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OPEN DOORS

Revelers cheered Book-It Repertory Theatre's opening-night production of *DON QUIXOTE* on September 23. The Sheraton Hotel and Towers was the place to dine when Puget Sound's finest served up tantalizing treats at the March of Dimes **CELEBRITY CHEFS DINNER AND AUCTION** on October 8. That same night, the **MAVIN FOUNDATION** held its third annual gala at McCaw Hall and **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF KING AND PIERCE COUNTIES** raised awareness and big bucks at the Fairmont Olympic Hotel. *The Stranger* toasted the winners of its **2005 GENIUS AWARDS** at the Seattle Art Museum on October 15. **GILDA'S CLUB** auctioned 25 celebrity-designed red doors at the **RED DOORS FOR GILDA'S CLUB AUCTION AND SOIREE** at the Naval Reserve Building on October 20. *Seattle* magazine hosted two fab fetes, the **POWER 25 PARTY** at the Columbia Tower Club on October 20 and the **BEST OF 2005 PARTY** at McCaw Hall on November 16. And the doors were flung open at two new luxury hotels—**HOTEL MAX** on October 15 and **THE WESTIN BELLEVUE** on November 1. *Ernie Pino and Monica Fischer*

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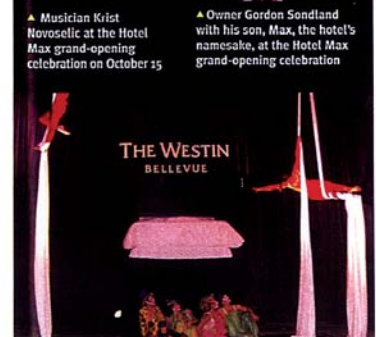
▲ Nordstrom diversity affairs director Johnetta Roussey and Mavin Foundation board member Mariya Rubbelke at the Mavin Foundation gala on October 8



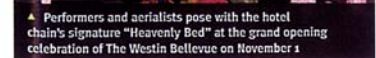
▲ James Whitfield, regional director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, at the Mavin Foundation gala



▲ Musician Krist Novoselic at the Hotel Max grand-opening celebration on October 15



▲ Owner Gordon Sondland with his son, Max, the hotel's namesake, at the Hotel Max grand-opening celebration



▲ Performers and aerialists pose with the hotel chain's signature "Heavenly Bed" at the grand opening celebration of The Westin Bellevue on November 1