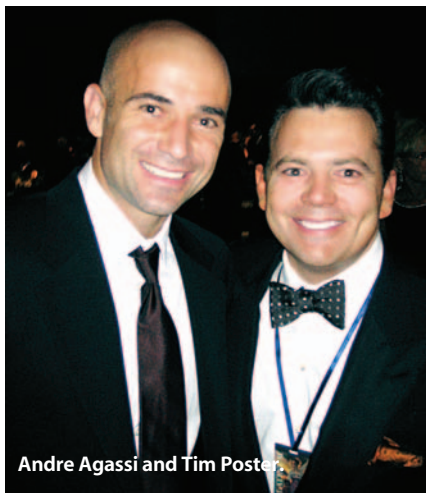


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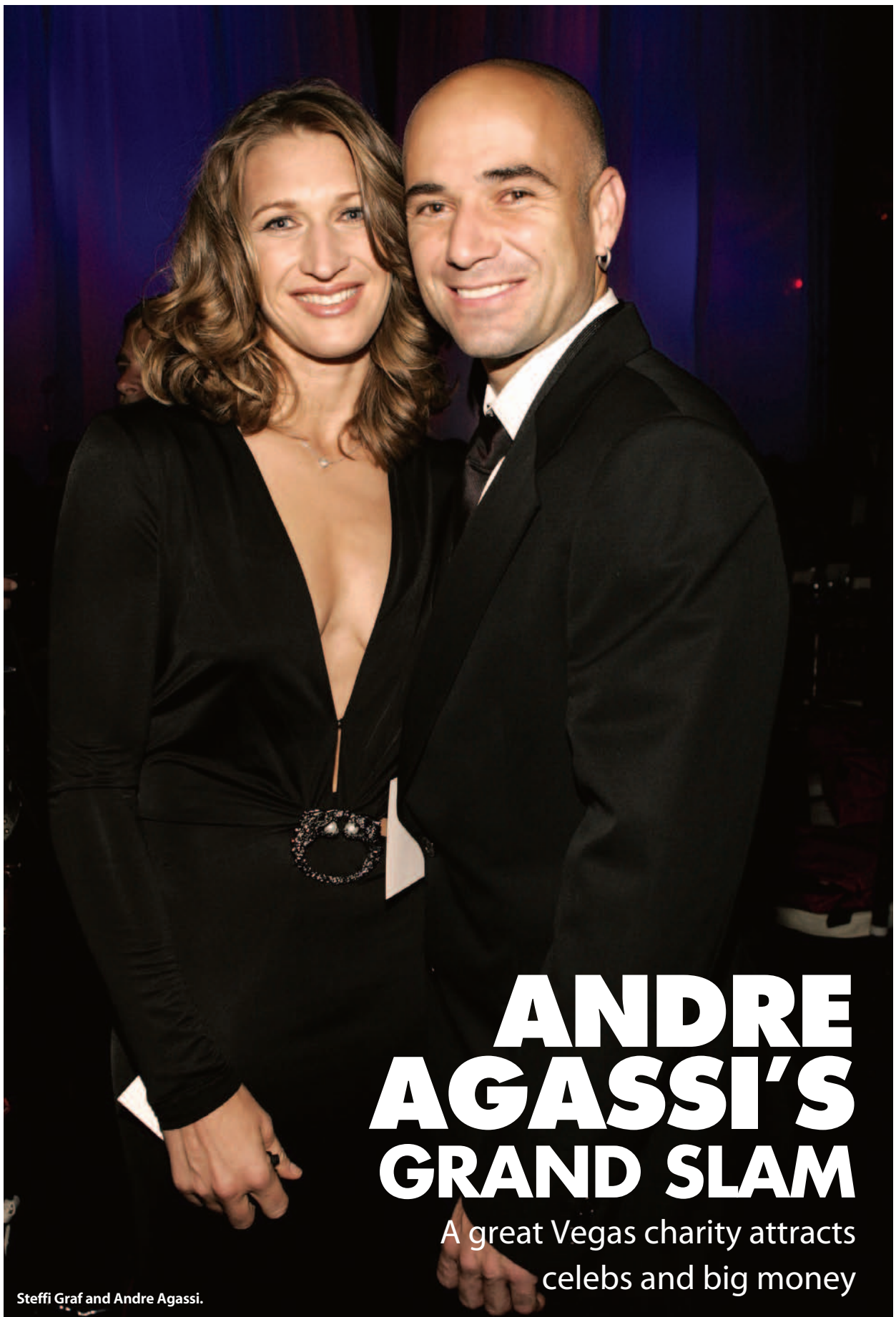
Andre Agassi and Tim Poster.



Emeril Lagasse.



Faith Hill and Tim McGraw.



## ANDRE AGASSI'S GRAND SLAM

A great Vegas charity attracts celebs and big money

Steffi Graf and Andre Agassi.

LEFT, TOP TO BOTTOM: MICHAEL SHULMAN (2); KEVIN MAZUR/WIREIMAGE.COM; RIGHT: KEVIN MAZUR/WIREIMAGE.COM.

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ndre Agassi. The name conjures up something different for everyone. Query a girl in Peoria, and she'll tell you about the hunky tennis player whose dashing style both on and off the courts has made him a favorite of fans and advertisers for more than a dozen

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years. Ask a Las Vegas local, and he'll speak in proprietary terms, as if he owns high-yield Agassi bonds. Ask a student who attends the model charter school in West Las Vegas bearing his name, and you're bound to hear a torrent of such praise that you'd think the guy was up for beatification. He certainly throws one heckuva party for a damn good cause! On October 3rd, \$6.1 million was raised for the Andre Agassi Charitable Foundation at the ninth annual Grand Slam for Children. Of all the amazing performances (by Robin Williams, Ray Romano, John Mayer, Faith Hill, Tim McGraw and Josh Groban), the most touching was that of India.Arie, who looked up at the students, said, "This one's for y'all," then played an inspirational version of Bob Marley's "Redemption Song." —Michael Shulman