

**Programs & Issues for the fourth quarter of 2023 October, November, December**

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

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

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**Police and public safety**

Director Dawn Porter discusses her film, “Deadlocked: How America Shaped the Supreme Court,” looking at the decades leading up to the creation what is of the most conservative court in recent history.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023 (18:00)

**Environment, emergency response**

Pollution from wildfire smoke has rolled back the nation’s decades of progress on clean air and it’s particularly bad in California, Oregon, Washington, and other western states, according to a new study published in the science journal, “Nature.”

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023 (9:00)

**Environment, economy**

During the wildfires of 2020, California vintners lost billions of dollars by letting grapes die on the vine, according to the Department of Agriculture, and grapes are the highest-value crop in the United States. Guest Anita Oberholster is a UC Davis professor of viticulture and enology.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023 (9:00)

### **Economy, education, police and public safety**

Harvard University professor Daniel Ziblatt, co-author of "Tyranny of the Minority: Why American Democracy Reached the Breaking Point," discussed the current state of Washington as the House is at a standstill until they elect a new speaker.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023 (11:00)

### **Education**

Stanford University math professor Brian Conrad is alarmed that California wants to transform math instruction in schools — focusing on individual students' needs rather than requiring them to follow the same algebra-geometry-calculus track.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023 (12:00)

### **Police and public safety**

An arrest and new testimony may finally solve the murder of Tupac Shakur as Duane "Keffe D" Davis has been charged with the murder of the American rapper. Grand jury testimony in this case reshapes understanding of what happened that night in 1996.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023

### **Police and public safety**

A new investigative ProPublica podcast explores how The Federalist Society's Leonard Leo spent decades building a pipeline for conservative talent that ends at the Supreme Court, with guest Andrea Bernstein.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023 (23:00)

### **Public health and safety**

The American public has a deep fascination with aliens, and former Air Force intelligence officer David Grusch testified before Congress in July 2023 that hidden evidence exists of extraterrestrials, with guest Laura Krantz.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023 (13:00)

### **Business and economy**

Netflix's strategy to end account sharing led to blockbuster growth in the area of nine million new subscribers. Is this sustainable in the long run for the streaming giant? Guest Lucas Shaw speaks with host Marisa Lagos.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Thursday Oct. 19, 2023

### **Business and economy**

United Auto Workers (UAW) President Shawn Fain employed aggressive tactics and unapologetic rhetoric to secure big gains for the union and the labor movement at large,

according to guest Michael Martinez.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023 (9:00)

### **Public health and safety**

Given three years to live in 2016 after a diagnosis of Lou Gehrig's Disease, known as ALS, 32-year-old activist Ady Barkan decided to use his remaining time to fight for political change. "Not Going Quietly" is a documentary about his fight for health care reform.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023 (4:00)

### **Public health and safety, emergency preparedness**

Five years after the Camp Fire destroyed a California town about a third of Paradise has been repopulated by fire survivors and new residents. Now, homes and businesses in the fire-ravaged area are being rebuilt with tougher standards.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023 (12:00)

### **Public health and safety, immigration**

North Korea is arguably the most secretive, repressive, and dangerous country in the world. Each year, hundreds try to escape by defecting, risking torture, banishment, a life sentence in a gulag, and death — not only for themselves but their families.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023 (26:00)

### **Business, labor and economy**

Journalist Matt Belloni is the guest as SAG-AFTRA reached a tentative deal with the AMPTP on Wednesday following a grueling round of last-minute negotiations. He calls the aftermath a "logistical nightmare." The agreement comes after guild members were on strike for 118 days.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023 (10:00)

### **Public health and safety, business and economy**

Guest Jeff Horowitz talks about how newly unsealed documents show Meta's top brass repeatedly warned CEO Mark Zuckerberg that Facebook and Instagram needed more safety measures to protect the well-being of young users. He allegedly ignored them — repeatedly.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023

### **Environment**

California's redwoods are some of the oldest and largest trees in the world, and their habitats near the coasts and the Sierra Nevada are rapidly changing. In recent years, climate change-driven drought and wildfires have rapidly threatened their existence.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Monday, Nov. 13, 2023 (10:00)

### **Public health and safety**

President Biden and China's Xi Jinping will meet this week and are likely to discuss fentanyl, Taiwan, and global conflicts. American political scientist Oriana Skylar Mastro talks about the US need to "think outside the box" to deal with China.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023 (09:00)

### **Public health and safety**

President Biden is facing calls from inside the government to end the violence in Gaza, but it's unclear whether the US has the power to stop the bloodshed. Diplomacy and national security reporter Robbie Gramer is a guest for the discussion.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023 (10:00)

### **Public health and safety**

Since the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision overturned Roe v. Wade last summer, anti-abortion measures have lost in every state where they've been on the ballot. Health care reporter Alice Miranda Ollstein talks about the legal and political future of abortion regulations.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023 (15:00)

### **Business and economy, development and redevelopment**

The 366-foot-tall Vegas entertainment orb known as Sphere is drawing crowds for its U2 residency and inspiring offshoots in southern California. West Hollywood and Santa Monica are among the cities exploring building similar structures.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023 (08:00)

### **Business and economy**

Atlantic magazine's science and technology senior editor Ross Anderson steers a discussion about how OpenAI, the company behind Chat GPT, is leading artificial intelligence and asks: "what is it truly capable of?" He said even its creators aren't sure.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Monday, Nov. 20, 2023 (9:00)

### **Business and economy**

Talent agent and casting director are 'excitingly busy' after the end of the Screen Actors Guild strike, according to one industry member, as the roughly four-month work stoppage had talent agents and casting directors worrying about their livelihoods.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Monday, Nov. 20, 2023 (15:00)

### **Public health and safety**

Race and justice reporter Russell Contreras talks about a time 60 years ago when President

Kennedy met with Latino activists in Houston the night before his assassination. Historians believe it was the first time a sitting president acknowledged the importance of the Latino vote.  
Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023 (10:00)

### **Environment, transportation and technology**

Over the course of 48 hours, The Wall Street Journal's Joanna Stern visited dozens of non-Tesla EV charging stations around Los Angeles County. A significant portion of them didn't work, according to senior personal technology columnist, Stern.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023 (10:00)

### **Business and economy, public health and safety**

A new book explains how the Rothschild family became the center of conspiracy theories, from who controls the world's banks to the origins of COVID. Mike Rothschild, author of Jewish Space Lasers: The Rothschilds and 200 Years of Conspiracy Theories, leads the conversation.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023 (17:00)

### **Business and economy, technology**

CEO Linda Yaccadino was brought on board at social media giant X (formerly Twitter) to temper Elon Musk's antics and soothe advertiser fears. It hasn't gone well, according to Kim Masters, according to Hollywood reporter editor-at-large Kim Masters, host of KCRW's "The Business."

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023 (8:00)

### **Public health and safety**

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is peaking nationwide. COVID and flu numbers are rising too. Dr. Peter Chin-Hong, a professor of medicine who specializes in infectious diseases at the University of California San Francisco, leads a discussion on infection protection during winter.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023 (9:00)

### **Education**

Starting next year, cursive instruction will be mandatory for all California elementary school children. Sara Randazzo, an education reporter for the Wall Street Journal, talks about the return to classrooms of the writing style which has lost some appeal in the last decade or so.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023 (10:00)

### **Business, labor and economy**

Hollywood's year of Writers and Screen Actors Guild strikes, streaming struggles, and big-budget flops is raising questions about how the industry will adjust and what the bottom line will

be for the company town after dual strikes. Bloomberg editor Lucas Shaw is interviewed.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023 (11:00)

### **Public health and safety**

“Detransitioners,” people who transition or begin treatment and then reverse care, wield a lot of influence in shaping conservative transgender laws. Washington Post reporter Molly Hennessy Fisk discusses how representative detransitioners are of a wider movement?

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023 (15:00)

### **Public health and safety**

Most pregnant women experience morning sickness. About 2 percent require hospitalization for an extreme version known as hyperemesis, which is tied to a hormone called GFD15, according to scientists.

Press Play with Madeleine Brand – Aired Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023 (15:00)