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DA SHOP CUSTOMIZED  
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## 20 THE CAR CUSTOMIZER DA SHOP

Nestled in the smoggy industrial wilds of South Los Angeles is the spot where ballers and celebs go to trick out their rides. It's Da Shop, and it's the year-old customizing center run by ex-West Coast Customs guru Albert Pineda.

Behind the black steel and razor wire gates of Da Shop is an all-star roster of NBA players' soon-to-be prized possessions, like Darius Miles' black 2005 Rolls Royce Phantom sitting on 26-inch rims in one corner, Lakers center Luke Walton's 1970 Cadillac in another. Oh yeah, and there's the latest vehicular upgrade for Hollywood's most popular (albeit departed) sports figure, Shaquille O'Neal.

"It all started when we did a few cars for Shaq and he liked the quality of work," Pineda says. "Other people started to see Shaq's cars around, and it was a domino effect. We did Shaq's \$200,000 conversion van. Andre Miller knew he had to have one, too." (JAG)



## 19 THE PLASTIC SURGEON DR. GARTH FISCHER

Los Angeles is a city of well-edited hierarchies: First comes your agent, then your manager and finally your plastic surgeon. For many of the pneumatic actresses roaming the city's nightclubs and casting agencies, the doctor of choice is Garth Fischer, star of ABC's *Extreme Makeover*, husband of Brooke Burke and plastic surgeon to the stars. Fischer, who has a two-year waiting list, is at the top of the plastic-surgery food chain. Just look at the tube and you'll see his steady hand in action, not to mention his patients—remember, most stars aren't born with a perfect nose and grade-A cleavage. All in all, Hollywood's been pretty good to this doctor. "Besides the competition, Los Angeles is a great place to be a plastic surgeon," he says. (JAG)



## 18 THE LATE NIGHT SNACK SPOT PINK'S

Hollywood is probably the only place where a hot dog stand could become famous, but once you've stuffed one of "Pink's Famous" into your pie-hole, you'll understand the place's celebrity status. Founded in 1939 by Paul Pink, this tiny stand on the corner of Melrose and La Brea has been serving dogs day and night for the last 65 years, satiating everyone from Alec Baldwin to The Fonz. Hipster, hooker or star of the WB, it makes no diff at Pink's, where an eternal line of the devoted worships at the greasy counter, awaiting a taste of that legendary chili-covered "all beef" wiener. All hail Pink's! (JH)

## 17 THE FOREIGN FLICK BULLET BOY

It'd be easy to label Saul Dibb's feature debut a British *Boyz n The Hood*. So we won't. But the film casts Ashley Walters, a.k.a. Asher D of garage/hip-hop group So Solid Crew, as Ricky, a hood from Hackney's famed Murder Mile. The move is reminiscent of Ice Cube's turn in John Singleton's gang bangin' debut. (Oops, we said it.) So Solid Crew's shows are notoriously violent, and Asher D was convicted of gun possession in 2002. Fetishizing guns and thug life with a Welsh accent, *Bullet Boy* is worth checking out just to see how the blokes across the Atlantic dish street knowledge in this tense drama. (SF)

