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Road Warrior

JIM NANTZ, 49

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FOR THOSE OF US who spend weekends sequestered in the den with the remote in one hand and an adult beverage in the other, Jim Nantz's voice is the soundtrack of our lives. Last year he achieved a rare triple crown by broadcasting the Super Bowl, the NCAA Final Four, and the Masters golf tournament in one 63-day span. He recently added "bestseller" to his résumé with *Always by My Side*, an account of his late father's battle with Alzheimer's. We caught up with Nantz as he was set to jet to L.A. with his 14-year-old daughter, Caroline—not for a game, but for a taping of *Hannah Montana*. —Scott Gummer



SMOOTH TALKER
NANTZ ON THE CBS TRAILER AT GIANTS STADIUM IN NEW JERSEY LAST MONTH



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1. Days on the road

This year, 249 days. That's been about the average for the past 20 years.

2. Travel tip I am a multimillion-miler with multiple airlines, but a couple of years ago I invested in a **Marquis Jet Card**. It is brilliant for getting in and out of places like Green Bay, Wis. Last spring the NCAA men's basketball championship and the ensuing

celebration went well past midnight in San Antonio; by ten o'clock the next morning I was walking Augusta.

3. Check or carry on bags? If I am away for more than three days I check my bags. My shoes almost take up one bag by themselves: two black, one brown, casual loafers, running shoes, and flip-flops. I own a lot of luggage, most of it from Hartmann.

4. Golf clubs People presume—mistakenly—that because I cover golf and played in college [pro golfer Fred Couples was a teammate at the University of Houston], I can go out and shoot par. Not even close. I rarely play, and only pack my Titleist clubs to two tour stops: Pebble Beach and Los Angeles.

5. Postgame meal Fine dining is my vice.

I eat healthy, but I definitely go gourmet. I never miss Katy's Place in Carmel, Calif., Del Frisco's in Fort Worth, St. Elmo Steak House in Indianapolis, and **Joe's Stone Crab** in Miami.

6. And to wash it down? A quality cabernet, especially one from **Heitz Cellar**.

7. Crash pad I stay where CBS puts me, which is always

someplace nice and convenient. My favorite hotel is the **Lodge at Pebble Beach**.

8. Dream vacation I love a quiet Hawaiian beach, but my favorite getaway is Deer Valley in Utah. I just bought a home there.

9. Watch A steel and 18-karat-gold Rolex Datejust, which I gave to my father years ago and now wear in his

memory: He passed away last June.

10. Power tool My laptop is a James Bond 007 special edition **Sony VAIO** that came in a sleek aluminum attaché case.

11. Style cue CBS gives me my blazers, but I buy my ties at Mitchells of Westport, Conn. I wear each one once; then, after a broadcast, I give my tie to a kid in the crowd.