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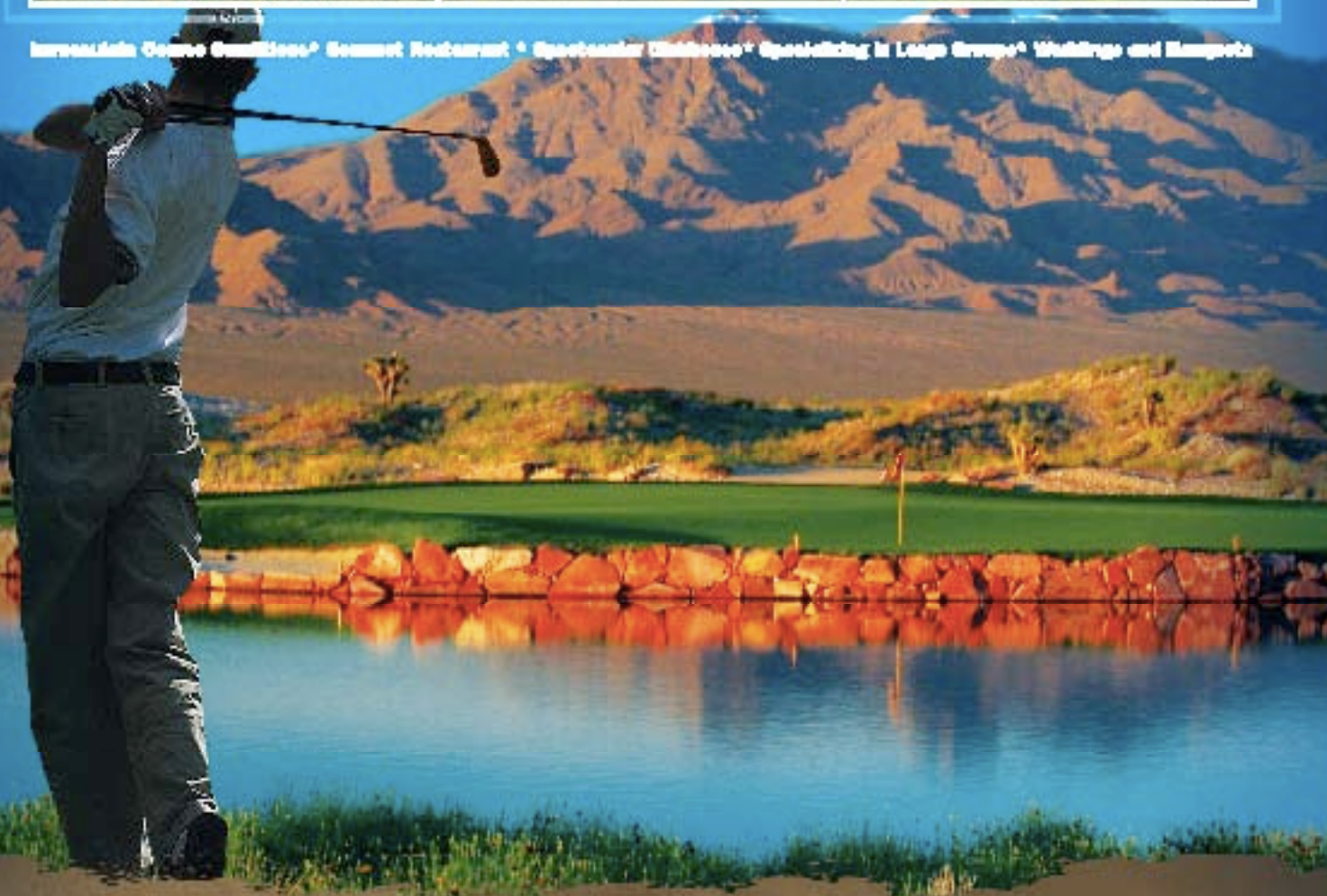
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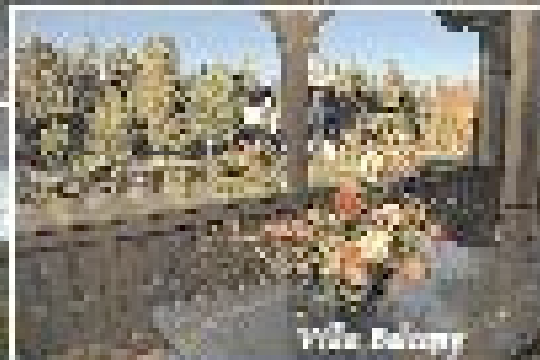
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A Word from the Publisher

Perhaps you noticed when you picked up this latest issue, that it is now more exciting and once again improved. Yes, it has grown taller by nearly an inch. And the stories are a little longer in some instances; however only when the call arises for more space in which to convey to you what is going on. We always like to extol the facts and experiences in short measures so as not to take too much of your time.

Taste our excitement with us as we glide around southern California in a Silver State Helicopter visiting the Hollywood Sign, the Griffith Park Observatory or the Calico

Ghost Town. But, don't stop there, our talented writers and photographers go the distance to find places that you won't want to miss on your next trip to Cambria, The Hearst Castle and the wonders of Mono Lake. Craig T. Fall loves to travel outback where few others go; into the higher elevations or across the lower valleys of the eastern Sierra Nevada range.

Follow the beautiful people into the back bays of southern Florida and watch what Alexis Glanz, our east coast fashion designer, has in store for us.

Our fashion segments continue in this Holiday Issue as Producer Susan Lane Leonard conjures up a beautiful setting and the talents of Phillip Faraone, a photographer who will grow with the scene that has already become the fashion world of southern California. Phillip puts us so near to a multi-million dollar Raytheon Premier charter jet that we feel we can reach out and touch this modern marvel capable of whisking you from French Valley Airport's STA JETS to Seattle in about two hours.

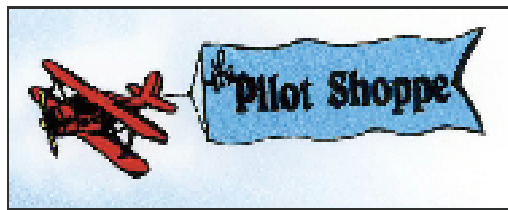
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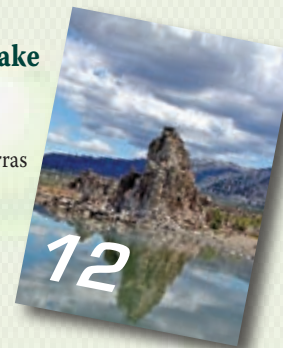
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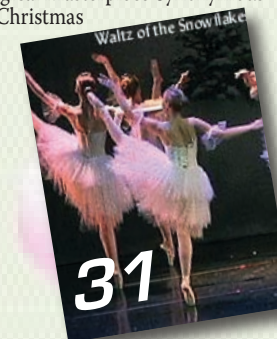
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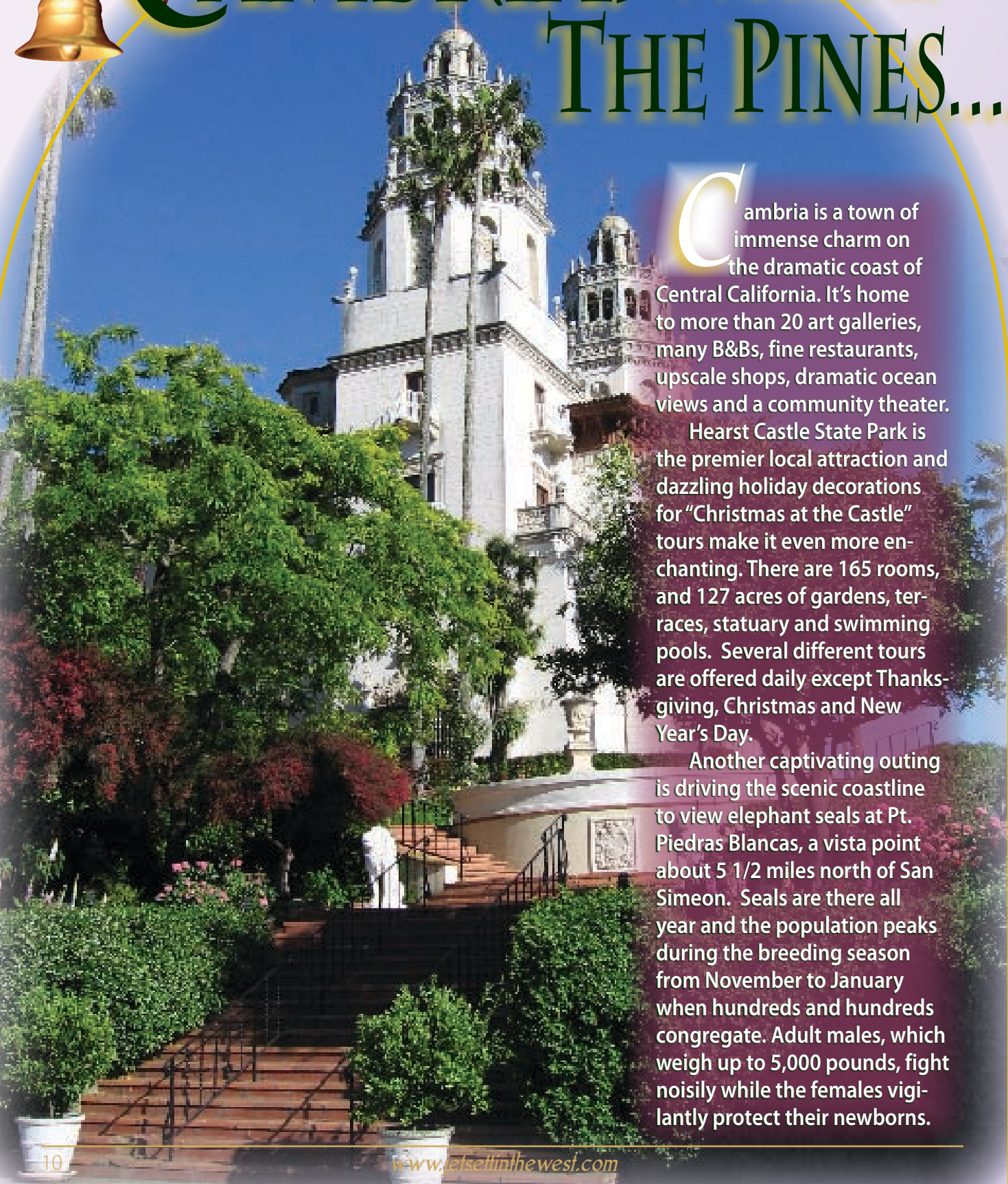
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CAMBRIA: "WHERE THE PINES....."



Cambria is a town of immense charm on the dramatic coast of Central California. It's home to more than 20 art galleries, many B&Bs, fine restaurants, upscale shops, dramatic ocean views and a community theater.

Hearst Castle State Park is the premier local attraction and dazzling holiday decorations for "Christmas at the Castle" tours make it even more enchanting. There are 165 rooms, and 127 acres of gardens, terraces, statuary and swimming pools. Several different tours are offered daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Another captivating outing is driving the scenic coastline to view elephant seals at Pt. Piedras Blancas, a vista point about 5 1/2 miles north of San Simeon. Seals are there all year and the population peaks during the breeding season from November to January when hundreds and hundreds congregate. Adult males, which weigh up to 5,000 pounds, fight noisily while the females vigilantly protect their newborns.

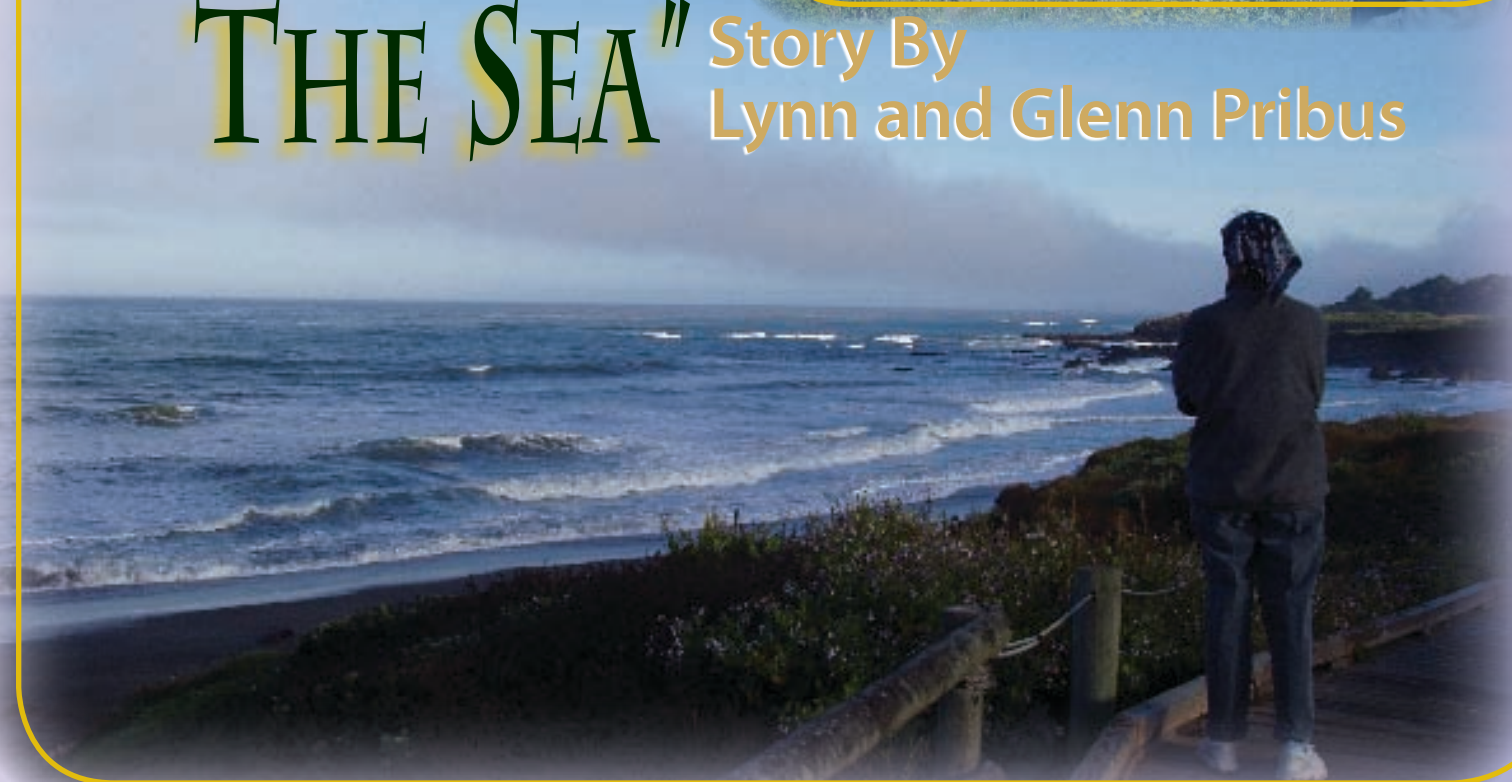
PHOTO CREDITS: **Opposite Page — Courtesy San Luis Obispo CVB** - Hearst Castle, a California State Park, is a major magnet for visitors to Cambria.

Right — Glenn Pribus - One of the authors snapped picture after picture of these lolling elephant seals at Pt. Piedras Blancas. Hundreds gather in the winter breeding season.

Below — Glenn Pribus - A ribbon of fog catches the eye of an early riser on the Moonstone Beach boardwalk which protects the dunes and cliffs.



MEET THE SEA" Story By Lynn and Glenn Pribus



Luxurious lodging is offered at Cambria Pines Lodge with rooms ranging from suites to cabins. And the gardens! Like eight separate outdoor rooms, the enchanting displays include rose, herb, organic kitchen gardens and more. Many visitors take pictures to create similar plantings at home.

We opted to stay at another Moonstone Hotels property, the Pelican Cove Inn at Moonstone Beach State Park where we could hear the surf as we lay abed. The Inn offers an extensive hot breakfast buffet, afternoon wine, and a tempting array of evening desserts.

It was a perfect getaway. We enjoyed our fireplace, explored tide pools and strolled the boardwalk which extends for several miles along the rugged coastline where harbor seals and sea birds frequent the rocky shore.

For comprehensive information on Cambria, Hearst Castle, elephant seals, other local activities such a golfing and fishing, and this hotel group's lodgings visit: www.moonstonehotels.com/Cambria.htm.

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Mono Lake

Story and Photos
By Craig T. Fall

This was a day that photographers dream about. Perfect temperature, weather, light breeze and enough of a snow pack on the peaks to keep you cool in the crystal clear sun. Mono (better pronounce that "Mo-No" or the locals will know you are a tourist) Lake is nature's unique showcase in the Eastern Sierras; bold, brash, nothing to compare it to, really. Enticing as it appears, this is not water to quench a thirst. It contains a dense, alkaline liquid that could drop a thirsty traveler in his tracks. At 760,000 years

old, it is easily among the oldest lakes in North America. This unique ecosystem teams with an unexpected life: Nighthawks, Yellow-bellied Marmots, Spadefoot Toads, and Pronghorn Antelope. The lake is filled with trillions of tiny Brine Shrimp (*Artemia Monica*), and the shores are covered with the alkali flies that fill the stomachs of the Wilson's Phalaropes shorebirds on their long trip to South America. The "Tufas" on the shore tower as fragile calcium carbonate formations, some up to 30 feet high. All part of California's richest natural heritage. 🎁

Charter A Helicopter For Real Excitement

Story and photographs by Mike Russell



Pilot Robert Graham

On a warm, windy and bright fall day, a Robinson R-44 helicopter landed at Big Bear Airport. In minutes we were off on another Executive Charter to emphasize to our readers how convenient it is to fly long distances in a short time over many types of terrain and in various weather conditions for any number of purposes.

My helicopter pilot was Robert Graham. We took off at 9:35 a.m. flying east over to, and around, 7,623 ft. Tip Top Mountain, approximately 9 miles east of Big Bear City in the San Bernardino Mountains of Southern California. Tip Top Mine has been closed for many years however, it is still a tourist attraction for those with 4-wheel drive vehicles.

Next we flew over Big Horn Wilderness and across an ancient landslide that slid down the north side of Black Hawk Mountain 10 million years ago. It is estimated that the slide sped down at over 100 mph after catching air beneath it. Today the slide is a mile wide and 50 ft. high above the Mojave Desert floor.

In a few minutes we arrived at Daggett Field just a few miles east of Barstow, Calif. north of Highway 40 that used to be the historic Highway 66.



Photo Credit:
Courtesy Air War College

From the 1920's to the 30's Daggett Field was a refueling stop for mail planes on their way between Amarillo, Texas and Los Angeles. Though it was not common knowledge, Daggett Field was a training base for Russian pilots who were being taught how to fly the new Douglas A-20 Havoc attack bombers. Donald Douglas, leader of the up-and-coming El Segundo Aircraft Company was a participant in the Lend Lease Program that allowed Russia to order these heavily armed attack aircraft from the U.S. The A-20's were being modified by a team from

Douglas and lived next to Daggett Field for some two years. The aircraft were being modified with 20mm nose canons. Afterwards they were flown to Alaska and then out along the Aleutian Island chain and then to the USSR.

Early in his career Donald Douglas got together with Jack Northrup and Ed Heinemann and a group of Wright Field technicians who designed the early version of the A-20 which first flew in 1939. It was one of the most popular and effective light bombers of WWII. It has been reported that the Russians ordered 3,000 of the 7,478 manufactured. The British and later the French also ordered a number of the speedy attack bombers.



After WWII Daggett Field was used by the 444th Army Air Forces Base Unit to support Lockheed P-38 Lightning's that flew in for air-to-ground rocket training. The Center was deactivated in 1944.

Calico miners produced \$86 million in silver, \$45 million in borax and had a population of 1,200 citizens, 22 saloons, a China Town and, of course, a busy "red light district." It might be noted that there were an estimated 500 mines including the legendary Silver King, Oriental and Bismarck mines that kept the town going from 1881 to 1907. When the price of silver dropped from \$1.31 an ounce to 63 cents during the mid 1890's the town began to take on the look of a ghost town, and with the end of the borax mining in 1907, the town officially became a ghost town.

The aerial view from the helicopter makes the town look like a miniature reproduction, but I assure you it is a fun place to go see. Today it is restored to look like it did in its historic past and is open daily to tourists for a small donation, everyday except Christmas. Stores are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We flew down through Big Morongo Canyon, over the thriving Desert Hot Springs, and then over Indian Wells Tennis Garden. This beautiful 16,000-seat facility was discussed in an earlier issue of Jet Settin' the West Magazine in our first La Quinta feature.

The upcoming Pacific Life Open begins March 5 – 18. Complete information can be seen at <http://iwtdg.net>.

We flew past the many million dollar estates of the stars and other famous personalities.

There are hundreds of power-generating windmills that are clustered around the west end of Coachella Valley furnishing power for the businesses and residences.





In a few minutes we flew over beautiful Chino Hills, Highway 73 and then up into the Los Angeles basin. As we approached the metropolitan area from the southeast, we could easily pick out the tall pointed-top of Los Angeles City Hall. The City Hall was designed by John Parkinson and Albert C. Martin and was completed in 1928. It has 32 floors and is 454 feet tall. Prior to 1960 no buildings in Los Angeles were permitted to be taller than City Hall due to possible seismic concerns. Some say it was due to the desire of city politicians and businessmen of the era to stretch the city out into the basin area. The City Hall was the tallest building in the city from 1928 to 1964. The top of the edifice was constructed to look like the Mausoleum of Massollos, a tomb built between 353 and 350 BC at Halicarnassus (presently Bodrum, Turkey).

To take a most interesting look at downtown Los Angeles you can go to the internet and look at <http://www.downtownla.com/mapContainer.html>. Here you will see each and every building and street. We flew around the area and stared in awe at all the towers and at the variety of sizes and shapes and we wondered if the people working inside those buildings were looking out at us.



After a five-year renovation and expansion project, the Griffith Observatory will once again open to the public on Friday, November 3, 2006. Visitors will be invited to come and see the observatory by reservation only as the public interest is expected to be high in the months after reopening. The number to call for reservations is 1-888-695-0888. For additional information, go to: <http://www.griffithobs.org/vshuttle.html>.

The Hollywood sign letters are 30 feet wide at the base and 50 feet high. The sign stands along the rugged hillside of Mount Lee at the top of Beachwood Canyon, in the Hollywood Hills overlooking Hollywood and the City of Los Angeles. It all began back in 1923 when the area was in the midst of a real estate boom. Harry Chandler, then publisher of the Los Angeles Times, and Mack Sennett, who headed up a famous movie studio, had their eyes on making money from real estate investments, and he, along with other investors, had purchased much of the land of San Fernando Valley. They knew when water became available for the valley the desert lands would blossom in value. The original sign had 1,000's of light bulbs that enhanced the effect. It was the job of a maintenance man, who lived in a small cabin behind one of the "L's," to change the burned out light bulbs. The early sign spelled Hollywoodland.

All went well in the land of opportunity until the 1929 stock market crash. One 24-year-old actress named Peg Entwistle, who had come from the New York stage to make her mark in the land of movies, became dejected after making a couple of so-so films, but had no luck at becoming a star. One sad night she managed to reach the huge signboard. Finding a maintenance ladder, she climbed to the top of the 50 foot "H," took one last look at her land of dreams and jumped to her death.



From 1923-1931 the sign became a big tourist attraction. By the mid-1940's the sign's condition wasn't good and it was the desire of those who lived in the neighborhood to tear it down. The developers decided to get rid of the last of their land which was a 450-acre plot which included the sign. The developers decided to turn the sign over to the City of Los Angeles.

In 1949 the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce signed a contract with the city parks department to repair and rebuild the sign and when they did, they removed the "land," portion so that it would spell "Hollywood." In 1973, famous actress Gloria Swanson sponsored a complete makeover of the sign. It was then declared a historical landmark by the Los Angeles City Cultural Heritage Board.

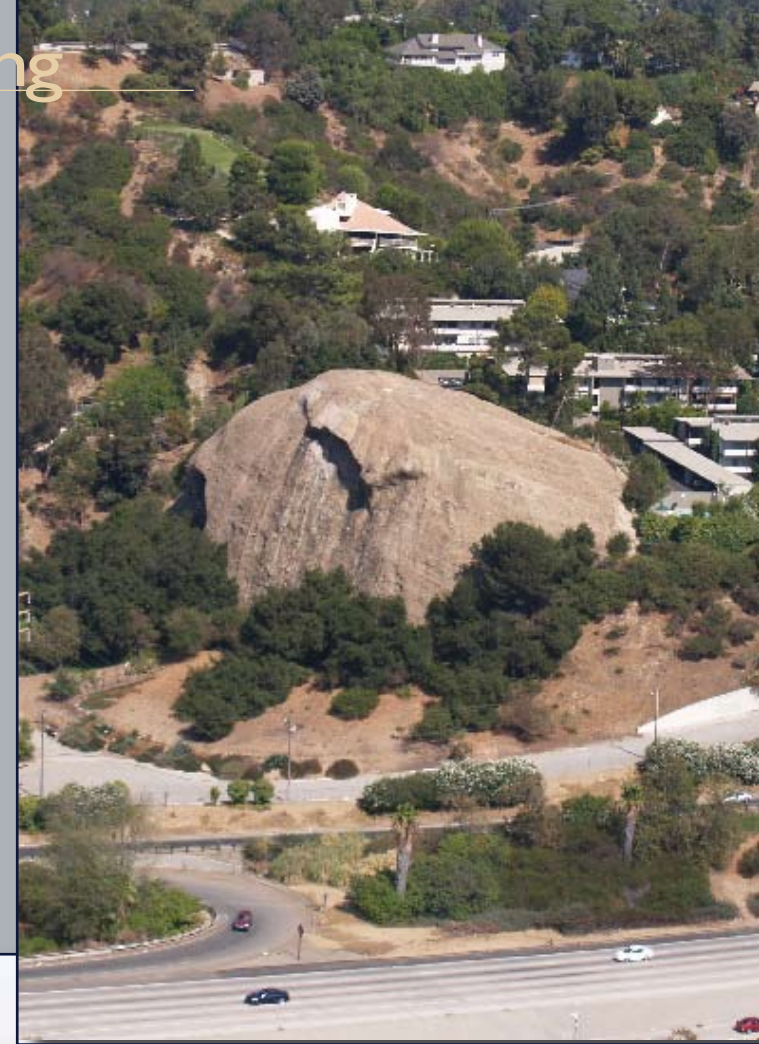
By 1978, the sign's condition was in a termite infested state. The letter "O" had fallen down the hill and someone had set fire to the bottom of the letter "L." The city then decided to rebuild the sign again at a cost of \$250,000. At that time the famous Playboy Mansion was turned into a huge party as Hugh Hefner sponsored a fund raiser for the project. Various celebs and community leaders sponsored individual letters at \$27,500 each for a total of \$247,500. The old sign came down and three months later the new sign was unveiled in November 14, 1978. But this time the letters were only 45 feet tall.

Learn more about the sign at: www.hollywoodsign.org.

Not too far east of the Hollywood Sign in the town of Eagle Rock, a small district of the City of Los Angeles, sits the actual historic Eagle rock. Here the Native American's who made their homes nearby, may have lived in the shallow caves that nature carved in this huge granite rock in what used to be called Eagle Rock Canyon. Parts of the rock face have fallen away over the years making it to look like an eagle.

Our Silver State Robinson R-44 helicopter flew eastward to the Santa Anita race track in Arcadia, Calif. The world famous track opened in 1934, quickly gaining fame with its Santa Anita Handicap, at the time the richest handicap in the country, with a purse of \$100,000. Today the handicap is a Grade 1 listed race with a purse in excess of \$1 million.

The handsome design is another reason for its attraction to the thousands of fans from around the world who flock to the track. Numerous celebrities have owned horses at the track. They include: Bing Crosby, Louis Mayer, and Alex Trebek. Santa Anita was also the home of the famous winning thoroughbred Sea Biscuit.





Just to the west of Santa Anita we spotted the Los Angeles Arboretum, a famous place where flowers and rare and unusual plants are grown. Also to be seen overlooking the lake is the Queen Anne house which was shown in the TV series "Fantasy Island."

Seven Oaks Dam, located on the Santa Ana River, 4 miles northeast of Redlands, Calif. is a giant earthen flood control dam. Construction began in August 1994 and was completed in November 1999 at a cost of \$250 million. It was built by Odebrecht Construction Company of Sao Paulo, Brazil after winning the bid put out by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It is said to be a major structure in the flood control along the Santa Ana River which travels nearly 75 miles from the San Bernardino Mountains down to the Pacific Ocean at Newport Beach. At the time of completion, it was the 10th largest earth-filled dam in the United States.

On our way back to Big Bear we elected to fly up Bear Creek which travels from Redlands through the wide canyon to Big Bear Lake. Here is a photograph of the canyon and the dam as we flew up and over the lake.

We flew east across the lake to the Big Bear Airport upon completion of our trip around Southern California...a total of 471 miles.



Fashion in 2007 by Alexis Glanz

*Chocolate Sweater dress by Zara
Frye boots and plum tights available at Nordstrom*



Chunky knits are definitely the way to go for elegant comfort, slip into a sweater dress or a knit skirt for effortless style.

Another hot trend this season is red, so add a little color to your wardrobe and warm up to this sultry hue.



*Red dress with black belt by Zara
Vintage black patent clutch*

*T*his season in fashion shows us that looking feminine does not have to consist of chiffon and ruffles.

Menswear fabrics are all over women's clothing this winter. From miniskirts to evening bags, herringbone, hounds tooth and pinstripe patterns seem to adorn almost everything.

Leg warmers, leggings and tights are back and in full effect available in almost every color and style this season.



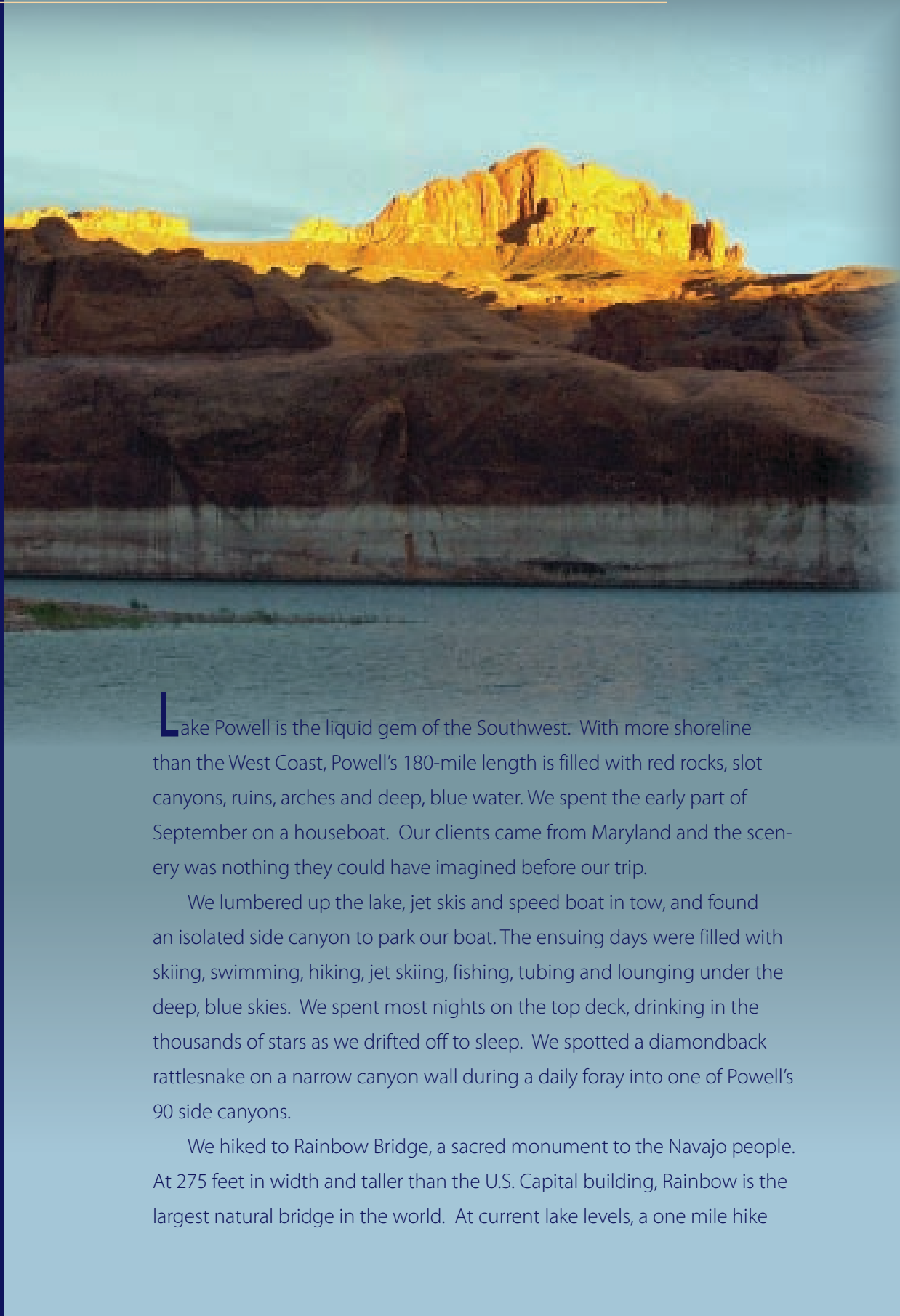
*Printed top by Zara
Purple knit skirt and pinstripe clutch
available at Urban Outfitters
Jeweled sandals by Guiseppe Zanotti*

*Black off the shoulder top by LXS, lxsfashion.com
Black and white mod mini by Urban Outfitters*



*Modeled by Lauren Payton
Hair styling by Celestine Jones
Makeup by Vanessa Broin
Styled, photographed and written by Alexis Glanz*

Lake Powell



Lake Powell is the liquid gem of the Southwest. With more shoreline than the West Coast, Powell's 180-mile length is filled with red rocks, slot canyons, ruins, arches and deep, blue water. We spent the early part of September on a houseboat. Our clients came from Maryland and the scenery was nothing they could have imagined before our trip.

We lumbered up the lake, jet skis and speed boat in tow, and found an isolated side canyon to park our boat. The ensuing days were filled with skiing, swimming, hiking, jet skiing, fishing, tubing and lounging under the deep, blue skies. We spent most nights on the top deck, drinking in the thousands of stars as we drifted off to sleep. We spotted a diamondback rattlesnake on a narrow canyon wall during a daily foray into one of Powell's 90 side canyons.

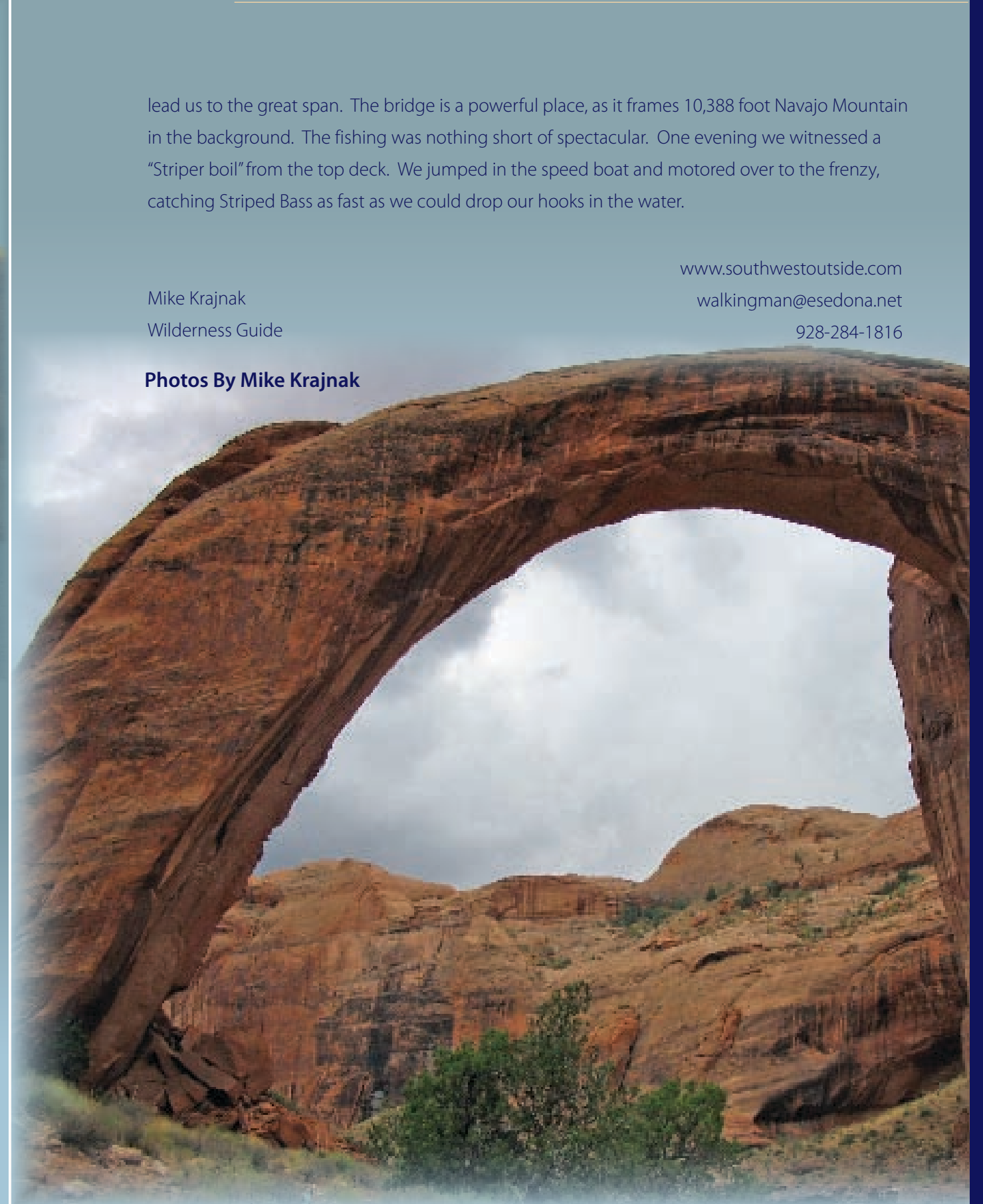
We hiked to Rainbow Bridge, a sacred monument to the Navajo people. At 275 feet in width and taller than the U.S. Capital building, Rainbow is the largest natural bridge in the world. At current lake levels, a one mile hike

lead us to the great span. The bridge is a powerful place, as it frames 10,388 foot Navajo Mountain in the background. The fishing was nothing short of spectacular. One evening we witnessed a "Striper boil" from the top deck. We jumped in the speed boat and motored over to the frenzy, catching Striped Bass as fast as we could drop our hooks in the water.

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Sunset behind Morro Rock marks the end of another wonderful day in the outdoors.

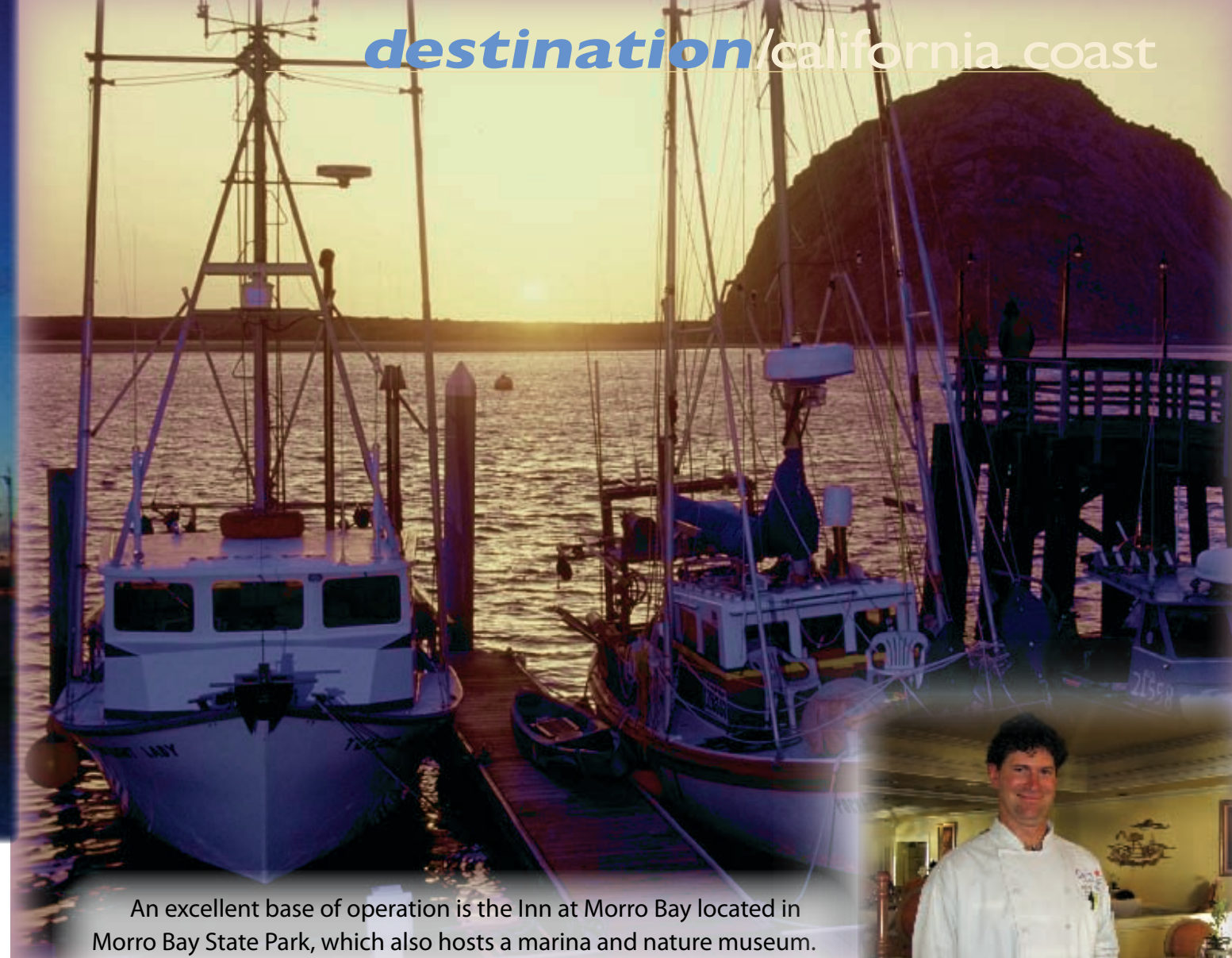
Get Away To Morro Bay

Midway between San Francisco and Los Angeles is the laid-back town of Morro Bay. Its iconic 576-foot tall Morro Rock was named “El Moro” by Spanish explorers who thought it looked like a Moor’s turban. Today, rare Peregrine Falcons nest on the rock.

This is a prime spot to commune with nature while enjoying pampered luxury. The Morro Bay Estuary is a National Bird Sanctuary and a top birding spot. Besides the Peregrines, more than 250 bird species can be spotted throughout the year. Lynn loved kayaking with Central Coast Outdoors (888-873-5610; www.centralcoastoutdoors.com) where she was up-close with pelicans, the rare snowy plover and many other birds.

Then there’s rock climbing, bicycling, sailing, whale-watching (in season) and fishing. Glenn earned 15 minutes of fame by catching the first, the last, the biggest and the most fish on his deep-sea excursion with Virg’s Sportfishing (800-ROCK-COD; (www.morrobaysportfishing.com)).

Apart from nature, there’s golfing, art gallery prowling, fresh seafood dining and wine tasting at some of San Luis Obispo County’s 100+ wineries.



An excellent base of operation is the Inn at Morro Bay located in Morro Bay State Park, which also hosts a marina and nature museum. Many Inn rooms have bay views. Guests often enjoy a drink in the piano lounge before dinner in the glamorous Orchid Room where Chef Rob Root serves up a stylish menu. The Inn has many up-scale amenities including a full-service spa and wellness center, heated pool and complimentary use of bicycles for rides through the park. The Inn (800-321-9566; www.innatmorrobay.com) always has a variety of specials encompassing extras such as spa treatments, kayaking, or golf with complimentary range balls.

Other Morro Bay accommodations range from national chains to eclectic B&B’s. For more information about lodging, dining and getaway activities visit www.SanLuisObispoCounty.com

Lynn and Glenn Pribus are members of the Outdoor Writers Association of California.



PHOTO CREDIT: Lynn Pribus - Rob Root, Executive Chef at the Inn at Morro Bay, shows a special dessert with a signature orchid reflecting the Inn’s Orchid Room.

PHOTO CREDIT: Dave Kastner - Morro Rock is a sentinel from all parts of Morro Bay, where kayakers enjoy paddling on the protected waters.



Charming Emillee Wang, owner of Evergreen International Restaurant, Big Bear Lake, Calif. says, "Weddings are a good part of our business. The attractive restaurant also makes wedding and specialty cakes of all types on the premises. From Village Drive you can look up and see the large patio overlooking scenic Big Bear Lake. Customers enjoy dining outside when the weather is nice."

Emillee Wang, owner of Evergreen International Restaurant, Big Bear Lake, Calif. wearing a chic black dress and looking lovely.



Emillee's daughter, Maxine, won an award at high school for a clock she made out of crushed soda pop cans and CD's. The clock actually works.



Right: Maxine Wang, Emillee Wang's daughter.

Above: Award-winning clock made and painted by Maxine Wang.

The Nutcracker in a Nutshell

- A Magical Holiday Masterpiece

By Cathy D. Weil

When thinking of the holidays, one tradition always comes to mind as synonymous with Christmas. After all, what are the holidays without the enchanting Nutcracker Ballet? This magical masterpiece is based on Alexandre Dumas' interpretation of E.T.A. Hoffman's tale 'The Nutcracker and the Mouse King,' along with Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky's musical score.

Although today's stage version differs from the original, the plot remains the same. The story is of a young German girl, Clara Stahlbaum, who dreams of a Nutcracker Prince and a fierce battle against a Mouse King.

It all begins on Christmas Eve where the Stahlbaum's are hosting their annual Christmas party. The party has grown festive when godfather Drosselmeyer, a skilled toymaker, arrives. Drosselmeyer draws attention as he presents two life-size dolls which are the delight of the party, each taking a turn to dance. Drosselmeyer presents his gift to Clara and her brother Fritz. He gives Clara a beautiful Nutcracker that is the hit of the party. Fritz becomes jealous grabbing the Nutcracker from Clara and breaking it. Clara is heartbroken, looking on as Drosselmeyer quickly makes repairs.

As the evening ends, the guests depart and the Stahlbaum family retires. Clara, worried about her beloved Nutcracker, sneaks back to the tree to check on him, falling asleep with him in her arms.

When the clock strikes midnight, Clara hears the sound of mice. She tries to run away, but the mice stop her. The Nutcracker and his band of soldiers rise to defend Clara, and the Mouse King leads his mice into battle. The Nutcracker and his army are captured by the mice and their King. Clara makes a charge, throwing her slipper at the Mouse King, hitting him on the head. The Mouse King drops, lifeless, and the mice run away, carrying off their leader.

Clara cries for her Nutcracker, who is also dead, and her tears bring him back to life. The Nutcracker turns into a Prince and takes Clara on a journey to the enchanted Land of Snow where they are welcomed by dancing snowflakes.

The Prince then escorts Clara to the Land of Sweets where they are greeted by the famed Sugar Plum Fairy who bestows upon them a celebration of dances.

Eventually, Clara awakens from her dream and finds herself under the Christmas tree with the Nutcracker toy in her arms.

Whether you have yet to see this magical story come to life, or you have made it part of your annual Christmas traditions, it is a must-see and is playing in locations across the world this holiday season. Check your local theater listing for performance dates near you.



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The Gift of a Gliding Adventure

Story and Photographs By Courtney Best

Give the thrill seeker in your life an unforgettable adventure with a gift certificate to experience tandem paragliding/hangliding at the Torrey Pines Gliderport in La Jolla, California. They will soar off the cliffs and fly motorless above the spectacular canvas of coastal ridge and Pacific Ocean just like an eagle in flight.

The Torrey Pines Gliderport is a registered historic flight park and has been in operation since 1928. Charles Lindbergh set a site record here in 1930 with his sailplane and free flight was born. Hangliding became popular in the early 1970's and paragliders, which resemble mini parachutes, were first seen around 1987. The sport of paragliding is now the most popular air sport in the world.

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Tandem hangliding/paragliding introductory lessons include 15 minutes of basic instruction and 20-30 minutes of "foot launched" free flight over Blacks Beach and the cliffs of Torrey Pines. The cost for a tandem flight is \$150.00 for paragliders and \$175.00 for hanggliders. There is no age restriction for tandem flights and they are open to people in wheelchairs. Solo flight instruction and certification packages are also available for those who catch the fever and want to pursue this sport to the ultimate level.

For the less adventurous sight-seer, there's the Cliff Hanger Café, a fantastic place to partake in the experience from a distance. There is nothing more enthralling than watching this amazing air sport in  tion while enjoying a great burger and breathtaking views.



BEAUTY AND THE JET GO SO WELL AS ONE



Haut fashion model Felisha wears a silk bubble dress by BCBG Max Azria in "brown sugar" from The Back Room, located in San Diego's coastal village of Del Mar.

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New Year's Eve, Las Vegas – How to Eat Like Royalty

By Tina M. Courtney

You're part of the reveling masses swarming into Sin City for the greatest New Year's Eve party available – but where on earth should you eat? We've scoured the city for the best and tastiest deals in this food haven. Grab your fork and let's get to it!

Best Buffet: *Carnival World Buffet at the Rio*

With over 300 fresh dishes prepared daily from the entire spectrum of cuisines, this buffet has been a top-pick for more than a decade. In 2004, *Carnival World Buffet* underwent a multi-million dollar renovation, and it's better than ever. Open morning, noon, and night for every conceivable craving.

Best Steakhouse: *THE Steak House at Circus Circus*

Those brave enough to descend through the circus silliness will find a seriously good meal at *THE Steak House*. Featured is the Midwestern beef, dry-aged for 21 days and absolutely succulent.

Best Kitschy Bar: *Peppermill's Fireside Lounge*

This is old-school Vegas, baby, and nothing will rev up your New Year's spirits like a couple of mai tais at *The Fireside*. This joint oozes sex appeal and kitschy-vibes. Sporting huge fire pits in the center of the bar lit by cheesy neon accents, patrons can eyeball the numerous flat screens or watch loads of star-crossed lovers making eyes and making out.

Best Upscale Bar: *Aureole at the Mandalay Bay*

If high-class theatrical displays are more your style, set your sights on Aureole, the darling of the *Mandalay Bay*. The showpiece is a gigantic tower of wine bottles, several stories high. Ask for the right vintage and an "angel" will pull some strings and literally fly to fill your order.

Best Place to Bring in the New Year: *Eiffel Tower at the Paris Las Vegas*

Perched atop the Vegas version of this French landmark, *Eiffel Tower* offers guests a fantastic gourmet dinner and the best view in all of Las Vegas.

Best Spot to Lose Your Hangover: *Arizona Charlie's at the Decatur*

For \$3 bucks and a penny in change, *Arizona Charlie's* serves up steak and eggs – in many ways, it's what the city was founded on.

No matter how you slice it, Las Vegas on New Year's Eve is an unforgettable experience. Unless, of course, you have a little too much wine – in which case, just remember to take pictures. **Happy New Year!**

Orchids Garden Review

Just west of the Las Vegas Strip you'll find a lovely restaurant, Orchids Garden, which has a great reputation for being a family dining place. The food is excellent and the people are friendly. Everyone seems to enjoy the diverse menu of both sweet and savory foods.

Dim Sum is one of the treats you'll find at Orchids Garden. Dim Sum dates back to when ovens and fuel were scarce in China so dough was made into small bite-sized pieces, instead of loaves, allowing them to cook quickly. The Cantonese then brought Dim Sum to American China towns in the 1800's where it eventually blossomed in popularity. "Dim Sum" is a Cantonese phrase meaning morsel or snack, but literally translates to "touch the heart." Dim Sum consists of small dumplings, steamed buns

and pastries filled with various meats, seafood and vegetables. These various items are served in small steamer baskets or on a small plate, and are traditionally accompanied by Chinese tea. This stems back to when Dim Sum was found mainly in tea houses which people frequented for an afternoon chat or business. Orchids Garden has mastered the techniques involved in making this traditional Chinese fare, and is definitely a place you will want to try next time you dine out in Las Vegas.

Story and
Photograph
By Mike Russell

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THE GALLERY is one of the major attractions to tourists as well as local residents. It was founded four years ago by the Arts Council of Big Bear Valley as a cooperative fine arts gallery for local artists to display their art. **THE GALLERY** includes many nationally known artists who live or have homes here in the Big Bear Valley. Visitors will find a warm, quiet environment to view oils, acrylics, watercolor, photography, jewelry, glass and sculpture.

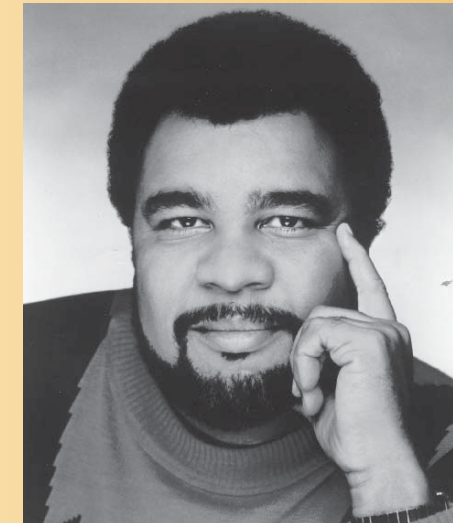
The Arts Council is proud of the success of **THE GALLERY**. This endeavor, however, is only one of the Council's many projects. Programs include "Magic of Music", which raised over \$40,000 for musical instruments to local schools; annual scholarships to graduating high school students to pursue studies in the arts; co-sponsorship of student performances; grants to the Performing Arts Center to replace audio and visual equipment; and sponsorship of musical and theatrical performances.

For the seventh consecutive year, the Arts Council is organizing the fine arts festival "Art on the Lake", featuring 60 artists and a variety of fine art. This takes place the third weekend in August each year at the Marina Resort in Big Bear Lake.

The Arts Council of Big Bear Valley is a non-profit organization, established for the purpose of promoting all forms of art through its services and fund raising activities. All net proceeds of funds raised are directed to cultural services and to the enhancement of the arts within the Big Bear Valley.

George Duke Interview: Maker of Great Music!

Story by
Mike Russell



The great George Duke, maker of great music, and Stanley Clarke are teaming up again this year and are well into their nation-wide tour. With jazz and blues their goal, there's an abundance of soul, fusion, gospel and almost anything you can imagine!

I spoke on the phone with George mid-September from Washington D.C. where he and the group were performing at the Thelonius Monk Institute Kickoff, the 20th Anniversary Celebration with a gala concert at the White House.

Duke told me he really likes chords. "I kind of voice your voice chords, where you play certain notes. I subscribe to the Bill Evans School...I make

melodies within melodies. Like internal voicing," he said. Listening to one of his latest CD's, George Duke in a mellow tone (For All We Know, Spring is Here, I Loves You Porgy) you get the point Duke makes and then some. He goes the length of the course performing, writing and producing, and he owns his own label, BPM, Big Piano Music. George has written some notable classical music. His much lauded work Muir Woods Suite has been performed with a symphony orchestra. The version I have was recorded at the Montreaux Music Festival: George Duke, piano; Stanley Clarke, bass; and the rest of the group.

You might say it all began back in 1981 with the Clarke Duke Project performing in U.S. cities and world-wide. It has been 25 years to celebrate. George wants to do a big band record, "I've got a lot of charts," he admits.

Is George a ladies man? "Yes," he says, "Thirty-five years with the same woman, Corine, and we have two sons." The youngest kid is into Hip Hop and the oldest son is in the National Guard. George's favorite kind of music is in his Ipod where you can find Stravinsky, gospel, James Brown, Miles Davis, Tony Braxton, Anita Baker and Latin-influenced music as well. 🎁



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Jim Carrey and Jenny McCarthy in Tears!!!!!!

By Susan Leonard and Angela Gomez (Development Manager for Free Wheelchair Mission)

Jim Carrey and Jenny McCarthy came to learn and hand over a generous check at this years 3rd Annual Magic of Mobility event to Free Wheelchair Mission. The evening, which featured over 400 guests, a live and silent auction, special guest speakers and celebrity guests generated over \$990,000 for wheelchairs!

Jim ensured his appearance was all about the focus of the event, providing the people in developing countries that need wheelchairs, one for free. Their humility was impressive as Jim and gang came to support, listen and admire. They too came to understand that there are many people worldwide that can't stand or walk, and are literally without means to get off the ground.

Free Wheelchair Mission is a humanitarian non-profit organization; based in Irvine, California, working on a global scale to change lives through the gift of mobility. President and Founder, Dr. Don Schoendorfer, invented a life-transforming device using inexpensive parts, mountain bike tires and a pre-formed plastic chair, costing only \$44.40 in order that more lives could be touched.

"This event is imperative for us to reach our hefty goal of 20 million wheelchairs by 2010. We are continually amazed by all the people that want to make a difference by contributing any amount they can to change people's lives through the gift of mobility," said Dr. Don Schoendorfer.

I became aware when a friend, Susan Pike, asked me to attend the unveiling of a hot Ferrari-like sports car, "Sundoulos" made with love

by Owner Barry Watkins to inspire awareness for Free Wheelchair Mission. The car attracted me, but mostly I was overwhelmed by the simple video of people walking miles on their hands to work every day... people whose lives were forever uplifted with the gift of a wheelchair.

Please visit www.freewheelchairmission.org for more details.



Jenny, Jim, Jim's daughter, and Don Schoendorfer (Founder and President of Free Wheelchair Mission).

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San Francisco's Massive Wine Festivals

Story By Alan Boehmer

Both annual events lay claim to be the largest

public events of their kind in

North America. We're speaking of the Family Winemakers of California annual tasting held each August; and the world famous ZAP (Zinfandel Advocates and Producers) annual Zinfandel Festival which will be held on January 24-27, 2007. Both events take place in one of San Francisco's largest gathering places, Herbst and Festival Pavilions on the water at Fort Mason, just steps from Ghirardelli Square. Tickets for the main tasting events have been \$45.

The Family Winemakers of California tasting began fifteen years ago as a vehicle for small family owned wineries to showcase their wines to the public and trade. But the broad definition given to membership requirements allowed wineries of all sizes to participate, even Kendall-Jackson. This year, over 400 wineries poured around two thousand wines.

Events like this provide an opportunity to compare similar wines from multiple producers. Another advantage is the chance to discover wines from producers with little or no distribution channels. But almost every winery has a website that offers purchasing options. One of our favorites is Navarro in Anderson Valley, which makes some of California's most attractive white wines, but sells only to its mailing list and over the Internet (www.NavarroWine.com).

January is then host to the ZAP annual tasting. Virtually every producer of Zinfandel in California is represented here. Unlike the Family Winemakers event, which features more than 50 different varietals, the ZAP festival pours only one: Zinfandel. Zinfandel occupied at least 75% of all the California acreage under vine until the California wine industry began its explosive rise to global prominence back in the 1960's. Want to try some of these blockbuster wines? Come to San Francisco in January. 📺

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CLAY AIKEN RELEASES

"A THOUSAND DIFFERENT WAYS" CD

By Marlena Martin

Hollywood, CA-Clay Aiken released "A Thousand Different Ways" September 19, 2006 and began his signing release tour the next week. The signings required a band, of which 250 were sold within an hour. The actual signing date also had another 250 bands which sold out equally fast at Virgin Mega Store. This is Clay's follow up CD since placing second in the "America Idol" competition that began his career. He immediately built his very own strong fan base.

Clay's first CD was titled "Measure of Man" produced by Clive Davis, with original songs. His latest CD, "A Thousand Different Ways" is mostly remakes of popular songs in his own adult-contemporary style. Despite the fact that he has remakes, they are done well, even Dolly Parton's "Here You Come Again." He also includes very tight versions of Richard Marx's "Right Here Waiting For You," Paul Young's "Every Time You Go Away," Bryan Adam's "Everything I Do (I Do It For You)" and Celine Dion's "Because You Loved Me."

Clay sings a powerful song that most of us romantics adore, "Without You," which has been released by various other artists. Still, this doesn't disappoint! His original songs also can't go unrecognized as they can easily become listening favorites. They are deep, rich love songs, "A Thousand Days" and "Everything I Have" of which both have mentions of angels. It's that sweet nature that his fans adore.

There were many huge "Claymates" and proud "Claydies" to support Aiken's new CD release. The fans wore handmade items with Clay's picture on them such as t-shirts, hats, earrings and bags. Two girls even had his autograph permanently tattooed. After the signing, Clay performed on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" and graciously brought the tattooed fans on stage. His voice is impeccable with real, natural talent and promising career longevity.



Las Vegas Offers an Upgraded Room

Story and photographs
by Mike Russell

On a recent trip to Las Vegas we were having a problem getting a room at the last minute. We were going to have to be happy

with a smoking room at SunCoast Resort up near Summerlin, west of the strip. We decided to go for it. We drove there and walked to the front desk. Things were fine and we also asked for a corporate discount, which they honored. Our room turned out to be a suite. Here are a few photos taken inside. This was a really fun experience as we had tons of room and lots of elegance. Thanks to SunCoast front desk folks.



Richard Simmons Tapes “Love Yourself & Win” for PBS

By Marlena Martin

Burbank, CA-Fitness guru, Richard Simmons, taped “Love Yourself & Win” for PBS on September 8, 2006. This show focused on six (6) steps towards weight loss. They are, in actuality, great steps for great everyday living, so everyone can “Love Yourself & Win.” Richard has been improving lives since the 80’s. He turned the stress of workouts into fun, with his inspiring, “move to lose” attitude set to music. Guests on this show included his success stories, especially Elijah Jones, who lost 300 lbs. over 25 years ago and kept it off!

Richard’s humor is so contagious that my face still hurts from the laughter. He still manages to remain focused, professional and every bit a businessman through all this laughter. He is so sensitive, as he shares his own personal weight loss story. We were all very moved. PBS certainly made a smart move to get Richard to share his insight for a show set to air this December 2006. We’ll be watching!



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Book Review Yoga in Bed

You probably get a picture in your mind of someone lying in their bed in the morning instead of getting up and making coffee and shaving or primping before the bathroom mirror; however, Naomi Call has written a book titled Yoga in Bed that is written to awaken your body, your mind and your spirit...in fifteen minutes. Remarkable you say? Read on. In the beginning of the book is a simple explanation of how to use it to your advantage.

“In the words of Yoga Sutra, ‘Yoga is stilling the activities of the mind.’ Although many are first drawn to yoga primarily out of a desire to have a stronger, slimmer, or healthier body, they grow to appreciate the deeper realm of yoga—one that helps create a ‘quiet place’ amidst the stress of twenty-first-century life,” Ms. Call writes.

In the first few pages of the introduction you begin to “get it.” You quickly learn from the words of Bhagavad-Gita, “That Yoga is the art of proper action. To take an action ‘properly,’ plan a daily health-oriented routine that nurtures your well-being and your spirit. It is a new idea for your sleepy morning mind, start slowly and gently, building your practice daily or weekly.

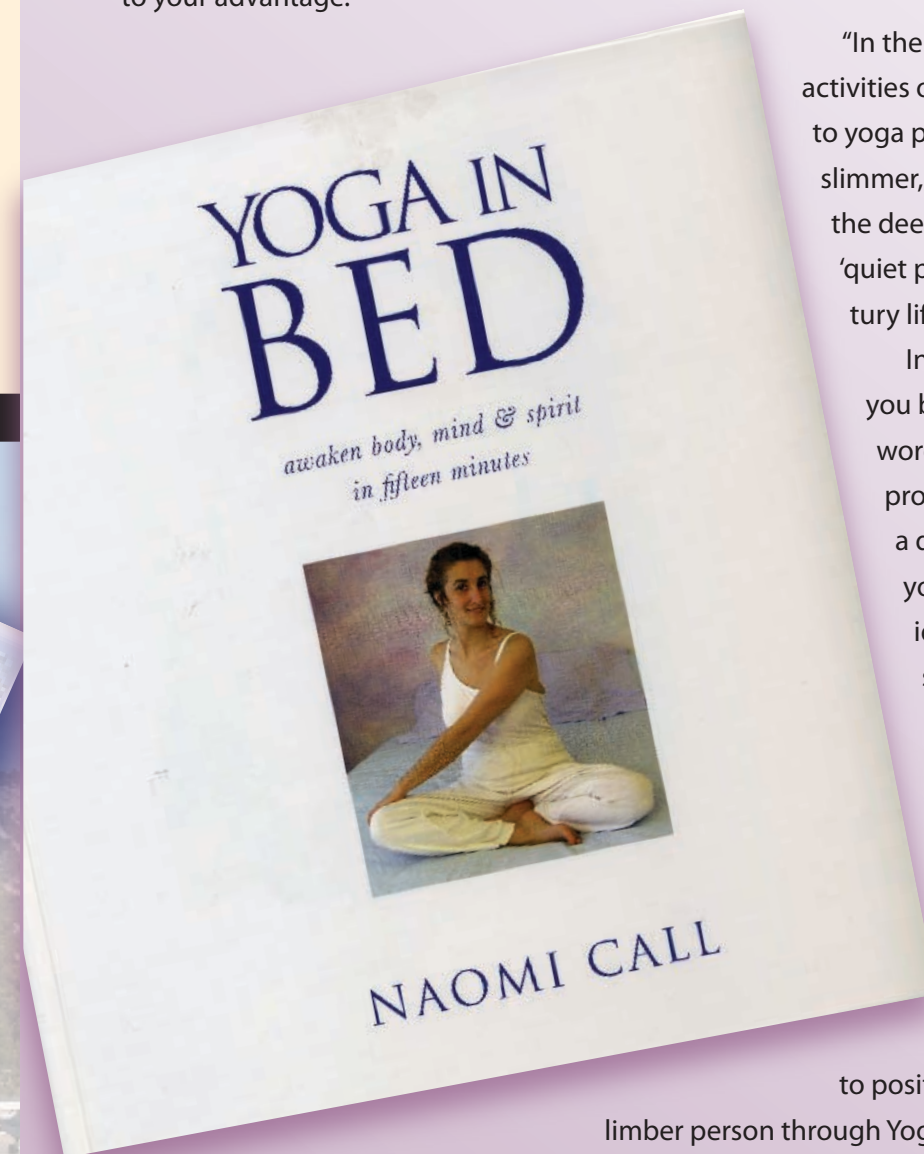
We must consider body positioning and breathing. Just a portion of the routine consists of connecting with breath. That is, breath and emotion, breath and thought and breathing fully.”

Naomi has included descriptive photographs that show us just how to position ourselves. We can create a new, more

limber person through Yoga in bed. And that, of course is not all, but to learn the rest, you must read the book.

Yoga in Bed, Author Naomi Call, Published by Findhorn Press
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Review by Mike Russell



Tracy Ramm
Photo by Don Ramm

Planes and Pearls

By Susan Leonard



The San Diego Salute at the 2006 Gillespie Air Show. Ramm is in the light-yellow airplane in the middle of the picture. Photo by Mark Krause, MPK Photography

Tracy Ramm was born and raised in Coronado and has been flying for 10 years. She learned to fly at North Island Navy Flying Club in Coronado, using the same runways her father used 30 years earlier. Ramm's father, a navy pilot for 28 years, was her inspiration for flying.

Tracy belongs to the Coronado Hospital Foundation and donates to the annual fundraiser...giving pearl jewelry and back seat rides in a formation flight for the opening of the Coronado 4th of July Parade. Other organizations that she supports in high flying style are: San Diego Arthritis Foundation, RSF CH auxiliary, San Diego Air and Space Museum and countless missing man fly-bys for funeral services.

Her husband Don, a retired Air Force pilot, taught her about flying the T-34 and flying formation. They keep their T-34's at Gillespie Field in El Cajon and are members of the San Diego Salute Group. For more information see www.SanDiegoSalute.org.

CAVU Pearls was born out of Ramm's love for pearl jewelry, although the name comes from her passion for aviation. The "CA" in CAVU (pronounced "ca-voo") is short for "Ceiling and Visibility Unlimited." The "ceiling" refers to how low the clouds are and "visibility," horizontal viewing distance. When they are "unlimited," no clouds and no obstructions, it is a great day for flying.

Tracy credits her friends for getting her started. First, she enrolled in the GIA (Gemological Institute of America in Carlsbad, Ca.) Pearl Stringing course, and then she began seeking the best loose pearls for her own designs. Over the past 2 years she has built an extensive collection of freshwater and South Sea Pearl necklaces, earrings and bracelets. All are hand strung using the finest materials.

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Left to right Dave Jesurun, Kathy Tuomi and Tom Gladen. They are techno climbers going for the big red wall at Red Rock Canyon, Las Vegas.

Holiday Flick-Fest 2006 –

Shepherds and Boxers and Spiders, Oh My!

By Tina M. Courtney

What does Santa have in store for movie-watchers this holiday season? There's a Good German and a Good Shepherd, a few guffaws for the kid-at-hearts, and more than a little murder and mayhem. Oh yes, and bugs – lots and lots of bugs. This December's box office is bringing the chill inside.

Hollywood knows the holidays wouldn't be the same without plenty of warm and fuzzy, family films, so rest-assured – you've got choices. Unaccompanied Minors tells the story of a gaggle of misfit youngsters stranded in an airport on Christmas Eve. The must-see for nostalgic adults and bright-eyed youngsters is Charlotte's Web, with Dakota Fanning and Julia Roberts. But the real kid-friendly focus is all about fantasy, with two eye-popping offerings: Night at the Museum, starring Ben Stiller, and Eragon, featuring Jeremy Irons. Want some live-action goodness with your wistful holiday cheer? Rocky Balboa is it – this PG-rated flick stars the one-and-only Sylvester Stallone, who also directs. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus – Rocky is out of retirement.

If a sappy romance is all you want for Christmas, your wish has been granted – twice. The Painted Veil, an English period-piece, stars Naomi Watts and Edward Norton, but the golden gem appears to be The Holiday, with Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Edward Burns and Jude Law – a hottie for everyone on your list. Think of it as one-stop-shopping, redefined.

Amidst all this feel-good, lovey-dovey cheer lays the true motes operandi at the movies this season – to scare the “baje-zez” out of us, one and all. The list of thrilling, spine-tin-gling options is staggering. Top picks include Breaking and Entering, another holiday Jude Law vehicle, and The Good German, a post WWII flick with George Clooney and Cate Blanchett. Not to be outdone by all this goodness, the best

of the bunch just might be The Good Shepherd, with director/star Robert

De Niro, Matt Damon and Angelina Jolie. Ironically, Christmas day itself highlights two of the spookiest – Black Christmas, a remake of 70's horror flick by the same name, and Children of Men, a mega-movie about the potential end of the human race. This cheerful drama stars Julianne Moore and Clive Owen. But if all you want to feast on this season is creepy-crawlies, you're in luck – Bug, whose name really says it all, stars Ashley Judd and Harry Connick, Jr. And man, does it look creepy.

A little nostalgia, a little love, and a lot of high-stylin', heart-pounding drama – that's this season's movie-mantra. There are plenty of big time stars to ogle (George Clooney, Angelina Jolie, Jude Law, and Kate Winslet are the highlights), and lots of up-and-comers as well. Kids will certainly have their fill, as will the romantics, but let's be honest here – 'tis the season to be thrilled!



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Story By Margit Rusche

General Patton Memorial Museum in association with the CDF Fire Fighters and the Bureau of Land Management, honors Bob Hope and the USO with the Annual General Patton Award given to an individual or group that has contributed significantly to world peace. Bob Hope's name is historically linked with the USO and the entertainment of our troops. Hope also symbolized the hope of the American people. He shared his love of the U.S. troops with all of us. He made us laugh, and once in awhile, he made us cry. But whatever he did, he was first and foremost holding us, his public, in his heart and making this world a better place for all.

Event chairman Supervisor Roy Wilson of Riverside County, Calif. and U.S. Congresswoman Mary Bono, will attend the annual Veteran's Day Event of the General Patton Memorial Museum November 11, 2006. It is also the birthday of General George S. Patton. We will be honoring the American men and women veterans with a daylong celebration, featuring the Salute to the Troops performance by Coachella Valley High School.

A special stamp collection will be available. Book authors and new books will be available. There will be planes and armored vehicles, music, special exhibits, a chili cook off and a chance to visit with veterans and tell them thank you. There is also the West Coast Viet Nam Memorial wall.

Also on hand will be renowned artist and sculptor Austin Deuel and his son to unveil the new sculpture park area inside the tank area.

The event begins Saturday morning, November 11, 2006. The General Memorial Museum is located 30 miles east of Indio, Calif. on Highway I-10 at Chiriaco Summit. For more information call 760-227-3483 or visit www.GeneralPattonMuseum.com.



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Ed Heinemann (b.14 March 1908, d. 26 November 1991) was born in Saginaw, Michigan, moved to California as a child and was raised in Los Angeles. He was a self-taught engineer. He joined Douglas Aircraft as a draftsman in 1926, but was laid off within a year. He found a number of other jobs in aviation until he re-joined Douglas after it acquired Northrup. Heinemann became Douglas's chief engineer in 1936 where he remained until 1960. Later he joined General Dynamics as corporate vice president of engineering during which time he oversaw the development of the world famous F-16. He retired in 1973.

Designs

During his long career Heinemann designed some 20 combat aircraft for the U.S. Navy, including the following:

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CELEBRATION

At the Segerstrom Center for the Arts

By Susan Leonard

Placido Domingo, the Pacific Symphony, movie stars, fireworks, glamorous donors, amazing jewels and finery were making perfectly-orchestrated merriment for the new addition of the Renee and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall. Since the Segerstroms are ranchers with their primary crop being lima beans, lima beans embodied the celebration for me although none were visible that night. As a native of Orange County and a lover of its sunny cultural climate, I still have a gunny sack of the Segerstrom's dry beans on my bedroom window seat.

Don't think the rain will hurt the lima beans. This South Coast Metro area has grown into an international Mecca for business, shopping and leisure amongst the surrounding ranch and farmlands. It was not long ago that Grandma Segerstrom served her hard working family a daily meal in the farm house between South Coast Plaza's Crystal Court and the Times building off the 405 freeway. Yes, lima beans have been their primary crop and the Segerstroms continue to love the land and work hard bringing its riches to many.

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In Loving Memory

Cory Lidle, 34, New York Yankee's pitcher from Glendora, Calif. and his friend and flight instructor, Tyler Stanger, 26, who owned Stang-Air a flight training, aircraft rental and sightseeing company at Brackett Field, La Verne, Calif. were killed when Lidle's plane slammed into a 40-story New York City apartment building Wednesday, October 11, 2006.

Lidle leaves a wife and 6-year-old son, while Stanger leaves a wife and 10-month-old daughter. Stanger's wife is expecting a second child.

Stanger was the pilot for Robert (Bob) Cartwright, of Sugarloaf, Big Bear Lake, Calif.

Stanger would fly Cartwright and his friends, and at times, handicapped passengers to various locations. Stanger had other aircraft he flew for other owners as well. Cartwright had many good things to say about Stanger. Cartwright told Jet Setting Magazine Publisher, Mike Russell, that he had talked to Stanger about 45 minutes before the crash. Cartwright had a flight planned and he wanted to know what time he would be back in to Big Bear Airport. He had no idea that would be their last conversation.

Lidle was said to have revered Stanger for his energy and ability to convey the necessary intelligence to those learning to be certified pilots. Stanger said Lidle was probably his best student. It may take a year or more for NTSB to determine the cause of the accident.

Lidle and Stanger will both be missed greatly by family, friends, and fans.

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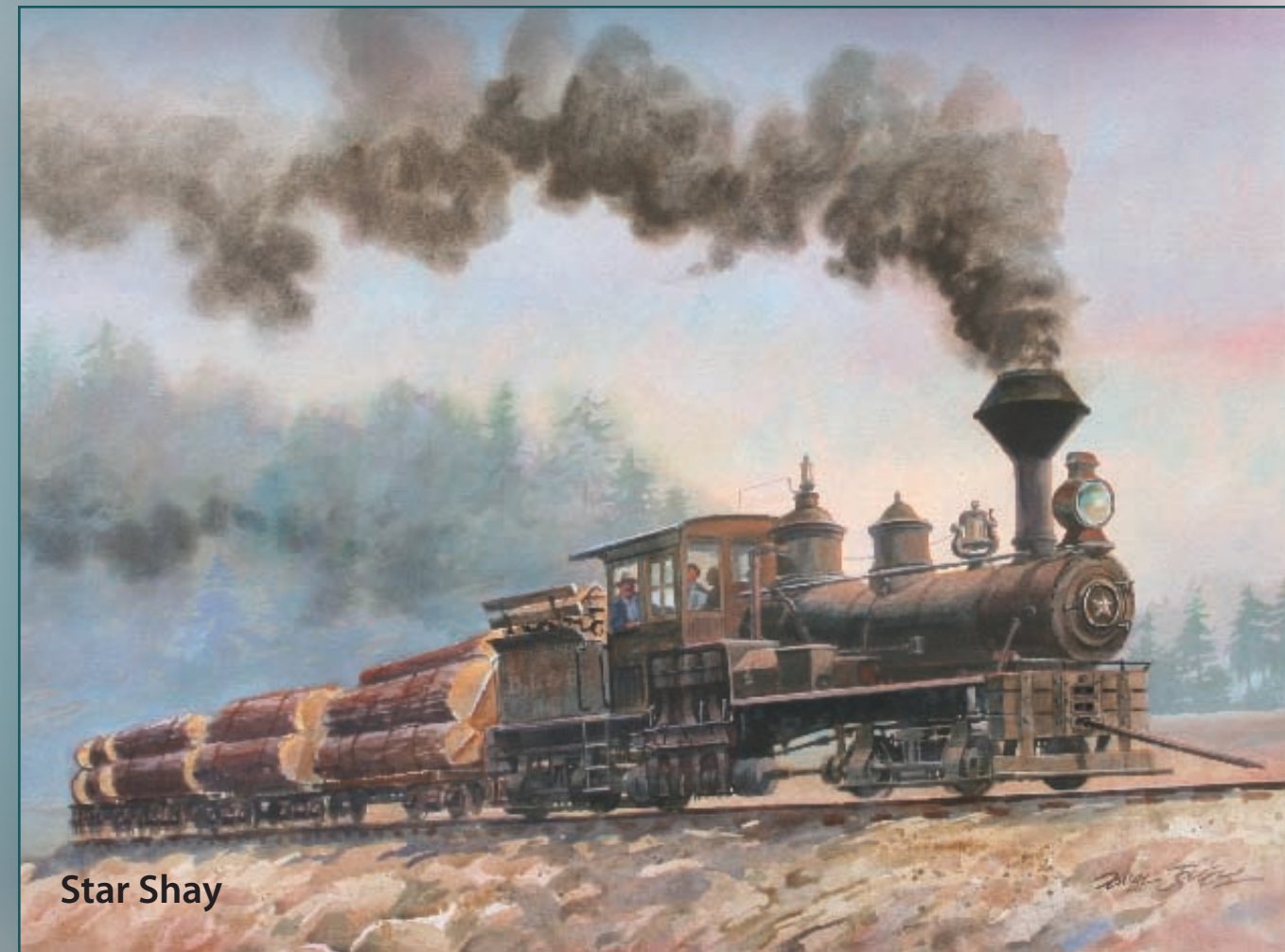
Donal was born in Zion National Park, Utah. His father was a chief forest ranger. He has lived in Boulder City and Carson City, Nevada prior to locating to California. He is a member of National Watercolor Society and Watercolor West.

By Mike Russell

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Lawrence Renes, conductor
Leonidas Kavakos, violin

Nov. 8 7:30 p.m.

Music to Remember
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Nov. 15 7:30 p.m.

Gidon Kerner Violin Recital

Nov. 16 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 18 8:00 p.m.

Nov. 19 2:00 p.m.

Grieg's Peer Gynt Suites
Seattle Symphony
Arild Remmereit, conductor
Seth Krinsky, bassoon

Nov. 18 7:30 p.m.

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Nov. 21 7:30 p.m.

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Nov. 22 7:30 p.m.

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Nov. 26 4:00 p.m.

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Nov. 30 7:30 p.m.

Dec 1 8:00 p.m.

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Dec. 8 8:00 p.m.

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Dec 10 2:00 p.m.

Rudi Schlegel, conductor

Holiday Pops

John Pizzarelli Trio

Dec. 14 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 15 8:00 p.m.

Dec. 16 1:00 p.m.

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Dec. 22, 23 8:00 p.m.

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Nov. 16 2:00 p.m.

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Nov. 19 7:00 p.m.

Gerrick Ohlsson in

Recital

Piano Solo Performance

Nov. 22, 24, 25 8:00 p.m.

Charlie Chaplin's film

City Lights

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Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2 8:00 p.m.

Vladimir Ashkenazy conducts SFO

Simon Trpceski, piano

Rachmaninoff Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini

Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 3, Polish

Dec. 3 11:00 a.m.

Holiday Event

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Musicians of the SFO

Dec. 6 8:00 p.m.

Dec. 7 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 8 6:30 p.m.

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Joana Carneiro, conductor

Dec. 3 7:30 p.m.
Han-Na Chang in Recital
Han-Na Chang, cello
Sergio Tiempo, piano
Schumann
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Dec. 6 8:00 p.m.
Christmas with Canadian Brass

Dec. 7, 8, 9 8:00 p.m.
Dec. 10 7:30 p.m.
Sarah Chang, violin
LA Phil
Jiri Belohlavek, conductor
Dvorak
Bruch
Janacek

Dec. 13 8:00 p.m.
Holiday Organ Spectacular
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Carols and holiday music

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Dec. 15 11:00 a.m.
Dec. 17 2:00 p.m.
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Marie-Nicole Limeaux, mezzo-soprano
James Taylor, tenor
Brett Poligato, baritone
La Chapelle de Quebec, chorus

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Dec. 16 2:00 p.m.
Dec. 17 7:30 p.m.
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Riverdance

Dec. 1 8:00 p.m.
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Dec. 2 8:00 p.m.
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Dec. 8 7:00 p.m.
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Soulful Christmas
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Dec. 11, 12 7:00 p.m.
The Nutcracker
Moscow Classical Ballet

Dec. 14 8:00 p.m.
Colors of Christmas

Dec. 15 8:00 p.m.
Woody Allan and His New Orleans Jazz Band

Dec. 16 8:00 p.m.
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