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CAPRICE QUEEN OF THE UNDIE WORLD

Keeping her slender fingers in some very meaty pies has brought Caprice Bourret fame, fortune, a sportsman or two and a best-selling lingerie line – the results of which are that two million women wear her bras and she's never short of pants. *Sport* caught up with the loveliest of ladies

FAST FACTS

CAPRICE BOURRET

Born October 24 1971

Birthplace

Hacienda Heights, California

Height 5ft 9ins

Occupation Model, actress, presenter and singer

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Commercials

Wonderbra, Diet Coke, Pizza Hut, ParadisePoker.com

Stage

The Vagina Monologues, *Rent*, *Daisy Does Dallas*

Television

Caprice's Travels, *Friday Night's All Wright*, *The Big Breakfast*, *Celebrity Big Brother*

➔ You know how it goes. Model turns actress turns singer, and then reality television comes a-knocking. Caprice has done all of the above, 'tis true, but the route travelled by so many women has taken this particular one to a somewhat different destination. Not content to retain her celebrity status simply by bagging the latest Premiership hot shot and making headlines on the gossip pages, the model-slash-actress has set about making 'Caprice' the name every woman wants emblazoned on her bra. She kindly found *Sport* a slot in her busy schedule – that's the power of page 42 for you – to talk through her "incredible life" at the helm of an empire built of bras, pants and some rather slinky swimwear. "I'm really blessed," she boasts from the comfort of her padded sofa. Not that Caprice normally gets much time for laying about on a weekday morning, but she is entitled to a little downtime – she has, after all, only just returned from South Africa, where she was both producing and starring in a musical version of *Debbie Does Dallas*. Being a wholesome and pure publication, *Sport* is unfamiliar with the original version – it's a film of some sort, apparently – but Caprice kindly places the musical version in a nutshell for us. "It's just a piss-take of sex" she chuckles. "You leave with your stomach hurting from laughing so much."

So how did the show go down in with the locals in Johannesburg? "They loved it!" gushes producer Caprice, careful to add that the show contains absolutely no nudity. "The house was packed out every night." The plan, she says, is for it to hit a theatre near you come Christmas. "Can you imagine?" she asks excitedly. "Caprice does *Debbie Does Dallas*? I think it will go down well." Ahem. One suspects that she might well be right.


Acting and producing aside, Caprice is probably best known for the modelling career that has made her one of the world's most photographed women. But, for the career-minded Caprice, there is more to be done. "In today's competitive world, the modern woman has to be multidimensional," she explains, perhaps necessarily for those who have only ever spied her in flat-screen form.

So what exactly are her other dimensions? Well, business acumen for one. Those years spent trying on lingerie at photoshoots inspired her to produce a collection all of her own – she has complete control of the designs, marketing and, of course, the modelling of the entire range. Surprised? You're not the only one. "People stereotype and the press don't help," laments Caprice. "They don't want me to have my own business, they only want the fluff!"

The 'fluff' so desired by the press usually takes the form of snippets on the men who have entered Caprice's hectic world, for however brief a time – so her tendency to court some rather well-known

English sportsmen is well documented. Kevin Pietersen, no comment – but what about Tony Adams? "He's different" she says with a smile. "I was with Tone for quite a long time, and he's a lovely man. I'm proud of that one."

Sport's not too sure what Caprice's mother made of the relationship, though – being the daughter of a doting Jewish mother is no easy task, and Ms Bourret was reminded of just that when she failed to make it back to the family home in the States for the Jewish festival of Passover. "She gave me a bollocking," admits Caprice, somewhat sheepishly.

It seems being a modern, multidimensional woman makes life complicated, but before *Sport* leaves her, Caprice issues an invite that's hard to refuse. "If you want your boobs up to your chin, come buy Caprice," she says. "We'll sort you out." 

SARAH SHEPHARD

Caprice is going on this year's Gumball Rally, which starts on April 29. For further information, go to www.gumball3000.com

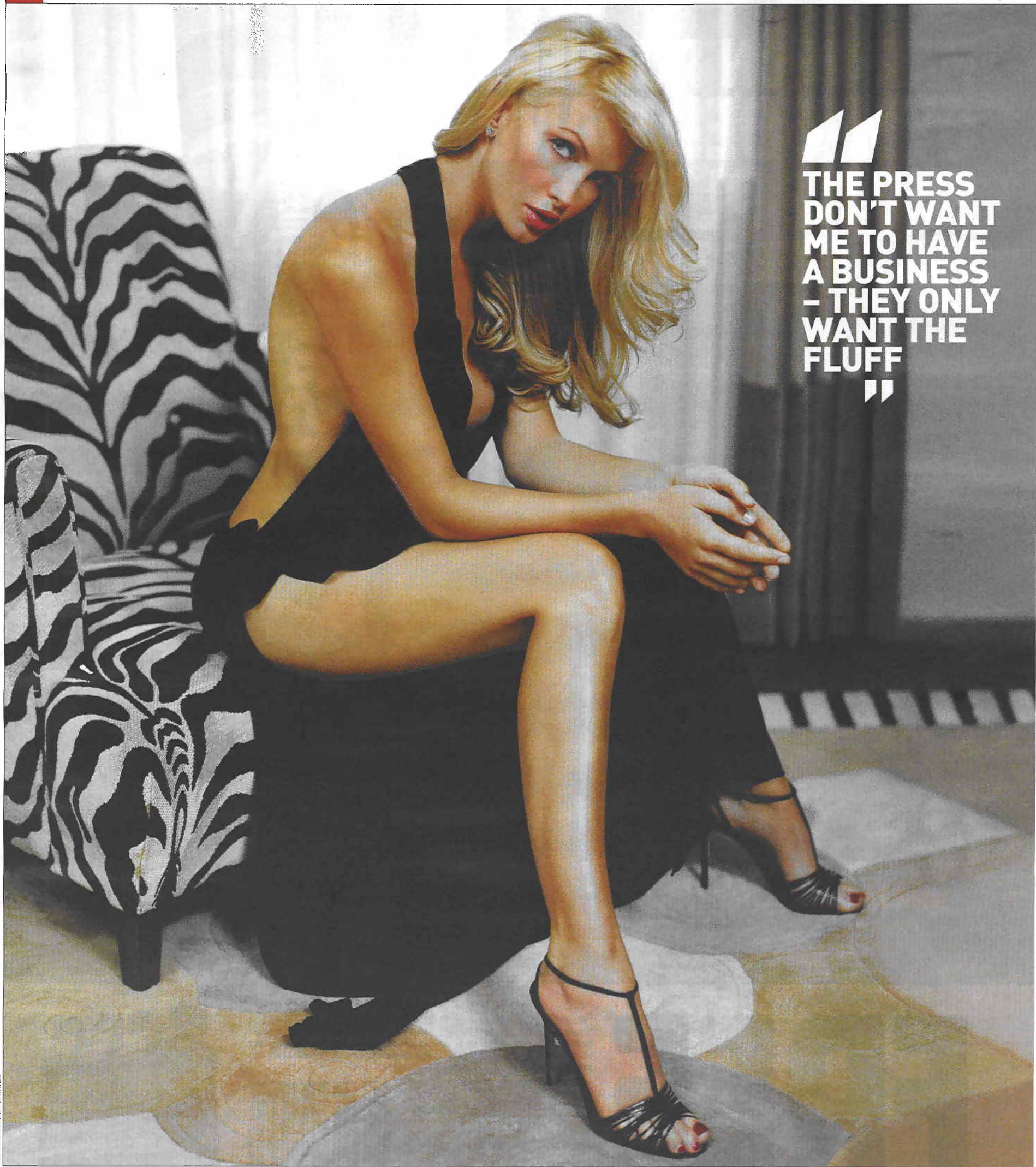
CAPRICE DOES GUMBALL

Caprice is preparing for the 2007 Gumball Rally, which kicks off next Sunday and is a chance for celebs, supermodels and billionaires to drive some of the most bling motors around Europe. The event, which has become a magnet for those rich enough to afford the £28,000 entry fee, starts in London and heads across Europe for five days of what Caprice, a veteran of two previous Gumballs, describes as "pure adrenaline rush". For reasons *Sport* is too polite to elaborate on (oh OK, she's banned from driving), she's not driving this year – instead, she'll be navigating in a Bentley or Range Rover. "How posh is that?" she screeches. Very, we say, but if David Cameron finds out what's going on, the whole event could be under threat of becoming one hell of a long bike ride.



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