



TIMOTHY Shriver escorts bride after ceremony.



CAROLINE Kennedy and mom, Jackie Onassis, & fiancé Ed Schlossberg leave church.

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Nancy: too busy for love

COUNT on basketball star Nancy Lieberman to play down her reported romance with Ralph Sampson, of the Houston Rockets. "We're very good friends," says Nancy, of Far Rockaway, Queens. "Marriage is something for the future. I am far too busy to be able to handle that sort of commitment." Nancy, who had a falling out with pal Martina Navratilova, says they've mended fences. "Martina is doing the introduction to my book and video on physical fitness," said the 5-foot-10 hoop star of the Dallas Diamonds. Dallas is her new home, but her heart will always be in Far Rockaway with her mom, Rose. "That's where I learned my street smarts. That's why I can be involved in many ventures," she said. Like a chain of sporting goods shops in Philadelphia that will expand across the country; her book on health care; her video, "Trained to Win;" her new movie, "Perfect Profile." She plays a basketball star. Okay, what about Ralph Sampson? Has he changed for the better since dating her? "I have a good effect on people, it's my ability to help people." That's all? "I won't even think about marriage for another two years at least,"



Nancy Lieberman.



Ralph Sampson.

says Nancy, 27. But she'll teach at Ralph's basketball camp this summer in Harrisonburg, Va. In between, she'll start another venture: real estate in Dallas. "You can do it, too," she says. "All you need is the street smarts you learn in New York."

Mark will get surprise guest

MARK Gero will have an unexpected guest at the opening of his works at the Tietra Santa Fine Arts gallery at 81 Franklin St. tomorrow. No, it's not Andy Warhol, who will also join in the exhibit. It's Gero's wife, who is flying in from her concert tour to join him. Mark's dad, producer Frank Gero, will also attend the opening that will feature contemporary views of the American Indians. Mark's offering two abstract works of wooden sculpture called "War Mask" and "Dance Mask." Mark's works are normally displayed at the Weintraub Gallery on upper Madison Ave., but he got permission to show his art in SoHo. Oh, yes, of course, Mrs. Mark Gero is Liza Minnelli.



REZA Pahlavi introduces his future bride.

OK, Jeff, you're first

HE taught John Travolta how to dance for "Saturday Night Fever" and he taught Michael Jackson how to do the backslide moon dance. Now Jeff Kutash is working for himself. The young dancer created a show that features superstars like "Bruce Springsteen" and "Tina Turner," but they're really lookalikes assembled to pay tribute to the Statue of Liberty. Jeff's producing a show called "Superstars and Stripes" starring the statue. It's booked for nine months at the Atlantis, the longest any show has been booked in Atlantic City. It stars Olympic gold medalist Kurt Thomas.



Jeff Kutash.

"I'm from Cleveland, middle America. I had to do something to salute the Statue of Liberty," said Kutash in a visit to the People Page. "I'll never make money on this because we got a cast of 20 performers with an 18-foot statue on the stage." Kutash used to run the "Dancin' Machine" on TV and is also an actor. He starred in "Knights of the City." It drew some bad reactions after producer Michael Franzese went to jail for racketeering. "But now I do my own producing, from start to finish. I never did get any credit for teaching Travolta how to disco," says Jeff. "I taught him all the steps he was to use in the movie, but I never received credit. He saw me dance in Los Angeles in 1976 and asked to have me teach him. Give me credit for producing the first musical tribute to Lady Liberty." Jeff, partners with New Yorker Marty Romley, adds: "Soon, to help promote Lady Liberty, we'll start a nationwide contest for a Lady America to star in our shows. Everybody is Statue of Liberty conscious and it's good for all of us. America is where it's at. Where else can an ordinary palooka like me, a Golden Glover, become a success?" That leads to his dream: a Broadway show about Joe Palooka.

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Another Shriver weds

Maria Shriver's wedding to Arnold Schwarzenegger drew huge crowds but when Timothy Shriver, Maria's baby brother, donned top hat and tails to marry Linda Potter on the campus of Georgetown University in Washington, the crowds were rather thin. No matter, the Kennedys showed up, including Jackie Onassis; her daughter, Caroline Kennedy and Caroline's fiancé, Ed Schlossberg, among others. Jackie will give her daughter away shortly and is hoping for a very quiet wedding.

Shah's son engaged

Reza Pahlavi, 26, son of the Shah of Iran, announced in Paris he will wed Yasmine Amani, 20, here this summer. Reza, a graduate of Williams College, has laid claim to his father's title, and hopes someday to return to Iran. The tall, handsome Reza is a friend of New York consultant Bob Armao, who was chief of staff to the shah in the months before his death.

Look out, Roy!

State Sen. Roy Goodman and his GOP colleagues Chris Mega of Brooklyn and Dean Skelos of Nassau are being targeted for demonstrations by the Coalition for the Future. The organization of disabled folks is supporting Gov. Cuomo's bill to set up a cabinet post for an office for rehabilitation and claims the GOP senators are blocking Mario's bill.

Goodby, Eddie

It could be the start of something big. Jerry Skurnik, former assistant to Mayor Koch, has left his post to start up a political consultant firm here. Could mean that Jerry knows Eddie isn't crazy enough to try a fourth term.

Must be a reason

RAMON Velez said he couldn't believe it. Something's rotten in Denmark, or at least it seemed something was wrong on Fifth Ave. during the Puerto Rican Day Parade yesterday. Gov. Cuomo was a no show. And so was his candidate for lieutenant governor, Rep. Stanley Lundine. Velez repeatedly said he couldn't understand why neither Mario nor his chosen running mate failed to show. Velez opined that perhaps Mario and Stanley had other things to do but, turning to his left, he got another opinion. Said his guest reviewing officer, "Maybe it's because I am here?" His guest is running against Lundine for the Democratic nomination: Abe Hirschfeld.