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HEADLINE: HARVARD TO KEEP EPSTEIN GIFT

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BODY:

Harvard has decided it'll hold onto the fat check it received from Jeffrey Epstein, the billionaire financier who was charged over the summer with soliciting sex from prostitutes. While some others, notably New York gubernatorial candidate Eliot Spitzer and New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, have returned his gifts, the World's Greatest University has concluded that returning Epstein's \$6.5 million donation would do more harm than good. "Mr. Epstein's gift is funding important research using mathematics to study areas such as evolutionary theory, viruses, and cancers," a Harvard spokesman told us yesterday. "Harvard has no plans to return the gift." (Epstein has pledged up to \$30 million to support the research being done by Harvard mathematical biologist Martin Nowak.) Epstein was charged with solicitation in July after several teenage girls told the Palm Beach police they'd given the silver-haired money manager massages in exchange for cash. Epstein, who's being defended by Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz, has pled not guilty. In 1979, Harvard prez Derek Bok explained his rationale for accepting controversial gifts this way: "I would be inclined to accept such donations on the ground that the tangible benefits of using the money . . . should overcome the more abstract, symbolic considerations that might lead us to turn down such benefactions."

KYRA'S GAME FOR ROLE OPPOSITE ROCK

It'll be Kyra Sedgwick not Bebe Neuwirth playing opposite Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson when Disney finally begins shooting "The Game Plan" later this month. "The Rock" plays a fictitious NFL quarterback in the big-budget football flick, and Sedgwick is his hard-nosed agent. (The movie was supposed to shoot in Boston over the summer, but had to be postponed when "The Rock" ruptured his Achilles tendon preparing for the role.) Neuwirth, who is returning to Broadway in the musical "Chicago," dropped out because of scheduling conflicts, according to published reports. Previously announced cast members, including Madison Pettis, Roselyn Sanchez, Morris Chestnut, Gordon Clapp, and Boston funnyman Lenny Clarke, all are still expected to appear in the film, which is being directed by Andy Fickman. Judging from a Q&A in the new issue of Entertainment Weekly, it would appear "The Rock" can't wait to return to the area. Asked what he'd eaten to put on 30 pounds, the onetime pro wrestler responds: "Large cheese pizza and doughnuts. The pizza needs to be from Avellino's near Boston." . . . In other movie news, Acton's own Steve Carell will provide the voice for the mayor of Whoville in the animated version of "Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who" starring Jim Carrey as Horton.

Local author

misses shortlist

The shortlist for Britain's prestigious Man Booker Prize for Fiction has been announced, and Somerville's Claire Messud is not on it. Messud's novel "The Emperor's Children" was one of just 19 books to make the longlist. The six novels on the shortlist include: Kiran Desai's "The Inheritance of Loss"; Kate Grenville's "The Secret Lover"; M.J. Hyland's "Carry Me Down"; Hisham Matar's "In the Country of Men"; Edward St. Aubyn's "Mother's Milk"; and Sarah Waters's "The Night Watch."

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