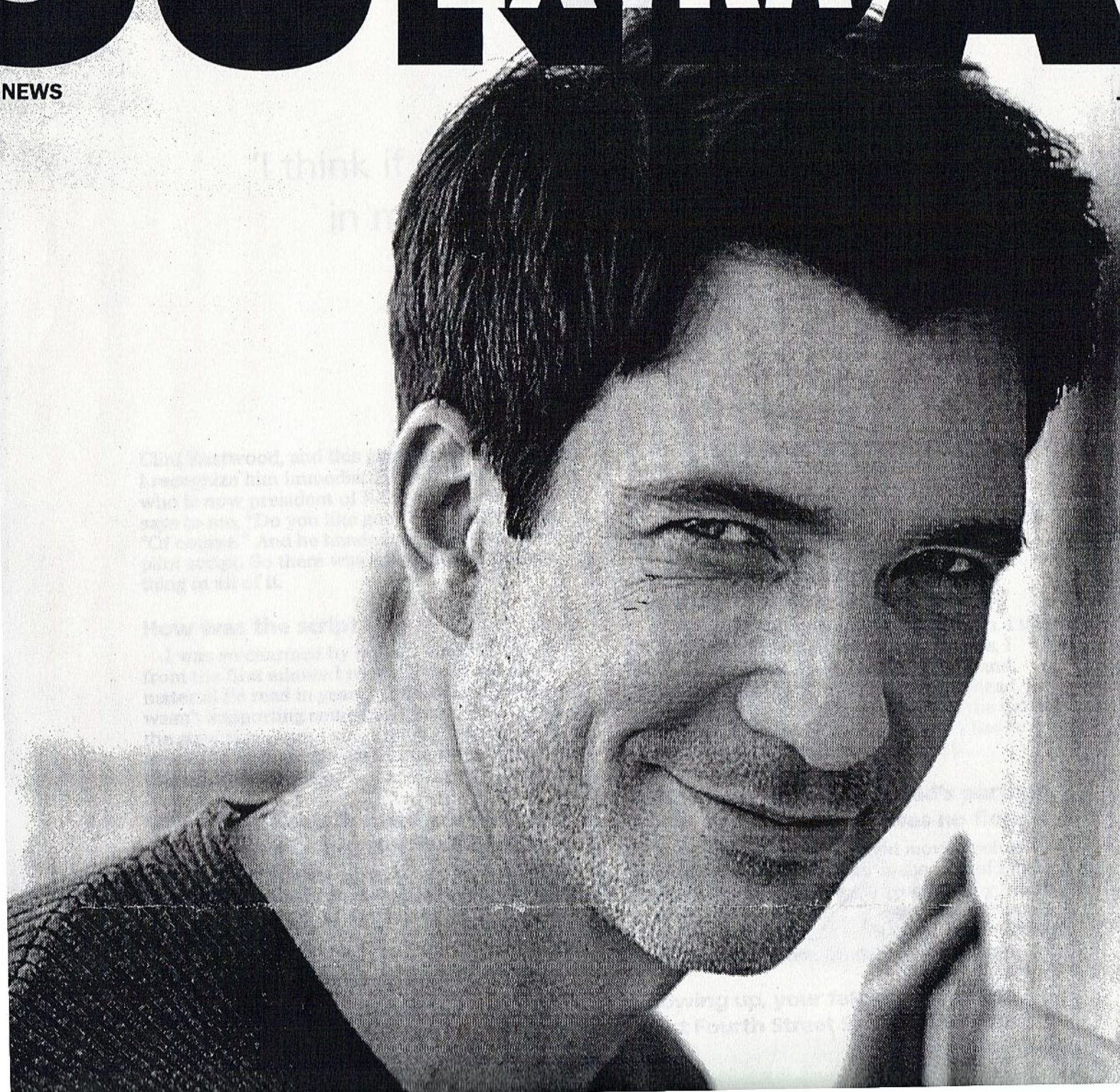


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# The real Mac daddy

**Dylan's bartender dad pours some tidbits about his son at an upper East Side watering hole**

**By Marle Redding**

**W**hat can I get for you?" the chipper bartender asked as I sat down at the packed bar in J.G. Melon on Thursday night.

"Your son," I answered, with a smile.

Richard McDermott started laughing and gently told me that Dylan is married.

"Yes," he replied to my second question, "happily."

The elder McDermott, known in this upper East Side saloon as Mac, obviously has had plenty of experience dealing with women like me.

"Sure," he said, with a grin. "Lots of girls come in asking about Dylan. It's so funny. Some of them are so shy. They stand at the bar, whispering and pointing at me. Usually, I'll ask 'What's up? What do ya want? Me?'"

Mac says he's not at all surprised by his son's sex-symbol status. "When he worked for me at the bar in the Village, it was always packed with girls. After a while you couldn't even get into the door! It was a wonderful, fun time."

While Mac loved working alongside his son, he is obviously bursting with pride at Dylan's current success.

"It all seemed to happen so fast, for me, at least. Three months after he quit the bar business he got a call back, and the next thing I knew I was going to see my son on Broadway! That was a dream. Just a year later I'm watching him on a big screen in Cannes — I still can't believe any of it!"

When Dylan landed a role in the 1992 movie "The Fear Inside," Mac says he got a call from his son who asked him to travel to Vegas to help him research his new role: a psycho. "It was wild," says Mac. "When he picked me up at the airport, he was The Psycho — driving 100 miles an hour! I had to call him the character's name — I forget what it was — but we had a blast! We ran around for five days and went to all the casinos and played roulette."

The first time Dylan came back to visit his dad in New York after "The Practice" started airing really blew Mac's mind. "As soon as we walked into a restaurant for lunch, a table of nine women — who were all in their 50s — stood up and started to applaud. I had such a blast, it was unbelievable! I asked my son — 'Is this the life of a celebrity?' It's amazing how things have completely changed and it's great how I get to enjoy it because of him. I love going out with him!"

While he gets a kick out of all the excitement, Mac has no desire to join his son in L.A. "L.A. has the great weather, but it doesn't feel like a city. I love the people and the energy of Manhattan. But I miss Dylan. Maybe when his show is over he'll get a place here."





**Richard "Mac" McDermott, Dylan's dad**