

Programs & Issues for the third quarter of 2023 July, August, September

It has been determined the following subjects are of concern to the community and have been considered and addressed substantially by elected officials, community leaders, expert witnesses and the general public.

1. Environment, water and energy
2. Schools, youth and education
3. Emergency preparedness, police and fire
4. Labor and economy
5. Public health and safety

The following programs were produced and broadcast in the public interest:

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Environment

Hundreds of forest fires are raging across Canada. The episode discusses whether California could face a similar fate after a very wet winter that left lots of dry fuel. The guest is Mike Flannigan, professor of wildland fire at Thompson Rivers University in British Columbia.
Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, July 5, 2023 (08:00)

Environment

Some environmentalists are questioning solar panels. In the Mojave Desert, the sprawl of solar panels would help the US get off fossil fuels, but it threatens habitats of native plants and animals. Mike Flannigan of Thompson Rivers University in British Columbia responds.
Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, July 5, 2023 (09:00)

Environment, public health and safety

The National Weather Service issued an excessive heat warning as parts of Los Angeles head for triple-digit temperatures this weekend. Heat negatively affects some people more than others — UCLA Heat Lab Director Bharat Venkat looks at it as “thermal inequality.”
Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, July 12, 2023 (08:00)

Environment, public health and safety

Cities are adopting LED bulbs for streetlights, billboards, and stadiums, but they create a lot of

light pollution, obscuring the stars and disrupting our sleep patterns. Guest Kasha Patel of the Washington Post editor focuses on weather, climate change, and the environment.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, July 12, 2023 (07:00)

Labor and economy

SAG-AFTRA president Fran Drescher declared, “We demand respect,” as Hollywood actors joined writers on the picket line today. The guest is Matt Belloni, founding partner of Puck News and regular contributor to KCRW’s The Business.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Thursday, July 13, 2023 (07:00)

Labor and economy, technology

SAG-AFTRA actor Parisa Fakhri explains why she voted to strike and what she wants to see in the industry going forward.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Thursday, July 13, 2023 (07:00)

Public health and safety

The FDA has announced it is making a birth control pill available over-the-counter. It’s a daily hormonal pill that’s been available by prescription for decades. Guest Alice Miranda Ollstein is a health care reporter for Politico.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Thursday, July 13, 2023 (08:00)

Environment, public health and safety

A third of the U.S. population is currently living under extreme heat warnings. The guest is the author of “The Heat Will Kill You First: Life and Death on a Scorched Planet,” discusses the dangers and possible solutions.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Monday, July 17, 2023 (15:00)

Education, public health and safety

The Temecula Valley Unified School Board faces a \$1.5 million fine after rejecting state-approved textbooks that mention slain LGBTQ rights icon Harvey Milk. Governor Gavin Newsom vowed to send the books to the district anyway.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Thursday, July 20, 2023 (10:00)

Labor, public health and safety

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) chiefs at three major studios (Netflix, Disney, Warner Bros. Discovery, all of whom are African American women, and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences all lost their jobs over a period of 10 days last month.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Thursday, July 20, 2023 (08:00)

Labor and economy, technology

The only other time that both Hollywood actors and writers have been on strike simultaneously

was in 1960. The industry was relatively new, and television was the big disruptor. The author of “TV on Strike: Why Hollywood Went to War Over the Internet,” discusses the issues.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Monday, July 24, 2023 (12:00)

Economy and labor

A new trend has taken over TikTok: the “lazy girl job.” Coined by influencer Gabrielle Judge, it’s about finding non-technical roles that bring in \$60,000-\$80,000 a year, come with a cool boss, actually ends at 5 p.m., and has no pressure to constantly hustle.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, July 26, 2023 (09:00)

Environment, public health and safety

The ocean current system depicted in the movie “The Day After Tomorrow” could end mid-century, says a new study from the University of Copenhagen. Guest Sarah Kaplan is a climate reporter with The Washington Post.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Thursday, July 27, 2023 (15:00)

Economy, labor and education

Employers are finding that new hires fresh out of college lack some basic skills in jobs like engineering, medicine, and customer service. Those doing the hiring blame the pandemic and remote learning, saying it could have serious financial consequences.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023 (07:00)

Environment, public health and safety, disaster preparedness

Amid climate change, wildfires eviscerated the Hawaiian town of Lahaina this week. Thousand of people are now displaced. Hundreds are thought missing, and scores confirmed dead. The guest is the director of the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023 (11:00)

Public health and safety

Doctors have noted that some dementia patients suddenly take up painting, welding, wood carving, even as their memory-loss symptoms worsen. A new UC San Francisco study may have uncovered what’s behind this surge in creativity.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023 (14:00)

Public health and safety

Narcan, the nasal medication that reverses an opioid overdose, will soon be available over the counter and without a prescription. It gained FDA approval for over-the-counter sales in March. The rollout comes after more than 100,000 Americans died of fatal overdoses in 2022.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023 (09:00)

Public health and safety

After states passed bans on abortion in the wake of Roe v. Wade's fall, women are still seeking them in huge numbers in bordering states. The guest is a professor of economics at Middlebury College.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023 (08:00)

Transportation, public health and safety, technology

The Mozilla Foundation surveyed more than two dozen car makers like Tesla, Ford, and Nissan. In examining these company's privacy policies, the data raised researchers' eyebrows. It included sexual activity, sexual orientation, genetic and health data, and immigration status.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023 (08:00)

Economy, public health and safety

The national poverty rate jumped to 12.4 percent in 2022, according to the Census Bureau. The reason: COVID pandemic-era programs helping with food, rent, and unemployment ended and now food banks are seeing crushing demand.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023 (08:00)

Public health and safety

Menopause can include hot flashes, night sweats, and depression. Black and Latino women could experience more severe and longer-lasting symptoms, research shows. Guest Alisha Haridasani Gupta is a women's health reporter for the New York Times.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023 (13:00)

Labor and economy

The Writers Guild of America resumed talks with the studios, networks and streamers Wednesday. The sticking points continue to be wages, residuals from streaming content, and the use of AI. Meanwhile, the SAG-AFTRA strike has no talks scheduled.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023 (09:00)

Education and technology

Experts discuss what a Chat GPT-generated college essay might look like and how much it would threaten the admissions process for prospective college students. Guest Rick Clark is assistant vice provost and executive director of undergraduate admission at Georgia Tech.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023 (13:00)

Transportation, environment and energy, economy

The average price for a gallon of gas in LA County has topped \$6 for the first time in almost a year, according to AAA. Costs are also creeping up statewide, with drivers paying, on average, over 50 cents more per gallon compared to August.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023 (08:00)

Public health and safety

Many cities have dog barking ordinances, and certain residents have been taking full advantage of them to complain. In Laguna Beach, a dog must bark for 30 minutes straight or 60 minutes on-and-off within a 24-hour period for owners to be cited. A dog behaviorist weighs in.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023 (09:00)

Economy and politics, environment

Republicans in Congress might force the government to shut down when the fiscal year ends on Oct. 1. Guest Louis DeSipio is a professor of political science at UCI who talks about why this seems to happen so often.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023 (09:00)