

AROUND THE SCENE BY KATHRYN PELLEGRINI

Familiar faces and favorite places ACCESS NEW YORK

San Franciscans and New Yorkers cocktailed and mingled on JUNE 24th at a benefit for AIRCRAFT CASUALTY EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES (ACCESS) offering long term bereavement care to those who have lost loved ones in air disasters including 9/11. The event celebrated the expansion of ACCESS Headquarters from New York to San Francisco.



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Aaron Moatz, Arthur Cinader, Jr. and Lisa Sugar



Willie Brown Jr. and Heidi Snow, ACCESS Founder, Executive Director

On June 24th, Aircraft Casualty Emotional Support Services (ACCESS) celebrated the opening of its San Francisco office with a benefit party, **San Francisco Meets New York**, at 55 2nd Street. More than 250 trained volunteer grief mentors provide peer counseling, matching mothers to mothers, siblings to siblings, and spouses to spouses. Some notables on the scene included **Willie Brown, Hooman Khalili, Annie Shea and Jenna Marsh.**

Finally, on July 17, SF fashionistas gathered at 111 Minna for the **Fashionweek Preview Party** organized by Mystery Girl **Erika Guessen.** Partygoers enjoyed NARS makeovers, jived to the diva-driven trip-hop performance of **Karmacoda** and had a sneak peak at some of fall's hottest fashion. Victorian vintage seems to be back: break out your cameos. Don't miss the first-ever San Francisco Fashion Week, August 26-29, 2004, at the Palace of Fine Arts, www.fashionweek-sf.com. I am sure familiar faces will line the runway.

In a city where every block turns a familiar face, take a moment to stop and say hello. Chances you are probably long-lost friends or have a new friendship on the horizon.

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At the Tuesday, July 13th preview party, friends and neighbors were welcomed to a complimentary three-course dinner. Guests included KCBS' **Narsai David, Harry Denton,**

Paul Einbund; Paul is an old pal from the Water Grill in Los Angeles. These days, Paul is one of our newest Russian Hill neighbors. Morrone is set to open a Brazilian-style steakhouse at the old Orsi's in Novato; but he pledged his allegiance to Tartare ...

On Tuesday, June 22nd, nothing said "San Francisco" more than the 1,200 attendees at the downtown Marriott Hotel for the annual **San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau lunch.** Familiar faces belonged to **Louis Meunier** of Macy's, 7x7's **Susie McCormick, Jed Pogran** of Gump's, **Chip Conley** of Joie De Vivre Hotels, **Scott McKibben,** publisher of the *San Francisco Examiner*, **Herb Myers** of Wells Fargo, **Nunzio Alioto** of Alioto Fish Corporation, **Lee Blitch** of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, **Linda Gillespie** of St. Francis Memorial Hospital, **Bruce McElhinney** of Visa U.S.A., **Richard Horne** of Shreve & Company and **Dino Dinovitz** of KRON 4, just to name a few. The CVB announced its new "Only in San Francisco" campaign inspired by the unique landmarks and culture of our City including hippie buses, yoga poses, the Golden Gate Bridge and even the legendary **Sir Francis Drake** doorman, **Tom Sweeney.** **Mayor Gavin Newsom** talked about the rebound in the San Francisco tourist industry.