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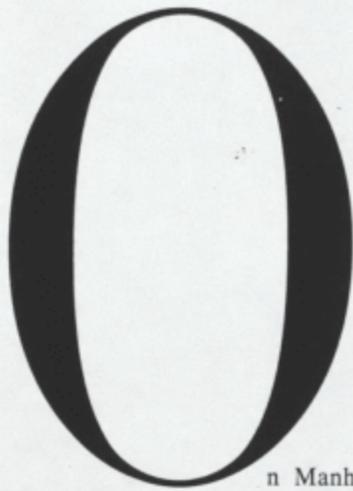


# THE TALENTE

MR. BIG

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Epstein is charming, but he doesn't let

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Here are some of the hard facts about Epstein—ones that he doesn't mind people knowing: He grew up middle-class in Brooklyn. His father worked for the city's

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

Thereafter the details recede into shadow. A few of the handful of current friends who have known him since the early 1980s recall that he used to tell them he was a

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

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

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

His current fan club extends to Cayne, Henry Rosovsky, the former dean of Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### SPOILS OF SUCCESS

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



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

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

being so brutal as to be "irresponsible."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"That's just mean," Affleck whines.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Jeffrey Epstein

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

According to Epstein, Bear Stearns management had questioned him about the loan around March 4. The questioners, Epstein said, were Michael (Mickey) Tarnopol and

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

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

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

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

nection with your reasons for leaving the firm?

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

Q: What were the rumors you heard?

A: Nothing to do with St. Joe.

Q: Can you relate what you heard?

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

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

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

Q: Have you heard it from anyone else?

A: No.

A little later the interview focuses on James Cayne:

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

A: No.

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

A: No.

Q: Did you happen to overhear any conversa-

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

A: No.

And still later in the questioning comes this exchange:

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

A: There's no relationship with Bear Stearns.

Q: Pardon?

A: Other than Bear Stearns, no.

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

A: No.

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

A: No.

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

A: No; nor do I anticipate any.

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

A: No.

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

A: No.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eventually, a source close to Hoffenberg says Hoffenberg paid Snyder off.

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

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



OFFICE SPACE

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

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

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

"Everyone was mystified as to what his appeal was," says Robert Morosky, a former vice-chairman of the Limited.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wexner offers some insight into his friend's combative style. "Many times people win by winning and losing," Wexner says. "Jeffrey has the unusual quality of knowing when

## Jeffrey Epstein

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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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## MURKY WORLD OF CLINTON PAL

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PAGE SIX'S scoop last month that mysterious money manager Jeffrey Epstein had flown Bill Clinton, Chris Tucker and Kevin Spacey to Africa on his private 727 has sent journalists all over town trying to find out just who Epstein really is.

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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"I don't want to live in another person's house," Epstein told New York.

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.

Change partners

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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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## HOTSHOT EPSTEIN NOT SO HOT: VF

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Jeffrey Epstein - a self-proclaimed billionaire who hobnobs with moguls and pledged \$25 million to Harvard - is actually a small potatoes ex-bounty hunter with a questionable financial background, says a report.

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YOU can't watch Arthur Chi'en on WCBS/Ch. 2 any more - the reporter was fired last week for uttering the "f word" on-air - but you can buy a plethora of products with his face on it. Cafepress.com is hawking a line of Chi'en-branded mugs, T-shirts, buttons, tote bags, messenger bags, barbecue aprons, teddy bears and even a "Chi'en Classic Thong." Some are emblazoned with the words, "What the [bleep] is your problem, man?" - the question Chi'en, who thought he was off the air, yelled out to twohecklers. David Yee, who is selling the Chi'en merchandise, said he was inspired by the popular T-shirts of revolutionary Che Guevara. "Chi'en sort of sounds like Che," he explained. "People are buying it." Meanwhile, Chi'en's friend Ian Gerard, the founder of Gen Art, has circulated an e-mail calling the firing "ridiculous," and urging recipients to complain to various Viacom and Channel 2 executives. Chi'en tells us he was "devastated" by his dismissal, and says he's currently looking for a new job. "I've got bigger things to worry about than the shirts, basically," he said.

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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

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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."

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Romanian babe scores rock

NOW that his romance with Serena Williams has gone south, randy director Brett Ratner seems to be settling down with his former gal pal. Model Alina Pascau has been flashing a massive canary-yellow diamond engagement ring Ratner recently gave her, we're told. Pascau, a Romanian stunner, used to date reclusive billionaire Jeffrey Epstein. Epstein, who handles Leslie Wexner's fortune, helped land her a gig modeling for Wexner's Victoria's Secret brand, we hear, and paid for her to live in high style. After they broke up she and Ratner dated for a while before his fling with Williams. "She's beautiful, but dumb as paint," one pal of Pascau told us. "She never washes her hair and she always has a cellphone glued to her ear. Without Jeffrey she would never have gotten the Victoria's Secret job." Pascau, who likes high-profile men, also used to bed down with Formula 1 driver Eddie Irvine. Ratner's rep did not return calls.

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.

### Axed reporter branded

YOU can't watch Arthur Chi'en on WCBS/Ch. 2 any more - the reporter was fired last week for uttering the "f word" on-air - but you can buy a plethora of products with his face on it. Cafepress.com is hawking a line of Chi'en-branded mugs, T-shirts, buttons, tote bags, messenger bags, barbecue aprons, teddy bears and even a "Chi'en Classic Thong." Some are emblazoned with the words, "What the [bleep] is your problem, man?" - the question Chi'en, who thought he was off the air, yelled out to twohecklers. David Yee, who is selling the Chi'en merchandise, said he was inspired by the popular T-shirts of revolutionary Che Guevara. "Chi'en sort of sounds like Che," he explained. "People are buying it." Meanwhile, Chi'en's friend Ian Gerard, the founder of Gen Art, has circulated an e-mail calling the firing "ridiculous," and urging recipients to complain to various Viacom and Channel 2 executives. Chi'en tells us he was "devastated" by his dismissal, and says he's currently looking for a new job. "I've got bigger things to worry about than the shirts, basically," he said.

### 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 SHOTS HER NEW VIDEO FOR "AMAR SIN SER AMADA" IN BROOKLYN. [Sara Jaye Weiss]

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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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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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CONTROVERSY flared at the Radar launch party when [GAWKER] founder Nick Denton was hit with a creamy gooey pie as he sidled up next to magazine founder Maer Roshan for a photo op.

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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.

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## SINGLING OUT APPLE'S TOP STUDS

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### Abstract (Document Summary)

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 Leopard 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 newsdude, 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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The editing question has mostly centered on the Zuckerman team. Since Wolff bought in Deutsch and [Jeffrey Epstein], the New York mag columnist undoubtedly expects to be picked as some ...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Henry Kravis, watch out.

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## BILL, STARS ENJOY AFRICAN TREK

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IS Sen. John McCain going to quit the Republican Party and become the running mate of Sen. John Kerry in the 2004 presidential race? McCain's chief political adviser, John Weaver, has become a Democrat and is now working for Dick Gephardt. McCain's new legislative director, Christine Dodd, last worked for a liberal congressman - a Democrat. Now Kerry of Massachusetts, who has made clear his plans to run in 2004, is making overtures towards McCain. A rumored head-to-head between Kerry and McCain is said to be scheduled at McCain's cabin in Sedona, Ariz., next month. And for "Man of the People," the new McCain biography by Paul Alexander, Kerry provided a blurb that reads more like a love letter. After noting that McCain's 2000 presidential campaign "set the standard for honor, dignity, courage, and truth," Kerry declares: "I have had no greater privilege in all my life than finding and then standing on common ground with John McCain, and I look forward to fighting side by side with him on yet another day to make our country stronger."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Perfect angel

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

#### We hear . . .

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

#### Headlines heal

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

#### Lost actor pops up in L.A.

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#### Sex sells

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

#### Janney's' jam

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

#### Flasher chic

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

#### Dueling Dems

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

#### Single again

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

#### MCCAIN MUTINY IN WORKS?

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

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by **Judson Cox**

# An Interview with Jeffrey Epstein

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

destruction.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reservation forms are available on our website: [www.peoplestruthforum.com](http://www.peoplestruthforum.com)

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

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

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