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<u>Name/Type/Source of Typical & Illustrative Program</u>	<u>Economy</u>
<p>Date: APRIL 1, 21, JUNE 22 & 30, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –SALES TAX INCREASE Time: 4:30-7:00AM, 11:00AM-12:00PM, 4:00-5:00PM, 6:00-6:30PM, 11:00-11:35PM Length: 22:20 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Lisa Hernandez, Carlos Granda, Nannette Miranda, Leslie Miller and Robert Holguin report on the impact that California’s sales tax increase by 1% will have on local residents. Los Angeles City residents began to pay a 9.25% in taxes, while Pico Rivera pays a total of 10.25% in sales tax. The state legislature expects \$12 billion in revenue from the new tax hike and a reduction in the current budget deficit. A half cent increase was later imposed in Los Angeles county to help pay for transportation projects and brought the sales tax to 9.75%. Lawmakers are also considering adding a ten cent tax to every alcoholic drink; the proposal would raise \$1.5 billion each year.</p>
<p>Date: APRIL 1, 8, 15, 22, 23, MAY 1, 2, 4, 5,12,13 & JUNE 10, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – HOME SALES Time: 4:30-7:00AM, 5:00-6:00PM, 11:00-11:35PM, 11:00AM-12:00PM Length: 42:10 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>John Gregory, John North, Miriam Hernandez, Amy Powell, Melissa MacBride, Rob McMillan, Leslie Miller, Lisa Hernandez, Leanne Suter, Nannette Miranda and Leo Stallworth report that foreclosure re-sales account for half of current home sales in Southern California. First time home buyers are taking advantage of a California housing program that gives a \$10,000 state tax credit for purchasing a brand new home. Home prices in Southern California continue to fall. In areas like the Antelope Valley, Riverside and San Bernardino counties prices have dropped to their lowest level in twenty years. The drop in home prices is attributed to the highest level of home foreclosures seen in years because of the recession.</p>
<p>Date: APRIL 1, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –OC KIDS CENTER Time: 4:00-5:00PM Length: 2:00 Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Eileen Frere reports the Santa Ana Police Athletics and Activities League and a child center sponsored by its crime prevention program was in jeopardy of being shutdown because of budget cut but will now receive a \$400,000 grant and remain open. The center provides the city’s youth with afterschool activities to help deter crime.</p>

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<p>Date: APRIL 1, MAY 15, JUNE 3 & 4, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – CHARITY Time: 5:00-6:00PM, 6:00-6:30PM, 11:00AM-12:00PM, 4:00-5:00PM Length: 10:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Sid Garcia, Rob McMillan and Robert Holguin inform us that California had a 21% increase in applicants for food stamps since last year and one million families will receive a 14% increase in their food stamp benefits. The demand for food at all Los Angeles Regional Food Banks is increasing as the number of unemployed and/or homeless residents continues to rise. As the recession continues so does the number of charitable acts by organizations and Southern California residents but still does not meet the need for these services.</p>
<p>Date: APRIL 1, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – RIVERSIDE BREEDERS Time: 11:00-11:35PM Length: 2:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Sid Garcia reports during the economic downturn purebred animal breeders are no longer able to make a profit and provide care for the animals because people can't afford to pay the high price. As a result, the animal population in Southern California shelters has spiked.</p>
<p>Date: APRIL 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 22, 24, 27, MAY 5, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 27, 28, 31, JUNE 15, 22 & 24, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News –TIPS Time: 4:30-7:00AM, 5:00-6:00PM, 6:00-6:30PM, 4:00-5:00PM, 11:00-11:35PM, 11:00AM-12:00PM, 5:00-6:00AM, 9:00-10:00AM Length: 1:07:05 HOURS Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Ric Romero, Dave Kunz, Leslie Miller, John Gregory, Marc Brown, Lori Corbin and Leanne Suter explain how to save on household, personal and entertainment expenses during the recession. They also give tips on how to reduce credit debt, find jobs and deal with stress related to the current economic downturn.</p>
<p>Date: APRIL 2, 3, 4, 8, 17, 18, 23, MAY 4, 7, 8, 9, 10,11, 12, 13, 18, 21 & JUNE 3, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – JOBS Time: 4:30-7:00AM, 11:00-11:35PM, 5:00-6:00PM, 6:00-6:30PM, 5:00-6:00AM, 4:00-5:00PM, 11:00AM-12:00PM, 8:00-9:00AM, 9:00-10:00AM Length: 1:01:20 HOURS Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Phillip Palmer, Robert Holguin, Ric Romero, Leslie Miller, Miriam Hernandez, Sid Garcia, Subha Ravindhran, Melissa MacBride, Rob Hayes and Eileen Frere inform us during the recession recently unemployed jobseekers are flocking to job centers and job fairs to find part-time, freelance or full-time work. As unemployment rates in Southern California reach record levels jobseekers are applying for jobs in various sectors ranging from theme parks to adult entertainment.</p>

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<p>Date: APRIL 2, MAY 5 & 7, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – BANKS Time: 5:00-6:00PM, 4:30-7:00AM, Length: 13:20 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Ric Romero, Melissa MacBride and John Gregory explain that the federal government implemented a stress test for 19 of the nation's largest banks to determine if they would be able to absorb additional losses beyond the current financial meltdown without failing. California banks are passing the test.</p>
<p>Date: APRIL 2, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – ALBERTSONS SUPERMARKET Time: 6:00-6:30PM Length: 2:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Rob McMillan reports that during the economic downturn 9 Albertson Markets closed in several cities in Southern California including Cathedral City, Lancaster, Temple City and Rancho Cucamonga. Local residents were upset their neighborhood store was closing but are took advantage of the deep discounts the store offered in order to clear its shelves before shutting down for good.</p>
<p>Date: APRIL 3 & 4, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – DTLA BOOM Time: 4:30-7:00AM, 11:00AM-12:00PM, 5:00-6:00PM, 6:00-7:00AM Length: 11:25 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Amy Powell and John North inform us real estate developers are focusing on revitalizing the look and feel of Downtown Los Angeles into a more Manhattan-like style despite the economic downturn and plunging real estate prices. One project estimated at one billion dollars is slated to begin in 2011 and will replace the Wilshire Grand Hotel with a luxury shopping, hotel/condo and office complex.</p>
<p>Date: APRIL 6, 14, 20, MAY 13, 18, JUNE 2, 3 & 23, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – LA CITY BUDGET Time: 5:00-6:00PM, 4:30-7:00AM, 11:00AM-12:00PM, 6:00-6:30PM, 11:00-11:35PM Length: 28:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>John North, Robert Holguin, Miriam Hernandez, Sid Garcia, Rob Hayes, Leslie Miller, Amy Powell and Leanne Suter report Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa signed the city's \$7 billion budget but had to shave \$529 million in funds from several sectors including but not limited to law enforcement, fire and public services. The mayor initially announced a possible 2800 city employees may lose their jobs but that number was reduced to 1200 jobs and 26 furlough days per employee. The mayor and City Council are also endorsing early retirement for thousands of employees to forestall additional layoffs and furloughs.</p>

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<p>Date: APRIL 7, MAY 5, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, JUNE 2, 5, 6, 10, 12, 17 & 22, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – CAL BUDGET Time: 5:00-6:00PM, 4:30-7:00AM, 11:00AM-12:00PM, 4:00-5:00PM, 11:00-11:35PM, 5:00-6:00AM, 8:00-9:00AM, 7:00-8:00AM, 9:00-10:00AM, 10:00-11:00AM, 6:00-6:30PM, 6:00-7:00AM Length: 1:34:50 HOURS Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Nannette Miranda, John North, Melissa MacBride, Leslie Miller, John Gregory, Amy Powell, Sid Garcia, Rob McMillan, Gene Gleeson and Leo Stallworth report that California residents rejected Governor Schwarzenegger's budget related propositions and now the \$15 billion state budget deficit will jump to \$21 billion. It is predicted that thousands of state employees will be laid off, schools will have to shorten their calendar year and a variety of social programs and public services will either be eliminated or scaled back. The state is expected to borrow from local governments to minimize the sizeable gap. Southern California residents voiced their disapproval through protests and marches but were told by the Governor and officials there was no other option.</p>
<p>Date: APRIL 8, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – RENT RATES Time: 4:30-7:00AM Length: 3:55 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Amy Powell informs us that apartment rental rates are down 4% from last year and the average monthly cost for a one bedroom apartment is \$1400. However, tenants recently laid-off from their employer during this recession are struggling to pay rent and landlords are having difficulty keeping tenants or finding new ones.</p>
<p>Date: APRIL 9 & MAY 14, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – AUTO INSURANCE Time: 4:30-7:00AM, 11:00AM-12:00PM, 6:00-6:30PM Length: 8:50 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Gene Gleeson and Carlos Granda report the California Insurance Commissioner approved insurance rate cuts for Southern California residents with good driving records, have a car with a value of less than \$20,000 and do not exceed 250% of federal poverty level. This cut in insurance rates helps Southern California residents facing hard times during the economic downturn.</p>
<p>Date: APRIL 10, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – PROPERTY TAX Time: 5:00-6:00PM Length: 2:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Bob Banfield reports during the recession, Southern California homeowners waited as long as they could to pay the second installment of their property taxes before penalties were assessed. Some homeowners were still unable to pay before the deadline because of the bad economy.</p>

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<p>Date: APRIL 13, MAY 15, 20, 29, JUNE 10, 15 & 21, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – GAS PRICES Time: 4:30-7:00AM, 5:00-6:00PM, 11:00-11:35PM, 4:00-5:00PM, 4:30-5:30PM, 6:00-6:30PM Length: 23:55 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Lisa Hernandez, Leanne Suter, Leslie Miller, Gene Gleeson, Rob Hayes, Sid Garcia and Rob McMillan inform us that the rising price of gas coupled with record high unemployment rates triggered frustration among Southern California motorists and businesses trying to stay afloat. The upside, the price of gas is not expected to reach last summer's record breaking cost for a gallon of gas.</p>
<p>Date: APRIL 14, MAY 1, 6, 11, 12, 15, 20, 21, 22, 28, JUNE 1, 2, 8, 9, 13, 18, 19, 23 & 24, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – LAUSD BUDGET Time: 4:30-7:00AM, 11:00AM-12:00PM, 4:00-5:00PM, 6:00-6:30PM, 5:00-6:00PM, 11:00-11:35PM, 6:00-7:00AM Length: 2:09:15 HOURS Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Amy Powell, Sid Garcia, John Gregory, Lisa Hernandez, Miriam Hernandez, Melissa MacBride, Subha Ravindhran, Robert Holguin, Carlos Granda, Jovana Lara, Leslie Miller and Leanne Suter report on the turmoil faced by the LAUSD as they try to close a \$700 million budget gap by laying off nearly 6500 teachers and staff, cutting educational programs, canceling summer school and increasing class size. To convey their disapproval of the cuts, UTLA, teachers and thousands of LAUSD students participated in several walkouts, marches and even hunger strikes in protest over the growing budget cuts.</p>
<p>Date: APRIL 14 & 15, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – TAX DAY Time: 11:00-11:35PM, 4:30-7:00AM, 11:00AM-12:00PM, 4:00-5:00PM, 5:00-6:00PM, 6:00-6:30PM Length: 18:10 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Leslie Miller, Amy Powell, Melissa MacBride, Jovana Lara and John North explain that the economic downturn has many Southern California residents filing their income tax return right before the deadline and in some cases prompting them to request extensions to pay.</p>
<p>Date: APRIL 17, 18, 20, MAY 22, 23, JUNE 5, 19 & 20, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – UNEMPLOYMENT Time: 11:00AM-12:00PM, 4:00-5:00PM, 5:00-6:00PM, 11:00-11:35PM, 5:00-6:00AM, 6:00-6:30PM, 8:00-9:00AM, 4:30-7:00AM, 6:00-7:00AM Length: 33:35 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>John North, Bob Banfield, Nanette Miranda, Leanne Suter, Robert Holguin and Leslie Miller report California's jobless rate reached 11.2%, with Riverside and San Bernardino being the hardest hit with 12.9%. As a result, the number of unemployment benefits claims and applicants for job placement programs has spiked. Hundreds of new EDD employees were hired to handle the high volume of claims.</p>

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<p>Date: APRIL 23, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – BANK FRAUD Time: 5:00-6:00PM Length: 2:45 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>John North reports the State Attorney General found thousands of investors were defrauded by three of Wells Fargo Bank's subsidiaries totaling over one billion dollars. During these tough economic times, investors were urged to buy auction-rate securities, told they would make more money and the investment had as much risk as a regular bank account. Investors found this to be untrue when their money disappeared during the height of the nation's banking industry meltdown.</p>
<p>Date: APRIL 24, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – IE COUNTY BUDGET Time: 5:00-6:00PM Length: 2:00 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Bob Banfield reports that in Riverside county one thousand people will be laid off in law enforcement, fire and the District Attorney's office because of the budget gap.</p>
<p>Date: APRIL 27, 30, MAY 14, 16, 18, 27 & JUNE 8 & 9, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – AUTO BAILOUT Time: 4:30-7:00AM, 5:00-6:00PM, 5:00-6:00AM Length: 24:45 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Amy Powell, Rob Hayes, John Gregory, Rob McMillan, Leslie Sykes and Carlos Granda inform us that Chrysler and GM were operating on federal money loaned to them through the stimulus package. Chrysler filed for bankruptcy protection and closed 7 dealerships in Southern California. GM followed suit by filing for bankruptcy protection and closing several Southern California dealerships. Between the two auto manufacturers thousands of Southern Californians will lose their jobs.</p>
<p>Date: MAY 12, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – SOCIAL SECURITY Time: 11:00-11:35PM Length: 2:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Leanne Suter reports that Southern California residents nearing retirement may not receive social security benefits because they may depleted much earlier than expected. Experts say agencies are paying out much more money than they are receiving.</p>
<p>Date: MAY 19 & 20, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – CONSUMER CREDIT CARD Time: 4:00-5:00PM, 4:30-7:00AM, Length: 6:40 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Lisa Hernandez and Ric Romero report that the US Senate passed a credit card overhaul bill and how it will affect Southland residents. The bill doesn't allow credit cards to only raise rates on their riskier customers. It also doesn't allow short notice fee hikes and lowering credit limits without cause.</p>

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<p>Date: MAY 28, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – WAREHOUSE PROTEST Time: 4:00-5:00PM, 5:00-6:00PM Length: 4:10 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Bob Banfield informs us Mira Loma warehouse workers protested proposed budget cuts that will impact medical benefits, wages and possible layoffs. They are also concerned about restrictions preventing them from joining unions.</p>
<p>Date: MAY 28, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – RIVER HOMELESS Time: 4:00-5:00, 6:00-6:30PM Length: 4:10 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Sid Garcia reports that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Cal Trans cleared out squatters living underneath a 10 Freeway underpass near the San Gabriel River. Families with small children were among those that were relocated to a nearby park where Social Services helped them with medical care and shelter.</p>
<p>Date: JUNE 2, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – PICO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT Time: 11:00AM-12:00PM, 5:00-6:00PM Length: 4:05 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Sid Garcia reports the Pico Union School District is also facing teacher layoffs because of budget gaps. Teachers staged a campout at Leichty Middle school and some even went on a hunger strike to show their disapproval of pending budget cuts.</p>
<p>Date: JUNE 2, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – MONTCLAIR COPS Time: 6:00-6:30PM Length: 2:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Rob McMillan informs us the city of Montclair is facing budget gaps and may have to cut ten positions out of the police budget if officers do not agree to a 10 % reduction in pay. The Montclair Police Association would like the city's utility tax increased instead of officers taking a pay cut but city officials are against it.</p>
<p>Date: JUNE 8, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – SUNSET ECONOMY Time: 11:00-11:35PM Length: 2:15 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Robert Holguin reports pricey Sunset Strip businesses are feeling the pinch of the recession and are working hard to keep customers coming in by lowering their prices. 40 community businesses are participating and are anxious to bring in customers and tourist during the summer.</p>
<p>Date: JUNE 10, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – OC RESORT FORECLOSURE Time: 4:30-7:00AM, 11:00AM-12:00PM, 4:00-5:00PM Length: 8:25 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News</p>	<p>Rob Hayes shows us that luxury resorts in Southern California are being hit hard during the recession. The Saint Regis Monarch Beach Hotel in Dana Point will go into foreclosure and be auctioned off in July but will remain open during the process.</p>

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Date: JUNE 16 & 20, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – LAWMAKERS CARS Time: 5:00-6:00PM, 5:00-7:00AM Length: 4:35 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News	Nannette Miranda informs us during the recession more Southern California residents are paying attention to how California spends money. Taxpayers are paying \$1 million a year to help lawmakers earning six figures a year with their car payment. A coalition of churches calls the practice immoral and Southern California residents are angered and no longer want to pay for such extravagances.
Date: JUNE 18, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – FINANCIAL REFORM Time: 4:30-7:00AM Length: 3:55 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News	Melissa MacBride gathers reaction to President Obama’s plan to overhaul the nation’s financial system. The reform will create a consumer financial protection agency, a financial oversight council and grant more power to the Federal Reserve to regulate “too-big-to-fail” companies.
Date: JUNE 25, 2009 ABC7 – Eyewitness News – LA TOURISM Time: 4:30-7:00AM Length: 4:00 MINUTES Origin: Local Type: News	Carlos Granda reports the tourism and hospitality industry in Los Angeles County employed 456,000 Southern California residents and is considered the number one job generator. However, the low pay rate offered for these jobs during a recession does little for struggling families.