING AND MIKE AGUILERA TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE SERVICES THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE EXPO INCLUDING TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT AND GENERAL HEALTH ADVICE THE NEW ERA SENIORS LIFESTYLE EXPO WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 9TH STARTING AT 11 A.M. AT THE SANTA CLARA CONVENTION CENTER. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.MYNEIGHBORHOODBIZ.COM/SHOW.HTM.

NBC BAY AREA'S COMUNIDAD FEATURED, ANEW AMERICA IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT'S BEEN AROUND FOR NINE YEARS WORKING WITH IMMIGRANTS, REFUGEES AND NEW CITIZENS TO OPEN A NEW BUSINESS. THEIR SERVICES INCLUDE TRAINING FOR THREE YEARS ON HOW TO RUN A BUSINESS. GRICELDA ANDRADE-BERRY TALKS ABOUT HOW ANEW AMERICA HAS HELPED HER WITH HER BUSINESS MAGNIFICENT CLEANING SERVICE. SNOOK TALKS ABOUT THEIR UPCOMING EXPO CALLED "9TH ANNIVERSARY GALA AND MICROBUSINESS EXPO" ON NOVEMBER 13TH STARTING AT 5 P.M. AT THE OAKLAND SCOTTISH RIGHT CENTER. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.ANEWAMERICA.ORG.

NBC BAY AREA'S COMUNIDAD FEATURED, FELIX GUTIERREZ (PROFESSOR OF JOURNALISM AT USC) AND JUAN GONZALES (PUBLISHER) WITH ACCION LATINA, A

SAN FRANCISCO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO LATINO SOCIAL CHANGE AND CULTURAL PRIDE, TALK ABOUT SPEARHEADING THE VOICES FOR JUSTICE PROJECT, HONORING 200 YEARS OF U.S. LATINO JOURNALISTS. THEIR PROJECT INVOLVES DOCUMENTING LATINO JOURNALISTS OVER THE YEARS. THEY DESCRIBE HOW THE WORK OF LATINO JOURNALISTS IN SOME WAYS WERE LOST OR DIDN'T REACH THE ATTENTION OF THE WIDER PROFESSION AND PUBLIC, AND THAT LATINO JOURNALISM STARTED BEFORE AMERICAN JOURNALISM. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.ACCIONLATINA.ORG.

NBC BAY AREA'S COMUNIDAD FEATURED, TAMARA LOPEZ AND ROB FABELA TALKS ABOUT THEIR ORGANIZATION LA RAZA LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY, WHICH RAISES SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS FOR ASPIRING LAWYERS. DANIEL ZAZUETA TALKS ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE AS A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.LARAZAFOUNDATION.ORG.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/30/2008 REPORTED THAT OAKLAND RAIDERS COACH LANE KIFFIN HAS BEEN FIRED. OAKLAND RAIDERS OWNER AL DAVIS PLANS TO HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE AT 2:00 THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE TEAM. TWO SOURCES IN THE RAIDERS CAMP TELL THE MERCURY NEWS DAVIS IS ALREADY INTERVIEWING IN-HOUSE CANDIDATES TO FINISH OUT THE SEASON. THE RAIDERS HAVE A BYE WEEK - AND THAT WILL GIVE A NEW COACH MORE TIME TO PREPARE. THE ONLY TIME DAVIS HAS FIRED A COACH MID-SEASON WAS WHEN HE FIRED CURRENT DENVER BRONCOS COACH MIKE SHANNAHAN IN 1989.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/30/2008 REPORTED THAT FOR MANY OF US, VIDEO GAMES ARE AN ESCAPE FROM REALITY. PLUG IN, AND YOU CAN BECOME AN NFL QUARTERBACK. BUT IS TIME SPENT BEHIND THE CONSOLE, BAD FOR KIDS' HEALTH? A NEW STUDY SAYS, NO. THE STUDY BY RESEARCHERS AT OAKLAND'S MILLS COLLEGE FOUND THAT VIDEO GAMES COULD ACTUALLY BE GOOD FOR KIDS. IT SAYS MOST TEENS PLAY VIDEO GAMES WITH OTHERS, WHICH TEACHES SOCIAL INTERACTION. IT ALSO SAYS GAMES CAN PROVIDE LESSONS IN CIVICS, HISTORY AND PROBLEM SOLVING. SAN FRANCISCO STATE PROFESSOR SAM GILL CITES "SPORE". AS ONE GAME THAT SPARKS CREATIVITY. IN IT, PLAYERS GET TO BUILD AND DESIGN THEIR OWN LIVING SPECIES. BUT NOT ALL GAMES FIT THAT MOLD. FOR EVERY SPORT, THERE ARE DOZENS OF GAMES LIKE "CRYSIS." BUT EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST REBECCA BELL SAYS VIOLENT GAMES DON'T NECESSARILY BREED VIOLENT KIDS. THE STUDY FOUND THAT AROUND 30 PERCENT OF TEENS PLAY VIDEO GAMES THAT ARE RATED 'MATURE OR ADULTS ONLY.' 50 PERCENT WERE PLAYING GAMES THAT MADE THEM THINK ABOUT MORAL OR ETHICAL ISSUES.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/30/2008 REPORTED THAT ROBERT DOWNEY JUNIOR, STUFFED INTO AN ARMORED SUIT, MANAGED TO FLY TO THE TOP OF THE BOX OFFICE THIS PAST SUMMER IN "IRON MAN". THIS ADAPTATION OF THE MARVEL COMICS HERO CO-STAR GWYNETH PALTROW AS PEPPER POTT. CHIEF ASSISTANT TO IRON MAN'S ALTER EGO, BILLIONAIRE INDUSTRIALIST TONY STARK. JEFF BRIDGES AND TERRANCE HOWARD ALSO STAR. EXTRAS INCLUDE LOTS FEATURES ON THE COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

USED IN THE FILM, PERFECT FOR BAY AREA TECHNOLOGY FANS. JASON SEGEL PLAYS A GUY TRYING UNSUCCESSFULLY TO PUT HIS EX-GIRLFRIEND OUT OF HIS MIND IN "FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL". HE ESCAPES TO HAWAII. BUT ACCIDENTALLY CHECKS INTO THE SAME RESORT WHERE SHE'S STAYING WITH HER NEW BOYFRIEND. KRISTEN BELL PLAYS THE TITLE CHARACTER IN THIS COMEDY FROM THE TEAM BEHIND "KNOCKED UP" AND "THE 40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN". BLOOPERS FROM JASON LEE AND THE CAST OF "MY NAME IS EARL" ARE THE BEST PART OF THE EXTRAS ON THE THIRD SEASON DVD RELEASE. EARL'S STAY IN PRISON IS THE PRIMARY STORY LINE, WITH FORMER COACH STAR CRAIG T. NELSON PLAYING THE WARDEN. DELETED SCENES LIKE THIS ONE ARE AMONG THE BONUS FEATURES.

CRIMES- FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/01/2008 REPORTED THAT THE MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING A FATHER AND HIS TWO SONS IN A ROAD RAGE SHOOTING MADE HIS FIRST COURT APPEARANCE IN SAN FRANCISCO THIS MORNING.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/01/2008 REPORTED THAT SAN JOSE POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A GROUP OF THEIVES BASHING THEIR WAY INTO STORES. SINCE MAY, THEY HAVE BROKEN INTO MORE THAN TWO-DOZEN SAN JOSE BUSINESSES IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS. THEY ARE HITTING SANDWICH SHOPS, PIZZERIAS, AND BEAUTY SALONS, WHICH ARE NOT TYPICAL TARGETS. POLICE DO NOT HAVE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION, AND ONLY SAY THE MEN ARE BROAD SHOULDERED WITH BIG BELLIES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/01/2008 REPORTED THAT TWO SUSPECTS IN THE SHOOTING AND KILLING OF A "HELLS ANGELS" ASSOCIATE LAST MAY WILL ENTER PLEAS TODAY. 20-YEAR-OLD JESSICA ANDREA GORDON AND 19 YEAR OLD JOSEPH ANDREW FARNSWORTH ARE ACCUSED OF SHOOTING TO DEATH A MAN RIDING IN A PICKUP TRUCK. 25-YEAR-OLD WILLIAM CROMPTON MACLEAN WAS ESCORTING THE MOTORCYCLISTS ON HIGHWAY 101 IN MARIN COUNTY. POLICE SAY THE SHOOTING APPEARED TO BE MOTIVATED BY ROAD RAGE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/01/2008 REPORTED THAT THE C.H.P IS LOOKING FOR A DRIVER WHO HIT AND KILLED A PEDESTRIAN, THEN TOOK OFF EARLY THIS MORNING IN SAN FRANCISCO. IT HAPPENED ON SOUTHBOUND INTERSTATE 280, NEAR SAN JOSE AVENUE AT AROUND 2:00 O'CLOCK. INVESTIGATORS SAY IT APPEARS THE PERSON WAS WALKING ON THE FREEWAY. THEY KNOW WHAT KIND OF CAR HIT THE VICTIM.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/03/2008 REPORTED THAT FIRE INVESTIGATORS NOW CONFIRM THE MASSIVE WILDFIRE THAT RAGED THROUGH THE SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS LAST MONTH WAS SET BY A PERSON. THE "MARTIN FIRE" BROKE OUT IN THE BONNY DOON AREA JUNE 11TH - AND DESTROYED 11 BUILDINGS AND BURNED 520 ACRES. INVESTIGATORS HAD BEEN LOOKING FOR A PERSON OF INTEREST IN THE CASE. BUT THEY ARE NOT SAYING

IF THAT PERSON STARTED THE FIRE, OR IF THE FIRE WAS DELIBERATELY, OR BY ACCIDENT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/03/2008 REPORTED THAT DALY CITY POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR A MAN WHO ALLEGEDLY STOLE A WOMAN'S CAR, AND TRIED TO RAPE HER. POLICE SAY, WHEN THE MAN ASKED FOR JUMPER CABLES LAST THURSDAY NIGHT, THE WOMAN DROVE HIM TO A GAS STATION ON KING DRIVE, NEAR INTERSTATE 280. THAT IS WHERE POLICE SAY HE PULLED A KNIFE. THE WOMAN MANAGED TO GET AWAY, BUT THE ATTACKER STOLE HER CAR. IT IS A GREEN KIA. DETECTIVES SAY THE SUSPECT'S LEFT RING FINGER STICKS OUT AT A 45- DEGREE ANGLE, AND HAS DAMAGED UPPER TEETH.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/03/2008 REPORTED THAT EXTRA SECURITY IS AT WILLOW GLEN HIGH SCHOOL FOR TODAY'S SUMMER SCHOOL SESSIONS, AFTER A STUDENT WAS STABBED CLOSE TO CAMPUS. TWO STUDENTS ATTENDING SUMMER SCHOOL GOT INTO A FIGHT, ABOUT A BLOCK FROM THE SAN JOSE CAMPUS YESTERDAY. ONE OF THEM WAS STABBED, AND STUMBLED BACK TO CAMPUS TO GET HELP. HE SUFFERED NON-LIFE THREATENING INJURIES. A 17 YEAR OLD SUSPECT WAS ARRESTED A SHORT TIME LATER.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT OAKLAND'S FORMER CITY ADMINISTRATOR IS LEAVING HER JOB WITH A HEFTY PENSION, AND A LARGE PAYOUT FROM ACCRUED AND UNUSED BENEFITS. DEBORAH EDGERLY WAS FIRED BY MAYOR RON DELLUMS LAST WEEK AFTER SHE WAS ACCUSED OF INTERFERING WITH A POLICE INVESTIGATING INVOLVING HER NEPHEW. THE CHRONICLE REPORTS SHE WILL GET A 148-THOUSAND DOLLAR A YEAR PENSION. ON TOP OF THAT, SHE CAN CASH OUT HER VACATION TIME, SICK LEAVE, MANAGEMENT AND EXECUTIVE LEAVE, OR AN EXTRA 90 THOUSAND DOLLAR PAYOUT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT A BRIEF CAR CHASE IN THE EAST BAY SENT TWO PEOPLE TO THE HOSPITAL, AFTER A CAR SLAMMED INTO AN APARTMENT BUILDING OVERNIGHT. IT HAPPENED IN SAN PALBO ON SAN PABLO AVENUE NEAR PORTOLA DRIVE. POLICE SAY THEY TRIED TO PULL A DRIVER OVER ON SUSPICION OF D.U.I. JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT. THE CAR TOOK OFF; HIT A LIGHT POLL, THEN SMASHED INTO AN APARTMENT BUILDING. NO ONE WAS INSIDE THE APARTMENT AT THE TIME, BUT IT HAS BEEN RED TAGGED. THE DRIVER WAS ARRESTED FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/09/2008 REPORTED THAT A CASE WITH MANY TWISTS AND TURNS IS BACK IN THE COURTROOM THIS MORNING. CONVICTED KILLER HANS REISER STRUCK A DEAL WITH PROSECUTORS, REVEALING THE LOCATION OF HIS WIFE'S BODY, IN EXCHANGE FOR A REDUCED CHARGE. THE JUDGE HAS YET TO SIGN OFF ON THE DEAL, WHICH WOULD MEAN IN A LIGHTER SENTENCE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/09/2008 REPORTED THAT

DESPITE THE HOT WEATHER, BERKELEY POLICE ARE WARNING PEOPLE TO KEEP THEIR WINDOWS AND DOORS CLOSED AND LOCKED AFTER A STRING OF CRIMES. IN THE LAST MONTH, TWO SEXUAL ASSAULTS AND ONE BURGLARY HAPPENED WITHIN A THREE-MILE RADIUS OF UC BERKELEY. THE MOST RECENT WAS A SEXUAL ASSAULT JUST BEFORE DAWN YESTERDAY ON MILVIA STREET. POLICE SAY ONE MAN MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE CRIMES, BUT THEY DO NOT HAVE A VERY GOOD DESCRIPTION OF THE SUSPECT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/09/2008 REPORTED THAT ONE WEEK INTO THE NEW LAW BANNING DRIVERS FROM PUTTING A CELL PHONE TO THEIR EAR WHILE BEHIND THE WHEEL, MANY DRIVERS ARE NOT LISTENING. SINCE THE STATE LAW REQUIRING A HANDS FREE HEADSET WENT INTO EFFECT JULY FIRST. 621 DRIVERS HAVE BEEN CITED STATEWIDE. 107 DRIVERS WERE CITED IN THE BAY AREA. IF YOU INCLUDE COURT FEES, A TICKET COULD COST BETWEEN 76 DOLLARS FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE, AND 190 DOLLARS FOR OFFENSES AFTER THAT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/10/2008 REPORTED THAT A MANHUNT IS UNDERWAY IN THE HILLS ABOVE SARATOGA, DEPUTIES WERE RAIDING AN ILLEGAL POT FARM WHEN GUNFIRE ERUPTED - LEAVING ONE SUSPECTED GROWER DEAD. TWO ARMED MEN ARE STILL AT LARGE. THE OFFICERS MADE THEIR WAY UP BOLHMAN ROAD ABOVE SARATOGA. HEAVILY ARMED. THEY WENT OFF THE ROAD, AND INTO A NEARBY RAVINE. ABOUT A HALF HOUR LATER, THERE WAS GUNFIRE. FIRE TRUCKS AND AMBULANCES RUSHED IN. THE SHERIFF'S SWAT TEAM CAME IN, TO HELP LOOK FOR TWO OTHER SUSPECTS WHO FLED. POLICE ARE CALLING THEM ARMED AND DANGEROUS. BUT POLICE CAN'T RETREIVE THE DEAD SUSPECT, UNTIL THEY SECURE THE AREA. POLICE ARE WARNING RESIDENTS IN THE HILLS ABOVE SARATOGA TO BE ON CAREFUL, AND BE ON THE LOOK OUT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/10/2008 REPORTED THAT THAT TWO SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICERS ACCUSED OF COVERING UP ALLEGED DRUNK DRIVING BY A FORMER OFFICER ARE ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE. THE SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVESTIGATING WHETHER SERGEANT WILL MANION AND OFFICER PATRICK D'ARRIGO SHOULD FACE CRIMINAL OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE CHARGES. THE CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FILED DRUNK DRIVING CHARGES LAST WEEK AGAINST FORMER OFFICER SANDRA WOODALL. STATE INVESTIGATORS SAY OFFICERS FAILED TO TEST WOODALL'S BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL OR EVEN ASK IF SHE HAD BEEN DRINKING AFTER SHE WAS INVOLVED IN A CAR CRASH IN MARCH. WOODALL PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO THE D.U.I. CHARGES THIS MORNING; SHE ALSO AGREED TO ENTER INTO A REHAB PROGRAM.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/10/2008 REPORTED THAT 12 YEARS AFTER JONBENET RAMSEY WAS KILLED, HER PARENTS AND BROTHER HAVE OFFICIALLY BEEN CLEARED OF THE CRIME. INVESTIGATORS SAY NEW TESTS PROVE THE D.N.A. FOUND ON JONBENET'S BODY DID NOT COME FROM A FAMILY MEMBER. FOR YEARS, THE TABLOIDS SPECULATED SHE WAS KILLED BY ONE OF HER PARENTS, JOHN OR PATSY. INVESTIGATORS CAN NOW SAY FOR SURE THAT SOMEONE ELSE KILLED THE CHILD BEAUTY QUEEN, BUT THEY STILL DON'T KNOW WHO. THIS MORNING ON "TODAY" MATT LAUER TALKED WITH PATSY RAMSEY'S SISTER ABOUT THE LETTER THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WROTE,

CLEARING JOHN AND PATSY OF THE CRIME. INVESTIGATORS MUST NOW BACKTRACK TO THE VERY BEGINNING OF THE CASE IN HOPES OF FINDING THE REAL KILLER, STILL ON THE LOOSE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT POLICE RESCUED SEVERAL FAMILIES AFTER A HOSTAGE SITUATION OVERNIGHT IN THE EAST BAY. THE STANDOFF STARTED BEFORE MIDNIGHT AFTER A SUSPECT IN A STREET FIGHT RAN INTO AN OAKLAND HOME ON EAST 15TH STREET AT 14TH AVENUE. IT ENDED ABOUT FOUR HOURS LATER WHEN POLICE USED FLASH BANG GRENADES TO GET INSIDE. OFFICERS RESCUED 12 PEOPLE BELONGING TO TWO OR THREE CHINESE AND CAMBODIAN FAMILIES. THEY WERE HIDING IN CLOSETS AND BEHIND LOCKED DOORS AS THE SUSPECT BARRICADED THEM INSIDE. NO ONE WAS HURT AND THE SUSPECT IS IN CUSTODY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT INVESTIGATORS IN STANISLAUS COUNTY CALLED OFF THE SEARCH THIS MORNING FOR TWO VICTIMS STILL MISSING AFTER A HEAD-ON CRASH. THEY ARE PRESUMED DROWNED. FIVE OTHERS WERE PULLED FROM THE WATER, DEAD. A SEPTIC TRUCK AND SUV PLUNGED INTO THE 17-FOOT DEEP DELTA-MENDOTA CANAL AFTER COLLIDING NEAR WESTLEY YESTERDAY. DIVERS FOUND ONE MAN DEAD WHEN THEY PULLED THE SEPTIC TRUCK OUT OF THE WATER. SEVERAL HOURS LATER, THE TEAM RECOVERED THE FORD EXPLORER WITH THE BODIES OF THREE MEN AND ONE WOMAN. THE TWO MISSING PEOPLE WERE ALSO IN THE EXPLORER.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR SUSPECTS IN A DEADLY DOUBLE SHOOTING IN RICHMOND. AN OFFICER HEARD THE SHOTS FIRED AROUND EIGHT LAST NIGHT ON MAINE AVENUE NEAR 5TH STREET, THAT'S NORTH OF 580. POLICE FOUND ONE VICTIM IN A CAR WHO LATER DIED. ANOTHER IS IN THE HOSPITAL WITH CRITICAL INJURIES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT A SOUTH BAY NEIGHBORHOOD IS ON ALERT FOR A SEXUAL PREDATOR WHO ATTACKED A TEENAGER. OFFICERS SAY A 19 YEAR-OLD WOMAN WAS WALKING ALONE THURSDAY NIGHT AT CAHALAN PARK IN SOUTH SAN JOSE WHEN A MAN CAME UP BEHIND HER, AND PUT A KNIFE TO HER BACK. HE TRIED TO ASSAULT HER, BUT SHE MANAGED TO FIGHT HIM OFF AND GET AWAY. THE SUSPECT IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE OR HISPANIC IN HIS LATE 20S, 6 FEET TALL, 180 POUNDS. HIS DISTINGUISHING FEATURE: A LARGE NOSE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT THE SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO MAN SHOT DURING A ROBBERY OVER THE WEEKEND HAS DIED. A ROBBER SHOT 27-YEAR-OLD PHILIP LACY IN A PARKING GARAGE AT PALO ALTO CITY HALL EARLY SUNDAY MORNING. LACEY WAS WAITING FOR SOME FRIENDS AFTER A NIGHT OUT. HE DIED AT STANFORD HOSPITAL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. POLICE ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR THE SUSPECT WHO'S DESCRIBED AS A PACIFIC ISLANDER BELIEVED TO BE ABOUT 21 YEARS OLD. THIS IS PALO ALTO'S SECOND HOMICIDE THIS YEAR.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT SIX EAST BAY WOMEN ARE BEHIND BARS AFTER A MILLION DOLLAR CREDIT CARD SPENDING SPREE. SACRAMENTO POLICE SAY SURVEILLANCE VIDEO SHOWS A RICHMOND WOMAN SHOPPING WITH STOLEN CREDIT CARDS, DISGUISED AS GIFT CARDS. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE WOMAN AND FIVE FRIENDS, DUBBED "THE RICHMOND GIRLS", HIT MALLS FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO SACRAMENTO BUYING DESIGNER CLOTHES, PURSES AND OTHER GOODS WORTH MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS. THE WOMEN ALSO SENT MORE THAN 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS OVERSEAS. INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE THAT MONEY PAID FOR STOLEN CARD NUMBERS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT THE SAN FRANCISCO CITY WORKER ACCUSED OF HACKING THE CITY'S MAIN-FRAME IS KEEPING QUIET DESPITE A 5 MILLION DOLLAR BAIL. COMPUTER ENGINEER TERRY CHILDS APPEARED IN COURT YESTERDAY ON FOUR FELONY COUNTS OF COMPUTER TAMPERING. HE'S ACCUSED OF MANIPULATING SAN FRANCISCO'S COMPUTER NETWORK AND CHANGING PASSWORDS SO ONLY HE HAS ACCESS TO EVERYTHING FROM E-MAILS TO POLICE RECORDS TO PAYROLL FILES. NOW CHILDS IS SITTING IN JAIL, REFUSING TO TURN OVER THOSE PASSWORDS. HIS LAWYER SAYS THE BAIL IS EXCESSIVE, BUT CITY LEADERS SAY THE BAIL IS MERITED BECAUSE OF A THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT A DYING CHARLES MANSON FOLLOWER WILL SPEND HER FINAL DAYS IN PRISON. THE STATE PAROLE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO DENY A 'COMPASSIONATE RELEASE' FOR SUSAN ATKINS -- SIDING WITH THE VICTIM'S FAMILY MEMBERS. ATKINS WAS A MANSON CULT MEMBER WHEN SHE WAS CONVICTED OF KILLING PREGNANT ACTRESS SHARON TATE IN 1969. SHE HAS BRAIN CANCER AND IS ONLY EXPECTED TO LIVE FOR A FEW MORE MONTHS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/17/2008 REPORTED THAT AN AMTRAK TRAIN STRUCK AND KILLED A PEDESTRIAN IN BERKELEY THIS MORNING, SHUTTING DOWN A MAJOR STREET, AND CAUSING DELAYS FOR PASSENGERS. THE CAPITOL CORRIDOR TRAIN WAS HEADED FROM SACRAMENTO TO SAN JOSE, WHEN IT HIT A PERSON ON THE TRACKS AROUND 8:40. AMTRAK SAYS THAT PERSON WAS TRESSPASSING. GILMAN STREET IS CLOSED FROM EAST SHORE HIGHWAY TO 4TH STREET. ALL TRAINS BETWEEN SACRAMENTO AND SAN JOSE ARE STOPPING AT ONE SIDE OF THE ACCIDENT, AND SHUTTLING PASSENGERS TO THE OTHER SIDE BEFORE CONTINUING.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/17/2008 REPORTED THAT CALIFORNIA PACIFIC MEDICAL CENTER NOW SAYS A WOMAN FOUND GAGGED AND SERIOUSLY INJURED ON THE CENTER'S PROPERTY WAS NOT THE VICTIM OF A VIOLENT CRIME, BUT INSTEAD WAS TRYING TO KILL HERSELF. THE WOMAN HAD A WASH CLOTH STUFFED IN HER MOUTH WHEN SHE WAS DISCOVERED TUESDAY NIGHT IN A ROOM ON CALIFORNIA STREET, IN THE LAUREL HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD. POLICE WERE CALLED IN TO INVESTIGATE WHAT THEY THOUGHT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A VIOLENT ATTACK. THE WOMAN IS IN INTENSIVE CARE THIS MORNING.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/17/2008 REPORTED THAT THE MAN ACCUSED OF HACKING INTO SAN FRANCISCO'S COMPUTER NETWORK IS

DUE BACK IN COURT THIS MORNING. 43 YEAR OLD TERRY CHILDS WILL BE FORMALLY CHARGED WITH FOUR FELONY COUNTS OF COMPUTER NETWORK TAMPERING, AND ONE COUNT OF CAUSING LOSSES IN EXCESS OF 200 THOUSAND DOLLARS. CHILDS ALLEGEDLY BROKE INTO THE COMPUTER SYSTEM WHILE WORKING FOR THE CITY'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SERVICES NETWORK. PROSECUTORS SAY HE CHANGED ACCESS CODES SO NO ONE ELSE COULD GET IN. IF CONVICTED, HE COULD SPEND UP TO SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT AS MANY AS THREE ARMED MEN STORMED INTO "SKYLINE PIZZA" - NEAR INTERSTATE 580 AND KELLER AVENUE JUST BEFORE NINE LAST NIGHT. THEY WORE HOODS AND TOOK MONEY FROM TWO EMPLOYEES. NO ONE WAS INJURED AND IT IS NOT CLEAR IF THERE WERE CUSTOMERS INSIDE AT THE TIME.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS THERE HAVE BEEN SIX TAKE-OVER STYLE ROBBERIES IN OAKLAND. THE LATEST HAPPENED EARLY MONDAY, WHEN TWO ARMED MEN BARGED INTO THE "KERRY HOUSE" BAR AND ROBBED THE REGISTER AND SIX PATRONS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT YOU CAN SEE IT HAPPEN ON THIS VIDEO, FROM A RESTAURANT SECURITY CAMERA. INVESTIGATORS SAY OFFICER RAHN CARMICHAEL WAS PULLING A DRIVER OVER ON 23RD STREET NEAR LOWELL AVENUE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, WHEN A PICKUP HIT HIS MOTORCYCLE. THE DRIVER OF THAT TRUCK PAUSED, BUT THEN DROVE AWAY. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING A THREE THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO AN ARREST.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT THE FBI HAS INCREASED THE REWARD FOR INFORMATION ABOUT TWO SANTA CRUZ FIREBOMBINGS TO FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE FBI AND SANTA CRUZ POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR THE SUSPECTS RESPONSIBLE FOR FIREBOMBING A UC SANTA CRUZ SCIENTIST'S HOUSE AND TORCHING ANOTHER RESEARCHER'S CAR OVER THE WEEKEND. THE SUSPICION IS THAT ANIMAL RIGHTS EXTREMISTS ARE BEHIND THE ATTACKS SINCE THE WORK OF BOTH RESEARCHERS INVOLVES ANIMALS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT ELEVEN PEOPLE FACE CHARGES THIS MORNING IN THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST HACKING AND IDENTITY THEFT CASE EVER. SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY MICHAEL CHERTOFF ANNOUNCED THE CASE YESTERDAY IN SAN JOSE. HE WAS IN THE BAY AREA TO TALK TO BUSINESS LEADERS ABOUT THE NEED FOR IMPROVED NETWORK SECURITY. HACKERS ARE ACCUSED OF BREAKING INTO THE WIRELESS COMPUTER NETWORKS OF NINE MAJOR RETAILERS, INCLUDING BARNES AND NOBLE, OFFICE MAX, AND SPORTS AUTHORITY. INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY INSTALLED PROGRAMS TO STEAL SOME 40 MILLION DEBIT AND CREDIT CARD NUMBERS, PASSWORDS, AND ACCOUNT NUMBERS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT

CALIFORNIA LAWMAKERS ARE CRACKING DOWN ON THE BOOMING BUSINESS OF METAL THEFT. LEGISLATORS PASSED A BILL YESTERDAY REQUIRING JUNK DEALERS AND RECYCLERS TO MAINTAIN ACCURATE RECORDS ON METAL SELLERS. POLICE SAY THEFT OF SEMI-PRECIOUS METALS SUCH AS COPPER, STEEL MANHOLE COVERS, AND ALUMINUM GUARDRAILS IS ON THE RISE BECAUSE IT IS EASY TO TURN IN FOR CASH. COPPER IS ONE OF THE MOST COMMONLY STOLEN METALS, BECAUSE IT IS EXPENSIVE, AND READILY AVAILABLE IN WIRING AND PLUMBING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/25/2008 REPORTED THAT SAN JOSE POLICE ARE SORTING OUT THEIR OWN MINI CRIME SPREE. TWO MEN ROBBED THREE SAN JOSE BUSINESSES IN LESS THAN AN HOUR. IT ALL HAPPENED WITHIN FIVE MILES OF EACH OTHER, AT A SUBWAY ON MONTEREY AT FORD, A BLOCKBUSTER AT SANTA TERESA AND BERNAL, AND A TAQUERIA AT BLOSSOM HILL AND SNELL. POLICE SAY TWO MEN IN HOODED SWEATSHIRTS STARTED THE CRIME SPREE AT ABOUT 9:30 SATURDAY NIGHT. ONE OF THE MEN HAD A GUN, AND AT EACH PLACE THEY ROBBED, EMPLOYEES SAY SOMEONE WAS ASSAULTED. THE ROBBERS DEMANDED WALLETS FROM CUSTOMERS AS WELL. EMPLOYEES ARE RATTLED, AND CUSTOMERS ARE SURPRISED. INVESTIGATORS HOPE VIDEO FROM SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS HELP THEM FIND THE ROBBERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/25/2008 REPORTED THAT INVESTIGATORS ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHY SOMEONE OPENED FIRE ON A VAN, KILLING A 73 YEAR OLD MAN WHO WAS DRIVING IN RICHMOND. HE WAS IDENTIFIED AS ARTHUR LEE CLARK, A RETIRED MUNI BUS DRIVER. IT HAPPENED AT AROUND 10:00 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT ON SOUTH 15TH STREET AND VIRGINIA AVENUE. CLARK CONTINUED TO DRIVE FOR ABOUT ANOTHER MILE, AND EVENTUALLY CRASHED INTO THE "HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE" ON MARINA WAY SOUTH, NEAR HALL AVENUE IN RICHMOND. HE WAS FLOWN TO A HOSPITAL WHERE HE DIED ABOUT 45 MINUTES LATER. A WOMAN WHO WAS ALSO IN THE MINIVAN WAS NOT HURT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/25/2008 REPORTED THAT A MOVE BY AMERICAN EXPRESS COULD MAKE THE STATE BUDGET SITUATION EVEN WORSE. IT SAYS, IF THE BUDGET STALEMATE LASTS TOO LONG, IT WILL CUT OFF CALIFORNIA EMPLOYEE CREDIT CARDS. AMEX SAYS THE IMPASS PUTS IT AT A FINANCIAL LIABILITY. SINCE THE START OF THE FISCAL YEAR ON JULY 1ST, CALIFORNIA HAS BUILT ABOUT 10 AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN UNPAID CHARGES. THE STATE HAS ALREADY STOPPED REIMBURSING EMPLOYEES FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES PAID WITH THE CARDS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-11:30 AM 08/25/2008 REPORTED THAT OAKLAND WILL START USING RED LIGHT CAMERAS TODAY AT THE CORNER OF 66TH AVENUE AND SAN LEANDRO BOULEVARD. FOR THE NEXT 30 DAYS, VIOLATORS WILL GET A WARNING IN THE MAIL, BUT AFTER THAT, THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY A FINE. IT WILL BE OAKLAND'S FIRST RED LIGHT CAMERA.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00 PM 08/29/2008 REPORTED THAT FORMER SAN FRANCISCO RADIO TALK SHOW HOST BERNIE WARD IS IN COURT THIS MORNING, WAITING TO FIND OUT HIS SENTENCE FOR SENDING CHILD PORN OVER THE INTERNET. HE ARRIVED ABOUT AN HOUR AGO,

ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE. THE 57-YEAR-OLD FORMER HOST ON KGO RADIO PLEADED GUILTY TO ONE COUNT OF E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY. HE FACES A MINIMUM OF 5 YEARS IN PRISON, THOUGH PROSECUTORS ARE PUSHING FOR NINE. WARD'S ATTORNEY SAYS WARD GOT INVOLVED IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY WHILE RESEARCHING A BOOK, BUT LOST FOCUS, PARTIALLY DUE TO ALCOHOL.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-11:30AM 08/29/2008 REPORTED THAT TWO WRONGFUL DEATH LAWSUITS HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY WHO HIT AND KILLED TWO BICYCLISTS. THEY CLAIM DEPUTY JAMES COUNCIL WAS NEGLIGENT AND RECKLESS WHEN HE CROSSED THE CENTER LINE WHILE DRIVING HIS PATROL CAR ON STEVENS CANYON ROAD IN CUPERTINO BACK IN MARCH. MATT PETERSON OF SAN FRANCISCO AND KRISTY GOUGH OF SAN LEANDRO WERE KILLED. WITNESS LATER TOLD THE CHRONICLE THE DEPUTY SAID HE HAD FALLEN ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL. THE SUITS NAME COUNCIL, THE COUNTY, AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AS DEFENDANTS, AND SEEKS UNSPECIFIED MONETARY DAMAGES.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-11:30AM 08/29/2008 REPORTED THAT UC BERKELEY POLICE, THE F.B.I, AND ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES RAIDED A BERKELEY COOPERATIVE THEY SAY IS THE SOURCE OF THREATENING E-MAILS. THE EAST BAY DAILY NEWS REPORTS 14 COMPUTERS WERE SEIZED FROM THE "LONG HAUL INFOSHOP" ON SHATTUCK NEAR ASHBY. UC BERKELEY SPOKESMAN ROBERT SANDERS WOULD NOT SAY WHAT KIND OF THREATS WERE MADE. SANDERS HAS BEEN THE UNIVERSITY'S SPOKESMAN ON SCHOOL SCIENTISTS BEING HARASSED BY ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS. A MAN CONNECTED TO THE OFFICE SPACE SAYS MANY GROUPS USE THE COMPUTERS THERE, INCLUDING BERKELEY LIBERATION RADIO, AND TREE-SIT SUPPORTERS.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-11:30AM 08/29/2008 REPORTED THAT IT'S 7 YEARS AND 3 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR FORMER SAN FRANCISCO RADIO TALK SHOW HOST BERNIE WARD. THE SENTENCE WAS JUST HANDED DOWN MOMENTS AGO. THE 57-YEAR-OLD FORMER HOST ON KGO RADIO PLEADED GUILTY TO ONE COUNT OF E-MAILING CHILD PORNOGRAPHER. WARD'S ATTORNEY SAYS HIS INVOLVEMENT IN CHILD PORN BEGAN AS RESEARCH FOR A BOOK BUT LOST ITS FOCUS BECAUSE OF ALCOHOL. WARD HAS UNTIL TOMMORROW TO SURRENDER..

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/28/2008 REPORTED THAT ARMED ROBBERS BURST INTO AN OAKLAND CHINESE RESTAURANT LAST NIGHT TARGETING CUSTOMERS. POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR 3 SUSPECTS, AFTER CUSTOMERS WERE ROBBED AT GUNPOINT. IT HAPPENED AROUND 9:30 LAST NIGHT. AT A CHINESE RESTAURANT CALLED "BAY FUNG TONG SEAFOOD TEA HOUSE" ON FRANKLIN NEAR 19TH STREETS. POLICE SAY 9 PEOPLE WERE TOLD, AT GUNPOINT TO HAND OVER CASH, WALLETS, AND CELL PHONES. NO ONE WAS HURT. POLICE SAY ANOTHER ARMED ROBBERY AT A RESTAURANT ON PIEDMONT AT 9:40 LAST NIGHT IS NOT RELATED. NO WORD IF EITHER RESTAURANT

ROBBERY IS RELATED TO A NUMBER OF SIMILAR ROBBERIES IN OAKLAND A FEW WEEKS BACK

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/28/2008 REPORTED THAT WALNUT CREEK POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR A MAN WHO ROBBED A TRADER JOE'S AT GUN POINT. POLICE SAY THE MAN WALKED INTO THE STORE ON CALIFORNIA BOULEVARD JUST BEFORE 10 P.M. SATURDAY NIGHT, GRABBED MONEY, THEN FLED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/28/2008 REPORTED THAT FAMILY MEMBERS OF A MAN SHOT AND KILLED BY AN OAKLAND POLICE OFFICER PLAN TO SUE THE CITY, ACCUSING THE OFFICER OF USING EXCESSIVE FORCE. OAKLAND ATTORNEY JOHN BURRIS IS ALSO PUSHING FOR CRIMINAL CHARGES. WE BROUGHT YOU BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE OF THE SHOOTING FRIDAY MORNING IN OAKLAND'S FRUITVALE DISTRICT. OAKLAND POLICE SAY "OFFICER HECTOR JIMENEZ" SHOT AND KILLED 27 YEAR OLD MACK WOODFOX AS HE RAN FROM HIS CAR FOLLOWING A PURSUIT. THE OFFICER CLAIMED HE SAW WOODFOX REACHING INTO HIS WAISTBAND FOR A GUN. BUT THE FAMILY'S ATTORNEY SAYS NO GUN WAS EVER FOUND, AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT WOODFOX ATTACKED THE OFFICER. HE ALSO SAYS IT IS THE SECOND DEADLY SHOOTING FOR THE OFFICER WITHIN THE PAST YEAR.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/28/2008 REPORTED THAT RICHMOND POLICE ARE ASKING FOR PEOPLE TO CONTACT THEM IF THEY KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT A WOMAN WHO DIED THIS WEEKEND AFTER BEING FOUND BADLY BEATEN. THE WOMAN WAS FOUND EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING ON FIFTH STREET NEAR MACDONALD AVENUE. SHE WAS RUSHED TO JOHN MUIR MEDICAL CENTER IN WALNUT CREEK, WHERE SHE DIED YESTERDAY. HER NAME HAS NOT YET BEEN RELEASED. THIS IS RICHMOND'S 18TH KILLING THIS YEAR.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/28/2008 REPORTED THAT LIBERAL POLITICS ARE BEING SUSPECTED AS THE REASON A KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE MAN KILLED TWO PEOPLE DURING A CHURCH SERVICE. POLICE SAY JIM ADKISSON WAS FRUSTRATED WITH NOT HAVING A JOB. CHILDREN WERE PERFORMING A PLAY AT THE CHURCH SERVICE YESTERDAY WHEN WITNESSES SAY ADKISSON BEGAN SHOUTING "HATEFUL WORDS". HE THEN ALLEGEDLY OPENED FIRE KILLING 60-YEAR-OLD GREG MCKENDRY AND 61 YEAR OLD LINDA KRAEGER. EVEN OTHERS WERE HURT, ALL OF THEM ADULTS. PARISHONERS FINALLY TACKLED THE GUNMAN AND HELD HIM UNTIL POLICE ARRIVED. THE FBI IS LOOKING INTO WHETHER THE SHOOTING WAS A HATE CRIME. THE CHURCH IS KNOWN FOR ADVOCATING WOMEN'S AND GAY RIGHTS, AND FOR FOUNDING AN AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION CHAPTER.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/08/2008 REPORTED THAT NEW DETAILS ABOUT THE SHOOTING IN MARTINEZ THAT KILLED A POLICE SERGEANT. POLICE SAY SERGEANT PAUL STARZYK DIED WHILE TRYING TO SAVE THREE WOMEN AND THREE CHILDREN OVER THE WEEKEND. OFFICERS THE SUSPECT, JOSE FELIX SANDOVAL, WENT TO A BEAUTY SALON SATURDAY MORNING ON PACHECO BOULEVARD ARMED WITH A GUN. THEY SAY HE WAS LOOKING FOR HIS WIFE, BUT AND WHEN HE COULD NOT FIND HER HE WENT TO A NEARBY APARTMENT BUILDING WHERE HE SHOT AND KILLED HER COUSIN, CATALINA TORRES. THE CHRONICLE SAYS, SERGEANT STARZYK AND ANOTHER

OFFICER WERE ABOUT TO GO INTO THE APARTMENT TO SAVE THREE KIDS AND TWO OTHER WOMEN. THAT'S WHEN THEY SAY SANDOVAL FIRED BLINDLY FROM BEHIND THE DOOR, HITTING STARZYK TWICE, ALTHOUGH HE MANAGED TO RETURN FIRE. A THIRD OFFICER THEN ARRIVED AND KILLED SANDOVAL. THE TWO WOMEN AND THREE CHILDREN WERE NOT HURT. FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SERGEANT STARZYK HAVE NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/08/2008 REPORTED THAT FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF A YOUNG FAIRFIELD COUNCILMAN WHO WAS SHOT TO DEATH WILL GATHER TO REMEMBER HIM TODAY. MATT GARCIA WAS SHOT LAST MONDAY OUTSIDE A FRIEND'S HOME ON SILVERADO DRIVE IN FAIRFIELD. WITNESSES SAY A MAN IN HIS LATE TEENS OR EARLY 20'S STEPPED OUT OF A PARKED CAR AND SHOT GARCIA IN THE HEAD. NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE. GARCIA TURNED 22 IN JULY AND WAS THE YOUNGEST COUNCILMEMBER IN FAIRFIELD HISTORY. THE COMMUNITY VIEWING WILL BE AT LIBERTY CHRISTIAN CENTER IN FAIRFIELD FROM 5:00 TO 9:00 O'CLOCK TONIGHT.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/08/2008 REPORTED THAT SAN JOSE POLICE BELIEVE THREE KILLINGS WITHIN HOURS OF EACH OTHER, AND JUST TWO MILES APART, ARE NOT RELATED. THE FIRST DEADLY SHOOTING HAPPENED SATURDAY NIGHT AT JUST AFTER 10, ON SANDERS AVENUE NEAR 280. A SHORT TIME LATER, THREE PEOPLE WERE STABBED ON CHAPALA AND RENO DRIVES. ONE OF THEM DIED IN THE HOSPITAL. AND YESTERDAY MORNING AROUND 5, ONE PERSON WAS SHOT AND KILLED ON CROFT AVENUE IN EAST SAN JOSE. SO FAR THERE IS NO WORD ON ANY ARRESTS BEING MADE.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/08/2008 REPORTED THAT O.J. SIMPSON IS IN A LAS VEGAS COURTROOM RIGHT NOW. NEW VIDEO SHOWS HIM ARRIVING THIS MORNING, FOR DAY ONE OF JURY SELECTION IN HIS ROBBERY AND KIDNAPPING TRIAL. SIMPSON AND CO-DEFENDANT CLARENCE STEWART PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO 12 CHARGES STEMMING FROM AN ENCOUNTER WITH TWO SPORTS COLLECTIBLE DEALERS IN A LAS VEGAS HOTEL ROOM LAST YEAR. IF CONVICTED, SIMPSON COULD SPEND LIFE IN PRISON. AND JUST 24 HOURS BEFORE ARRIVING IN COURT, THE FORMER FOOTBALL STAR HAD ANOTHER ENCOUNTER WITH THE LAW. NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL STOPPED SIMPSON LAST NIGHT AFTER RECEIVING REPORTS HE WAS DRUNK, BUT THE OFFICER FOUND NO SIGNS OF ALCOHOL.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/15/2008 REPORTED THAT SAN JOSE POLICE ARE QUESTIONING TWO MEN AFTER A CARJACKING AND SHOOTING. POLICE SAY THE SUSPECTS ATTACKED A MAN JUST AFTER 11:00 LAST NIGHT, AT QUIMBY AND WHITE, AND EITHER DROVE HIM OR FORCED HIM TO DRIVE ABOUT THREE MILES TO ABORN ROAD AND LAZY LANE. THAT'S WHERE THEY SHOT THE VICTIM IN THE HEAD AND LEFT HIM. AMAZINGLY, THE VICTIM WALKED AWAY TO GET HELP. THE SUSPECTS LATER DUMPED THE CAR.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/15/2008 REPORTED THAT

ONE PERSON IS DEAD, AND TWO OTHERS SERIOUSLY INJURED, AFTER A HIT AND RUN IN A SAN JOSE PARK THAT MAY HAVE BEEN INTENTIONAL. IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE 9:00 O'CLOCK YESTERDAY MORNING AT HILLVIEW PARK, NEAR THE REED-HILLVIEW AIRPORT. WITNESSES SAY A MAN DRIVING A WHITE CHEVY SUBURBAN GOT INTO AN ARGUMENT WITH ANOTHER MAN AT THE PARK. THE DRIVER HIT THE THREE VICTIMS AND SPED OFF. POLICE ARRESTED THE DRIVER AT HIS HOME, AFTER HE ABANDONED HIS CAR SEVERAL MILES AWAY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/15/2008 REPORTED THAT SAN JOSE POLICE SAY THE SO-CALLED "CAMBRIAN CAT BURGLAR" IS BEHIND BARS THIS MORNING. 40-YEAR-OLD JOSEPH HOPPA WAS ARRESTED ON FRIDAY. INVESTIGATORS SAY HE HAS BROKEN INTO DOZENS OF HOMES SINCE JULY, STEALING WALLETS AND PURSES AS VICTIMS SLEPT. ALL OF THE BURGLARIES HAPPENED IN SAN JOSE'S CAMBRIAN NEIGHBORHOOD, WHICH IS LOCATED NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAYS 85 AND 17. HOPPS NOW FACES 25 COUNTS OF BURGLARY. POLICE SAY HE IS ON PAROLE FOR SIMILAR BURGLARIES IN OREGON.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/15/2008 REPORTED THAT THE SHOOTING DEATH OF FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCILMAN MATT GARCIA MAY HAVE BEEN A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY. POLICE ARRESTED TWO PEOPLE, GENE ALLEN COMBS OF SUISUN CITY AND NICOLE STEWART OF FAIRFIELD OVER THE WEEKEND IN CONNECTION WITH HIS DEATH. OFFICERS ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A THIRD SUSPECT, HENRY DON WILLIAMS OF FAIRFIELD. POLICE BELIEVE THE THREE MAY HAVE MISTAKENLY KILLED GARCIA OVER LABOR DAY WEEKEND, BELIEVING HE WAS SOMEONE ELSE WHO OWED THEM MONEY FOR DRUGS.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/30/2008 REPORTED THAT A STUDENT IS IN CUSTODY THIS MORNING AFTER A STABBING AT A SAN JOSE SCHOOL. POLICE SAY A 15 YEAR OLD STUDENT IS SUSPECTED OF STABBING A 17 YEAR- OLD AT CAMDEN COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL, JUST AFTER 8:00 THIS MORNING. THE INJURIES TO THE VICTIM ARE NOT LIFE THREATENING. THE SCHOOL IS A CONTINUATION SCHOOL FOR "AT RISK" STUDENTS. POLICE SAY THE FIGHT MAY HAVE BEEN GANG RELATED.

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NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/03/2008 REPORTED THAT THE TORCH CONTINUES TO MAKE ITS WAY TOWARD BEIJING. THIS MORNING 95 TORCHBEARERS CARRIED IT THROUGH YANGLING IN CHINA'S SHAANXI PROVINCE. THE TORCH'S RUN THROUGH CHINA HAS BEEN SMOOTH SAILING COMPARED TO THE PROTESTS IT ATTRACTED ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEG OF ITS TOUR.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/10/2008 REPORTED THAT OLYMPIC HOMETOWN HOPEFUL IS HOPING PEOPLE WATCHING AT HOME WILL TAKE A SWING AT HIS SPORT. BADMINTON STAR HOWARD BACH IMMIGRATED TO SAN FRANCISCO FROM VIETNAM WHEN HE WAS JUST TWO YEARS OLD. HIS FATHER TAUGHT HIM HOW TO PLAY BADMINTON AT THE GOLDEN GATE YMCA IN THE TENDERLOIN. BACH BROUGHT HOME THE UNITED STATES FIRST GOLD

MEDAL AT THE 2005 WORLD BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS. HE ALSO COMPETED IN THE 2004 OLYMPICS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/10/2008 REPORTED THAT AN OAKLAND ARTIST IS GETTING READY FOR A RARE HONOR IN BEIJING "BRUCE BEASLEY" IS ONE OF SEVEN ARTISTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD A CHINESE COMMITTEE SELECTED TO CREATE A DISPLAY FOR THE OLYMPIC SCULPTURE PARK DURING THE GAMES. HE'S THE ONLY ARTIST PICKED FROM CALIFORNIA.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/10/2008 REPORTED THAT NATALIE COUGHLIN IS THE LATEST IN A LONG LINE OF OLYMPIC SWIMMERS FROM THE BAY AREA, ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS WAS MARK SPITZ WHO STILL HOLDS MANY OF THE RECORDS THAT STAND TODAY. HE IS JUST ONE OF THE CHAMPIONS MADE THROUGH THE YEARS AT THE SANTA CLARA SWIM CLUB. WE DID THE MATH AND FIGURED OUT THAT IF THE SANTA CLARA SWIM CLUB WAS ITS OWN COUNTRY AT THE 1968 OLYMPICS IN MEXICO. IT WOULD'VE RANKED THIRD IN THE SWIMMING MEDAL COUNT AT 21.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/09/2008 REPORTED THAT A NEW MURAL IS ALL THE BUZZ IN BOSTON. THE BLOCK LONG MURAL, CALLED "ABRAHAM OBAMA" IS A COMPOSITE OF BOTH BARACK OBAMA AND ABRAHAM LINCOLN. IT'S MEANT TO PROMOTE A POLITICALLY THEMED EXHIBIT AT A LOCAL GALLERY. A LOT OF PEOPLE LIKE THE ARTWORK, BUT SOME ARE UPSET BECAUSE VANDALS HAVE PLASTERED REPLICAS OF THE PICTURE ALL OVER THE CITY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT AN UPDATE NOW, ON SAN TOMAS. THE SOUTH BAY'S FAMOUS SEA LION, THE 6-FOOT LONG, 147-POUND MAMMAL SWAM UP A SANTA CLARA CREEK LAST WEEK, AND GOT LOST TEN MILES INLAND. MARINE EXPERTS WERE CONCERNED THE WAYWARD SEA LION WAS SUFFERING FROM ALGAE POISONING. BUT X-RAYS AND EXAMS GIVE HER A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH. THE SEA LION IS PUTTING ON WEIGHT, THANKS TO THREE HERRING MEALS A DAY. VETERINARIANS PLAN TO RELEASE HER AT POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE, ON SATURDAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/26/2008 REPORTED THAT RECENT RESEARCH SHOWS MONKEYS LIKE TO SHARE WITH OTHER MONKEYS THEY KNOW. IN A STUDY DONE IN ATLANTA, MONKEYS WERE GIVEN A CHOICE OF GETTING A FOOD REWARD FOR THEMSELVES, OR BEING ABLE TO SHARE WITH ANOTHER MONKEY. WHEN PAIRED WITH A RELATIVE OR FRIEND, THE MONKEYS CHOSE TO SHARE. BUT WHEN PAIRED WITH A STRANGER, THEY DECIDED TO KEEP THE FOOD FOR THEMSELVES. RESEARCHERS SAY IT SHOWS THAT PRIMATES, LIKE HUMANS, HAVE INCREASED EMPATHY WITH SOCIAL CLOSENESS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/27/2008 REPORTED THAT QUESTIONABLE HOME RUN CALLS WILL BE QUESTIONED NO MORE. MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STARTS USING INSTANT REPLAY TOMORROW. THERE WILL BE A TV AND A PHONE BEHIND HOME PLATE FOR THE UMPIRES TO CHECK THE CALL. THE REPLAY WILL ONLY BE USED FOR PLAYS INVOLVING A

HOMERUN. COMMISSIONER BUD SELIG SAID HE THINKS IT COULD "SHORTEN A GAME, BY AVOIDING A DRAWN OUT DISCUSSION AFTER A QUESTIONABLE CALL BY UMPIRES.

NBC BAY AREA'S COMUNIDAD FEATURED, ZAROBELL AND ACEVEDO WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM OF MODERN ART (SFMOMA) TALK ABOUT THE FRIDA KAHLO EXHIBIT AT SFMOMA. IT IS SO POPULAR THAT VISITORS HAVE TO TAKE A NUMBER TO ENTER AND SEE THE EXHIBIT ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF THE SFMOMA. FRIDA IS POPULAR IN SAN FRANCISCO BECAUSE SHE LIVED IN THE CITY FOR PART OF HER LIFE WITH HER HUSBAND DIEGO RIVERA, ANOTHER FAMOUS MEXICAN PAINTER. ACEVEDO ALSO TALKS ABOUT FRIDA'S LIFE AS AN ARTIST AND HOW HER ARTWORK REFLECTED HER LIFE. ACEVEDO TALKS ABOUT THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF FRIDA THAT MAKES HER SO FASCINATING TO OTHERS. ZAROBELL TALKS ABOUT HOW PEOPLE CAN GET TICKETS TO THE FRIDA EXHIBIT, WHICH EVOLVED BECAUSE OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY.

NBC BAY AREA'S COMUNIDAD FEATURED, ACEVEDO TALKS MORE ABOUT THE CULTURALLY FILLED LIFE OF FRIDA. FRIDA HAS BECOME EVEN MORE FAMOUS AFTER HER LIFE. THE FRIDA EXHIBIT AT SFMOMA RUNS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28TH. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.SFMOMA.ORG.

NBC BAY AREA'S COMUNIDAD FEATURED TWO STORIES REPORTED BY DAMIAN TRUJILLO. THE FIRST STORY IS ABOUT THE GLEAMERS, VOLUNTEERS WHO COLLECT FOOD PEOPLE NO LONGER WANT, AND DISTRIBUTING THEM TO PEOPLE WHO DO NEED THE FOOD. THE SECOND STORY IS ABOUT SAN JOSE'S NEW MEXICAN CONSUL GENERAL, DAVID FIGUEROA. FIGUEROA IS SEEKING REFUGE IN THE U.S. AND THE BAY AREA FROM MEXICO WHERE TWO ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS ALMOST CLAIMED HIS LIFE. NOW IN SAN JOSE, HE HOPES TO HELP THE MEXICAN COMMUNITY.

NBC BAY AREA'S COMUNIDAD FEATURED FORMER RAIDERETTE PATTY HERRERA, WHO TALKS ABOUT THE OAKLAND RAIDERS TAKING PART IN THE LATINO HERITAGE THROUGH ITS ANNUAL HERITAGE GAME. IT IS THEIR 7TH YEAR HOLDING THIS EVENT, AND THEY'RE BACK WITH LOCAL SAN JOSE BAND, MYSTIQUE, WHO WILL BE PERFORMING AT THE GAME EVENT. SHE ALSO TALKS ABOUT HER EXPERIENCE AS A RAIDERETTE AND BEING LIKE A COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR. THE RAIDERS LATINO HERITAGE DAY GAME WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28TH. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.RAIDERS.COM. CHECK OUT THE RAIDERS' WEBSITE IN SPANISH AT WWW.RAIDERSENESPANOL.COM/HOME/.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM 09/14/2008 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH TERESA ALVARADO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CYNTHIA PETTI, THE 2008 SILICON VALLEY LATINA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT. MS. ALVARADO TALKS ABOUT HOW THE LATINA SCHOLARSHIP STARTED IN 2004 AND MS. PETTI TALKS ABOUT WHAT THE SCHOLARSHIP HAS MEANT FOR HER. MS. ALVARADO PREVIEWS THIS YEAR'S HISPANIC CHARITY BALL BEING HELD ON OCTOBER 11TH AT THE FAIRMONT HOTEL IN SAN JOSE. THE HISPANIC FOUNDATION OF SILICON VALLEY IS APPLAUDED FOR ITS INVESTMENT IN FAMILIES AND STUDENTS WHO ARE MAKING GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE LATINO COMMUNITY.

NBC BAY AREA'S COMUNIDAD FEATURED VERNON MEDICINE CLOUD AND ED MORILLO TALK ABOUT THEIR 3RD ANNUAL "AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE

CELEBRATION" WHICH HAS BROUGHT OUT 800 PEOPLE TO THEIR EVENT IN PREVIOUS YEARS. THEY TALK ABOUT THE NEED TO PRESERVE THEIR CULTURE AS THEIR PEOPLES ARE INTEGRATED, MARRY AND RAISED WITH OTHER CULTURES. ONE WAY THEY DO THIS COLLECTIVELY IS BY HAVING CELEBRATIONS SUCH AS AIHC AND RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT THEIR HERITAGE. CLOUD AND MORILLO ALSO TALK ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITY WORK IN REACHING OUT TO PRISONERS. FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THEIR UPCOMING EVENT AND THEIR ORGANIZATION, VISIT WWW.AMERICANINDIANHERITAGE.ORG.

NBC BAY AREA'S COMUNIDAD FEATURED AUTHORS NANNETTE REGUA AND ARTURO VILLARREAL ARE REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY FOR PHOTOS THAT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THEIR UPCOMING BOOK *MEXICANS IN SAN JOSE* WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED BY ARCADIA PUBLISHING. THE BOOK WILL BE HISTORY OF THE LATINO COMMUNITY IN THE SOUTH BAY. FOR MORE INFO, CALL (408) 274-7900, EXT. 2053 OR EXT. 6609, OR VISIT WWW.ARCADIAPUBLISHING.COM.

EDUCATION

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/03/2008 REPORTED THAT ACCREDITORS SAY 'DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE' HAS NOT IMPROVED COMPUTER SECURITY, LONG AFTER A CASH FOR GRADES SCHEME AT THE SCHOOL. THE "ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES" WARNED THE PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL IT COULD LOSE ITS ACCREDITATION IF IT DOES NOT CORRECT THE PROBLEMS WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR. FORMER STUDENT EMPLOYEE'S ARE SUSPECTED OF CHANGING GRADES FOR DOZENS OF STUDENTS OVER A SIX YEAR PERIOD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/25/2008 REPORTED THAT KIDS IN SAN FRANCISCO AND OAKLAND ARE GOING BACK TO SCHOOL THIS MORNING. OAKLAND PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS HELD A BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY YESTERDAY, TO ENCOURAGE KIDS NOT TO SKIP CLASS. CHARITY GROUPS HANDED OUT FREE BACKPACKS TO HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS DURING THE RALLY AT CITY HALL. NEW STATE TEST SCORES SHOW OAKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS MADE PROGRESS IN MATH AND ENGLISH, BUT STUDENTS STILL LAG BEHIND STATEWIDE AVERAGES. SCHOOL STARTS TOMORROW FOR SAN JOSE STUDENTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/26/2008 REPORTED THAT UC BERKELEY IS LAUNCHING A NEW EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM TO KEEP STUDENTS AND STAFF BETTER INFORMED OF DANGEROUS SITUATIONS ON OR NEAR CAMPUS. THE SCHOOL WILL NOW USE PHONE, TEXT MESSAGES, AND E-MAILS TO NOTIFY STUDENTS AND WORKERS OF THREATS TO THEIR SAFETY. SINCE JULY, MORE THAN 11 THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED UP FOR CAL'S NEW "WARN ME" SYSTEM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/26/2008 REPORTED THAT TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR MANY SAN JOSE STUDENTS. WHILE KIDS ARE IN CLASS, LEADERS ARE LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS TO A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS FACING LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS. SEVERAL COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN SET UP TO WORK ON IMPROVEMENTS. ONE COMMITTEE IS DEDICATED TO SAFETY, ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS WHO WALK TO AND FROM SCHOOL. PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS TO BEEF UP THE CROSSING GUARD PROGRAM, AND PUT UP NEW SPEED SIGNS. LAST JUNE, A HOOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT WAS KILLED BY A CAR A BLOCK FROM HER SCHOOL. ANOTHER COMMITTEE IS DEDICATED TO TRUANCY. A THIRD IS FOCUSING ON WAYS TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN TEACHERS. YOU CAN TRACK THE PROGRESS OF THESE COMMITTEES, DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS EVERY MONTH THROUGH MAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/27/2008 REPORTED THAT THE FREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY DOUBLE BUS FARE FOR STUDENTS BECAUSE OF HIGH GAS PRICES. PARENTS CAN EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS TONIGHT. PARENTS PAY 350 DOLLARS A YEAR FOR THEIR KIDS TO RIDE THE BUS TO SCHOOL. IF THE HIKE IS APPROVED, THEY WOULD START PAYING 700 DOLLARS A YEAR. STUDENTS THAT QUALIFY FOR FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH WOULD STILL RIDE THE BUS FOR FREE. THE RATE HIKE WOULD NOT GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL THE SPRING SEMESTER. A PUBLIC MEETING ON THE PROPOSAL IS SET FOR 6:30 TONIGHT AT FREMONT CITY HALL.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM 09/07/2008 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH WILLIAM KINDRICKS, PAST PRESIDENT, CURRENT PRESIDENT RON BROWN, AND SHELEMET ABRAHAM AN HONOR ROLL STUDENT AND PARTICIPANT. WILLIAM SAYS THAT, IT'S IMPORTANT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO DREAM AND KNOW THAT THEY CAN REACH THOSE DREAMS. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THEM NOT TO FAIL. THEIR SLOGAN IS, "WHAT THEY SEE IS WHAT THEY'LL BE". RON ADDS THAT STUDENTS NEEDS A POSITIVE EXAMPLE AND SHARE WITH THEM HIS EXPERIENCES IN LIFE BOTH GOOD AND BAD. IN TERMS OF SELECTION, THEY HAVE ADOPTED A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO MENTOR YOUTH. IT'S A 36 WEEK PROGRAM, THAT'S 2 HOURS A DAY AND TWICE A WEEK. THEY OFFER COMPUTER LEARNING AND LIFE SKILLS. HE STRESSES THAT IT'S A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE STUDENTS AND PARENTS. THEY HAVE TO COMMIT IN THE VALUE OF THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATION.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM 09/07/2008 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH STACY CASTLE, ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND KATHY LINTON, CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER. STACY SPEAKS ABOUT THE SUPERVISED VISITATION PROGRAM AND RAPE CRISIS PROGRAM. THEY HAVE MANY ADVOCATES AND VOLUNTEERS THAT HELP MOVE THEM FROM THE VICTIM MENTALITY TO THE SURVIVOR MENTALITY. THEY OFFER CHILD CARE AND YOUTH SERVICES WHICH RANGE ANYWHERE BETWEEN ELEMENTARY TO HIGH SCHOOL KIDS. THEY RECEIVED A EAST SIDE UNION HEIGHT DISTRICT GRANT, ENRICHMENT PROGRAM THAT HELPED ALMOST GRADUATE 200 STUDENTS.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/30/2008 REPORTED THAT MORE EVIDENCE OF WATER ON MARS THIS MORNING. NASA SCIENTISTS SAY THEY HAVE DETECTED SNOW FALLING ON THE RED PLANET. THE NEW

FINDINGS AND PHOTOS FROM THE PHOENIX MARS LANDER WERE RELEASED YESTERDAY. THE PHOENIX MISSION IS OFFICIALLY OVER, BUT THE LANDER CONTINUES TO GATHER DATA AND TAKE PICTURES. YOU CAN'T SEE THE SNOW, BUT INSTRUMENTS HAVE DETECTED FROZEN MOISTURE IN THE MARTIAN ATMOSPHERE. SO FAR, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THE SNOW ACTUALLY REACHED THE GROUND.

ENVIRONMENT

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/01/2008 REPORTED THAT CAL-FIRE SAYS THESE 30-PLUS FIRES ARE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN. ALL TOTALED, ABOUT 258 SQUARE MILES OF CALIFORNIA LAND IS ON FIRE, THAT'S ABOUT 15 SQUARE MILES SMALLER THAN THE CITIES OF OAKLAND, SAN JOSE, AND SAN FRANCISCO COMBINED. THE BIGGEST FIRE IS THREATENING THE COASTAL COMMUNITY OF BIG SUR 500-HOMES ARE THREATENED AND THE FIRE IS ONLY THREE PERCENT CONTAINED. IT HAS ALREADY BURNED MORE THAN 26-THOUSAND ACRES OR MORE THAN 40 SQUARE MILES AND DESTROYED 16 HOMES AND TWO OTHER BUILDINGS. CAL FIRE SAYS HIGH WINDS AND STEEP TERRAIN ARE SLOWING THEIR EFFORTS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/01/2008 REPORTED THAT UNIVERSITY POLICE GAVE THE TREE SITTERS A CASE OF WATER YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AFTER THEY SAID THEY NEEDED IT. EARLIER, POLICE USED A CHERRY PICKER TO OFFER FOOD AND WATER IN EXCHANGE FOR THE PROTESTORS LOWERING THEIR BODILY WASTE. THE PROTESTORS REJECTED THE DEAL, BUT THE UNIVERSITY SENT THE WATER UP ANYWAY. TWO PROTESTORS WERE ARRESTED EARLIER THIS WEEK AFTER THEY VOLUNTARILY CLIMBED DOWN FROM THE TREES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/01/2008 REPORTED THAT ANOTHER LEVEE BROKE ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER OVERNIGHT. IT HAPPENED IN WINFILED, MISSOURI, ABOUT 45 MILES NORTHWEST OF SAINT LOUIS. THE LEVEE WAS THE LAST WALL OF DEFENSE FOR ABOUT 100 HOMES. SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES DROVE THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOODS YELLING, "THE LEVEE BROKE. GET OUT". THIS IS JUST THE LATEST LOST BATTLE IN THE MIDWEST, WHERE RECORD FLOODING HAS CLAIMED THOUSANDS OF HOMES AND BILLIONS IN LOST CROPS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/03/2008 REPORTED THAT MORE STRUCTURES BURNED OVERNIGHT NEAR THE VENTANA-INN IN BIG SUR. THE INCIDENT COMMAND IS NOT SURE WHETHER THOSE WERE HOUSES. CREWS FACED EXTREME FIRE CONDITIONS OVERNIGHT. FIREFIGHTERS SAY THE FLAMES DIDN'T SLOW DOWN UNTIL FOUR THIS MORNING. A RED FLAG WARNING IS IN PLACE AS EXTREME CONDITIONS PERSIST. A 31 MILE STRETCH OF COAST ALONG HIGHWAY ONE IS UNDER EVACUATION ORDERS, THAT INCLUDES NEARLY ALL OF BIG SUR'S 900 RESIDENTS. AT FOUR PM THAT AREA WILL EXPAND EVEN FURTHER, FROM PALO COLORADO, CANYON-ROAD, DOWN HIGHWAY ONE TO LIME KILN STATE PARK. SMOKE AND ASH RAINED DOWN AS A PROCESSION

OF EVACUEES LEFT TOWN AND FIREFIGHTERS MOVED IN. AROUND 16 HUNDRED FIREFIGHTERS ARE ON THE FRONT LINES RIGHT NOW. AND MORE HELP IS ON THE WAY FROM THE MIDWEST AND EASTERN U.S. SEVERAL CREWS ARE MEETING UP IN MISSOURI TODAY, WHERE THEY'LL BOARD A PLANE FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. THE BASIN COMPLEX FIRE COVERS 64 THOUSAND ACRES OR MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED SQUARE MILES. IT IS ONLY THREE PERCENT CONTAINED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/03/2008 REPORTED THAT FLAMES NOW THREATEN ABOUT 200 HOMES IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY. THE "GAP FIRE" BROKE OUT TUESDAY NIGHT, AND HAS BURNED 24 HUNDRED ACRES, OR NEARLY FOUR SQUARE MILES IN THE RUGGED HILLS JUST NORTH OF GOLETA. CREWS ARE PRIMARILY USING HELICOPTERS AND AIR TANKERS TO BATTLE THE FLAMES, WHICH ARE NOT CONTAINED AT ALL. IT IS BURNING ABOUT TWO MILES WEST OF WHERE THE "PAINTED CAVE FIRE" BURNED 600 BUILDINGS BACK IN 1990.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/03/2008 REPORTED THAT THE NUMBER OF TREE SITTERS TRYING TO SAVE AN OAK GROVE IN BERKELEY IS DWINDLING. FOUR HAVE COME DOWN. LEAVING JUST THREE IN THE TREES. ONE WOMAN WHO CALLS HERSELF "DUMPSTER MUFFIN" SAID SHE WANTED TO TALK TO A DOCTOR. BUT SHE APPEARED SO WEAK UC POLICE SENT HER TO THE HOSPITAL. THE UNIVERSITY SAYS HER REAL NAME IS AMANDA TIERNEY. FRIENDS SAY THE 21 YEAR OLD WAS TREATED FOR DEHYDRATION. POLICE ARE NOT ALLOWING FOOD DELIVERIES. THE UNIVERSITY IS PROVIDING WATER AND ENERGY BARS. SUPPORTERS THIS MORNING SAY THE REMAINING TREE SITTERS WILL STAY. THE UNIVERSITY SAYS THE TREE SITTERS ARE TRESPASSING, AND AFTER MORE THAN A YEAR AND A HALF IT IS TIME TO END THE PROTEST. THE SITTERS ARE TRYING TO PREVENT CAL FROM REPLACING THE OAK GROVE WITH A SPORTS COMPLEX.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/03/2008 REPORTED THAT ALL NINE BAY AREA COUNTIES, AND ELEVEN WATER DISTRICTS ARE COMING TOGETHER TO URGE PEOPLE TO CONSERVE WATER. A WEBSITE HAS BEEN LAUNCHED, URGING RESIDENTS TO VOLUNTARILY REDUCE THEIR WATER CONSUMPTION BY TEN PERCENT. "WATERSAVINGHERODOT.COM" ALSO HAS INFORMATION ABOUT REBATES FROM WATER UTILITIES, AND CONSERVATION TIPS. GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER DECLARED A STATEWIDE DROUGHT LAST MONTH FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NEARLY TWO DECADES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT BIOLOGISTS ARE MEETING THIS MORNING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH THE SEA LION THAT APPEARS TO BE STRANDED IN THE SOUTH BAY. IT IS SWIMMING IN A SMALL SECTION OF WATER IN THE SAN TOMAS AQUINO CREEK, NEAR THE SAN TOMAS EXPRESSWAY AND SCOTT BOULEVARD IN SANTA CLARA. HE HAS BECOME AN "ATTRACTION" FOR PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THAT AREA. THE CENTER SAYS THE RESCUE ATTEMPTS ARE DANGEROUS AND NOT AS EASY AS ONE MIGHT SUSPECT. THE ANIMAL IS SO STRONG WITH ITS TWISTING AND TURNING, THAT IT COULD HURT ITSELF OR ONE OF THE RESCUERS. THE SEA LION ARRIVED HERE 10 DAYS AGO. BIOLOGISTS SUSPECT IT'S INTERNAL GPS IF YOU WILL SOMEHOW WENT HAYWIRE CAUSING IT TO WANDER OFF COURSE. AND NOW IT APPEARS TO BE STUCK IN THIS SECTION OF THE CREEK. ONE END

IS A RAISED CONCRET PLATFORM. THE OTHER END IS SHALLOW MARSH WHICH WAS PROBABLY DEEPER SEVERAL DAYS AGO WHEN THE WATER LEVELS WERE A BIT HIGHER. THE SEA LION IS A JUVENILE. ABOUT 6 FEET LONG. 150 POUNDS. VERY ACTIVE. AND APPEARS TO BE HEALTHY. TALKING WITH THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER: IT SEEMS THE BIGGEST THREAT WOULDN'T BE STARVATION. RATHER DEHYDRATION. SINCE IT GETS ITS WATER FROM ITS FOOD.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT FIREFIGHTERS ARE RACING TO MAKE AS MUCH PROGRESS AS THEY CAN AGAINST HUNDREDS OF WILDFIRES, BEFORE THE HOT WEATHER SETTLES IN. THE "BASIN COMPLEX FIRE" NEAR BIG SUR IS NOW 18- PERCENT CONTAINED...IT IS THE LARGEST FIRE IN THE STATE, BURNING MORE THAN 77 THOUSAND SQAURE ACRES, OR MORE THAN 120 SQUARE MILES. 22 HOMES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, AND HUNDREDS ARE STILL THREATENED. EXHAUSTED FIREFIGHTERS ARE JUST TRYING TO KEEP UP.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ARE BEING ALLOWED TO RETURN HOME AS CREWS MAKE PROGRESS AGAINST THE STATE'S SECOND LARGEST FIRE IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY. THE GAP FIRE IS NOW 35 PERCENT CONTAINED. ALMOST 27 HUNDRED HOMES WERE UNDER EVACUATION ORDERS OVER THE WEEKEND, BUT MANY OF THOSE ORDERS HAVE NOW BEEN LIFTED. 95 HUNDRED ACRES, OR ABOUT 15 SQUARE MILES HAVE BURNED IN THE HILLS NORTH OF GOLETA.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/09/2008 REPORTED THAT THE "BUTTE LIGHTNING COMPLEX" FIRE JUMPED CONTAINMENT LINES YESTERDAY AND DESTROYED 40 HOMES IN THE TOWN OF CONCOW, EAST OF CHICO. THOUSANDS MORE ARE THREATENED. MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND RESIDENTS ARE BEING ASKED TO EVACUATE IN NEARBY YANKEE HILL AND PARADISE. ERRATIC WINDS BLEW EMBERS ACROSS FIRE CONTAINMENT LINES. CREWS SAY 30-MILE-PER-HOUR WINDS ARE HELPING FAN THE FLAMES, WHICH ARE 40-PERCENT CONTAINED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/09/2008 REPORTED THAT IN BIG SUR, MANY EVACUATED RESIDENTS ARE NOW ALLOWED BACK HOME. FLAMES HAVE BURNED AT LEAST 50 BUILDINGS IN THE AREA. RUGGED TERRAIN HAS KEPT CONTAINMENT AT JUST 27 PERCENT. THAT FIRE HAS BEEN BURNING FOR THREE WEEKS, AND HAS CHARRED 85 THOUSAND ACRES, OR ABOUT 132-SQUARE MILES. FULL CONTAINMENT MAY NOT HAPPEN UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/10/2008 REPORTED THAT DRINK WATER, SAVE ENERGY AND DON'T DRIVE TO WORK. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE BEING ASKED TO DO TO HELP OUT DURING THE TAIL END OF THIS HEAT WAVE. THE BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT HAS DECLARED THE FOURTH STRAIGHT SPARE THE AIR DAY. YOU'RE URGED TO TAKE MASS TRANSIT TO CUT DOWN ON SMOG, BUT THERE ARE NO FREE RIDES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/10/2008 REPORTED THAT THIS HOT WEATHER IS REALLY HEATING UP ACTIVITY AT ONE BAY AREA BUSINESS.

GLACIER ICE COMPANY IN FREMONT IS WORKING OVERTIME TO DELIVER ICE TO STORES. THEIR BUSINESS HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED IN THIS HEAT WAVE. WHILE THEIR WAREHOUSE IS A COOL 65 DEGREES, MAKE NO MISTAKE, THE WORKERS SWEAT ALONG WITH THE REST OF US. WHEN IT GETS REALLY HOT - STANDING IN THE FREEZER IS ALWAYS AN OPTION. IT'S A CHILLY 20 DEGREES. THANKFULLY THE TEMPERATURES ARE COMING DOWN AROUND THE BAY TODAY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/17/2008 REPORTED THAT OAKLAND UNVEILED A GREEN BUILDING PLAN FOR THE CITY THIS MORNING. THE POLICY AIMS TO HELP HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS REDUCE ENERGY COSTS AND LIVE IN A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/25/2008 REPORTED THAT THE LEGAL FIGHT OVER PLANS TO BUILD A NEW SPORTS TRAINING CENTER AT U-C BERKELEY COULD END IN COURT TODAY. THE STATE COURT OF APPEAL DENIED AN APPEAL BY OAK TREE SUPPORTERS AND A NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP LAST WEEK, AND SENT THE CASE BACK TO TRIAL COURT. A SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE RULED LAST MONTH U-C BERKELEY'S PLAN TO BUILD THE SPORTS TRAINING CENTER COMPLIES WITH STATE EARTHQUAKE LAWS. SHE COULD FINALIZE THAT DECISION TODAY. THE UNIVERSITY WOULD TEAR DOWN THE OAK GROVE TO MAKE WAY FOR THE NEW CENTER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/26/2008 REPORTED THAT PEOPLE ARE BEING ADVISED TO STAY OUT OF THE WATER AROUND THE LARKSPUR FERRY TERMINAL AFTER A RAW SEWAGE SPILL. UP TO ONE THOUSAND GALLONS OF SEWAGE SPILLED INTO THE BAY YESTERDAY, AFTER A PIPE BROKE FREE AT THE TERMINAL. SIGNS ARE POSTED ALONG THE LARKSPUR SHORELINE TO WARN PEOPLE. SWIMMING, RECREATIONAL WATER USE AND SPORT FISHING SHOULD BE AVOIDED FOR A HALF-MILE ON EITHER SIDE OF THE FERRY TERMINAL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/26/2008 REPORTED THAT UC BERKELEY IS VOLUNTARILY DELAYING CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SPORTS TRAINING CENTER, UNTIL A STATE APPEALS COURT TAKES UP A LAWSUIT OPPOSING THE PROJECT. CONSTRUCTION COULD BE STALLED UNTIL AT LEAST THE END OF SEPTEMBER, LEAVING THE TREE SITTERS ON THEIR PERCH ATOP THE OAK GROVE. THE PROJECT HAS BEEN HELD UP IN COURT SINCE DECEMBER 2006. THREE GROUPS SUED TO STOP THE PROJECT BECAUSE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/27/2008 REPORTED THAT HIGH TEMPERATURES ARE CREATING A TRIPLE THREAT IN THE BAY AREA TODAY: A RED FLAG WARNING, A HEAT ADVISORY AND A SPARE THE AIR DAY. RED FLAG WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT UNTIL 5:00 O'CLOCK TOMORROW NIGHT IN HILLS AROUND THE BAY AREA, INCLUDING MOUNT HAMILTON IN SAN JOSE AND THE DIABLO RANGE IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY. FIREFIGHTERS ARE REMINDING PEOPLE TO CLEAR DRY BRUSH WITHIN 100 FEET OF THEIR HOMES. AND TODAY IS A SPARE THE AIR DAY. YOU'RE ENCOURAGED TO REDUCE DRIVING, CARPOOL, OR USE MASS TRANSIT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/27/2008 REPORTED THAT UC BERKELEY WON THE LATEST COURT DECISION, WHICH COULD END THE 20 MONTH BATTLE OVER A SPORTS TRAINING FACILITY NEXT TO MEMORIAL STADIUM. IN A LATE RULING, A JUDGE SAYS THE UNIVERSITY HAD COMPLIED WITH THE LEGAL ISSUES, AND CAN BEGIN CONSTRUCTION WHERE SEVERAL DOZEN OAK TREES NOW STAND...TREE SITTERS HAVE UNTIL TOMORROW TO APPEAL. THEIR SUPPORTERS SAY THEY WILL PROTECT THE TREES WITH THEIR BODIES, NO MATTER WHAT. THE UNIVERSITY HAS SAID IT WILL NOT BEGIN CONSTRUCTION UNTIL THE STATE COURT OF APPEALS RULES ON THE CASE. THAT COULD HAPPEN NEXT WEEK.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/28/2008 REPORTED THAT WE BEGIN WITH A WILDFIRE BURNING OUT OF CONTROL, AND GROWING BY THE HOUR NEAR YOSEMITE. IT HAS ALREADY BURNED A DOZEN HOMES AND IS THREATENING TWO THOUSAND MORE. IT IS BEING CALLED THE 'TELEGRAPH FIRE', AND STARTED FRIDAY AFTERNOON IN MARIPOSA COUNTY, ABOUT 12 MILES WEST OF YOSEMITE. IT EXPLODED ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, RACING ACROSS 26 THOUSAND ACRES, OR ABOUT 40 SQUARE MILES. THE FLAMES FORCED HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN THE TOWN OF "MID PINES" TO EVACUATE. THAT IS WHERE 12 HOMES AND 27 OUTBUILDINGS HAVE ALREADY BEEN LOST. BAY AREA FIREFIGHTERS, INCLUDING A CREW FROM SAN MATEO COUNTY, ARE NOW ON THE FIRE LINES. SO FAR, THE FIRE IS JUST TEN PERCENT CONTAINED. INVESTIGATORS SAY A BULLET HIT A ROCK AND SPARKED THE FLAMES WHILE SOMEBODY WAS TAKING TARGET PRACTICE.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-11:30AM 08/29/2008 REPORTED THAT TROPICAL STORM GUSTAV IS APPROACHING THE U.S. AND GAINING STRENGTH ALONG THE WAY. IT IS SWIRLING IN THE CARIBBEAN AND FORECASTERS FEAR IT COULD HIT THE GULF COAST AS A MAJOR HURRICANE.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-11:30AM 08/29/2008 REPORTED THAT A STRONG EARTHQUAKE HIT CANADA'S WEST COAST THIS MORNING. A 6.1 STRUCK NEAR VANCOUVER ISLAND AROUND 5:40. SEISMOLOGISTS SAY IT IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF 18 COASTAL QUAKE THIS WEEK. ALL OF THEM HAVE BEEN TOO FAR OFFSHORE TO BE FELT ON LAND, AND TOO SMALL TO GENERATE A TSUNAMI.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/08/2008 REPORTED THAT PEOPLE IN CUBA ARE FEELING THE FULL EFFECTS OF HURRICANE IKE RIGHT NOW, AND RESIDENTS OF SOUTH FLORIDA ARE KEEPING AN EYE ON THE STORM IN CASE THEY ARE NEXT IN LINE. HERE'S A SATELIITE IMAGE OF IKE CHURNING JUST NORTH OF CUBA.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/08/2008 REPORTED THAT IN ABOUT AN HOUR, THE STATE ASSEMBLY WILL GET BACK TO WORK, TRYING TO SOLVE THE STATE BUDGET, WHICH IS NOW 70 DAYS OVERDUE. REPUBLICANS WANT TO KEEP VITAL SERVICES FUNDED, AND COULD VOTE ON AN EMERGENCY SPENDING MEASURE THIS AFTERNOON. BUT THE GOVERNOR SAYS LEGISLATORS NEED TO FOCUS ON PASSING A BUDGET INSTEAD OF TEMPORARY, STOP GAP MEASURES.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/08/2008 REPORTED THAT THE LATE BUDGET HAS LED TO A NEW RECALL EFFORT AGAINST GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER. THE CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION IS EXPECTED TO FILE RECALL PAPERS SOMETIME TODAY WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE. THE UNION SAYS THE LACK OF A BUDGET, AS WELL AS NOT EXEMPTING MORE THAN 30 THOUSAND PRISON GUARDS FROM AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO SALARIES, ARE JUST SOME OF THE ISSUES BEHIND THE RECALL. UNION MEMBERS SAY THEY ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES UPSET. THE GOVERNOR'S SPOKESMAN SAYS, THE UNION IS UPSET BECAUSE THEIR PROPOSED 35 PERCENT PAY RAISE WAS NOT APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR FIVE YEARS AGO, GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER WON A RECALL ELECTION, THAT PUSHED FORMER GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS OUT OF OFFICE.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/08/2008 REPORTED THAT WE COULD SOON LEARN MORE ABOUT REPUBLICAN VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE SARAH PALIN, FROM A NEW BOOK. A CHRISTIAN BOOK PUBLISHER SAYS IT WILL RELEASE A BIOGRAPHY IN OCTOBER. MEANTIME, A NEW POLL SHOWS A SIGNIFICANT BUMP FOR SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN AFTER THE G.O.P. CONVENTION. THE U.S.A. TODAY, GALLUP POLL SHOWS MCCAIN NOW LEADS SENATOR BARACK OBAMA 50 TO 46 PERCENT, AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS. IT IS THE REPUBLICAN'S BIGGEST LEAD SINCE JANUARY.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/08/2008 REPORTED THAT VICE PRESIDENT DICK CHENEY IS IN ITALY TODAY, RENEWING HIS CALL FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE U.S. OVER THE CRISIS IN GEORGIA. CHENEY CALLED RUSSIA'S ACTIONS IN GEORGIA A BRUTALITY AGAINST A NEIGHBOR. HE ALSO ACCUSED RUSSIA OF USING ENERGY AS A TOOL OF FORCE AND MANIPULATION IN CENTRAL ASIA. RUSSIA IS THE WORLD'S SECOND LARGEST OIL PRODUCER.

GOVERNMENT

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/01/2008 REPORTED THAT SIX THOUSAND PEOPLE, IN A TOWN OF 17 HUNDRED, CHEERED SENATORS BARACK OBAMA AND HILLARY CLINTON AS THEY TOOK THE STAGE TOGETHER LESS THAN AN HOUR AGO.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/01/2008 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM IS IN THE PROCESS OF ANNOUNCING NEW ANTI-GUN INITIATIVES, DESPITE THE THREAT OF AN NRA LAWSUIT. NEWSOM'S NEW CALL FOR STRICTER GUN LAWS ALSO SEEMS CONTRADICTIONARY TO YESTERDAY'S SUPREME COURT RULING, SAYING EVERY AMERICAN HAS THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS. SAN FRANCISCO BANS POSSESSION OR SALE OF GUNS ON CITY PROPERTY, WHICH INCLUDES SHELTERS AND HOMES WHERE PEOPLE LIVE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/01/2008 REPORTED THAT SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN HELD A TOWN HALL MEETING THIS MORNING AND TOURED A GM PLANT IN WARREN, OHIO. OHIO IS EXPECTED TO BE A SWING

STATE AND A NEW WALL STREET JOURNAL POLL SHOWS JOHN MCCAIN TRAILING OBAMA BY A WIDE MARGIN. SPONSORS OF A BALLOT INITIATIVE TO BAN SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN CALIFORNIA; SAY MCCAIN HAS ENDORSED THE MEASURE. THE PROTECT MARRIAGE CAMPAIGN SAYS MCCAIN E-MAILED THEM YESTERDAY WITH HIS SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS "TO RECOGNIZE MARRIAGE AS A UNIQUE INSTITUTION BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN."

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/03/2008 REPORTED THAT JOHN MCCAIN AND BARACK OBAMA ARE PRAISING COLOMBIA'S GOVERNMENT FOR THE RESCUE. MCCAIN ARRIVED IN MEXICO CITY YESTERDAY. HE HAPPENED TO BE IN COLOMBIA WHEN THE MISSION BEGAN, AND SAYS HE GOT AN ADVANCE BRIEFING. WHILE IN MEXICO TODAY, HE WILL PROMOTE FREE TRADE. HE WILL ALSO TALK TO MEXICO'S PRESIDENT ABOUT BETTER SECURITY ALONG THE U.S. MEXICO BORDER. ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IS A KEY ISSUE AMONG HISPANIC AND CONSERVATIVE VOTERS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/03/2008 REPORTED THAT SENATOR OBAMA IS EXPECTED TO PUSH THE THEME OF "SERVE YOUR COUNTRY" DURING A SPEECH TO VETERANS IN NORTH DAKOTA TODAY. YESTERDAY, HE SAID IF HE IS ELECTED PRESIDENT, HE WILL ASK YOUNG PEOPLE TO LOOK BEYOND THEIR OWN INTERESTS AND JOIN THE MILITARY. OBAMA SAID AMERICANS WERE WILLING TO SERVE AND SACRIFICE, AFTER THE TERROR ATTACKS IN 2001 - BUT WERE NEVER ASKED TO BY PRESIDENT BUSH.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT MORE THAN 19 THOUSAND FIREFIGHTERS ARE BATTLING FLAMES ACROSS THE STATE, AND THEY'RE ABOUT TO GET MORE HELP. THE FIRST OF 400 NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS LOADED UP THEIR GEAR THIS MORNING AT MCCLELLAN AIR PARK NEAR SACRAMENTO. GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER CALLED THE GUARD INTO ACTION TO HELP FIGHT THE FIRES. THEY'VE SPENT THE LAST FEW DAYS RECEIVING A CRASH COURSE ON FIREFIGHTING. THE SOLDIERS WILL START ARRIVING AT THE FIRE LINES THIS AFTERNOON. THEY ARE PREPARED FOR A DEPLOYMENT THAT COULD LAST UP TO A MONTH.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT HOUSE SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI IS JOINING FORCES WITH BAY AREA COMMUNITY LEADERS TO TACKLE THE ISSUE OF SKYROCKETING FUEL PRICES. PELOSI WILL HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO THIS AFTERNOON. SHE PLANS TO OUTLINE THE NEW DIRECTION CONGRESS IS TAKING WILL HELP TO PROVIDE RELIEF AT THE PUMP. LEADERS FROM THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO, MEALS ON WHEELS AND TREE LOVERS WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE EVENT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT SENATOR BARACK OBAMA'S AIRPLANE MADE AN UNSCHEDULED BUT SAFE LANDING IN SAINT LOUIS TODAY BECAUSE OF A FLIGHT CONTROL PROBLEM. THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WAS HEADED TO NORTH CAROLINA FROM CHICAGO. HIS MIDWEST CHARTER PLANE HAD A PROBLEM KEEPING ITS NOSE AT THE RIGHT ANGLE AS IT WAS TAKING OFF. OBAMA JOKED ABOUT THE DELAY, SAYING HE THOUGHT HE'D SPICE THINGS UP A LITTLE

TODAY. THE NORTH CAROLINA TRIP HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL A LATER DATE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JOHN MCCAIN IS IN COLORADO TODAY TO TALK ABOUT JOB CUTS. HE'S PROPOSING TO HELP THE ECONOMY BY CUTTING TAXES, ENCOURAGING FREE TRADE, AND BUILDING NUCLEAR POWER PLANT. MEANWHILE, AN AP YAHOO POLL RELEASED TODAY SHOWS THAT WHEN PEOPLE ARE ASKED TO DESCRIBE THE TWO CANDIDATES, THE TOP ANSWER FOR MCCAIN IS "OLD" FOLLOWED BY "MILITARY SERVICE." "OUTSIDER" FOLLOWED BY "LACK OF EXPERIENCE" WERE THE TOP TWO DESCRIPTIONS FOR OBAMA.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT AFTER THEIR FIRST MEETING AS FELLOW HEADS OF STATE PRESIDENT BUSH SAID HE FOUND RUSSIAN PRESIDENT DMITRY MEDVEDEV TO BE A SMART GUY. ACCORDING TO RUSSIAN OFFICIALS, ONE OF THE THINGS MISTER MEDVEDEV TOLD MISTER BUSH IS THAT HE STILL DOESN'T LIKE THE UNITED STATES' PLAN FOR MISSILE DEFENSE SHIELD BASED IN EASTERN EUROPE. THIS WEEK THE UNITED STATES WILL SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CZECH REPUBLIC TO BASE THE RADAR FOR THAT SYSTEM ON CZECH SOIL.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/09/2008 REPORTED THAT SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN'S CALIFORNIA CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS WILL OPEN IN TORRANCE TODAY, BUT MCCAIN WILL NOT BE THERE. HE WILL CAMPAIGN IN OHIO, A STATE THAT COULD PLAY A DECISIVE ROLE IN NOVEMBER. THE REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN OF SAN FRANCISCO SAYS CALIFORNIA IS THE ATM OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. MCCAIN MIGHT SET UP AN OFFICE IN THE EAST BAY, IF ANYWHERE IN THE BAY AREA.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/09/2008 REPORTED THAT BARACK OBAMA IS UNLEASHING HIS FIRST AD DIRECTLY ATTACKING JOHN MCCAIN, ACCUSING HIM OF BEING TOO COZY WITH BIG OIL, AND PRESIDENT BUSH. SOME SAY IT MAY BE THE FIRST NEGATIVE AD OF THE GENERAL ELECTION. OBAMA'S TEAM SAYS THE MCCAIN CAMP AND THE REPUBLICANS WENT NEGATIVE FIRST.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/10/2008 REPORTED THAT A HOUSING BILL THAT WOULD RESCUE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF VICTIMS OF THE HOUSING CRISIS HAS CLEARED A MAJOR HURDLE. THE SENATE VOTED RESOUNDINGLY IN FAVOR OF THE BILL THIS MORNING. THE PLAN WOULD LET THE FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION BACK UP TO 300 BILLION DOLLARS IN NEW LOANS TO GIVE STRUGGLING HOMEOWNERS MORE AFFORDABLE, FIXED-RATE MORTGAGES. THE BILL STILL FACES SEVERAL OBSTACLES. HOUSE LEADERS PLAN TO REWRITE KEY PORTIONS, AND THE WHITE HOUSE IS STILL THREATENING A VETO.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF TWO ISRAELI SOLDIERS MISSING FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS MAY FINALLY HAVE SOME ANSWERS. LEBANESE MILITANTS HEZBOLLAH TURNED OVER TWO BLACK COFFINS AT THE BORDER BELIEVED TO CONTAIN THE BODIES OF THE SOLDIERS. THEY'VE BEEN PRESUMED DEAD SINCE THE

BORDER RAID THAT SPARKED A MONTH LONG WAR. IF FORENSIC EXPERTS IDENTIFY THE BODIES AS THE MISSING MEN, ISRAEL HAS AGREED TO TURN OVER 5 LEBANESE PRISONERS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT BUSH IS EXPECTED TO TOUR WILDFIRE DAMAGE IN CALIFORNIA TOMORROW BEFORE HEADING TO NAPA COUNTY FOR A REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE RECEPTION. THE CHP CONFIRMS OFFICERS WILL ESCORT HIS ENTOURAGE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT A NEW POLL SHOWS A BIG LEAD FOR SENATOR BARACK OBAMA OVER SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN HERE IN CALIFORNIA. THE FIELD POLL WAS CONDUCTED FROM JULY 8TH THROUGH 12TH, AND SHOWS OBAMA WITH A 24 POINT LEAD OVER MCCAIN. MEANTIME, SENATOR OBAMA DISCUSSED NATIONAL SECURITY WITH VOTERS IN WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA THIS MORNING. HE WARNED ABOUT THE DANGERS OF "FIGHTING THE LAST WAR" PLEDGING TO FOCUS ON EMERGING NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL AND CYBER THREATS IF ELECTED PRESIDENT. OBAMA IS ALSO HOLDING A ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY TODAY. AMONG THOSE JOINING HIM, TWO POTENTIAL RUNNING MATES. SENATOR EVAN BAYH FROM INDIANA AND FORMER SENATOR SAM NUNN FROM GEORGIA. SENATOR MCCAIN DELIVERED A SPEECH TO THE NAACP IN CINCINNATI THIS MORNING. HE PLEDGED TO EXPAND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN IN FAILING SCHOOLS, INCLUDING VOUCHERS FOR CHILDREN TO ATTEND PRIVATE SCHOOL. MCCAIN ALSO PRAISED BARACK OBAMA'S HISTORIC CAMPAIGN, BUT SAID THE ILLINOIS SENATOR IS WRONG TO OPPOSE SCHOOL VOUCHERS FOR STUDENTS IN FAILING PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/17/2008 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT BUSH IS ON HIS WAY TO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RIGHT NOW. AIR FORCE ONE IS SET TO TOUCH DOWN IN REDDING IN ABOUT THREE HOURS. THE PRESIDENT WILL JOIN GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER FOR A WILDFIRE BRIEFING AND THEN AERIAL TOUR OF THE BURNED AREAS. THEN AIR FORCE ONE WILL HEAD TO TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE WHERE THE PRESIDENT WILL BOARD A HELICOPTERS FOR A REPUBLICAN FUNDRAISER DINNER NEAR ST. HELENA IN NAPA COUNTY. PROTESTERS ARE EXPECTED TO GREET THE PRESIDENT. AND RESIDENTS ARE BEING WARNED TO EXPECT TRAFFIC DELAYS BETWEEN FOUR AND EIGHT ALONG HIGHWAY 29 AND SILVERADO TRAIL FROM YOUNTVILLE TO ST. HELENA.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/17/2008 REPORTED THAT THE INITIATIVE TO BAN SAME SEX MARRIAGE WILL STAY ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT REFUSED TO HEAR A PETITION YESTERDAY THAT WOULD STOP THE MEASURE FROM GOING TO VOTERS. GAY RIGHTS ADVOCATES ARGUED THE INITIATIVE WOULD ACTUALLY BE A CONSTITUTIONAL "REVISION" NOT AN AMENDMENT THAT WOULD REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO GET ON THE BALLOT. THE COURT'S DECISION CLEARS THE WAY FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PRINT VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLETS ON THE ISSUE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/17/2008 REPORTED THAT BEFORE HEADING TO CALIFORNIA, PRESIDENT BUSH HAILED TONY SNOW'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS MORNING AT THE FORMER PRESS SECRETARY'S FUNERAL. THE PRESIDENT TOLD MOURNERS HE WOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER SNOW'S WRY SENSE OF HUMOR AND ABUNDANT GOODNESS. SNOW WAS WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY FROM MAY OF 2006 UNTIL LAST SEPTEMBER. HE DIED OF COLON CANCER LAST SATURDAY. SNOW WAS A LONGSTANDING MEMBER OF WASHINGTON'S CONSERVATIVE POWER CIRCLES AND A FAMILIAR FACE ACROSS THE COUNTRY FROM HIS WORK AS A COMMENTATOR AND INTERVIEWER.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/28/2008 REPORTED THAT A NEW POLL SHOWS HOW POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR IN 2010 WOULD FARE AMONG VOTERS, IF THE PRIMARY WAS HELD TODAY. THE STATEWIDE POLL SHOWS STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL JERRY BROWN WOULD BE THE TOP CHOICE AMONG VOTERS. HE WOULD HAVE 31 PERCENT OF THE REGISTERED DEMOCRATS SURVEYED. SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM WOULD GET 19 PERCENT, LOS ANGELES MAYOR ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA, 12 PERCENT. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOHN GARAMDENI AND STATE SCHOOLS CHIEF JACK O'CONNELL WOULD EACH GET NINE PERCENT. BUT IF SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN WERE TO JUMP INTO THE POOL SHE WOULD SWAMP ALL OF THEM. JMM RESEARCH OF SACRAMENTO CONDUCTED THE POLL.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/28/2008 REPORTED THAT ONE OF THOSE POTENTIAL CANDIDATES TOOK A BREAK FROM POLITICS TO EXCHANGE VOWS OVER THE WEEKEND. THIS IS THE ONLY WEDDING PICTURE RELEASED BY SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM AND HIS NEW BRIDE ACTRESS JENNIFER SIEBEL. THEY WERE MARRIED IN MONTANA, WHERE SEIBEL'S FAMILY HAS A LARGE HORSE RANCH. WILLIE BROWN, NANCY PELOSI, AND CHARLES SCHWAB WERE AMONG THE ATTENDEES. BROWN TOLD THE CHRONICLE THE EVENT WAS VERY LOW KEY, AND GAVIN NEWSOM AND JENNIFER SIEBEL EVEN HOPPED ON HORSES DURING THE REHEARSAL DINNER.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/28/2008 REPORTED THAT SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN IS SLATED TO VISIT SAN FRANCISCO TONIGHT FOR A HIGH PRICED FUNDRAISER AT THE FAIRMONT HOTEL. INDIVIDUAL TICKETS START AT ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE ANTI- WAR GROUP "NO SOLDIER LEFT BEHIND" PLANS TO PROTEST THE EVENT AND MCCAIN'S SUPPORT OF THE WAR IN IRAQ.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/28/2008 REPORTED THAT CAMPAIGN BUTTONS IN IDAHO SHOW AN UNLIKELY PAIR, DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE BARACK OBAMA AND REPUBLICAN SENATOR LARRY CRAIG. BUT DON'T EXPECT THE STAUNCH REPUBLICAN TO THROW HIS SUPPORT BEHIND OBAMA. THE BUTTON WAS SUPPOSED TO SHOW OBAMA BESIDE LARRY LAROCCO, THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR SENATE. LARRY CRAIG IS NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION AFTER HIS ARREST IN A MINNESOTA AIRPORT BATHROOM SEX STING.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT

IN BEIJING, PRO-TIBET ACTIVISTS UNFURLED GIANT BANNERS OUTSIDE THE BEIJING NATIONAL STADIUM, THE SITE OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES' OPENING CEREMONY LATER THIS WEEK.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT A PRO-TIBET DEMONSTRATOR IS IN THE HOSPITAL AFTER FALLING SEVERAL FEET FROM THE WALL OF THE CHINESE CONSULATE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT TODAY REPUBLICAN JOHN MCCAIN VISITED JACKSON, OHIO. HE SPOKE TO EMPLOYEES AT THE CABINETRY COMPANY "MERILLAT INDUSTRIES" ABOUT THE ECONOMY AND ENERGY CRISIS IN THE US. MCCAIN SAID NOW IS THE TIME FOR ACTION, AND THAT THE US NEEDS TO ADDRESS THE ENERGY CRISIS WITH ALTERNATIVE ENERGY, NUCLEAR POWER, AND DRILLING IN AMERICA AND OFF THE COAST. MCCAIN ALSO SAID WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT AMERICAN BUSINESSES SO WE CAN STOP JOBS FROM GOING OVERSEAS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT BARACK OBAMA TODAY CRITICIZED THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION FOR ALLOWING SOME IRAQIS TO GET RICH ON OIL WHILE US TAXPAYERS FOOT THE BILL TO REBUILD THE COUNTRY. HIS COMMENTS CAME DURING A TOWN MEETING IN ELKHART, INDIANA WHILE CAMPAIGNING WITH INDIANA SENATOR EVAN BAYH, WHO SOME BELIEVE TO BE ON THE SHORT LIST OF RUNNING MATES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/25/2008 REPORTED THAT SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN IS LOOKING FOR HIS OWN SPOTLIGHT. HE'S IN CALIFORNIA TODAY. MCCAIN WILL HAVE A FUNDRAISER IN SACRAMENTO THIS AFTERNOON. AND LATER, HE WILL REACH OUT TO VOTERS APPEARING ON JAY LENO TONIGHT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/26/2008 REPORTED THAT SENATOR CLINTON MAY BE THE PRIMETIME SPEAKER BUT SHE IS JUST ONE OF DOZENS WHO WILL TAKE THE PODIUM TODAY. SENATOR BARBARA BOXER IS AMONG THOSE ALSO EXPECTED TO SPEAK. SOUTH BAY CONGRESSMAN MIKE HONDA WILL ALSO ADDRESS THE CONVENTION. REPRESENTATIVE HONDA IS CO-CHAIR OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE. AND STATE CONTROLLER JOHN CHIANG IS SPEAKING TODAY. HE CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF DEMOCRATS BY REFUSING THE GOVERNOR'S RECENT ORDER TO PAY STATE WORKERS MINIMUM WAGE DURING THE BUDGET BATTLE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/26/2008 REPORTED THAT WITH POLLS SHOWING A VERY CLOSE RACE, SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN IS TRYING FOR A LITTLE BIT OF THE NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT HIMSELF. THE LATEST GALLUP POLL SHOWS MCCAIN AND OBAMA TIED AT 45- PERCENT. THE POLL WAS TAKEN BEFORE THE CONVENTION STARTED, BUT AFTER OBAMA PICKED JOE BIDEN AS HIS RUNNING MATE. MCCAIN TOURED THE STATE YESTERDAY, ENDING IN LA LAST NIGHT TO BE ON THE "TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO". HE DEFENDED HIS RECENT COMMENT ABOUT NOT KNOWING HOW MANY HOMES

HE OWNED. HE ALSO MADE FUN OF HIS AGE AND HIS POSSIBLE RUNNING MATE. MCCAIN IS REFERRING TO LENO STEPPING DOWN FROM THE TONIGHT SHOW NEXT YEAR. LENO SAID HE COULD MAKE MORE DOING A WEEK IN VEGAS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/26/2008 REPORTED THAT PROTESTERS EXPECTED HUGE CROWDS DURING THE CONVENTION BUT THEY HAVE BEEN PRETTY TAME EXCEPT SOME ISOLATED INCIDENTS LIKE THIS ONE. WITNESSES SAY POLICE USED PEPPER SPRAY TO TRY AND DISPERSE A CROWD OF ABOUT 300 PROTESTERS. 20 OF THEM WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. POLICE SAY THE CROWD WAS DISRUPTING TRAFFIC.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/27/2008 REPORTED THAT SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN COULD ANNOUNCE HIS RUNNING MATE BY THE END OF THE WEEK, PERHAPS AS SOON AS TOMORROW. HERE IS HIS SHORT LIST: CONNECTICUT SENATOR JOE LIEBERMAN, A FORMER DEMOCRAT WHO SWITCHED TO INDEPENDENT. HE IS A CLOSE FRIEND AND HAS CAMPAIGNED WITH MCCAIN. LIEBERMAN IS VACATIONING WITH HIS FAMILY THIS WEEK.

FORMER MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNER MITT ROMNEY IS IN DENVER RIGHT NOW CAMPAIGNING FOR HIS FORMER RIVAL. ROMNEY'S CONSERVATIVE POLITICS AND MORMON BACKGROUND COULD HELP DELIVER RELIGIOUS SWING STATES. MINNESOTA GOVERNOR TIM PAWLNTY IS ALSO AT THE TOP OF THE LIST. THE YOUNG, RELATIVELY UNKNOWN CANDIDATE WILL ARRIVE IN DENVER TOMORROW TO CAMPAIGN FOR MCCAIN. THE LATEST GALLUP POLL SHOWS MCCAIN NOW *LEADS OBAMA FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS MONTH BY TWO POINTS. THE POLL SUGGESTS OBAMA HAS NOT RECEIVED A BUMP IN SUPPORT AFTER PICKING BIDEN AS HIS VP CANDIDATE.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-11:30AM 08/29/2008 REPORTED THAT A NEW POLL SUGGESTS SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN IS CATCHING UP IN CALIFORNIA. THE PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE POLL FINDS 48 PERCENT OF LIKELY VOTERS PLAN TO VOTE FOR BARACK OBAMA AND 39 PERCENT PLAN TO CAST THEIR BALLOT FOR MCCAIN. THAT MEANS MCCAIN TRAILS OBAMA BY JUST NINE POINTS. HE HAD A FIFTEEN POINT LEAD LAST MONTH.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-11:30AM 08/29/2008 REPORTED THAT SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN SAYS HE HAS NOT DECIDED ON A RUNNING MATE. HE WAS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE HIS VICE PRESIDENTIAL PICK LATER THIS WEEK. MITT ROMNEY REMAINS THE TOP CONTENDER FOR THE POSITION. HE WAS IN NEVADA CAMPAIGNING FOR MCCAIN YESTERDAY. MINNESOTA GOVERNOR TIM PAWLNTY AND CONNECTICUT SENATOR JOE LIEBERMAN ARE ALSO ON THE SHORT LIST. AND THREE WOMEN HAVE BEEN MENTIONED AS LONG-SHOT CANDIDATES INCLUDING FORMER E-BAY CEO MEG WHITMAN, TEXAS SENATOR KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON AND ALASKA GOVERNOR SARAH PALIN.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-11:30AM 08/29/2008 REPORTED THAT A NEW POLL SHOWS THE NOVEMBER BALLOT INITIATIVE TO BAN GAY MARRIAGE WOULD BE DEFEATED IF AN ELECTION WERE HELD TODAY. THE PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE OF CALIFORNIA SAYS 54 PERCENT OF LIKELY VOTERS OPPOSE PROPOSITION "8" AND 40 PERCENT SUPPORT IT. SIX PERCENT SAY THEY HAVE NO POSITION.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM 09/14/2008 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH ELMA ROSAS, REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, SANTA CLARA COUNTY. SHE SHARES KEY CALIFORNIA VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES AND INFORMATION. MS. ROSAS TALKS ABOUT SAMPLE BALLOTS, ABSENTEE BALLOTS, AND PACKETS REGARDING CALIFORNIA INITIATIVES. SHE EXPLAINS THAT SANTA CLARA COUNTY WILL HAVE BOTH PAPER AND ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES AVAILABLE. SHE ALSO TALKS ABOUT THE SERVICES THAT SANTA CLARA COUNTRY PROVIDES FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. THE VOTING MACHINES AND BALLOTS ARE ALSO PRINTED IN LANGUAGES THAT ARE MANDATED IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. EARLY VOTING IS ALSO AVAILABLE STARTING OCTOBER 6TH. SANTA CLARA COUNTY ALSO OFFERS WEEKEND VOTING.

NBC 11, BAY AREA VISTA, 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM 09/14/2008 FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH DARCIE GREEN, EX. VICE PRESIDENT, SILICON VALLEY YOUNG DEMOCRATS AND JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ, PRESIDENT – YOUNG REPUBLICAN NATIONAL FEDERATION. MS. GREEN AND MS. RODRIGUEZ DISCUSS HOW AND WHY THEY GOT INVOLVED WITH THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES. THEY ALSO TALK ABOUT THE CURRENT ELECTION COMING UP AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING TO GET YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/15/2008 REPORTED THAT STATE LAWMAKERS PLAN TO VOTE LATER TODAY ON A BUDGET DEAL THAT COULD END CALIFORNIA'S RECORD 77-DAY STALEMATE. LEGISLATIVE LEADERS HAVE FINALLY REACHED A COMPROMISE AGREEMENT THEY BELIEVE BOTH PARTIES CAN LIVE WITH. IT CALLS FOR NO TAX HIKES. THAT'S A VICTORY FOR REPUBLICANS. AND ALSO IT AVOIDS BORROWING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/30/2008 REPORTED THAT WITH ALL THE FOCUS ON JOHN McCain AND BARRACK OBAMA, IT IS EASY TO FORGET THAT THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT AS WELL. RALPH NADAR IS ONE OF THEM. HE IS RUNNING AS INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE WITH THE PEACE AND FREEDOM.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/30/2008 REPORTED THAT BAY AREA LAWMAKERS ARE CALLING YESTERDAY'S VOTE ON THE FINANCIAL BAIL-OUT PLAN THE TOUGHEST VOTE OF THIER POLITICAL CAREERS. FOUR BAY AREA LAWMAKERS WENT AGAINST DEMOCRATIC LEADER NANCY PELOSI, VOTING AGAINST THE WALL STREET BAILOUT PLAN. BARBARA LEE, PETE STARK, MIKE THOMPSON, AND LYNN WOOLSEY ALL VOTED NO. THE EIGHT OTHER BAY AREA REPS VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE BAILOUT THAT INCLUDES SAN MATEO'S JACKIE SPEIER

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/30/2008 REPORTED THAT BARACK OBAMA IS CAMPAIGNING IN NEVADA THIS MORNING. HE ATTENDED A RALLY IN RENO, AND TALKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE

ECONOMY. HE SAYS WE ARE IN A DANGEROUS SITUATION THAT COULD LEAD TO A LONG AND PAINFUL RECESSION. OBAMA POINTED THE FINGER AT GREED IN WASHINGTON AND ON WALL STREET. HE SAYS THERE IS PLENTY OF BLAME TO GO AROUND, BUT IT IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM, BECAUSE IT AFFECTS THE FINANCIAL WELL BEING OF EVERY AMERICAN. MEANWHILE, JOHN MCCAIN WAS IN DES MOINES, IOWA THIS MORNING AT A ROUND TABLE EVENT. HE ALSO SPOKE ABOUT THE BAILOUT PLAN, EXPRESSING HIS DISAPPOINTMENT IN CONGRESS FOR NOT PASSING THE BILL. HE SAYS IN-ACTION HAS PUT EVERY AMERICAN AND THE ECONOMY RISK, AND HE IS TALKING TO THE PRESIDENT ABOUT WHAT THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION NEEDS TO DO NEXT.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/30/2008 REPORTED THAT REPUBLICAN VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE SARAH PALIN IS NOT ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL THIS MORNING. INSTEAD, SHE IS GOING THROUGH WHAT MCCAIN AIDES CALL, DEBATE CAMP. PALIN HAS TWO DAYS TO GET READY FOR HER FACE OFF WITH SENATOR JOE BIDEN. UC BERKELEY PROFESSOR ROBIN LAKOFF SAYS PALIN WILL GET A CRASH COURSE IN DEBATE. TAKOFF SAYS PALIN IS ALREADY FAMOUS FOR THE NON-RESPONSIVE RESPONSE, MEANING SHE SEEMS TO BE ANSWERING A QUESTION, BUT REALLY IS NOT. SHE SAYS BIDEN MUST ALSO BE CAREFUL. IF HE IS TOO AGGRESSIVE, PALIN COULD GET THE SYMPATHY VOTE.

HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/09/2008 REPORTED THAT RESEARCHERS FOUND THAT TUMORS IN OLDER WOMEN WERE LINKED TO A WIDER POOL OF POSSIBLE CAUSES. LIKE DIET OR ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURE. IN YOUNGER WOMEN, THE CAUSE SEEMS TO POINT TO AN UNDERLYING GENETIC PROBLEM.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT A NEW BREAST CANCER STUDY IS CAUSING CONTROVERSY THIS MORNING. DANISH RESEARCHERS SAY WOMEN, WHO PERFORM SELF-EXAMS, DO NOT IMPROVE THEIR CHANCES OF SURVIVING BREAST CANCER. THE SCIENTISTS REVIEWED STUDIES INVOLVING MORE THAN 380-THOUSAND WOMEN IN RUSSIA AND CHINA. THEY SAY BECAUSE OF THE RESULTS, THEY CAN NO LONGER RECOMMEND SELF-EXAMS, AS A WAY TO BEAT THE DISEASE. THE STUDY DOESN'T COMPARE THE SURVIVAL RATES OF WOMEN WHO DO SELF-EXAMS, TO THOSE WHO RELY ON REGULAR MAMMOGRAMS. EXPERTS STILL SAY IF A WOMAN NOTICES A LUMP, SHE SHOULD SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/17/2008 REPORTED THAT CUTTING FAT AND CALORIES MAY NOT BE THE SAFEST OR THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO LOSE WEIGHT. HARVARD RESEARCHERS STUDIED LOW FAT DIETS, MEDITERRANEAN DIETS EMPHASIZING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, AND THE ATKINS DIET. SURPRISINGLY ATKINS WAS THE WINNER, WITH PEOPLE LOSING AN AVERAGE OF JUST OVER 12 POUNDS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, BAD

CHOLESTEROL AND BLOOD SUGAR LEVELS DROPPED THE MOST ON THE ATKINS DIET, AND THE LEAST ON THE LOW FAT DIET. THE STUDY WAS PARTIALLY FUNDED BY THE ATKINS FOUNDATION. IT APPEARS IN THE NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE. BUT RESERACHERS INSIST THE FUNDING DID NOT INFLUENCE THIER FINDINGS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/09/2008 REPORTED THAT HEALTH LEADERS IN SONOMA COUNTY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT A NOROVIRUS OUTBREAK THAT HAS MADE MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE SICK IN THE PAST THREE WEEKS. COUNTY LEADERS SAY 90 RESIDENTS AND 18 STAFF MEMBERS AT FOUR CENTERS FOR THE ELDERLY GOT SICK. THE COUNTY WILL NOT NAMES THE FACILITIES, BECAUSE IT DOES NOT WANT TO DISCOURAGE PEOPLE FROM REPORTING MORE OUTBREAKS. NOROVURUS IS A SEVERE STOMACH FLU THAT CAN BE DEADLY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT HUNDREDS OF PAGES OF DOCUMENTS FROM THE FBI'S NEARLY SEVEN YEAR INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEADLY 2001 ANTHRAX MAILINGS ARE NOW UNSEALED. THE CHIEF JUDGE OF WASHINGTON'S FEDERAL COURTHOUSE UNSEALED THE PAPERS AS THE FBI'S DIRECTOR PREPARED TO BRIEF SURVIVING ANTHRAX VICTIMS AND THE FAMILIES OF THOSE KILLED. FIVE PEOPLE DIED IN THE ANTHRAX MAILINGS, AND 17 PEOPLE WERE SICKENED. THE DOCUMENTS OKAYED FOR RELEASE INCLUDE MORE THAN A DOZEN SEARCH WARRANTS AIMED AT ARMY MICROBIOLOGIST BRUCE IVINS. FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS WERE CLOSING IN ON IVINS WHEN HE COMMITTED SUICIDE LAST WEEK.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT CONTRA COSTA COUNTY WILL FOG FOR MOSQUITOES TONIGHT, IN THE FIGHT TO CONTROL WEST NILE VIRUS. IT WILL TAKE PLACE IN ANTIOCH EAST OF GENTRYTOWN DRIVE AND WEST OF "G" STREET, AS WELL AS ALONG RIDGEROCK DRIVE AND LONE TREE DRIVE. IN BRENTWOOD, FOGGING WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN SAND CREEK PARK WAY TO THE NORTH, THE CITY LIMITS TO THE EAST, HIGHWAY 4 TO THE WEST, AND 2ND STREET TO THE SOUTH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/27/2008 REPORTED THAT MORE THAN TWO-THOUSAND NEW MOTHERS, THEIR NEWBORNS AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO A POTENTIALLY DEADLY INFECTION IN A SAN FRANCISCO MATERNITY WARD. KAISER PERMANENTE IS NOW NOTIFYING PATIENTS THEY MAY HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH TUBERCULOSIS. A NURSE IN THE SAN FRANCISCO MEDICAL CENTER HAD AN ACTIVE CASE OF TB WHILE WORKING THERE ON THE NIGHT SHIFT BETWEEN MARCH AND THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT THINKS IT'S UNLIKELY THE AIRBORNE BACTERIA ACTUALLY SPREAD, BUT PARENTS ARE STILL CONCERNED. THE KAISER WORKER HAS BEEN ISOLATED AT HOME. KAISER WANTS TO TEST PATIENTS FOR TB JUST IN CASE. THOSE TESTED WILL GET A PRICK ON THE ARM AND A CHEST X-RAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/27/2008 REPORTED THAT MORE GOOD NEWS ON THE HEALTH FRONT. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE

LACKING HEALTH INSURANCE DROPPED BY MORE THAN 1 MILLION, LAST YEAR. THAT'S ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS BUREAU. AND IT'S THE FIRST ANNUAL DECLINE, SINCE THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION TOOK OFFICE. IN 2007, 45-POINT-7 MILLION PEOPLE WERE UNINSURED. THAT'S DOWN FROM 47-MILLION, IN 2006.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-11:30AM 08/29/2008 REPORTED THAT CALIFORNIA MAY BECOME THE FIRST STATE IN THE NATION TO REQUIRE CHAIN RESTAURANTS TO LIST THE CALORIES IN THEIR MENU ITEMS. THE STATE ASSEMBLY APPROVED A BILL YESTERDAY THAT WOULD REQUIRE CHAINS WITH AT LEAST 20 RESTAURANTS TO INCLUDE THE INFORMATION ON MENUS OR MENU BOARDS BY 2011. THE BILL IS A MODIFIED VERSION OF LEGISLATION GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER VETOED LAST YEAR. SUPPORTERS SAY THE INFORMATION WOULD HELP FIGHT OBESITY AND DIABETES. THE BILL NOW GOES BACK TO THE SENATE FOR A VOTE ON CHANGES MADE BY THE ASSEMBLY.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-11:30AM 08/29/2008 REPORTED THAT DIABETICS WILL SOON HAVE TO FIND A NEW WAY TO GET RID OF THEIR USED NEEDLES. CALIFORNIA'S NEW LAW BANNING HOME-USED NEEDLES FROM BEING TOSSED IN TRASH OR RECYCLING BINS GOES INTO EFFECT SEPTEMBER FIRST. WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKERS OFTEN GET STUCK WITH THE DIRTY MEDICAL SHARPS. IN RESPONSE TO THE NEEDLE LAW, THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA IS ANNOUNCING A COUNTYWIDE COLLECTION PROGRAM TODAY. SYRINGES AND LANCETS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER LOCATIONS, PHARMACIES, AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS.

NBC BAY AREA'S COMUNIDAD FEATURED THE PALOMINO WORLD SERIES, WHICH IS A BASEBALL TOURNAMENT HELD BY THE SAN JOSE POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE (PAL). PAL HELPS YOUTH AND THE COMMUNITY THROUGH SPORTS (DEVELOPING YOUTH) AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH. CUSSEAUX DESCRIBES THE YOUNG ATHLETES PARTICIPATING IN PAL AND THE TOURNAMENT AS A TALENTED GROUP OF YOUNG ADULTS WHO HAVE A STRONG COMBINATION OF SKILLS AND ABILITIES. YOUNG ATHLETES FROM AROUND THE WORLD WILL BE PLAYING. MATTOS IS PART OF PAL WHO WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE 4-DAY BASEBALL TOURNAMENT. YOUNG PARTICIPANTS OF PAL ARE 7 TO 19 YEARS OLD. THE YOUTH INVOLVED WITH PAL HAVE OVERCOME OBSTACLES WITH THEIR FAMILIES. MATTOS' MOTHER, SUSANNE CUARON, TALKS ABOUT HOW HER SON HAD TO GO THROUGH WITH HER AN ILLNESS SHE HAD - GRAVES' DISEASE, WHICH IS A THYROID DISORDER. MATTOS SHARES HIS EXPERIENCE HAVING TO GROW UP FASTER THAN HIS OTHER PEERS BECAUSE HE HAD TO CARE FOR HIS MOTHER. HE TALKS ABOUT HOW BASEBALL THROUGH PAL HELPED HIM STILL KEEP HIS YOUTH AND KEEP HIM ON A GOOD TRACK.

NBC BAY AREA'S COMUNIDAD FEATURED, CUARON TALKING ABOUT HOW HER EMPLOYER CISCO ALSO HELPED HER THROUGH HER ILLNESS. CISCO IS ALSO HELPING PAL WITH A DONATION TO SUPPORT THEIR PROGRAM. MATTOS TALKS ABOUT HIS GOALS FOR A WIN AT THE PALOMINO WORLD SERIES AND HIS ASPIRATIONS TO PLAY IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES SOME DAY. THE PALOMINO WORLD SERIES WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 8-11TH AT THE SAN JOSE MUNICIPAL STADIUM. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.PALOMINOWORLDSERIES.COM AND WWW.SJPDPAL.COM

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS/SAFETY & SECURITY

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/01/2008 REPORTED THAT NORTH KOREA DESTROYED THE MOST VISIBLE SYMBOL OF ITS NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM THIS MORNING. THE COOLING TOWER AT THE MAIN ATOMIC REACTOR WAS BLOWN UP, IN A SIGN OF ITS COMMITMENT TO STOP MAKING PLUTONIUM FOR ATOMIC BOMBS. THE DEMOLITION FOLLOWS PRESIDENT BUSH'S ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY THAT THE U.S. WILL START TO LIFT SANCTIONS PUT IN PLACE BECAUSE OF NORTH KOREA'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/01/2008 REPORTED THAT THE NATION'S TOP BACKSTROKE SWIMMER HAS BEEN BANNED FOR LIFE AFTER HE TESTED POSITIVE FOR AN ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE. THE NEWS COMES JUST 42-DAYS BEFORE THE OPENING CEREMONIES FOR THE 2008, SUMMER GAMES IN BEIJING.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/01/2008 REPORTED THAT U.S. TRACK AND FIELD TRIALS ARE UNDERWAY RIGHT NOW. YEARS OF TRAINING HINGE ON THE RESULTS OF THE RACES IN EUGENE, OREGON. ALLYSON FELIX IS IN 100 METER TODAY, AND HOPES TO COMPETE IN FOUR EVENTS IN BEIJING. THE MEN'S 100 COULD COME DOWN TO A MATCH-UP OF TWO FRIENDS, NCAA CHAMPS TYSON GAY AND WALLACE SPEARMON. ALL THREE SAY, IN A TIME WHEN ACCUSATIONS OF DOPING HAVE CAST A SHADOW ON THE SPORT, THEY HOPE TO BE ROLE MODELS FOR KIDS EVERYWHERE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/03/2008 REPORTED THAT HEALTH INVESTIGATORS ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT CAUSED 21 PEOPLE TO GET SICK AFTER EATING AT A PENINSULA HOTEL. THE VICTIMS REPORTED FEELING ILL AFTER EATING AT THE CROWN PLAZA CABANA IN PALO ALTO, BETWEEN JUNE 23RD AND JUNE 25TH. INSPECTORS VISITED THE HOTEL THIS WEEK, BUT DID NOT FIND ANY MAJOR VIOLATIONS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/03/2008 REPORTED THAT A SLICE OF WATERMELON IS A NICE WAY TO COOL OFF A JULY FOURTH COOKOUT, BUT IT MAY ALSO HEAT THINGS UP. SCIENTISTS AT TEXAS A&M SAY WATERMELON CONTAINS AN INGREDIENT, WHICH CAN RELAX THE BODY'S BLOOD VESSELS. WHICH THEY SAY CAN HAVE THE SAME EFFECT AS VIAGRA. THE ONLY PROBLEM, MOST OF THE NEEDED NUTRIENT IS IN THE RIND.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT SUICIDE CAR BOMB EXPLODED IN AFGHANISTAN TODAY, KILLING AT LEAST 40 PEOPLE. AFGHAN POLICE SAY THE BOMBER RAMMED TWO DIPLOMATIC VEHICLES ENTERING THE INDIAN EMBASSY IN KABUL. THE BLAST BLEW OFF THE GATES OF THE EMBASSY, WHERE DOZENS OF PEOPLE LINE UP EACH MORNING

TO APPLY FOR VISAS.MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE WERE INJURED. THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE CLAIM OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT AFGHANISTAN'S PRESIDENT IS ORDERING AN INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS THAT AN AMERICAN AIRSTRIKE KILLED MORE THAN 20 PEOPLE AT A WEDDING YESTERDAY.THE GOVERNOR OF THE REGION SAYS THE STRIKE KILLED 27 PEOPLE AT A WEDDING PARTY INCLUDING THE BRIDE. THE PENTAGON INSISTS THE AIRSTRIKE KILLED ONLY MILITANTS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT TWO PEOPLE ARE DEAD AFTER A PLANE HEADED FOR MIAMI FROM COLUMBIA CRASHED SHORTLY AFTER TAKEOFF TODAY. THE BOEING 747 WAS PACKED WITH FRESH FLOWERS BOUND FOR FLORIDA. IT WENT DOWN ON A RANCH ABOUT 15 MILES FROM THE AIRPORT IN COLUMBIA. NONE OF THE CREW DIED, BUT AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE WHO LIVED AT THE RANCH WERE KILLED. IT WAS THE SECOND CRASH IN TWO MONTHS OF A BOEING 747 FLOWN BY A COMPANY NAMED "KALITTA AIR".

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT SPAIN'S FAMOUS RUNNING OF THE BULLS FESTIVAL IS OFFICIALLY UNDERWAY. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, FUELED BY ADRENALINE AND ALCOHOL, WERE CHASED THROUGH THE STREETS OF PAMPLONA THIS MORNING. AT LEAST EIGHT PEOPLE WERE INJURED, EITHER BY FALLING DURING THE RUN, OR BY BEING GORED. THE RUNNING OF THE BULLS IS PART OF THE NINE DAY SAN FERMIN FESTIVAL.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/07/2008 REPORTED THAT COUPLES FROM AROUND THE WORLD GATHERED IN FINLAND OVER THE WEEKEND FOR THE ANNUAL WIFE-CARRYING RACE. IT WAS INSPIRED BY THE ANCIENT FINNISH TRIBAL PRACTICE OF STEALING WIVES FROM OTHER VILLAGES. IN THAT SPIRIT, THERE IS NO RULE THAT SAYS YOU HAVE TO CARRY YOUR OWN WIFE. 48 COUPLES FROM 13 COUNTRIES TRIED THEIR LUCK. A COUPLE FROM ESTONIA FINISHED FIRST. THEIR PRIZE, THE WIFE'S WEIGHT IN BEER.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/09/2008 REPORTED THAT IRAN'S ELITE REVOLUTIONARY GUARD TEST-FIRED NINE LONG AND MEDIUM RANGE MISSILES. AMONGST THE MISSILES FIRED THIS MORNING WERE THE SHAHAB THREE MISSILES, WHICH IRANIAN OFFICIALS CLAIM HAS A RANGE OF ONE THOUSAND, 250 MILES, AND IS EQUIPPED WITH A CONVENTIONAL WARHEAD WEIGHING ONE TON. IRANIAN OFFICIALS SAY THAT THE SHABAH THREE MISSILES COULD REACH ANY DESTINATION IN ISRAEL AND CAN ALSO TARGET ALL AMERICAN INTERESTS WITHIN THE REGION.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/09/2008 REPORTED THAT POLICE IN TURKEY SUSPECT AL- QAIDA IS BEHIND TODAY'S ATTACK AT THE U.S. CONSULATE IN ISTANBUL. MEN ARMED WITH PISTOLS AND SHOTGUNS ATTACKED A GUARD POST, STARTING A GUNBATTLE THAT LEFT THREE ATTACKERS AND THREE OFFICERS DEAD. TURKISH AND U.S. LEADERS ARE

CALLING THE SHOOTING A TERRORIST ATTACK. SECURITY AROUND ALL AMERICAN MISSIONS IN TURKEY HAS BEEN INCREASED. AMERICA'S AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY SAYS THE STAFF OF THE U.S. CONSULATE IN ISTANBUL IS SAFE AND ACCOUNTED FOR.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/09/2008 REPORTED THAT IN SUDAN'S DARFUR REGION, DOZENS OF GUNMEN IN SUV'S AMBUSHED U.N. PEACEKEEPERS, KILLING AT LEAST ONE AND WOUNDING 23 OTHERS. AT LEAST SIX OF THE WOUNDED WERE IN CRITICAL CONDITION, AND SIX OTHERS MISSING. THE AMBUSH HAPPENED AS THE PEACEKEEPERS WERE RETURNING TO THEIR CAMP, AFTER INVESTIGATING THE RECENT SLAYINGS OF TWO REBELS AFFILIATED WITH THE SUDAN LIBERATION ARMY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/09/2008 REPORTED THAT IRAQI LEADERS ARE STEPPING UP PRESSURE ON THE U.S. TO AGREE TO A SPECIFIC TIMELINE TO WITHDRAW AMERICAN FORCES. SOME TYPE OF AGREEMENT IS REQUIRED TO KEEP U.S. TROOPS IN IRAQ AFTER A U.N. MANDATE EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31ST. BUT IRAQ'S PRIME MINISTER, AND NOW THE COUNTRY'S NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR BOTH SAY IRAQ WILL NOT SIGN THE AGREEMENT UNLESS IT INCLUDES A TIMETABLE FOR WITHDRAWAL. THE WHITE HOUSE IS DOWNPLAYING THE DEMANDS, SAYING IT STILL AIMS TO REACH AN AGREEMENT THIS MONTH.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION WILL TAKE A NEW TACTIC IN DEALING WITH IRAN'S NUCLEAR EFFORTS THIS WEEKEND. ONE OF THE UNITED STATE'S TOP DIPLOMATS WILL ATTEND TALKS WITH THE IRANIAN ENVOY FOR THE FIRST TIME. THE TALKS WITH IRAN AND OTHER WORLD POWERS IN SWITZERLAND SATURDAY ARE AIMED AT PERSUADING IRAN TO STOP ITS DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION HAS SHUNNED PREVIOUS TALKS WITH IRAN. IRAN'S PRESIDENT SAYS HE WILL BE THE FIRST TO SUPPORT RESUMING DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH WASHINGTON.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT BUSH IS EXPECTED TO TOUR WILDFIRE DAMAGE IN CALIFORNIA TOMORROW BEFORE HEADING TO NAPA COUNTY FOR A REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE RECEPTION. THE C.H.P CONFIRMS OFFICERS WILL ESCORT HIS ENTOURAGE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/17/2008 REPORTED THAT PICTURE PROOF OF WATER ON MARS. A STUDY PUBLISHED TODAY IN THE JOURNAL NATURE SAYS THIS PICTURE, AND OTHERS SHOT BY NASA'S MARS ORBITER, SHOW LAKES AND RIVERS EXISTED BILLIONS OF YEARS AGO. THE COLORS IN THE PICTURES INDICATE CLAY-LIKE MINERALS LEFT ON ROCKS BY WATER. THEY BELIEVE WATER COVERED HALF THE PLANET, AND VOLCANOES LATER BURIED THE WETLANDS. IT'S IMPORTANT, BECAUSE THE PICTURES IDENTIFY DOZENS OF SITES WHERE FUTURE MISSIONS CAN LAND TO LOOK FOR SIGNS OF LIFE.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/28/2008 REPORTED THAT SO FAR, NO CLAIM OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR TWO BOMBS THAT EXPLODED IN TURKEY, KILLING AT LEAST 17 PEOPLE. THE BLASTS, WHICH WENT OFF ABOUT 10 MINUTES APART IN THE SAME ISTANBUL NEIGHBORHOOD, ALSO INJURED MORE THAN 150 PEOPLE. MANY OF THE VICTIMS WERE HURT OR KILLED IN THE SECOND BLAST, AFTER THEY RUSHED TO HELP THE VICTIMS OF THE FIRST EXPLOSION. TURKISH INVESTIGATORS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT KURDISH MILITANTS ARE THEIR MAIN SUSPECTS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT SPEEDSKATER JOEY CHEEK WAS ON HIS WAY TO BEIJING TO URGE CHINA TO HELP MAKE PEACE IN DARFUR WHEN HE HAD HIS VISA REVOKED BY CHINESE AUTHORITIES. THE WHITE HOUSE IS PROTESTING THE MOVE. CHEEK WON A GOLD MEDAL IN THE 2006 WINTER GAMES IN ITALY. HE HAS SINCE TURNED HIS ATTENTION TO THE CONFLICT IN DARFUR, CO-FOUNDING "TEAM DARFUR." THE "TEAM" IS A GROUP OF OLYMPIC ATHLETES DEDICATED TO ENDING DARFUR'S BLOODY CONFLICT. LAST MONTH, A FORMER OLYMPIC SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMER WAS DENIED ENTRY BECAUSE OF HER AFFILIATION WITH TEAM DARFUR.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT OSAMA BIN LADEN'S FORMER DRIVER HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF WAR CRIMES, IN THE FIRST TRIAL OF A GUANTANAMO BAY DETAINEE. THE JURY OF SIX MILITARY OFFICERS REACHED A SPLIT VERDICT TODAY. THEY CONVICTED SALIM HAMDAN OF SUPPORTING TERRORISM BUT CLEARED HIM OF CONSPIRACY. HAMDAN COULD BE SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON LATER TODAY. DEFENSE LAWYERS CLAIM THE GUILTY VERDICT WAS INEVITABLE BECAUSE OF HOW THE TRIBUNAL SYSTEM WAS SET UP. SUPPORTERS SAY THE SYSTEM PROVIDED EXTRAORDINARY DUE PROCESS RIGHTS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT TODAY IS THE 63RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATOMIC BOMBING OF HIROSHIMA. TENS OF THOUSANDS MARKED THE GRAVE ANNIVERSARY IN JAPAN, WHICH IS BEING REMEMBERED IN THE BAY AREA AS WELL. AN EXHIBIT CALLED: "WITNESSES TO HISTORY: CONVEYING THE TRAGEDY OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI" IS BEING SHOWN AT OAKLAND CITY HALL. THIS MORNING WE SPOKE WITH A SURVIVOR OF THE NAGASAKI ATTACK. REVEREND HANAOKA LIVES IN SAN FRANCISCO AND SAYS THE EXHIBIT IS MEANT TO SHOW THAT WAR TURNS PEOPLE INTO ANIMALS AND SCIENCE INTO A KILLING MACHINE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/25/2008 REPORTED THAT THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO WATCHED DURING OUR OLYMPIC COVERAGE. YOU HELPED MAKE THE BEIJING OLYMPICS THE MOST WATCHED TELEVISION EVENT OF ALL TIME. THROUGH THE 16 DAYS OF COVERAGE, 211 MILLION VIEWERS TUNED INTO NBC BAY AREA AND OUR OTHER OLYMPIC STATIONS. THAT'S TWO MILLION MORE THAN THE 1996 ATLANTA GAMES. A BIG PART OF THAT WAS THE EXTENSIVE 36 HUNDRED HOURS OF PROGRAMMING WE BROUGHT YOU, ACROSS SEVERAL STATIONS AND ON-LINE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/25/2008 REPORTED THAT TEN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED IN A PLANE CRASH IN GUATEMALA, INCLUDING FIVE AMERICANS. FOUR OTHER AMERICANS WERE INJURED WHEN

THE SMALL PLANE WENT DOWN YESTERDAY. THEY WERE ALL PART OF CHOICE HUMANITARIAN GROUP ON THEIR WAY TO A VILLAGE TO BUILD HOUSES. ABOUT 45 MINUTES AFTER LEAVING GUATEMALA CITY, THE PILOT REPORTED ENGINE TROUBLE. THAT IS WHEN HE TRIED TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY LANDING BUT CRASHED INSTEAD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/25/2008 REPORTED THAT AN OMINOUS SITE JUST SOUTH OF DENVER. CHECK OUT THIS VIDEO OF A TORNADO. IT TOUCHED DOWN YESTERDAY NEAR CASTLE ROCK, AND CAME VERY CLOSE TO SEVERAL HOMES. THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CENTER WAS ALREADY ON ALERT BECAUSE OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION. THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF SERIOUS DAMAGE OR INJURIES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/25/2008 REPORTED THAT NEARLY 100 HOTELS IN DENVER ARE GOING AGAINST THE "GRAIN" FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION MANAGERS ARE UNLOCKING A NEW WAY OF DOING GREEN BUSINESS, WITH WOODEN KEY CARDS. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SO MANY HOTELS IN ONE U.S. CITY HAVE USED THE SUSTAINABLE CARDS. THE IDEA IS TO KEEP THOUSANDS OF THE TYPICAL PLASTIC KEY-CARDS FROM ENDING UP IN LANDFILLS. A SINGLE HOTEL USUALLY TRASHES ABOUT 12 THOUSAND KEY CARDS A YEAR, THAT'S ENOUGH TO FILL SEVEN 747 AIRLINERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/25/2008 REPORTED THAT THE OLYMPIC FOCUS NOW TURNS TO LONDON, THE HOST OF THE 2012 SUMMER GAMES. TENS OF THOUSANDS CHEERED OUTSIDE BUCKINGHAM PALACE, AS LONDON MAYOR BORIS JOHNSON WAVED THE OLYMPIC FLAG IN BEIJING DURING LAST'S NIGHT'S CLOSING CEREMONY. IT SIGNALLED THE START OF THE NEW COUNTDOWN TO THE 2012 LONDON OLYMPICS. AFTER CHINA'S SPECTACULAR SHOW, THE BRITISH KNOW THEY HAVE THEIR WORK CUT OUT FOR THEM. THE BRITISH WAY WILL MEAN SMALLER AND CHEAPER GAMES, SHAVING SOME 15 BILLION DOLLARS OFF BEIJING'S BILL BY COMBINING A NEW OLYMPIC PARK, STADIUM AND VILLAGE. WITH THE OLD, TRADITIONAL SITES LIKE TENNIS AT WIMBLEDON, THE TRIATHALON IN HYDE PARK, AND BEACH VOLLEYBALL AT "HORSE GUARDS PARADE."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/26/2008 REPORTED THAT SECRETARY OF STATE CONDOLEEZZA RICE IS IN JERUSALEM TODAY, TRYING TO BROKER AN ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE DEAL. HE MET WITH ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER EHUD OLmert THIS MORNING. CE IS EXPECTED TO HOLD A THREE PARTY MEETING WITH PALESTINIAN AND ISRAELI NEGOTIATION TEAMS, BEFORE TRAVELING TO THE WEST BANK TO MEET WITH PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT MAHMOUD ABBAS. HE LEADERS SET A PEACE DEAL DEADLINE FOR THE END OF THIS YEAR, T SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO CONCRETE PROGRESS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/26/2008 REPORTED THAT TENSIONS CONTINUE TO INCREASE BETWEEN THE WEST AND RUSSIA. EARLIER TODAY, RUSSIA FORMALLY RECOGNIZED THE BREAKAWAY GEORGIAN TERRITORIES AT THE HEART OF ITS WAR WITH GEORGIA. A NUMBER OF RUSSIAN TROOPS ARE STILL IN THE AREA, AND PEOPLE TOOK TO THE STREETS TODAY TO PROTEST. RUSSIA'S PRESIDENT SAYS LAUNCHING AN ATTACK TO SEIZE CONTROL

OF THE TERRITORIES WAS THE ONLY CHANCE TO SAVE LIVES. THE U.S. PLANS TO USE ITS VETO POWER IN THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL TO BLOCK ANY ATTEMPT BY RUSSIA TO CHANGE THE STATUS OF THE TERRITORIES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/27/2008 REPORTED THAT TROPICAL STORM FAY, STILL CAUSING SOME PROBLEMS. IT DROPPED ENOUGH RAIN ON NORTH CAROLINA TO TRIGGER FLASH FLOODS OVERNIGHT. IN CHARLOTTE, AT LEAST 8 INCHES OF RAIN FELL IN A 24-HOUR PERIOD. EMERGENCY CREWS ARE EVACUATING PEOPLE, AND AT LEAST 13 THOUSAND HOMES DO NOT HAVE POWER RIGHT NOW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/27/2008 REPORTED THAT NEW AID FROM THE U.S. ARRIVED IN GEORGIA THIS MORNING. EARLIER TODAY, A COAST GUARD CUTTER UNLOADED THE AID, WHICH INCLUDED WASHING DETERGENT AND FOOD STUFFS. THE ITEMS WILL HELP THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE DISPLACED BY FIGHTING BETWEEN RUSSIAN AND GEORGIAN TROOPS. THIS IS JUST THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF SHIPMENTS BROUGHT TO GEORGIA BY THE U.S..

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/08/2008 REPORTED THAT AL QAIDA'S NUMBER TWO MAN IS TAKING AIM AT IRAN, CLAIMING THE COUNTRY IS ACTUALLY COOPERATING WITH THE U.S. IN A NEW VIDEO AYMAN AL ZAWAHRI MARKS THE UPCOMING ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER ELEVENT, AND RECOUNTS AL QAIDA'S VIEW OF THE PAST SEVEN YEARS. HE BLASTS IRAN'S SUPREME RELIGIOUS LEADER, AND IRAN'S PRESIDENT, MAHMOUD AHMADINEJAD, DESPITE THE FACT IRAN IS OFTEN A STRONG CRITIC OF THE U.S..

NBC BAY AREA'S COMUNIDAD FEATURED 11-YEAR-OLD'S HANNAH AND EMILY WHO HAVE TYPE-ONE DIABETES. THEY DESCRIBE HOW THEY HAVE TO TAKE SHOTS EVERYDAY, HOW DIABETES AFFECTS THE FOOD THEY EAT AND THEY'RE DAILY ACTIVITIES. HANNAH TALKS ABOUT HOW SHE IS STILL ABLE TO ENJOY HER FAVORITE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING PLAYING SOCCER, BIKE RIDING AND HANGING OUT WITH HER FRIENDS. EMILY TALKS ABOUT THE CAMP THAT SHE AND HANNAH WAS A PART OF. THE CAMP CREATED AN ENVIRONMENT THAT HELPED THEM BE MORE COMFORTABLE AND GAVE THEM MORE AWARENESS ABOUT HAVING DIABETES.

NBC BAY AREA'S COMUNIDAD FEATURED, MARK FISCHER-COLBRIE SHARES HIS YOUNG SON'S STORY OF HAVING DIABETES AND HAVING TO CONSTANTLY MONITOR HIS BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVELS. TONY KLEIN, WITH JDRF, TALKS ABOUT THE NEED TO FIND A CURE FOR DIABETES AND SHARES HIS SON'S OWN EXPERIENCE WITH DIABETES. BRETT STARK, WHO WORKS WITH WALGREENS' PHARMACEUTICALS, DESCRIBES THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TYPE 1 AND TYPE 2 DIABETES, TYPE 1 BEING MORE SERIOUS. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.CURETYPE1.ORG AND WWW.JDRF.ORG.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/15/2008 REPORTED THAT DRAMATIC NEW VIDEO OF A RESCUE IN THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE IKE. THE AIR FORCE LIFTED THREE PEOPLE STRANDED ON A ROOFTOP IN

NEDERLAND, TEXAS. TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE BEEN RESCUED ACROSS TEXAS AND LOUISIANA.

SAFTY AND SECURITY

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/01/2008 REPORTED THAT THE 12TH STREET BART STATION IN OAKLAND IS BACK OPEN THIS MORNING, AFTER A SCARE INVOLVING A SUSPICIOUS BACKPACK. A HAIR CARE PRODUCT CAUSED THE STATION TO BE EVACUATED AND THE BOMB SQUAD TO RESPOND. THE EVACUATION HAPPENED BEFORE 6:30 THIS MORNING. A PASSENGER FOUND A BAG THAT HAD BEEN LEFT ON A TRAIN, AND TURNED IT INTO A STATION AGENT. THE AGENT FOUND A CYLINDER SHAPED DEVICE INSIDE. TWO BOMB SNIFFING DOGS BOTH INDICATED SOMETHING WAS WRONG. THE ALAMEDA COUNTY AND U.C. BERKELEY BOMB SQUADS WERE THEN CALLED. JUST BEFORE 9:00 THEY DETERMINED THE DEVICE WAS HARMLESS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/01/2008 REPORTED THAT THE SAN FRANCISCO ZOO IS DEFENDING THE WAY IT TREATED TATIANA THE TIGER. A NEW REPORT CLAIMS SHE MAY HAVE BEEN UNDERFED IN THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO THE DEADLY ATTACK. RECORDS SHOW TATIANA LOST 50 POUNDS BETWEEN 2005, WHEN SHE ARRIVED IN SAN FRANCISCO, AND DECEMBER OF 2007 WHEN SHE WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY POLICE. ZOO KEEPERS CLAIM TATIANA WAS "FRANTIC FOR FOOD" ACCORDING TO RECORDS OBTAINED BY KCBS RADIO. CRITICS BELIEVE THE ZOO KEPT THE TIGER HUNGRY SO SHE WOULD PUT ON A GOOD SHOW DURING PUBLIC FEEDINGS.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/10/2008 REPORTED THAT DOZENS OF HOMES ARE DESTROYED, AND NEW "IMMEDIATE THREAT" EVACUATION ORDERS ARE IN PLACE IN BUTTE COUNTY. THE "BUTTE LIGHTNING COMPLEX" FIRE IS BURNING NEAR OROVILLE, NORTH OF SACRAMENTO.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/10/2008 REPORTED THAT BAY AREA SCIENTISTS SAY WORK THEY ARE DOING ALONG OUR MOST FAMOUS FAULT LINE COULD LEAD TO AN EARTHQUAKE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM. THE SCIENTISTS SAY THEY WORKED BACKWARDS. STUDYING WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE TWO SMALL EARTHQUAKES, AND THEY FOUND SOME "INTRIGUING" SIMILARITIES. THE FINDINGS COME FROM DEEP IN THE EARTH, NEAR THE SAN ADREAS FAULT IN MONTEREY COUNT, NEAR A SMALL TOWN CALLED PARKFIELD, KNOWN BY SOME AS THE EARTHQUAKE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. SCIENTISTS WITH THE LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL LAB SAY THEY WERE ABLE TO DETECT MINUTE GEOLOGICAL CHANGES THAT PRECEDED SMALL EARTHQUAKES IN SOME CASES 10 HOURS BEFORE THE QUAKES TOOK PLACE. SCIENTISTS WITH THE US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY SAY THE RESEARCH SHOWS PROMISE BUT THEY SAY THE KEY WOULD BE PREDICTING BIG EARTHQUAKES, SOMETHING THAT'S MUCH HARDER TO DO. FAR AWAY IS NOT WHAT MOST

PEOPLE WANT TO HEAR. BUT RESEARCHERS AGREE EVERY PIECE OF INFORMATION ON WHAT LEADS UP TO AN EARTHQUAKE HELPS THEM MOVE CLOSER TO SOMEDAY PREDICTING THEM.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT A 12-YEAR- OLD BOY WHO NEARLY DROWNED AT A PUBLIC SWIMMING LAGOON OVER THE WEEKEND DIED FROM RELATED INJURIES. A FELLOW SWIMMER SPOTTED THE BOY SUBMERGED IN ABOUT THREE AND A HALF FEET OF WATER AT CASTRO VALLEY'S CULL CANYON REGIONAL PARK SATURDAY. EIGHT LIFEGUARDS WERE ON DUTY; ONE OF THEM PULLED THE BOY TO SHORE AND BEGAN CPR. HE DIED YESTERDAY EVENING AROUND FIVE AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/16/2008 REPORTED THAT FIREFIGHTERS PLAN TO SET A CONTROLLED BURN IN THE LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST, NEAR BIG SUR TODAY. ABOUT 20 HOMES HAVE BEEN EVACUATED IN ANTICIPATION OF THE BURN, WHICH IS MEANT TO CLEAR AWAY BRUSH BETWEEN THE WILDFIRE AND BUILDINGS. FIREFIGHTERS SAY THE THREE-WEEK OLD BLAZE IS NOW 61 PERCENT CONTAINED, AND THE THREAT TO THE COMMUNITY OF BIG SUR IS LESSENING. SO FAR, THE FIRE HAS BURNED ABOUT 190 SQUARE MILES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/17/2008 REPORTED THAT A MAN WHO CLAIMED HE WAS ATTACKED BY A MOUNTAIN LION IN PALO ALTO WILL BE QUESTIONED BY POLICE TODAY. THE MAN, WHO'S NAME IS NOT BEING RELEASED YET SAID HE WAS ATTACKED BY THE BIG CAT LAST WEEKEND NEAR THE LOS TRANCOS TRAIL. WHEN THEY HEARD ABOUT THE ATTACK, THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME SPARED NO EXPENSE TRYING TO FIND THE MOUNTAIN LION, AND EVEN CARRIED OUT FORENSIC TESTING ON THE MAN'S SHIRT. SO FAR, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF THE ATTACK, AND POLICE THINK THE MAN MADE THE WHOLE THING UP. PEOPLE WHO LIVE NEAR THE TRAIL ARE UPSET. FILING A FALSE CLAIM COULD MEAN SIX MONTHS IN JAIL, IT COST THE CITY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. AFTER THE MAN IS QUESTIONED TODAY, THE D.A. WILL DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO FILE CHARGES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/17/2008 REPORTED THAT YOU KNOW THOSE "MAXIMUM CLEARANCE SIGNS. THIS GUY DIDN'T READ THEM. A TRUCK PULLING AN R.V. PLOWED INTO A BANK DRIVE THROUGH, IN CENTER, TEXAS AND BROUGHT THE HOUSE DOWN. THE CANOPY RIPPED THE SIDE OF THE TRUCK OFF BUT THE FATHER AND SON INSIDE WERE NOT HURT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/06/2008 REPORTED THAT A HELICOPTER CRASH IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SENT FOUR FIREFIGHTERS TO THE HOSPITAL. THE CHOPPER WAS FIGHTING THE "IRON COMPLEX" FIRE BURNING IN THE SHASTA TRINITY NATIONAL FOREST, NORTHWEST OF JUNCTION CITY. THE FOREST SERVICE FIRST HEARD ABOUT THE CRASH AROUND 7:45 LAST NIGHT. IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW MANY FIREFIGHTERS WERE ON BOARD. THE INJURED WERE TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL IN REDDING WHERE THEY ARE IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/25/2008 REPORTED THAT DOCK WORKERS AT THE PORT OF OAKLAND SAY THEY ARE NOT SURE IF

THE PORT WILL BE FULLY OPERATIONAL TODAY, AFTER A CO-WORKER WAS KILLED ON THE JOB SATURDAY NIGHT. COAST GUARD INVESTIGATORS SAY 77-YEAR-OLD DELMONT BLAKENEY WAS OFF-LOADING CONTAINERS FROM A SHIP, WHEN ONE BROKE FREE AND KNOCKED HIM OVERBOARD. A UNION SPOKESMAN SAYS IT TOOK MORE THAN 30 MINUTES TO PULL HIM TO SHORE BECAUSE THE SHIP HAD NO RESCUE EQUIPMENT. THE SPOKESMAN SAYS WORKERS ARE UPSET, AND CLAIM MANY PORT COMPANIES DO NOT MAKE SAFETY A PRIORITY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/25/2008 REPORTED THAT TODAY IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO VOICE YOUR OPINION ABOUT A PROPOSED SUICIDE BARRIER ON THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE. THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE DISTRICT WILL BE ACCEPTING PUBLIC COMMENT UNTIL 4:30. THERE ARE FIVE DESIGNS UNDER CONSIDERATION. THE MOST POPULAR DESIGN IS A NET UNDER THE BRIDGE, WHICH WOULD COST ABOUT 40-MILLION DOLLARS TO BUILD. SO FAR THOUGH, MORE PEOPLE ARE ACTUALLY IN FAVOR OF *NOT CHANGING THE BRIDGE AT ALL. ANYWHERE FROM 20 TO 30 PEOPLE JUMP FROM THE GOLDEN GATE EVERY YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/26/2008 REPORTED THAT NO SWIMMING AT STINSON BEACH TODAY BECAUSE SOMEBODY SAW A SHARK IN THE WATER. A SURFER AND FORMER LIFEGUARD SPOTTED WHAT HE THINKS WAS AN EIGHT TO TEN FOOT WHITE SHARK SUNDAY NIGHT ABOUT 125 YARDS OFFSHORE. THERE WAS NO SIGN OF THE SHARK YESTERDAY, BUT LIFEGUARDS ARE KEEPING PEOPLE OUT OF THE WATER. THEY POSTED SIGNS TO WARN VISITORS AGAINST SWIMMING AND SURFING. PEOPLE CAN GET INTO THE WATER UP TO THEIR KNEES.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/28/2008 REPORTED THAT ANOTHER SUSPICIOUS FIRE IS BEING INVESTIGATED AT AN ABANDONED HOUSE IN OAKLAND, JUST DAYS AFTER A STRING OF SIMILAR FIRES. THE MOST RECENT FIRE WAS REPORTED JUST AFTER ONE YESTERDAY MORNING, ON CURTIS STREET, NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF MARKET AND GRAND IN DOWNTOWN OAKLAND. FIREFIGHTERS QUICKLY CONTROLLED THE FIRE. TRANSIENTS WERE IN THE ABANDONED HOUSE AT THE TIME, BUT NO ONE WAS HURT. FIRE INVESTIGATORS ARE STILL LOOKING INTO FIRES AT TWO OTHER ABANDONED OAKLAND HOMES IN THE PAST WEEK. PEOPLE LIVING NEAR THOSE HOUSES CLAIM THE FIRES WERE SET ON PURPOSE BY DRUG DEALERS, AS RETALIATION AGAINST PROPERTY OWNERS WHO CALLED POLICE ABOUT SUSPECTED DRUG ACTIVITY.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 07/28/2008 REPORTED THAT AUTHORITIES IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ARE INVESTIGATING A DEADLY JET SKI CRASH. THEY SAY 23-YEAR-OLD JEFFREY RINNE WAS KILLED, AND A WOMAN WAS SERIOUSLY HURT, IN "OLD RIVER", EAST OF DISCOVERY BAY. IT HAPPENED AT ABOUT 4:30 YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. RESCUE CREWS AIRLIFTED THE WOMAN, WHO HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED, TO THE HOSPITAL. INVESTIGATORS ARE STILL WORKING TO PIECE TOGETHER EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 08/27/2008 REPORTED THAT FIREFIGHTERS IN VALLEJO ARE ASKING YOU TO HELP SENIOR CITIZENS WHO LOST THEIR HOME IN A FIRE. FIREFIGHTERS WILL BE AT THE VALLEJO STREET FAIR, RAISING MONEY TO HELP CASA DE VALLEJO, STARTING AT 4:30 THIS AFTERNOON. PEOPLE WHO DONATE WILL GET A LITTLE ICE CREAM IN EXCHANGE. EARLIER THIS MONTH, THE FIRE KILLED THREE PEOPLE, AND FORCED MORE THAN 100 SENIOR CITIZENS FROM THE HOME. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-11:30AM 08/29/2008 REPORTED THAT FIREFIGHTERS ARE INVESTIGATING A FIRE THAT LEFT ONE MAN SEVERELY BURNED EARLY THIS MORNING. FLAMES BROKE OUT AROUND 2:30 AT A HOME ON 26TH STREET, NEAR SAN PABLO AVENUE, THAT'S JUST WEST OF 980. IT GREW TO TWO ALARMS BEFORE FIREFIGHTERS CONTAINED IT, ABOUT HALF AN HOUR LATER. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SAYS THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THEY HAVE BEEN CALLED TO THE HOME. THE INJURED MAN WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL AND IS EXPECTED TO BE TRANSFERRED TO DAVIS BURN CENTER LATER TODAY.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/08/2008 REPORTED THAT A DRAMATIC RESCUE EFFORT JUST ENDED SUCCESSFULLY ON A HIGH RISE IN DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE. TAKE A LOOK AT THE VIDEO FROM CHOPPER11 AS A RESCUE WORKER DANGLING FROM THE TOP OF THE BUILDING HELPED BRING TWO STRANDED WINDOW WASHERS TO SAFETY. FIREFIGHTERS FIRST RESPONDED TO THE FIRST BANK BUILDING AT ALMADEN AND SANTA CLARA STREET AT 8:15 THIS MORNING. THEY PULLED THE TWO MEN TO SAFETY WITHIN THE LAST HOUR.

NBC BAY AREA'S, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/08/2008 REPORTED THAT A DRAMATIC CLIFF RESCUE NEAR SAN FRANCISCO, CAUGHT ON TAPE. IT HAPPENED AFTER A HANG GLIDER CRASHED ON A CLIFF NEAR MUSSEL ROCK PARK LAST NIGHT. THE COAST GUARD WAS CALLED IN TO HELP; WHEN IT WAS DETERMINED THE MAN WAS TOO FAR DOWN FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO REACH. A RESCUE SWIMMER WAS LOWERED FROM THE COAST GUARD HELICOPTER AND BROUGHT THE HANG GLIDER BACK UP. THE MAN WAS NOT HURT.

NBC11, THE BAY AREA TODAY 11:00AM-12:00PM 09/15/2008 REPORTED THAT TEXT MESSAGING COULD BE THE REASON A COMMUTER TRAIN SLAMMED HEAD ON INTO A FREIGHT TRAIN OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES ON FRIDAY. INVESTIGATORS SAY IT COULD TAKE MORE THAN A YEAR TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH, BUT THEY ARE TRYING TO GET THE ENGINEER'S PHONE RECORDS. THEY WANT TO FIGURE OUT IF THE RED STOP SIGNAL THE TRAIN RAN WAS BROKEN, OR IF THE ENGINEER MISSED IT WHILE SENDING TEXT MESSAGES. 25 PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE ENGINEER, DIED IN THE CRASH IN CHATSWORTH. ANOTHER 135 WERE INJURED.

END OF REPORT
