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Lohan's a white-winged dove

LINDSAY Lohan channeled Stevie Nicks and belted out "Edge of Seventeen" at Matthew Mellon's (inset) 50th birthday party at the Four Seasons restaurant on Tuesday night.

The actress/reality TV star grabbed the microphone in the Pool Room as Pittsburgh banking heir Mellon, his designer wife Nicole Hanley, Paris and Nicky Hilton, Vikram Chatwal, Todd Meister, Topper Mortimer, Nile Rodgers, Kick Kennedy and Alex von Furstenberg looked on.

Sounding semi-professional, Lohan was backed by the Bob Hardwick Sound.

Stacey Bendet was at the party directly from her

Alice + Olivia fashion show. And fellow designer Douglas Hannant was celebrating his engagement to boyfriend Nicholas Wayne.



A few hours earlier in the restaurant's Grill Room, former Gov. George Pataki celebrated the publication of his daughter Allison's first novel, "The Traitor's Wife," about Mrs. Benedict Arnold.

Ambassador Earle Mack hosted such Pataki administration alumni as Disney exec Zenia Mucha and top lobbyist Mike McKeon.

After his daughter gave a gracious speech, proud papa Pataki told me, "If I spoke as well as her, I'd be president now."

Wrapping up the film biz

MAYOR Bill de Blasio could learn from LA Mayor Eric Garcetti.

Garcetti has seen how Hollywood moguls who claim they support unions and higher taxes hypocritically choose to shoot their movies and shows where labor costs are lower and tax breaks are given.

Only one of the 45 big-budget films released in 2012 and 2013 was shot exclusively in California. In the past eight years, Cali's share of the one-hour TV market has declined from 64 percent to 28 percent.

California's loss has been gained by places like Louisiana, Georgia and Canada.

"This is about jobs for carpenters, electricians, makeup artists — good jobs that leave enough over

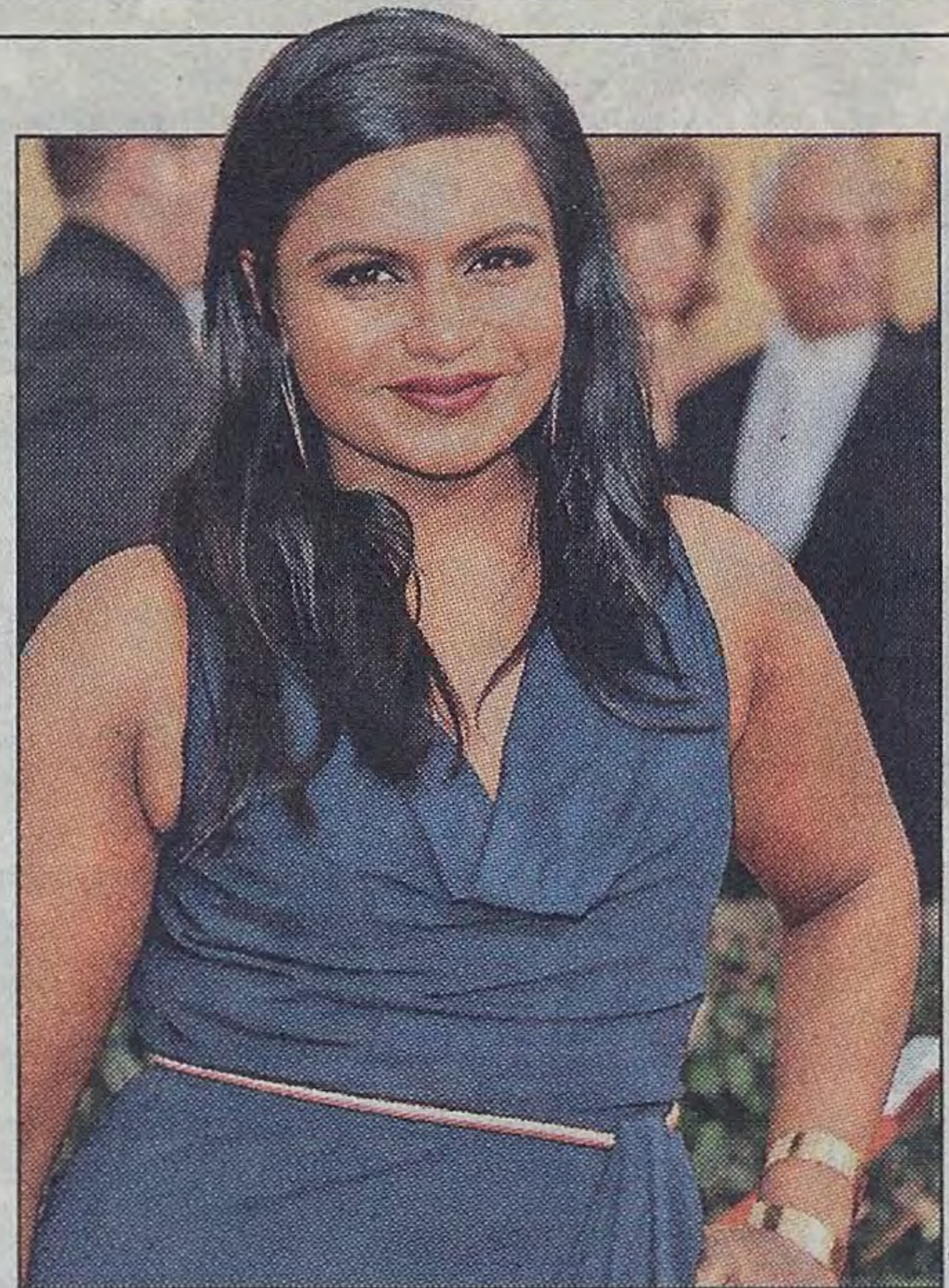
Stately dates

EVEN though French President François Hollande went stag to a White House state dinner in his honor Tuesday night, he was just about the only one attending solo.

Bradley Cooper brought his model girlfriend Suki Waterhouse to the White House, while gay NBA player Jason Collins took "The Help" producer Brunson Green, whom he started dating last month.

Sitcom star Mindy Kaling was with Jocelyn Leavitt, her college friend and one-time Brooklyn roommate. Rev. Al Sharpton brought his stylist girlfriend Aisha McShaw. And short-selling guru Jim Chanos was with blond belle Crystal Connors.

Others — J.J. Abrams, Stephen Colbert, Elon Musk, Viacom's Philippe Dauman, HBO's Richard Plepler and CNN's Jeff Zucker — brought their wives.



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Mindy Kaling joined the White House dinner for French prez François Hollande.

at the end of the month to save for retirement, save for the kids' college and to spend in our neighborhoods," Ken Ziffren, Mayor Garcetti's new film and TV czar, said Monday.

De Blasio might consider this before making New York less attractive for business by increasing taxes and labor costs.

Menu pairing

LONGTIME pals (and ABC newsmen) Dave Zinczenko and Dan Abrams, who own The Lion on West Ninth Street, have inked a deal to open a restaurant in the old Churrascaria Tribeca site.

I hear that Christine Cole, general manager of

BondSt, has partnered with the duo to run the farm-to-table joint.

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"IMPERFECTION is beauty, madness is genius and it's better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring."

— Marilyn Monroe