

Moore does H'wood

LEGIT SALUTES PAIR



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...the night munching on tuna rolls. Event, which raised \$100,000, was held at the home of Richard and Nancy Riordan. Those attending included Linda Daly, producer Philip Rosenthal, Cimarron Group chief Bob Farina, agent Rick Shepherd and Miramax's Heather Johnson.

— Gabriel Snyder



Above: Political activist Tom Hayden and Ben Stiller; top right: Richard Riordan finds a bottle just the right size.



Above: Lions Gate's Tom Ortenberg, left, with Michael Moore; at left, filmmaker Gary Ross.



Political activist Tom Hayden, left, attends the screening with son Troy Carity.



Above, Leonardo DiCaprio; at left, Jodie Foster. For complete story, see page 1.

...to see 'Garfield'?

While the puss is strictly CGI, human thespys Jennifer Love Hewitt and Breckin Meyer turned out for the furry fete along with Garfield creator Jim Davis, producer John Davis, director Peter Hewitt and execs Jim Gianopulos, Peter Chernin and Hutch Parker. Also walking down the orange carpet and snacking on cheddar Goldfish and mini-donuts (but no lasagna!) at the after-picnic were

Forest Whitaker, Luke Perry, Seth Green, Michael Chiklis and Camryn Manheim.

— Pat Saperstein



Top left: Fox's Hutch Parker, left, and Jim Gianopulos with Jim Davis; above: Breckin Meyer shows Jennifer Love Hewitt the sights; at left: Luke Perry encourages his son Jack.

GRAMMYS

By BILL HIGGINSON

Two references to "soul" were among the best lines spoken at Tuesday's annual membership luncheon of the L.A. Chapter of the Recording Academy.

Honoree Elmer Bernstein encouraged the crowd to "feed the soul, because music is really the soul of life and every soul sings to us with a different song."

Center Quincy Jones described the effect of his inductee Earth, Wind & Fire for the first time: "My soul was smiling like I was eating sauerkraut."

Also honored were Minneapolis-based producers Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis. They received the award from NBA MVP Kevin Garnett, whose soul was troubled by not being in the final. Said the Minnesota Timberwolves forward: "Jimmy and Terry got me this far."

Shiny goes D'Trick for D

It was sassy and glitterati at Thursday's Christmas D'Trick event — the spinning disco ball, the red table top and the stars themselves — at the Argyll to celebrate the launch of the fashion line.

Ms. McGrath joked, "I feel like Where's the Overboard? — there's Whitney (Houston), there's 50 Cent, I feel like I'm gonna get moved any second." Lea Salonga and Ashanti enjoyed a traditional but soulful and-dance performance by the Pussybunch, produced by Carmen Electra. "We were trying to bring Old Hollywood to the party," Electra said. "I think that just works for this line."

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