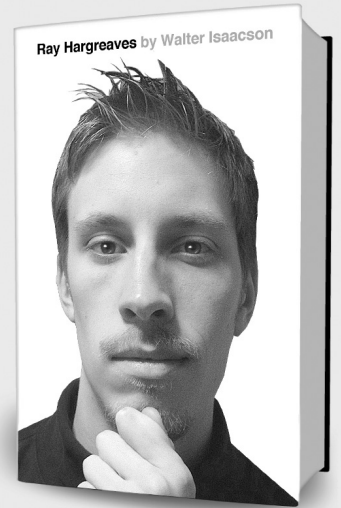


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PARENTS REVEAL NEW NBC TV

The Informer staff has obtained a secret list of new NBC shows from an anonymous source. The network is hopeful they can bolster their dismal ratings. You can look forward to these quality programs in 2012.

Rocky Point Mysteries (Mystery) This series begins with a group of old softball friends who meet for a summer reunion in a secluded cabin in Southern Oregon. But things are not as they seem and the guests have their suspicions about the mysterious couple who own the cabin. Why are they so generous with their hospitality and why do they never age? When guests show up missing and an evil piano makes an attempt on the host's life, Gil searches for clues. After finding none, he listens to old, worn out softball stories and drinks beer.

Flatline: NBC (News Magazine) A new magazine show that chronicles the sad and lonely lives of Boomers trying to relive their youth. In this first episode of the season, a group of college friends meet in Lincoln City to spend a winter weekend together. Reporter Chris Hansen interviews all the friends as they each reveal their deepest fears and regrets. One confesses she detests "Apples to Apples," and another suffers anxiety attacks when hearing "Poor Pitiful Gil." Hansen agrees that they are all annoyingly pitiful. A surprise flood cuts the interviews short, but that doesn't deter the group from telling old college stories and drinking beer.

Amazing Kinfolk (Action/Drama) Follow Gil and Vickie each week as they travel from city to city in an attempt to locate elusive family members. In the first six episodes they disrupt a wedding anniversary of

their nephew, Alex, and his wife, Roanna; stalk Gil's sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Sergei, in Maui; and carry out an invasion in Stockton as their son, Eddie, seeks asylum in Ripon with his girlfriend, Jennifer. In the second episode, Vickie catches up with her sister and brother-in-law, Peggie and Jim, to kidnap their mother in Paradise and relocate her to an assisted living safe house. There, they listen to endless stories of the Great Depression and retreat to the motel to drink a box of wine.

Hot in Boise (Comedy) A side-splitting show about a family gathering in Boise, Idaho. Hilarity ensues when Gil and Vickie travel with their cousins, Tee and Marty, to attend the wedding of Cousin Ed's son. Before the wedding, Vickie's niece, Beth, and her daughter, Hailey, try to hightail it out of town, but are flagged down before they can make a getaway. The ceremony goes off without a hitch, but the group leaves the buffet table in a shambles, causing Cousin Ed to reminisce of life in Portland and drink more Bud Light.

Tailgate Nightmares (Reality/Cooking) What do you get when you plan a 40-year Linfield College reunion tailgate? Master Chef Bill Hayden on the scene! This show chronicles the behind-the-scenes action, from planning to presentation, as Gil and Steve con their friends into making this their most successful endeavor yet. But all is not well when the group discovers that tailgate crashers may invade the event. After telling long, boring Linfield football stories and drinking beer, the gang comes up with a solution that will surprise everyone, even the campus police.

EDDIE WISHES UPON A STAR Says "it does make a difference who you are"

ANAHEIM, CALIF. --- After years of living in Stockton—often ranked as America's "Most Miserable City"—Eddie decided to move to a place billed as the "Happiest Place on Earth"—Disneyland.

The move was prompted when his girlfriend gifted him an Annual Passport, which provided free admission, parking, discounted meals and (Eddie mistakenly believed) citizenship.

After successfully earning his new driver's license at Autopia (on the third try), Eddie had trouble procuring housing.

"The Haunted Mansion's ghost host always says there's room for one more," Eddie noted, "but I can't seem to find it on Priceline.com."

Friends and coworkers visited him over the year to make sure he wasn't drinking any of the "it's a small world" water.

"No, we didn't really talk," admitted Ray, who made his first-ever visit to the resort. "But we rode all of the video game rides, like Toy Story Midway Mania! And then we did a podcast about our Top 5 ways to improve it."

Ultimately, he returned to the Central Valley to continue the real California Adventure. Disappointed that the *FASTPASS Service* has not been implemented at Starbucks, he consoles himself that he still occasionally has "character breakfasts" with angry ducks that don't wear pants.

BIOGRAPHY OF RAY PROVIDES FEW BUSINESS LESSONS

SALEM, ORE. --- Walter Isaacson's biography "Ray Hargreaves" is the least popular book in the nation.

Initially scheduled to be published in 2012 with the title "Too Soon," plans for the book changed when Ray got bored of proofreading.

"I maintained I had no skeletons in my closet that could't be allowed out," Ray recalls. "It turns out that actually makes for a pretty dull read; which is why the last half was changed into a choose-your-own-adventure story."

Ray's parents were dumbfounded by the

release, citing his incorrect portrayals of them as "completely baseless and untrue," Vickie said. "We're not old." She then proceeded to watch an episode of "Murder, She Wrote" recorded on a VHS tape.

"I figured he would quiz me on it, so I just got the main points via Cliff Notes," his brother admitted. "I mean, why would I read stories about his childhood when I actually had to suffer through them?"

After reading Steve Jobs' biography, most were appalled at Ray's outrageous behavior in the workplace. "He was always nice to other employees, loved to smile,

and never raised his voice," one reviewer said. "Completely uncalled for."

Even 2P START! co-creator Tim Harding was quoted as saying, "Ray and I ended our website over a year and a half ago. Why am I still being interviewed for these newsletters?"

But the book has been a surprisingly big hit with children, who find the wacky mazes and color-by-number pages to be especially entertaining. "Ray's an epicure of his genre," a surprisingly articulate eight-year-old said. "Especially with regard to Sonic fan fiction."