

1-2-24 UCD MOBILE CLINIC

New data from U-C Davis shows the University's 24-7 mobile clinic responded to 200 calls for help in its first quarter of operation. CapRadio's Health Care Reporter Kate Wolffe has more.

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[The Health 34 van sits in front of UC Davis' Fire Station 34 - it's bright red and looks like an ambulance. But there are no sirens- and inside there's not much - two benches, and a storage cabinet.

The van isn't for responding to medical emergencies, it's more for mental and emotional support. Health specialists have helped students with panic attacks and getting to a safer housing situation.

UC Davis Fire Chief Nathan Trauernicht [TRAUW-er-nicked]:

We're trying to to reframe people's thoughts around crisis. To think about it as what can I do before I get to that crisis point.

At a high-performing school like Davis, that's important, says 4th year undergraduate Rashita Chauhan [chuh-HAWN].

Sometimes you can tell somebody that hey, you know, maybe you should go to therapy maybe this but there are so many barriers, you know insurance and you know cost there's just so many barriers to that and Health 34 kind of removes some of those barriers.

Trauernicht says the service takes referrals, and is big on follow-up. Students and staff can call free of charge at (530) 754-3434.

Kate Wolffe, CapRadio News.

1-3-24 STATE CAPITOL GAZA PROTEST

[INTRO :09]

The first day back at work for California Assembly members was cut short yesterday [WEDNESDAY] by Jewish protesters calling for a cease-fire in Gaza. CapRadio's Nicole Nixon reports.

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The State Assembly was just getting underway when dozens of people in the gallery began chanting for peace. It went on for more than 10 minutes before the chamber adjourned.

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Many more protesters filled the Capitol rotunda, including 24-year old Ma'ayan Pe'er. He was in Israel when Hamas invaded on October 7th, but described the Israeli response as genocide.

PEER: I am here to shorten and stop it as soon as I can and to show other people that anti-Zionists, anti-Zionists Jews, are a part of this movement and that you can be an anti-Zionist Jew and you can be an ally to anti-Zionist Jews and Palestinians. <<:12>>

Some Jewish state lawmakers were not impressed by the demonstration.

GABRIEL: What we had today was a group of people who seemed to think that the point that they want to make is more important than anybody else's and so they shut down the democratic process.

Democratic Assembly member Jesse Gabriel co-chairs the Legislative Jewish Caucus, which circulated a letter to colleagues Wednesday morning, sounding the alarm on rising antisemitism.

According to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, there have been over 200 bomb threats against Jewish institutions in the state since October 7.

GABRIEL: I now walk my three-year-old, who goes to preschool at our synagogue, through metal detectors. We have a minimum of eight armed security guards at our synagogue on any given day.

Gabriel says the 19-member Jewish caucus will push for policies to reduce antisemitism during this year's legislative session. SOC

1-22-24 CSU FACULTY STRIKE

Members of the California Faculty Association are on **strike** at all 23 California State University campuses this week---including Sacramento State. As CapRadio's Mike Hagerty tells us, the union is optimistic their walkout will produce a better contract offer.

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The CFA says its power in the dispute with the CSU system rests not just in the shutdown of classes, but also in the dozens of other unions that may not be on **strike** with them, but will respect their picket lines. Anne Luna is an Associate Professor of Sociology and the CFA Chapter President.

[LUNA-1: "Slowing down construction, blocking the loading docks---that's gonna cost them millions and millions of dollars statewide. And we know that there have been some events on campus that were cancelled because they didn't want to cross the picket line, so, they bring in a lot of money from that kind of stuff---has nothing to do with instruction, and so we're actually hurting them in that way." (:18)]

Luna says she thinks the combined effects of that financial hit, and pressure from students and elected leaders will have the university back at the bargaining table by the end of the week, but if not---

[LUNA-3: "We could do rolling **strikes** again like we did in the fall, but we could do every single campus. We could do another whole week out. That's gonna be up to the board of directors to decide. But there's definitely a lot of room to be able to continue to put pressure on to force them back to the table." (:14)]

[HAGERTY: "For now, the plan is to be back out here the rest of this week---unless and until the university asks them back to the bargaining table to present a better offer. At Sacramento State University, Mike Hagerty, CapRadio News." (:14)]

2-21-24 California Deficit Grows

California's budget deficit has grown to 73 billion dollars. That's larger than a previous projection of 68 billion, as CapRadio's Nicole Nixon reports.

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[The deficit is growing because tax collections have been coming in below expectations, according to the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office. It means a bad situation with the state budget is looking even worse.

It also means Governor Gavin Newsom and state lawmakers will likely have to find more ways to cut spending.

The governor has already proposed drawing from the state's rainy day fund and cutting or delaying spending on other programs. Newsom has also pledged not to raise taxes. But when asked by reporters Tuesday, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas would not make the same commitment. Rivas says it's early in the budget process and that Democratic lawmakers in his caucus want to see long-term solutions for the state budget.

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2-22-24 LOCAL GIRL SCOUTS CHAT WITH SPACE STATION ASTRONAUTS

[INTRO :24]

"Amateur Radio on the International Space Station" is a program that encourages young people to get involved in space, radio and STEM. Yesterday [THURS] the program enabled three Sacramento Girl Scouts to contact the International Space Station with a Ham radio they built themselves, with help from a local Amateur Radio Society. Soon after the scouts made their call, they shared their excitement with CapRadio's Vicki Gonzalez.

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Fred Dasinger [DAH-SINGER], Edie Blanke [BLANK-EE] ,and Ainsley Fong from Girl Scout Troop 1089 talking with Vicki Gonzalez yesterday [Thursday] on Insight. You can hear the full conversation by going to CAP-RADIO-DOT-ORG-SLASH-INSIGHT [capradio.org/insight]

[The whole experience was kind of surreal, even though we've been preparing for a while. It was kind of when the astronauts first started talking. I was just still really amazed, just like Ainsley said, I couldn't believe that she's in space and we were talking to her from earth with a radio that we built. My heart was beating so fast. We'd been preparing for it for so long and then it was like the time was finally there. And it was so amazing.

You all talked with Lt. Col. Jasmin Moghbeli who was aboard, the ISS, what was it like talking to an astronaut?

It was surprisingly clear when she first started talking because we had done like video calls with people in California.

And they actually weren't as clear as when we were actually talking to someone while they're in space. It is just really crazy to me and she had really great answers to. It was very interesting.

We're going to listen to some of the questions.

Hi, my name is Edie. What advice would you give to someone who wants to be where you are?

I would just say if you want to get into space exploration specifically, it's really challenging. And so the thing I would say is it's ok to fail. And it's inevitable that at some point you will fail if you're trying to do anything that's, that's challenging and pushing the boundaries and that's ok. Just keep trying over.

I would feel like that takes on a different meaning when it's coming from out of space.

Seriously.

You know, and just so people are aware the astronaut, Lieutenant Colonel Jasmine Moghbeli is a Marine Corps attack helicopter pilot.

Also a test pilot launched to the space station as a commander of nasa's SpaceX crew seven mission back in 2023.

Fred. What stood out to you about your experience in chatting with this astronaut?

I was just really impressed with her because the whole mission of girl scouts is to get more girls involved in stem.

So the fact we were able to speak to female astronaut. She's the first Iranian American to ever go to space actually was just really impressive and impactful.

Let's listen to your question, Ainsley.

Hi, my name is Ainsley. How do solar flares affect you and the space station?

Folks on the ground. The team on the ground track when there are solar events that are headed towards us.

Luckily, since I've been up here, the solar events we have had, haven't been anything that have really impacted our health significantly over.

Eddie, What did you learn about what life is like what the work is like in Iss?

Oh my gosh. Well, we spend a lot of time learning about how radio works and we learn Morse Code and stuff like that and we learned the technical stuff about how it works, like the waves and all of that.

Did this inspire you to possibly explore more into stammer radio in the future?

Yeah, definitely. I think the science parts are super cool and then just learning about space is so interesting.

How about you, Ainsley?

I'm interested in environmental studies. So it's more of a down to earth type of thing. But definitely, I'm always curious about how things work. So like learning about space

and like black holes, how astronauts work and like how their time is like really scheduled out, like to the minute was like really interesting and cool

Fred. How did this shape what you're passionate about what you want to do in life?

Well, I'm really interested in astronomy already before this program. So now after doing the program, I'm just extra excited.

I was literally jumping for joy when my mom told me about this and I'm really excited to see how this influences what I want to study in college.

2-29-24 SNOWPACK RECOVERY

It's been a stormy February in California, but snowpack levels in the Sierra still haven't reached the average for this time of year. CapRadio's Manola Secaira has more on the latest manual survey near Lake Tahoe.

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[Researchers at Phillips Station measured the snow depth at about four feet. Statewide remote monitors show California's snowpack at 80% of average for this time of year. Overall, snowpack levels are much lower than they were at the end of February last year, when the state was at nearly double the average. Experts say warmer storms which brought lots of rain but less snowfall are to blame.

Andy Reising is a water resources engineer with the Department of Water Resources.

REISING: While today's results are more promising than the first survey here two months ago when we saw the tufts of grass sticking out through the snow ... we had a number of warmer storms come in... and the snow-rain line was a lot higher then, and so what that means is where we're normally hoping to build snowpack, rain was falling instead. [17s]

He says the state will need to see more snowfall if we want to reach the April 1 average, which is when snowpack levels typically peak. The ongoing snowstorm is expected to help.

REISING: It will be a cold one, our first big cold storm of the year, and it will be a good snow producer. [5s]

The National Weather Service expects blizzard conditions in the Sierra into the weekend. They're advising Californians to avoid traveling through the mountains. SOC]

3-15-24 WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT JOB SKILLS PROGRAM

Seventeen women who've experienced homelessness are the newest graduates of the Women's Empowerment job skills program...they're the 94th cohort through the Sacramento-based training.

CapRadio's Kate Wolffe reports that the decades-old program means more than just career readiness for the women it serves:

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In-cue: Irene Ervin stands...

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Irene Ervin stands at the front of the rented hall in Arden-Arcade and cheers on her fellow graduates:

I want you guys to stand up and clap for yourselves...

Of the seventeen women in the group, five have already secured jobs, and eight have improved their housing situation. Others are getting their G E Ds or going back to college. Ervin shared a poem about the course's impact:

What women's empowerment did for me is in my skin, it has empowered The Woman Within and I've learned in just nine weeks that being homeless doesn't mean that I am less of a person that I do not matter.

Over 18-hundred people now have been through the program - which provides childcare and transportation so women can meet with counselors and housing and employment specialists. Executive Director Lisa Culp says the women develop a special bond with each other:

In the audience there were probably 30 or 40 graduates there that just came not because they knew them but because they want to let them know they're out there they are sisters now.

Culp says they'll interview for the next cohort next month. The biggest thing they screen for? Motivation.

In Sacramento, I'm Kate Wolffe

3-18-24 UNIQUE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

[INTRO :08]

A new affordable housing community with an innovative design opened in South Sacramento this week.

CapRadio's Chris Nichols has the story.

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Each owner of a Habitat for Humanity home spent at least 500 hours helping build that home.

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AMBI: "How do you guys like your house? I love my house." (fade under after 4 seconds)

This past Christmas, Tiffany Timberman was able to give her four children something they've never had ... a new home of their own ... after years in a crowded rental.

Tiffany BITE 1: "Watching our kids run through the house ... so excited and going through their rooms for the first time ... going like 'This is mine' for the first time because they never really had their own space." (:12)

The Timbermans are one of what will eventually be 18 families to own their own home at Cornerstone ... an affordable housing community that combines single family homes ... built by Habitat for Humanity ... directly across the street from 100 apartments ... serving everyone from renters with low-income to those who are formerly unhoused.

Roberto Jimenez is with Mutual Housing, which built the rental units. He says renters don't always dream of owning a home.

Roberto BITE 2: "And I wanted to demonstrate to them that this is possible. And it's working. People are telling me already that they have an understanding they now potentially could be a homeowner." (:11)

Jimenez says Cornerstone will help formerly unhoused tenants with rent, obtaining IDs and mental health care.

He adds that this won't be the last community of its type, saying more projects are in the works.

Chris Nichols, CapRadio News.

3-27-24 TAX REVOLT

[INTRO :17]

Battle lines are being drawn in what could be a huge fight over taxes in California this November. Those fights are playing out on the ballot and in court. CapRadio's Nicole Nixon explores whether the state could be headed for another "tax revolt" like the one that ushered in Proposition 13.

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Like many stories about taxes or ballot measures in California, this one starts with Prop 13, which voters approved in 1978.

[ARCHIVAL TAPE – HOWARD JARVIS “we the taxpayers have spoken”]

Prop 13 limited property taxes. It was written and championed by taxpayer advocate Howard Jarvis, and is seen as maybe the most consequential ballot measure in California history.

[ARCHIVAL TAPE: We have a new revolution against the arrogant politicians...]

Almost 50 years later, the current head of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, Jon Coupal, is leading another anti-tax fight using the same argument.

COUPAL: California’s overtaxed. You could give them all the money in the world and it still would not be enough. <<:04>>

The so-called “Taxpayer Protection Act” aims to make it harder for the state and local governments to raise taxes, by requiring voters to sign off on any new tax or tax increase. It would also reclassify many government fees as taxes.

Elected officials and public employee unions are lining up against the measure. They’re even calling it the “Taxpayer Deception Act.”

Ben Triffo with the League of California Cities says it would decimate local governments’ ability to provide services.

TRIFFO: Whether this is preventing and reducing homelessness, planning for more housing, picking up the trash, paving streets and roads, or guaranteeing that someone will be there when you dial 911. This is what’s at stake for our residents if this measure is to pass. <<:13>>

Triffo says if it passes, cities, towns and counties would be unable to respond quickly to emergency situations like an economic downturn... or, a pandemic. It would take longer for them to raise revenue – because they’d need to wait for elections to get voter approval.

TRIFFO: Is someone going to want to vote for a parking meter rate? That’s the level of how expansive this measure is. <<:06>>

Business-aligned proponents have already gathered enough signatures to put the measure on the November ballot.

But it’s facing another hurdle.

Elected officials including Governor Gavin Newsom are asking the state Supreme Court to remove the Taxpayer Protection Act from the ballot. They argue that the sweeping proposition is actually a constitutional revision, not a constitutional amendment. Voters can amend the state constitution, but only lawmakers can revise it.

Meanwhile, the Legislature is putting its own questions on the November ballot that are much more tax- friendly. Taken together, voters will get confused, says Mark Baldassare with the Public Policy Institute of California.

BALDASSARE: Because if people feel like, I don't know enough to decide, I'm confused, it's too complicated,' they'll vote no on everything. And what voting no on everything would do is keep the status quo. <<:12>>

He says that could be a strategy for Newsom and the Democrat-led legislature. Californians are divided about taxes, according to survey data from the nonpartisan PPIC. About half say they prefer higher taxes in return for more government services. The other half want lower taxes and fewer services. Baldassare points to one thing they agree on: an overwhelming 91 percent think the state government wastes money. Which brings us back to Prop 13.

BALDASSARRE: As much as things have changed since 1978 in California demographically, politically, socially, economically, there's such an undercurrent all the time of concerns about spending and taxes.

It's something Howard Jarvis' successors hope will lead voters to tighten their tax pursestrings once again.
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3-29-24 WOMEN HISTORY MONTH

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[INTRO:]

French hornist Heidi Trefethen [treh-FEH-thehn] often performs with leading orchestras around Northern California. That's her job on stage. Off stage she has another job, and it's one that historically hasn't been held by many women. In the last of her profiles for Women's History Month, CapRadio's Jennifer Reason introduces us to one of the region's top audio engineers.

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You'll find more artist profiles by Jennifer from her series celebrating Women's History Month at our website, capradio-dot-org.

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It was a concert by the Seattle Symphony at her middle school in the Pacific Northwest that gave Heidi Trefethen her first exposure to the French horn, the sound just took me to another place.

And I knew I wanted to play the French horn.

I had a very supportive teacher.

I actually auditioned for Juilliard and got in.

But I decided I wanted a different kind of experience.

I didn't want to spend my life in a practice room.

Trefethen attended Brigham Young University on a scholarship and played in campus orchestras and chamber groups.

After college, she joined the Rome opera orchestra for three years and eventually moved to the Bay Area.

Then came a career pivot after freelancing for a while playing horn, I actually made the decision to do a nine month program at California Recording Institute.

And that was when I started really learning engineering.

That decision didn't come out of the blue.

Trefethen had dreamed about audio engineering since she was a girl, I was able to listen in an analytical way, like separate all of the different instruments and I was exposed to many different types of music.

And when I was nine my uncle gave me all of his Beatles cassettes and I noticed that the vocals were panned to one side and that all the instruments were panned to the other side that gave the young engineer to be an idea.

She popped one of the Beatles cassettes into the family's car stereo, played back just the instrumental track.

Then she loaded her own portable cassette recorder with a blank tape and I recorded myself singing all my Loving.

And that was my first engineering gig.

That was my first overdub today.

Trefethen is an engineer at two premier San Francisco venues.

SF Jazz where she's worked for the past nine years and freight and salvage where she started 25 years ago.

Back then, navigating the male dominated profession was often challenging.

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I would work with certain men and they just couldn't imagine that I know what I'm talking about.

It was a battle that I have been fighting since then.

And there are times that I wanted to quit, but I never let it stop me.

When I do encounter that I just connect to that really confident part of myself and do my work.

It's all about doing the work.

That's what I'm there for.

And if you know they need some enlightenment or correction, I'm happy to provide that for the past decade.

Trefethen has worked to expand opportunities for women as an instructor at women's audio mission where she teaches introduction to audio production and recording and they run the only studio in the world that is run by women and gender expansive people.

There are many more women working in the tech side of the music industry now than there were when Heidi Trefethen started.

But she says there remains much work to be done.

Still in some places, it's a radical act for a woman to walk into a venue or a recording studio and actually work as an engineer.

But I'm so proud every time that I do because I know that it makes us that more visible for cap radio news.

I'm Jennifer Reason.