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Asides of Bacon

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Mention **Kevin Bacon** and immediately "The Six Degrees of" game comes to mind. (It's a parlor game where players link him to another actor via Bacon's costars in his long, versatile list of roles.)

The June/July issue of Success magazine deigned to put him on the cover for the following utterances on:

How he felt when he first heard about the "Six Degrees" game:

"I thought it was a joke at my expense, they were kind of saying, 'Can you believe a jerk like this could be connected to the greats?' I thought it would go away, I thought it would have a very short shelf life. And it just sort of hung there. I learned to embrace it."

Starting SixDegrees.org to facilitate "social networking with a social conscience":

"It was always kind of in the back of my mind, that that's my name, and maybe there's something I should be doing with this."

The Internet as a valuable tool in encouraging philanthropy:

"There's a very small piece of charitable money being raised on the Internet right now. And I think that's going to change. More and more, people will see there's a very easy way to do some good and spread some money around."

His biggest success in life:

"My family. The kids are amazing. I'm thrilled with the way they're turning out."

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