

HATE CRIME REPORT**July 3, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports that the number of hate crimes in California spiked 11% in 2016, marking the second year for double-digit increases. Statewide, 931 hate crimes were reported in 2016. More than half of the hate crimes involved people targeted because of their race or ethnicity, more than 20% were based on sexual orientation, and less than 20% were based on religion.

RACIST AIRBNB FINE**July 13, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Tina Patel reports that in a first-of-its-kind case, the state of California has fined an Airbnb host, who sent a racist message after refusing to rent to an Asian-American woman.

TRANSGENDER MILITARY**July 26, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that President Trump has announced on Twitter that he will be banning transgender people from the military. The President says he made the decision after consulting with his Generals and military experts. The transgender community in Hollywood is reacting, and many are outraged.

TRUMP RE: RACISM**August 14, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Correspondent Jim Acosta reports on how President Trump's initial response to the Charlottesville violence had led to blistering rebukes. After days of criticism for not calling out hate groups by name, President Trump has made an additional statement, declaring that racism is evil, and that those who cause violence in its name are criminals, such as the KKK, white supremacists and other hate groups.

FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO LEAD CADETS**August 14, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Juan Fernandez reports that history is being made at West Point. The first African-American woman to lead the military

academy's Corps of Cadets has officially assumed her duties. The position is the highest in the Cadet chain of command.

TUSKEGEE AIRMAN FUNERAL

August 28, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Jo Kwon reports that Elbert T. Hudson was honored at a packed memorial service in West Adams. Hudson was a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of African-American military pilots who fought in World War II. Hudson was also a civic leader and community advocate in the Southland.

BLACK AND BLUE

September 3, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Correspondent Jeff Pegues reports that Howard University in Washington, D.C., is offering a unique class in building trust between minority communities and law enforcement.

RACIAL JUSTICE MEETING

September 10, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Jeff Nguyen reports that there was high tension on L.A.'s Westside, as the Committee for Racial Justice held a meeting. The city of Santa Monica brought in dozens of police officers to be present. At past meetings, agitators have shown up to spew racist and anti-Semitic comments.

MARCH FOR SYLMAR

September 17, 8-9 a.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports that people in Sylmar marched over safety and sanitation concerns. The march started near the market where a security guard was fatally stabbed in August, while trying to stop a homeless man from stealing. The group is seeking resources to help the homeless population.

CONSUMER & ECONOMICSFCC Report
3rd Quarter 2017**DISTILLERY BOOM****July 4, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that though the Sonoma Valley is internationally famous as wine country, it's also part of the country's whiskey distillery boom. The Sonoma County Distilling Company opened in 2010, and was among the first 200 distilleries in the nation. Currently there are approximately 1600 in the U.S, with every state being home to at least one craft distillery. Economists say smaller distilleries are responding to consumer demand.

LOWER MINIMUM WAGE**July 5, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Correspondent Dean Reynolds reports that the minimum wage in California continues to rise, as workers will have to make a minimum of \$15 per hour by 2022. But in one state, the reverse is taking place, as Missouri's governor says the minimum wage will go from \$10 down to \$7.70 per hour, because he feels the increase was a mistake.

ONLINE SHOPPING TAX**July 26, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that the issue of online sales tax is under serious consideration within the Trump administration. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin said tax revenue from online purchases could be an important source of funding for states.

COVERED CALIFORNIA**August 1, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that California consumers buying insurance for 2018 through the state's insurance exchange will see an average premium increase of 12.5%. Additionally, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of California will be pulling out of the Southern California market, which means about 10% of those enrolled in Covered California will need to pick a different plan.

BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING**August 3, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that August is an expensive time of year for parents, as back-to-school shopping is officially the second-biggest retail event next to Christmas. Experts say a way to save money on school supplies and clothing is to wait a few weeks, as the best deals are typically in October.

ECONOMIC GROWTH**August 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports that Americans have been spending more, giving the U.S. economy its biggest boost in more than two years. The Department of Commerce says the economy grew 3% from April to June, which is higher than the government initially expected.

WHOLE FOODS PRICE CUTS**September 2, 7-8 a.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Emily Turner reports that Whole Foods has finalized its sale to Amazon. As a result of the acquisition, Amazon is quickly slashing many of the store's prices. Some prices were cut by up to 43%.

EQUIFAX BREACH**September 9, 7-8 a.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Stacey Butler reports on a massive cyber-security breach at Equifax, the credit-reporting agency. Criminals may have social security and credit card numbers, in addition to other personal information for more than 140-million people.

HOUSING SHORTAGE**September 30, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Melissa Caen reports that Governor Jerry Brown has signed a package of bills aimed at tackling the growing need for affordable housing in California. The state is in need of over a million affordable rentals.

METRO SECURITY**July 1, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Jennifer Kastner reports that L.A. County Metro stations are beefing up with extra security, as part of a modified security plan. L.A. County Sheriff's deputies will no longer be solely responsible for patrolling trains and buses. LAPD officers are taking over patrol of metro areas in the city, Long Beach officers will patrol their city's areas, and sheriff's deputies will patrol buses and rails for the rest of the county.

OJ SIMPSON HEARING**July 20, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports on the emotional reaction from O.J. Simpson, after the Nevada parole board voted to set him free. Simpson has served almost nine years in prison for a botched armed robbery in Las Vegas. He could go free as early as October 1st.

ANDRESSIAN GUILTY**July 31, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that the South Pasadena man accused of killing his five-year-old son is expected to plead guilty to murder. The boy was last seen with his father, Aramazd Andressian Sr., at Disneyland in April. Searchers looked for him for weeks, and the father was arrested in June. The boy's body was found in July, near a lake in Santa Barbara County.

ANIMAL HOARDING CRUELTY**August 4, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that hundreds of animals have been saved from deplorable conditions in Montclair. Nearly two-thousand reptiles, chickens, birds and more were packed in a warehouse with no food or water. Police discovered the hoarder while serving an unrelated arrest warrant to a man there. The owner could face felony charges for animal cruelty.

CHARLOTTESVILLE**August 12, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Tom Wait reports that chaos on the streets of Virginia turned deadly when a car plowed into a group of counter-protestors at a white nationalist rally. Charlottesville has been put on lockdown and under curfew, following two days of white supremacist rallies. Officials have launched a civil rights investigation into the attack, as additional information surfaces about the man accused in the deadly rampage.

COLTON FWY SHOOTING**August 29, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Inland Empire Reporter Tina Patel reports on the road rage incident that took place on the 10-freeway. Investigators believe the driver of one car shot at the driver of another, and that the injured driver then slammed into the first car, causing both of them to lose control and crash.

VIOLENT CONFRONTATIONS**September 6, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Stacey Butler reports on how violent confrontations are on the rise in California, and that Orange County is leading the state.

FACEBOOK RUSSIA**September 21, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Andria Burb reports that Facebook is agreeing to give the Feds what it knows about Russia's interference with the presidential election. Founder Mark Zuckerberg initially refused to do so. But information is going to be turned over about thousands of Facebook ads Russians bought to try and influence the election.

BASKETBALL FRAUD CHARGES**September 26, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Jeff Nguyen reports that USC's basketball team is the focus of another scandal. An assistant basketball coach is facing federal charges, as the FBI says he took thousands of dollars in bribes.

EDUCATION & YOUTHFCC Report
3rd Quarter 2017**HOMELESS STUDENTS****July 1, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Amy Johnson reports that being a college student is stressful even for people who have all the resources. However in L.A. County, more students are going homeless and hungry than most places in the United States.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY**July 2, 8-9 a.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kris Van Cleave reports that many children attending summer camps will rely on school buses to get there. But a stunning investigation is taking a closer look at the unregulated process to find some drivers, including a company in Southern California, and the dangers caused by that lack of regulation.

SCHOOL START TIME BILL**July 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Elsa Ramon reports that a bill debated in the state legislature would prevent middle and high schools from starting before 8:30 a.m. A survey of nine-thousand California students shows that kids who slept at least eight hours have less depression, steer clear of caffeine, and are less likely to engage in dangerous behavior.

LAUSD STARTS BACK**August 15, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that more than 600-thousand students have gone back to class, with some LAUSD schools being open for the first time. One of those schools is the Maywood Center for Enriched Studies, a state-of-the-art magnet and the last of the 130 schools to open as part of the district's \$20-billion plan to ease overcrowding.

PREPARING CHILDREN FOR THE ECLIPSE**August 16, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kenneth Craig reports that as the countdown for the lunar eclipse continues, so does the excitement, especially for children. Experts are reminding parents to make sure children view the eclipse in a safe way.

SPACE X HYPERLOOP**August 27, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Greg Mills reports that teams of college students are taking on the challenge of a lifetime, as SpaceX founder Elon Musk has asked them to come up with a pod to whisk travelers around the next generation of transportation systems, called the Hyperloop.

LAUSD FUNDS**September 14, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports that the L.A. Unified School District has settled a lawsuit, accusing them of misusing funds meant for high-need and English-learning students. The district has agreed to pay more than \$150-million to 50 schools, mainly in low-income areas. The money is expected to support academics, dropout prevention programs and parent-engagement efforts.

OPIOIDS AND KIDS**September 15, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Peter Daut reports that the number of kids addicted to opioids is growing. Researchers say that each day about 135 young people show up to emergency rooms, hooked on the powerful painkillers. Researchers are calling this a 'pediatric public health crisis,' and addiction counselors say drug treatment is critical.

TOP L.A. COUNTY TEACHERS**September 29, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports that 16 teachers have been chosen from 61 candidates, representing the 'best of the best' from 72-thousand teachers in L.A. County. The Teacher of the Year program is the largest in the state, and is part of the oldest competition for educators in the country. The finalists will have the chance to be named California's Teacher of the Year in the fall.

GOOGLE MAPS AIR POLLUTION**July 9, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter John Blackstone reports that in Oakland, California, pollution-sensing equipment has been added to Google's "street view" cars, and the result is a detailed map that shows exactly where the air in Oakland is most polluted. In the future this technology could provide city maps that show pollution levels in the same way consumers can see traffic jams on smartphones. The Environmental Defense Fund helped pay for the pollution-mapping project.

CAP-AND-TRADE**July 10, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that California's controversial 'Cap-and-Trade' program may be extended for another decade. It's the state's most powerful tool to fight climate change. The law requires factories to buy expensive permits if they release greenhouse gases into the environment. If they invest in cleaner technologies, the price of the permit drops.

ENTANGLED WHALE**July 29, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Cristy Fajardo reports on how marine mammal rescuers have been battling to save a whale, in the waters off the Palos Verdes Peninsula. The animal was spotted in the early-morning hours off of Point Fermin, entangled in fishing line.

EPA OFFICIAL RESIGNS**August 4, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that a senior official with 30 years of service at the Environmental Protection Agency, has resigned her post. The now-former Director of Science and Technology at the EPA's Office of Water, resigned in protest of the direction she believes the agency is going under President Trump.

NATIONAL ECLIPSE**August 21, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Don Champion reports on how hundreds of millions of Americans donned protective glasses and craned their necks to see the sky, for the first total solar eclipse to sweep the nation from coast to coast in nearly 100 years. The 'path of totality' ran from Oregon to South Carolina, but anyone in the lower 48 was able to view a partial eclipse.

HURRICANE HARVEY**August 26, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Peter Daut reports that Hurricane Harvey pounded the Gulf Coast, leaving a trail of devastation. It made landfall as the strongest hurricane to hit the U.S. in more than a decade. Harvey has been downgraded to a tropical storm, but the Governor of Texas has declared a state of emergency in 50 counties.

LA TUNA FIRE RESPONSE**September 5, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Dave Lopez reports that the La Tuna Fire is one of the biggest wildfires in L.A. city history, and some are questioning fire officials as to whether it could have been stopped at a few acres. The fire burned five homes and more than 71-hundred acres of land. City fire officials say 14-hundred homes had flames come within 200 feet of them, but were able to be saved.

HURRICANE IRMA**September 11, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that Hurricane Irma has been downgraded to a tropical storm, but is still causing misery across the state of Florida. A storm surge is taking place in Jacksonville, as Irma moves into Georgia.

MEXICO EARTHQUAKE**September 19, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports on the devastating earthquake that rocked central Mexico. At least 104 people are dead, with the number expected to rise. The quake was centered in the town of Raboso, about 75 miles southeast of Mexico City.

HEALTH CARE

July 11, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports that Republicans are still trying to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. Senate Republicans went back to work trying to come up with a bill that can pass the Senate. But GOP moderates say Medicaid cuts are a deal-breaker.

CTE STUDY NFL PLAYERS

July 25, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports on evidence of a link between football and the degenerative brain disease known as CTE. Scientists have argued that repeated blows to the head can spark the progressive condition. Researchers from Boston University looked at 111 former NFL players, and found the disease in 110 of them. Experts stress that the findings may be skewed because most brain samples came from families who had already seen symptoms exhibited by their loved ones.

NEEDLE INJECTIONS

July 31, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that thousands of Americans die every year due to drug overdoses. A bill that has cleared the California State Assembly would allow drug users to shoot up in supervised settings. The goal is to reduce public drug use, syringes on streets, infections and overdose deaths.

DEADLY DISEASE ROBOT

August 8, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Mireya Villarreal reports that officials in Fresno are testing a program wherein mosquitoes could be fought with mosquitoes. The technology could help eliminate Zika Virus, Dengue Fever and other deadly diseases.

SINGLE-PAYER / RENDON**August 24, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that California State Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon has announced plans to hold health care hearings during the legislature's year-end recess. Rendon had received backlash for not moving forward on a senate-approved health care bill, which would have eliminated insurance companies in California, and implemented a government-run healthcare system known as a single-payer system.

CANCER GENE THERAPY**August 31, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that the FDA has approved the first gene therapy to fight leukemia. The treatment involves removing white blood cells from the patient, and genetically modifying the T cells so that they can recognize cancer cells. Then, they're put back into the body, ready to search out and destroy the cancer. Doctors say the remission rate is 83%.

PARTICULATE MATTERS**September 14, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports that L.A.'s traffic congestion could be why the city is ranked the worst in the country for air pollution. A study says that the gritty air is shortening the lifespan of Angelenos by eight months. The World Health Organization study found a strong link between particulate matter in the air, and life expectancy.

SITTING DANGERS**September 16, 8-9 a.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Nikki Battiste reports that a study from Columbia University Medical Center has found that sitting for long periods of time can be just as dangerous as the total time spent sitting all day. Researchers found that sitting substantially increases the risk of death, regardless of whether someone exercises or not. The study shows that if periods of sitting can be kept to less than 30 minutes at a time, it lowers the risk of death.

HEPATITIS A REPORT**September 19, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Joy Benedict reports that health officials say there is an outbreak of Hepatitis A in Los Angeles County. With thousands living in close proximity on Skid Row, hygiene is always an issue. But with an official outbreak of Hepatitis A, it's also a necessity, so the county is hoping to vaccinate 40-thousand homeless people.

POLITICSFCC Report
3rd Quarter 2017**GARCETTI SWEAR-IN****July 1, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Elsa Ramon reports on a city celebration in downtown L.A., for Mayor Garcetti and other city leaders. Thousands turned out for Garcetti's inauguration event outside City Hall. Garcetti was sworn-in by his mother, for his second term.

HOUSE WALL FUNDING**July 27, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports on a vote in the House of Representatives that could have a major impact on President Trump's promised border wall. Lawmakers passed a \$788-billion spending bill, earmarking nearly \$2-billion as a down payment for the controversial border wall.

TRUMP / PRIEBUS**July 28, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports on the fifth major personnel change in the Trump presidency. Reince Priebus is out as Chief of Staff. The President has replaced him with John Kelly, retired four-star Marine General.

MAYOR / 2028 OLYMPICS**July 31, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Andrea Fujii reports that L.A. has succeeded in its quest to bring the Olympics back to the Southland. Mayor Garcetti officially announced that the city has been awarded the 2028 Summer Games.

LEGAL MARIJUANA TASK FORCE**August 5, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Peter Daut reports that Attorney General Jeff Sessions hand-picked a task force to help figure out how the federal government should deal with legalized recreational marijuana in

several states, however the initial report by the group has proven inconclusive to finding a strategy to oppose the legal marijuana industry.

TRUMP SIGNATURES

August 26, 7-8 a.m. newscast

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that President Trump has signed an executive order officially banning transgender people from enlisting in the military. The President also signed a pardon, setting free a former sheriff accused of racial profiling.

9/11

September 11, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports on the solemn day across the country, on the 16th anniversary of the September 11th attacks. In New York, the names of all the people killed in the World Trade Center attack, were read at a memorial ceremony. At the White House, President Trump marked the anniversary with a moment of silence at the same time the first airplane had hit the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

TRUMP / DEMOCRATS

September 13, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports an update on the issue of DACA, the program giving legal protection to the 800-thousand undocumented who came to the U.S. as children. President Trump has reportedly agreed to work with Democratic leaders in Congress to bring DACA back, after his administration cancelled it.

TRUMP PUERTO RICO

September 29, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that President Trump has issued a promise to the people of Puerto Rico. He said he will not rest until everybody there is safe. The President was previously harshly criticized for his response to Hurricane Maria.