

## Cindy Adams



# Edwards & family fly under the radar

**A**MONGST the cast of thousands of Democrats jogging for the Oval Office is citizen **John Edwards**. Mr. Edwards, wife **Elizabeth**, their children and maybe their dogs, parrots or whatever creatures they've got, just vacationed together. Nobody seemed to know their whereabouts. Even I, not known for circumspection, stayed mum until they pulled out of there. We are talking the superstill, unbusy, lightly populated lake country of **New Hampshire**. New Hampshire-ites do not meddle in other people's business. They do not gossip. They barely talk even if you ask directions. You can't get anything quieter than this neighborhood unless you pass on.

Edwards rented a large home in Moultonborough. The house is right on Lake Winnepesaukee. On a madly bustling day, you might spy two dinghies and maybe a sailboat.

He was seen often. Alone. Always alone. Jogging in nearby Center Harbor. Alone. Having holidayed there, I know the area. Through the trees, down a quiet country road, is the main drag where sits the town's lone bagel shop. Its owner is an ex-New Yorker. Everyone goes there for coffee. He did, too. But all alone. Not even with an assistant, a secretary, a bodyguard — nobody. Certainly no Secret Service.

Following William McKinley's 1901 assassination, Congress passed a law that includes protection of candidates within 120 days of an election. However, **Obama** has Secret Service now because he's gotten death threats. **Hillary** gets it thanks to **Bill**. So can't we get something for Edwards? A boy scout? Something?

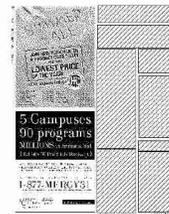
**H**OLLYWOOD drums are beating that one reason **Lindsay** ankled rehab early — if you can believe this — is due to part-time boyfriend **Calum Best**. Seems this 26-year-old reality TV person told people with big mouths that re-

formed **Lindsay** was "too dull" now. He couldn't deal with it. He didn't want to give up partying. He's "not in the same place as she is anymore." I somehow have a feeling it's types like these that think safe sex is just doing it in a car with a padded dashboard.

**G**ISELE **Bundchen** recently decamped to N.Y.C. and a West Village townhouse. Her gated 3,679-square-foot, Spanish-style L.A. house with city views, kidney-shaped pool, four bedrooms, gym, usual media room, sold for a few bob under \$4 mil. The buyer, although nobody's confirming or denying, was **Quentin Tarantino**. The nice joint, in a celeb-logged neighborhood, crawls with types like **Christina Aguilera** and **Fred Savage**. And now — probably — **Quentin Tarantino**.

**W**ITH all the East End fund-raising this weekend, added to it is — ready? **Al Franken**. He's hustling to be senator from Minnesota, so where would you think he'd go to scratch up a few bucks? Southampton ... When **Dan Rather** left CBS, **Katie** jumped to his chair, when **Katie** left "Today," **Meredith Vieira** jumped to her place, when **Meredith** jumped "The View," we got **Rosie**, and soon **Whoopi**. Comes now another wave. With **Meredith** getting "Today," **Campbell Brown** jumped to CNN, and **Paula Zahn**'s jumping out. All because of **Dan Rather** ... **Jerry Hall**'s into poetry. Even entered the poetry festival in England. Can Broadway be far behind? ... **Rachel Hunter**'s doing her autobio. She's got a publisher. She says no-no-a-thousand-times-no she won't dish her ex, **Rod**.

**P**LEASE, could people stop saying, "It blew me away" when indicating they saw something pleasing. And, when eliciting applause, might people stop saying, "Give it up for [so-and-so]." Can we

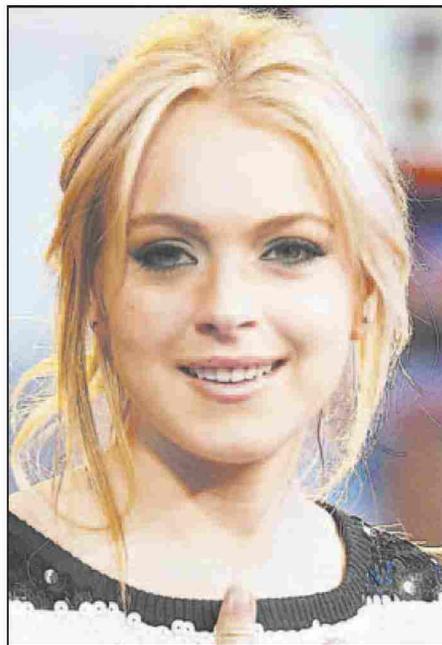


all not try to speak proper English?!

**I** JUST received a Xeroxed pile of pages from something called Bernstein Global Wealth Management. It begins “Dear Client.” I am not a client. Its opening paragraph lauds the stock market and says it “posted strong gains in the second quarter as a result of renewed confidence in the outlook for the global economy and corporate earnings.” OK? So, either my mail was delayed and it’s the post office’s fault or the Bernsteins are on vacation.

**T**HE Lower East Side Tenement Museum, 90 Orchard St., was founded by a social, civil rights and feminist activist with a master’s in American history. **Ruth Abram** says: “For a nation of immigrants, no site is more historically significant than the tenement.” A tour includes restored 97 Orchard, an urban log cabin that, between 1863 and 1935, housed 7,000 immigrants from 20 countries. Abram is now lobbying for the entire district — which is where America’s needle trade began — to be designated a historic landmark.

**Only in New York, kids, only in New York.**



**LINDSAY LOHAN**  
Putting her “Best” foot forward?