HUNTINGTON BEACH PARADE
July 4, 12-1 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Kara Finnstrom reports that the 4th of July Parade is a long tradition in the Orange County beach community. The parade is in its 108th year, and it's only one of many holiday events in Huntington Beach.

WAR MURAL SANTA ANA
July 6, 8-9 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that faces of World War II veterans are being immortalized in Santa Ana. The mural is along Washington Avenue, and was started on Memorial Day by local artist Carlos Aguilar. Residents of the neighborhood have been bringing pictures of their loved ones to be included in the mural.

GAY PRIDE PARADE
July 21, 8-9 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports on a show of pride in San Diego, with the full approval of the U.S. military. It was history in the making at the city's annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Parade. For the first time, the military allowed active members to take part in full uniform.

LATINOS' VOICE
July 31, 4-5 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Louisa Hodge reports on how the recent turmoil in Anaheim has called attention to the makeup of its city council. Activists are demanding a change in the way the council is elected, and held a rally outside City Hall.

NEW AQUATICS CENER
August 1, 10-11 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that a new aquatic center opened with a splash in Arcadia, as dozens of kids helped kick off the center's grand opening. The nearly $10-million center is located at Arcadia Community Regional County Park, and in addition to swimming it offers diving, paddling, and kayaking.

PIG HATE CRIME
August 10, 10-11 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Bobby Kaple reports live from Ontario, where an alleged hate crime has taken place. Two women were seen dumping pig parts outside a planned mosque in San Bernardino County. Now the Council on American-Islamic Relations is asking the Justice Department to launch a hate crime investigation.

CITY PARKLETS
August 24, 4-5 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that the L.A. City Council approved a plan to create four 'parklets' around the city. They are tiny, green open spaces, and can be as small as a parking lot. The idea for the parklets came from the public, during community planning meetings.

OC HATE REPORT RELEASE
August 30, 4-5 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that hate crimes in Orange County have jumped more than 14% in the past year. The Orange County Human Relations Commission says there were 64 documented hate crimes in 2011, and African-Americans were the most frequent target.

PARADE LABOR DAY
September 3, 12-1 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that many people are enjoying the Labor Day holiday by taking part in the Labor Day Parade in Wilmington, and supporting the community there.

FAMILY TREE BATTLE
September 6, 10-11 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that a Santa Monica couple is fighting to save a landmark tree. The 125-foot tree on 24th Street in Santa Monica is the largest of its kind in the country. It has deep roots in the community, but now the city is telling the homeowners that the tree must come down or they'll be charged thousands of dollars in fines.

LGBT POINT AWARD
September 15, 10-11 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports on the fundraising event supporting scholarships for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth. Hollywood celebrities lined the red carpet at the Wiltern Theatre, and there was a gala concert benefiting the Point Foundation.

CARMAGEDDON 2
September 27, 10-11 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Dave Bryan reports live from the Sepulveda Pass, on how final preparations are underway for Carmageddon Two. The weekend-long demolition of the Mulholland Bridge will close the 405 freeway.

FLAME FURNITURE
July 1, 8-9 a.m. newscast
KCAL9 Consumer Watch Reporter Julie Watts reports on how for generations, laws have been passed to make it harder for people to die in house fires. The regulations include the use of chemicals to make furniture fire-retardant, but the question is being asked as to whether those same chemicals could be harmful to our health.

HIGH CHAIR RECALL
July 13, 12-1 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that nearly half a million high chairs are being recalled because of a dangerous design flaw. 21 children have been injured from falling pegs on "Chicco Polly" high chairs, and there are 26 chair models included in the recall.

EXPIRATION DATES
July 18, 8-9 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Health Reporter Lisa Sigell reports on what the expiration date stamps on products really mean, to help consumers decipher when exactly to toss or keep items.

TOP 10 CONSUMER COMPLAINTS
July 31, 4-5 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Karen Caifa reports that every business wants happy customers, but complaints are part of life. There's a new list of the top consumer complaints, which includes new scams, as well as some familiar gripes.

THE FED STOCK EXCHANGE
August 1, 9-10 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Suzie Suh reports that the Federal Reserve is taking a 'wait and see' approach on the economy. They have decided not to take any new action to try and boost the economy. Traders on Wall Street believe the Federal Reserve is waiting to see what the economy looks like in coming weeks first.

KIDS AND BACKPACKS
August 9, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that it's back-to-school time, and consumer experts are warning parents about overloaded backpacks that can cause back pain. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, backpack injuries in children ages 5 to 18 have increased.

GUN SALES
August 18, 8-9 a.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Tammy Leitner reports on how in this troubled economy, there's at least one industry that can't keep up with demand. Gun sales are rising across the country, and so is the stock price of America's biggest gun makers.

HOTEL FEES
August 30, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that if your Labor Day plans include a hotel stay, you might want to check for sneaky fees. An NYU survey finds that U.S. hotels will collect almost $2-billion in fees and surcharges this year.

ECONOMY SURVEY
September 5, 4-5 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Alison Kiosk reports that the new presidential election catchphrase is an old one: "Are you better off now than you were four years ago?" A lot of the candidates have been saying this, but an informal poll shows what voters have to say.

iPHONE ECONOMIC IMPACT
September 11, 4-5 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Alison Kosik reports that while Apple lovers can't wait to get their hands on the iPhone 5, analysts are waiting to see its effect on the economy. It could actually boost America's gross national product.

STAY-AT-HOME CREDIT
September 24, 4-5 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that there could be help on the way for stay-at-home parents who are denied credit cards because they don't have their own income. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is expected to propose a new rule that would make it easier for people without personal income to qualify for credit cards.

JOBS REPORT

September 27, 12-1 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that there is mixed economic news. The number of people filing first-time weekly jobless claims dropped to a two-month low, down by 26,000. Analysts say it's a sign the job market is improving, however the U.S. economy grew at an even slower than expected rate in the 2nd quarter.

BARRICADE SUSPECT
July 5, 2-3 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Kristine Lazar reports live near the scene of a SWAT standoff taking place in North Long Beach. Police say a man shot a code enforcement inspector in the face, and barricaded himself in his home

DOCTOR ILLEGAL PRESCRIPTIONS
July 12, 12-1 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Randy Paige reports live from an urgent care clinic in Glendora, where police arrested a doctor they say was illegally prescribing pills.

MOVIE MASSACRE
July 20, 10-11 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Suraya Fadel reports live from the movie massacre scene in Aurora, Colorado. 12 people are dead and 58 injured, with eight of them in critical condition. Police are preparing to try to gain access to his apartment, which is heavily booby-trapped.

FATAL END OF PURSUIT
July 29, 10-11 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Carter Evans reports live from Pomona, where police are on the scene of the end of a deadly pursuit that killed an innocent driver.

PLAIN JANE CAUGHT
August 3, 12-1 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Kent Shocknek reports that the "Plain Jain Bandit" has been put behind bars. The FBI says they've arrested a woman believed to be responsible for eight local bank heists.

TEXAS A&M GUNMAN
August 13, 12-1 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Kent Shocknek reports live on a shooting that took place at Texas A&M in College Station, about 90 miles northwest of Houston. Authorities have taken the gunman in custody.

TENNIS WIFE LAX
August 23, 10-11 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Rob Schmitt reports live from LAX, on how the elite tennis official accused of bashing her husband to death with a coffee mug is back in L.A. Lois Goodman flew from New York to LAX, and got off the plane in handcuffs.

STOLEN PD CAR CRASH
August 31, 12-1 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Joy Benedict reports on the dangerous drive in a stolen police car, that led to a bad crash. The suspect is hospitalized in extremely critical condition—his leg was severed when he was ejected from the vehicle.

LAGUNA HILLS DEATH
September 1, 10-11 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports that a man called a "person of interest' in a suspicious Orange County death, is in custody. This after a 23-year-old woman died at a Laguna Hills home. Authorities say she was stabbed an unknown number of times.

BUSINESS OWNER KILLED
September 8, 10-11 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Carter Evans reports live from the scene as police search for a killer. Family and friends of a South L.A. businessman are shocked and saddened, after the man was shot to death as he sat in his car.

SHOOTING THREAT
September 18, 12-1 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Joy Benedict reports that parents in the Santa Clarita valley are on alert. Police say a man living near two schools made an Internet threat to murder children. Sheriff's deputies alerted the schools after learning that a blogger was writing about wanting to shoot school kids.

LOS FELIZ MURDER
September 27, 10-11 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Suraya Fadel reports live from Los Feliz, with new revelations in the Hollywood murder mystery, after a "Sons of Anarchy" actor killed his landlord, then fell to his death.

HERMOSA 24-HOUR RUN
July 1, 8-9 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports that some of the South Bay's toughest runners helped raise thousands of dollars for education, at "Hermosa 24". The grueling test of endurance was a fundraiser for Hermosa Beach schools.

INNER CITY ORCHESTRA
July 5, 10-11 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports that L.A.'s Inner City Youth Orchestra is preparing for a big performance at the Walt Disney Concert Hall. The orchestra is made up of young people from the greater Los Angeles area, and they're all between the ages of 10 and 25.

UC 20% HIKE
July 11, 8-9 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that another tuition hike may be on the way for UC students, and it would be the biggest yet. The Board of Regents is warning that it may hike tuition by a whopping 20%.

FOSTER KIDS INTERN
July 28, 9-10 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Athena Jones reports that a young woman who grew up in foster care is now on Capitol Hill. She's part of a special internship program for former foster youth, and is using the opportunity to help others who've lost their families.

PAYPAL SCHOOL SHOPPING
August 13, 12-1 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that it's back to school time, and there are tip for helping get your kids ready. Back-to-school expert and PayPal shopping specialist Claudia Lombana has a look at some of the hottest new items for students.

LAUSD FIRST DAY SCHOOL
August 14, 10-1 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that students in the L.A. Unified School District have gone back to class. The district showed off 20 brand new schools. One elementary school in Panorama City is so new that it doesn't even have a name yet.

KIDS' STATE DINNER
August 20, 2-3 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Susan McGinnis reports that First Lady Michelle Obama hosted the first Kids' State Dinner, featuring healthy recipes from students in every state. A big congratulations to the nine-year-old Sherman Oaks resident who went to the White House representing California with his zesty three-pepper soup.

LAUSD NO STYROFOAM
August 23, 8-9 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that L.A. schools are banning Styrofoam food trays, thanks to students and parents. School district officials announced the ban at a middle school in Los Feliz. It was the parents and students who started the campaign to do away with polystyrene, which is hard to recycle, and not biodegradable for hundreds of years.

HOPE ON WHEELS
September 7, 8-9 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports on a generous donation to help find a cure for childhood cancer. Hyundai Corporation and its L.A. area dealers presented a doctor in Hollywood with a check for a quarter of a million dollars. The doctor will use the money for her research into new treatments for her young patients.

CALIFORNIA TEACHER SHORTAGE
September 10, 10-11 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that after years of teacher layoffs, a report says California is facing a teacher shortage. The report was put together by an education task force and released by the State Superintendent of Public Education.

KIDS TOO MUCH SALT
September 17, 4-5 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that experts are concerned with kids eating too much salt. The Centers for Disease Control say children are consuming as much salt in their diets as adults.

OBESE KIDS

September 26, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that childhood obesity may have a greater impact on future health than first thought. Researchers found that obese kids have significantly higher blood pressure and cholesterol levels. Scientists say these children could be at a 30% higher risk of future stroke and heart disease if they do not lose the weight.

VENICE ZIP LINE
July 2, 8-9 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Melissa McCarty reports on how a sport that's a hit with thrill-seekers could be expanding in the Southland. There's a proposal to bring zip lines to Venice Beach. It's expected to bring major tourist dollars to the city, but some people have environmental concerns.

SB COUNTY FIRE
July 9, 10-11 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports on the triple-digit temperatures and wildfires across Southern California. The biggest fire burned in Waterman Canyon in the San Bernardino National Forest, near Highway 18.

COAST VS. INLAND
July 17, 4-5 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that a new report suggests that going to the beach can be good for your body. British researchers found people living near the ocean tend to be healthier than those living inland. Other studies show people near the coast tend to be more active and have less stress.

BLUE BUTTERFLY
July 24, 8-9 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Rick Garcia reports that an effort to preserve an endangered species of butterfly is getting results at LAX. The El Segundo blue butterfly seems to be flourishing thanks to the efforts of the Los Angeles International Airport Dunes Restoration Project.

MOUNTAIN LION INBREEDING
August 3, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that two new mountain lion kittens have been born in the Santa Monica Mountains. Wildlife officials say it's a cause for celebration, but also for worry, because the kittens are inbred.

PARK OPENING IRVINE
August 9, 4-5 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that a new park is opening in Irvine. Workers were busy putting the finishing touches on the nearly 17-acre park, which has a community building featuring solar panels and energy-efficient roofing.

GREEN TECHNOLOGY FAILS
August 18, 9-10 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Sharyl Attkisson reports on a project that spent billions in stimulus money, intended to help get both the economy and the electric car business rolling. But unfortunately things didn't go as planned, and there was a failure of the promise of green technology.

CITY PARKLETS
August 24, 8-9 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Louisa Hodge reports that the L.A. City Council approved a new proposal to create more green spaces. Four tiny 'parklets' will be created, two in downtown L.A. and one each in El Sereno and Highland Park.

AEG STADIUM
September 1, 10-11 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports on the first look at a greener version of AEG's downtown stadium plan. The final version of its Environmental Impact Report was published. It includes modifications to the stadium to make it more environmentally friendly.

WALNUT-POWERED FARM
September 8, 8-9 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Nick Janes reports that a green farmer in Northern California hopes to be a pioneer in alternative energy. Walnuts could be the next big idea, as California is a leading producer of the nuts.

CALIFORNIA BEARS
September 16, 7-8 a.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter John Blackstone reports that homeowners across the United States may have to get used to seeing more bears. It used to be that around Los Angeles the only place you could see a bear was in the zoo, but not anymore. Bears have been surprising plenty of people.

AIR QUALITY CARMAGEDDON

September 28, 10-11 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Amanda Burden reports that everyone will be breathing cleaner air during Carmageddon Two. If Carmageddon One was any indication, the environment will get a big break as soon as the freeway closes. Experts have measured the big improvement in air quality.

OSTEOPOROSIS/ALCOHOL
July 14, 9-10 a.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Teresa Garcia reports that a study finds women who drink a moderate amount of alcohol can help prevent bone loss, lowering their risk of osteoporosis.

ALZHEIMER'S SLEEP
July 16, 4-5 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that new studies show a direct link between sleep and mental ability in seniors. Researchers found that too little or even too much sleep can be damaging to cognitive ability.

WHOOPING COUGH
July 20, 12-1 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports on a whooping cough warning. The Centers for Disease Control says the U.S. soon could have its most reported cases in more than 50 years. Health officials say nine children have died from whooping cough.

HEART DEFECTS
July 31, 3-3:30 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Sandra Mitchell reports that doctors are recommending early intervention for children born with congenital heart defects. The American Heart Association says those children have a higher risk of other developmental issues, compared to heart-healthy kids.

HAND SANITIZER MUSCLE
August 15, 2-3 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Sibila Vargas reports on how an antibacterial chemical could weaken your muscles as you wash your hands. A study shows the chemical Triclosan hinders muscle contractions at a cellular level. Triclosan is also found in mouthwash, toothpaste, deodorant, clothes and trash bags.

COFFEE DIABETES
August 18, 9-10 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports that Harvard researchers believe they've discovered more health benefits of coffee. They say there's strong evidence that coffee can prevent type 2 diabetes and Parkinson's, because of its antioxidants.

CHOCOLATE/STROKE
August 29, 4-5 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Manuel Gallegus reports on some good news for men who love chocolate. A new study reveals its ingredients may be affective in preventing strokes.

SORE THROAT GUIDELINES
September 10, 2-3 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Teresa Garcia reports that on how millions of people visit the doctor each year for a sore throat. Doctors prescribe antibiotics for the majority of cases, but new guidelines could change that.

ASTHMA INHALERS
September 12, 4-5 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that a new study says people with asthma may be able to ditch the daily inhaler. Patients suffering from mild asthma have been using steroid inhalers to prevent attacks for decades. But the study finds those who take the steroid have the same results as those who use their inhalers only when they have symptoms.

CANCER HISPANICS
September 18, 4-5 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that cancer has replaced heart disease as the leading cause of death among Hispanics in the U.S. But a new report reveals it's in part because most Hispanic Americans are relatively young—less than 55 years old—and heart disease affects mostly older people.

FREE HEALTH CLINIC
September 27, 10-11 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Sharon Tay reports that nearly 5,000 L.A. residents will see doctors and dentists for free, as part of an annual health fair at the L.A. Sports Arena. More than 900 medical professionals have donated their services to help treat uninsured and underinsured patients.

TRANSPORTATION
July 6, 9-10 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reports that the California bullet train has taken a giant step toward becoming a reality, but it wasn't easy. The state Senate approved funding to build the first phase of the massive project, and now the bill goes to Governor brown for his signature.

L.A. CITY FINANCES
July 11, 9-10 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Dave Lopez reports that there are serious concerns about the city of L.A.'s finances. But Mayor Villaraigosa tried to dispel that, saying the city will not go bankrupt while he's in office.

GUN POLITICS
July 21, 9-10 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Margaret Brennan reports that the national debate about gun control is back on the minds of many Americans. But it's doubtful any new legislation will come in an election year. While there's talk about gun restrictions, gun sales are rising.

PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS
July 30, 4-5 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Tara Mergener reports on how Romney is working to show his confidence on the world stage. He's making the rounds in Poland after spending the weekend in Israel.

LOCALS ROMNEY V.P.
August 11, 9-10 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports that in Southern California, some Republicans think Paul Ryan is the perfect choice. Mixed reaction comes from the California Republican Convention in Burbank.

LICENSES FOR ILLEGALS
August 17, 12-1 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Dave Gonzales reports that an L.A. lawmaker wants to make sure illegal immigrants can get a driver's license. Supporters say the move will make the streets safer, because a licensed driver with insurance is less likely to leave the scene of an accident. But opponents insist it will only encourage more illegal immigration.

ZEV 'NO' MAYOR
August 23, 9-10 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports a surprising development in L.A. city politics. County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky said, "no", confirming he will not run for Mayor of Los Angeles. He would have been the biggest name in the 2013 race for Mayor, and his announcement caught some of his closest political allies by complete surprise.

POLITICAL APPS FLAP
August 27, 9-10 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Athena Jones reports that mobile political apps from both the Obama and Romney campaigns are helping voters keep track of their favorite candidate. But some privacy experts say there are security concerns linked to those apps.

GOVERNOR BROWN ON CAMPAIGN
September 9, 8-9 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Anchor Rob Schmitt reports that Governor Jerry Brown is weighing in on the presidential election. In an interview with CNN, Brown outlined his opinions on how President Obama differs from Mitt Romney.

ROMNEY HISPANIC CHAMBER
September 17, 4-5 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reports live from Costa Mesa, with details on Governor Mitt Romney's campaigning in Southern California. He spoke to Hispanic business owners in downtown L.A., and is raising money in Orange County.

CAMPAIGN 2012
September 21, 10-11 p.m. newscast
KCAL9 Reporter Tara Mergener reports on how Mitt Romney tried to douse a campaign controversy by releasing his most recent tax returns. Americans can take a look at how much Romney made, and how much he paid.

NFL CITY COUNCIL

September 28, 8-9 p.m. newscast

KCAL9 Reporter Dave Lopez reports that the L.A. City Council has given its final approval to a proposed NFL football stadium. The vote was unanimous. L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa reacted to the vote, saying, "we drove a hard bargain, and got the best deal possible for all Angelenos."