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TODAY'S FEATURES

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A cool autumn last night in New York including Verdura's cocktail reception for Frank Bowling, the host of hosts and dependable friend to the international elite, and a book party for James Gardner's "The Lion Killer" at the Central Park Zoo. Plus Tina Brown's Tuesday luncheon for former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and her new book.



PARTY PICTURES

The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center's annual benefit gala; "Sit, Stay, And Stand-Up" comedy show benefiting the ASPCA at Comix; the American Museum of Natural History's screening of "Wild Ocean," and last but hardly least, last Friday night's Vogue Ball -- that's what they call it, so see for yourself.



ACROSS THE WORLD

Palm Beach Diary: Augustus Mayhew takes us on a tour of the great Beaux Arts houses of Palm Beach.



SHOPPING DIARY

Button Down Fedora from Kokin. Since this fabulous fedora appeared in the October issue of VOGUE we cannot keep it on the shelves, you may need to special order it but it's worth the wait!

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This past Tuesday, Tina Brown held a ladies luncheon (plus Brown's husband, Sir Harold Evans) for former Clinton Administration Secretary of State Madeleine Albright at their Sutton Place maisonette.

The event was in honor of the publication of Albright's new book *Read My Pins: Stories From a Diplomat's Jewel Box* and was sponsored by David Yurman and Philanthropic Capital Advisors. Part illustrated memoir, part social history, Albright discusses the nature of the pins she wore as she met with world leaders and represented her country in formal and informal settings around the world.



Among those attending were Candice Bergen, Tory Burch, Campbell Brown, Joan Ganz Cooney, Cheryl Fishbein, Linda Janklow, Veronica Kelly, Catie Maroon, Susan Mercendetti, Pat Mitchell, Lynn Nesbit, Nicole Seligman, Bren Simon, Suzy Welch and Maureen White-Ratner.



Mika Brzezinski, Madeleine Albright, and Sir Harry Evans



Joan Ganz Cooney and Lynn Nesbit



Christine Durrell



Nicole Seligman, Marie Brenner, and Veronica Kelly



Susan Merendetti, Marie Brenner, and Nina DiSessa



Sybil Yurman and Linda Janklow



Madeleine Albright and Bren Simon



Tina Brown, Deborah Howell, and Bren Simon



Lynn Nesbit and Candice Bergen



Cheryl Fishbein, Madeleine Albright, and Stephanie Risa Stein



Madeleine Albright and Tina Brown



Tory Burch, Bobbi Brown, and Candice Bergen