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Description of Issue	Program	Date/Time/Length	Description/Local Relevance
COVID-19 Outbreak			
	UpFront	07.13.20/7:34AM/25 minutes	Covid-19 is surging in California, and the federal government is charging ahead with plans to punish schools that don't re-open. We take your calls with Dr. John Swartzberg, clinical professor emeritus of infectious diseases at UC Berkeley's School of Public Health. Swartzberg answers questions about teacher and student safety in packed classrooms, the likelihood of bringing the virus home from a workplace, and more. If you had a question for us that didn't make it on the air, call our off-air voicemail box.
	UpFront	07.21.20/7:34AM/ 25 minutes	Santa Rita jail is reporting over 100 cases of Covid-19. For more on the outbreak we talk with Jose Bernal of the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, Sikander Iqbal of Urban Peace Movement, who has a friend inside the jail, and Darby Aono (@darbyaono), a student at Berkeley Law who has been tracking the cases inside.
	Against the Grain	08.31.20/12:00PM/ 1 hour	Covid: the CDC, WHO, and the US - There is abundant evidence that the Trump administration has grossly botched the handling of the Covid pandemic. But, unfortunately, such mismanagement is not limited to the most obvious offenders. Public health expert Michael Fine discusses the mishandling of the coronavirus, from the White House to the World Health Organization to the CDC and to the broader system of medicine in the US, which he argues is not a healthcare system, but a market.
	Letters & Politics	09.14.20/10:00AM/30 MIN	COVID-19 Economic Fallout Guest: Richard Wolff is Professor of Economics Emeritus at University of Massachusetts, Amherst and a Visiting Professor at the New School University in New York. His latest books is Understanding Socialism. Richard Wolff is the founder of the non-profit Democracy at Work.
	UpFront	09.23.20/8:08 AM/30 MIN	California may be undercounting COVID deaths Phillip Reese (@PhillipHReese) is a data reporting specialist and an assistant professor of journalism at California State University-Sacramento. His latest report for Kaiser Health News is titled: California's deadliest spring in years suggests COVID undercount.
Policing Issues			
	UpFront	07.14.20/8:49am/10 minutes	What is it like to bike while Black in Berkeley? Reporter Danielle Kaye spoke with Black Berkeley residents who have been policed.
	UpFront	07.16.20/8:08PM/20 minutes	In June 2019, 20-year-old Christian Madrigal lost his life in Santa Rita Jail, after his family tried to seek mental health help for him while he was in crisis and he was taken to jail instead. Video of his death was just released. We are joined by his parents, Jose Jaime Covarrubias and Gabriela Covarrubias, to talk about their son and their fight for justice after his death, as well as Jose Bernal of the Ella Baker Center. The officer involved in Madrigal's death, Lt. Craig Cedergren, was fired this week. DA Nancy O'Malley has declined to charge the Alameda County Sheriff's employees involved in Madrigal's death, copying and pasting text from a letter she issued also declining to charge officers involved in Dajuan Armstrong's death.
	UpFront	07.20.20/8:48am/10 minutes	Cat Brooks interviews Oakland's police chief - Susan Manheimer, interim chief of the Oakland Police Department, talks with Cat Brooks about crime and policing.
	UpFront	7.22.20/8:08am/1 hour	Nia Wilson's family still calls for justice, 2 years after killing; Oakland council votes against substantially defunding police Oakland's mayor cast a tie-breaking vote last night to avoid making substantial funding cuts to police in the city's budget, following months of organizing, peaceful protest and public comment. Cat and Brian discuss. Today marks two years since the killing of Nia Wilson. We speak with Alicia Grayson, her mother, and Ashara Ekundayo (@blublakwomyn) an independent curator, arts organizer and cultural strategist based in Oakland. Also, in the latest installment of the series "Taken From Us," reporter Lucy Kang speaks with the family of Mario Woods, slain by SFPD in 2016. EQUIPTO is an activist and hip hop artist who has been fighting for justice for victims of police violence. He was also one of the Frisco Five who went on hunger strike in 2016 outside the SFPD station in the Mission, protesting the deaths of Alex Nieto, Mario Woods, Amilcar Perez Lopez and Luis Gongora. He joins us to talk about the fight for justice for Mario Woods. Today is Mario Woods day in San Francisco, marking his birthday.

	UpFront	07.13.2020/8:20AM/10 min.	San Francisco's city charter establishes minimums for police staffing — and some supervisors say the way to meaningfully defund the SF Police Department is to amend the charter to allow for less policing. Tim Redmond is a veteran San Francisco political reporter, founder and editor of 48hills.org; he joins us to discuss.
	UpFront	08.06.20/8:20AM/15 minutes	Our reporter Lucy Kang (@ThisIsLucyKang) spoke with the family of Jessica Williams, shot and killed by a San Francisco PD officer in the Bayview. They remember Jessica's life.
	Hard Knock Radio	09.29.20/4:00PM/1 hour	We speak with activist Aqeela Sherrills about the financial impact of police misconduct lawsuits on taxpayers. Sherrills says the police departments expenditures cost cities millions in lawsuits and proposed overtime and it's debilitating to disenfranchised communities.
Housing Crisis			
	UpFront	08.04.20/8:34AM/30 minutes	Evictions have continued in Imperial County unlawfully, says an investigation by Matt Levin for CalMatters. We're also joined by Adriane Bracciale, directing attorney at the El Centro office of California Rural Legal Assistance, to discuss the possible coming wave of evictions on August 14 and what tenants can do when they receive an eviction notice. Her answer? Before moving out, contact a tenants' rights attorney or legal aid.
	UpFront	08.19.20/8:34AM/30 minutes	A major bill eviction moratorium bill, AB 1436, is expected to move to a vote in the state legislature. Tenants' rights groups say it's the last, best piece of legislation to halt a "tsunami" of evictions expected to take place because of nonpayment due to job losses during the Covid-19 pandemic. We host a debate: Shanti Singh (@uhshanti) is communications coordinator for the statewide renters' rights organization Tenants Together, and Debra Carlton is executive vice president of state government affairs and compliance for the California Apartment Association.
	Flashpoints	08.24/20/5:30 PM/15 minutes	In depth interview with Food Not Bombs Founder Keith McHenry on The Battle Against Houselessness
	UpFront	09.09.20/7:45 AM/15 minutes	Organizers won a victory in San Francisco's Mission district, defeating a luxury megaproject and winning a commitment to building 100 percent affordable units in its place. We talk with Jacqueline Gutierrez and Marilyn Duran of People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights (PODER), both members of the Plaza 16 Coalition.
	Hard Knock Radio	09.22.20/4:00pm/30 minutes	We speak with local activist and journalist Jason Myles about his tenure at one of the hotel shelters in Oakland, California.
Racial Justice			
	UpFront	08/06/20/8:08pm/30 min	Brendon Woods, public defender for Alameda County, joins us to talk about legislation from lawmaker Shirley Weber to prohibit racism in jury selections.
	Hard Knock Radio	08.10.20/4:30PM/30 min	Update on Racism in Martinez, California - we speak with artist Justin Gomez and organizer Nakenya Allen about the on going racial drama that is unfolding in the city of Martinez. A lot has happened since a Black Lives Matter mural was defaced resulting in the city garnering negative nationwide attention. This is the follow up.
	Letters & Politics	09.08.20/10:00AM/1 hour	History of the Black Women's Rights Movement - Guest: Martha S. Jones is the Society of Black Alumni Presidential Professor and professor of history at Johns Hopkins University and author of the book VANGUARD: How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote, and Insisted on Equality for All.
	Letters & Politics	09/24/20/10:00AM/1 hour	Structural Racism: Breonna and the Grand Jury - Guest: John Burriss is a Civil Rights attorney specialized in police misconduct and excessive force cases. He represents families of victims of police brutality in the San Francisco Bay Area.
	Against the Grain	08.12.20/12:00PM/1 hour	When Whites Try on Blackness - According to Margaret Hunter, growing numbers of white people are "shape shifting into Blackness"; they're taking on or inhabiting aspects or characteristics of Blackness. Hunter discusses the emergence of three forms of Blackness tried on by whites in the post-civil rights era: cultural Blackness, political Blackness, and intellectual Blackness. Tamai, Dineen-Wimberly, and Spickard, eds., Shape Shifters: Journeys across Terrains of Race and Identity University of Nebraska Press, 2020 Margaret Hunter, Race, Gender, and the Politics of Skin Tone Routledge, 2005

Wildfire Emergency			
	UpFront	08/20/20/7:08AM/2 hours	California wildfire stories: Farmworkers toil in smoke and heat; Cal Fire crews stretched thin battling 23 major fires; Smoke threatens recovery for Covid patients; Thousands evacuate - We spend the hour talking about the 300+ fires raging across California, including the major LNU Lightning Complex Fire and the CZU Lightning Complex Fire, and take calls from listeners. Thousands of people are under evacuation orders with guests: Tim Edwards is president of Cal Fire Local 2881, the state Cal Fire firefighters' union. He says crews are stretched thin and understaffed, and working ultra long shifts, putting more strain on their bodies and minds, and on their families. Dr. John Balmes, professor of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and professor of Environmental Health Sciences at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health, talks about respiratory health and wildfire smoke. Senator Bill Dodd represents California's Senate District 3, which includes parts of Napa, Contra Costa, Solano, Yolo and Sacramento counties. Gabriela Orantes is the Just Recovery Fellow with the North Bay Organizing Project. Christy Lubin is with the Graton Day Labor Center.
	UpFront	08.24.20/8:08AM/60 MIN	David King, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, discusses potential wildfire risks from a new storm coming onshore in the Bay Area. "One lightning strike can start a new wildfire," he says — but adds that the Bay Area has largely avoided lightning from this storm, unlike last week when lightning strikes ignited devastated fires. Lenya Quinn-Davidson (@lenyaqd), the area fire advisor for the University of California Cooperative Extension and director of the Northern California Prescribed Fire Council, joins us to analyze the wildfires through the lens of forest ecology and explain how prescribed fires work. "We need to take action to create the conditions that would make us more resilient to fire, and make our forests and landscapes more in the state that they could accept fire and not have such catastrophic results," Lenya says. Otherwise, she says, major wildfires will become the new normal. The CZU Lightning Complex fires in Santa Cruz and San Mateo counties have forced thousands to evacuate. KPFA's Ariel Boone (@arielboone) and Lucy Kang (@ThisIsLucyKang) spoke to some of the evacuees — many of them from rural communities — at the Half Moon Bay High School evacuation center. We take calls from listeners impacted by the wildfires, and ask for input on the issues we should cover.
	UpFront	09.10.20/8:08AM/1 hour	We hear an update from Cal Fire on the fires tearing through the state and forcing evacuations, from Lynette Round, public information officer. What is the effect of a 25-day smoke event on your lungs? The longer the exposure to poor air quality, the greater the risk of negative lung effects, says Dr. John Balmes, a professor of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and a Professor of Environmental Health Sciences at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health. He relays that older people and people with chronic lung disease do experience death as a result of prolonged PM 2.5 pollution exposure. Alleen Brown is a reporter for The Intercept. Her latest story is "In California's Wine Country, Undocumented Grape Pickers Forced To Work In Fire Evacuation Zones."
	Letters and Politics	9.15.20/10:00AM/1 hour	Climate change, wildfires and the declining bird population in the US Guest: Andrea Jones is the Director of Bird Conservation at the Audobon Society, California. Part II: Big Sur California Condor Sanctuary destruction by the Dolan Fire Guest: Kelly Sorenson is the Executive Director of the Ventana Wildlife Society.
	Terra Verde	09/18/20/2:00pm/30 min	Communicating Facts on Wildfire in A Climate Heated Mediascape - The communications manager of Wild Earth Guardians joins Terra Verde to decipher and debunk industry driven media narratives about wildfire in California and across the Western United States.