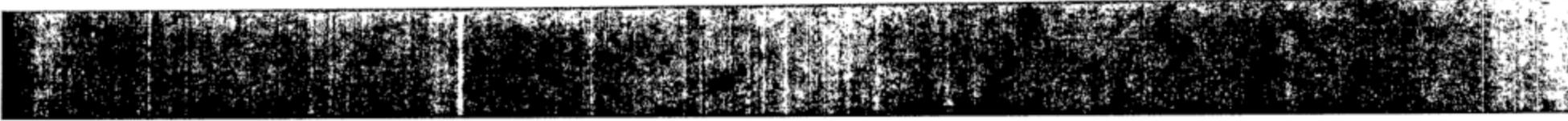
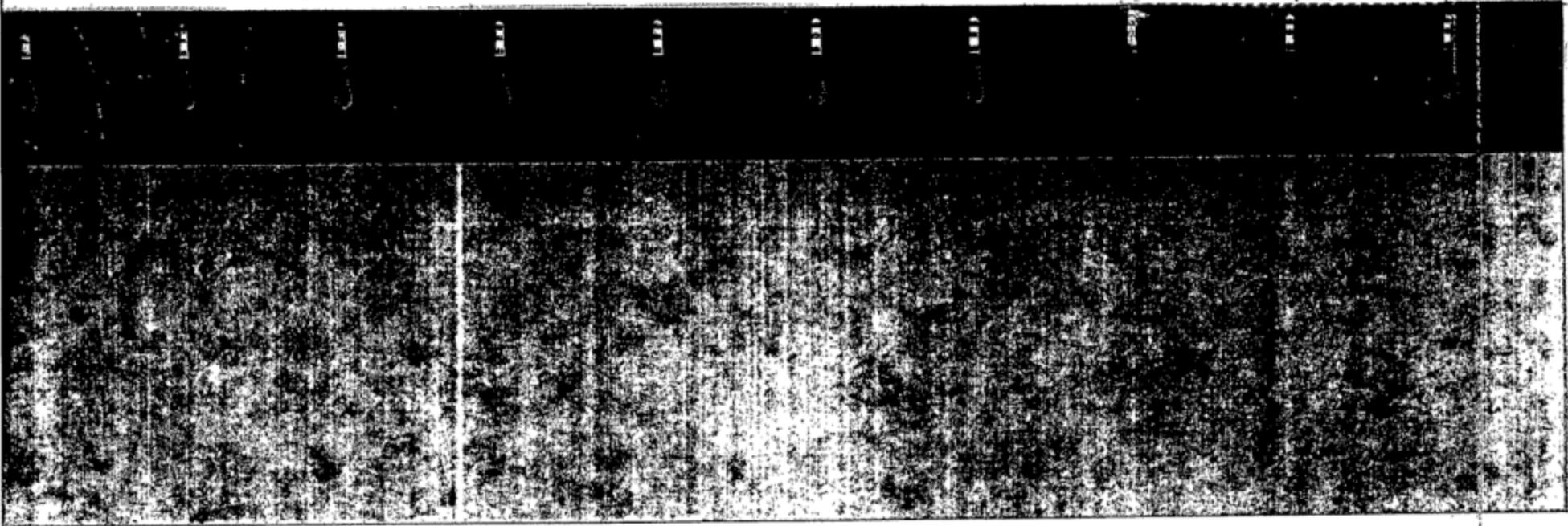


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Governor to dump cash from billionaire

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By STEVE TERRELL | The New Mexican
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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.

_ \$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.

Comments

By marco Ortiz (Submitted: 08/17/2006 3:29 pm)
Thanks Jaime.

By james trujillo (Submitted: 08/17/2006 3:27 pm)
Classy move Jaime! Thanks for the info.

By Jaime Deloro (Submitted: 08/17/2006 3:13 pm)
I contacted the Solano for Sheriff Campaign Treasurer through his website [Http://www.solano4sheriff.com](http://www.solano4sheriff.com) to make a donation of \$100. I was given an address of:

Solano for Sheriff Campaign

1068 Willow Way, Santa Fe, N.M. 87507

You can also donate at the Web site with credit or debit cards. I did so and I hope anyone else who wants to help will do the same. Its going to two good charities anyway.

By Josef Baushofer (Submitted: 08/17/2006 3:06 pm)
Good job Mr. Solano.

By james trujillo (Submitted: 08/17/2006 1:11 pm)

Marco: The pediophilia charges are against Epstein, not Solano. When the Sheriff received these contributions these charges never existed. I think we can all agree that the Sheriff has high moral standards and would have returned the donation if these charges pre-existed. I don't think he did anything immoral or unethical. Look at his most recent post, he's digging into his pocket's again.

By james trujillo (Submitted: 08/17/2006 12:52 pm)

Sheriff Solano: I saw in the paper yesterday there is a food and school supply drive to benefit Bienvenidos Outreach for the month of August. There are alot of kids who start school with no school supplies and no food.....just a thought.....since it is August and school starts soon.

By marco Ortiz (Submitted: 08/17/2006 12:24 pm)

James, You're missing the point. I know where Greg grew up , what he went through to get where he's at (not personally), I grew up with Casper, and no, law enforcement officers aren't paid nearly enough but they should be held to a higher ethical standard. You want them to all be like Danny Valdez. Look I know it's an if, but if convicted, it's pedophilia James. I guess we'll just both have to agree to disagree. Enjoy you're day.

By Eric Radosevich (Submitted: 08/17/2006 11:42 am)

This is a truely righteous thing to do. More power to you Sheriff Solano.

By marco Ortiz (Submitted: 08/17/2006 11:09 am)

Who do I write the check to and where can I drop it off or mail it to? Let's go people. He doesn't need to be using his own money. Bravo Sheriff! Bravo!

By Solano Greg (Submitted: 08/17/2006 11:04 am)

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Sheriff Solano to donate funds to Charity

August 17, 2006
Sheriff Greg Solano will be donating \$1000 to Mothers Against Drunk Driving and \$1000 to Challenge New Mexico both local charities doing important work for citizens of New Mexico. The money represents money donated by Jeffrey Epstein to Sheriff Solano's Campaign in 2005. Although the money had been spent and the election over in June of 2006 Sheriff Solano felt it was the right thing to do in this circumstance. Sheriff Solano will make the donations using a combination of new donations and his own money.

By james trujillo (Submitted: 08/17/2006 10:52 am)

Marco: What I am saying is that the bigger the office the bigger the contribution. It would be easier for someone running for president or governor to return the money or donate it like Richardson did. Sheriff Solano was working with a shoe string campaign budget compared to a higher office like the

Governor. It would be harder for Solano to return his contributions because he doesn't receive the funding that Richardson would get. You wanting Sheriff Solano to go deeper in debt doesn't make sense. He has a family and bills to pay just like most people.

By marco Ortiz (Submitted: 08/17/2006 10:33 am)

James, My bad. But where are you on the topic or the question I posed?

What are you saying James? The lower the office, the lower your ethics can be?

By james trujillo (Submitted: 08/17/2006 10:31 am)

Eldon: I have many clients from Los Alamos, Santa Fe, Eldorado, and Albuquerque. I go to my clients homes and Chef for parties of 2 through 30. I do the planning, shopping, cooking, serving, and cleanup for one flat rate. I didn't go to culinary school but I have been cooking since I was 8 years old. I am self-taught along with mentoring with a Chef from Phoenix (Roberto Rosales La Mancha Athletic and Resort Hotel). I also was the Personal Chef for one of the principal owners of Penthouse Magazine.

I am emailing you my brochure and a sample menu to your email address.

By Eldon Howell (Submitted: 08/17/2006 10:16 am)

James....do you go around preparing for parties, or do you only work for one client, or how does that work? Did you go to school just for that? If we start getting off topic you can email me at eldon.howell@gmail.com

By james trujillo (Submitted: 08/17/2006 9:58 am)

Marco: I am not a deputy nor do I work for SF County. I am a Personal Chef who pays taxes and is a registered voter. It would be hard to for me to arrest anyone with a spatula.....LOL.....way off dude!

By Eric Radosevich (Submitted: 08/17/2006 8:08 am)

I am not policing ANYONE marco, just killing time for break once in a while.

By paul white (Submitted: 08/16/2006 7:03 pm)

I applaud Sheriff Solano for his comments on this issue. How many other politicians are willing to comment in this kind of forum? -Pablo Blanco

By Jaime Deloro (Submitted: 08/16/2006 6:11 pm)

I am not saying he was cornered into corruption. I am saying that if politicians have to keep a cache of cash to cover money which may have to be refunded years later when a donor is arrested or charged with a crime that will encourage even more fundraising and the possibility of someone acting badly out of desperation. It is bad enough that a simple low level office like

Sheriff has to raise \$30,000 just to run, much less pay for the future mistakes or misdeeds of donors.

By marco Ortiz (Submitted: 08/16/2006 3:34 pm)

What are you doing here Eric? Policing us? Yes Sherriff Solano has a hard job that is under a microscope but it is his choice.

These cases take years to prosecute, so if this guy is found innocent or guilty in another year or two does the politician now have to come up with money out of his or her own pocket?

That would depend on his character? I'd gladly pitch in \$10-20.

Jaime, are you saying Robert Vigil was cornered into corruption?

By Jaime Deloro (Submitted: 08/16/2006 3:10 pm)

So, On Sheriff Solano's Blog he says he received the donation in August of 2005. Almost a year later and months after the campaign and election are done the guy is arrested or charged with a crime. How many years or how long after the elections are done do candidates still have to take money out of their own pockets if a donor gets in trouble. These cases take years to prosecute, so if this guy is found innocent or guilty in another year or two does the politician now have to come up with money out of his or her own pocket? The Kings and Richardson's have tons of campaign money to throw around and Bill could easily throw a \$100 a plate diner to raise the money he is donating to charity. How many people are going to donate to a Sheriff's campaign that is already over? I could not find on the Internet how much the sheriff makes but I think it is around \$50,000 before taxes. So we really want our elected officials paying for other peoples mistakes? That only encourages things like Robert Vigil or kickbacks and schemes for the elected officials which really are not paid that much to begin with to try and have money to pay for other peoples mistakes.

By marco Ortiz (Submitted: 08/16/2006 3:04 pm)

Here here Josef. Come on Greg. He's charged with pedophilia (sp?).

Give US a break Officer Trujillo. You are an officer aren't you or are you one of Sherriff Solano's duputies?

What are you saying James? The lower the office, the lower your ethics can be?

By Eric Radosevich (Submitted: 08/16/2006 2:43 pm)

If he does good things with bad money, who cares. If Sherriff Solano goes to Las Vegas and plays some poker, who cares. If maybe more of you people got off this web page and went to Vegas, maybe you'd come back a little less anal about everything. Lighten up for goodness sakes, your gonna' give yourselves a stroke. Sherriff Solano has a hard job and he does

just fine while being under a bunch of you busy bodyswatchful eyes because you all have nothing better to do.

By marco Ortiz (Submitted: 08/16/2006 2:24 pm)

Okay Jaime, say this Epstein guy does get convicted. You're alright that a convicted pedophile is giving money to our sherriff's campaign? Yeah yeah they are allegations but just to be clear, if convicted, you're alright with this? How about you Sherriff Solano? If convicted?

Regarding other comments; I agree with you Jaime on Sherriff Solano's Las Vegas trip as well as his participation here on-line.

By Josef Baushofer (Submitted: 08/16/2006 2:16 pm)

Greg - I'm suggesting you return the \$2,000 and be \$4,500 in debt instead of \$2,500.

By Jaime Deloro (Submitted: 08/16/2006 2:03 pm)

Maria, I read the Albuquerque Journal Article which says that the Sheriff was in Vegas for a wedding and while he was there he visited the World Series of Poker. According to the article he spent a Whopping \$175 while he was there to play in a tournament. He also chronicles the trip extensively in his blog so why is this an issue? What is there for the New Mexican to catch? He talked openly about this trip the same way he seems to talk openly about everything. He is the only politician who bothers to even talk here and his life seems like an open book to me. I would not want everyone knowing as much about me as we do about him. Jeffery Epstein also gave millions to Charity's should they all borrow money to pay it back? I am sure alot of those charity's spent the money already. Unless the money is obtained illegally or the politicians blackmail, or it is proven they get the money in exchange for political favors then the money is no different than if you or I write a check for \$10 or \$100. If I write a check for \$100 and get arrested tomorrow are we going to demand that money be returned? This really is ridiculous and you wonder why we can't attract good people to run for office. When we do have someone good we tear them down . Why anyone would even do this to themselves is beyond me.

By james trujillo (Submitted: 08/16/2006 1:54 pm)

Give the Sheriff a break! He does a good job for us and running for office requires funds. I believe he spent some of his own money to fund his campaign. He ran for Sheriff not President of the US.....get a grip Josef.

By marco Ortiz (Submitted: 08/16/2006 1:44 pm)

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.

Though it is alleged, this is the kind of guy you want believing in you and that you want to make a difference in our community?

If he's found guilty will you give it back? Oh, right there's nothing

to give back. So you, The Sherriff are fine with keeping money from this sort of person? Oh that's right , you have political assperations. Just practicing huh?

By Jean Vigil (Submitted: 08/16/2006 1:27 pm)
Marc Rich is a fine example , Mr. Radosevich.

By Eric Radosevich (Submitted: 08/16/2006 12:29 pm)
Are all the Clinton cronies on here going to ask the original "DirtyBill" to return his donation?He probably spent it having Monicas dress cleaned right?LMAO.

By Maria Leyba (Submitted: 08/16/2006 12:23 pm)
Is that what you were doing in Vegas at the World Series of Poker Solano?Trying to make funds for your campaign?

It was in the ABQ Journal, I wondered why the New Mexican hadn't caught it.

By Solano Greg (Submitted: 08/16/2006 11:58 am)
Josef, I am not sure how you think I was in debt before the campaign started. The truth is that when a campaign is in debt that means the debt still had to be covered therefor the \$2,500 came out of my pocket already. The campaign started with zero, not with a debt. I speak more about this in my blog at <http://sheriffgregsolano.blogspot.com> . The truth is that to run for sheriff cost both myself and my opponent about \$30,000 each. It is sad that we have to raise money to be a public servant but such is the system now. For a regular Joe, like me, to run it is even harder as we are not independently wealthy and therefor must rely on help from people who believe in you and want to make a difference in their community. That is the system as it is now. Perhaps we really should look at public campaign financing or some other solution. I just don't want to see it get to the point were only the rich can run for office.

Sheriff Greg Solano

By J Green (Submitted: 08/16/2006 11:35 am)
Keep on washin' those hands, Billy. But the stain is still there.

By Jay Raymond (Submitted: 08/16/2006 9:21 am)
Ironic that Baushofer just now seems illuminated. That light has been left shining on most GOP[] . . . uh, roaches for so many years that global circadian rhythms have been permanently skewed. Sad denial, but predictably lockstep with their "do as I say, but not as I do" mantra. Now that's what real character is all about, heh Josef?

By Hector Sanchez (Submitted: 08/16/2006 9:02 am)

"By Pat Garcia (Submitted: 08/16/2006 7:55 am) (Report this comment)
If someone knows how to get in contact with Governor Richardson,"

If you don't know how to get in touch with your own governor, that's pretty sad. Even sadder is that you're an Internet user....

I'll guess (it was hard):

Governor Bill Richardson
Governor's Mansion
Santa Fe, NM 87501

That would probably do it, but you really should look it up on his web site.

By Josef Baushofer (Submitted: 08/16/2006 8:52 am)

I love it when the light is turned on and all of the cockroaches start to scatter.

So is he donating \$50K or the full \$100K that he received?

...and Mr. Solano, does it really matter whether you are in debt or not? You were in debt before receiving the donation - why not just borrow to pay it back and be back in debt for awhile? Very lame excuse if you ask me.

By Oliver Klozov (Submitted: 08/16/2006 8:49 am)

Chavez is probably standing outside the Roundhouse with his hand out.

By Preciliano Martin (Submitted: 08/16/2006 8:21 am)

And haven't heard from "Progressive Independent Eli Chavez". Where are you?

By Preciliano Martin (Submitted: 08/16/2006 8:20 am)

Tom Hyland, Tell Ole Heather to "do the right thing" and turn back the money from the corrupt Delay..... Tell her that, ok.

By Tom Hyland (Submitted: 08/16/2006 8:11 am)

I see a huge irony here. If anybody is a solicited prostitute, it's Richardson. If the story about the billionaire hadn't been published, our governor wouldn't be going through this charade to "do the right thing."

By Pat Garcia (Submitted: 08/16/2006 7:55 am)

If someone knows how to get in contact with Governor Richardson, then tell him to put that money towards our community. We do not have enough shelters for the homeless and most importantly, alcoholic people who do not have money for treatment really need a place to go. These 90 day treatment centers are not going to help these people. Governor Richardson, have you been to the shelters in Albuquerque lately? Have you seen the lines of people trying to get food, have you seen them be turned away because there is not enough? Have you seen the alcoholics laying in the cold street because they can't afford to go into good treatment? It's time you took control of this problem. How can people continue to close their eyes to this problem. Alcoholism is a terrible disease. Help these people. The illegals coming across to live here get more pity and help than our local people with these

problems. The mentally ill are walking the streets when they need to be placed somewhere. Wake up Governor Richardson, people are taking notice. How can you go to your mansion to sleep knowing that there are people sleeping in the wet streets and not even eating any food. Wake up.

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Advo Inc. has tapped Jeffrey E. Epstein to be its executive vice president and chief financial officer. Epstein assumed his new position on June 6. In his new position, he will direct financial planning, analysis and reporting, treasury, tax, accounting and investor relations operations.

Previously, he was chairman of the board and acting president and CEO of Revonet Inc., a database company located in New Canaan, CT. He has also served as CFO at VNU Inc.'s Media Measurement and Information Group, Doubleclick Inc., and King Wolrd Productions.

Epstein will report to S. Scott Harding, Advo's CEO.

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Billionaires Are Free

And, these days, a dime a dozen. But even for today's b boys, there are some things money can't buy.

By Vanessa Grigoriadis



Deep in the wilds of Chelsea, there is a door. The door has a screen, and the jet-black eye of a promoter behind that screen, peeping out to gauge your social viability. Are you a model? Or a billionaire? It will be hard to get in otherwise.

Around midnight, the most beautiful young models in the city arrive, squired in quickly, their backs with shoulder blades like arrows disappearing inside. Door, as the nightclub is creatively called, popped up late this summer. No one is supposed to know it's there. It is where moguls go: After the Yahoo board meeting,

Jerry Yang and David Filo came by. Another night in the fall, Sergey Brin and Larry Page were there. Supermarket billionaire Ron Burkle, Virgin head Richard Branson, and Steve Bing, the down-to-earth Democratic donor who inherited nearly a billion dollars from his real-estate-magnate grandfather, the developer of some of the most beautiful Art Deco buildings on Park Avenue and the West Village. Advance men for President Clinton. Few other guys can get in, except for a couple of model wranglers, those handsome, usually South American guys who round up models at their apartments and herd them to nightclubs. Promoter Danny A., a friend of Ron Burkle's, runs this place—he even got to go on a trip to Israel with President Clinton. The wranglers are the only people in here not having fun: One hand on a mojito, they are nervous as they text madly on the phone to more girls, more girls, more girls.

For the rest of the city, the door is closed. A few handsome bankers wait on the sidewalk outside the club for a half-hour, scraping their shoes. "I guess I'm a zero-value-added person in this equation," says one, stepping away, disappointed.

At the very pinnacle of the New York social scene these days is the billionaire, once a reclusive character who secretly moved world markets from his castle on the hill but now is more likely to be dining at a booth next to you. They're everywhere: This year, for the first time, everyone on the *Forbes* 400 list was a billionaire, up from thirteen billionaires in the early eighties. One can imagine them, swathed in Pyrex, looking down from their apartments in new designer buildings at our tenement buildings and bobbing umbrellas, as though the world outside were some vast boho terrarium.

Now that it seems you need a million dollars just to stay alive, the cultural imagination has been captured by a billion. "I've met six billionaires!" crowed a friend of mine, counting them on his hands, and then correcting himself—"Seven!" Our mayor, of course, is a billionaire five times over, with seven homes, a few worth \$10 million, and a Florida estate he bought for his daughter to strengthen her equestrian training. Over brunch on a recent Sunday, my girlfriends and I chatted about their Saturday night out—this one talked to one of the Dells; that one sat next to Stewart Rahr, the pharmaceutical mogul and owner of the most expensive home in the Hamptons; and everyone saw Ian Schrager.

"He's not a billionaire!" huffed one of my friends, outraged at our ignorance.

To be a billionaire is to be radically free. You are your own galaxy. You make your own rules, hang out with the former president, send tourists to space. Billionaire investor Jeffrey Epstein, who lives in the largest dwelling in Manhattan, a 51,000-square-foot palace on 71st Street—though his business, naturally, is located on a 70-acre private island in the Virgin Islands—was humiliated this summer when his lifestyle was made public. Epstein was known to be a womanizer: He usually travels with three women, who are "strictly not of our class, darling," says a friend. They serve his guests dinner on his private 727, and are also there for touching.

But it seems that he was also interested in younger women: Over the past few years, a then-17-year-old Olive Garden waitress, [REDACTED], brought at least five high-school girls between the ages of 14 and 16 over to Epstein's house in Palm Beach to "massage" him, which meant watching him masturbate and even allegedly having sex. Epstein's defense seems to be that he didn't know the girls were minors, and that he is "very passionate about massage," as one of his lawyers says.

Those who know Epstein say he's unfazed by his travails. "He's totally open about his life: His life is about making money and living an erotic life, and his escape isn't alcohol or drugs—it's sex," says a friend. "I was talking to him the other day, and he said to me that he was doing well and working steadily—between massages."

In books, the billionaire has become a symbol of ultimate power and freedom—they're Gatsbys, yes, but they *own* the light at the end of the dock. In Michael Tolkin's *The Return of the Player*, the player tries to make a fortune working for a \$750,000,000 man (a pauper) and the billionaire who pulls his strings. The billionaire tells the player: "You don't know what a few extra decimal places taste like. There are wines—my God, you don't know what they do for you—from vineyards that stopped selling to the public about forty popes ago ... The provenance of this [Rembrandt] is without blemish, and the painting has never been publicly catalogued, like a lot of the most amazing pieces in the world, and I paid for it using the interest of the interest of the interest. A hundred and twenty-five million dollars. I had more money an hour after I signed the check than I did when I bought it."

But art falls short when describing the lives of billionaires. Steve Wynn is free enough to afford to buy a Picasso, even when his eyesight is famously challenged, and to rip a hole in that Picasso with his elbow while distractedly showing the painting before he closed the deal with hedge-fund billionaire Steve Cohen to buy it for \$139 million, which would have been the highest price ever paid for a work of art. Convinced that the elbow gaffe was fate, Wynn decided to keep the picture—what's \$139 million, after all, to a man like him?

A billionaire has the wherewithal to match his moral vanity: While the rest of us struggle to keep our heads above water, billionaires are saving the world. There's Branson's pledge to invest the next ten years of profit from his Virgin Group's airline and train businesses in renewable-energy initiatives, worth \$3 billion. Bing, along with Burkle and others, has pledged \$1 billion to do the same. In June, Warren Buffett, the thrifty bridge player with the five-bedroom house in Nebraska, donated \$31 billion to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for education and global development. Buffett plans to give away 70 percent of his fortune. "If I wanted to," he has said, "I could hire 10,000 people to do nothing but paint my picture every day for the rest of my life. And the gross national product would go up." But "there's no reason future generations of Buffetts should command society just because they came from the right womb. Where's the justice in that?"

Billionaires can seem to have a power to conceal their actions that the Greek goddess Athena would have understood—and they are as susceptible as any mortal to believing their own mythology. But this can lead to problems when their power is questioned, as possibly happened to this year's chattering-class billionaire, Ron Burkle, the mysterious 53-year-old who made his fortune in the very non-mysterious business of investing in supermarkets. Burkle—who also works with President Clinton—is a fixture at the Mercer Hotel, where he prefers to have breakfast and meetings when he's in town, instead of in his office at Clinton's headquarters in Harlem. He has a pied-à-terre under renovation in New York—which he splits with Leonardo DiCaprio—but is looking for something nicer. He offered \$17 million in cash to the owner of Sky Studios, the city's preeminent bachelor pad, with rooftop pool, on lower Broadway, several times, but the owner, himself a rich man, won't take anything under \$17.2 million. They go back and forth about it—pennies between stubborn men.

A large part of Burkle's life is spent doing business for unions—hence the script on his 757 private plane, "770BB," or Box Boy Local 770, the union he was in when he started as a bag boy. He has given generously to

the Urban League, Harlem Children's Zone, and UCLA, among others. Some portion of the other half of his life is spent being glamorous. He's invested in Scoop, the fancy boutique chain, and has anonymously underwritten model enthusiasms, like his \$200,000 contribution to Petra Nemcova's charity benefit for tsunami victims. His stunning home in Los Angeles, Green Acres, is the most exceptional charity-event space in the city—\$100 million has been raised there in the past year, with \$1 million at a recent Clinton event. This fall, when the California governor asked his help, he flew the Dalai Lama from New York and back.

It's difficult to live in the public eye while keeping full control of your image, even for a billionaire, as Burkle found when he made the acquaintance of a "Page Six" writer of questionable wardrobe and integrity named Jared Paul Stern. Burkle caught Stern on tape allegedly trying to shake him down—but possibly in this case the cure was worse than the disease, with Burkle, by many accounts an ordinary guy who does his own laundry, suddenly as famous as Brad Pitt.

To defend his zone of privacy, Burkle has put together a fearsome, cloak-and-daggerish security apparatus, including crisis manager Mike Sitrick (who was brought in to quiet things down when hedge-fund manager Bruce McMahan was accused of conducting an affair with his own daughter) and Frank Renzi (who was in President Clinton's Secret Service detail).

His wife—who petitioned for alimony of \$410,000 per month but eventually received \$40,000—provided a sobering view of the end of billionaire romance: "My husband is enormously wealthy, a billionaire, has his own 757 jet, and literally could track me down anywhere in the world," she testified. "He is used to exerting control over all the people he comes into contact with, including myself ... He cannot stand losing—anything!"

It may not always be this way with billionaires. The new crop of Internet billionaires seem to have learned from the example of their forerunners and are determined to live life differently in the "Gooveau Riche" era. Sergey Brin and Larry Page guard their privacy so closely that little is known about where they live other than it's in Palo Alto, and the most impressive cars they own are Priuses. When Brin and Page met with the Stanford grad students who started YouTube to negotiate the deal earlier this week, it was for lunch at a Denny's. They do, however, own their own Boeing 767 jet, which includes two bedrooms and hammocks hung from the common-room ceiling.

Hammocks may not be the style of billionaire Roustam Tariko, the Russian banking and vodka tycoon, but he has a similarly freewheeling approach to life. Tariko had one of the city's most incredible parties at the foot of the Statue of Liberty, to toast his new brand of vodka. Over a thousand people, dressed in their finest bling, gathered there to eat borscht and caviar under the lit statue. I remember Tariko running around, slightly flushed in a pressed suit with a crisp white collar, greeting everyone from Helena Christensen to Donna Karan as Duran Duran played their old hits onstage.

More recently, it was rumored he'd bought Picasso's *Dora Maar With Cat* for \$95 million. Tariko told Lillian Ross that he had done nothing of the sort. "Not me," he said. "Art dealers from all over the world are now asking me to buy Picassos, other Impressionists. I prefer Renaissance, Caravaggio. But I do not buy them. I'd rather invest in my freedom, rather than in my walls."

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Delays in Epstein case unusual, lawyers say

A federal probe or a plea deal could explain the wait in the Palm Beacher's solicitation case.

By LARRY KELLER
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Nearly eight months after Palm Beach tycoon Jeffrey Epstein was charged with felony solicitation of prostitution, there has been no discernible progress in his case. No witnesses deposed. No trial date set. Nothing, save for routine court hearings reset without explanation.

"Usually that would be unusual," said criminal defense attorney Glenn Mitch-

ell, who has no involvement in the case.

"As a general rule, it would be unusual for nothing to have happened," agreed Michael Dutko, a criminal defense attorney in Fort Lauderdale. He represents [REDACTED], 20, of Royal Palm Beach, potentially a key witness in the case.

A routine hearing for Epstein was pulled from the court docket last week and reset for May 16. The delays and inaction could be due to a potential federal probe of Epstein or because a plea deal is in the works, attorneys say.

Unusual is the word that best describes everything about the case against Epstein, 54, an enigmatic money manager in New York City who counts Bill Clinton

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and Donald Trump among his friends.

"Highly unusual" is how Palm Beach Police Chief Michael Reiter described State Attorney Barry Krischer's handling of the case in a bluntly critical letter to Krischer last year before Epstein was indicted.

Reiter referred the matter to the FBI to determine whether any federal laws had been violated. Epstein's allies countered by attacking the chief personally and professionally.

Reiter's department investigated Epstein for 11 months. Police sifted repeatedly through his trash and conducted surveillance on his five-bedroom, 7½-bath, 7,234-square-foot home on the Intracoastal Waterway.

Police said Epstein paid women and girls as young as 14 to give him erotic massages at his home. Police thought there was probable cause to charge him with unlawful sex acts with a minor and lewd and lascivious molestation.

Epstein responded by hiring a phalanx of lawyers. One of them, Harvard law professor and author Alan Dershowitz, provided the state attorney's office with information about alcohol and marijuana use by some of the girls who said they were with Epstein.

Prosecutors then referred the case to the grand jury

Teenage girls were recruited to visit Epstein for massages and sex, police say.

rather than file charges directly against Epstein.

Epstein's attorneys deny he had sex with underage girls. The lawyers say the girls' stories are not credible. But if the court file is any indicator, they've made no effort to depose the girls.

Neither prosecutors nor defense attorneys have sought to question ██████ said Dutko, her attorney. She recruited teenage girls to visit Epstein for massages and sexual activity, Palm Beach police said, and presumably would be a key witness.

Epstein's attorney Jack Goldberger did not return phone messages.

A source close to the case suggested it is languishing pending a decision by the FBI on whether to refer it to federal prosecutors.

"We still have a pending case," FBI spokeswoman Judy Orihuela said Monday.

State Attorney Krischer did not return a call for comment. His spokesman, Mike Edmondson, declined to say whether federal investigators are delaying the Epstein case. But, he added, "if another agency is looking at something, we wouldn't want to step on their toes."

Attorneys say inertia in a criminal case often points to a pending plea deal.

"It would not surprise me if something has happened that's not reflected in the court file," said Dutko, such as an agreement that will be formalized later.

Defense attorney Marc Shiner said defense attorneys sometimes put off overtly conducting discovery — deposing witnesses, requesting documents and the like — because doing so creates more work for harried prosecutors who may become angry and not offer a plea deal.

"Sometimes defense lawyers, knowing that, will try and do discovery without taking depositions," said Shiner, a former prosecutor for 13 years.

Instead, they may conduct a below-the-radar probe such as having a private investigator check out leads, he said.

Shiner and others say a plea deal for Epstein probably would result in pretrial intervention, in which a defendant may be ordered to undergo a psychological evaluation, counseling or other conditions in return for dropping the charge.

Edmondson, spokesman for State Attorney Krischer, said there is no plea offer and no request for the prosecution to show its cards.

"To my knowledge, it's never happened before on a filed case," he said.

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By SHARON CHURCHER

One of Prince Andrew's closest friends is being investigated by the FBI for allegedly paying under-age girls for tawdry sexual encounters.

Billionaire Jeffrey Epstein has stayed at Sandringham and holidayed with the Prince in Thailand, while Andrew has visited his luxurious New York townhouse at least twice.

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The documents reveal that Epstein was the subject of an 11-month undercover investigation by police after a complaint in 2005 from the stepmother of a 14-year-old girl, who claimed she was paid £150 to give him an erotic massage at his flamingo-pink villa.

The girl is said to have been taken there by 18-year-old student [REDACTED], who claims in a sworn statement that she was recruited at the age of 17 to provide the billionaire with a £100 nude massage.

She told police he grabbed her after she began to rub him with oil.

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The girl claims that Epstein persuaded her to have sex with the woman.

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?Epstein apologised for his actions and paid her £500 for that visit,? the records claim.

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When police searched the villa, they say they found a pink and green couch in the master bedroom, matching a description by the alleged victims.

They say the stairway to the room was lined with photos of naked young girls.

Two hidden cameras were found inside clocks, and police also discovered pictures of [REDACTED] and other witnesses on a computer.

The allegations came to light after Epstein was accused of soliciting a prostitute. He is due to stand trial next month.

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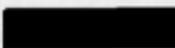
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Police say lawyer tried to discredit teenage girls

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.

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Epstein: His former attorney agreed to a plea bargain, police say.

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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

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Polygraph shows he didn't know girls' ages, lawyer says

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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 com-

plained 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 [REDACTED] 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, Recarey'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, [REDACTED] 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 Judy Orihuela 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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Indictment: Billionaire solicited 3 times

Palm Beach police will report today about their prostitution probe of the money manager.

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.

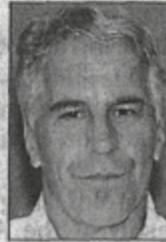
State attorney's office spokesman Mike Edmondson also had little to say.

"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, 7½-bath, 7,234-square-foot home with a pool and a boat dock on the Intracoastal



Epstein

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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Ron Burkle
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Jeffrey Epstein's Friends and Neighbors



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Palm Beach New Times has a lengthy, disgusting story about a local multimillionaire named D. Bruce McMahan who, at the age of 65, married his 35-year-old daughter, Linda Marie Hodge McMahan Schutt. We'd rather not go into the details (save for the bit about their DNA being found on Linda's dildo), but the marriage ended in a nasty legal disaster. What makes this all relevant is an aside about one of McMahan's many ex-wives, Melinda Ewell, who herself had an ugly divorce from McMahan sometime before he tried to seduce her daughter:

When Ewell made allegations in her divorce that McMahan had treated her cruelly, McMahan countersued and accused Ewell of engaging in affairs and "attempting to seduce mutual friends and associates," according to an appellate opinion in the case. Ewell tells New Times that one of those men was billionaire Jeffrey Epstein, who has been much in the news lately for allegedly hiring underage women to strip topless and massage him at his Palm Beach mansion. At the time, in the early 1980s, McMahan and Epstein worked together at Bear Stearns in New York. Epstein didn't return a request for

comment.

"Jeffrey Epstein worked with [McMahan]. He was, let's just say, in the divorce proceedings," she says. "I was asked to stop by Jeffrey's apartment to pick up some papers for Bruce. It didn't feel right, so I didn't even go in. I stood outside the door. And then, later, Jeff said I propositioned him. There were always allegations I was having to fight."

Birds of a feather...

Ron Burkle's Annus Horribilus

It means "shitty year," though we're sure that modelizing supermarket billionaire/ wannabe media mogul Burkle's continuing legal troubles can't be conducive to healthy digestion and elimination. Anyway, we counted and realized that last week's latest Burkle lawsuit -- his kids' ex-nanny is suing him for accusing her of unauthorized credit card use -- is his eighth legal mishap of the year. That's a lot, even for a famously litigious fuck. Let's recap!

There was that whole getting Jared Paul Stern fired fiasco in March. Then, the feds stepped in and quizzed him about his ties to shady private dick Anthony Pellicano in April. And then, he battled his ex-wife over keeping their divorce records sealed and lost in May; his wife-ex's boyfriend sued him in June; and his daughter sued him in July. To wrap up the summer of fun, he threatened us over the comparing him to Jeffrey Epstein thing in August; and then he tried to dodge a deposition in his legal battle with ex-partner Mike Ovitz in October.

Long story short? There are five suing-Ron-Burkle days left in 2006, people! Quit sitting on your hands.

Ron Burkle vs. Jeffrey Epstein: Probable Cause



Considering why Ron Burkle now supposedly "detests" former dinner companion and alleged sex perv Jeffrey Epstein, the most obvious explanation was that Burkle passed judgment on Epstein's bedroom proclivities. However, the real reason for their split may go back to two particular forces responsible for so much anxiety in this town -- Bill Clinton and Radar magazine. In hindsight, it was all too obvious, really.

First, it appears that Epstein might have been homing in on Burkle's most precious personnel acquisition, that perpetual charm machine known as William Jefferson Clinton. In the Burkle-fluffing Forbes article mentioned earlier, Burkle makes no secret how much he loves the access and visibility that Consultant Clinton grants his business ventures. (Clinton is said to *sotto voce* find this annoying, as it makes his post-Presidential lifestyle seem less about earnest causes and more about herding dollahs.) In any case, Epstein also recognized Clinton's asset value, taking the ex-prez for rides on his jet (like Burkle did and does) and organizing a dinner in Clinton's honor at Epstein's East Side townhouse. Burkle probably didn't appreciate all these overtures, even if Clinton maintained there was plenty Bill to go around.

One of the other guests at that same dinner party was Radar 2.0 funder Mort Zuckerman. Back when Zuckerman and Epstein were both working that incarnation of Radar, Epstein was notoriously (and understandably, given his bedroom proclivities) secretive and hard to reach; supposedly, no one, not even Radar editor Maer Roshan, had his direct number. That didn't stop numerous public figures who received unflattering Radar coverage from calling Zuckerman and (eventually, through an assistant) Epstein, complaining to no avail. One of these complainants was Ron Burkle, and who should he have call Epstein on his behalf but none other than Bill Clinton. These frictions couldn't have endeared Epstein to Burkle, given the latter's notorious dislike of bad publicity.

After news of his alleged sexual misconduct broke, Epstein lost every friend he ever had, in a hurry. Rumor has it that Zuckerman might have been one of the few who had an early inkling, which may have contributed to his pulling the plug on Radar 2.0 as a way to completely disassociate himself from Epstein. For Burkle's part, whatever his feelings about Epstein then and now, he apparently doesn't feel the same about Radar -- his involvement with the 3.0 iteration is an open secret. Will Burkle protect his pals from Radar coverage? Too early to tell. We'll see if he's inclined to call off the dogs now that he's the one holding the leash.

LIFE AS A LEGEND
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Daddy's Girl

Fisher Island millionaire Bruce McMahan loved his daughter so much, he married her.

By Kelly Cramer
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A secret sexual relationship with his daughter was not enough.

There had to be a wedding.

And it had to be a grand celebration befitting a Fisher Island multimillionaire who controls billions from Wall Street to Bermuda, from London to Dubai.

So on a sunny June day two years ago, father and daughter exchanged rings at Westminster Abbey.

They couldn't follow convention by inviting friends or family, and they couldn't make an announcement that they'd eloped.

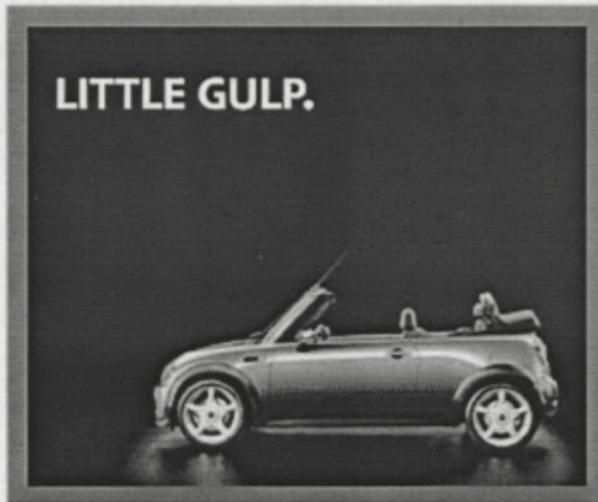
There was no white dress and no officiant.

D. Bruce McMahan, then 65, and his daughter Linda Marie Hodge McMahan Schutt, then 35, pronounced themselves husband and wife on June 23, 2004.

It was their secret.

Except for a few traditional photographs, it was a wholly unconventional and unholy union.

Several shots show off their new Cartier Trinity rings — hers diamond, his three shades of gold. In other frames,



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they look the happy couple – cheek to cheek, faces glowing, and the Abbey's Little Cloister garden a royal backdrop.

Afterward, she flew home to her legal spouse in Mississippi and he went home to his compound on Fisher Island, a ferry ride from Miami.

From different states, they traded their wedding photos back and forth over e-mail.

He talked about touching up her redevye. She declared her favorite the photo of their hands wearing their new rings, his hand on hers, which they had titled: "Says it ALL." Using codes, they addressed each other in the e-mails as husband and wife.

"They are great pictures," McMahan wrote in one of their daily exchanges. "But they tell a story, so pay attention to what happens to them."

With their secret still safe, McMahan filed to divorce his fifth wife, and Linda moved out of the home she shared with her husband.

McMahan began spending more time at the plush Fisher Island retreat he'd built for his hedge-fund clients. Linda moved into a nearby condo, leaving behind her career as a psychologist.

Linda enjoyed the trappings of life with one of America's richest money managers, racking up a \$74,000 bill at Barney's New York.

He enjoyed lavishing her with jewels, a Bentley Continental GT, and a Versace Club membership.

He put her on his corporate payroll. They celebrated regularly with bottles of expensive Opus One wine.

But when Christmas 2004 came along, they resumed roles as father and daughter. They needed to keep up appearances, for the sake of their families and to protect their secret.

Family snapshots show their return to normal. She put her legal husband's rings back on her left hand and moved the Trinity ring to her right hand.

They didn't know it then, but their secret was safe for only a few more days. McMahan was right: The photos do tell quite a story.

What followed was a breakup on an even grander scale than their wedding and a legal battle every bit as obsessive as each has been about the other.

For more than a year, attorneys have been kept busy in Miami, New York, Mississippi, and San Diego with the fallout over the breakup of McMahan and Linda in five lawsuits involving not only father and daughter but also their legal spouses, as well as Linda's current boyfriend



Colby Katz



Bruce and Linda in Paris in an undated photo



The photo of Bruce's hand on Linda's, with their wedding rings, that they titled "Says it ALL"

it reminded him of his relationship with her.

Then McMahan really started to lay it on thick. Linda testified he told her he believed they'd been married in a previous life. Earlier in the evening, she remembered, he had pointed out that her legs were a "very sexy version" of his own.

"He asked me what it would be like to kiss me."

Later that night, he found out.

On his bed, he kissed her and ran his hand over her body, on top of and inside her clothes, she testified. The petting session lasted two hours, she recalled. When Linda said she was tired, McMahan suggested they sleep in separate bedrooms. After Linda returned to California, her father asked if she was OK. She said she felt confused.

Their first episode of actual sexual intercourse wouldn't take place for several months. For that encounter, McMahan arranged a fairly dramatic setting — a hotel suite in London after a transatlantic flight.

But then, McMahan had the cash for that kind of extravagance. Born into a family of entrepreneurs, he set about building his own wealth early on. His father ran McMahan's Furniture, a well-known California retail chain, but Bruce's own ideas were less conventional. Six years after graduating from the University of Southern California in 1960, the young magnate set out with some friends to create their own country.

According to newspaper articles published at the time, the plan involved sinking a mothballed World War II ship 220 miles off the California shore, then piling on concrete, clay, and garbage. The resulting island would be in international waters and outside the jurisdiction of American law. McMahan's group planned to corner the market on abalone fishing.

The plan failed, and his business biographies today don't mention it.

McMahan then moved into the financial services market. After his first wife, Jill Harvick, died of cancer, he married Melinda Headley Ewell in 1969 and moved to Spain. After six years abroad, he moved his family to New York and created the Institutional Options Department at PaineWebber Inc. He moved to Bear Stearns & Co. in 1977 and branched out on his own in 1980.

But McMahan has always been quiet about his money. Until their divorce, which ended in 1984 after three years of legal wrangling, Ewell tells *New Times*, "I didn't realize how much money he had... We were young, raising children. Bruce was building his business."

Today, McMahan has the reins on more money than some heads of state. On Wall Street, he heads McMahan Securities, a convertible securities firm with a trading volume third only to UBS and Thomas Weisel Partners. Through other corporations, he also owns hedge funds that he invites people to invest in. He sits on the board of the National Committee on United States-China Relations, a private nonprofit with 750 members funded by government grants and corporate gifts.

His London-based Argent Financial Group Ltd. controls billions of investment dollars in the Middle East. According to Dr. Omar Bin Sulaiman, director general of the Dubai International Financial Centre, Argent Financial is the first group in the region licensed to manage wealth-building funds, estimated at a whopping \$1.9 trillion.

McMahan spends part of the year at his estate on Fisher Island, an exclusive enclave reached from Miami only by helicopter, boat, or a private ferry. The man-made island, once owned in part by Richard M. Nixon, has a population of about 500 and is in a ZIP code that the 2000 census found had the highest per capita income in the country.

While his finances ballooned, McMahan's family also grew large. He'd had six children by three women and was married to his fourth wife when, in 1990, he learned for the first time that he was the father of a grown child he didn't know existed.

Linda Marie Hodge, by all accounts, had a normal, Southern California upbringing with her

adoptive parents, Laird and Mary Hodge. When she was 5, the Hodges told her she was adopted. At 18, Linda employed a service to help her find her birth parents.

Three years later and only about 30 miles away, she found her biological mother in Escondido, California.

She wrote to Myra Westphall, telling her that she was healthy and wanted to find out about her heritage. Westphall eventually answered the letter with a phone call. "It was an emotional conversation that led to our meeting," Linda testified in her deposition.

Westphall told Linda that in 1968, she'd had a fling with McMahan while both were living in Southern California. When McMahan married second wife Melinda Ewell on January 3, 1969, Westphall was already pregnant. She gave birth to Linda five months later, on May 29, 1969.

Westphall, who tells *New Times* she's now in the publishing business, did not want to discuss her relationship with McMahan or her daughter. "I'm just the biological mother," she says. "She has a mother. I gave her up for adoption at birth."

In 1990, though, Westphall did help Linda locate her father. At the time, Linda was a 21-year-old sophomore psychology major at San Diego State University. One day, McMahan telephoned her. She assumed Westphall had given him the number.

In her deposition, Linda described this telephone call as another emotional one. McMahan told his daughter what he did for a living and said he wanted to meet her. When they met, he also asked her to take a paternity test, saying his lawyers were insisting on it. He got the confirmation — with 99.7 percent certainty — that he was seeking.

It was then that McMahan took Linda into the family fold. He helped pay her tuition, set up a trust fund for her, and began including her in family holiday celebrations. He added her name to his list of children in his professional biographies.

Eight years into their relationship, Linda was about to earn her PhD in psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology in San Diego.

That's when McMahan had Linda over to his New York home and asked her to watch the first half hour of *Braveheart*.

That same spring, in 1998, Linda began dating a man named Sargent Schutt whom she met at a party in San Diego. In only a few months, the relationship had become serious. But that summer, she accepted her father's invitation to fly to London on a business trip.

They stayed in the Sheraton Belgravia for a week. In her April deposition, she described the trip. After their arrival, she testified, a discussion about how Linda could help him with business turned personal as the two sipped wine. He told her he was disappointed in her career choice in psychology.

"He offered me an opportunity for business that would incorporate my interest in brain studies with his interest in psychic phenomena," she testified.

They were still jet-lagged from their trip, so McMahan suggested they take a nap. When she woke up, "he was touching my leg and becoming physical with me." Later in the week, the two had sexual intercourse for the first time, she testified.

After the trip, according to e-mails submitted in court documents, they mailed each other vibrators. Referring to one he sent his daughter, McMahan e-mailed her on September 10, 1998: "I unpacked the toys and checked them out. The thing excites me just looking at it. I promise you have never seen anything like it. Interestingly 'it' is actually smaller than I am! But what moves! I should have been so lucky. They are now packed into their own bag and I am going to make sure we have enough AA batteries to last for the duration."

At the same time that Linda and her father swapped sex toys, her relationship with Schutt continued to deepen.

McMahan wasn't thrilled: "I know you like him. Even though I am truly jealous, I am hardly in position to interfere or even really want to interfere with that part of your life. Don't lock him out if he is important to you. Kisses everywhere," he wrote in an e-mail dated August 15, 1998.

That winter, Linda and Schutt became engaged. But the sexual relationship with her father didn't stop. She continued to sleep with her father through the end of summer 1999 and "up until" her October wedding to Schutt, she testified. Then, with the ceremony approaching, Linda ended the sex with her dad.

"I was in love with my fiancé... I was deeply disturbed with the relationship with my father."

McMahan, she said, reacted with "anger, withdrawal, paranoia."

He asked her what she wanted, what her "perfect life" would be.

"I told him that I would like to live in Sausalito, California. I would like to have a Saab convertible. I would like to have a dog named Pooh, and a sailboat."

She testified that her father answered that he could give her all of those things and financial security for life. But Schutt, he told her, probably couldn't provide that kind of life.

The argument didn't persuade her. Linda and Schutt married on October 2, 1999, in Sonoma. During the event, McMahan gave the couple a toast.

"He made an attempt to quote Winston Churchill... He told all the guests during his toast at my wedding that, 'This is the beginning of the end.'"

McMahan was no doubt cribbing from Churchill's line from a speech he gave in 1942 at a turning point in WWII: "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

Linda said that McMahan never explained what he meant by it.

McMahan moved on, starting a new romance with a Ukrainian woman who eventually became his fifth wife. And he did provide his daughter employment. He named Linda president and CEO of McMahan Center for Human Abilities, a nonprofit foundation McMahan had created to extend the efforts of his primary charity, the National Cristina Foundation, which provides computers to disabled children and is named after another of his daughters, who has cerebral palsy. Linda was being paid \$10,000 a month to run the foundation in the spring of 2002 when family members gathered to have dinner in a Sonoma restaurant.

Linda testified that she was asked in front of the others when she and Schutt planned to have children. "Soon," she replied.

The next day, McMahan asked to meet her in the lobby of a hotel. When she arrived, carrying paperwork for the McMahan Center, she began to speak with him about ideas for the foundation. But he became enraged.

"His face became red. He clenched his fists, and he raised his voice... He told me that having children was not part of the plan."

McMahan told her he was ending the foundation and no longer planned to pay her. (He did cut her off, but the foundation still exists.)

"He told me that I was not able to have children and be committed to the project," she testified.

She returned to her career in psychology and accepted a post-doctoral fellowship at the University

of Mississippi. She and Schutt moved to suburban Jackson. She and McMahan didn't speak for months. Then, on May 25, 2003, Linda's adoptive father, Laird Hodge, a retired government contractor, died in San Diego. Linda and Schutt traveled to the funeral in La Mesa, California. McMahan sent flowers and e-mailed Linda his condolences, but they still didn't speak.

The stress of losing both fathers — Hodge to death, McMahan to indifference — weighed on Linda, she testified. It also wrecked her health. From McMahan, she'd inherited a genetic condition called Reiter's syndrome, an autoimmune disorder that causes inflammation of the soft tissues and can affect the eyes and, more seriously, the heart. Linda had a bad flare-up and developed cataracts in both eyes.

"I became very ill. I was experiencing heart problems and the doctors at the University [of Mississippi] Medical Center indicated to me that I would need surgery on my heart," she testified.

McMahan sent one of his two private planes to ferry her from her home in Mississippi to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. The treatments she received there helped, and she began to recover. Her father insisted that she come to Fisher Island to recuperate so she would have access to a spa and to the Argent Center, a posh retreat McMahan had built to entertain his family and his billionaire clients. McMahan, she testified, didn't want her to go back to Mississippi or her marriage. He wanted her to leave behind the fellowship in clinical and rehabilitative neuropsychology, and he persuaded her to come back to work for him.

"I told him that I had given up opportunities based on his promises to me in the past," she testified. "And I told him that he wasn't to abandon his promise to me and that it was to be a strictly normal father and daughter relationship."

She accepted a position as executive vice president of marketing for two of her father's financial firms, Argent Funds Group LLC and McMahan Securities. But things didn't stay normal for long.

"It changed from a loving, supportive father caring for an ill, vulnerable daughter to a manipulative, contingency-based rewards/punishment relationship that created my dependence on him and gave him control and dominance over me," Linda testified. According to Linda's court complaint, McMahan again initiated an incestuous sexual relationship in April 2004 that lasted for more than a year.

In June, the couple flew to London with a twisted plan: to get married where the kings and queens of England are crowned.

We traveled to London for some business, and during that trip Bruce took me to the Westminster Abbey and we exchanged vows," Linda testified in her deposition.

Besides her testimony, there are the cheek-to-cheek photographs documenting this unusual ceremony.

There is little description in court records of how the couple made their ceremony happen in the very public church on June 23, 2004. Photographs inside the sanctuary are prohibited, so only the two of them would know if there was anything more to it than two well-dressed tourists walking up and performing a little ritual during visiting hours.

They took their photos with the garden of the Little Cloister as a backdrop. In one, they share a chaste kiss.

According to several people close to the litigation, a ceremony at Westminster Abbey made sense because McMahan, they say, is an Anglophile who counts among his heroes Adm. Lord Nelson, the British naval hero who died in the Battle of Trafalgar. Also, McMahan is said to believe that his genes are exemplary and saw in Linda the best match for his own superiority.

Four days after the ceremony, Linda wrote in an e-mail: "You asked me afterwards if I felt different. Near, I don't but at a distance, I do. I am glad about this and feel the insecurities slipping away."

In other e-mails, they began to sign off as "H" and "W," references to husband and wife. In one e-mail, dated June 29, 2004, McMahan wrote: "Miss you W. Think nasty things about you all the time." Linda answered a couple of hours later: "Mmm yeah, nasty is so good. You must have read my mind. What else can we say, we're H & W – that's the beauty."

"It is an attraction that's like no other," says Joe Soll, a New York psychologist and the only expert in the field he pioneered – genetic attraction.

Soll, who has no attachment to the McMahan litigation, has treated a half-dozen patients who had sexual intercourse with a close blood relative who had been separated early in life. An adoptee himself, Soll mediates group therapy sessions where hundreds of participants have talked openly about their physical desires for relatives they've recently reunited with.

"The dad is supposed to be the adult," Soll said. "He should have been responsible enough to say, well, wait. She got taken by something she had no awareness of."

McMahan seemed to be aware of the severity of their transgression.

"Such passions lead men straight to hell," he wrote in an e-mail to Linda titled "Midnight Musings" that was sent just after midnight on August 15, 1998.

Despite its dramatic location, however, McMahan and Linda's "wedding" in London wasn't legal. Each was married to another person at the time.

Linda's court filings claim that after the ceremony, McMahan wanted Sargent Schutt to play a diminished role in her life. He told Linda he'd start paying her "the big bucks" only if she could convince Schutt to sign a postnuptial agreement, which he did reluctantly.

"May you have all the money in the entire world to yourself," Schutt penned in a handwritten note he attached to the document. "Too bad love is earned not bought."

McMahan was thrilled.

"Good girl!" he wrote to Linda in an e-mail dated June 29, 2004, that was read into the record at Linda's deposition. "This will change how your life can be lived; thank God. Someday you will understand how truly important that document is to you.

"Lots of Opus needed," he added.

By her own admission in one of several sworn statements she filed during the litigation, Linda's job as vice president of marketing entailed little more than being a companion to her father.

"My fancy title with Argent is not an accurate representation of my employment," she testified. "My salary was only \$12,000 per year, whereas most of my resources were in the form of personal gifts from my father."

The chief accounting officer for McMahan Securities and Argent Funds Group, Joseph C. Dwyer, sent Linda tax statements detailing her father's largess. From 2004 to 2005, McMahan spent \$649,290.55 on gifts for Linda, including \$228,727.23 on cars, \$25,209.31 in cash wire transfers, and \$37,000 in legal bills.

When she and McMahan went out in public, how they acted depended upon who was around. To some, they were father and daughter; to others, they were a married couple.

One friend, Palm Beach interior designer Hilda Flack, knew them in both capacities, according to court filings. Flack designed the interior at McMahan's Argent Center and was planning a business with Linda – the McMahan-Flack Design Center. But Flack, reached at her Palm Beach Gardens design center, denies that she knew of an illicit relationship between McMahan and Linda.

"She was there when we were decorating with her father," Flack says. "She was his daughter, obviously. Mr. McMahan was a gentleman and treated everyone accordingly."

In an affidavit, Linda said Flack was in the room at the Argent Center when McMahan smashed several computer hard drives containing evidence of their incestuous relationship and their Westminster Abbey wedding.

Flack dismisses Linda's claims.

"I never heard of such a preposterous thing," Flack says of the wedding.

Before he flew to London in 2004 to marry his daughter, McMahan had separated from his fifth wife, Elena. Later that year, he filed for divorce.

In January 2005, Elena filed an affidavit in the divorce case reportedly accusing McMahan of having an incestuous relationship with Linda (the affidavit is under seal but referred to in other court papers). Linda alleged in court records that Elena learned of the affair when she hacked into Linda's Yahoo e-mail account and retrieved the Westminster Abbey photos.

In court papers, Linda says that McMahan showed her Elena's affidavit and asked her to make a sworn statement of her own, denying their incestuous relationship. When she refused, their relationship began to deteriorate.

"This was a difficult if not unbearable time of my life as I continued to be abused and subservient to McMahan's sexual demands while at the same time knowing that I had lost any semblance of my marriage with Sargent," Linda said in a sworn statement this past August.

In July 2005, Linda refused to continue sleeping with McMahan. In her August sworn statement, Linda says McMahan responded to the breakup by saying on the telephone: "I am going to preemptively destroy you. If you want to know how I am going to do it, meet me for lunch."

Two months later, a legal conflagration was sparked that spread like wildfire: McMahan sued Linda through one of his firms, claiming that she'd stolen company computers and trade secrets. Linda then sued her father for the income she would have made as his employee. Her estranged husband, Schutt, sued McMahan in Mississippi, where it's still legal for one man to sue another for ruining his marriage. McMahan then filed another suit against the two of them, as well as Schutt's father, accusing them all of conspiring to extort \$10 million from him.

McMahan has a long history of litigating his breakups, both personal and financial. In his divorce from Melinda Ewell, for example, he took the case to New York's appellate court, challenging an order compelling him to turn over tapes and files investigators had made while he had her under surveillance.

Ewell describes him as an egomaniac who lives his life in a series of ongoing sagas. The drama he creates feeds his ego and shapes the story of his life, she says.

"When you live with someone like that, it's not fun when you challenge them," she said.

When Ewell made allegations in her divorce that McMahan had treated her cruelly, McMahan countersued and accused Ewell of engaging in affairs and "attempting to seduce mutual friends and associates," according to an appellate opinion in the case. Ewell tells *New Times* that one of those men was billionaire Jeffrey Epstein, who has been much in the news lately for allegedly hiring underage women to strip topless and massage him at his Palm Beach mansion. At the time, in the early 1980s, McMahan and Epstein worked together at Bear Stearns in New York. Epstein didn't return a request for comment.

"Jeffrey Epstein worked with [McMahan]. He was, let's just say, in the divorce proceedings," she says. "I was asked to stop by Jeffrey's apartment to pick up some papers for Bruce. It didn't feel right, so I didn't even go in. I stood outside the door. And then, later, Jeff said I propositioned him. There were always allegations I was having to fight."

McMahan's business relationships have also ended in grinding court battles, some making it to federal appeals courts, creating case law.

Miami lawyer and British barrister Henk Milne represented William Toto, whom McMahan sued in 1996 after the Ohio engineer had lost money in an investment with McMahan.

"He served Bill in Florida at his vacation home," Milne said. "He made something like 49 attempts to serve him because, Bill always believed, he wanted to get him on vacation."

Three and a half years later, a judge dismissed the lawsuit and ordered McMahan to pay Toto \$265,000 that he had spent in legal fees fighting the case. Toto died of cancer shortly after the case ended.

"He's basically a very wealthy stalker," Shani Robins tells *New Times*. Robins had been McMahan's latest target in court and is Linda's new boyfriend. He says McMahan is a bruiser in court "because he has the resources to do it."

In May, McMahan sued Robins in Superior Court in Connecticut, alleging wrongdoing when Robins accepted some donations Linda made from McMahan's National Cristina Foundation. (That lawsuit was also dropped as part of the September 13 settlement.)

Consistent with his litigious past, McMahan fought his daughter and son-in-law's lawsuits aggressively. But they fought back with what appeared to be solid evidence.

Court records show, for example, that in Sargent Schutt's lawsuit against McMahan, his attorney had a "rabbit" vibrator Schutt found in Linda's luggage tested for DNA. According to the test results, skin cells from Linda and sperm cells from her father were found on the device and its black cover. Five other vibrators were also sent to labs for testing.

Through a spokesman, McMahan responded that he believed the evidence was "fabricated" but didn't elaborate. He also made allegations in court that his e-mail had been altered.

Also, after spending more than a decade integrating her into the family, McMahan has now questioned in court records whether he is Linda's father.

Ex-wife Melinda Ewell tells *New Times* that McMahan never had any doubt Linda is his daughter. "There was never a question," she said. "She looks like some of the other kids. He had no qualms."

Some of McMahan's extended family did have their doubts. His eldest daughter, Alison McMahan, says she never trusted Linda.

"All I can tell you is that nothing Linda will tell you can be believed," she tells *New Times* in an e-mail. "She is an unreal person who does not even know herself."

Ewell, no fan of McMahan after their nasty divorce in 1984, can't quite believe the man slept with his own daughter.

"How much of this is reality, I don't know," Ewell said. "There is a far greater chance that this is in her head. Way, way back when, I noticed she was very possessive of him. At my son's wedding eight to ten years ago, she really hung around him, and if anyone else was trying to talk to Bruce, she would try and get his attention. She would move in. From what I have observed, money appears to be the motivator."

McMahan makes that allegation in his lawsuit against Linda and Schutt, claiming that he was the victim of an extortion scheme. But he apparently never made a formal complaint to law enforcement about the conspiracy against him. One of his attorneys, Angela Agrusa, says that a San Diego prosecutor considered the extortion allegations while investigating charges that Schutt had hit Linda during a July 2005 argument over who owned the computers containing the e-mails and photos detailing Linda and McMahan's love affair.

But the case was dropped, Agrusa says, because Linda decided not to testify against Schutt.

Sargent Schutt filed to divorce Linda in July 2005, and the proceedings are pending. She is now dating Shani Robins, also a psychology PhD, and the couple is expecting its first child, a son, in January.

McMahan has made up with his fifth wife, Elena.

Three days after *New Times* called McMahan for comment on August 28, he hired Sitrick & Co., a Los Angeles public relations firm specializing in crisis management and whose logo is: "If you don't tell your story, someone else will tell it for you." In another public response, McMahan launched www.wspdfm.com, a now-defunct website asserting that Schutt and Linda had invented their allegations in an effort to extort money from him.

On September 13, after the five court cases were settled, Sitrick & Co. e-mailed *New Times* this statement:

"The parties to this litigation, Dr. Bruce McMahan, Linda Marie Schutt, Sargent Schutt, Major Schutt and Shani Robins, have resolved the differences among them and agreed to dismiss all pending legal actions. This was a family dispute and, as is the case with many family disputes, charges were made in the heat of the moment with little thought given to the pain they might unfairly or unjustly inflict. All of the parties involved and their counsel sincerely hope that there will be no further media coverage of this family matter and have agreed to make no additional comment about the resolution of their differences."

In other words, Bruce and Linda want their trips to London to be their secret again.

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RADAR COMEBACK - ROSHAN GETS BIG-TIME BACKERS WITH BANKROLL

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How many millions is open to debate.

Mort Zuckerman, owner of the Daily News and U.S. News & World Report, has teamed with Jeffrey Epstein as the primary backers of a new and improved Radar, set to launch as a monthly in April 2005.

Radar put out only two issues before it ran out of money last year, with the third issue stranded on the drawing board.

"It's not a Daily News or a U.S. News publication," said Roshan. "It's a new publishing company."

Radar Media LLP, the previous company, is selling assets only to the new company.

The old company will be dissolved and there is already a dispute as to how the money will be divvied up among the still unpaid creditors, which includes freelancers.

"I don't know if it will be possible to pay everyone in full," said Michael North, the attorney handling the dissolution.

But Roshan insisted, "There is no reason to assume they won't be paid."

It's not the first time that Roshan has talked with Zuckerman about a magazine venture.

Zuckerman, Epstein and a collection of media heavyweights that included Harvey Weinstein, Nelson Peltz and media critic Michael Wolff had tried to buy New York magazine but lost out to Bruce Wasserstein at the eleventh hour.

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Roshan next turned to a French Moroccan businesswoman, Maria Oufkin, but after a brief flurry of publicity, she faded.

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How much is committed this time is open to speculation.

One source said that it would take a minimum of \$20 million to launch a magazine but more realistically, it would take several times that over a five or six year period.

Talk magazine, where Roshan was deputy editor near the end of its run, cost its joint venture partners Miramax and Hearst about \$55 million before it shut down in early 2002 after nearly two and a half years of publication.

"I can't tell you the commitment," said Hand of the new backers. "It's significant and we're happy with it."

Said Roshan, "Just because we have backers, doesn't mean we're going to turn into Talk. We're still going to be lean. We'll have the funding to do what we like, but I'm not interested in town cars."

He said he hopes to have about a half million in circulation eventually for the new Radar.

[Illustration]

-MAER ROSHAN Patience pays off. -MORT ZUCKERMAN Ponies up \$\$.

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RADAR HITS RELAUNCH TARGET - PARTY HIGHLIGHT: GAWKER'S DENTON GETS PIE IN EYE

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SMASHED: Gawker's Nick Denton smiles after getting pied at the Radar relaunch party. Maer Roshan (top, right), the mag's founder, was nearby. [Suzanne Boyd], Suede editor before it folded, was also at the soiree. [WireImage, Marina Garnier]

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Gawker, a media-centric Web site which for weeks has had been needling Radar and its self promoting founder, sarcastically calling it, "Radar, the Greatest American Magazine Launch."

The photo op was seen as a chance to make nice between Roshan and Denton to prove they were willing to let bygones be bygones, blah, blah.

Then the peace accord was ruptured as a burly unknown person broke through the throng and smashed the custard pie squarely into the face of Denton and dashed out, leaving no clue as to his identity. He was wearing an English-soccer style shirt and a New York Knicks hat.

Denton, his face and clothes a mess from the ambush, assumed he had been set up by Roshan. (In an early version of the event that he posted on his own Web site, he insisted he had only been hit with a glancing blow from the pie tosser, but had to retract that version when photos turned up).

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He also rummaged around and found a T-shirt and pants for Denton to wear for the rest of the night.

Denton, despite the good turn done by Roshan still feels it was a set-up by event planner Nadine Johnson.

"It is pretty clear it was one of Nadine Johnson's hires," said Denton. "It was nicely staged, but the execution left a lot to be desired since Maer was hit too."

"What baffles me is why they would want their launch event hijacked by that kind of publicity?" asked Denton. "I heard Mort Zuckerman slipped in the goo," said Denton.

"He had to have the whole thing explained to him, including what a blog is."

Daily Snooze owner Zuckerman and billionaire financier Jeffrey Epstein were both on hand, but were out of

range when the pie started flying. The two billionaires are 50-50 partners in the venture.

Drew Kerr, a spokesman for Roshan, and the party planner, both deny that it was a Radar plant.

"No one was hired by anyone to throw a pie," said a spokesperson for Johnson.

On the business side, William Holiber, the president of U.S. News & World Report, which is also owned by Zuckerman, was on hand.

Media Ink on April 8 reported that he had been drafted into action when launch publisher Linda Sepp, a Zuckerman pal, was given the boot weeks before the launch.

At the time, a Zuckerman spokesman was insisting that Holiber was only helping out on Radar in an "informal and advisory role" and had no official title on Radar.

But when the debut issues were handed out, there was Holiber, proudly pointing out his designation as Radar's president.

Sepp was nowhere in sight at the party or on the masthead but a former Sports Illustrated associate publisher, Grayle Howlett was, handing out his very own Radar publisher card.

Also on hand was Suzanne Boyd, who was the editor-in-chief of Time Inc.'s short-lived urban-fashion magazine Suede.

She quit the publishing company and took a buyout on the remaining year of her two-year contract rather than accept a position as an editor-at-large in magazine development.

That move is considered a blow to Time Inc. A company spokesman confirmed that she had declined the company offer.

The statuesque fashion editor had been running Flare, the Toronto-based fashion bible of Canada for 7 years when she was picked by Ed Lewis, then the head of Essence Communications, and Isolde Motley, the corporate editor of Time, to launch Suede, which was envisioned as a hot new fashion magazine for women of color.

Boyd arrived in March of last year and cranked out the first issue by the end of the summer - considered a breakneck pace in magazine land.

As the launch was progressing, Time was in the process of negotiating to convert Essence Communications into a 100 percent-owned subsidiary by buying out Lewis.

Suddenly, in the weeks before the buyout was finalized, a stunned Boyd got the word that the plug was being pulled on the new magazine after publishing only two issues.

In its public announcement, Time Inc. had insisted that it was only suspended, but the staff was let go.

Now Boyd, the last link, has quit the company and is weighing her options.

Insiders believed that Time Inc. was disappointed by the costs and the lower-than-hoped-for newsstand sales of the first two issues.

Industry sources say the biggest obstacle to Suede's funding may have been the losses that Life magazine was piling up as a weekly insert into daily newspapers.

[Illustration]

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SINGLING OUT APPLE'S TOP STUDS

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ANDRE BALAZS, 46. The ever-smiling hotelier - who owns The Mercer in Soho, Chateau Marmont and the Standard in L.A., the Raleigh in Miami, Sunset Beach on Shelter Island, and a new place in St. Barts - just split from his wife Katie Ford. Pro: Recently was reported skinny-dipping. Con: Seems to be giving Uma Thurman more than his shoulder to cry on.

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New York has the smartest, toughest, most ambitious men in the world, and some of them are still single - or newly single, having gotten divorced. We went through our multiple data bases, interviewed the experts, polled our readers, and came up with this definitive PAGE SIX list of the city's most eligible guys.

They come from all sorts of backgrounds and generations, with different talents and widely divergent incomes. The only thing they have in common is they like women.

We rejected some men because they seem to be in long-term romances heading toward marriage, others because it seems they'll never marry. To the many men who think they belong on the list, there's always next year.

DEREK JETER, 29. The Yankee shortstop's sex-symbol status has only grown since he was stalked by Mariah Carey, and mocked in American Express ads for his propensity to party. Pro: Great seats for the World Series. Con: Demands near-perfection - at least visually - in his dates.

ED SKYLER, 30. Tall, dark, super-serious mayoral press secretary went to Collegiate, then the University of Pennsylvania. His sister is a successful playwright. Pro: He can give you a private tour of City Hall and Gracie Mansion. Con: A romantic evening would end early because Skyler works 18 hours a day, starting before dawn.

JOHN UTENDAHL, 46. He's 6-foot-3, with movie star looks - and he is chairman and CEO of Utendahl Capital Partners, the largest minority-owned investment bank in America. Pro: Plenty of closet space in his Brooklyn Heights townhouse and his weekend place in Quogue. Con: Plan on being a golf widow - he runs a charity tournament every year in Boca Raton, Fla.

JEREMY SHOCKEY, 23. The Giants' tight end became a fan favorite with his first tackle-breaking game. Now he's the biggest local gridiron personality since Joe "Willie" Namath. Pro: Quite single despite his friendship with babelicious Britny Gastineau. Con: His big mouth often misfires, as when he blasted Giants fans because they had the nerve to boo him and his disappointing teammates.

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more than his shoulder to cry on.

ETHAN HAWKE, 33. The adulterer/actor finally shed his pretty-boy image this summer, brazenly cheating on wife Uma Thurman. Pro: Plenty of women would like a shot at taming this rogue bull. Con: Might guilt you into reading one of his weak novels.

ROCCO DISPIRITO, 37. The dashing owner of Union Pacific and star of his own reality show has cooked for just about every hip hottie in town. Pro: He might be ready to settle down in the next few years (Yeah, right). Con: If you haven't already dated him, one of your friends has.

ANDRE 3000, 28. With this year's smash hit "Hey Ya," the fun half of hip-hop duo Outkast has gone from cult figure to mainstream superstar. Pro: His minimalist posse includes as few as four members. Con: Recently moved to Brooklyn and might not realize that only the lamest of the lame frequent Williamsburg nightspots.

PHARRELL WILLIAMS, 30. Pop production whiz's maddeningly catchy beats legitimized Justin Timberlake, and cameos of his Curtis Mayfield-like falsetto are becoming ubiquitous on hits by Jay-Z and others. Pro: Makes more than you do in a year to tweak a Britney Spears song. Con: Approaching a P. Diddy-like level of overexposure.

JIMMY FALLON, 29. We don't know if it's his cuddly demeanor or uncanny impersonation skills, but the resident hunk on "Saturday Night Live" is catnip to the ladies. Pro: Likes to play the jukebox at Hell's Kitchen dive bars. Con: If he stays over your house, make sure to have extra hair product for his artfully mussed 'do.

DAMON DASH, 32. Brash CEO of Rocawear clothing line and Roc-a-Fella Records also owns a film company, vodka line, nightclub, and he's undoubtedly planning a new project as you read this. Pro: One of the city's reigning rapresarios. Con: Is prone to obnoxious harangues against his underlings or those who question his importance.

JULIAN CASABLANCAS, 25. Doe-eyed son of Elite Models founder John Casablancas sings for hot rock band The Strokes. Pro: His band is actually good. Con: Wears "ironic" 1980s concert T-shirts by Def Leppard and Michael Jackson.

SHEPHERD SMITH, 39. Next to the blustery Bill O'Reilly, this Southern-fried anchorman is probably the most recognizable face on the top-rated Fox News Channel. Pro: His sprawling Lower East Side pad has a pool table. Con: A road rager who was arrested in 2000 for hitting a reporter with his car in a dispute over a parking space in Tallahassee, Fla.

PAOLO ZAMPOLLI, 33. Italian owner of ID Models can usually be found sitting in a corner banquette of whatever club just opened surrounded by a bevy of beauties. Pro: Throws great parties in his downtown loft. Con: If you're not 5-foot-11 with cheekbones that cut glass, he probably won't remember your name.

ADRIEN BRODY, 30. Haunted-looking actor famously kissed Halle Berry while accepting his Oscar for "The Pianist." Pro: Makes moody trip-hop music under the alias, "A. Ranger." Con: Is serious with girlfriend Michelle Dupont, a music-industry personal assistant.

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BILLY CRUDUP, 35. The hunky actor dumped Mary Louise Parker when she was 8 1/2 months pregnant and ran off with Claire Danes, but that might not last too long either. Pro: Critics loved his performance in Tim Burton's "Big Fish." Con: A true heart-breaker.

LENNY KRAVITZ, 39. The super-modelizer had a big hit with "Let Love Rule," but hasn't fallen in love himself

since the end of his marriage to Lisa Bonet that produced a daughter, Zoe, 15. Pro: Has a beautiful loft downtown he rented to Nicole Kidman, who then started dating him. Con: The funky fashions make him seem narcissistic.

DONALD TRUMP JR., 25. The first-born son of The Donald and his first wife Ivana is following in his father's footsteps, not only developing buildings, but taking center stage to sell the apartments. Pro: Weekend flights down to Mar-a-lago on the family jet. Con: his dad, who owns Miss Universe, has extremely high standards when it comes to the female form.

CHRIS HEINZ, 30. The billionaire ketchup heir has captured the attention of many Manhattanites, including Gwyneth Paltrow (pre- Chris Martin). Pro: Tall, dark and handsome, he even has a sense of humor. Con: Likes lost causes - he quit his banking job to work for his stepfather John Kerry's foundering campaign.

JONATHAN TISCH, 50. The charming Loews hotel chain chairman is a regular on the social and charity circuit. Back on the market and looking for a date after breaking off his wedding to Jill Swid. Pro: Has deep pockets and hotels in every port. Con: Notoriously marriage-phobic.

ANDREW CUOMO, 46. After a nasty split with his wife Kerry Kennedy, the failed gubernatorial candidate has been quietly dating again. Pro: He's capable and articulate and has nowhere to go but up from here. Con: Sometimes comes off as arrogant and self-absorbed.

CHARLES ROCKEFELLER, 30. The tall, blond Rockefeller heir has got looks, money, and impeccable manners and, duh! . . . he's a Rockefeller! Pro: Occasionally entertains at the dynastic estate, Pocantico Hills. Con: Is it boyish charm, or just boyish?

MARCUS SAMUELSSON, 33. The studly chef/owner of Aquavit - who once made People magazine's Sexiest list - has a new eatery, Riingo, in the new Alex Hotel. Pro: He cooks and does dishes! Con: All chefs keep late hours, and they fraternize after hours with the waitresses.

JONATHAN KRAMER, 29. Grungy artist has been making a living out of painting since he was in college. Not new to the spotlight (he did date Sophie Dahl), Kramer can be found frequenting Rene Risque concerts. Pro: Is good company and may offer to paint you. Con: Likes to travel around town on a skateboard - with no sidecar for a date.

DAN ABRAMS, 36. The MSNBC newscaster, the son of legendary First Amendment lawyer Floyd Abrams, is one of the few talking heads smart enough to cover legal issues. Pro: Your mother will love him. Con: MSNBC ratings are so low, no one gets to see him.

JAMIE JOHNSON, 23. The Johnson & Johnson heir burst onto the scene last year at Sundance with his documentary "Born Rich," which showed the pathetic underbelly of his - and his pals' - "blessed" lives. Pro: The kid's got talent! Con: He sold out his friends, and that nasal voice could cut glass.

ROFFREDO GAETANI, 50. The strapping former boxer is an Italian count distantly related to a pope. He was a close friend of late Fiat chairman Gianni Agnelli, who set Roffredo up with Ferrari dealerships. Pro: The old world charm is such that he kisses women's hands. Con: Has been very busy, especially with models. Ivana Trump was just his most famous conquest.

REP. ANTHONY WEINER, 38. The Brooklyn Democrat is ambitious and hard-working, and had the good sense to hire the extremely capable Serena Torrey as one of his aides. Pro: Being touted as a possible candidate for mayor. Con: Could be cruelly described as a pencil-necked geek.

ERIC VILLENCY, 28. Dashing president and creative director of Maurice Villency, a chain of furniture stores founded by his grandfather in 1932. Pro: He sponsors fashion designers so he gets front-row seats to all the shows. Con: Seems serious with his girlfriend of over a year, gorgeous Olivia Chantecaille.

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, 41. The state assemblyman resembles his legendary father, the congressman for whom a boulevard in Harlem is named. His mother was a famous beauty in Puerto Rico, where young Adam

grew up. He plans someday to oust his nemesis, Rep. Charlie Rangel, and take over his seat. Pro: Has a yacht at City Island where he entertains bikini babes. Con: Has a tendency to back losers.

FREDERIC FEKKAI, 44. Handsome French haircutter has charmed the pants off Libet Johnson, Patricia Duff and other blondes too numerous to mention. Meanwhile, he's been branding his name and marketing hair care products. Pro: You'll never have a bad hair day. Con: He might be a bit spoiled. One rich girlfriend supposedly gave him a Gulfstream jet, and it wasn't even Christmas.

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Mystery money man faces soliciting charge

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A part-time Palm Beacher who has socialized with Donald Trump, Bill Clinton and Kevin Spacey was jailed early Sunday with accused drug dealers, drunken drivers and wife beaters after he was charged with soliciting a prostitute.

Manhattan money manager Jeffrey Epstein, 53, was picked up at his home on El Brillo Way at 1:45 a.m. He was released hours later on \$3,000 bond.

Epstein was indicted last week by a state grand jury, according to state attorney's spokesman Mike Edmondson. Despite Epstein's arrest, the indictment containing the allegations remained sealed Sunday and Edmondson provided no details.

Unlike most accused johns, Epstein was charged with a third-degree felony instead of a misdemeanor. Under state law, a solicitation charge usually is elevated to a more-serious felony when the defendant has at least two solicitation

convictions.

However, checks of court records here and in New York Sunday turned up no such convictions.

Epstein could not be reached. Edmondson said he was being represented by West Palm Beach attorney Jack Goldberg, who declined comment.

Epstein is the president of J Epstein & Co., a money management company based in Manhattan that caters to ultra-wealthy clientele, according to pub-

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lished reports. National magazines have described him as a "mysterious billionaire" who lives in a 45,000-square-foot New York City mansion.

He has been in trouble before. In 1993, he and two other defendants were charged in federal court with three counts of postal larceny and theft and one count of property theft. Epstein plead guilty to a single charge of conspiring to steal U.S. Treasury checks from residential mailboxes and received 5 years' probation. The remaining charges were

dropped.

Since then, Epstein's name has turned up in New York City's tabloids. *The New York Post* noted he flew President Clinton and Kevin Spacey to Africa on his private Boeing 727. In 2003, the paper dubbed him one of the Big Apple's "top studs."

In 2004, Epstein bid against Trump for a 43,000-square foot Palm Beach estate once owned by health-care magnate Abe Gosman. Trump topped Epstein with a \$41.35 million bid.

Staff Researcher Angelica Cortez contributed to this story.

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YOUNG Hollywood can rest easier now that police have arrested the man suspected of committing a string of burglaries in the Beverly Hills and Bel Air area.

Darnell Riley, 28, was officially busted two months ago in connection with a burglary/robbery at "Girls Gone Wild" gazillionaire Joe Francis' home in January 2004 - but he's also being investigated for break-ins at the homes of Paris Hilton, baby oil heiress Casey Johnson, club promoter Tommy Alastra and other L.A. celebs.

A source said the crime ring used a gorgeous Elite model, still at large, to infiltrate the Hollywood party scene: "She would befriend the men, get the security codes to their homes and then send Riley in."

Just before the 2004 Golden Globes, Francis returned to his Bel Air home as it was being robbed. The intruder Francis recently identified as Riley held him at gunpoint and stole \$300,000 in cash and valuables.

Sources added that Francis was "being blackmailed." Francis would only say, "I can confirm I was robbed at gunpoint."

When Hilton's home was burgled in September of 2004, it looked eerily similar to the Francis break-in.

At the time, Hilton spokesman Elliot Mintz confirmed that a "very, very professional" gang swiped more than \$100,000 worth of jewelry, cash, video tapes and other items from the Hollywood Hills house Paris was renting with her sister, Nicky.

After the burglary, more Hilton sex tapes mysteriously appeared, and damaging reports surfaced of a tape where Hilton supposedly used the "n-word."

Insiders say Hilton paid dearly to make sure the tape was never found. A source said, "She was blackmailed. She paid \$20,000 a month to have that tape not released." Hilton told PAGE SIX via her rep, "Anyone who

blackmails should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

Hollywood insiders say Frankie Muniz and Wes Anderson may also have been burglarized, but their reps deny it. Steve Coleman, a Los Angeles police officer who worked the case, told PAGE SIX: "Darnell Riley is in custody and charged with burglary, robbery, and home invasion. This is an ongoing investigation."

Asked if the cops were looking into whether or not Riley had pulled the heists at the homes of Hilton, Johnson and the others, Coleman said, "That's fair to say."

Wacky lackeys

AND you thought P. Diddy forcing Farnsworth Bentley to hold his umbrella was bad? Mariah Carey retains a "petite Colombian woman" whose duties include "keeping Mariah's long skirts from touching the floor and humping around a Louis Vuitton backpack filled with bottled water," reports Stuff magazine. Nelly keeps a "personal jewelry jockey" to ensure the safekeeping of all his carat-encrusted bling. Ludacris has a minion whose sole role is to make sure his boss' Gameboy is always loaded with fresh batteries. And rapper N.O.R.E. has a hype man, Ching Bing, who has just one job: to stand onstage and swing around a towel.

We hear . . .

THAT Eva Longoria - milking her man-eating "Desperate Housewives" image to the max - has taped a spot for Sirius Satellite Radio where she huskily pants: "Some women have to guess what a man wants, but I know what a man really wants, something that will keep a smile on his face for a really long time - over 120 channels, enough to satisfy any man" . . . THAT a visitor to Japan - where extreme modesty and close quarters prevail - reports that new public toilets have an unusual feature, the Flush Noise button, so that you can conceal the sound of actual bathroom functions with an artificial flushing noise.

Sightings

DALLAS Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and Washington Redskins owner Dan Snyder powwowing at Caf Milano . . . BEN Affleck sitting front row at the Red Sox-Blue Jays game in Toronto, then getting mobbed for photos before escaping through the Sox dugout . . . TRACY Morgan lifting up his shirt a la his character in "The Longest Yard" to do a striptease for Burt Reynolds, Adam Sandler and Chris Rock at their movie premiere after-party at Plus, the new lounge in Chelsea . . . HARRY Shearer dedicating his song, "82 Facelifts," to Barbara Walters during a performance at the Cutting Room.

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Publicity-hungry

A ROMAN restaurateur is trying to exploit a near-miss with Bill Clinton, who recently canceled a dinner for 18 at the fashionable Agata e Romeo eatery. Owner Romeo Caraccio is whining to the press that Clinton's people ordered nearly \$2,000 of special food and wines but never canceled, leaving him to take a loss. But his tale is baloney, says Clinton rep Jim Kennedy. "An advance person made a reservation, canceled it, and compensated the restaurant for it," Kennedy said. He quipped, "A restaurant trying to get publicity out of a canceled reservation? I'm shocked."

Protein power

HOW did Shaquille O'Neal prepare for last night's Game 2 of the NBA Eastern Finals pitting his Miami Heat against the Detroit Pistons? By devouring a 48-oz. porterhouse (\$76) at South Beach's trendiest steakhouse, Prime 112, the night before. The 7-foot-1, 320-lb. center joined fellow carnivores Jamie Foxx and TNT analyst Charles Barkley, who as usual was trashing the Knicks. There's one menu item Shaq steers clear of - the \$20 "Kobe Hot Dog."

Keepin' it real

IS life imitating art? Blond bombshell Katheryn Winnick, who was so good as Ivana Trump in Tuesday night's "Trump Unauthorized" on ABC, must have liked her brush with real estate fame. The Post's Lois Weiss reports the actress was seen canoodling with one of the city's top real estate investment-sale brokers, Douglas Harmon of Eastdil, Tuesday afternoon, before she got into a black Lincoln in front of 40 W. 57th St., the building where Harmon is headquartered.

Paris burger ad not for kids?

PARIS Hilton is too hot for Washington. Lawmakers are working behind the scenes to get her sizzling TV ad for eatery chain Carl's Jr. - in which she writhes half-naked on a Bentley, cavorts with a garden hose and sucks her finger - banished to late night. Sources say several influential pols have quietly told networks the commercial, labeled "basically soft-core porn" by the Parents Television Council, isn't fit for children and shouldn't air before 10 p.m. The eye-popping ad, in which Paris looks like she's getting ready for her next Rick Solomon, is great publicity for Carl's Jr., which hired the hotel hottie to hawk its new Spicy Burger. The fast-food firm's official response to those who are seeing red? "Get a life."

Sudden dash

DAMON Dash, with gorgeous wife Rachel Roy in tow, basked in the glory of receiving an AAFA American Image Award from Kevin Bacon at the Grand Hyatt, but dashed out without offering a donation to the event's charity partner, the Alzheimer's Association. The hip-hop mogul was apparently the only honoree who didn't donate to the event. Dash's publicist told us he did make a donation - but nobody connected to the event was aware of it.

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Call to mouths

KELLY Osbourne thinks her Hollywood friends are too thin. "Sure they're beautiful in photographs. But when you see them in person, they look hungry and miserable," she tells Teen Vogue. "I hate to name names, so I'm not going to, but there's one in particular I think of often. I saw her last summer and remember thinking, 'You're so beautiful, you're at the most perfect weight.' And then I ran into her in the winter and she literally looked near death. I was like, 'What are you doing to yourself? You're 18 years old.'" Interestingly, the magazine's June/July issue features shrunken Lindsay Lohan on the cover.

[Illustration]

-Shaquille O'Neal; Katheryn Winnick -IN A CONTROVERSIAL TV SPOT, PARIS HILTON REWARDS

HERSELF AFTER WASHING A BENTLEY IN HER SKIMPY SWIMSUIT. [Jeff Vespa / WireImage] -LATINA LOVELY THALIA CHANNELS ELVIS PRESLEY AS SHE SHOOTS HER NEW VIDEO FOR "AMAR SIN SER AMADA" IN BROOKLYN. [Sara Jaye Weiss]

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But a report in the March issue of *Vanity Fair*, on newsstands this week, unmasks Epstein's mystery image.

Epstein wasn't exactly the top gun at Bear Stearns, as he claims - and left the firm amid a swirl of rumors and an SEC violation, the article said.

His mentor in high finance was Steve Hoffenberg, the bill collector turned hustler now serving 20 years in prison for running the nation's costliest Ponzi scheme, the report says.

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Epstein has also been involved in numerous lawsuits, including one in which Citibank is suing him for defaulting on \$20 million in loans from its private banking arm.

Epstein and his lawyer, Jeffrey Schantz, couldn't be reached for comment on the article.

The article said that Epstein keeps all his deals and clients secret, except for one - retail magnate [REDACTED] who calls Epstein "smart . . . [with] high standards . . . and a loyal friend."

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SOCIETY GIRL AT TWITS' END

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Ghislaine's own funds are something of a mystery. Her father lavished money on her and set her up in at least one business in New York. But Maxwell's own ill-gotten gains were seized after he took a dive off his yacht, which was named for her. There are plenty of British pensioners who lost their only means of support in the crash of Maxwell's house of cards and who find it obscene that Ghislaine manages to own an apartment on the Upper East Side and a mews house in London.

She is said to be on some kind of retainer from mysterious New York financier Jeffrey Epstein, who reportedly has holdings in several major companies. Epstein also likes the company of attractive young women, and it's said that Ghislaine has been very good about introducing him to some of her pals.

Ghislaine and her two elder sisters don't talk about where their money is coming from, but they are said to be heavily involved in some kind of Internet company. It would be awful luck for Ghislaine if her social standing were diminished at the same time as tech stocks are going down the toilet.

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Vanity Fair has a reporter on his trail, but New York magazine beats them to the punch with a feature this week on Epstein's strange history.

Epstein, 49, a former Dalton School math teacher from Coney Island, is said to manage \$15 billion for super-wealthy clients he'll only take on if they have at least \$1 billion in assets.

"According to people who know him," New York reports, "if you were worth \$700 million and felt the need for the services of Epstein & Co., you would receive a not-so-polite no-thank-you."

Noted mergers/acquisitions lawyer Dennis Block of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft recalls trying to give Epstein a client whose funds were below the \$1 billion cutoff.

"I sent him a \$500 million client a few years ago and he wouldn't take him," Block reports. "Said the account was too small. Both the client and I were amazed. But that's Jeffrey."

Most Wall Streeters, however, aren't even certain what Epstein actually does for a living. "My belief is that Jeff maintains some sort of money-management firm, though you won't get a straight answer from him," says one powerful investor. "He once told me that he has 300 people working for him, and I've also heard he manages Rockefeller money. But one never knows. It's like looking at the Wizard of Oz."

Some say that Epstein once quit his seat on the board of the Rockefeller Institute because he hates wearing a suit, supposedly telling a friend, "It feels like wearing a dress."

One power player who doesn't find Epstein to be all that hard to figure is Donald Trump.

"I've known Jeffrey for 15 years," The Donald tells the magazine. "Terrific guy. 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."

Another thing Epstein - who's said to pocket at least \$75 million a year in fees - and Trump have in common is a taste for extravagant living. Epstein lives in a 45,000-square-foot, eight-story mansion on East 71st Street.

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Blind dater

CHRIS Noth wasn't lonely on a recent trip to London. The "Law & Order" hunk was set up on a blind date with Rose Keegan, an actress and the daughter of historian Sir John Keegan. The two spent much of the evening at the Century Club, and they were chaperoned by Kyle MacLachlan, who is pals with Noth from their days on the set of "Sex and the City." MacLachlan is in London co-starring in a play with hemp-happy Woody Harrelson.

'Rockets' soars

"ROCKETS Redglare!" - a posthumous tribute to the late East Village actor and downtown icon - won the Grand Jury Prize for Best Documentary at the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival. Directed by Luis Fernandez De La Reguera, it features interviews with Rockets' pals Willem Dafoe, Matt Dillon, Jim Jarmusch, Steve Buscemi and Julian Schnabel. Rockets, the beloved 350-pound former bodyguard of punk legend Sid Vicious who appeared in several of Buscemi's and Jarmusch's movies, died last year after years of drug abuse.

Bizarre union

BOB Crane was a sex addict, but his second wife, Pat Crane, didn't care. "He treated women like the rest of the world treats toilet paper. Who's going to be jealous of toilet paper?" she told "20/20" contributing correspondent Chris Connelly. Despite Crane's penchant for seducing other women and documenting his trysts on film and videotape, Pat insists: "We had a wonderful sex life. We had a wonderful marriage." Crane was bludgeoned to death in 1978 with a camera tripod.

Plot device

GAY writers love PAGE SIX. Everyone's favorite gossip column is prominently featured in the new novel "The Night We Met," a romantically swishy comedy by Rob Byrnes about a guy and his mafioso boyfriend. After making references to this page and The Post throughout the book, Byrnes even attempts to replicate one of our items in the climax. Byrnes' fictional item may lack the flawless prose of a real PAGE SIX scoop, but he does have us outsmarting yet another mendacious mouthpiece.

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Well protected

SEAN "Puffy" Combs confirmed our account of how Heath Ledger scuffled with his bodyguards at the VH1/Vogue Awards after-party Combs threw at Lotus. "Heath is from Australia, and he parties hard now," Combs told "Access Hollywood." The two became pals on the set of "Monster's Ball." "He's coming at me, he's like, 'Puff, people don't know that we're the best of friends,' so it's like my security held him up for a second . . . and I was like, 'No, that's my brother.'" Sins of his grandfather

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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



Epstein

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Police kept watch on home, airport, sifted through trash

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suggesting the county's top prosecutor disqualify himself.

"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.

The chief's letter

See the letter Palm Beach Police Chief Michael Reiter wrote to State Attorney Barry Krischer on the Epstein case.

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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

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.

[redacted] 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, 7½-bath home on the Intracoastal Waterway, then escorted upstairs to a bedroom with a massage table and oils. Epstein and [redacted] 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, [redacted] told police. When she tried once to bring a 23-year-old woman to him, Epstein said she was too old, [redacted] said.

[redacted], who has not been charged in the case, said she eventually brought six girls to Epstein who were paid \$200 each time, [redacted] 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, [redacted] said.

Give a massage — maybe naked — and allow some touching.

One 14-year-old girl [redacted] 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 [redacted] 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 [redacted] told her that Epstein paid her \$200 that day.

Other girls told similar stories. In most accounts, Epstein's personal assistant at the time, [redacted], now 27, escorted the girls to Ep-

stein's bedroom.

[redacted], 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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Palm Beach chief focus of fire in Epstein case

Defendant's lawyers take him on; he slams state attorney

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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, Jill, last year, after 24 years of marriage. They have a son,

18, and a daughter, 14. The couple is scheduled to go to mediation Wednesday. 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. See REITER, 7B ▶

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Colleagues cite chief's professionalism, integrity

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ney'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."



Reiter: Town Manager Peter Elwell says the Palm Beach police chief's well worth his \$144,000 salary.

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 resi-

dent 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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Expert: Ignorance of age isn't defense in sex cases

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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



Epstein: Two politicians have returned donations since he was charged with soliciting minors.

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

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Lawyer: Jurors often believe adults over kids

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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.

Child sex abuse cases often are difficult to prosecute, an attorney says.

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 vic-

tims' 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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The man who had everything



Epstein's Palm Beach mansion at 358 El Brillo Way.

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

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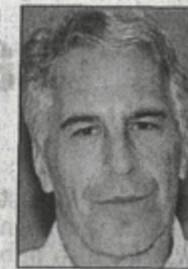
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WINGED GARGOYLES guarded the gate at Jeffrey Epstein's Palm Beach mansion. Inside, hidden cameras trolled two rooms, while the girls came and went.

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.

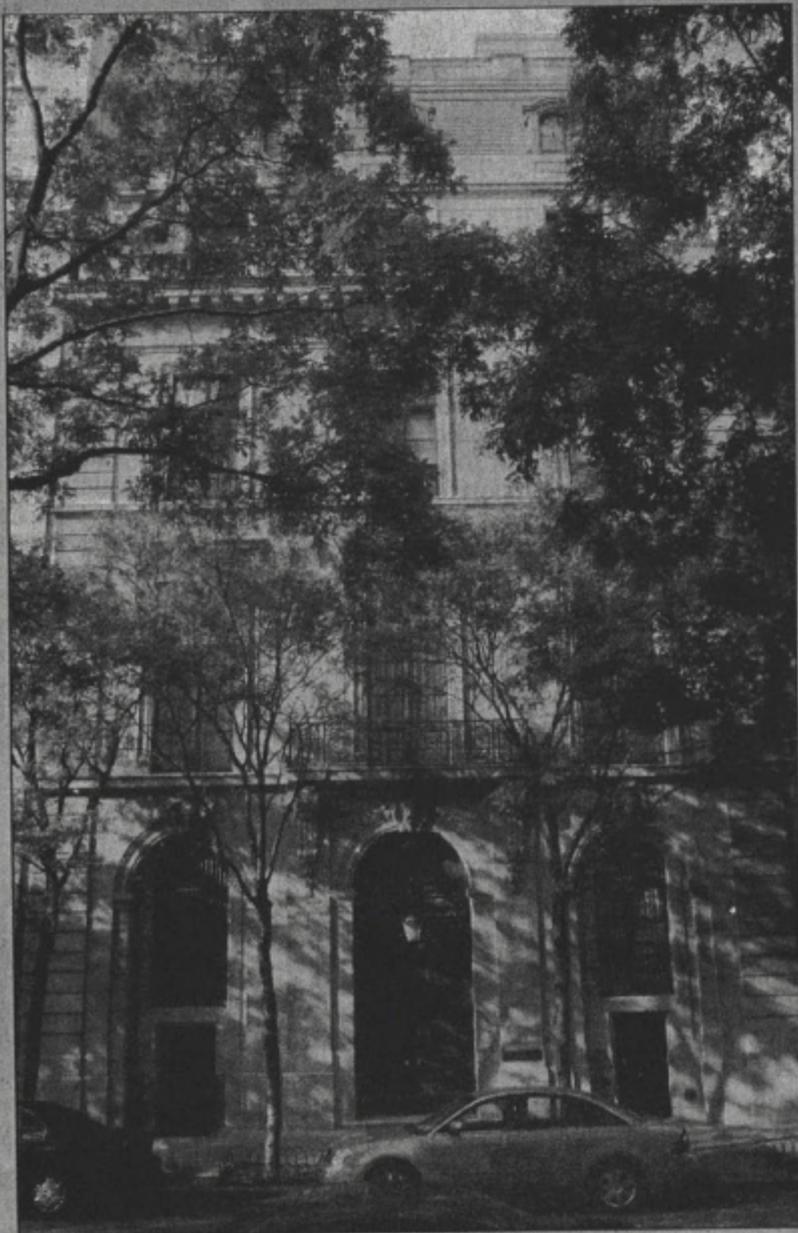
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Epstein's mysterious lifestyle began to unravel after claims of sexual activity with minors.

A life of luxury and secrecy



TINA FINEBERG/The Associated Press

Jeffrey Epstein's Manhattan townhouse dominates a block on the Upper East Side. Thought to be the largest private residence in Manhattan, it is reported to have closed-circuit television and a heated sidewalk to melt fallen snow.

Powerful legal team

stymies detectives

Women in his life



Ghislaine Maxwell, a fixture at elite parties and the intensely private daughter of a media tycoon, dated Epstein in the 1990s.



'I'm like a Heidi Fleiss.' [REDACTED] told police she took at least six girls to visit Epstein, all between the ages of 14 and 16.

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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: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] founder of The Limited retail chain and a former Palm Beacher who is said to have been a mentor to Epstein.

[REDACTED] 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 \$36,000 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 Palm Beach Community College student from Loxahatchee. 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 Frostin, 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 Joseph Recarey, 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, Recarey 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 Recarey 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.

Recarey 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, Recarey 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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Delays in Epstein case unusual, lawyers say

A federal probe or a plea deal could explain the wait in the Palm Beacher's solicitation case.

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Nearly eight months after Palm Beach tycoon Jeffrey Epstein was charged with felony solicitation of prostitution, there has been no discernible progress in his case. No witnesses deposed. No trial date set. Nothing, save for routine court hearings reset without explanation.

"Usually that would be unusual," said criminal defense attorney Glenn Mitch-

ell, who has no involvement in the case.

"As a general rule, it would be unusual for nothing to have happened," agreed Michael Dutko, a criminal defense attorney in Fort Lauderdale. He represents ██████████ 20, of Royal Palm Beach, potentially a key witness in the case.

A routine hearing for Epstein was pulled from the court docket last week and reset for May 16. The delays and inaction could be due to a potential federal probe of Epstein or because a plea deal is in the works, attorneys say.

Unusual is the word that best describes everything about the case against Epstein, 54, an enigmatic money manager in New York City who counts Bill Clinton



Epstein
Money manager in New York has powerful allies.

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and Donald Trump among his friends.

"Highly unusual" is how Palm Beach Police Chief Michael Reiter described State Attorney Barry Krischer's handling of the case in a bluntly critical letter to Krischer last year before Epstein was indicted.

Reiter referred the matter to the FBI to determine whether any federal laws had been violated. Epstein's allies countered by attacking the chief personally and professionally.

Reiter's department investigated Epstein for 11 months. Police sifted repeatedly through his trash and conducted surveillance on his five-bedroom, 7½-bath, 7,234-square-foot home on the Intracoastal Waterway.

Police said Epstein paid women and girls as young as 14 to give him erotic massages at his home. Police thought there was probable cause to charge him with unlawful sex acts with a minor and lewd and lascivious molestation.

Epstein responded by hiring a phalanx of lawyers. One of them, Harvard law professor and author Alan Dershowitz, provided the state attorney's office with information about alcohol and marijuana use by some of the girls who said they were with Epstein.

Prosecutors then referred the case to the grand jury

Teenage girls were recruited to visit Epstein for massages and sex, police say.

rather than file charges directly against Epstein.

Epstein's attorneys deny he had sex with underage girls. The lawyers say the girls' stories are not credible. But if the court file is any indicator, they've made no effort to depose the girls.

Neither prosecutors nor defense attorneys have sought to question ██████████ said Dutko, her attorney. She recruited teenage girls to visit Epstein for massages and sexual activity, Palm Beach police said, and presumably would be a key witness.

Epstein's attorney Jack Goldberger did not return phone messages.

A source close to the case suggested it is languishing pending a decision by the FBI on whether to refer it to federal prosecutors.

"We still have a pending case," FBI spokeswoman Judy Orihuela said Monday.

State Attorney Krischer did not return a call for comment. His spokesman, Mike Edmondson, declined to say whether federal investigators are delaying the Epstein case. But, he added, "if another agency is looking at something, we wouldn't want to step on their toes."

Attorneys say inertia in a criminal case often points to a pending plea deal.

"It would not surprise me if something has happened that's not reflected in the court file," said Dutko, such as an agreement that will be formalized later.

Defense attorney Marc Shiner said defense attorneys sometimes put off overtly conducting discovery — deposing witnesses, requesting documents and the like — because doing so creates more work for harried prosecutors who may become angry and not offer a plea deal.

"Sometimes defense lawyers, knowing that, will try and do discovery without taking depositions," said Shiner, a former prosecutor for 13 years.

Instead, they may conduct a below-the-radar probe such as having a private investigator check out leads, he said.

Shiner and others say a plea deal for Epstein probably would result in pretrial intervention, in which a defendant may be ordered to undergo a psychological evaluation, counseling or other conditions in return for dropping the charge.

Edmondson, spokesman for State Attorney Krischer, said there is no plea offer and no request for the prosecution to show its cards.

"To my knowledge, it's never happened before on a filed case," he said.

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Investment banker Jeffrey Epstein waits in court Monday before his guilty plea.

Palm Beacher pleads in sex case

Jeffrey Epstein will serve 1½ years on teen solicitation charges.

By LARRY KELLER
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WEST PALM BEACH — He lives in a Palm Beach waterfront mansion and has kept company with the likes of President Clinton, Prince Andrew and Donald Trump, but investment banker Jeffrey Epstein will call the Palm Beach County Jail home for the next 18 months.

Epstein, 55, pleaded guilty Monday to felony solicitation of prostitution and procuring a person under the age of 18 for prostitution. After serving 18 months in jail, he will be under house arrest for a year. And he will have a lifelong obligation to register as a sex offender. He must submit to an HIV test within 48 hours, with the results being provided to his victims or their parents.

As part of the plea deal, federal investigators agreed to drop their investigation of Epstein, which they had taken to a grand jury, two law enforcement sources said.

Epstein was indicted two years ago after an 11-month investigation by Palm Beach police. They received a complaint from a relative of a 14-year-old girl who had given Epstein a naked massage at his five-bedroom, 7,234-square-foot, \$8.5 million Intracoastal home.

Police concluded that there

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Epstein faces civil lawsuits; more clients may be added

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were several other girls brought in 2004 and 2005 to an upstairs room at the home for similar massages and sexual touching.

The indictment charged Epstein only with felony solicitation of prostitution. The state attorney's office later added the charge of procuring underage girls for that purpose.

Prosecutor Lanna Belohlavek said of the plea: "I took into consideration the length the trial would have been and witnesses having to testify" about sometimes embarrassing incidents.

Epstein may have made a serious mistake soon after he was charged. He rejected an offer to plead guilty to one count of aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony, according to police documents. He would have gotten five years' probation, had no criminal record and not been a registered sex offender, the documents indicate.

Epstein arrived in court Monday with at least three attorneys. He wore a blue blazer, blue shirt, blue jeans and white and gray sneakers. After Circuit Judge Deborah Dale Pucillo accepted the plea, he was fingerprinted. Epstein then removed his blazer and was handcuffed for the trip to jail while his attorneys tried to shield him from photographers' lenses.

When he eventually is released to house arrest, Epstein will have to observe a 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew, have no unsupervised contact with anyone younger than 18 and neither own nor possess pornographic or sexual materials "that are relevant to your deviant behavior," the judge said.

Epstein will be allowed to leave home for work. The New York-based money manager told the judge he has formed the not-for-profit Florida Science Foundation to finance scientific research. "I'm there every day," Epstein said.

The foundation was incorporated in November. Epstein said he already has awarded money to Harvard and MIT.

When he is released from jail, there is a chance that Epstein will be forced to move. Sex offenders are not allowed to live within 1,000 feet of a school, park or other areas where children may gather. No determination has been made as to whether Epstein's home complies, but attorneys said it likely does.

Sex offenders also typically must attend counseling sessions. Belohlavek said that was waived for Epstein because his private psychiatrist is working with him.

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Attorney who represents alleged victims, commenting on the plea

The judge was skeptical but agreed to it.

Epstein's legal woes don't end with Monday's plea. There are four pending federal civil lawsuits and one in state court related to his behavior. At least one woman has sued him in New York, where he owns a 51,000-square-foot Manhattan mansion.

"It's validation of what we're saying in the civil cases," said Miami attorney Jeffrey Herman, who represents the alleged victims in the federal lawsuits. West Palm Beach attorney Ted Leopold represents one alleged victim in a civil suit in state court. He said he anticipates amending that lawsuit to add "a few other clients" as well.

In the criminal case, police went so far as to scour Epstein's trash and conduct surveillance at Palm Beach International Airport, where they watched for his private jet so they would know when he was in town. They concluded that Epstein paid girls \$200 to \$300 each after the massage sessions.

"I'm like a Heidi Fleiss," [redacted] now 22, told police about her efforts in recruiting girls for Epstein.

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and lewd and lascivious molestation, police concluded.

The state attorney's office said questions about the girls' credibility led it to take the unprecedented step of presenting the evidence against Epstein to a grand jury, rather than directly charging him.

Palm Beach Police Chief Michael Reiter was furious with State Attorney Barry Krischer, saying in a May 2006 letter that the prosecutor should disqualify himself. "I continue to find your office's treatment of these cases highly unusual," he wrote. He then asked for and got a federal investigation.

Epstein hired a phalanx of high-priced lawyers—including Harvard law professor and author Alan Dershowitz—and public relations people who questioned Reiter's competence and the victims' truthfulness.

In addition to mansions in Palm Beach and Manhattan, Epstein owns homes in New Mexico and the Virgin Islands. He's a frequent contributor to Democratic Party candidates. He also donated \$30 million to Harvard in 2003.

Former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer returned a \$50,000 campaign contribution from Epstein after his indictment, then resigned this year during his own sex scandal. And the same Palm Beach Police Department that vigorously investigated Epstein returned his \$90,000 donation for the purchase of a firearms simulator.

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Jeffrey Epstein (left) appears in court Monday. Soon after he was charged two years ago, Epstein rejected a deal that would have given him five years' probation and no criminal record, documents show.

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Billionaire pleads to Fla. prostitution charge

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Palm Beach money manager pleads guilty to hiring underage girls for sex

By Missy Diaz

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WEST PALM BEACH

Mega-rich Palm Beach-New York-Virgin Islands money manager Jeffrey Epstein traded his navy sport coat for a jail uniform today after pleading guilty to hiring underage Palm Beach County girls for erotic massages and sex.

As a result, Epstein will be designated a sex offender, a moniker that will require he register annually with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and any other jurisdiction that so requires.

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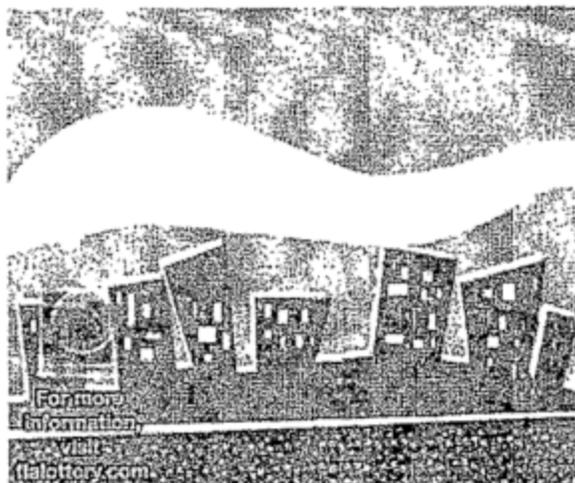
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Epstein, a billionaire who lives in a five bedroom, 7 1/2 bath, 13,000-square-foot mansion on El BrilloWay in Palm Beach, told the judge he's an investment banker. He manages money for the super wealthy and counts among his friends former President Bill Clinton.

According to police reports, in 2004 and 2005, Epstein used a then 20-year-old girl to find 14- to 16-year-old girls from her school to "work" for him.



In return, according to police, Epstein paid her \$200 for each girl she found.

Epstein's assistant kept the recruiter apprised of when Epstein would be in Palm Beach and the recruiter would take the girls to the mansion.

Once there, Epstein's assistant escorted the girl to a bedroom furnished with a massage table and oils.

Epstein would enter in only a towel and would touch himself during some sessions and try fondling the girls with sex toys in others, according to police.

Following lengthy negotiations dating to Epstein's July 2006 arrest, he pleaded guilty today to two counts: procuring a person under 18 for prostitution, and felony offer to commit prostitution.

The maximum penalty was 15 years in prison.

Epstein told the judge he takes no prescription medication other than for his cholesterol. He works in the Virgin Islands, he said, but while on house arrest he plans to do charitable work at a non-profit he formed charity called The Florida Science Foundation.

State records show the foundation was formed in November for the purpose of providing grants to organizations in science and research.

"My background is in physics," Epstein told Pucillo.

Harvard and MIT have been recipients of grants from the organization, he said.

While the criminal case may have been disposed today, Epstein still faces civil lawsuits in federal court filed by four of the girls who are each seeking in excess of \$50 million.

"We think the guilty plea today is a very positive development for the civil cases and validates the claims the girls were making," said Jeffrey Herman, the Miami attorney representing the girls. "An important measure of justice is that he'll be a registered sex offender."

As deputies fingerprinted Epstein, who was dressed in a navy sport coat, jeans and sneakers, a phalanx of his handlers congregated outside the courtroom.

His attorney, Jack Goldberger, along with two other men, one in a seersucker suit, the other typing furiously on a laptop computer, stayed with Epstein until lawmen escorted him from the courtroom.

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Billionaire heads to jail on teen prostitution charges

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According to police reports, in 2004 and 2005 Epstein paid [REDACTED], then 20, to find girls — "the younger the better" — to "work" for him. Epstein rejected a 23-year-old who [REDACTED] brought to Epstein's home.

[REDACTED] once referred to herself as Heidi Fleiss, the Hollywood madam whose client list included celebrities. "The more you do, the more you get paid," [REDACTED] reportedly told the girls. The going rate was \$200 to \$300 per massage. All of the girls knew what to expect, according to [REDACTED] "provide a massage, possibly naked, and allow some touching."

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