

### Top tips from Queen Joan

ONE of the first people I bumped into in LA was the fabulous **Joan Collins** who was lunching with her husband **Percy** at the table next to mine at the Polo Lounge in the Beverly Hills Hotel.

The Dynasty actress and queen of the LA party circuit, who's 75, has attended almost 50 years of Oscars ceremonies.

Since this is only the second time I've flown over for the madness of Academy Award week, I begged her for some advice – and the generous star obliged.

She told me: "Relax and don't take any of it seriously. Do what you want to do and not what anyone tells you to do."

"Oh, and treat yourself to a bit of luxury every single day."

Top advice, Joan – I'll be hitting the designer shops on Rodeo Drive tomorrow...

The key? Don't take Oscars seriously, Joan tells Zoe



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## Lily's pillow flight

You're still all right, LIL

HOW'S this for a soft landing in the US? **LILY ALLEN**, who's at the top of FIVE US music charts, clearly has comfortable travel down to a fine art – carrying her own pillow and wearing a woolly jumper as she arrives in LA. Look and learn!

## And the diva is..

I EXPECTED a lot of egos during Oscars week, with Hollywood's biggest names competing for coveted statuettes, but the biggest diva I met was singer **Mariah Carey**.

She isn't even nominated for an award and the last film she did was one of my least favourite movies ever, *Glitter*. But when Mariah turned up to the opening of Cecconi's restaurant with husband Nick Cannon, she demanded to be seated in a private room and got a body-guard to watch over the doors when food was served so nobody could see her eat.

Meanwhile, **Jennifer Aniston**, **Beyoncé** and **Gwen Stefani** were happy with regular tables and munched on small Italian delicacies in the main section in full view of everyone. Now, that's how it should be done.

## Selfless Sienna

**SIENNA MILLER** will miss tonight's Oscars ceremony as she takes her label *Twenty8Twelve* to London Fashion Week. The actress flew home yesterday after mingling at pre-Oscars parties. A friend told me: "She felt she owed it to sister Savannah who co-owns the label."



Picture: SPLASH

## Jordan left undressed

**KATIE PRICE** may have wangled an invite to **Elton John's** post-Oscars bash tonight, but finding a dress is a little harder. Designer **Julia Clancey**, who's providing gowns for **Terri Seymour** and **Paris Hilton**, tells me: "Katie Price's stylist asked if she could borrow a dress but I had to refuse. My dresses have a stylish image and Jordan doesn't fit in with that." Ouch.

WITH THE HOT PRE-OSCAR GOSS FROM LA

## Don't let Dad take the mickey, Kate

**KATE Winslet** might want a word with dad Roger about his priorities. I can't help feeling he's more excited about a drink with **Mickey Rourke** than supporting his daughter, who is up for Best Actress for *The Reader*. He tells me: "I had a drink with Rourke at the Baftas and he was the most 'real' person there. I'm looking forward to having a beer with him after the awards." Roger isn't convinced Kate will walk away with the gong, despite being hot favourite and winning a Bafta. "The Academy is different," he says. "Because it's made up of past winners, a lot of members vote for their friends."



Main man... Mickey Rourke

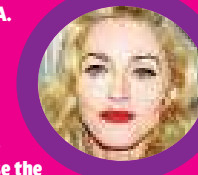
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**TERRI SEYMOUR**. Gorgeous at the Mont Blanc/UNICEF party. Single life suits her. **ELTON JOHN**. His Oscars party tonight will raise £1m for his Aids Foundation. **MARISA TOMEI**. Best Supporting Actress nominee was so down-to-earth when we met.



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**MADONNA AND JESUS**. I saw them kissing over dinner at Cecconi's – it put me off my food. **EVA LONGORIA**. Chain-smoked cigarettes. Disgusting. **JONNY LEE MILLER**. Ange's ex needs to lose the beer belly.



# Deeley in love

## Toyboy makes her feel like Cat who got cream

**CAT Deeley** will attend her first Oscars party with a massive smile on her face tonight – thanks to the man who'll be on her arm, actor **Jack Huston**.

The couple – who until now have kept their five-month romance low key with dates in the park rather than at packed showbiz events – stepped out together in front of thousands of flashbulbs at a glitzy pre-Oscars charity party at Hollywood's Paramount Studios.

Cat's been living and working in LA on TV show *So You Think You Can Dance* for almost three years now, so I pulled her to one side for a catch-up. I caught up with her as the loved-up couple kissed and cuddled their way down the red carpet at the A-list event.

Cat, 32, opened up for the first time about their relationship, saying that sexy 26-year-old Jack was "just amazing". The Brummie TV presenter looked like the cat who'd got the cream when she blushing confessed he made her "so happy".

She told me she spent Valentine's Day holed up with her toyboy in a countryside retreat. She confided: "I'm finding this whole party thing quite weird as just yesterday Jack and I were in the country. It was absolute

bliss. We had long walks and recharged our batteries. It was such a treat."

But although multi-talented Cat seems to fit into the American style of life, she's never been to the Oscars before.

She confessed: "Jack and I are going to the Vanity Fair party and I am so nervous because I have never been before and I don't know what one does at these kind of occasions. Jack is really laid back about it all but I get terrified of making a faux pas."

I catch up with Cat at party



Jack & Cat on the red carpet

Cat goes shopping before the bash



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## Oscars gifts grab

MOVIE stars who miss out on an Oscar tonight won't go home empty-handed. Celebs will be leaving Tinseltown with goodie bags packed with £200,000-worth of freebies.

Companies queued up to offer gifts to Academy Award nominees to get publicity for their products.

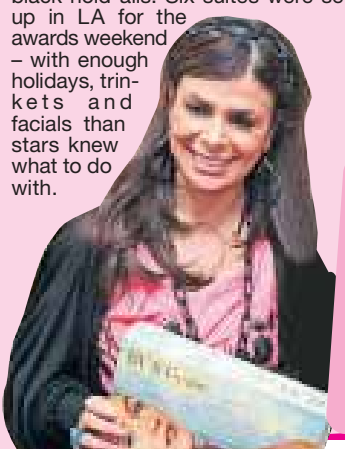
A "gifting suite" intriguingly called *Circus of the Senses* had giveaways ranging from five nights at a Thai spa to free laser eye surgery.

Piano star **Adrien Brody**, *Twilight* actress **Rachelle LeFevre** and American idol host **Paula Abdul**, popped in.

As an impressive haul of goodies was loaded into her car, Paula admitted that she loved the cellulite-busting body wraps on offer. "This suite is always the best," she said.

The room has lured **Eva Longoria**, **Angelina Jolie**, **Sean Penn**, **Sharon Osbourne** and **Justin Timberlake** in the past.

Celebs are greeted by a personal escort and are introduced to "stall-holders" who deposit loot into vast black hold-alls. Six suites were set up in LA for the awards weekend – with enough holidays, trinkets and facials than stars knew what to do with.



Paula Abdul makes off with some free goodies

Picture: SPLASH

## On the freebies list...

- Bustease cleavage enhancer – £23
- Anti-ageing dietary supplements – £490
- A year's supply of airbrush tanning – £1,800
- Eyelash conditioner – £230
- One year's unlimited cosmetic treatments – £2,100
- A five-night stay for two in the Caribbean – £2,650
- A year's supply of energy drinks – £420
- Sunglasses with built-in earphones – £140

## Dancing to Dita's tune

**BURLESQUE** dancer **Dita Von Teese**, who is attending **Elton John's** lavish Oscar party tonight, may be tiny in the flesh but she has massive ambitions to conquer Hollywood.

At a Montblanc and UNICEF pre-Oscars fundraiser, the entertainer with the 16-inch waist told me: "By the Oscars in two years' time, I want to have written my own movie script, produced it and starred in it." Ambitious.

## Give us a big day..

I TALKED men with **Reese Witherspoon** – the star of one the funniest movies in the world, *Legally Blonde*. Reese, a 2006 Oscar-winner, has been dating her drop-dead gorgeous bloke **Jake Gyllenhaal** for almost two years so I had to ask if marriage was on the cards when we met at the UNICEF party. Her answer was: "Not yet." Hopefully soon, Reese – we all love a great A-list wedding.

## Demi dom

I FOUND out **DEMI MOORE** wears the trousers in her relationship with **Ashton Kutcher** and beats him regularly – at dominoes. The Hollywood couple played against each other at a special Hollywood Dominoes party in LA's Andaz club and she was the winner on their table. Ashton was overheard complaining: "She always wins." Yes, but Demi's never played me – I reckon I could take her on.

And the award for the worst ever Oscar dress goes to.. **PAGES 32&33**

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