

Issues Report
January 1, 2014-March 31, 2014 (Q1)
Program: KVPR/KPRX's Valley Edition
Host: Joe Moore

1/7/14 VE 9:00-10:00am

Issues: Local, Youth, Environmental, Transportation, Arts & Entertainment

Segment 1: This week on Valley Edition we delve into the topics of drought in California, transgender law, high speed rail and more. Starting off the program Valley Edition Host Joe Moore speaks with meteorologist Steve Johnson about 2013 marking California's driest year on record. The two talk weather conditions, water and what 2014 may hold for the San Joaquin Valley. Johnson is the owner of Steve Johnson and Associates and is with Atmospheric Group International.

Segment 2: Later in the program, Moore interviews Fresno Bee Reporter Tim Sheehan about California's \$68 billion high speed rail project. Sheehan, who covers about high speed rail, talks about the rails history, current state and future growth.

Segment 3: Ending the program, Moore is joined by Owens and Grammy nominated producer and author Randy Poe to talk about the country music giant Buck Owens. The two talk about Poe's new book titled "Buck 'Em! The Autobiography of Buck Owens."

1/14/14 VE 9:00-10:00am

Issues: Local, Environmental, Government, Transportation, Immigration, Poverty, Arts & Entertainment

Segment 1: This week on Valley Edition we talk about air quality, drought in California, a Fresno production of Les Miserables and more. Starting the program, Valley Public Radio Reporter Ezra David Romero takes a look at barbecue restaurants – one of the biggest food trends in the region – and how the Valley Air District hopes to work with them while developing future regulations.

Segment 2: Also in the program, Valley Edition Host Joe Moore speaks with Senate President pro Temp Darrell Steinberg about his plan to use money from the state's cap-and-trade program to help pay for construction of high speed rail.

Segment 3: FM89 reporter Rebecca Plevin reports on how the Fresno County Board of Supervisor's plan to end safety-net care for the undocumented has thrown into the question who should fund and provide care for this population.

Segment 4: Moore also talks with Fresno Bee Editorial Page Editor Bill McEwen about high speed rail, drought and Governor Jerry Brown's visit to Fresno.

Segment 5: Ending the program, Moore speaks with Thi Nguyen, the associate director of the Fresno Opera, about his production of Les Miserables. The show will run January 17, 18 and 19.

1/21/14 VE 9:00-10:00am

Issues: Local, Environmental, Government, Arts & Entertainment

Segment 1: This week on Valley Edition we tackle the issue of drought across the state and what you can do to conserve water, speak with a state leader and with one of the best violinists in the world. Starting the program, Valley Edition Host Joe Moore speaks with Assembly Republican Leader Connie Conway about the issues of drought, budget, etc.

Segment 2: Later in the show, Moore is joined by Patrick Boyd from the landscape architecture firm Designlab 252 and Martin Querin with the City of Fresno's Water Division. They discuss water conservation and other tips citizens can do in drought season.

Segment 3: Ending the program, Moore speaks with world famous violinist Sarah Chang. She debuted with the New York Philharmonic at the age of 8 and has since performed around the globe with the best musicians on earth. Chang will perform the Bruch Violin Concerto at the William Saroyan Theatre January 25 and 26 as part of the Fresno Philharmonics Masterwork series. For more information visit the Fresno Philharmonic's website at <http://fresnophil.org/concert.php?page=masterworks>.

1/28/14 VE 9:00-10:00am

Issues: Local, Environmental, Health, Sports, Education, Technology, Children, Agriculture, Arts

Segment 1: This week on Valley Edition our reporting team discusses how Valley air quality may affect our genes, a library vending machine that dispenses books, hockey in the region and much more. Starting off the program, Valley Public Radio Reporter Rebecca Plevin reports on the issue of pollution and how it relates to our health. She explores the question of whether pollution is affecting Valley residents at cellular level.

Segment 2: Also in the program, Valley Edition Host Joe Moore takes on the topic of the history and future of hockey in Central California. Joining him are Fresno Bee Sports Columnist Marek Warszawski and Bakersfield Californian Condors and Racing Reporter Mike Griffith.

Segment 3: Later, FM89's Ezra David Romero shares a report on how Tulare County is combatting illiteracy with technology. He reports that officials with the Tulare County Library system are now using a different sort of technology to help improve literacy and help kids develop a lifelong love of reading.

Segment 4: Ending the program, Moore is joined by author and organic farmer Mas Masumoto and Jackie Kegley with the Kegley Institute of Ethics to talk about the California State University, Bakersfield event "If Steinbeck was a farmer." Nobel Prize winning author John Steinbeck was widely known for what is considered his best work, *The Grapes of Wrath*, as well as other social novels dealing with the economic problems of rural labor. This event delves to answer the question what would his writing portrayed "If Steinbeck was a Farmer?"

2/4/14 VE 9:00-10:00am

Issues: Local, Environmental, Agriculture, Parks & Recreation, Minorities, Youth

Segment 1: This week on Valley Edition we talk about the issues of drought, changing culture among Hmong youth, the health of public forests and more. Leading the program, Moore speaks with Lois Henry of the Bakersfield Californian and Kerman farmer Paul Betancourt about the drought, farmers fallowing fields, well drilling and more.

Segment 2: Also in the program, Moore speaks with retired USC Medical School Professor Dr. Ken Murray about his recent piece for the online magazine Zocalo Public Square. He says the demise of traditional ranger naturalists means many trails are literally disappearing, cutting off access to one of our most treasured natural resources. He says groups like the High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew can help.

Segment 3: Later, FM89 reporter Ezra David Romero along with a group of young Hmong-American high school students from the The kNOW Youth Media report on how religion and western culture impact them. Chonny Vang, one of the students, presents a commentary on how many Hmong girls feel pressure to be what she calls thick.

2/11/14 VE 9:00-10:00am

Issues: Local, Environmental, Agriculture, Government, Business

Segment 1: This week on Valley Edition we discuss the drought in California from three perspectives: the Naval Air Station in Lemoore, farmworkers and the mayor of a city with little to no water allocation this year.

Segment 2: Also, Valley Edition Host Joe Moore talks about the future of Fresno's Fulton Mall with both those who are in support of a drivable mall and those who want to keep it intact. It's also the kickoff of the 2014 World Ag Expo.

2/18/14 VE 9:00-10:00am

Issues: Local, Government, Environmental, Agriculture, Healthcare, Arts & Entertainment

This week on Valley Edition we discuss President Obama's visit to Central California, Medi-Cal expansion in Fresno County and a silent film series in Fresno's historic Warnors Theatre.

2/25/14 VE 9:00-10:00am

Issues: Local, Immigration, Healthcare, Environmental, Business, Arts & Entertainment, Sports

Segment 1: This week on Valley Edition we hear a story about how Fresno County Supervisors want a judge to release the county from its obligation to provide health care services to those in the country illegally.

Segment 2: We also hear another segment in our series "Voices of the Drought" and find out why the lack of rain is actually helping one local business.

Segment 3: We also talk to Joe Mathews of Zocalo Public Square about an upcoming event in Fresno that celebrates the spirit of local grassroots arts events like Art Hop and the Rogue Festival. Amy Querin, who is one of the producers of the latter joins us to talk about what's in store for the Rogue this year.

Segment 4: And we close our program with a talk about a nearly forgotten part of the San Joaquin Valley's role in automotive racing history - Marchbanks Speedway. Logan Molen, a racing historian from Bakersfield joins us to talk about the rise and fall of the first NASCAR super speedway on the west coast.

3/4/14 VE 9:00-10:00am

Issues: Local, Politics, Environmental, Housing, Arts & Entertainment

Segment 1: This week on Valley Edition host Joe Moore leads conversations on venture capitalist Tim Draper's initiative to split California into six separate states, a series of finger-like man-made lakes south of Bakersfield, and Fresno's Rogue Festival with jazz musician Benjamin Boone.

3/11/14 VE 9:00-10:00am

Issues: Local, Business, Agriculture, Environmental, Crime & Punishment, Women, Arts & Entertainment

Segment 1: This week on Valley Edition FM89 reporter Ezra David Romero reports on Valley entrepreneurs while host Joe Moore leads conversations on the film Fight For Water, unauthorized prison sterilizations in Chowchilla and three Fresno bands set to perform at the tech and music festival South By Southwest in Austin, TX.

3/18/14 VE 9:00-10:00am

Issues: Local, Environmental, Education, Transportation, Minorities, Arts & Entertainment

Segment 1: This week on Valley Edition we discuss how fish and other wildlife are being impacted by the drought, talk with the director of the new film Cesar Chavez, explore the differences in literacy among Valley cities and discuss a system of tunnels below downtown Bakersfield

3/25/14 VE 9:00-10:00am

Issues: Local, Environmental, Social, Government, Agriculture, Education

Segment 1: This week on Valley Edition we discuss how the rural westside town of Mendota is prepping for the worst when it comes to the drought, talk with the author of the new book The Crusades of Cesar Chavez, explore a 20 year old street naming controversy in Fresno revolving around Cesar Chavez and discuss the Future Farmers of America's fight to keep funding.

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The California Report Wed Jan 1 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Government, Taxes, Healthcare, Education, Poverty

Sales Tax on Marijuana Controversial at the City Level

In November, voters may get a chance to consider a measure to legalize pot for recreational use statewide. Today, Palm Springs joins Oakland and Los Angeles in instituting a special tax on all medicinal weed sold at licensed dispensaries. Reporter: Steven Cuevas

Nursing to the Homeless in San Diego

Nursing has never been exclusively about medical care. Compassion and empathy make all the difference helping patients cope and even recover. In Ocean Beach, the Cal State University San Marcos School of Nursing recently opened its third student-run clinic to serving the homeless. Reporter: Kenny Goldberg

The California Report Thu Jan 2 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Government, Cultural, Minorities

New State Firearm Restrictions Set to Begin

California will bolster its reputation as the toughest gun law state in the country this week, when nearly a dozen new firearms restrictions go into effect. Reporter: Scott Detrow

Muy Pequeño el Mundo es: Disney Markets Resort to Latino Visitors

This Sunday, Latino children are celebrating "Three Kings' Day," or "El Día de los Reyes." Disneyland makes a big deal of all sorts of holidays, and in an increasingly Latino Golden State, Viva Navidad is no exception. Reporter: Susan Valot

The California Report Fri Jan 3 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Healthcare, Technology, Business

Health Kiosks Come with Privacy Issues

Health insurance companies are on the prowl for more customers. There are still three months to go for people to enroll in health plans under the Affordable Care Act, but insurers don't want to rely solely on state or government websites to find them. Some are finding a path to Americans' inboxes by partnering with companies that operate health-screening kiosks -- those machines in supermarkets and drug stores where people check their blood pressure or weight.

The California Report Magazine Jan 3 2014; 6:30 PM; Host Scott Shafer

Issues: Local, Government, Gay Rights, Healthcare, Women, Environmental, Sports

The Big Stories for 2014

We know now that 2013 was the year of the "California Comeback," a year that Silicon Valley pushed back against government spying and a time when marriage equality came to California by way of the U.S. Supreme Court. So what's on the horizon for 2014? For a little New Year prognostication Scott Shafer turns to the California Report's three bureau chiefs -- Sasha Khokha in Fresno, Scott Detrow in Sacramento and our Los Angeles bureau chief Steven Cuevas.

ACA Launches in California

One of the biggest stories in 2014 is sure to be implementation of the Affordable Care Act. What many call Obamacare got off to a famously bumpy start, but as of January 1 the law kicked-in to high gear -- and those who've enrolled can now begin getting health care.

Family Planning Clinics Brace for Funding Changes

Among the new benefits under the Affordable Care Act -- better access to contraception. Even before health care reform, the state has been a national model in expanding services and reducing unplanned pregnancies for low-income women. But changes to the funding stream under Obamacare could have those clinics scrambling to balance their budgets. The California Report's health reporter April Dembosky explains how they're trying to adapt. Reporter: April Dembosky

California's Long Road to Greenhouse Gas Emissions Goals

After measuring the Sierra snowpack Friday the California Department of Water Resources called the situation "dismal," adding conditions are "worse than some of the most devastating droughts the state has ever seen." And scientists say climate change is expected to make managing the state's water supply even tougher. But California is doing its part to reduce carbon emissions -- last year launching the nation's broadest cap-and-trade program against industrial greenhouse gases. Still, California's journey toward meeting its climate goals has just begun, seven years after passing a landmark law. Reporter: Craig Miller

Oakland's Old-School Boxing Gym

And finally today, we go to an out of the way place that's tough to find unless you know exactly where it is. King's Boxing Gym in Oakland is a no-nonsense spot, one that evokes an era when boxing was huge. The training ground for a current champion, and a destination for celebrities, the gym remains a kind of temple to the sport. Reporter: Aaron Mendelson

The California Report Mon Jan 6 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Government, Immigration, Agriculture, Social

New Laws Bolster Protections for Undocumented Immigrants

Immigrant rights advocates are celebrating a number of new state laws designed to protect the undocumented. The new laws will regulate how local police and businesses can report and turn in undocumented immigrants. Reporter: Scott Detrow

Citrus Growers Assess Damage of Cold Snap

Back in December, a deep freeze settled on the state. Most of us got away unscathed, but not California's \$2 billion citrus crop. A lot of fruit was damaged, which may impact citrus prices in the near future. Reporter: Sasha Khokha

Sonoma County Group Helps Man Learn to Control Anger, Violence

Jon Wheeler used to have a difficult time controlling his anger in romantic relationships. As part of our occasional series of health profiles, Wheeler tells of how a group in Santa Rosa called Men Evolving Non-Violently (M.E.N.) helped him change his abusive behaviors. Now, he leads those same groups, helping other men who struggle with violent behavior.

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Issues: Local, Politics, Education, Minorities

Rep. Pelosi Joins Fight to Save CCSF as Enrollment Continues to Drop

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi made a personal appearance at City College of San Francisco yesterday to show her support for an institution she says is being unfairly punished by the Western Regional branch of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. To add to the college's troubles, it looks like students are staying away in droves. Reporter: Ana Tintocalis.

Is There a Glass Ceiling for California's Latino Students?

For more than a decade, California educators have been trying to close the achievement gap between Latinos and their white and Asian classmates. Latinos do worse on standardized tests and are less likely to go to college. But new statistics show the gap isn't just a product of poor neighborhoods and low performing schools. It's also found in public schools with the best reputations. Reporter: Adolfo Guzman-Lopez.

The California Report Wed Jan 8 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: *Local, Government, Education, Environmental, Energy, Law Enforcement, Technology, Business*
With Surplus in Hand, Democrats Look to Expand Transitional Kindergarten

Governor Jerry Brown is expected to deliver his budget plan for the next fiscal year on Friday. With state tax revenues coming in well above expectations, there is a lot of discussion in Sacramento about where the windfall might be spent. State Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg announced he wants to spend roughly \$200 million in the first year alone on expanding transitional kindergarten, to make it available to all four year olds in public schools by 2020. Reporter: Ana Tintocalis.

Opponents of Fracking Speak Out at Public Hearings

On Wednesday in Salinas and Bakersfield, state regulators will take public comment on their new rules for hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking." The oil industry anticipates a natural gas boom in California -- but fracking is highly controversial, and the state is getting an earful in these meetings. Reporter: Scott Detrow.

L.A. Sheriff Lee Baca Retires Amid Federal Investigation

The next election for Los Angeles County Sheriff just blew wide open following the stunning step down of the current sheriff, Lee Baca. The longtime leader of the nation's largest sheriff's department says he's leaving at the end of this month, following the recent federal indictment of 18 former sheriff's deputies over alleged abuse in L.A. County jails. Reporter: Steven Cuevas.

Wearable Tech at CES: Fashionable Electronics or 'Popcorn Products'?

The Consumer Electronics Show this week in Las Vegas is the place for companies big and small to showcase what they're working on or planning to sell in 2014. This year, wearable technology is one of the hottest trends, although it's anybody's guess how much of it will catch on with consumers. Just the same, you have to be in the game to win it -- and California startups are in the game in Las Vegas. Reporter: Aarti Shahani.

The California Report Thu Jan 9 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: *Local, Government, Economy, Minorities, Education, Children*

Brown's New Budget Boosts Funding Across the Board

After years of grim budget cuts, California is finally rolling in dough. When Governor Jerry Brown unveils his budget plan for the next fiscal year Thursday morning -- a day earlier than planned due to a leak of Brown's budget plans -- he'll propose boosting funding for nearly every state department. Reporter: Scott Detrow

Anaheim May Shift Election Format in Wake of ACLU Lawsuit

The city of Anaheim will ask voters in November to decide whether to shake up the way they vote in order to settle a lawsuit filed by the ACLU. The suit claims Latinos get short shrift in Anaheim's at-large elections, and that they'd get better representation voting in districts. Reporter: Rachael Myrow

Program Looks to Bring Play Back to the Classroom

You probably remember kindergarten as a time of finger painting, dress-up and story time. But when UCLA researchers asked today's kindergarten teachers how much time they allot to play in the school day, almost 80 percent said less than 30 minutes a day. Some said there was no time for play at all. Reporter: Deepa Fernandes

The California Report Fri Jan 10 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Government, Education, Healthcare, Politics, Crime & Punishment

Brown Budget Proposes Big Spending, But Takes Fiscally Cautious Approach

In a time when state coffers appear to be a couple of billion dollars flusher than anticipated, just about every program the state funds wants a piece of the action. Or at the very least, to be made whole again after the damage done during the Great Recession. Governor Jerry Brown's new budget proposal does loosen the purse strings -- but he's also taking a fiscally cautious approach. Reporter: Scott Detrow

Governor's Budget Would Pump Billions Into K-12 Schools

Public schools are the biggest winners in Governor Jerry Brown's multi-billion-dollar budget proposal. Not only is there more money -- \$10 billion more for K-12 -- there are also billions of dollars in debt repayment.

Reporter: Ana Tintocalis

Medi-Cal Payment Cuts Could Threaten Access to Care for Low-Income Patients

Health and social services constitute the second-largest piece of the budget pie after education. Gov. Brown's new budget proposal offers \$670 million to expand Medi-Cal benefits like dental care and mental health care. But the budget leaves in place a 10 percent cut to reimbursement rates to doctors -- and that could have a huge impact on low-income patients. Reporter: April Dembosky

State Senator Roderick Wright Charged With Voter Fraud

State lawmakers in Sacramento are keeping one eye cocked toward Los Angeles, where opening arguments started in a trial involving their colleague Senator Roderick Wright. The Democrat from Inglewood is charged with perjury and voter fraud. Reporter: Steven Cuevas

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Issues: Local, Government, Healthcare, Environmental, Animal Rights, Arts & Entertainment

Examining the New Brown Budget

This week, Jerry Brown did something no California governor has done for over a decade. He unveiled a new state budget with a multi-billion dollar surplus. The windfall comes from a recovering economy, a soaring stock market and Proposition 30, which raised sales and income taxes for a few years. The governor is adding back billions of dollars to education and shoring up Medi-Cal. But he also wants to use \$11 billion to pay down debt and another \$1.6 billion for a rainy day fund. We chew over the Brown's budget blueprint with Sacramento Bureau Chief Scott Detrow.

New Law Gives Midwives More Rights

Midwives in California are taking advantage of a new state law that took effect January 1. It gives them independence to work without the supervision of a doctor, and covers home births for low-income women.

Reporter: April Dembosky

As Delta Water Plan Inches Ahead, Could Funding Run Dry?

With California's snow pack at just 17 percent of normal, Governor Brown is under growing pressure to declare an official statewide drought. As he noted this week, "governors can't make it rain." But governors can propose massive public works projects -- and the Brown administration is pushing a \$25 billion water plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Officials say it would help secure the state's water supply. But even in a dry year with little rain, finding the money for it is no sure thing. Reporter: Lauren Sommer

PAWS Sanctuary a Paradise for Performing Animals

Far into the foothills of California's gold country, you'll find a group of animals that may seem a little out of place. The Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) in San Andreas houses eight Asian and African elephants rescued from circuses and zoos. Before they got here, the pachyderms didn't really know how to live like elephants. Reporter: Carly Nairn

California Songs: Afrolicious' 'California Dreaming'

"California Dreamin'" by the Mamas and the Papas is perhaps the best-known song about longing for the Golden State. Its dreamy picture of the West Coast was also an inspiration for the San Francisco-based collective, Afrolicious. For our occasional series on California Songs, we spoke with one of the band's founders, Joe McGuire, about their new take on the idea of "California Dreaming." Reporter: Jenny Simeone

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Issues: Local, Environmental, Health, Crime & Punishment

Rain Shortage Brings Sooty Air, Health Problems

Some parts of the state saw a little rain over the weekend, but it's been a bone-dry winter in California -- and that's not expected to change much as the season wears on. That has consequences for air quality, because rain helps clear the air of pollution. San Joaquin Valley doctors in particular have seen a growing number of people in recent weeks come in complaining of wheezing and shortness of breath. Reporter: Sasha Khokh

Contra Costa County Tackles Prison Reform With 'Split Sentencing'

California's massive prison reform known as realignment is forcing counties to get creative in handling an influx of prisoners. Contra Costa County is an early adopter of something called "split sentencing," where low-level criminals are assigned to do part of their time in county jail and the rest under supervised probation. Reporter: Sara Hossaini

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Issues: Local, Law Enforcement, Crime & Punishment, Elderly, Government, Children, Education

Fullerton Police Officers Found Not Guilty in Beating Death of Homeless Man

An Orange County jury has acquitted two former Fullerton police officers in the beating death of Kelly Thomas, an unarmed, mentally ill homeless man two years ago. After the verdict, about 80 protesters gathered at the Fullerton Transportation Center where the incident happened to light candles and carry signs saying things like "No More Killer Cops." The two officers still face a civil lawsuit, but the criminal case is over. Reporter: Steven Cuevas

No Deal on Prison Overcrowding Between State Officials, Inmate

Federal judges say California corrections officials and inmates' lawyers have failed to reach a long-term agreement to deal with overcrowding in the state's prison system. The two sides were in talks over how to comply with the judges' order to reduce the headcount in the prisons. Now the two sides have until January 23 to submit competing proposals to bring the state into compliance by April 18.

New Bills Aim to Protect Elderly, Regulate Assisted Living Facilities

State lawmakers unveiled 14 new bills on Monday designed to bolster the way the state regulates some 7,500 residential care facilities for the elderly. Assemblymember Brian Maienschein of San Diego wrote a bill proposing to raise the fines for abuse and neglect. Other bills would raise the training requirements for people who work at assisted living facilities and increase the frequency of unannounced inspections. Reporter: April Dembosky

The Giving State: Crafting Story Books for Preschoolers

As part of our series on volunteering in California, "The Giving State," we meet a nonprofit administrator from San Francisco who supports a reading program for preschoolers from low-income areas.

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Issues: *Local, Government, Education, Health, Cultural, Minorities*

State's Chief Justice Calls for More Spending on Cash-Strapped Courts

Tani Cantil-Sakauye, chief justice of the California Supreme Court, called on the state Legislature on Tuesday to spend far more on the judicial branch than Governor Brown recommends in his new budget plan. Cantil-Sakauye says years of deep budget cuts have left California "rationing justice," forcing the closure of 51 courthouses since 2008.

New School Spending Rules Focus on High-Needs Students

On Thursday, the State Board of Education is expected to vote on a historic new set of rules. Educators have been waiting on the new rules, because they spell out how public school districts should spend an influx of extra state funding on high-needs students. Reporter: Ana Tintocalis

Flu Now Widespread Across State

It's officially flu season in California. State public health officials have confirmed seven deaths so far, with many more under investigation. One of the strains spreading about the state is H1N1 -- but this year there's a vaccine that works against H1N1 as well as other strains.

Native American Woman Changes Young Lives, One Dance at a Time

Every Thursday night at the Intertribal Friendship House in Oakland, 19-year-old Juliet Small holds dance classes for young Native American girls. Small identifies as Apache, Navajo, Cherokee and Azteca. She went to a pow-wow when she was three years old, and hasn't stopped dancing since. Reporter: Zaidee Stavelly

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Issues: *Local, Environmental, Minorities, Technology, Crime*

State Officials Back Away From Outlawing Coyote-Killing Contests

State Fish and Game commissioners backed away from proposals by wildlife advocates on Wednesday that would expand restrictions on hunting with packs of dogs, and outlaw coyote-killing contests.

Giving Voice to Guatemala's Disappeared: Group Hopes to Solve Mysteries Through DNA Testing

As the sentencing of an accused Guatemalan war criminal living in Southern California draws near, a forensic group headquartered in Guatemala is reaching out to immigrants in Los Angeles. The Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Foundation has been gathering DNA samples from Guatemalan immigrants in the hopes of solving mysteries about loved ones who either died or went missing during that country's 36-year civil war. Reporter: Leslie Berestein-Rojas

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California's Youngest City Moves to Dissolve

The youngest city in the state could soon become the first in nearly 50 years to disband. Officials from Jurupa Valley, about 50 miles east of Los Angeles, voted Thursday night to begin the process of disincorporation. The Riverside County city incorporated in 2011, just in time for the reallocation of funds between municipalities and the state.

Abel Maldonado Exits Governor's Race

The race for California governor has hardly started, but a high-profile candidate is already dropping out. Abel Maldonado pulled the plug on his struggling campaign on Thursday, more than four months before the first gubernatorial top-two primary, which the former lieutenant governor was a key supporter of.

Central Valley Plant Closure Leaves Locals Out of Work

The largest poultry plant in the Central Valley remains closed, affecting many struggling immigrants in the small town of Livingston, about an hour north of Fresno. The Foster Farms plant closed voluntarily on Sunday following an earlier infestation of cockroaches.

New Bill Aims to Expedite Justice for Rape Victims

Evidence from thousands of rape kits is sitting on shelves of city police departments throughout the state. But now lawmakers say they're going to do something to clear the backlog and help victims get justice.

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Gov. Brown Declares Drought State of Emergency

After one of the driest years on record, Gov. Jerry Brown on Friday declared a drought state of emergency. At a press conference in San Francisco, Brown called on all Californians to use less water. KQED Science reporter Lauren Sommer attended the governor's announcement and tells us what this means for the state.

How Will Drought Affect California Agriculture?

No one is more nervous about the drought than California's growers and the communities nearby. Agriculture consumes about 80 percent of the water used in California. Scott Shafer talks to Central Valley bureau chief Sasha Khokha, who's been checking in with farmers today about the governor's announcement.

Lessons Learned 20 Years After the Northridge Earthquake

This weekend marks 20 years since the Northridge earthquake shook up Southern California. The quake caused \$20 billion in property damage -- making it one of the most expensive natural disasters in U.S. history. It also changed how researchers study earthquakes -- and how Los Angeles braces itself for the next Big One. From KCRW in Santa Monica, Avishay Artsy has more. Reporter: Avishay Artsy

The Gender Gap in California Politics

This week, two veteran members of California's Congressional delegation announced their retirements. Republican Buck McKeon, whose district runs north of Los Angeles, is stepping aside after more than two decades in Congress. And Bay Area Democrat George Miller is calling it quits after 40 years. Within hours of Miller's announcement, state Senator Mark DeSaulnier declared his intention to run for Miller's seat. That quick decision by DeSaulnier -- and by the two men already lined up to take McKeon's seat -- underscored a truth about politics -- what some call a gender gap in political ambition.

Photographer Henry Diltz Still Rockin' Into His Seventies

His photos have graced hundreds of album covers over the years -- from James Taylor's pensive gaze on "Sweet Baby James," to The Eagles dressed as outlaws for their album "Desperado." Diltz's iconic images helped capture and preserve an era in rock music. Reporter Diane Bock brings us this profile of the photographer who nearly 50 years later, is still behind the lens. Reporter: Diane Bock

San Francisco's Smallest Gallery Invites Patrons to Take a Peek

San Francisco's dynamic Mission District is an eclectic mix of taquerias, hipster bars and restaurants. There are also plenty of art galleries. But in the outskirts of the Mission, there's a gallery with a catch -- you can't go inside. Saverneck Street gallery can only be viewed through a peephole. Reporter Aaron Mendelson took a peek and brings us the story. Reporter: Aaron Mendelson

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Issues: Local, Government, Environmental, Agriculture

Eased Water Regulations Trouble Environmentalists

Governor Jerry Brown's emergency drought declaration allows for easing some environmental rules in the face of low water supplies. That makes environmentalists, and fishing groups, nervous about water being held upstream. Reporter: Lauren Sommer

Counties Crack Down on Farmers Market Fraud, but Cheating Remains Statewide

If you're a fan of your local farmers market, you want to believe every farmer is on the up and up. Three years ago, investigative reporters discovered blatant cheating in Southern California. That led to a bill that would have boosted farmers market enforcement that failed in the legislature last year. David Karp of the LA Times joins us, and explains that local regulators in LA and San Diego aren't waiting around for the state to take action. Reporter: Rachael Myrow

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Issues: Local, Government, Parks & Recreation, Education, Children

New Budget Includes Boost for State Parks

Governor Jerry Brown's new budget proposal promises a one-time cash infusion of \$40 million for California's troubled park system. The money is meant to kick start addressing a billion-dollar backlog of overdue maintenance at 280 parks.

Common Core: Elementary Math Instruction Gets a Makeover

Memorizing math in elementary school is no longer going to be enough to get a good grade. New standards called Common Core require kids prove they understand math concepts and strategies -- and that means the way math is taught will have to change as well. Reporter: Lillian Mongeau

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Issues: Local, Politics, Technology, Cultural

Former Treasury Official Announces Run for Governor

Six days after one Republican candidate dropped out of the race for governor, another has hopped in. Former United States Treasury Official Neel Kashkari announced his candidacy for California governor, calling his platform jobs and education.

Where are the Politically Engaged Techies?

The latest boom in Silicon Valley has brought with it massive traffic jams, stratospheric housing costs and resentful blowback. Some now use the word "techie" as a pejorative in the San Francisco Bay Area, referring to someone presumably young, male, affluent and out-of-touch with his community. Like any stereotype, there are those who fit the bill, and a lot of people who don't. Reporter: Rachael Myrow

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Issues: Local, Government, Education, Agriculture, Environmental

Brown Touts Economic Recovery, Urges Restraint

In his State of the State address on Wednesday, California Governor Jerry Brown said the state has turned the corner -- but he's warning lawmakers not to get too excited about that fact. Reporter: Scott Detrow

Initiative Would Ease Transfer Process to UC, Cal State Schools

The leaders of California's three higher-education systems are making a pact to streamline the process for community college students to transfer into a degree program within the UC or Cal State systems. The leaders outlined a new initiative at a UC Regents meeting Wednesday in San Francisco. Reporter: Ana Tintocalis

Boehner Wades Into Fight Over California Water

U.S. House Speaker John Boehner joined a trio of Central Valley Republican Congressmen in a dusty cotton field near Bakersfield on Wednesday to throw his support behind emergency legislation to ease the impact of the state's drought on farmers. But the proposed bill is not without its critics, since it would roll back environmental measures that have been years in the making. Reporter: Sasha Khokha

The California Report Fri Jan 24 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: *Local, Crime, Government, Immigration, Politics, Healthcare, Children, Sports*

Gov. Brown Asks for Extension to Cut Prison Population

California Governor Jerry Brown is asking federal judges for a two-year extension on an order to shed more than 5,000 inmates from its prison system. It's the latest development in a long-running court battle. Reporter: Scott Detrow

GOP Congressman Supports Granting Legal Status to Undocumented Workers

As House Republicans prepare to hash out their differences on immigration at a retreat next week, a California Congressman is signaling there may be some movement on the issue that has divided his party. Bakersfield Republican and House Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy says he supports granting legal status -- but not a path to citizenship -- to millions of people living in the U.S. without documents.

Illegal Campaign Finance Scandal Spreads in San Diego

In an emerging story about dirty money in politics, Democratic Congressman Juan Vargas says he will return any funds his campaign may have received from a Mexican businessman at the center of a federal campaign finance probe. Vargas says he was not aware the contributions were illegal. So far, three people have been charged with conspiracy to finance political campaigns with foreign money. Reporter: Amita Sharma

Covered CA Takes a Bite Out of Kids' Dental Costs

Parents will have an easier time buying dental insurance for their children under changes made by the Covered California online health exchange. Reporter: April Dembosky

Surfers Expect 40-Foot Waves at Mavericks

Twenty-four of the world's best surfers are competing today at Mavericks, the big-wave surfing competition in Half Moon Bay. Conditions for the huge waves happen only in winter -- and they don't come every year. Reporter: Molly Samuel

The California Report Magazine Jan 24 2014; 6:30 PM; Host Scott Shafer

Issues: *Local, Education, Technology, Environmental, Arts & Entertainment, Business*

Higher Ed Leaders Look to Change California's Master Plan

This week at the UC Regents' meeting in San Francisco, the leaders of all three of the state's public higher education systems announced plans to reassess and revamp the 1960 Master Plan for Higher Education. What changes may be ahead? Host Rachael Myrow talks with KQED education reporter Ana Tintocalis.

Venerable Lick Observatory Faces Funding Cut

On the UC Regents' agenda this week was a progress report on the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT). The project, to be built in Hawaii, will be a partnership between UC and Caltech, as well as Canada, China, India and Japan. But as the University of California is committing to the TMT, it's divesting from a much smaller operation closer to home. Reporter: Rachael Myrow

Beach Battle Pits Silicon Valley Billionaire Against Locals

Thirty miles south of San Francisco, Martins Beach was once a hidden gem, known to just a handful of surfers and folks who rented cottages along the shore. Those days are over. The small beach has become ground zero

for a protracted legal battle between locals and one Silicon Valley billionaire who wants to keep the public out.
Reporter: Amy Standen

Pop Music Review: Warpaint

A four-year gap between a band's first and second albums might seem like a sign of trouble. Writer's block? Creative differences? Record company problems? The Los Angeles band Warpaint took that long to produce their latest album -- but according to pop music critic Steve Hochman, it was just time spent in artistic growth.

Nail Art a Big Business for SoCal Artists

In California, manicures are big business. Nail services across the United States represent a booming \$8.3 billion industry that hit a record high in 2013 thanks to popular gel manicures and intricate nail designs. For Southern California graphic designers, illustrators and painters, nail art is a way to make some money off their work.

Reporter: Caitlin Esch

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Issues: Local, Education, Health, Children

Teacher Job Protections Challenged in Court Battle

In a Los Angeles County courtroom this week, the major players in California public education will face off in an unusual trial. At issue is whether teacher job protections are depriving students from getting an adequate education -- and underneath it all are warring classroom philosophies. Reporter: Adolfo Guzman-Lopez

The Giving State: Physical Therapy on Horseback

We meet Sandra Goldstein, a public health nurse who volunteers her time helping people with developmental and physical disabilities learn to ride and interact with horses on the central coast. It's the latest installment of "The Giving State," our series on volunteers in California. Reporter: Jenny Simeone

The California Report Tues Jan 28 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Government, Poverty, Healthcare, Environmental, Technology

New Farm Bill Includes Cut in Food Stamps

The U.S House of Representatives is expected to vote on a long-awaited farm bill this week, after months of wrangling. One of the most closely watched provisions would cut food stamps, although less drastically than originally proposed. Reporter: Sasha Khokha.

New Report Compares Performance and Satisfaction Rates of Health Plans

If you're looking for a new health care plan, you might want to pay close attention to a new state report being released today. The report shows how different insurance networks and medical groups do in managing health conditions like diabetes and heart disease. Reporter: April Dembosky.

Is California Ready for "The (Next) Big One?"

Earthquake experts always say it's not a matter of "if" but "when" the big one will strike. In the near future, though, Californians could get a warning before the shaking reaches them. That is, if the state is able to build up it's bare-bones early warning system. A series of sensors placed near faults can detect a quake as it's happening -- and send out alerts to nearby towns and cities. Reporter: Sanden Totten.

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Issues: Local, Agriculture, Environmental, Technology, Health, Education

California Winemakers Bracing for the Economic Effects of Drought

The drought is a serious worry for everybody involved in California agriculture. You need water to grow everything from avocados to wine grapes. Napa Valley vintners are praying for rain, and taking practical steps in the meantime. Reporter: Craig Miller.

Stem Cell Agency Puts \$40 Million Up For Grabs in Genomic Research Grants

The board of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine meets in Berkeley today. It's expected to vote to spend as much as \$40 million dollars on genomic research, the study of genes and their relationships. Scientists from across California and beyond have been vying for this major investment, but a consortium from Stanford is considered the favorite. We talk with David Jensen, who writes the California Stem Cell Report. Reporter: Rachael Myrow.

The California Report Thu Jan 30 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Government, Education, Agriculture, Healthcare

Assembly Speaker Pérez Calls for Action on Teacher Pension Liability

We don't exactly know how much money it would take to avoid letting the California State Teachers Retirement System, or CalSTRS, slide into insolvency over the next 30 years. Some say \$73 billion dollars. Some say \$80 million. Yesterday, state lawmakers pledged to do something, this legislative session, even though this problem is not tackled in the Governor's budget. Reporter: Rachael Myrow.

Sifting Through the New Farm Bill

The House of Representatives passed a Farm Bill yesterday after three years of contentious negotiations. California agriculture has a lot at stake, and Carolyn Lochhead of the San Francisco Chronicle joins us to explain what's on the table.

The Giving State: The Rock Doctor

Today, we meet a woman who has volunteered for 35 years with Rock Medicine, a nonprofit that provides medical care at concerts. It's the latest installment of our series on people who volunteer in California called "The Giving State." Reporter: Nick Arce.

The California Report Fri Jan 31 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Government, Environmental, Children, Health

Gov. Brown Meets with Water Officials as Snowpack Reaches Record Low

The Sierra Nevada saw snow this week but the latest snowpack survey result was the lowest recorded for this time of year. Governor Jerry Brown is crisscrossing the state, meeting with local water officials to talk about the drought. He was in LA yesterday at the headquarters of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Parents Struggle to Access California Child Care Records

Few decisions are more fraught for parents than choosing their child's first daycare or preschool. In many states, parents can easily tap into a state website to learn whether a local day care has any violations. Not here in California, where it's hard for busy parents to find the information they need. Reporter: Katharine Mieszkowski.

The California Report Magazine Jan 31 2014; 6:30 PM; Host Scott Shafer

Issues: Local, Environmental, Government, Education, Sports, Gay Rights, Minorities, Arts & Entertainment

As Drought Worsens, Some Cities Near End of Water Supply

Despite some welcome snow in the Sierra this week, California still faces a deepening drought with no end in sight. State officials said this week that 17 communities across the state are at risk of completely running out of water within two months. Host Scott Shafer talks about the issues at stake with Paul Rogers, the managing editor of KQED Science and environment writer for the San Jose Mercury News.

Napolitano on Security and Curling

University of California president Janet Napolitano is going to Russia for the Winter Olympics in Sochi as head of the official United States delegation. President Obama tapped his former secretary of Homeland Security to lead the delegation as concern remains high that terrorists will try to disrupt the games. Host Scott Shafer talks with her about the upcoming trip.

Law to Protect Transgender Students Tested in Rural School

California students who don't identify with the gender of their birth have new rights under a state law that took effect January 1. The School Success and Opportunity Act allows transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms that correspond to their gender identity. Opponents are challenging the new policies, and they'll find out next month if their referendum to repeal the law qualified for the November ballot. We visit one rural town that got a head start on accommodating transgender kids. Reporter: Ana Tintocalis

Tijuana Safehouse a Haven for Trafficked Girls

The border between San Diego and Tijuana remains one of the most heavily trafficked international crossings in the world. And that traffic has a dark side: people, especially girls, are being bought, sold and forced into labor or sex. An early January bust in San Diego netted dozens of arrests for sex trafficking. But there are few resources for victims on the Mexican side of the border. Now, a San Diego resident has opened a shelter in Tijuana for victimized girls, one of only two of its kind in all of Mexico. Reporter: Brooke Binkowski

Jazz Review: The Nathan Clevenger Group's 'Observatory'

The Bay Area's jazz improvisation scene is made up of dozens of groups drawing on a shared pool of talent, so it's not unusual for musicians to find themselves playing together in multiple ensembles. One of those bands is The Nathan Clevenger Group. Jazz critic Andrew Gilbert reviews their latest album, "Observatory."

The California Report Mon Feb 3 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Education, Gay Rights, Environmental

UC President Napolitano Leads Delegation to Sochi

On Wednesday, University of California President Janet Napolitano heads to Sochi, Russia, where she'll lead the U.S. delegation to the Winter Olympics. The delegation consists of 10 people, three of whom are openly gay athletes. Their selection by President Obama stands in contrast to Russia's repressive policies toward LGBT people. Reporter: Scott Shafer

Kettleman City Weighs Toxic Dump Expansion Against Funding for Clean Water

For decades, the small farmworker community of Kettleman City has been home to the largest toxic waste dump in the western United States. It's also home to a water system polluted by arsenic. But now the landfill is seeking permission to expand -- and it's making residents an offer they might not be able to refuse. Reporter: Rebecca Plevin

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Issues: Local, Government, Crime & Punishment,

Calif. Struggles to Provide Substance Abuse Treatment to Inmates

A panel of federal judges will soon issue an order outlining steps California must take to relieve prison crowding. The state has until mid-April to reduce the population by around 6,000 inmates. But Governor Jerry Brown is asking the court for more time to implement reforms including increasing cell capacity, expanding parole eligibility and investing in substance abuse programs so fewer felons return to lockup. But when it comes to providing substance abuse treatment to prisoners, the state is struggling. Reporter: Michael Montgomery

The California Report Wed Feb 5 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Government, Environmental, Agriculture, Civil Rights, Crime & Punishment

California Republicans Bring Drought Bill to House Floor

The House of Representatives is expected to pass a bill today put forward by Republicans who say they've got the cure for what ails water-starved California farmers. The Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act would favor farms over fish and environmental concerns. Reporter: Rachael Myrow.

Southern California Well Prepared for Long Drought

Many Californians are heeding the Governor's call to voluntarily reduce water use. We're taking shorter showers, replacing older toilets, letting the lawn go brown. In some parts of Northern California, like Sacramento and Santa Cruz, water officials have imposed rationing - but not in Southern California. The region may actually be in a position to help other parts of the state. Reporter: Steven Cuevas.

Lawsuit Challenges Voting Restrictions on Low-Level Ex-Felons

Civil rights groups say the state is illegally preventing thousands of ex-felons from voting. A new lawsuit targets new categories of former inmates created under the criminal justice reform known as realignment. Reporter: Scott Shafer.

The California Report Thu Feb 6 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: *Local, Healthcare, Business, Government*

Pharmacies Swallow Bitter Pill of Drug Cost Cuts

Pharmacies across the state are bracing for a blow to their revenues. Tomorrow, a 10% rate cut goes into effect for some drugs sold through Medi-Cal, the state's health coverage for low-income patients. Reporter: April Dembosky.

Fresno County Begins Ban on Marijuana Cultivation

The ban takes effect this week under the protests of medical marijuana patients and it includes fines of \$1,000 per plant. It's a first for any county in the state and is modeled after a similar ban in the city of Live Oak, near Sacramento. Reporter: Alice Daniel.

The California Report Fri Feb 7 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: *Local, Government, Politics, Healthcare, Elderly*

Despite Eight Felony Convictions, Roderick Wright Remains in the Senate

Ten days after being found guilty on eight felony counts, Los Angeles County Democrat Roderick Wright is still in his seat. Senate leadership's decision to let him stay in office is becoming a political flashpoint. Reporter: Scott Detrow.

New Project Seeks to Streamline Medicare and Medi-Cal Services

A new experiment in managing the health of some older Californians is causing confusion among seniors. Letters have been hitting mailboxes around the state this week with information about the changes. If you believe you are affected by the new Cal MediConnect program and have questions, call 800-434-0222 to be connected to the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program in your county. Reporter: April Dembosky.

The California Report Magazine Feb 7 2014; 6:30 PM; Host Scott Shafer

Issues: *Local, Environmental, Agriculture, Government, Politics, Technology, Education, Children, Arts*

Drought: Ranchers Already Making Tough Decisions

A warm, wet weather system could bring as much as a half-foot of rain to some parts of California this weekend. Even so, the state's top water official says we'd need to get significant precipitation every other day through May just to get back to normal. Despite the wet weather forecast, we're hearing things like "unprecedented" and "uncharted territory" to describe California's drought. Among the first and hardest-hit are ranchers and farmers who are now faced with some tough choices -- and the decisions they'll soon be making will have a ripple effect from the farm to the table. Reporter: Vinnee Tong

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti on His First 6 Months

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti took office last summer and wasted no time setting a different tone from the man he replaced, Antonio Villaraigosa. The former city councilman is L.A.'s first Jewish mayor -- but he's also half Latino and fluent in Spanish. The former Rhodes scholar can dance salsa, plays jazz piano and is a bit of a

computer geek who designed a mobile app to improve city services. We sit down with Mayor Garcetti in his office to talk about his efforts to make local government more efficient. Reporter: Scott Shafer

In Oakland, Using Video Games to Build a Bridge to Silicon Valley

The high-tech industry does not look like the rest of California. There are very few African-Americans or Latinos working at tech companies. A small but important step toward changing that is happening this weekend in Oakland. An event billed as a global hackathon will bring together young students of color with techies to mentor them. Another effort to diversify the high-tech workforce is Project A Game. We head to East Oakland, where kids are learning how to make their own video games. Reporter: Sam Harnett

Richmond School Uses Mindfulness to Teach Coping Skills

Plenty of school kids deal with a world of emotional problems related to their lives outside the classroom, like drug abuse in the home, incarcerated parents or even homelessness. Across the state, some schools are experimenting with mindfulness training -- or meditation -- as a way to help students break out of destructive behavior cycles. We visit the Bay Area city of Richmond to find out how the new approach is working. Reporter: Katrina Schwart

California Songs: Stompy Jones' 'New Direction'

Like many people, musician "Little David" Rose followed his dreams to San Francisco from a small town in Kansas. And when he got to the City by the Bay, Rose started his jazz and blues band, Stompy Jones. For our occasional series "California Songs," Rose talked to us about the backdrop to his song, "New Direction." Reporter: Jenny Simeone

The California Report Mon Feb 10 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Health, Politics

Whooping Cough Rates Rise as Vaccine's Effectiveness Wanes

While much of California worries about flu season, whooping cough rates are rising again. Last week, state health officials confirmed the first death in three years from whooping cough, an infant in Riverside. Whooping cough is cyclical in nature and tends to peak every three to five years. But doctors suspect the current outbreak has another contributing factor: the waning effectiveness of a new vaccine. Reporter: April Dembosky

San Diego to Elect New Mayor in Tight Runoff

On Tuesday, San Diego elects a new mayor to replace Democrat Bob Filner, who resigned after a sexual harassment scandal last summer. Republicans are keen to retake the seat -- but labor unions have spent heavily to avoid that. The winner between Republican Kevin Faulconer and Democrat David Alvarez may depend on how many Latino voters turn out at the polls. Reporter: Sandhya Dirks

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Issues: Local, Government, Crime & Punishment, Economy

California Granted Extension to Reduce Prison Population

Governor Jerry Brown has landed a big win in court. The three-judge panel overseeing state prisons has given the Brown administration an additional two years to downsize the inmate population by another 5,000 inmates. In return, the Brown administration is promising not to file any more appeals, or ask for any more time.

Gov. Brown, Speaker Perez Push for Rainy Day Fund Amendment

Better-than-expected revenues continue to flood California's coffers, surpassing estimates in the governor's budget by \$388 million just in January. That's according to the latest report released by the state controller's office on Monday. But what goes up will go down -- and Governor Brown is pressing lawmakers to set up a rainy day fund. The hope is to offset the financial volatility that's plagued the state for decades. Reporter: Scott Detrow

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Issues: *Local, Politics, Government, Environmental, Healthcare*

Republican Kevin Faulconer Wins San Diego Mayoral Election

Republicans are celebrating a big win in San Diego. City Councilman Kevin Faulconer locked up the mayor's office with a comfortable 10 percent margin over Democratic City Councilman David Alvarez.

Senators Feinstein, Boxer Roll Out Water Bill

Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer have introduced an emergency drought relief bill. The measure doesn't seek to waive state or federal laws -- but it would direct federal agencies to help boost California's water supply. The bill is a Democratic response to Republican legislation passed in the House that would send more water to farms by rolling back environmental protections. Reporter: Sasha Khokha

Lawmakers Balance Cost, Need for Action in New Water Bond Measures

The drought is creating pressure for action in Sacramento -- but lawmakers are worried about the cost. On Tuesday, the state Senate's Natural Resources and Water Committee approved a bond measure that would funnel nearly \$7 billion into water projects. There are other proposals, and a growing push to pass something to replace the 2009 water bond that got bumped to this year's ballot. But nearly every lawmaker says that \$11 billion plan is too expensive. Reporter: Scott Detrow

You've Got Health Coverage, But Which Doctor Will Take Your Plan?

Covered California used to provide information about which doctors took which plans -- but that's no longer on offer after a few embarrassing media reports about the lists not being accurate. We talk with Lisa Aliferis, editor of our State of Health blog. Reporter: Rachael Myrow

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Issues: *Local, Politics, Government, Education, Homelessness, Drugs, Women*

What Faulconer's Election Says About San Diego Politics

San Diego is now the largest city in the U.S. with a Republican mayor. After a solid win at the polls, Kevin Faulconer will finish out the term of disgraced Democrat, Bob Filner. What does the election of a centrist Republican mayor say about the direction San Diego is taking? Reporter: Sandhya Dirks.

Legislative Analyst: Thumbs Down on Plan to Freeze Tuition

The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) is taking issue with Governor Jerry Brown's budget plans for state universities and his overall plan for funding higher education. Reporter: Ana Tintocalis.

Vital Signs: Overcoming Homelessness and Addiction

We have a new project called, "Vital Signs". Each month, we'll explore a different topic on health. This month, we look at the health needs of homeless Californians. Today, Julie Gates and Elena Wilson share their story about homelessness, drug addiction, and their struggle to survive. Reporter: Ryder Diaz.

The California Report Fri Feb 14 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: *Local, Agriculture, Government, Environmental, Crime & Punishment*

Farmers Talk Water Woes at World Ag Expo

President Obama is expected to visit California's drought-stricken Central Valley. Farmers at the World Ag Expo in Tulare County weigh in on what they hope the President will address. Reporter: Sasha Khokha

White House Officials, Governor Brown Discuss Drought and Climate Change

White House officials met with Governor Brown and other state and local leaders in Los Angeles to talk about climate change. Reporter: Steven Cuevas.

Former Governors Back Death Penalty Ballot Initiative

George Deukmejian, Pete Wilson and Gray Davis back a ballot initiative they say would fix California's broken death penalty system

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Issues: Local, Government, Environmental, Agriculture, Education, Children, Health, Cultural

President Obama Visits Fresno, Promises Drought Aid

California's severe drought brought President Obama to Fresno Friday afternoon. He offered up a package of federal assistance to help alleviate the financial disaster ushered in by the drought, and was expected to tour a local farm and meet with worried growers. We talk with Central Valley Bureau Chief Sasha Khokha about the highlights of what the Obama administration is doing. Reporter: Sasha Khokha

Thanks to Drought, Lawmakers Inundated With Water Proposals

California's lack of water is a big topic in Sacramento, where lawmakers are pushing to do something at the state level. But first they're trying to distance themselves from a massive water bond that doesn't seem to match with the more immediate needs of the state in a drought year, and could face hurdles at the ballot box. Two alternate proposals are working their way through the Legislature. We sort out the details with Sacramento Bureau Chief Scott Detrow.

Town North of L.A. Could Run Dry in Months

State officials say 17 communities across California are at risk of running out of water within the next four months, if not sooner. One of those is the town of Lake of the Woods, an hour north of Los Angeles, perched above the Tejon Pass. Reporter: Molly Peterson

Bottle Recycling Bill Seeks Redemption From Wine Lovers

For most people, putting cans and bottles into the recycling bin marks the last time they'll ever think about them. But there's a crisis in California's recycling program -- and some people say a simple change involving wine bottles could be the solution. Reporter: Amy Standen

Fourth-Graders Grapple With Meaning of Love

In some ways, cards, chocolate, red roses and romantic dinners are the easy part of celebrating Valentine's Day. But what about the love part? Now we know -- because the Beatles told us -- that you can't buy love. But can you teach love in school? We visit Berkeley's Malcolm X Elementary School to find out.

A Mexican Folk Remedy for a Broken Heart

We've all heard about love potions and other concoctions designed to make someone fall head-over-heels. But what about a special brew to fix a broken heart? Reporter Sara Bernard catches up with a clinical herbalist and curandera, or Mexican folk healer, to learn about a special heart remedy -- and to participate in a traditional ceremony to help transcend her own loss. Reporter: Sara Bernard

The California Report Mon Feb 17 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Drugs, Business, Healthcare, Minorities

New Marijuana Guidelines May Not Impact California

Legitimate marijuana businesses could have an easier time securing loans and setting up bank accounts under new guidelines released by the Obama administration. It's uncertain how the new rules will affect California. Reporter: Michael Montgomery

How Covered California Failed to Market Itself to Latinos

California is making a mad dash to enroll Latinos into health care plans. So far, the state's health insurance marketplace known as Covered California has not done well on this front. Advertising campaigns are missing the mark, and Spanish-speaking counselors who can help with the complex sign up process are hard to come

by. We find out why the state's Latino marketing missteps impact the success of the state's program overall.
Reporter: April Dembosky

The California Report Tues Feb 18 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Education, Technology, Healthcare, Minorities

Schools Prepare for First-Ever Online Standardized Test

In about five weeks, California public school kids will take the state's first-ever online standardized exam. It's only a practice test, but the assessment will measure student learning based on new academic standards called Common Core. Experts say this "testing of the test" will reveal whether the state's public school system can handle 6 million students using computers, laptops or tablets to answer questions. Reporter: Ana Tintocalis

How Covered California's Outreach to Latinos is Falling Short

California leads the nation in enrolling Latinos into health care plans -- but sign-ups are still falling far short of the goal. Officials with Covered California, the state's marketplace for health insurance, are scrambling to figure out where they went wrong. We find out why a shortage of Spanish-speaking counselors could have negative consequences for everyone else buying health insurance. Reporter: April Dembosky

The California Report Wed Feb 19 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Government, Crime

CalPERS Asks for More Cash, CalSTRS Solvency in Question

The nation's largest public pension fund will be sending a bigger bill to the state, local governments and school districts to cover the cost of their retirees. The board of the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) has voted to ask for more money starting in the new fiscal year, and phasing up. There's also concern over the future solvency of CalSTRS, the pension fund for teachers, which faces an unfunded liability of \$71 billion. State lawmakers discuss that later today. Reporter: Scott Detrow

Los Angeles Times Reintroduces 'The Homicide Report'

It started with a good idea from a single reporter at the Los Angeles Times: launch a blog detailing every homicide in L.A. County. When it launched in 2007, The Homicide Report was a big hit, especially with the victims' families. Over 5,000 reported homicides later, the Times has put a new full-time reporter on it and freshened the design. Assistant Managing Editor Megan Garvey joins us. Reporter: Rachael Myrow

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Issues: Local, Government, Environmental, Religion, Health, Children

Brown to Tap Nearly \$700 Million in Drought Relief Funds

Governor Jerry Brown and top lawmakers are lining up behind a nearly \$700 million package that they say would ease California's water woes. But that drought relief may take a while to kick in. Reporter: Scott Detrow

L.A. Archdiocese to Pay \$13 Million to Sex Abuse Victims

The Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles agreed this week to pay out \$13 million to more than a dozen victims of clergy sex abuse. Attorneys for the victims claim Los Angeles and Mexican church leaders also conspired to shield one notorious pedophile priest from authorities. Reporter: Steven Cuevas

After Years of Delay, State Moves to Post Day Care Inspection Info Online

Parents who want to find out whether their child's day care has any health and safety violations will soon be able to get at least some information online. Last month, we reported that California is way behind other states which have been making day care inspections available online for years. Now, the head of California's Department of Social Services tells legislators he has a plan. Reporter: Katharine Mieszkowski

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Issues: *Local, Labor, Government, Homelessness*

LA City Council Pushes Higher Minimum Wage for Hotel Workers

A battle over income inequality looms in Los Angeles, where the city council may require the city's large hotels to increase worker pay to more than \$15 an hour. The debate arrives as California prepares to raise the minimum wage for all workers, to \$9 an hour. Reporter: Frank Stoltze.

Vital Signs: Caring for the Pets of the Homeless

The unconditional love of a pet can help people facing some of life's toughest challenges. After losing her job five years ago, Kelly Hall became homeless. She says her first night sleeping on the street was "terrifying," she was afraid for her safety and worried about surviving the cold. Hall turned to her dog, Olivia, for comfort. Yet, while pets can provide solace for the homeless, caring for their medical needs can also be a challenge.

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Issues: *Local, Government, Politics, Crime, Agriculture, Labor, Environmental, Religion, Arts & Entertainment*

State Sen. Ron Calderon Indicted for Corruption

On Friday, federal prosecutors charged Los Angeles-area state senator Ron Calderon with 24 counts of corruption, including bribery and influence peddling. Prosecutors also filed seven counts of money laundering against Calderon's brother, Tom. The case involves two conspiracies, one involving a real hospital executive and a second involving an undercover FBI agent. We talk with Sacramento Bureau Chief Scott Detrow who has been following the story.

Feds Move to Deny Water to Some Central Valley Farms

Federal water managers have announced some Central Valley farms won't get any water this year unless the drought lets up. It's a dramatic move, and it comes just a couple weeks after state water managers warned they won't be sending water to customers. This could mean hundreds of thousands of acres of farmland left fallow and mass unemployment in agricultural regions. We talk with Central Valley bureau chief Sasha Khokha to assess what this means going forward.

Bay Area Residents Resist Crude-by-Rail as Accidents Rise

The city of Pittsburg, 20 miles east of Oakland, is considering a new oil terminal that would supply crude to Bay Area refineries. It would bring in oil via ship, pipeline and railroad. But there have been a number of recent accidents around the United States involving rail shipments of crude oil -- and some locals are concerned about the safety of the project. Reporter: Molly Samuel

Beef Recall Puts NorCal Ranchers in a Tough Spot

After one of the biggest beef recalls in history, a Petaluma meat processor is getting bought out. Earlier this month, the USDA recalled nearly 9 million pounds of beef from Rancho Feeding Corporation. More than 1,600 food distributors in the U.S. and Canada are asking consumers to return products from beef jerky to Hot Pockets. There wasn't a lot of explanation as to why, other than to say diseased cows were processed without the requisite federal supervision. But the recall and the slaughterhouse's closure put Northern California ranchers and dairy farmers in a bind. We talk with KQED reporter Mina Kim who has been following the story.

Pop Music Review: Lo-Fang's 'Blue Film'

The album "Blue Film" sounds like the work of a mature musician, pulling together classical elements and electronica with remarkable sophistication. It's the work of a 30-year-old from Los Angeles who calls himself Lo-Fang. Pop music critic Steve Hochman has a review.

Keeping Tibetan Traditions Alive in the East Bay

Tibet's spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, arrives in the San Francisco Bay Area this weekend. It's an exciting opportunity for Tibetan-Americans to put on a show for him to demonstrate the vibrancy of Tibetan culture in

Northern California. Artists and musicians in the community are working hard to pass on their skills and passion to the next generation of Tibetans in the diaspora. Reporter: Rachel Dornhelm

The California Report Mon Feb 24 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Politics, Government

Neel Kashkari Faces Steep Climb in Governor's Race

Neel Kashkari doesn't have the most obvious resume to run for governor. He's never run for office before, and the biggest line item on his resume is running the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), distributing hundreds of billions of dollars to banks in the wake of the economic crisis they helped create. But the Republican says that job is proof he can handle tough tasks. The question now is whether he can handle the even tougher task of beating Governor Jerry Brown at the ballot box. Reporter: Scott Detrow

The California Report Tues Feb 25 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Crime, Politics, Government, Agriculture, Parks & Recreation, Arts

Ron Calderon Taken Into Custody, Pleads Not Guilty

State Senate leaders are giving Ron Calderon of Montebello until March 3 to either resign or take a leave of absence. After that, Calderon's colleagues are fixing to vote to suspend him from office. Calderon pleaded not guilty to a couple dozen political corruption charges in Los Angeles on Monday. Reporter: Frank Stoltze.

Senate Leader Defends Different Approaches to Troubled Lawmakers

A number of people are asking why Sen. Ron Calderon is being shown the door while Sen. Roderick Wright is not, even though the latter was convicted last month of eight felonies. Wright's convictions included perjury and voter fraud for claiming to live in Inglewood while really living elsewhere. State Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg says he wants to wait for a trial judge to validate Wright's conviction, and that he considers Calderon's alleged violations to be more serious.

Rep. Huffman: Federal Prosecutors Investigating Petaluma Slaughterhouse

The U.S. Attorney's Office for Northern California has launched a criminal probe into Rancho Feeding Corporation of Petaluma. So says Congressman Jared Huffman, who represents the area. The USDA is conducting two investigations, but has not gone into detail about its concerns other than to say meat was processed without the requisite oversight from inspectors.

Range of Light Film Festival Kicks Off in Yosemite

This Thursday, Yosemite National Park kicks off its first-ever film festival to mark the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Yosemite Grant, the document that set aside Yosemite Valley. We talk with festival director Steven Bumgardner, who says there are more than enough films about the park to fill a five-day marathon that runs through the weekend. Reporter: Rachael Myrow.

The California Report Wed Feb 26 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Crime, Technology, Parks & Recreation

Concerns Over Cybersecurity Grow, Experts Gather in San Francisco

Leading cyber experts from around the world take on cyber crime at the annual RSA Conference in San Francisco this week. They're discussing underlying causes of that crime and one word keeps coming up -- outsourcing. Reporter: Aarti Shahani.

The Giving State: Volunteers Help Maintain Mt. Sutro Open Reserve in San Francisco

Here is another in our occasional series on volunteers in California called, "The Giving State." Rob Bakewell volunteers for Sutro Stewards. It's a park maintenance program that builds trails, restores habitat, and maintains meadows throughout sixty acres of the Mt. Sutro Open Reserve in San Francisco. Reporter: Intern Carly Nairn

The California Report Thu Feb 27 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Government, Education, Transportation, Business

Should State Government Provide Further Reimbursement for School Busing?

Two bills proposed in the state legislature would give public school districts more money to cover the escalating costs of putting buses on the road. A new report indicates California needs to rethink the way it funds school transportation all together. Reporter: Ana Tintocalis.

Fresno Council Considers Opening Pedestrian Mall to Cars

Many California cities struggle with how to revitalize their downtowns to make them attractive, hip places that draw in retail and foot traffic. Fifty years ago, Fresno built the state's first outdoor downtown pedestrian mall. It was a pioneering idea at the time, but on Thursday the city council will consider allowing cars back in. Reporter: Sasha Khokha.

The California Report Fri Feb 28 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Politics, Veterans, Homeless

Brown Seeks Fourth Term as Governor

Governor Jerry Brown formally launched his re-election campaign yesterday. Brown's announcement had been anticipated and was understated -- a written statement posted on his website and a Twitter posting. The former three-time presidential candidate is expected to dominate. Rachael Myrow is joined by The California Report's Sacramento Bureau Chief, Scott Detrow. Reporter: Scott Detrow.

Vital Signs: Vietnam Veteran is Homeless and Fighting Cancer

As part of our ongoing health series called Vital Signs, we're spending the month hearing from people who are homeless. John Buckingham is a 62-year-old homeless Vietnam vet living with cancer on the streets of San Francisco. He talks to us about his battle with illness. Reporter: Nick Arce.

The California Report Magazine Feb 28 2014; 6:30 PM; Host Scott Shafer

Issues: Local, Education, Law, Environmental, Government, Arts & Entertainment, Minorities

Law School Dean: Demographics of California's Bench Reflect Need for Diversity

A new report on the demographics of California's nearly 1,700 judges finds slow but sure progress on making the bench look more like the state. And yet, more than two-thirds of California judges are white males. What difference does it make, and why should we care? Host Scott Shafer talks with Kevin R. Johnson, dean of the UC Davis Law School and the first Latino to head a University of California law school.

California Drought One More Setback for River That Runs Dry

Despite concerns about mudslides in Southern California, this weekend's rain is welcome relief from the drought. Among other things, the state's tight water supplies have put environmental restoration projects in the spotlight, especially the effort to bring salmon back to the state's second longest river, the San Joaquin. Republican House Speaker John Boehner is pushing a bill to kill that project. KQED Science reporter Lauren Sommer looks at how this lack of rain is affecting one of the most ambitious restoration efforts in the state. Reporter: Lauren Sommer

Craftsmen Create Fantasy Worlds for Set of Oscars

This weekend's Academy Awards are all about glitz and glamour. But it takes real people to create that fantasy. In fact, Awards season is a real bonanza for the carpenters, welders and sculptors who build the stages and props for Sunday night's broadcast. Reporter Caitlin Esch took a trip behind the scenes to see how Hollywood prepares for its close up. Reporter: Caitlin Esch

Using Art to Reinforce Identity and Ties to the Philippines

Los Angeles is home to the biggest Filipino population in the mainland U.S. But access to art from their home country is rather limited. A new exhibit at USC's Fisher Art Museum gives Filipino-Angelenos a rare chance to

reconnect with the breadth of Filipino creativity. Alex Schmidt has a story about this collection called "The Triumph of Philippine Art."Reporter: Alex Schmidt

Andrew Thierry: Keeping Zydeco Alive in the Bay Area

New Orleans is gearing up for next week's Fat Tuesday celebration with its distinctive soundtrack of Zydeco music. But Northern California has its own Zydeco scene -- the merging of Cajun, blues, and R&B. It dates back to World War II and the Creole migrants who came to work in the shipyards and to find other economic opportunities. KQED's Rachel Dornhelm met up with a Bay Area musician, one of the few Zydeco ambassadors outside Louisiana at the top of the art form.Reporter: Rachel Dornhelm

The California Report Mon March 3 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Crime, Politics, Education, Youth

Ron Calderon Takes Leave of Absence from State Senate

While most of us were watching the Oscars last night, the focus of a political corruption scandal in Sacramento dropped a big announcement. Last week, a federal grand jury indicted Calderon on a couple dozen charges, including bribery, fraud, and money laundering. He's accused of using his position to assist a health insurance scheme. Scott Glover of the L.A. Times joins us to discuss the health care insurance fraud. Reporter: Rachael Myrow

The Giving State: Mentoring Middle School Youth

Here's another in our occasional series on people who volunteer in California called the Giving State. Today, we meet a legal assistant who mentors middle schoolers in San Francisco. Reporter: Sammy Brenner

The California Report Tues March 4 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Children, Crime & Punishment, Government

New Legislation Reconsiders Juvenile Sentencing and Placement

A proposal from Democratic State Senator Leeland Yee working its way through Sacramento could ease penalties for some juvenile offenders, including those who commit murder. The legislation is inspired by a case out of Riverside involving a ten year old boy who shot and killed his father several years ago. Reporter: Steven Cuevas

The California Report Wed March 5 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Law, Minorities, Crime & Punishment, Healthcare

California's Courts Face a Shortage of Interpreters

There are about seven million people in California who have trouble speaking English. Court officials were in Los Angeles yesterday asking what can be done to increase their access to the judicial system. One barrier is a shortage of qualified interpreters. Reporter: Rina Palta.

Troubled California Health Care Facility Hopes to Reopen Admissions

California prison officials are hoping to resume transfers of the sickest inmates to a new, state of the art medical facility in Stockton later this month. The federal overseer of inmate health care halted admissions at the prison in January, citing "unsanitary conditions" and shortages of staff and supplies. Reporter: Julie Small.

The California Report Thu March 6 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Government, Environmental

Relaxed Rules at Center of Debate Over Leaking Underground Fuel Tanks

25 years ago, California legislators established programs to clean up spills at gas stations and fueling sites. Since then, more than 37,000 contaminated sites have been stabilized and ruled no longer a threat to drinking water. But critics say the state has gone too far in relaxing cleanup standards. Reporter: Chris Richard.

The California Report Fri March 7 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: *Local, Politics, Business, Healthcare, Minorities, Crime & Punishment*

CA Democrats Gather in LA for State Party Convention

California's Democrats are gathering in Los Angeles this weekend for their annual state convention. The three-day meeting serves as an unofficial kickoff to this year's primary season.

Food for Thought: \$9.4 Billion Merger between Safeway and Albertsons

Get ready for major consolidation in the supermarket business. The private-equity firm that owns Albertsons, Cerberus Capital Management, has agreed to buy San Francisco Bay Area based Safeway for a reported \$9.4 billion dollars.

Obama Stumps for Higher Latino Health Care Sign Ups

President Barack Obama headlined a special televised town hall in Spanish yesterday, to urge the nation's Latinos to sign up for health care plans under the Affordable Care Act. The Latino population is relatively young and healthy, and disproportionately uninsured.

Vital Signs: Giving Birth Behind Bars

This month, we bring you personal stories of health behind bars, as part of our ongoing series, "Vital Signs". Every year, roughly 100 women give birth in California prisons. Today, we hear from Natasha Smith who had her youngest daughter, Lydia, while at Valley State Prison.

The California Report Magazine March 7 2014; 6:30 PM; Host Scott Shafer

Issues: *Local, Politics, Youth, Crime & Punishment, Housing, Arts & Entertainment, Sports*

California Democrats Worry About Voter Turnout as They Gather for Convention

You'd be hard-pressed to find a state that's deeper blue than California. Democrats dominate statewide politics, Jerry Brown seems headed for an easy re-election and Republicans have had a tough time fielding credible statewide candidates. And yet, as Democrats gather in Los Angeles this weekend for their annual party convention, there are a few storm clouds, like political scandals in Sacramento and, as KQED's Tara Siler explains, concern that too many Democrats might not even bother to vote this year. Reporter: Alice Daniel: Tara Siler.

Youth in Stockton Correctional Facility Learn a Business, Repay Victims in Unique Program

Teens in the juvenile justice system have plenty of time to think about their futures -- but inside one correctional facility in Stockton, a private business lets kids plan for their futures while helping victims along the way.

Did the End of California's Redevelopment Agencies Hurt Affordable Housing?

There's new evidence every day of the brutal housing market in parts of California. Many housing experts think the short supply of affordable rental units is likely to get worse, at least partly because the state did away with Redevelopment Agencies two years ago. For all their faults, the agencies were legally required to devote a fifth of their revenue to affordable housing -- about a \$1 billion a year. What happens now that the money is gone? Reporter: Cy Musiker

CA Song: Devendra Banhart's '16th & Valencia Roxy Music'

These days the intersection of 16th and Valencia Streets in San Francisco's Mission District is hipster central, a playground for young tech workers and others. But it wasn't that long ago that the neighborhood had a much edgier vibe. And it gave psychedelic folksinger Devendra Banhart some of his first impressions of San Francisco when he arrived as a teenager. For our occasional series California Songs, Banhart describes the inspiration for "16th & Valencia Roxy Music."

San Mateo Bocce Club Hopes to Keep Tradition Alive

The sport of bocce ball is played all over the world, but in Northern California, it's still mostly an Italian game. Reporter Vanessa Rancaño sends us an audio postcard from a San Mateo social club that's struggling to keep the tradition alive. Reporter: Vanessa Rancaño.

The California Report Mon March 10 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Politics, Government, Minorities

California Democrats Rally Base and Face Transition at Convention

California's Democratic party faithful gathered in Los Angeles over the weekend with a lot to feel satisfied about. But as the California Report's Sacramento Bureau Chief Scott Detrow tells us, party leaders don't want Democratic candidates or their supporters taking the good times for granted, and coasting into this year's elections. Reporter: Scott Detrow.

Ukrainians in Los Angeles React to Russian Occupation of Crimea

Los Angeles is home to one of the nation's biggest populations of Ukrainian-Americans. With tension rising in the homeland we took a look in on the local community. Ukrainians gathered on Sunday to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of the country's most celebrated poet. Reporter: Steven Cuevas.

The California Report Tues March 11 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Education, Youth, Environmental, Government, Parks & Recreation

Atty. Gen. Kamala Harris and Lawmakers Introduce Bills to Fight Truancy 'Crisis'

A child is considered truant in California if they're late by more than 30 minutes without a valid excuse, or missing altogether, three times in one school year. Attorney General Kamala Harris says 30 percent of elementary school students in California were truant during the last school year, and that, she says, constitutes a crisis. Yesterday in Sacramento, Harris joined a group of lawmakers to introduce a package of five bills to address the problem. Reporter: Peter Jon Shuler

Restoring a River Habitat Outside of San Diego

Urban rivers are enjoying a renaissance in California. After decades of neglect, a growing number of cities are reimagining their rivers as environmental and recreational assets. But first, they need to clean them up. One restoration project is taking place in the Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve east of Chula Vista. Reporter: Erik Anderson

President Obama Signs Proclamation to Protect Coast Near Point Arena

On Tuesday, President Obama signed a proclamation that adds six miles of Northern California coastline to the 1,100-mile California Coastal National Monument. Before today, the Monument comprised about 20,000 rocks, islands, and reefs humans could lay eyes on from afar. Tomorrow afternoon, a number of federal officials including Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell are expected to show up in Point Arena to celebrate. Reporter: Amy Standen

The California Report Wed March 12 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Education, Politics, Minorities, Government, Transportation

San Jose Asks for Flexibility in Teacher Tenure Law

Teacher tenure is a hot political topic in California these days. There's at least one major lawsuit pending in Los Angeles, and later today in Sacramento, the San Jose Unified School District will ask the State Board of Education to give it more flexibility to determine when teachers deserve seniority. Reporter: Ana Tintocalis

California Republicans Make Pitch to Asian-American Voters

In recent years, many Asian American voters have thrown their growing political weight behind the Democratic Party. That's a troubling trend to Republicans, especially here in California, where the party's older, white political base is shrinking fast. The GOP is making a concerted effort to win back disaffected Asian American voters and win over new ones. Reporter: Josie Huang

Assemblywoman Kristin Olsen Introduces Bill to Legalize E-Skateboards

Olsen promoted her bill by getting on an e-skateboard across the street from the Capitol as news cameras rolled. The bill would allow the skateboards in the same areas as bikes. She was wobbly, but the skateboard comes off well. It's electrically powered, and that may overcome concerns about noise that led to a ban on motorized skateboards back in the '70s. Reporter: Rachael Myrow

The California Report Thu March 13 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: *Local, Healthcare, Crime & Punishment, Parks & Recreation*

New Covered CA Enrollment Numbers Due Today as Enrollment Deadline Approaches

Later today, we'll get the latest enrollment figures for Covered California, the state's health insurance marketplace set up as part of the Affordable Care Act. March 31st is the big deadline for people who want to sign up. Lisa Aliferis, who edits the State of Health blog for the California Report, joins us to talk about it. Reporter: Rachael Myrow.

Prison Officials Troubled by Spike in "Second Strikers"

California's prison population is shrinking, thanks to realignment. But prison officials are reporting they're seeing an unexpected influx of "second-strikers," convicted under the "Three Strikes" law. Reporter: Rina Palta.

US Interior Secretary Sally Jewell Joins Point Arena Celebration

This has been a big week for the folks who live in and around Point Arena. President Barack Obama signed a proclamation expanding the California Coastal National Monument along the Mendocino Coast to include land tourists can walk around on, as opposed to islands, reefs and such. A handful of locals got to visit the White House for the signing ceremony, and US Interior Secretary Sally Jewell paid a visit to Point Arena to celebrate with more locals. Reporter: Blake More.

The California Report Fri March 14 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: *Local, Healthcare, Minorities, Energy, Politics, Education*

As Covered CA Deadline Looms, Push to Get More Latinos and Youth to Sign Up

The deadline to enroll in health plans under the Affordable Care Act is March 31, which also happens to be the birthday of labor icon Cesar Chavez. And state health officials are making one final push to get more young people and Latinos to enroll. Reporter: April Dembosky.

Utility Regulators OK Plan to Replace San Onofre Power with Renewable Sources

The closure of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station opened a big hole in the power portfolios of Southern California's two biggest utilities. San Onofre's operator, San Diego Gas & Electric, spent a fair bit of time fighting unsuccessfully to reopen the plant, but now the question is how to plug the hole. Reporter: Ed Joyce.

CA Republicans Gather in SF for State Convention

This weekend, state Republicans meet for their annual convention in San Francisco. Reporter: Scott Detrow.

The Giving State: Lisa Kolvites Provides Free Sewing Workshops in SF

For the next installment in our occasional series on volunteers in California, "The Giving State," we meet Lisa Kolvites, a senior caregiver from San Mateo who teaches sewing classes in San Francisco. Reporter: Peter Lollo.

The California Report Magazine March 14 2014; 6:30 PM; Host Scott Shafer

Issues: Local, Politics, Agriculture, Labor, Arts & Entertainment

California GOP Looks to the Future to Rebuild

If the Republican Party in California were a car it might be a Ford Pinto. Out of date, tough to sell and prone to erupting in flames. The state GOP has a shrinking share of registered voters -- now less than 30 percent -- and very little power in Sacramento. This weekend, party officials are holding their annual statewide convention south of San Francisco. They have their eyes on the November election, but in some ways they're still exercising demons from an election 20 years ago. Reporter: Scott Shafer

New Cesar Chavez Film Puts Spotlight on Delano

The first feature film about an iconic California farm labor leader hits theaters later this month. It's called, simply, "Cesar Chavez," and it puts the Kern County farm town of Delano center stage. But if you visit Delano today, it's not so easy to find the sites depicted in the film. The California Report's Central Valley bureau chief Sasha Khokha explores Chavez's legacy in the town today. Reporter: Sasha Khokha

Sistema Bomb Recharges Traditional Mexican Folk Music

You might be familiar with the 1958 Ritchie Valens song, "La Bamba." But what you might not know is that the song comes from a very old Mexican musical genre, the Son Jarocho. And now, it's being transformed, inspired in part by a new generation of California musicians. KALW's Julie Caine paid a visit to one of them in his San Francisco studio and brings us this story. Reporter: Julie Caine

Jazz Review: Ambrose Akinmusire's 'The Imagined Savior is Far Easier to Paint'

Trumpeter Ambrose Akinmusire was born and raised in Oakland, and he's been a stand out talent since his teenage years in the Berkeley High School jazz band. At 31, he's an award-winning player, but he's taken his time as a recording artist, releasing only two solo albums in the last seven years. According to The California Report's jazz critic Andrew Gilbert, this measured deliberation is a hallmark of how thoughtful Akinmusire is as a composer and musician. He has this review of "The Imagined Savior is Far Easier to Paint." Reporter: Andrew Gilbert

Sonoma County Observatory Initiates Newcomers Into Mysteries of the Night Sky

Star gazers and astronomy buffs in Sonoma County have a well-kept secret: The Robert Ferguson Observatory, nestled inside Sugar Loaf Ridge State Park in Kenwood. The observatory is a volunteer-run nonprofit that opens its telescopes at least once a month for public "star parties." Reporter: Sara Bernard

The California Report Mon March 17 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Politics, Education, Agriculture, Government, Business

State Republicans Divided Over Rebuilding Strategy

California Republicans who met in Burlingame over the weekend agree they want to end the Democrats' one-party rule in Sacramento. However, they remain divided over how to achieve that goal. Reporter: Scott Detrow

High School Students to Rally at Capitol to Save Agricultural Education

About a thousand teens involved in high school agriculture programs are heading to the state capitol this week. They plan to ask legislators to restore money in the state budget for farming education programs. Reporter: Sasha Khokha.

Extreme Makeover City Edition: Santa Clara Latest to 'Rebrand'

Every now and then you hear about a California city trying to rebrand itself. Some cities worry the rest of the world has the wrong idea. South Central L.A., you'll recall, is no longer South Central but South L.A. -- a move intended to redirect the public conversation away from crime and poverty. Now the city of Santa Clara is responding to a push from local alumni from Harvard's Business School. Don't think "Mission City" anymore. Reporter: Rachael Myrow.

The California Report Tues March 18 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Government, Law, Technology, Labor

California's Chief Justice Emphasizes Court's Efficiency in Annual Address

The state legislature heard from Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye of California's Supreme Court yesterday. She delivered her annual "State of the Judiciary" address - but she adopted a distinctly different tone from previous years. Reporter: Scott Shafer

For-Profit Programs Fill Gap in High Tech Job Training

California's high tech sector is rapidly hiring software developers, but not everybody who's unemployed has the right skill set to take advantage of the opportunity. Some entrepreneurs see an opportunity to disrupt this economic dynamic by training folks generally left behind so they can participate in the tech boom. Reporter: Alex Schmidt

The California Report Wed March 19 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Immigration, Politics, Law Enforcement, Environmental

Silicon Valley Political Donors Grow Frustrated Over Lack of Immigration Reform

California is a ready ATM for national politicians on both sides of the aisle. On Wednesday, House Judiciary Committee Chair Bob Goodlatte touches down in the Bay Area for yet another private fundraiser put on by TechNet, a bipartisan network of tech executives. But some TechNet execs say they're tired of writing checks for Republicans who don't intend to return the love by moving on immigration reform. We talk with independent immigration consultant Aarti Kohli. Reporter: Rachael Myrow

Review Criticizes LAX Response to November Shooting

After November's deadly shooting at Los Angeles International Airport, a consultant was brought in to evaluate the airport's response. The report, made public Tuesday, describes chaos and poor coordination as a gunman roamed Terminal 3. Emergency alert systems like panic buttons didn't work and the radios emergency responders carried weren't compatible between agencies. It took a cell phone call to give dispatchers a critical piece of information: where the shooting was happening. Reporter: Rachael Myrow

Symposium Addresses Drought's Impact on Imperial, Coachella Valleys

Talk of California's drought shifts this week to a place that knows a little bit about water scarcity: the deserts of the Coachella and Imperial Valleys. That's where state officials are meeting with local farmers, residents and decision makers. Reporter: Steven Cuevas

The California Report Thu March 20 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: Local, Education, Minorities, Agriculture, Crime & Punishment

UC Regents Already Considering Future Tuition Increases

Despite promises there would be no more tuition hikes for University of California students for awhile, that's exactly what the UC Board of Regents is discussing this week as they meet in San Francisco. UC President Janet Napolitano said the tuition freeze will remain in effect for the 2014-15 academic year. Reporter: Rachael Myrow

UC Survey Finds Some Minorities Feel Uncomfortable on Campus

The University of California has released the results of a new campus climate survey of more than 100,000 students, faculty and staff. The vast majority said they feel comfortable on campus. But certain groups felt less-so, including people with disabilities, undocumented immigrants and people of races other than white or Asian. Reporter: Grace Rubenstein

Torlakson Unveils Plan to Ease Drought's Impact on Schools

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson stopped by Fresno on Wednesday to talk about the drought. He announced a plan to maintain funding for schools that lose students when their parents, working in agriculture, lose their jobs. Reporter: Sasha Khokha

Vital Signs: Comforting Dying Prisoners

Most folks hope to be surrounded by family and friends when we die. But in prison, many people die alone. As part of our first-person health series "Vital Signs," we hear from a retired chaplain, Lorie Adoff. She helped launch a project called Supportive Care Services at California Men's Colony, a prison in San Luis Obispo. The program trains inmates serving life sentences to sit with fellow inmates as they pass. Reporter: Ryder Diaz

The California Report Fri March 21 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: *Local, Business, Crime, Government, Environmental*

Harris: Report Highlights Need for Tougher Laws, More Money to Fight International Crime

Attorney General Kamala Harris has unveiled a comprehensive report detailing the scope and scale of international criminal activity targeting people and businesses in California. Much of what's detailed bolsters Harris' call for state lawmakers to boost the budget of the state justice department and strengthen laws governing prosecution.

L.A. Battery Recycling Plant Showers Communities in Lead Dust

Angry neighbors of a battery recycling plant in Los Angeles County packed a community meeting earlier this week to confront state officials over elevated lead levels in the soil around their homes. Some locals are losing faith that regulators are serious about protecting them from harm. Reporter: Chris Richard

The California Report Magazine March 21 2014; 6:30 PM; Host Scott Shafer

Issues: *Local, Environmental, Education, Labor, Housing, Cultural, Arts & Entertainment*

The Expanding Impact of California's Drought

Spring officially arrived this week, and with it a reminder that the rainy season -- such as it was -- is quickly coming to an end. The lack of rain was the focus of a very heated Congressional hearing in Fresno this week, and of policy changes from California's superintendent of schools. Host Scott Shafer talks about the drought and its expanding impact with KQED Science Editor Craig Miller.

College Program Helps Salinas Farmworkers Learn to Code

Silicon Valley draws thousands of young programmers hoping to strike it rich in the tech industry. But it's a relatively exclusive club, favoring top-notch graduates from prestigious universities. A new program in the Salinas Valley is challenging that formula by helping the children of farmworker families become programmers and engineers -- in just three years. A lot is on the line for these students, and their families. Reporter: Ana Tintocalis

Citizen Scientists Take On Gray Whale Census

Whale watching out on the ocean is a fun way to spend a few hours, especially in the middle of migrating season for the Pacific gray whale. But imagine doing it not just one morning or afternoon, but for weeks on end. That's exactly what a group of volunteer researchers in L.A. County does, spending their free time counting the heads and tails of migrating whales for the annual census. Reporter: Valerie Hamilton

Oakland's American Steel Studios an Industrial Haven for Artists

As the Bay Area tech boom pushes rents higher and higher, big industrial spaces are quickly becoming unaffordable for artists. That's what makes American Steel Studios in West Oakland so unusual. It's become a magnet for all types of artists: sculptors, wood workers and especially metal workers. Reporter: Erik Neumann

In 'L.A. Heat' Art Exhibit, Sriracha and Tapatio Form Holy Union of Hot Sauce

A pair of California-made hot sauces is the main course of an exhibit that opened last week in Los Angeles. "L.A. Heat" explores the culinary and pop culture impact of Sriracha and Tapatio -- two hot sauces with very different origins, both of which somehow managed to become unifying ingredients in L.A. culture and cuisine. Reporter: Steven Cuevas

The California Report Mon March 24 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: *Local, Education, Law, Healthcare*

Teachers Prepare for New Common Core Practice Test

This week, California public school students begin taking new, computer-based tests. Scores won't count this year because it's a practice test. Still, educators around the state remain nervous about the change. Reporter: Ana Tintocalis

Health Insurance Penalty Looms Large During Tax Season

It's crunch time for tax accountants facing a tidal wave of last-minute filers and the inevitable discussions about changes in the law that affect what is owed, and when. Much of the talk this year will be about health insurance. Reporter: April Dembosky

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Issues: *Local, Healthcare, Government, Law, Education, Technology*

Supreme Court Takes Up Challenge to Affordable Care Act Over Contraception

California officials are keeping a close eye on two cases before the US Supreme Court today that challenge a piece of the Affordable Care Act. Two businesses say the law's requirement that their employee insurance plans pay for contraception violates the owners' religious beliefs. For Californians, there may be more at stake than birth control. Reporter: April Dembosky.

Measure to Raise Medical Malpractice Cap Headed to Ballot

Consumer advocates gathered in Sacramento yesterday to announce they've got enough signatures to put a measure on the November ballot that would raise the amount of money juries can award medical malpractice victims. The measure is likely to spark one of the most high-profile political fights this fall.

Los Angeles Students Learn to Game the College Admissions Process

You know those hours and hours teenagers spend playing computer games? Well, several years ago, a group of researchers asked themselves if they could harness that effort into something useful. Like getting into college. Reporter: Adolfo Guzman-Lopez.

The California Report Wed March 26 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: *Local, Education, Government, Gay Rights, Environmental*

Cal State Students Protest 'Success Fees'

About a dozen California State University campuses have approved --or are about to approve-- something called "student success fees," which cover improvements in academics and campus operations. Students plan to attend a Cal State trustee meeting tonight to demand the trustees roll back these mandatory fees. Reporter: Adolfo Guzman-Lopez.

New Bill Would Enforce Gender ID on Death Certificates

Transgender students have the right to use a school bathroom that corresponds with their gender identity. Athletes can compete in the Olympics according to their gender identity. But what about when a transgender person dies? Lawmakers are tackling that question now. Reporter: April Dembosky.

Chinook Salmon Begin Journey to Sea--On a Truck

Federal and state wildlife agencies launched a massive "fish lift" this week, driving young Chinook salmon by the tanker-full from a hatchery at the northern end of the Central Valley all the way to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Despite some misgivings about the future impact of trucking the salmon, officials say this is the only way any of the commercially valuable fish will make it to the ocean this year. Reporter: Dan Brekke

The California Report Thu March 27 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: *Local, Crime, Government, Healthcare*

Arrest of Leland Yee Continues Trend in State Senate

For the second time in two months, a state lawmaker is facing federal corruption charges. The latest FBI sting makes the charges filed against Democrat Ron Calderon of Montebello look tame. San Francisco Democrat Leland Yee is facing allegations of arms trafficking and bribery. Reporter: Scott Detrow

Extension Granted to Finish Health Insurance Sign Up as Enrollment Surges

Officials with the state's health insurance exchange are adamant they are not extending the March 31st deadline to sign up for insurance under the Affordable Care Act. Still, they announced yesterday that there will be some leeway for those who start an application by this Monday at midnight. Reporter: Rachel Dornhelm.

The California Report Fri March 28 2014; 6:50 AM; 7:50 AM; Host Rachael Myrow

Issues: *Local, Crime, Government, Education, Children, Disabled*

Senate Prepared to Suspend Yee After Latest FBI Sting in Sacramento

State Senator Leland Yee has pulled out of the race for Secretary of State, and today state lawmakers vote on whether to suspend him, with pay, if he doesn't choose to leave the legislature voluntarily. Yee's arrest over federal weapons trafficking and corruption charges makes him the third Democratic state senator to get in trouble with the law this year and the second to get busted by the FBI. Reporter: Scott Detrow.

Closing Arguments in Teacher Tenure Case

Testimony closed yesterday in a hotly contested trial over teacher tenure. The case in LA County Superior Court is Vergara v. State of California, filed on behalf of students in six public school districts across California by Students Matter, a non profit backed by a Silicon Valley businessman. Adolfo Guzman-Lopez of KPCC explains what's at stake. Reporter: Adolfo Guzman-Lopez.

Registry Helps Track Missing Children with Special Needs

Hemet, east of LA, has established a special registry for missing children with special needs. The system was launched at the urging of Councilwoman Shellie Milne, who has a son with Down's syndrome. Reporter: Steven Cuevas.

The California Report Magazine March 28 2014; 6:30 PM; Host Scott Shafer

Issues: *Local, Government, Crime, Healthcare, Environmental, Education, Arts & Entertainment*

Senator Yee Corruption Scandal Plays Out in Sacramento

There's nothing new or especially shocking about corruption in politics. But FBI charges this week against State Senator Leland Yee of San Francisco took things to a whole new level. The allegations are that Yee hooked up with a notorious Chinatown gangster taking campaign cash from undercover FBI agents in exchange for political favors, while also conspiring to traffic in weapons, including shoulder-fired rockets and assault rifles. Host Scott Shafer talks about the on-going scandal with Sacramento Bureau Chief Scott Detrow and Daniel Newman, president and co-founder of MapLight.

Californians Face Monday Deadline for ACA Sign-Up

Procrastinators take note: Monday is the last day to get health insurance without facing a possible penalty under the Affordable Care Act. Covered California, the state's online health insurance marketplace, says more

than a million Californians have already bought insurance. But some are waiting until the very last minute. Reporter: Scott Shafer

Drought Takes Toll on Park Renowned for Wildflowers

San Diego County's Anza-Borrego Desert State Park is famous for its amazing wildflowers. But this is the third year in a row of drier-than-usual weather at Anza-Borrego and wildflowers are scarce. As Lisa Morehouse reports, that's creating some anxiety and a few opportunities for those who live near -- and love -- California's biggest state park. Reporter: Lisa Morehouse

UCSF Chancellor Looks Back and Looks Ahead Before Leaving for Gates Foundation

The University of California has six medical centers and one of them, UC San Francisco, is about to undergo a major change. At the end of this month, UCSF Chancellor Susan Desmond-Hellmann is leaving to become CEO of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which has a major focus on global health. Desmond-Hellmann was an unconventional choice to head up UCSF. She came from the biotech company Genentech, where she directed the development of new drugs. Scott Shafer sat down with Desmond-Hellmann as she prepares to leave UCSF.

Pop Music Review: Meklit's 'We Are Alive'

Trying to categorize Meklit Hadero's musical style is tough. The San Francisco singer-songwriter has been compared to artists as diverse as Joni Mitchell, Talking Heads and Lou Reed. The California Report's pop music critic Steve Hochman says that on her new album, "We Are Alive," she moves further beyond obvious comparisons and categories. Reporter: Steve Hochman

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Issues: Local, Agriculture, Environmental

Closure of Brawley Plant Threatens Imperial Valley Cattle Industry

There are just a few major beef processing plants in California. Each one sits at the center of an agricultural eco-system that depends on the plant as much as the plant depends on the ranches and dairy farms around it. The impending closure of a plant in Imperial County threatens to upset much of agricultural Southern California. Reporter: Caitlin Esch.

The Giving State: Caring for Marine Mammals in Sausalito

Here is another in our occasional series on volunteers in California. Today, we meet a woman who cares for seals and sea lions in Sausalito. One word of warning: some of the sounds you're about to hear may strike you like a seagull getting strangled, but it's just the elephant seals, and they are perfectly safe. Reporter: Gina Scialabba.

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Children	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:03:50	Simple, Cheap Health Remedies Cut Child Mortality In Ethiopia	Families & Family Life / Writing & Writers / Monitors & Autobiographies / Reviews
Crime	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:04:41	Wilmington's Memorial 'Lute Lullaby' Is An Unsurmountable Success	Youth / African Americans / Cities & Towns / Murders & Attempted Murders / Analytics & Statistics
Crime	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:04:41	Wilmington's Memorial 'Lute Lullaby' Is An Unsurmountable Success	Law & Legislation / Retail Stores & Trade / Marijuana / States/US
Economy	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:04:00	Starting Today, You Can Legally Sell Marijuana In Colorado	Natural History / Archaeology & Anthropology / Oceans / Ice / Research / Climate Change
Economy	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:04:20	Archaeologists Discover A New Time In Warmian's Ancient Coasts	Rules & Regulations / Health Care Reform / Health Insurance / New Year
Environment	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:01:11	New Year Brings New Insurance Rules, Health Coverage	Religion / Controversies / Planning / Organizations / Murders / Analytics & Statistics
Environment	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:01:35	Religious / Controversies / Planning / Organizations / Murders / Analytics & Statistics	Internet & Electronic Information Systems / Priests / States/US / Health Care Reform / Health Insurance
Medicine	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:02:26	Deep Vein Thrombosis On Health Plans, Sign-Ups Still Slow Mississippi	Youth / African Americans / Banned / Food & Drug Administration/DA / Tobacco / Senses & Sensation
Medicine	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:01:57	FDA Weighs Health Remedies, Possible Ban On Methylmercury	Diseases & Disorders / Children's Health / Youth / Death / Dying / Medical Procedures & Treatments / Public Health
Medicine	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:01:57	FDA Weighs Health Remedies, Possible Ban On Methylmercury	Youth / African Americans / Banned / Food & Drug Administration/DA / Tobacco / Senses & Sensation
Politics	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:03:41	Wilmington Memorial 'Lute Lullaby' Is An Unsurmountable Success	Youth / African Americans / Cities & Towns / Murders & Attempted Murders / Analytics & Statistics
Politics	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:03:41	New York City's First New Mayor In 12 Years Is Sworn In	Cities & Towns / Speeches & Statements / Democratic Party / Mayors
Religion	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:01:35	Religious / Controversies / Planning / Organizations / Murders / Analytics & Statistics	Religion / Controversies / Planning / Organizations / Murders / Analytics & Statistics
Arts	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:09:27	Masterpiece: Executive Reflects On Career, 'Downton Abbey'	Public Broadcasting / Directing / Producing / Television Programs
Arts	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:17:46	The Year In Jazz	Recordings & Recording Equipment / Guitar / Jazz / Singers & Singing
Business	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:05:12	Dispersary Order Describes 'Absolutely Phenomenal' First Day	Medicine & Health / Small Business / Marijuana / Localization Of Drugs / Sales
Business	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:06:12	Dispersary Order Describes 'Absolutely Phenomenal' First Day	Medicine & Health / Small Business / Marijuana / Localization Of Drugs / Sales
Economy	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:04:30	New Year's 'Reddell' Good Cheer For The New Year	Economic Conditions & Trends / Economic Indicators / Forecasts / Unemployment & Job Market
Economy	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:04:24	Rose Bowl Game Marks 100th Anniversary	College Athletics / Bowl Games / Football
Education	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:03:30	Economic Predictions Good Cheer For The New Year	Economic Conditions & Trends / Economic Indicators / Forecasts / Unemployment & Job Market
Education	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:07:38	Supreme Court Grants Stay On Controversial Provision Of ACA	Religion / Law & Legislation / Controversies, Prophylactics & Family Planning / Nuns / Supreme Court / Health Care Reform / Health Insurance
Medicine	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:05:08	The 'Shoeshoe And Orphan' Of Health Care	Internet & Electronic Information Systems / Health Care Reform / Health Insurance
Medicine	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:09:39	Nation's First Recreational Pot Industry Opens	Marijuana / Localization Of Drugs / States/US / Sales / Regulation & Deregulation Of Industry
Medicine	All Things Considered	01/01/2014	0:05:12	Dispersary	

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Public Affairs Programs Summary for KVPR & KPRX

Network Programming from NPR

AT = *All Things Considered*

Description: For two hours each weekday, hosts Robert Siegel, Michele Norris and Melissa Block present the program's trademark mix of news, interviews, commentaries, reviews and offbeat features. News magazine from NPR airs weekdays 4:00-7:00 p.m. (ends at 6:30 p.m. on Fridays). Also airs on weekends from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

HAN = *Here and Now*

Description: NPR's midday news-talk show, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Hosts Robin Young and Jeremy Hobson lead a productive exchange of ideas and opinions on the issues that dominate the news landscape. This newsmagazine format features news headlines, interviews, produced pieces, and analysis.

ME = *Morning Edition*

Description: Two hours of up-to-the-minute news, background analysis, commentary, and coverage of arts and sports. Airs weekdays from 3:00-9:00 a.m.

TED = *TED Radio Hour*

Description: NPR's Sunday program at 4:00-5:00 p.m. features journeys through fascinating ideas, astonishing inventions, and new ways to think and create. Based on riveting TEDTalks from the world's most remarkable minds.

WE = *Weekend Edition*

Description: Up-to-the-minute news, background analysis, commentary, and coverage of arts and sports. Airs Saturdays and Sundays from 5:00-9:00 a.m.

Network Programming from KQED

CA Report = *California Report*

Description: A statewide radio news program, produced by KQED in San Francisco, is heard Fridays from 6:30-7:30 p.m., and a nine-minute news report each weekday morning at 6:50 a.m. and 7:50 a.m. The California Report provides daily coverage of issues, trends, and public policy decisions affecting California and its diverse population.

Local Programming from KVPR/KPRX

VE = *Valley Edition*

Description: Valley Public Radio's weekly exploration of issues that affect our quality of life. These one-hour programs are heard Tuesday mornings from 9:00-10:00 a.m.; rebroadcast on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m.