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PICKS OF THE WEEK
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HOLLYWOOD MOGUL

● Fold Jewish vaudeville into funky autobiographical narrative into a sexy stage presence and you get a Susan Mogul performance-art soufflé called *News From Home*. Mogul simmers in her own deeply felt familial foul play as a consummate performer with both feminist-rock-band and little-good-Jewish-girl cooking in her body. "Ever since I can remember, everybody said I look just like my mother," Mogul recites bitersweetly. "Last year when I tried on a black cocktail dress that Mom wore in 1957 . . . she exclaimed, 'Susan, you have my old body.'" Using slides and props as seasoning, Mogul both distances herself so cleverly from Rhoda Mogul, the delicious art gourmand (who "saw Barnett Newman's paintings and got some good ideas for Kim's room"), that a powerful helping of sentiment and nostalgia steam up from a show where the performer risks so much she isn't afraid to laugh — and cry — at her own dishy jokes.

—Doug Sadownick

Susan Mogul's News From Home at LACE, 1804 Industrial St., dwntwn.; Sat., Dec. 12, 8 p.m. (213) 624-5650.



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