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"Image is everything," we are told. So we have images here that would strike fear in the heart of even Charles Augustus Milverton. Hollywood is glitzy enough to warrant no introduction. And since the script calls for no voice-over, we will just fade to black and let you enjoy this issue.

The Papers on the Sundial

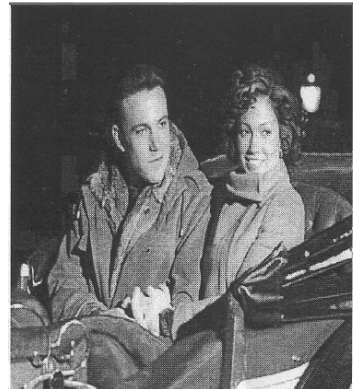
Gotta have it!

Late Breaking News



Pop Sensation Shakira performed at a benefit for the Baskerville Humane Society last week. "I love dogs—especially big ones with lots of teeth," she told reporters. "And if they glow in the dark, that's even better," she added cryptically. Over \$500,000 was raised, according to Executive Director Beryl Stapleton.

Cheese magnate Robert "Big Bob" Ferguson and his wife enjoy a quiet ride together. He told reporters to "buzz off" when they kept asking what his wife's first name was.

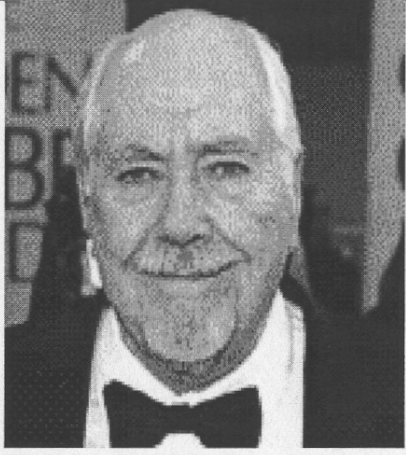


Television evangelist Joseph Stangerson announced that he was leaving his show after allegations that he was an avid gun-collector. "Outrageous," was his only comment.

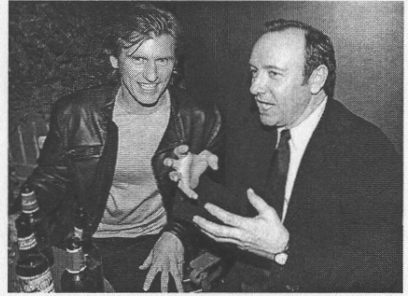
Did they really say that?

Faces in the News

Looking dapper as always, Professor James Moriarty recently attended a gala event raising money for asteroid research. "When the big one appears," he said, "we've got to be ready."

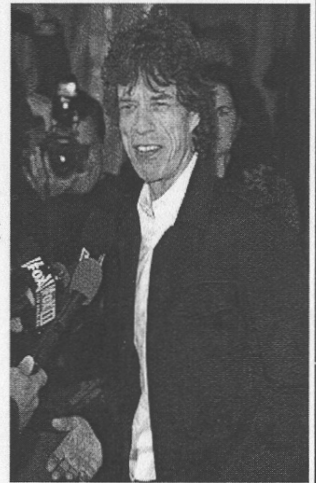


Elias and John Openshaw discuss their recent decision to start a fast food chain. "The Dancing Chicken chain will crush McDonald's and Burger King," the elder Openshaw said, demonstrating with his hands. George Clooney and Martha Stewart are rumored to be private investors in the venture.

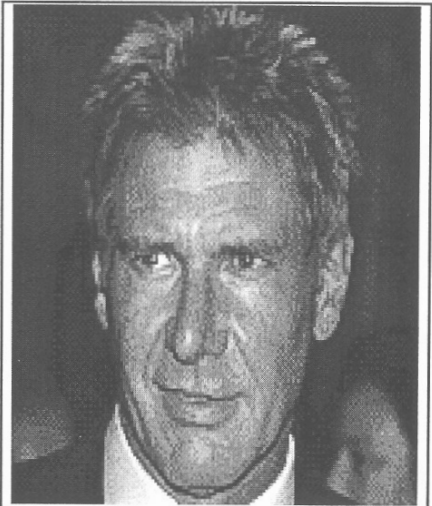
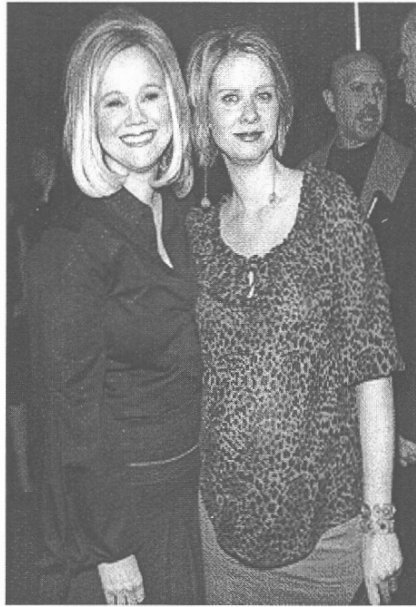


Reclusive novelist Violet Smith was spotted riding her bicycle to the store last week. Paparazzi chased her until she threatened them with her basket full of leather goods and pasta. "Beat it, ya twits," she yelled, lobbing fettuccine at them.

"Roaring Jack" Woodley announced that his South African diamond mine had gone bankrupt and that he was starting Chapter 11 proceedings on his chain of wedding chapels. "I'll probably never get another date," he moaned.



A very pregnant Alice Morphy Presbury (right) visits with her good friend Hattie Doran. Married to USC Film School Professor Presbury, this is their first child (although the professor has a daughter by a previous marriage). Asked if she was hoping for a boy, girl, or just healthy, she quipped, "We just hope it's human."

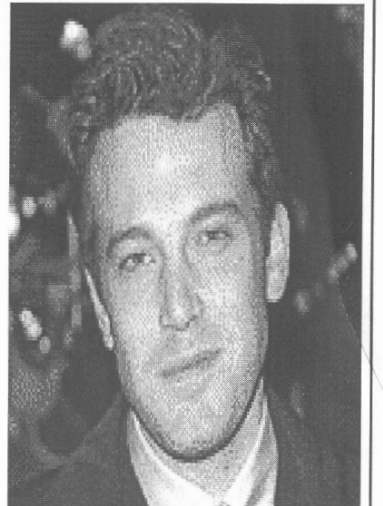


Harrison Ford confirmed rumors that he would play Fitzroy McPherson in Wes Craven's *Taste the Blood of the Lion Fish*. "He's a very complex man," Ford said, "a quiet man of science with a checkered past."

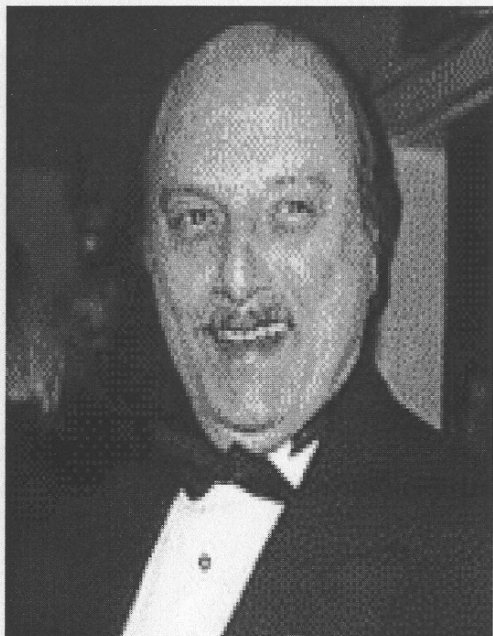


Sophie and the Studs announced their break-up shortly after performing at the Country Music Association Awards. "Artistic differences," Ms. Kratides told reporters. But Harold Latimer (above left) had a different story: "She only wants to do her songs, not ours." Wilson Kemp (right) refused comment but laughed nervously.

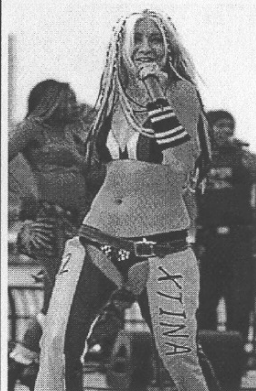
Rising entertainment attorney John Hector McFarlane recently added Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera to his list of clients. "The two have enjoined in a class-action suit against Shakira over belly button infringement."



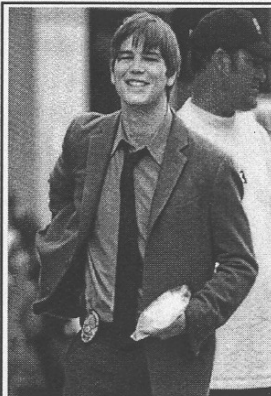
All Around the Town



Physician-turned-screenwriter John Watson, quelling rumors of a split with his wife, the former Mary Morstan, was recently seen at the premiere of Martin Scorsese's epic period piece *McMurdo*. "Mary is still the first and only love of my life," he said of his wife of five years. He refused to answer questions about stories of a previous wife, referring journalists to his press agent. Dr. Watson did attend the premiere alone, telling reporters that "Mary doesn't like adventure movies—she got too much of that as a young woman."



Carina, promoting her new *Live—Very Live* CD, gave an impromptu outdoor concert in Fleet Street last week.

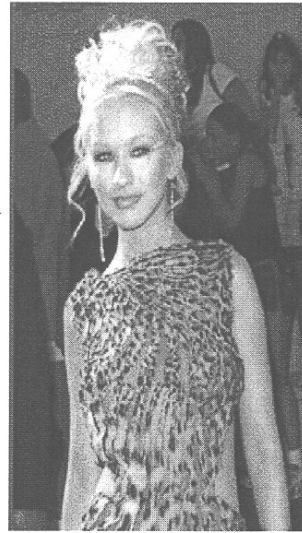


Comedy-Action star Victor Hatherley nurses an injured thumb on the set of his most recent movie, *Lestrade in Love*. Co-star Billy Crystal suffered a twisted ankle, but filming resumed later in the day.

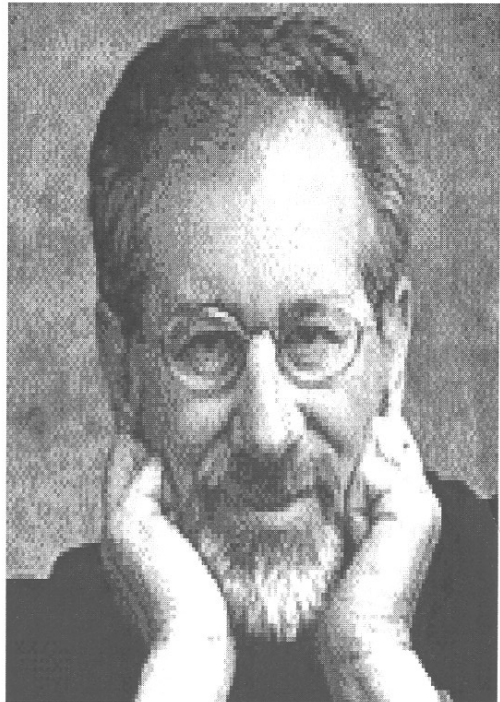


Lyricist Helen Stoner is all smiles after learning that her twin sister Julia was discovered alive after being missing for seven years in Indonesia. "I had nearly given up hope," she said. She is flying to Jarkarta to aid in her sister's recovery. "She's hallucinating about giant rats. She needs lots of love and lots of time."

Irene Adler recently revealed her estrangement from Supreme Court Justice Godfrey Norton. "He's just so busy he doesn't have time to come to any of my plays anymore," she tells us. "I try not to be petty, but it's important to me that he see my work." She is starring on Broadway with Leonard Nimoy in *Jim Browner's Box*.



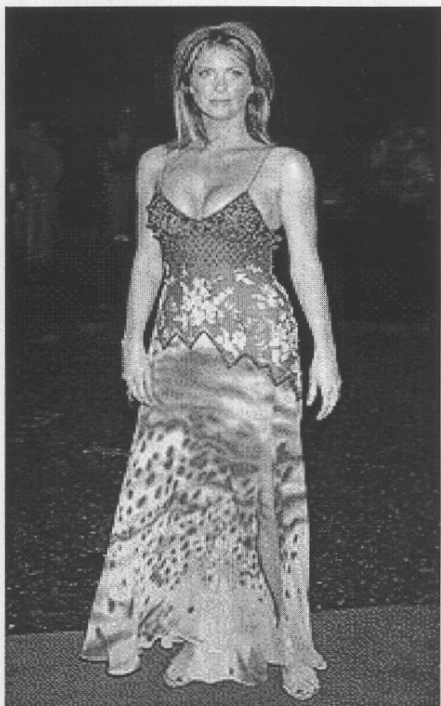
Director Steven Spielberg is rumored to be negotiating with the Tregennis Family Estate for rights to do a film based on their tragic demise. William Goldman (*Marathon Man, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*), David Koepp (*Jurassic Park*) and Steven Soderbergh (*sex, lies and videotape*) are said to be the leading contenders for writing the screenplay. "The story is dramatic and compelling and very contemporary," Spielberg said recently. "A family torn apart from within and without." No casting has been made, but rumors are circulating that Billy Bob Thornton is interested in the part of Dr. Leon Sterndale.



The stars shine bright

Charing Cross Hospital Benefit

The stars came out in full last week in support of a new wing for the Charing Cross Hospital. Whoopee Goldberg and Lord Robert St. Simon hosted the gala event to raise money for the neonatal wing. "They all had heart tonight," Lord Robbie said. Musical entertainment was provided by Alice Cooper and Escot and the Plumbers. Robin Williams, Billy Crystal and Victor Hatherley improvised an emergency room visit. A good time was had by all and over two million dollars was raised.



Lady Hilda Trelawney Hope wowed them with her low-cut fur print dress by designer Bob Mackie. "Anything for the kids," she said. Or the audience, for that matter.

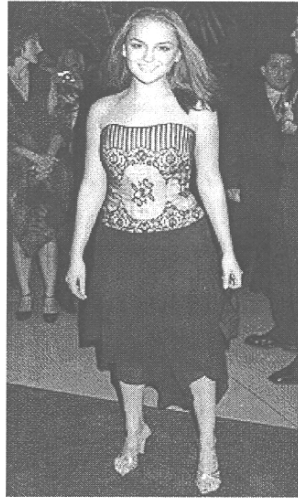


Emilia Lucca sported a black outfit to set off her recently highlighted hair. "It took me two hours to lace up these high heels," she told us. But who's looking at her ankles?





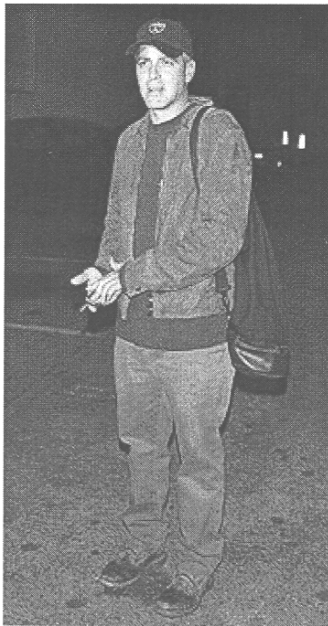
Alice Rucastle dared pneumonia in her white flapper outfit. “I like old-timey things,” she said, which might explain her recent engagement to Grimesby Roylott.



Recently cleared of murder charges, Grace Dunbar shows off the shoulders for which she has become famous.



Carina toned her wardrobe down for the event. “I can be conservative if I really want to be,” she said.



George Clooney said he didn’t realize that this was a dressy affair. “I just threw something on,” he said. He dispelled rumors about his health, saying that it was a simple case of food poisoning at Simpson’s. “They apologized—and sent a fruit basket.”

Violet Hunter, recovering from her recent breakup with Matthew Perry, arrives in a somber mood. Her demeanor improved when she sat next to Brad Pitt—flying solo since his wife Jennifer Aniston was in Spain filming *Queen Victoria’s Secret*.



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