

By Roxanne Roberts



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"Code talker" John Brown Jr., above, accepts his Congressional Gold Medal from President Bush; actor Adam Beach, far left, from the film "Windtalkers"; and Lisa Marie Presley, at left, encoding her autograph for a fan.

The Shakespeare Guild's Fair-Weather Friend

Actor **Michael York** has another talent: temperature control.

York, who headlined Friday's "Speaking of Shakespeare" lecture at the Washington Club, was credited for bringing the perfect (no heat, no humidity!) summer weather. "I'm going to start referring to the

nation's capital as 'York'-shire," teased Shakespeare Guild President **John Andrews** (right, with the actor).

"What can I say?" responded York grandly. "Some have greatness thrust upon them."

The lecture and reception, sponsored by the Guild and the English-Speaking Union, gave York and 150 fans of the Bard a chance to celebrate their favorite playwright. York starred in Franco Zeffirelli's "The Taming of the Shrew" with Elizabeth



Taylor and Richard Burton, and some 35 years later he's still ga-ga over the English dramatist. As president of the nonprofit California Youth Theater, York brings Shakespeare to the Romeos and Juliets of Los Angeles.



Greater Reston, Eat Your Art Out

It's not quite Santa Fe, N.M., but Reston has a vibrant artistic community, judging by Wednesday's benefit for the Greater Reston Arts Center. "We like to think we're on the cutting edge for the Washington area," said GRACE President **Jim Cleveland**. The party, at the new Morton's steakhouse in Reston Township, raised \$20,000 and featured paintings by, from left, **Joan Kelly**, **Laura Edwards** and **Connie Slack**; 250 red-blooded patrons; and a movable feast donated by the restaurant. No starving artists out there.

With Janelle Erlichman

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