

The Shoreline

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Profanity

Hello everyone,

As many of you know, me and several friends of mine travel to Mexico or someplace in South America to fish once or twice a year. We spend the week fishing, diving, eating and of course cock-tailing. We sometimes travel to small fishing villages and other times to extremely over populated towns. In South America whether in a small town or large, you notice early on the quiet peaceful demeanor of the locals. No one ever seems to be in any great hurry or rattled. We never observe frustration among them. No road rage and definitely no profanity – which brings me to the point.

When did we become so comfortable with all this profanity? It's everywhere. I realize, of course, freedom of speech is a First Amendment right. But is it always appropriate? I spent most of my life in a locker room where things were said that would never be repeated outside those walls, not so anymore. Profanity can be heard wherever people congregate, markets, movie theaters, restaurants, parks, television and sporting events. You can't get away from it.

At seasons end, I went to a football game at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. These are always fun for me, the kids and my family. As is our custom, we tail-gated.

By the way, if you haven't been lately, tail-gating involves loud music, eating, drinking and lots of boisterous activity. It's actually great fun leading up to the game.

There is however, one problem, all the profanity. I noticed it at just about every tailgate site and it didn't seem to matter if kids were present – what a disappointment!

Picture this, there are thousands of people on hand to enjoy the moment. There are also numerous bands playing music, who also drop the "F" bomb every few words, inappropriate; don't you think? Can you imagine, after the game on the way home your seven-year old wants to know more about the "F" bombs.

Notwithstanding the above, the games are always fun. L.A., it's our home, for better or worse, the culture and all. But, what do you say we delete some of this profanity.

Our Monthly Quote:

Will Rogers once said: "There are two theories to arguing with a woman....neither works."

REAL NEWS

Head over to Catalina Island for the annual Catalina Marathon March 12, 2011. Spectators are welcome along the course and it's your opportunity to see the interior of Catalina Island.

The San Pedro Farmers Market every Friday from 9:00am to 2:00pm at Pacific and 6th it's the best.

Until next time, be happy its goes fast.

Jerry, HHW Marina