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Quarterly Issue List and Program Report

April 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016

Public Affairs Programming Department

AIR DATE April 1, 2016

Duration: 6 Min

Talent: Erin Myers

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

CRIME

Description of how this issue was covered

East Los Angeles Station Detectives have been actively working on solving two Assault with Deadly Weapon investigations. The cases involve a single suspect striking two victims on two separate occasions without warning with a hammer-type weapon. The first assault occurred on Friday, March 25, 2016 in the 1400 block of South Bonnie Beach Place, unincorporated Los Angeles. The suspect walked up to the elderly male and, without any warning or provocation, struck him with a hammer type weapon. When the victim fell to the ground the suspect kicked the victim. The suspect then fled southbound Bonnie Beach Place and out of view. The suspect is described as a male Hispanic, 40 to 45 years old, between 5'10 and 6'00 tall, heavy set, wearing a straw hat and blue wind breaker-type jacket. The second assault took place on the same date few hours later, in the 4400 block of Triggs Street, unincorporated Los Angeles. In this incident, the victim was standing in front of a residence when without warning or provocation the suspect attacked a female adult. The suspect struck the victim with a hammer-like weapon several times about the head. The woman immediately fell to the ground and fell unconscious. The suspect fled in an unknown direction. Witnesses in this incident describe the suspect as a male in his mid-forties, approximately 240 pounds, 6'00 tall, wearing a black jacket and black pants. Both victims in these incidents were transported to local hospitals and are listed in serious condition. The investigations are on-going and there is no additional information at this time.

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Public Affairs Programming Department

AIR DATE April 1, 2016

Duration: 4 Min.

Talent: Kareen Wynter

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

ENVIRONMENT

Description of how this issue was covered

Saturday allowing ExxonMobil's Torrance refinery to exceed pollution limits as it resumes gasoline manufacturing, angering some residents who wonder why the agency is bothering with a public hearing at all. Moreover, even basic questions about the refinery restart — such as when it will occur and by how much emission limits will be exceeded — remain unavailable. ExxonMobil officials did not answer those questions sent to them via email, while South Coast Air Quality Management District officials were unavailable Thursday. AQMD officials have indicated they will provide a calculation of the excess emissions at the hearing set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd. The refinery has sat largely idle since the February 2015 explosion that state and federal investigators contend was caused by ExxonMobil's deliberate failure to fix equipment for almost a decade even though the company knew it could cause a life-threatening explosion. The blast literally rocked the community, sent plumes of industrial debris showering on neighborhoods and sent pump prices soaring statewide. But some residents are angry that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss a mutually agreed upon stipulated order by the AQMD and ExxonMobil allowing the company to move ahead with its dirtier-than-usual start-up of refinery operations.

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April 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016

Public Affairs Programming Department

AIR DATE April 4, 2016

Duration: 2 Min

Talent: Dave Mecham

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

CRIME

Description of how this issue was covered

Two former baggage handlers at Los Angeles International Airport are in federal custody after being arrested Monday morning on suspicion of cocaine trafficking, authorities said. Adrian Ponce, 27, and Alberto Preciado Gutierrez, 26, both from South Gate, have been charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine through LAX to the East Coast, according to a federal affidavit. Ponce is accused of admitting to driving cocaine to the East Coast in trucks as well, authorities said.

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Quarterly Issue List and Program Report

April 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016

Public Affairs Programming Department

AIR DATE April 4, 2016

Duration: 3 Min

Talent: John Fenoglio

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

POLITICS

Description of how this issue was covered

Campaign coverage continues with highlights from the candidates today.

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Public Affairs Programming Department

AIR DATE April 5, 2016

Duration: 4 Min

Talent: Chris Wolfe

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

POLITICS

Description of how this issue was covered

Donald Trump announced Tuesday he would use a federal anti-terrorism surveillance law as a tool to force Mexico to pay for the border wall he has pledged to build on the U.S.'s southern border. Trump outlined the steps his administration would undertake to compel Mexico to pay the U.S. "\$5-10 billion" to fund a border wall in a memo his campaign released Tuesday morning -- a plan that relies largely on threatening to bar undocumented Mexican immigrants in the United States from wiring money to relatives in Mexico.

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Public Affairs Programming Department

AIR DATE April 5, 2016

Duration: 2 Min

Talent: Ryan Nobles

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

POLITICS

Description of how this issue was covered

Ted Cruz aims to use Wisconsin's presidential primary to extend Donald Trump's recent rough stretch on the campaign trail. Bernie Sanders would like to administer some tough medicine of his own to Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton in the state. At the end of the night, the two parties' front-runners still will be the two parties' front-runners — but Wisconsin could well adjust the height of their hurdles to clinching the nomination.

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Public Affairs Programming Department

AIR DATE April 5, 2016

Duration: 3 Min

Talent: Wendy Burch

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

COMMUNITY

Description of how this issue was covered

The best Streetdancers in the world representing China, Japan, Korea, Germany, Russia, France, Canada and the USA will compete. The various techniques will be showcased: Hip Hop, Break Dancing, and Popping and Locking. Sponsored by Vlado Footwear, one of the most dynamic cutting edge footwear companies and streetwear brand Control Sector, this competition is truly a dancers dream come true. The winners of the competition will take home a gold medal (actual gold) and \$100,000 in cash.

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Public Affairs Programming Department

AIR DATE April 6, 2016

Duration: 3 Min

Talent: Kacey Montoya

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

CRIME

Description of how this issue was covered

More on the release of video showing LAPD officers shooting and killing a mentally ill woman who was reportedly armed with a knife.

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Public Affairs Programming Department

AIR DATE April 7, 2016

Duration: 2 Min

Talent: John Fenoglio

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

POLITICS

Description of how this issue was covered

Interview w/ U.S. Labor Secretary Thomas Perez about California's minimum wage increase and other topics.

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Public Affairs Programming Department

AIR DATE April 7, 2016

Duration: 3 Min

Talent:

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

COMMUNITY

Description of how this issue was covered

Live Interview with LAPD Police Chief Charlie Beck. Topics are: Los Angeles Police Department to write de-escalation policy -One of the LAPD's preferred weapons to help officers avoid shootings often doesn't work -LAPD Warrant Lets Cops Open Apple iPhone With Owner's Fingerprints LAPD pilot program uses smartphone app to reduce burglaries

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Public Affairs Programming Department

AIR DATE April 7, 2016

Duration: 5 Min

Talent: Chris Wolfe

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

POLITICS

Description of how this issue was covered

President Obama will be in Southern California Thursday and Friday for a pair of fundraising events for House and Senate candidates, prompting LAPD to issue a traffic advisory. The president will be in the Los Angeles area for less than 24 hours, as he arrives Thursday night and leaves Friday morning for the San Francisco Bay Area, according to the [Los Angeles Times](#). [His last visit to the area](#) was in February, when he taped an appearance on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show, attended two fundraisers and designated three new national monuments in the California desert. The Los Angeles Police Department issued a traffic advisory Thursday in an effort to help motorists avoid possible traffic congestion and travel delays due to Obama's visit.

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Public Affairs Programming Department

AIR DATE April 12, 2016

Duration: 2 Min

Talent: Wendy Burch

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

ENVIRONMENT

Description of how this issue was covered

Come celebrate Planet Earth with the STARS! On Sunday, April 17th, 2016, the eco-friendly folks here at the STAR Eco Station and STAR Education are throwing our 16th Annual Children's Earth Day Extravaganza in the only way we know how...HUGE! GREEN! AND FOR ALL AGES! This mega celebration will feature exotic wildlife, student performances, eco-friendly games and rides, face painting, tons of food, celebrity guests from Disney, ABC, Nickelodeon and more! Did we mention that admission is FREE?! Last year, more than 30,000 people attended this one-of-a-kind celebration, which has been recognized as the LA Times' "Best Earth Day Pick" and "Best Children's Earth Day" by LA Parent Magazine. This year will be bigger and better, with an exclusive trailer screening of Disney's new film The Jungle Book, along with a super cool Green Screen Photo Booth for interactive Disney fun. We are also bringing back the rescued wolves from the shows such as HBO's Game of Thrones and True Blood.

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Public Affairs Programming Department

AIR DATE April 15, 2016

Duration: 2 Min

Talent: Liberte Chan

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

ENVIRONMENT

Description of how this issue was covered

LA Waterkeeper's 5th annual [Stand Up for Clean Water](#) – one of the biggest paddleboard races in Los Angeles – is coming up on April 16 and is a benefit to protect water quality in all of LA County.

We'll feature Paddleboard fashion and different types of boards and Demo on how to paddle board.

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Public Affairs Programming Department

AIR DATE May 3, 2016

Duration: 2 Min

Talent: Kareen Wynter

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

CRIME

Description of how this issue was covered

A 22-year-old man who allegedly stabbed a two-year-old girl to death and critically wounded the child's pregnant mother in South Los Angeles Monday night has been arrested, police said during a news conference Tuesday. Lataz Gray was arrested at an area hospital after deciding to turn himself in on the advice of his father, said Det. David Garrido with the Los Angeles Police Department. Gray allegedly stabbed 2-year-old Maliaya Tademay multiple times during an argument with his live-in girlfriend, said Capt. Peter Whitingham with the Police Department.

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AIR DATE May 3, 2016

Duration: 3 Min

Talent: Sara Welch

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

CRIME

Description of how this issue was covered

Lonnie David Franklin Jr., the alleged "Grim Sleeper" serial killer is accused of murdering 10 victims over a more that 20 year span. Franklin, was charged with 10 counts of murder with the special circumstance allegation of multiple murders. He also was charged with one count of attempted "willful, deliberate and premeditated murder" in the case of an 11th victim who survived. Franklin is accused of killing his victims-girls and women ranging in age from 14 to 36-between August 1985 and January 2007. Most of the victims were discovered dumped in alleys and covered with debris. They were shot to death and/or strangled.

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AIR DATE May 4, 2016

Duration: 3 Min.

Talent: Kirk Hawkins

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

POLITICS

Description of how this issue was covered

Former Pres. Bill Clinton will visit Los Angeles Wednesday to rally support for his wife's presidential campaign. At 3:00 p.m., Clinton will attend a rally at the Garden Suite Hotel in Koreatown.

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AIR DATE May 4, 2016

Duration: 2 Min

Talent: Ryan Nobles

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

POLITICS

Description of how this issue was covered

The Republican Party's new political reality: Donald Trump is its presumptive presidential nominee. Ted Cruz's sudden exit from the 2016 race Tuesday night following a devastating loss in Indiana all but brought to a halt the hard-fought battle for the GOP nomination, virtually ensuring Trump will garner the 1,237 delegates needed before the Republican convention this summer.

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AIR DATE May 6, 2016

Duration: 3 Min.

Talent: Various

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

CONSUMER

Description of how this issue was covered

ON SET WITH ANCHORS - 8:35AM- FINANCIAL EXPERT AND AUTHOR CHRIS HOGAN
WITH INVESTING TERMS 101 - When it comes to investing, many people talk a good game but some won't admit they don't know exactly what they are talking about when it comes to terms like diversification, compound interest, 401(k) and 401(b) and Roth IRA and Roth 401k. Chris says in the simplest of terms we have to think of the stock market like a supermarket.

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AIR DATE May 10, 2016

Duration: 3 Min.

Talent: Gayle Anderson

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

ENVIRONMENT

Description of how this issue was covered

KTLA BEACH WEEK: WHAT'S POLLUTED! LOCATION– MOTHER'S

BEACH / MARINA DEL REY The non-profit HEAL THE BAY organization

provides us with their preliminary list of dangerous and safe beaches. The final list is

actually released Memorial Day weekend.

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Public Affairs Programming Department

AIR DATE May 11, 2016

Duration: 4 Min.

Talent: Kirk Hawkins

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

Description of how this issue was covered

Cloudy, brown water coming out of the taps at five elementary schools in South Los Angeles has raised safety concerns for officials. People have complained about the tap water conditions for weeks, and at some point 96th Street, Grape Street, Compton Avenue, Joyner and Flournoy elementary schools were only using bottled water. The matter was brought up during a Los Angeles City Council meeting Tuesday, and Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson said he hoped to get an explanation of what was behind the cloudy water. Marty Adams, assistant general manager for the DWP, said a chlorine pump failure at the 99th Street wells back in January caused water to go into the system without being disinfected. Sediment in the water might also be causing it to have the cloudy color. Adams says he's not sure what the source of the sediment is, but that complaints started coming in from Watts in February, after a fire hydrant in the area broke. During the city council meeting Adams said that agency officials are looking into what the problem is and are doing everything they can to flush the pipes in the area. He added that the tap water is safe to drink. "We will flush all the sediments out and we're not going to stop until the problem is resolved," Adams said. Residents spoke to KTLA about water quality problems that have been taking place in the area for years. Some residents are complaining that the DWP only notified them with a letter of the chlorine pump problem in April, even though it actually happened in January.

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Public Affairs Programming Department

AIR DATE June 1, 2016

Duration: 20 Min

Talent: Christina Pascucci

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

CRIME

Description of how this issue was covered

A shooting at UCLA Wednesday morning that prompted an hours-long tactical search was determined to be a murder-suicide, LAPD Chief Charlie Beck said. He said many questions remain unanswered, but the campus is safe. Classes were canceled for the day and are expected to resume Monday. No other injuries were reported at the school. The shooting occurred about 10 a.m. in a small office in the Engineering IV building where two men were found dead, Beck said. A firearm was recovered at the scene. The men have not been identified, but police believe, based on the appearances of the victims, that a professor may have been shot by someone young enough to be a student, a law enforcement source told the Los Angeles Times. Los Angeles City Councilman Paul Koretz told a KTLA reporter that the victim appears to have been a professor.

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Public Affairs Programming Department

AIR DATE June 7, 2016

Duration: Continuous Coverage

Talent: News Staff

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

POLITICS

Description of how this issue was covered

KTLA provided live coverage for the June 7th California Primary. 2- hour Special Election Coverage 8pm – 10pm leading into our 10/11pm News Broadcasts. When the newscast began the reporters provided live reports throughout the broadcasts.

Anchor: Micah Ohlman and Cher Calvin

Congressional District Results: Glen Walker

Bernie Sanders Campaign Coverage: Reporter Kirk Hawkins

Hillary Clinton Campaign Coverage: Marybeth McDade

U.S. Senate Races: Reporter Sara Welch

L.A. County Registrar's office: Reporter Christina Pascucci

Provided Live shots from Los Angeles for Tribune Affiliates Across the Country: Reporter Chris Wolfe

Coverage included a panel of 5 experts:

Caroline Headman Occidental Associate Professor, Specializes in the presidency, media, gender and race relations

Matt Klink, Klink Campaigns Owner/President, Veteran Political and Campaign Consultant

Robert Urteaga, Upward Solutions Public Affairs & Communications, Veteran Campaign Consultant

Raphael Sonenshein, Cal State L.A. Professor, Executive Director, Edmund G. Pat Brown Institute of Public Affairs

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Public Affairs Programming Department

AIR DATE June 24, 2016

Duration: 5 Min

Talent: Kirk Hawkins

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

ENVIRONMENT

Description of how this issue was covered

An out-of-control, wind-driven wildfire burning in the Lake Isabella area of Kern County has left two people dead, destroyed about 80 homes and has grown to more than 19,000 acres in less than a day, authorities said Friday. The two fatalities were confirmed by the Kern County Fire Department about noon Friday. No information on the deaths was available, and the department said firefighters were still "engaged in firefighting operations and are beginning the damage assessment process." Dubbed the Erskine Fire, the blaze had burned about 19,034 acres and destroyed close to 100 structures, with an additional 1,500 threatened, the federal InciWeb information page stated about 10:15 a.m. Friday. The blaze started about 4 p.m. Thursday, and had burned nearly 30 square miles in 18 hours. Before the acreage was updated, authorities had said the fire was at 8,000 acres earlier Friday morning

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Public Affairs Programming Department

AIR DATE June 25, 2016

Duration: 4 Min.

Talent: Kirk Hawkins

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

ENVIRONMENT

Description of how this issue was covered

A deadly wildfire in the Lake Isabella area of Kern County has burned down some 150 structures and was threatening about 1,500 others as firefighters frantically worked Saturday to contain the out-of-control inferno. Less than two days after erupting, the Erskine Fire has left a path of destruction and devastation in its wake, charring nearly 56 square miles of the Southern Sierra Nevada and prompting the evacuations of numerous local residents, according to the federal InciWeb information page. The blaze went from 5 percent containment Friday to 0 percent containment Saturday, according to a tweet from Cal Fire Chief of Public Information Daniel Berlant. Two people, a man and a woman, died in the fire, the Kern County Fire Department said Friday around noon.

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Public Affairs Programming Department

AIR DATE June 27, 2016

Duration: 2 Min

Talent: Chip Yost

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

ENVIRONMENT

Description of how this issue was covered

ENTANGLED WHALE – LOCATION: DANA POINT

Disentanglement team trying to rescue a Blue Whale in Dana Point.

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April 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016

Public Affairs Programming Department

AIR DATE June 27, 2016

Duration: 3 Min.

Talent: Liberte Chan

PROGRAM/SEGMENT

Public Affairs Show
PSA's
Newscast
Live Broadcast
Special Coverage

Issue Addressed in this Program/Segment

GOVERNMENT

Description of how this issue was covered

In a dramatic ruling, the Supreme Court on Monday threw out a Texas abortion access law in a victory to supporters of abortion rights who argued it would have shuttered all but a handful of clinics in the state. The 5-3 ruling is the most significant decision from the Supreme Court on abortion in two decades and could serve to deter other states from passing so-called "clinic shutdown" laws. In joining with the liberal justices, perennial swing vote Justice Anthony Kennedy helped deliver a victory to abortion rights activists and signaled the court's majority in their favor could continue regardless of the presidential election and the filling of the empty seat on the bench left by the death of conservative Justice Antonin Scalia.