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*The Kazanjian's Rare Red Diamond*  
Showing now  
*The Natural History Museum*

*Great Hotels of the World*  
*Mohegan Sun, Connecticut*  
*The Peninsula Hotel,*  
*#1 Luxury Hotel in Beverly Hills*

*Mrs. T. Boone Pickens (Madeleine)*



**Heidi Klum**, of the smash TV. hit show **Project Runway** and her singer husband **Seal**, has a new #1 album call **Seal**

# *Hail to the Chief*

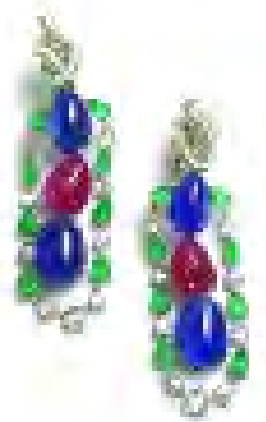
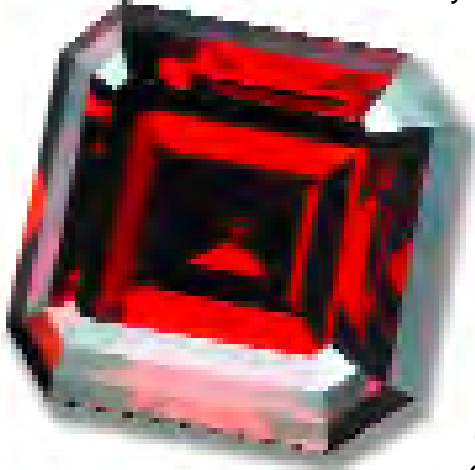


*President Barack and  
First Lady Michelle Obama*

# Kazanjian's Red Diamond

The new edition of a fabulously written book called "Famous Diamonds" by Ian Balfour the 2009 edition has the story behind the very rare "Kazanjian Red Diamond" (p.158-159) was found by their son Douglas Kazanjian, now CEO of the company, in February 2007. The Kazanjian Red Diamond has such a history and has been missing since 1970. The Kazanjian Red Diamond has been showing at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles since October 2008 through January 2009. Founders Harry and James Kazanjian immigrated in 1912 to realize the American dream. They were so deeply affected by this nation's liberties and impressed by the strengths of its leaders, that they carved four of the world's sapphires into busts of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Eisenhower. The busts now reside in the Oval Office. The Kazanjian brothers also carved the world's largest ruby into a magnificent rendering of the Liberty Bell, protected under the wings of an American Bald Eagle. Fifty round diamonds frame the bell, representing the fifty States in the Union. Today, the Kazanjian Foundation continues in the spirit of its founders to help provide education, health and opportunity to others through the sale of donated jewelry. *What Are The Benefits of Donating Your Jewelry to Charity?* You can make more money donating your old jewelry to charity than you can selling it! The IRS generally allows you to deduct the lower of your jewelry's fair market value and purchase price. Due to low resale values, you can realize more after taxes than by selling your jewelry. The Kazanjian Foundation specializes in donations of jewelry, making the process simple and enjoyable. To qualify, your jewelry must be worth \$10,000 or more. We make it easy for you to help those less fortunate than yourself. 100% of the net proceeds will go to charity because 100% of the net proceeds go directly to charity. You may choose the charity you wish to support. The Kazanjian Museum Tour enables your charity to realize far more funding than it could otherwise. *Here's How It Works:* The Kazanjian Museum features jewelry formerly owned by celebrities such as Clark Gable, Eva Gabor, Howard Hughes, Bing Crosby and the Shah of Iran, as well as the 8500 carat Liberty Bell Ruby; and

will be exhibited in premier jewelry stores throughout the United States and internationally. In exchange for the opportunity to host the Museum, these jewelry stores are asked to sell jewelry donated for charity at full market value. The jewelry store may direct 30% of the net proceeds to a local charity of its choice, while the remaining 70% goes to your charity. That's as much as 4 to 7 times the amount of funding to your charity! You make more, and your charity makes more - it's a win-win situation!



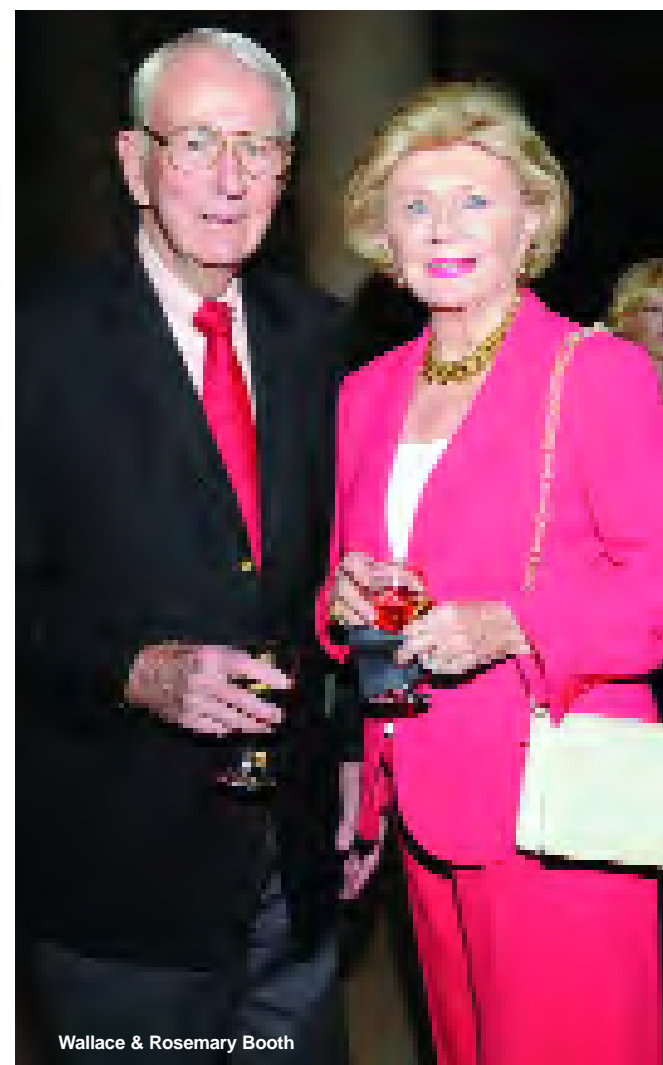
Erin Buckingham, Danny Seo



Tiffany & Co. platinum ~ 6.97 ct diamond bracelet - Verdi Bracelet

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168 Round Brilliant Diamonds

This bracelet was donated to the Kazanjian foundation to benefit Dana's Angels Research Trust. Dana's Angels research trust Dart, a 501 c 3 organization with strictly charitable purposes, was founded by Phil and Andrea Marella to fund medical research, education or medical care for treatment or cure of Niemann-Pick type C disease. Niemann-Pick Type C disease (NPC) is a genetic metabolic disorder in which harmful quantities of cholesterol and other fatty substances accumulate in the cells of the body such as the spleen, liver, lungs, bone marrow and, most dramatically, the brain.



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Eric Small, Flora Thornton



Sally Edwards, Maidee Kirkeby and Therese Alexander



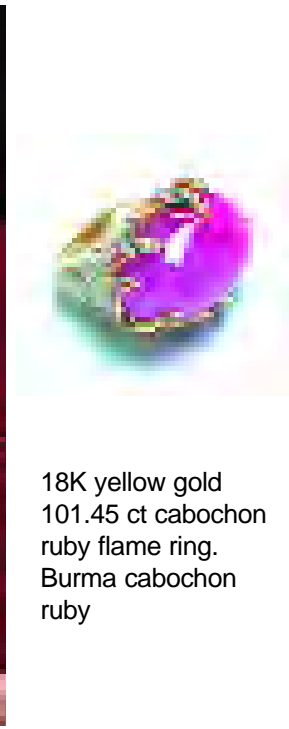
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Elizabeth An, Claudia Deutsch, Virginia Kazanjian and Judith Krantz



Leslie Minniti, Jerry Friedman, Jill Tavelman Collins, Thom Uber and Claudia Deutsch



18K yellow gold  
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ruby flame ring.  
Burma cabochon  
ruby



Douglas Kazanjian, Mary Ann and Jack Heidt



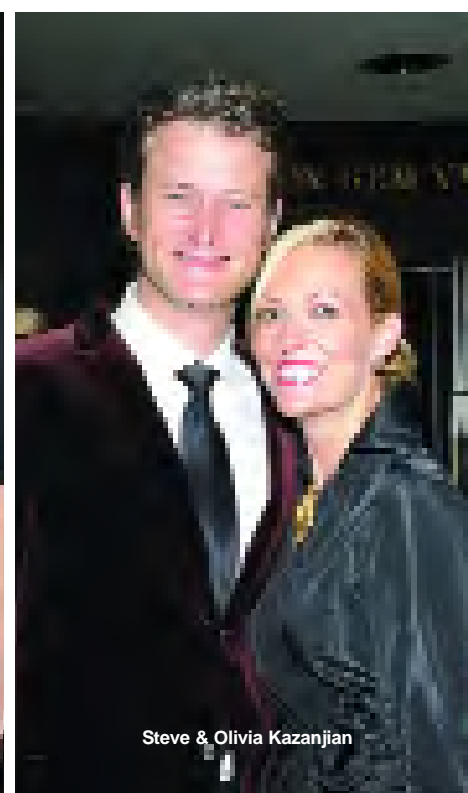
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Phyllis Easton, Suzanne Marx and Susan Jeffries



Cristel Smith, Ashley Davis, Douglas Kazanjian, Katie Boskovich and Anna Raws



Steve & Olivia Kazanjian



Madeleine Gussman, Michael Kazanjian, Terry Moore



Dr. Fred Ho

Barbara and Dr. Peter Fodor

Sally Ho

*Sally & Dr. Fred Ho's  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration*



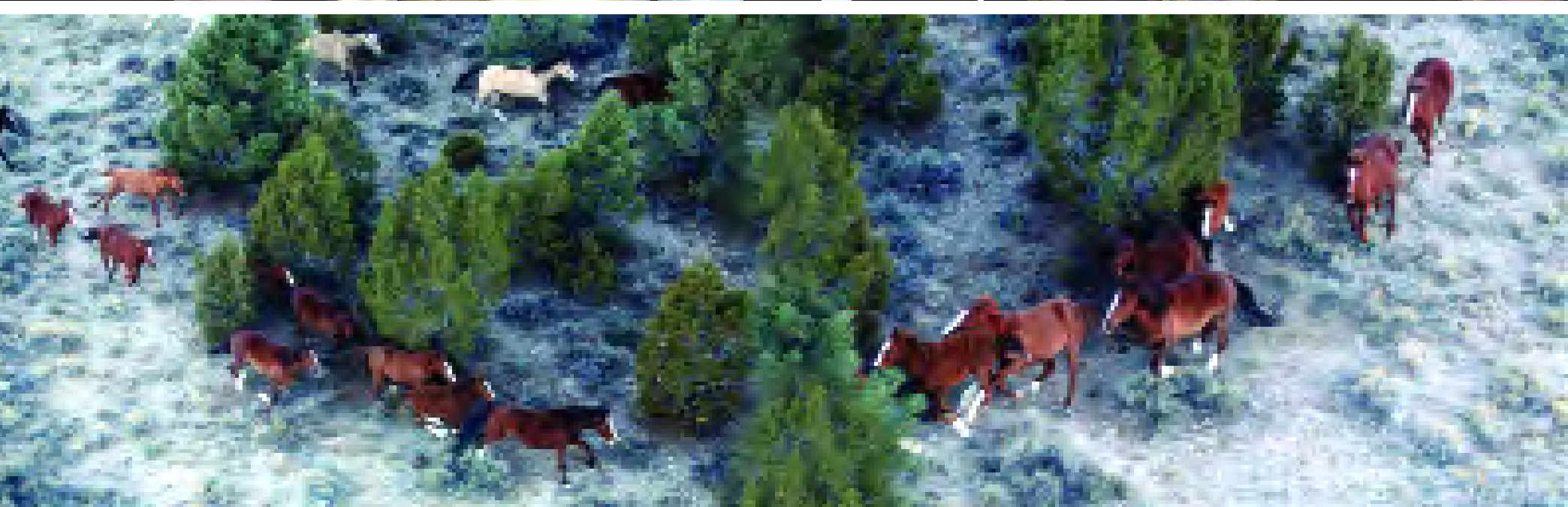
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Diane Allen Axelrod

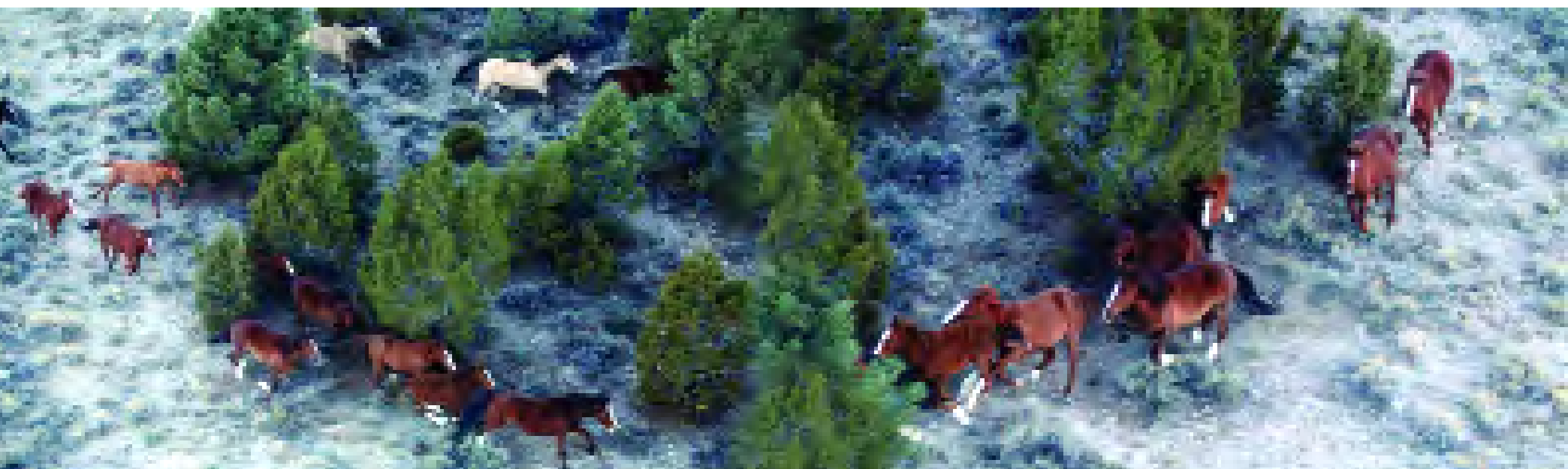


Lisa and Andy Harrison



*“Wild Horses”*

Madeleine Pickens



# *Leading the Pack: Madeleine Pickens*

## *Saving the American Wild Horse*

By Terry L. King

*M*adeleine Pickens is leading the charge, not at her old haunts of Hollywood Park, Churchill Downs or the Dubai World Cup but on the plains of the American West. Her new race has nothing to do with prizes, glory or fame; rather it has to do with keeping the soul of America alive: the Wild Mustang.

Madeleine Pickens, wife of billionaire oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens, is a philanthropist, champion racehorse breeder and true animal activist. Madeleine's deep love of horses grew when she and her late husband, aviation tycoon Allen Paulson, created one of the most admired and winning thoroughbred horse operations in the world. Their horses Freeze, Rock Hard Ten and of course the magnificent Cigar have won the world's most prestigious races.

However, Madeleine's true calling and Herculean efforts are reserved for saving the lives of the animals she loves so dearly. A modern day St. Francis of Assisi, Madeleine and her husband T. Boone talk the talk, walk the walk, and spend the money. During the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, Madeleine's efforts saved hundreds of separated, abandoned and orphaned dogs and cats. She and T. Boone chartered commercial airliners to transport animals from the gulf coast to rescue shelters all over the United States for relocation and adoption. True to form, Madeleine did not just write a check, she actually flew to New Orleans and personally loaded, fed, and watered her animal charges before, during and after take-off.

Madeleine's latest crusade is truly remarkable. America's wild Mustangs are the beating heart and thundering soul of America. These horses brought explorers through America before there was a United States. The first goods and services were drawn by horses, until trains became the dominant form of travel. The "Iron Horse" opened the American West and even in our modern age we still measure performance by "horse power". Horses are and will always be an integral part of the American experience. Today these magnificent creatures freely roam government owned ranges of many western states. Every year the government must slaughter or "cull" enough horses to keep the ecological balance between the mustangs, farmers, cattle and sheep ranchers as well as average Americans who wish to use the sameland. Because there are no more horse slaughterhouses in the United States these animals are simply disposed of.

When Madeleine heard that the current culling number was to be over 30,000 horses she jumped into action. Madeleine and her husband petitioned the government to allow them to buy over a million acres of land to be set aside as a wild horse preserve. Ultimately this preserve will shelter and protect the horses, set up educational centers for their study and become a living historical destination travel spot.

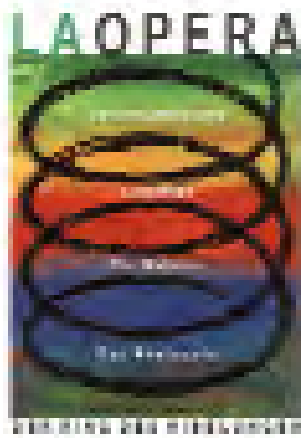
Madeleine's work is being applauded and supported on both sides of the aisle, by animal rights groups and even President Bush. Due in large part to Madeleine's efforts the government will not cull any horses this year and is studying her plan for a sanctuary. Madeleine was recently featured on ABC's World News with Charles Gibson as their "Person of the Week". Madeleine recently wrote on her website, "its very gratifying to know that there is such strong support to not let this part of our American Heritage become extinct." Given Madeleine's tenacious spirit we know that she will once again prevail and be in the Winner's Circle.



T. Boone and Madeleine Pickens, at the Texas Ranch

Editor's note...Madeleine has a new 6 week old grandson Gavin Maddox, and an equally beautiful identical twin sister Christine.

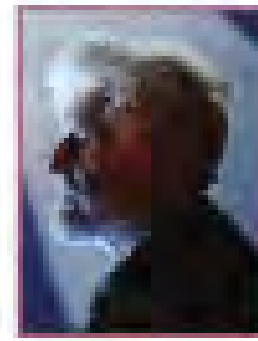
# LA Opera, **The Ring** 2010



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ELIJAH EDYTHE BROAD  
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**JAMES CONLON**  
MUSIC DIRECTOR



**ACHIM FREYER**  
DIRECTOR AND DESIGNER

LA OPERA'S NEW PRODUCTION OF  
RICHARD WAGNER'S RING CYCLE MADE POSSIBLE BY  
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## PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

### CYCLE 1

DAS RHEINGOLD	SAT	MAY 29, 2010	7:30PM
DIE WALKÜRE	SUN	MAY 30, 2010	6:30PM
SIEGFRIED	THU	JUN 03, 2010	6:30PM
SÖTTERDÄMMERUNG	SUN	JUN 06, 2010	6:30PM

### CYCLE 2

DAS RHEINGOLD	TUE	JUN 08, 2010	7:30PM
DIE WALKÜRE	THU	JUN 10, 2010	6:30PM
SIEGFRIED	SUN	JUN 13, 2010	12:30PM
SÖTTERDÄMMERUNG	WED	JUN 16, 2010	6:30PM

### CYCLE 3

DAS RHEINGOLD	FRI	JUN 18, 2010	7:30PM
DIE WALKÜRE	SUN	JUN 20, 2010	12:30PM
SIEGFRIED	WED	JUN 23, 2010	6:30PM
SÖTTERDÄMMERUNG	SAT	JUN 26, 2010	6:30PM

## RING PRICING

Cycles 1, 2, 3	Price	Conductors/Date Performer*
ROW FRONT ORCHESTRAS	\$2,000	\$1,000
ROW ORCHESTRA	\$1,400	\$500
ROW REAR ORCHESTRA	\$1,100	\$400
ROW ORCHESTRA BALANCE	\$400	\$100
ROW PREMIER FOUNDERS CIRCLE	\$2,300	\$1,300
ROW FOUNDING CIRCLE	\$1,600	\$500
ROW PREMIER LOBBY	\$1,000	\$400
ROW LOBBY	\$600	\$200
ROW BALCONY A	\$800	\$100
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FRONT ROW RESTRICTED	\$100	\$10

\*YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL SUPPORT THE DR-RING ACTIVITIES  
at The Los Angeles Music Center, Los Angeles



## RING CYCLE SEATING CHART

Please refer to chart for more information.

NOTE: The Ring Cycle will not be a part of the regular 2010-2011 subscription season. This is your last opportunity to buy the last seat!

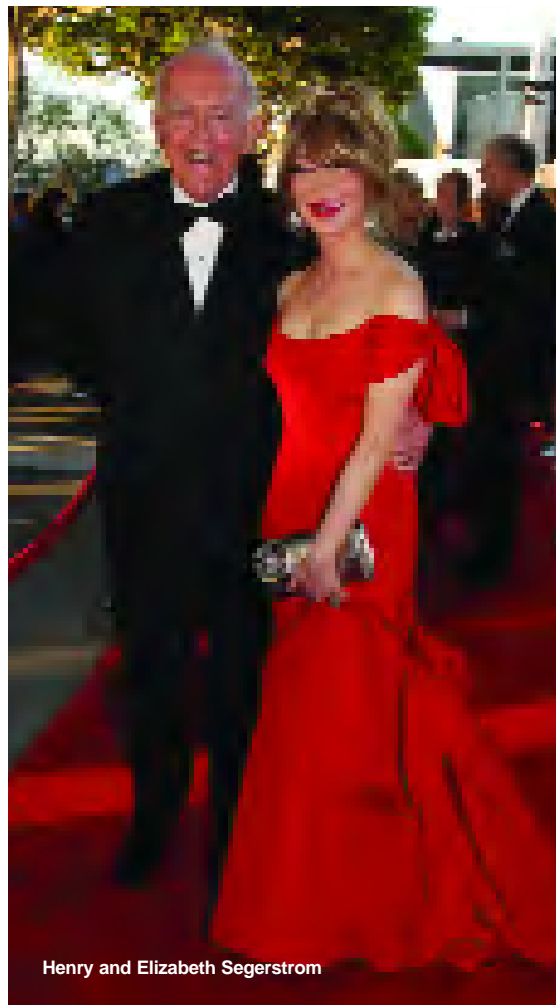
# LA Opera Celebrates

40 Years with

# Placido Domingo



Buzz and Lois Aldrin



Henry and Elizabeth Segerstrom



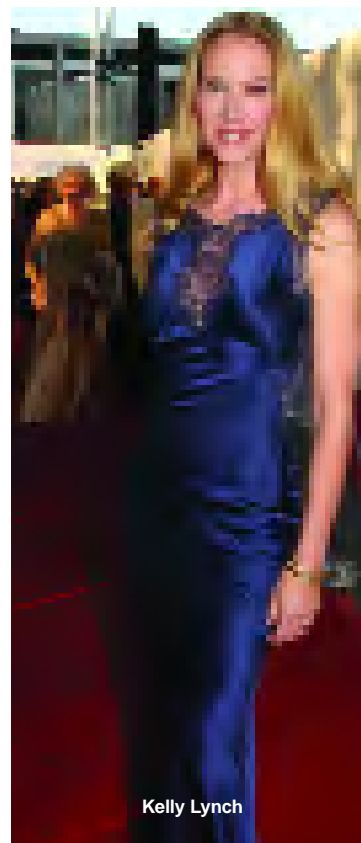
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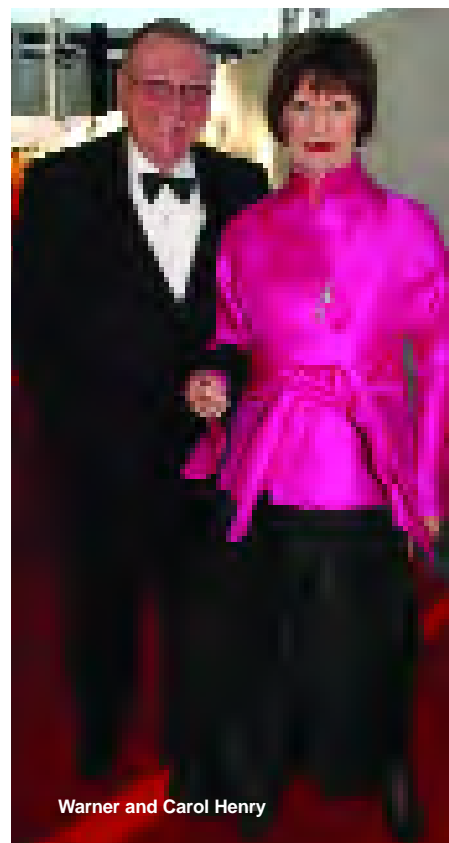
Aaron and Renée Kumetz



Roger and Angelle Wacker



Kelly Lynch



Warner and Carol Henry



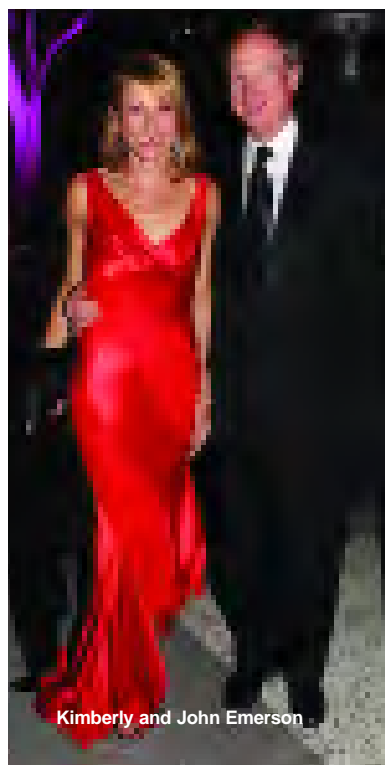
Melanie Griffith and Antonio Banderas



Cat Pollon



Alex and Yuki Bouzari



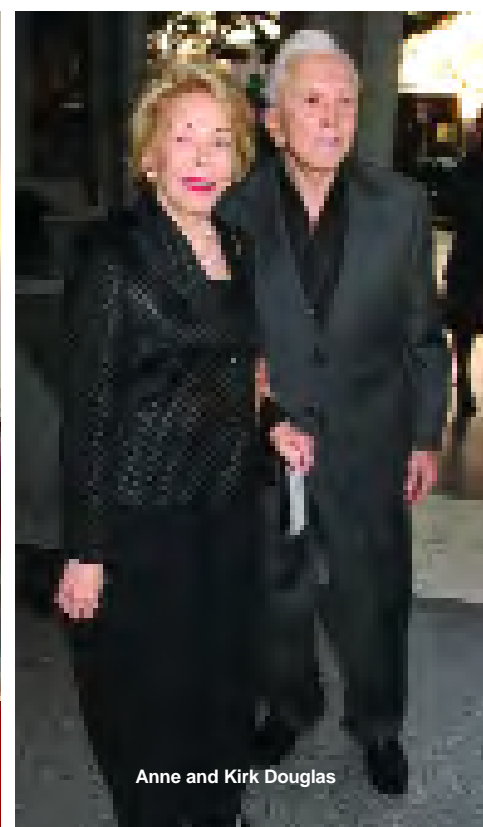
Kimberly and John Emerson



Fabiane and Kelly Day



Robert Graham



Anne and Kirk Douglas

# Save Venice

Save Venice met to celebrate the Festival of the Redeemer which occurs every year. Also being celebrated was the 500th anniversary of the architect Palladio whose magnificent villas dot the Veneto countryside.

Members of Save Venice who attended the four-day gala, enjoyed festive dinners, receptions, tours and lectures throughout Venice.

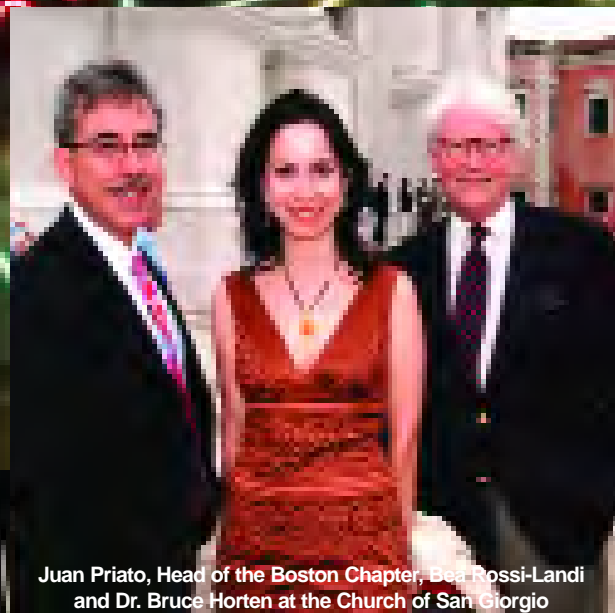
Photos by Mary Hilliard



Cat Pollon



Thomas Schmacher, Hutton Wilkinson and Matthew White at the Hotel Bayer Spa



Juan Priato, Head of the Boston Chapter, Bea Rossi-Landi and Dr. Bruce Horten at the Church of San Giorgio



Dr. Shirley and Jim Sherwood, owner of the Orient Express Company



Manfred Kuhnert, Cat Pollon, Peter Iacono and Bea Esteve at the Hotel Cipriani Garden party



Francesca Bortolotto-Possati and Save Venice Chairman Bob Lovejoy



Ruth and Hutton Wilkinson at Palazzo Mucinago

## WCIL

Photos by Steve Moyer

*"A Festive Evening for Westside Center for Independent Living"*



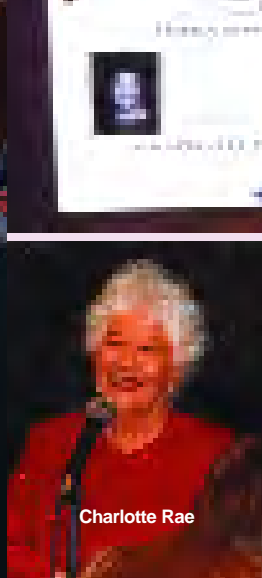
Row 1: Lola Jameson, Jean Katz, Ruth Tabor, Betty U. Deutsch, Dasha A. Stuart, Phyllis Wiseman Row 2: Ruth Kraft, Marjorie Fasman Row 3: Trudy Kallis, Aliza Barzilay, Marcia Solomon



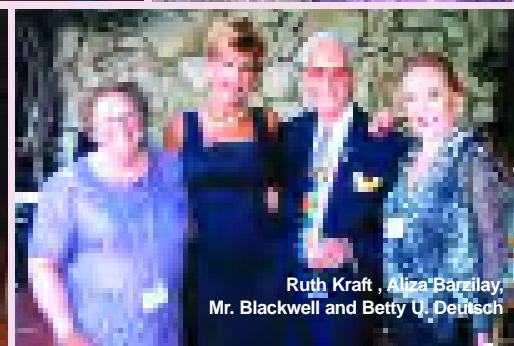
How one goes from party to party in Venice



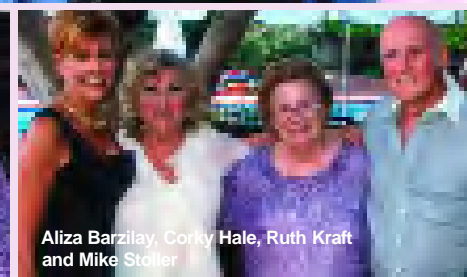
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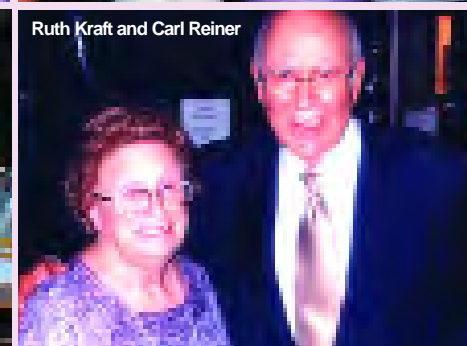
Charlotte Rae



Ruth Kraft, Aliza Barzilay, Mr. Blackwell and Betty U. Deutsch



Ruth Kraft and Carl Reiner



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# The Carousel Ball



Cookie and Earvin 'Magic' Johnson



Barbara Davis



Gelila Assefa and Wolfgang Puck



Mr. Chow and Eva Chow



Suzanne Somers



Jane Seymour



Jay Leno



Clive Davis and Quincy Jones



Nicole Richie and Joel Madden



Kathy and Rick Hilton



Dyan Cannon



Denzel and Pauletta Washington



Camille and Kelsey Grammer



Katharine McPhee and The Jonas Brothers



Sidney Poitier



Barbara Davis and Alex Berliner

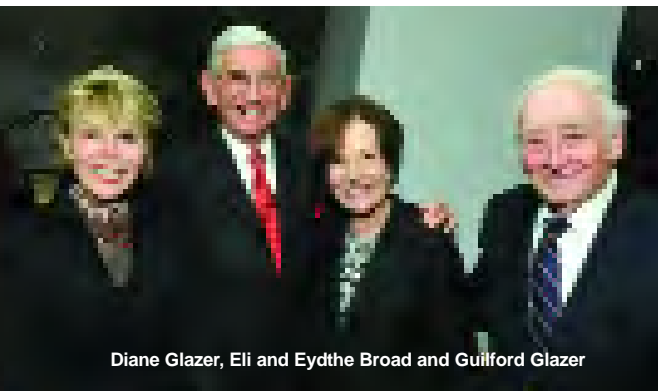
## American Friends of the Israel Phil. at the Walt Disney Concert Hall



Fred and Betty Hayman



Anne and Kirk Douglas



Diane Glazer, Eli and Eydthe Broad and Guilford Glazer



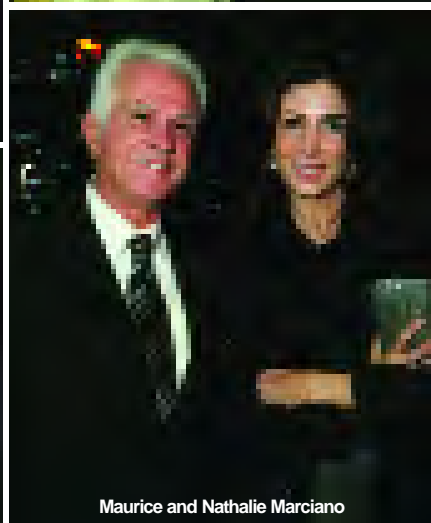
Jennifer Gold and Stacy Katz



Eli Glassman, Joan Holland, Joyce Keefer, Dr. Norman Krevoy, Mel Keefer



Gary Winnick, Helgard and Irwin Field



Maurice and Nathalie Marciano

## Freedom Foundation An Evening with Roger Williams



Joyce and Chuck Lilly



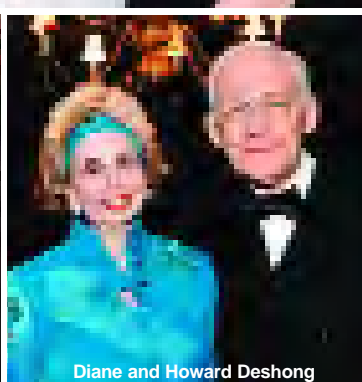
Marilee Hawkins, Co-Chair, Roger Williams, Jacque Heebner, Chair



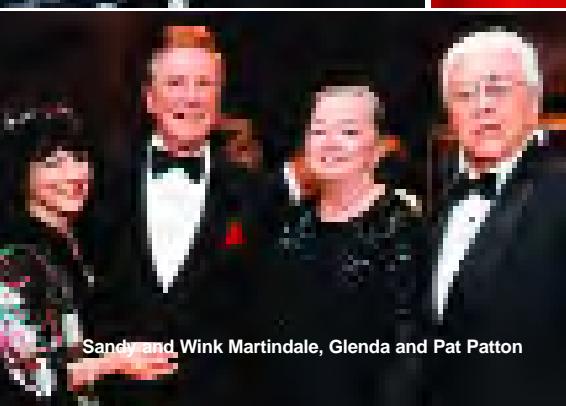
Serry Shelley and Robert Jensen



Nadine Acker, Marilee Hawkins, Co-Chair



Diane and Howard Deshong



Sandy and Wink Martindale, Glenda and Pat Patton



Betty Bryan, Charlotte Meier, Pam Polito

## DALE OLSON

It was an evening of nostalgia when **PATRICIA BARRY** and I attended the re-opening of the newly-redesigned **MARK TAPER FORUM** in the Music Center. I was a young reporter covering theatre in Los Angeles when the city's downtown Bunker Hill was developed into the most impressive performing arts center of its time. I covered the huge cultural event from start to finish, even suffering the wrath of Dorothy Buffum Chandler, the Los Angeles powerhouse who really made it happen and whose name graces the crowning facility of the center, when I scooped the story of the Center Theatre Group move from UCLA to the Music Center in Variety. She was not happy. As the Matriarch of the LA Times (and Los Angeles), she felt all those stories belonged first in her paper and never conceived that a reporter from the "Show Biz Bible" would get the scoop, but I had been covering the CTG since its very beginnings. She must have forgiven me, though, because when Elliott Martin hired me to handle the CTG at the Ahmanson in the early days of his reign, I found myself summoned by Mrs. Chandler to Music Center Board meetings when she had a news story she wanted announced, pro bono, of course. Covering Center activities, I became friendly with everyone, Mrs. Chandler, Mark Taper and the Ahmanson family. Then, on June 13, 1971, my colleague at R&C Beebe Kline and I were assigned to handle the 50th Anniversary gala of the Motion Picture & Television Fund, which Frank Sinatra insisted calling his fairwell concert. The gala was so popular it immediately sold out and the start-studded performers, including Frank, did two shows almost simultaneously, first taking bows at the Pavilion, then racing to repeat at the Ahmanson. Everybody from Cary Grant to Grace Kelly to Streisand, ending with Frank's "My Way" brought the black tie crowd to their feet, then they watched a history of movies at the Taper and partied all over the plaza all night. Gregory Peck and Rosalind Russell chaired the event, which may only have been matched in recent years by Jeffrey Katzenberg's *The Night Before* (the "Oscars") also for the MPTV Fund. Patricia and I were so pleased to be seated with Judi and Gordon Davidson, who initiated the CTG at the Music Center and the taper with a controversial production of "The Devils," which aptly set the tone for the experimental theatre it has brought us. I would rather have had a revival of that for this gala than the John Guare "House of Blue Leaves," which also debuted at the same time and, for me, doesn't hold up. But the re-opening of the Taper sure did in a gala hosted by Dame Edna who aptly said, "Just look at all the money in this audience." It was a glorious night under the stars, one of the best we've seen and looked like it cost almost as much as the \$4 million the Taper originally cost and worthy of the \$33 million put into the renovation. Lots of economic changes in the last 40 years... Not since the great days of Ciro's, Mocambo and The Coconut Grove has there been a local niter that caters to the mature crowd so it's a joy to see how the **CATALINA BAR AND GRILL** has developed into a great spot for "my" crowd. And never was that more apparent than when crowds packed the room for the splendid pairing of **MICHAEL FEINSTEIN** and **ALAN BERGMAN**, joined in one of the best evenings we have spent in too long. Billed as a 50th anniversary tribute to the Bergmans, unarguably the wordsmiths of more memorable tunes (six "Oscars" and 16 nominations alone, if you please) but maybe the most romantic couple in Hollywood, who on opening night were celebrating 51 years of marriage themselves. Feinstein, today celebrated as America's Ambassador of song, used the night to remind us of many of them, appropriately calling the event "A life story in 32 bars," then called Bergman up to blush as he sang the song he wrote to propose to his wife, "That Face." What a sophisticated night of glorious music, with an extraordinary group of musicians, including piano icon Alan Broadbent and the super sax of Gary Foster, then Alan himself delivering some of his most famous lyrics while Marilyn beamed ringside. And Michael rising even above his norm, particularly with an emotional and stirring plea "Papa Can You Hear Me" from Streisand's "Yentl." Wow, Michael, you outdid yourself. When the two of them ended the evening with "The Music Never Ends," we wished it never would. But we can all enjoy it on our own in two new CD's, Feinstein's extraordinary "The Sinatra Project" and Bergman following his first triumph with more "Lyrically Yours," both at your favorite record store NOW. Michael, you did Frank proud with an amazing recreation of his big band Billy May and Nelson Riddle arrangements, all recorded in Frank's own Studio A at Capitol. Brilliant!...When my longtime compadre **PAUL PUMPIAN** sent me his new book, I settled down for a lot of laughs. After all, Paul wrote most of the jokes for people like Milton Berle and Pat Buttram, but then I realized he was writing a unique treatment about friendship as he whips through the tale of two youngsters who become compadres (this, I learn, is a much more important description than friends, pals, amigos or even blood brothers, although the two go through so much blood and guts action they probably really are blood brothers) through life. He does it with a twist, fashioning an action story on top of history as Will and Jeff go cowboyin' through the Pancho Villa wars, General Pershing and even a touch of Patton. I'm not up to my best in history so whether this is accurate, I'm not sure, but it doesn't matter, as they whiz through more action than an Arnold Schwarzenegger epic and come out smelling like a couple of roses. You can get **COMPADRES, A COWBOY STORY**, through Amazon.com so see for yourself...The hills of Beverly were alive with tears and laughter when pals **PAULA HOLT, JANET GULLIXSON, JOE MAJESTIC & JUDY BALABAN** gathered everybody who knew and loved **GEORGE FURTH** at his amazing condo to reminisce and celebrate the life of one of our favorite people. Of course, they all thought they were George's best friend and said so, a tribute to the prolific playwright ("Company," "Merrily We Roll Along") actor and consummate wit, whom real best friend Warren Beatty, who has known him since he was 18 and both were at Northwestern in Chicago, appropriately said, "I've never known anybody with more genuine friendships; everybody who knew him loved him." Paying tribute to him at the party he always wanted to give on the most spacious condo terraces in the city were a galaxy of show biz, including Elliott Gould, Martin Landau, Michael Feinstein, Dick Gautier, Annette Bening, Lisa Pelican, Janet McLaughlin, Danny O'Selznick, Carol DeLuise, Charlotte Rae, Bruce Davison, Garry Marshall, Molly Barnes, Marshall McCabe, David Kleinfelt and so many more, all sharing their love for one of the loveliest, most talented and funniest friends we've ever known. George would have loved it - and probably did...

# Actresses Reese Witherspoon and Jane Kaczmarek Headlined Children's Defense Fund-California 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Los Angeles "Beat the Odds Awards"

CDF-CA to Give Scholarships to Five LA Area Students at Celebrity-Filled Event. Event Co-Chair and CDF Board Member Reese Witherspoon and actress and comedienne Jane Kaczmarek headlined the event with more than 400 guests including celebrities, Hollywood insiders and other notables.



Sara and Elisabeth Shue



Reese Witherspoon



Jane Kaczmarek



Randy and Jimmy Jam

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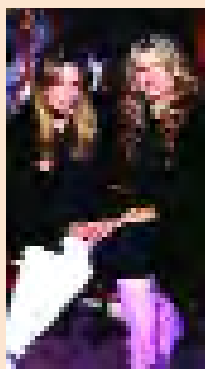
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**FAMOUS BROMANCES TICKLE US SILLY...**The term is new, but the sentiment is as ancient as the inseparable male bonding in full bloom between Moses and Joshua in DeMille's, *"The Ten Commandments"*. What do **George Clooney** and **Abraham Lincoln** have in common other than a shared passion for saving Africans from slavery and extinction? A deep love and devotion for their guy pals...much like **Robert Redford & Paul Newman**, **Matt Damon & Ben Affleck** and **Marlon Brando & Wally Cox**. The "Urban Dictionary"

defines *bromance* as: "Any relationship between creatures of the same sex, up to the point that cojones do not touch. After this, things turn gay." Gorgeous George swooned when talking to *Today's Meredith Viera* about his bromance with **Brad Pitt**. George worried about Brad's health after he made back-to-back movies, trips to hurricane ravaged New Orleans and impoverished African nations, and creating an interracial family with six kids under age 7. He insisted Brad take some time off and visit him, sans **Angelina**, at his Lake Como villa. There the two superstars *bromanced* on Harleys whizzing through the Italian countryside, drank *vino* and cavorted with George's fun-loving buddies. Not amused, Angelina called Brad repeatedly to get his *tush* back to the chateau and their bouncing off-the-wall progeny. **Clooney** and "the boys" found the **Heinz** (as in ketchup) villa on a European roadtrip. George bought it within days and now flies his male BFFs in from L.A. for *mano a mano* horseplay. "The boys" zoom around town and cross the Alps on the Harleys bought for them by Generous George. Boy bonding includes basketball, poker, fishing with the locals and playing practical jokes on each other. In the States, George annually rents a tour bus for his testosterone soaked buds, actor **Richard Kind** included, for two months of touring the nation's best golf courses, always ending in Las Vegas for a roll of the dice. Fellow Kentuckian **Abe Lincoln** didn't have Gorgeous George's looks or his bankroll when it came to *his* Boys Nite Out. Politics and poverty can make for some strange bedfellows. Lincoln and his Springfield buddy **Joshua Speed** shared the same bed for 4 years, and remained confidantes and longtime friends through marriages and political strife. There allegedly is a diary written by Speed where he refers to Abe as "Linc" and talks about the young politician's affectionate nature. Later, Honest Abe, the prairie lawyer, slept for years in the same bed as his male law associate to save money while traveling the country circuit. *Just imagine the pillowtalk!* In the Civil War White House, while his bipolar wife **Mary Todd** was away in NY on manic shopping sprees, once buying 500 pairs of white gloves, the Commander-in-Chief shared the Lincoln marital bed with his closest bud, bodyguard Capt. **David Derickson**. Their *bromance* was the topic of much speculation among the Republican inner circle. The intimate bond was severed only by Derickson's promotion in 1863 to another post. When Lincoln was assassinated in 1865, his biggest fan, the poet **Walt Whitman**, wrote a loving elegy, *"When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd"*...the ultimate *bromance* tribute.

**SHOW BIZ FRANCOPHILES CHANNEL MOTHER TERESA...**Just a few short years ago, **Angelina Jolie**, was a vampire goth queen, not the empress of everything. She wore a vial of her hillybilly husband's blood around her delicate neck. She morosely admitted to stints in drug rehab and psych wards. She celebrated her win at the Oscars by slipping her brother the tongue in public. Then motherhood, **Brad Pitt**, and the UN came a calling. The bad girl instantly morphed into a glam **Mother Teresa**, now living in a chateau in the South of France. To her instant family of 3 adorable adopted Third World tots, she recently added 3 bio babies with her *uber* hunk. But any perfect life is not without stress cracks. After the recent birth of their twins, Jolie is reportedly depressed, not eating and having a hard time finding her smile. Therapists are working overtime to restore the supernova to her spunky, pre-mommy self. Dazzlingly beautiful stars creating *"Rainbow Tribes"* of ethnically diverse kids is not new. **Josephine Baker**, a courageous black entertainer from a St. Louis ghetto, fled 1920's racism and became an ex-pat in Paris. She gained international fame as the "Black Venus" who danced naked in the *Folies Bergere* and throughout Europe dressed only in bananas. Like Angelina, the sepia sex goddess also ran off with a married man, future **King Gustavus VI** of Sweden. He ultimately returned to his future Queen after nights of waltzing and *shtupping*. Josephine sighed: "He was the cream and I was his coffee...and when you poured us together it was something." Baker, like Jolie, was a much admired citizen of the world. She was awarded the Legion of Honor by the French Government for her World War II heroics. She joined the French Resistance and crossed borders with crucial secrets written on her sheets of music in invisible ink. She barely survived **Hermann Goering** and the Gestapo. After the war, Josephine lived chaotically in a French chateau with her beloved *Rainbow Tribe*, 12 adopted kids from many countries, all devoted to her. Globe trotting activist **Mia Farrow**, who stole the married conductor **Andre Previn**, is in the running for Top Banana of All Rainbow Tribes with 14 kids shaking her Family Tree...*Was it kosher for these Mother Saints to canoodle with married men? Obviously they answer to a Higher Authority who isn't petty.*

**MR. PRESIDENT, YOU AIN'T NOTHIN' BUT A HORNDOG.** Producer/actor **Ashton Kutcher** recalls the time he and his cougar wife **Demi Moore** met the 42nd President of the United States: "**Bill Clinton** was the only President I ever met, but it was like I wasn't there. HE WAS HITTING ON MY WIFE." Many wish the Prez would have been so single minded in his pursuit of **Osama Bin Laden**, and nailed HIM in the Sudan in the mid 90's.

### QUOTES OF THE DAY:

"Moses dragged us through the desert to the one place in the Middle East where there is NO oil."

**Golda Meir**, who said of a rhinoplasty: "She cut off her nose to spite her race."

"If Cher has another facelift, she'll be wearing a beard."

**Jennifer Saunders**, who writes her own lines for "Ab Fab"

"The average age of the membership is deceased."

**Milton Berle** on the *Friar's Club*

"I had plenty of pimples as a kid. One day, I fell asleep in the library. When I woke up a blind man was reading my face."

**Rodney Dangerfield**, known for his generosity to all

"This is virgin territory for whores."

**Al Capone**, upon arriving in Chicago after being run out of Brooklyn

"Never raise your hands to your kids, it leaves your groin unprotected."

**Red Buttons** in a serious moment

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# Mohegan Sun

## “A World at Play”

*D*ynamic is the word for the Mohegan Sun Casino, tucked away in picturesque Uncasville, Connecticut. It is owned and run by the Mohegan Tribe whose history goes back hundreds of years. With its shiny façade it can be seen for miles it sits on some 240 acres along the shores of the Thames River in Mystic County.

The resort is the premier gaming, entertainment, dining, shopping and meeting destination on the East Coast.

There are many entities that attract visitors globally to the second largest casino in North America. Its 6,500 slot machines are accompanied by Roulette, Craps and Black Jack tables. All part of the 300,000 square feet of gaming.

There are more than 1200 hotel rooms that are elegant and some provide the most breath-taking view of Eastern Connecticut and the Thames River.

You can shop 'til you drop at any one of the 42 stores within the Sun from clothing to electronics and anything in between. For jewelry there are superb shops such as Swarovski, Landau or Tiffany and Co.

The fashion and apparel outlets includes: Boccelli, Cache', Tommy Bahamas and Sun Shoes just to name a few.

Todd English's Tuscany is the signature restaurant of the Sun. You are greeted by a 30 foot waterfall and an atmosphere that has European style walls in the dining areas.

Celebrity Chef English, features the magnificent flavors of Tuscan, Italy in a menu that can please just about anyone. The Pureed Beans, Sweet Potato Zuppa, Butternut Ravioli, Baked Oysters or Boston Bibb Salad are great starters. The menu also allows you to create your own antipasto combination with the Antipasto Della Casa which offers a variety of cured meats, cheeses and bruschetta. There are a variety of entrees that will tantalize your taste buds. From the grill there are Seared Scallops, Wood Grilled Tuna, Kurabuto Pork Shank, Tuscan Chicken and an 8 oz. Filet Mignon. For those that are in a more adventurous mode you can try the 4-course Chef's Tasting. To wind up a great dining experience you can try the Fallen Chocolate Cake or the Blood Orange Tart with an Italian coffee or Black Bottom Crème Brûlée with Grappa.

Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville, takes diners from the woodland of Connecticut to the warm beaches of the Florida Keys. You sit within tiki huts, surrounded by palm trees, sailboats and marine life, as well as a 30-foot spinning waterspout and 8-foot tall giant blender. It's a sixteen thousand square feet multi-level restaurant with a Terrace overlooking the Thames River.

You'll love the menu that includes: Cheeseburger in Paradise, Jamaica Mistaica Wings, Calypso Mahi Mahi and Key Lime Pie.

There's live music that adds to the electric atmosphere. It's the only venue with a riverfront view. General Manager Craig T. Wilson will guarantee a great fun dining experience.

The Mohegan has been brewing its own beer for several years. Joel Johnson has been the head brew master for the last 8 years. You can purchase any type of beer from light to dark.

Billboard Magazine places the Mohegan Sun Arena as the fifth most visited venue world-wide. (Radio City Music Hall is #1) The rankings are determined by gross ticket sales compiled.

It has seen some of the top touring acts in recent years such as: Justin Timberlake, Tony Bennett, Earth Wind and Fire, Four Tops, The Temptations, Van Halen, Josh Groban, Santana, Tim McGraw and Jerry Seinfeld.

Country music entertainers love coming to the Sun. Some include Academy of Country Music Entertainer of Year nominees such as; Kenny Chesney, Brad Paisley, Rascal Flatts, George Strait and Keith Urban. They've all had great success at the Sun. So much so that the ACM has selected the Mohegan Sun as 2008 "Casino of the Year". "Mohegan Sun is extremely honored and pleased to be recognized by the ACM with this marvelous industry accomplishment," said Paul Munick, Senior Vice President of Sports and Entertainment.

The Mohegan Country Club at Pautipaug has hosted several tournaments from the LPGA Seniors Tour to Ahmad Rashad's Celebrity Classic. It brings athletes from the sports and entertainment world such as Marcus Allen, Joe Pesci, Lawrence Taylor, Bill Murray and Michael Jordan. The tournament has raised over four hundred thousand dollars for the Boys and Girls Club.

The Mohegan Sun is a must visit venue for family and friends. For more information go to [www.mohegansun.com](http://www.mohegansun.com) or call 888-226-7711.

The Mohegan Sun is easily excisable from T.F. Green's airport in Providence, Bradley's airport in Hartford, CT., Logan's airport in Boston and JFK's airport in New York.



(L) Bruce "Two Dogs" Bozsum, Mohegan Tribal Chairman shares a moment with Ahmad Rashad

Photo Earl Heath



Tony Bennett performs before a standing room only crowd at Mohegan Sun Arena

By Earl Heath



# The Peninsula, Beverly Hills

Offer Nissenbaum, has certainly taken the Peninsula Hotel to a whole new level of elegance and chic. Nissenbaum was over the Omni Hotels before coming to the Peninsula a year ago. The most impressive part of his training was under Leona Helmsley, the “Queen of Mean, for five years he was taught the highest standards in hotel administration, and a tone for the highest quality and details. If you look around the hotel you can see his mark. The hotel and its “Roof Top Restaurant” with its outdoor fireplace and private sitting areas overlooking “Century City.” A truly romantic place to dine. The cuisine in all of the Peninsula’s restaurants is superb.



**The Roof Garden:** The new \$4 million renovation, designed by famed designer Cheryl Rowley, was unveiled. The pool area of the Roof Garden, open to guests, sports twelve new state-of-the-art Pool Cabanas, with flatscreens and wi-fi. The Roof Garden Restaurant has heated tile floors, for year-round al fresco dining, a private dining alcove backed by a "living wall" of greenery, a bar and a lounge area surrounding a fire pit. The restaurant is open to the public and serves breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Specialties include California market-driven fresh cuisine and healthy "Naturally Peninsula" dishes.

**Executive Chef James Overbaugh:** James Overbaugh, from the Relais et Chateaux-member Chateau du Sureau inn near Yosemite, joined the hotel as Executive Chef at the Belvedere, Overbaugh's new menu won accolades in November from The Wine Spectator. The food was rated even higher than that at the new Gordon Ramsey restaurant in the new London Hotel. Overbaugh's specialties include the likes of sauteed New Zealand langoustines with chanterelles and water spinach, Jidori chicken roulade with sun-dried tomatoes, feta cheese and walnuts; and veal osso buco with Aleppo pepper risotto.

**Pampered Pets:** As part of its ongoing efforts to enhance the hospitality shown to guests' dogs, the hotel introduced a new room service menu for dogs that includes the "people food" likes of steak 'n

eggs, turkey burgers and strip steaks. Dogs are also given their own Peninsula doggie bed and monogrammed towel.

**New Afternoon Tea:** In the Peninsula tradition, Nissenbaum has expanded the offerings during the Afternoon Tea, and introduced The Peninsula Cap Cake, essentially a cupcake that is designed to look like a Peninsula Page's gold-braided white hat, as a signature tea treat.

**Nissenbaum's Managerial Style:** A firm believer that treating his staff well, and with respect has resulted in his staff treating the guests well, Offer Nissenbaum has launched several initiatives to that end. His monthly "Innovations Committee" of staff members from all departments, meets to come up with new offerings (such as the Pampered Pets menu). In addition, he has started other staff committees to give voice to everyone who works at The Peninsula. "We want your stay at the Peninsula to be the outstanding part of your journey".



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