



**SRI CHINMOY, NELSON MANDELA**



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name is a pseudonym and that he has ties to Trump: "What we print is true."

A *Forbes* spokesman calls the story "scurrilous and libelous. We have no reason to believe any of this is true. We're not going to say much beyond that."

## MIKHAIL, MANDELA MET WITH GURU

Not many gurus can say they've had private audiences with both Mikhail Gorbachev and Nelson Mandela. New Yorker Sri Chinmoy, who leads weekly meditation sessions for delegates at the United Nations, met with the Soviet president in May. Last month, Winnie Mandela contacted the spiritual leader and invited him to talk with her husband, African National Congress deputy president Nelson Mandela, after his speech to the U.N. General Assembly. Chinmoy, who claims to have about 2,000 followers, is perhaps best known for sponsoring the "Oneness Home Peace Run," in which teams of citizens carry a torch from country to country.

"Mrs. Mandela had asked one of our staffers at Ted Koppel's town meeting if Sri Chinmoy was available," says Nishtha Baum, a Chinmoy spokeswoman. "She had read

## HONEY-TONGUED TINA DRI

How far does *Vanity Fair* go to get at celebrity? If necessary, editor-in-chief

In a December 1988 letter to the editor, Tina Brown, editor-in-chief of *Vanity Fair*, was surprised to hear . . . that you are keeping your silence to the press in *Premiere* rather like Marlon Brando choosing *Not to Answer* as a comeback." Brown praises Ovitz's "gifted sense of talent, material, timing, and, of course, extraordinary business acumen." She says she is "as busy as the legendary Irving Thalberg. Brown is too busy to do the profile herself but she is working with bluth, who is "knowledgeably well versed in the Creative Artists Agency. She assures me that she is over [the article] and shaping it even though she didn't agree to the interview. Brown

his book *Inner and Outer Peace* and wanted her husband to meet him."

## HAPPY LAND LORD MAY SUE THE CITY

Alex DiLorenzo III, who owns the site of the Happy Land Social Club, claims the city is to blame for the blaze that killed 87 people in March, says a source. Lawyers for the much-maligned landlord are looking into filing a suit against the city—saying that closing the violation-ridden Bronx nightclub was the responsibility of New York officials. The lawyer handling the case for DiLorenzo did not return calls and it

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