

Quarterly Community Issues

2017: July - September

KQNC

6:04 – 6:06 pm Weekdays

July

WALKIDEA

03: The City of Sacramento has begun holding public forums to get ideas for the river walk in Old Sacramento. Jim Kiyak [KEE-awk] owns two businesses in Old Sacramento and says construction on K Street has hurt business.

NVPOTKICK

03: Nevadans and tourists there don't need a medical marijuana card anymore. They started buying pot on Saturday just for fun. But that fun may be short-lived. Capital Public Radio's Ky Plaskon was in Las Vegas for the first sales.

KEEPLICENSE

05: Opponents of the policy change argued that the consequence of losing a driver's license is what compels people to pay traffic fines and fees. But Mike Herald with the Western Center on Law and Poverty disagrees. His group co-sponsored the bill. Herald says many low-income Californians cannot pay the interest accruing on the fine, let alone the fine itself.

PFALLENCRIME

05: In a video announcing his run for California governor, Republican Travis Allen made some bold claims about crime in the Golden State. Capital Public Radio's PolitiFact reporter Chris Nichols fact-checked Allen's statements as part of our Tracking The Truth series, which examines claims in the 2018 governor's race.

HADLEY

06: Hadley served one term in the Assembly representing a swing district on the Los Angeles County coast. After a career in the financial industry, he narrowly defeated a Democratic incumbent in 2014 before losing his re-election bid last year in a rematch.

OROBLAST

06: Blasting at the Oroville Spillway work site is halted for the time being as managers figure out what was behind a recent unauthorized explosion. Capital Public Radio's Randol White has more.

SENHOUS

07: The measure would add a \$75 fee to most real estate documents, except when they involve purchase or sale of property. So, developers building new units, banks foreclosing, and people refinancing their homes would be prime targets. The bill's author, Democratic Senator Toni Atkins, says the fee could draw in almost a billion dollars in new funding a year.

WONDERTOWN

07: The Davis Shakespeare Festival is staging “Wonderful Town,” a 1953 musical comedy with a score by Leonard Bernstein. The show hasn’t been done in Sacramento in four decades. But our critic Jeff Hudson says several songs in “Wonderful Town” still sound good after 60-some years.

UCBUDGET

10: The University of California Board of Regents meets in San Francisco this week with two big budget discussions on the agenda: the state’s spending plan and that of the U-C president’s office. Capital Public Radio’s Ben Adler says the discussions come in response to growing calls for regents to increase their oversight of the president’s office.

BEERSCHOOL

10: A bill headed to Governor Jerry Brown would allow California colleges that teach brewing to sell the beer they make. As Capital Public Radio’s Daniel Potter reports, the proposal builds on laws that already let schools raise funds selling wine they’ve produced.

PHARMGIFT

11: In response to rising prescription costs, one California state senator is trying to limit the ability of drug companies to influence doctors. Capital Public Radio’s Sally Schilling reports his bill would place restrictions on gifts from the pharmaceutical industry.

EBUS

11: By the beginning of the upcoming school year, the Sacramento area will have one of the largest fleets of electric school buses in the country. Elk Grove, Sacramento City, and Twin Rivers school districts are getting a total of 29 “E-buses.” They’re about twice the cost of diesel school buses, but advocates say the tradeoff will be cleaner air, and significantly better health outcomes. Reporter Ali Budner explains.

GPSJUV

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PESTBAN

13: Farmworkers and activists rallied outside the California Environmental Protection Agency in Sacramento Wednesday calling for the agency to ban a pesticide that they say poses health risks.

PARKPASS

13: Seniors might want to buy a lifetime pass to national parks soon. Capital Public Radio’s Rich Ibarra tells us the price is jumping from \$10 to \$80 next month.

BIDNESS

14: They say Costco wants to open in Loomis by the 2018 holiday shopping season, though hasn't commented on the potential new store. The store would be on the southeast corner of Sierra College Boulevard and Brace Road. And even though there are other Costco locations in the Sacramento area, the retailer could be a huge gain for Loomis, since officials expect the store would get lots of shoppers from Interstate 80.

DMVKIOSK

14: The DMV has put a dozen self-serve kiosks into Albertsons, Vons and Superior Grocers in the Los Angeles area. Jessica Gonzalez with the DMV says the department started putting terminals in field offices in 2010 and there are now 60 of them in locations around the state.

CTOPP

17: Environmental justice and grassroots liberal groups gathered on the Capitol steps Monday morning urging Democrats to reject a bill they say was written for the oil industry. Meanwhile, David Wolfe with the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association Republicans backing the deal were "taken to the cleaners" because they didn't use their leverage to win any permanent tax relief for families.

WEST

17: Research estimates that 2 trillion gallons of water is wasted each year because of leaky and broken pipes. McNerney calls it the WEST Bill...short for Water and Energy Sustainability Through Innovation. McNerney says the bill creates water by fixing the infrastructure, recycling water, and improving water and energy efficiency not just in California but the whole nation.

POTVAGUE

18: Come January, it will be legal to cultivate and sell recreational pot in California. When it comes to how the new system will function, the devil is in the details. The state's top pot regulator concedes those details are still getting worked out.

OJNV

18: Simpson has served nine years of a 33-year sentence for charges related to robbing and kidnapping two sports memorabilia collectors in 2007. He has already been paroled on the robbery charges and on Thursday will make his case for parole on charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

TAHOESILT

19: Transportation at Lake Tahoe still largely depends on the decades-old design of roads and cities, when little was known about how vehicle pollution and storm runoff affected the lake's ecology. The system also creates gridlock during the busy tourist seasons.

HOMES

19: There's more bad news for people trying to buy their first home in the Sacramento area. The inventory of foreclosures - which are typically discounted - continues to decline. And more investors are buying up properties.

DETHUR

20: The fire continues to burn north of the Merced River southeast of the town of Coulterville. Mark Brown is Deputy Operations Section Chief for CAL FIRE.

PIONEER

20: This is the first of six weekends when at least two lanes in each direction will be closed. Andy Alvarado with Caltrans says this will cause delays of up to an hour.

UNEMPLOY

21: Numbers for June show the jobless rate for the Sacramento-Roseville-Arden-Arcade area was 4.8 percent. Cara Welch is with the state Employment Development Department.

CHADMAYES

21: Assembly Minority Leader Chad Mayes wants to bring California Republicans back to relevance – by showing they can govern, not just be the “Party of No.” That philosophy led to his crucial role in cap-and-trade’s passage this week. But as Capital Public Radio’s Ben Adler reports, it’s placed Mayes’s leadership in jeopardy.

RICE2CHINA

24: Jim Morris is with the California Rice Commission. He says, there are still several steps that need to take place before exports can begin. One of those is a tour of rice producing facilities by Chinese inspectors.

COGDILL

24: The California budget deficit stood at 40 billion dollars. And the state Capitol was gridlocked. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the four legislative leaders negotiated around the clock, for weeks, searching for a mix of tax increases, spending cuts and policy changes that could win supermajority approval.

NUISANCE

25: One change would prohibit people from standing in the median of a roadway or within 200 feet of an intersection while asking motorists for money. Panhandlers would also be barred from asking while on Regional Transit, within 50 feet of an RT stop, or within 35 feet of either a business' driveway, or of an ATM.

CTSIGN

25: The San Francisco skyline that served as a backdrop to the signing on Treasure Island is a lot more crowded than the one 11 years ago. That’s when former Republican Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed California’s original cap-and-trade legislation on the same spot. It’s a reminder of the changing world that this bill seeks to offset – or else, Brown said during the signing ceremony.

SANCCITIES

26: Cory Salzillo of the California State Sheriffs' Association says he's not aware of any sheriff's department that doesn't already comply with the conditions, particularly those that require them to share information with federal immigration agents. He's not sure how much local agencies will be impacted.

RENT

26: The report by apartment data company Yardi Matrix shows June's rental rates in Sacramento rose at nearly 10 percent year-over-year, well above both the state and national averages.

VWCARB

27: The Sacramento area beat out the state's other large cities as Volkswagen's choice for the nation's largest city-focused, single investment in electric vehicle infrastructure. It's called Green City, part of the automaker's Electrify America program.

STATEOFTHELAKE

27: Scientists with the Tahoe Environmental Research Center say the lake is warming at 14 times its historic average. Researchers say Tahoe gains a half a degree Fahrenheit each year, continuing a four-year trend driven by climate change. The State of the Lake Report looks at data collected in 2016.

CLIMATECASE

28: Coastal communities suing big oil companies over climate change face a tough fight in California courts. Capital Public Radio's Daniel Potter reports on the cases brought by Marin and San Mateo Counties, and the city of Imperial Beach.

HUDDLE

28: Startup companies will get a big step up from a team of mentors and investors in Stockton. Capital Public Radio's Rich Ibarra reports Entrepreneur Lab 2017 will offer one-on-one sessions to give them a chance at success.

CALAVBUX

31: It burnt out two houses over there and meanwhile it was behind that ridgeline up there. So, it burnt out that house. His home was virtually untouched, but he lost a pump house for the well, a chicken coop and some other items. He signed up for a free program with Calaveras County [Environmental Health] to haul the debris away.

BOOKTAIL

31: Here's a room full of cats and kittens at the Stockton Animal Shelter, all of them waiting for adoption. Three girls have picked out a kitty each, pulled up a chair, and have started reading to them in their cages.

August

LOCAL COVERCAL

01: Eleven health care companies participate in Covered California. And despite uncertainty about federal action on health care, Covered California Executive Director Peter Lee says all eleven will continue in 2018.

SALMONDAY

01: During the drought, water flows that young salmon depend on were unusually warm and slow, and many didn't survive. That prompted the Pacific Fishery Management Council to cut this year's season in half. That's why today's a big deal for fisherman Mike Hudson.

STKNHEALTH

02: The Stockton region which includes San Joaquin and Calaveras Counties ranked 92nd out of 306 areas nationwide in 2016. And according to the Commonwealth Fund which studies community health trends, Stockton improved from its previous ranking of 156th in 2012.

PFHEALTHYSF

02: As mayor of San Francisco in 2006, Gavin Newsom signed into law Healthy San Francisco. Its goal was to ensure everyone in the city had health care services. Newsom described the program in a recent interview on MSNBC.

HOUSTALKS

03: California lawmakers are on summer recess right now – but a major piece of unfinished business awaits their return later this month. While they're away, Governor Jerry Brown and Democratic legislative leaders are negotiating a package of bills to address the state's housing crisis. Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler reports.

TURBOVCF

03: When you're filing your state taxes in California, you can choose to donate to combat Alzheimer's or breast cancer, help the Special Olympics, or protect endangered species. There are 20 funds all together, which typically receive about \$2 million from taxpayers, but that fell by more than half this last filing season.

POTMEETING

04: A temporary marijuana cultivation ban is in effect until the end of the year. The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors expects to have an ordinance in place before then. Supervisors are holding a special meeting to hear from the county staff, the public, potential growers, and law enforcement on which way to go.

USWABILL

04: The measure called the GROW Act has already passed the House largely along party lines. Supporters – including many Central Valley Republicans and farmers - say it would cut the red tape that prevents water storage projects from being built. But environmental law professor Rick Frank with UC Davis says it's an attack on California water law and would impede the federal Endangered Species Act.

CIVILASSET

07: There's a new battle between California and the federal government – this time, over a new U.S. Justice Department policy on police seizures of cash and property. As Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler reports, it could affect a new California law that took effect this year.

MEETPRESS

07: Governor Jerry Brown appeared on Meet the Press yesterday [Sunday] to discuss what the Democratic Party needs to do to regain political power at the federal level. Brown was asked if the party should make issues like abortion a litmus test for Democrats. He says the party is too diverse to take a hard stance on a particular ideology.

NOTCOOL

08: Cool roofs" that reduce the "heat island" effect and lower temperatures might also increase air pollution, according to a new study. But as Capital Public Radio's Amy Quinton explains, the study doesn't necessarily mean "cool roofs" are a bad idea.

DAMEMERG

08: The Department of Water Resources has identified a list of factors that may have contributed to damage to the area below the emergency spillway. They include the lack of concrete to disperse water flowing over the spillway, "erodible rock and soil" and the "absence of erosion protection downstream.

SJPOT

09: San Joaquin County plans to allow commercial cultivation of cannabis and dispensaries. The Board split 3-2 in the vote on the controversial issue as we hear in the report from Capital Public Radio's Rich Ibarra.

DAMNYANK

09: August is prime baseball season, and Sacramento's Music Circus is staging "Damn Yankees," a Broadway classic about of a losing team that suddenly starts winning, with the aid of a little supernatural intervention. Capitol Public Radio Critic Jeff Hudson has this review.

HOUSTREAM

10: California lawmakers are weighing several ideas to encourage – or force – cities and counties to speed up the approval process for housing projects. As Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler reports, the proposals are part of negotiations between Governor Jerry Brown and Democratic legislative leaders to address California's high housing costs.

CREEKS

10: The 100-million dollar project redesigned a network of creeks, channels, and levees to protect an area prone to flooding from high water events in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

AMAZON

11: Outside, skip loaders and backhoes are moving dirt to prepare for landscaping. Inside, crews are installing miles of electrical wiring and 20 miles of conveyor belts. Ashley Robinson with Amazon says some of the work at the facility will be done by hundreds of robots.

LIMEBIKE

11: A couple-of-hundred brightly-colored lime-green bicycles have been seen around South Lake Tahoe since mid-July. That's when The League to Save Lake Tahoe - the same group behind Keep Tahoe Blue, brought in a bicycle-sharing system called LimeBike.

PICKET

14: The proposed ordinance would prohibit residential picketing. Examples include protests outside the homes of politicians or doctors who perform abortions. Supporters say these residents are usually stuck in their homes and forced to deal with the unwelcome protesters. But activists say targeted picketing allows disadvantaged communities to call attention to their causes.

CHLORPYRIFOS

14: The Obama Administration moved to ban it in 2015, over health concerns. This year, the Trump Administration reversed that decision. As Capitol Public Radio's Ali Budner reports, the debate is raising questions about the role of science in regulation.

WINEMECH

15: When you hear "vineyard" you may imagine a canopy of green tendrils along a vine. But machines are a big part of that picture in the Central Valley. Like here in Lodi, where vineyard manager Steve Millier [Mill-yare] checks on Chardonnay grapes. The rows are wider, taller. All set up for mechanical harvest.

DACA

15: Under DACA, unauthorized immigrants who entered the U.S. as kids are protected from deportation. Participants pay a fee, register with the government, undergo background checks and are granted work permits. But Becerra warns the program is being threatened. Texas and nine other states have promised to take the Trump administration to court unless it ends the program.

WINEMECH

16: John Aguirre [AH-geer-eeh] is president of the California Association of Wine Grape Growers. He says roughly 80 percent of the state's wine grapes are mechanically harvested. He expects that number to grow although he says growers who cultivate the most expensive grapes will likely always harvest by hand.

PFMOORCRIME

16: Busch says companies stocking up on allowances will have less incentive to cut emissions, when those prices rise. -Republican State Senator John Moorlach recently claimed crime in California 'has been getting worse' since Jerry Brown was elected governor. Capital Public Radio's PolitiFact reporter Chris Nichols fact-checked the Orange County lawmaker's statement.

SHOTSPOTTER

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SHOTSPOTTER

17: Police are using microphones placed throughout neighborhoods to locate incidents of gun violence in a growing number of California communities. The most widely-used system is called Shotspotter. Capital Public Radio's Randol White explains, some people praise it as a crime-fighting breakthrough, while others say the technology raises privacy concerns.

MOTORCYCLE

18: Ride Sober or Get Pulled Over is a national campaign to get drunk or impaired motorcycle drivers off the road. It started yesterday. The C-H-P and local police are also participating and will show zero tolerance for alcohol or drug impaired driving.

RECALLFIN

18: That's as Republicans attempt to remove Democratic Senator Josh Newman after he voted for the state's new gas tax. The Fair Political Practices Commission voted yesterday [THURSDAY]. Republican Commissioner Maria Audero [ah-DAIR-oh] rebuffed charges that the timing was politically-motivated to help Senator Newman.

YCAPP1

21: Yuba City has a new web site and phone app for people to report illegal dumping, fireworks, blight, drag racing or anything else they want the city to know about. Darin Gale is with the City. He says users of the 3-1-1-App should receive a response within two days.

CROSSWALK

21: California lawmakers could soon tweak a rule that's surprising to many people who use crosswalks. Right now it's illegal to start crossing the street once the red hand starts flashing and the countdown is underway. Capital Public Radio's Daniel Potter has more.

WARHOL

22: The proposal passed the California Assembly 76 to 1, and is awaiting a vote by the Senate Appropriations Committee. [JG: "That's kind of BS, I would say, because first of all nobody really knows that. And for me since I was little, as long as it's not a stopped red sign, that means go for it, get across as fast as you can." (:12)] -The latest exhibit at the Kennedy Art Gallery in Midtown, Sacramento celebrates the "Pop Art" movement.

COMMON

22: Thousands of people turned out for a free concert on the Capitol Mall in Sacramento last night [Monday] headlined by hip-hop artists Common and J Cole. The concert was billed as a combination of music and activism. Common is meeting with state lawmakers this week to push for lighter prison sentences.

CTREBOUND

23: California's signature climate change program, cap-and-trade, passed its first test since lawmakers extended the program last month. The state's quarterly auction of pollution allowances—which give companies the right to release emissions—sold out.

PFMOORCRIME

23: Chris Busch of research firm Energy Innovation says companies formerly uncertain if they would need to obtain pollution allowances re-entered the market, after lawmakers renewed the program. But Busch says the auction result may also hint at a problem for the state's stringent climate change goals.

AGREPORT

24: 2016 was a tough year for San Joaquin County farmers. Late rain wiped out the cherry crop...the drought was still a factor, and walnut and almond prices sunk along with livestock and poultry. The 2016 Annual Crop report showed production values at 2.7 billion dollars but that's a 900-thousand loss over the last 2 years.

RENOCROWD

24: President Donald Trump's appearance in Reno yesterday was met by hundreds of protestors outside the Reno-Sparks Convention Center. As Capital Public Radio's Randol White explains, the tone of the Reno protest was orderly and civil compared to Tuesday night's scene in Phoenix.

WATERBILL

25: State lawmakers say they've reached a deal to fund solutions, with support from the agriculture industry and environmental groups. The proposal would tax farmers, and add about a dollar to residential monthly water bills. The Association of California Water Agencies is pushing back against the tax plan. Deputy director Cindy Tuck calls water a human right that should not be taxed.

BILL

25: California lawmakers are considering a tax to help poor rural communities provide safe drinking water. Agricultural and environmental groups are backing the bill—but not water companies

UNITYCENTER

28: The "Unity Center" opened over the weekend at the California Museum in Sacramento. It focuses on the state's diversity and civil rights movement. Congregation B'nai [Buh-NAY] Israel helped in the construction of the center. Rabbi Mona Alfi [Al-FEE] says the idea started decades ago when 3 Jewish synagogues in Sacramento were firebombed.

HOUSNEAR

28: Lawmakers are preparing to vote on a dozen different bills, but they're mostly focused on three: a multi-billion dollar housing bond, a real estate document fee to permanently fund affordable housing projects, and a bill that would force cities and counties to streamline the planning process for multi-family projects that meet certain requirements.

HOUSDEAL

29: Governor Jerry Brown and legislative Democrats are nearing a deal on bills they hope will address California's housing affordability crisis. Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon says he expects the package of bills to come up for final votes this Friday – but it's still not clear that all three main parts of the deal have enough votes to pass.

LOCALTAX

29: Proposition 218, passed in 1996, requires two-thirds of voters to approve special taxes (on schools or a specific industry or for a specific purpose). But in a 5-to-2 decision, the justices ruled Proposition 218 only applies to taxes proposed by government officials—that voter initiatives need only a simple majority.

SPORTHEAT

30: More water breaks, shorter practices, and trying to shift workouts to the morning instead of the afternoon...those are some of the adjustments high school coaches are doing to beat the heat.

ALLMAIL

30: A UC Davis poll out today [TUESDAY 8/29] finds 61 percent of voters are wary of the switch. Last year's law approved 14 counties to switch to the new voting process. Orange and Shasta Counties declined, while Santa Clara County will hold off until at least 2020, citing the difficulty of making such a major change so quickly.

JONES

31: One Sacramento County Sheriff's deputy was killed and two C-H-P officers were wounded yesterday when a gunman carrying a high-powered rifle shot through the door of his motel room, then leapt out over a balcony and led police on a brief chase. He was captured minutes later when he crashed and was wounded by responding officers. Sheriff Scott Jones says the deputy killed in-the-line-of-duty was 52-year-old Robert French.

PONDSEARCH

31: The Ponderosa Fire has destroyed at least ten homes and burned more than 31-hundred acres in the community of Feather Falls, near Oroville in Butte County. It's ten percent contained. 29-hundred homes are under an evacuation order. Capital Public Radio's Bob Moffitt reports the location of the fire and the lack of adequate cell service have contributed to anxious moments for people looking for friends and relatives.

September

HEATWAVE

01: A Spare the Air alert is also in effect...air quality managers are urging people to reduce driving. Michelle Mead [meed] is with the National Weather Service in Sacramento. She says an Excessive Heat warning means there's a high risk of heat-related illnesses for everybody, not just sensitive groups.

APPROPSBILLS

01: An Assembly committee stopped legislation that would have allowed cities to let bars to stay open until 4 a.m. The committee made a separate move that was cheered by Second Amendment advocates when it weakened a bill that would have limited individuals to one firearms purchase every 30 days. That bill now won't apply to long guns, though an existing law already imposes the same limit on handgun sales.

SCOLIOSIS WRAP

05: California kids may not be getting tested for scoliosis as often as they used to. Some concerned physicians are intervening with a high-tech solution.

YCAPP

05: People in Yuba City now have a way to report a problem at any hour of the day or night without bothering an emergency dispatcher.

DACACAP

06: State Attorney General Xavier Becerra responded by saying he is preparing to sue the Trump administration over its DACA decision. Meanwhile state Senate Republican leader Patricia Bates released a statement saying Trump had "rescinded an unconstitutional executive order" but that she now expects Congress to protect DACA recipients by way of comprehensive immigration reform. Republican Assemblyman Rocky Chavez did not share Senator's Bates' confidence about Congressional action. He says the move is disheartening.

OROREPORT

06: An independent team of dam experts says bad design and construction led to the massive erosion problem at Lake Oroville's spillways this past winter.

FARMFORK

07: Even though Sacramento has designated itself the "Farm-to-Fork" capitol...and Farm-to-Fork events will be held this month...there are still plenty of people in the region facing food insecurity. That's what inspired a coalition of homeless advocates, farmers and urban gardeners to start an annual fundraiser called "Farm to Every Fork." Libby Fernandez - formerly of the homeless charity "Loaves and Fishes" and now with the bicycle ministry "Mercy Pedalers" - helped start it.

COOLCOWS

07: Sprinkler noises and fans... run low under whole story sorry no 'moos!' Over in the UC Davis dairy barn, scientists tried to find a cooling method that's just as effective as spraying the cows with sprinklers and using fans. Theresa Pistochini [ter-EE-suh PISS-toh-kee-nee] with the Western Cooling Efficiency Center says the traditional method uses 11,000 gallons of water per cow per year.

DEPMEM

08: Law enforcement from around the country gathered at a church in Roseville yesterday to pay tribute to Sacramento Sheriff's Deputy Bob French. French was killed in a shootout with a suspect last week. The suspect died days later. Sacramento Sheriff Scott Jones told those gathered at the service...he's not sure what to feel...though he does feel a lot of hurt.

PBM

08: These companies negotiate prices between drug manufacturers and health plans. They say they make deals on behalf of the patient. But Democratic Assemblyman Jim Wood says the PBMs could be reaping profits behind closed doors and driving up drug prices. His bill would require PBMs to disclose the details of their negotiations, including any discounts they walk out with. "We're just saying OK if you're the good guys - show us, and let us verify that. We've heard enough to think that there's more going on here, and it's not necessarily good for consumers."

FINALWEEK

11: Other noteworthy bills would shift the start of the school day for 6th-through-12th graders back from 8-to-8:30am ... and move California's presidential primary elections up from June to March.

WSACFLAG

11: John Vinson came up with the idea right after the 9/11 terrorist attacks and has increased the number and size of the exhibit every year since. "When I started it, it just gave people a place to go on 9/11. Some just happened to show up and walk the fields and think about what happened that day. Over the years, it's almost turned into a celebration of life. People come here. They walk the flags and they leave feeling a lot better than they did when they arrived."

SACPDPA

12: Officers would receive a 7 percent raise in three installments between now and June. Dispatchers would receive a six percent raise. Tim Davis is the President of the Sacramento Police Officers Association.

TWOSUITS

12: California becomes the 16th state to challenge the President's action in court, with three other states joining, as well. DACA allows immigrants brought to the United States unlawfully as children to avoid deportation and to work here. The Trump administration rescinded the program, saying President Obama created it through an illegal executive order.

CLEANUP

13: Volunteers will head to almost 900 sites in 55 of the 58 counties in the state to pick up everything from tires to TV's. Last year, they collected over 700-thousand pounds of trash and recyclables. Lodi Lake will have about 350 volunteers and Kathy Grant from Lodi Public Works says last year, they filled more than 50 bags with trash and calls the cleanup effort a learning experience.

SCICENTER

13: The center requires approval from the Sacramento City Council and the Sacramento County Office of Education before it can apply for the special bond allocation. The council voted to approve the application at last night's meeting. [The science center on Auburn Boulevard welcomes about 75,000 people each year.

POTGAINES

14: A state lawmaker says Siskiyou County is being overrun with large illegal pot grows. Republican Senator Ted Gaines is asking Governor Jerry Brown to declare a state of emergency and has suggested using the California National Guard to help local law enforcement.

LGBTSENIORS

14: The bill would ban facilities from denying admission to, transferring or evicting a resident based on gender identity, sexual orientation or H-I-V status. It would also require staff to use names and pronouns that correspond to how residents identify themselves. Conservative groups oppose the measure because it does not exempt religious institutions.

POTUSTAX

15: We'll give you one guess whom this next measure is targeting: The California Assembly has approved a bill that would require presidential candidates to release their tax returns in order to appear on the state's primary ballot. Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler reports on a debate yesterday [THURSDAY] that was hardly presidential.

HOUSPASS

15: Democratic lawmakers held the voting period open for an hour, as they sought the two-thirds majority required to pass a new \$75 document fee on real estate transactions—other than home sales. San Diego Republican Brian Maienschein joined 53 Democrats to pass the measure.

MOVEPRIM

16: California could get a head start in selecting the nominees for president in 2020. A measure in the state Legislature would move primary elections from June to March. It's an effort to increase California's relevance, but as Capital Public Radio's Ben Bradford reports, it could set off an arms race among states over which will vote earliest. California was so close to relevancy with last year's June primary. For the first time in recent memory, it looked like the state might select the Democratic Party's nominee.

LOWSALMON

16: The Golden Gate Salmon Association says the return of drought-ravaged winter-run Salmon hit rock bottom this summer and that is likely a precursor of what to expect in the months to come, when commercial fall-run salmon are fished. John McMannus says the huge dip in numbers is the result of warm river water during the drought, killing most of the run while the salmon was still in the egg stage.

LEGREVIEW

18: The California Legislature has adjourned for the year, after a flurry of votes into the early hours of Saturday morning. Lawmakers sent Governor Jerry Brown hundreds of bills—about everything from a parks bond to pet stores. They also struck major housing, transportation and climate change deals this year, which many Capitol-watchers thought could not find support. Capital Public Radio's Ben Bradford explains. Democratic leaders point to those deals as three main accomplishments: billions of new dollars for road and bridge repair ... an extension of the state's climate change program, cap-and-trade ... and a package of measures to address the state's housing affordability crisis.

CHINOOK

18: The new research suggests if dwindling populations of spring chinook disappear, healthier fall runs of salmon can't replace them. "The Endangered Species Act seeks to protect genetic information that's irreplaceable." Craig Tucker is a policy advocate for the Karuk Tribe. "There's probably fewer than 200 wild-spawning spring chinook salmon in the Klamath river this year, and in good years there's only maybe 2000."

CANNASAFE

19: Starting next year, a medical card won't be necessary to purchase marijuana - just an ID, like when you buy alcohol, or cigarettes. But like those other legal substances, weed carries some health hazards. Before anyone starts buying recreational pot, public health officials are launching the "Let's Talk Cannabis" campaign.

HOUSPOLL

19: A quarter of registered California voters have considered moving out of state because it costs so much to live here. That's the finding of a new U-C Berkeley poll that reports the state's exorbitant housing costs have driven 56 percent of respondents to consider moving somewhere. The poll also found 60 percent support for local rent control laws – with nearly 70 percent of Los Angeles County respondents in favor.

FORDHAM

20: Eighteen recommendations include dam inspections throughout the state, production of new flood models and creation of more setback levees to increase flood protection and fish habitat. Ron Stork is with Friends of the River. He says the Yolo and Sutter bypasses should be expanded as part of the Central Valley Flood Protection plan. It calls for a lot of important, not only environmental projects, but significant changes and expansions of the capabilities of flood-control systems in the Sacramento and San Joaquin basins.

EDUPROMISE

20: For more than three decades, students at the state's 114 Community College campuses have been offered a program known as the Board of Governor's Fee Waiver. Research shows, many of those students didn't understand it was direct financial aid. So, the state is changing the program's name to the Promise Grant, a name that reflects similar programs in other states and on some individual California campuses.

PFDREAMACT

21: The DREAM Act would offer legal status and a path to citizenship to immigrants brought to the country illegally as children – so long as they meet certain requirements such as enrolling in college or joining the workforce or the military. Pelosi made her claim about strong support for the bill during a speech this week at Sacramento State University.

VIRGWOLF

21: This landmark play, a Pulitzer Prize winner, explores the dark underbelly of two dysfunctional marriages. Playwright Edward Albee really lets it all hang out. The year is 1962, in a conservative university town, specifically the home of a history professor, littered with term papers waiting to be graded. The time is 2 a.m., the professor and his wife are just returning from a faculty party. As they stagger in, it's clear that she is more than a little buzzed.

GRAMCASS

22: Under the newly proposed Graham-Cassidy bill, states would get a predetermined block grant. Then in 2026, those grants would disappear. California enrolled more people in Affordable Care Act coverage than any other state, either through the Medicaid expansion or in the subsidized Covered California exchange. Ted Mazer is president elect of the California Medical Association. He says the federal cuts would be deeply damaging.

SAUSAGE

22: It was 11:59pm last Friday, and Assembly Bill 313 sat silently in the Senate Appropriations Committee, where it had slumbered untouched for weeks. Less than three hours later, it had passed both chambers of the Legislature and was heading to the governor's desk. Its journey began with a procedural motion that to the average citizen would mean nothing.

CHEMICAL

25: The bill applies to detergents, disinfectants, floor cleaners, even automotive products—but not items like toothpaste or shampoo. Industry groups didn't want to cram cleaning products' labels with huge lists of chemical names that divulge possible trade secrets. So, after months of negotiating, they'd get some wiggle room, to leave out ingredients that aren't among the thousands deemed hazardous on official lists.

DAIRYRELIEF

25: The California Milk Advisory Board based in Tracy put out a call to its 13-hundred dairy farmers and food processors for donations. Jennifer Giambroni with the Board said within a few days they were loading trucks which then set off to the hurricane-stricken areas. "We hoped to fill a truck and truck is, I think, something like 40-thousand pounds and we were just overwhelmed to be able to have not just one truck but 2 trucks of food that we know was protein-rich, that's needed was really, really tremendous."

VOTETALLY

26: California relies on machines to tabulate the millions of ballots cast during an election, but counties also do a manual audit of one-percent of precincts. A bill on Brown's desk clarifies the audits only have to include ballots cast on or before election night—not provisional or late-arriving vote-by-mail ballots. Elections cyber security experts say that creates an opening malicious actors could exploit. Computer scientist David Jefferson chairs the elections transparency group Verified Voting.

NEWFARMERS

26: American farmers used to hand down their farms to the next generation in their family. It doesn't work that way anymore - points out Sri Sethuratnam - who heads the California Farm Academy at The Center For Land-Based Learning in Winters. "The proof of that is in the number of people who are farming in this country now. It's below two percent. If family farm succession was working then that wouldn't be the case. So where are our farmers going to come from in the next generation?"

CANKOREA

27: Recent nuclear tests conducted by North Korea involved significantly larger explosions than previous tests according to Dave Shmerler a scholar at the Middlebury Institute at Monterey. One big unknown - says Shmerler - is whether the North Korean regime can put a bomb at the end of a missile and successfully deliver it. The data he's seen suggest that even if they can't, they're very close. Shmerler says it's a serious situation but it doesn't mean we're on the eve of war with North Korea.

DIETCAR

27: Just as studies have shown that people who order diet drinks tend to increase their consumption of foods loaded with fats, sugars, and salt... new research out of UC Davis shows Californians do a similar thing when it comes to their vehicles.

YOSROCK

28: Yosemite National Park Rangers believe the rock came from a section along the "Waterfall" climbing route on El Capitan. It is one of the largest rock formations or monoliths in the world. People come from all over to climb it. The park confirmed the person who was found dead at the scene is a foreign national.

DREAMERCARE

28: The poll also shows majority support for Governor Jerry Brown and Senator Dianne Feinstein. But half of likely voters want the next governor to "mostly change" Brown's policies, and half also say the 84-year-old Feinstein should not seek a fifth full term in Washington. The Affordable Care Act draws a 58 percent favorable opinion from likely voters. And the same percentage believes congressional Republicans should work with Democrats to improve health care, rather than pursue their own plan or simply give up on the issue and move on. But PPIC's Mark Baldassare says just 32 percent of likely voters – and only 45 percent of Democrats – favor a national, government-run "single-payer" health care system.

ANTINIMBY

29: Governor Jerry Brown will sign a package of bills tomorrow [FRIDAY] that seek to address California's exorbitant housing costs. As Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler reports, one piece that's flown below the radar would make it harder for cities and counties to evade state housing mandates. The legislation deals with a 35-year-old California law called the Housing Accountability Act – sometimes nicknamed the “Anti-NIMBY” Act. The law's intent is to block local governments from arbitrarily rejecting development projects that comply with their existing zoning and land use policies. Democratic Senator Nancy Skinner wants to put more teeth in that law.

COPHIRING

29: A sales tax hike made it possible to add 90 officers over the last 4 years. And now the men and women in blue number 435 for the Stockton Police Department, but the goal is 485. Stockton Police Officer Joe Silva says recruiters are going statewide looking for candidates but the emphasis is especially at home.