

hip guide the hipset travels

MATTHEW KENNEY



JASON PRUNTY

UNFORTUNATELY FOR CELEBRITY CHEF Matthew Kenney, these days he won't be able to bring his **Global chef's knife** and **kitchen torch** in his **Ordning and Reda carryon** when he travels by plane, even if he is wearing his chef coat and carrying his Brittany sea salts at the time. Most famous for restaurants in NY, Atlanta and Maine (Canteen, Commissary, Commune, Matthew's, Mezze, Monzu, Nickerson Tavern), Matthew's diversity shows in his Mediterranean, North African and Middle Eastern cuisine, but also in his travels and interests. Though he's an East Coast guy during summers in Maine, skiing in New England, reading Tom Wolfe's *The Pump House Gang* and *Waitrose Food Illustrated* on the beach in Florida, Matthew has taken his Ducati across the country and slept in deserted train stops in Utah mountain ghost towns. His girlfriend's **stuffed bunny** and **rubber duckie** have followed him from Cairo to Searsport, Maine. Since he doesn't eat airplane food, bananas, **Dean & DeLuca's Silver Needle tea** and his own **Modern Fare spiced almonds** are crucial to his carry-on. **Volvic water** and **Aesop primrose face cream** keep him moisturized on the long flight to La Mamounia in Marrakech, his favorite hotel. Upon touching down, the first thing Matthew does is change from his traveling clothes of **white ribbed turtleneck**, **Italian jeans** and **JPG frames**, and goes running in his **J. Lindeberg brown T-shirt**, **Speedo running trunks**, **Merrell sneakers** and **Sony Sports Walkman**. Making his hotel rooms more homey are a **blue gel candle** and tunes from **Lenny Kravitz**, **Prince**, **the Rolling Stones** and **Buddha Bar III**. And things he never leaves home without? His **Palm Vx**, a **Sensa pen** for important notes and not one, but two **Motorola phones (StarTAC and V series)**—one the proverbial “red phone” for emergencies and the other, no doubt, to considerably let his girlfriend know he's arrived.

Every month, Syl Tang spies into the weekend bags of the HipSet and captures the contents of their carry-ons. Reach her at syl@hipguide.com.

cutie patootie



ZooFitters are all the rage for the nursery school set. These plush diaper covers come in a veritable forest of friends: yellow duck, brown teddy bear, puppy dog and leopard cub. \$12 at most department stores or 310-557-2532.

break out the big jewels

The very words “Vienna Opera Ball” conjure up images of one of the most glittering and romantic events on the international society calendar. And this year you can attend right here in Palm Beach. On Wednesday, January 23, the Vienna Opera Orchestra will recreate the world-famous Ball when they are joined by a full complement of Viennese singers, musicians and



dancers to perform at The Breakers to benefit the Children's Home Society of Florida for its centennial celebration.

Replete with all of the pageantry and splendor of this time-honored social tradition, which began in the 1700s to commence the social season for European aristocrats and royal families, this first official CHS centennial celebration will feature performances by world-famous soprano Marcella Cerno, ballet corps and singers dressed in authentic costumes. Also in attendance will be a host of dignitaries and international ambassadors who customarily attend this annual celebration.

Tickets are \$500, \$750 and \$1,000. Proceeds will help build a new, 9.3-acre central campus for CHS services in Palm Beach County. When completed in 2003, the complex will feature a new emergency shelter for runaway and homeless youth, a family guidance center with program offices, meeting rooms and resource library, and a comprehensive outdoor recreation center; 561-844-3158 or visit www.chsfl.org.