



# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LIFE

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TIME: 7:30 – 8:00 P.M.

**TOPICS COVERED BUT NOT LIMITED TO:**

**PERTENANT ISSUES AND PROGRAMMING:**

## OVERVIEW:

Tonight on So Cal Life Late Night T-V is getting its first new host in years. We've got the scoop on an SNL favorite taking on a new role. And two pioneers of the conscious clothing movement join us to talk about their clothing line that is helping war victims one necklace at a time. Plus we continue our spotlight on Huntington Beach with classic cars and powerful engines.

## NATIONAL NEWS:

Did you ever imagine that after the holiday weekend gas prices would actually go down? Well, oil prices finally dropped to \$127 a barrel and prices at the pump rose only slightly. The demand for gas was lower than previous Memorial Day weekends, experts say, which may be responsible for the dip in price. If this trend continues, we may see the normal pattern of gas peaking around Memorial Day and coming back down in the summer.

## COMMUNITY NEWS:

Members of the United Teachers of Los Angeles are reportedly planning to protest budget cuts by walking out of their classrooms for an hour on Friday, June 6. The LA Unified School District is facing over \$300 million in cuts under Governor Schwarzenegger's tight budget for next year. The cuts mean that many teachers, as well as other staff, will lose their jobs. The LAUSD Superintendent said that he and the district support the teachers' cause, but they don't approve of the walkout.

## ENTERTAINMENT NEWS:

Is another Hollywood strike on the horizon? After this morning it doesn't look like it. The American Federation of Television and Radio Artists announced today that it has reached a tentative agreement on a new three-year primetime t-v contract. AFTRA, which represents some 70,000 members and is the nation's second-largest performers' union, said the draft agreement will be considered by the union's National Board next week. The Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers resumed talks earlier today with the Screen Actors' Guild.

#### HEALTH/FITNESS:

As women age, they are more prone to fibroids and cysts, which can cause problems when trying to conceive. After the age of 35, the chances of the child having a genetic abnormality increase significantly each year. As Lisa Sedillo reports, a recent guest on our show, Dr. Bess, helped develop a new technique for women in need of gynecological laparoscopic surgery.

#### NATIONAL NEWS:

Both presumptive Republican presidential nominee Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Michelle Obama, the wife of his likely Democratic opponent, attended campaign fundraisers in town today. Senator McCain attended a reception and dinner at the Bel Air home of investor Elliot Broidy, continuing a series of fundraisers which also

included events in Irvine last Wednesday. Michelle Obama had a busy day attending a breakfast at a downtown Los Angeles law firm, a luncheon at a Pasadena home and an evening fundraiser at the Brentwood home of Dawn Ostroff, the entertainment division president of The CW television network.

#### COMMUNITY NEWS:

The grades are in. Heal the Bay released their 18th annual Beach Report Card for California Beaches, and as always the report includes a list of the 10 worst beaches in the state, with 7 out of the top ten are right here in the southland. The grade takes into account the health effect on beach goers and is based on fecal bacteria pollution level in the surfzone. However, this year did show the best *overall* water quality on record.

Most California beaches did well, with 87% of locations receiving and B grades. Los Angeles County still had the state's lowest grades in the state with only 71% As and Bs, but that tally marks a big improvement from last year's grades.

#### **The Top 10 Beach Bummers**

1. Avalon Harbor Beach on Catalina Island (Los Angeles County)
2. Santa Monica Municipal Pier (Los Angeles County)
3. Poche Beach (Orange County)
4. North Beach Doheny (Orange County)
5. Marie Canyon Drain at Puerco Beach (Los Angeles County)
6. Cabrillo Beach harborside (Los Angeles County)
7. City of Long Beach -- multiple locations (Los Angeles County)
8. Campbell Cove State Park Beach (Sonoma County)

9. Clam Beach County Park near Strawberry Creek (Humboldt County)

10. Pismo Beach Pier (San Luis Obispo County)

Huntington Beach did not make it one the beach bummers list which makes it a great location for our weekly community spotlight. Brent Weber continues our feature on this coastal city that has more to offer than gorgeous shores.

Santa Monica is getting a new Ferris Wheel! The 1.5 million- dollar attraction will be introduced tonight, by illuminating its 160,000 lights and offering free rides for visitors from 9:15 tonight until midnight. The previous wheel was auctioned on eBay for \$132,400, with half the proceeds going to Special Olympics Southern California. Like its predecessor, the new wheel will be solar powered, and its lights will be 75 percent more energy efficient than the previous wheel's.

The Long Beach 7-10 freeway is getting some long-awaited work done. As part of the "Long Life Pavement" rehab project, nine miles of the road between Long Beach and South Gate will be repaired over the next couple of days. Through Sunday, the MLK Boulevard southbound on-ramp will be closed from 7pm to 6am, announced Caltrans. The northbound 710 will be closed from Rosecrans Avenue to Glenn Anderson freeway between the hours of 1am and 5am Friday and Saturday. The freeway will also be fully closed along that section on Sunday from 2am to 7am.

#### ENTERTAINMENT NEWS:

We all know him from Saturday Night Live, but now NBC has decided to give Jimmy Fallon Conan O'Brian's job as host on Late Night starting from next summer. Ron Jacobsohn reports about the shake up at 30 Rockefeller Center.

#### SPORTS:

Well it's one more win and the L-A Lakers are in the finals. After an embarrassing loss against the San Antonio Spurs this past Sunday, the Lakers turned up their game, leading the defending champion Spurs throughout last night's game. After the Spurs' last second failed attempt at a 3-pointer to tie the game, the Lakers won 93-91 in the opponent's court. And tomorrow, they'll get a chance to get their ticket for the finals as they play in the Staples Center.

#### NATIONAL NEWS:

As gas prices continue to rise, there's finally some good news for car lovers - the new sports cars set to come out in the next four years have been unveiled! Although the cars will be smaller and more efficient, they will still be as fast as ever. The first to come out next year will be the Ford Focus, Nissan GT-R Spec V and 370Z, both of which insiders say will give Porsches a run for their money. And if you're waiting for the more high-end new models from Ferrari and Maserati, you'll have to wait until 2012.

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