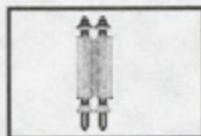


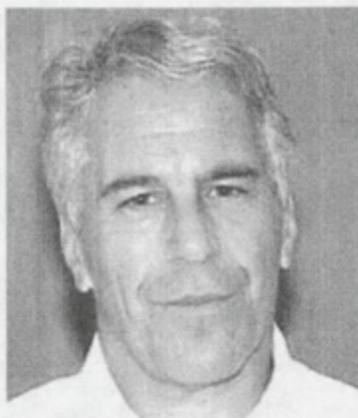


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Case of Jeffrey Epstein



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El Brillo Way, Virgin Islands

Indicted for felony solicitation of prostitution by a grand jury following accusations by teen girls.

Jeffrey Epstein was born blue-collar in 1953, the son of a New York City parks department employee, and raised in Brooklyn's Coney Island neighborhood. He left college without a bachelor's degree but became a math teacher at the prestigious Dalton School in Manhattan.

The story goes that the father of one of Epstein's students was so impressed with the man that he put him in touch with a senior partner at Bear Stearns, the global investment bank and securities firm.

In 1976, Epstein left Dalton for a job at Bear Stearns. By the early 1980s, he had started J. Epstein and Co. That is when he began making his millions in earnest.

Little is known or said about Epstein's business except this: He manages money for the extremely wealthy. He is said to handle accounts only of \$1 billion or greater.

It has been estimated he has roughly 15 clients, but their identities are the subject of only speculation. All except for one: Leslie Wexner, founder of The Limited retail chain and a former Palm Beacher who is said to have been a mentor to Epstein.

Wexner sold Epstein one of his most lavish residences: a massive townhouse that dominates a block on Manhattan's Upper East Side. It is reported to have, among its finer features, closed-circuit television and a heated sidewalk to melt away fallen snow.

That townhouse, thought to be the largest private residence in Manhattan, is only a piece of the extravagant world Epstein built over time.

In New Mexico, he constructed a 27,000-square-foot hilltop mansion on a 10,000-acre ranch outside Santa Fe. Many believed it to be the largest home in the state.

In Palm Beach, he bought a waterfront home on El Brillo Way. And he owns a 100-acre private island in the Virgin Islands.

Perhaps as remarkable as his lavish homes is his extensive network of friends and associates at the highest echelons of power. This includes not only socialites but also business tycoons, media moguls, politicians, royalty and Nobel Prize-winning scientists whose research he often funds.

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- Jeffrey Epstein's early career at Dalton and Bear Stearns.
- His earlier disputes with former business partners and Citigroup.
- Rumors that he left Bear Stearns under an SEC inquiry cloud.
- Also rumored to have been a spook of some sort.
- Mentored by Steven Hoffenberg "now serving a prison term after `bilking investors out of more than \$450 million in one of the largest Ponzi schemes in American history.'
- His real estate: private island, huge townhouse in Manhattan, gigantic in new Mexico and a alleged teenage petting zoo mansion in Palm Beach.
- Powerful friends: top scientists, former Harvard president Larry Summers, Daily News publisher Mort Zuckerman and Bill Clinton.
- Thought to have 15 clients but only one is known—the Wexner family, founders of The Limited clothing stores.

Women.

- Long linked to media mogul Robert Maxwell's daughter Ghislaine Maxwell.
- Said to have also dated a former Miss Sweden and a Romanian model.

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The Case.

- Investigation began after a mother heard her daughter discussing trips to Epstein's place and contacted police.
- Private investigators working for Epstein contacted witnesses during the investigation.
- Disputes arose between prosecutors and police.
- An early plea bargain which would have kept Epstein out of jail fell apart.
- Alan Dershowitz flew to Palm Beach to paint the girls making the allegations against Epstein as lying, thieving, drug and alcohol abusing and unreliable.
- The "Heidi Fleiss" of Palm Beach is alleged to have brought six girls between ages 14 and 18 to Epstein's house for massages.

While admitting that Epstein had girls over to administer massages, Epstein's camp maintains he is innocent of any criminal wrong-doing. One of his lawyers even insists Epstein will emerge from the case with his reputation untarnished.

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Jeffrey Epstein: International Moneyman of Mystery

By Landon Thomas Jr.

New York Magazine - October 28, 2002

He's pals with a passel of Nobel Prize-winning scientists, CEOs like Leslie Wexner of the Limited, socialite Ghislaine Maxwell, even Donald Trump. But it wasn't until he flew Bill Clinton, Kevin Spacey, and Chris Tucker to Africa on his private Boeing 727 that the world began to wonder who he is.

He comes with cash to burn, a fleet of airplanes, and a keen eye for the ladies -- to say nothing of a relentless brain that challenges Nobel Prize-winning scientists across the country -- and for financial markets around the world. Ever since the Post's "Page Six" ran an item about the president's late-September visit to Africa with Kevin Spacey and Chris Tucker -- on his new benefactor's customized Boeing 727 -- the question of the day has been: Who in the world is Jeffrey Epstein?

It's a life full of question marks. Epstein is said to run \$15 billion for wealthy clients, yet aside from Limited founder Leslie Wexner, his client list is a closely held secret. A former Dalton math teacher, he maintains a peripatetic salon of brilliant scientists yet possesses no bachelor's degree. For more than ten years, he's been linked to Manhattan-London society figure Ghislaine Maxwell, daughter of the mysteriously deceased media titan Robert Maxwell, yet he lives the life of a bachelor, logging 600 hours a year in his various planes as he scours the world for investment opportunities. He owns what is said to be Manhattan's largest private house yet runs his business from a 100-acre private island in St. Thomas.

Power on Wall Street has generally accrued to those who have made their open bids for it. Soros. Wasserstein. Kravis. Weill. The Sturm und Drang of their successes and failures has been played out in

public. Epstein breaks the mold. Most everyone on the Street has heard of him, but nobody seems to know what the hell he is up to. Which is just the way he likes it.

"My belief is that Jeff maintains some sort of money-management firm, though you won't get a straight answer from him," says one well-known investor. "He once told me he had 300 people working for him, and I've also heard that he manages Rockefeller money. But one never knows. It's like looking at the Wizard of Oz -- there may be less there than meets the eye."

Says another prominent Wall Streeter: "He is this mysterious, Gatsbyesque figure. He likes people to think that he is very rich, and he cultivates this air of aloofness. The whole thing is weird."

The wizard that meets the eye is spare and fit; with a long jaw and a carefully coiffed head of silver hair, he looks like a taller, younger Ralph Lauren. A raspy Brooklyn accent betrays his Coney Island origins. He spends an hour and fifteen minutes every day doing advanced yoga with his personal instructor, who travels with him wherever he goes. He is an enthusiastic member of the Trilateral Commission and the Council on Foreign Relations.

He dresses casually -- jeans, open-necked shirts, and sneakers -- and is rarely seen in a tie. Indeed, those close to him say the reason he quit his board seat at the Rockefeller Institute was that he hated wearing a suit. "It feels like a dress," he told one friend.

Epstein likes to tell people that he's a loner, a man who's never touched alcohol or drugs, and one whose nightlife is far from energetic. And yet if you talk to Donald Trump, a different Epstein emerges. "I've known Jeff for fifteen years. Terrific guy," Trump booms from a speakerphone. "He's a lot of fun to be with. It is even said that he likes beautiful women as much as I do, and many of them are on the younger side. No doubt about it -- Jeffrey enjoys his social life."

But beautiful women are only a part of it. Because here's the thing about Epstein: As some collect butterflies, he collects beautiful minds. "I invest in people -- be it politics or science. It's what I do," he has said to friends. And his latest prize addition is the former president. In his eyes, Clinton as a species represents the highest evolutionary form of the political animal. To be up close to him, as he was during the African journey, is akin to seeing the rarest of beasts on a safari. As he put it to a friend upon his return from Africa, "If you were a boxer at the downtown gymnasium at 14th Street and Mike Tyson walked in, your face would have the same look as these foreign leaders had when Clinton entered the room. He is the world's greatest politician."

"Jeffrey is both a highly successful financier and a committed philanthropist with a keen sense of global markets and an in-depth knowledge of twenty-first-century science," Clinton says through a spokesman. "I especially appreciated his insights and generosity during the recent trip to Africa to work on democratization, empowering the poor, citizen service, and combating HIV/AIDS."

Before Clinton, Epstein's rare appearances in the gossip columns tended to be speculation as to the true nature of his relationship with Ghislaine Maxwell. While they are still friends, the English tabloids have postulated that Maxwell has longed for a more permanent pairing and that for undetermined reasons Epstein has not reciprocated in kind. "It's a mysterious relationship that they have," says society journalist David Patrick Columbia. "In one way, they are soul mates, yet they are hardly companions anymore. It's a nice conventional relationship, where they serve each other's purposes."

Friends of the two say that Maxwell, whose social life has always been higher-octane than Epstein's, lent a little pizzazz to the lower-profile Epstein. Indeed, at a party at Maxwell's house, her friends say, one is

just as apt to see Russian ladies of the night as one is to see Prince Andrew. The Oxford-educated Maxwell, described by many as a man-eater (she flies her own helicopter and was recently seen dining with Clinton at Nello's on Madison Avenue), lives in her own townhouse a few blocks away. Epstein is frequently seen around town with a bevy of comely young women but there has been no boldfaced name to replace Maxwell. "You may read about Jeffrey in the social columns, but there is much more to him than that," says Jeffrey T. Leeds of the private equity firm Leeds Weld & Co. "He's a talented money manager and an extremely hardworking person with broad interests. Most unusual, though, is that in this media-obsessed age he is not in any sense a self-promoter."

Born in 1953 and raised in Coney Island, Epstein went to Lafayette High School. According to his bio, he took some classes in physics at Cooper Union from 1969 to 1971. He left Cooper Union in 1971 and attended NYU's Courant Institute, where he took courses in mathematical physiology of the heart, leaving that school, too, without a degree. Between 1973 and 1975, Epstein taught calculus and physics at the Dalton School.

By most accounts, he was something of a Robin Williams-in-Dead Poets Society type of figure, wowing his high-school classes with passionate mathematical riffs. So impressed was one Wall Street father of a student that he said to Epstein point-blank: "What are you doing teaching math at Dalton? You should be working on Wall Street -- why don't you give my friend Ace Greenberg a call."

Epstein was in many respects the perfect candidate for Greenberg's consideration. Greenberg, a senior partner at Bear Stearns at the time and a legendary trader in his own right, has long made it clear that it's the hungry, brilliant guys lacking the fancy degrees that he favors at Bear. They even have an acronym: PSDs -- poor, smart, and a deep desire to be rich. It was a description that fit Epstein to a T. He was a Brooklyn guy with a motor for a brain, and while he did love teaching, this close-up view of the rarefied Upper East Side life of his students' gave him a taste for the big time.

So in 1976, he dropped everything and reported to work at Bear Stearns, where he started off as a junior assistant to a floor trader at the American Stock Exchange. His ascent was rapid.

At the time, options trading was an arcane and dimly understood field, just beginning to take off. To trade options, one had to value them, and to value them, one needed to be able to master such abstruse mathematical confections as the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. For Epstein, breaking down such models was pure sport, and within just a few years he had his own stable of clients. "He was not your conventional broker saying 'Buy IBM' or 'Sell Xerox,'" says Bear Stearns CEO Jimmy Cayne. "Given his mathematical background, we put him in our special-products division, where he would advise our wealthier clients on the tax implications of their portfolios. He would recommend certain tax-advantageous transactions. He is a very smart guy and has become a very important client for the firm as well."

In 1980, Epstein made partner, but he had left the firm by 1981. Working in a bureaucracy was not for him; what's more, in rubbing up against ever greater sums of money during his time at Bear, he began to feel the need to grab his own piece of the action.

In 1982, according to those who know Epstein, he set up his own shop, J. Epstein and Co., which remains his core business today. The premise behind it was simple: Epstein would manage the individual and family fortunes of clients with \$1 billion or more. Which is where the mystery deepens. Because according to the lore, Epstein, in 1982, immediately began collecting clients. There were no road shows, no whiz-bang marketing demos -- just this: Jeff Epstein was open for business for those with \$1 billion-plus.

His firm would be different, too. He was not here just to offer investment advice; he saw himself as the financial architect of every aspect of his client's wealth -- from investments to philanthropy to tax planning to security to assuaging the guilt and burdens that large sums of inherited wealth can bring on. "I want people to understand the power, the responsibility, and the burden of their money," he said to a colleague at the time.

As a teacher at Dalton, he had witnessed firsthand the troubled attitudes of some of the poor little rich kids under his charge; at Bear, he had come to the realization that, counterintuitively, the more money you had, the more anxious you became. For a middle-class kid from Brooklyn, it just didn't make sense.

From the get-go, his business was successful. But the conditions for investing with Epstein were steep: He would take total control of the billion dollars, charge a flat fee, and assume power of attorney to do whatever he thought was necessary to advance his client's financial cause. And he remained true to the \$1 billion entry fee. According to people who know him, if you were worth \$700 million and felt the need for the services of Epstein and Co., you would receive a not-so-polite no-thank-you from Epstein.

It's nice work if you can get it. Epstein runs a lean operation, and those close to him say that his actual staff -- based here in Manhattan at the Villard House (home to Le Cirque); New Albany, Ohio; and St. Thomas, where he reincorporated his company seven years ago (now called Financial Trust Co.) -- numbers around 150 and is purely administrative. When it comes to putting these billions to work in the markets, it is Epstein himself making all the investment calls -- there are no analysts or portfolio managers, just twenty accountants to keep the wheels greased and a bevy of assistants -- many of them conspicuously attractive young women -- to organize his hectic life. So assuming, conservatively, a fee of .5 percent (he takes no commissions or percentages) on \$15 billion, that makes for a management fee of \$75 million a year straight into Jeff Epstein's pocket. Nice work indeed.

It has been rumored that Linda Wachner and David Rockefeller have been clients, too, but both parties deny any such relationship. What's more, who ever heard of a financial adviser turning down \$500 million accounts? All the speculation and mystery has proved fertile ground for some alternative Jeffrey Epstein stories -- the most bizarre of which has him playing the piano (he is classically trained) for high rollers in a Manhattan piano bar in the mid-eighties.

Another focus of curiosity is the relationship that Epstein has with his patron and mentor Leslie Wexner, founder and chairman of the Columbus, Ohio-based Limited chain of women's-clothing stores. Wexner, who is said to be worth more than \$2.5 billion by Forbes, became an Epstein client in 1987. "It's a weird relationship," says another Wall Streeter who knows Epstein. "It's just not typical for someone of such enormous wealth to all of a sudden give his money to some guy most people have never heard of." The Wexner-Epstein relationship is indeed a multifaceted one.

Given the secrecy that envelops Epstein's client list, some have speculated that Wexner is the primary source of Epstein's lavish life -- but friends leap to his defense. "Let me tell you: Jeffrey Epstein has other clients besides Wexner. I know because some of them are my clients," says noted m&a lawyer Dennis Block of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft. "I sent him a \$500 million client a few years ago and he wouldn't take him. Said the account was too small. Both the client and I were amazed. But that's Jeffrey."

Epstein's current residence in Manhattan -- a 45,000-square-foot eight-story mansion on East 71st Street -- was originally bought by Wexner for \$13 million in 1989. Wexner poured many millions into a full gut renovation, then turned it over to Epstein in 1995 after he got married. One story has Epstein paying only a dollar for it, though others say he paid full market price, which would have been in the

neighborhood of \$20 million. Epstein then undertook his own \$10 million gut renovation (special features: closed-circuit TV and a heated sidewalk in front of the house for melting snow), saying to friends: "I don't want to live in another person's house."

There are other houses as well, including a sweeping villa in Palm Beach and a custom-built 51,000-square-foot castle in Santa Fe. Said to be the largest house in the state, the latter sits atop a hill on a 45,000-acre ranch. He had it built because of the month or so he found himself spending there, talking elementary particle physics with his friend Murray Gell-Man, a Nobel Prize-winning physicist and co-chair of the science board at the Santa Fe Institute.

Epstein also owned a grand house (he has since sold it) near Wexner's opulent manse at the center of the Limited magnate's high-end housing development in New Albany, Ohio. New Albany was a lush sprawl of farmland on the outskirts of Columbus that Wexner, starting in 1988, turned into a rich village of multimillion-dollar Georgian homes surrounding a Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course. It was a massive development project, financed largely by Wexner himself. Epstein was a general partner in the real-estate holding company, called New Albany Property, despite putting only a few million dollars of capital into the project.

"Before Epstein came along in 1988, the financial preparations and groundwork for the New Albany development were a total mess," says Bob Fittrakis, a Columbus-based investigative journalist who has written extensively on Wexner and his finances. "Epstein cleaned everything up, as well as serving Wexner in other capacities -- such as facilitating visits to Wexner's home of the crew from Cats and organizing a Tony Randall song-and-dance show put on in Columbus." Wexner declines to talk about his relationship with Epstein, but it is clearly one that continues to this day. Not that it helped Epstein in any way to land Clinton. Wexner is a staunch Republican donor, and Epstein, aside from a small contribution to the president's legal-defense fund, has given more to the likes of former senator Al D'Amato.

What attracted Clinton to Epstein was quite simple: He had a plane (he has a couple, in fact -- the Boeing 727, in which he took Clinton to Africa, and, for shorter jaunts, a black Gulfstream, a Cessna 421, and a helicopter to ferry him from his island to St. Thomas). Clinton had organized a weeklong tour of South Africa, Nigeria, Ghana, Rwanda, and Mozambique to do what Clinton does. So when the president's advance man Doug Band pitched the idea to Epstein, he said sure. As an added bonus, Kevin Spacey, a close friend of Clinton's, and actor Chris Tucker came along for the ride.

While Epstein got an intellectual kick out of engaging African finance ministers in theoretical chitchat about economic development, the real payoff for him was observing Clinton in his métier: talking HIV/aids policy with African leaders and soaking up the love from Cape Town to Lagos.

Epstein brings a trophy-hunter's zeal to his collection of scientists and politicians. But the real charge for him is in seeing these guys work it. Like former Democratic Senate leader George Mitchell, for example. In Epstein's mind, Mitchell is the world's greatest negotiator, based on his work in Ireland and the Middle East. So he wrote the senator a bunch of checks. Says Mitchell: "He has supported some philanthropic projects of mine and organized a fund-raiser for me once. I would certainly call him a friend and a supporter."

But it is his covey of scientists that inspires Epstein's true rapture. Epstein spends \$20 million a year on them -- encouraging them to engage in whatever kind of cutting-edge research might attract their fancy. They are, of course, quite lavish in their praise in return. Gerald Edelman won the Nobel Prize for physiology and medicine in 1972 and now presides over the Neurosciences Institute in La Jolla. "Jeff is

extraordinary in his ability to pick up on quantitative relations," says Edelman. "He came to see us recently. He is concerned with this basic question: Is it true that the brain is not a computer? He is very quick."

Then there is Stephen Kosslyn, a psychologist at Harvard. Epstein flew up to Kosslyn's laboratory in Cambridge this year to witness an experiment that Kosslyn was conducting and Epstein was funding. Namely: Is it true that certain Tibetan monks are capable of holding a distinct mental image in their minds for twenty minutes straight? "We disproved the thesis," says Kosslyn. "Jeff was on his cell phone most of the time -- he actually wanted to short the Tibetan market, because he thought the monk was so stupid. He is amazing. Like a honeybee -- he talks to all these different people and cross-pollinates. Just two months ago, I was talking to him about a new alternative to evolutionary psychology. He got excited and sent me a check."

Epstein has a particularly close relationship with Martin Nowak, an Austrian biology and mathematics professor who heads the theoretical-biology program at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton. Nowak is examining how game theory can be used to answer some of the basic evolutionary questions -- e.g., why, in our Darwinian society, does altruistic behavior exist? Epstein talks to Nowak about once a week and flies him around the country to his various homes to deliver impromptu lectures. Over the past three years, he has written \$500,000 worth of checks to fund Nowak's research. This past February, Epstein had Nowak over for dinner at the 71st Street townhouse. It was just the two of them (not including the wait staff), and Nowak, making use of a blackboard in the formal dining room, delivered a two-hour highly mathematical description of how language works.

After dinner, Epstein asked if Nowak wanted to meet up with his new friend President Clinton, and off they went to a nearby deli, where Clinton regaled the starstruck former Oxford professor with tales from his own Oxford days. "Jeffrey has the mind of a physicist. It's like talking to a colleague in your field," says Nowak. "Sometimes he applies what we talk about to his investments. Sometimes it's for his own curiosity. He has changed my life. Because of his support, I feel I can do anything I want."

Danny Hillis, an MIT-educated computer scientist whose company, Thinking Machines, was at the forefront of the supercomputing world in the eighties, and who used to run R&D at Walt Disney Imagineering, thinks Epstein is actually using scientific knowledge to beat the markets. "We talk about currency trading -- the euro, the real, the yen," he says. "He has something a physicist would call physical intuition. He knows when to use the math and when to throw it away. If I had acted upon all the investment advice he has been giving me over the years, I'd be calling you from my Gulfstream right now."

On the 727 these days, he has been reading a book by E. O. Wilson, the eminent scientist and originator of the field of sociobiology, called *Consilience*, which makes the case that the boundaries between scientific disciplines are in the process of breaking down. It's a view Epstein himself holds. He wrote recently to a scientist friend of his: "The behavior of termites, together with ants and bees, is a precursor to trust because they have an extraordinary ability to form relationships and sophisticated social structures based on mutual altruism even though individually they are fundamentally dumb. Money itself is a derivative of trust. If we can figure out how termites come together, then we may be able to better understand the underlying principles of market behavior -- and make big money."

So how do termite grouping patterns fare as an investment strategy? Again, facts are hard to come by. A working day for Epstein starts at 5 a.m., when he gets up and scours the world markets on his Bloomberg screen -- each of his houses, in New York, St. Thomas, Palm Beach, and New Mexico, as well as the 727, is equipped with the necessary hardware for him to wake up, roll out of bed, and start trading. He will put some calls in to his private banker at JPMorgan to get a reading as to how wealthy

investors -- the best gauge of market sentiment, he believes -- are reacting to the market's movements. Then he will call currency traders in Europe. On a given day, he will spend ten hours or so on the phone -- after all, he is running \$15 billion essentially by himself.

Strangely enough, given his scientific obsessions, he is a computer-phobe and does not use e-mail. "I like to hear voices and see faces when I interact," he has said. Given the huge sums he has to invest, he focuses on assets with extremely high liquidity, like currencies -- though he dabbles in commodities and real estate as well. Those who know him say he is an impulsive, quick-to-change-his-mind trader, still governed by Ace Greenberg's trader's maxim: If the stock is down 10 percent, sell it. He has been on the short side of the Brazilian real, and those close to him say bets there have paid off in spades. He recently took a long position on the euro before its rebound on the basis that Europeans were too proud to see their currency sink any lower against the dollar. His next targets: an across-the-board short of the German stock exchange and a possible attack on the Hong Kong dollar peg in light of the recent disclosure of North Korea's nuclear-weapons program.

None of this is investment rocket science, but getting the direction and the timing right, no matter how conventional the investment idea, can spin large money for an investor. Before taking a big position, Epstein will usually fly to the country in question. He recently spent a week in Germany meeting with various government officials and financial types, and he has a trip to Brazil coming up in the next few weeks. On all of these trips, he flies alone in his commercial-jet-size 727.

Friends of Epstein say he is horrified at the recent swell of media attention around him (Vanity Fair is preparing a megaprofile, and the Villard House office has had a barrage of calls from other media outlets). He has never granted a formal interview, and did not offer one to this magazine, nor has his picture appeared in any publication. Yet for one so obsessive about his privacy, one wonders -- didn't he realize that flying Clinton and Spacey around Africa was going to blow his cover? As he said to a friend: "If my ultimate goal was to stay private, traveling with Clinton was a bad move on the chessboard. I recognize that now. But you know what? Even Kasparov makes them. You move on."

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Billionaire solicited prostitutes 3 times, indictment says

By Larry Keller

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Billionaire money manager and Palm Beach part-time resident Jeffrey Epstein solicited or procured prostitutes three or more times between Aug. 1 and Oct. 31 of last year, according to an indictment charging him with felony solicitation of prostitution.

Epstein, 53, was booked at the Palm Beach County jail at 1:45 a.m. Sunday. He was released on \$3,000 bond.

Epstein's case is unusual in that suspected prostitution johns are usually charged with a misdemeanor, and even a felony charge is typically made in a criminal information — an alternative to an indictment charging a person with the commission of a crime.

His attorney, Jack Goldberger, declined to discuss the charge.

State attorney's office spokesman Mike Edmondson also had little to say.

"Generally speaking, there is a case that has a number of different aspects to it," Edmondson said of a prostitution-related charge being submitted to a grand jury. "We first became aware of the case months ago by Palm Beach police."

Prosecutors and police worked together to bring the case to the grand jury, he said.

Palm Beach police confirmed that and said the department will release a report today regarding its investigation.

Epstein has owned a five-bedroom, 7 1/2 -bath, 7,234-square-foot home with a pool and a boat dock on the Intracoastal Waterway since 1990, according to property records. A man answering the door there Monday said that Epstein wasn't home. A Cadillac Escalade registered to him was parked in the driveway, which is flanked by two massive gargoyles.

Epstein sued Property Appraiser Gary Nikolits in 2001, contending that the assessment of his home exceeded its fair market value. He dismissed his lawsuit in December 2002.

A profile of Epstein in Vanity Fair magazine said he owns what are believed to be the largest private homes in Manhattan — 51,000 square feet — and in New Mexico — a 7,500-acre ranch. Those are in addition to his 70-acre island in the U.S. Virgin Islands and fleet of aircraft.

Epstein's friends and admirers, according to the magazine, include prominent businessmen, academics and scientists and famed Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz.

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After long probe, Palm Beach billionaire faces solicitation charge

By Larry Keller

Palm Beach Post Staff - Wednesday, July 26, 2006

http://www.palmbeachpost.com/localnews/content/local_news/epaper/2006/07/26/s1b_EPSTEIN_0726.f

Palm Beach billionaire Jeffrey Epstein paid to have underage girls and young women brought to his home, where he received massages and sometimes sex, according to an investigation by the Palm Beach Police Department.

Palm Beach police spent months sifting through Epstein's trash and watching his waterfront home and Palm Beach International Airport to keep tabs on his private jet. An indictment charging Epstein, 53, was unsealed Monday, charging him with one count of felony solicitation of prostitution.

Palm Beach police thought there was probable cause to charge Epstein with unlawful sex acts with a minor and lewd and lascivious molestation.

Police Chief Michael Reiter was so angry with State Attorney Barry Krischer's handling of the case that he wrote a memo suggesting the county's top prosecutor disqualify himself.

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"I must urge you to examine the unusual course that your office's handling of this matter has taken and consider if good and sufficient reason exists to require your disqualification from the prosecution of these cases," Reiter wrote in a May 1 memo to Krischer.

While not commenting specifically on the Epstein case, Mike Edmondson, spokesman for the state attorney, said his office presents cases other than murders to a grand jury when there are questions about witnesses' credibility and their ability to testify.

By the nature of their jobs, police officers look at evidence from a "one-sided perspective," Edmondson said. "A prosecutor has to look at it in a much broader fashion," weighing the veracity of witnesses and how they may fare under defense attorneys' questioning, he said.

Epstein's attorney, Jack Goldberger, said his client committed no crimes.

"The reports and statements in question refer to false accusations that were not charged because the Palm Beach County state attorney questioned the credibility of the witnesses," Goldberger said. A county grand jury "found the allegations wholly unsubstantiated and not credible," and that's why his client was not charged with sexual activity with minors, he said.

Goldberger said Epstein passed a lie detector test administered by a reputable polygraph examiner in which he said he did not know the girls were minors. Also, a search warrant served on Epstein's home found no evidence to corroborate the girls' allegations, Goldberger said.

According to police documents:

- A Palm Beach Community College student said she gave Epstein a massage in the nude, then brought him six girls, ages 14 to 16, for massage and sex-tinged sessions at his home.
- A 27-year-old woman who worked as Epstein's personal assistant also facilitated the liaisons, phoning the PBCC student to arrange for girls when Epstein was coming to town. And she escorted the girls upstairs when they arrived, putting fresh sheets on a massage table and placing massage oils nearby.
- Police took sworn statements from five alleged victims and 17 witnesses. They contend that on three occasions, Epstein had sex with the girls.

A money manager for the ultra-rich, Epstein was named one of New York's most eligible bachelors in 2003 by The New York Post. He reportedly hobnobs with the likes of former President Clinton, former Harvard University President Lawrence Summers and Donald Trump, and has lavish homes in Manhattan, New Mexico and the Virgin Islands.

He has contributed tens of thousands of dollars to Democratic Party candidates and organizations, including Sen. John Kerry's presidential bid, and the Senate campaigns of Joe Lieberman, Hillary Clinton, Christopher Dodd and Charles Schumer.

Goldberger is one of five attorneys Epstein has retained since he became the subject of an investigation, Edmondson said. Among the others: Alan Dershowitz, the well-known Harvard law professor and author, who is a friend of Epstein. Dershowitz could not be reached for comment.

Police said the woman who enlisted young girls for Epstein was [REDACTED] 20, of Royal Palm Beach. [REDACTED] has worked at an Olive Garden restaurant in Wellington and said she was a journalism major at Palm Beach Community College when she was questioned by police last October. She has an

unlisted phone number and could not be reached for comment.

█████ said she met Epstein when, at age 17, a friend asked her if she would like to make money giving him a massage. She said she was driven to his five-bedroom, 7 1/2 -bath home on the Intracoastal Waterway, then escorted upstairs to a bedroom with a massage table and oils. Epstein and █████ were both naked during the massage, she said, but when he grabbed her buttocks, she said she didn't want to be touched.

Epstein said he'd pay her to bring him more girls — the younger the better, █████ told police. When she tried once to bring a 23-year-old woman to him, Epstein said she was too old, █████ said.

█████ who has not been charged in the case, said she eventually brought six girls to Epstein who were paid \$200 each time, █████ said. "I'm like a Heidi Fleiss," police quoted her as saying. The girls knew what to expect when they were taken to Epstein's home, █████ said. Give a massage — maybe naked — and allow some touching.

One 14-year-old girl █████ took to meet Epstein led police to start the investigation of him in March 2005. A relative of the girl called to say she thought the child had recently engaged in sex with a Palm Beach man. The girl then got into a fight with a classmate who accused her of being a prostitute, and she couldn't explain why she had \$300 in her purse.

The girl gave police this account of her meeting with Epstein:

She accompanied █████ and a second girl to Epstein's house on a Sunday in February 2005. Once there, a woman she thought was Epstein's assistant told the girl to follow her upstairs to a room featuring a mural of a naked woman, several photographs of naked women on a shelf, a hot pink and green sofa and a massage table.

She stripped to her bra and panties and gave him a massage.

Epstein gave the 14-year-old \$300 and she and the other girls left, she said. She said █████ told her that Epstein paid her \$200 that day.

Other girls told similar stories. In most accounts, Epstein's personal assistant at the time, █████ now 27, escorted the girls to Epstein's bedroom.

█████ whose most recent known address is in North Carolina, has not been charged in the case.

Palm Beach police often conducted surveillance of Epstein's home, and at Palm Beach International Airport to see if his private jet was there, so they would know when he was in town. Police also arranged repeatedly to receive his trash from Palm Beach sanitation workers, collecting papers with names and phone numbers, sex toys and female hygiene products.

One note stated that a female could not come over at 7 p.m. because of soccer. Another said a girl had to work Sunday — "Monday after school?" And still another note contained the work hours of a girl, saying she leaves school at 11:30 a.m. and would come over the next day at 10:30 a.m.

Only three months before the police department probe began, Epstein donated \$90,000 to the department for the purchase of a firearms simulator, said Jane Struder, town finance director. The purchase was never made. The money was returned to Epstein on Monday, she said.

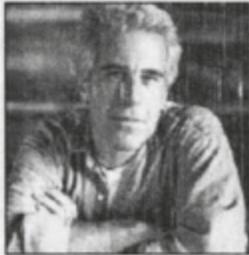
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Billionaire and Bill Clinton Pal Arrested for Solicitation of Underaged Girls

By Jim Kouri

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(AXcess News) New York - Billionaire Jeffrey Epstein was arrested by police on charges of solicitation after detectives from the Palm Beach, Florida Police Department conducted what they termed "an in-depth investigation."

The police report alleges that Epstein was paying underaged girls and young adult women to massage and have sex with him. On Monday, the court records were unsealed, which revealed that he faces the charge of felony solicitation for prostitution.

The Palm Beach police chief and his officers, including detectives assigned to the case, were outraged that Epstein wasn't charged with more crimes. Cops, both on and off the record, said they were furious with the county prosecutor and the State Attorney's office for the way in which this case was handled.

Police Chief Michael Reiter was so angry that he wrote a letter to the state attorney complaining about the case and requesting that the prosecutor be taken off the case and replaced with one who would move to obtain a superseding indictment with addition charges.

The state attorney's office claims that the police department looks at the evidence from a different perspective (i.e., from the courtroom's standpoint).

The Palm Beach County prosecutor's office was embroiled in controversy for three years when they pursued a far-reaching drug investigation of conservative talk show icon Rush Limbaugh. There were accusations that the county prosecutor, a Democrat, leaked information to the news media regarding the Limbaugh case.

Epstein is pals with former President Bill Clinton and Donald Trump and is known to contribute tens of thousands of dollars to the Democrat Party.

Epstein's attorney stated that his client did not commit any crimes. His attorney also stated that his client passed a lie detector test stating the he was not aware that the girls were minors. Lie detector tests are not admissible in a criminal court.

However, police officers counter Epstein's lawyers claims by saying they have irrefutable evidence including sworn affidavits from five alleged victims -- some who were underaged when they allegedly had sex with Epstein -- and 17 witnesses.

Jeffrey Epstein was called an international mystery money man who appeared on the news media's radar when he jetted to Africa on his private Boeing with Bill Clinton, Kevin Spacey and Chris Rock. New York Magazine in 2003 stated that he was a man known to love the ladies and was very secretive about

his financial endeavors. The article claims no one really knows how he makes his billions of dollars.

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Billionaire's lawyer tried to discredit teen girls, police say

By Larry Keller

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Famed Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz met with the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office and provided damaging information about teenage girls who say they gave his client, Palm Beach billionaire Jeffrey Epstein, sexually charged massages, according to police reports.

The reports also state that another Epstein attorney agreed to a plea bargain that would have allowed Epstein to have no criminal record. His current attorney denies this happened.

And the documents also reveal that the father of at least one girl complained that private investigators aggressively followed his car, photographed his home and chased off visitors.

Police also talked to somebody who said she was offered money if she refused to cooperate with the Palm Beach Police Department probe of Epstein.

The state attorney's office said it presented the Epstein case to a county grand jury this month rather than directly charging Epstein because of concerns about the girls' credibility. The grand jury indicted Epstein, 53, on a single count of felony solicitation of prostitution, which carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison.

Police believed there was probable cause to charge Epstein with the more serious crimes of unlawful sex acts with a minor and lewd and lascivious molestation. Police Chief Michael Reiter was so angry that he wrote State Attorney Barry Krischer a memo in May suggesting he disqualify himself from the case.

The case originally was going to be presented to the grand jury in February, but was postponed after Dershowitz produced information gleaned from the Web site myspace.com showing some of the alleged victims commenting on alcohol and marijuana use, according to the police report prepared by Detective [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a 20-year-old Royal Palm Beach woman who told police she recruited girls for Epstein, also is profiled on myspace.com. Her page includes photos of her and her friends, including one using the name "Pimpin' Made EZ." [REDACTED], who was not charged in the case, is a potential prosecution witness.

According to [REDACTED] prosecutor Lanna Belohlavek offered Epstein attorneys Dershowitz and Guy Fronstin a plea deal in April. Fronstin, after speaking with Epstein, accepted the deal, in which Epstein would plead guilty to one count of aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony, be placed on five years' probation and have no criminal record. The deal also called for Epstein to submit to a psychiatric and sexual evaluation and have no unsupervised visits with minors, according to [REDACTED] report. The plea bargain was made in connection with only one of the five alleged victims, the report states.

Fronstin — who declined to comment on the case — was subsequently fired and veteran defense attorney Jack Goldberger was hired. He denies there was any agreement by any of Epstein's attorneys to a plea deal.

"We absolutely did not agree to a plea in this case," he said. Neither Belohlavek nor a state attorney's spokesman could be reached for comment.

The parent or parents of alleged victims who complained of being harassed by private investigators provided license tag numbers of two of the men. Police found the vehicles were registered to a private eye in West Palm Beach and another in Jupiter, according to ██████'s report.

"I have no knowledge of it," defense attorney Goldberger said.

The report also says a woman connected to the Epstein case was contacted by somebody who was still in touch with Epstein. That person told her she would be compensated if she didn't cooperate with police, ██████'s report says. Those who did talk "will be dealt with," the woman said she was told. Phone records show the woman talked with the person who allegedly intimidated her around the time she said, ██████ reported.

Phone records also show that the person said to have made the threat then placed a call to Epstein's personal assistant, who in turn called a New York corporation affiliated with Epstein, the report states.

The issue in the Epstein case is not whether females came to his waterfront home, but whether he knew their ages.

"He's never denied girls came to the house," Goldberger said. But when Epstein was given a polygraph test, "he passed on knowledge of age," the attorney said.

After the indictment against Epstein was unsealed this week, Police Chief Reiter referred the matter to the FBI. "We've received the referral, and we're reviewing it," said FBI spokeswoman ██████ in Miami.

The chief himself has come under attack from Epstein's lawyers and friends in New York, where he has a home. The New York Post quoted Epstein's prominent New York lawyer, Gerald Lefcourt, as saying his client was indicted only "because of the craziness of the police chief."

Reiter has declined to comment on the case.

Prosecutors have not presented a sex-related case like Epstein's to a grand jury before, said Mike Edmondson, spokesman for the state attorney's office. "That's what you do with a case that falls into a gray area," he said.

The state attorney's office did not recommend a particular criminal charge on which to indict Epstein, Edmondson said. The grand jury was presented with a list of charges from highest to lowest, then deliberated with the prosecutor out of the room, he said.

"People are surprised at the grand jury proceeding," West Palm Beach defense attorney Richard Tendler said. "It's a way for the prosecutor's office to not take the full responsibility for not filing the (charge), and not doing what the Palm Beach Police Department wanted. I think something fell apart with those underage witnesses."

Defense attorney Robert Gershman was a prosecutor for six years. "Those girls must have been incredible or untrustworthy, I don't know," he said.

Other attorneys said Epstein's case raises the issue of whether wealthy, connected defendants like Epstein — whose friends include former President Clinton and Donald Trump — are treated differently from others. Once he knew he was the subject of a criminal probe, Epstein hired a phalanx of powerful attorneys such as Dershowitz and Lefcourt, who is a past president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Miami lawyer Roy Black — who became nationally known when he successfully defended William Kennedy Smith on a rape charge in Palm Beach — also was involved at one point.

Said defense attorney Michelle Suskauer: "I think it's unfortunate the public may get the perception that with power, you may be treated differently than the average Joe."

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Billionaire Harvard Donor Arrested For Soliciting Prostitutes

Epstein donated \$30 million to Harvard in 2003; Law professor Alan Dershowitz has been hired to defend Epstein

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By Katherine M. Gray

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Billionaire money manager Jeffrey Epstein, who donated \$30 million to Harvard in 2003, has been charged with soliciting sex from prostitutes in his Palm Beach, Florida mansion—and has hired Frankfurter Professor of Law Alan M. Dershowitz to serve in his defense.

According to an indictment that was unsealed last week, Epstein allegedly solicited sex at least three times between Aug. 1 and Oct. 31 of last year. According to a police report, the Palm Beach Police Department believes it has probable cause to charge Epstein with four counts of unlawful sexual activity with a minor and of lewd and lascivious molestation.

Epstein has retained Dershowitz as part of his defense team, according to the Palm Beach Post. The paper reported the case was going to be presented to a grand jury in February but was postponed after Dershowitz produced information further weakening the girls' credibility.

Dershowitz attempted to discredit the reliability of the girls' testimony by providing information from some of the girls' myspace.com profiles in which they mentioned alcohol and marijuana use, the Post reported.

Epstein donated \$30 million in February 2003 to fund the research of mathematical biologist Martin A. Nowak, who is the director of Harvard's Program for Evolutionary Dynamics.

It is unclear if Harvard will return any of Epstein's donation. Neither Nowak nor University President

Derek C. Bok could be reached for comment Monday.

The New York Daily News has reported that New York State Attorney General Eliot L. Spitzer, who is currently running for Governor, has returned an approximately \$50,000 gift from Epstein. And Mark A. Green, who is running to replace Spitzer as attorney general, has returned a \$10,000 donation, according to the Daily News.

In April, Epstein lawyer Guy Fronstin accepted a plea deal that would have the billionaire plead guilty to one count of aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony, and would give him five years' probation but no criminal record, according to the Post. That deal was to only apply to one of the five alleged victims.

Fronstin has since been fired, and a new defense attorney, Jack A. Goldberger, said that no such plea deal was made by any of Epstein's attorneys, according to the Post.

Goldberger and Dershowitz could not be reached for comment Monday.

According to a police report released last week, someone contacted a woman involved in the case and told her that she would be compensated for not cooperating with the police. The woman said she was told that those who did talk to the police "would be dealt with," according to the Post.

Goldberger told the Post that while his client did host women at his house, at issue was whether Epstein knew how old they were.

"He's never denied girls came to the house," Goldberger told the Post.

According to the probable cause affidavit released by the Palm Beach Police Department, one of the girls Epstein solicited for sexual acts was a 16-year-old girl who performed sexual acts for him in his bedroom on several occasions over a span of two years.

The woman, whose name was blotted from the affidavit, told the police that she would completely remove her clothes and begin massaging Epstein's back, while he lay on a massage table, wearing only a towel. She would then massage his chest, and Epstein would begin to masturbate both himself and the woman.

The woman told the police that Epstein asked for her age and knew she was 16. She said that Epstein had asked her and another female to have intercourse in front of him, and that he also performed oral intercourse on both of them.

On one occasion when the women were fondling each other, Epstein allegedly grabbed the 16-year old woman, turned her over on to her stomach on the massage table, and forcibly penetrated her vagina with his penis.

"She said her head was being held against the table forcibly, as he continued to pump inside her," according to the affidavit. "She screamed 'No!' and Epstein stopped." Epstein apologized and paid the woman \$1000 for that massage, according to the affidavit.

Epstein, who in 2003 was named one of New York's most eligible bachelors by the New York Post, achieved fame after he took then-President Clinton on an African AIDS awareness tour on his personal jet.

In a 2002 New York Magazine article, Donald Trump described long-time friend Epstein as "a lot of fun to be with."

"It is even said that he likes beautiful women as much as I do, and many of them are on the younger side. No doubt about it—Jeffrey enjoys his social life," Trump said.

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Ignorance of age not valid defense in sex cases, expert says

By Larry Keller

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Even if Palm Beach money manager Jeffrey Epstein didn't know that girls who police say gave him sexual massages at his Intracoastal home were under the legal age, that alone wouldn't have exempted him from criminal charges of sexual activity with minors.

"Ignorance is not a valid defense," said Bob Dekle, a legal skills professor who was a Lake City prosecutor for nearly 30 years, half of that time specializing in sex crimes against children.

"There is no knowledge element as far as the age is concerned," Dekle said.

After an 11-month investigation, Palm Beach police said there was probable cause to charge Epstein, 53, with unlawful sex acts with a minor and lewd and lascivious molestation. They contend that Epstein — friend of the rich and famous and financial patron of Democratic Party organizations and candidates — committed those acts with five underage girls.

In the past week, New York Attorney General and gubernatorial candidate Eliot Spitzer has returned about \$50,000 in campaign contributions he received from Epstein, and Mark Green, a candidate to replace Spitzer in his current job, has returned \$10,000 to him because of the Palm Beach scandal, the New York Daily News has reported.

Rather than file charges, the state attorney's office presented the case to a county grand jury. The panel indicted Epstein last week on a single, less serious charge of felony solicitation of prostitution.

The case raised eyebrows because the state attorney's office rarely, if ever, kicks such charges to a grand jury. And it increases the difficulty of prosecuting child sex abuse cases, especially when the defendant is enormously wealthy and can hire high-priced, top-tier lawyers.

At least one of Epstein's alleged victims told police he knew she was underage when the two of them got naked for massages and sexual activity. She was 16 years old at the time and said Epstein asked her questions about her high school, according to police reports.

A girl who said she met Epstein when she was 15 said he told her if she told anybody what happened at his house, bad things could happen, the police reports state.

Epstein's youngest alleged victim was 14 when she says she gave him a massage that included some sexual activity. She is now 16. The girl's father says he doesn't know whether she told Epstein her age.

"My daughter has kept a lot of what happened from me because of sheer embarrassment," he said. "But she very much looked 14. Any prudent man would have had second thoughts about that."

Defense attorney Jack Goldberger maintains that not only did Epstein pass a polygraph test showing he did not know the girls were minors, but their stories weren't credible. The state attorney's office also implied that their credibility was an issue when it decided not to charge Epstein directly, but instead give the case to the grand jury.

"A prosecutor has to look at it in a much broader fashion," a state attorney's spokesman said last week.

Epstein hired Harvard law Professor Alan Dershowitz when he became aware he was under investigation, and Dershowitz gave prosecutors information that some of the alleged victims had spoke of using alcohol and marijuana on a popular Web site, according to a Palm Beach police report.

Prosecutors typically consider two things in deciding whether to charge somebody with sex-related offenses against minors — whether there is sufficient evidence and whether there is a public interest in doing so, Dekle said.

If two teens are in a sexual relationship and the boy turns 18 before the girl, he could be charged with a sex crime if the sex continues. There would be no public interest in pursuing that, Dekle said.

But where there is a large gap in ages — and especially in cases of teachers with students — there is a public interest in prosecuting, he said. Likewise if the accused has a track record of sex with minors.

Still there is a "universal constant" in prosecuting these cases, Dekle said. Men who exploit underage children for sex often carefully choose their victims in ways that will minimize the risk to them, he said.

Victims usually are from a lower social status, and they may suffer from psychological problems, Dekle said.

"Lots of child sexual abuse victims have been victimized by multiple people over a period of time. Then the act of abuse produces behavior in the victims that further damages their credibility." Examples include promiscuous behavior and drug abuse.

Some of the alleged victims in the Epstein case returned to his home multiple times for the massage sessions and the \$200 to \$300 he typically paid them per visit. "That would be a definite problem for the prosecutor," said Betty Resch, who prosecuted crimes against children in Palm Beach County for five years and now is in private practice in Lake Worth.

"The victim becomes less sympathetic" to a jury, Resch said. "But she's a victim nevertheless. She's a kid."

Most men charged with sex crimes against minors look normal, Dekle said. A jury expecting to see a monster seldom will. And the victims' ages work against them and in favor of the defendant in a trial,

Dekle said.

If a child and an adult tell different stories and both swear they're telling the truth, adult jurors are more likely to believe the adult, Dekle said.

"You have all these things working against you in a child sex abuse case. Prosecutors normally try to be very careful in filing those cases because they know what they're getting into. There is no such thing as an iron-clad child sexual abuse case."

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Epstein camp calls female accusers liars

By Larry Keller

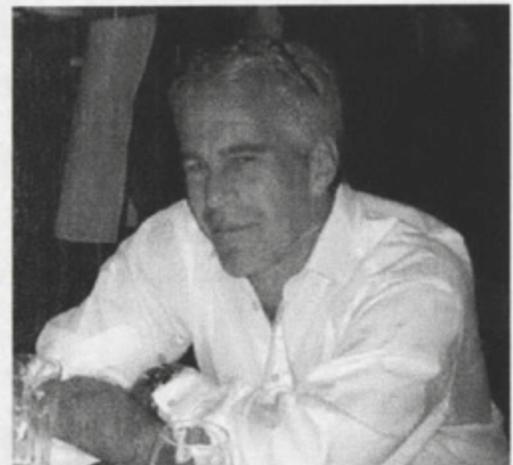
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Attorneys and publicists for Palm Beach financier Jeffrey Epstein went on the offensive Monday, contending that teenage girls who have accused Epstein of sexual shenanigans at his waterfront home are liars and saying that the Palm Beach Police Department is "childish."

"There never was any sex between Jeffrey Epstein and any underage women," his lead attorney, Jack Goldberger, said from Idaho where he was vacationing with his family.

Epstein did have young women come to his house to give him massages, Goldberger said. "Mr. Epstein absolutely insisted anybody who came to his house be over the age of 18. How he verified that, I don't know. The question is, did anything illegal occur. The law was not violated here."



He had no explanation as to why Epstein would pay girls or women with no massage training — as the alleged victims said was the case — \$200 to \$300 for their visits. "The credibility of these witnesses has been seriously questioned," Goldberger said.

Epstein, 53, was indicted by a county grand jury last month on a charge of felony solicitation of prostitution. After an 11-month investigation that included sifting through Epstein's trash and surveilling his home, Palm Beach police concluded there was enough evidence to charge him with sexual activity with minors. When the grand jury indicted Epstein on the less serious charge, Police Chief Michael Reiter referred the case to the FBI to determine whether there were federal law violations.

After a spate of stories about the case last week, New York publicist Dan Klores — whose client list has included Paris Hilton and Jennifer Lopez — said on Saturday that Epstein's camp was ready "to get their story out."

They did that Monday via Goldberger and a Los Angeles publicist for Miami criminal defense attorney

Roy Black, who also has represented Epstein in the case.

"We just think there has been a distorted view of this case in the media presented by the Palm Beach police," Goldberger said.

Reiter has consistently declined to comment on the case and did not respond to a request for comment Monday.

The implication that State Attorney Barry Krischer was easy on Epstein by presenting the case to a grand jury rather than filing charges directly against him is wrong, Goldberger said.

The Palm Beach Police Department was "happy and ecstatic" that the panel was going to review the evidence. "I think what happened is they weren't happy with the result. They decided to use the press to embarrass Mr. Epstein."

But records show that Reiter wrote Krischer on May 1 — well before the case went to the grand jury — suggesting that Krischer "consider if good and sufficient reason exists to require your disqualification from the prosecution of these cases."

Rather than flat-out decline to charge Epstein, Krischer referred the case to the grand jury to "appease" the chief, Goldberger said.

A state attorney's spokesman would say only that the office refers cases to the grand jury when there are issues with the viability of the evidence or witnesses' credibility.

Both the state attorney and the grand jury concluded there was not sufficient evidence that Epstein had sex with minors, according to Goldberger. "It was just a childish performance by the Palm Beach Police Department," Goldberger said.

The defense attorney said one of the alleged victims who claimed she was a minor was in fact over the age of 18. Another alleged victim who was subpoenaed to testify to the grand jury failed to do so. Epstein's accusers, he added, have histories of drug abuse and thefts. "These women are liars. We've established that."

But why would they all invent their stories about meeting Epstein for sexual massages?

"I don't have an answer as to what was the motivation for these women to come forward and make these allegations," Goldberger said.

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Police chief's reputation helps discredit attacks

By Larry Keller

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In the case of Palm Beach financier Jeffrey Epstein, it seems, at times, as if two men are accused of wrongdoing: Epstein and Palm Beach Police Chief Michael Reiter.

Epstein, 53, was indicted last month on a charge of felony solicitation of prostitution solely because of Reiter's "craziness," one of Epstein's lawyers said. His department disseminated "a distorted view of the case" and behaved in a "childish" manner when the grand jury didn't indict Epstein on the charges it sought, another Epstein lawyer complained.

To hear the Epstein camp tell it, Reiter, 48, is a loose cannon better suited to be the sheriff of Mayberry. They whisper that he's embroiled in a messy divorce.

Reiter did in fact file for divorce from his wife, (NAME REMOVED), last year, after 24 years of marriage. They have a son, 18, and a daughter, 14. The couple is scheduled to go to mediation next week, Aug. 16. Nothing in the court file suggests their split is particularly ugly.

Reiter incurred the wrath of the Epstein camp as well as the state attorney's office for two reasons. First, he pressed for Epstein to be charged with the more serious crimes of sexual activity with minors. Second, he slammed State Attorney Barry Krischer in blunt language seldom used by one law-enforcement official concerning another because of what he perceived as that office's mishandling of the case.

In a letter to Krischer written May 1, Reiter called his actions in the Epstein case "highly unusual." He added, "I must urge you to... consider if good and sufficient reason exists to require your disqualification from the prosecution of these cases."

In short, Reiter told the county's top prosecutor for the past 13 years that he ought to get off the case. "It looks like a departure from professionalism," Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle said of Reiter's letter.

Following Epstein's indictment, Reiter referred the case to the FBI to determine whether the super-rich, super-connected defendant had violated any federal laws.

Reiter won't discuss the case or the broadsides aimed at him. But others almost uniformly use one word to describe the chief: professional.

"I have always been impressed by Mike's professionalism and his leadership," said Rick Lincoln, chief of the Lantana Police Department and a Palm Beach County cop for 32 years.

"The town of Palm Beach has a very professional police department. We all consider Mike to be our peer and a man of integrity."

Juno Beach Police Chief H.C. Clark II agreed. Although he doesn't know Reiter well, he has met with him on countywide law enforcement issues. "I've never seen him lose his cool. I've never seen anything but a professional demeanor from him."

Reiter joined the Palm Beach Police Department in 1981, leaving a \$20,000-a-year patrol job at the University of Pittsburgh. His personnel jacket shows consistently excellent job evaluations.

Posh Palm Beach is no hotbed of crime, and in his first year on the job, a resident confined to his home with a sick child thanked Reiter for delivering a few Cokes to the house. Reiter refused payment for the

beverages. Another resident thanked Reiter for shutting off his car's headlights in his driveway, saying a valet must have been at fault.

Reiter worked everything from road patrol to organized crime, vice and narcotics. And he's no novice at investigations involving the island's rich and famous. He was the lead detective probing the drug overdose death of David Kennedy in 1984. He also was one of the officers who worked the investigation of William Kennedy Smith, who was charged in 1991 — and later acquitted — with raping a woman at the Kennedy family compound in Palm Beach.

Reiter, who has a master's degree in human resource development from Palm Beach Atlantic University, also has attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va., and management courses at Harvard. He's been active in countywide interagency law enforcement organizations and has a "top secret" national security clearance.

"He has a perspective that's broader than just addressing the needs of the town," said Town Manager Peter Elwell, who promoted Reiter from assistant chief to chief in March 2001. Reiter makes more than \$144,000 as the town's top cop. Elwell thinks he's worth it.

"He's very businesslike, very straightforward. He's not easily agitated or flamboyant. He's about the work," Elwell said. "I think that his service as chief has been outstanding in five-plus years."

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Jeffrey Epstein craved big homes, elite friends - and, investigators say, underage girls

By Andrew Marra

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WINGED GARGOYLES guarded the gate at Jeffrey Epstein's Palm Beach mansion. Inside, hidden cameras trolled two rooms, while the girls came and went.

For the police detectives who sifted through the garbage outside and kept records of visitors, it was the lair of a troubling target.

Epstein, one of the most mysterious of the country's mega-rich, was known as much for his secrecy as for his love of fine things: magnificent homes, private jets, beautiful women, friendships with the world's elite.

But at Palm Beach police headquarters, he was becoming known for something else: the regular arrival of teenage girls he hired to give him massages and, police say, perform sexual favors.

Epstein was different from most sexual abuse suspects; he was far more powerful. He counted among his friends former President Bill Clinton, Donald Trump and Prince Andrew, along with some of the most prominent legal, scientific and business minds in the country.

When detectives started asking questions and teenage girls started talking, a wave of legal resistance

followed.

If Palm Beach police didn't know quite who Jeffrey Epstein was, they found out soon enough.

Epstein, now 53, was a quintessential man of mystery. He amassed his fortune and friends quietly, always in the background as he navigated New York high society.

When he first attracted notice in the early 1990s, it was on account of the woman he was dating: Ghislaine Maxwell, daughter of the late British media tycoon Robert Maxwell.

In a lengthy article, headlined "The Mystery of Ghislaine Maxwell's Secret Love," the British Mail on Sunday tabloid laid out speculative stories that the socialite's beau was a CIA spook, a math teacher, a concert pianist or a corporate headhunter.

"But what is the truth about him?" the newspaper wondered. "Like Maxwell, Epstein is both flamboyant and intensely private."

The media frenzy did not begin in full until a decade later. In September 2002, Epstein was flung into the limelight when he flew Clinton and actors Kevin Spacey and Chris Tucker to Africa on his private jet.

Suddenly everyone wanted to know who Epstein was. New York magazine and Vanity Fair published lengthy profiles. The New York Post listed him as one of the city's most eligible bachelors and began describing him in its gossip columns with adjectives such as "mysterious" and "reclusive."

Although Epstein gave no interviews, the broad strokes of his past started to come into focus.

Building a life of extravagance

He was born blue-collar in 1953, the son of a New York City parks department employee, and raised in Brooklyn's Coney Island neighborhood. He left college without a bachelor's degree but became a math teacher at the prestigious Dalton School in Manhattan.

The story goes that the father of one of Epstein's students was so impressed with the man that he put him in touch with a senior partner at Bear Stearns, the global investment bank and securities firm.

In 1976, Epstein left Dalton for a job at Bear Stearns. By the early 1980s, he had started J. Epstein and Co. That is when he began making his millions in earnest.

Little is known or said about Epstein's business except this: He manages money for the extremely wealthy. He is said to handle accounts only of \$1 billion or greater.

It has been estimated he has roughly 15 clients, but their identities are the subject of only speculation. All except for one: Leslie Wexner, founder of The Limited retail chain and a former Palm Beacher who is said to have been a mentor to Epstein.

Wexner sold Epstein one of his most lavish residences: a massive townhouse that dominates a block on Manhattan's Upper East Side. It is reported to have, among its finer features, closed-circuit television and a heated sidewalk to melt away fallen snow.

That townhouse, thought to be the largest private residence in Manhattan, is only a piece of the extravagant world Epstein built over time.

In New Mexico, he constructed a 27,000-square-foot hilltop mansion on a 10,000-acre ranch outside Santa Fe. Many believed it to be the largest home in the state.

In Palm Beach, he bought a waterfront home on El Brillo Way. And he owns a 100-acre private island in the Virgin Islands.

Perhaps as remarkable as his lavish homes is his extensive network of friends and associates at the highest echelons of power. This includes not only socialites but also business tycoons, media moguls, politicians, royalty and Nobel Prize-winning scientists whose research he often funds.

"Just like other people collect art, he collects scientists," said Martin Nowak, who directs the Program for Evolutionary Dynamics at Harvard University and was reportedly the recipient of a \$30 million research donation from Epstein.

Epstein is said to have befriended former Harvard President Larry Summers, prominent law Professor Alan Dershowitz, Donald Trump and New York Daily News Publisher Mort Zuckerman.

And yet he managed for decades to maintain a low profile. He avoids eating out and was rarely photographed.

"The odd thing is I never met him," said Dominick Dunne, the famous chronicler of the trials and tribulations of the very rich. "I wasn't even aware of him," except for a Vanity Fair article.

Epstein's friendship with Clinton has attracted the most attention.

Epstein met Clinton as early as 1995, when he paid tens of thousands of dollars to join him at an intimate fund-raising dinner in Palm Beach. But from all appearances, they did not become close friends until after Clinton left the Oval Office and moved to New York.

Epstein has donated more than \$100,000 to Democratic candidates' campaigns, including John Kerry's presidential bid, the reelection campaign of New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson and the Senate bids of Joe Lieberman, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Christopher Dodd and Charles Schumer.

Powerful friends and enemies

A Vanity Fair profile found cracks in the veneer of Epstein's life story. The 2003 article said he left Bear Stearns in the wake of a federal probe and a possible Securities and Exchange Commission violation. It also pointed out that Citibank once sued him for defaulting on a \$20 million loan.

The article suggested that one of his business mentors and previous employers was Steven Hoffenberg, now serving a prison term after "bilking investors out of more than \$450 million in one of the largest Ponzi schemes in American history."

As he amassed his wealth, Epstein made enemies in disputes both large and small. He sued the man who in 1990 sold him his multimillion-dollar Palm Beach home over a dispute about less than \$16,000 in furnishings.

A former friend claimed Epstein backed out of a promise to reimburse him hundreds of thousands of dollars after their failed investment in Texas oil wells. A judge decided Epstein owed him nothing.

"It's a bad memory. I would rather not have ever met Jeffrey Epstein," said Michael Stroll, the retired former president of Williams Electronics and Sega Corp. "Suffice it to say I have nothing good to say about him."

Among the characteristics most attributed to Epstein is a penchant for women.

He has been linked to Maxwell, a fixture on the high-society party circuits in both New York and London. Previous girlfriends are said to include a former Ms. Sweden and a Romanian model.

"He's a lot of fun to be with," Donald Trump told New York magazine in 2002. "It is even said that he likes beautiful women as much as I do, and many of them are on the younger side. No doubt about it, Jeffrey enjoys his social life."

Investigation leads to Epstein

Although he was not a frequenter of the Palm Beach social scene, he made his presence felt. Among his charitable donations, he gave \$90,000 to the Palm Beach Police Department and \$100,000 to Ballet Florida.

In Palm Beach, he lived in luxury. Three black Mercedes sat in his garage, alongside a green Harley-Davidson. His jet waited at a hangar at Palm Beach International Airport. At home, a private chef and a small staff stood at the ready. From a window in his mansion, he could look out on the Intracoastal Waterway and the West Palm Beach skyline. He seemed to be a man who had everything.

But extraordinary wealth can fuel extraordinary desires.

In March 2005, a worried mother contacted Palm Beach police. She said another parent had overheard a conversation between their children.

Now the mother was afraid her 14-year-old daughter had been molested by a man on the island.

The phone call triggered an extensive investigation, one that would lead detectives to Epstein but leave them frustrated.

Palm Beach police and the state attorney's office have declined to discuss the case. But a Palm Beach police report detailing the criminal probe offers a window into what detectives faced as they sought to close in on Epstein.

Detectives interviewed the girl, who told them a friend had invited her to a rich man's house to perform a massage. She said the friend told her to say she was 18 if asked. At the house, she said she was paid \$300 after stripping to her panties and massaging the man while he masturbated.

Police interview 5 alleged victims

The investigation began in full after the girl identified Epstein in a photo as the man who had paid her. Police arranged for garbage trucks to set aside Epstein's trash so police could sift through it. They set up a video camera to record the comings and goings at his home. They monitored an airport hangar for

signs of his private jet's arrivals and departures.

They quickly learned that the woman who took the 14-year-old girl to Epstein's house was [REDACTED], a [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]. In a sworn statement at police headquarters, [REDACTED], then 18, admitted she had taken at least six girls to visit Epstein, all between the ages of 14 and 16. Epstein paid her for each visit, she said.

During the drive back to her house, [REDACTED] told detectives, "I'm like a Heidi Fleiss."

Police interviewed five alleged victims and 17 witnesses. Their report shows some of the girls said they had been instructed to have sex with another woman in front of Epstein, and one said she had direct intercourse with him.

In October, police searched the Palm Beach mansion. They discovered photos of naked, young-looking females, just as several of the girls had described in interviews. Hidden cameras were found in the garage area and inside a clock on Epstein's desk, alongside a girl's high school transcript.

Two of Epstein's former employees told investigators that young-looking girls showed up to perform massages two or three times a day when Epstein was in town.

They said the girls were permitted many indulgences. A chef cooked for them. Workers gave them rides and handed out hundreds of dollars at a time.

One employee told detectives he was told to send a dozen roses to one teenage girl after a high school drama performance. Others were given rental cars. One, according to police, received a \$200 Christmas bonus.

The cops moved to cement their case. But as they tried to tighten the noose, they encountered other forces at work.

In Orlando they interviewed a possible victim who told them nothing inappropriate had happened between her and Epstein. They asked her whether she had spoken to anyone else. She said yes, a private investigator had asked her the same questions.

When they subpoenaed one of Epstein's former employees, he told them the same thing. He and a private eye had met at a restaurant days earlier to go over what the man would tell investigators.

Detectives received complaints that private eyes were posing as police officers. When they told Epstein's local attorney, Guy Fronstin, he said the investigators worked for Roy Black, the high-powered Miami lawyer who has defended the likes of Rush Limbaugh and William Kennedy Smith.

While the private eyes were conducting a parallel investigation, Dershowitz, the Harvard law professor, traveled to West Palm Beach with information about the girls. From their own profiles on the popular Web site MySpace.com, he obtained copies of their discussions about their use of alcohol and marijuana.

He took his research to a meeting with prosecutors in early 2006, where he sought to cast doubt on the teens' reliability.

The private eyes had dug up enough dirt on the girls to make prosecutors skeptical. Not only did some

of the girls have issues with drugs or alcohol but also some had criminal records and other troubles, Epstein's legal team claimed. And at least one of them, they said, lied when she told police she was younger than 18 when she started performing massages for Epstein.

After the meeting, prosecutors postponed their decision to take the case to a grand jury.

In the following weeks, police received complaints that two of the victims or their families had been harassed or threatened. Epstein's legal team maintains that its private investigators did nothing illegal or unethical during their research.

By then, relations between police and prosecutors were fraying. At a key meeting with prosecutors and the defense, Detective [REDACTED], the lead investigator, was a no-show, according to Epstein's attorney.

"The embarrassment on the prosecutor's face was evident when the police officer never showed up for the meeting," attorney Jack Goldberger said.

Later in April, [REDACTED] walked into a prosecutor's office at the state attorney's office and learned the case was taking an unexpected turn.

The prosecutor, Lanna Belohlavek, told [REDACTED] the state attorney's office had offered Epstein a plea deal that would not require him to serve jail time or receive a felony conviction.

[REDACTED] told her he disapproved of the plea offer.

The deal never came to pass, however.

Future unclear after charge

On May 1, the department asked prosecutors to approve warrants to arrest Epstein on four counts of unlawful sexual activity with a minor and to charge his personal assistant, [REDACTED], now 27, for her alleged role in arranging the visits. Police officials also wanted to charge [REDACTED] the self-described Heidi Fleiss, with lewd and lascivious acts.

By then, the department was frustrated with the way the state attorney's office had handled the case. On the same day the warrants were requested, Palm Beach Police Chief Michael Reiter wrote a letter to State Attorney Barry Krischer suggesting he disqualify himself from the case if he would not act.

Two weeks later, [REDACTED] was told that prosecutors had decided once again to take the case to the grand jury.

It is not known how many of the girls testified before the grand jury. But Epstein's defense team said one girl who was subpoenaed — the one who said she had sexual intercourse with Epstein — never showed up.

The grand jury's indictment was handed down in July. It was not the one the police department had wanted.

Instead of being slapped with a charge of unlawful sexual activity with a minor, Epstein was charged with one count of felony solicitation of prostitution, which carries a maximum penalty of five years in

prison. He was booked into the Palm Beach County Jail early July 23 and released hours later.

Epstein's legal team "doesn't dispute that he had girls over for massages," Goldberger said. But he said their claims that they had sexual encounters with him lack credibility.

"They are incapable of being believed," he said. "They had criminal records. They had accusations of theft made against them by their employers. There was evidence of drug use by some of them."

What remains for Epstein is yet to be seen.

The Palm Beach Police Department has asked the FBI to investigate the case. It also has returned the \$90,000 Epstein donated in 2004.

In New York, candidates for governor and state attorney general have vowed to return a total of at least \$60,000 in campaign contributions from Epstein. Meanwhile, Epstein's powerful friends have remained silent as tabloids and Internet blogs feast on the public details of the police investigation.

Goldberger maintains Epstein's innocence but says the legal team has not ruled out a future plea deal. He insists Epstein will emerge in the end with his reputation untarnished.

"He will recover from this," he said.

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Governor to dump cash from billionaire

By Steve Terrell

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Gov. Bill Richardson plans to donate money he received from a billionaire financier recently indicted in Florida on felony charges of soliciting prostitutes.

Jeffrey Epstein, who owns a 26,700-square-foot hilltop mansion in southern Santa Fe County, allegedly had sex with five teenagers as young as 14 in his Palm Beach home after luring them to give him massages.

Epstein, 53, insists he is innocent and blames his indictment on an overzealous police chief, according to a recent story in the Palm Beach Post.

According to a police affidavit, he paid the girls between \$200 and \$1,000 each.

Epstein -- who also has addresses in New York and the Virgin Islands -- gave thousands to New Mexico political candidates. According to state campaign contribution reports, Epstein gave \$50,000 for Gov. Bill Richardson's 2002 campaign and, under the name of one of his companies, The Zorro Trust, another \$50,000 to Richardson's re-election campaign this year.

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\$15,000 to attorney general candidate Gary King.

\$10,000 to state land commissioner candidate Jim Baca.

\$2,000 to Santa Fe County Sheriff Greg Solano.

Richardson's campaign manager Amanda Cooper said Tuesday that the campaign would donate the money from the Zorro Trust to charities around the state.

His campaign did the same thing with more than \$44,000 it received from Albuquerque investor Guy Riordan after Riordan was implicated in the state treasurer scandal. Riordan never has been charged with a crime.

King said Tuesday that "to avoid any appearance of impropriety," he plans to return the \$15,000 to Epstein.

"I don't think I've ever met him personally," King said. "He knows other members of my family better."

Epstein bought his 10,000-acre Zorro Ranch in Stanley from King's father, former Gov. Bruce King in 1993.

Baca also said he never met Epstein in person. "He mailed me the check," he said. "I took the money in good faith." Baca said he'll discuss with his campaign treasurer whether to return the donation.

Solano said he's not in a position to return his Epstein donation. "I was \$2,500 in debt after the primary," the sheriff said. "There isn't any to return."

New Mexico Democrats aren't the only politicians to whom Epstein has contributed. According to the Institute of Money in State Politics, he's also given \$50,000 to New York gubernatorial candidate Eliot Spitzer.

He also was a contributor and friend to former President Clinton.

According to the Palm Beach Post, "In September 2002, Epstein was flung into the limelight when he flew Clinton and actors Kevin Spacey and Chris Tucker to Africa on his private jet."

The same article said Epstein "enjoys friendships with New York developer Donald Trump and England's Prince Andrew."

In addition to his massive home in Stanley -- reportedly the largest home in New Mexico -- the Zorro Ranch has an airplane hangar, airstrip and several other structures.

In 2001, Epstein sued Santa Fe County, claiming the county assessor overcharged him in property taxes. The suit claimed the Zorro Ranch was worth only \$30 million, not \$33 million, as it was assessed. Epstein asked for a refund of more than \$20,000. Epstein and the county settled the case before it went to trial.

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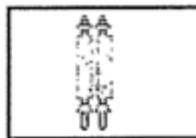
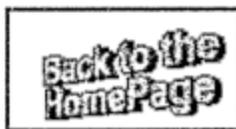
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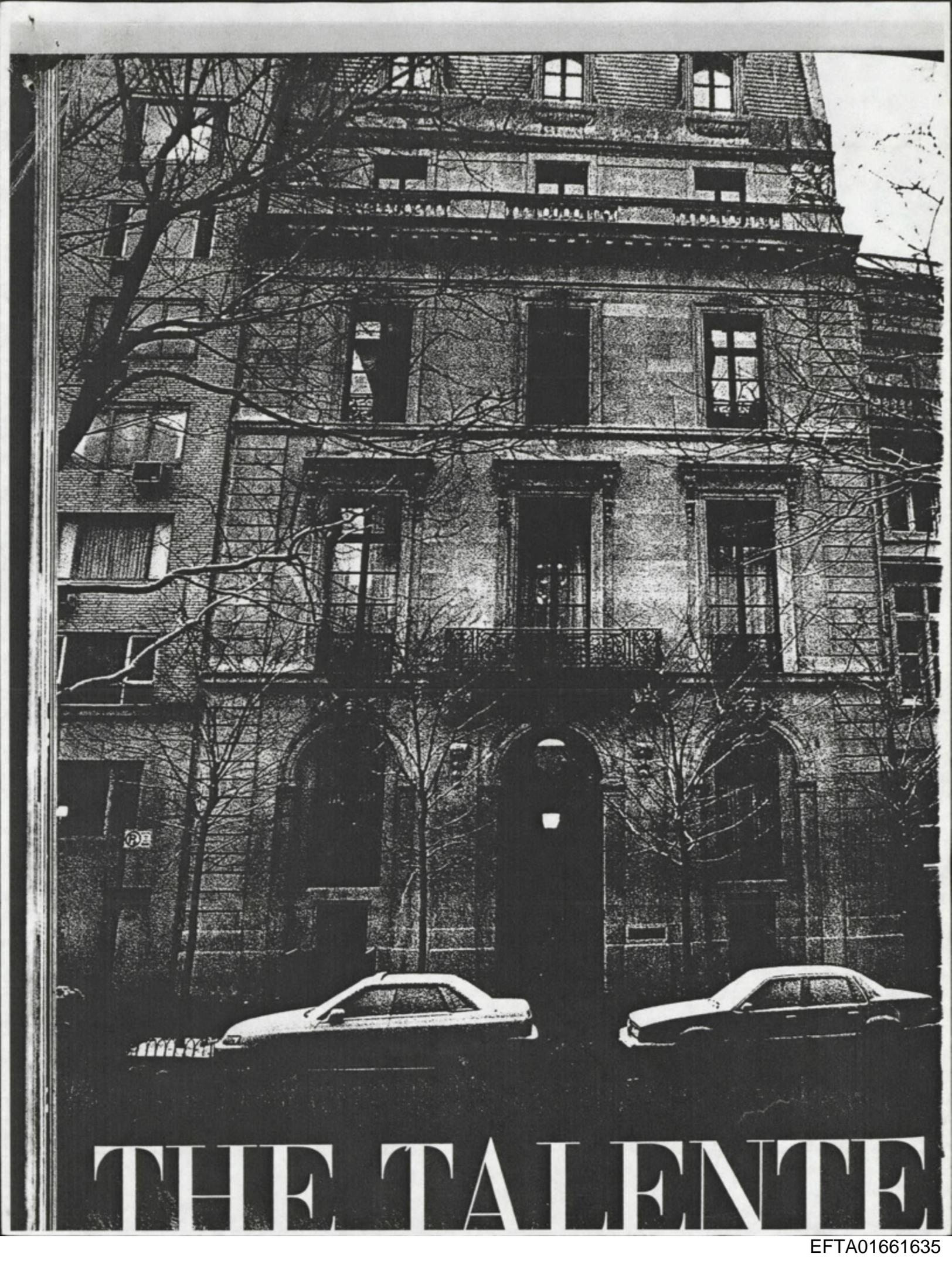


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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

--Margaret Mead

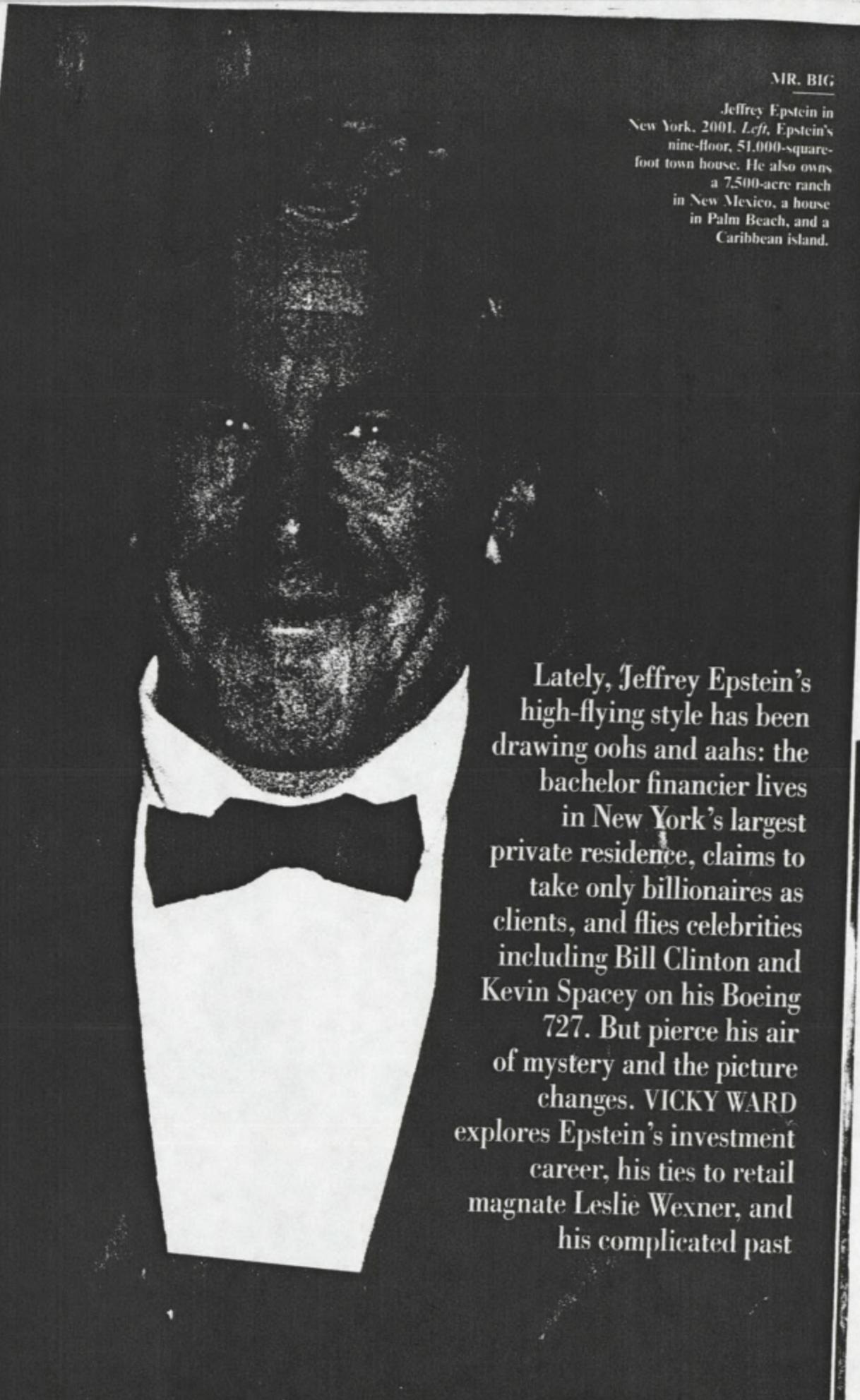
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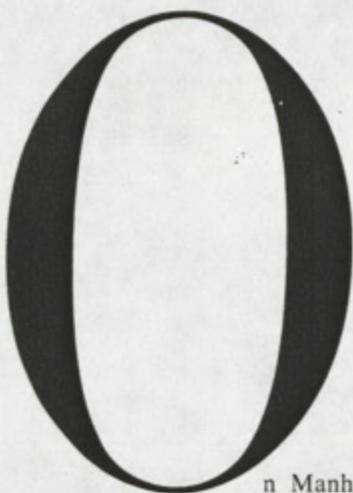
THE TALENTE

MIR. BIG

Jeffrey Epstein in New York, 2001. *Left*, Epstein's nine-floor, 51,000-square-foot town house. He also owns a 7,500-acre ranch in New Mexico, a house in Palm Beach, and a Caribbean island.



Lately, Jeffrey Epstein's high-flying style has been drawing oohs and aahs: the bachelor financier lives in New York's largest private residence, claims to take only billionaires as clients, and flies celebrities including Bill Clinton and Kevin Spacey on his Boeing 727. But pierce his air of mystery and the picture changes. VICKY WARD explores Epstein's investment career, his ties to retail magnate Leslie Wexner, and his complicated past



On Manhattan's Upper East Side, home to some of the most expensive real estate on earth, exists the crown jewel of the city's residential town houses. With its 15-foot-high oak door, huge arched windows, and nine floors, it sits on—or rather, commands—the block of 71st Street between Fifth and Madison Avenues. Almost ludicrously out of proportion with its four- and five-story neighbors, it seems more like an institution than a house. This is perhaps not surprising—until 1989 it was the Birch Wathen private school. Now it is said to be Manhattan's largest private residence.

Inside, amid the flurry of menservants attired in sober black suits and pristine white gloves, you feel you have stumbled into someone's private Xanadu. This is no mere rich person's home, but a high-walled, eclectic, imperious fantasy that seems to have no boundaries.

The entrance hall is decorated not with paintings but with row upon row of individually framed eyeballs: these, the owner tells people with relish, were imported from England, where they were made for injured soldiers. Next comes a marble foyer, which does have a painting, in the manner of Jean Dubuffet . . . but the host coyly refuses to tell visitors who painted it. In any case, guests are like pygmies next to the nearby twice-life-size sculpture of a naked African warrior.

Despite its eccentricity the house is curiously impersonal, the statement of someone who wants to be known for the scale of his possessions. Its occupant, financier Jeffrey Epstein, 50, admits to friends that he likes it when people think of him this way. A good-looking man, resembling Ralph Lauren, with thick gray-white hair and a weathered face, he usually dresses in jeans, knit shirts, and loafers. He tells people he bought the house because he knew he "could never live anywhere bigger." He thinks 51,000 square feet is an appropriately large space for someone like himself, who deals mostly in large concepts—especially large sums of money.

Guests are invited to lunch or dinner at the town house—Epstein usually refers to the former as "tea," since he likes to eat bite-size morsels and drink copious quantities of Earl Grey. (He does not touch alcohol or tobacco.) Tea is served in the "leather room," so called because of the cordovan-colored fabric on the walls. The chairs are covered in a leopard print, and on the wall hangs a huge, Oriental fantasy of a woman holding an opium pipe and caressing a snarling lionskin. Under her gaze, plates of finger sandwiches are delivered to Epstein and guests by the menservants in white gloves.

Upstairs, to the right of a spiral staircase, is the "office," an enormous gallery spanning the width of the house. Strangely, it holds no computer. Computers belong in the "computer room" (a smaller room at the back of the house). Epstein has been known to say. The office features a gilded desk (which Epstein tells people belonged to banker J. P. Morgan), 18th-century black lacquered Portuguese cabinets, and a nine-foot ebony Steinway "D" grand. On the desk, a paperback copy of the Marquis de Sade's *The Misfortunes of Virtue* was recently spotted. Covering the floor, Epstein has explained, "is the largest Persian rug you'll ever see in a private home—so big, it must have come from a mosque." Amid such splendor, much of which reflects the work of the French decorator Alberto Pinto, who has worked for Jacques Chirac and the royal families of Jordan and Saudi Arabia, there is one particularly startling oddity: a stuffed black poodle, standing atop the grand piano. "No decorator would ever tell you to do that," Epstein brags to visitors. "But I want people to think what it means to stuff a dog." People can't help but feel it's Epstein's way of saying that he always has the last word.

In addition to the town house, Epstein lives in what is reputed to be the largest private dwelling in New Mexico, on an \$18 million, 7,500-acre ranch which he named "Zorro." "It makes the town house look like a shack," Epstein has said. He also owns Little St. James, a 70-acre island in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where the main house is currently being renovated by Edward Tuttle, a designer of the Amanresorts. There is also a \$6.8 million house in Palm Beach, Florida, and a fleet of aircraft: a Gulfstream IV, a helicopter, and a Boeing 727, replete with trading room, on which Epstein recently flew President Clinton, actors Chris Tucker and Kevin Spacey, supermarket magnate Ron Burkle, Lew Wasserman's grandson, Casey Wasserman, and a few others, on a mission to explore the problems of AIDS and economic development in Africa.

Epstein is charming, but he doesn't let

the charm slip into his eyes. They are steely and calculating, giving some hint at the steady whirl of machinery running behind them. "Let's play chess," he said to me, after refusing to give an interview for this article. "You be white. You get the first move." It was an appropriate metaphor for a man who seems to feel he can win no matter what the advantage of the other side. His advantage is that no one really seems to know him or his history completely or what his arsenal actually consists of. He has carefully engineered it so that he remains one of the few truly baffling mysteries among New York's moneyed world. People know snippets, but few know the whole.

"He's very enigmatic," says Rosa Monckton, the former C.E.O. of Tiffany & Co. in the U.K. and a close friend since the early 1980s. "You think you know him and then you peel off another ring of the onion skin and there's something else extraordinary underneath. He never reveals his hand. . . . He's a classic iceberg. What you see is not what you get."

Even acquaintances sense a curious dichotomy: Yes, he lives like a "modern maharaja," as Leah Kleman, one of his art dealers, puts it. Yet he is fastidiously, almost obsessively private—he lists himself in the phone book under a pseudonym. He rarely attends society gatherings or weddings or funerals; he considers eating in restaurants like "eating on the subway"—i.e., something he'd never do. There are many women in his life, mostly young, but there is no one of them to whom he has been able to commit. He describes his most public companion of the last decade, Ghislaine Maxwell, 41, the daughter of the late, disgraced media baron Robert Maxwell, as simply his "best friend." He says she is not on his payroll, but she seems to organize much of his life—recently she was making telephone inquiries to find a California-based yoga instructor for him. (Epstein is still close to his two other long-term girlfriends, Paula Heil Fisher, a former associate of his at the brokerage firm Bear Stearns and now an opera producer, and Eva Andersson Dubin, a doctor and onetime model. He tells people that when a relationship is over the girlfriend "moves up, not down," to friendship status.)

Some of the businessmen who dine with him at his home—they include newspaper publisher Mort Zuckerman, banker Louis Ranieri, Revlon chairman Ronald Perelman, real-estate tycoon Leon Black, former Microsoft executive Nathan Myhrvold, Tom Pritzker (of Hyatt Hotels), and real-estate

personality Donald Trump—sometimes seem not all that clear as to what he actually does to earn his millions. Certainly, you won't find Epstein's transactions written about on Bloomberg or talked about in the trading rooms. "The trading desks don't seem to know him. It's unusual for animals *that* big not to leave any footprints in the snow," says a high-level investment manager.

Unlike such fund managers as George Soros and Stanley Druckenmiller, whose client lists and stock maneuverings act as their calling cards, Epstein keeps all his deals and clients secret, bar one client: billionaire Leslie Wexner, the respected chairman of Limited Brands. Epstein insists that ever since he left Bear Stearns in 1981 he has managed money only for billionaires—who depend on him for discretion. "I was the only person crazy enough, or arrogant enough, or misplaced enough, to make my limit a billion dollars or more," he tells people freely. According to him, the flat fees he receives from his clients, combined with his skill at playing the currency markets "with very large sums of money," have afforded him the lifestyle he enjoys today.

Why do billionaires choose him as their trustee? Because the problems of the mega-rich, he tells people, are different from yours and mine, and his unique philosophy is central to understanding those problems: "Very few people need any more money when they have a billion dollars. The key is not to have it do harm more than anything else. . . . You don't want to lose your money."

He has likened his job to that of an architect—more specifically, one who specializes in remodeling: "I always describe [a billionaire] as someone who started out in a small home and as he became wealthier had additions. He added on another addition, he built a room over the garage . . . until you have a house that is usually a mess. . . . It's a large house that has been put together over time where no one could foretell the financial future: and their accompanying needs."

He makes it sound as though his job combines the roles of real-estate agent, accountant, lawyer, money manager, trustee, and confidant. But, as with Jay Gatsby, myths and rumor swirl around Epstein.

Here are some of the hard facts about Epstein—ones that he doesn't mind people knowing: He grew up middle-class in

park department. His parents viewed education as "the way out" for him and his younger brother, Mark, now working in real estate. Jeffrey started to play the piano—for which he maintains a passion—at five, and he went to Brooklyn's Lafayette High School. He was good at mathematics, and in his early 20s he got a job teaching physics and math at Dalton, the elite Manhattan private school. While there he began tutoring the son of Bear Stearns chairman Ace Greenberg and was friendly with a daughter of Greenberg's. Soon he went to Bear Stearns, where, under the mentorship of both Greenberg and current Bear Stearns C.E.O. James Cayne, he did well enough to become a limited partner—a rung beneath full partner. He abruptly departed in 1981 because, he has said, he wanted to run his own business.

Thereafter the details recede into shadow. A few of the handful of current friends who have known him

"You think you know him and then you peel off another ring of the onion."



UNREAL ESTATE

From top: the "leather room" in Epstein's house, where "tea" is served to guests; Epstein at his Zorro ranch in 1991 with his "best friend," Ghislaine Maxwell; Epstein in 1979.

"bounty hunter," recovering lost or stolen money for the government or for very rich people. He has a license to carry a firearm. For the last 15 years, he's been running his business, J. Epstein & Co.

Since Leslie Wexner appeared in his life—Epstein has said this was in 1986; others say it was in 1989, at the earliest—he has gradually, in a way that has not generally made headlines, come to be accepted by the Establishment. He's a member of various commissions and councils: he is on the Trilateral Commission, the Council on Foreign Relations, the New York Academy of Sciences, and the Institute of International Education.

His current fan club extends to Cayne



"Jeffrey [knows] when he is winning.... He will let you choose your weapon," says Wexner.

SPOILS OF SUCCESS

From top: Epstein's 70-acre island, Little St. James, in the U.S. Virgin Islands—he now calls it Little St. Jeff; Epstein with President Clinton in Brunei, 2002; Leslie Wexner with his future wife, Abigail, at the 1990 C.F.D.A. Fashion Awards, in New York, 1991.



Larry Summers, Harvard's current president. Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz says, "I'm on my 20th book. . . . The only person outside of my immediate family that I send drafts to is Jeffrey." Real-estate developer and philanthropist Marshall Rose, who has worked with Epstein on projects in New Albany, Ohio, for Wexner, says, "He digests and decodes the information very rapidly, which is to me terrific because we have shorter meetings."

Also on the list of admirers are former senator George Mitchell and a gaggle of distinguished scientists, most of whom Epstein has helped fund in recent years. They include Nobel Prize winners Gerald

Epstein, and he's under the impression that Epstein's clients include the Queen of England. Both Nowak and Dershowitz were thrilled to find themselves shaking the hand of a man named "Andrew" in Epstein's house. "Andrew" turned out to be Prince Andrew, who subsequently arranged to sit in the back of Dershowitz's law class.

Epstein gets annoyed when anyone suggests that Wexner "made him." "I had really rich clients before," he has said. Yet he does not deny that he and Wexner have a special relationship. Epstein sees it as a partnership of equals. "People have said it's like we have one brain between two of us: each has a side."

Edelman and Murray Gell-Mann, and mathematical biologist Martin Nowak. When these men describe Epstein, they talk about "energy" and "curiosity," as well as a love for theoretical physics that they don't ordinarily find in laymen. Gell-Mann rather sweetly mentions that "there are always pretty ladies around" when he goes to dinner *chez*

"I think we both possess the skill of seeing patterns," says Wexner. "But Jeffrey sees patterns in politics and financial markets, and I see patterns in lifestyle and fashion trends. My skills are not in investment strategy, and, as everyone who knows Jeffrey knows, his are not in fashion and design. We frequently discuss world trends as each of us sees them."

By the time Epstein met Wexner, the latter was a retail legend who had built a \$3 billion empire—one that now includes Victoria's Secret, Express, and Bath & Body Works—from \$5,000 lent him by his aunt. "Wexner saw in Jeffrey the type of person who had the potential to realize his [Jeffrey's] dreams," says someone who has worked closely with both men. "He gave Jeffrey the ball, and Jeffrey hit it out of the park." Wexner, through a trust, bought the town house in which Epstein now lives for a reported \$13.2 million in 1989. In 1993, Wexner married Abigail Koppel, a 31-year-old lawyer, and the newlyweds relocated to Ohio: in 1996, Epstein moved into the town house. Public

documents suggest that the house is still owned by the trust that bought it, but Epstein has said that he now owns the house.

Wexner trusts Epstein so completely that he has assigned him the power of fiduciary over all of his private trusts and foundations, says a source close to Wexner. In 1992, Epstein even persuaded Wexner to put him on the board of the Wexner Foundation in place of Wexner's ailing mother. Bella Wexner recovered and demanded to be reinstated. Epstein has said they settled by splitting the foundation in two.

Epstein does not care that he comes between family members. In fact, he sees it as his job. He tells people, "I am there to represent my client, and if my client needs protecting—sometimes even from his own family—then it's often better that people hate me, not the client."

"You've probably heard I'm vicious in my representation of my clients," he tells people proudly; Leah Kleman describes his haggling over art prices as something like a scene out of the movie *Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome*. Even a former mentor says he's seen "the dark side" of Epstein, and a Bear Stearns source recalls a meeting in which Epstein chewed out a team making a presentation for Wexner as

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being so brutal as to be "irresponsible."

One reporter, in fact, received three threats from Epstein while preparing a piece. They were delivered in a jocular tone, but the message was clear: There will be trouble for your family if I don't like the article.

On the other hand, Epstein is clearly very generous with friends. Joe Pagano, an Aspen-based venture capitalist, who has known Epstein since before his Bear Stearns days, can't say enough nice things: "I have a boy who's dyslexic, and Jeffrey's gotten close to him over the years. . . . Jeffrey got him into music. He bought him his first piano. And then as he got to school he had difficulty . . . in studying . . . so Jeffrey got him interested in taking flying lessons."

Rosa Monckton recalls Epstein telling her that her daughter, Domenica, who suffers from Down syndrome, needed the sun, and that Rosa should feel free to bring her to his house in Palm Beach anytime.

Some friends remember that in the late 80s Epstein would offer to upgrade the airline tickets of good friends by affixing first-class stickers: the only problem was that the stickers turned out to be unofficial. Sometimes the technique worked, but other times it didn't, and the unwitting recipients found themselves exiled to coach. (Epstein has claimed that he paid for the upgrades, and had no knowledge of the stickers.) Many of those who benefited from Epstein's largesse claim that his generosity comes with no strings attached. "I never felt he wanted anything from me in return," says one old friend, who received a first-class upgrade.

Epstein is known about town as a man who loves women—lots of them, mostly young. Model types have been heard saying they are full of gratitude to Epstein for flying them around, and he is a familiar face to many of the Victoria's Secret girls. One young woman recalls being summoned by Ghislaine Maxwell to a concert at Epstein's town house, where the women seemed to outnumber the men by far. "These were not women you'd see at Upper East Side dinners," the woman recalls. "Many seemed foreign and dressed a little bizarrely." This same guest also attended a cocktail party thrown by Maxwell that Prince Andrew attended, which was filled, she says, with young Russian models. "Some of the guests were horrified," the woman says.

"He's reckless," says a former business associate, "and he's gotten more so. Money does that to you. He's breaking the oath he made to himself—that he would never do anything that would expose him in the

media. Right now, in the wake of the publicity following his trip with Clinton, he must be in a very difficult place."

According to S.E.C. and other legal documents unearthed by *Vanity Fair*, Epstein may have good reason to keep his past cloaked in secrecy: his real mentor, it might seem, was not Leslie Wexner but Steven Jude Hoffenberg, 57, who, for a few months before the S.E.C. sued to freeze his assets in 1993, was trying to buy the *New York Post*. He is currently incarcerated in the Federal Medical Center in Devens, Massachusetts, serving a 20-year sentence for bilking investors out of more than \$450 million in one of the largest Ponzi schemes in American history.

When Epstein met Hoffenberg in London in the 1980s, the latter was the charismatic, audacious head of the Towers Financial Corporation, a collection agency that was supposed to buy debts that people owed to hospitals, banks, and phone companies. But Hoffenberg began using company funds to pay off earlier investors and service a lavish lifestyle that included a mansion on Long Island, homes on Manhattan's Sutton Place and in Florida, and a fleet of cars and planes.

Hoffenberg and Epstein had much in common. Both were smart and obsessed with making money. Both were from Brooklyn. According to Hoffenberg, the two men were introduced by Douglas Leese, a defense contractor. Epstein has said they were introduced by John Mitchell, the late attorney general.

Epstein had been running International Assets Group Inc. (I.A.G.), a consulting company, out of his apartment in the Solo building on East 66th Street in New York. Though he has claimed that he managed money for billionaires only, in a 1989 deposition he testified that he spent 80 percent of his time helping people recover stolen money from fraudulent brokers and lawyers. He was also not above entering into risky, tax-sheltered oil and gas deals with much smaller investors. A lawsuit that Michael Stroll, the former head of Williams Electronics Inc., filed against Epstein shows that in 1982 I.A.G. received an investment from Stroll of \$450,000, which Epstein put into oil. In 1984, Stroll asked for his money back; four years later he had received only \$10,000. Stroll lost the suit, after Epstein claimed in court, among other things, that the check for \$10,000 was for a horse he'd bought from Stroll. "My net worth never exceeded four and a half million dollars," Stroll has said.

Hoffenberg, says a close friend, "really liked Jeffrey. . . . Jeffrey has a way of getting under your skin, and he was under Hoffenberg's." Also appealing to Hoffenberg were Epstein's social connections; they included oil mogul Cece Wang (father of the designer Vera) and Mohan Murjani, whose clothing company grew into Gloria Vanderbilt Jeans. Epstein lived large even then. One friend recalls that when he took Canadian heiress Wendy Belzberg on a date he hired a Rolls-Royce especially for the occasion. (Epstein has claimed he owned it.)

In 1987, Hoffenberg, according to sources, set Epstein up in the offices he still occupies in the Villard House, on Madison Avenue, across a courtyard from the restaurant Le Cirque. Hoffenberg hired his new protégé as a consultant at \$25,000 a month, and the relationship flourished. "They traveled everywhere together—on Hoffenberg's plane, all around the world, they were always together," says a source. Hoffenberg has claimed that Epstein confided in him, saying, for example, that he had left Bear Stearns in 1981 after he was discovered executing "illegal operations."

Several of Epstein's Bear Stearns contemporaries recall that Epstein left the company very suddenly. Within the company there were rumors also that he was involved in a technical infringement, and it was thought that the executive committee asked that he resign after his two supporters, Ace Greenberg and Jimmy Cayne, were outnumbered. Greenberg says he can't recall this; Cayne denies it happened, and Epstein has denied it as well. "Jeffrey Epstein left Bear Stearns of his own volition," says Cayne. "It was never suggested that he leave by any member of management, and management never looked into any improprieties by him. Jeffrey said specifically, 'I don't want to work for anybody else. I want to work for myself.'" Yet, this is not the story that Epstein told to the S.E.C. in 1981 and to lawyers in a 1989 deposition involving a civil business case in Philadelphia.

In 1981 the S.E.C.'s Jonathan Harris and Robert Blackburn took Epstein's testimony and that of other Bear Stearns employees in part of what became a protracted case about insider trading around a tender offer placed on March 11, 1981, by the Seagram Company Ltd. for St. Joe Minerals Corp. Ultimately several Italian and Swiss investors were found guilty, including Italian financier Giuseppe Tome, who had used his relationship with Seagram owner Edgar Bronfman Sr. to obtain information about the tender offer.

After the tender offer was announced, the S.E.C. began investigating trades involving St. Joe at CONTINUED ON PAGE 143

contains a parody of Affleck and Matt Damon making *Good Will Hunting II*, Affleck says to Damon, "What do I keep telling you? You gotta do the safe picture, then you do the art picture. Then sometimes you gotta do the payback picture because your friend says you owe him. Then sometimes you gotta go back to the well."

"Sometimes you do *Reindeer Games*," Damon says derisively.

"That's just mean," Affleck whines.

But it's a pretty accurate description of his career to date. "Ben takes these franchise properties so he can go and experiment," says Harvey Weinstein.

"He believes in trying to stretch himself and not keep doing the same thing," observes Bruce Willis, who starred with Affleck in *Armageddon*. "He's an awesome actor, and I think he's going to do great things."

Several years ago, in a televised interview on *Inside the Actors Studio*, Affleck said that his goal was to make big commercial movies. He has since revised his ambitions. "That's an adolescent aspiration, in a way. I'd rather be in movies like *Magnolia*, which I think is a towering achievement. I'll continue to act, but I won't act in a way that requires me to hang my name out there and do a lot of publicity. I'll do character roles and focus on writing and directing. It doesn't require the same kinds of sacrifice, in terms of quality of life and personal life, and it's a more holistic approach to the process. It's become increasingly frustrating for me to have my role in the storytelling process limited to one character. You have to be respectful and judicious about

your input when it's somebody else's project."

Affleck has always impressed colleagues with his voracious appetite for information and skills. "He has made it a point to learn everything he can about how the business works—not just the craft of acting, but from the producing standpoint, from the studio standpoint," says Jon Gordon, executive vice president of production at Miramax. "He knows how deals work. It's what sets him apart. If he wanted to run a studio at some point, he could. He's about as sharp as they come."

Affleck is already juggling his acting with screenwriting and such other commitments as Project Greenlight, the contest he and Damon started to help launch the careers of young filmmakers. Affleck's friends are certain he'll be directing soon. "There's no question," Weinstein says. "Both he and Matt. I think they're going to rewrite the rules. These guys can fix anything. There'll be home runs in both instances."

But there are other thoughts tickling the back of Affleck's mind as well. A passionate liberal, he campaigned for Al Gore, cares deeply about political issues, and is extremely well informed. He entertains himself by writing imaginary political speeches in his head. He would rather discuss AIDS in Africa than his movie career.

When Lopez goes to Affleck's mother's house for dinner, Weinstein reports. "J.Lo told me that the conversation at the table is always about politics—about government initiatives, educational initiatives, what's going on in the day."

So is Affleck planning to become the liberals' answer to Ronald Reagan? He admits that he entertains the thought of someday running for Congress, at least: "I think there's a real nobility to public service. It would be fun to run on a platform I really believed in, without any of the kind of compromises people make—without being beholden to the win-at-all-costs mentality."

And the invasion of privacy would be nothing new. "What are you going to say about me that hasn't already been said? I don't cheat, I don't drink, I don't do drugs. I live a clean life," Affleck says, his eyes twinkling.

"He's only 30 years old," says Jennifer Todd, who co-produced *Boiler Room*. "He still has an enormous amount of time to do things."

Time, and drive. "I think he's incredibly hungry," says Sean Bailey, who founded the media and production company LivePlanet with Affleck, Damon, and Chris Moore. "I think the guy has very grand aspirations. I don't think he's going to be content with just being a movie star. He knows he has the potential to do very big things."

Such ambitions could be derailed by any number of miscalculations, including a private life that generates too many sensational headlines, but Affleck has a clear idea of the ultimate goal. "On my deathbed, I have to be one who looks back and feels I lived a good and substantial and meaningful life," he says.

In the meantime, however, there's a wedding to plan. □

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 305 Bear Stearns and other firms. Epstein resigned from Bear Stearns on March 12. The S.E.C. was tipped off that Epstein had information on insider trading at Bear Stearns, and it was therefore obliged to question him. In his S.E.C. testimony, given on April 1, 1981, Epstein claimed that he had found "offensive" the way Bear Stearns management had handled a disciplinary action following its discovery that he had committed a possible "Reg D" violation—evidently he had lent money to his closest friend. (In the 1989 deposition he said that he'd lent approximately \$20,000 to Warren Eisenstein, to buy stock.) Such an action could have been considered improper, although Epstein claimed he had not realized this until afterward.

According to Epstein, Bear Stearns management had questioned him about the loan around March 4. The questioners, Epstein

Alvin Einbender. In his 1989 deposition Epstein recalled that the partner who had made an "issue" of the matter was Marvin Davidson. On March 9, Epstein said, he had met with Tarnopol and Einbender again, and the two partners told him that the executive committee had weighed the offense, together with previous "carelessness" over expenses, and he would be fined \$2,500.

"There was discussion whether, in fact, I had ever put in an airline ticket for someone else and not myself and I said that it was possible. . . . since my secretary handles my expenses," Epstein told the S.E.C. In his 1989 testimony he stated that the "Reg D" incident had cost him a shot at partnership that year.

What the S.E.C. seemed to be especially interested in was whether there was a connection between Epstein's leaving and the alleged insider trading in St. Joe Minerals by other people at Bear Stearns:

Q: Sir, are you aware that certain rumors may have been circulating around your firm in con-

nection with your reasons for leaving the firm?

A: I'm aware that there were many rumors.

Q: What were the rumors you heard?

A: Nothing to do with St. Joe.

Q: Can you relate what you heard?

A: It was having to do with an illicit affair with a secretary.

Q: Have you heard any other rumors suggesting that you had made a presentation or communication to the Executive Committee concerning alleged improprieties by other members or employees of Bear Stearns?

A: I, in fact, have heard that rumor, but it's been from Mr. Harris in our conversation last week.

Q: Have you heard it from anyone else?

A: No.

A little later the interview focuses on James Cayne:

Q: Did you ever hear while you were at Bear Stearns that Mr. Cayne may have traded or considered information in connection with St. Joe Minerals Corporation?

A: No.

Q: Did Mr. Cayne ever have any conversation with you about St. Joe Minerals?

A: No.

Q: Did you happen to overhear any conversa-

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tions between Mr. Cayne and anyone else regarding St. Joe Minerals?

A: No.

And still later in the questioning comes this exchange:

Q: Have you had any type of business dealings with Mr. Cayne?

A: There's no relationship with Bear Stearns.

Q: Pardon?

A: Other than Bear Stearns, no.

Q: Have you been a participant in any type of business venture with Mr. Cayne?

A: No.

Q: Do you have any expectation of participating in any business venture with Mr. Cayne?

A: No.

Q: Have you had any business participations with Mr. Theram?

A: No; nor do I anticipate any.

Q: Mr. Epstein, did anyone at Bear Stearns tell you in words or substance that you should not divulge anything about St. Joe Minerals to the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission?

A: No.

Q: Has anyone indicated to you in any way, either directly or indirectly, in words or substance, that your compensation for this past year or any future monies coming to you from Bear Stearns will be contingent upon your not divulging information to the Securities and Exchange Commission?

A: No.

Despite the circumstances of Epstein's leaving, Bear Stearns agreed to pay him his annual bonus—which he anticipated as being approximately \$100,000.

The S.E.C. never brought any charges against anyone at Bear Stearns for insider trading in St. Joe, but its questioning seems to indicate that it was skeptical of Epstein's answers. Some sources have wondered why, if he was such a big producer at Bear Stearns, he would have given it up over a mere \$2,500 fine.

Certainly the years after Epstein left the firm were not obviously prosperous ones. His luck didn't seem to change until he met Hoffenberg.

One of Epstein's first assignments for Hoffenberg was to mastermind doomed bids to take over Pan American World Airways in 1987 and Emery Air Freight Corp. in 1988. Hoffenberg claimed in a 1993 hearing before a grand jury in Illinois that Epstein came up with the idea of financing these bids through Towers's acquisition of two ailing Illinois insurance companies, Associated Life and United Fire. "He was hired by us to work on the securities side of the insurance companies and Towers Financial, supposedly to make a profit for us and for the companies," Hoffenberg reportedly told the grand jury. He also alleged that Epstein was the "technician," ex-

ecuting the schemes, although, having no broker's license, he had to rely on others to make the trades. Much of Hoffenberg's subsequent testimony in his criminal case has proven to be false, and Epstein has claimed he was merely asked how the bids could be accomplished and has said he had nothing to do with the financing of them. Yet Richard Allen, the former treasurer of United Fire, recalls seeing Epstein two or three times at the company. He and another executive say they had direct dealing with Epstein over the finances. And in his deposition of 1989, Epstein stated that he was the one who executed "all" Hoffenberg's instructions to buy and sell the stock. He called it "making the orders." He could not recall whether he had chosen the brokers used.

To win approval from the Illinois insurance regulators for Towers's acquisition of the companies, Hoffenberg promised to inject \$3 million of new capital into them. In fact, in his grand-jury testimony Hoffenberg claimed that he, his chief operating officer, Mitchell Brater, and Epstein came up with a scheme to steal \$3 million of the insurance companies' bonds to buy Pan Am and Emery stock. "Jeffrey Epstein and Mitch Brater arranged the various brokerage accounts for the bonds to be placed with in New York, and I think one in Chicago, Rodman & Renshaw," Hoffenberg reportedly said. Then, said Hoffenberg, while making it appear as though they were investing the bonds in much safer financial instruments, they used them as collateral to buy the stock. "Epstein was the person in charge of the transactions, and Mitchell Brater was assisting him with it in coordination on behalf of the insurance companies' money," Hoffenberg claimed at the time.

At one point, according to Hoffenberg, a broker forged the documents necessary for a \$1.8 million check to be written on insurance-company funds. The check was used to buy more stock in the takeover targets. Meanwhile, in order to throw the insurance regulators off, the \$1.8 million was reported as being safely invested in a money-market account.

United Fire's former chief financial officer Daniel Payton confirms part of Hoffenberg's account. He says he recalls making one or two telephone calls to Epstein (at Hoffenberg's direction) about the missing bonds. "He said, 'Oh, yeah, they still exist.' But we found out later that he had sold those assets ... leveraged them ... [and] used some margin account to take some positions in ... Emery and Pan Am," says Payton.

Epstein's extraordinary creativity was, according to Hoffenberg, responsible for the purchase by the insurance companies of a \$500,000 bond, with no money down. "Epstein created a great scheme to purchase a \$500,000 treasury bond that would not be shown ... [as] margined or collateralized."

he reportedly told the grand jury. "It looked like it was free and clear but it actually wasn't," he said.

Epstein has denied he ever had any dealings with anyone from the insurance companies. But Richard Allen says he recalls talking to Epstein at Hoffenberg's direction and telling him it was urgent they retrieve the missing bonds for a state examination. According to Allen, Epstein said, "We'll get them back." He had "kind of a flippant attitude," says Allen. "They never came back."

Epstein, according to Hoffenberg, also came up with a scheme to manipulate the price of Emery Freight stock in an attempt to minimize the losses that occurred when Hoffenberg's bid went wrong and the share price began to fall. This was alleged to have involved multiple clients' accounts controlled by Epstein.

Eventually, in 1991, insurance regulators in Illinois sued Hoffenberg. He settled the case, and Epstein, who was only a paid consultant, was never deposed or accused of any wrongdoing. Barry Gross, the attorney who was handling the suit for the regulators, says of Epstein, "He was very elusive. ... It was hard to really track him down. There were a substantial number of checks for significant dollars that were paid to him, I remember. ... He was this character we never got a handle on. Again we presumed that he was involved with the Pan Am and Emery run that Hoffenberg made, but we never got a chance to depose him."

"From the government's discovery in the main sentencing against Hoffenberg it would seem the government was perhaps a bit lazy," says David Lewis, who represented Mitchell Brater. "They went for what they knew they could get ... and that was the fraudulent promissory notes [i.e., the much larger and unrelated part of Hoffenberg's fraud, based in New York State]. ... What they couldn't get, they didn't bother with."

Another lawyer involved in the criminal prosecution of Hoffenberg says, "In a criminal investigation like that, when there is a guilty plea, to be quick and dirty about it, discovery is always incomplete. ... They don't have to line up witnesses; they don't have to learn every fact that might come out on cross-examination."

Epstein was involved with Hoffenberg in other questionable transactions. Financial records show that in 1988 Epstein invested \$1.6 million in Riddell Sports Inc., a company that manufactures football helmets. Among his co-investors were the theater mogul Robert Nederlander and attorney Leonard Toboroff. A source close to this transaction claims that Epstein told Nederlander and Toboroff that he had raised his share of the money from a Swiss banker.

whose identity they could not be allowed to know. But Hoffenberg has claimed the money came from him, and Towers's financial statements for that year show a loan to Epstein of \$400,000. (Epstein has said he can't remember the details and has disputed the accuracy of the Towers financial reports.)

Around the same time, Nederlander and Toboroff let Epstein come in with them on a scheme to make money out of Pennwalt, a Pennsylvania chemical company. The plan was to group together with two other parties to take a substantial declared position in the stock. According to a source, Epstein was supposed to help Nederlander and Toboroff raise \$15 million. He seemed to fail to find other investors, say those familiar with the deal. (Epstein has said he was merely an investor.) He invested \$1 million, which he told his co-investors was his own money. But in his 1989 deposition he said that he put in only \$300,000 of his own money. Where did the rest come from? Hoffenberg has said it came from him, in a loan that Nederlander and Toboroff didn't know about.

Two things happened that alarmed Nederlander and Toboroff. After the group signaled a possible takeover, the Pennwalt management threatened to sue the would-be raiders. Epstein was reluctant initially to give a deposition about his share of the money, telling Toboroff there were "reasons" he didn't want to. Then, after the opportunity for new investors was closed, co-investors recall Epstein announcing that he'd found one at last: Dick Snyder, then C.E.O. of the publisher Simon & Schuster, who wanted to put up approximately \$500,000. (Neither Epstein nor Snyder can now recall the investment. Yet in the 1989 deposition Epstein said that he had recruited Snyder, whom he had met socially, into the deal.)

According to a source, Toboroff and Nederlander told Epstein that Snyder was too late, but, without their realizing it, Hoffenberg has claimed, Snyder wrote a check to Hoffenberg and bought out some of his investment. But then Snyder wanted out.

"Nederlander started to get these irate calls from [Snyder,] who wasn't part of the deal, saying he was owed all this money," says someone close to the deal. Toboroff and Nederlander were baffled.

Just as Nederlander and Toboroff were growing wary of Epstein, he became increasingly involved with Leslie Wexner, whom he had met through insurance executive Robert Meister and his late wife. Epstein has told people that he met Wexner in 1986 in Palm Beach, and that he won his confidence by persuading him not to invest in the stock market, just as the 1987 crash was approaching. His story has subsequently changed. When asked if Wexner knew about his connection to Hoffenberg, Epstein said that he began working for Wexner in 1989, and that "it was certainly not the same time."

Wherever and whenever it was that Epstein and Wexner actually met, there was an immediate and strong personal chemistry. Wexner says he thinks Epstein is "very smart with a combination of excellent judgment and unusually high standards. Also, he is always a most loyal friend."



OFFICE SPACE

The "office" in Epstein's house. It has no computers, but it does have a desk that Epstein tells people once belonged to banker J. P. Morgan, and "the largest Persian rug you'll ever see in a private home."

Sources say Epstein proved that he could be useful to Wexner as well, with "fresh" ideas about investments. "Wexner had a couple of bad investments, and Jeffrey cleaned those up right away," says a former associate of Epstein's.

Before he signed on with Wexner, Epstein had several meetings with Harold Levin, then head of Wexner Investments, in which he enunciated ideas about currencies that Levin found incomprehensible. "In fact," says someone who used to work very closely with Wexner, "almost everyone at the Limited wondered who Epstein was; he literally came out of nowhere."

"Everyone was mystified as to what his

Much of Epstein's work is related to cleaning up, tightening budgets, and efficiencies. One person who worked for Wexner and who saw a contract drawn up between the two men says Epstein is involved in "everything, not just a little here, a little there. Everything!" In addition, he says, "Wexner likes having a hatchet man. . . . Whenever there is dirty work to be done he'd stick Jeffrey on it. . . . He has a reputation for being ruthless but he gets the job done."

Epstein has evidently been asked to fire personal-staff members when needed. "He was that mysterious person that everyone was scared to death of," says a former employee.

Meanwhile, he is also less than popular with some people outside Wexner's company with whom he now deals. "He 'inserted' himself into the construction process of Leslie Wexner's yacht. . . . That resulted in litigation down the road between Mr. Wexner

and the shipyard that eventually built the vessel," says Lars Forsberg, a lawyer whose firm at the time, Dickerson and Reily, was hired to deal with litigation stemming from the construction of Wexner's *Limitless*—at 315 feet, one of the largest private yachts in the world. Evidently, Epstein stalled on paying Dickerson and Reily for its work. "It's probably once or twice in my legal career that I've had to sue a client for payment of services that he'd requested and we'd performed . . . without issue

on the performance," says Forsberg. In the end the matter was settled, but Epstein claims he now has no recollection of it.

The incident is one of a number of disputes Epstein has become embroiled in. Some are for sums so tiny as to be baffling; for instance, Epstein sued investment adviser Herbert Glass, who sold him the Palm Beach house in 1990, for \$13,444—Epstein claimed this was owed him for furnishings removed by Glass.

In 1998 the U.S. Attorney's Office sued Epstein for illegally subletting the former home of the deputy consul general of Iran to attorney Ivan Fisher and others. Epstein paid \$15,000 a month in rent to the State Department, but he charged Fisher and his colleagues \$20,000. Though the exact terms of the agreement are sealed, the court ruled against Epstein.

Wexner offers some insight into his more combative style. "Many times peo-

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he is winning. Whether in conversations or negotiations, he always stands back and lets the other person determine the style and manner of the conversation or negotiation. And then he responds in their style. Jeffrey sees it in chivalrous terms. He does not pick a fight, but if there is a fight, he will let you choose your weapon."

One case is rather more serious. Currently, Citibank is suing Epstein for defaulting on loans from its private-banking arm for \$20 million. Epstein claims that Citibank "fraudulently induced" him into borrowing the money for investments. Citibank disputes this charge.

The legal papers for another case offer a rare window into Epstein's finances. In 1995, Epstein stopped paying rent to his landlord, the nonprofit Municipal Arts Society, for his office in the Villard House. He claimed that they were breaking the terms of the lease by not letting his staff in at night. The case was eventually settled. However, one of the papers filed in this dispute is Epstein's financial statement for 1988, in which he claimed to be worth \$20 million. He listed that he owned \$7 million in securities, \$1 million in cash, zero in residential property (although he told sources that he had already bought the home in Palm Beach), and \$11 million in other assets, including his investment in Riddell. A co-investor in Riddell says: "The company had been bought with a huge amount of debt, and it wasn't public, so it was meaningless to attach a figure like that to it ... the price it cost was about \$1.2 million." The co-investors bought out Epstein's share in Riddell in 1995 for approximately \$3 million. At that time, when Epstein was asked, as a routine matter, to sign a paper guaranteeing he had access to a few million dollars in case of any subsequent disputes over the sale price, Wexner signed for him. Epstein has explained that this was because the co-investors wanted an indemnity against being sued by Wexner. One of the investors calls this "bullshit."

Epstein's appointment to the board of New York's Rockefeller University in 2000 brought him into greater social prominence. Boasting such social names as Nancy Kissinger, Brooke Astor, and Robert Bass, the board also includes such pre-eminent scientists as Nobel laureate Joseph Goldstein. "Epstein was thrilled to be elected," says someone who knows him.

After one term Epstein resigned. According to *New York* magazine, this was because he didn't like to wear a suit to meetings. A spokesperson for the Rockefeller board says Epstein left because he had insufficient time

was "arrogant" and "not a good fit." The spokesperson admits that it is "infrequent" for board members not to be renominated after only one term.

Still, the recent spate of publicity Epstein has inspired does not seem to have fazed him. In November he was spotted in the front row of the Victoria's Secret fashion show at New York's Lexington Avenue Armory; around the same time the usual coterie of friends and beautiful women were whisked off to Little St. James (which he tells people has been renamed Little St. Jeff) for a long weekend.

Thanks to Epstein's introductions, says Martin Nowak, the biologist finds himself moving from Princeton to Harvard, where he is assuming the joint position of professor of mathematics and professor of biology. Epstein has pledged at least \$25 million to Harvard to create the Epstein Program for Mathematical Biology and Evolutionary Dynamics, and Epstein will have an office at the university. The program will be dedicated to searching for nature's algorithms, a pursuit that is a specialty of Nowak's. For Epstein this must be the summit of everything he has worked toward: he has been seen proudly displaying Harvard president Larry Summers's letter of commitment as if he can't quite believe it is real. He says he was reluctant to have his name attached to the program, but Summers persuaded him. He rang his mentor Wexner about it, and Wexner told him it was all right.

An insatiable, restless soul, always on the move, Epstein builds a tremendous amount of downtime into his hectic work schedule. Yet there is something almost programmed about his relaxation: it's as if even pleasure has to be measured in terms of self-improvement. Nowak says that, when he goes to stay with Epstein in the Caribbean, they'll get up at six and, as the sun rises, have three-hour conversations about theoretical physics. "Then he'll go off and do some work, re-appear, and we'll talk some more."

Another person who went to the island with Epstein, Maxwell, and several beautiful women remembers that the women "sat around one night teasing him about the kinds of grasping women who might want to date him. He was amused by the idea. ... He's like a king in his own world."

Many people comment there is something innocent, almost childlike about Jeffrey Epstein. They see this as refreshing, given the sophistication of his surroundings. Alan Dershowitz says that, as he was getting to know Epstein, his wife asked him if he would still be close to him if Epstein suddenly filed for bankruptcy. Dershowitz says he replied, "Absolutely. I would be as interested in him as a friend if we had hamburgers on the boardwalk in Coney Island and talked about

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Ghislaine Maxwell is 'just like her Daddy'

By WENDY LEIGH

On the wealthy Upper East Side of Manhattan, 80 well-connected guests gathered in a grand £6 million town house to celebrate the opening of a new shop belonging to designer Allegra Hicks, granddaughter-in-law of Earl Mountbatten.

The night before the party, the hostess had been inundated with calls from disgruntled socialites, irked that they hadn't received an invitation.

The hostess greeted their objections with her customary charm, but remained unmoved. As always, her list had been carefully edited, and she intended it to stay that way.

Among the select few were Hollywood star Matthew Modine, Kennedy family member Mrs Anthony Radziwill, Peggy Siegel, PR consultant to the stars, and Julie Janklow, heir to a literary dynasty.

There was a Rockefeller on the list, as well as the inevitable countesses, billionaires and New York luminaries.

The guests spent the evening sipping vintage Dom Perignon champagne from cut crystal glasses before toasting their hostess - the woman whose immaculate society credentials had drawn them all together.

As the glasses of such an elite set were being raised in her honour, she must surely have felt as if she had finally made it in New York.

After the toast, she took the guests into the townhouse's imposing library. There, they were confronted with yet more evidence of how seriously their hostess took the social pecking order.

She had stuck fake spines on the books, with titles referring to her best friends. According to an eyewitness, this led to something of a scramble among the guests as they struggled to see if they had made it as one of her book titles:

"There was ferocious competition between guests as they compared how far up the friendship pecking order they were."

So just who is this superstar society hostess who has New York's rich and talented clamouring for admission to her inner circle?

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None other than Ghislaine Maxwell, the youngest daughter of the late newspaper tycoon and fraudster, Robert Maxwell.

It was in 1991 that Maxwell plunged from the deck of his £15million luxury yacht - a 180ft vessel

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named Lady Ghislaine after his daughter ? and soon afterwards it was discovered he had stolen £440 million from the Mirror Group pension fund.

Ghislaine?s reputation, like that of the rest of her family, was in tatters.

As it became clear that Maxwell?s employees had lost their pensions because he had raided them, any member of the Maxwell family seen living the high life provoked contempt and fury.

Ghislaine soon caused outrage by being photographed boarding Concorde while at the same time publicly speaking of her financial struggle ? her father, she lamented, had left her only an annual £80,000 trust fund to live off.

She compounded the error when she maintained she could not understand why people felt anger towards her.

Increasingly, she was seen to be resolutely unsympathetic to Maxwell?s victims and, astonishingly, sought to defend her father?s behaviour even after it became clear he had defrauded so many of his employees.

Before long, there was the inevitable speculation that she was living off stolen money and Ghislaine was said to have taken to wearing a disguise in Britain to avoid recognition.

But it was a different story in America, where Ghislaine found she could do as she pleased ? and over the years she has taken full advantage of this attitude.

As her party for Allegra Hicks shows, Ghislaine has now managed to manoeuvre herself into the very heart of New York?s business and Hollywood elite.

But given the straitened circumstances she complained of, the crucial question is: How has she done it?

The answer almost certainly comes in the shape of a once glamorous American billionaire financier named Jeffrey Epstein ? a man now waiting to stand trial in Florida after being accused of paying underage girls for tawdry sexual encounters.

Epstein, it seems, took Ghislaine under his wing when she arrived in New York a broken and lonely woman and helped her not only back on to her feet but also to become one of the most sought-after members of the city?s social elite.

Ghislaine, 46, first met Epstein, 54, in New York in 1991, the year of her father?s death and a time when she was said to be desperately lonely.

She was instantly attracted to him ? a man as flamboyant, dominant and rich as the father she had just lost.

In no time, she was appearing at Epstein?s side as the "celebrity" guest at the opening of a glamorous Manhattan restaurant. She was also a regular guest at his Upper East Side apartment.

Very soon, a friend reported that "her dependence [on Epstein] is pretty total". At one time, there were even rumours they would marry.

Epstein provided for Ghislaine a life of glamorous parties, exotic vacations and well-connected friends.

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He showered her with gifts: £300 bottles of champagne, grand holidays and offered her the use of his mansions and seven cars. Together, they lived life to excess.

But most important, Epstein helped Ghislaine forget her past. Through him, she began to build a respectability in New York that would have been impossible in London, where Maxwell's crimes were less easily forgotten.

Epstein was not, however, altogether straightforward. He may have been a firm fixture on the social scene but he had, to say the least, an opaque professional history ? a little like Robert Maxwell.

He is rumoured to have worked either for the Israeli intelligence service, Mossad, the CIA or even both.

On one occasion, he arrived in London at the home of a British arms dealer bringing a "gift" ? a New York police-issue pumpaction shotgun. "God knows how he got it into the country," said a friend.

He has been described as a one-time maths teacher at a private school for girls and as a concert pianist. More recently, he has been given the vague title of "property developer".

And while his assets include a £3million Palm Beach mansion, a 26,000-acre Mexico City estate and a priceless Picasso, the exact origins of his fortune are not clear ? although through his company, J. Epstein and Co, he manages the fortunes of around 15 clients with at least £500million in assets.

But while he indulged Ghislaine financially, Epstein ? like Maxwell ? could be cruel.

"He is a strange man," one friend is reported to have said early on in their relationship.

"Not dislikable but difficult to understand. He can treat her very well or very badly. He can be impatient, demanding and extremely critical of her. At the same time he is kind and protective."

Ghislaine was madly in love with Epstein ? and said to be desperate to marry him ? but Epstein would not commit himself and openly dated other women.

Inevitably, their romance fizzled out but Ghislaine remained firmly in Epstein's life.

Ghislaine is said to have repaid him for his kindness to her when she first arrived in New York by introducing him to high society and potential business clients through contacts she made during her school days at Marlborough, and through her father's illustrious friends.

Thanks to Ghislaine, Epstein partied at Sandringham and Windsor with Prince Andrew, and attended a birthday party for the Queen.

Thanks to Epstein, Ghislaine scaled the heights of New York society. It has been a very successful partnership.

But he is not the sole reason for her success. Just as her father in his heyday was feted by high society and dubbed "the Bouncing Czech" because of his resilience, so she is every bit as steely.

The similarities between Robert Maxwell and Ghislaine are striking. Like her father, Ghislaine has verve and energy but above all she shares his lethal brand of charm.

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Even Maxwell's enemies have been forced to concede that he had an unbridled charisma which was in part responsible for his success.

"She is able to entrance anyone she chooses. She is very manipulative and winds people round her finger," a friend reveals.

However, it was not until Maxwell's death that she began to exhibit her father's ambition. Ghislaine had always preferred socialising to working.

Yet when left with virtually nothing after her father drowned, she came into her own.

Boarding the yacht with her mother Elisabeth, shortly after her father's death, Ghislaine appeared griefstricken, yet totally in control.

Wearing a red tartan suit, she coolly walked into her late father's office and ? according to journalist John Jackson who is said to have witnessed the scene ? shredded all incriminating documents on board.

Ghislaine denies this ever took place, but Jackson has never retracted the claim.

If true, those documents were the key to Maxwell's financial empire and Ghislaine, astutely, was making sure they would never come back to haunt the Maxwell family.

In the aftermath of his death, she was defiant in the face of the criticism and jibes levelled at her father ? such as the joke made by a Maxwell employee that, on the morning he left for the boat, he was "buoyant".

Like Maxwell, who never betrayed the fact that his empire was crumbling, Ghislaine was adept at masking her emotions.

But today, just as Ghislaine's social cachet is enjoying an all-time high, her association with Epstein threatens once again to mar her reputation and even to destroy all she has achieved.

Epstein is due to appear in court in November following an 11-month undercover investigation by police after the stepmother of a 14-year-old girl claimed she was paid £150 to give him an erotic massage at his flamingo-pink villa.

The underage girl is said to have been taken there by an 18-year-old student, [REDACTED], who told police she was recruited at the age of 17 to provide the billionaire with a nude massage for a fee of £100 ? and later was asked by Epstein to provide him with a series of young girls.

While Epstein has robustly denied the charges, friends have rallied around him, including Donald Trump, who once said:

"He likes beautiful women as much as I do, and many of them are on the younger side."

Jeffrey Epstein's life may be about to crash as resoundingly as Ghislaine's father's once did. If convicted, he faces a lengthy prison sentence.

And while no longer romantically involved, Ghislaine and Epstein are still inextricably bound together socially and in business.

So what will Ghislaine Maxwell do if she is once more faced with the man in her life losing

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everything? The answer is simple.

Born of a tyrannical, dishonest but charming father whom she never deserted, Ghislaine will inevitably stand by her man.

No matter how reviled, or disgraced Epstein finds himself, friends of Ghislaine are in little doubt about her loyalty to him.

And judging by her past form, she will survive ? even if Epstein doesn't.

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Epstein remains between court dates



By MICHELE DARGAN, Daily News Staff Writer

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Part-time Palm Beacher Jeffrey E. Epstein still faces a felony charge of solicitation of prostitution.

He was indicted in July following an 11-month investigation by Palm Beach police.

But there has been virtually no activity in the case since the indictment. The last two routine court hearings were reset. His next hearing is scheduled for Nov. 16.

Police say Epstein, 54, paid underage girls for massages and sometimes sex at his El Brillo Way home.

After completing the investigation, Palm Beach police turned the case over to State Attorney Barry Krischer's office with a probable cause affidavit stating that Epstein should be arrested on four counts of unlawful sex acts with a minor and one count of lewd and lascivious molestation, all second-degree felonies.

But rather than filling those charges directly, Krischer's office took the case before a grand jury, which indicted Epstein on a lesser charge of solicitation of prostitution, a third-degree felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Palm Beach Police Chief Michael Reiter was so upset with Krischer's handling of the case that he suggested in a May 1, 2006, memo that Krischer disqualify himself. Reiter said in letters to the alleged victims and their parents that justice was not served by the indictment.

Reiter referred the case to the FBI to determine whether any federal laws had been violated.

Epstein surrendered at the Palm Beach County Jail on July 22 and has been free on \$3,000 bail.

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by Judson Cox

An Interview with Jeffrey Epstein

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NCC: Mr. Epstein, thank you for granting this interview. It is nice to put a personality with the name I quoted so often during the 2004 campaign. I believe your efforts were essential in stopping John Kerry from becoming president.

In my opinion, you and your fellow Veterans for Truth accomplished a great service on behalf of our national security in that effort - now you are engaged in another effort on behalf of our security.

Could you tell our readers a bit about your background, and remind us of your role in the 2004 presidential election?

I'd like to begin by thanking you for this opportunity. In the autumn of 2003, I sold my company which ended my twenty-one year mortgage banking career. I previously supervised residential lending, in the Tri-state area, for Great Western Bank. I was promoted to SVP after initiating an FBI / OTS investigation that resulted in the incarceration of an Attorney and several real estate professionals who conspired to commit mortgage fraud.

I'm quite proud of my prior affiliation with Vietnam Vets for the Truth (VVT). Last year, I directed media relations for the organization and was responsible for breaking the story regarding John Kerry's photo adorning the hallway of the communist "War Crimes" museum in HCM City, Vietnam. I considered it a true honor to serve both VVT's president, Capt. Larry Bailey, and a whole generation of patriotic Americans - Vietnam veterans who honorably answered their nation's call and were united by a noble cause. That is, to prevent an opportunistic phony from securing the reins of our nation and becoming our next Commander-In-Chief.

NCC: Now, you are involved in The People's Truth Forum; what is nature and purpose of that group?

The People's Truth Forum is a non-partisan, fact-based organization whose mission is to educate the American people on controversial topics of national security. Our primary objective is to disseminate critical information that is not readily available, via conventional channels, to concerned citizens. We always deal in facts and our sources are always credible.

NCC: Tell us about your upcoming symposium, "The Radical-Islamist Threat to World Peace and National Security" - what is the goal of this program, who is involved and what should the attendees expect to learn from it?

Several short months ago, the "Peoples Truth Forum" (PTF) set out on an extraordinary mission - one of energizing a grass-roots initiative to disseminate the truth regarding "radicalized" factions of Islam and the threat posed by these barbaric terrorists to Western Society and our very way of life

As you stated, "PTF" is sponsoring an educational symposium titled, "The Radical Islamist Threat to World Peace and National Security." It will take place on September 21, 2005 in Southington, Connecticut. This symposium will delve into the minds of those who use terror as a tool. It will paint a profile of those who would slaughter innocents and it will educate both professional and average citizen on how terrorism threatens our way of life today.

All participating speakers are noted experts on the subject matter of Radical Islam and the threat that it poses to every American Citizen

Harvey Kushner, PhD., noted author, lecturer, professor and internationally

recognized authority on terrorism. Dr. Kushner has advised and provided training to numerous government agencies, including the FBI, FAA, INS, and U.S. Customs. He is a frequent guest of all major television networks and is often quoted by news media worldwide.

Brigitte Gabriel, a prominent Arab-American journalist, will provide a first-hand account of her experience with Islamic Jihad. Ms. Gabriel, a Christian native of Southern Lebanon, survived a bombing in which her family's home was reduced to rubble by radical Muslim forces. Prompted by the serious wounding of her mother, the family sought medical treatment in Israel - a place of refuge where the generosity and compassion of the people overwhelmed them.

Robert Spencer, the director of Jihad Watch (www.jihadwatch.org), is the author of *Onward Muslim Soldiers: How Jihad Still Threatens America and the West* (Regnery) and *Islam Unveiled: Disturbing Questions About the World's Fastest Growing Faith* (Encounter). He is coauthor, with Daniel Ali, of *Inside Islam: A Guide for Catholics* (Ascension), and editor of the essay collection *The Myth of Islamic Tolerance: How Islamic Law Treats Non-Muslims* (Prometheus). His latest book, *The Politically Incorrect Guide to Islam (and the Crusades)*, will be available August 8 from Regnery Publishing.

Laura Mansfield is an author and counter-terror analyst. She uses her knowledge of the Arabic language and of Islamic culture and history to investigate jihad and jihadists both in the US and throughout the world.

The location we have procured is of the highest quality and can accommodate in excess of 1200 guests. We expect to have a large contingent of first responders in the audience and are experiencing great interest, from this demographic, in both the tri-state area and Southern New England. Surprisingly, a number of guests are planning to fly in from California, Texas and Florida.

No doubt, the symposium will sound a potent, nonpartisan alarm - a warning which is intended to serve as a "wake-up" call to all those in attendance. We cannot afford to embrace apathy or political correctness, not with this subject.

NCC: I've read that the "First Responders" are very much involved in the symposium; why do those on the front lines of the domestic War on Terror so strongly support your efforts?

Early on, a number of law enforcement agencies and military personnel signed up for our weekly newsletters. Feedback from several Sheriff's departments and Marine Corp Officers was encouraging since they proposed to incorporate some of our material into their training programs. PTF was recently contacted by a DOJ official who praised our efforts and intends to both publicize the event and be in attendance.

Bernie Kerik, New York City's former Police Commissioner and Congressman Tom Tancredo (R-CO) both endorsed the event and are planning to be in attendance, schedule permitting.

NCC: The People's Truth Forum put together some ads to publicize the symposium; could you describe these ads?

The 60-second commercial was formulated to advertise the symposium. In summary, it began with Allahu Akbar (the Arabic phrase for praising god) and stated that these were the words heard in the cockpits of those four jets that crashed into the World Trade Center, Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania. Then, the questions were posed as to what could have been going through the minds of those terrorists that day and what would have driven them to commit such an evil acts. Next, we invited people to attend the symposium to find those answers and provided contact information.

NCC: CBS has refused to run your ads, claiming that they are "too controversial" and "too emotional." What is it about these ads that they find so objectionable?

That's the million dollar question... Initially, I thought that the incorporation of Arabic might have appeared to be less than politically correct. In hindsight, I believe that educating the public to the threat of radical Islam doesn't fit CBS's leftist agenda - an opinion supported by their latest posting of an "AP" article on terrorism. Once again, CBS was duped. They posted a faulty Fatwa, on their news site, which was issued by a questionable Islamic organization with reputed ties to terrorism. If the article wasn't bad enough, they chose to accompany it with a picture of a Muslim man praying next to an American flag. CBS redesigned the flag by replacing the stars with a crescent. Many of us consider this to be the ultimate act of desecration - something particularly offensive when our servicemen are dying overseas.

NCC: Is this simply a case of political correctness run amok, or is something else behind it? Could the reasons be more partisan in nature, or might they fear angering Islamic pressure groups such as CAIR?

In consideration of ABC's recent firing of conservative talk show host Michael Graham, I believe something far more sinister might be in play. The "MSM" is partisan and is committed to undermining the war effort and our support for the State of Israel. Just weeks ago, the BBC began to generically label Islamist terrorists as "bombers". Not to be outdone, The New York Times, America's greatest liberal rag, decided to revise history by showing respect for a barbaric butcher. Accordingly, Abu Musab Zarqari, the SOB who not only fathered the "IED" but is responsible for the loss of thousands of military and civilian lives, is now being referred to as a Jordanian fighter.

I have been told that media-related organizations are intimidated by the threat of legal action from groups like CAIR. Additionally, rumors have it that several talk show hosts are fearful of reprisal by Islamist extremists - especially when dealing with topics concerning Iran.

NCC: Mr. Epstein, of recent weeks we have witnessed horrific terrorist attacks in London and the Middle East - are we any safer here?

Relying on the opinions of those counter-terrorism experts which I consult with, the answer would be no. We've come a long way but not far enough. Unfortunately, we will suffer from horrific attacks over the coming years. Any labeling of the current conflict as a war on terrorism is a misnomer. We are engaged in a struggle between two diametrically opposed cultures. A religious war was declared on the West by Islamic extremists who are committed to our very destruction. We can expect this war to last for decades and no military options should be taken off the table. If and when the Islamo-fascists secure nuclear weaponry, they will use them.

NCC: Are we more or less vulnerable than pre-9/11, and why?

I believe that we are significantly more vulnerable now because the Jihadists learned much from our response to the attacks... They tested American resolve and discovered how quick we were to forget even the most horrendous acts committed against us. Just consider how our "enemies from within" set out on their treasonous quest to "Vietnamize" the war effort in Iraq. We're currently engaged in fighting a war on two fronts - a war which is our to lose if not supported on the home front.

I believe that the threat we are now facing is far more dangerous than that posed by the Third Reich in the thirties. The Nazis were regionalized and for the most part in uniform. Our Islamist enemies are widely disbursed and disguised within our own borders. With a global population in excess of 1.2 billion Muslims, consider the consequences of only having a mere 10% of them or 120 million sworn to our

destruction.

Last week, one of my associates questioned a Muslim foreigner as to whether he or his "brothers" could be trusted. In response, the man emphatically stated "NEVER" adding "that they are taught to be great neighbors and obey the laws of the countries in which they reside until they are called up. Then, they will slice your throats as easily as they came to your BBQ's"

NCC: If the goal of the symposiums sponsored by The People's Truth Forum is to further efforts against terrorism and enhance our security, why would anyone oppose your efforts?

Our country is divided and many amongst us refuse to recognize the existence of evil. Naïve ideologues contend that Islamic "freedom fighters" are lashing out at the West - and especially Americans - because of the provocative nature of Western life or the Western presence in Islamic States. To hold these contentions is to be blind to the truth either through ignorance or deliberate oversight.

NCC: Are those who hamper our security not complicit in our danger?

If we choose to ignore the facts as presented - that radical Islamists are waging war against the free West and especially the United States of America - then future deaths at the hands of terrorists must find the blood of the slaughtered on our hands as well.

NCC: What should America do to protect ourselves against Islamic terrorism?

All efforts must be made to reverse the tide. Muslims, of questionable repute - meaning having known ties to terrorism, have infiltrated various institutions across America. They have gained access to the highest levels of government and are exerting influence on policy making in Washington. These people must be exposed and incarcerated. Additionally, our politicians must be held accountable for their actions as well.

NCC: What can our readers do to help you and The People's Truth Forum in your efforts to make America safer? How can we help get those ads on the air?

Time is not on our side with respect to CBS's questionable behavior. At this juncture, trying to convince them to run the commercials would waste valuable energy and resources. However, I am committed to publicizing the matter in hopes of waking up the American people to CBS's dubious agenda.

Most importantly, everyone should immediately make reservations to attend the symposium and encourage their associates and relatives to do likewise. If you can't make it, please consider donating toward the event. Contributions received will benefit law enforcement officers and others through reduced ticket prices.

Clearly, time is of the essence for the security and well-being of the greatest nation on earth is at stake.

Reservation forms are available on our website: www.peoplestruthforum.com

Again, thank you Mr. Epstein. Daily, Americans must choose between vigilance and complacency; you are doing a great service in educating us about the threats to our nation and way of life. Keep up the good work.

As a free people and a constitutional democracy, Americans have a duty to be active in our governance. Our duty does not stop at the ballot box. I urge our readers to remain vigilant against all threats to our society, learn about our enemies and take an active role in defending our nation. Mr. Epstein is the epitome of what it means to be a good and responsible citizen. I encourage each of you to help Mr. Epstein and The People's Truth Forum in their Paul Revere - like mission to alert America to the dangers we face.

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JASON Mewes is alive and well. Mewes, who played the long-haired, drug-loving "Jay" in Kevin Smith's "Clerks," "Mall Rats," "Chasing Amy" and "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back," was reportedly on the lam or even feared dead after his friends told the Chicago Sun-Times they hadn't seen him in 10 months. An arrest warrant had been issued for him after he violated probation on a heroin conviction. But last month, Mewes made an appearance at a film festival in Malibu to promote his new indie movie "RSVP," and he'll host a talent show Oct. 17 at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va. "The rumors of his death are greatly exaggerated," chuckled Mewes' agent, Nancy Oeswein. "I just got off the phone with him. He's certainly not in hiding. He just moved to L.A." For some folks, living on the Left Coast is as good as being dead.

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CALL it "The Three Amigos' Most Excellent African Adventure."

Former President Bill Clinton is on a trip through Ghana, Nigeria, Rwanda, Mozambique and South Africa with Oscar-winning actor Kevin Spacey and Chris Tucker, the star of "Rush Hour" and its sequel.

The three are being flown around Africa on the private plane of financial wizard Jeffrey Epstein. The secretive Epstein handles the billions of Leslie Wexner, head of the retail empire that includes The Limited, Victoria's Secret and Express.

How Clinton, who took off on Saturday, hooked up with his traveling companions is a mystery - as is his relationship to Epstein. Little is known about Epstein except that his offices are in the landmarked Villard House across from Le Cirque, and he once employed Ghislaine Maxwell, daughter of the late British press lord Robert Maxwell, in an unspecified capacity.

But Tucker is playing America's first black president in "Mr. President," a movie he's been working on since 1999. Tucker has already shot footage of Clinton, Nelson Mandela, and Bahrain's crown prince endorsing his candidacy, and the comic accompanied U2 frontman Bono and Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill on their debt-relief tour of Africa this summer.

At the Congressional Black Caucus' annual awards dinner earlier this month, Clinton mentioned that Tucker had asked to visit him in the Oval Office to prepare for playing the first black president.

"I didn't have the heart to tell him that I've already taken the position," Clinton joked. In an October 1998 essay in The New Yorker, author Toni Morrison argued that Clinton, "white skin notwithstanding, [is] our first black president."

Kevin Spacey has no presidential aspirations we know of. Last we heard, he wanted to portray Bobby Darin. He might be bored during some parts of the trip.

In Ghana, Clinton will launch a new initiative with Peruvian economist Hernando de Soto to give deeds and land titles to poor people who now have no legal status and are considered squatters.

In South Africa, Clinton will deliver a speech and join Mandela in promoting prevention of AIDS. Clinton will also meet in that country with the first class of Clinton Democracy Fellows - 11 young South African men and women who just completed three months in the U.S.

Clinton will also meet with the presidents of the other nations on his itinerary.

Perfect angel

THE producer of Tara Reid's latest flick says she's a perfect angel and that Us Weekly misquoted him as saying that he and the bar-friendly helicat "went out drinking all the time." J. Todd Harris, producer of "Heaven's Pond," blasts Us in a letter to the editor: "I specifically said that our working relationship with the actress was nothing short of spectacular." He also shoots down the mag's source who claims Reid needed to have a baby sitter escort her out every night to make sure she didn't wake up with any regrets.

We hear . . .

THAT eyebrows are flexing over tonight's U.N. black-tie dinner honoring Muhammad Ali, Mayor Bloomberg and Paul and Heather Mills McCartney. Seems Heather insists on being referred to as "Lady Heather Mills McCartney" . . . THAT Steve Martin, Paul Morrissey, Glenda Bailey and Elizabeth Kieselstein-Cord attended last night's 15th anniversary party of Modern Painters magazine at the Cheim and Read Gallery.

Headlines heal

SARAH Ferguson, the former Duchess of York, credits the media for keeping her weight down. Once dubbed the "Duchess of Pork" by the British press, the now stunning and skinny Weight Watchers rep says every time she thinks of pigging out, she remembers the old headlines. Among those she cited during an appearance at an Albany Weight Watchers seminar, according to The Post's Kenneth Lovett: "Fat, Selfish, Greedy Fergie" and "82 Percent Would Rather Sleep With a Goat." "It does help me when I read articles that [say] the 'slim svelte Fergie,'" Ferguson said. "I don't want them to have a go at me again. I'm tired of that."

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Sex sells

ABERCROMBIE & Fitch has outdone itself. The store chain's new "magalog," a catalog disguised as a magazine, is even more salacious than past efforts, with a naked Heidi Klum on the cover - one hand hiding her nipples, the other holding a Santa hat over a naked man's crotch. The tag line reads: "180 pages of sex and Xmas fun! Heidi Klum adds inches, Spike Lee catches it on tape, Larry Flynt breaks tapes, Heidi Fleiss gets what she wants, streetcorner Santa brawls and more!" One spy said: "There is a ton of bums and breasts inside. Everyone is naked." The quarterly, targeted at teens and college students, will be featured on "Entertainment Tonight" later this week.

Janney's' jam

THE ex-fianc of Emmy-winning "West Wing" star Allison Janney (above) is being evicted from her Central Park West pad. Janney has been illegally subletting the rent-stabilized, \$1,100-a-month apartment to former beau Dennis Gagoiros, says Keith Rubenstein, a lawyer for landlord Michael Tauber. "We are starting the eviction process," says Rubenstein, who estimated the "fair market" value of Janney's joint at \$3,000 a month. Janney's lawyer, Sam Himmelstein, insists Janney "surrendered possession" of her pad several weeks ago to the landlord. "Her ex-fianc believes that he has the succession rights to the apartment, but she has nothing to do with that," he said.

Flasher chic

WONDER why Stella McCartney never took her black satin coat off during the opening of her boutique last Friday? She had nothing under it but a very sexy bra and satin knickers. The highlight of the afterparty at Gaslight was Stella, Gwyneth Paltrow and Usher singing karaoke for the likes of Bono, Britney Spears, Liv Tyler, Debbie Harry, Russell Simmons, Graydon Carter, Christy Turlington, Karolina Kurkova, Helena Christensen and others too fashionable to mention.

Dueling Dems

DON'T invite Ed Koch and Pete Grannis to the same political party. The former mayor has no use for the assemblyman who has represented the Upper East Side for 28 years. The feud began with Koch's endorsement of Andrew Eristoff, a Republican challenger for the State Senate seat currently occupied by Democrat Liz Krueger. Grannis observed in community weekly *Our Town*: "Our former mayor seems to have a thing for Republicans and an aversion to endorsing women of either party." Now Koch has responded in a letter to *Our Town* to Grannis' "gutter attack" and "vile comments." Koch lists no fewer than 9 women he's endorsed for election over the years, plus seven women he appointed to office, and concludes, "I am sure Grannis has harbored thoughts of higher office, indeed ran for Congress and lost. I doubt that he will ever attain higher office, and I truly believe he does not deserve the office he currently holds and has held for 28 years."

Single again

THIS year's ladies' man, Matthew Perry, is single again. After squiring around Amanda Peet, Jennifer Capriati and a host of other hot young things this summer, the "Friends" star was on the prowl Sunday night. After losing the Emmy to his co-star Matt LeBlanc, Perry and Hank Azaria showed up in fine spirits to the *Glamour/Entertainment Weekly* post-Emmy party at the Mondrian in Los Angeles and flirted with a gaggle of girls. "He was so excited he started to sweat and had to massage his head," said our spy. Perry eventually left alone.

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-Allison Janney, Stella McCartney -Just call him David Cop-a-feel. Modelizing magician David Copperfield seems to have cast his spell over two babealicious blondes. We caught Copperfield holding hands with Marilyn Gurna (above), 21, an Estonian-born assistant manager at Nello's. Copperfield has been wooing the gorgeous Gurna for a few weeks now, but it didn't stop him from stepping out with another squeeze (below) on Madison Avenue just a week earlier. Lawrence Schwartzwald (above); Adam Nemser/PHOTOLink (below) [color] - Matthew Perry. LFI [color]

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In the weeks to come, the city's chattering classes will be consumed with handicapping who'll be editor-in-chief of New York magazine after Henry Kravis and Primedia get through selling it.

Nobody was talking officially last week, pending a deal as final bids arrived Thursday. The consensus is the highest offer is for about \$55 million - coming from a motley team of millionaires and billionaires around Mort Zuckerman.

The coalition includes: Zuckerman, the owner of the Daily News and U.S. News & World Report; billionaire financier Nelson Peltz; mysterious money manager Jeffrey Epstein; ad executive Donny Deutsch, Miramax co-chairman Harvey Weinstein; and non-cash contributors Michael Wolff of New York magazine and possibly Jim Dolan, CEO of Cablevision.

The other two rival bidders are almost diametrically opposite: Bill Curtis' Curtco Media publishes super-upscale glossies, The Robb Report and Worth. American Media publishes the downmarket supermarket tabloids National Enquirer, Star and Globe, plus health and fitness magazines such as Men's Fitness and Shape.

"Whoever the editor is has to have a strong point of view," offers Clay Felker, who launched the magazine as an independent weekly in 1967. It was not a particularly bright time in the city. But Felker and his young writers took on the challenges, exposing the best and the worst of the city. "We believed the city was the imperial center of the United States and possibly the world," he said.

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Weinstein is thought to favor Radar founder Maer Roshan as editor. New York Observer Editor Peter Kaplan's name has surfaced - but he and Wolff have had a public feud.

A deal on the winning bid could be announced early next week. The announcement would probably be delayed until after the annual New York Awards, being staged tomorrow at the Four Seasons.

The world has changed and the question now is: can the new owners regain that old glory - or will there be too many sacred cows in the ownership mix?

As one observer asked as the Zuckerman coalition emerged as the favorite, "Who will be left to make fun of?"

Henry Kravis, watch out.

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At right, taken at the 2004 Tribeca Ball: (from left)



██████████ ██████████ ██████████ and ██████████ You have to feel sorry for ██████████ being caught between two of Jeffrey Epstein's besties. ██████████ was Epstein's assistant, helping the billionaire financier and alleged perv to procure underage girls (with the help of ██████████ for ██████████ massages, and escorting the girls in and out of his Palm Beach mansion. ██████████ had the more exciting job: Epstein's lesbian sex toy.

From pages 11 and 12 of the Jeffrey Epstein affidavit, one masseuse's account (not for the weak of heart and/or pants):

Epstein touched ██████████ Epstein ██████████

which meant the massage was over. At the conclusion of the massage, [redacted] was paid \$200.00. They walked together downstairs where [redacted] and [redacted] were waiting.

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[Redacted] advised that things escalated within the home as Epstein would instruct and pay [redacted] to have intercourse with his female friend, [redacted]. [Redacted] explained the intercourse included [redacted] that Epstein had at his disposal. Epstein would watch them [redacted]. Occasionally, Epstein would then join in during [redacted] and [redacted]. This occurred during the time [redacted] was sixteen years of age.

[Redacted] advised that this continued to escalate during two years. The routine became familiar to [redacted]. Epstein's assistant [redacted] would telephone her every time Epstein was in the Town of Palm Beach and would place appointments for her to visit and work for Epstein. [Redacted] stated during one visit to Epstein's house in which she provided a massage to Epstein, his female friend, [redacted] was also present. [Redacted] provided the massage in which [redacted] and her would [redacted] for Epstein to enjoy. Towards the end of this massage, Epstein grabbed [redacted] and turned her over onto her stomach on the massage table and [redacted]. [Redacted] became upset over this. She said her head was being held against the table forcibly, as he continued to [redacted]. She screamed "No!" and Epstein stopped. She told him that she did not want to [redacted]. Epstein did not [redacted] and apologized for his actions and subsequently paid her a thousand dollars for that visit. [Redacted] stated she knows he still displays her photographs throughout the house.

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Bonus detail: [redacted] is a realtor with Prudential Douglas Elliman. Wonder how far she'll go to make a sale.

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Jeffrey Epstein craved big homes, elite friends - and, investigators say, underage girls

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WINGED GARGOYLES guarded the gate at Jeffrey Epstein's Palm Beach mansion. Inside, hidden cameras trolled two rooms, while the girls came and went.

For the police detectives who sifted through the garbage outside and kept records of visitors, it was the lair of a troubling target.



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Epstein, one of the most mysterious of the country's mega-rich, was known as much for his secrecy as for his love of fine things: magnificent homes, private jets, beautiful women, friendships with the world's elite.

But at Palm Beach police headquarters, he was becoming known for something else: the regular arrival of teenage girls he hired to give him massages and, police say, perform sexual favors.

Epstein was different from most sexual abuse suspects; he was far more powerful. He counted among his friends former President Bill Clinton, Donald Trump and Prince Andrew, along with some of the most prominent legal, scientific and

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business minds in the country.

When detectives started asking questions and teenage girls started talking, a wave

of legal resistance followed.

If Palm Beach police didn't know quite who Jeffrey Epstein was, they found out soon enough.

Epstein, now 53, was a quintessential man of mystery. He amassed his fortune and friends quietly, always in the background as he navigated New York high society.

When he first attracted notice in the early 1990s, it was on account of the woman he was dating: Ghislaine Maxwell, daughter of the late British media tycoon Robert Maxwell.

In a lengthy article, headlined "The Mystery of Ghislaine Maxwell's Secret Love," the British *Mail on Sunday* tabloid laid out speculative stories that the socialite's beau was a CIA spook, a math teacher, a concert pianist or a corporate headhunter.

"But what is the truth about him?" the newspaper wondered. "Like Maxwell, Epstein is both flamboyant and intensely private."

The media frenzy did not begin in full until a decade later. In September 2002, Epstein was flung into the limelight when he flew Clinton and actors Kevin Spacey and Chris Tucker to Africa on his private jet.

Suddenly everyone wanted to know who Epstein was. *New York* magazine and *Vanity Fair* published lengthy profiles. The *New York Post* listed him as one of the city's most eligible bachelors and began describing him in its gossip columns with adjectives such as "mysterious" and "reclusive."

Although Epstein gave no interviews, the broad strokes of his past started to come into focus.

Building a life of extravagance

He was born blue-collar in 1953, the son of a New York City parks department employee, and raised in Brooklyn's Coney Island neighborhood. He left college without a bachelor's degree but became a math teacher at the prestigious Dalton School in Manhattan.

The story goes that the father of one of Epstein's students was so impressed with the man that he put him in touch with a senior partner at Bear Stearns, the global investment bank and securities firm.

In 1976, Epstein left Dalton for a job at Bear Stearns. By the early 1980s, he had started J. Epstein and Co. That is when he began making his millions in earnest.

Little is known or said about Epstein's business except this: He manages money for the extremely wealthy. He is said to handle accounts only of \$1 billion or greater.

It has been estimated he has roughly 15 clients, but their identities are the subject of only speculation. All except for one: Leslie Wexner, founder of The Limited retail chain and a former Palm Beacher who is said to have been a mentor to Epstein.

Wexner sold Epstein one of his most lavish residences: a massive townhouse that dominates a block on Manhattan's Upper East Side. It is reported to have, among its finer features, closed-circuit television and a heated sidewalk to melt away fallen snow.

That townhouse, thought to be the largest private residence in Manhattan, is only a piece of the extravagant world Epstein built over time.

In New Mexico, he constructed a 27,000-square-foot hilltop mansion on a 10,000-acre ranch outside Santa Fe. Many believed it to be the largest home in the state.

In Palm Beach, he bought a waterfront home on El Brillo Way. And he owns a 100-acre private island in the Virgin Islands.

Perhaps as remarkable as his lavish homes is his extensive network of friends and associates at the highest echelons of power. This includes not only socialites but also business tycoons, media moguls, politicians, royalty and Nobel Prize-winning scientists whose research he often funds.

"Just like other people collect art, he collects scientists," said Martin Nowak, who directs the Program for Evolutionary Dynamics at Harvard University and was reportedly the recipient of a \$30 million research donation from Epstein.

Epstein is said to have befriended former Harvard President Larry Summers, prominent law Professor Alan Dershowitz, Donald Trump and *New York Daily News* Publisher Mort Zuckerman.

And yet he managed for decades to maintain a low profile. He avoids eating out and was rarely photographed.

"The odd thing is I never met him," said Dominick Dunne, the famous chronicler of the trials and tribulations of the very rich. "I wasn't even aware of him," except for a *Vanity Fair* article.

Epstein's friendship with Clinton has attracted the most attention.

Epstein met Clinton as early as 1995, when he paid tens of thousands of dollars to join him at an intimate fund-raising dinner in Palm Beach. But from all appearances, they did not become close friends until after Clinton left the Oval Office and moved to New York.

Epstein has donated more than \$100,000 to Democratic candidates' campaigns, including John Kerry's presidential bid, the reelection campaign of New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson and the Senate bids of Joe Lieberman, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Christopher Dodd and Charles Schumer.

Powerful friends and enemies

A *Vanity Fair* profile found cracks in the veneer of Epstein's life story. The 2003 article said he left Bear Stearns in the wake of a federal probe and a possible Securities and Exchange Commission violation. It also pointed out that Citibank once sued him for defaulting on a \$20 million loan.

The article suggested that one of his business mentors and previous employers was Steven Hoffenberg, now serving a prison term after "bilking investors out of more than \$450 million in one of the largest Ponzi schemes in American history."

As he amassed his wealth, Epstein made enemies in disputes both large and small. He sued the man who in 1990 sold him his multimillion-dollar Palm Beach home over a dispute about less than \$16,000 in furnishings.

A former friend claimed Epstein backed out of a promise to reimburse him hundreds of thousands of dollars after their failed investment in Texas oil wells. A judge decided Epstein owed him nothing.

"It's a bad memory. I would rather not have ever met Jeffrey Epstein," said Michael Stroll, the retired former president of Williams Electronics and Sega Corp. "Suffice it to say I have nothing good to say about him."

Among the characteristics most attributed to Epstein is a penchant for women.

He has been linked to Maxwell, a fixture on the high-society party circuits in both New York and London. Previous girlfriends are said to include a former Ms. Sweden and a Romanian model.

"He's a lot of fun to be with," Donald Trump told *New York* magazine in 2002. "It is even said that he likes beautiful women as much as I do, and many of them are on the younger side. No doubt about it, Jeffrey enjoys his social life."

Investigation leads to Epstein

Although he was not a frequenter of the Palm Beach social scene, he made his presence felt. Among his charitable donations, he gave \$90,000 to the Palm Beach Police Department and \$100,000 to Ballet Florida.

In Palm Beach, he lived in luxury. Three black Mercedes sat in his garage, alongside a green Harley-Davidson. His jet waited at a hangar at Palm Beach International Airport. At home, a private chef and a small staff stood at the ready. From a window in his mansion, he could look out on the Intracoastal Waterway and the West Palm Beach skyline. He seemed to be a man who had everything.

But extraordinary wealth can fuel extraordinary desires.

In March 2005, a worried mother contacted Palm Beach police. She said another parent had overheard a conversation between their children.

Now the mother was afraid her 14-year-old daughter had been molested by a man on the island.

The phone call triggered an extensive investigation, one that would lead detectives to Epstein but leave them frustrated.

Palm Beach police and the state attorney's office have declined to discuss the case. But a Palm Beach police report detailing the criminal probe offers a window into what detectives faced as they sought to close in on Epstein.

Detectives interviewed the girl, who told them a friend had invited her to a rich man's house to perform a massage. She said the friend told her to say she was 18 if asked. At the house, she said she was paid \$300 after [REDACTED].

Police interview 5 alleged victims

The investigation began in full after the girl identified Epstein in a photo as the man who had paid her. Police arranged for garbage trucks to set aside Epstein's trash so police could sift through it. They set up a video camera to record the comings and goings at his home. They monitored an airport hangar for signs of his private jet's arrivals and departures.

They quickly learned that the woman who took the 14-year-old girl to Epstein's house was [REDACTED], a [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]. In a sworn statement at police headquarters, [REDACTED], then 18, admitted she had taken at least six girls to visit Epstein, all between the ages of 14 and 16. Epstein paid her for each visit, she said.

During the drive back to her house, [REDACTED] told detectives, "I'm like a Heidi Fleiss."

Police interviewed five alleged victims and 17 witnesses. Their report shows some of the girls said they had been instructed to have sex with another woman in front of Epstein, and one said she had direct intercourse with him.

In October, police searched the Palm Beach mansion. They discovered photos of naked, young-looking females, just as several of the girls had described in interviews. Hidden cameras were found in the garage area and inside a clock on Epstein's desk, alongside a girl's high school transcript.

Two of Epstein's former employees told investigators that young-looking girls showed up to perform massages two or three times a day when Epstein was in town.

They said the girls were permitted many indulgences. A chef cooked for them. Workers gave them rides and handed out hundreds of dollars at a time.

One employee told detectives he was told to send a dozen roses to one teenage girl after a high school drama performance. Others were given rental cars. One, according to police, received a \$200 Christmas bonus.

The cops moved to cement their case. But as they tried to tighten the noose, they encountered other forces at work.

In Orlando they interviewed a possible victim who told them nothing inappropriate had happened between her and Epstein. They asked her whether she had spoken to anyone else. She said yes, a private investigator had asked her the same questions.

When they subpoenaed one of Epstein's former employees, he told them the same thing. He and a private eye had met at a restaurant days earlier to go over what the man would tell investigators.

Detectives received complaints that private eyes were posing as police officers. When they told Epstein's local attorney, Guy Fronstin, he said the investigators worked for Roy Black, the high-powered Miami lawyer who has defended the likes of Rush Limbaugh and William Kennedy Smith.

While the private eyes were conducting a parallel investigation, Dershowitz, the Harvard law professor, traveled to West Palm Beach with information about the girls. From their own profiles on the popular Web site MySpace.com, he obtained copies of their discussions about their use of alcohol and marijuana.

He took his research to a meeting with prosecutors in early 2006, where he sought to cast doubt on the teens' reliability.

The private eyes had dug up enough dirt on the girls to make prosecutors skeptical. Not only did some of the girls have issues with drugs or alcohol but also some had criminal records and other troubles, Epstein's legal team claimed. And at least one of them, they said, lied when she told police she was younger than 18 when she started performing massages for Epstein.

After the meeting, prosecutors postponed their decision to take the case to a grand jury.

In the following weeks, police received complaints that two of the victims or their families had been harassed or threatened. Epstein's legal team maintains that its private investigators did nothing illegal or unethical during their research.

By then, relations between police and prosecutors were fraying. At a key meeting with prosecutors and the defense, Detective [REDACTED], the lead investigator, was a no-show, according to Epstein's attorney.

"The embarrassment on the prosecutor's face was evident when the police officer never showed up for the meeting," attorney Jack Goldberger said.

Later in April, [REDACTED] walked into a prosecutor's office at the state attorney's office and learned the case was taking an unexpected turn.

The prosecutor, Lanna Belohlavek, told [REDACTED] the state attorney's office had offered Epstein a plea deal that would not require him to serve jail time or receive a felony conviction.

[REDACTED] told her he disapproved of the plea offer.

The deal never came to pass, however.

Future unclear after charge

On May 1, the department asked prosecutors to approve warrants to arrest Epstein on four counts of unlawful sexual activity with a minor and to charge his personal assistant, [REDACTED], now 27, for her alleged role in arranging the visits. Police officials also wanted to charge [REDACTED] the self-described Heidi Fleiss, with lewd and lascivious acts.

By then, the department was frustrated with the way the state attorney's office had handled the case. On the same day the warrants were requested, Palm Beach Police Chief Michael Reiter wrote a letter to State Attorney Barry Krischer suggesting he disqualify himself from the case if he would not act.

Two weeks later, [REDACTED] was told that prosecutors had decided once again to take the case to the grand jury.

It is not known how many of the girls testified before the grand jury. But Epstein's defense team said one girl who was subpoenaed — the one who said she had sexual intercourse with Epstein — never showed up.

The grand jury's indictment was handed down in July. It was not the one the police department had wanted.

Instead of being slapped with a charge of unlawful sexual activity with a minor, Epstein was charged with one count of felony solicitation of prostitution, which carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison. He was booked into the Palm Beach County Jail early July 23 and released hours later.

Epstein's legal team "doesn't dispute that he had girls over for massages," Goldberger said. But he said their claims that they had sexual encounters with him lack credibility.

"They are incapable of being believed," he said. "They had criminal records. They had accusations of theft made against them by their employers. There was evidence of drug use by some of them."

What remains for Epstein is yet to be seen.

The Palm Beach Police Department has asked the FBI to investigate the case. It also has returned the \$90,000 Epstein donated in 2004.

In New York, candidates for governor and state attorney general have vowed to return a total of at least \$60,000 in campaign contributions from Epstein. Meanwhile, Epstein's powerful friends have remained silent as tabloids and Internet blogs feast on the public details of the police investigation.

Goldberger maintains Epstein's innocence but says the legal team has not ruled out a future plea deal. He insists Epstein will emerge in the end with his reputation untarnished.

"He will recover from this," he said.

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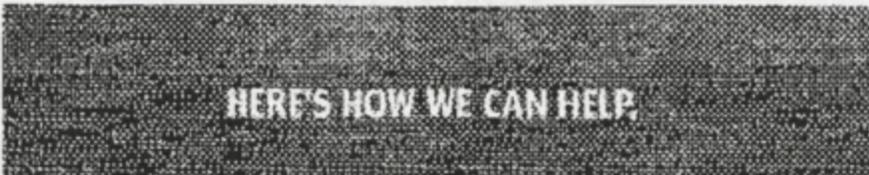
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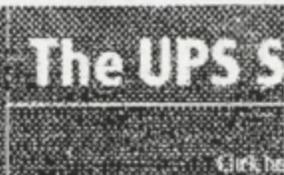
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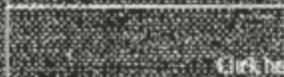
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Bear Stearns' Collateral Damage

Money manager Jeffrey Epstein, BNP Paribas, and other investors are mired in Bear's troubled hedge fund that bet big on subprime mortgages

by Matthew Goldstein

The implosion of a hedge fund often sheds some unwanted attention on the wealthy investors who chose to sink money into the venture. That's certainly the case with an 11-month-old Bear Stearns hedge fund that bet heavily on risky bonds backed by subprime mortgages and is teetering on the verge of collapse (see [BusinessWeek.com, 7/9/07: "See Mutually Assured Mayhem?"](#)).

One of the bigger investors in the troubled Bear Stearns fund is Jeffrey Epstein, a former Bear Stearns trader turned money manager for the super-rich, according to regulatory filings. Over the past year, Epstein has garnered his fair share of notoriety and sensational headlines. Last July, prosecutors in Florida charged the onetime math teacher with soliciting sex from prostitutes at his Palm Beach (Fla.) mansion. Palm Beach police also alleged that the 53-year-old Epstein paid teenage girls to give him nude massages, but prosecutors did not charge him with that offense.

"MONEY MAN OF MYSTERY"

The racy allegations involving Epstein—once labeled New York's most eligible bachelor by the *New York Post*—have been good fodder for the New York tabloids and gossipy Wall Street Web sites such as Dealbreaker.com. Now it appears Epstein may have another public relations headache on his hands over an ill-fated big bet on a hedge fund set up by Bear Stearns (BS) last summer—right around the time he was getting into trouble with the law.

Epstein's Virgin Islands-based money-management firm, Financial Trust Company, is listed in the SEC filing as a "beneficial owner" of the Bear Stearns High-Grade Structured Credit Strategies Enhanced Leverage fund. A January filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission describes Epstein's firm as having "the power to vote or dispose of" 10% or more of the equity of the hedge fund, which raised \$642 million from investors last summer. But the hedge fund's purchasing power was much bigger, given its ability to borrow billions of dollars from banks such as Barclays (BS), Goldman Sachs (GS), Deutsche Bank (DB), Citigroup (C), and Bank of America (BAC).

Epstein, who splits his time between Manhattan, Palm Beach, and St. Thomas, didn't return several phone calls. Gerald Lefcourt, one of the criminal defense lawyers helping Epstein fend off the solicitation charge, had no

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comment. Epstein, once described by *New York* magazine as an "international money man of mystery," reportedly won't take on any clients who aren't billionaires. One of Epstein's longtime clients is Leslie Wexner, the billionaire founder and CEO of the Limited Brands (LTD) retail chain.

BIG LOSERS

Even beyond his money-management business, Epstein has cut a high-profile figure. Over the years, he has befriended powerful politicians, celebrities, and academics, including former President Bill Clinton, Donald Trump, and law professor Alan Dershowitz.

Epstein isn't the only supposedly savvy money manager to the super-rich to throw money into the Bear Stearns funds. A so-called hedge fund-of-funds managed by Paris-based BNP Paribas (BNPQY) also is listed on an SEC filing as a beneficial owner of the same beleaguered Bear Stearns fund in which Epstein invested. A BNP spokeswoman declined to comment. A person familiar with BNP's Ozcar Multi-Strategy fund, which invests in a variety of different hedge funds, says the problems at Bear Stearns should have minimal impact on Ozcar's performance.

Still, this isn't the first time the BNP fund has made a disastrous bet on a hedge fund. The Ozcar fund, and other affiliated BNP funds, invested about \$49 million in Wood River Partners, a onetime \$127 million hedge fund that went bust in October, 2005, amid allegations of fraudulent trading. On May 30, John Whittier, the former manager of the hedge fund, pleaded guilty in federal court in Manhattan to charges of carrying out a scheme to defraud investors in the fund. The Ozcar fund, of which little is publicly known, is looking at having invested in two big losers in its brief four-year existence.

TAINTED REPUTATION?

The hedge fund that Epstein and BNP invested in is barely holding on after using billions in borrowed money to buy risky bonds backed by ailing subprime mortgages. The fund was down 23% for the year as of the end of April. Bear Stearns says it will provide a full accounting for the funds' losses sometime next week. In June, Bear Stearns suspended investor redemptions. Some frustrated investors are offering to sell their shares in the beleaguered hedge fund for as little as 10 cents on the dollar in the secondary market. Other investors are contemplating litigation. The Securities and Exchange Commission, meanwhile, has launched a preliminary investigation into the events leading up to the collapse of the fund (see *BusinessWeek* com, 6/25/07, "Bear's Big Loss Attracts SEC Attention").

A sister fund also run by Bear Stearns is faring a bit better, but that's only because the big Wall Street firm has opted to prop up that entity with \$1.6 billion in loans (see *BusinessWeek* com, 6/22/07, "Bear Stearns to Its Rescue—Sort Of"). The four-year-old Bear Stearns High-Grade Structured Credit Strategies Leverage fund was down about 10% as of the end of April. Bear Stearns has suspended investor redemptions in that fund, too. The Wall Street firm, however, has decided not to provide any financing to the younger fund, which was more heavily leveraged and indebted.

The near-collapse of the two Bear Stearns funds has sparked widespread concern on Wall Street because both hedge funds used billions in borrowed money to buy sophisticated securities called collateralized debt obligations. Popularly known as CDOs, these bond-like securities are hard-to-value investments that rarely trade. There is fear that the mass liquidation of the CDOs still held by the two hedge funds could cause a widespread devaluation in CDO prices. The trouble with the two hedge funds has already forced a management shakeup at Bear Stearns' asset management division and ultimately may end up sullyng its reputation.

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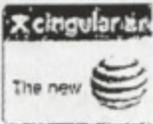
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Working for Top Bosses on Wall St. Has Its Perks

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On Wall Street, just about everything has its price, from the commission on a stock trade to the pay package of a top banker. But when it comes to securing the services of an ever-loyal, all-knowing executive assistant, the boss is often willing to disburse cash and a long list of perks -- from unlimited credit at high-end hair salons to nannies.

After this week's disclosure that the executive assistant for Richard A. Grasso, the former chairman of the New York Stock Exchange, was paid \$240,000 a year, the role of the executive assistant has drawn extra scrutiny.

But, while her pay was cited as a totem of the culture of excess that Mr. Grasso cultivated, in the very thin air pocket that captures the upper reaches of Wall Street compensation, there are examples of assistants earning packages that at least approach that level.

Executive recruiters say that pay for assistants to Wall Street chief executives may range from \$100,000 to \$150,000 in base salary, with a select few earning as much as \$200,000. There is also the potential to earn a bonus in either cash or equity of up to 30 percent of that amount. On top of that, some executives will pay another bonus out of their own pockets, rewarding their assistants for going beyond the call of duty to get a job done.

And it is not just Wall Street. Wherever pay and egos collide, executive assistants stand to gain. During the Tyco International trial, for example, Mary Murphy, an assistant to L. Dennis Kozlowski, the former chief executive, testified that she received a \$700,000 severance package when she left the company in 1999.

Then there is the case of Jeffrey Epstein who pays his three executive assistants more than \$200,000 a year. A financier who manages the money of a small roster of billionaire clients, Mr. Epstein has an unusual philosophy about the utility of his three-woman executive team, which manages his hectic life of globetrotting and hobnobbing with the likes of former President Clinton.

He calls them a "social prosthesis," with an intuitive knowledge of his manifold needs and a 24-hour presence that make them virtually indispensable to his personal and business success.

"They are an extension of my brain," said Mr. Epstein, who rarely talks publicly. "Their intuition is

something that I don't have."

For example, he said, one of the assistants "can pick up the stresses in one of my trader's voices and put the call right through; that can save me hundreds of thousands of dollars."

Accordingly, Mr. Epstein, who lives and works on a private island in the Virgin Islands but maintains an office in New York, does not stint in compensating them. In addition to the rich payday, he also ladles on the perks: he maintains a charge account at Frédéric Fekkai, the society hair dresser, for their unlimited use and pays for all food eaten during his lengthy business hours, including takeout from Le Cirque. On trips on his Boeing 727, he frequently takes two of the assistants with him.

When one of them, [REDACTED], who is 38, became pregnant last year and talked of leaving, he bought her a Mercedes-Benz E320 to make her commuting easier and agreed to pay for a full-time nanny so that she could keep working for him.

"There is no way that I could lose [REDACTED] to motherhood," said Mr. Epstein, who is in his early 50's and is a bachelor.

There are those on Wall Street who feel that it is hard to attach a true value to such people.

"They know everything and they eventually take over," said Michael M. Thomas, a former Lehman Brothers partner. Mr. Thomas retained his assistant for 16 years and as a child he remembers receiving personal letters from his father, also a financial executive, that were signed by his secretary. "You are paying for loyalty as well as indispensability. Grasso took home \$139 million and he paid the keeper of his secrets a quarter million. That is a very small economy."

In Mr. Grasso's case, his assistant remained loyal to him. According to lawyers close to the case, the assistant, SooJee Lee, 38, was reticent about her boss when she was interviewed by stock exchange lawyers as they compiled a report on Mr. Grasso's pay, which totaled \$192.9 million in compensation and paid pension benefits in his eight years as chief executive.

Their conclusions, released this week in what is known as the Webb report, noted that comparing the pay of Mr. Grasso as chairman of a self-regulated institution with that of the chief executives of big Wall Street firms was inappropriate; the report said he received \$144 million to \$156 million in excessive compensation.

In many ways the role of the assistant as omnipotent gatekeeper has evolved in recent years as the corporate conduct of chief executives has become a target for regulators. A number of chief executives of Wall Street firms shun e-mail these days, not because they are Luddites, but because e-mail messages have ended up as evidence in cases brought by regulators. Now, to send e-mail messages to these men, one has to send a message to his assistant.

The executive assistant has long been a crucial figure in the busy life of the Wall Street executive, but the nature of the relationship has changed. In the more relaxed time of partnerships and privacy, they tended to be older, with a more circumscribed set of duties. With the increased pressure that came from firms going public, combined with the relentless beat of travel and ceremony, executives have started to attract a younger, more resilient breed of assistant to keep up with them.

The executives have also gone for quantity. Having two executive assistants is de rigueur for most executives these days. Drivers are also paid hefty sums on Wall Street. According to the Webb report,

two of Mr. Grasso's drivers were paid \$130,000 each. While that figure would seem high, executives and consultants say that many drivers on the Street, especially those with a law enforcement background, can command such a figure.

To be sure, the rest of corporate America is less generous. Recruiters say the average salary, not including bonus, for assistants outside of Wall Street ranges from \$60,000 to \$100,000 a year.

And a growing number of chief executives command the services of three full-time assistants who divvy up the tasks of fielding calls, typing letters, managing a schedule and other duties. Many have advanced degrees. Ms. Lee, for example, is a law school graduate.

"They are trouble-shooters, amateur psychologists, travel consultants, and play a critical role in helping executives achieve personal and company goals," said Melba J. Duncan, president of the Duncan Group, a global headhunting firm for executive assistants. "They are there 24/7 and don't leave until they get the job done."

Harking back to a time on Wall Street when gender roles were more stratified, the vast majority of executive assistants are women.

And there is a long history of chief executives marrying their assistants or attendants. Mr. Grasso's wife worked for a time before their marriage as his assistant at the exchange during the 1970's. His successor, John S. Reed, married the flight attendant on his corporate jet. Carl C. Icahn, the financier, as well as Kenneth L. Lay and Jeffrey K. Skilling, the former chief executives of Enron, also married their assistants.

Getting such jobs is not easy. Many come from search firms, but in the case of Mr. Epstein assistants must submit to a test that he likens to a graduate exam. Some candidates being considered by him also write a 20-page research report in which they demonstrate their communication and critical thinking skills.

██████████ said she thought that both she and Ms. Lee were worth the price.

"It comes down to the bond," said ██████████ a graduate of the University of Texas who has been with Mr. Epstein for four years. "I know what he is thinking and I know when I need to be fast. It's a nice roll we are on."

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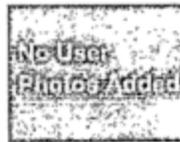
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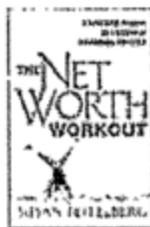
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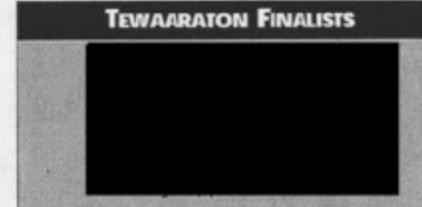
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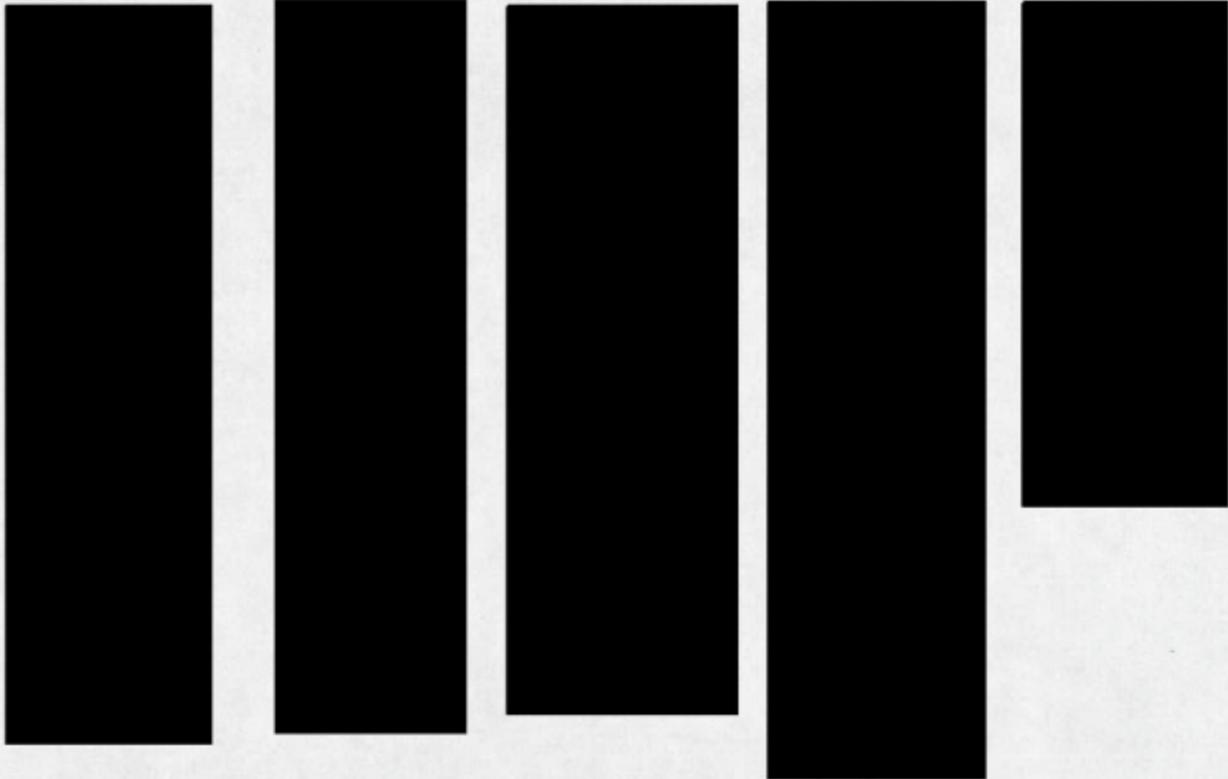
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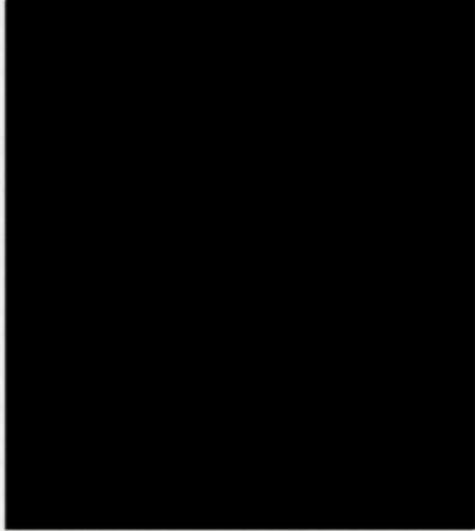
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Goals against Average	
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ALL-SOUTH REGIONAL TEAMS



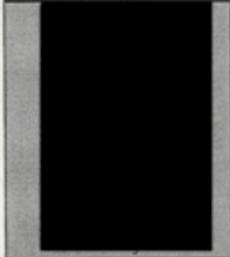
ALL-STATE TEAMS



**VaSID STATE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**



**VaSID STATE
COACH OF THE YEAR**



UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA AWARDS

Women's Lacrosse Team Award

[Redacted]	1975-76
[Redacted]	1976-77
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[Redacted]	2000-01
[Redacted]	2001-02
[Redacted]	2002-03
[Redacted]	2003-04

Scholarship Fund

[Redacted]	1999-00
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Memorial Award Top GPA, Female Fourth-year

[Redacted]	1977-78
[Redacted]	1978-79
[Redacted]	1988-89

UVa Athletic Department Distinguished Student-Athlete Scholarship Award

[Redacted]	1999-00
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Scholarship Award

[Redacted]	1992-93
[Redacted]	1996-97
[Redacted]	2001-02

SAM of the Year Award

[Redacted]	1997-98
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Jr. Award

[Redacted]	1997-98
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Memorial Award

[Redacted]	1988-89
[Redacted]	1999-00
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IMP Award- Outstanding Female Athlete

[Redacted]	1975-76
[Redacted]	1976-77
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[Redacted]	1986-87
[Redacted]	1989-90
[Redacted]	1993-94
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Award

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TOP 10 MOMENTS IN VIRGINIA ATHLETIC HISTORY

As a part of the celebration of the end of the twentieth century, the UVa Athletic Department put together a "Top 10" list—the top 10 athletes, top 10 teams, and top 10 moments. Lacrosse athletes figure prominently in the list. [Redacted] are both among the top six athletes, and Cherie's goals to clinch both the 1991 and 1993 titles also rank in the top-10 moments.

National Girls and Women in Sports Day University of Virginia Honorees

1996:	[Redacted]	1999:	[Redacted]
1997:	[Redacted]	2000:	[Redacted]
1998:	[Redacted]	2005:	[Redacted]

2005 Westport Summer Series #5

4.7 Miles, Longshore C.C., Westport, CT
July 30, 2005

Sunny, warm (70), dry

MEN'S WINNER: ██████████ - 26:56
WOMEN'S WINNER: ██████████ - 32:25

Click on the "pace" links to move about through the results.

Use the Find option of your Web Browser to find the performance of a specific indivi

Male and female finishers numbered separately; to find your overall place, add your to that of the first finisher of the opposite gender ahead of you.

PLACE	CLASS	FINISHER	TIME	PACE
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2	2 M30	██████████ 32, Fairfield, CT	27:43	5:54

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3	1 JrM	██████████ 18, New Canaan, CT	28:30	6:04
4	2 JrM	██████████ 18, Monroe, CT	28:44	6:07
5	1 M50	██████████ 50, Westport, CT	28:54	6:09
6	1 M40	██████████ 41, Stratford, CT	29:04	6:11
7	2 M40	██████████ 44, Westport, CT	29:09	6:12
8	2 M50	██████████ 50, New Haven, CT	29:13	6:13
9	3 M40	██████████ 47, Fairfield, CT	29:42	6:19
10	3 M30	██████████ 36, Weston, CT	29:46	6:20
11	4 M30	██████████ 35, Westport, CT	29:53	6:21
12	3 JrM	██████████ 18, New Canaan, CT	30:20	6:27
13	4 M40	██████████ 43, Westport, CT	30:23	6:28
14	5 M40	██████████ 48, Norwalk, CT	30:24	6:28
15	5 M30	██████████ 38, Fairfield, CT	30:26	6:29
16	6 M40	██████████ 42, Fairfield, CT	30:27	6:29
17	7 M40	██████████ 47, Mamaroneck, NY	30:41	6:32
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19	9 M40	██████████ 41, Fairfield, CT	30:48	6:33
20	6 M30	██████████ 38, Stamford, CT	30:54	6:34
21	4 JrM	██████████ 18, New Canaan, CT	30:59	6:36
22	7 M30	██████████ 38, New York, NY	31:07	6:37
23	8 M30	██████████ 37, Westport, CT	31:16	6:39
24	3 M50	██████████ 55, Croton-on-Hudson, NY	31:34	6:43
25	10 M40	██████████ 40, Bridgeport, CT	31:59	6:48
26	4 M50	██████████ 57, Weston, CT	32:09	6:50
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1	1 W50	██████████ 50*, Westport, CT	32:25	6:54
29	6 JrM	██████████ 17, Monroe, CT	32:37	6:56
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6	2	W40	[REDACTED]	48*, Mamaroneck, NY	34:08	7:16
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11 finishers among Men 19 & Under
 2 finishers among Men 20 - 29
 25 finishers among Men 30 - 39
 26 finishers among Men 40 - 49
 21 finishers among Men 50 - 59
 11 finishers among Men 60 - 69
 2 finishers among Women 19 & Under
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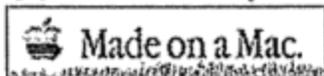
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Men 19 & Under				
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12	3	[REDACTED] 18, New Canaan, CT	30:20	6:27
21	4	[REDACTED] 18, New Canaan, CT	30:59	6:36
28	5	[REDACTED] 19, Westport, CT	32:20	6:53
Men 20 - 29				
49	1	[REDACTED] 20, Westport, CT	36:38	7:48
60	2	[REDACTED] 20, Redding, CT	38:11	8:07
Men 30 - 39				
1	1	[REDACTED] 37, Stamford, CT	26:56	5:44
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Men 40 - 49				
6	1	[REDACTED] 41, Stratford, CT	29:04	6:11
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9	3	[REDACTED] 47, Fairfield, CT	29:42	6:19
13	4	[REDACTED] 43, Westport, CT	30:23	6:28
14	5	[REDACTED] 48, Norwalk, CT	30:24	6:28
Men 50 - 59				
5	1	[REDACTED] 50, Westport, CT	28:54	6:09
8	2	[REDACTED] 50, New Haven, CT	29:13	6:13
24	3	[REDACTED] 55, Croton-on-Hudson, NY	31:34	6:43
26	4	[REDACTED] 57, Weston, CT	32:09	6:50
31	5	[REDACTED] 56, Westport, CT	32:50	6:59
Men 60 - 69				

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Women 19 & Under					
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10	4	[REDACTED]	36, Fairfield, CT	35:19	7:31
12	5	[REDACTED]	36, Pound Ridge, NY	35:59	7:39
Women 40 - 49					
4	1	[REDACTED]	44, Westport, CT	33:35	7:09
6	2	[REDACTED]	, 48, Mamaroneck, NY	34:08	7:16
7	3	[REDACTED]	44, Weston, CT	34:47	7:24
11	4	[REDACTED]	47, Weston, CT	35:37	7:35
14	5	[REDACTED]	42, Fairfield, CT	37:14	7:55
Women 50 - 59					
1	1	[REDACTED]	50, Westport, CT	32:25	6:54
2	2	[REDACTED]	51, Westport, CT	33:26	7:07
28	3	[REDACTED]	51, Weston, CT	42:12	8:59
31	4	[REDACTED]	54, Bethel, CT	42:55	9:08
36	5	[REDACTED]	, 52, Westport, CT	44:29	9:28

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LEWINSKY PROSECUTOR JOINS DEFENSE OF CLINTON CRONY

By [Jose Lambiet](#) | Wednesday, September 12, 2007, 07:00 PM

For the allegedly teen girl-loving Palm Beach moneybags Jeffrey Epstein, it's all become academic.

With a felony prostitution charge pending in Palm Beach County for a year and a half and the feds breathing down the billionaire's neck, a source inside Epstein's camp said Whitewater special prosecutor and Peppercorn professor **Ken Starr** secretly private-jetted to Palm Beach last week to help four other lawyers map out Epstein's defense.

Along with Harvard legal brain **Alan Dershowitz**, **Roy Black** from Miami and **Gerald Lefcourt** from New York backing up local legal eagle **Jack Goldberger**, the group dissected the case's minutiae for most of the day. (I'd hate to get that bill, knowing that Dershowitz alone gets a thousand bucks an hour, plus expenses!)

Dershowitz and Starr, polar opposites in life and politics, politely went at it when the focus turned to whether the FBI should even be investigating Epstein's alleged sexual activity at his Palm Beach manse with girls as young as 14 brought over by a PBCC student.

"I can't discuss the details," Dershowitz tells Page 2.1 from his office at Harvard. "But it's clear that there are some serious constitutional issues

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in this case.”

Most remember Starr, who didn't return calls left at his office and his home in Malibu, Calif., as the special prosecutor who went after then-Prez **Bill Clinton** for allegedly lying about the sex he had, or didn't have, with White House intern **Monica Lewinsky**.

But when it comes to staying out of jail, the 55-year-old famed Wall Street financier Epstein and his personal friend Dershowitz — both big Bill Clinton fans — didn't let a little blue dress stand in the way.

“I proposed to bring in Ken Starr because Jeffrey deserves the best representation possible,” Dershowitz said. “Ken Starr happens to be an excellent constitutional lawyer. This isn't about politics.”

No doubt that last week's show of force was also designed to psych out State Attorney **Barry Krischer**. His office is supposed to prosecute Epstein, but the case has been stalled. A source at the state attorney's office, who asked to remain anonymous, said prosecutors are waiting for the FBI to end its probe.

Palm Beach Police originally came up with a box-load of evidence against Epstein after an 11-month surveillance. PB Chief **Michael Reiter** referred the matter to the FBI last summer after slamming Krischer for not pursuing a charge harsher than prostitution. Word is the FBI is looking into whether Epstein flew some of the Palm Beach County girls to his New York home.

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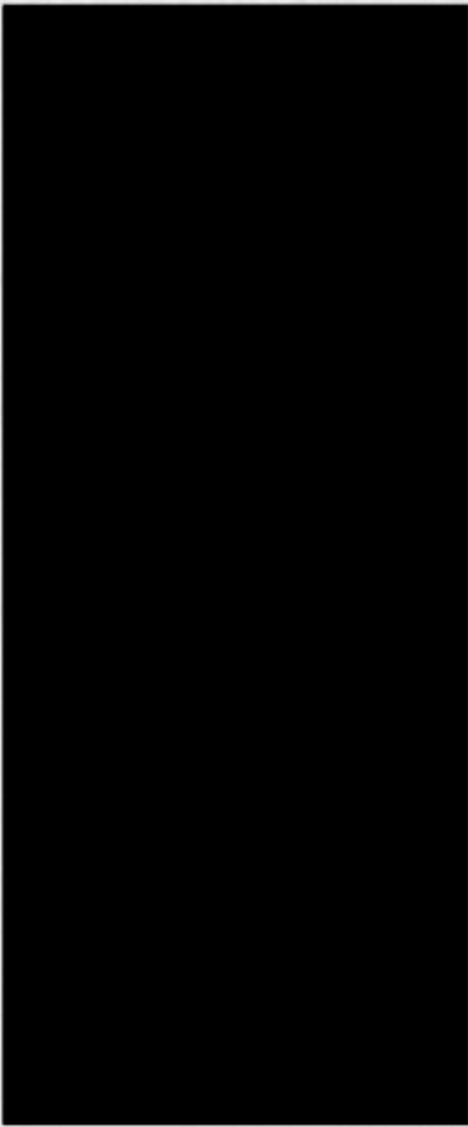
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Prince Andrew, Bill Clinton and Donald Trump are among his closest friends. He is on first name terms with the Hollywood glitterati and boasts a portfolio of mansions stretching from New Mexico to New York.

There are few more glamorous or influential figures than financier Jeffrey Epstein: billionaire, polymath and noted charitable donor who makes his money managing the multi-billion dollar financial portfolios of a wealthy elite.

But the greying 54-year-old will soon be swapping his sea views and Manhattan skylines for the harsher surroundings of a US prison cell.

After two years of investigation, claim and counterclaim, Epstein is about to plead guilty to a charge of soliciting underage girls for sex and is likely to spend 15 months behind bars.

It is an astonishing fall from grace, and will be endlessly distressing to a man who prides himself on his academic brilliance and artistic taste as much as his ability to generate cash.

He is not the only one to be concerned, however; for all his love of privacy, Epstein had made it his business to spend time with many of the best-known people on the planet.

As a friend of Prince Andrew, he has stayed for a weekend party at Sandringham, the Queen's Norfolk home, and was a guest at the Queen's birthday party in 2000 in Windsor.

In 2001 he holidayed with the Prince in Thailand, when Andrew was photographed surrounded by topless women on a yacht.

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As the tawdry details of Epstein's private life trickle out, his courtiers and admirers – the people who are familiar with his mansions and the ceaseless parade of young women in attendance – are coming under

ever closer scrutiny.

And now one of those who witnessed Epstein's louche existence at first hand has revealed what life was like inside his sordid world – and her story provides a disturbing portrait of sickening seduction and the power of money.

██████████ a church-going, all-American brunette, was recruited six years ago into Epstein's household as an occasional home help, and was induced to perform demeaning sexual services.

She has never before spoken about the bizarre five-year friendship with the financier – or an episode in which she claims she was groped by Prince Andrew, fourth in line to the throne.

But with Epstein finally admitting that the sensational accusations against him are true after all, ██████████ life within the Epstein camp is returning to haunt her.

Although 21 at the time and a consenting adult, she feels she was preyed upon all the same.

"I was groomed for it," she says. "I made a pact with the devil in exchange for excitement and glamour. I was only a college student. I was hard-up and foolish."

██████████ was from a loving, church-going family in Maine, and was studying psychology at Atlantic College in Palm Beach. She hoped to become a family therapist.

She had no reason to be suspicious when a handsome brunette in sports gear approached her as she sat on a bench on campus one day. That was in February 2001 and the stranger, whom she later discovered was Ghislaine Maxwell – daughter of the late, disgraced Robert Maxwell – had an unusual proposition: in return for \$20 an hour, she was to answer the phones and serve occasional drinks at Epstein's home.

She recalls: "I thought, what a great opportunity! It seemed pretty easy. I felt as if I had fallen into a pot of gold. All my friends were jealous of me for getting such a great job."

Johanna's first visit to Epstein's pink mansion involved nothing more than running errands for printer cartridges and science magazines, but her second trip brought a surprising question.

"Ghislaine asked me, 'Do you want to make \$100 rubbing feet?' I said I would love to do that."

Impressed with Jeffrey's knowledge of psychology – one of her college subjects – ██████████ had already warned to her new employer, and was further impressed when he and a female friend showed her the basics of massage.

"It was fun," she says. "Really, though, I was being groomed. I really liked him, and I didn't get any sexual vibes from him. I viewed him as a great uncle who wanted me to be happy."

██████████ must have learned well, because the friendship and the opportunities grew rapidly. First, at Easter 2001, there was a trip to his seven-storey townhouse in New York, and her first brush with royalty.

She recalls: "Prince Andrew was there and Ghislaine and a couple of other girls my age. Andrew was very charming. I didn't know exactly who he was but felt that I knew him. She (Ghislaine) came down with a present for him – a latex puppet of him from Spitting Image.

"The room was very large, considering it was Manhattan. It was on East 71, with four floors. It was beautiful, like a museum, with relics from thousands of years BC. There were huge paintings.

"I didn't grow up poor, but I realised there was more money there than I could ever have imagined.

"We had a picture taken. [REDACTED] another girl there, sat on a chair and had the puppet on her lap. Andrew sat on another chair, I sat on his lap – and he [REDACTED] Ghislaine put the puppet's hand on [REDACTED] then Andrew put his hand on mine. It was a great joke. Everybody laughed. Ghislaine made a lot of sexual jokes," says [REDACTED]. "She had a very dirty sense of humour.

"There were pictures of her and Jeffrey and the Pope, and her and Jeffrey and Castro, and her and Jeffrey and Clinton."

If the groping incident was shrugged off as a joke, it was in New York that [REDACTED] got the first indications of something more seriously amiss.

"While I was in New York, Jeffrey asked me to do the nipple thing. He asked me to touch his nipples during the massage. I was shocked. I said, 'I am not doing this. I'm done.' And I walked out of the room. He couldn't believe I refused. No one else had ever done that."

Despite her refusal, she was invited to spend time on Epstein's private island in the British Virgin Islands where, she was warned by Jeffrey, that there would be "sex stuff" going on.

Says [REDACTED]: "I thought I was going to the island to do massage. I thought I would probably get paid. I was doing one or two a day, mostly for him, but sometimes for Ghislaine. She wasn't very picky, but he [Epstein] kept dictating what he wanted. She would be naked under a towel during the massage. There was no suggestion from her of anything untoward during the massages."

The trip seemed like paradise to [REDACTED]. She says: "The island was incredible, with four wheelers to drive around in and this beautiful living room area with a great projector TV screen.

"We were all watching movies together at night but not porn – Jeffrey isn't into that. It felt like a fairy tale and they were great fun to be around.

"I do remember him and her jumping off the dock naked, swimming.

"I thought it was normal for them, they were very free people. I would not do it with people around, but it was normal for them."

During the break, [REDACTED] got an idea of the kind of circles Epstein usually moved in.

"I would be massaging him and he'd be on the phone and then hang up and say, 'oh, that was Cate Blanchett,' or 'I was on a plane with Clinton.' Clinton is definitely a friend of his.

"He'd say, 'I was hanging out with Leo diCaprio and Bruce Willis.'"

Then she adds: "I met one major TV personality who said, 'What's the deal with the girls going out to find other girls?'" He told [REDACTED] that he had heard that girls were being paid \$200 a time to introduce their teenage friends to Epstein.