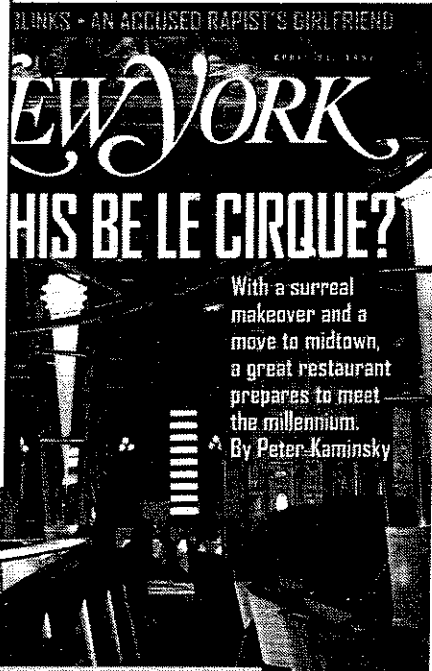


THE CHECK IS IN THE MAIL, MAYBE

Talk about a bad-hair day. It seems that the rich and famous don't have to beat up paparazzi or break contracts to get hauled into court—just misdirecting a check will do the trick. A slew of fashion designers and media companies have just been slapped with a hefty lawsuit, all because payments they sent never reached the right hands. Filed by Patriot Funding, the suit points the finger at defendants such as Condé Nast, Anna Sui, Cynthia Rowley, Elizabeth Arden, and Good Housekeeping. Patriot is the assignee of Oz N.Y., a hairstyling service that works on photo shoots, film sets, and publicity events. The suit claims payment for such jobs was wrongly sent to Oz instead of back to Patriot, the company assigned to collect payment. *Entertainment Weekly* owes a mere \$300, but others, like Gramercy Pictures and Propaganda Films, need to cough up more than \$12,000 each. "Oz did cash the checks, and we could have dealt with getting the money from them, but we chose to go after the big guys, because they've got more money. It's also more fun," says Michael Shanker, Patriot's attorney. Representatives for all defendants had no comment on the matter. Shanker predicts the matter will soon be settled out of court. "The law is clear-cut," he says, "and we're really good lawyers."



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HIS BE LE CIRQUE?

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Ferraro eatery's mystery closing

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Family feud

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