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## ❖ Sarma Melngailis

As an owner of Pure Food and Wine restaurant in New York City, Melngailis keeps her raw-food menu interesting with her creative culinary skills. We tapped her talents to cook up the healthy cocktails you'll find in **Raise the Bar** (page 120). One of the other clever concoctions she serves is a martini version of the Master Cleanse diet. "People drink nothing but water mixed with lemon juice, cayenne, and maple syrup—we added sake to it," she says. Melngailis, 34, coauthored *Raw Food Real World*. She lives in Manhattan and is working on her second book.

## ❖ Celeste Perron

Perron was surprised by Kristin Gore's openness in her interview for this month's **Conversation** (page 88). "She was poised, but also unguarded." Though she didn't give up any state secrets, the former VP's daughter did reveal how she dodged the Secret Service.

The two also swapped stories on hiking in the Los Angeles area, where Perron, 34, lives with her husband and daughter. Perron wrote *Playing House: A Starter Guide to Being a Grown-Up*, and her articles have appeared in *Cosmopolitan*, *The Knot*, and *Marie Claire*.

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## ❖ Joel Stein

When it comes to obsessions, Stein is obsessed. He admits to a savant-like interest in etymology, the Tour de France, and *Ulysses*. But wine trumps the rest: "I fill notebooks, study maps, and bore people," he says. His perspective helps him explain the male fixation on stats in **Data Monkeys** (page 94). Stein, 36, regularly cooks dinner for his wife, Cassandra—a gesture he hopes compensates for his information mania. He lives in Los Angeles and contributes to the *Los Angeles Times* and *Time*.



## ❖ Karina Taira

A fascination with beauty products—bordering on addiction—made Taira's assignment to shoot **Beauty All-Stars** (page 154) that much more fun. But the photographer prefers to focus on models' natural beauty rather than loading on the makeup.

"I love to play with the different ways light can make skin glow," she says. Taira, 34, confesses to booking monthly laser treatments to keep her own complexion picture-perfect. She calls Paris and New York home—when she's not living out of a suitcase. Her work has appeared in *Life*, *Premiere*, and *Vogue Gioiello*.

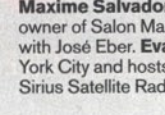
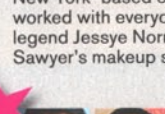
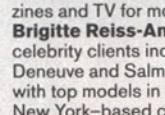
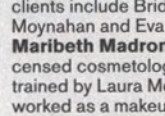
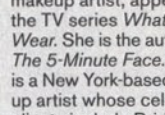
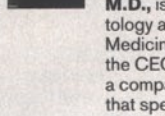


## Looking Good

Meet the brains behind our Beauty Awards on page 154

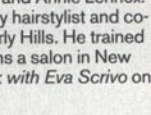
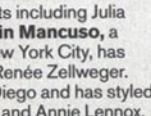
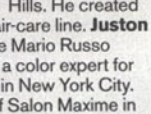
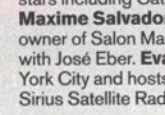
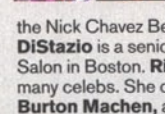


❖ **SKIN** (from left) **Francesca Fusco, M.D.**, is an assistant clinical professor of dermatology at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City. **Brad Katchen, M.D.**, is the founder of the SkinCareLab spa. **Arielle Kauvar, M.D.**, is an associate professor of dermatology at New York University School of Medicine. **Audrey Kunin, M.D.**, a dermatologist in Kansas City, Missouri, is the founder and president of Dermadoctor, a skin-care line and advice Web site. **Mary Lupo, M.D.**, is a clinical professor of dermatology at Tulane University School of Medicine. **Ronald Moy, M.D.**, is a clinical professor of dermatology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. **Irwin Palefsky** is the CEO of Cosmetech Laboratories, a company in Fairfield, New Jersey, that specializes in cosmetic research, development, and formulation.



## ❖ MAKEUP

(from left) **Carmindy**, a New York makeup artist, appears on the TV series *What Not to Wear*. She is the author of *The 5-Minute Face*. **Fabiola** is a New York-based makeup artist whose celebrity clients include Bridget Moynahan and Eva Mendes. **Maribeth Madron**, a licensed cosmetologist, was trained by Laura Mercier and has worked as a makeup artist for magazines and TV for more than 15 years. **Brigitte Reiss-Andersen's** roster of celebrity clients includes Catherine Deneuve and Salma Hayek. She works with top models in New York. **Maria Verel**, a New York-based celebrity makeup artist, has worked with everyone from Bill Clinton to opera legend Jessye Norman. She has done Diane Sawyer's makeup since 1995.



## ❖ HAIR

(from left) **Nick Chavez** owns the Nick Chavez Salon in Beverly Hills. He created the Nick Chavez Beverly Hills hair-care line. **Juston DiStazio** is a senior stylist at the Mario Russo Salon in Boston. **Rita Hazan** is a color expert for many celebs. She owns a salon in New York City. **Burton Machen**, a co-owner of Salon Maxime in Beverly Hills, has celebrity clients including Julia Roberts and Hilary Swank. **Kevin Mancuso**, a stylist at Rita Hazan Salon in New York City, has worked with Claire Danes and Renée Zellweger. **Jet Rhys** owns a salon in San Diego and has styled stars including Catherine Hicks and Annie Lennox. **Maxime Salvador** is a celebrity hairstylist and co-owner of Salon Maxime in Beverly Hills. He trained with José Eber. **Eva Scrivo** owns a salon in New York City and hosts *Beauty Talk with Eva Scrivo* on Sirius Satellite Radio.