



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LIFE

DATE: 5-21-08 WEDNESDAY

TIME: 7:30 – 8:00 P.M.

TOPICS COVERED BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

PERTENANT ISSUES AND PROGRAMMING:

OVERVIEW:

Tonight on So Cal Life, we find out which of your favorite shows are staying and leaving, and what new faces are being introduced in Fox's new fall line-up. And as the weather's starting to warm up, our guest shows us how to look like a natural beauty with the latest in skin care and rejuvenation. Plus in our community spotlight on Hollywood, we caught up with one of Southern California's most beloved public figures shortly before he passed away.

NATIONAL NEWS:

It's time to start conserving energy. The department of water and power says consumption peaked at 5-thousand megawatts -- a record for May.

The L-A city council has approved Mayor Villaraigosa's \$7-billion budget. The mayor is sticking to his plan to expand the L-A-P-D by 1,000 officers. This will cause fee increases in many city services including trash removal and parking. The council did decide to keep the city's TV channel, add more park rangers and keep libraries open on Sundays. However, the city could face a \$300-million shortfall next year.

You've probably seen the neon signs along the freeway that say 'Click it or Ticket'. 55 percent of those killed on the roadways were not wearing a safety belt. So, this week is the "National Click it or Ticket" campaign where CHP will crack down on people who are not wearing a seat belt. But, now there's something else that helps reduce the number of fatal crashes:

COMMUNITY NEWS:

After record amounts of foreclosures, the So Cal real estate market is starting to pick up. Home sales went up 22% since April. Riverside County, which was the foreclosure center of southern California, saw its first sales increase in two years. The foreclosures might be the reason for the rising sales, as 38% of southland homes sold were in foreclosure. This rise in real estate, combined with rising leading economic indicators, could mean the economy might actually avoid a recession.

The rise in real estate is also turning out to be good news for buyers. The percentage of first-time buyers able to pay for a median-priced home in Riverside County rose to 55 percent in the first quarter of the year. The figure is up from 42 percent during the fourth quarter of 2007 and from the 35 percent during the same period a year ago.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS:

Turning to this week's spotlight on Hollywood, there's only one man whose name goes hand in hand with the town dubbed the home of the stars! Lisa Sedillo had the pleasure of spending time with Johnny Grant before he passed away last year in Hollywood:

GENERAL INTEREST:

Student fashion designers from the International Academy of Design & Technology showcased their designs at this year's Imagine 2008. Students were challenged to take inspiration from a choice of five cars, and design for a specific category such as Career, Sportswear, Eveningwear and Avant-garde.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS:

The judges finally got what they wanted as the two David's faced off in a vocal duel on American Idol Last Night. At the beginning of the night, both were dressed in robes and boxing gloves as the Rocky theme played overhead. The boys duked it out over three songs and the judges proclaimed Archuleta as the winner. Tonight, we'll find out who the people's champ is.

While American Idol has remained a huge hit for Fox, many new shows didn't make the cut for the fall schedule. Fox has announced that it has given a 13-episode order for "Hole in the Wall," a competition series where teammates must contort their bodies in unison to fit through a hole in a wall or be swept into a pool below. Ron Jacobsohn reports on other Fox shows we can expect to see starting this August.

SPORTS:

The LA Lakers are playing the San Antonio Spurs in game 1 of the conference finals. The teams ended up 2 to 2 against each other in the regular season, which should make for some intense games to follow during the finals.

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