

Quarterly Community Issues

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January

MLKDAY

02: The legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. brought thousands of people onto the streets of Sacramento today [MON] for a peaceful march to the state Capitol and the Convention Center. Among the multi-generational marchers at MLK365 was Walter Yost who teaches journalism at Sacramento State. Yost and his friends took turns holding up an "all-purpose" sign.

NLSHOWER

02: A new state law intends to help homeless students in California graduate from community college by giving them access to showers. Capital Public Radio's Steve Milne [MILL-nee] reports as part of our series on new California laws taking effect in 2017.

BUTTERBEER

03: If you are the first person this year to successfully identify and capture a specific type of butterfly, a UC Davis professor will buy you a pitcher of beer. Capital Public Radio's Bob Moffitt is already out looking.

NLTEENJOB

03: As of Sunday, most California employers will no longer be able to ask minors for their juvenile criminal histories as part of the hiring process. Assemblyman Mark Stone says the new law is intended to prevent young people from losing out on jobs because of past, non-violent crimes, or due to their involvement in legal proceedings, like family court.

NLCONCUSS

04: Concussion rules that have been in place for California high school athletes will soon be extended to include all young athletes. Assembly member Kevin McCarty of Sacramento authored the new law. It prevents a child from returning to a competition if it is suspected the child has suffered a concussion.

KCRA

04: Northern California DirecTV customers are tuning into KCRA Channel 3 to find the station has been blacked out due to a dispute with Hearst Television, KCRA's parent company. Reporter Sally Schilling explains why, for DirecTV customers, KCRA is currently in the dark.

WX

05: The recent storms hitting Northern California and Nevada have led to heavy snow fall, road closures, rain, flood alerts, gusty winds and an increased risk for avalanches in the Sierra. Dawn Johnson is a lead forecaster with the National Weather Service in Reno.

INTERIOR

05: The Obama administration is pushing for progress on a California water project before it leaves office. U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell issued an executive order today [Wednesday] directing federal wildlife officials to release a preliminary environmental opinion on Governor Jerry Brown's proposed water tunnels in January. Brown wants to build two tunnels that would pump Northern California's water to central and Southern California. Erin Mellon with the California Natural Resources Agency says this does not speed up the federal permitting process.

PFSEXLAW

06: The California Democrats did just legalize child prostitution in California." (:04)
Here's what actually happened: California passed a law last year that treats minors who solicit sex as victims, not as criminals. It does nothing to legalize commercial sex acts. People caught having sex with minors, soliciting sex with minors or arranging clients for them can still be charged with crimes.

BONDBUCK

06: California voters approved more than 42 billion dollars in bonds for state housing, road and flood control projects in 2006. With plenty of those needs remaining, a new report by the state's Legislative Analyst's Office shows the state still has about 6 billion dollars in unspent bonds from that vote.

NFLOOD

09: Interstate 80 is closed from Colfax to the Nevada State Line because of a mud slide and downed power lines. Kevin Honea is with the Nevada Department of Public Safety.

FLOODPLAN

09: The California Department of Water Resources says it will need to begin opening gates on the Sacramento Weir as early as midday today, to manage downstream flows in the Sacramento River. Managing the water in California during a series of significant storms involves local, state, and federal teamwork. Capital Public Radio's Bob Moffitt has this explainer on the work they do...evening out the stress on the water system throughout the state.

BUDGETPREV

10: The governor will present his initial spending proposal, which will kick-start months of wrangling with state lawmakers over the budget. The Democratic leaders in the state Senate and Assembly have again called for more money for affordable housing, after a deal with the governor fell through last year. And they want Brown to push for a higher gas tax to fund road and bridge repairs

YOLOFLOOD

10: The governor usually warns against overspending in his new budgets, citing the possibility of recession. Brown could play this year's proposal extra cautiously, as the economic recovery has continued longer than usual and how federal funding in the state will change under the Trump Administration remains uncertain.

UCSTRIKE

11: Many U-C Davis administrative and clerical staff at both the Davis campus and its Sacramento medical center held a strike yesterday [Tuesday] as part of a system-wide day of action. Teamsters Local 2010 [twenty-ten] representative Rita Lewis says U-C negotiators have failed to offer a fair wage increase which is why they've filed an unfair labor practice complaint.

YUBAGAIN

11: The Yuba River crested Monday morning at about 85 feet. It flooded some rural homes and agribusiness in the city of Marysville. Jose Cortez lives in a home in an orchard about half a mile from the river. He was evacuated Sunday. The road is closed, but, after the water receded, he drove around a barricade to see if he could get to his home and pets. He can't.

TAHSNO

12: These are just some of the numbers from the final day of a week of extreme weather in northern California: one tornado in Sacramento County, 10 inches of rain in the foothills, 6 feet of snow in the mountains, and 25,000 customers who lost power.

56CASH

12: California's economy is expanding and voters just approved billions of dollars in tax increases, yet Governor Jerry Brown this week projected a budget deficit for the first time in four years and called for spending cuts. California's revenue is still growing, but the money is coming in slower than forecasters had predicted. Meanwhile, California's largest medical and dental associations are raising concerns about how Governor Jerry Brown has proposed spending the state's new tobacco tax revenue from Proposition 56.

STRATEGIC

13: The Stockton Police Department has released a three-year Strategic Plan to combat crime. Stockton Police Chief Eric Jones says among the priorities is hiring a more diverse police force to reflect the community it serves. Jones points out that this last year the city saw the lowest overall crime in 16 years.

BYDROUGHT

13: Storms have filled reservoirs and built up snowpack in the Sierra. California now has enough extra surface water for this time of year to fill a reservoir the size of Folsom Lake, one and a half times, says Jay Lund with UC Davis's Center for Watershed Sciences.

REPREP

16: South Sacramento had one outright levee failure at Snodgrass Slough and seeping water called boils on the Mokelumne River, Lost Slough, and Highway 160 levees. More rain is forecast for tomorrow [Wednesday] through the weekend. The snow level is expected to drop to about three-thousand feet, which should reduce the amount of runoff

SALMON

16: Aquatic Ecologist Eric Ettliger (EHT-lin-ghur) with the Marin Municipal Water District says local spawning grounds were hit hard in the coastal watershed.

SPDCIT

17: But the department says officers would benefit from additional, specialized training to help people who are suffering from emotional problems or mental illness and their families.

SENBUDGHRG

17: The Brown Administration projects that, with no cuts, the state will face a \$2 billion deficit next year, due in part to slowing revenue. In response, the governor's proposed cutting more than \$3 billion of planned spending. Senate budget chair Holly Mitchell took exception to where those cuts would occur.

SMOKING

18: Wallet Hub ranked all the states according to cost per smoker. Kentucky ranked No. 1 with the lowest amount at just over 22-thousand dollars a year to New York which was last with over 45-thousand dollars a year.

AIRPORT

18: The number of travelers at Sacramento International Airport, or S-M-F, is the highest it's been in nearly a decade. The airport says 10-point-1 million passengers came through the airport in 2016...a milestone not achieved since 2008. This year, passenger traffic is expected to grow by four-percent. Sacramento County's Director of Airports John Wheat says S-M-F will be able to handle more people.

SUTTERCREEK

19: As the presidential Inauguration take place, across the country newly elected local leaders are also taking office. Their successes and failures won't make national news, but local communities will hold them accountable.

ECOSTUDY

19: The report shows that California's renewable energy requirements for investor-owned utilities gave the San Joaquin Valley the biggest economic boost. Construction and operation of renewable energy projects have created 31-thousand jobs since 2002. The state's cap and trade policies that reduce carbon emissions were also examined. Noel Perry is founder of Next 10, a nonpartisan non-profit research group that commissioned the report.

CSUSPREZ

20: Nelson listed a number of positive steps the school has taken recently, including improving the four year graduation rate, diversifying the faculty and student body, and adding more classes.

NUSHELTER

20: The Volunteers of America is overseeing the new shelter. The Association of Realtors contributed 50-thousand dollars to the effort. The city and county contributed 25-thousand dollars each, while United Public Employees contributed 10-thousand dollars.

WEIRCLOSE

23: The weir is basically a bridge between West Sacramento and Interstate 5 on Old River Road. Most bridges are over water, but this one is blocked with 18-hundred (1824) wooden planks - each six feet long, one foot wide and four inches thick. There are 48 sections of 38 planks each. A heavy beam that weighs more than a ton keeps each of the sections in place.

NEXTWEEK

23: There's a busy week ahead for Governor Jerry Brown and the California Legislature. Today [MONDAY], the state Senate will vote on Brown's nomination of Democratic Congressman Xavier ["Javier"] Becerra [buh-SERR-uh] as California's next Attorney General. Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler says the Legislature continues to move quickly on Becerra's confirmation.

EMERGENCY

24: San Joaquin County has declared a local emergency because of the storm damage. The county is submitting its loss estimates to the state in hopes of federal or state aid which could run into the millions. San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services Director Mike Cockrell says strong winds have been a major factor in the damage.

TPPCA

24: On his first weekday in office yesterday [MON], President Trump made good on a campaign promise by abandoning the Trans-Pacific Partnership. The trade pact negotiated by former President Obama involved 11 nations.

STATEOSTATE

25: Following the speech, State Assembly Republican leader Chad Mayes said California needs to work with the Trump administration...or risk losing out on federal funding for infrastructure projects. He said it's not us against them.

STRAWGANG

25: A Strawberry Manor Gangster Bloods member was charged last year with the 2015 death of JJ Clavo. The department says that shooting and many calls for service in Del Paso Heights led them to go after the gang.

IMMIGORDERS

26: Democrats plan to expedite bills that would ban California law enforcement agencies from cooperating with immigration authorities [and provide legal aid to those at risk of deportation.

SERGIO

26: This Saturday, pop music icon Sergio Mendes and his band, Brasil 2017, will take the stage at the Harris Center for the Arts in Folsom. Fifty years ago, as British rockers were descending on the American music scene, Mendes mounted his own Brazilian invasion, delivering a sound that became the epitome of "60's cool.

TREEHOOV

27: 102 million trees are dead or dying in the state - and that's a conservative estimate. California has spent 190 million dollars since June and removed 423-thousand trees from high hazard areas. But Cal Fire Chief Ken Pimlott says the problem with the state's forests is broader than removing dead trees. He says more needs to be done to increase the pace and scale of thinning forests to reduce wildfire risk.

DELAINE

27: Eastin is a Democrat ... and a former California superintendent of public instruction, winning statewide elections in 1994 and 1998. Before that, she served four terms in the state Assembly.

TRAVELBAN

30: Democratic lawmakers in California joined the protests this weekend against President Donald Trump's executive order that bans travel from seven majority-Muslim nations. Sacramento County Congressman Ami Bera criticized the muted response from Congressional Republicans.

AIRPORTS

30: About 300 people took part in the protest at Sacramento International Airport's Terminal B...some carrying signs that read: "We've Come Too Far To Turn Back Now" and "Love Not Hate." Mayor Darrell Steinberg was there too in support of the demonstrators. Yesterday's protests were the straight second day of demonstrations throughout the country.

UOPBAN

31: Universities and colleges in the U-S are looking carefully at the President's executive order banning travel from seven predominantly Muslim countries. Capital Public Radio's Rich Ibarra reports University of the Pacific is reaching out to its Muslim students.

MICROPAD

31: A Sacramento City Councilman says stacks of tiny homes could help the region solve its homeless problem.

February

SANCTSTATE

01: The California state Senate has begun passing measures to shield immigrants from new federal policies. One bill would ban local and state law enforcement from working with federal immigration agents, unless they have a warrant. Republican Senator Jeff Stone said the measure would enact "sanctuary city" policies across the state.

TOMTRUMP

01: McClintock says there have been hundreds of waivers already granted under the executive order. Opponents of the travel ban say it's discriminatory and unconstitutional.

FEBSURVEY

02: Gehrke also warned that the potential of the current snowpack could be diminished if we don't continue to get cold and wet storms through February and March. Governor Jerry Brown's administration says it will wait until an April snow survey to decide whether to formally end the state's drought emergency.

HOUSING

02: Disadvantage because of competition. Especially for foreclosures which are typically priced for less than non-foreclosed homes. Blomquist says 45 percent of the foreclosures sold at auction last year in Sacramento went to third-party buyers, or investors who usually turn them into rentals or flip the properties and resell at a higher price.

MOREJANREV

03: Both Taylor and the governor's Department of Finance acknowledge it's hard to predict California's highly volatile revenues. But Democratic lawmakers could seize on the higher projections to justify retaining affordable housing and education funding that Brown has proposed cutting.

MEX

03: The U-S 4-H program runs community service projects abroad but the joint program in Mexicali is the first of its kind in Mexico. The UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources will lend technical assistance and staff time but local volunteers will run the program.

FIREOT

06: The Sacramento Fire Department paid nearly 13 million dollars in overtime to firefighters in 2015, according to a new city audit. Capital Public Radio's Bob Moffitt reports that's six million dollars more than 2012.

YOPOTEST

06: He says medical marijuana is supposed to be tested for pesticides now, but the system isn't working. He says some in the industry will shop for a lab that will pass their product as pesticide-free, even though it isn't.

YOLO

07: If you've ever driven west on Interstate 80 or north on I-5 out of Sacramento, then you've driven over the Yolo Bypass. It's where floodwater is diverted around Sacramento across 59-thousand-acres of land. For the first time in years, water has inundated the bypass. As Capital Public Radio's Amy Quinton reports, the bypass not only saves Sacramento, it provides crucial habitat for fish and wildlife.

AMICUSBAN

07: The State of California has officially joined the opposition to President Donald Trump's executive order banning travel from seven nations.

JONESSESSION

08: The sheriff says he doesn't expect Sessions would go after undocumented immigrants who are otherwise following the law. Jones began to speak often about immigration policy after Sacramento County and Placer County Sheriffs deputies were killed by an undocumented immigrant who had multiple criminal convictions and who had been deported several times.

CLEANWAT

08: State regulators say roughly 400 disadvantaged communities have received unsafe water for more than a year, and some for a decade or more.

MARIPOSA

09: Heavy rains brought flooding and erosion in Mariposa County on Tuesday.

LANDSINK

09: The San Joaquin Valley is sinking at an alarming rate, according to a new study. That's putting aqueducts and flood control structures at risk. Capital Public Radio's Amy Quinton reports, this comes as water managers work to repair a huge hole in a spillway of the Oroville Dam.

HOLEFOLLOW

10: Engineers at Lake Oroville are releasing water over the reservoir's quickly-eroding spillway to maintain flood control measures. A massive gash in the spillway's concrete has spurred some on social media to claim the spillway has completely collapsed. Department of Water Resources spokesman Doug Carlson.

RALLY

10: Now that a three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled against President Trump's travel ban, the country is waiting to hear if Trump will appeal the case to the full Ninth Circuit Court or perhaps straight to the Supreme Court. One of the main arguments made by attorneys who brought the case against the travel ban was that it significantly damages public universities, which have many international students.

LEVEEFIX

13: As the water rose in the Feather River during the last series of storms, heavy equipment was making improvements to the levee on the Yuba City side. Crews with the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency finished 400 feet of new work not long before the water reached the base of the levee at the 5th Street Bridge.

ENGINEER

13: California water managers continue to release water out of the damaged main spillway at Oroville Dam at 100-thousand cubic feet per second. For now, it's lowering reservoir levels and the risk of the emergency spillway failing.

GOVOES

14: California authorities say an evacuation order issued Sunday for nearly 200-thousand people will remain in place until repairs are made to the spillway system of Lake Oroville, about 70 miles north of Sacramento. Helicopters are being used to drop giant rock-filled bags into a hole in the Oroville Dam emergency spillway. A failure could send a 30-foot wall of water gushing toward the Feather River.

GOVOES

14: Governor Jerry Brown's message for the nearly 200-thousand people evacuated Sunday in towns south of the Oroville Dam is that the state is doing everything possible to secure the situation. Brown placed a formal request for President Trump to declare an emergency. The governor says he believes Washington and California will work together in a constructive way.

FEMAHELP

15: People living south of Butte County's Oroville Dam are back in their homes for the first time since they were told to evacuate over the weekend. Meanwhile, the Trump administration has approved emergency aid for California to help the state respond to the Oroville Dam situation and last month's heavy storms. The administration's actions pave the way for FEMA to coordinate disaster relief and to help fund state, tribal and local government efforts.

EVACPALS

15: Tough times, like an evacuation caused by a possible dam failure, often bring people together...or in one case, bring people together AGAIN.

RETIRESTRIP

16: Under California's Secure Choice program, businesses that don't offer retirement plans must automatically enroll workers in a state-run plan, unless they opt-out. It could affect almost seven million Californians. But Congressional Republicans are overturning an Obama-era rule that expressly permits this. Without it, it's not clear Secure Choice is legal, says state treasurer and gubernatorial candidate John Chiang who oversees the program.

MEXDELVISIT

16: Senators held meetings to discuss obvious topics like immigration and trade – but also climate change. Mexico has signed agreements with Governor Jerry Brown to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions ... and work together on goals like improving air quality and reducing wildfire risk. Senator Víctor Hermosillo y Celada, who represents Baja California, says he wants to learn how California will regulate recreational marijuana, which voters legalized in November.

VATICAN

17: Forty Catholic bishops are among the 600 people who are meeting on the campus of Central Catholic High School in Modesto. The goal is to take up the plight of the marginalized and the oppressed.

YUBACALL

17: Yuba City has responded to complaints about its Reverse 9-1-1 emergency notification system used during the Oroville evacuation. The city has joined a new system that allows people to get text messages. The Nixle Public Safety Alert system is paid for by the seven thousand cities and counties that use it. The existing "reverse 9-1-1" system will remain for the 30-thousand people in Yuba City who still have land lines. Meanwhile, Marysville and Yuba County residents can sign up for a similar system through the beprepared-dot-org website.

STORM

20: The Flood Warning lasts through Thursday afternoon for Cosumnes River at Michigan Bar, Tuolumne River at Modesto and the San Joaquin River near Vernalis. San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services says the river at a measuring station near Vernalis remains at "danger stage," meaning it keeps approaching the top of levees.

STORM

20: Kurth says the Sacramento area could see between 2-to-3 inches of rain today. Snow levels will lower by Tuesday. Right now the snow level is about 7-thousand feet. That will lower to 5-thousand feet by tomorrow. Higher levels could see several feet of new snow.

HOUSECHECK

20: A new program in Modesto can give homeowner's greater security while they're on vacation. Modesto saw almost 15-hundred burglaries last year, a rate that is 65 percent higher than the state average for its population. Modesto Police want to see those numbers come down and now homeowners going on vacation can have their houses checked while they're gone.

BOOGIE

21: The worst trade ever. Or building for the future by getting rid of a troubled, hothead and team disrupter. Those are the sides fans of the Kings are taking following the trade of DeMarcus Cousins to New Orleans. Sacramento will also send forward Omri [Om-ree] Caspi [Kass-pee] to the Pelicans for New Orleans' top draft pick last year, guard Buddy Hield [Hee-eld], and the Pelicans' first and second round draft picks this year. The Kings will also get three players from the Pelicans. Kings General Manager Vlade [Vlah-day] Divac [Dee-vots] was asked why he didn't wait to trade Cousins closer to the NBA's trade deadline on Thursday in hopes of getting a better deal.

FLOODCOSTS

21: Neither California nor the federal government have a cost estimate yet for the response to storms and flooding in the state. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services, and the state departments of Water Resources and Finance say they are keeping track of expenses, but won't tally them while still conducting response efforts. Last week President Donald Trump officially cleared the way for federal aid to the state by declaring the flooding a major disaster.

SUTTEREVAC

22: The Oroville evacuation order has been lifted...but when it went out to nearly 200-thousand people on February 12th...some nursing home and hospital patients in Sutter County didn't go anywhere. The county is compiling a list of which facilities evacuated and which did not.

JUSTICEDAD

22: The Yolo County District Attorney's office has announced the arrest of the father of Baby Justice. The 19-day old infant was left to die in a field near Knights Landing two years ago by his mom. Frank Rees is facing charges of involuntary manslaughter, child abuse and administering a controlled substance. The D-A will release more details during a news conference this morning and explain why Rees wasn't arrested earlier.

STKNCOUNCIL

23: The Stockton City Council meeting this week turned into a shouting match, that took police in riot gear to clear 50 protesters from City Hall. Protesters upset over past police shootings chanted throughout the council session, holding signs of Black Lives Matter.

NVDAYTON

23: Constant flooding in the small community of Dayton, Nevada is interrupting - what developers are hoping is - a housing boom. They want to build thousands of homes along the Carson River. This year's floods caused 5-8 million dollars of damage.

SENOUST

24: Security forcibly removed a California Senator from the floor of the chamber for the first time in the memory of long-time state Capitol staff. Republican Senator Janet Nguyen [WIN] was cut off while criticizing former Senator Tom Hayden today [THURSDAY]. Lawmakers had honored the prominent anti-Vietnam War activist Tuesday, after he died in October.

ENVIROBILL

24: California state senate leaders want to make current federal environmental regulations enforceable under state law, even if the Trump administration decides to weaken them. A package of bills would direct state agencies to continue to enforce current federal regulations. Ethan Elkind is with UC Berkeley's Center for Law, Energy, and the Environment. He says not all state regulations are more stringent than federal ones.

CAGOPFWD

27: For California Republicans, who gathered for their statewide convention over the weekend, it is both the best of times and the worst of times: dominance of the federal government, yet irrelevance at the state Capitol. The G-O-P now hopes to transfer the grassroots enthusiasm spurred by the victory of President Trump to state races in next year's gubernatorial election.

BADDOC

27: The Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development says more than 600 California physicians are on probation for allegations such as: sexual misconduct with patients; performing surgery under the influence of controlled substances; and health care fraud.

NOFLOW

28: Water releases down Lake Oroville's main spillway are on hold for about a week. Managers closed the gates yesterday. They say lower lake levels and this week's dry weather will give repair crews up to seven days to pull sediment, concrete and boulders from the bottom of the eroding structure. Department of Water Resources Acting Director Bill Croyle says inflow to the lake is much lower than it has been. He says for most of the month they've been dealing with historic levels of storm runoff.

FOIA

28: The state's top Democratic lawmakers have submitted a Freedom of Information Act request to the Department of Homeland Security. Speaker Rendon [REN-din] says he's looking for clarity about whether individuals who qualify for the Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals - the DACA program started under the Obama administration in 2012 - could be swept up in immigration raids even if they were not the intended target.

March

OPIOID

01: McCarty's bill would impose a one-cent per milligram surcharge on prescription opioids. Proceeds would then be used to pay for county drug addiction prevention programs. McCarty says opioid-related hospital emergencies are hurting society.

ARTVIOLENCE

01: A newly-opened art exhibit in Stockton was born out of one of the most violent tragedies in the city's history. A lone gunman killed 5 children, wounded 29 others and a teacher at the 1989 Cleveland School shooting. Survivors like former kindergarten teacher Barbara Sarkany have turned to art to heal the wounds.

CAPTRDFALL

02: Under the cap-and-trade program, companies must purchase pollution credits that allow their emissions. But results released yesterday [WEDNESDAY] show the latest quarterly auction of those credits generated about 8 million dollars—far less than the half-billion dollars the state typically expects.

MARSNOW

02: The Sierra Nevada snowpack is at near-record levels according to the latest statewide survey. The water content throughout the Sierra Nevada snowpack is at 185 percent of normal. This year's healthy snowpack should help, as it's responsible for nearly a third of the state's annual water supply in an average year.

LUNCHDEBT

03: Students who aren't current on school lunch fees shouldn't be denied food in California. That's under a proposal by Democratic state Senator Bob Hertzberg, whose bill would also bar schools from shaming students over fees their parents owe.

PGEPOP

03: California growers of medical marijuana and future growers of recreational marijuana may see smaller electricity bills. P-G-and-E announced this week it will include legal pot growers in an "AG energy rate" program designed for farmers. The AG energy rate could apply to outdoor or indoor greenhouse grows but they will not apply to cannabis processing.

PARKBND

06: A 2015 state report found almost 40 percent of Californians don't have adequate access to parks. Democratic Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia is the bond bill's author, and he says rural and inner city communities especially need more parks. About a third of the bond money would fund improvements in communities with few parks, while the rest would go toward state parks and coastal protection.

SAWYER

06: Former Stockton Mayor Anthony Silva is in jail and awaiting arraignment this afternoon on 5 felony counts ranging from embezzlement to money laundering. Authorities arrested Silva yesterday at San Francisco International Airport after he returned from a vacation in Colombia.

07: No other animal shares the giant panda's black and white fur pattern. U-C Davis researchers have unlocked a big riddle behind the bear's coloration. Wildlife biology professor Tim Caro [KARR-oh] says pandas must travel to very different habitats to find the bamboo that makes up their whole diet.

SANCTDELAY

07: Several sheriffs joined Republican lawmakers yesterday [MONDAY] to speak out against the bill, arguing that it would allow dangerous criminals to re-enter society. The bill has drawn strong support from groups that advocate for immigrants and civil liberties. Also yesterday [MONDAY], Senate Democrats rushed through a brand-new and non-binding resolution that criticizes the Trump administration for some of its recent detentions of immigrants.

MEDMJ

08: Recreational pot use is now legal in California. And next year, people won't need a recommendation from a doctor to buy marijuana.

SAFESKOOL

08: Sac City Unified will distribute 50,000 information cards entitled, "WHAT TO DO IF ICE COMES TO YOUR DOOR" as part of the district's "Safe Haven" campaign. The cards tell students to invoke the 5th Amendment during any interaction with an immigration agent. The cards advise families not to let ICE agents into their homes without search warrants.

DRIVELIABILITY

09: Augustine told lawmakers that autonomous vehicles aren't likely to be prevalent on the state's roadways until the 2030s. There are 26 companies currently testing driverless cars in California. Drivers are required to be behind the wheel of those vehicles. State regulators expect to issue rules later this year allowing companies to test those vehicles without drivers.

WOMENSRALLY

09: A rally at the California state Capitol on International Women's Day and the "Day Without A Woman" drew a couple hundred people – and more than a dozen Democratic elected officials.

MEDMJ

10: Last November, Californians voted to legalize recreational marijuana with 56 percent approval. Beginning next year, state regulators will start handing out licenses for recreational marijuana stores.

TAMPON

10: When proposals to get rid of sales taxes on feminine hygiene products and diapers came up for final Senate and Assembly floor votes last year, not a single lawmaker voted against them. But Governor Jerry Brown vetoed the bills, arguing the state couldn't afford the loss in revenue.

INDYREG

13: Californians who have registered to vote since the November election are increasingly turning away from both the Democratic and Republican parties. Political data guru Paul Mitchell says 48 percent of the Californians who've registered in the last few months are either picking minor parties like Green or Libertarian ... or, more likely, registering as "No Party Preference."

SACENTER

13: The shelters are at Southside Pool, the Wind Youth Day Center in Oak Park, and a City building at 11th and I Streets. Halcon says the City changed its policy about who can stay in a shelter.

YOLOREFUGEE

14: The federal Office of Refugee Resettlement had jurisdiction over the boy. The O.R.R is handling the care and custody of more than 155-thousand unaccompanied minors. The agency notified the state of California and Yolo County it would transition the child to the state or county.

NOBOATS

14: The San Joaquin River is a foot below flood stage. Boat traffic is prohibited on canals and sloughs north of Tracy and west of Lathrop [LAY thrup]. Five-mile-an-hour traffic is allowed on some waterways west of Stockton.

CITYGRASSES

15: The City of Sacramento is moving ahead with new drought-resistant landscaping around government buildings downtown. The project currently covers roughly a-third of city properties. She says new landscaping has helped the city meet conservation goals for about a-third of city-owned streetscapes.

PATBATES

15: California Senate Republicans have elected a new leader. Orange County Senator Pat Bates will replace current Minority Leader Jean Fuller of Bakersfield next month, while the Legislature is on Spring Break.

AWKWARD

16: At a rally for his bill that seeks to protect California immigrants from federal deportations, advocates pressured the senator not to weaken the measure. But as Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler reports, he may have no choice if he wants it to pass.

ATHLETEPROTECTION

16: According to the bill, the commission would ensure colleges maintain accurate medical records for athletes and make sure those records are available to athletes. The commission would be authorized to charge colleges a fee to cover its costs. There's currently no cost estimate for the proposal.

MULLER

17: A U.S. District Judge sentenced former Orangevale resident Matthew Muller to 40 years in prison in a kidnapping case that drew national attention.

GOINGWEST

17: A new performance at Sacramento's B Street Theater tackles California and Sacramento's rich railroad history.

CTKEEP

20: Governor Jerry Brown and the oil industry are both pushing to preserve California's struggling cap-and-trade program. But that will require support from Democratic lawmakers who have doubts about the program. Under cap-and-trade, companies can purchase credits that authorize their emissions. But sales have faltered. The program expires in 2020 and faces a legal challenge from businesses.

PFREDISTRICT

20: Many members of Congress enjoy politically safe districts. Former California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger says their districts are too safe, adding that the average margin of victory in the U-S House was 37 percentage points in last November's election. But the movie-star-turned Republican politician is continuing his fight against gerrymandering, where elected leaders draw their own political boundaries to maintain safe districts.

CRIMJUSTBILLS

21: The senators are also trying again with a bill vetoed by Governor Jerry Brown last year that would require children under 18 to consult with an attorney before waiving their Miranda rights. The governor had said the bill raised complex questions and a better understanding was needed before changing the law. The bills will face committee hearings this spring - some as soon as this week.

NEWFISH2

21: A million young Chinook salmon started making their way to the Pacific Ocean yesterday. The spring-run Chinook are on state and federal threatened species lists. Andrew Hughan with Fish and Wildlife says the return rate is about 1 percent. There are about a million spring run still to be released.

HSRTRO

22: When California voters approved a 10-billion-dollar high-speed rail bond under Proposition 1A in 2008, they set a slew of conditions before the bond funds could be spent – for example, maximum travel times ... and approval of all the state's environmental reviews. Project opponents sued, arguing the state's proposal does not meet those requirements. But a judge ruled that challenge was premature.

FEMAPOSA

22: In one northern California County, lenders are telling some people they need flood insurance even though they don't...while other people who want flood insurance can't find it.

FEMASUTTER MIX

23: The Oroville spillway scare, flooding, and frequent downpours have underscored the need for flood insurance and flood prevention measures in California.

RENTALS

23: If you're thinking about buying rental properties and becoming a landlord, you'd see solid returns on single-family properties in the Midwest, Rust Belt and Southeast...but not so much in Sacramento.

TENTCITY

24: City Councilman Allen Warren represents District 2. He supports a pilot program that would use dorm-style tents to help people make the transition from the streets to permanent housing.

TRAVOLTA

24: A Lodi school is "going Hollywood." John Travolta's brother, Joey, is bringing his film camp to town. Capital Public Radio's Rich Ibarra was there and takes us on set.

MENTFAIR

27: According to the Centers For Disease Control, one in five high schoolers have early stages of a mental illness and eight percent attempted suicide last year. Capital Public Radio's Bob Moffitt reports training is coming to the Sacramento area to help those kids.

BROWN

27: Brown vowed to fight Trump on health care and immigration, but offered to work together on an infrastructure plan. [One example of an area of collaboration cited by the governor was a \$650 million dollar proposal to electrify Cal Train from San Jose to San Francisco. The funding decision will be made in late May.]

CHIEFJUSTICE

28: The Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court is telling state lawmakers that immigration arrests in courthouses could weaken the rule of law. In her annual State of the Judiciary address to the Legislature yesterday [MON] Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye [TAH-nee CAHN-till sock-ah-OO-way] argued that fear of immigration arrests could have a chilling effect on California communities.

CSUSAD

28: Sacramento State has a new athletics director, and he's a native of the city. Mark Orr was introduced yesterday by Sac State President Robert Nelson. Orr has led Athletics and Recreation at St Mary's College in Moraga [more-AH-gah] since 2006, overseeing 17 athletic teams. Nelson says Orr was a perfect fit for the job and that was obvious during his interview.

RALLY

29: Sacramento Sheriff Scott Jones and Immigration and Customs Enforcement Interim Chief Thomas Homan [HOH man] took questions about the working relationship between the two agencies at a public forum last night.

V2VCOMMS

29: Earlier this month California's DMV proposed rules to allow cars without drivers inside at all. And in a future full of of high-tech cars, building in a way for them to talk to each other could boost efficiency and safety.

SCFOUNDRY

30: A historic gold-rush-era landmark in Amador County could soon go from frozen-in-time status back to a functioning facility. The City of Sutter Creek recently acquired the land and buildings that make up the Knight Foundry and hope to again make it a working iron-casting shop.

SNODELUGE

30: California has gone from drought to deluge in the past year. Snow now blankets the Sierra. As Capital Public Radio's Amy Quinton reports, results of the manual snow survey today [Thursday] have Californians wondering when the Governor will declare the drought over.