

Programs & Issues for the second quarter of 2017 Apr-May-Jun

It has been determined that 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. Law enforcement and public safety
2. Schools, education and youth
3. Traffic and transportation
4. Coastal and environmental issues
5. Parks and recreation
6. Development and redevelopment
7. Healthcare
8. Wells, water supply and conservation
9. Fire services and fire suppression
10. Housing and affordable housing

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

KERW PROGRAMS/ISSUES LIST – 2nd QUARTER 2017 APR-MAY-JUNE

ISSUE	DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	DURATION
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ENERGY AND TRANSPORTATION

The state legislature approved a \$52 billion infrastructure bill, which means higher gas taxes and vehicle registration fees. We find out where the money will go.

Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, 2017 1 hour

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

President Trump met with Egypt's president this week. We get reaction from comedian Bassem Youssef, who launched the first political satire show in Egypt. But for making fun of those in power, his safety was threatened, and he had to cancel the show. He ended up fleeing the country after President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi came to power.

Youssef is the subject of the documentary, "Tickling Giants," which premieres April 7 at the Beverly Hills Laemmle Music Hall.

Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, 2017 1 hour

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

There's a new bill in California that would throw out how the bail system works. Critics of the system say that it punishes poor people for being poor. Some 46,000 people are behind bars in California, awaiting trial or sentencing. Many of those people are stuck in jail because they can't afford bail. We speak with Democratic State Senator Robert Hertzberg, who introduced the bill.

Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, 2017 1 hour

PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION

President Donald Trump -- with his flashy wealth, power and celebrity -- is the "apotheosis of Generation Wealth," according to photographer Lauren Greenfield. Her new exhibit called "Generation Wealth" opens at the Annenberg Space for Photography this weekend. It chronicles the past 25 years of a culture that has become increasingly dominated by the pursuit of money -- a culture that has been exported across the world. Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, 2017 1 hour

ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

Governor Jerry Brown has lifted emergency drought restrictions in all but four counties in California. But he warned that the next drought could be around the corner, and that conservation must remain a way of life.

Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2017 1 hour

HEALTHCARE AND SCIENCE

Hugh Herr was a teenaged rock-climbing star when he lost his legs below the knees, then built prosthetics to help him walk and climb even more efficiently. Lee Spievack was able to regrow his finger with part of a pig's bladder. Pat Fletcher lost her eyesight in a grenade factory explosion, then learned to see with her ears, with the help of a special machine. They're all part of Adam Piore's new book "The Body Builders: Inside the Science of the Engineered Human."

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TRANSPORTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

On Sunday, United Airlines forcibly removed a man from an overbooked flight. Videos of the event have gone viral and United is reeling from the public backlash they've caused. The airline randomly selected the man to be "involuntarily" bumped to a later flight to make room for its own staff. This practice of "re-accommodating," as United put it, is legal. We discuss what this incident says about the airline industry.

U.S. POLITICS

Democratic lawmakers are pushing to move California's primary up to make it more relevant in 2020, but will it make a difference if they succeed?

ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

The Colorado River supplies water to 6 million acres of farmland and 36 million Americans, including Angelenos. Last week, it was named the most endangered river in America. We take a close look at the nearly 1500 miles of the Colorado with the author of "Where The Water Goes."

Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2017 1 hour

PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION

Donald Trump billed his presidential win as a triumph of Middle America over coastal liberalism -- made possible by the forgotten people of the Midwest and the South. But California served as a major incubator for the hard-line conservative thinking that helped propel him to the White House. It's an ideology birthed out of opposition to the liberal politics and multiculturalism that now dominate the state.

Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, 2017 1 hour

PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION, IMMIGRATION, LABOR

President Trump signed an executive order Tuesday that affects H1-B visas. Used often by the tech sector, they allow U.S. companies to employ high-skilled foreign workers. The Trump administration argues that the program displaces American workers and drives down wages. About 85,000 foreign workers get an H1B visa each year. And there's been a downtick in the number of visa applications for the next fiscal year. Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, 2017 1 hour

MILITARY AND SCIENCE

Most scientists will tell you psychokinesis -- the ability to move things with your mind -- is nonsense. But the American military and CIA have been trying to find ways to use these mental powers for decades.

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MARIJUANA INDUSTRY, HEALTHCARE, POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Recreational marijuana is legal in California, but not at the federal level. An Assembly committee passed a bill this week that would bar state and local police from helping federal agents crack down on those who grow and sell recreational marijuana. Attorney General Jeff Sessions opposes recreational pot, and recently signalled that a federal crackdown may be on the way.

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MARIJUANA INDUSTRY, HEALTHCARE, POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

In the Salinas Valley, old greenhouses sat vacant for years after the cut flower business shifted to Latin America. Now marijuana growers are snatching up those same greenhouses. The area's balance of sunshine and ocean breezes is perfect for growing weed.

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ENVIRONMENT AND PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION

President Trump has struggled to deliver on campaign promises like health care and immigration, but he's delivered on climate. In just a few months, Trump has rolled back environmental and climate protections, installed climate deniers at the head of major agencies, and approved huge oil pipelines.

Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, April 29, 2017 1 hour

SCIENCE AND HEALTHCARE

Steven Pete has never felt pain, not even when he broke more than 70 bones in his body. Pam Costa feels pain constantly, even wearing clothes hurts. She has a rare condition that makes her skin feel like it's always on fire. Pete and Costa both live in Washington State and are helping scientists identify a cure for pain without using opiates.

Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, April 29, 2017 1 hour

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

In this edition of Zocalo's Connecting California, Chery Glazer speaks with Joe Matthews, about a rough couple of months for Berkley, the city and the UC campus and how Berkley has been a lightning rod.

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PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

President Trump warned there may be tapes of conversations he had with ousted FBI Director James Comey. Democrats quickly called for those tapes to be turned over, but Republicans didn't make much comment. The president also threatened to do away with White House briefings.

Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, 2017 1 hour

HEALTHCARE

You've heard the rules for being rested: Get 7 to 8 hours of sleep, limit caffeine, have a bedtime routine, turn off your devices. But many still struggle. The Centers for Disease Control says that more than 50 million American adults have a sleep disorder. A new book about the history of sleep found that two centuries ago, things were completely different. Sleep was social, and people dozed in two 4-hour chunks rather than a straight 8-hour shot through the night.

Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, 2017 1 hour

CULTURAL ARTS

Chris Burden is the artist behind the Instagram-famous street lamps at LACMA. But in the '70s, his performance art scared and confused visitors and critics alike. He made a name for himself when he hired a man to shoot him in the arm for the sake of performance art. He also nailed himself to a car in Venice beach, and held a knife to an interviewer on live TV. All of this is in the new documentary "Burden."

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IMMIGRATION, LABOR AND PUBLIC SAFETY

An investigation finds that at a chicken factory run by Case Farms, some workers had to have their limbs amputated after being hurt on the job. The company uses undocumented immigrants and sometimes fires them if they protest the conditions.

Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, 2017 1 hour

PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION

On Monday we learned that President Donald Trump shared classified intelligence with the Russian foreign minister. Then, memos from fired FBI head James Comey showed awkward conversations with Donald Trump. On Wednesday, the Justice Department appointed a special counsel. And on Friday a transcript has Trump telling the Russian foreign minister that James Comey was a nut job and firing him eased pressure off of Trump from the Russian investigation. What will the week ahead bring us? Trump takes off for his first trip abroad. And we have a timely conversation with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Tim Weiner about the FBI and comparisons to Watergate.

Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2017 1 hour

CALIFORNIA POLITICS

Eric Bauman won this weekend's election to become the new chairman of the California Democratic Party. He won by just 62 votes -- out of about 3000 -- against progressive candidate Kimberly Ellis. Ellis has refused to concede. She's questioning the integrity of the election, and wants to review each vote. We hear from Bauman about whether the votes should be recounted, and whether he's flummoxed by the election.

Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, May 27, 2017 1 hour

CULTURAL ARTS

A brand new contemporary art museum opened Thursday in the former Scottish Rite Masonic Temple on Wilshire Blvd. The Marciano Art Foundation displays the art collection of Paul and Maurice Marciano, the founders of the fashion brand Guess. Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, May 27, 2017 1 hour

CUTURAL ARTS

LA billionaire Jerry Perenchio died this week. He produced hit movies and TV shows, transformed Univision into a media empire, and gave most of his personal art collection -- worth \$500 million -- to LACMA.

Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, May 27, 2017 1 hour

ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

A bridge collapse in Big Sur has cut off residents since February, and it could take more than a year to fix. On top of that, a massive landslide at Mud Creek this past weekend meant closing down Highway 1 for a 12-mile stretch, and could further complicate repairs.

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IMMIGRATION, POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The Trump administration's crackdown on immigration has spurred Mexican cartels to spruce up their smuggling tunnels. People and contraband are now coming into the U.S. through much more sophisticated, high-tech underground routes.

Guest: Jean Guerrero, Fronteras reporter at KPBS in San Diego.

Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2017 1 hour

SCIENCE AND CULTURE

Vantablack is allegedly the blackest black that exists. It was originally only used for aerospace technology, until Anish Kapoor got exclusive rights to use it in art. No one else could get their hands on it. British artist Stuart Semple decided to fight back by creating his own color -- the pinkest pink -- and banning Kapoor from buying it.

Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2017 1 hour

PUBLIC SAFETY

For the last 60 years, the U.S. government has kept up a multi-billion dollar program to save people and retaliate after a major attack, like a nuclear strike from a foreign enemy. The idea is to evacuate people to secret bunkers until they can reemerge and rebuild the U.S. But the government doesn't plan to save everyone.

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RECREATION

In 2002, photographer Tabitha Soren found 21 men who were on the brink of becoming professional athletes. They were members of Oakland A's draft class. Soren followed their careers and lives for a decade. But the call to join the big leagues never came for most of the players. Age, injury, or not being good enough ended their childhood dreams. Soren compiled her photos in a new book called "Fantasy Life."

Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2017 1 hour

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, RACE RELATIONS

After 52 hours of deliberation, the jury in Bill Cosby's sexual assault case ended in mistrial Saturday, after the jury found itself deadlocked. Cosby could face a new trial as soon as October. His defense team says he is vindicated. But prosecutors are calling for more women to step forward. The high-profile trial has brought up themes of celebrity, race, gender, and media attention.

Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2017 1 hour

YOUTH, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SAFETY

You could call it being an extreme extrovert -- people who are always excited to hug strangers and or strike up conversations with everyone they meet. But taken too far, it's a genetic disorder. People with Williams Syndrome have no suspicion or skepticism toward strangers. That can be dangerous when you trust the wrong person. A new book follows the story of one young man with Williams, and how his mother raises him. It's called "The Boy Who Loved Too Much: A True Story of Pathological Friendliness."

Public affairs program aired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2017 1 hour