



News, Views, & Clues from the Equestrian World

By Michael Giltz



Sheila Johnson and Judge William T. Newman Jr.

D.C. DOINGS: Even though the scope of **Sheila Johnson's** business and humanitarian endeavors is admirably large, the Washington International Horse Show, of which she is the president, must surely have a very special place in her heart.

It was there, three years ago, that she and Judge **William T. Newman Jr.** were falling in love. As Johnson enjoys recounting, it was just weeks after Newman had presided over her divorce from **Robert L. Johnson**, with whom she had built Black Entertainment Television into a formidable media giant. Johnson and Newman's lovely and lavish wed-

ding was held at her 200-acre property, Salamander Farm, in The Plains, Virginia, in late September. Next up for the happy couple is the 2005 Washington International Horse Show, one of the country's most prestigious and competitive equestrian events. As president and managing partner of the WNBA's Washington Mystics basketball team, Johnson has arranged for a "Mystics Family Fun Day Performance" that promises to bring all the energy of a WNBA game to the horse enthusiasts in attendance. Salamander Market, Johnson's highly successful artisan food marketplace located in Middleburg, is the

sponsor of the Saturday evening program, which begins with the \$100,000 President's Cup Grand Prix and ends with a concert by country superstar Tracy Byrd. Other highlights include a silent auction (offering such high-quality items as a Hermes saddle, trips to Ireland and the Bahamas, and flat panel TVs); the Friday Puissance Competition sponsored by AOL; the ever-popular Pony Pavilion and the Barn Night Competition. *Show Circuit* congratulates the newlyweds and wishes them much health and happiness together!

THINK PINK: October is breast cancer awareness month, and for many women, it is the time when the pink ribbon is a wardrobe staple. Invented in 1991 by **Evelyn H. Lauder**, founder and president of the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, and **Alexandra Penney**, then-

editor of *Self* magazine, the ribbon is the symbol for awareness of the disease and, in the words of Lauder, "the sisterhood that will help women survive and conquer it." The esteemed house of Cartier takes the accessory-as-statement a giant step forward with the creation of a new version of the Cartier Roadster Watch. Made of stainless steel and featuring a pink dial accented with subtle pink ribbons, this limited edition Roadster is sure to become an instant classic. The watch was specially designed to benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation and will be available in October at Cartier boutiques and authorized dealers nationwide for \$3,800. For further information, visit www.cartier.com or call 800-CARTIER.

HELPING HANDS: For those in the mood to raise money and have fun at the same time, the Equestrian AIDS Foundation will hold its third annual fundraiser on Thursday, November 10, at 6:30 P.M. in Los Angeles at Amici Brentwood. Featuring incredible auction items such as phenomenal VIP packages to *American Idol* tapings and the *Billboard* Music Awards, proceeds will benefit EAF and those affected by the recent hurricanes. For further information call 800-792-6068. Looking ahead, *Show Circuit* hears that some of our aware young riders are joining "The Ride for Hope," a youth effort that is being



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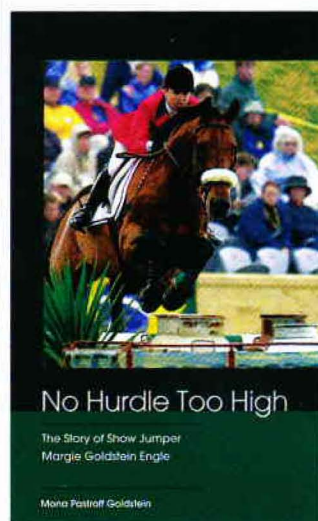
Frank Chapot (c.)

spearheaded by **Brianne Goutal** and **Carolyn Kelley**. More on this in our Winter issue.

CHAPOT HANGS UP HIS CHAPEAU: The horning world bid a fond farewell to the beloved US Equestrian Team coach and show jumping chef d'equipe **Frank Chapot** at a competition in Monmouth County, New Jersey. After 25 years with the USET, Chapot bid adieu to his formal role in a sport he loves so well. Chapot competed in numerous Olympics (peaking with five consecutive appearances) and used that invaluable experience to lead teams he coached to achieve excellence, exemplified by nine Olympic medals (most recently a silver at Athens) and nine Pan American Game medals (including the team gold at the 2003 Pan Am Games). The USET Foundation appropriately named Chapot a recipient of its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2001. Chapot's legacy will live on, of course. At the very event where he made a public farewell, Chapot's daughter **Laura**

won the Grand Prix with **Sprite** and a few hours later took second with **Samantha**. Hats off to them both!

MORE MARGIE: **Margie Goldstein** has an unparalleled record as a show jumper: AGA Rider of the Year numerous times, the most grand prix wins in history and all-time money winner. Now we heard that her mother **Mona**'s self-published biography of her daughter—*No Hurdle Too High*—has been reissued by a major publishing house (Lyons Press) in a new ex-



No Hurdle Too High

panded hardcover edition for \$24.95. Along with continuing the story of Margie's career from 2001 (when the first edition came out) to the present, the book has beefed up information on the techniques and skills that made her a champion. **Mona** is also thrilled about a three-book deal she has signed to write historical fiction for kids.



Linda Eder

HIT SINGER HITS THE ROAD: Broadway star **Linda Eder** is famous for her devoted fans and performances in hit musicals like *Jekyll & Hyde*. Less-known, however, is that she is also a passionate equestrian. Eder will celebrate that passion with *Trail MIX*, a new show debuting on Animal Planet in January. Eder will travel the world to talk with all sorts of artists and hear their stories of how communing with horses is a constant source of creativity for them. Eder's profile should be higher than ever when the special airs, given that the broadcast follows the October release of *By Myself: The Music of Judy Garland* on Angel Records.

DISCOVER THIS: Noticing far more film cameras and camera crews at Indoors and other major shows this season?

That's because not one but two new television programs (on The Learning Channel and Animal Planet) are currently in the works to depict life on the Junior hunter/jumper circuit. Among the accomplished young riders to be featured are **Brianne Goutal**, **Maggie McAlary**, **Paige Beal Andros**, and **Nicoletta Heidegger**.

TO THE RESCUE: The USEF is calling for people with facilities, pasture space or veterinary supplies to join them in responding to the needs of displaced horses. For information email kcadams@usef.org or call 859-225-6993. In addition, www.usef.org features a state-by-state listing of facilities and services available for horses and ponies.

In the Bureau of Land Management's ongoing effort to find good homes for the approximately 10,000 wild horses removed annually from public lands, the federal agency has stepped up the number of adoption opportunities. Eight adoptions have been slated for November and December. Qualified owners may adopt a BLM Mustang for \$125. Ownership criteria include proof of adequate shelter and means to care for the horse. The animals are available for advance viewing, and all have undergone a veterinary exam, vaccinations, deworming, and blood tests. For more information, call 800-293-1781 or visit the website, www.doi.gov/horse. ♦