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## SMOKING AND HEALTH

*Many young people smoke cigarettes, but smoking is an unhealthy habit that is hard to quit.*



YOUSIF ABUBSHAIT

Every day I see a lot of people smoking not only in the street but also in restaurants, coffee shops, and at our university. I've always been wondering why they smoke? Don't they know that smoking is not good for their health?

OK, let's assume that this is their choice and they have the freedom to do what they want to do. Don't they know that their smoke may affect the people who don't smoke? I am sure they knew. So now it is not their freedom to do so.

I asked some people about the reason behind their smoking. Some

of them said they smoke if they are under stress. Others said they smoke after meals, and some smoke because it is fun. All of these reasons are weak and not convincing because at the end of the day smokers will lose their life. Here are some bad things that smoking causes:

- Smoking may cause mouth, throat, and lung cancer.
- It may cause asthma.
- Smoking may cause high blood pressure.
- Smoking may cause heart attack.
- Smoking may cause depression

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Homecoming Rally!



## NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### Thanksgiving

Don't forget—TODAY is the Language Academy Thanksgiving Dinner. If you signed up and paid for the dinner, please meet in the JEF Courtyard at 2:30 PM. We will all walk over to the 29th Street Café together. Dinner will be from 3:00—5:00PM.



### CONQUEST!

Saturday, November 21st  
Meet @ JEF Courtyard @ 6:30 PM  
With a concert featuring OK GO, contests, a Ferris wheel, food, fun, and Trojan Spirit, you won't want to miss our celebration of the crosstown rivalry between USC and ucla.



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NO CLASSES  
NOVEMBER 26-27

# Workshops

Tuesday, November 24th!

Time	Location	Description	Facilitator
1:00—1:50	VKC 152	Salsa Dancing with Natalie!!	Natalie Reyes
1:00—1:50	THH 107	Terrific TV "Booze Cruise"	Susy Ruiz
1:00—1:50	THH 105	Current Events	Norma Larios
1:00—1:50	SOS B45	Pronunciation: All levels	Priscilla Caraveo
1:00—1:50	THH 216	Media Lab	Kim St. Charles
1:00—1:50	JEF Courtyard	Conversation Levels 1-2	Cristina Stan
	JEF Courtyard	Conversation Level 3-4	Jackie Kim
	JEF Courtyard	Conversation Levels 5-6	Julia Huang

## Thanksgiving Break

**There will be no classes on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The USC Language Academy will be closed on 11/26 and 11/27.**

### Important Immigration Information

If you need to see Gil for advising, please email him at [gcho@usc.edu](mailto:gcho@usc.edu) to set up an appointment.

As a reminder, the payment and I-20 extension deadline for the Spring Semester is December 11<sup>th</sup> 2009. Transfer students must submit transfer paperwork by February 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to ensure their I-20 is transferred by the deadline of February 9<sup>th</sup> 2010.

### *Housing Information*

**All students who will not be living in Parkside during the Spring semester MUST move out of Parkside by 5:00 PM on Sunday, December 13th. Please follow the Check-Out Guidelines you were given when you turned in your red cancellation form.**

**If you will be staying in Parkside for the Spring semester, you must see Sky as soon as possible.**

Check out *The Academy News* online at [www.usc.edu/langacad](http://www.usc.edu/langacad). Go to "Student Information" and then click on "The Academy News". Now you can have all of the information you need at your fingertips with just one click!

**Dancing with Natalie-** So you think you can dance? Have you ever wanted to learn some new dance moves to show off on the dance floor? Natalie Reyes will give you tips and show you how to dance. You'll need to wear comfortable clothes and shoes for this workshop.

**Conversation Practice**—Practice speaking English by level with REAL USC STUDENTS. This is an interactive discussion in which you will participate in group discussions about several interesting topics. This is your opportunity to practice speaking and to ask questions.

**Terrific TV**—Watch a popular American television show and discuss different themes each week. Come prepared to discuss important issues.

**Current Events**—In this workshop, we will focus on current news items, and will read and discuss important issues in depth. This is appropriate for future USC students and higher levels.

**Media Lab**—Practice your spelling, grammar, reading and writing skills in a computer lab-based workshop where you'll have access to lots of different websites to help you improve your English.

**Pronunciation**—In this workshop, you will practice vowel sounds, stress, rhythm, and intonation to help improve your English.



COLIN SHEN

## Leonid Meteor Shower

One day, I saw the news that was about Leonid meteor shower on Nov 17. The meteor shower is a big one in 2009. I was very happy when I saw the news, because every hour would produce more than 500 meteors. But, at the end of the news, I found the best place for observing is Asia. I was disappointed!

In America every hour just produces 30 meteors. Five hundred is sixteen times larger than 30! Even under this condition, I still decide to see it! However, I told it to my friends and they weren't interested in meteor shower. So, I decided that I should do it by myself.

Because of the meteor shower, I did nothing on 16<sup>th</sup> afternoon. I spend long time sleeping. I didn't want to feel sleepy during the night.

After 12 a.m. I took my camera and went outside. I felt very cold when I stood outside. I thought exercise could warm me up, so I started to walk around at Parkside and I wished I could take some picture about meteors. But, I didn't see any meteor.

At that time, I thought about a legend—when you meet a meteor, you can make a wish and the wish will come true. One meteor represents one wish'. So, how many wishes you can make when you meet a meteor shower!!

Five minutes, ten minutes, fifteen minutes . . . I still didn't see any meteor. Was there a meteor shower?

I almost fell asleep when I was waiting for meteors. I thought I chose the wrong place to see the meteor shower. So, I decided to go back home.



*The Leonid Meteor Shower, which was visible on November 17, was created from by the comet Tempel-Tuttle. The name Leonid gets its name from the Constellation Leo.*



**Left:** The Jewelry Exchange in downtown Los Angeles has been an important landmark for tourists.

*Life in L.A.*

## DOWNTOWN L.A. OFFERS INTERESTING PLACES

JANSON LUO

Many people would know places like Hollywood, Disneyland, Universal Studios as very interesting places in Los Angeles. However, you can find more fun in L.A.

I want to recommend some places that you should go to visit in Los Angeles. I will be introducing some shopping places because almost all ladies like shopping.

The Fashion District, which is shopper's heaven, has thousands of manufacturers and retailers. It is located at 110 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street and environs, and opening hours are Monday to Friday 8:30~5:30 p.m. Also the International jewelry district is most ladies' favorite stores. All of the jewelry in Los Angeles is there. In other words you can find any jewelry you want in the International Jewelry. The International Jewelry is located at 550 South Hill Street. The opening hours are Monday to Saturday 9:00~6:00 p.m.

If you are interested in those or you want to know how to get more fun in Los Angeles, you can look for <http://ladowntownguide.com>. You should find everything you want.



**SIEGFRIED SONG**

**THE GROVE: SHOPPING WITH EUROPEAN STYLE**

Have you ever been to the Grove, shopping mall? The Grove is one of most wonderful places in LA. It's located on 189 The Grove Drive.

If you hang out with your girl friend/boy friend, they are going to love this place. Because they have European style gravel road, it has tram rail. Also, there are not too big but choreographed fountains. Every appointed hour, you can see the fountain show with music.

They also have free live concerts in the park every week.

The historic Farmers Market is also an experience you'll enjoy like no other in Los Angeles.

You're just steps away from the historic Farmer's Market and its wide range of delights.

Of course they have around 40 boutiques too.

If you would like to see a movie, you can go to the Pacific Theatre. It has 14 theatres. You can choose recently movie here. It cannot be boring! Enjoy your life! You can go there by bus. It's not easy to go. First, just walk to Exposition and Figueroa Intersection. You can get on the bus No.550 toward West Hollywood.



*The trolley, a favorite ride at The Grove, is designed like an old-fashioned streetcar. The fountain show is also a must-see.*

When you arrive on San Vicente and Fairfax Intersection, you need to transfer the bus No.780 toward Pasadena City College. After you arrive on Fairfax and 3RD intersection get off the bus. Then you can find The Grove near there.

**FAMOUS SPOTS IN L.A.**

**PINK'S HOT DOGS**

**DONG JO (MARTIN) SHIN**

On November 15, last Sunday, right after my lunch and before my dinner I was a little bit hungry as well as sleepy. I had to kick the warm charming breeze out of my face not to fall asleep. Thereupon, I put my clothes on and went out of my sweet warm home.

On my way to the car I called a friend and asked her for a good place, a place, where you can find some easy stuff to eat, a place, where you can just kill one or two hours without any trouble. She said, "Pink's Hot Dogs!" which has been a landmark since



1939. So, I drove my car with no doubt to N La Brea Ave and Melrose intersection.

This time, I felt the wind was enough strong and also cold enough to keep me awake which was blowing into my face through the window. I was probably excited somewhat on my way, because I was tapping my fingers

against the steering wheel when I was listening to FM 102.7.

After a short period of time I could smell the Pink Hot Dog's hot dogs and realized I was in the right place and at the right time. In the backyard of the restaurant there was a parking lot. I parked my car beside the parking meter, though. I could not stand the

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- You will stink because of the tobacco smell on your clothes.
- You will be lonely, because roommates and dating websites always ask: Smoker or non smoker? So if you smoke, you may not find a roommate or boyfriend/girlfriend.

Nowadays there are many ways to quit smoking, such as nicotine gum or patches.

I encourage every smoker to get rid of this bad habit and leave himself healthy and the environment clean.

<http://www.lifescrpt.com/Health/Conditions/Addiction/Smoking>



### TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING POEM

Over the river and through the wood,  
to Grandmother's house we go.

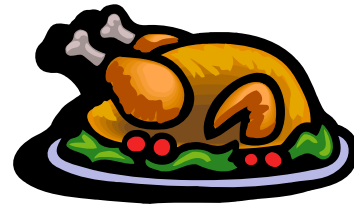
The horse knows the way to carry  
the sleigh through the white and  
drifted snow.

Over the river and through the wood,  
Oh, how the wind does blow!

It stings the toes and bites the nose,  
as over the ground we go.

Over the river and through the wood,  
now Grandmother's cap I spy!

Hurrah for the fun! Is the pudding  
done? Hurray for the pumpkin pie!



Thanksgiving Day is a special holiday throughout the U.S. It is always celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. The day before Thanksgiving is heaviest travel day of the year because Americans return home to share the day with family.

A typical Thanksgiving feast includes turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, yams, green beans, cranberry sauce, and for dessert, pumpkin pie and apple pie. Happy Thanksgiving!!

Home-coming Rally last Thursday, November 12. Cardinal and gold are the Trojan colors.



("Pink" from p. 4)

sweet smell anymore. Nevertheless, I was waiting in the line for a hour, just tasting the smell of greasy well done sausages, notorious chili fries and sizzling onions. Finally, when my turn came up I was thanking them to let me wait an hour in the line, because the hot dogs not only smelled fantastic but also they seemed to be so delicious. Needless to say, the taste of it was absolutely a masterpiece from a chef which was good enough to fulfill the appetite of a gourmet.



## SPORTS NOTEBOOK

GOOD NEWS  
FOR LAKERS

MAX MA

Two-game losing streak to the Los Angeles Lakers gets good news. Pau Gasol hopes to be staged this week. Friday is his new season's first show. He was prepared to match with the Chicago Bulls in comeback.

Pau Gasol is 29 years old, He is one of the most important players that help Lakers get the final championship, but he was injured last season.

The Lakers have lost two games. They will

have a match with the Detroit Pistons on Friday.

Gasol's return will allow the team's offense to become more organized. The Spaniard also said he missed his teammates and the feeling on the game, but his hamstring feels better.

I think Gasol's comeback can reduce the pressure on Kobe Bryant on the court.

We are all looking forward to return to the Lakers Pau Gasol after the game.



*Pau Gasol, who injured his hamstring last season, will be back this week.*

SCRAMBLED WORDS  
FOR THANKSGIVING

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

## MUSIC

Claude Debussy's  
12 Preludes: Book II

Friday, November 20,  
2009 : 8:00pm

Alfred Newman Recital  
Hall  
Free

The Thornton School's  
keyboard department  
presents a concert by pi-  
anist Giorgi Latsabidze.

Latsabidze has pursued  
an ambitious performance  
schedule, appearing in  
master classes and con-



cert performances  
throughout Eastern  
Europe, Asia, South  
America and the United  
States. While at the Tbi-  
lisi State Conservatoire,  
and following an audition  
with noted Georgian con-  
ductor Jansug Kakhidze  
(nicknamed "the Slavic  
Karajan"), Latsabidze  
was resident soloist at the  
Tbilisi Center for Music  
and Culture from 2000  
through 2003, performing

an extensive series of  
works for both solo piano  
and piano with orchestra.  
During this period, he  
was recognized for giving  
an exceptional perform-  
ance of the 24 Etudes of  
Chopin in Tbilisi to an  
enthusiastic audience.

## THEATER

## Company

Friday, November 20, 7  
p.m.; Saturday, Novem-  
ber 21, 8 p.m.; Sunday,  
November 22, 2:30 p.m.

Martin Massman Theatre  
Admission is free.

Due to limited seating,  
reservations are highly  
recommended; to RSVP,

email  
[uscmtx@gmail.com](mailto:uscmtx@gmail.com).

On the night of his 35th  
birthday, confirmed  
bachelor Robert contem-  
plates his unmarried state.  
In vignette after hilarious  
vignette, we are intro-  
duced to "those good and  
crazy people," his mar-  
ried friends, as Robert  
weighs the pros and cons  
of married life. In the end,  
he realizes being alone is  
"alone, not alive."

