

Star-Powered Hot Spots Glow All Night Long

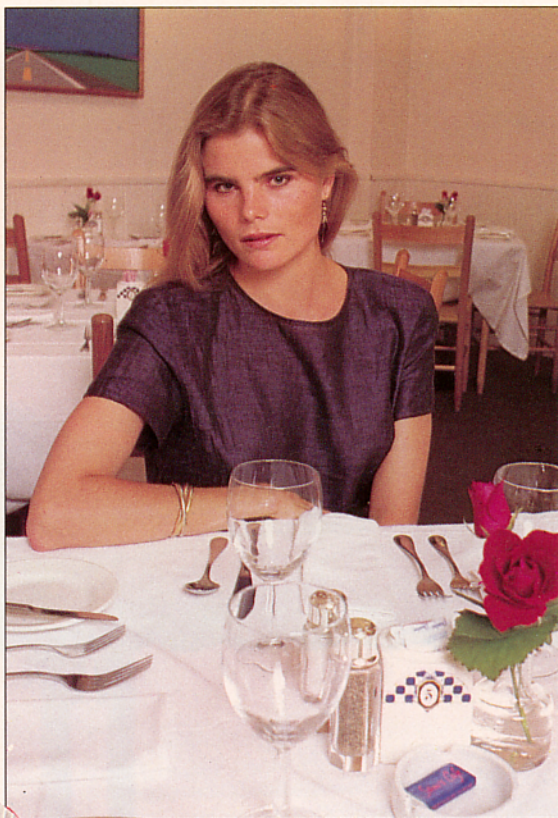
by Lisa Arcella



MARK GORDON/PREFERRED STOCK

AN APPETIZING IDEA

No one would ever contradict the fact that show business is fickle. One day you're hot and the next, no one can seem to remember your name. Investing those hard-earned dollars wisely is important, and perhaps that's why an increasing number of celebrities on both coasts are spending those moments out of the spotlight behind the stove—in their own restaurants. It's a side business most stars thrive on, possibly because eating out in New York and Los Angeles is an entertainment form all its own.



NICK ELGARILGI

◀ Mariel Hemingway can often be seen eating dinner or lending a hand at Sam's Cafe, the New York eatery she owns with her husband and brother-in-law. Incidentally, "Sam" is husband Steve Crisman's nickname for his famous wife. The cafe's menu is tastefully simple to match the unadorned blond wood and butcher block interior decor. "None of that nouvelle-cuisine stuff," says Mariel.



JOHN ROCA/LGI

▲ Issac Tigrett, owner of the Hard Rock Cafe's in New York, Dallas and London, always approaches celebrities to invest in his restaurants because a well-known name can give him an edge over the competition. Dan Aykroyd is part owner of the hot New York club in which fans often flock to, hoping for a glimpse of the comic actor.

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN

The California Pizza Kitchen in Los Angeles is famous for its gourmet pizza and pasta dishes. How about a slice of barbecue chicken pizza or some tequila chicken and pasta? Actress Jane Seymour now lends her beauty and talent to the Pizza Kitchen ever since she became a limited partner in the chain.



PETER KREDENSER/SHOOTING STAR

MARK GORDON/PREFERRED STOCK



One of Sammy Davis Jr.'s favorite spots away from the stage is behind the bar of Nicky Blair's—a popular celebrity hot spot in West Hollywood. Sammy's in good company, too. Other investors in the restaurant include Norm Crosby, Kenny Rogers, Connie Stevens and ▼ Jack Haley, Jr.



RALPH DOMINGUEZ/GLOBE PHOTOS

◀ Quarterback Doug Flutie may play football in Chicago, but he eats his meals in New York. Flutie's Pier 17 opened at the city's popular South Street Seaport last year and has been doing a booming business ever since.



GLOBE PHOTOS