

## **Quarterly Community Issues**

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### ***April***

#### **BROOKS**

02: Former Nevada Democratic Assemblyman Steven Brooks face more than five years in prison, if convicted on all charges after a high-speed chase in Southern California last week.

#### **LEVERAGE**

02: Governor Brian Sandoval wants to keep alive the threat that Nevada could pull out of the bi-state Tahoe Compact. His appointee to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency told the Senate Natural Resources Committee today that...while the possibility of withdrawal is “remote”... the governor wants the authority to do it.

#### **CHINA1**

03: California Governor Jerry Brown’s trip to China next week will include meetings with government and business leaders and the reopening of a foreign trade office.

#### **PB\_AFKIDS1a**

03: A commission of health and civic leaders released research showing African Americans kids in Sacramento County are twice as likely to die as white children. Tomorrow night, Sacramento County will hold a public hearing to get ideas from people who live in the community about how to reduce the high death rate among African American children.

#### **FATFISH**

04: There’s a success to report in efforts to help Sacramento River salmon survive. Farmers and biologists collaborated this past winter to place young salmon in rice fields that had been flooded for the winter. The rice fields in the Yolo Bypass served as substitutes for the vast marshlands that originally lined the rivers of the Central Valley... when salmon thrived in their natural habitat.

#### **MOREBROOKS**

04: The problems just keep adding up for expelled Nevada Assemblyman Steven Brooks. A judge in Las Vegas has revoked his bail. That’s not of immediate concern, since Brooks is in jail in Southern California, facing felony charges involving a freeway chase and violent struggle with police last week.

#### **WIDOW**

05: George Bernard Shaw is often rated as one of the great dramatists in the English language, but productions of his plays in Sacramento are rare. This month, California State is doing an early comedy by Shaw. Critic Jeff Hudson notes that while it’s a low budget production, it’s still a treat.

## CREDIT

05: A California lawmaker says credit card companies don't do enough to inform college students about the risks of credit card debt. Democratic Assembly member Roger Hernandez has authored a bill that would require credit card issuers on or near college campuses to verbally communicate contract terms to college students. It would apply to first-time cardholders between 18 and 26 years old.

## BABYFUD

08: A lawsuit filed by an environmental group may determine whether the nation's largest makers of baby foods will be required to indicate on the labels that their products contain small amounts of lead.

The suit was filed by the Environmental Law Foundation in Oakland. It claims that Gerber, Del Monte Foods and other makers of baby foods and juices are selling products with levels of lead that must be labeled for lead content under provisions of California's Proposition 65.

## CELLMAP

08: A Fresno County Superior Court panel has ruled that's illegal to use your cell phone's mapping or G-P-S function while you're driving. At least in Fresno County.

The court ruled today the California law that prohibits texting and hand-held phone conversations also applies to use of a mobile device for direction-finding.

## FIREFEE1A

09: A bill that would repeal Cal Fire's rural fire prevention fee was killed in a Senate committee today(Tuesday). Dozens of people wearing bright red shirts that read "Burned by Fire Fee" showed up at a Senate committee hearing to show their support for the legislation that died.

The fee, passed by the California legislature in 2011, is assessed on rural property owners. But supporters of repealing the fee say it is nothing more than a tax. Republican Senator Ted Gaines authored the bill.

## FRACK2

09: PROMO: A bill that would regulate the practice of hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" for oil and gas in California has passed its first legislative committee. INTRO: 12 Some lawmakers say California is not doing enough to regulate hydraulic fracturing or fracking for oil and gas. As Capital Public Radio's Amy Quinton reports, a bill designed to tighten regulations passed its first legislative test today (Tuesday).

## BOLTS

10: The Chief Engineer at CalTrans says it could takes weeks – or even months – to find a "fix" for critical bolts that snapped on the new eastern span of the Bay Bridge last week.

Stephen Maller made the comments at a meeting of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission today... raising questions about whether the new section of the bridge will be ready for its planned Labor Day opening.

## DEADLINE

10: There's a potentially significant development today in the saga of the Sacramento Kings... The majority owner Maloof family has reportedly given the Sacramento investor group led by Vivek Ranadive... until 5:00 pm Friday to submit a written, binding "back-up" bid to the one submitted to the NBA by a Seattle investor group in January.

## GARNISH1A

11: The California Assembly has passed a bill that would prevent lenders from garnishing the wages of students who can't repay private college loans. The bill would not affect federal student loans. Supporters say unlike federal loans, private student loans aren't forgiven in bankruptcy and lenders can garnish 25-percent of a student's wages. Republican Assembly member Shannon Grove opposed the bill. She says the legislation would have unintended effects.

## CAPRISON DEBRIEF... ISDN...BEN

11: California Governor Jerry Brown has lost another round in the courts, in his effort to re-establish state control of its prisons and health care. Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler joins us. Ben last week, it was a Sacramento judge with some scathing assessments of the state's case in its effort to reclaim control of prison mental health care... What's the news from court today?

## NEVTAN

12: The Nevada Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy has passed a bill that would ban minors from tanning salons. The bill heads to the full Senate for a vote. Originally, the bill had called for parental consent before a minor could be allowed to use a tanning salon, but the bill was amended to remove provision for permission. Salons that do allow minors could face civil liability from parents. They are also required to post signs about the risks of tanning and safeguards patrons should take.

## KINGS DEBRIEF

12: Lede: A source close to the ownership group seeking to buy the Sacramento Kings and keep them from moving to Seattle says the group will match the offer made by Seattle investors earlier this year. Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler is here now with more. Q: How much would that offer be worth? A: Well if it's matching the Seattle group's offer, that offer is reportedly worth \$340 million dollars for about 65 percent of the team. That includes a 30 million dollar nonrefundable deposit, which the Sacramento group would apparently match as well.

## NOBAGS1A

15: The choice of paper or plastic could soon disappear at California grocery stores. Democratic Senator Alex Padilla has introduced legislation that would ban single-use plastic bags at all grocery, convenience, liquor stores, and at pharmacies. Padilla says more than 14 billion plastic bags are handed out every year by California retailers, with a recycling rate estimated at 5-percent. Padilla's legislation would require consumers to use re-usable bags or purchase recyclable paper bags.

## DRUG FEE

15: The California Attorney General's office is promoting a bill that would impose fees on health care providers, drug manufacturers and insurance companies... and use the money to continue operation of the state's "substance abuse tracking system." The lack of funding for the system has been a concern because of the number of patient deaths linked to doctors overprescribing certain medications.

## CONTROL1A

16: Strict new gun control proposals are moving through the California legislature today (Tuesday). Among the eight bills are measures that would ban semi-automatic rifles that accept detachable magazines, ban large capacity magazines, and require permitting for ammunition purchases. The bills sparked emotional testimony in a Senate committee. Cynthia Pillsbury with Moms Demand Action described her reaction to the shootings in Newtown, Connecticut.

## CADRUG

16: The number of drug and alcohol users in California who may be eligible for health insurance covering substance abuse will increase by 50 per cent when federal care reform begins next year. More than 95,000 people with drug and alcohol problems currently get treatment through Medi-Cal. At least 146,000 more are projected to be eligible for coverage if Med-Cal expands to cover people who make up to 138 per cent of the federal poverty rate. The largest number of patients getting taxpayer-funded treatment for alcohol and drugs is in Los Angeles County.

## CALPER2

17: Leaders of the state's largest pension system have approved changes that would fully fund the system. 14 Taxpayer funded state and local governments will have to make higher contributions to the California Public Employees Retirement System. As Capital Public Radio's Amy Quinton reports, CalPERS board members have approved a new accounting policy designed to fully-fund the pension system.

## ANIMALS

17: A bill that would have limited undercover farm animal abuse investigations in California has been withdrawn by its author. Republican Jim Patterson's, said he pulled the bill just three hours before it was to be voted on by the Assembly Agriculture Committee today. No reason was given, but the legislation has faced growing opposition. California now joins Arkansas, Wyoming and Indiana where similar legislation failed.

## STAKEOUT1A

18: NBA owners are meeting/met in New York City today (THURSDAY) to discuss the future of the Sacramento Kings. They're evaluating competing proposals from investor groups in Sacramento and Seattle. So far, most owners entering the meetings have declined comment. But Joe Lacob (LAY-cub) with the Golden State Warriors did stop to talk briefly. Asked whether it's in the Warriors' best interest for the Kings to move to Seattle, freeing up the entire Northern California market, Lacob downplayed that idea:

### BM\_KJREAX3

18: The Seattle investors...and the Sacramento investors who have bid on the Sacramento Kings will each have another chance to make their cases before the National Basketball Association. The National Basketball Association's owners will take at least another couple of weeks to decide the future home of the Sacramento Kings. Capital Public Radio's Bob Moffitt has local reaction.

### NEVJO

19: For the first time in 20 months, Nevada unemployment ticked up a bit from month-to-month in March... to 9.7 per cent. The Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation reported today that rate increased one-tenth of a per cent. But it was a substantial drop from the 11.6 per cent rate in March of last year. The Las Vegas jobless rate was 9.8 per cent. Reno-Sparks registered a slight decrease to 10 per cent...and Carson City dropped a bit to 10.6 per cent.

### RAILBID

19: The California High Speed Rail authority reportedly changed the rules for selection of a contractor to build the first phase of the bullet train. Under the change, the bid assessment gave equal weight to cost...and to the bidder's technical rating, which includes safety and design quality. The Los Angeles Times reports the process was changed without approval of the Rail Authority board. The Authority says the bid changes have been posted on its website since August. It says all the bids were 'technically sound'... and that the change was made to assure better quality at lower cost.

### GM CANCER

22: Cancer patients in California could see their out-of-pocket costs reduced under a bill that passed the Assembly today. The bill would cap the cost to patients for oral anti-cancer drugs at \$100 per prescription. The treatments can cost thousands of dollars and may be a patient's only option. Insurers opposed the bill, saying other costs will rise to pay for the drugs. Governor Jerry Brown vetoed a similar bill last year.

### GM CONFISC

22: California lawmakers have sent Governor Jerry Brown a bill that would give more than 24 million dollars to the "Armed and Prohibited Persons" program. That's a program designed to confiscate guns from felons and other people who should not legally have them. The new money will allow agents to cross-check databases for people who bought weapons they're not supposed to have. The bill passed the Senate unanimously today.

### AIR2

23: California cities continue to dominate the list of the most polluted cities in American for smog and soot. 10 A new report shows significant progress in efforts to reduce smog and soot pollution in California. But as Capital Public Radio's Amy Quinton reports, California cities continue to top the list as most polluted in the nation.

## GIDEON2A

23: A federal task force, along with Stockton Police and other local law enforcement agencies, have put 44 violent criminals behind bars. The effort was called "Operation Gideon" At a joint news conference today (Tuesday), U.S. Attorney Ben Wagner announced that the effort has helped reduce violent crime in Stockton.

## GOPBILS

24: Democratic majorities on California Senate committees have rejected several notable Republican bills on a busy day at the State Capitol. One G-O-P measure would have allowed employees to work flexible schedules – such as four 10-hour days each week. Another would have allowed school districts to make teacher layoff and retention decisions based on factors other than tenure.

## FILMS1A

25: The Sacramento International Film Festival is preparing for its final weekend. One-hundred-fifty different films from 23 countries will have been shown by the time the festival wraps up on Sunday. The festival's executive director, Martin Anaya, says nearly 40 of this year's film makers are local. FILMS1A:13 "We want to see those hopes and dreams of the next Quentin Tarantino, the next big thing, because we know they're gonna start somewhere and that somewhere might as well be here so that's why we do it." Anaya says there were no Sacramento-area film makers in the festival when it started in 1995. Tonight, (Thursday) the event will showcase (showed) movies made by Sacramento's African American film makers.

## NBA MEET

25: A National Basketball Association spokesman says its relocation and finance committee will meet on Monday to discuss the Sacramento and Seattle bids for the Sacramento Kings. It is likely the committee will make a recommendation at the conclusion of that meeting and submit a report to the rest of the NBA owners. The full Board of Governors will have a minimum of seven business days to review the report before voting on the offers to purchase the team and a request by Seattle investors to move the team to Seattle.

## SM KINGS

26: The N-B-A committee deciding whether the Sacramento Kings should be sold and relocated to Seattle will hold a meeting via conference call Monday. An N-B-A spokesman has confirmed that the committee, consisting of 12 league owners, will convene on a call instead of in person. Whenever the committee issues a recommendation, N-B-A owners will have at least seven business days to review the report before a vote can take place. The Maloof family has had an agreement since January to sell a 65 percent controlling interest in the Kings to a Seattle group led by hedge-fund manager Chris Hansen.

## BIGBOX

26: The City of Sacramento is considering a plan to get rid of special rules for certain kinds of stores. Sacramento Business Journal Editor Jack Robinson says the regulations have to do with so-called "big-box" stores.

## FESTIVL

28: Stockton's Asparagus Festival finished its 28th year this past weekend. Now the Festival may be forced to move out of downtown Stockton. The city contributed more than \$300,000 dollars to the festival last year in services such as police for security. The Festival repaid only \$100,000. In the future, the bankrupt city wants the Festival to cover more of its expenses.

Asparagus Festival President Wes Rhea says the city and festival organizers are still trying to negotiate a deal.

## BM\_NO MOVE

29: It appears the Sacramento Kings will play at least one more year in Sacramento. A special committee of NBA owners has recommended against relocation of the Sacramento franchise to Seattle. The Kings' owners, the Maloof family, had an agreement to sell their majority share of the team to a group of Seattle investors led by hedge fund manager Chris Hansen and Microsoft's Steve Ballmer.

## GM DISCHARGED

29: Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval said some people who violated the policies of a Las Vegas psychiatric hospital are being fired. The State Health and Human Services Department has reviewed data on hundreds of cases in which patients were given bus tickets and sent to other states, including California. Nevada faced criticism for the discharges from Rawson-Neal Psychiatric Hospital in Las Vegas. Sandoval said that the state reviewed about 1,500 cases of out-of-state transports.

## AR BTOB

30: There are new rules for this year's Bay to Breakers footrace in San Francisco... rules imposed to improve security after the bombings at the Boston Marathon. No backpacks will be allowed... no large containers... no large bags. San Francisco police say the Boston bombings have raised awareness of potential attacks. The annual event is known for its colorful costumes...and its nude runners. This year's Bay to Breakers is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>...and is expected to draw 30,000 runners and walkers.

## AR NEVDUI

30: Judges and some lawmakers are raising concerns over a bill that would impose a new \$500 assessment on DUI offenses to fund Nevada specialty courts. The bill would impose the fee on people arrested for first or second offense drunken driving. If a person is unable to pay, the bill allows a judge to substitute community service. But some justices, court administrators and members on the Assembly Judiciary Committee say while the intent is good, the mechanism might be flawed.

## *May*

### CALPOPIA

01: California's population is still growing slowly. New figures from the Department of Finance show the state gained almost 300-thousand people in 2012. That represents an increase of nearly one percent to almost 38 million. John Malson (MALL-son) is a demographer for California. He says fewer people are moving out of the state because the economy is improving, especially in some areas:

### SM STAB

01: Police are trying to determine if there's a link between a man arrested after he allegedly broke into a home in Placerville and tried to kidnap a toddler, and the killing of an 8-year-old girl about 45 miles away in Calaveras County. Police reportedly arrested 44-year-old Jason Wryrynen after getting a call yesterday that he had entered the apartment and tried to take a 15-month-old girl from her mother.

### ATHLETES

02: Professional athletes who spent most of their careers with teams in other states would no longer be able to file workers' compensation claims in California under a bill headed to the state Senate. Supporters of the bill say those players should not be allowed to file claims in California for non-specific cumulative injuries.

### INMATES

03: Faced with a possible contempt of court citation, the state of California has come up with a new plan to reduce prison overcrowding. But corrections officials concede it still falls 2300 inmates short of compliance with a federal order. The judges have given the state 'til late July to develop a list of candidates for early release, but state corrections officials say that would mean freeing serious and violent offenders.

### NVAUDIT

03: Nevada lawmakers want a close look at the cost of keeping execution as a possible punishment. A bill heard in the Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections seeks an interim study on the costs of the death penalty...with a report to be submitted to the Legislature in 2015. Governor Brian Sandoval vetoed similar legislation in 2011. The new bill was drafter with specific language to deal with Sandoval's veto objections. For one thing, the audit would include any financial savings from imposing the death penalty to ensure a fair study.

### BAFFLED

06: Governor Jerry Brown says his approach to fixing the state prison system has brought "incredible transformation"... since the courts took over the prison health care. Brown spoke today for the first time since the state filed its plan last week to reduce the prison population by another 7,000 inmates. That's still 2,300 short of the target ordered by the courts to reduce the inmate population. Judges have said Brown could be held in contempt if his administration does not comply with its orders, and he has promised to appeal. Brown says he's presenting his case in a respectful way but finds "it rather mystifying why we're in this predicament."

## BRUNO

06: The California Public Utilities Commission is recommending a fine of \$2-and-a-quarter billion dollars for Pacific Gas and Electric...because of its negligence in the time leading up to a deadly natural gas pipeline explosion. The penalty would be the largest ever assessed by a state regulator. And the PUC says the fine should be paid by P-G-and-E shareholders. The explosion in September of 2010 in San Bruno killed eight people, injured dozens and leveled a neighborhood. Commission investigators and consumer advocates filed a range of proposals for fines today. PG&E will file its proposal later this month. A judge from the utilities commission is expected to make a final decision about how much to fine PG&E later this year.

## GOVBRIDGE

07: California Governor Jerry Brown says he believes the public still has confidences in the safety of the new Bay Bridge. State transportation officials have recently disclosed that three dozen seismic safety bolts on the eastern span of the bridge had broken. But the governor says people generally understand that there will be construction problems on major infrastructure problems. Brown told reporters in Sacramento today, "Look, (stuff) happens." He says it's too soon to know if the bridge will be ready for its scheduled opening on Labor Day. The new span so far has cost \$6.4 billion.

## PROP65

07: Governor Jerry Brown wants to revamp the voter-approved California law that requires businesses to post public warnings about chemicals. The Governor says some lawyers are abusing Proposition 65. The measure was passed nearly 30 years ago. It requires store owners to post signs warning consumers of the presence of potentially dangerous chemicals. Although the law has helped educate the public, Brown says it has also led to frivolous lawsuits. Today, the Governor proposed several reforms including a cap on attorney fees... and a requirement for more proof from plaintiffs who threaten to sue. Any change to Proposition 65 would require a two-thirds vote from the state Legislature.

## RAINY

08: The Speaker of the California Assembly says he wants to place a rainy day fund measure on the November 2014 ballot... a measure that was pushed three years ago by then Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Republican lawmakers. Democrat John Perez plans to announce ballot language today... that would make the measure more palatable to public employee unions and Democratic lawmakers. It calls for the rainy day fund to be built with extra capital gains taxes from the wealthy rather than from the state's general fund, which could take money away from state programs.

## VAGES

08: Home prices in Las Vegas are up again... up 31 per cent from a year ago...and almost four per cent in the past month. But even the improve serves to illustrate how different the real estate market is now from what it was at the peak. The Greater Las Vegas Association of Realtors says the median price of a home in Las Vegas was \$167,000 last month... which is about half the median in 2006. Officials say they're seeing short sales and traditional sales eclipse the foreclosure trend of the past few years. Foreclosures accounted for about 80 percent of all sales four years ago, and dropped to 10 percent in April.

#### AQ\_ALMONDS1A

09: Blue Diamond Growers' headquarters in Sacramento has received an energy makeover that will save the cooperative more than one million dollars over five years. Blue Diamond teamed up with SMUD to complete energy-efficiency projects, such as installing LED lights with motion sensors and upgrading the plant's cold storage system. The energy-saving measures reduce emissions equal to removing 1200 cars from the roads. Blue Diamond General Manager of Operations Bruce Lish says the timing is perfect.

#### BADBLM

09: Oil industry groups say federal land managers have blocked new energy development by postponing all oil and gas lease auctions in California until October. The chief economist for the American Petroleum Institute says the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's recent announcement that it will put off leasing public lands in the state is preventing job creation. BLM says the decision was forced by budget problems and the toll of environmental litigation over parcels near the Monterey Shale, one of the nation's largest deposits of shale oil. BLM's state director Jim Kenna says the agency will concentrate on enforcement of existing leases.

#### LEBEC

10: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has approved a habitat conservation plan that will allow a developer to maintain its land... including plans to build a village... in return to working to minimize impact on the endangered California condor and 24 other plant and animal species. The deal with the Tejon Ranch Company covers 141,000 acres of the 270,000 acre property where Tejon plans to build luxury homes and golf courses. The land is 60 miles north of Los Angeles. The deal protects Tejon from legal liability if species listed under the plan are accidentally harmed or killed during development, farming or other activities. Federal officials say the plan prohibits killing of condors.

#### OAKCOP

10: Oakland's acting police chief has left the job...after only two days in the position. Mayor Jean Quan announced today that Deputy Chief Anthony Toribio had stepped down voluntarily. Quan named had Toribio to replace Chief Howard Jordan on Wednesday after Jordan announced he was immediately retiring for medical reasons. Another deputy chief, Sean Whent, has been sworn in as acting chief. Torbio will go back to being a captain. The shake-ups come as the city continues to deal with one of the nation's worst violent crime rates.

#### ABUSE

13: The Senate Office of Oversight and Outcomes has found nearly two dozen registered sex offenders working as substance-abuse counselors in California. The investigative arm of the Senate says the state has no procedure for screening them out. The report released to today says California and Pennsylvania are the only large states that don't conduct background checks on drug and alcohol counselors. Other states check applicant fingerprints against criminal records or require applicants to report their own histories...with penalties for lying. California also has no system to find counselors who have been convicted of crimes after they start working.

#### LEILA

13: The father of a 12-year-old boy arrested in connection with the stabbing of his 8-year-old sister says...he believes the boy is innocent...and will believe it until he's shown evidence to the contrary. Barry Fowler today said the family is standing behind the boy... "until they have proper evidence to show it's my son." Calaveras County Sheriff's deputies arrested the boy on Saturday. The boy had told investigators he saw a man with long gray hair running from the family home in Valley Springs. The FBI joined investigators from the Sheriff's Office and recently confiscated several knives from the home.

#### STEVE1A

14: California Governor Jerry Brown today couched his revised budget plan in cautionary terms and phrases. He said, "We're sailing into uncertain times", with the economy slowing down. The new budget actually calls for spending \$1.3 billion less than the Governor proposed in January. Steve Boilard (BOY-lard), is Director for the Center for California Studies at Sacramento State University. He says Democratic lawmakers are not likely to be pleased with when they heard.

#### BA REVISE1A

14: California Governor Jerry Brown is proposing an updated budget that he says is balanced, solid and maintains fiscal discipline against efforts to restore years of deep budget cuts. It calls for \$1.3 billion less spending than he'd projected in January.

#### BA\_KINGBEN1

15: This could finally be the day basketball fans in Sacramento and Seattle learn whether they'll have a team in town next year. N-B-A owners meet in Dallas today starting around 11A-M Pacific time ... and they're expected to vote on whether to allow the Kings to relocate to Seattle. Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler is in Dallas, at the hotel where the owners will meet. Good morning...

#### SM BRIDGE

15: Officials overseeing construction of the new San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge say the six-billion-dollar span still "has a fighting chance" to open this year, despite concerns over structural issues. State lawmakers yesterday grilled officials overseeing the project about the decision to use a type of seismic safety rods, 32 of which broke after being tightened in March. Steve Heminger, executive director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, says testing indicated the rods in question broke because of a bad batch of steel. Officials said other similar rods made in a different batch are not showing similar weaknesses, but further testing will determine if they need to be replaced.

#### AMMO

16: Supporters have pursued the ban because of health risks posed by lead in the environment. Hunting with lead is already banned in eight counties that are home to the California condor. The bird is susceptible to lead poisoning.

## TEACH

16: The California state Senate has passed a bill that would allow public schools to teach about violence in American culture. The hope is that such education might help prevent future incidents like the mass murders at a Colorado theater and a Connecticut elementary school.

## GOVED

17: With a proposed increase in school spending this year, Brown wants to weight spending in favor of districts with students who are low-income, English language learners or foster children.

## NVEBUX

17: Legislative committees have approved Governor Brian Sandoval's budget proposal for Nevada's K-through-12 education... providing almost \$3 billion in general fund support for the next two years.

## BROWNBRIDGE

20: For the first time, the Governor acknowledged safety concerns over the structural integrity of the new bridge. He did it while he was in Berkeley to deliver a commencement address.

## ROLLOVER

20: Detectives say the single-vehicle crash occurred when the driver lost control of the SUV...and it rolled over...coming to rest past and intersection.

## SACLAHOMA

21: The interim emergency service manager for the Yolo County Office of Emergency Services left this morning for Oklahoma City as part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's response.

## SUPERBOWL

21: The San Francisco 49ers may or may not play in Super Bowl 50 in 2016... but the game will be played in the 49ers' home field.

## MERC

22: The California Department of Toxic Substances Control today set new rules in place to reduce the amount of neuro-toxic mercury going to landfills. The rules will require the makers of new thermostats to do a better job of making sure old ones are safely disposed of.

## GUNCHECK

22: Republicans who oppose the measure offend an amendment that would only encourage more voluntary background checks...but it died on a voice vote. The bill would also require psychiatrists to report mental health patients who make specific threats.

## LEAKS

23: The early warning would give news organizations time to fight the subpoenas in court... but probably would not deter federal agencies...which could pursue records through the federal courts.

## NEVGAY

23: Voters approved that language with the Protection of Marriage Act in 2002, but polls show a growing number of people in Nevada have changed their minds.

## COMPACT

24: The Nevada Assembly today voted 40-1 to pass a measure that repeals a 2011 law. That legislation would have cleared the way for Nevada to pull out of the Compact, which has provided for joint regulation of development and environment controls since the late 1960's

## TRAFFIC

24: The charges arose from an FBI investigation of an operation that brought women into the country illegally from Mexico and sold them to work in brothels. Sex acts upon which the charges were based occurred in Sacramento, Stockton, Fairfield, Yuba City and Chico.

## CRASH

27: Authorities say a well-known burlesque performer was killed and her husband critically injured when their car was hit head-on by a party bus on a highway south of San Francisco. Nine other people were injured. Sarah Klein went by the name was "Sparkly Devil" on stage. Police say she and her husband, Raul Padilla, drank alcohol before the crash, but toxicology tests will be conducted to determine if Padilla was OK to drive.

## CAPTAXES

27: California lawmakers are heading into the final week to move legislation from one house to the next with a lengthy to-do list. But that list does **not** include several high-profile tax bills sought by Democrats. Among the bills expected to be tackled by the Assembly and Senate are ones on gun control, environmental protection and health care.

## CANAL

28: Pacific Gas and Electric Company is the target of two lawsuits over its handling of a canal failure two years ago that forced thousands of people near Colfax in Placer County to ration water. The suits claim the utility failed to properly maintain the Bear River Canal, mishandled the response to the rupture and failed to adequately restore affected property afterward.

## NEVSPEED

28: Existing law gives the Department of Transportation authority to set the speed limit on highways it builds or maintains, such as Interstate 80 that stretches 410 miles across northern Nevada from Utah to the California line.

## BOYPLEA

29: An attorney for a 12-year-old boy accused of killing his 8-year-old sister says his client has pleaded "not guilty" in a close court proceeding today. The boy is accused of stabbing his sister, Leila Fowler, to death at the family home in Calaveras County.

## DOUBLE

29: Governor Jerry Brown met with county officials from around California today... as he tries to expand the state's health program for the poor...and transfer some state responsibilities to local governments. The Governor told the California State Association of Counties – or C-SAC – that the state cannot afford to “double pay” as it expands Medi-Cal as part of the health care overhaul.

## BROOKS

30: Former Nevada Assemblyman Steven Brooks did not go quietly, and he hasn't gone cheaply. Brooks was expelled from the Assembly in late March... after a series of events involving erratic behavior... including threats against the Assembly Speaker.

## WAGE

30: The measure would raise the state minimum wage to \$8.25 an hour next year...from the current \$8.00. In 2016, the minimum wage would increase to \$9.25...and would be adjusted for inflation in later years.

## BART

31: Bay Area Rapid Transit officials say repairs will be completed overnight on a damaged third-rail in the Transbay tube that caused huge bottlenecks in this morning's commute. Full service was restored – but only temporarily – between San Francisco and the East Bay this morning and will be in place for the evening commute.

## RAIL

31: Landowners, farmers and the Kings County Board of Supervisors have sued to stop construction of the rail system. Their attorneys today argued that the state has not publicly identified adequate future funding for the \$68 billion project. They say that failure means the state has broken a promise to voters who approved \$10 billion bonds to build the nation's first bullet train.

## *June*

## ALEH

03: 19-year-old Aleh Kalman was trying to swim the Merced River on Saturday, but the river current pulled him over 594 foot Nevada Fall. The river is too high and fast with snowmelt runoff for an active search to continue, so searchers will wait 'til the river subsides and conditions are safer.

## LOCKYER

03: The announcement from Democrat Lockyer, who's held elected offices in California since 1968, means he won't run for Controller next year... leaving politics, he says...to start a new phase of life. Lockyer is 72.

## CHECKS

04: The checks will average about \$1500...and they're part of national settlement reached last year. The total value of California's settlement in the case is more than \$306 million.

## GLIDE

04: eBay stages an auction every year in which the winning bid gets lunch with the “Wizard of Omaha”. The proceeds go to San Francisco’s Glide Foundation, which provides social services to The City’s poor. The auction started with an opening bid of \$25,000 on Sunday. After eight bid’s the lunch tab has ballooned to \$750,100.

## DEATH

05: California prison officials say an inmate who was kicking another inmate in the head has been shot and killed by a guard. The incident happened during a fight involving 40 inmates Monday morning at the Wasco State Prison in the San Joaquin Valley.

## HORSES

05: A scathing independent scientific review of the U.S. government’s efforts at wild horse management says...continued emphasis on mustang roundups to protect public rangeland is certain to fail...financially, socially...and politically.

## NYEMILK

06: Established law in Nevada restricts the sale of certified raw milk to the county where it is produced. Today, Governor Brian Sandoval vetoed legislation that would have allowed raw milk certified by a county milk commission to be sold anywhere in the state.

## PREPAY

06: The Assembly today approved a bill that would require prepaid phone subscribers to pay the same fees as those already charged to the users of standard wireless contracts. The revenues support 9-1-1 operations and some utility services.

## NUKE

07: Edison International Chairman Ted Craver says in a statement that the company concluded that the continuing uncertainty about when or if the plant might return to service was not good for customers or investors.

## PGE

07: P-G-and-E and its contractors have agreed to pay 50-and-a-half-million dollars to settle Department of Justice allegations that the utility was responsible for two wildfires that scorched 18-thousand acres of national forest land in Northern California.

## MEAD

10: The National Park Service and the Southern Nevada Water Authority have been taking water samples from Lake Mead, after some dead carp and a mysterious foam were found floating in the lake.

## GAMBLE

10: April was an unlucky month for Nevada casinos, with revenue pretty much flat compared with the same month last year. The Nevada Gaming Control Board reports that casinos won 854-million dollars in April...a decline of less than one-percent.

## FIREDED

11: The U.S. Forest Service says a 28-year-old smokejumper from Susanville has been killed fighting a lightning-caused fire in the northeast part of the state.

## NOLEAD

11: The State Senate Natural Resources Committee today voted 7-to-1 in favor of a bill that would ban the use of lead ammunition for hunting. If the measure ultimately succeeds, it would be the first such ban in country.

## FRESNO

12: These are uncertain times for supporters of same sex marriage in Fresno...made uncertain because nobody knows the exact day the U.S. Supreme Court will announce its decision on the challenge to California's Proposition 8.

## RECALL

12: The company says a packet of dressing sold with the salad contains egg, but that's not indicated in the list of ingredients and eggs can be harmful to people with some food allergies.

## CLOVIS

13: CalFire says the fire started this afternoon and quickly surged to 100 acres. Several structures have been destroyed and evacuations have been ordered for at least 50 homes.

## FRESFIRE

13: The Fresno County Sheriff's office says Brown was arrested late last night after he allegedly assaulted and threatened to kill family members in a disturbance at his home.

## BUDGET

14: The Democrats hold a super majority and the Senate and Assembly passed the main budget bill along party-line votes Friday. The vote comes a day ahead of the constitutional deadline for the legislature to send a balanced budget to the governor. He has 12 days to sign it.

## PIMPED

14: Attorney General Kamala D. Harris announced today that four people have been arrested in Sacramento and San Mateo for running a sex trafficking ring. The Department of Justice, FBI and Sacramento Police Department had been investigating the ring for five months.

## VALLEY

17: A federal judge is weighing whether inmates at two Northern California prisons should be moved to other facilities because of a fungus that causes an illness known as Valley Fever.

## FEVER

17: A federal judge is scheduled to consider whether an airborne fungus that occurs naturally in the San Joaquin Valley presents enough of a public health danger that thousands of vulnerable state prison inmates should be moved.

## LABAGS

18: The Los Angeles City Council has given initial approval to an ordinance that would ban stores from providing customers single-use plastic bags. The council voted 11-to-1 today (Tuesday) for the law, which would also require stores to charge 10 cents apiece for paper bags.

## WESTNILE

18: Mosquito abatement agencies in two Northern California counties say birds have tested positive for West Nile Virus. Mosquito and Vector Control Districts in Placer and San Joaquin Counties say the birds are signs of increased West Nile Virus activity and could lead to human infection.

## HIGHSCHOOL

19: A Catholic high school's "Safe and Sober" graduation party was cut short in Reno after some students reported getting sick from eating cookies. Sheriff's deputies are investigating whether the cookies may have been laced with marijuana or some other illegal substance. Bishop Manogue High School acting president Jim Toner told the Reno Gazette-Journal that at least one student was taken to the hospital.

## PAYUP

19: The commission that sets the pay of California lawmakers and state elected officials has voted to restore a 5 percent pay cut it made to salaries last year. The base salary of lawmakers has dropped from \$116,000 five years ago to a little more than \$90,000, while the governor's salary has declined from a high of \$212,000 in 2008 to \$165,000.

## MCCARRAN

20: Traffic was up a bit in May at McCarran International Airport. Figures released today show nearly 3.8 million people flew in and out of Las Vegas last month. That's a 2.6 per cent increase from May of 2012, but total airport traffic for the first five months of this year is down... less than one per cent.

## ATREECLONE

20: Arborists are trying to clone a dying tree that John Muir took to the San Francisco Bay area in the nineteenth century. Arborists tell the Contra Costa Times the tree Muir replanted 140 years ago is now diseased. A Michigan tree-cloning organization is now trying to turn more than 700 cuttings from the tree into a new giant sequoia while also treating the cuttings with hormones and antibiotics..

#### RVFIRE

21: A fire is burning in the city of Roseville near Maidu (MY doo) Park. The Roseville Fire Department says it is burning between McLaren Drive to the south and Johnson Ranch Drive to the north. The fire started at about 2:30 as a brush fire, but made its way into a residential area where it caused damage to five homes.

#### SACJOB

21: The number of Sacramento area restaurant, hotel and other “leisure and hospitality” jobs grew by 700 last month. It was the largest April-to-May increase in that job sector in 22-years...

#### NORAIN

24: Meteorologist say the inch of rain they’d been forecasting for today and tomorrow will probably not actually amount to a quarter of an inch total in urban areas. Only the coastal mountain areas north of San Francisco would likely see more.

#### PRA

24: The change would have meant the state would not have to reimburse the agencies for responding to requests for public information. Media outlets and open government advocates blasted the reversal, saying it would jeopardize transparency.

#### BONANZA

25: The family of Ben Cartwright...also known as Lorne Greene... is selling much of the memorabilia he left from the family western that ran from 1959 to 1973. Greene died in 1987. His son lives at Lake Tahoe.

#### FEVER

25: California Corrections Secretary Jeffrey Beard says a court order to evacuate thousands of inmates from two Central Valley prisons would cause racial conflicts in other prisons. The move was ordered by a federal court after valley fever broke out at the two facilities.

#### BART

26: Unionized workers with the Bay Area Rapid Transit system are a big step closer to the picket lines today...after overwhelmingly approving a strike authorization...if contract talks fail.

#### YOFIRES

26: CalFire says Kenneth Alan Jackson and Allison Marie Waterman of Coarsegold are under arrest in Madera County. The pair is suspected of setting at least 30 grass fires in the past few months around Yosemite Lakes Park... a community between Yosemite and Fresno.

#### BADGUN

27: Agents of the California Bureau of Firearms have arrested an ex-felon in Sacramento for illegally possessing nine guns... including eight unregistered assault weapons and 20,000 rounds of ammunition.

## FOX

27: The Center for Biological Diversity has filed suit in federal court in San Francisco seeking endangered species protections for the Sierra Nevada red fox. It's a high mountain creature that lives in northern California and Oregon.

## NOSTAY

28: The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has cleared the way for same-sex marriage in California - effective immediately. The Sacramento County Clerk's office says it will remain open until 7pm Friday to issue marriage licenses, then resume on Monday morning.

## GAS

28: The price at the pump goes up today/Monday in California – by three-and-a-half cents per gallon of gasoline. As Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler reports, that's because of a particularly complex part of an old state budget deal.