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'Cause nothing's cheaper

Rodeo night manager talks to 826LA

BY ALANIS AND ALEX

A racely, the Rodeo Mexican Grill night manager, came to 826LA to talk about the restaurant, which is across the street on Sunset Blvd. We ate tacos, hamburgers, fries, and nachos, and we drank horchata. She came to talk about how they make the food, how the business was going, and how to manage the place.



Rodeo Grill on Sunset is a good restaurant to eat at.

Q: What do you do at Rodeo?

A: I make sure that everything is

in order.

Q: How long have you been there?

A: Two years.

Q: What letter grade does your restaurant have?

A: Grade A. 826LA

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R O D E O food reviews

■ I ate hamburger and fries, horchata, chips, and tacos. I liked the hamburger. It was just bread and meat. I had a chicken taco. I liked the chicken, but not the taco shell. By Monica

■ The size of Rodeo is enormous. The food is tasty. My favorite was the chicken taco.

Each taco is about six bites. The chicken was chopped into long strips. It tasted really bad without the hot sauce, onions, lime, and cilantro, which it usually comes with, but our tutor didn't order it. The horchata and taco were better than the hamburger. The horchata tasted good because it had been a long time since I had my last horchata. The first time I had horchata was when I was four years old. I also recommend the fries because they add salt and pepper. The tacos should be

a dollar each. You get four tacos for six bucks. I am not interested in radishes and green onions. I am not interested in vegetables. Rodeo is a good place to eat, but I didn't like the hamburger, and some things are too expensive. By Jason

■ The size of Rodeo is gigantic, and the food is salty in a good way. It is very tasty and delicious. I like the hamburger, fries, and taco the best. The fries,

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826LA writers try on Two Boots

BY STAFF

Nearby pizzeria Two Boots recently opened up on Sunset, and the 826LA Good Times staff tried some slices. Here are their reviews.



liked the pizzas. By Jason



The cheese crust was crispy, and the sauce was good. The cheese on the Newman felt slippery. By Monica



The Newman tastes like pepperoni. The crust is crispy and chewy and thin. The cheese slice tastes like cheese and bread. By Oscar



The Bayou Beast is so spicy because it has jalapenos. It has shrimp and crawfish. The crust is crunchy and burnt. The slice of cheese had softer bread but the crust at the top was hard and crunchy. By Alex



The cheese tastes good and bad at the same time. I never tasted cheese pizza, but it tastes good. I tasted the crust, and it tastes burnt. The Newman tastes like pepperoni. It tastes good. I like the crust. I



The Newman had burnt crust. It was good and has different herbs and spices. The cheese pizza had a burnt crust too. It tastes like a good-looking cheesy pizza. By Alanis



The cheese was crunchy and good, and the Bayou Beast tasted like fish from under the sea—a little too funky for me. By Bianca 826LA

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TWO BOOTS

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M–Thu.: 4 p.m.–1 a.m.

F–Sat.: 4 p.m.–2 a.m.

Sun.: 4 p.m.–11 p.m.

Junk food after school

Buy from Beti because it's cheaper

BY BIANCA

Out of school? Run down the street! Beti's shopping carts will be there. They sell Baby and Giant Lucas in flavors of watermelon, tamarindo, and *chile y limon*. It makes your mouth numb! There's also Takis, rolled little tortillas with powdered chile. Hot Cheetos are cheesy Cheetos but hot! Big mangos with chile are candy lollipops covered with chili powder. Tamarindo bags with a straw are Tamarindos in a bag. You suck them out with a straw. An ice cream in a bag is the same as tamarindo, but instead you drink out of a hole in the corner. The frozen Gatorade is really cold and icy. The pan dulce is sweet bread. 826LA



Survey: The junior high schoolers choose

BY SKY

On March 11, standing in my school hallway, I asked 80 seventh- and eighth-graders what their favorite foods are to see what junior high schoolers enjoy eating most.

1 candy



2 Mexican food
3 pasta
4 pizza

Nutrition in the bag

Lauren finds out the nutritional food values of Sprite, Skittles, and Hot Cheetos

I asked 60 fifth-graders whether Sprite, Hot Cheetos, or Skittles has the most sugar, sodium, and vitamins. I asked the students at my school, Larchmont Charter School, about two weeks ago. For vitamins, the students thought that there were no vitamins in the foods. For sodium,



Taste the rainbow: 228% Daily Value of Vitamin C with 155 g of sugar.

they mostly picked Hot Cheetos. For sugar, a lot of people picked Sprite. The thing that had the most sodium was Hot Cheetos; it has 250 milligrams of sodium. The food that had the most sugar was Skittles with 155 grams of sugar. For vitamins, Skittles had 228% of vitamin C. 826LA

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The scoop at the ice cream truck

BY JASON AND OSCAR

Outside the Eagle Rock Public Library, there is an ice cream truck. But it sells much more than ice cream. The man sells Hot Cheetos, plain or with cheese. If you want cheese it's an extra 50 cents. He opens the bag and adds the cheese with chili. He squeezes a bottle that is filled with yellow creamy cheese, but I like Takis better than Hot Cheetos. Most kids like Takis better than Cheetos because Takis are new. If you buy something expensive, like \$1.50 or \$2.00, you get



The ice cream truck sells more than ice cream.

something that costs 50 cents or less. You will get a jelly burger, chili on a spoon, or sour straws. There are fake cigarettes that are actually bubble gum. Kids like them, but parents don't because

the kids might want to smoke for real when they grow up. I buy stuff from there when I go to the library and when I have money. The ice cream truck is awesome. By Jason

The ice cream trucks sell a lot of stuff. They sell banana splits as a banana that is split in half and with some ice cream over it, and you choose the flavor of the ice cream. On top of the ice cream, they put syrup. They also sell chips with melted cheese, candy, and nachos. By Oscar 826LA

826LA Good Times Staff

ALANIS is ten years old. She is intelligent and likes to play her PSP and Nintendo DS. She goes to Logan Street School.

ALEX is ten years old. He likes math. He has a PSP. He goes to Micheltorena School.

BIANCA is from Echo Park and has lived here for eleven years. She likes to kick it, shoot pool, watch TV (*Sweet 16*, *Carlos Mencia*, *Yo Momma*, *Quiero Mi Quince*), listen to music, go to the park and El Centro Del Pueblo, watch the Lakers and the Dodgers, and text her friends.

JASON is a nine-year-old kid who lives at an apartment at N. Alvarado street. He knows a lot about the orca. He likes baseball (he likes the Dodgers and the South Korea team). He likes playing the guitar. And he is a good chess player and a good friend.

LAUREN is eleven years old and is very interested in nutritional food values. She loves to ride horses and swim, and she goes to Larchmont Charter School (LCS).

MONICA is a seven-year-old who is in second grade at Clifford Street Elementary School, where she likes reading, recess, the bathroom, and learning about long-neck dinosaurs. She wrote recipes and reviews in this edition of the 826LA Good Times.

OSCAR is ten years old. He likes to play soccer and video games. He also likes to watch TV. He likes tacos, hamburgers, pizza, and homemade food. He used to go to Logan Street School, but when he went to fifth grade, he changed to Micheltorena Street School.

SKY is twelve years old and goes to Thomas Starr King Middle School Magnet.

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hamburgers, and carne asada took me on a long journey to another world, where I ate them. The restaurant has a grade A, and you can enjoy a nice meal inside or outside. The horchata took me to a longer journey to horchata world. In horchata world, there is only horchata water. I like it because the water is delicious. I think you should eat at Rodeo Grill because it's the best restaurant ever, and it has very good food. By Oscar

■ Rodeo Grill on Sunset has the best Mexican food on the

block. We tried an hour-long taste test, filled with burgers, tacos, fries, and horchata. The burgers are so evenly cooked. The fries are perfectly spiced, and all I can tell you about the tacos is that I ate them in one bite! The prices only seem high until you taste the food. By Sky

■ I loved the food. My favorite things to eat at Rodeo are the tacos, fries, horchata, and hamburger. I liked everything that I ate today. It was awesome and delicious. What I liked about this food was the flavor. In the hamburger, I liked the spices. In the tacos, I liked the burned meat. And in the horchata, I liked the flavor. By Alanis 826LA

FAMILY RECIPE

Noodles With Cucumbers

This is a recipe that's a favorite in Monica's family. Her mom even gave it to her aunt's daughter to write down!

Ingredients:

Noodles	Sesame oil
Spicy pepper paste	Sesame vinegar
Boiled egg	Pear
Sugar	Cucumber
	Water

Instructions:

1. Put the noodles into a pot of boiling water and cook until tender.
2. Dice the pear and boiled egg.
3. Slice the cucumbers into small strips.
4. Remove the noodles from the pot and rinse in cold water two to three times, and then drain.
5. Put in a large bowl to serve.
6. Combine spicy pepper paste, sugar, sesame oil, and sesame vinegar with noodles and mix well.
7. Add the pear, boiled egg, and cucumber on the top of the noodles and serve. 826LA