



The Hatchet

March 30, 2010

Washington High School 38442 Fremont Blvd. Fremont, CA 94536

Vol. 91 Issue 6

Niles residents petition closure of post office

BRIANA TERRY
Staff Reporter

Local residents discussed the potential closure of the Niles post office at a community meeting held by the U.S. Postal Services at the Niles Elementary School auditorium, Jan. 5.

Niles joins 169 post offices on the list for closure because of the detrimental effects of the economic downturn. People favor using email communication, causing a reduction of mail circulation and overall declining post office revenues.

Residents spoke about losing a local post office that has been in business for 136 years. The

“It shouldn’t have to be this way. It’s a lot of gas to be going around to the next nearest post office.”

-Carmen Correia

office has poor road access to other Fremont districts and is four miles from the nearest full-service post office.

“It shouldn’t have to be this way. It’s a lot of gas to be going around to the next nearest post office,” parent Carmen Correia said.

Correia made one of 3,000 signatures on a petition drafted to defend the post office against closure. Information and the petition signatures will be handed over to the Postal Service district manager’s office in Oakland, to then be forwarded to the Postal Service area vice president in San Diego. The final decision will be made at the Postal Service headquarters in Washington, D.C., in 2010.

“I feel horrible! I grew up with it being around, and now we have to commute to another post office,” senior Angelina Correia said.

Uciis autatur, volorporenis qui consend ignimag namusandit, volor aspedi ut audandit, si cum, odi ommod mi, nus conse pa denduntia porporrorrum aut veribus cipsae landis molorem. Nem. Nempore rferiti andunt.Faces venet ut liquibus modiorae veremos id ma eos

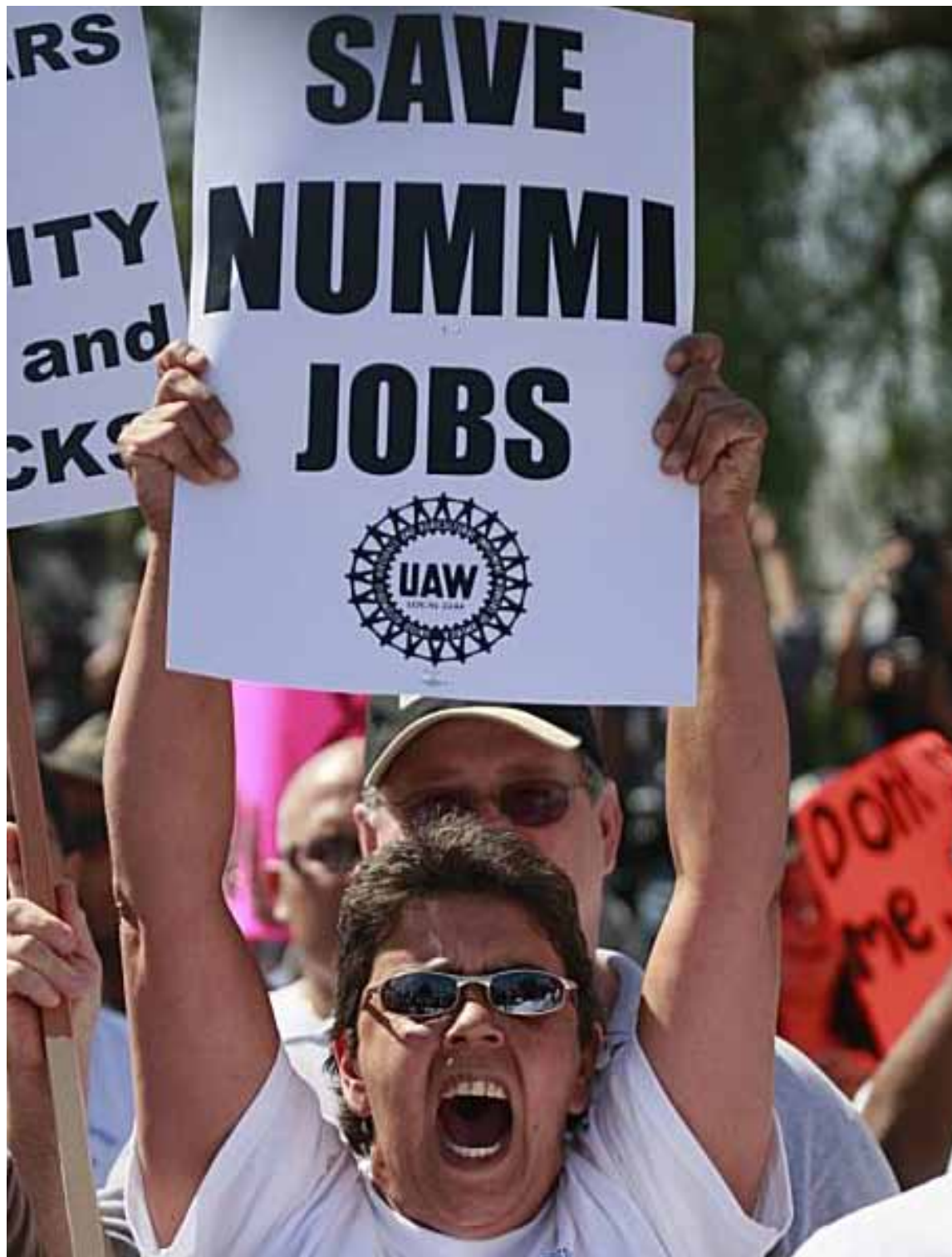


Photo from AUTOWORKERSNEWS.COM

Elsa Fraga of San Leandro, who has worked at Nummi for 17 years, cheers with others at a rally in Fremont.

NUMMI closure hurts local families

BACH PHAM
Staff Reporter

The close of the Fremont NUMMI Plant affects WHS students. Sophomore Billy Burgendall’s father has been working in this plant for 24 years. Burgendall blames the recession for the demand of automobiles.

“I’m stressed out. It’s the first time that I’ve had to look for a job in over 24 years. A lot of changes are going to happen,” Burgendall said.

His next move is uncertain. The family expects to adjust spending habits. He is worried about finding a job because of the

recent downturn of the economy, which has caused demand for his job trade to decrease.

The closing of the plant will greatly affect the 4,700 employees that are currently employed by NUMMI. There are also around five to seven employees part of various other companies that are connected to the NUMMI plant, working for supplier firms for parts and other goods. According to Burgendall, this could result in the overall loss of 21,000 jobs after March 31.

The massive amount of employment lost will be hurtful to the state’s budget as well. California provides unemployment

insurance for every person that has been laid off.

According to the National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP), they will have to pay up to \$450 per unemployed person per week. For the predicted lost 21,000 jobs, that is upwards of \$9.45 million for unemployment insurance every week.

Many have seen the NUMMI sign while driving on the freeway, but people missed see the importance it had cemented in this community as a key provider of employment.

Elit enis dolut quis magniss ecerhent

Teen mom steps up to the plate

RICO DONELSON JONES
Staff Reporter



Photo by KAYLEE MIU

Senior Lanee Andrade poses with her son, Payton. Andrade juggles being a mom, softball, and highschool.

Senior Lanee Andrade, the varsity softball team’s second baseman and right fielder, is more than just an ordinary Husky. She is a student, athlete and mother to an eight and half month old baby boy, Peyton. Many teen mothers seek other options rather than going back to high school after having a child, but Andrade is not only dedicated to graduating with her high school diploma but also working hard to get in the starting line up for her softball games.

Andrade has played softball for about four years. A friend first introduced her to the sport and since then she has taken it to the next level. It is hard for a high school student to balance both school work and sports, but raising a child, especially at a young age, can be incredibly stressful.

“Softball helps me stay sane with all the stress and responsibility that comes with being a young mom” Andrade said.

Andrade receives a lot of support from both sides of the family. Her father and uncle, both Washington softball

See MOM, page 2

Staff editorial:
Earthquake readiness

Opinions, page 3

Behind the scenes:
ASB

Features, pages 4-5

Girls soccer is

#1

Sports, page 7