

# Celebrities rolling in to be honored, fundraise

Big names are coming to Denver for a series of big funders.

Suspended **Larry King**, whom we seldom see in these parts, will emcee the 2009 High Hopes Tribute Dinner for **Barbara Davis'** Children's Diabetes Foundation on Sept. 26. **Arlene Hirschfeld** is the honoree — with music backing her up from **Music man Quincy Jones** will be honored at the Jet Set Fashion Show on Oct. 10 — a funder for Down syndrome backed by the **Sie** family with a committee that includes Mayor **John Hickenlooper**, Gov. **Bill Ritter**, **John Elway**, **Sharon Magnusson**, **Ed McCaffrey** and more.

**Kenny Rogers** will headline the 2009 Western Fantasy Gala on Oct. 17. And, as usual, **Lee Greenwood** will kick it off with his trademark patriotic hit, "God Bless the USA." And **George Will** slips into town



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for the Denver Scholarship Foundation on Sept. 16 — as Sen. **Michael Bennet** gets honored.

**Idolized.** You already heard that "American Idol" is hitting Invesco Field July 12, 13 and 14 to find some Denver stars for next season. The first two days are to register and thin the crowd. You can avoid that embarrassment by going to the **Ellie Caulkins Opera House** starting at 8 a.m. July 6.

Contestants will be asked to prepare and perform a one-minute cappella song before local judges (yet to be selected). One winner will get to go directly to the real "American

Idol" producers for an audition here in Denver.

**Rosie.** I hit a nerve here Friday when I wrote that "Bachelorette" **Jillian Harris** was the homeliest TV star since **Rosie O'Donnell**. Interestingly, most e-mails sent to me objecting to my objectification of Rosie ended by calling me bald, fat, ugly and worse.

"I suggest before you criticize someone else's looks, you should consider hair plugs and liposuction to get rid of at least one of your extra chins."

"By the way, you could lose some weight, for your own health's sake." "I guess that means you are as ugly on the inside as you appear on the outside (thomely, bloated and bald)." **Uuchi**

**Add bacon.** It was all about the pig

at Aspen's Food & Wine Classic this past weekend. I ate a grilled cheese and bacon sandwich from chef **Linton Hopkins**. Then I downed blocks of pork belly deep-fried in clarified butter, dipped in BBQ sauce and placed on a grilled bun with coleslaw from **Vinny Dotolo**. And I watched "Iron Chef America" competitor **Michael Symon** cook a pork belly and slice it up for a sandwich that included mayo, bacon, pickled green tomatoes, peppers and watercress. Urp. BTW, Boulder's "Top Chef" **Hosea Rosenberg** won Sunday morning's cook-off. In the audience: His on-air kissing chefestant **Leah Cohen**.

**City spirit.** Best headline during the the Food & Wine Classic:



"Aspen's hungry now have food to try," in Saturday's Aspen Times. **Erico Motorsports** hosts a free screening of "The World's Fastest Man" at sundown Wednesday in Cheesman Park. ... Sez who: "When you're in my house you shall do a do and believe who I believe in. **S Bart**, butter your bacon." — **Hom Simpson**

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**Quincy Jones** will be honored at the Jet Set Fashion Show on Oct. 10. *Getty Images file photo*