

HAWTHORNE COFFEE SHOP**October 4, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Elsa Ramon reports that 'National Coffee with a Cop Day' was held, initially founded by Hawthorne Police as a way to help break down barriers between police and the community. Officers say the one-on-one conversation in a friendly environment has boosted trust between police officers and the communities they serve.

FARMERS / IMMIGRATION**October 7, 8-9 a.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Amy Johnson reports that farmers are talking to state officials about the impact stricter immigration laws would have on California's agriculture industry. The industry depends upon having strong farmers, growers and workers. But many of those workers come from immigrant families, including those who fall under DACA—Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

TASTE OF SOUL**October 22, 8-9 a.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Amy Johnson reports that thousands of people walked down Crenshaw Boulevard to experience the annual 'Taste of Soul' festival. KCAL-9/CBS-2's Pat Harvey emceed the 12th annual event, which celebrates the music, food and culture of the African-American community.

JEWISH TEMPLE TARGETED**November 5, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Marc Thompson reports that deputies are investigating a possible hate crime, at a Jewish temple in northern California. Anti-Semitic posters were found at the temple in Orangevale. The posters referenced Hitler, the 'Daily Stormer' as well as Charleston church shooter Dylann Roof. The images were hung before a planned youth dance at the synagogue.

SONOMA STRONG**November 11, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Andrea Fujii reports on the 'Sonoma Strong' event held in Santa Rosa. Organizers say the event kicks off the rebuilding of their battered community, after the destructive and deadly wildfire that ripped through wine country. Many of the first-responders who helped battle the fires attended the community event.

CBS DIVERSITY**November 14, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that a special event was held at the CBS lot in Studio City. Minority-owned businesses got a chance to network at the 'Supplier Diversity' outreach event. Vendors included advertising, marketing and production businesses. CBS has held the event for ten years, with the goal of connecting with minority-owned businesses.

GENERAL CONSUL MEXICO**December 4, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Juan Fernandez reports an in-depth interview with the Honorable Carlos Garcia de Alba, the Consul General of Mexico, regarding his efforts to bring awareness to the important issues of the Mexican-American community.

JIM HILL HONORED**December 8, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that CBS-2/KCAL-9 Sports Director Jim Hill has received a special honor, as the Brotherhood Crusade presented him with the 2017 Pioneer of African-American Achievement Award. Brotherhood Crusade is a non-profit dedicated to helping low-income and underserved people, as well as at-risk youth in the community.

KWANZAA**December 25, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Elsa Ramon reports on the celebration and candle-lighting ceremony planned, to mark the start of the seven-day African-American festival of Kwanzaa. The ceremony will take place at the 'African American Cultural Center' in South L.A.

CONSUMER & ECONOMICSFCC Report
4th Quarter 2017**EQUIFAX BREACH****October 3, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that Equifax says its massive data breach may have impacted a greater number of people than it initially thought. Lawmakers are questioning the company's former CEO, who is attempting to explain how the personal information of millions of Americans has been compromised.

USPS FINANCIAL**October 6, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that the U.S. Postal Service's financial situation appears to be getting direr, which means the prices of stamps and other services are going up. The Post Office says it's so low on money that it only has enough funds to get through an additional 38 days.

STUDENT LOAN REFINANCING**October 9, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Julie Watts reports that it's estimated nearly three-quarters of people who go to college graduate with student debt. The average graduate owes nearly \$30-thousand, but there is a start-up claiming to ease the pain of loan payments, by finding the best refinancing deals.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING**November 2, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Susie Steimle reports that California has some of the highest housing prices in the country. A program in San Francisco exists to help people afford an expensive home, but an investigator has revealed that some people are taking advantage of that generosity.

AMAZON DISCOUNTS**November 6, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Elsa Ramon reports that in time for holiday shopping, Amazon is discounting prices from third-party sellers. The discount

includes board games and technology gadgets offered by other merchants on Amazon's websites, partially in an effort to lure customers away from low-priced rivals like Walmart.

FIDGET SPINNERS

November 9, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Correspondent Anna Werner reports on a study warning parents about potential lead exposure in 'fidget spinners'. The U.S. Public Interest Research Group says testing found dangerous levels of lead in some of the popular gadgets. The safety group is urging awareness and transparency on the part of the retailers, especially when putting the items in children's toy sections.

IRS CYBER-SECURITY

December 1, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Elsa Ramon reports that with the holiday shopping season in full swing, many people are looking to avoid the crowds by finding deals online. The LAPD and IRS are partnering up to raise awareness on how not to be a victim of cyber-crime, as more than \$5-billion is lost every year worldwide, to cyber-crime.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

December 17, 7-8 a.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Amy Johnson reports that the Department of Commerce says holiday shopping has jumped more than 6% in November, as compared to 2016. Online sales are also up approximately 10%, and thousands of temporary workers are being hired to deliver orders in time for Christmas.

RESORT FEES

December 27, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Correspondent Anna Werner reports that a growing number of travelers are complaining about 'resort fees'. One watchdog says the number of hotels charging the extra fees has grown 26% each year. But an effort to crack down on those fees is hitting a roadblock in Washington.

VEGAS SHOOTING**October 2, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Randy Paige reports on the investigation into the deadly mass shooting in Las Vegas. Detectives have uncovered information about the shooter and his arsenal of weapons. 12 people from Southern California died in the attack. The total death toll stands at 59, with another 557 injured.

INGLEWOOD ALISO SUSPECT**October 13, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Cristy Fajardo reports that a double-murder suspect is behind bars. A manhunt that stretched from Orange County to Ventura ultimately ended with the arrest in Inglewood.

MUELLER CHARGES**October 27, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that criminal charges have been filed in the Russia election scandal. White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders says that if there was any collusion with Russia, it was between the DNC and the Clintons, but certainly not the Trump campaign.

BUS SHOOTING**November 4, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Peter Daut reports that a deadly shooting took place on a 'party bus' in Santa Monica, not far from the popular pier. There was an argument between people on two separate party buses early in the morning, before someone opened fire. Two people were hit, and a woman in her 30s died. Police are searching for multiple gunmen.

PSYCHOPATH ESCAPES**November 14, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that a deranged murderer walked out of a state mental hospital and got into a cab, making a daring escape. Police throughout California are on the hunt for the man. The

escapee started in Hawaii, but managed to get a flight to San Jose in northern California.

WALMART DEADLY ASSAULT

November 29, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Tina Patel reports on a possible case of road rage in Temecula. Witnesses say it started with some heated words, before a knife came out. A young man was stabbed and killed in front of his girlfriend, in the Walmart parking lot.

CHILD MOLESTATION ARREST

December 2, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Peter Daut reports that Riverside investigators say a mother turned over her teenage son to authorities, after police say he confessed to molesting children. Riverside Police say the 18-year-old admitted to molesting approximately 50 children over the course of eight years, in various Southern California locations.

AGUIRRE SENTENCED

December 13, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that the verdict was handed down in one of the most horrendous cases of child abuse in L.A. County history. Isauro Aguirre, the man who tortured and killed young Gabriel Fernandez, is being sent to Death Row. Aguirre was the boyfriend of the boy's mom, and was convicted of beating, burning and starving the eight-year-old for months.

LONG BEACH SHOOTING

December 30, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Andrea Fujii reports that authorities have identified the local attorney who shot two of his partners before turning the gun on himself. The Coroner's office says 58-year-old John Mendoza opened fire at the Long Beach firm. Sources say the gunfire erupted at a holiday party, not long after Mendoza had been fired.

EDUCATION & YOUTHFCC Report
4th Quarter 2017**TAINTED FLUTES****October 1, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Peter Daut reports that Southland school districts are warning parents about musical instruments that might be tainted with bodily fluid. An investigation is underway on a music instructor for giving flutes that might contain bodily fluids to students at schools all over Southern California. Some districts are asking parents of kids who have the flutes to place them in a paper bag and give them to law enforcement.

AMAZON TEENS**October 11, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that Amazon is making efforts to give kids some financial freedom. Teenagers will be able to create their own logins, and place orders through the Amazon app. Parents will receive a text or e-mail with information about the order, so they can approve it.

PRESCHOOL VISION**October 22, 7-8 a.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kenneth Craig reports on a study showing tens of thousands of preschoolers are struggling with vision problems that their parents are unaware of. The American Optometric Association recommends that children receive their first eye exam at six months of age.

GARCETTI 'GEAR UP'**November 9, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Elsa Ramon reports that Mayor Eric Garcetti has announced the 'GEAR UP' program to help low-income or under-represented students reach their college goals. The Mayor also announced the program has received a federal grant of over \$11-million, which will help pay for the mentoring of thousands of students.

SPORTS TEENS**November 13, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Juan Fernandez reports on a study showing children who participate in different sports are more likely to stay active through their teenage years. Doctors tracked more than 750 kids, and found the ones who try a variety of sports were 50% more likely to stay active compared to children who didn't participate in sports, or those who specialized in only one sport.

CHiPs FOR KIDS**November 27, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports on the 'CHiPs For Kids' toy drive, kicking off at the Citadel Outlets in Commerce. The public is encouraged to bring new and unwrapped toys, which will be distributed during the holiday season to children in need.

SWEET ALICE BIKES**December 14, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Elsa Ramon reports that Watts community activist 'Sweet Alice' held a party with hot dogs, music and new bikes for elementary school students. Sweet Alice says she does this because the youngsters who receive the free bikes earn them by performing well in school, so the bikes serve as an incentive for the kids to get good grades.

BULLYING SUICIDE LAWSUIT**December 18, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Adrianna Weingold reports that grieving parents in Yucaipa are taking action, after they say their daughter took her own life due to being bullied. The family is going after their daughter's school, saying more should have been done to stop the bullies. They are calling for change within the school district.

MEDIA LITERACY**December 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Andrea Fujii reports that lawmakers around the country are pushing schools to put more emphasis on teaching students how to tell fact from fiction online. Supporters say the misinformation spread during the 2016 presidential campaign is a good example of why this skill is critical to democracy.

WILDFIRE SMOKE STUDY**October 1, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Lemor Abrams reports on how the smoke from brush fires makes air unhealthy to breathe. However UC Davis researchers are saying the air could also be toxic, along with the chemicals used to fight the fires.

DESALINATION PLANT**October 19, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Michele Gile reports that the California State Lands Commission has unanimously approved a desalination plant project in Huntington Beach. The plant would provide water to areas around Orange County, but dozens of people are protesting the proposal.

GARCETTI CLIMATE SUMMIT**October 23, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that Los Angeles has joined 11 other cities in an environmental pact. L.A., London, Paris, Seattle and more have promised to only buy zero-emission buses starting in 2025, to make major areas in their cities free of fossil fuel emissions by 2030. There are an estimated 59-thousand buses operating in the 12 cities.

CLIMATE CHANGE**November 3, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that although President Trump has dismissed climate change and called it a hoax, the federal government is issuing a warning that human activity is warming the planet. A report released by more than a dozen federal government agencies, contradicts many things the President has said and done on environmental issues, primarily regarding the issue of climate change.

KEYSTONE PIPELINE**November 16, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Juan Fernandez reports that the controversial Keystone Pipeline has been shut down, after it leaked more than 200-thousand gallons of oil in South Dakota. The owner of the Pipeline doesn't believe oil got into any drinking water system or other waterway, but environmental activists say this incident shows why another section of the Pipeline in Nebraska should not be approved.

GLITTER BAN**November 30, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Peter Daut reports that there is an effort underway to ban glitter, due to its effects on the environment. Scientists say the tiny bits of shiny plastic are a global hazard and pollute the oceans. One researcher found a third of all fish caught in the UK had eaten glitter. In 2015, California became the first state to restrict use of non-biodegradable glitter, and seven other states have followed.

MONUMENT ROLLBACK**December 4, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that several environmental groups say they're suing to block President Trump's move to shrink a national monument in Utah. The President wants the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument to be reduced by approximately 45%. It is rich with oil, gas and uranium. Native tribes are joining the environmental groups to fight back.

AIR QUALITY**December 11, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Juan Fernandez reports on concerns about the air quality in the Ojai Valley, which has reached hazardous levels due to the Thomas Fire. The Ventura County Air Pollution Control District is advising people to avoid vigorous outdoor activities. The Thomas Fire is the biggest of the five active wildfires burning in Southern California.

LAUREL CANYON PRESERVATION**December 26, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Andrea Fujii reports on a victory for environmentalists in L.A., who after years have succeeded in buying a prime piece of real estate in Laurel Canyon. The property between Lookout Mountain and Stanley Hills Drive in the Hollywood Hills will be off-limits to developers. Preservation groups acquired 17 acres, which will be turned over to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

NOBEL MEDICINE

October 2, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that three U.S. scientists have become Nobel laureates. Jeffrey C. Hall, Michael Rosbash and Michael W. Young were recognized for their groundbreaking work in studying our biological clocks. The researchers uncovered that a mismatch between the environment and circadian rhythm has an affect on health. Long-term imbalances are linked to increased rates of cancer, diabetes and Alzheimer's.

VIRTUAL REALITY PAIN

October 9, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Chris Martinez reports that virtual reality can transport our minds to digital worlds, and researchers are harnessing ways to use the technology to help patients escape their pain during difficult procedures. Researchers think the technique can also be used for dental procedures and childbirth.

DEMENTIA IN DOLPHINS

October 26, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Teri Okita reports that a rare discovery in the animal kingdom could lead to medical breakthroughs for humans, after some scientists say they have discovered Alzheimer's disease in dolphins.

ALCOHOL CANCER RISK

November 9, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that according to the American Society of Clinical Oncology, even the light drinking of alcohol can be dangerous. Researchers say people who drink less than 44 ounces of alcohol a day may have higher risks of getting cancer in the mouth, throat, liver and colon. Doctors say alcohol can also raise the risk of breast cancer in women.

GENE EDITING**November 15, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that California doctors are the first to attempt to 'edit' DNA inside a living person. Scientists at UC San Francisco's Oakland Hospital are trying to tackle incurable diseases, by changing genes from the inside out.

L.A. COMMUTE SUBWAY STUDY**November 29, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that USC researchers have made a disturbing discovery about the most popular Metro rail line in L.A. The team discovered that for riders of the Metro Red Line, the risk of getting cancer over a lifetime is ten times greater than the acceptable threshold set by the EPA and World Health Organization. Researchers believe the main reason is the high concentration of a cancer-causing chemical called hexavalent chromium on the train cars.

BREAST CANCER TECHNOLOGY**December 13, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Elsa Ramon reports that doctors in Southern California are testing a technology that could save lives, in the area of breast cancer detection. It's a three-dimensional ultrasound, designed for patients with dense breast tissue. The machine scans the entire breast using sound waves—there is no radiation and no compression of the breast.

CELL PHONE WARNING**December 14, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Stacey Butler reports that the state of California is releasing first-of-its-kind guidelines on how to use, carry and store cell phones, in an effort to prevent possible health problems. The California Department of Public Health says long-term, high-use exposure to the energy emitted by cell phones could impact health.

CALIFORNIA FLU DEATHS UP**December 30, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Andrea Fujii reports that 10 people under the age of 65 have died from the flu in California, in a time frame where one or two deaths would typically be seen. Doctors say part of the blame is due to the flu vaccine, which isn't working as well as it has in prior years.

POLITICSFCC Report
4th Quarter 2017**MAYOR / DOMESTIC VIOLENCE****October 5, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti has announced that L.A. has been awarded \$900-thousand by the U.S. Department of Justice, to help victims of domestic and sexual violence.

TRUMP PUERTO RICO**October 12, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Juan Fernandez reports that as Puerto Rico struggles to recover from two hurricanes, President Trump is warning that the federal government can't continue to help the islands indefinitely. In a series of tweets, the President wrote that the United States cannot keep FEMA, the military and first-responders in Puerto Rico "forever".

TRANSGENDER BAN BLOCKED**October 30, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that a U.S. federal court is blocking the President from attempting to keep transgender service members from serving in the military. The Trump administration can appeal, but for the time being the President's proposed ban is unenforceable.

GOP TAX PLAN**November 2, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that House Republicans have released their long-awaited tax plan. Most tax experts and lawmakers agree it will save large companies billions of dollars, but there is fierce debate regarding what it will do to the middle class.

POLITICAL RESPONSE**November 6, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Correspondent Nancy Cordes reports that in the wake of the Texas church shooting, Democrats are pushing for stricter gun laws, as

Republicans push for patience. The U.S. rate of firearm homicides is six-to-16 times greater than the rate in other Western countries.

FEDERAL JUDGES

November 15, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Correspondent Jessica Schneider reports that President Trump's impact on the federal justice system is accelerating. Eight of the President's nominated judges have been approved, and there are hearings set for six more.

TRUMP TAX FIGHT

December 4, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that California Governor Jerry Brown is blasting the GOP tax overhaul plan, saying that he believes much of it is a product of revenge, punishing states like California, New York and New Jersey for voting against Donald Trump. Republican supporters say the critics are ignoring the overall benefits the bills would bring to the larger U.S. economy.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

December 21, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that the House and Senate have passed legislation to keep the government running into 2018. The money was set to run out, but the government shutdown has been averted. President Trump will be signing the funding measure.

CALIFORNIA LAWS FOR 2018

December 30, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Andrea Fujii reports on state laws that will go into effect for 2018. One Senate bill states that transgender people will not have to have clinical treatment, before applying with the state to change their gender on their birth certificate. There are also California ammunition laws starting January 1st that will require all ammunition transactions take place within a licensed California dealer.