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California

The State Collection newspapers reveal a range of perspectives demonstrating the specific ways communities are impacted by national and global events, and cover local issues, people, events, and industries not found elsewhere. Unearth California’s past through local and national news with California’s state newspapers, The Salinas Californian, Visalia Times-Delta, The San Francisco Examiner, The Desert Sun and more. Readers will find coverage on state politics and legislation, school board meetings, local businesses and culture, zoning board meetings, as well as historical events and topics like progress on same-sex marriage, the 2007–2008 writers guild strike, the San Bruno pipeline explosion, and more.

Note: Newspaper titles, including the ones listed here, undergo name changes throughout the years.

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† These titles are also available for Perpetual Archive License purchase.
Note: There are known gaps in some titles which ProQuest will make an effort to fill.

8th California Infantry Regiment (Oct 1868): The 8th California Infantry Regiment was raised in the last year of the Civil War. It served in posts in the San Francisco Bay and on the Columbia River.

1868 Hayward Earthquake (Oct 1868): The 1868 Hayward earthquake occurred in the San Francisco Bay Area, California on October 21. With an estimated moment magnitude of 6.3–6.7 and a maximum Mercalli intensity of IX (Violent), it was the most recent large earthquake to occur on the Hayward Fault Zone.

California Immigrant Union (Oct 1869): The California Immigrant Union is an organization founded in 1869 to promote the settlement of California by people from the Eastern United States and Europe.

The Astronomical Society of the Pacific (Dec 1889): The Astronomical Society of the Pacific (ASP) is an American scientific and educational organization, founded in San Francisco on February 7, 1889. It is the largest general astronomy education society in the world, with members from over 40 countries.

The Battle of Stone Corral (Jun 1893): After months of searching for fugitive robbers John Sontag and Christopher Evans, also known as the Sontag-Evans Gang, authorities caught up with them in June 1893 in what is now known as the Battle of Stone Corral, or the Gunfight at Stone Corral, near Visalia, California.

Tule Fog (Jan 2002): There is heavy air pollution in Visalia in the form of smog and other particulates. The San Joaquin Valley is susceptible to atmospheric inversion, which holds in exhaust from vehicles, trains, manufacturing, and other sources.
Dairy industry (April 2002): The dairy industry is a huge part of Tulare’s economy. Tulare County has 342,600 cows, which produce more than 8.9 billion pounds of milk each year. The nation’s largest dairy complex, Land O’Lakes, is located in Tulare.

Spanish Language (May 2002): In 2002, the census revealed that the majority of people who live in Salinas speak Spanish at home.

Dust Bowl Labor Camps (Sep 2002): Dust Bowl migrants arrived in Farmersville in Tulare County during the Great Depression in the 1930s. News articles discuss the history of the labor camps in this area, and how Farmersville has struggled in more recent history.

Same-sex Marriage (Aug 2004): In 2014, between February and March, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom directed the city-county clerk to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. About 4,000 licenses were issued before the California Supreme Court ordered a halt to the practice on March 11th. On August 12th, the court voided all the same-sex marriage licenses that had been issued earlier that year.

Pro Rodeo (Jul 2005): Salinas is a major stop on the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) circuit. The Salinas rodeo began in 1911 as a Wild West Show on the site of the old race track ground.

World Ag Expo (Feb 2005): The international World Ag Expo has been held annually at the International Agri-Center since 1968. The three-day event is the largest annual agricultural exposition in the world.

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2007–2008 Writers Guild Strike (Feb 2008): In 2007–2008, the Writers Guild of America went on strike for higher and fair pay. Some of the issues were around DVD residuals as well as content for new media (for content posted on the internet, for instance). The strike halted the production of many popular TV shows.

Cosco Busan oil spill (Nov 2007): In 2007, the Cosco Busan container ship crashed into the Delta Tower in the San Francisco Bay and spilled 53,569 gallons of heavy fuel oil into the bay. The governor declared a state of emergency for the cleanup. The pilot, Captain John Cota, was sentenced to 10 months in federal prison for his use of prescription pharmaceuticals that left him unable to correctly read the onboard radar to prevent the crash.

San Bruno pipeline explosion (Sep 2010): In 2010, the Pacific Gas & Electric pipeline exploded in San Bruno, California, killing eight people and injuring 58.

Japanese Internment Camps During WWII (Nov 2010): The Salinas Rodeo Grounds were used as Japanese internment camps during WWII.

California Voting Rights Act (May 2012): The California Voting Rights Act passed in 2002. In 2012, the City of Visalia was threatened with a lawsuit from city-rights attorneys claiming that the city violated the Act. In November of 2012, the city voted on an initiative to change the way that Visalia voters elect their city council in response to the lawsuits.

Valley Oak Trees (Jun 2012): Visalia adopted the Valley Oak Ordinance in 1971, which regulates the pruning and removing of valley oak trees. Outside of the city limits of Visalia is the Kaweah Oaks Preserve, a 322-acre nature preserve that protects the last remaining valley oak riparian forests in the San Joaquin Valley.

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