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MINIMUM WAGE ORDER
July 1, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:55)
KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that in a stunning development tonight, Governor Schwarzenegger has ordered that 200-thousand state workers be paid minimum wage this month, because the legislature failed to pass a budget on time.

DEMOCRATS/REPUBLICANS - ECONOMY
July 3, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:49)
KCAL9 & CBS Political Analyst John Dickerson reports that with 15-million Americans still out of work and critical mid-term elections just four months away, the sluggish economy is a problem for the President and his party.

RNC STEELE
July 7, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:20)
KCAL9 Reporter Bill Plante reports that Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele is under fire again. Tonight, members of his own party want him to resign. One name being mentioned to replace him is Sarah Palin.

GOVERNORS CONFERENCE
July 9, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:48)
KCAL9 Reporter Steve Lacy reports how Governors from across the country are spending the weekend in Boston, for a meeting of the National Governors Association. The Governors have a full plate of issues to tackle, including Arizona's tough new illegal immigration crackdown.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
July 10, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:09)
KCAL9 Reporter Bill Plante reports that Congress returns to Washington next week to face a big backlog of unfinished business. At the top of the list is the future of unemployment benefits.

TICKETGATE RULES
July 13, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:29)
KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports live with an update on the story of how L.A.'s Mayor has enjoyed tickets for some of the best seats in the house for events like the Oscars, Dodgers and Lakers games… but that could change soon. The City Ethics panel is looking into the matter.

GOVERNOR RACE
July 17, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:45)
KCAL9 Reporter Bill Whitaker reports that in a few months, California will have a new Governor. It comes down to either a career politician or a billionaire businesswoman. So how does Jerry Brown fare against Meg Whitman right now?

BELL CITY HALL
July 21, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:25)
KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that there is more outrage over the high salaries of several city officials in Bell. Now, City Council members are talking tough. They want the City Manager and two other top officials to resign.

LEAKED DOCUMENTS
July 25, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:03)
KCAL9 Reporter Juan Fernandez reports that it could be the biggest leak of military records from the war in Afghanistan. A whistleblower website today posted nearly 100-thousand leaked U.S. military documents, describing years of unreported civilian deaths, covert operations and raids.

GOVERNOR BUDGET
July 26, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:45)
KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that Governor Schwarzenegger told the L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce today that if he doesn't get the pension, tax and spending reforms he wants, he will leave office without signing the state's next budget.

FURLOUGHS ORDERED
July 28, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:03)
KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that thousands of state workers here in California will be furloughed once again, because of the state's $19-billion budget shortfall. Governor Schwarzenegger's executive order requires workers to take three unpaid days off per month starting Sunday.

SCHWARZENEGGER STAMP
July 31, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:33)
KCAL9 Reporter Juan Fernandez report on how Governor Schwarzenegger is celebrating his 63rd birthday this weekend. And in commemoration, a series of new stamps featuring the Governor went on sale today in Austria.

WATERS – RANGEL
August 2, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:44)
KCAL9 Reporter Bill Plante reports that a House panel today officially charged local Congresswoman Maxine Waters with ethics violations. She's accused of breaking rules in asking for federal help for a bank which had connections to her husband.

ARNOLD FURLOUGHS
August 3, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:15)
KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that Governor Schwarzenegger is defending his plan to reinstate three-day-a-month furloughs for state workers. He said higher taxes are not an option when it comes to trimming the budget deficit, so spending cuts are necessary.

CAMPAIGN SPECIAL
August 4, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:45)
KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports we'll be bringing you an exciting Campaign 2010 special this weekend, called, "Meet the Candidates", and our focus is on the race for Governor.

CANDIDATES UNDER FIRE
August 6, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 4:28)
KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that Jerry Brown's motion today doesn't take away from the negative press he's seen this week on the campaign trail. In fact, both the candidates for California Governor are taking it on the chin tonight, for different reasons.

GOVERNOR MOVIE BOYCOTT
August 12, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:59)
KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that several state workers plan to boycott a movie opening tomorrow simply because it features Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. The workers are angry that the Governor wants to impose a new set of furloughs.

BELL PROPERTY TAXES
August 13, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:09)
KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that there is more outrage in Bell tonight, already reeling from a salary and pension scandal at City Hall. An audit is showing that homeowners were overcharged on their property taxes.

BLAGOJEVICH
August 17, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:55)
KCAL9 Reporter Randall Pinkston reports that today, former Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich was convicted of lying to federal agents. But the jury deadlocked on 23 other counts against him, forcing a mistrial.

FURLOUGH FRIDAY
August 18, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:44)
KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that the California Supreme Court says furloughs of state workers can resume, while it reviews whether the Governor has the authority to mandate unpaid days off for government employees.

REPUB FALL CONVENTION
August 20, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:12)
KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that state Republicans are meeting in San Diego this weekend for their autumn convention. Republican gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman is the headliner tonight.

PRIMARY RACES
August 24, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 4:18)
KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports on one of the biggest nights of the 2010 primary season. Voters in five states are picking their party's candidates to run in November for Governor, the House and the Senate.

PRIMARY RESULTS
August 25, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:46)
KCAL9 Reporter Joel Brown reports that in primary elections in five states, the political establishment and incumbents did well. However, there was one exception.

OBAMA SPEECH
August 31, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:52)
KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that President Obama says it's time to turn the page in one of the nation's longest wars. Tonight in an address, the President thanked the troops for their service and said Iraqis now have the chance to shape their own future.

BOXER-FIORINA DEBATE
September 1, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 3:10)
KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that tonight, the candidates for one of the most hotly contested Senate seats in the country engaged in their first head-to-head debate of the general election campaign.

MIDEAST PEACE TALKS
September 2, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:53)
KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that tonight, the Obama administration kicked off the latest American effort to solve the puzzle in the Middle East. It's a puzzle that four of his predecessors tried to piece together, too, but all of them failed.

GOVERNOR CAMPAIGN
September 6, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 3:50)
KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that with the polls showing they could go either way, the two headliner statewide political races—for Governor and for Senate—moved into the heat of the campaign.

GOVERNOR DEBATES
September 8, 4-5 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:37)
KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that in Campaign 2010, Jerry Brown and Meg Whitman have agreed to another debate. Brown has also challenged Whitman to participate in ten town hall-style debates, including one here in Los Angeles.

SCHWARZENEGGER CHINA
September 11, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:39)
KCAL9 Reporter Juan Fernandez reports that Governor Schwarzenegger has arrived in China to begin an Asian trade mission, and aides are saying the trip won't cost taxpayers.

BELL PROP TAX REFUNDS
September 13, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:57)
KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports live in Bell, where much-needed millions are coming to the residents there! California's Lieutenant Governor signed a bill today that will help begin to right the city's financial wrongs.

CLINTON ENDORSES BROWN
September 14, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:46)
KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that in the campaign for Governor of California, Jerry Brown just received a major endorsement—from former president Bill Clinton.

RACE FOR GOVERNOR
September 15, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:54)
KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that in the race for California Governor, Meg Whitman set a record for giving the most money to her own campaign. $119 million—the most in American history.

PROP 19 - BEER VS. MARIJUANA
September 16, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 3:11)
KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports live from Hollywood on how the California Beer & Beverage Distributors Group is taking a sudden interest in California's legalized marijuana battle. But some are wondering whether it's simply a matter of beer-makers fearing competition from legalized marijuana.

UN ADDRESS
September 23, 4-5 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:06)
KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports on how President Obama used his second address to the United Nations to put the world spotlight on Middle East politics.

MIDTERM ELECTIONS/JOBS
September 27, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:59)
KCAL9 Reporter Joel Brown reports that just five weeks remain until voters head to the polls for the midterm election. Jobs are the number one issue, and control of Congress is at stake.

BILL DEADLINE
September 30, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:01)
KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that the clock is counting down for the Governor to sign hundreds of bills on his desk by midnight. If the Governor does nothing, the leftover bills automatically become law.

KMART SHOOTING
July 2, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:59)
KCAL9 Reporter Stacey Butler reports that two officers learned the hard way today that even when you get a suspect into handcuffs, it's not over. A suspected shoplifter still managed to shoot the two officers outside a Kmart in Burbank.

14-YEAR-OLD KILLED
July 5, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 4:05)
KCAL9 Reporter Dave Lopez reports live from Rampart, where police say a stray bullet from a gang shootout hit a 14-year-old girl as she was walking her grandmother to her house.

GRIM SLEEPER
July 7, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:36)
KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports on how L.A. police have been looking for the so-called 'Grim Sleeper' serial killer for more than 25 years. Tonight, thanks to DNA evidence and a slice of pizza, they have a suspect in custody.

GIBSON TIRADE
July 9, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 3:14)
KCAL9 Reporter Stacey Butler reports on how Mel Gibson is under fire and under investigation, as deputies investigate possible domestic violence charges. He was caught on tape in a profanity-laced tirade to his ex-girlfriend.

DRUG CAR FOUND
July 12, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:37)
KCAL9 Reporter Kirk Hawkins reports on an unexpected drug find—more than one-and-a-half tons of marijuana in a railroad tanker car—and how investigators were led to the drugs.

HIT AND RUN CHILD
July 15, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:00)
KCAL9 Reporter Melissa McCarty reports live from the scene of a deadly hit-and-run. Officials are on the hunt tonight for the female driver who killed a 10-year-old boy as he walked home from school.

NEIGHBOR STABS WOMAN
July 17, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:59)
KCAL9 Reporter Kara Finnstrom reports live from Anaheim on how a 69-year-old woman was attacked in front of her home while she was reading The Bible. Authorities say the young man responsible is her neighbor.

PARK SHOOTING
July 21, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:22)
KCAL9 Reporter Rita Garcia reports live from the scene of breaking news, as a seven-year-old was shot in Norwalk Park. Detectives are interviewing witnesses at Holifield Park, a few miles west of the 5 freeway.

SEXUAL ASSAULT
July 24, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:08)
KCAL9 Reporter Kara Finnstrom reports the top story this hour, the search for a woman's attacker. The victim says she was sexually assaulted inside a gated apartment complex early this morning.

VALLEY VILLAGE VICTIM
July 26, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:46)
KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports on an emotional tribute tonight for a bride-to-be murdered inside her Valley Village home. Dozens of people turned out, including the victim's fiancé. As police try to solve the murder, loved ones are demanding justice.

VALLEY VILLAGE MURDER
July 28, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:22)
KCAL9 Reporter Melissa McCarty reports live from Valley Village with the latest on how a large reward will be offered tomorrow in the murder of a bride-to-be. Tonight we're learning new details about the search for the killer.

WOMAN MURDERED
July 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:40)
KCAL9 Reporter Michele Gile has the story of a Santa Ana man who is in custody tonight, accused of beating his wife to death. Police believe he killed her, than ran away to Mexico. He was arrested when he tried to come back into the U.S.

PARKING LOT STABBING
August 2, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:59)
KCAL9 Reporter Amy Murphy reports live with the story of an Orange County woman in critical but stable condition tonight, after a vicious attack in a supermarket parking lot. She was stabbed and then carjacked.

PURSUIT TERMINATION
August 5, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:37)
KCAL9 Reporter Melissa McCarty reports live on a man's wild run from the law. It began when the man allegedly contacted police and threatened to 'blow away' a cop. Not to be taken lightly, the chase was on.

CHILD HIT AND RUN
August 7, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:48)
KCAL9 Reporter Amy Murphy reports live from the San Bernardino County town of Muscoy, where an investigation is underway as police look for the driver who hit a boy but didn't stop.

CHASE SUSPECT FOLLOW
August 9, 4-5 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:55)
KCAL9 Reporter Amy Murphy reports live from Exposition Park, on how a man who led police on a wild chase is out of the hospital and out of police custody, but possibly not for long. Police might file charges—and now the suspect's family claims officers used excessive force.

ELDER FINANCIAL ABUSE
August 13, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:55)
KCAL9 Reporter Suzanne Marques reports live from Long Beach on the search for a Temple City woman on the run tonight. Police say she stole millions of dollars from an elderly stroke victim, and used the money to buy a house, a BMW, jewelry and more.

CHASE GUN THEFT
August 16, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:10)
KCAL9 Reporter Suraya Fadel reports on how a police pursuit snarled traffic this morning on the San Bernardino Freeway. The trouble started with a burglary at a shooting range in Azusa.

MOTHER RAPE
August 20, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:59)
KCAL9 Reporter Juan Fernandez reports that a brutal attack has terrorized a South L.A. neighborhood. Tonight, police are on the hunt for a man who robbed and raped a woman, then locked her in a closet inside her home.

GRIM SLEEPER ARRAIGNMENT
August 23, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:49)
KCAL9 Reporter Kirk Hawkins reports that today the 'Grim Sleeper' suspect pleaded not guilty to murdering ten people. The suspect—Lonnie Franklin Junior—could face the death penalty if convicted.

WEHO TRIPLE HOMICIDE
August 27, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:00)
KCAL9 Reporter Edward Lawrence reports live from West Hollywood, where witnesses say it sounded like firecrackers going off—but we now know it was gunfire. The deadly shooting left three men, identified by the Coroner as two brothers and another man, dead.

MURDER-SUICIDE LAKE HAVASU
August 29, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:08)
KCAL9 Reporter Stephanie Abrams reports live from Rancho Cucamonga, after a mass murder ended with the gunman taking his own life. Five people were shot to death inside a Lake Havasu City, Arizona home.

SHOOTING ROLLOVER
August 31, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:27)
KCAL9 Reporter Melissa McCarty reports live from the scene of breaking news in Orange County. A shooting led to a car crash and a victim fighting to stay alive after his car flipped over.

SEARCH WARRANT NORMA
September 1, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:05)
KCAL9 Reporter Stacey Butler reports live from Moreno Valley, on how a key piece of the puzzle surrounding the murder of teenager Norma Lopez may be locked away in an evidence lot tonight. Deputies hauled an SUV away from a home after serving a search warrant.

SANTA ANA MURDER
September 6, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:01)
KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Michele Gile reports live from Santa Ana with the story of how police say a man who hit it big at a local casino was robbed and killed early this morning.

6TH & UNION STAKEOUT
September 8, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:42)
KCAL9 Reporter Suzanne Marques reports live from near 6th & Union, where police are making arrests again tonight. There has been a massive deployment of police again tonight near downtown L.A., an area still tense three days after a Guatemala man was shot to death by police.

CHINATOWN BOY
September 10, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:43)
KCAL9 Reporter Stephanie Abrams reports live from Chinatown on what was a gruesome find in the garbage. Police sift for clues at a recycling plant, after a body is found in the trash.

MOLOTOV COCKTAILS
September 13, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:49)
KCAL9 Reporter Stephanie Abrams reports live from Long Beach, where investigators are asking for help to hunt down an arsonist. Two Molotov cocktail attacks against the same home took place within hours. If witnesses hadn't noticed the devices in time, there could have been serious injuries and damage.

ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING
September 15, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:06)
KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that tonight L.A. police are looking for a sexual predator who tried to kidnap a 12-year-old girl as she was walking to school Monday morning.

BELMONT CAT BURGLARIES
September 17, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:09)
KCAL9 Reporter Dave Lopez reports on a crime alert, as Long Beach Police warn residents to lock their doors and windows. In recent weeks, intruders have walked right into homes in the Belmont Shore area.

CHILD STABBED
September 20, 4-5 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:25)
KCAL9 Ventura County Reporter Amy Johnson reports live from the scene where police had to break up a fight between the mother of a little girl and the mother's boyfriend, after the little girl was found dead inside her home today. Now, her mother is in custody.

HAWTHORNE HOMICIDE
September 23, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:43)
KCAL9 Reporter Kirk Hawkins reports live from Hawthorne, where a man was stabbed to death in the middle of the night, at what is normally a busy intersection by day, with a Denny's on one side of the street and a big chain drug store on the other.

BRIDE-TO-BE MURDER
September 24, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:29)
KCAL9 Reporter Greg Mills reports live with the story of how today was supposed to be a day filled with love and joy for a Valley Village woman. This was to be Cheree Osmanhodzic's wedding day. But she was murdered two months ago, and police are still looking for her killer.

MISSING TEACHER DEATH
September 26, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:17)
KCAL9 Reporter Rita Garcia reports live from Florence on the tragic end in the search for a local missing teacher. Investigators say his body was found under a bridge in the Angeles National Forest.

NATIONAL GUARD SUN MURDER
September 30, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:04)
KCAL9 Reporter David Goldstein reports that detectives and family members are asking for the public's help solving the murder of a Carson teenager.

CLEAR VISION SLEEP
July 5, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:49)
KCAL9 Reporter Juan Fernandez reports something you can really do in your sleep: help correct your vision. An eye doctor in Madrid, Spain has been using a special type of contact lens he says fixes people's nearsightedness while they sleep.

DEPRESSION DEMENTIA
July 6, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:31)
KCAL9 Reporter Lisa Sigell reports that people who suffer from depression may be more likely to have dementia later in life, according to a new study in the journal "Neurology." Those with depression were twice as likely to eventually develop dementia.

MEDICARE SCAM DIABETES
July 7, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:36)
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports a warning on a new Medicare scheme targeting people with diabetes. The AARP reports that patients in Indiana and California are receiving calls offering free diabetes equipment, just to get their Medicare number and other information.

FISH OIL BREAST CANCER
July 8, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:31)
KCAL9 Reporter Lisa Sigell reports in Health Watch, that fish oil may help protect the body from breast cancer. Researchers found that women who took fish oil supplements regularly had a 32% lower risk of developing the disease.

GESTATIONAL DIABETES
July 9, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:56)
KCAL9 Reporter Randall Pinkston reports on how thousands of women are diagnosed with gestational diabetes every year. Now new research shows there can be an increased risk for diabetes long after the baby comes.

TEA HYDRATION
July 16, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:40)
KCAL9 Reporter Charlie D'Agata reports that a new health study shows that having a nice cup of tea may be able to hydrate your body even better than drinking water.

RECOGNIZING HEAT ILLNESS
July 19, 4-5 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:24)
KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that since parts of Southern California are experiencing temperatures in the triple digits, it's a good time to start thinking about preventing heat-related illnesses.

CANCER FITNESS
July 23, 4-5 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:29)
KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that a national panel is urging cancer patients to stay active and get the same amount of exercise that's recommended for the average person. And new cancer fitness classes are popping up across the country to fit that prescription.

ELDERCARE DOCTORS
July 25, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:29)
KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports on a doctor dilemma tonight. As baby boomers age, and the number of doctors trained to care for them shrinks, there's concern there won't be enough doctors to help patients through their golden years.

CALCIUM SUPPLEMENT DANGER
July 29, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:57)
KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports a Health Watch warning tonight for those who use calcium supplements to prevent bone loss - they could be bad for your heart. New research shows that calcium supplements can lead to a 30% increased risk for heart attack.

HYPOTHERMIA HEART ATTACKS
July 30, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:40)
KCAL9 Reporter Ron Trevino reports that the medical community is experiencing something of a 'cold front', as some doctors are using hypothermia on patients with heart problems.

BIKINI WORKOUT
August 3, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 3:47)
KCAL9 Reporter Christina McLarty reports that if you skipped the beach again today because you don't think you have that bikini body, it's still not too late to shape up before the sun sets on summer. A trainer shows some great toning tips.

PROSTATE CANCER
August 4, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:43)
KCAL9 Reporter Manuel Gallegus reports on a possible new treatment for prostate cancer that is currently in the testing stages. It uses lasers, and lights.

PREGNANT WOMEN WEIGHT
August 6, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:35)
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that for the first time, a study reveals that women who gain a lot of weight when they're pregnant will have heavier babies.

YOGA CONCERNS
August 11, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:51)
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that the yoga business is booming in America, but so are the number of yoga-related injuries! Experts predict the number will soar because of a lack of experienced teachers.

ACETAMINOPHEN DANGER
August 13, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:30)
KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that there's growing concern about the possible side effects a popular medication can cause. A new study shows even a low dose of acetaminophen can lead to breathing problems and a skin condition.

COLICKY BABIES
August 18, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:54)
KCAL9 Reporter Sandra Hughes reports that having a baby with colic is extremely stressful, but parents may be able to take comfort with new information about probiotics. It could be the key to calming a colicky baby.

POISON IVY
August 20, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:54)

KCAL9 Reporter Lisa Sigell reports in Health Watch that a growing number of people are suffering this summer, as poison ivy cases are skyrocketing.

STEM CELL RULING
August 24, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:55)
KCAL9 Reporter Ty Chandler reports that the debate over stem cells is back under the microscope today. A federal judge has halted all federal funding for embryonic stem cell research, and we have reaction from the medical community.

WHOOPING COUGH
August 25, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:41)
KCAL9 Reporter David Goldstein reports that Southern California students are heading back to class, but if your child has not been vaccinated for whooping cough, he or she might not be able to attend school.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA
August 26, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:47)
KCAL9 Reporter Kirk Hawkins reports that L.A.'s battle against medical marijuana clinics is heating up. The City Attorney is planning to file a lawsuit today and ask a judge to back up the city's shutdown of more than 100 dispensaries, and further limit access for patients.

CELLULITE TREATMENT
August 27, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:51)
KCAL9 Reporter Ashley Morrison reports that many people are searching for ways to look younger, and now new technology can help combat cellulite and reduce wrinkles.

TEEN CONCUSSIONS
August 31, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:58)
KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that the medical community is concerned by an alarming increase in concussions and other brain injuries among younger athletes.

VIDEOGAME PAIN MANAGEMENT
September 1, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:00)
KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that one L.A. doctor is testing a new way to treat pain, via virtual reality. He says that the 'virtual pain killer' is proving to be highly successful.

SLEEP DIET
September 3, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:27)
KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that new evidence shows a good night's sleep can help you maintain a healthy weight. Researchers in Boston say teenagers who don't get a full eight hours a night eat more fatty foods and snacks.

CALORIE-COUNTING POPCORN
September 6, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:08)
KCAL9 Reporter Vince Gerasole reports that when you go to the movies and grab a bag of popcorn with a large soda, you might not care to count calories. But some health watchdogs are saying you should.

MUSHROOM MEDICINE
September 7, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 4:07)
KCAL9 Reporter Stephanie Abrams reports that in the '60s, some people used mushrooms for the hallucinogenic effect. Now, those same 'magic mushrooms' are being used to ease the pain and anxiety of cancer patients.

MASSAGE BENEFITS
September 8, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:26)
KCAL9 Reporter Suzanne Marques reports that getting a massage can help you relax, but now a groundbreaking study shows it can also have major health benefits. Massage can help people with everything from asthma to HIV.

WHOOPING COUGH
September 15, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:16)
KCAL9 Reporter Rachel Kim reports that a baby less than two months old is the latest victim of whooping cough in California, and finds out how parents can protect their children.

WHOOPING COUGH LATEST
September 16, 4-5 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:35)
KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that the state is sounding the alarm in the whooping cough epidemic. Health officials say California is close to breaking a 55-year record of whooping cough cases.

NEW HIV TEST
September 17, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 Reporter Wendy Rigby reports that doctors are trying a new HIV test. It can detect the presence of the virus weeks earlier than other drug tests, and will help prevent new infections.

HEALTH CARE REFORM
September 24, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:16)
KCAL9 Reporter Kaj Goldberg reports that health care relief began for many Americans today. No more caps on lifetime health benefits & no more worries about pre-existing conditions—those are just two of the key elements in the landmark health care law taking effect.

MAGNESIUM DIABETES
September 27, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:36)
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that getting enough magnesium in your diet could lower your chances of developing diabetes. Researchers found people who consumed the most magnesium were about half as likely to develop the disease over the next 20 years.

COMPUTER VISION SYNDROME
September 29, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:00)
KCAL9 Reporter Karen Brown reports that doctors say technology is taking a toll on our eyes. Tired, itchy eyes may be a result of what's being called 'computer vision syndrome'. But there are easy ways to make your eyes feel better.

GREENLEAF
September 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:36)
KCAL9 Reporter Christina McLarty reports that dining healthy can be an adventure, and even delicious—from leafy greens to low-fat burgers, a chain of eateries is filling the bill for health-conscious Angelenos.

IMMIGRATION REFORM
July 1, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:55)
KCAL9 Reporter Karen Brown reports that illegal immigration is sparking debate all across the nation. Now President Obama says it's time Congress considers comprehensive reform. The move comes just as Arizona gets set to implement its controversial new law.

FOURTH OF JULY ROSE BOWL
July 2, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:14)
KCAL9 Reporter Suraya Fadel reports live from the Rose Bowl where they're getting fired up for the big fireworks extravaganza on the 4th. Preparations are already underway.

SCBC 4TH
July 4, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 3:06)
KCAL9 Reporter Rachel Kim reports live with highlights of our very own 4th of July party right here at our Studio City Broadcast Center, featuring a spectacular fireworks show.

NAACP LEGAL POT
July 10, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 3:34)
KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports on how the question of whether California should legalize the recreational use of marijuana has created a firestorm within the African-American community. On one side is the California chapter of the NAACP, and on the other are two large church organizations.

SOUTH AFRICAN WINES
July 11, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:51)
KCAL9 Reporter Russ Mitchell reports that long before South Africa hosted the World Cup, the country was attracting attention for its wines. Now some black-owned wineries are looking to break into the U.S. market with an American's help.

RACIAL PROFILING
July 12, 4-5 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:35)
KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that concern is growing about some racial profiling incidents in the city of Los Angeles. The ACLU and the American-Islamic Relations Organization are holding a series of nationwide meetings on the matter.

PATTERNS FOR PAWS
July 15, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:30)
KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that there was high-fashion dog style at the Patterns for Paws charity event at the Pacific Design Center. Tonight's event benefits The Amanda Foundation, which has been rescuing dogs and cats from shelters for the past 30 years.

POOL EVACUATION
July 19, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:14)
KCAL9 Reporter Kara Finnstrom reports live from Arcadia, where hazmat teams and fire trucks swarmed around a public pool today. The pool was evacuated and 17 kids were treated because there was way too much chlorine in the water.

NORMA LOPEZ VIGIL
July 21, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:13)
KCAL9 Reporter Stacey Butler reports live from Moreno Valley, where candles burn and grief grows for Norma Lopez. People came by the hundreds tonight to remember the 17-year-old whose body was identified a few hours ago.

FARMERS AND DISCRIMINATION
July 24, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:33)
KCAL9 Reporter Dean Reynolds reports that 30-thousand African-American farmers could soon receive a big payback from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, following years of apparent racism by the agency.

LANCASTER LIBRARY CUTS
July 26, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:50)
KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that some bookworms in the Antelope Valley will have to find somewhere else to go on Mondays. The Valley's largest public library will now be closed every Monday, and is among 45 county libraries with reduced hours.

NORMA LOPEZ VIEWING
July 28, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:41)
KCAL9 Reporter Stacey Butler reports live from Moreno Valley on the emotional evening taking place, as the mysterious murder of teenager Norma Lopez has touched so many people. Tonight, people came from all over for a viewing, and a gathering to share grief and say goodbye.

SUNSET BEACH ANNEX
August 2, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:36)
KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that the Huntington Beach City Council is debating right now whether to annex the unincorporated community of Sunset Beach. At tonight's City Council meeting, residents voiced their opposition to the move.

OLYMPIAN HONORED
August 5, 4-5 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:38)
KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that the intersection of Olympic & Normandie in Koreatown has been renamed in honor of a great Los Angeles athlete and Olympian. Doctor Sammy Lee was the first Asian-American to win Olympic gold for the United States.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH – PROP 8
August 8, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:02)
KCAL9 Reporter Juan Fernandez reports that the controversy over Proposition 8 took center stage at several churches across Southern California today. Pasadena's All Saints Episcopal Church is one congregation that supports the judge's decision to ban same-sex marriages.

LGBT PROP 8 BRIEFING
August 10, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:03)
KCAL9 Reporter Rita Garcia reports live from West Hollywood where the city is making contingency plans so that as soon as a stay is lifted, the wedding bells can start ringing again for same-sex couples.

101-YEAR-OLD BAND
August 12, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:58)
KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that it's the oldest band of its kind in the country, but the Long Beach Municipal Band may soon be playing its last gig. The city has to make budget cuts, and now the community is doing what it can to save the music.

PIER NO SMOKING
August 14, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:56)
KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports that smoking could soon be a thing of the past at Santa Monica's historic pier. The Santa Monica City Council has voted to ban smoking on the entire pier. If the ban receives final approval, it could extend to Santa Monica's parks, beaches, bus stops and more.

ANIMAL SHELTER DEMOLITION
August 18, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:36)
KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that stray animals and abandoned pets in South L.A. will soon be getting a new home. City officials joined animal lovers from the Dept. of Animal Services this morning to officially start rebuilding the South L.A. Animal Shelter.

LEUKEMIA DONATION JAR
August 20, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:00)
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports an update on the story we brought you yesterday, about a stolen donation jar. It was set up to collect money to bury a young boy who died from leukemia. Many of our viewers responded with donations, and now we're happy to report about another big gift for the family.

LOVE FESTIVAL
August 21, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:57)
KCAL9 Reporter Stephanie Abrams reports live from the L.A. Sports Arena, where the annual Love Festival is underway. Rave concerts like this one have come under scrutiny because of the death of a 15-year-old at a rave earlier this summer. But tonight at The Love Festival there will be extra security and safety measures.

BELL RECALL MEETING
August 25, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:59)
KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that community activists in Bell promised to recall city officials making massive salaries, and today they took the first step by organizing a petition drive to get rid of those officials.

ICE CREAM MELTING
August 27, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:04)
KCAL9 Inland Empire Reporter Mark Sayre reports live from Winchester, on the story of how some inland Empire communities still don't have any power after 60-mile-per-hour winds knocked down

utility poles during yesterday's summer storm. And now one business owner is left watching his dreams "melt away"!

WESTLAKE H.S. SOLDIER
August 30, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:42)
KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that people in Westlake Village are remembering a fallen soldier tonight, setting up a memorial in his honor. 20-year-old A.J. Castro was serving in the Army in Afghanistan, and was killed over the weekend by a landmine. He was a star football player at Westlake High School.

ROSE GIVEAWAY
September 1, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:59)
KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that a special flower company is bringing West Covina residents together today, by giving out a dozen roses to anyone who visits the shop. It's the 'Good Neighbor Day' to get people to meet and get to know their neighbors.

L.A. COUNTY FAIR
September 3, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:45)
KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that the L.A. County Fair gets underway tomorrow for a month-long run, and features fabulous food, pig races, horse races, pirates, and dinosaurs, along with dozens of carnival rides and games.

BEACH RUN FUNDRAISER
September 6, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:04)
KCAL9 Reporter Juan Fernandez reports that in hard economic times, parents are finding new ways to raise money to help their kids' schools. Instead of a bake sale or a car wash, one Hermosa Beach dad decided to run! And now he's raised a lot of money for Hermosa Beach schools.

WESTLAKE PROTEST
September 8, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:46)
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that the LAPD says it wants to talk with the community, after days of violent protests because of a deadly officer-involved shooting in the Westlake District.

CHURCH THREAT KORAN
September 10, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:00)
KCAL9 Reporter Rita Garcia reports that a Southland church has been caught up in the Koran-burning controversy as it tries to teach the

importance of tolerance and diversity. It wants to expose its parishioners to the Koran.

134 CLOSURE
September 14, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:06)
KCAL9 Reporter Suraya Fadel reports that all lanes of the westbound 134 Freeway through Eagle Rock are open now. But the lanes were closed during rush hour after an overnight construction project took longer than predicted.

KOREATOWN FIRE
September 17, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:51)
KCAL9 Reporter Edward Lawrence reports live from Koreatown, where a major fire tore through a historic apartment building today. 100 residents had to run outside to escape the flames.

VERNON CITY COUNCIL
September 20, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:41)
KCAL9 Reporter Suraya Fadel reports her exclusive interview with the Vernon City Administrator at this morning's City Council meeting. First it was Bell, then Maywood, and now the city of Vernon has its own salary scandal.

MOST EXPENSIVE CITY
September 22, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:35)
KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports on how a Southern California beach town is number one when it comes to unaffordable housing. According to Coldwell Banker, Newport is the most expensive real estate market in the country.

PARKS FREE DAY
September 24, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:36)
KCAL9 Anchor Lisa Sigell reports on how here at home, it's going to be a summer-like weekend. And what better weather to enjoy a day in the Angeles National Forest Park—for free!

I-5 HOV LANES
September 27, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:14)
KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports some good news for commuters who use the Golden State Freeway. A section of I-5 in the San Fernando Valley will soon have a carpool lane. Local and state officials broke ground this morning on an HOV lane that'll stretch for three-and-a-half miles.

BURBANK SMOKING
September 29, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:32)
KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports on how it's getting a lot tougher to light up in the city of Burbank. The City Council there has passed an ordinance banning smoking on private balconies and patios in multi-unit buildings.

SHARK WARNING
July 1, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:52)
KCAL9 Reporter Melissa McCarty reports on a warning that's making swimmers and surfers a little nervous. Great white sharks have been spotted off the coast of Ventura County.

NEWPORT SURF ACTIVITY
July 4, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:58)
KCAL9 Reporter Edward Lawrence reports live from Newport Beach on how whopping waves pounded Southland shorelines today. And those big swells aren't going away anytime soon, as a South Pacific storm near New Zealand is brewing up some big surf.

WEDGE HIGH SURF
July 6, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:21)
KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Michele Gile reports on how a storm that started in the South Pacific resulted in ten-foot waves hammering Southland shores today.

OIL SPILL UPDATE
July 12, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:08)
KCAL9 Reporter Mark Strassman reports on Day 88 of the oil spill in the Gulf—and how the end might be in sight. BP now says it might be able to contain the oil leak by Wednesday.

CAMARILLO BRUSHER
July 13, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:56)
KCAL9 Reporter Melissa McCarty reports live with the story of how things are heating up, and it's just a matter of time before brushfires are burning up the hillsides. Earlier this afternoon, dozens of homes were threatened in the Camarillo Heights area.

OIL LEAK STOPS
July 15, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:37)
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that for the first time since April, oil is no longer leaking out of a deep sea well into the Gulf of Mexico. BP announced just hours ago that its new containment cap

over the well is working, and preventing any new oil from getting into the Gulf.

OIL SPILL LATEST
July 18, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:00)
KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports that there may be problems with the oil cap that has stopped oil from gushing into the Gulf of Mexico. Engineers monitoring BP's damaged well have detected some sort of seepage on the ocean floor.

SEA LIONS IN DANGER
July 20, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:42)
KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that tonight, hundreds of sea lion pups are dying along the California coastline. The animals come to the central coast every year to give birth to their young. But marine biologists are finding dozens of sick newborns, and believe the weather is the reason.

GULF OIL SPILL
July 22, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:35)
KCAL9 Reporter Whit Johnson reports that just when the oil gusher in the Gulf was beginning to come under control, now there is trouble courtesy of a tropical depression.

BIG BEAR RAIN
July 24, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:28)
KCAL9 Reporter Juan Fernandez reports that it was sunny in many parts of Southern California today, but in our local mountains, residents had to pull out the rain gear. A wave of wet weather soaked the Big Bear area earlier today.

WEST FIRE
July 27, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:11)
KCAL9 Reporter Rachel Kim reports that we're on Fire Watch in Kern County. A fast-moving wildfire has destroyed nearly 40 homes and forced evacuations in Tehachapi. And tonight, dozens more homes are threatened.

WATER DROP
July 30, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:03)
KCAL9 Reporter Randy Paige reports live from Palmdale, where the hard-charging Crown Fire in Palmdale is testing the limits of firefighters. Two fires are burning in L.A. County's high desert.

DIAMOND BAR QUAKE
August 1, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:33)
KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports that a small earthquake shook parts of Southern California today. The three-point-one magnitude quake was centered near Chino Hills, on the L.A.-San Bernardino County line, five miles east of Diamond Bar.

STINGRAYS CARPINTERIA
August 3, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:53)
KCAL9 Ventura County Reporter Amy Johnson reports that there is a stingray warning on local beaches tonight, as a number of people have recently been stung, five of them while swimming in Carpinteria.

DESERT QUAKE
August 6, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:32)
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that if you live in the Inland Empire, you might have felt some shaking just about an hour ago. A magnitude four-point-one earthquake struck four miles east-northeast of Desert Hot Springs.

CHINA FLOODING
August 10, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:38)
KCAL9 Reporter Randall Pinkston reports that the worst flooding in years has killed thousands of people across Asia, and more victims still are missing. In China, the disaster triggered a massive landslide that buried entire villages.

BANNING WILDFIRE
August 11, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:35)
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that we're on Fire Watch. And firefighters in the Inland Empire have a wildfire north of Banning more than 80-percent contained this afternoon.

FIRE DANGER
August 15, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:30)
KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports that the danger of wildfires is rising along with our temperatures. The fire danger level in the Angeles National Forest was raised from 'high' to 'very high' today, which is two notches below the most dangerous level.

NAPA WINE COOL SEASON
August 19, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:46)
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports on how it's been hot for the past few days, but overall it's been a cooler summer. That weather has

wine growers and drinkers concerned about this year's California harvest.

SAN LUIS OBISPO FIRE
August 21, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:33)
KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports that with the hot weather comes fire danger, and about half a dozen campgrounds along the central coast have been evacuated because of a wildfire that has burned about 1500 acres.

OC HIGH SURF
August 23, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:30)
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that sunshine and heat are what they've been waiting for at many Southland beaches, but today it's also coming with dangerous surf. There are red flag conditions in Newport Beach, with extremely high swells and powerful riptides.

WATER TEMPS
August 25, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:00)
KCAL9 Orange County Reporter Michele Gile reports live from Newport Beach, on how along with the high heat, high surf is pounding Southern California's coastline. 15-foot waves are coming ashore in Orange County right now.

VENICE SEWAGE
August 29, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:49)
KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports that residents in Venice are calling on city leaders to do something about a situation they say really stinks. 100 gallons of human waste was dumped into the street by the owners of an RV.

RIPTIDES
August 30, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:58)
KCAL9 Reporter Michael Herzenberg reports that Hurricane Earl is gaining strength as it barrels across the Atlantic. The hurricane could affect the U.S. mainland starting this weekend, and is already triggering dangerous currents.

HURRICANE EARL
September 2, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:56)
KCAL9 Reporter Manuel Gallegus reports live from wet & windy Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, with the story of how Hurricane Earl is weakening slightly as it lashes North Carolina's outer banks tonight.

CALTECH NEW ZEALAND QUAKE
September 6, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:44)
KCAL9 Reporter Edward Lawrence reports live from Caltech in Pasadena with details on how we're getting our first look at some serious damage from a powerful seven-point-zero earthquake in New Zealand.

COLORADO FIRE
September 8, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:29)
KCAL9 Reporter Kendis Gibson reports on how firefighters are having a tough time trying to control a devastating wildfire near Boulder, Colorado. It has been burning out of control for three days.

CHINO HILLS FIRE
September 11, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:55)
KCAL9 Reporter Rachel Kim reports live from Chino Hills, where more than a hundred firefighters were called to control the wildfire. Emergency calls about the fire started coming in around 3:30 this afternoon.

CHINO HILLS FIRE UPDATE
September 12, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:34)
KCAL9 Reporter Juan Fernandez reports that Chino Hills residents are breathing easier tonight now that a wildfire has been snuffed out. It erupted yesterday just off the 71 Freeway near the Pine Street exit. 65 acres were burned, but no injuries were reported and no homes were damaged.

CALABASAS FIRE
September 14, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:31)
KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that there were tense moments today in Calabasas when a brush fire broke out and threatened some homes. The flames ate up about six acres before the fire was put out.

KERN COUNTY FIRE
September 16, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:35)
KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports on Fire Watch: a forest fire in the southern Sierra Nevada has grown to more than 8,000 acres. Fire commanders say aircraft will be important today in keeping the fire from high-risk areas in the region 110 miles north of L.A.

MIDWEST FLOODS
September 24, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:39)
KCAL9 Reporter Alexis Christoforous reports that some towns in the upper Midwest are underwater after downpours triggered flash floods. And the worst may be yet to come.

HEAT FIRE DANGER
September 25, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:15)
KCAL9 Reporter Edward Lawrence reports that summer may have ended last week, but this fall temperatures are sizzling here in Southern California. Many areas saw triple digits, and that means red flag warnings.

HEAT WATCH
September 26, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:55)
KCAL9 Reporter Kara Finnstrom reports as part of our team coverage on Heat Watch, with another day of triple-digit temperatures around Southern California. A red flag warning is still in effect tonight.

THOUSAND OAKS
September 27, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:30)
KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports on how the soaring temperatures and low humidity had firefighters on alert, and soon they were fighting a brush fire in Thousand Oaks. We have the latest on a stubborn wildfire, south of the 101.

THOUSAND OAKS FIRE FOLLOW
September 28, 4-5 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:30)
KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that firefighters expect to have a brush fire burning in Thousand Oaks completely out by eight o'clock tonight. It has now scorched 51 acres and is 80% contained.

EDUCATION & YOUTH

PRESCHOOL CHERRY PICKING
July 2, 4-5 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:33)
KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that there was something to cheer about for 15 preschoolers in the Antelope Valley—cherries! They got the chance to pick all the free fruit they wanted, working this morning at a local farm. It's part of the 'school readiness' program which teaches low-income children motor and social skills.

VIDEO GAMES
July 5, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:33)
KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that new research supports the long-held belief that children who play too many video games may have learning challenges. The new study is in the journal "Pediatrics."

TEENS AND EXTRA SLEEP
July 6, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:42)
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that doctors say teenagers who get a little extra sleep do a lot better in the classroom. That's the finding of a new study where researchers focused on 200 students at the same high school, and pushed their start times a half-hour forward.

SUMMER NIGHT LIGHTS
July 8, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:37)
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports on the city program called Summer Night Lights, designed to keep youngsters away from crime. Officials say the program has been successful against gang activity and drug use for the past four years.

EDUCATION LAWSUIT
July 12, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:30)
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that California is in a new fight against backers of public education, after a lawsuit was filed today that demands more funding.

HIRE L.A. YOUTH
July 14, 4-5 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:00)
KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that more than 10-thousand young people in L.A. have a job this summer, thanks to money from the federal stimulus package. Today, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa launched the Hire L.A.'s Youth 2010 summer job program.

KIDS' MENUS
July 15, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:24)
KCAL9 Reporter Christina McLarty reports that if you ask any parent, you're sure to hear a horror story about trying to get their child to eat something out of the norm. Now a world-famous French chef is coming to the rescue, taking his traditional dishes and making them kid-friendly!

KIDS COUGHING
July 19, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:39)
KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that five babies in California have died from whooping cough this year and cases are skyrocketing. Now, state health officials are urging women in their childbearing years, grandparents and childcare workers to get vaccinated for whooping cough.

AUTISM SCHOOL
July 21, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:56)
KCAL9 Reporter Michelle Simick reports that parents of some special education students in Santa Monica are angry this afternoon because their children's school is slated to be closed. Pine Street Preschool will make way for a continuation high school to expand.

YOUTH CENTER OPENS
July 26, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:52)
KCAL9 Reporter Rita Garcia reports that the L.A. Department of Parks & Recreation celebrated the grand opening today of the Lincoln Heights Youth Center.

LOST KIDS
July 27, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:41)
KCAL9 Reporter Susan Koeppen reports that thousands of kids get lost every year. It can happen in a moment—at the mall or a park. But there are steps parents can take to prevent their kids from getting lost, and things they should know about what to do if it happens.

LAUSD ATHLETE BUS FEE
July 29, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:45)
KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports on how the L.A. Unified School District backed away today from plans to make student athletes pay for rides to games.

LITTLE LEAGUE SOCAL
August 6, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:03)
KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports on a clash of the tiny Titans tonight, as two powerhouses battle for the right to head to the Little League World Series. The squad from Huntington Beach Ocean View hopes to represent the west in the championship game.

MAYOR SCHOOL DOOR KNOCK
August 7, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:42)
KCAL9 Reporter Juan Fernandez reports that L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is going door to door to get parents involved in their child's education. He spent the day knocking on doors and talking to parents in Watts. The Mayor and volunteers reached out to more than 2,000 families today.

CITIZENSHIP CHALLENGE
August 8, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:30)
KCAL9 Reporter Jan Crawford reports on how any baby born in the U.S. is a U.S. citizen, even if the child's parents are in the country illegally. Now, there's talk of changing that.

UCR GRADUATION RATES
August 9, 4-5 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:32)
KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that UC Riverside has earned a new distinction today—it is just one of a few universities in the nation to graduate as many minorities as non-minorities. That's according to a new study released today by the Education Trust.

TEACHERS BILL
August 10, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:55)
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that President Obama has just signed a jobs bill that will save hundreds of thousands of jobs. The new law gives local governments $10-billion to rehire laid-off teachers, or avoid future layoffs.

HIGH FROM MUSIC
August 11, 4-5 p.m. newscast (TRT 3:21)
KCAL9 Reporter Ginger Allen reports that some teenagers say they're getting 'high' without actually doing drugs—just by listening to some music. Sounds harmless, but experts say these 'digital highs' are not as safe as one might think.

LAUSD TEACHERS
August 16, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:28)
KCAL9 Reporter Dave Lopez reports live from Frank Del Omo Elementary in Hollywood, as the United Teachers Los Angeles Union is boycotting the L.A. Times. They're angry about a series of articles on the effectiveness of teachers in the LAUSD.

SHOE GIVEAWAY
August 19, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 4:10)
KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports on how a couple of local shoe designers who call themselves "Latina Sole Sisters" are helping children—one shoe at a time. Now they're returning to their hometown school in La Puente for a big giveaway.

COLLEGE MEALS
August 22, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:56)
KCAL9 Reporter Michelle Miller reports that as millions of young people start heading off to college, healthy changes await them in some school cafeterias.

ADDICTED TO TEXTING
August 23, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:30)
KCAL9 Reporter Deborah Feyerick reports on how teens nowadays let their fingers do the talking, as texting seems to be the only way they communicate. Some parents and medical professionals worry texting can be addictive. Various studies show the average teenager sends three-thousand texts a month.

THREE-YEAR COLLEGE
August 24, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:37)
KCAL9 Reporter Paula Ebben reports that it may not be your child's preference, but going through college faster saves you money. There are colleges now that specialize in getting your kids in and out in three years.

TEACHER RATINGS
August 31, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:33)
KCAL9 Reporter Dave Lopez reports how a newspaper is drawing criticism and praise for its online list rating the performance of thousands of L.A. Unified teachers. Parents say it's about time, but teachers are outraged.

TEACHER DATABASE
September 5, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:20)
KCAL9 Reporter Melissa Maynarich reports on the anger and outrage over an online database that rates area teachers. Some are calling it unfair, others say it could teach us something about our schools.

KIDS AND TRAINERS
September 6, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:56)
KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports on how childhood obesity is considered an epidemic in the U.S. Now, some parents are fighting the fat by getting their children into exercise programs with a personal trainer.

iPAD FOR AUTISM
September 7, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:22)
KCAL9 Reporter Len Cannon reports that thanks to the iPad, some parents of children with autism say they're making breakthrough progress connecting with their children. A learning app is giving a voice to children with the developmental disorder.

PENCIL INSTRUMENTS
September 10, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:30)
KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that students in a music class in Sacramento are learning how to play pencils! Tighter school budgets have forced the students to use pencils to simulate real musical instruments, like flutes and trumpets. Their principal says it helps students learn proper finger placement.

POLICE BACK TO SCHOOL
September 12, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:39)
KCAL9 Reporter Serene Branson reports that tomorrow is back-to-school day for hundreds of thousands of students in the L.A. Unified School District. And to keep kids safe, police are going to be on alert.

SAT SCORES
September 13, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:20)
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that California students going to college are scoring much better on their entrance exams. The non-profit organization College Board says overall score performance is up, compared to last year.

OBAMA BACK TO SCHOOL
September 14, 4-5 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:45)
KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that President Barack Obama told students across the country that nothing will affect their futures as much as education.

ACCENT REDUCTION
September 15, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:14)
KCAL9 Reporter Roy Ramos reports that in a tough job market, any edge helps. That's one reason more colleges now are offering 'accent reduction classes'. The instructors try to help students lose their accents and gain marketability.

REPUTATION PROGRAM
September 22, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:58)
KCAL9 Reporter Marci Rubin reports that many complain about the lack of good manners these days, and now Rutgers University is doing something about it. They have a new two-year program called "Project Civility".

NEWARK SCHOOL GIFT
September 25, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:15)
KCAL9 Reporter Jay Dow reports that a struggling school district is $100-million richer. But tonight some are questioning the motives of Facebook co-founder Mark Zuckerberg. Others wonder if his generous gift can really make a difference.

CAL STATE ADMISSIONS
September 28, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:17)
KCAL9 Reporter Thuy Vu reports a surprising announcement involving the budget-strapped Cal State university system. University officials announced plans to admit thousands of new students, even without a state budget in place.

ADHD GENETICS
September 29, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:12)
KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that a new study says there is a genetic link to Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. ADHD affects about two out of every 100 children, making them restless and unfocused, which often leads to trouble in school.

PASSPORT PROCESSING
July 1, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:33)
KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that if you want to save money on getting or renewing a passport, you'll want to act now, because the cost of an adult passport is going up—starting July 13th, you'll have to pay $135 as opposed to $100.

MINIMUM WAGE FOLLOW
July 3, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:32)
KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports on California's cash crisis and the man with the money—the State Controller is facing a court order to cut state workers' pay to federal minimum wage.

POSTAL FEES
July 6, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:20)
KCAL9 Reporter Michelle Simick reports that if the post office gets its way, it's going to cost you more to mail a letter or bill. The Postal Service wants to raise the cost of a first-class stamp, and other services, because of a massive budget shortfall.

SPINACH RECALL
July 8, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:31)
KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that there's an urgent health warning this afternoon—a California company has recalled hundreds of packages of spinach, because of possible E. coli contamination. So far there are no illnesses reported.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
July 10, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:09)
KCAL9 Reporter Bill Plante reports on how Congress returns to Washington next week to face a big backlog of unfinished business. At the top of the list is the future of unemployment benefits.

iPHONE 4 ISSUES
July 14, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:52)
KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that many people who bought the new iPhone 4 think their new Apple is a lemon. Now, Consumer Reports magazine is calling on the company to fix all the problems fast, and for free.

INDYMAC DEPOSITERS
July 17, 9-10 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:40)
KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports that a two-year-long battle to get their money back is over for some customers of the now defunct Pasadena-based IndyMac Bank. Now, one small paragraph in the massive financial reform package increases the cap on federal deposit insurance to $250,000.

FINANCIAL REFORM
July 21, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:15)
KCAL9 Reporter Alexis Christoforous reports on the biggest reform since the Great Depression. Almost two years after a financial meltdown brought the U.S. economy to its knees, President Obama signed a sweeping overhaul of financial rules into law.

CAT FOOD RECALL
July 25, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:23)
KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that you should check the cat food in your cupboard—Procter & Gamble has announced a recall, involving two lots of Iams brand prescription renal dry food, which could be contaminated with salmonella.

COST OF WEDDINGS
July 26, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:40)
KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that the economy may be struggling, but the wedding business appears to be doing okay, as the average cost of a wedding in the first half of this year is up 22% from last year, according to "The Wedding Report".

LONG HAPPY RETIREMENT
July 27, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:47)
KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that a lot of us planning our financial future may wonder, what is the secret to a happy retirement? One expert is sharing secrets through U.S. News & World Report, saying good health is first and foremost.

WHAT TO BUY ORGANIC
July 30, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 3:15)
KCAL9 Reporter David Highfield reports on how organic foods have definitely been hitting a high note these days, even though they're more expensive. Consumers seem willing to pay a higher price for health, but there are deals to be had in the organic field.

COSTCO BEER
August 2, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:03)
KCAL9 Reporter Rachel Kim reports that most people know Costco for its bargain prices, but soon it may be known for something else! It's entered the brewery wars, offering its own label of specialty beers.

BELL VOTER FRAUD
August 5, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:36)
KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that the salary scandal in Bell appears to be expanding into a voter fraud investigation now. Residents who are demanding the resignations of several city leaders may soon have new ammunition, according to a report in the L.A. Times.

UNEMPLOYMENT
August 6, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:00)
KCAL9 Reporter Alexis Christoforous reports that the new jobless numbers are in, and the report is mixed. That's because the numbers are not as bad as expected, but new jobs are at a weak pace for the third straight month. This report comes as many of the long-term unemployed have reached the end of benefits.

HONDA ACCORD RECALL
August 9, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:53)
KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that almost 400-thousand cars made by Honda are on the recall list tonight, because of what's being described as a significant problem with the ignition.

EDUCATION JOBS BILL
August 11, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:37)
KCAL9 Reporter Dave Lopez reports live from downtown L.A. on how more than a billion dollars of federal money is headed to California. The money is intended to create new jobs, and prevent other jobs from being lost. City and state leaders are talking about how they plan to spend the money.

PAYDAY LOAN SURVIVOR
August 15, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 3:50)
KCAL9 Investigative Reporter David Goldstein shows us a crime caught on camera. Check-cashing and payday loan stores are quick places to get money, but they can also be dangerous. Many stores don't have security glass or security guards, and one local woman was held up and robbed and gunpoint.

EGG RECALL
August 16, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:34)
KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that if you bought eggs from Ralphs or Albertsons grocery stores recently, you may have to take them back. A recall is affecting cartons of eggs from the Mountain Dairy, Lucerne, Albertsons and Ralphs brands, due to salmonella tainting the supply.

SAVE ONLINE SHOPPING
August 18, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:35)
KCAL9 Reporter David Goldstein reports that shopping online can save you money, but knowing 'when' to shop can save you even more! The 'Shop It To Me' website did a survey of online sales and found some days are better than others for buying certain items.

DRAGO CENTRO DINE ON A DIME
August 22, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:50)
KCAL9 Reporter Christina McLarty reports that a taste of Italy in downtown L.A. is on the menu in tonight's 'Dine on a Dime' segment. At Drago Centro, the food is "molto bene".

EGG INSPECTION
August 23, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:58)
KCAL9 Reporter Amy Murphy reports that here in Southern California, health inspectors are scanning store shelves to make sure recalled eggs have been pulled. It's a stepped-up effort to keep consumers safe. And we take a look at a Long Beach health inspector who's working even harder than usual.

GAS NOZZLE CLIPS
August 24, 10-11 p.m. newscast (TRT 2:04)
KCAL9 Reporter Len Ramirez reports that pumping gas is about to get a little more complicated for many drivers in California. The state wants thousands of gas stations to remove those hands-free clips on the gasoline nozzles, and we explore what sparked the order.

MEXICANA STOPS FLYING
August 27, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:55)
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports our top story this hour and streaming live on KCAL9.com—breaking news that Mexicana Airlines announces it is halting all operations at midnight.

BAD ROADS REPORT
September 6, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:55)
KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports on how new research is confirming that commuting in Southern California is a rough ride! The Reason Foundation says California's highway system is one of the worst in the country. Among the reasons: we have some of the worst traffic, and the most potholes.

CALIFORNIA EGG SAFETY
September 8, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:52)
KCAL Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that Governor Schwarzenegger wants consumers here to know that California eggs are safe to eat. 550-million eggs have been recalled nationwide because of a salmonella outbreak, but the Governor says our eggs are clean and okay to eat.

BEER RECALL
September 9, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:31)
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports a heads-up this afternoon for beer drinkers. Anheuser-Busch is pulling more than two-million bottles from stores nationwide. The recall involves tainted cases of Stella Artois.

MONEY ACCESS
September 13, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:31)
KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that the economy apparently has changed the way many people save their money. New banking industry data shows more people are bailing out of bank CDs and keeping their cash in checking and savings accounts for easier access.

EGG OUTBREAK
September 14, 4-5 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:35)
KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that investigators say the egg farm at the center of a massive recall knew about the danger. Congressional investigators say Wright County Egg got more than 400 positive results for salmonella in the last two years, but never issued a single warning.

ENGINEERED SALMON
September 20, 2-3 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:50)
KCAL9 Reporter Manuel Gallegus reports that an FDA panel is deciding whether genetically-engineered salmon will be sold in the U.S. It could be the first genetically-engineered animal approved for human consumption.

STATE AUDIT BELL
September 22, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:45)
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that there's more information about the Bell salary scandal today, as the State Controller's office just released an audit of the city. It revealed city officials mismanaged more than 50-million dollars in bond money.

MALL ECONOMY/SAFETY
September 23, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:53)
KCAL9 Ventura County Reporter Amy Johnson reports that a lot of stores are closing because of the bad economy. But in Ventura, one store is opening today and hoping to help bring more money into the community. She reports from the grand opening for H&M.

HYUNDAI RECALL
September 26, 8-9 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:37)
KCAL9 Anchor Juan Fernandez reports that a popular Hyundai sedan is under a recall tonight. Nearly 140-thousand Sonatas are being pulled off the roads. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration believes an issue with the steering column could diminish a driver's ability to steer the car.

ECONOMY MARRIAGES
September 29, 12-1 p.m. newscast (TRT 0:44)
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that the tough economic times now might be having an effect on marriage. According to the Census Bureau, weddings are at the lowest level in more than 100 years. Analysts blame the economy and the rising divorce rate.

TOY RECALL
September 30, 4-5 p.m. newscast (TRT 1:39)
KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that stores across the country are pulling millions of children's products from their floors and shelves, because the government says they may not be safe for your child.