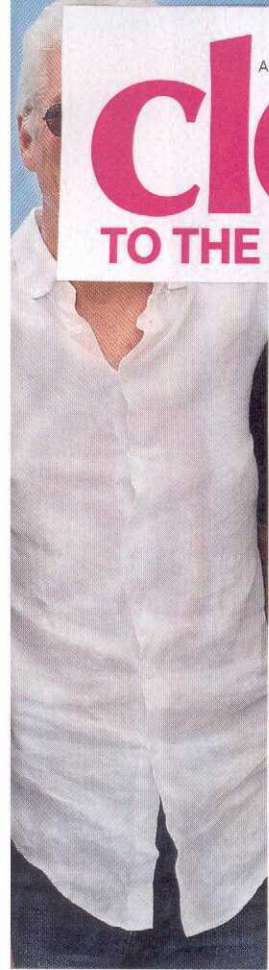


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TO THE STARS YOU LOVE



HUGH LAURIE

Tickles the ivories in Austria

In addition to acting, the former *House* star has been playing piano most of his life and has released two albums. On July 20, Hugh and the Copper Bottom Band wowed the crowd with their energetic bluesy sound in Graz. "We make a good, fat sound," brags Hugh.

CELEBRITY CHATTERBOX

"In my day, we didn't have sex tapes. We had sexy cave paintings."

BETTE MIDLER

"Exactly how do you milk an almond?"

RYAN SEACREST

"Hostess is bringing back the chocolate-covered Twinkie. Anyone looking to eat healthy should just stick to the regular Twinkie."

CONAN O'BRIEN

"I don't think I can call myself an adult until I figure out how to use bleach in the laundry."

ANNA KENDRICK

"We have rocket ships. Can we not make a pair of 3-D glasses lighter than 6 pounds?"

KRISTEN BELL

"During my trip to Italy, I spent so much time among the ancient ruins, I felt like a cast member of *Hot in Cleveland*."

JOAN RIVERS



PRINCE CHARLES

Squirrels away a gift for his grandson, George

The royal heir loved the giant handmade red squirrel he received as a present for grandson Prince George's first birthday during a visit to the Glendelvine squirrel sanctuary in Perthshire, Scotland, on July 22. "Look at the size of this," raved Charles. "It's just wonderful!"



PAULA ABDUL

Steps up with fellow dancers

Famous choreographers Debbie Allen and Mary Murphy shared their secrets with Paula at the Dizzy Feet Foundation's Celebration of Dance Gala at The Music Center on July 19 in L.A. "Last night was a blast!" enthused Debbie.

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