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Almost time for Time mag tradition

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GUESS who's maybe possibly going to be Time mag's Man of the Year. You'll never guess who's maybe going to get its coveted cover.

I know it's too early for any definitive choice to be made. However, I also know who's up. Who's being bruited about in Time's time-honored all-time big-time hallowed halls.

Go ahead, ask me.

Go on, ask.

Don't ask.

That Smith Brother from the Middle East, Osama bin Whatsisface.

Can you believe?

Back a few wars ago, they featured Hitler as the Pig of the Year. So, figures, what's another evil-demon, right?

Possibility is also **Bush**. Could be a maybe split between Bush and **bin Laden**.

This Osama's everywhere. Doing the Al Jazeera circuit, he's on the news hours, the talk programs. Now he's up for Time's cover. I mean, I got "The Rocky Horror Show" and he's gor Time Magazine. Clearly this guy's got a better agent than I have.

If it's just that I lack facial hairs, the way those security dudes heist my tweezers at airports, I might soon make it.

WEDNESDAY's final farewell fiesta to Emperor **Rudy** is at the Sheraton. Organized by **Bill Fugazy**, produced by **Pierre Cossette**. Tables are $25,000, money to the Twin Towers Funds. The show — **Bette, Regis, Natalie Cole**, emcee **Larry King**, etc. — will be 75 minutes long. **Billy Crystal**, whom everybody loves, was supposed to be on it. He is now not going to be on it. Nobody seems to want to say why he's not on it. You can find out **Bloomberg's** annual income easier.

LET me tell you what's selling. High-end merchandise. Jewelry at auctions. Special designer goods. Midlevel schlock is staying on the shelves. And where are they spending? Midsection of the country — Indianapolis, Kansas City, is where the couturieres and decorators are cleaning up. There they still don't know from New York.

JULIE CHEN, CBS-TV's morning news anchor, is beautiful, able and the host of "Big Brother." Put it together and, suddenly, Miss Julie is enough of a player for the long knives to be out.

Stories are being fed to columnists about her being visibly cozy in public with a high-ranking fellow who belongs to another woman. From whisperers who swear they were eyewitnesses and earwitnesses, the sightings are specific. Like at the Bellagio Hotel in Vegas. Like around the pool at the L'Hermitage in Los Angeles.

She should know the whispers are loud.

HUNTING a wedding gift for **Jennifer Lopez?** She's registered at Bed, Bath and Behind ... After a dinner-tasting, plus a breakfast and lunch critique, restaurant critic **Gael Greene** heard she landed a major ad campaign. For Rolaids. She said uh-uh because "I have a stomach made of steel." ... **Marlo Thomas** doing a Simon & Schuster inspirational book, "The Right Words at the Right Time." Like what helped who when and how and why. **Hillary** personally phoned with several anecdotes ... Warner paperback "America at War: 101 Challenging Questions," compiled by the History Channel, is out next month. Adolf made the cut, Osama didn't ... CNN so hipped on war news that they razzberryed an exclusive **Michael Jordan** sit-down.

SUPER-SKINNY **Susan Lucci** to realty broker **Elliot Jordan**: "I'm starving. Haven't eaten all day." She then proceeded to down two grapes, one lettuce leaf and left ... The Israelis must be trading up. Last year, they banked on Central Park South. This week, former and maybe future Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** stayed at the Carlyle ... **Alicia Silverstone**, here from L.A. and shopping downtown: "Never mind terrorism, I missed New York." ... Asked if Sept. 11 changed her life any, Massachusetts **Gov. Jane Swift**, whose Logan was the takeoff airport of two planes, said: "Everything changed. Now 60 percent of my day is consumed with safety and security. I never had to think of that before."



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JULIE CHEN
Big Brother is watching her.

THIS lady exited her Upper East Side apartment building. Once out of sight of the doorman she began eating prawns. Peeling them as she walked. Immediately after she turned the corner and was safe on another block, she threw the shells in a "foreign" garbage pail.

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

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