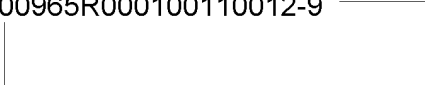


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COVER STORY

The 'party of the century' is on tap

'Only (he) can do it . . . wonderfully, with style, pizzazz, fireworks'

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BEDMINSTER, N.J. — Malcolm Forbes does nothing in a small way. The man who has cruised the Amazon, motorcycled across the Soviet Union and China, and ballooned across the USA could be expected to celebrate his magazine's 70th anniversary only in the grandest style.

Tonight, more than 1,000 major names from show biz, politics and the corporate world will be entertained at Forbes' estate here, Timberfield. Six of its 40 acres have been transformed over two months into a Scottish castle courtyard; guests will be greeted by 140 bagpipers and drummers descending from the foggy (simulated) hills.

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Pierre Salinger once said that there are only 10,000 people in the world and they all know each other. He meant those in the fast lane of fame — and he might add that they all have met at one Forbes party or another.

Tonight's list is typical: Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall, Ann Landers, Gordon Getty, Clare Booth Luce, David Rockefeller, Jack Anderson, Helen Gurley Brown, Donald Trump, Henry Kissinger, Ed Meese, Katharine Graham, Beverly Sills, new CIA chief William Webster, Paul Laxalt, Christie Hefner and Bob Guccione.



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