

Quarterly Community Issues

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January

02: NEWLIGHTS1

Incandescent light bulbs are going away in California. Capital Public Radio's Ezra David Romero reports on a new rule taking effect this week. The new standard doesn't ban incandescent bulbs, but Noah Horowitz with the Natural Resources Defense Council says it's so strict it essentially makes them obsolete compared to LED's.

02: PFTOPTEN1

Claims about California's record poverty plus a controversial statement by Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom all made PolitiFact California's most popular fact checks of 2017. Capital Public Radio's PolitiFact reporter Chris Nichols has this report. Our fact check of this claim by GOP Assemblyman Chad Mayes was one of our most popular of the year.

03: RETURNOFLEG

Two members of the California Assembly have retired since November amid multiple allegations of sexual harassment and abuse. And then a third lawmaker abruptly retired last week, citing health reasons. That leaves Democrats in California's lower house two votes shy of the two-thirds majority necessary needed for tax changes

03: SENHR

Human resources and employment law experts say when a sexual harassment complaint comes in, an employer should notify the alleged perpetrator and separate them from the victim. But when the California Senate learned of a sexual misconduct claim about Los Angeles County Democrat Tony Mendoza towards his young female student Fellow, it did neither

04: FIREINS

John McEldowney is with Placer County's Office of Emergency Services. He says over the past couple years, he's heard from a growing number of residents who aren't able to renew their insurance. "We often get phone calls from residents in the mountainous, wooded areas of the county, basically the high-fire danger areas."

04: WESAIDSUE

Alicia Lewis co-authored the "We Said Enough" letter in October. When it was published, she was a lobbyist specializing in women's health and equality for the law group, Wilke Fleury in Sacramento. Micha Star Liberty is Lewis' attorney.

05: POTFIGHT

Attorney General Jeff Sessions rescinded an Obama-era policy that blocked U.S. attorneys from interfering with marijuana sales in states where the drug is legal. That means top federal prosecutors will be able to take action against recreational or medical marijuana grows regardless of state law.

05: PFCOLLUSION

President Trump recently claimed California Democratic Senator Dianne Feinstein said “there is no collusion” between Russia and the Trump campaign. Capital Public Radio’s PolitiFact reporter Chris Nichols examined the president’s faulty assertion.

08: NOSINGLE

Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon shelved the measure last year, after the Senate passed it. At the time, he called the bill “woefully incomplete,” because it does not specify how it would seek federal approval, avoid potential constitutional pitfalls, and cover the as much as \$400 billion cost. Six months later, the speaker says the status of Senate Bill 562 remains the same.

08: RAWWATER

A new obsession with pure water has sprung up, but experts say the trend could pose a safety hazard. Sara Muir is rolling a plastic cart into the Alka Pure Water store in West Sacramento. It’s stacked with big, glass jugs, which she starts filling when she gets inside. Muir has been getting her fluoride-and-chlorine-free Alkaline water here for about six months.

09: PANDAVIS

The draft ordinance would outlaw solicitation along the median strip of a road, blocking a sidewalk or within 15 feet of an ATM. Bob Erlenbusch [ER-len-bush] with the Sacramento Regional Coalition to End Homelessness speculates that it’s in reaction to Sacramento’s city council passing a similar ordinance in November

09: CHP MIX

The California Highway Patrol’s mission is public safety. But, over a four-year span, the number of car crashes involving the CHP has increased more than 20 percent. Capital Public Radio’s Bob Moffitt reports why officers are most dangerous when going in reverse.

10: FLU

If you feel like flu season is hitting harder than usual - you’re right. Twenty seven people under age 65 have died of the flu, according to the state health department’s latest numbers. That’s about eight times higher than it usually is at this point in the season. About 70 percent of people who died were not vaccinated

10: BROWNBGT

California’s financial health is as strong as it’s ever been. Brown’s proposed 130 billion dollar general fund spending plan for the fiscal year that starts in July is up more than 50 percent from the budget he signed when he returned to the Capitol in 2011. But Brown wants to set aside nearly all of his projected six billion dollar surplus, warning that California’s volatile tax structure necessitates stowing money away for the next recession.

11: CLINICS

The deadline for Congress to reauthorize funding for community health centers is January 19th. The clinics serve California's low-income and uninsured patients. Congress did not renew the funding last fall. And while there's a temporary fix until March, the resolution keeping the program alive long-term expires this month.

11: POTOWLS

Many illegal marijuana grows in Northern California use rodenticides to protect their crop, but new UC Davis research suggests that owls that hunt in grows are testing positive for rat poison. UC Davis researcher Mourad [mer-rod] Gabriel says 70 percent of the Northern spotted owls tested were positive. He says owls aren't the only animals at risk.

12: TWINS

Police found the parents, 41-year old Aaron Weddles and 32-year old Princess Walker, living in a car in a north Stockton neighborhood. With them were 3 children who were taken into protective custody. The parents are charged with child neglect and child endangerment and have other outstanding warrants.

12: RENTCONTROL

Hundreds of tenants, landlords and activists filled the Capitol for the bill's first vote. It would have repealed a law that prohibits rent control on housing built after 1995. Cynthia Wray is with a major property management company in California.

15: VALLEYFEVER

Farming and new construction work in dry areas have led to a clear rise in Central California's Valley fever cases in recent years.

15: SHELTERSTOCKTON

Animal rescue groups helped to take dogs into their care as dogs at the shelter climbed over 170. Animal Services manager Chuck Harris says large dogs and a flurry of puppies arrived in great numbers last week.

16: CITYAUDIT

An audit shows new hiring in the last 18 months has helped the government more closely resemble the people it serves than it did in July of 2016. At that time, four men were employed by the city for every two women. For new hires since, the ratio is four-to-three.

16: NETNEUT

California elected officials are taking a two-pronged approach to combating the Federal Communications Commission's recent order to end net neutrality. California Attorney General Xavier Becerra [hah-VEE-air buh-SEE-air] joined New York and 20 other states in a lawsuit today [TUESDAY]. Meanwhile, a bill to enact net neutrality in California is moving forward in the state Legislature, but as Capital Public Radio's Ben Bradford reports, even supporters of the concept have qualms about it.

17: TUNNELS

The memo states DWR is evaluating ways to carry out the project, which could include a scaled down one tunnel build instead of two. Jeffrey Mount with the Public Policy Institute of California says a one tunnel project has both positive and negative ramifications.

17: HSR COSTS

The High Speed Rail Authority's board also announced that Brian Kelly has been selected as its new chief executive officer. Kelly is the current secretary of the California State Transportation Agency. He will earn nearly 385-thousand dollars a year in his new position.

18: PF STUDENTS 1

Eastin is a former state superintendent of public instruction. She made her claim about California state spending during a recent candidate's town hall in Los Angeles. "You are 41st in per pupil spending. You should be in the top 10 not the bottom 10," she added. "But guess what, you're No. 1 in per prisoner expenditure. That's a disgrace."

18: KZAP

That's Gary Clark Junior, one of the artists you're likely to hear on K-ZAP, whose motto is "50 Years of Rock, Blues and More." The station's heyday was in the 1970s and '80s. It was resurrected more than 2-years ago online and on a low-powered F-M signal. Tomorrow [Saturday] K-ZAP will be on Capital Public Radio for a weekly one-hour show.

19: CARECORD

California's unemployment rate fell to a record low four-point-three percent in December. Capital Public Radio's Chris Nichols says that rate is the lowest it's been since 1976, when the state started reporting on jobless figures.

19: STATE RISK

About five years ago, California changed the way it funds K through 12 education by giving local districts more control of how state money is spent. But the auditor says the state isn't doing a good job of making sure districts are spending the money appropriately, particularly money that is supposed to be spent on English learners, foster youth and low-income students.

22: PANFOOD

Last year, the Federal Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program served about half-a-million meals during the three months of summer. Compare that to nearly six million meals served during three months of school. Vince Caguin [CAW ghin] is with [director of Nutrition Services and Warehousing for] Natomas Unified School District. He says their program started in 2012.

22: VET SCHOOL

Thursday is a surgery day at the UC Davis veterinary school, and the pre-op room is busy. Four students are working to put a terrier under anesthesia, while another five are prepping a German Shepherd for spaying.

23: GERWIGNOM

Quite a day for Sacramento's Greta Gerwig...her movie Lady Bird got five Oscar nominations including Best Picture. And it was a historic day for Gerwig herself. That's the announcement for Best Director. Gerwig became only the fifth woman ever nominated for that award. She has called Lady Bird a love letter to Sacramento.

23: SOLARTARIFFS

The Trump Administration's reason? Increased foreign imports of solar cells are taking business away from domestic manufactures. The tariffs on imported solar start at 30 percent and over four years drop to 15 percent. But Abigail Ross Hopper, CEO of the Solar Energy Industries Association, says the decision could decrease demand for solar and result in a loss of 23,000 jobs this year.

24: DOJSUBPOENA

The U.S. Department of Justice is threatening to subpoena California and cities within it – including Sacramento – over sanctuary policies. Capital Public Radio's Ben Bradford reports it's the latest move by the Trump administration in a dispute about whether those policies to protect undocumented immigrants violate federal law.

24: HATE

The Coalition Against Hate removed over 200 stickers from stop signs and other city property, and the police department removed dozens more since they started appearing in September. Coalition members like Danielle Reyes say some of the stickers such as Alt-Right, or Equality is a False God, or a U.S. map with the words "No means No" and "My Borders My Choice" as a warning against immigrants.

25: JERRYSOTS

For one final time tomorrow/this [THURSDAY] morning, Governor Jerry Brown will stride into the Assembly chambers to – as the California Constitution reads – “report on the condition of the state.” Brown is entering his record 16th and last year as governor. Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler looks back at Brown's State of the State addresses from his most recent stint in office.

25: SACTOPVISIT

Those behind the Trip Adviser list seemed to be impressed with the movie and the love its director Greta Gerwig showed for her hometown...which she mentioned when Lady Bird won a Golden Globe earlier this month for Best Comedy or Musical.

26: LASTSOTS

A one-of-a-kind American politician has given his final state of the state address: Jerry Brown ... California's longest-serving governor and a three-time Democratic presidential candidate. Brown told lawmakers in Sacramento today [THURSDAY] that California is prospering ... and laid out a path for the state to continue its progress.

26: PRISONBUCKS

Then California Governor Ronald Reagan's 1970-71 budget shows the state spent 2.8 percent of its general fund on the corrections system, or roughly \$40 million. So, Governor Brown was on the mark for the first part of his statement.

29: AGCENSUS

The USDA Census of Agriculture gathers data once every five years. Farmers and ranchers can submit the questionnaire by mail or online. The effort collects a wide range of data about who's growing what, how much and where. The census tracks the age and gender of farmers and whether they are veterans.

29: UCVEGETATION

Even if greenhouse gas emissions are reduced today, around a quarter of the state's trees and plants will be climate stressed by the end of the century, but if no changes occur the UC Davis study suggests that number could double. This could amplify the number of devastating weather events says James Thorne, the study's lead author.

30: NOBOTTLECAPS

The office of Democratic Assemblymember Mark Stone confirmed the bill that would ban removable bottle caps does not have enough support in the Assembly to pass this week. And all bills that don't pass the house where they were introduced by Wednesday are done for the year.

30: NEWBSTREET

After two decades of planning, Sacramento's B Street Theatre starts performing this week in the company's long-awaited home: The Sofia. Capital Public Radio's Jeff Hudson toured the facility, the first all-new professional theatrical venue in decades within city limits.

31: MUSHROOM

The recent rain brings with it the growth of wild mushrooms. The California Department of Public Health is putting out a warning that eating wild mushrooms can be like playing Russian roulette.

TRAVISJERRY

31: The Trump administration has said it may try to prosecute elected officials in "sanctuary" states and cities who defy federal immigration law. Republican Assemblyman Travis Allen says that should include the man he hopes to replace as California governor.

February

01: RIGHTOTRY

But patient advocates say the law isn't complete without federal support. If someone has an adverse effect while taking a drug through California's Right to Try policy, the FDA can pull the treatment from the clinical trial process. The mismatch has made drug companies reluctant to participate.

01: POTCONVICTIONS

D-A George Gascon says his office will dismiss nearly three-thousand misdemeanor cases and review nearly five-thousand felony cases for possible action as the result of the 2016 law legalizing recreational marijuana. Prop 64 also allows people convicted of marijuana charges to petition courts to toss out the cases or reduce penalties.

02: LEGCLAIMS

The California Senate and Assembly have released substantiated sexual harassment complaints against lawmakers and top staff from the last 12 years. Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler reports it's the Legislature's latest response to the #MeToo movement.

02: BOTBILL

Democratic Senator Bob Hertzberg and the advocacy group Common Sense Kids Action are supporting a bill that would require social media companies like Twitter to identify fake accounts on their platforms. A recent study estimated as many as 15 percent of Twitter accounts are bots. Shum Preston of the advocacy group says children are particularly at risk.

05: KIDSREPORT

A new report finds many California parents continue to struggle to afford early child care, and about half of three- and four-year-olds in the state aren't enrolled in a school program.

05: YARTS

Taking the family car into Yosemite can turn a dream trip into a nightmare with bumper to bumper traffic that can take 2 hours to get from one end of the park to the other. YARTS or the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System regularly carries visitors to the park for a 25-dollar fee. But now it is offering 9 selected days of free bus service from Highways 120 from Sonora and 140 from Merced, and Highways 395 and 41.

06: STJOHNS

Last year, the County made a move to increase housing for homeless drug users and to increase the number of emergency beds. Ann Edwards is Director of the Department of Human Assistance. She says this year the County had 540 thousand dollars to award and had to decide how the money would be spent.

06: HOTELPANIC

The panic buttons would allow workers to alert security if they encounter sexual harassment. Roxana Tapia [tah-PEE-uh] is with Unite Here Local 49, which represents Sacramento hotel housekeepers. She says the measure would help protect workers, many who have encountered guests who purposely expose themselves or do other unwanted sexual acts.

07: WHISTLE

The California labor code already contains protections against retaliation, but the bill adds new penalties for employers who interfere with whistleblowing by legislative staff. It's the fourth year in a row the Assembly has passed a version of Melendez's bill. The state Senate appropriations committee had shelved the measure each time, until the #MeToo movement provided new momentum.

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08: ONETUNNEL

With a new phased in approach the Department of Water Resources suggested in a memo to groups involved in California WaterFix that a single tunnel will deliver 6,000 cubic feet per second. That's a third less than the previous plan.

08: VILLAGAINS

The P-P-I-C poll also shows Democrat Dianne Feinstein maintaining her wide lead in California's U.S. Senate race. She tops her only prominent rival, Democratic state Senate leader Kevin de León [duh lay-OWN], 46 percent to 17 percent.

09: CRISTINALEAVE

A former staffer for another assembly member says Garcia cornered and groped him after the legislative softball game in 2014. That has fueled accusations of hypocrisy because Garcia has been one of the most outspoken state lawmakers against sexual misconduct in California politics — including one of the original signers of the We Said Enough letter.

09: NAZIBRAWL

More than a year and a half after the violent clash between neo-Nazis and anti-fascists at the Capitol, some protestors are still fighting charges.

12: INDIANHEALTH

The \$20 million live-in facility would be built along a curved rural road. It would treat roughly 100 substance-addicted American Indian and Alaska Native youth each year. But Yolo County supervisors say it would also pose a major pedestrian safety issue due to cars coming around the bend of county road 31. The county has asked the feds to add a left turn pocket to mitigate the risk, but supervisor Don Saylor says they haven't budged.

12: OSEISREAL

Five weeks into his run for California governor, former Republican Congressman Doug Ose [OH-see] barely has a campaign yet. But he hopes his loyalty to President Trump and a moderate voting record in the House will propel him past the June primary.

13: TURNEDUPINSAC

A Toronto firefighter who was the subject of a massive six-day search involving eight government agencies at an Adirondack ski center in New York state has been located safe and sound - in Sacramento.

13: VOTEMACHINE

California counties could receive more than 130 million dollars this year to update voting machines. Capital Public Radio's Ben Bradford reports the proposal from Governor Jerry Brown would be the first significant funding to replace outdated and worn equipment since 2002.

14: POWERPOT

Half of the applications to grow and process marijuana in the city of Sacramento have been for industrial areas in one area of the city.

14: POLICYLOVE

It's a tumultuous time in health care, and some Californians are tweeting out their love - or hate- for state and federal policies with a Valentine's Day poetry challenge.

15: MENDOZASUIT

Democratic Senator Tony Mendoza is suing the California state Senate. He argues he's been unconstitutionally forced to take a leave of absence pending a sexual harassment investigation.

15: KINGSALLSTAR

The Kings came to Sacramento in 1985 and have yet to host an All Star Game. An inadequate arena and lack of hotel rooms have often been cited as reasons the team hasn't been chosen. The NBA usually requires a city have around five thousand hotel rooms near the game site. One idea that's been floated is to put cruise ships at the Port of Sacramento in West Sac to help increase the number of rooms available.

16: HEALTHFORCE

The problem is widespread. A new report from the University of California, San Francisco shows that urban hubs draw mental health professionals, but California's rural north, the Inland Empire and the San Joaquin Valley have dismal doctor-to-patient ratios. Nearly half of the state's psychiatrists will likely retire in the next decade, but researchers found that there are no psychiatric residencies north of Sacramento, and no doctoral psychology programs in the San Joaquin Valley.

16: PAINTBALLOT

The state supreme court said the paint companies must pay 600 million dollars to help address lead paint issues in a number of densely populated cities and counties. But Sherwin Williams, Conagra Company and NL Industries are now trying to undo that decision with a ballot initiative. They're aiming to get it on the November ballot, and if passed, it would institute a 2 billion dollar state bond to fund paint clean ups across the state.

19: KIDWEED

UC Davis emergency room staff are seeing more weed cases in kids, and they've started asking parents direct questions about whether a child has had access to the drug. A 2016 Colorado study found the number of children admitted to the hospital for ingesting marijuana doubled and calls to poison control increased five-fold after the state legalized recreational use in 2012.

19: POTAUDIT

The City is requesting the audit to identify direct and indirect costs associated with existing pot dispensaries. The City is attempting to forecast future effects caused by dozens of cannabis cultivation sites and manufacturing facilities. Joe Devlin is Chief of Cannabis Policy and Enforcement.

20: STRAWS

The bill only applies to sit-down restaurants. Bars and fast-food aren't part of it. Democratic Assemblyman Ian Calderon introduced the bill with a desire to reduce the number of straws that end up in waterways.

20: SPOT

Take an armored vehicle, equip it with 8 cameras, and park it in a crime neighborhood. SPOT is like Big Brother watching, but only in public areas and not into homes. Stockton Police Chief Eric Jones says in the area of video surveillance, police are already monitoring 200 cameras around town, using drones with cameras, and all officers are equipped with body cameras.

21: HEAVENLY

More skiing on less snow. That's the goal of a South Lake Tahoe resort. Heavenly Mountain Resort is trying to adapt to climate change by proposing to take out trees and boulders that become obstacles in low-snow years.

21: HOMELESSAPP

Thirteen-year-old Divya Katyal and 14-year old Haiying Zeng were among the winners of the Congressional App Challenge put on by the House of Representatives. They took a summer coding class and then produced their "Homeless Network" app.

22: LICENSEPIC

An effort by a state lawmaker to generate more money for driver's education in California schools is banking on people's vanity. Democratic Senator Josh Newman of Fullerton has introduced a bill that would let drivers take more than one photo at the DMV and then choose which photo goes on their license.

22: AVALANCHE

The winter Olympics make alpine sports seem like fun and games. But skiers and snowboarders often don't consider the risks. Capital Public Radio's Sammy Caiola looks at how new avalanche technology keeps them safe.

23: MENDOZAOUT

Democratic Senator Tony Mendoza submitted a letter of resignation Thursday, just before a vote that could have led to his suspension or expulsion. The Senate Rules Committee investigated the claims and found that Mendoza more than likely flirted with the women and acted suggestively toward them

23: BEESHORT

In the bee keeping world February is always a scramble. Keepers from North Dakota, Florida and Texas haul millions of honey bees to pollinate California's almonds. So it's crunch time for bee broker Denise Qualls - she's got to wrangle enough hives to satisfy almond growers. Right now she's heading down 99 from Turlock to Atwater to meet with them and find out how things went.

26: 8THAMDMT

California's top court has ruled that sentencing juveniles to 50 years or more in prison violates the 8th Amendment's ban on cruel and unusual punishment. But a divided state Supreme Court did not decide today [MONDAY] what sentence would be constitutional, as Capital Public Radio's Ben Bradford reports.

26: CADEMGOV

The California Democratic Party convention wrapped up yesterday — exactly 100 days before the June 5th primary. The candidates for governor tested their messages and jockeyed for position ... as they vie for a top-two primary finish to advance to the November general election. Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler reports from San Diego.

27: CORONERBILL

A new bill introduced in the California Senate would abolish the Coroner's Office and replace it with a Medical Examiner. Capital Public Radio's Rich Ibarra reports this comes after San Joaquin County's Chief Medical Examiner resigned after saying the Sheriff-Coroner interfered with autopsies.

28: BOOKDRY

Two hundred fifty books from the California State Library are now drying out on tables or are in a giant freezer as employees attempt to minimize the damage caused by a leak during Monday's storm. Alex Vasser is Communications Manager. He says half of the books are in a deep freeze at the Statewide Museum Center at McClellan Park.

28: ALMONDFREEZE

Temperatures dipped to 21 degrees in Red Bluff, 25 in Merced, and as low as 19 in some areas of San Joaquin County. Bad news for almond growers as freezing temperatures destroyed developing nuts in some orchards, but it could be a couple of weeks before the damage shows up completely.

March

01: DENTICAL

Before this January, adults on Denti-Cal - the dental program for Medi-Cal enrollees - didn't have a lot of options for dental care. They weren't covered for white crowns, so if a tooth broke they might just have it taken out. Only full dentures were covered - not partials - so some patients had to replace all their teeth, even the healthy ones.

01: PURPLEDREAM

No state has a reputation for being as liberal as California. But that's a relatively recent phenomenon. As part of our statewide collaboration looking at the California Dream, Capital Public Radio's Ben Bradford reports how the politics of the Dream have changed from "purple" to deepest blue.

02: SNOWSURVERY

The third snow survey of the year revealed promising results for the state's water supply today [Monday]. But as Capital Public Radio's Ezra David Romero reports it's going to take a few more storms to make up the deficit.

02: DCTRIP

A group of 60 local leaders, including Sacramento's Mayor Darrell Steinberg, are heading to Washington this week. They'll urge Congress to continue to fund transportation infrastructure in the region.

05: CHECKIN

The Sacramento City Council is expected to vote tomorrow whether to approve opening a parolee re-entry facility in South Sac. The project has its opponents because it's within three blocks of two schools. Sacramento Unified School District Superintendent Jorge Aguilar has sent a letter to the City opposing the project. Alex Barrios is a district spokesman.

05: HAIKU

Sacramento is sister city to Matsuyama, Japan which is the haiku capital of the world. In the late 1970's a gift of 24 very colorful shikishi cards were bestowed upon the Haiku Society of America in New York City.

06: SOLOMON

Russ Solomon is being remembered as a trailblazer who changed the way people consumed music. Solomon, who started the Tower Records retail chain, died at his Sacramento home Sunday night

06: PPICREPORT

While the Supreme Court considers whether gerrymandering is unconstitutional, a California expert says the state's redistricting approach is generally fair and competitive.

07: TRUMPVCA

Protests blocked the street as U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions spoke in Sacramento to announce a federal lawsuit against the state's sanctuary policies for immigrants. State leaders are promising a robust defense of their new laws.

07: HOMEPOO

A homeless advocacy group says there aren't enough City of Sacramento bathrooms that are open to the homeless. The City disputes the claim.

08: NOHUGS

The California state Senator known as "Huggy Bear" is no longer allowed to initiate hugs, but he will be allowed to keep his job.

08: FLUSHOT

California saw higher-than-usual numbers of flu cases and deaths this year, partly because the vaccine didn't protect well against the influenza A strain that was dominant early in the season. But Dr. Dean Blumberg of UC Davis says there's something else going around now.

09: DRIVEELEC

Through next June, Volkswagen is spending 44-million dollars in the Sacramento area to expand the use of zero-emission vehicles.

09: TRIBALOPPIOID

The state is focusing on residents who die most often from opioid addiction: American Indians. Tribal communities will soon get help - and funding - to ease the problem.

12: MENDOZAHERTZBERG

The California Senate responded differently in recent weeks to sexual harassment allegations against two of its lawmakers, Tony Mendoza and Bob Hertzberg. A leading California human resources expert says the investigative findings justified the disparate treatments — but in both cases finds fault with Senate leadership.

12: AMAZONROOF

Atop the roof at Amazon's Fulfillment Center in Tracy, workers have been installing solar panels for the past 5 months blanketing the one-million-square-foot facility. Overseeing the work is Greg Michaelson who is part of Amazon's Sustainability Team and who's getting ready to flip the switch to solar.

13: TRUMPVISIT

On President Trump's first visit to California will take him to a suburban San Diego neighborhood. Supporters of his border wall - and his immigration policy - will rally nearby. Jeff Schwilk is the founder of San Diegans for Secure Borders. He got involved in this issue 13 years ago over concerns that a porous border was allowing drug cartels and smugglers entry into the U.S.

13: THEFIELD

No prominent Republican filed to enter the race for California Senate before Friday's deadline. That could leave the field open for two Democrats to advance to the general election, for the second consecutive time.

14: CIVICSLESSON

Sacramento City Unified School District officials allowed students to walk out of class today [Wednesday] for 17 minutes. But one former high school civics teacher argues there's a better way to support students: punish them.

14: POSTPARK

As high school students around the country prepare to walkout to protest for tighter restrictions on firearms, California lawmakers and policy advocates are preparing their own responses after the Parkland shooting.

15: RIGHTS

There's a new push to educate immigrants in the Sacramento area about their legal rights. The DA's Office says its new program called Understanding Your Rights was sparked by an influx of refugee resettlement groups moving into apartment complexes in Sacramento's Arden Arcade area last year.

15: HEALTH

The National Center for Health Statistics sampled the answers from 60-thousand people across the U.S. about their health ranging from obesity to smoking. The greatest finding was the rise in obesity, from 19 percent in 1997 to more than 31 percent in 2017. The group with the highest level was African-American women at 49 percent.

16: EBIKESAC

These bikes assist people when they pedal. They can reach speeds of 20 miles per hour. The bikes have on-board GPS technology and an electronic lock, which means they can be locked anywhere. That has been a problem in other cities where bikes have been left in the middle of sidewalks.

16: GUNDOCS

With mass shootings again in the national spotlight, some physicians are wondering whether they can play a role in preventing acts of violence. "Many physicians have reached a turning point. They can't stay on the sidelines anymore." That's Dr. Garen Wintemute, head of the University of California Firearm Violence Research Center at UC Davis. He's not suggesting physicians screen all patients - just ones with major risk factors, like severe mental illness, substance addiction, suicidal thoughts or a history of abuse. Once a doctor has the information, they can decide whether to intervene.

19: SALMONSEASON

The number of fall-run Chinook Salmon returning on the river last year was the second lowest on record. Drought and warmer ocean temperatures are a big part of the problem. That's why officials with the council that manages fisheries along the West Coast are toying with the idea of trimming the commercial fishing season.

19: REPROFACT

The case revolves around more than 200 crisis pregnancy centers in California. The non-profits can provide counseling, baby supplies, ultrasounds, but they oppose abortions. The California law requires them to notify clients about the availability of abortions, as well as contraception. The bill's author, Assemblyman David Chiu, says it's simple consumer protection.

20: SHOOTFOLO

Clark was shot and killed in his grandmother's backyard Sunday night [at 9:26 p.m. That's] about 13 minutes after the Sacramento Police Department says it received a report of someone breaking car windows on 29th Street. Lewis says that while officers were looking for a suspect, Clark was sitting in his girlfriend's car in front of his grandmother's. She says he got out and headed to the back of the house to knock on a window to have his grandfather let him in. The department says a helicopter pilot spotted Clark from above, saw him shatter a neighbor's glass door and directed officers to his location. Police says officers chased Clark into the backyard and shot him after he walked toward them holding something in his hand.

20: SEA OIL

Major oil companies will answer questions like what created the ice age and what are the sources that cause the planet to warm. This is the result of lawsuits from San Francisco and Oakland. They claim coal, gas and oil producers know they are responsible for current and future sea level rise -- as much as 10 feet by the year 2100. Dennis Herrera is San Francisco's city attorney.

21: SHOOTHAHN

Hahn then answered a series of questions from City Councilman Larry Carr that had been asked of him by the community. Hahn can not say whether Clark was shot in the back and deferred to the coroner to make that determination. The chief also says the department's investigation will consider whether the 20 shots fired by two officers was excessive, why less-lethal force was not used, and why there was a delay of five minutes before CPR was performed. The family has criticized officers for failing to tell Clark's grandparents that he was dead in their backyard. Officers who interviewed the family after the shooting say they were unaware Clark was related to the owners of the home until Clark's grandmother looked outside and saw him.

21: PPIC SURVEY

In February, the poll showed Newsom and his Democratic opponent Antonio Villaraigosa in a virtual tie. But this month, Newsom is leading with 28%, while Villaraigosa is down 9 points from the previous poll. Newsom's new top competitor? Republican John Cox. He's up 7 points from last month.

22: STUDENTTRAUMA

Anxiety is on the rise among school-aged youth, and some campuses are looking for solutions to childhood trauma.

22: PGEFIRESAFETY

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23: BLM PROTESTS

Steinberg was joined by local leaders at City Hall to talk about the officer-involved shooting that took place [in South Sacramento] Sunday night. Police body-camera footage was released three days after Clark was killed. Steinberg said he viewed it but won't make any judgements until the investigation is complete. He spoke about the fear shared by black residents AND police officers.

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26: VIOLENTINJURY

Two years ago, Eli Calloway was shot in both legs during a gunfight in South Sacramento. While recovering in the hospital, he jumped to the conclusion that many young men in his neighborhood do after conflict - how to get revenge.

ROBOTICS

26: The gym at UC Davis' ARC [Ark] was filled with hundreds of high school students and their robots this weekend. It was the FIRST Robotics Competition Sacramento Regional. FIRST is For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.

27: AGCLARK

Sacramento Police Chief Daniel Hahn spoke at a news conference to announce he has asked for help in the investigation into the Stephon Clark shooting. "The Sacramento Police Department will provide full access and involvement for the Department of Justice during the entire investigation. They will also provide an independent review of our policies and our training as it relates to use of force." Attorney General Xavier Becerra was asked why a law enforcement agency is allowed to investigate a shooting involving its officers.

27: CALAGTARIFFS1

Following President Trump's move to slap tariffs on Chinese steel and aluminum exports, China may retaliate by levying 2 billion dollars in tariffs on U.S. agricultural exports.

28: CENSUSSUIT

The state argues the question will depress responses in immigrant communities, resulting in an undercount of its population, less federal funds, and possibly decreased Congressional representation. The official Census has not asked about citizenship status since 1950. Capital Public Radio's Ben Bradford explains five other notable facts about this case.

28: CLARKMARCH

Stephon Clark's family will bury him today [THURSDAY] ... a week and a half after Sacramento police shot at the unarmed black man 20 times in his grandparents' backyard. Protesters again marched through the streets yesterday [WEDNESDAY] ... while family and friends mourned Clark at a wake.

29: WHITSUE

A 14-year-old Yuba City High School student and her mother have filed a lawsuit against PE teacher Jim Whiteaker [WIT uh kuhr]. The filing lists a dozen complaints in the last 25 years before a recent incident in which he is accused of grabbing the plaintiff in this case by the buttocks.

29: DAYTHREE

Black Lives Matter activists blocked the streets of downtown Sacramento yesterday [THURSDAY] for the third consecutive day, calling for justice following the police shooting of Stephon Clark. Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler reports both protest organizers and police worked to keep the crowd peaceful.

30: OPIOIDDATA

The state opioid database- it's called CURES - has been around for decades, but it recently got a reboot to make it faster and easier to use. A 2016 law mandates that doctors check the database before prescribing opioids, to make sure patients aren't doubling up.

30: BUSINESS

It's Friday – and Sonya Sorich is here. Good Morning Sonya. Sonya is the Sacramento Business Journal's digital editor. Fridays are when we talk about the region's business news. A new brewery and restaurant is just about ready for customers in Folsom. It's called "Out of Bounds Brewing Company." And it's in a spot that was once used for something a lot different than beer.