

MLK ANNIVERSARY**January 15, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Mola Lenghi reports on how Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was not only a civil rights pioneer, but also a champion for the poor. An exhibit at the National Museum of African-American History and Culture is showcasing that part of Dr. King's legacy.

2ND ANNUAL WOMEN'S MARCH**January 20, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Andrea Fujii reports that the 2nd Annual Women's March in downtown L.A. attracted an estimated 600-thousand people. They marched from Pershing Square to City Hall and Grand Park, demanding equal rights and respect in the workplace. Many were also there to support the "Me Too" and "Time's Up" efforts to stop harassment in schools and in the workplace.

LATINOS AND ACADEMY AWARDS**January 23, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that the National Hispanic Media Coalition has announced it will be protesting the Academy Awards. The coalition says there's a chronic lack of Latinos in movies, with only 3% of the top 100 movies of 2016 having had Latino characters.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**February 7, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that legendary singer Dionne Warwick was honored with the city's African-American Heritage Month 'Living Legend' Award. Warwick is a five-time Grammy Award winner.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN CENTER**February 20, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that the Long Beach City Council is talking about honoring African-American heritage with a cultural center. If approved, the center would be a place to house the city's

collection of art, and display its history of civil rights leaders. Approximately 13% of Long Beach's population is African-American.

WHITE SUPREMACY

February 24, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Jeff Nguyen reports on the alarming findings about the number of hate groups active in Southern California. More than three-dozen are operating with an agenda of bigotry toward women, Muslims, Jews and the LGBT community.

KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE

March 8, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports on the upcoming Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, to help raise awareness about breast cancer. One in eight women will get breast cancer, but the disease is killing more African-American women.

PRO GUN RALLY

March 24, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Andrea Fujii reports that a small gathering of gun rights activists rallied outside the federal building in Westwood. Members of the L.A. chapter of 'Latinos for Trump' staged the demonstration. The group's leader said she wants to highlight the second amendment and the right to own weapons.

COSTA MESA HOMELESS

March 26, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Stacey Butler reports that some cities in the county are debating where to send a large group of recently evicted homeless people. One possible solution is turning a state-run facility for the developmentally disabled in Costa Mesa, into a temporary homeless shelter. Residents of Irvine, Laguna Niguel and Huntington Beach are fighting the county's plan to place the homeless in their communities.

CONSUMER & ECONOMICSFCC Report
1st Quarter 2018**BATHTUB REFINISHER****January 2, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports a warning about common paint-strippers sold at hardware stores. People have been using them without knowing how deadly they can be, but some researchers are saying they've developed a less harmful product.

REAL ESTATE BOOM**January 2, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that California has some of the most expensive homes in the nation, and the national real estate boom is showing no signs of slowing down. The housing market is booming in both high and low tax states.

SOLAR PANEL TARIFF**January 23, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Randy Paige reports that President Trump has added a 30% tariff on solar panels being imported into the United States. This tax could affect local jobs as well as solar panel prices in Southern California.

EQUIFAX INQUIRY**February 6, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that a U.S. Senator is urging the Federal Trade Commission to expand its investigation of Equifax. A hack exposed the personal information of nearly 150-million Americans, including social security numbers and addresses.

JOBLESS CLAIMS**February 8, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Peter Daut reports that jobless claims were down for the second straight week, as the Labor Department says 221-thousand claims were filed. Economists say the low number indicates a tightening job market. The unemployment rate remains at 4.1%.

STROLLER LAWSUIT**February 20, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that dozens of children have been injured, and as a result, the company Britax that makes a popular jogging stroller is being sued. The Consumer Product Safety Commission says the Britax 'BOB' stroller is a risk to children and adults, after many complaints alleging the wheels detach.

CONSUMER FINAL NOTICE**March 2, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that across the country, seniors are receiving mailers that involve a supposedly urgent matter regarding their home. Officials say investment companies are trying to buy valuable real estate under market value. The mailers have gotten the attention of a lawmaker in Washington who is vowing to make them illegal.

TOYS "R" US LIQUIDATION**March 9, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Michele Gile reports that it is the end of an era, as the struggling retailer Toys "R" Us is reportedly close to closing all of its stores.

DRUG PRICES SOARING**March 27, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Elsa Ramon reports that soaring drug costs have long made it difficult for some people to get the medication they need. A Congressional report has revealed the strain is especially hard on the nation's elderly. The report examined the costs of the 20 most-prescribed medications for seniors over the course of five years, and found that prices are rising at nearly 10 times the rate of inflation.

BOXING COACH ARREST**January 4, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Peter Daut reports that an Olympic athlete who earned gold at the 1984 L.A. Olympics, is behind bars after being charged with lewd acts on a child. The L.A. County District Attorney's Office filed eight felony counts against Paul Gonzales.

VEHICLE STOLEN WITH CHILD**January 15, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Rachel Kim reports that a nightmare has ended in South Gate for two parents, after their car was stolen with their child inside. The vehicle and the child have been recovered in a parking lot on Firestone Boulevard.

CHILD DEATH INVESTIGATION**January 26, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that a young girl was found dead in a Riverside backyard, and her grandmother is saying the mother of the child is the murderer. The three-year-old's grandmother says she had tried to convince her daughter to get mental help, for the severe mental illness she was tormented by. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department is investigating.

UCLA SEX ASSAULT**February 5, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Crystal Cruz reports live from Westwood, where an additional sexual assault near UCLA's campus has students on edge. The assault is the third that has taken place in just over a week. UCLA Police detectives say that in this case, the students met on a dating app, and then the female was sexually assaulted inside her on-campus apartment.

SCHOOL SHOOTING**February 14, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Andrea Fujii reports on the Florida school massacre. At least 17 people were killed in the tragedy in Parkland. Police say

the gunman is 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz, a former student who was expelled from the school.

LONG BEACH ABDUCTION

February 27, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Crystal Cruz reports that law enforcement achieved a perfect 'pit maneuver' when they brought a dangerous car chase to an end in the San Gabriel Valley. Detectives say the man driving the vehicle had forced his girlfriend to go along for the ride against her will.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

March 3, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Jeff Nguyen reports live from Manhattan Beach, where a driver had approached a group of teenage girls and sexually assaulted one of them before escaping. The attack took place near 3rd Street and Valley Drive, not far from Robinson Elementary School.

STREET VENDOR ATTACK

March 18, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Jeff Nguyen reports that a street vendor is in the hospital after being attacked. The vendor was setting up his peanut cart on a Sunday morning, when a group of four men and a woman rushed at him. Even though he threw all his cash at the muggers and tried to run away, they still chased after and beat him.

SON KILLS MOM

March 31, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Peter Daut reports that an Orange County man is being held on \$1-million bail after a family argument turned deadly. Deputies say Yihong Peng stabbed his mother to death outside a San Juan Capistrano home, before running from the scene. He was arrested a short time later.

EDUCATION & YOUTHFCC Report
1st Quarter 2018**KIDS AND IPHONES****January 8, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that two Apple investors are calling on the tech giant to give parents more control over their kids' iPhones. JANA Partners LLC and the California State Teachers' Retirement System sent a letter to Apple, asking for "software tools to help parents control and limit phone use." They say teen depression and suicide has skyrocketed since 2011, and they think it could be linked to cellphone use.

HOMESCHOOL REGULATIONS**January 17, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that the discovery of 13 siblings living in horrible conditions in Perris has raised concerns about homeschooling. A lawmaker that represents the Perris community is taking action that could add more oversight for homeschooled children.

BABY BRAIN DEVELOPMENT**January 27, 8-9 a.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Kenneth Craig reports that according to an updated policy from the American Academy of Pediatrics, what children eat in their first couple of years can impact their brain development, and the rest of their life. The AAP suggests considering a child's diet before they're born, and recommends exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months.

SCHOOL SECURITY**February 15, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Michele Gile reports that most "active shooter" plans call for schools to go on lockdown. But some are

debating that approach and discussing other options, after the Florida shooting.

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES

February 18, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Elsa Ramon reports that many of the teen survivors of school shootings are saying they're 'tired of waiting' for adults to do something about gun control. Students have announced plans for a nationwide demonstration called "March For Our Lives", to be held March 24th.

ARMING TEACHERS

February 22, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Randy Paige reports on how President Trump has proposed giving bonuses to teachers who carry guns in school, as part of a school safety program, following the Parkland massacre.

LOCAL GIRL / NATIONAL MARCH

March 24, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Cristy Fajardo reports that a local teen touched by gun violence gave a passionate speech at the Washington DC "March For Our Lives" rally. Los Angeles teenager Edna Chavez spoke on stage and addressed the nation, sharing her experiences growing up in South L.A. and losing loved ones to gun violence.

BULLY FINE FOR PARENTS

March 25, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Andrea Fujii reports that authorities across the country are looking for ways to stop bullying, and one idea is to punish the parents of the bullies by fining them. There is no current proposal to have 'bully fines' in California, but several cities in New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin are fining parents if their child repeatedly bullies other kids at school.

SECOND KIDS / CRIME

March 27, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that MIT researchers studied thousands of sets of brothers, and found that second-born sons are up to 40% more likely to get in trouble at school, and enter the criminal justice system. The researchers say causes may include parents not spending as much one-on-one time with second kids.

ALL-ELECTRIC CARS

January 7, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports on how California lawmakers want to get rid of all gas and diesel-powered cars and trucks in the state within 22 years, and replace them with all-electric vehicles.

FROZEN SEA TURTLES

January 16, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that a record-breaking winter chill has caused hundreds of 'cold-stunned' sea turtles to wash ashore off the Gulf Coast. Scientists have been rehabilitating the endangered species.

RUNYON CANYON

January 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Elsa Ramon reports that the popular hiking spot Runyon Canyon could be getting a makeover. The L.A. City Council voted unanimously to start a study for potential upgrades, including safety and environmental improvements.

OFFSHORE DRILLING

February 8, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that across California, mass protests were held over a Trump administration plan to open up additional drilling off the coast. Environmentalists are angered by the plan, citing the many sea lions, dolphins and other marine life that have died after oil spills.

GIANT RAT CONCERNS

February 9, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that the state is setting up a multi-agency task force to kill giant rats in California. The State Fish and Wildlife Department is targeting the 'nutria', also called a 'swamp

rat'. Wildlife experts say they can cause serious damage to crops and levees in the San Joaquin Delta ecosystem.

CA WATER MEETING

February 20, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that the lack of serious rainfall in 2018 has California officials considering reinstating the water restrictions that were in effect during the drought, and making them permanent.

WIDENING VOTE

March 1, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that improvements could be coming to the 710-freeway, as the Metro Board is expected to vote on a widening project. Some people who live near the freeway oppose the idea of a lot of construction, and want the Board to consider environmental issues.

CLIMATE DEBATE

March 9, 9-10 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that a push to hold public debates on climate change has been turned down by the White House. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt had been talking about organizing debates on climate science, but White House Chief of Staff John Kelly has rejected the idea.

EPA ROLLBACKS

March 29, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that the Environmental Protection Agency is considering a rules change pertaining to carbon emissions, and California is poised to argue against it. Reports are circulating that the Trump administration is going to weaken the EPA rules on vehicle greenhouse gas emissions and fuel economy standards.

FLU SEASON

January 4, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Michele Gile reports that local hospitals are being flooded with flu patients, and in some cases they're being forced to re-route ambulances. The flu is considered widespread in California and 35 other states. At least seven people have died in California.

CANCER RATES DROP

January 5, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that NYU researchers say cancer deaths are down 26% since 1991. The American Cancer Society credits early detection, and fewer people smoking cigarettes. The ACD estimates those changes have saved more than two-million American lives.

LESS HIV TESTS

January 25, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that the Centers for Disease Control says there are one-million people in America who are HIV positive, but that roughly 166-thousand of them are completely unaware. The CDC says a major factor is an alarming number of young adults not getting tested for HIV.

FLU LATEST

February 2, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Elsa Ramon reports that the L.A. County Department of Public Health is warning that an already deadly flu season could extend several weeks. It says there are 158 confirmed flu deaths this season, which is nearly twice as many as the previous season.

KETAMINE FOR DEPRESSION

February 3, 7-8 a.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Amy Johnson reports that suicide is one of the leading causes of death in the U.S., and the drug ketamine is being used to help people living with severe depression. Researchers have found that ketamine can be significantly more effective than a commonly used sedative in reducing suicidal thoughts in depressed patients.

AETNA INVESTIGATION**February 12, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Jeff Vaughn reports that the health insurance company AETNA is being accused of making decisions 'before' looking at a patient's medical records. California insurance officials are investigating, after a director admitted under oath he never looked at patients' records before denying or approving care.

UNIVERSAL FLU VACCINE**March 1, 4-5 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that in the wake of another deadly flu season, there is a worldwide push to find a universal flu vaccine. Scientists in New York have been working on it for years, through funding from the National Institutes of Health. Some researchers believe that with additional funding, there could be a universal flu vaccine in less than five years.

FISH OIL PREGNANCY**March 1, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports on how fish oil could help prevent a food allergy. Doctors in London say pregnant women who take fish oil every day through the first few months of breastfeeding, could help reduce their child's risk of egg allergies.

FERTILITY CLINIC FAILURE**March 27, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Suzanne Marques reports that a fertility clinic outside Cleveland has admitted that the failure of its freezer system was far worse than initially thought, and that human error may be partly to blame. Nearly a thousand patients have learned that four-thousand eggs and embryos have been destroyed.

POLITICSFCC Report
1st Quarter 2018**CALIFORNIA BUDGET****January 10, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that Governor Jerry Brown has proposed his final state budget. The \$132-billion plan is up 5% from 2017. It fills the state's rainy-day fund, increases funding for grades K through 12, and provides \$4.6-billion for transportation improvements.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN**January 19, 12-1 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Weijia Jiang reports on the effort to keep the federal government open. President Trump met with Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer to figure out a way to prevent a shutdown. Schumer announced some progress was made, but that they're still far apart on some issues.

STATE OF THE UNION**January 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that President Trump called for unity in his State of the Union address, as polls show the country is divided. The President challenged Republicans and Democrats to work together on immigration reform and infrastructure.

SENATE BUDGET DEAL**February 7, 8-9 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Reporter Weijia Jiang reports on a victory for both Democrats and Republicans, as Senate lawmakers reach a bipartisan budget deal. But it's unclear whether the plan will win enough support in the House in time to prevent another government shutdown.

2ND GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN**February 9, 9-10 p.m. newscast**

KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that the second shutdown under the Trump presidency was also the shortest. President Trump signed into law a \$400-billion budget agreement. The President and Republicans got spending increases for the military, while the

Democrats won more funding for domestic programs. The agreement will keep the government running past the November elections.

TRUMP CALIFORNIA VISIT

February 26, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that Donald Trump is scheduled to visit California. The trip concerns building the wall, as President Trump will be checking on the prototypes competing to get that done. The President is also expected to raise funds for Republican midterm candidates at a large fundraiser in L.A.

DOJ VS. CA LAWSUIT

March 7, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that Attorney General Jeff Sessions is taking on California over illegal immigration. The Justice Department has sued the state, claiming it's preventing federal immigration agents from doing their jobs.

LAPD CHIEF APPLICANTS

March 27, 4-5 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Elsa Ramon reports that more than 30 people have applied to be L.A.'s next Police Chief. The search for Chief Charlie Beck's replacement started in January when he suddenly announced he'll be retiring in the summer. Mayor Garcetti will make the final decision after the list is cut down to the top three in June.

TRUMP BROWN TWEET

March 31, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Cristy Fajardo reports that President Trump is launching a series of Twitter attacks on California Governor Jerry Brown, and the Governor is answering back. Governor Brown had pardoned five immigrants facing deportation, and the President criticized the move.