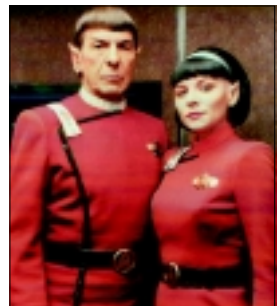


forced her thespian spouse to accompany her to a Spears concert in the interests of musical education. Broderick was extremely unimpressed and left after 20 minutes retorting sarcastically: "I did good, didn't I?" Things have never been better for that other Sex



and the City's KIM CATRALL. (above) With a reported seven-figure salary, back-to-back Emmy nominations and her oxymoronic designation as a 45-year-old sex symbol, she has also penned a new self-help book - The Art of the Female Orgasm. The Liverpool-born, Vancouver-raised daughter of lower-middle-class parents knew early on that she wanted to be an actress. An American Academy of the Arts grad, she played her share of bimbos and vamps in pictures like Porky's (1981) and Police Academy (1984), but it was her role as uninhibited Samantha on SATC that Cattrall admits changed her life.



Some readers may recall her staring alongside that other Vulcan in Star Trek VI. Kim will be back on the big screen soon playing Britney Spears' mum in the movie Crossroads.

Back in Blighty, the pleasantly plump LISA RILEY has launched a savage attack on the makers of ITV's new hit series Fat Club, in which ten weight-watching volunteers sign up for a gruelling physical regime under a US Army drill sergeant. Riley, who fronts You've Been Framed, says the "grotesque" programme is doing more harm than good in the battle against prejudice. "Overweight people are presented as pathetic blobs, capable only of shedding a couple of pounds with a sergeant major screaming down their ears," Riley rants "How are we supposed to get a handle on the seriousness of obesity and its health risks? I've received enough letters from those who believe suicide is the only option if you're over size 18."

A name new to me is RICHARD BRUNSTROM, Chief Constable of North Wales, who has declared a jihad on motorists in the UK and who appears to be obsessed with speeding to the point of insanity. He has already called for all cars to be fitted with limiters to prevent them travelling over 70mph in any circumstances. This madness has not only been condemned by motoring organisations but also by road safety groups, who concede that drivers sometimes have to accelerate their way out of trouble. None of this registers with Brunstrom, the man who brought you the hideously-expensive, months-long investigation into the Two Jags punch-up, which millions had seen on live TV. The public interest would have been better served investigating why Brunstrom thought that a

potentially-inflammatory visit by a hugely unpopular Cabinet minister to a rural community, ravaged by foot-and-mouth and Government neglect, didn't deserve proper security in the first place. Maybe all his officers were otherwise engaged hiding behind piles of burning sheep carcasses with speed guns. At the end of January Brunstrom has promised that soon, technology will allow cameras to identify not only licence plates but also the identity of the driver. If that ever happens, I predict record sales of Richard Brunstrom masks to motorists.



The HAMILTONS just can't keep out of the news. At the end of January the mum who accused Neil and Christine Hamilton of rape was arrested for allegedly lying to police. Nadine Milroy-Sloan was quizzed on suspicion of attempting to pervert the course of justice. She could go to prison if convicted. Milroy-Sloan claimed Mr Lehaney and Mr Hamilton abused her while Mrs Hamilton straddled her head with her skirt hitched up. Milroy-Sloan later admitted she might have made an "honest mistake" over the Hamiltons.



Also struggling over a very public love life, CHELSEA CLINTON, who complained of feeling homesick in her first term at Oxford University, has spoken of the happiness she has found in a relationship with fellow American, Ian Klaus. According to reports in the American press, the daughter of the former president has been seen in local bars and restaurants with Mr Klaus. Ms Clinton told the New York Post: "Oxford is wonderful. I'm having a great time. We do go out, but I still try to spend most of my time studying in the library." Ms Clinton is studying for a two-year master's degree in international relations at University College.



The prospect of a bit of publicity for their ailing Saturday children's show had BBC bosses purring with pleasure. But their high hopes quickly turned to horror when they allowed presenter DANI BEHR to talk to a men's magazine. They had specifically told her not to discuss sex in the interview - only to discover that Dani talked about virtually nothing else.



In politics, the competitive spirit was in full flow in January as MPs and peers gathered for the annual Parliamentary Variety Show. One commentator has decided to bestow his own awards after a night some MPs will prefer not to remember. The Labour MP Robert Marshall-Andrews, a professional irritator of New Labour pomposity, walked on stage wearing the trademark orange boiler suit of a Camp X-Ray intern, complete with goggles and gag. "This is the new outfit for New Labour backbenchers" he told the audience -

In an attempt to get away from all that, I dropped into Mystic Megs messages on the Sun's website only to discover these messages: ALISON of Inverness - the name of your destiny lover matches the one on the bench in the garden of the new house. PETE of Wolverhampton - the furniture you want to chuck out is worth a lot. .... Mean anything to anyone?