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**WHEN NOT KEEPING UP WITH A** hectic filming schedule (upcoming projects include the movie adaptation of *Mamma Mia!* and a sequel to *The Thomas Crown Affair*) and whipping up homemade crepes, the actor finds time to campaign for environmental education, clean water, and marine-mammal and wetland protection. A longtime environmental activist, he recently led a grassroots campaign to help preserve the California coastline from offshore drilling and continues to work with such organizations as Global Green, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and the Ocean Futures Society.

**This month's issue focuses on eco-consciousness, so how can people be more mindful in the kitchen?**

Compost scraps—from banana peels to coffee grounds—and green waste. Purchase a turnable composter and start a green-waste pile that can fortify your garden naturally. Purchase all-natural, organic cleaners, recycled paper products, organic cotton, and non-GMO [genetically modified organism] food products.

**How did you get interested in environmental causes?**

I continue to be a student of the world. I've been inspired by a wide variety of people, from my wife, Keely, to Kofi Annan [the former secretary-general of the United Nations], to His Holiness the Dalai Lama, to a dear friend, Dr. Jane Goodall.

**What's your favorite dish to prepare?**

Crepes with freshly squeezed Meyer lemon juice and raw

brown sugar on Sunday mornings.

**Do you have a favorite restaurant when you're back home in Los Angeles?**

Il Ristorante di Giorgio Baldi, where my wife and I had our first date—and first kiss. It's the closest thing you'll find to Italy in Los Angeles, and Giorgio [Baldi] is almost always in the kitchen preparing his specialties: homemade polenta; grilled langoustines;

lobster, mâche, and white bean salad; and a luscious porcini penne. Pasta is one food I couldn't give up—at least according to my wife.

**Any other favorite foods?**

Potatoes—baked, mashed, roasted, boiled, or fried with cold sliced tomatoes. I could eat them every night of the week. I can't live without a good potato. And Irish soda bread, hot from the oven with lashings of butter.

—INTERVIEW BY BEKAH WRIGHT