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ENTUCKY always delivers the thoroughbreds in May. But not just the horses! Three of America's top crowd-pleasers come from Louisville. I do mean Tom Cruise, the nation's No. 1 box-office guy ... Muhammad Ali, boxing's beloved champion, to be introduced tonight at Time magazine's 75th anniversary party by — ta da! — Tom Cruise ... and Bob Hardwick, the nation's fast-rising maestro of the society two-step. He was profiled by People magazine and plays March 12 at NYC's Red Cross Ball at the Pierre Hotel. This Elizabeth benefit honors (Liddy) Dole and that nice man to whom she is married. (Bob Dole might still get in the White House — as the First Gentleman, you know.)