

CA HATE CRIMES UP

July 10, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports on how hate crimes against Hispanics and Latinos have reportedly jumped by over 50% in California. Immigration rights groups blame President Trump's policies and rhetoric, for the increase in hate crimes.

CHIEF MOORE MEETING

July 12, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports that newly sworn-in LAPD Chief Michel Moore got an earful at his first community forum. Several community activism groups hosted Chief Moore in Boyle Heights. The forum organizers wanted the Chief to address several issues about the LAPD and its relationship with the communities of L.A.

LATINOS AND FILM INDUSTRY

July 31, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that prominent Latino groups are calling for a boycott of Paramount Pictures. The National Hispanic Media Coalition teamed up with the National Latino Media Council, to highlight what they call 'poor hiring practices' by the studio, both in front of and behind the camera.

BIDEN LGBTQ

August 7, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that former Vice President Joe Biden has announced an initiative to support America's LGBTQ youth. The Biden Foundation has launched, "As You Are: A Family and Community Acceptance Campaign". The goal is to emphasize the importance of family and community acceptance.

JOHNSON STEM ACADEMY

August 25, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Suzanne Marques reports that a NASA mathematician and pioneer who played a key role in space exploration and breaking racial barriers, was honored in Westchester. Students at New Middle

School Pathway cut the ribbon to rename the school, 'Katherine Johnson STEM Academy'. Johnson was African-American, and her calculations helped NASA launch manned spaceflights.

HARVARD ASIANS

August 30, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Correspondent Jan Crawford reports that the Justice Department has weighed in on a discrimination lawsuit against Harvard University. The suit claims the school illegally limits the number of Asians admitted. The case could lead to another Supreme Court ruling on affirmative action.

MLK HEALTH CENTER

September 5, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports that South L.A. has opened a center focused on the health and well-being of the people living there. L.A. County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas joined several delegates at the grand opening of the 'Community Healing and Trauma Prevention Center'. It is housed at the Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for Public Health.

PAT HARVEY NABJLA

September 23, 8-9 a.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports that a discussion took place on diversity in the media. Pat Harvey was among the featured speakers, at the event hosted by the L.A. chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists. Pat Harvey spoke about the importance of diversity in all newsrooms.

ANTI-BULLYING HOTLINE

September 29, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Peter Daut reports that local community groups and leaders launched a hotline for kids, parents and teachers to report bullying. L.A. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl says nearly one-third of all middle and high school students get bullied.

CONSUMER & ECONOMICSFCC Report
3rd Quarter 2018**BAY AREA PRICEY HOMES****July 1, 8-9 a.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Amy Johnson reports that California's housing market continues to skyrocket. And in three Bay Area counties—San Francisco, San Mateo and San Marin—people who make \$117,400 are considered poor. This is due to the fact that the median income in those three counties tops the entire country, and is so high that households making \$117-thousand may qualify to live in low-income housing projects.

RECORD HOME PRICES / L.A. COUNTY**July 24, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports that home prices across Los Angeles County have spiked to an all-time high. The median price of a home in L.A. County stands at \$615,000, which is an 8% hike compared to 2017.

WILDFIRE LIABILITY**July 25, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that as major wildfires burn across the state, a debate is pitting one of the state's largest utilities against consumer groups. They claim PG&E is looking for a bailout, at a time when fire officials say California wildfires are getting more destructive by the year.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING**August 15, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Crystal Cruz reports that the National Retail Federation says back-to-school spending could hit nearly \$83-billion in 2018. Families are expected to shell out \$684 each on average. Stores are not only pitching to parents, but also to kids on their smartphones.

BABY FOOD METALS**August 17, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports on disturbing findings regarding baby food. 'Consumer Reports' tested 50 baby food products—both organic and non-organic—and found that each item tested positive for cadmium, arsenic or lead. Products made from rice and sweet potatoes had the highest levels of toxic metals.

TOXIC SCHOOL SUPPLIES**August 27, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that New York Senator Chuck Schumer wants the Consumer Product Safety Commission to investigate items that could have dangerous levels of toxic chemicals. He says an independent research group looked at some common school supplies, and found some had lead and others had asbestos.

SCOOTER INJURIES**September 12, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that doctors at UCLA Medical Center in Santa Monica are seeing an alarming rise in injuries from electric scooters. In July, they counted 60 in the city, and in August they estimated 75, with injuries ranging from wrist and leg fractures, to major head injuries. Electric scooter companies are trying to combat this by encouraging customers to report irresponsible riders, and to wear helmets.

SWIPE FEE SETTLEMENT**September 18, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Crystal Cruz reports that the largest antitrust settlement ever is a win for merchants, and the benefits could trickle down to consumers. Visa, MasterCard and several top U.S. banks, have agreed to pay as much as \$6.2-billion in a class action settlement with U.S. retailers over 'swipe fees'.

UBER DATA BREACH**September 26, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports that Uber has reached a \$148-million settlement, with all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The ridesharing service was accused of violating data breach laws. Attorneys say Uber exposed sensitive data of millions of users, but instead of notifying them, they tried to cover it up.

ACTOR KIDNAPPING**July 3, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rachel Kim reports that the LAPD has arrested a woman they say was involved in the violent kidnapping of two actors in South L.A. The local actors were apparently tortured, terrorized and held for ransom.

FATHER MURDERED**July 17, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rachel Kim reports that a father was murdered, while on his way to pick up dinner for his family. He was an innocent bystander, caught in a gang shooting. His family hopes a \$50-thousand reward will help convince someone to speak up.

HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT**July 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Tom Wait reports that a gunman opened fire at a homeless camp on L.A.'s Westside. The police are hunting for the shooter, and the reason why he did it. Neighbors say they feared it was only a matter of time before violence erupted in the 'tent city'.

CSUN SEX ASSAULT**August 4, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Peter Daut reports that police are prepared to hear from additional victims, as word spreads of an arrest on the Cal State Northridge campus. Police arrested 19-year-old Davis Moreno-Jaime, who is accused of assaults that happened between April 2017 and July 2018.

FREEWAY CAR SHOOTING**August 17, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Stacey Butler reports on a car-to-car shooting that has left one person dead. The shooting took place in the afternoon, on the westbound side of the 91-freeway in Cerritos.

MANHATTAN RAPE SUSPECT**August 29, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Peter Daut reports that police in Manhattan Beach are looking for the man who they say raped a woman inside her home. The police released a sketch of the suspect, hoping someone from the public will come forward with a lead.

STUDENT ASSAULT**September 2, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Adrianna Feingold reports that an accused predator has been arrested. Police say he sexually assaulted a woman and a teenaged girl in a span of two hours—one was attacked while she was walking home, the other was attacked in a high school restroom.

OFFICER ATTACKED**September 22, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Adrianna Weingold reports that a Fullerton police officer is recovering, after he was stabbed while off-duty. The attack took place in Placentia, at a strip mall. Police say the 19-year-old suspect attacked the officer from behind, and stabbed him several times in the abdomen.

KAVANAUGH HEARINGS**September 27, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Suzie Suh reports that Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh and his accuser each defended their stories about an alleged sexual assault, in a confirmation showdown on Capitol Hill.

EDUCATION & YOUTHFCC Report
3rd Quarter 2018**HIRE L.A.'S YOUTH JOBS****July 9, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that L.A. is kicking off the "HIRE L.A.'s Youth" summer jobs program. On the HIRE L.A.'s Youth website, young people can apply for part-time work that can turn into full-time gigs. It's part of Mayor Garcetti's bid to get 20-thousand young people on payroll year-round, by 2020.

KIDS' BLOOD PRESSURE**July 13, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports on how a growing number of young people are at risk for heart disease. More 12 to 19-year-olds in the U.S. are considered to have high blood pressure under updated American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines. And the CDC says about 800-thousand additional teenagers are classified as having hypertension.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT**July 28, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Peter Daut reports that the Regional Center of Orange County handed out free backpacks to 150 kids with developmental disabilities. The backpacks were filled with the school supplies they'll need. The Regional Center of Orange County is a non-profit that offers various services to the developmentally disabled.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL ALLERGIES**August 15, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that Southern California kids are heading back to school. The American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology says that from kindergarten to college, being prepared for allergies is critical. For elementary students especially, they advise that parents need to be an advocate for children.

LAUSD STRIKE AUTHORIZATION**August 24, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that LAUSD students have started the school year, and teachers are considering a strike. The teachers' union and the district have been negotiating for more than a year, but haven't agreed on a contract. Teachers are taking the initial step to put them on the picket lines, by voting on whether or not to authorize a strike.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT RULES**August 30, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that the Secretary of Education is reportedly preparing to drastically change sexual misconduct policies on school campuses. According to the New York Times, Betsy DeVos' rules would bolster the rights of students who are accused of assault, harassment or rape. Additionally, the liability for institutions would be lessened, while encouraging schools to offer more support for victims.

IMMIGRANT KIDS / CARE KITS**September 21, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that Mayor Eric Garcetti has teamed up with volunteers to create care kits for immigrant children. The kits have essentials for kids living in poverty, like diapers, clothing and basic necessities.

INNOVATION FAIR**September 23, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Suzanne Marques reports on the Third Annual 'Very Special Innovation Fair'. It's designed to introduce kids to STEM—science, technology, engineering and math—through fun and games, as well as interactive displays. STEM3 Academy is the first school in the country to offer a STEM curriculum to students with special needs.

LAUSD UTLA MEDIATION**September 27, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that the L.A. teachers' union and the school district have started talks with a state mediator, in hopes of avoiding a strike. The union rejected the contract offered earlier in the week, which included a 6% pay raise over two years, and reduced class sizes in 90 schools. The union called the offer insulting.

SUNSCREEN BAN**July 4, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that with the temperatures heating up, people will be slathering on the sunscreen. But it turns out some kinds are actually bad for the environment, and in Hawaii most sunscreens will be banned starting in 2021. Experts say chemicals in many sunscreens damage coral reefs and marine life.

ADIDAS PLASTIC**July 17, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that Adidas says it will only utilize recycled plastic in its products, by the year 2024. The sportswear-maker plans to eliminate all newly manufactured plastic, which is popular because it's light and dries quickly. Adidas has pledged to reduce its use of plastic to help the environment.

CA VEHICLE EMISSIONS**July 23, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that the Trump administration is expected to introduce a shakeup of vehicle pollution rules, and the main target is California. After years of California leading the nation in cutting greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles, and raising mileage-per-gallon minimums, the federal government is planning to lower or freeze the standards.

CONTROLLED BURNS**August 3, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Crystal Cruz reports on the fierce debate that is taking place over whether the wildfires were made worse by policies pushed by environmentalists. At the center of the argument is the use of controlled burns. The Governor has created a Forest Management Task Force, in the hopes of getting everyone on the same page.

POLLUTION SMARTS**August 28, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Correspondent David Shukman reports on how air pollution may cause a drop in intelligence, according to research in China. The four-year study found that the longer people were exposed to dirty air, the greater the damage to their cognitive abilities.

BALLOON BAN**August 31, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that environmentalists have been fighting to reduce the use of plastic straws and bags for years. The focus is turning to balloons, which they say are a threat to wildlife.

CA CLEAN ENERGY**September 10, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 100, setting the goal for California to go to 100% clean energy by the year 2045, and phase out fossil fuels as a source for the energy grid. Governor Brown is leading the effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

CAROLINAS FLOODS**September 21, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Correspondent Manuel Bojorquez reports that Hurricane Florence is gone, however rivers in the Carolinas are rising. In South Carolina, evacuation orders were issued to hundreds of people, and in North Carolina, there are concerns about a possible environmental disaster.

FRESNO EMISSIONS**September 24, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Crystal Cruz reports that state officials are urging the Trump administration to back off its plan to lower national fuel economy standards. Officials made that clear at a hearing in Fresno. The White House says waiving the requirements would make cars and trucks more affordable.

STDs AND DATING APPS

July 2, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that the number of Californians with sexually transmitted diseases is skyrocketing, and there is concern that casual hook-ups from dating sites, could be part of the problem. Health officials also worry fewer people are using condoms. In 2017, state health officials announced that STDs had reached a record high.

BIOMED AI BEATS DOCTOR

July 5, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that in a contest, artificial intelligence defeated a group of doctors in diagnosing tumors. The AI system is called 'BioMind'. It has the ability to analyze radiology scans and tell which ones could lead to cancer. In a head-to-head battle against several doctors, 'BioMind' was 20% better at diagnosing tumors when looking at brain scans, compared to human doctors.

NUTRITIONAL PSYCHIATRY

July 16, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports on how a healthy diet isn't just good for physical health, but can affect mental health as well. There is emerging research and evidence that nutritional psychiatry—including using diet to treat mood disorders such as depression—is beneficial.

EPA PESTICIDE CHLORPYRIFOS

August 9, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that a U.S. Appeals court has ordered the EPA to ban a controversial pesticide. The decision is a minor win for environmentalists and health advocates. The EPA's research has linked chlorpyrifos to developmental and neurological disorders, especially in children and infants.

EXPERIMENTAL KIDNEY DRUG**August 10, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Suzanne Marques reports that for many patients, kidney disease can mean months or years of dialysis, and for others it can mean a transplant. An experimental drug called 'bardoxolone methyl' is showing remarkable results for some patients.

DRINKING DEATHS**August 24, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that a study on alcohol use says even one drink a day puts people at risk for health problems and death. Researchers studied drinking habits in 195 countries over 16 years, and found there is no safe level of alcohol.

MEN'S HEALTH SURVEY**September 5, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that a study is showing most men don't go to the doctor when they should. Doctors advise that men should get regular health screenings, including a colorectal exam beginning at age 50, and a prostate check starting at 15 years of age.

WELLNESS WORKS**September 12, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Crystal Cruz reports that 22 military veterans commit suicide every day, according to several advocacy groups. One non-profit group called 'Wellness Works' kicked off an event called 'Not On Our Watch', at Verdugo Park in Glendale. Its aim is to highlight the plight of veterans suffering from PTSD and suicidal thoughts, and to let them know they don't have to fight alone.

HYPERBARIC THERAPY**September 30, 8-9 a.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports that a medical study is giving hope to some patients who experience sudden hearing loss. Hyperbaric therapy is being used to help the body heal, from this and dozens of other health conditions.

POLITICSFCC Report
3rd Quarter 2018**SCOTUS NOMINEE****July 10, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that President Trump's Supreme Court nominee is making the rounds and meeting Senators on Capitol Hill. Judge Kavanaugh met with one of the key lawmakers who will help decide if he is confirmed to the high court—Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley.

RUSSIA INDICTMENTS**July 14, 8-9 a.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports on the 12 Russian military and intelligence officers facing indictments stemming from the Russia investigation. The units are accused of engaging in active cyber operations to interfere in the 2016 presidential election.

ELECTION SECURITY**July 27, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Correspondent Alex Marquardt reports that President Trump says he will not tolerate foreign interference in our elections, and is meeting with his national security team about this matter. This comes as Microsoft says Russia has already targeted at least three campaigns in the upcoming midterm elections.

L.A. PORT TARIFFS**August 1, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports on a warning from China to the U.S., as the trade war between both countries escalates. China says it will retaliate if President Trump approves additional tariffs. The U.S. could reportedly impose 25% tariffs on \$200-billion worth of Chinese goods, which is up from 10%. Mayor Garcetti says the Southland will feel the impact.

CALIFORNIA FRACKING**August 8, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that the Trump administration is sparking controversy in California, with a decision involving fracking and nearly 2-million acres of state land.

PROPOSITION 1 AND 2 MAYOR**August 31, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports on a push to tackle the state's housing and homeless crises. L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti, along with other city leaders and housing and veterans' advocates, met in downtown L.A. to ask Californians to vote yes on Props 1 and 2. Critics say the two measures will produce only a fraction of the homes veterans and the homeless need, but will cost taxpayers almost \$2-billion in interest.

COMMUTATIONS**September 10, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that with four months left in office, Governor Jerry Brown is granting forgiveness to a record number of criminals. California's longest-serving Governor is commuting 20 killers serving life sentences, as part of a larger batch of pardons and commutations.

KAVANAUGH**September 29, 8-9 a.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports on a turn in the Brett Kavanaugh Supreme Court confirmation battle. A woman who stated she's a sexual assault survivor, confronted Arizona Republican Senator Jeff Flake at the U.S. capitol. Afterward, Senator Flake demanded a weeklong delay to give the FBI time to investigate the sexual assault allegations against Kavanaugh.