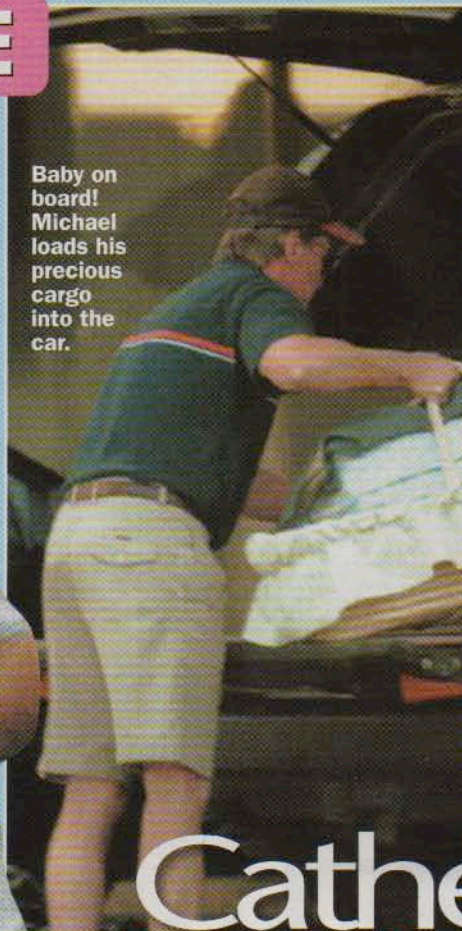




Baby on board! Michael loads his precious cargo into the car.



Catherine & Kiwi con

Catherine Zeta-Jones has only the best for her baby

The new baby of Hollywood's most glamorous couple, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Douglas, is being cared for by a Kiwi woman.

Aucklander Dorothy Waide, 44, is a Karitane nurse who's had extensive experience working for the rich and famous in the US.

New Idea last week ran photos worth \$1.8 million worldwide of the famous couple and their first son Dylan and has in the past run photos showing Dorothy with Catherine and the baby's grandfather Kirk Douglas.

Friends say she will have signed a confidentiality contract, which is common among Hollywood celebrity staff.

'She's a hard case, but a typical Kiwi,' says one friend. 'She calls a spade a spade and she can be quite bossy. I'll bet she's bossing Catherine and Michael around! It would be

so funny to see. She's really well known in LA and almost always booked out.'

She also has many friends who are nannies for famous couples.

The friend says Dorothy's always been very 'mumsy' and has worked for many rich people around the world.

'I just knew she'd be working for someone famous,' she laughs. 'She always does.'

Until recently Dorothy had referred to her current employers only as Catherine and Michael in emails back to New Zealand.

Auckland former restaurateur Bruce Campbell says Dorothy cared for his three children when they were young, around the time she finished her Karitane training.

'We were her first fulltime nanny job. We've kept in touch over the years,' he says. 'She's done some great jobs.'

He says she once worked for



Michael's Connection

a Kiwi Karitane nurse!

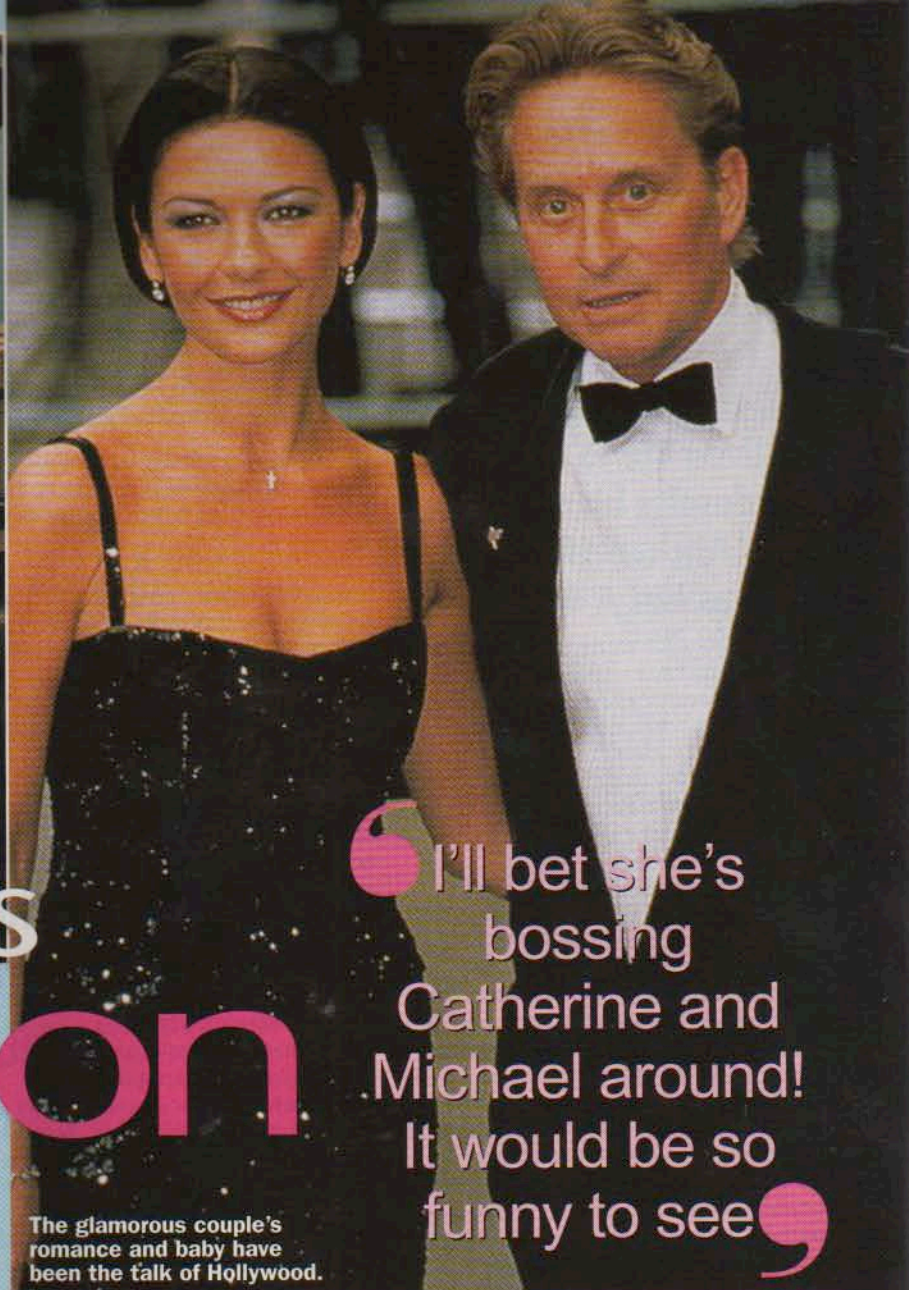
high-profile LA restaurateur Bob Gladstone, who owns flash eateries in Malibu Beach and Universal Studios.

'She was fantastic. She talks about my son Taylor, who's now 18, all the time ... the number of times he tried to flush our kitten down the toilet!

'We couldn't have wished for a better person to care for our children. We see her a lot. She's always backwards and forwards to New Zealand.'

He says last year Dorothy finally won a long-awaited green card to work fulltime in the US and he provided her with references to help the approval process.

Dorothy is insistent she's not a nanny. She says she's a baby nurse, who's done her Karitane training. She specialises in caring for newborns, particularly in cases where high-profile women return quickly to work.



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Why the stars prefer Kiwi nannies

Kiwi nannies have a good reputation because there is a perception that they go beyond the call of duty in their jobs.

'They are flexible, hard-working and very reliable,' says International Nannies spokesperson Louise Munro. The older nannies are very experienced and they get snapped up very quickly,' she adds.

Poppets Nanny Bureau director Julie Falvey says her international clients prefer Kiwi nannies because they are willing to take on work that is not specified in the job description.

'They are more prepared to get in and be part of the family. They don't draw demarcation lines between what they do and what they don't do.

'They don't say "look I'm only here for the children" if they can see something needs to be done.

'My clients find that the children really

enjoy having them. They are extremely popular,' Julie says.

Karitane nurses are trained in baby nursing but the course has now been phased out. These days people must qualify as a general nurse before specialising in paediatric or neo-natal nursing.

Karitane nurses are skilled in paediatric and maternity care. Some of their duties include:

- Giving the baby bottle feeds, or helping the mother with breastfeeding
- Helping to establish good routines with the new-born
- Helping to change the baby's nappies
- Putting the baby to sleep
- Minding the baby when parents are out
- Taking the baby on walks and outings
- Helping the baby with developmental skills