

**KCAL -TV**  
**Los Angeles, CA**

**QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT**

**3rd 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 3rd 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  |
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| KCAL 9 News | July 7, 2022      | 4 PM            | 2:00              | A sweep of violent criminals called “Operation North Star” has taken almost two-hundred violent fugitives off the streets. CBS 2’s Jeff Nguyen reports it’s a 30-day nationwide fugitive roundup that included LA and nine other cities. LAPD Chief Michel Moore says the task force focused on “fugitives wanted for the most serious and violent offenses.” Nationwide, a total of over 15-hundred arrests were made, including 192 in LA. The operation focused on suspects wanted for homicides, sexual assaults, robberies and aggravated assaults. |
| KCAL 9 News | July 12, 2022     | 8 PM            | 2:35              | The search continues tonight to a killer wanted in a 7-11 robbery spree, spanning three counties. KCAL 9 reporter Michele Gile says law enforcement is focusing on catching the killer before he strikes again. Ontario police released a photo of the suspect in a mask and a hoodie. From the killing of a 7-11 clerk in Brea to the murder of a man outside a Santa Ana 7-11, a total of 5 people were shot Monday, all at 7-11s and all by the same gunman. The first was in Ontario, then Upland, Riverside, Santa Ana, Brea and La Habra.          |
| KCAL 9 News | August 17, 2022   | 9 PM            | 2:42              | LA’s Beverly Grove neighborhood—plagued with crime—now has yet another victim. KCAL 9’s Rick Montanez reports a 71-year-old woman is shaken after she was attacked and robbed in her own home. The attack happened right in the middle of the afternoon at 5 <sup>th</sup> and Orlando. LAPD’s elite Robbery Homicide Division is investigating this case based on the high value of the jewelry taken.  |

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| KCAL 9 News | August 26, 2022    | 8 PM | 2:17 | <p>LA's police chief and the city attorney say a South LA apartment building has become a center of gang violence and now they're taking action. KCAL 9's Kristine Lazar reports that a notoriously violent gang has taken over the property. City Attorney Mike Feuer says, "There have been 2 shootings connected with this property, numerous arrests for illegal gun possession and a large cache of weapons...has been found at this site." The building is less than one-thousand feet from a school. Now the city has filed a nuisance abatement lawsuit against the owners of the building. The lawsuit will require the owners to take steps to prevent gang violence.</p> |
| KCAL 9 News | September 13, 2022 | 4 PM | 2:44 | <p>A day after a prominent rapper was shot and killed during a robbery inside a restaurant in South LA, community members and activists are calling for action to stop these types of crimes from happening. KCAL 9's Jasmine Viel reports that community leaders are demanding justice. The gunman entered the restaurant, shot the rapper named PnB Rock, and robbed him of expensive jewelry. The rapper's girlfriend had shared the couple's location on an Instagram post just before the shooting. Community leaders want more cameras set up to prevent these types of crimes.</p>   |
| KCAL 9 News | September 18, 2022 | 8 PM | 2:17 | <p>Tonight, two teenage boys are accused of selling drugs, laced with fentanyl to high school students in Hollywood. Police say one of them sold a tainted pill to a 15-year-old girl who later died. KCAL 9's Jeff Nguyen spoke with her family. The victim's mom Elena Ramos choked back tears saying she doesn't know how her daughter Melanie suffered a deadly overdose. It happened at Bernstein High School in Hollywood. Chief Michael Moore says police identified both subjects, a 15-year-old and 16-year-old male</p>   |

**Issue:** *Government & Politics: Examining issues related to local, state, and national government bodies and elections that are of importance to local viewers.*

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| KCAL 9 News | July 13, 2022     | 10 PM           | 2:22              | Governor Newsom dropped by the White House tonight. He says he went to Washington to pick up an education award, but it's also raising questions about a possible run for president. KCAL 9 political reporter Tom Wait says Newsom accepted an award for supporting more funding for education, then he attacked Republicans like Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, who has signed laws banning or limiting speech on subjects like critical race theory, sexual orientation and gender identity. Newsom said: "...what's happening now, banning books, suppressing speech...it's alarming." A spokesperson for DeSantis responded on Twitter: "Being gay has nothing to do with wanting to teach kindergartners about sexuality and gender theory without parental consent." |
| KCAL 9 News | July 26, 2022     | 9 PM            | 2:43              | In Washington today, a battle over control of the Republican Party. Former President Donald Trump and his former VP Mike Pence—once partners—now find themselves on opposite sides when it comes to the GOP's future. KCAL 9's Major Garrett reports that Trump and Pence both made speeches in Washington. Trump teased a possible 2024 run: "We may just have to do it again...we have to straighten out our country." In his speech, Pence said: "I don't know that the president and I differ on issues. But we may differ on focus." The Wall Street Journal editorialized against another Trump term, stating: "Character is revealed in a crisis, and Mr. Pence passed his Jan. 6 trial. Mr. Trump utterly failed his."  |

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| KCAL 9 News | August 22, 2022   | 10 PM | 2:17 | Tonight, Governor Newsom is defending his decision to veto a bill that would have allowed for supervised drug injection sites. KCAL 9 political reporter Tom Wait says the legislation would have given the green light for drug supervision pilot sites to open in LA, San Francisco and Oakland. Newsom said he vetoed it because the centers "could induce a world of unintended consequences." The bill's author, State Senator Scott Wiener said: "I don't agree. These sites are a proven model around the world...in reducing overdose deaths." Newsom denies he aspires to run for president, but Loyal Law Professor Jessica Levinson said: "...there is such heavy political downside to a bill like this. " |
| KCAL 9 News | August 25, 2022   | 4 PM  | 1:33 | A day after President Biden announced his student loan relief plan, reaction across the country is split, mostly along party lines. KCAL 9's Amy Johnson reports that Biden is delivering on his campaign promise, erasing \$10,000 in federal student loan debt for those with annual income below \$125,000 or couples earning less than \$250,000. But Republicans like Florida Governor Ron DeSantis denounced it: "...and then there are other people who took out loans and paid them off. So don't you feel like a sucker now that Biden is coming to do this." Some are concerned that this new spending power for consumers could drive up inflation even more.   |
| KCAL 9 News | September 8, 2022 | 8 PM  | 2:20 | The number of homeless people in LA County has gone up again. New numbers released today show an increase of more than 4 percent since 2020. However, KCAL 9's Kristine Lazar report that LA Mayor Garcetti says the city is flattening the curve. There are nearly 69,000 homeless people in LA County, and nearly 42,000 of them are in the city of LA. Mayor Garcetti says: "...we finally feel like we've flattened the curve." While the homeless count in the city rose 1.7 percent in 2022, it had risen a whopping 31.9 percent from 2018 to 2020.   |

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| KCAL 9 News | September 16, 2022 | 4 PM | 2:36 | Florida Governor Ron DeSantis is facing more criticism for sending migrants to Martha's Vineyard. KCAL 9's Jasmine Viel reports it's the latest in a series of moves by Republican governors to send people seeking asylum into Democratic-led cities. DeSantis sent the asylum-seekers to the Massachusetts summer retreat Wednesday, demanding that President Biden do more to secure the border. DeSantis said: "They went from Texas to Florida to Martha's Vineyard in the flight. There are also going to be buses and there will likely be more flights." California Governor Newsom said: "...those migrants are used as pawns to humiliate and dehumanize. What Ron DeSantis is doing is a disgrace. It's almost monstrous." The governor of Massachusetts says the National Guard will help in the relief effort and the migrants will be given food, clothing and medical care. |
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**Issue: Education & Youth: Examining issues and concerns related to education and other programs serving youth of importance to local viewers.**

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| KCAL 9 News | July 7, 2022      | 8 PM            | 2:42              | A troubling report is out tonight on the Montebello School District. The document claims that less than half of the district's teachers have proper credentials. KCAL 9's Tena Ezzeddine says the research reveals disparities between low-income and wealthier schools and the school districts blames—in part—the pandemic. The report from Ed Source—a non-profit source of education research—found that 48.5 percent of Montebello teachers have appropriate credentials and training to teach students, compared to 83 percent for LAUSD. The Montebello district disputes the claims, saying that 90 percent are properly credentialed. |
| KCAL 9 News | July 28, 2022     | 8 PM            | 2:33              | A group of local medical professionals is making sure students have everything they need before the school year starts. KCAL 9's Amy Johnson says last week Kaiser Permanente and physicians from across Riverside County came together at Moreno Valley Medical Center to donate 1500 backpacks, filled with school supplies. The drive is designed to encourage and support under-resourced students in local school districts and help them as future doctors, nurses and other health professionals. Kaiser Permanente, Think Together and the Boys And Girls Club of Coachella Valley collaborated on the drive.                          |
| KCAL 9 News | August 15, 2022   | 12 Noon         | 2:10              | It's a big day for thousands of kids in the Southland...no more summer break, it's back to school!!! KCAL 9's Kara Finnstrom reports that this year, thousands more young children will participate in LAUSD's expanded transitional kindergarten program. Board President Kelly Gonez says for the parents of 4-year-olds the access to free quality care is huge: "But also it's part of recovery, making sure our kids are starting on a strong foundation from day one." However, Superintendent Alberto Carvalho acknowledges enrollment has dropped.   |



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| KCAL 9 News | August 25, 2022    | 9 PM    | 4:36 | <p>There are school safety concerns at LA Unified. Is the school police force ready for an emergency? KCAL 9's Ross Palombo reports that there are even fewer school police officers this year. Two years ago, there were dramatic cuts, and in response, the school police chief resigned. Superintendent Alberto Carvalho says: "We have currently around three hundred officers with an additional sixty in the pipeline to be hired." A new model includes removing permanently-stationed officers from inside schools. Now they come to campus when called.</p>   |
| KCAL 9 News | September 3, 2022  | 4 PM    | 1:36 | <p>New test results show the toll that remote learning took on students during the pandemic. KCAL 9's Amy Johnson says the study found a large decline in performance among 9-year-olds in reading and mathematics. Daniel McGrath of the National Center for Education Statistics says: "These were the first-ever declines...in mathematics and the first decline in reading since the early 1980s." Math scores dropped by seven points in two years, and reading scores were down by five points. McGrath says, "It was not particularly surprising because what we're measuring is from right before the pandemic hit until 2 years into the pandemic."</p>                                   |
| KCAL 9 News | September 14, 2022 | 12 Noon | 2:00 | <p>Tragedy at a Hollywood high school, as a student was found dead on campus after apparently overdosing on drugs. KCAL 9's Lauren Pozen reports that a 15-year-old girl from Bernstein High School was found in the bathroom of the campus. Police says this unfolded Tuesday after parents of two 15-year-old girls reported them missing when they didn't come home from school. One girl was found collapsed on the ground of the school courtyard, and she told police her friend was in the women's bathroom. When police got there, it was too late. Detectives believe the students walked from the school to Lexington Park, where a drug dealer gave them pills laced with fentanyl.</p> |

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

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| KCAL 9 News | July 27, 2022     | 4 PM            | 2:30              | <p>Monkeypox is spreading here in the Southland and throughout the US. As of yesterday, there are 218 confirmed cases in LA County, and most are contracted by men from the LGBTQ community. KCAL 9's Rina Nakano reports that in Long Beach there's a big push to get the word out and distribute vaccines. The Center in Long Beach started in the 1980's in response to the AIDS epidemic but now it's become the place people call to get information on monkeypox. Long Beach officials said there are twelve cases in the city, a majority of them affecting men who have sex with men. This aligns with LA County data from July 22<sup>nd</sup> where all 162 monkeypox cases were reported by men.</p> |
| KCAL 9 News | July 28, 2022     | 8 PM            | 2:45              | <p>An eleventh-hour decision is made, as LA County scraps plans to re-instate an indoor mask mandate. KCAL 9's Rachel Kim reports it all boils down to the numbers. Two weeks ago, the LA County Health Department reported Covid 19 infection rates had reached a high level and if it remained there for two more weeks the mask mandate would return. LA County Health Director Barbara Ferrer said the data now indicates the county will be moving into the "medium" transmission category. Restaurant owner Javier Pardini says: "I already see cancellations tomorrow. When you see that, you create an instability of people's minds and they're insecure of going out to a restaurant."</p>            |

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| KCAL 9 News | August 16, 2022    | 9 PM     | 2:06 | Tonight, there's an unexpected battle in the fight over abortion rights: access to medications needed for other illnesses. One common drug used by more than a million patients for arthritis—and even cancer—has become harder to get. KCAL 9's Janet Shamlian reports that one such drug, methotrexate, is used to treat rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn's Disease, even cancer, but it can also be used to terminate non-viable pregnancies. Now pharmacies in some states have made methotrexate harder to get, unless they have proof it's not for an abortion.  |
| KCAL 9 News | August 30, 2022    | 4 PM     | 2:25 | Some contracted nurses at a Westlake District convalescent hospital says they've had enough. They're on strike, claiming the owner isn't paying the agency that hired them. KCAL 9's Kandiss Crone reports that nurses at the Grand Park Convalescent Hospital are accusing the administrators of not paying the staffing agency they work for. Carla Coleman runs Golden Sunrise Healthcare, which placed 5 nurses at the convalescent hospital over the last year. She said the owner stopped making regular payments in June and owes her tens of thousands of dollars she paid out of pocket to make sure her employees and families could eat. One nurse said: "We're overworked and underpaid, understaffed." |
| KCAL 9 News | September 16, 2022 | 9 PM Sat | 2:13 | A powerful warning tonight, after a 15-year-old high school student died on campus of fentanyl poisoning. The LA County Health Departments says in the last year the drug is responsible for most teen drug overdose deaths. KCAL 9's Rick Montanez has the urgent alert from doctors. Emergency physician Dr. Angelique Campen says fentanyl use is an epidemic: "It is so dangerous right now, so many street pills are laced with fentanyl." Dr. Campen says 3 out of 5 street pills are laced with the drug. LA County Health says in 2021, fentanyl was identified in 77 percent of adolescent overdose deaths.  |

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| KCAL 9 News | September 19, 2022 | 8 PM | 1:50 | It's estimated that one in five adults who have had Covid, suffer from "long Covid" months or even years after being infected. Now researchers are testing a new treatment that could help those suffering with the symptoms. KCAL 9's Elise Preston says a new study at Hackensack University Medical Center is testing whether Omega 3 supplements can help. Dr. Manisha Parulekar who is leading the study says: "Because we know Covid is an inflammatory process, could fish oil supplements minimize the inflammation which could be causing the long-term symptoms." Previous studies in Europe and Israel reported positive results on Omega 3. |
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**Issue:** *Minorities and Women: Examining issues and concerns related to minorities and women of importance to local viewers.*

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| KCAL 9 News | July 14, 2022     | 4 PM            | 2:40        | The artwork of a San Fernando teenager now hangs in the halls of Congress in Washington, after she won a prestigious art contest. And as KCAL 9's Kristine Lazar explains, she created her winning painting using supplies from the dollar store. Childhood photos of Danella Vigil show a beaming smile, while playing with her 3 siblings in her parent's native El Salvador. What they don't show is a childhood interrupted by the pressure to grow up too quickly. That's what inspired Danella to paint "In Youth We Trust" which shows a Latina teen, wearing a veil and holding a teddy bear. Now Danella attends Mission High School in San Fernando, thousands of miles away from her mom and dad back in El Salvador. Congressman Tony Cardenas selected the painting as the winner in a Congressional art competition. Danella plans to study early childhood education to become an elementary school teacher. |

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| KCAL 9 News | July 25, 2022   | 9 PM  | 3:35 | <p>Wage theft is a crime that costs Californians an estimated 2-billion-dollars a year. KCAL 9's Julie Watts reports that the most common victims are often low-wage workers, such as women, immigrants and people of color. The wage theft comes in many forms—unpaid overtime, missed breaks or unreimbursed expenses. A Cal Matters analysis of wage claim data found that the average worker lost an annual equivalent of more than 2 months' rent in California. There is now a system to collect unpaid wages. One way is to file a claim with the state. The Division of Labor Standards enforcement legally has 30 days to schedule a conference with your employer.</p> |
| KCAL 9 News | August 26, 2022 | 10 PM | :45  | <p>KCAL 9's Jeff Vaughn reports that a rally was held today in front of Kaiser Permanente Medical School in Pasadena. A group of medical professionals says the black population is woefully under-represented in their profession. "Black Docs" is a new national campaign that focuses on black doctors, medical students, nurses and patients. The group now wants a national push against what they say is an alarmingly low number of practicing black physicians.</p>  |

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| KCAL 9 News | August 30, 2022    | 9 PM | 2:23 | <p>Housing prices remain stubbornly high, and one reason is a shortage of new homes and a shortage of workers to build them. Now KCAL 9's Nancy Chen reports that more women are stepping up to fill these jobs. The construction industry boasts one of the country's narrowest pay gaps—with female construction workers earning 95-percent of a male worker's median pay. The number of women in construction has increased more than 50 percent to more than one million. Now women make up about eleven percent of America's construction workforce. Last year, the media salary for a construction manager last year was nearly \$100,000 dollars.</p>   |
| KCAL 9 News | September 26, 2022 | 8 PM | 2:33 | <p>Mothers in crisis mode: healthcare providers say the US is facing a shortage of maternal and pre-natal care. KCAL 9's Natalie Brand explains the push for more support for mothers. It's estimated that around 7 million women in the US live in maternity care "deserts," where no hospital or provider offers obstetric services or maternity care is limited. So, Assistant Speaker Katherine Clark of Massachusetts has introduced legislation called "The Babies Act" which would expand access to birth centers and midwives for Medicaid recipients. A pilot program run through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services found birth centers had better birth outcomes and cost savings.</p> |

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| KCAL 9 News | September 28, 2022 | 8 PM | 3:40 | As part of Hispanic Heritage Month, KCAL 9 is spotlighting those fighting to bring authentic Latino characters to our screens. KCAL 9's Suzanne Marques reports on why representation in Hollywood matters so much. A 2022 UCLA Hollywood diversity report found that only slightly more than 7 percent of leading film roles and directing jobs in Hollywood go to Latinos. However, Latinos make up nearly 40 percent of the population of California. Ana-Christina Ramon of UCLA Entertainment Media Research says: "There are such few projects that get green lit, then there's so much pressure for those projects to really become great hits and to become profitable." |
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**Issue:** *Consumer & Economics: Examining issues and concerns related to consumer activity and local, state and national economies of importance to local viewers.*

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| KCAL 9 News | July 11, 2022     | 4 PM            | 2:01              | There's a new proposal to reduce the demand for fossil fuel, by banning new gas stations. As KCAL 9's Tena Ezzeddine reports, it's not something the oil industry is happy about. LA City Councilman Paul Koretz says: "I wrote the motion on council to not permit any further gas stations." Koretz says, "It's not a difference anyone will notice in a city with well over 500 gas stations." An oil industry analyst says a move like this will only put more pressure on prices to go up further. Under this proposed new ordinance, only electric vehicles charging stations will be allowed to be added. |

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| KCAL 9 News | July 27, 2022   | 9 PM  | 3:06 | Today the Federal Reserve took another step to fight inflation, by raising interest rates three-quarters of a percentage point. It's the fourth increase since March. KCAL 9's Kris Van Cleave explains the increase moves the Fed's benchmark rate to the highest level in four years. Fed Chairman Jerome Powell says: "We're not trying to have a recession and we don't think we have to. We think there's a path...to bring inflation down while sustaining a strong labor market." Consumer prices shot up 9.1 percent compared to last year.   |
| KCAL 9 News | August 10, 2022 | 10 PM | 2:30 | Gas prices are coming down, but food prices are hovering near 40-year highs. KCAL 9's Jasmine Viel went to Glendale to see how high prices are away at people's wallets. Grocery prices are up 13 percent over the last year—the highest annual increase since 1979! Shopping expert Tre Bodge says use coupons to save money. Other tips: Make a list and stick to it, use generic instead of name brands, buy essentials in bulk, and shop the freezer section.   |
| KCAL 9 News | August 25, 2022 | 4 PM  | 1:35 | One day after President Biden announced a plan to eliminate millions of dollars in student loan debt, reaction around the country is split, mostly along party lines. KCAL 9's Amy Johnson reports the president is fulfilling a campaign promise, forgiving up to 10 thousand dollars for borrowers with annual income under 125 thousand dollars for individuals, and under 250 thousand dollars for married couples. Borrowers can go to: <a href="https://studentaid.gov/DEBTRELIEF">studentaid.gov/DEBTRELIEF</a> for information. Some Republicans, like Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, are denouncing it as an insult to those who chose not to take on debt: "...there are many other people who took out loans and paid them off. So don't you feel like a sucker now that Biden's coming to do this." |



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| KCAL 9 News | September 14, 2022 | 9 PM | 2:21 | <p>Tonight, the federal government is working to avoid a railroad strike, the could hammer our economy. KCAL 9's Rick Montanez reports that Amtrak is already cancelling routes and Metrolink may follow suit. An estimated 30 percent of all freight shipments could be impacted by a strike. USC Business Professor Nick Vyas says that without the freight trains moving, the ports in LA and Long Beach will once again back up. Containers coming in by ship would only be able to be transported by truck. Professor Vyas says ultimately consumers would bear the brunt of any work stoppage.</p> |
| KCAL 9 News | September 19, 2022 | Noon | 1:49 | <p>Demand for electric vehicles is on the rise, especially after a new federal law offering a big tax credit. But as KCAL 9's Michael George shows, if you don't do your research, you could miss out on that tax break. Buying a new plug-in or hybrid could earn you a tax credit up to 75-hundred dollars. However, the qualifications depend on the car, the buyer's income, where the car is made, and where some of the parts were made. The federal government put out a list of EV's that may qualify, but that all could change before the credit takes effect in 2023.</p>                     |

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

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| KCAL 9 News | July 3, 2022      | 8 PM            | 3:21              | KCAL 9's Amber Lee introduces us to a man who makes it possible to create lush green yards without wasting water, in the midst of a drought. Leigh Gerrard is "water recycler" who helps the environment. He designed a setup called a "grey water system." He re-routes drains from a laundry, sink or shower to a catch basin under the house. This irrigation system enables plants and fruit trees to get the water they need to survive. Instead of sprinklers, grey water is directed to "emitter" stations buried in wood chips or mulch.  |
| KCAL 9 News | July 28, 2022     | Noon            | 2:45              | They're machines on a mission—on land and in the water. And as KCAL 9's Chris Holmstrom shows us, they have one job--to protect the environment!!<br>Researchers at the University of Pisa in Italy programmed the dog-looking bot to track the health of plants and record the impact animals have on their habitat. Professor Manolo Garabini says: "For example, wild boars can ruin the terrain...and prevent the proper growth of new small plants." Equipped with sensors and cameras, the robot does jobs only people could do before, like measuring the height of trees and tracking conservation efforts. |
| KCAL9 News  | August 24, 2022   | 9 PM            | 2:21              | California is about to lead the nation again with a first-of-its-kind law: the first state in the US to ban the sale of new gasoline-powered cars in just 13 years. Supporters say it's all to help the environment. KCAL 9's Laurie Perez reports the California Air Resources Board is setting guidelines. This includes mandating that 35 percent of vehicles sold by 2026 must be zero-emission, and 68 percent must be zero emission by 2030. Critics are skeptical there will be enough charging stations or even enough electric cars to meet the guidelines.  |

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| KCAL 9 News | August 28, 2022    | 9 PM | 3:28 | <p>As California faces its worst drought in decades, a debate is growing: should water-thirsty crops be grown on farms in the desert heat, while homeowners are mandate to let their lawns die in the summer heat? KCAL 9 Meteorologist Evelyn Taft has both sides of the water fight. Economist Christopher Thornberg says, "The last thing you do is give water to farmers to waste it by growing stuff in the desert that should never be grown." His gripe with the farmers is the amount of water they use. In Western water law, the first in use in the first in right to use. So, the first farmers to lay claim to Colorado River water are the last to be impacted by water restrictions. Thornberg says 16 percent of alfalfa grown here is shipped all the way to Saudi Arabia. Eighty percent of California water is currently used for agriculture.</p> |
| KCAL 9 News | September 12, 2022 | Noon | 1:33 | <p>First, they cleaned up Lake Tahoe. Now, a group of scuba divers is cleaning up "Fallen Leaf Lake" near Tahoe. Andrew Haubner from "CBS Sacramento" shows us what they found below the surface. The non-profit group "Clean Up The Lake" is making some interesting finds. They found an old Ford Model T. The group has removed over 46 thousand pounds of trash from mountain lakes. Group founder Colin West says: "We've made such a drastic impact on these lakes and bodies of water in the Sierras." West adds, "It's extremely gratifying. It's extremely touching for us in the group to make a difference."</p>   |

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| KCAL 9 News | September 23, 2022 | 9 PM | 3:59 | <p>The fight to save the planet could end up in your kitchen. Major cities across the US are passing bans on gas stoves, and other appliances that run on natural gas, because of their planet-warming-emissions. As KCAL 9's Ben Tracy report, tens of millions of Americans could be impacted. Burning natural gas accounts for about 13 percent of US greenhouse gas emissions. The largest component of it is methane, which is 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide at warming the planet. Now about 80 local governments have passed laws requiring or encouraging new homes and businesses to use electric rather than gas appliances. The Natural Gas Association says it's working to reduce emissions, and that most consumers can't afford thousands of dollars to switch to electric appliances.</p> |
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