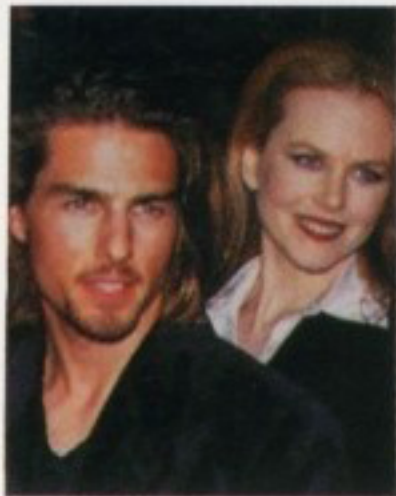


people are *talking* about



*BUFFALO HERD,
FROM LEFT: CRUISE
AND KIDMAN;
ROBERT DE NIRO;
CARREY AND
GIRLFRIEND
LAUREN HOLLY;
MADONNA. RIGHT:
HALL OF MIRRORS*

Celebrity stomping ground *Famous people like to be comfortable—and left alone. So they've swarmed to L.A.'s Buffalo Club (named after the hometown of owner Anthony Yerkovich)—which is so exclusive it has an **unlisted phone number**. People like Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, Rod Stewart, Jim Carrey, Madonna, and Steven Spielberg chow down on gourmet comfort food (like pork chops) in a 1920s speakeasy setting. But its real draw may be the mirrored booths that allow diners to check out the room without turning their heads. "You can flirt with someone without your date knowing," says its architect, Thomas Kligerman. And for those more **taken with their own images**, "you can just check out your hair."*

