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Saint John's Throws a Hell of a Party

The Cavitas Gala was the best party I have been to in Los Angeles in a long time. The Sterling dance band was the key. They were still dancing after midnight. Saint John's couldn't have honored three more deserving people than Tom Hanks, his extraordinary wife, Rita Wilson and the greatest volunteer and story teller of them all, Glen McDaniel. Glen is ninety-four years young and spoke longer than anyone. Tom and Rita said "they were trying to see how they could leave so they wouldn't have to follow Glen. He is the greatest!"



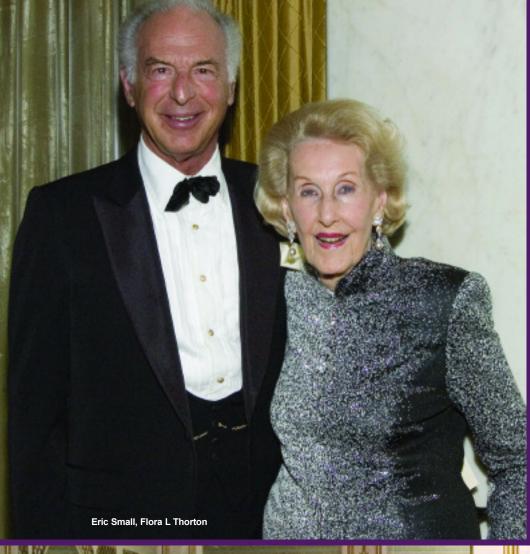
















Fashion Circle Tea

Chairman Barbara Fodor, underwrote the afternoon "Fashion Show and Tea" for the Costume Council's Fashion Circle all from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. The fashions were from Lourdes Chavez. The ladies enjoyed a fabulous afternoon at the Regent Beverly Wilshire.



















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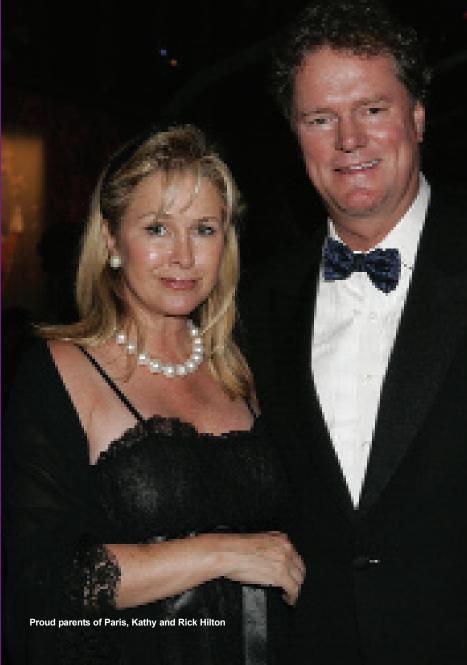
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Her Royal Highness Princess Marthe Louise of Norway

lora Thornton hosted a Tea at her beautiful home for members of The Council of the Library Foundation in honor of Her Royal Highness. Flora Thornton greeted the guests, Nancy Fox and Nancy Harahan, co-chairs of the Literary Odyssey Dinners. The Princess spoke briefly about her childhood in Oslo, Norway, then read her new book *Why Kings and Queens Don't Wear Crowns*.







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William F. Buckley Celebrates 80 years



Cat and **Elisabeth Pollon** gave a reception for *William F. Buckley* and some of the honchos from the magazine he started fifty years ago, The National Review. It was a perfect evening. Total attendance was seventy – eighty. Also in attendance were Frank and Kathy Baxter and Dennis and Terry Stanfill.

Opera Weekend Something very exciting happened!

omingo announced the creation of the Domingo-Thornton Young Artist Program at the 20th Anniversary Season Gala today. The program will be launched to coincide with LA Opera's 2006/07 Season. Named in recognition of a \$2 million gift from the Flora L. Thornton Foundation, which will enable the program to continue long after its establishment, the Domingo-Thornton Young Artist Program has the goal of developing the talents of exceptionally gifted young artists to become performers of potentially international stature, whose first loyalty would be to LA Opera.



















Internationally acclaimed artist Jim Morphesis, whose work hangs in New York's Metropolitan and LA' County museums, displays a bold new style in a one man exhibition currently at the Jan Baum gallery in LA. On hand for the gala opening were collectors Kay and producer Robert Rehme, former President of the "Oscar" Academy; actor Bruce Davison with gorgeous Michelle Correy on his arm, producer Ted Kotcheff, Carol and veteran agent Budd Moss, Kathleen and sculptor Woods Davy, Marilyn Stambler and Gina Polsalski, repping the Center Theatre Group Affiliates. Morphesis regularly contributes his work to the CTG Angels Night galas to help raise funds for the theatre's youth programs.



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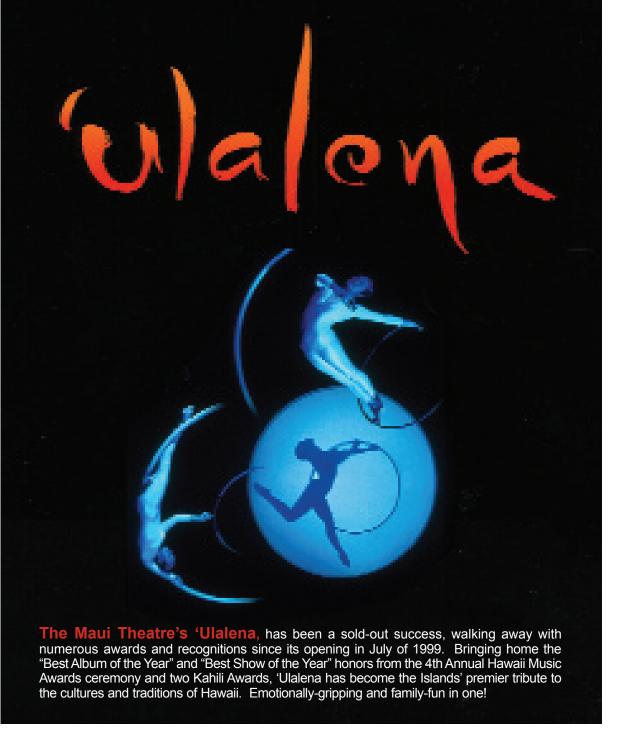
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DALE OLSON

hoever thought it would be an honor to be called a "Mug?" Almost 200 of us did when the remaining Mugs, a term of endearment for those of us who toiled at the show business Bible VARIETY, gathered at Broadway's favorite watering hole, Sardi's, to celebrate the I00th anniversary of the venerable magazine. Joan and Syd Silverman, scion of Variety founder Sime Silverman, and longtime Spanish bureau head Peter Besas hosted the gala, a weekend of reminiscences for many of us who hadn't seen each other for more than 40 years. It's one of the only times I was delighted we wore large plastic name tags to identify some of my former colleagues. There were shouts of joy, as Variety mugs from as far as Australia, London, Hong Kong, Spain and, of course, New York and Hollywood, squinted and smiled to see old friends. The Silvermans, who also included Syd's daughter Marie and her former Variety mug husband Robert Marich and twins Mark and Mike, did it up with a bang, hosting cocktails at the Waldorf Astoria's Bull and Bush lounge Friday night, a lavish dinner on Saturday and a quick goodbye on Sunday at the famed New York Boat Club, where I was so pleased to mingle with colleagues I worked with for six and a half years from 1959 to 66. Appropriately, those invited were staffers only up to 1987, when the newspaper left the family hands of Silverman. To top off the celebration, I was thrilled to see one of Variety's front pages with my by-line as part of the table décor and we all left with, appropriately, beautiful black mugs with our reviewer signature (mine was Dale) embossed in Gold and two history of Variety books produced by Besas, whom Silverman has named "The Boswell of Variety." What memories. It was Variety that taught me the business and remains one of the great experiences of my professional life. Bravo, Syd, Joan and Peter for giving us more memories of those years...Actress/producer PATRICIA BARRY is rapidly becoming Beverly Hills' Perle Mesta (how many of us remember the famed Washington hostess during the Truman years, who was immortalized in the musical "Call Me Madam"?) was filled with a series of glamorous soirees at her historic home, once the residence of Lita (Grey) and Charlie Chaplin, where guests sipped cocktails under the spreading limbs of a vast Indian pepper tree under which Clark Gable and Carole Lombard were wed. Stage, screen and television personalities lit up the galas, beginning with a reception for Al Pacino, (Patricia appeared with him in "Sea Of Love") and The West Coast Actors Studio. Pacino stars in the new Lyle Kessler play "Orphans" now heading for Broadway after he broke it in for three weeks at the 99-seat Greenway Arts Alliance theatre at Fairfax high school. The actor donated his time in the workshop production to benefit the Actors Studio and the town's theatre crowd gave him a rousing welcome. Giving the film industry equal billing, Barry and co-host Beverly Hills attorney Stephen Breimer, helped launch the 2006 Palm Springs Film Festival, where Festival Chair Earl Greenberg and Artistic director Daryl McDonald greeted guests and introduced young Terrence Howard ("Crash," "Hustle & Flow") as the Festival's next Rising Star. Entertainment Tonight's Mary Hart was on hand with her TV cameras, as a full group of industry execs, distributors and stars got an earful of the fest's upcoming schedule. Howard joins Scarlett Johansson and Bryce Dallas Howard as the Fest's projected rising stars and they didn't do so badly. Then, the bar and buffet opened again a couple of weeks later as Barry feted women film toppers from all over the world gathered in LA for a week summit of International Women In Film, for which the indefatigable Barry once served as President. Honored at their closing night gala were the Women of "Everybody Loves Raymond," Doris Roberts, Patricia Heaton and Monica Horan. It's always a blast under Barry's historic tree in her beautiful home...It was a busy night for both Hart (and hubby Burt Sugarman) and me as we raced from the Barry festivities to Spago to help LARRY KING celebrate 20 years as King of CNN. I was flattered when Larry included me at his party, where the movers and shakers of the industry joined the money crowd, a jampacked room of King fans from Barbara Davis to Rod Stewart. Mingling over the lush seafood buffet, I spotted William Morris topper Norman Brokaw (he's been there since 1943) ICM's Jeff Berg, the always popular Jolene and George Schlatter, Connie Stevens, Eva Marie Saint and Jeffrey Hayden, Mike Medavoy, Jayne Meadows Allen and even some golden oldies like Margaret O'Brien and Rose Marie. What a crowd. I've always been proud of Larry allowing me so many spots on his show to discuss my late client Rock Hudson and raise AIDS awareness. He's a major asset to our business...I was also thrilled to see an entirely new look for my friend artist JIM MORPHESIS in his current one man show at the Jan Baum gallery. Morphesis, whose oils hang in the Metropolitan and LA County museums and in musueum and private collections worldwide, drew a SRO crowd at his openings, including major collectors Kay and Robert Rehme, the super producer and former "Oscar" Academy President; Ava and Chuck Fries, actors Bruce Davison and Michelle Correy, longtime agent Budd and Carol Moss, art historian Molly Barnes, and social leaders Marilyn Stambler and Janice Wallace, repping the Center Theatre Group Affiliates. Morphesis is a regular contributor of his coveted work to the CTG fundraisers...A few nights later, Davison, who always stands out in everything he does, got cheers for a riveting performance in THE ACTORS' FUND OF AMERICA'S staged reading of "CASABLANCA" at the Pantages, the third David Rambo re-creation of a film classic to the stage (earlier, "Sunset Boulevard" and "All About Eve"). Peter Hunt directed a cast that also included Christian Slater as Rick and Anne Heche as Ilsa, a sparkling Henry Gibson, Ken Howard (so good in "In Her Shoes") and a remarkable Andre De Shields as Sam, whose warbling of "As Time Goes By" got a well-deserved standing ovation. Congratulations of the Fund's David Michaels for another splendid production... "OSCAR" buzz for icon SHIRLEY MAC LAINE after the sellout Toronto premiere of "In Her Shoes," with Cameron Diaz and Toni Collette, and the gala premiere and Spago party in LA. It's MacLaine's year with three big pix, ("Shoes," "Rumor Has It" and "Bewitched") and the star tells me there are three more in the works. Critics are raving about "Shoes," in which director Curtis Hanson has MacLaine in a rare, restrained performance, calling it her best since her "Oscar" for "Terms of Endearment." After more than 50 star vehicles in an amazing career. Race to your local bookstore to read SUZANNE FINSTAD'S "WARREN BEAT-TY A PRIVATE LIFE," although it aint so private anymore. Finstad has done an amazing job of research, uncovering both personal and professional facets of Beatty's life that I suspect he had forgotten himself. It's a must read biography of one of Hollywood's most successful and complex players. I couldn't put it down...I was so pleased to read about honors for two of my favorite people, the late, great director **DAN PETRIE** and the inimitable RICHARD WIDMARK. What a film debut he made in "Kiss of Death," (1947) in which, with the most villainous macabre smile in screen history, he pushed a wheelchair bound Mildred Dunnock down the stairs. Now, at 90 and retired for years, the LA Film Critics are saluting him for a life of achievement. Bravo. And Bravo, too, to The Directors Guild of Canada for remembering Petrie's remarkable work with a post humous Lifetime Achievement Award and the Atlanta Film Festival for showing II of his films at this year's event.

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ANITA TALBERT

BRAD PITT AND ANGELINA JOLIE ... electrified Calgary Canada where Pitt was filming "Jesse James". The two were seen all over town with Jolie's two children, Maddox and Zahara Marley including a local restaurant-bar featuring an art exhibition by African children. Dressed in a t-shirt and jeans with a baby on her hip and holding Maddox's hand, Jolie got high marks from adoring fans for her maternal aura. Wonder if she is motherly with Pitt too? There is high speculation that Pitt and Jolie may marry in Canada when his divorce from Jennifer Anniston is final.

TYRA BANKS IS OUT TO LASSO THE WORLD ... Nothing stops this determined lady who is this month's cover girl for "Self Magazine" and star of her new (UPN) syndicated show "The Tyra Banks Show". Banks really knows how to make an entrance which she did in front of The Lodge Steakhouse in Beverly Hills, where Self Magazine was hosting the party celebrating her on the cover. The beauty sat in the limo for fifteen minutes making all the cameras and everybody salivate while she took her sweet time exiting. It was well worth it, she looked gorgeous in a black lace very décolletage dress showing off her "real breasts". Work it girl! "I can really be me on the show", says Banks about her talk-show.

KEANNU REEVES HAS REALLY GROWN INTO HIS MANHOOD.... The forty year old actor is not only stunning, but he is still his own person. Bearded, in black-tie at the AFI Tribute to AI Pacino, Reeves had the lobby of the Beverly Hilton Hotel in chaos, every girl was screaming her lungs out for him. So what was the beard all about? "Life", Reeves replied. Alrighty then.

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JONATHAN SILVERMAN... is a pinch-his-cheeks-cuteguy. I've known Silverman for years and he hasn't changed an iota, he is still adorable, polite and charming. So when I ran into him recently at the "Self Magazine" party, I was thrilled to hear him say, "I am madly in love and getting married." The lucky young lady is Jennifer Finnigan, an actress. Now here's the thing, Silverman's father is a rabbi and his mom always wanted him to marry "a nice Jewish girl", but instead, Silverman is marrying a "nice Irish-Catholic girl". Guess what? Silverman says his mother loves Finnigan and she is thrilled that Johnny is marrying her. Oy! By the way, Silverman tells me he's done pilots for Jerry Bruckheimer and David Kelly and he's working on a ton of movies, hopefully he will get his own TV show soon. Here's a thought, Silverman's best pal is "Friends" star David Schwimmer, they grew up together, how about a show starring the two of them?

JASMINE GUY CAME WITH HER TWO ADORABLE CHILDREN ... to the "A Place Called Home" Annual Gala" at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The celebrated actress, dancer, singer, producer, director, lecturer, arts and social services advocate is also a tireless worker for "A Place Called Home", a safe haven for at-risk kids in LA. Guy initiated and financed the dance and arts program. Another passion is her book about Afeni Shakur: Evolution of a Revolutionary, the former Black Panther and a leader of the Black Power Movement and mother of the late hip-hop star Tupac Shakur. "She is very different now", says Guy who was fascinated with Shakur's journey from rage to forgiveness.

SO WHAT HAPPENS TO FORMER AMERICAN IDOL ... performers like Constantine Maroulis, a really talented guy who should have won but didn't? He's the guy who quit his band to be on the show but is now back with the band. But that's not all. Maroulis tell me he is in pilot about a blue collar Greek family being produced by Kelsey Grammer's production company. "I didn't lose, I gained, look at where I am", says Maroulis. Great attitude.

DESPERATE HOUSEWIFE STAR NICOLLETTE SHERIDAN ... was the center of attention at the recent Red Cross Charity event (produced by Sabor Cuisine and PR Hollywood) at a sumptuous Beverly Hills home. Sheridan put herself on the auction block for lunch with her on Wisteria Lane. One star-struck guest asked Sheridan what super-fame felt like, to which Sheridan replied, "I guess if I could stop I might feel it." At Sheridan's side was her Swedish actor fitness expert, Niklas Soderblom, all hunky and blue-eyed. With an "Ab" product coming out soon in an infomercial, the question is, will Ms. Sheridan will be appearing as his leading lady?



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