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Scene Around the Lot



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By Judi Miller

Georgia Engel, who played Georgette on The Mary Tyler Moore Show, is reprising her role as Mamie, friend and writing partner of Betty White's character Elka, on Hot in Cleveland this season. She and Betty are real life longtime friends, since their days together at CBS Studio Center on Stage 2 where MTM filmed from 1972-1977, and then The Betty White Show from 1977-1978.

And yet another MTM cast member, Cloris Leachman, was spotted outside Stage 9 a few weeks ago imploring a grip to quit smoking! Cloris was here with Raising Hope, which borrowed the Last Man Standing stage for an episode.

Cheers waitresses Kirstie Alley and Rhea Perlman were here in December shooting the TV Land pilot Giant Baby on Stage 23. Rhea knows her way around the lot as she too guest starred on Hot in Cleveland last season... and back in 1985 her Cheers character Carla Tortelli gave birth at St. Eligius, aka St. Elsewhere, which was shot on several stages at Studio Center!



Kirstie and Rhea with Tom Berenger on the set of Cheers

Special Congratulations!

This month Sandra Reed-Funnell, Executive Assistant to Michael Klausman, was presented with the Fran Quigley Award. The award, the highest honor bestowed by the Studio City Residents Association (SCRA), recognizes the integral part Sandra's role as the liaison between CBS Studio Center and the Studio City neighborhood plays in facilitating the various community projects and events.

In his remarks SCRA President Alan Dymond explained that Sandra is not only able to find and direct resources and contacts for the SCRA, but equally important, she always finds time to listen when the association requires an independent look at its concerns. Says Dymond, "Sandra has her finger on the pulse of the activities of Studio City so she is the 'go to' lady, with the great ability to cut to the underlying issues and give the SCRA an independent, clear eyed view of what it is trying accomplish." In closing, Dymond stated that it would be remiss if he didn't mention that last December Sandra, and the CBS Studio Center group, were very much involved in making the Winter Family Festival the success it was!

For her outstanding contributions, Sandra was also honored with a City of Los Angeles Certificate of Recognition signed by Paul Krekorian, Councilmember, Second District.



Geoff Yazetta, Field Deputy Office of Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Sandra Reed-Funnell and Alan Dymond, SCRA President

Tiffany Smith-Anoa'i, VP, Diversity & Communications, CBS Television Network

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Tiffany Smith-Anoa'i

Dr. Phil, Robin and our CBS Interactive team from China



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Smith-Anoa'i is still working in a relatively new field; her position didn't exist five years ago at CBS until she pitched it to her bosses. Now, she oversees the annual CBS Diversity Symposium, this past year bringing GLAAD and the Geena Davis Institute on Gender into the fold, started up the CBS Daytime Writing Program, and is the force behind the CBS on Tour Mentoring Program, which sends executives into classrooms to educate students about potential careers at the, well, Tiffany network. "I say that quite often," she says, "I say I'm Tiffany from the Tiffany network – that's why they hired me!"

What we should know: "As it relates to television and the entertainment industry overall, we are broadcasters and strive to reflect diversity as a whole – ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical ability and other ideologies which all exist in society for our viewers, both in front of the camera as

well as behind. Diversity is not just the 'right' thing to do – it is an important and integral part of the business model that should be respected as such. "

Words of wisdom: "Be relentless in your pursuit, do your research and come prepared each and every day. Network, network, network and never be afraid to ask – you'd be surprised how many times people say 'yes' to what you need if you just ask. Don't be afraid to ask someone to be a mentor, and don't be discouraged if they say no."

Smartphone habits: "It's just an extension of my hand now, it's part of my body. I have a BlackBerry, and I make an effort when I'm on vacation not to be on it during the day – but when the day is done and I'm back in my hotel room, I will take it out and look at it."

Life-work balance: "My husband (Reno Anoa'i) is very hands-on, and I have an extremely involved mother (Nancy Smith)

who lives with us. Having your mother looking after your child gives you peace of mind, so I can really focus at work. And yes, my husband and my mother get along swimmingly."

Charitable passion: "The Diamond in the Raw organization is devoted to transforming and empowering the lives of at-risk teenage girls; as the mother of an 8-year-old daughter (Vaughan-Anoa'i), it's important for me to give back to girls and show them what opportunities are available. When we speak at events, sometimes I'll bring my daughter along and let these girls know someone is there for them, to expose them to the opportunities that are out there and educate them to encourage them to continue their education. Sometimes we meet children who live in L.A. but have never been to the beach. And we try to let them know that not everyone in TV is an actor!"

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Safety Security Introducing Security Manager David Perez

David joins CBS after retiring from public service with the Beverly Hills Police Department. David began his career with the City of Montebello and transferred to Beverly Hills in the early 1980's. At Beverly Hills, David worked both the patrol and traffic bureaus before being promoted to police sergeant in 2001. Having served a variety of assignments David was most recently assigned as the sergeant and team leader for the department's Special Tactics Unit and SWAT team. In addition to his police career, David has worked in the entertainment security industry for the last twenty years, handling tour security for artists such as Paula Abdul, Ricky Martin, Fleetwood Mac, Stevie Nicks and as recently as three weeks ago, Barbra Streisand.

David has experience in event management, dignitary protection and training. He has been on staff and facilitated courses with the Simon Wiesenthal Museum of Tolerance on racial profiling, and is a training coach with the City of Beverly Hills, facilitating courses for the city's Leadership Academy and Sensitivity in the Workplace.

David is a California native, having attended Alhambra High School and later earning his Bachelor of Science degree from California State University, Long Beach. David is married to his beautiful and talented wife Melanie Gage Perez and is equally proud to be the father of his three beautiful sons Nicholas, 19, Jack, 7 and Sam, 6. David currently resides in Santa Clarita and part time on the 405 and 170 freeways............



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The Talk

(CBS TV Studios/CBS)

Happily Divorced

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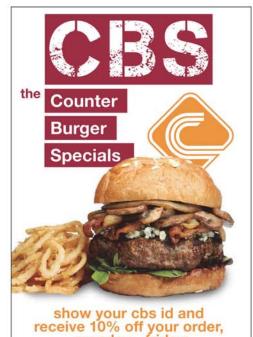
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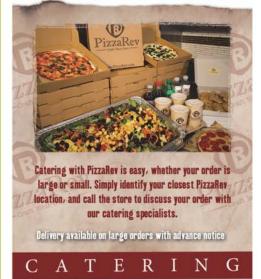
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