

KCAL -TV
Los Angeles, CA

QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT

2nd Quarter 2022:

Quarterly Issues and Programs Report

Attached are the listings of broadcast segments and stories that reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of community issues during the 2nd quarter of 2022.

Regularly Scheduled Programs

During the reported quarter, the station broadcast the following regularly scheduled programs that routinely address issues of importance to the station's community:

- CBS Saturday Morning, CBS Sunday Morning, KCAL9 News (KCAL-TV News) - Regularly scheduled news broadcasts focusing on current issues and events.
- Face the Nation - Regularly scheduled hour news broadcast featuring reports and interviews with government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. Sunday, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m (starting 4/24/22).

Public Service Announcements – The station airs PSAs in rotation from various organizations that include topics such as, Breast Cancer Awareness, Veterans Support and Assistance and Autism Awareness.

In addition, the station makes community responsive coverage available via CBS News Los Angeles, a 24/7 direct-to-consumer service that streams anchored news coverage and live breaking news events of interest to viewers in the local market.

KCAL-TV Quarterly Issues and Programs List

Community of License: Los Angeles, California DMA

Issue: *Crime & Law Enforcement: Examining issues related to crime, law enforcement and issues of national security of importance to local viewers.*

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
KCAL News	April 5, 2022	4PM	2:30	<p>The LAPD has made arrests in a series of follow-home robberies that terrorized people for months. Although it's a success for the police, KCAL 9's Jeff Nguyen explains it also highlights a point of frustration for the LAPD. Eighteen-year-old Matthew Adams was arrested, and police found firearms in his possession. He had been arrested twice in January and once in February and released on bond each time. LAPD Chief Moore says the bail schedule set by the courts isn't working. "Justice delayed is justice denied" says Moore, "and it also allows for individuals who are charged with very serious offenses to continue to be in a community setting."</p>
KCAL News	April 19, 2022	10PM	2:07	<p>A major victory tonight for a family who were told by the Orange County coroner that their loved one had died, but it was a mistake! KCAL 9's Michele Gile reports that today a jury found the county "negligent." When Frankie Kerrigan showed up at his pallbearer's house back in May 2017, everyone was stunned. The family had buried who they thought was Kerrigan a few weeks earlier. It turns out another homeless man was the one discovered dead behind the Verizon store in Fountain Valley. The jury awarded the family one-million-dollars in damages.</p>

KCAL News	May 4, 2022	12 Noon	2:22	<p>Comedian Dave Chappelle was tackled onstage during a performance at the Hollywood Bowl. His attacker was quickly taken down and arrested. However, the incident raises questions about security and possible dangers for performers. KCAL 9's Tina Patel reports that the crowd booed the attacker as he was taken on a stretcher to an ambulance. The LAPD identified the suspect as 23-year-old Isaiah Lee of Los Angeles. Police say he was armed with a replica gun with a knife attachment. They don't know why he attacked Chappelle.</p>
KCAL News	May 27, 2022	4PM	1:39	<p>An elementary school in Whittier went on lockdown today after witnesses say they saw a man holding a rifle, walking nearby. It happened after two men crashed an SUV off the 60 Freeway and got out and ran. KCAL 9's Rina Nakano report that CHP responded to a crash on the westbound 60 Freeway in the City of Industry. Officers found an SUV with a bullet hole in its windshield with nobody inside. At the same time, the LA County Sheriff's Department received a call of a man with a rifle running around a Fry's parking lot. Nearby Wallen L. Andrews elementary school was locked down for a while, but officers were not able to find any of the men.</p>
KCAL News	June 6, 2022	10PM	1:58	<p>Cars spinning out of control and gunshots. These are sights and sounds of a dangerous trend in Southern California...street takeovers. KCAL 9's Laurie Perez spoke with a safety advocate about the dangerous trend. Gunshots and cars burning rubber...it was just before 2AM Monday morning at Crenshaw and Florence Avenue in Hyde Park. Police said no arrests were made. But Lilly Trujillo, founder of streetracingkills.org, says there's always a danger of somebody getting run over, stabbed, or getting stamped. LAPD says it's one of many street takeovers in the city in the last few weeks.</p>

KCAL News	June 21, 2022	4PM	2:20	Comedian Bill Cosby has been found guilty of sexually abusing a teenager at the Playboy Mansion in 1975. KCAL 9's Jake Reiner reports that the victim, Judy Huth, was awarded five-hundred-thousand dollars. Jurors found that Cosby caused harmful sexual contact with Huth, that he reasonably believed she was under 18, and that his conduct was driven by unnatural or abnormal sexual interest in a minor. The verdict comes nearly a year after Cosby's criminal conviction for sexual assault in Pennsylvania was thrown out and Cosby was released from prison.
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Issue: *Government & Politics: Examining issues related to local, state, and national government bodies and elections that are of importance to local viewers.*

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
KCAL News	April 27, 2022	9PM	3:42	LA City Attorney Mike Feuer is running for Mayor. He has a deep resume in politics, and he says he's trying to reach voters with pragmatic solutions and less divisive rhetoric. KCAL 9's Tom Wait sat down with Feuer and his run for mayor and his vision for the city. Feuer says public service is in his DNA, and he has the experience LA needs at this moment. Feuer says "With all these crises converging at once, and I was always taught growing up that that's how we define ourselves, when times are the toughest, not when they're easy."

KCAL News	April 28, 2022	10PM	2:53	Remember the gas rebate that Governor Newsom promised everyone? It looks like it may not happen. Now lawmakers want to give a give to everyone in California, whether they own a car or not. KCAL9's Tom Wait reports the California state budget surplus is a whopping 68-billion dollars. Democrats in the State Senate unveiled a new aid package aimed at helping individuals and families. Under the plan, two-hundred dollars would be refunded for each person making under 125-thousand-dollars per year, or couples making under 250-thousand-dollars per year. Also, Californians would receive 200-dollars for each dependent.
KCAL News	May 10, 2022	Noon	2:07	The drought is only getting worse. Now KCAL 9's Kara Finnstrom reports the LA Department of Water and Power is out with new water restrictions. LA Mayor Eric Garcetti says: "We're moving one phase forward and reducing the number of days you can water your lawn from three days to two." The change will be effective June first, with watering for odd-number addresses on Mondays and Fridays and even-number addresses Thursday and Sundays.
KCAL News	May 31, 2022	8PM	2:35	President Biden met with his Treasury secretary and the Fed chairman to lay out his plan to get inflation under control. KCAL 9's Natalie Brand reports from Washington that President Biden has made getting inflation under control his top economic priority. The President said of the Fed: "They have a laser focus on addressing inflation, just like I am." Fed Chairman Jerome Powell has signaled he will continue to support raising interest rates until prices fall to a stable level. The inflation rate of 8-point-3-percent in April was the highest since 1981.

KCAL News	June 8, 2022	Noon	2:14	<p>Los Angelenos went to the polls yesterday and in the race for mayor, Rick Caruso and Karen Bass will face off in November. Also, LA Sheriff Villanueva will also face a runoff, against former Long Beach Police Chief Robert Luna. KCAL 9's Tina Patel explains that the LA County Registrar's Office reports that only 15-percent of registered voters turned out to vote. LA County Registrar Dean Logan says: "I don't think it's the method of voting necessarily that drives turnout. I think it's the nature of the contests and the mood of the electorate." Caruso said: "I frequently hear how divided people are, but what I found out is people share so much in common." Bass said, "We have to bring together all of the people around the city and have the type of very diverse grass-roots campaign that we always planned to have."</p>
KCAL News	June 24, 2022	8PM	1:51	<p>With the Supreme Court overturning Roe V. Wade, the issue of abortion rights has been returned to the states. KCAL 9's Anthony Pura reports that at least half of U-S states are expected to quickly ban or severely restrict access to abortions. Thirteen states have so-called "trigger laws" that automatically took effect following Friday's Supreme Court ruling. Health care providers in other states are preparing for a surge of women seeking abortions from out of state. California, New York, Kansas, Illinois, Oregon, Washington state and Colorado are a few of the states designating themselves as "abortion havens" or "sanctuary states."</p>

Issue: *Education & Youth: Examining issues and concerns related to education and other programs serving youth of importance to local viewers.*

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
KCAL News	April 5, 2022	Noon	2:25	Foster kids are becoming a growing segment of the homeless population. KCAL 9's Chris Holmstrom spotlights 18-year-old foster youth Sergio Gonzalez who entered the foster care system at five years old. Now thanks to The Sycamores in Pasadena, Sergio is going to graduate high school in June, and he'll receive individualized coaching. By building relationships one at a time, Sergio will be able to grow a support network.
KCAL News	April 27, 2022	4PM	1:35	Many kids are still struggling with the effects of the pandemic. So, next year, LA Unified School students will have extra time to catch up on learning. KCAL 9's Tina Patel reports that the school board unanimously approved seven additional days next school year for learning and development. These will be optional days spread out throughout the year. It will give teachers the opportunity to give the students additional support to make sure they're meeting the requirements for their grade level.
KCAL News	May 9, 2022	8PM	2:10	A new survey shows that while most Californians believe a college degree is important, it's just too expensive. KCAL 9's Rina Nakano spoke to an expert who says there are ways to get a quality education without breaking the bank. Dr. Jeff Haig of Strategic College Consulting says, "Even when you're in a college you can also look around for scholarships in the department or outside the department, and if you're a resident in many colleges that's free room and board." The average yearly cost of a C-S-U school is 38-thousand dollars a year, including room and board. A C-S-U college costs about 30-thousand dollars a year.

KCAL News	May 25, 2022	9PM	2:33	The mass shooting at a school in Uvalde, Texas has many parents concerned about safety and security at their children's school. LA Unified officers are no longer on campus. KCAL 9's Jeff Nguyen reports that after the defund the police protests in 2020, LA school police officers were taken off campuses and moved to a patrol model, unless there is an emergency. Prior to 2021, LA school police had five-hundred and ten officers. Now that has been cut by 26-percent.
KCAL News	June 4, 2022	9PM	3:01	This week President Biden cancelled 5-point-8-billion-dollars in student debt for more than half-a-million borrowers. However, millions of others are still waiting for the president to keep his campaign promise to forgive ten-thousand-dollars in federal student loan debt for each student. KCAL 9's Adrienne Broaddus reports there is about one-point-six-trillion dollars in student loan debt. Due to the pandemic, the president did pause loan repayments until August 31 st , but it's not clear if and when the White House will move forward with some form of permanent loan forgiveness.
KCAL News	June 10, 2022	Noon	4:22	The LA Unified School District is cutting special education classes at several schools throughout the city, citing low enrollment. That has some educators and parents up in arms. KCAL 9's Kristine Lazar spoke to concerned parents. LAUSD stated: "Annually, programs are opened and closed as the needs of the Special Education Program and the communities change." The pandemic caused a pause in Individualized Education Programs or IEPs because they could only be done in person.

Issue: *Health: Examining issues and concerns related to healthcare, health and well-being of importance to local viewers.*

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
KCAL News	April 7, 2022	8PM	1:33	Fostering change and inclusivity for those affected by autism is the focus of tonight's Health Watch. KCAL 9's Mandy Gaither explains the shift from autism awareness to acceptance. The CDC says approximately one in 44 children in the US is diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, or ASD. It begins at a young age and can last a lifetime. The CDC says ASD is a "developmental disability caused by differences in the brain."
KCAL News	April 27, 2022	9PM	1:58	Covid-19 infections have spiked in California in the past month, going up 85-percent. KCAL 9's Laurie Perez reports that in LA County, new Covid cases are about 17-hundred a day, the most since early March. However, hospitalizations remain near record lows. Dr. Suman Radhakrishna says that although new Covid variants are more contagious, they are less severe.
KCAL News	May 18, 2022	Noon	1:49	Mental health treatment has been in huge demand in recent years, especially for conditions such as anxiety and depression. Finding a therapist can be a process, and KCAL 9's Danya Bacchus explains what to look for in a doctor. Dr. Rachel Jacoby says a first step is to check online directories like Psychology Today and the National Board Of Certified Counselors. Dr. Jacoby says you can also contact your insurance company, which can also help with payment options.

KCAL News	May 31, 2022	10PM	2:23	After three local teens nearly died of fentanyl overdoses, LA's Public Health Department is pleading with parents to be aware of the dangers. KCAL 9's Nicole Comstock reports that fentanyl is colorless and odorless so many times overdose victims don't even know what they've taken. It nearly killed 3 teens last week. The LA County Public Health Department statement said: "The adolescents had purchased blue circular tablets that were reportedly Ecstasy from an online dealer, who they reported arrived with a large bag of these pills, raising significant concern for the possibility of ongoing overdoses in Los Angeles County."
KCAL News	June 10, 2022	9PM	2:37	Justin Bieber had to cancel three concerts due to a rare virus called "Ramsay Hunt Syndrome." He says he's not physically able to perform. KCAL 9's Kandiss Crone spoke to a doctor who said the syndrome is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox and shingles and can lay dormant until reactivated. Dr. Adeel Popalzai says "they caught it early on and they treated it with the medication. He can absolutely get better and recover from it completely."
KCAL News	June 27, 2022	9PM	2:20	As many states outlaw abortion following the Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe V. Wade, California is working to enshrine the right to abortion access in the state constitution. KCAL 9's Laurie Perez reports that LA County is working on a program to help women traveling across state lines to have the procedure done here. The California State Assembly said that voters will decide in November whether to add abortion rights protections to the state's constitution.

Issue: *Minorities and Women: Examining issues and concerns related to minorities and women of importance to local viewers.*

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
KCAL News	April 8, 2022	4PM	1:42	Today the White House celebrated the historic confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, who will become the first black woman to serve on the US Supreme Court. KCAL 9's Natalie Brand reports that Judge Jackson noted the history that made this possible. "It has taken two-hundred-thirty-two years and one-hundred-fifteen prior appointments for a black woman to be selected to serve on the Supreme Court."
KCAL News	April 27, 2022	10PM	2:50	The CDC says more than six-million women in the US or having trouble getting or staying pregnant. During National Infertility Awareness week, KCAL 9's Jasmine Viel spoke to a Pasadena doctor who's on a mission to help others. Dr. Nina Behdin finished medical school during the pandemic but now she's struggling with her own bout with infertility. She has endometriosis, which can prevent a woman from getting pregnant. Dr. Behdin found out that infertility is listed as a disability under the Americans With Disabilities Act but we see no consequence of that. So, she's advocating for a new bill in the state legislature that would require insurers to include coverage of a fertility treatment.
KCAL News	May 16, 2022	9PM	2:38	The race for LA mayor is focused on the Latino vote. KCAL 9's Tom Wait reports that four candidates appeared at a forum held by the Los Angeles Latino Equity and Diversity Initiative. It's a forum designed to address the unique concerns of the Latino community. Congresswoman Karen Bass, LA City Attorney Mike Feuer, businessman Mel Wilson and Councilman Kevin De Leon attended. Rick Caruso was absent.

KCAL News	May 18, 2022	4PM	2:13	The US Soccer Federation reached a milestone deal, to pay women and men equally. KCAL 9's Tina Patel explains the push by female players for pay equity. The US Soccer Federation, U-S Women's National Team and U-S Men's National Team agreed to historic collective bargaining agreements. For the next six years, they will pool all the prize money won in the men's and women's World Cup and all players on the national team will get the same pay, bonuses and benefits.
KCAL News	June 20, 2022	8PM	2:07	Studies show that women everywhere care deeply about their hair, and black women are more likely to use hair products. Now KCAL 9's Rina Nakano reports there's a link between chemicals in those products and breast cancer. New research at the City of Hope studied the effects of parabens, used in black hair care products.
KCAL News	June 24, 2022	10PM	2:34	A candlelight vigil and march took place in West Hollywood tonight, in the wake of the Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe v. Wade. KCAL 9's Nicole Comstock reports there's a real concern here that rights in the LGBTQ community could be reversed next. Law professor Jessica Levinson said if you follow the logic behind the court's opinion that the right to an abortion is not written into the Constitution, "then the conservative court that wants to go there could say the same is true of gay marriage, the same is true potentially of the right to obtain contraception."

Issue: *Consumer & Economics: Examining issues and concerns related to consumer activity and local, state and national economies of importance to local viewers.*

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
KCAL News	April 12, 2022	9PM	2:56	<p>A new government report out tonight confirms what many people already know--inflation is soaring—to its highest level in 40 years. KCAL 9's Tom Wait says a government report states consumer prices jumped eight-point-five percent in March, the fastest inflation rate since 1981. Economist Christopher Thornberg says politicians "are terrified of the ramifications of quantitative tightening...but that is what you have to do to cool off inflation."</p>
KCAL News	April 30, 2022	9AM	1:41	<p>Americans have an estimated one-point-six trillion dollars in student loan debt. This week, President Biden said he might try to forgive some more federal student loans. KCAL 9's Amy Kiley reports that such a move could increase inflation. Biden made a campaign promise to forgive ten-thousand-dollars per student. Cancelling all federal student loan debt would increase the inflation rate one-tenth of a percent to five-tenths of a percent, according to the Committee For Responsible Federal Budget.</p>
KCAL News	May 4, 2022	9PM	2:20	<p>In an effort to fight inflation, the Federal Reserve has raised interest rates by half a percentage point, the largest increase since 2000. KCAL 9's Nancy Chen explains what this means for your wallet. Fed Chairman Jerome Powell said: "Inflation is much too high and we understand the hardship it is causing and we're moving expeditiously to move it back down." A mortgage on a median-priced home of 437-thousand-dollars will go up by five-hundred-fifty dollars a month. A credit card with a ten-thousand-dollar balance will see the minimum payment go up four-dollars per month and a car loan of 39-thousand dollars will go up just under nine dollars per month.</p>

KCAL News	May 12, 2022	Noon	2:05	Rising costs have people changing their habits, going out less and cutting back where they can. KCAL 9's Carter Evans shows how inflation is altering our daily lives. In April, food prices were up ten-point-eight percent from a year ago. Gas prices were up 43-point-six percent and electricity was up eleven percent. President Biden blamed the war in Ukraine for grain shortages, saying: "Ukraine is the world's largest producer of wheat and corn."
KCAL News	June 13, 2022	8PM	2:05	While costs continue to rise, some manufacturers are reducing the size of some products. It's called "shrinkflation." KCAL 9's Trinity Chavez has a few examples. Consumer advocate Mary Bach notice that Gatorade has a new slimmer bottle, from 32 ounces down to 28 ounces, but the price is the same!! A small box of Kleenex now has 60 tissues, but a few months ago it was 65.
KCAL News	June 17, 2022	8PM	2:03	KCAL 9's Rina Nakano talked to an investment professional about the housing market. Mortgage rates are up to six percent and that usually leads to lower home prices, but not in this market. Investment pro Chris Markowski says, "we have an inventory problem...which is why they haven't come down...there are millions of units that need to be built."

Issue: *Environment: Examining issues and concerns related to the environment and climate change of importance to local viewers.*

Program	Date of Broadcast	Time of Program	Duration of Story	Episode/Segment Description
KCAL News	April 20, 2022	9PM	2:40	<p>In order to help the environment, one man is teaching others how to recycle our food supply. KCAL 9 meteorologist Amber Lee introduces us to Gerry Villalobos, an expert in compost gardening. Villalobos is an environmental specialist with the LA Department of Sanitation. Food and vegetable scraps come in at collection sites, and a few months later, mounds of compost are ready to distribution. Villalobos says, “the whole purpose of organics recycling is to sequester or remove those organics from the waste stream and it closes the loop on carbon, and it reintroduces it back into the environment.”</p>
KCAL News	April 22, 2022	Noon	1:45	<p>On this Earth Day, demand for electricity is surging, and clean energy options like wind and solar power are booming. But KCAL 9’s Tina Kraus reports there are still obstacles. Fifty countries, including the US, generated at least ten percent of their energy from wind and solar power. In 2021, all sources of clean energy accounted for 38-percent of the world’s power supply, even more than coal. As the pandemic ended, demand for energy soared, causing a surge in coal power. Due to the war in Ukraine, demand for coal could escalate, as an alternative to Russian oil and gas.</p>
KCAL News	May 11, 2022	8PM	2:13	<p>A vote could come by tomorrow on a proposal to build a desalination plant in Huntington Beach. But opponents say it’s not needed and will harm the environment. KCAL 9’s Michele Gile reports that environmentalists and some residents have been against the proposed Poseidon plant for years. The fate of the project will be decided upon by the California Coastal Commission, and its staff has recommended a “no” vote. Opponents say hundreds of millions of organisms in the ocean would be killed by the desalination plant.</p>

KCAL News	May 14, 2022	8AM Sat	1:27	Scientists have spotted more trouble for the great barrier reef in Australia...the world's largest coral ecosystem. KCAL 9's Tina Kraus reports that new findings show climate change is robbing the reef of its color. Scientists surveying the underwater ecosystem found that 91 percent of the areas they visited this year experience bleaching. They blame a prolonged summer heat wave and warming waters from climate change.
KCAL News	June 4, 2022	9PM Sat	2:23	To combat climate change, the LA City Council passed a motion last week that would ban most gas appliances in new commercial and residential construction, starting next year. KCAL 9's Kandiss Crone reports that would mean new homes and businesses must come with electric stoves, water heaters and more. The new motion will require new buildings to be emissions-free, so they don't add to the carbon dioxide pollution that's heating the planet and leading to more destructive wildfires, intense droughts and heat waves.
KCAL News	June 29, 2022	Noon	2:39	Saving water has never been more important, and every drop counts in this massive drought. KCAL 9's STEAM profile this week introduces us to a man who has made water conservation his cause. KCAL 9's Amber Lee spoke to Leigh Jerrard, who designed the Grey Water System. He says most people water their plants and trees with drinking water and they don't need that. His system allows "gently used water" such as that from laundry, sink or shower to be re-routed into an irrigation system.