

**KAMALA HARRIS SWORN IN****January 3, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports on the swearing-in ceremony for the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress. Kamala Harris was one of the more than 30 senators sworn in. Harris is former California Attorney General, and the first African-American senator in the state's history. Harris is the daughter of Indian and Jamaican immigrants, making her the first Indian-American, first biracial and second African-American to serve in the U.S. Senate.

**RACIST STUDENTS****January 15, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Cristy Fajardo reports that shockwaves are rippling through Buena High School in Ventura, over racist photographs posted on social media, by two students. The pictures depict African-American lynching. Students from the school's anti-bullying club say they haven't been seeing racial discrimination from any student, and were very surprised when these posts were revealed.

**IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS****January 25, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rachel Kim reports live from L.A. City Hall, where leaders held a public meeting to let Angelenos know where they stand on federal immigration issues, and to hear the community's concerns. The City Council's Committee on Immigrant Affairs says L.A. will continue to be a place of refuge for people from all walks of life.

**'PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE' / CHARITY KID****February 3, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Andrea Fujii reports that after a visit to Skid Row, a Long Beach teenager decided he wanted to do something to help. Jonas Corona started a non-profit to help the homeless when he was only six years old. At age 13 he continues to collect donations for the community and businesses, and creates care packages for the homeless.

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN LAFD CHIEF****February 16, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that history was made at the L.A. Fire Department. The agency has its first female African-American Battalion Chief. Kris Larson has been the highest-ranking African-American woman ever in the department, since 2006.

**TRUMP IMMIGRATION****February 23, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports about the growing fear in many communities, of the threat of 'mass deportations'. President Trump's team is attempting to set the record straight. Many people worry that immigration agents will round up every undocumented person they find.

**JEWISH CENTER THREAT****March 3, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Elsa Ramon reports that a Missouri man has been arraigned in connection with at least eight bomb threats against Jewish centers across the country. Juan Thompson appeared before a judge in St. Louis, as investigators continue trying to link him to threats against various Jewish community centers as well as the Anti-Defamation League's headquarters in Manhattan, which also received a threat.

**'THE HOMOSEXUALS' ANNIVERSARY****March 7, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports that it has been 50 years since CBS News aired a history-making documentary on what was then considered a taboo topic—homosexuality. Five decades later, people are examining the evolution of the LGBTQ community.

**HOMELESS INVASION****March 15, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Stacey Butler reports live from the city of Orange, where neighbors in the community are fed up, after a large homeless camp has popped up next to their homes. Many in the community say they are getting guards and guns in order to protect themselves.

**CONSUMER & ECONOMICS**FCC Report  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017**HIGH-TECH FITNESS****January 4, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Courtney Kealy reports that the latest electronic devices will be on display when the Consumer Electronics Show begins in Las Vegas. Wearable technology is a hot item, and it has moved well beyond pedometers and wristbands. She examines some of the cutting-edge fitness trackers.

**ONLINE PRICES****January 9, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Anna Werner reports on how shopping online could make you a victim of price discrimination. Companies can use information about your past searches or location, to influence the price you pay, and oftentimes that could mean you will pay more.

**TASTIER TOMATOES****January 30, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter David Begnaud reports that Americans spend more than \$2-billion a year on tomatoes. But quantity doesn't always translate into quality—over time, tomato plants have been bred to be commercially viable, big and hardy, however the taste has been sacrificed. Scientists are conducting research in the hopes of making flavorless and mealy tomatoes a thing of the past.

**ECONOMY AIRFARES****February 1, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kris Van Cleave reports on how economy airlines offer low prices due to their no-frills approach, and the major airlines are beginning to cash in on the trend. United and American Airlines are both offering a discount fare that bars the use of overhead bins. United Airlines expects that by 2020 they will make an additional \$1-billion, by attracting bargain-focused flyers.

**HOUSEHOLD PRODUCT CHEMICALS****February 2, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports on how 19 chemicals that are being banned from antimicrobial soaps are found in other products as

well, such as plush toys, craft supplies, markers and scissors. One of the chemicals is Triclosan. Researchers believe it lowers the body's ability to fight infections, and are concerned because the household products containing the chemicals aren't required by the FDA to put them on labels.

### **VANILLA BEAN PRICES**

#### **February 14, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Correspondent Ben Tracy reports that vanilla bean prices are skyrocketing. More than 75% of the world's vanilla fields are in Madagascar, but there is a severe shortage. The shortage and price increase is having an effect on Southern California businesses.

### **IMPOSTER SCAMS**

#### **March 9, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Correspondent Anna Werner reports on how a growing number of consumers are falling victim to imposter scams. Con artists are impersonating trustworthy people, such as government officials and law enforcement agents. In 2016, consumers reported losing nearly three-quarters of a billion dollars to fraud.

### **TRUMP & JOBS/ECONOMY**

#### **March 10, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that figures about the nation's employment outlook have the White House celebrating. The jobs report shows big gains, but some are questioning how much of it is due to President Trump for his focus on jobs and the economy, and how much is due to former President Obama, who led an eight-year recovery from the 2008 recession.

### **FORD RECALL**

#### **March 29, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that Ford is recalling more than a half-million vehicles because of engine fires and doors opening without warning. The recall covers Escape SUVs, Fiesta ST subcompacts, Fusion mid-size cars and some Transit Connect vans. There have been 29 reports of fires, but no injuries.

**POMONA SHOOTING****January 4, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Crystal Cruz reports on a deadly confrontation in Pomona, after police shot and killed a man near North San Antonio Avenue.

**SYLMAR SHOOTING****January 16, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Brittney Hopper reports live from the crime scene in Sylmar, where police made a deadly discovery inside a home on Gavina Avenue. An elderly man and his wife had both been shot dead.

**'RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS' COLD CASE****January 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports on how a cold case has been cracked. The L.A. County Sheriff's Department has identified the man they say murdered the ex-wife of Bill Medley, of The Righteous Brothers. Karen Klaas was attacked inside her Hermosa Beach home in 1976. Investigators say they used familial DNA to identify her attacker as Kenneth Troyer.

**ROAD RAGE BEATING****February 3, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Tom Wait reports live from Pasadena, where a victim is hospitalized, following a violent road rage attack. The victim was running to a fire station to get help, when the attackers got to him first and beat him.

**STOLEN CAR / BABY****February 15, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Erica Mandy reports that a baby is safely back in her mother's arms, after thieves stole the car she was in and disappeared, leading to a desperate search. It happened outside of a convenience store at 108<sup>th</sup> and Vermont in South Los Angeles. Sheriff's investigators are looking for one female and two male suspects.

**IRVINE CENTER THREAT****February 27, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rachel Kim reports live from Orange County, on the bomb threats taking place at Jewish community centers across the country. One of the threats took place in Irvine, and up to a thousand people there were forced to evacuate.

**UC SEXUAL MISCONDUCT****March 1, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Peter Daut reports on the cases of sexual misconduct that are said to be rampant on UC campuses across California, including UCLA. Documentation has been released showing that 100 faculty and staff members have been disciplined for their behavior within a three-year period.

**BURGLARY SPREE****March 22, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Stacey Butler reports that a burglary spree in Orange County has small business owners worried about who will be the next target.

**PALMDALE STABBING****March 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rachel Kim reports live from Palmdale, where a gruesome murder took place in the 37000 block of Springfield Street. A grandmother was stabbed to death and a mother was rushed to the hospital. Deputies say the grandson is the one responsible for the crimes.

**EDUCATION & YOUTH**FCC Report  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017**CAR SEAT LAW****January 3, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kristine Lazar reports that safety guidelines have been changed, as the law is requiring parents to flip car seats to face the rear of the car, for children ages two years old and younger.

**CONFIRMATION HEARINGS****January 17, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports on the confirmation hearing for Education Secretary nominee Betsy DeVos. While Republicans praised her efforts to expand charter schools, Democrats criticized her plans to privatize public education. DeVos is a billionaire who runs several companies that would be directly affected by federal education policy.

**CA SCHOLARSHIP CUTS****January 25, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that Governor Brown's state budget plan could cost some students their opportunity to go to college. Under the plan, a scholarship program offering middle-class students \$3,000 a year would be cut. Many schools like UCLA and Berkeley offer their own financial aid programs for the middle class, but they say they're meant to supplement the state's system, not replace it.

**KIDS / PET MEDS****February 6, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports on the growing risk of children being poisoned by drugs that were meant for the family pet. Doctors looked at more than 1400 calls made to the Central Ohio Poison Center regarding pet medicines. They found nearly 90% of the children involved were under age five.

**SAFER INTERNET DAY****February 7, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Craig Boswell reports on 'Safer Internet Day', as internet companies, advocates for children and families met in

Philadelphia to share ideas about how to stop cyber-bullying and online predators.

### **SCHOOL ON WHEELS**

#### **February 9, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that there are roughly 47,000 homeless people in L.A. County. Many of them are kids, who just want what every other kid wants—to be loved and to learn. A local non-profit called 'School on Wheels' is working to break the Skid Row cycle, by helping to keep kids off the streets and on top of their studies.

### **TEACHER SHORTAGE**

#### **March 14, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that California lawmakers are discussing a bill that would give teachers tax breaks, as a way to help ease the state's teacher shortage. According to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, the state's shortage is a growing problem.

### **CSU TUITION**

#### **March 22, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Dave Lopez reports on the loud protests that took place in Long Beach, over a controversial tuition hike. Cal State trustees approved their first increase in six years, and students are outraged. Voters approved a tax hike that was supposed to fund education, but as it turns out, the money is going elsewhere.

### **LAUSD PROM DAY**

#### **March 29, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that dozens of girls got the royal treatment before one of the biggest events of their young lives. The Assistance League of Los Angeles held its annual 'Operation School Bell' prom day. It's a free event for homeless and low-income high school students, where they receive complimentary dresses for their senior proms. Individuals and businesses donated 500 dresses.



**USC STORM WATER****January 4, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Jeff Nguyen reports on how a major housing and business development at USC will have an earth-friendly plan for dealing with rainwater. They have created a system to save and re-use the rain runoff. The USC Village is a 15-acre development, and is expected to have the biggest storm water containment and filtration system that is privately owned in the city.

**VW SCANDAL****January 11, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that Volkswagen will pay nearly \$4.5-billion, for cheating on its diesel vehicles' emissions tests. In 2016, the automaker was caught manipulating the emissions tests and destroying evidence to cover it up.

**DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE****January 31, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports on another twist in the legal battle over the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline. North Dakota's Senator says the Army Corps of Engineers has been ordered to clear way for construction. The Standing Rock Sioux has spent months protesting the pipeline. The tribe says it would pollute their drinking water.

**DIAMOND BAR AQMD****February 3, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports that the South Coast Air Quality Management District has rolled out a pollution reduction plan, but not everyone is happy about it. Crowds rallied outside of the board meeting to protest the plan. The proposal would allow warehouses and rail yards to police themselves when it comes to emissions standards. The AQMD is responsible for ensuring clean air in the South Coast Air Basin, including Orange County, and non-desert areas in L.A., Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

**SANTA MONICA AIRPORT****February 5, 8-9 a.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Amy Johnson reports that a large crowd is protesting airport pollution in Santa Monica. After decades of protests by people living near the airport, plans have been made to shut it down, but not until 2029. Protestors say the only way to end the noise and pollution is to shut down the airport immediately.

**TIJUANA RIVER SEWAGE****February 26, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Peter Daut reports that several beaches in San Diego County remain closed, because the water has been contaminated by raw sewage. Millions of gallons of sewage was dumped into the Tijuana River from the Mexican side of the border, and has been running into the ocean on the American side for weeks.

**NOAA CUTS****March 3, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Elsa Ramon reports that steep budget cuts could be coming to the nation's leading environmental research agency. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is facing 17% in cuts. NOAA's research office could lose \$126-million, and the satellite data division could lose \$513-million.

**PRUITT CLIMATE CHANGE****March 9, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that the head of the Environmental Protection Agency is reigniting the debate over climate change. Scott Pruitt said he doesn't believe decades of research that blame much of global warming on the burning of fossil fuels. His comments have resulted in a firestorm of criticism, especially coming from environmental leaders in California.

**TRUMP AIR EMISSIONS****March 23, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that California regulators are meeting to approve tougher car pollution rules. But the Trump administration plans to ease the same rules nationwide. That could leave automakers in a quandary, whether to make separate cars just for California, or to use California's standards nationwide.

## **OBESE PARENTS**

### **January 2, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Andrea Fujii reports that a study has found children born to obese mothers and fathers may be more likely to suffer setbacks in early childhood development. That includes delays in fine motor skills, social functioning, and problem-solving. The findings are published in the Journal of Pediatrics.

## **PEANUT ALLERGY GUIDELINES**

### **January 5, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports on a landmark shift in what doctors say infants should eat to combat severe allergies. Doctors have shifted their position on peanuts, and are advising that infants should start eating foods containing the nuts, especially babies at high risk of developing a peanut allergy, such as children whose siblings already are severely allergic. Doctors say this will help make a big dent in the number of peanut allergies.

## **DIABETES CITY OF HOPE**

### **January 16, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that City of Hope National Medical Center in Duarte announced a \$50-million grant to help find a cure for diabetes. Doctors say they hope to have a cure for juvenile diabetes within six years.

## **BLOOD PRESSURE GENES**

### **February 1, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Teri Okita reports on a discovery that could make it easier for doctors to identify patients at risk for high blood pressure.

## **HEALTHCARE MEETING**

### **February 22, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Stacey Butler reports that the President's campaign pledge to repeal and replace the Affordable Care

Act is fueling outrage. People have gathered in Santa Ana at a town hall meeting, hoping to vent their frustrations to lawmakers.

### **COLON CANCER RATES**

#### **February 28, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Brook Silva-Braga reports that health experts are concerned about an alarming trend in young adults, as research is showing a sharp jump in colorectal cancers in people in their 20s and 30s.

### **LOCAL HEALTH CLINICS**

#### **March 16, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that National University and The Salvation Army are opening health clinics in Compton and Inglewood. The clinics will treat everything from the cold and flu, to asthma and diabetes. National University is using a \$1.5-million federal grant to pay for the health clinics.

### **HEALTH BILL PULLED**

#### **March 24, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that Republicans have decided to pull their healthcare bill, rather than let it die in a vote. Even though the Party controls the White House, Senate and House of Representatives, there were still members of the Republican Party who were openly opposing the bill.

### **VITAMIN C / CANCER**

#### **March 31-, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports on how Vitamin C may be a weapon in the fight against cancer. University of Iowa researchers say it's safe to give brain and lung cancer patients large amounts of Vitamin C. When used with chemo and radiation, Vitamin C appears to cause a reaction that damages cancer cells, without hurting normal cells.

**DOJ INVESTIGATING FBI****January 12, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that the actions of FBI Director James Comey and his handling of the Hillary Clinton e-mail announcement leading up to Election Day are under scrutiny. Comey is under an internal investigation, being carried out by the Justice Department Inspector General.

**TRUMP INAUGURATION****January 20, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports on the historic change of power in the United States, as Donald Trump is sworn in as our 45<sup>th</sup> President. The day's events include a parade and several inaugural balls.

**GOVERNOR STATE OF THE STATE****January 24, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that Governor Brown delivered his State of the State address, speaking about the economy, healthcare, immigration and climate change. The Governor did not mention President Trump by name.

**GARCETTI / OBAMA****February 7, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti has received an important endorsement in his re-election bid, by Barack Obama. It was President Obama's first high-profile endorsement since leaving the White House.

**TRAVEL BAN RULING****February 9, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan report on a loss for President Trump, as three federal judges ruled unanimously that the government cannot enforce the President's travel ban. But the

President vows to keep fighting, saying America's safety depends on our secure borders.

### **CAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### **February 25, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Andrea Fujii reports that in Northern California, the damage from the winter storms has led to serious problems that are undermining the state's infrastructure. Governor Brown is outlining a plan to try to fix the situation.

### **L.A. MAYOR RACE**

#### **March 8, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that despite various important decisions on the ballot, there was low turnout in the election—just under 12% of eligible voters made it to the polls. Mayor Eric Garcetti was easily re-elected with 81% of the vote.

### **FSB / RUSSIANS INDICTED**

#### **March 15, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Correspondent Jeff Pegues reports that the U.S. government has charged two members of the Russian Federal Security Service, the FSB, with hacking. The attack, aimed at Yahoo users, not only stole money from them but was also an elaborate spying mission.

### **ROAD TAX OPPOSITION**

#### **March 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Peter Daut reports that California Governor Jerry Brown is calling on taxpayers to pay more to fix our roads. The Governor is trying to drum up support for a transportation bill that raises registration fees, but most Californians oppose it.