

Quarterly Community Issues

2018: April – June

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April

02: DNARULING

The California Supreme Court ruled police can continue to take DNA swabs from people arrested for an alleged felony.

02: EPAROLLBACK

A Trump administration effort to loosen stringent fuel efficiency standards for cars and trucks faces a California-sized obstacle. Capital Public Radio's Ben Bradford reports that, through a quirk of the Clean Air Act, the state has an unusual amount of sway over the federal rules.

03: NECESSFORCE

The police shooting of an unarmed black man in Sacramento, resulting in the death of Stephon [STEFF-ON] Clark, has spurred the proposal of a new California law.

03: WILDLIFE

A new collaboration between college professors and an animal sanctuary in Calaveras County is connecting students with lions, and tigers, and bears.

04: STEPHSHOOD

The police shooting of Stephon Clark has resulted in weeks of demonstrations.

As the community calls for investment in South Sacramento, Capital Public Radio's Ezra David Romero reports there may be a chance to spend less on police and more in neighborhoods

04: TARIFFS

President Trump announced a new round of proposed tariffs on Chinese products today [Tuesday]. It's the latest in a back and forth between China and the Trump Administration that has already dealt a blow to California farmers.

05: MOTHERSONS

A quarter century ago, AIDS was killing tens of thousands of Americans annually, and the memory of those lost loved ones still reverberates today. That's the subtext of Terrence McNally's drama "Mothers and Sons," now at the Sacramento Theater Company.

05: UCMIND

As rates of autism have climbed over the last two decades, one California institute has become a major driver for research on the disorder across the state.

06: FENTANYL

The U.S. Attorney's Office has indicted two men with transporting 5 kilograms of fentanyl and charging them with distribution. U.S. Attorney McGregor Scott spoke at a press conference in Modesto to announce the indictment and seizure.

06: STOCKTONCLARK

The Sacramento police shooting of Stephon Clark has inspired other cities to take stock of their own policing policies.

09: HEALTHPRICE

A new bill from patient advocates and labor groups would create a nine-member state-run commission. It would set rates for all health care services from stitches to major surgeries. The rates would be modeled after Medicare. Supporters say this is necessary to stop monopolies. Here's Anthony Wright with consumer group Health Access.

09: EGGSPOTFIRE

When you eat eggs from your friend's backyard coop, those yolks are connected to the soil hens scratch around in. After last year's fires, UC Davis researchers are testing backyard eggs throughout the state to see if contaminants ended up in those yolks and whites.

10: DIANNEBROWN

Feinstein has led in polls by double-digits, with de León placing second. If that holds in the June primary, the two Democrats would face each other in the November election, under California's top two system.

10: FLAMETHROWER

The measure was introduced in response to an announcement by Elon Musk of his plan to sell 500-dollar flamethrowers to the public. Musk could be seen in a video posted on social media sites running around with a flamethrower made by one of his companies. Musk says the flamethrowers are fun and talked about it being a tool for an impending zombie apocalypse.

11: BADDOS

A group of Olympic gymnasts who have come forward with stories of being sexually assaulted by team doctor Larry Nassar are supporting a California bill they say would help protect people from abusive doctors.

11: COUNCILCOPS

Police Chief Daniel Hahn took questions from Mayor Darrell Steinberg, the city council and the public. They varied from inquiries about body camera protocol, the use of lethal force and ways to get officers to spend more time in neighborhoods. Steinberg started the questioning.

12: CADEPLOYS

California Governor Jerry Brown says his state WILL accept federal funding to deploy National Guard troops to the Mexican border.

12: UCCCC

For most of this decade, the state's community college students have had a path to guaranteed acceptance by the California State University system. Starting in fall of 2019, that same type of agreement will be extended to University of California campuses.

13: GOVMONEY

More money will surely flow in the coming weeks. Lieutenant Governor — and frontrunner — Gavin Newsom has the support of nearly every influential union in the state. And the Charter Schools are joining forces with another outside group backing Villaraigosa, who polls show is in a pack of candidates — including Republicans — vying for second place. The top two June primary finishers, regardless of political party, advance to the November election.

13: MAYORCHIEFBEEF

That's because Steinberg and Hahn both want more resources -- aka money -- for neighborhood policing since federal funding was cut. Individuals close to City Hall say the mayor wants to ask voters to help pay it. Keep an eye on Measure U, the city's tax that already pays for some policing and is set to be up for renewal this November.

16: WHITLETTER

Yuba City High School Teacher Jim Whiteaker had been reprimanded for inappropriate behavior before a student filed a complaint against him this year. Capital Public Radio's Bob Moffitt reports the teacher was warned in 1998 to avoid physical contact with others.

16: GASPRICES

Gas prices in the U.S. will reach a peak of \$2.79 per gallon with an average of \$2.74 during this summer according to a report by the U.S. Energy Information Administration. That forecast is 26 cents a gallon higher than the average price last summer.

17: TROUT

Over the past week more than 400 ideas on how to better manage trout were submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Years of drought and environmental lawsuits restricting where anglers can fish prompted a revision of the state's management plan for the species. Harry Morse is with the department.

17: BOSTONPOPS

Academy Award-winning composer John Williams has been writing music for the movies for six decades, most famously for the Star Wars franchise. Along the way Williams served as conductor of the venerable Boston Pops Orchestra in the 1980's and 90's. This Thursday the Pops will honor their former leader with a concert of his works at the Mondavi Center in Davis. Capital Public Radio's Kevin Doherty talked with current Pops conductor Keith Lockhart and has this preview.

18: SCHUBERT

Sacramento County District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert told reporters today [Wednesday] that she understands why the community is upset about the Stephon Clark shooting. Capital Public Radio's Bob Moffitt reports the DA made it clear she would not answer questions about the Clark investigation or the already-concluded Joseph Mann case that has lead some people to distrust her office.

18: BADAIR

The Los Angeles-Long Beach area comes in at number one on this year's list, which averages numbers [state data, also used by the California Air Resources Board] from a three year span, ending in 2016. Head north into the San Joaquin Valley, up Highway 99, and you round out the top five with Bakersfield, Visalia, Fresno, and Sacramento, in that exact order, south to north.

19: CLARKSIGN

The Sacramento Police Department has arrested Ste'vante Clark for making threats to commit a crime resulting in death or great bodily injury and with calling 9-1-1 with intent to annoy or harass. Clark is Stephon Clark's brother. Sac Police shot and killed him a month ago. Capital Public Radio's Bob Moffitt reports about 80 people marched to the Sacramento County District Attorney's office today to deliver 100-thousand signatures from an online campaign to have officers in the Stephon Clark shooting prosecuted.

19: SJREPORT

Both Dr. Omalu and his assistant pathologist Dr. Sue Parson alleged they were interfered with by Sheriff Moore in determining the cause and manner of death and other shortcomings by deputies. County Counsel Mark Myles stated in his report that he did not find "any nefarious or callous motives" on the part of the Coroner but felt it was poor communication from both sides.

20: CALENDOW

An ongoing public health campaign is zooming in on violence, police shootings and other issues facing communities of color. They say it's a health issue, and not politics.

20: CSUFREEZE

The C-S-U has asked for a funding increase of more than 250 million dollars in the upcoming state budget. But Governor Jerry Brown's January spending plan only included a 90 million dollar boost.

23: TACKLEBAN

Families who participate in youth football are speaking out against a California bill that would ban tackle football for kids under age 12. Capital Public Radio's Sally Schilling reports they rallied yesterday [Sunday] at the Capitol.

23: STEINBERGHEALTH

Mayor Darrell Steinberg has put out a call for mental health professionals to bring services to Stephon Clark's Meadowview neighborhood, and other areas that have been hard hit by the incident. When 22-year-old Stephon Clark was shot by police in his grandmother's backyard last month, neighborhood residents cried out for accountability from law enforcement. They also asked for more resources - including mental health services - in their communities.

24: BLACKBIRD

Male Tricolored Blackbirds have a red spot and white streak on their wings. The bird's population has dropped 55 percent since 2008. That's why last week the California Fish and Game Commission listed the bird as threatened on the state's endangered species list. Samantha Arthur is with Audubon California.

24: ECOLI

Food safety lawyer Bill Marler represents 28 people infected in the E. coli outbreak. He says it's hard to trace the pathogen back to its source once lettuce is chopped up and combined en masse. So a cluster of cases in Alaska may give investigators a break because it involves people who ate whole leaf romaine.

25: GOLDENKILLER

Many people in the Sacramento region are reflecting on the era when the killer, also known as the East Area Rapist, was terrorizing the community. Charlotte Bailey had just bought a home in Fair Oaks in 1976 when she began to hear about him.

25: TRUE CRIME GUY

District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert says the arrest of the suspected Golden State Killer came from dozens of officers' work. But as Capital Public Radio's Adhiti Bandlamudi reports, people OUTSIDE of law enforcement were also looking into the case.

26: EASTDNA

The Sacramento District Attorney's office has confirmed a Sacramento Bee report that investigators used DNA from a crime scene and submitted it to genealogy websites in order to identify a suspect in the East Area Rapist/Golden State Killer case. Capital Public Radio's Bob Moffitt reports.

26: FREESAT

Students who want to attend a university usually have to take the S-A-T or A-C-T test to get in. Some school administrators say there's a way to get more schools to offer these tests during class. But as Capital Public Radio's Sally Schilling reports, not everyone thinks it's a good idea.

27: EASTARRAIGN

The man accused of being the East Area Rapist and Golden State Killer appeared in a Sacramento County court today. Capital Public Radio's Bob Moffitt reports the room was packed with family members of victims and the public. Outside was one woman who says the defendant is also the Visalia Ransacker.

27: NOTUITIONBUMP

The University of California announced it would not take up the controversial issue of an in-state tuition hike at next month's UC Regents meeting. UC President Janet Napolitano made the announcement. The regents earlier this year put off a vote on a two-point-seven percent increase. Instead UC officials say they'll continue to lobby for more money before the state's budget deadline.

30: NESTLEH

As of mid-May Nestle's Sacramento based water bottling plant will begin drawing all of its energy from renewable sources. It's part of a pilot project with the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, or SMUD, using a mixture of solar, wind, biomass and hydroelectric power. Damien Waples manages the account for SMUD.

30: GAVINSNGLPAY

SB 562 passed the California Senate last year but was held in the Assembly. Speaker Anthony Rendon called the bill “woefully incomplete” for lacking a funding source for its estimated 400 billion dollar cost. Newsom’s Democratic rivals in the governor’s race say he tells some audiences he backs the bill but is less supportive in other settings.

May

01: PFNEWSOMAD

A spokesman for the Newsom campaign told us it meant to say he was the first to propose and pass a statewide gun safety ballot measure, which he accomplished in 2016.

At PolitiFact we place our ratings on the original statement, not on revisions.

01: CONTRACTORS

The California Supreme Court has limited businesses from classifying workers as independent contractors. As Capital Public Radio's Adhiti Bandlamudi [AH-dih-tee BUND-luh-MOODY] reports, this could have major implications for the tech industry.

02: PROTESTER HEARING

Melisa Price and Ebony Harper were arrested on April 12 on charges for remaining present at a place of a riot and resisting arrest. They're the only two activists facing charges for demonstrating. But Price says when she arrived at the courthouse, discovered her charges had been dropped.

02: TUOLUMNESANC

Tuolumne County becomes the 3rd California county and the first in Northern California to declare itself not a sanctuary county.

03: SANCHEZSUE

A former employee has sued the California State Senate, the senate human resources director and the secretary of the senate.

03: POLLTRENDS

Two recent polls have shown Democratic gubernatorial candidate Antonio Villaraigosa [VEE-uh-ruh-GO-suh] either nipping at the heels of his fellow Democrat Gavin Newsom or falling to fourth place. One of the polls also shows a Republican challenger suddenly neck-and-neck with U.S. Senate candidate Kevin de León, behind incumbent Senator Dianne Feinstein.

04: PRIVACY

Supporters of an initiative aimed at giving consumers more control over their personal data say they have collected enough signatures to put the initiative before voters in November.

04: WOMENOFCOLOR

Women of color face unique challenges when they leave the criminal justice system. They also have higher rates of HIV and AIDS than their white peers.

07: HEALTHBUDGET

The assembly health committee is pushing an ambitious set of bills to achieve coverage for all Californians, or universal health care.

07: PFGOVDEBATE

We've fact-checked more than 30 claims and rated half of them either Half True, Mostly False, False or Pants On Fire! Many are assertions about past accomplishments – such as former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's claim he reduced violent crime by half during his tenure.

08: TAHOESHORE

The Tahoe Shoreline Plan would add 138 piers to the lakefront, 10 would be public. After decades of trying to revamp the shoreline the group behind the plan invited both recreation and environmental groups to help form it. Tom Lotshaw, with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, says it would help protect iconic areas of the lake.

08: GOVPRIMARY

The six leading candidates for California governor will debate tonight [TUESDAY] in San Jose — as vote-by-mail ballots arrive for the June 5th primary election. Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler has this snapshot of where the race stands as voting gets under way.

09: LOWSUPPLY

CAL-ISO's Steven Greenlee says electricity supplies will be tight in high-load periods when it gets really hot, especially during evening hours when solar power dissipates. He says last year we had the benefit of abundant hydroelectric resources.

09: GOVDEBATE

The six leading candidates for California governor debated last (TUESDAY) night in San Jose for what might be the only time in this final month before the June 5th primary election.

10: PREWISE

California Governor Jerry Brown will release his revised budget proposal tomorrow [FRIDAY] morning, with state revenues pouring into coffers billions of dollars above projections. Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler reports that sets up a debate over what to do with all that extra money.

10: EARSB

72-year-old Joseph DeAngelo of Citrus Heights now faces four new counts of murder, each carries the possibility of the death penalty. Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce Dudley says the charges stem from cases dating back to both 1979 and 1981. Dudley says news of the DNA findings in Sacramento last month, linking DeAngelo to the East Area Rapist, was emotional.

11: PREGNANTPOT

Marijuana is now legal in California and there has been a sharp rise in pregnant and new moms smoking pot. First 5 San Joaquin which promotes health care for children is launching a campaign to help protect babies with posters, flyers, and radio ads. Lani Schiff-Ross with First 5 warns that pregnant and breastfeeding moms risk low birth weight, low IQ, and brain development issues.

11: EBIKES

Going to lunch; it's a dollar there - a dollar back, easy. If you're out of town and you want to go tour the city for the day, you can rent it for the day and just pay by the minute. Or, if you're a regular commuter, you pay 30 dollars a month and you get an hour of access every day and it could be your primary mode of transportation really easily." Some cities, like San Francisco and San Diego, have had problems with shared bikes and scooters blocking sidewalks, but Tendick says SACOG worked to avoid those issues with this launch.

14: GOLDMEDIA

DeAngelo shuffled into a Sacramento Superior Court holding cell. He had previously been rolled into court in a wheelchair. It will be at least another two weeks before he enters a plea to charges he killed Brian and Katie Maggiore in 1978. Half a dozen victims, families, or friends of victims were also in court. DeAnne Helton says her parents and the Maggiores were close friends.

14: IMMIGRANT DAY

Immigrant rights activists are pushing for measures that would address access to healthcare, local business licenses, and income tax credits for undocumented immigrants.

15: SMITHOUT

Sacramento Republic FC President Warren Smith is stepping down to focus on Oklahoma City's effort to get a Major League Soccer franchise.

15: RAPE KIT

One bill, sponsored by Democratic Assemblyman David Chiu, seeks to count and track the untested kits. There's no official number as to how many remain untested. "There's ample federal funding available to address backlog kits, but to apply for those funds, localities, cities, counties need to know exactly how many kits they have sitting on their shelves."

16: STATEBUDGET

State Budget talks are well underway at the Capitol. The state has a nearly \$9 BILLION dollar surplus. State Senator Ben Allen, along with other assemblymen urged their colleagues to spend more of that on higher education.

16: SACSALARIES

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Economist Todd Johnson says average Sacramento area wages are about nine percent higher than the nationwide average.

17: PROPMEASURE

A new voter initiative that would give Baby Boomers in California more incentive to move to pricier homes has qualified for the November ballot.

17: RIGHTTODIE

California's medical aid-in-dying law has faced moral and ethical opposition since it took effect in 2016. But now a state judge's ruling questions whether legislators illegally passed it in the first place.

18: CRISTINAFINDINGS

A California Assembly investigation into complaints of sexual harassment by Democrat Cristina Garcia has found those allegations to be unsubstantiated. But it did substantiate lesser complaints against the assemblywoman who's been a leader of the #MeToo movement in Sacramento.

18: MEXAMGEN

The men's and women's Amgen Tour of California bicycle race has entered the Sacramento Valley and among the women's teams is a brand new one that is full of national pride.

21: WORKGVRO

After the latest school shooting, the California Assembly has passed a bill that would allow teachers and coworkers to seek gun violence restraining orders.

21: MEMORIAL

Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium is a city council vote away from receiving an 11 million dollar facelift.

22: FARMBILL

The House of Representatives continues to debate the Farm Bill, which failed to pass last Friday. As Capital Public Radio's Adhiti Bandlamudi reports, its controversial changes to food stamp programs are what's holding it up.

22: WATERLIEN

Delinquent utility customers in Stockton have rung up a past due bill of over 11 million dollars. Capital Public Radio's Rich Ibarra tells us the city has sent out over a thousand notices to pay up or get hit with a lien on their property.

23: CTMAYAUC

California's cap-and-trade program generated almost \$700 million for the state in the last quarter. Capital Public Radio's Ben Bradford reports it's the latest strong showing for a key climate change program that was faltering until last year.

23: KINGSLOGO

The Stockton Kings unveiled the team logo before their biggest fans. Hundreds of elementary students cheered Stockton's newest professional basketball team as we hear in this report from Capital Public Radio's Rich Ibarra.

24: SACDAPRE

In light of the Stephon Clark shooting, justice reform and equality have become key issues in the race for Sacramento County District Attorney.

24: TRAVEL

The highest gas prices since 2014 apparently won't keep Californians from traveling this Memorial Day weekend.

25: GASTAXREPEAL

It looks like a proposed initiative to repeal California's gas tax and vehicle license fee hike will land on the November ballot.

25: TUNNELSUIT

A coalition of environmental groups filed a lawsuit today [Friday 5/25] challenging the state's plan to construct twin tunnels to divert water from Northern California south.

28: PROP681

A proposition on the June 5th ballot originally focused on parks now includes \$4 million for things like water quality projects.

28: PFCOXAD

Candidate for California governor John Cox made some eye-opening claims against his GOP rival Travis Allen in a recent TV ad.

29: GOLDMEDIA

Joseph James DeAngelo is charged with eight murders and is a suspect in about 50 rapes and attempted sexual assaults. Even though he can't be charged with the sex crimes because the statute of limitations has run out, DNA evidence did lead investigators to his home in Citrus Heights, where he was arrested for murder last month.

29: TAINTEDPOT

An increase in the use of a banned pesticide at illegal marijuana farms in California has state and federal authorities worried about its effect on the environment.

30: REMKERESIGNS

California's top regulator of political campaigns is resigning just days before the June primary election. Fair Political Practices Commission chair Jodi Remke [rem-KEE] announced today [TUESDAY] that she will step down on Friday.

30: KTTH-STOPBOTHER

California registered voters tired of the texts and calls from political campaigns can make them stop before next week's June primary. On the latest episode of our new podcast, Keys to the House, one guest explains the simple way voters can get campaigns to leave them alone.

31: CHARTERSGAVIN

Less than a week before California's June 5th Primary, the independent expenditure group backing former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa for governor has launched its first ads against frontrunner Gavin Newsom.

31: CANNABISBANK

California is a step closer to chartering a bank for cannabis businesses.

June

01: SIGNED LEGISLATION

President Donald Trump signed legislation this week (5/30) on experimental drugs that could make a similar policy in California easier to implement

01: LICENSEBILLS

You may soon be able to get a license plate with your favorite California sports team logo, and avoid that unflattering drivers license picture under bills that cleared key hurdles.

04: HOMELESSRESPITE MIXDOWN 2

Homeless patients often need follow-up care when they leave the hospital, but some advocates say hospitals are dropping them at shelters with no plan.

04: BARTLINK

Ground could be broke before the end of the year on a project linking the Central Valley to BART.

05: DIGIPLATE

Sacramento is the first in the country to have digital license plates on some its City vehicle fleet.

05: PREGOV

California voters will narrow the race to replace termed-out Governor Jerry Brown from 27 candidates to two finalists today [TUESDAY].

06: SACVOTES

Only about one third of the ballots from Tuesday's election in Sacramento County have been processed which means there about a quarter million ballots that have not been counted.

06: GOVFWD

You know how voters often say they want campaigns to be decided on the issues? Well, that might actually happen in the California governor's race ... because Democrat Gavin Newsom and Republican John Cox are both eager to contrast their views of how the state should be led. But looming over it all is President Trump.

07: ASMDDEMDEM

Much of the focus this election was on how the state's unusual top two primary system could lock Democrats out of otherwise competitive Congressional races in November. But instead, it appears Republicans have been locked out of a northern San Diego County state Assembly seat.

07: LGBTQPOL

California has the highest number of LGBTQ elected officials in the country, and following last night's primary, at least ten more advance to November - or won their race outright.

08: HIGHEREDBGT

Among the biggest winners in the state budget deal that California lawmakers will vote on this week are University of California and California State University students.

08: BIZJOUR

McCarty says the governor and lawmakers still believe the CSU must increase its graduation rate — and the UC must create more internal cost savings, both systemwide and in the Office of the President.

11: MISSINGTEENS

The Yolo County Sheriff's Office has arrested three men near Woodland on suspicion of conspiracy, kidnapping and murder in connection with the cases, according to the Sacramento Bee. Enrique Rios and Elijah Moore were friends who were in the same construction training program in Woodland. In an interview with Capital Public Radio last year, Enrique's mother Lola Rios-Guiterrez said the last time she saw her son he was going to bed in their home in Esparto. And when she woke up and he was gone.

11: WESTSACPOT

West Sac Mayor Christopher Cabaldon says the goal is to let other cities, states and even the feds know what's worked and what hasn't as cannabis became legal. He says the resolution calls on the federal government to remove pot from the Controlled Substances Act, which could allow banks and other financial institutions to work with marijuana related businesses.

12: LONEWOLF

A gray wolf from Oregon has wandered into Nevada County, marking the farthest south in California that the species has been known to roam.

12: KTTH-GASTAX

California political campaigns are preparing for the increase of the gas tax to be this year's preeminent campaign issue, after the successful recall of a state Senator focused on it.

13: PG&EFIRE

The fight over whether PG&E is liable for last year's fires in Northern California is ongoing. Capital Public Radio's Ezra David Romero reports that Cal Fire blames the utility for causing many of them.

13: SUICIDE

The recent suicides of celebrities Kate Spade and Anthony Bourdain have raised awareness about suicide prevention. Capital Public Radio's Rich Ibarra tells us a new report out today [Thursday] confirms other studies that show there's been a sharp increase in suicides nationwide.

14: AUTISMSCHOOL

A small group of adults with autism are setting out to make their mark. They've just finished at a unique Sacramento school meant to prepare them for the real world.

14: ZEVFOLO

Electrify America is the organization behind the projects, each with roughly 15 million in funding. The money comes from a state of California settlement with Volkswagen for its diesel-emissions cheating scandal. Electric bus service, including a shuttle between UC Davis and the Med Center in Sacramento, is one effort.

15: METOOCALEG

The California Legislature is unveiling a sweeping overhaul of how it would investigate sexual harassment complaints against everyone from lawmakers to interns. Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler reports it comes after accusations leveled against several lawmakers as part of the "Me Too" movement.

15: AMARUN

A group of high school kids are running a 24-hour relay to help homeless classmates and other homeless people in their community.

18: WASHOEDAM

The Washoe County Emergency Manager's office says an earthen dam at the north end of Washoe Lake could fail.

18: ELKGROVE

The idea of expanding the city of Elk Grove's sphere of influence is being questioned by environmental groups.

19: RENTBALLOT

A voter initiative that would allow California's cities and counties to expand rent control laws has qualified for the November ballot.

19: SAC CER

During soccer's World Cup, Sacramento bars and restaurants usually fill with fans who cheer for the United States. But the U.S. team failed to qualify this year.

20: DRAFTKINGS

The NBA draft is tomorrow [Thursday]. The good news for Sacramento fans is that the Kings have the number two pick. The bad news? The Kings have the number two pick.

20: SUSPENSION

School districts in the Sacramento area suspend black, male students at a much higher rate than districts in other parts of the state.

21: DRAFTKINGS

This is the moment from last month's NBA Draft Lottery when the Kings bucked the odds and jumped from the seventh pick to the second. It's Sacramento's best draft position in nearly 30 years. Fans are pumped.

21: NETFIGHT

A push for California to establish its own "net neutrality" doctrine, after the Trump administration rescinded federal rules, has technically advanced in the state Legislature.

22: PGECHARGE

PG&E will take a two-point-five BILLION dollar charge for expected losses in connection with the deadly wildfires that whipped through the state's wine country and other Northern California regions in October.

22: FARMANIMALS

Californians will vote this fall on whether to strengthen the state's laws governing how farm animals are confined and raised. As Capital Public Radio's Ben Adler reports, the proposed measure that qualified for the November ballot today [FRIDAY] builds on a previous voter-approved initiative — and a separate state law.

25: FIRESTART

Cal Fire moved many of its resources around the state last week after its forecasters issued extreme high-temperature warnings. Scott McLean is a deputy chief for the agency. "We can stage our aircraft. We can stage bulldozers. We can stage inmate crews, as well as engine crews throughout the state in those areas with severe weather conditions like we did here in Northern California."

25: HOMEVOTE

California lawmakers hope voters will free up \$2 billion in housing bonds for the homeless that have been stalled in court.

26: PFTRUMPWALL

President Trump recently claimed that construction has already started on his border wall in California.

26: ABORTLAW

The battle over abortion rights is again at the forefront in California after a federal strike-down of the state's Reproductive Fact Act. The 2015 law targets crisis pregnancy centers — faith-based organizations that usually counsel women to carry to term. It requires these centers to post signs telling clients that the state offers subsidized family planning services, including abortions. They also have to disclose if they aren't a licensed medical facility.

27: YOLOORR

Twenty-one undocumented immigrant teenagers will remain in Yolo County juvenile hall under a federal program.

27: BGTSIGNED

When Jerry Brown returned to the California governor's office in early 2011, the state faced a 27-billion-dollar deficit. Today [WEDNESDAY], Brown signed his final budget — one that seeks to leave the state with 16 billion dollars in reserves as it boosts spending to record levels.

28: PFHOMELESSMYTHS

Stereotypes about California's homeless persist even as state leaders focus more attention on the growing problem.

28: JANUS

The Supreme Court's Janus decision could have far-reaching effects on California's powerful public-sector labor unions, but those organizations have done as much as they can to mitigate the ruling before it arrived.

29: DAYLIGHTSAVING

Californians will vote in November on whether the state should move toward stopping the twice-yearly process of changing our clocks.

29: PAINTDEAL

It wasn't as high-profile as the consumer data privacy and local soda tax ban deals reached at the California Capitol yesterday [THURSDAY], but the paint industry also pulled its initiative off the November ballot. The measure would have shifted liability for hundreds of millions of dollars of lead paint cleanup in homes from the industry to taxpayers.