

## presidential purse strings

# Celebs \$upport the candidates

■ Democrats raking in more in Hollywood contributions

**W**HO does Hollywood want for President?

A lot of stars are willing to put their money where their mouths are, according to a new Web site that reveals individual political contributions.

Fundrace.org — which reflects contributions of \$200 and up — collects data from the Federal Election Commission, and allows visitors to search either by name or zip code to learn who is giving how much to whom.

President Jed Bartlet on "The West Wing" is an unabashed Democrat, and some of the show's cast members were generous givers to Democratic candidates, coughing up \$2,000, the maximum allowed under

federal regulations: belted out \$1,000 love songs for most of the losing Democratic contenders, including Dean, Gephardt, Clark, Al Sharpton and Bob Graham.

Debra Messing gave a liberal \$2,000 to conservative Democrat Joe Lieberman.

"Red Dragon's" Ed Norton donated \$2,000 to Kucinich's campaign and another \$2,000 to soon-to-be Democratic nominee Kerry.

Peace-loving Buddhist Richard Gere gave \$500 to retired General Clark.

Funnyman Mel Brooks, creator of "The Producers," tried to make it springtime for Howard with a \$2,000 Dean donation.

Paul Newman kicked in \$1,000 to Howard Dean.

Henry "The Fonz" Winkler gave a

"thumbs-up" to Clark with \$1,000.

Robert De Niro, a real "bet hedger," donated \$2,000 each to Dean, Clark and Kerry.

"The Lord of the Rings" king Viggo Mortensen wanted Dean to be the new "king" — \$250 worth.

Conflicted funnyman Larry David curbed his enthusiasm, giving \$2,000 to Gephardt, but then donated \$2,000 each to John Edwards, Dean and Kerry.

"All in the Family's" Rob Reiner and his comic father Carl each donated \$2,000 to Dean, but Rob also donated \$2,000 to Edwards.

Sean "P. Diddy" Combs is rapping for Al Sharpton — to the tune of \$2,000.

Ted Danson poured a tall one for Edwards

and Dean — \$2,000 to each.

"Basic Instinct" star Michael Douglas followed his Dean instincts for \$2,000.

The soon-to-be Democratic nominee, John Kerry, is now receiving most of the Hollywood money. Also hopping aboard the Kerry Express are: Gwyneth Paltrow (\$1,500), Jamie Lee Curtis (\$2,000), Melanie Griffith (\$2,000), Norman Lear (\$2,000), Deidre Hall (\$1,000), Charlize Theron (\$1,000) and Toni Tennille (\$250).

Celebrities backing the reelection of George W. Bush are apparently far fewer, but the President has gotten financial support from some impressive A-list personalities:

Donald Trump donated \$2,000 to Bush — although he also hedged his bet, by donating \$2,000 to Kerry.

Other Bush financial supporters listed by the site include Maury Povich (\$2,000), Paula Prentiss Benjamin (\$375), Pat Boone (\$200), Kelsey Grammer (\$2,000).

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**Federal regulations allow campaign contributions of up to \$2,000**



**THE DONALD** gave generously to both political parties.

