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## Embrace Fergie & Cruz

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**Penelope Cruz**, leading lady in the movies, and **Fergie**, leading lady with the **Black Eyed Peas**, both generate news with their menfolk. Penelope dates actor **Javier Bardem**, and it's gossiped she maybe might be having baby Bardem. Fergie's married to actor **Josh Duhamel**, and it's gossiped he could have a wandering eye and that some of his other parts follow along.

Comes a glamorous New York night. A screening of Penelope's coming film "Broken Embraces." Celebs like **Billy Crudup**, **Mira Sorvino**, **Agness Deyn**, a couple of **Rockefellers**, a few **von Furstenbergs**. All with spouses, loves, significant others. And there's Penelope in white and Fergie in black. Both guy-less. Each with a temp filling in.

For Fergie, the Wilhelmina Agency's **Sean Patterson** announced: "Hi, I'm her gay BFF. And she's not doing interviews." For Penelope, it was her agent **Jason Weinberg** who joked: "Penelope only cares about discussing her personal life. She won't even talk about her movie."

In thigh-high boots, Fergie seemed even more beautiful in person. She said: "I hear that all the time. That's what people always tell me. I don't know whether I'm supposed to take it as a compliment or not." One compliment she did take was on her right-hand ring. The freaky and/or fabulous thing was silver, huge, a weapon. Long and pointed like the prow of a ship. "I don't wear gloves," she said. Yeah, like, no kidding. "It's by **Alexander Wang**." OK. She extended the bediamonded left hand. "My wedding ring. **H. Stern** made it specially for me." Diamonds, H. Stern, this I understand. Alexander Wang's paring knife job? Lotsa luck.

We were at downtown's recently opened, newly hip Crosby Street Hotel. Boutiquey, small, its lobby could barely accommodate Fergie's ring. But the place is nifty. Their stunning ladies' room deserves a pit stop, and its bar area features literature by Tolstoy, "The Poems of Whittier," "Letters of **Robert Browning**." Perfect for **Michael Imperioli**, who was there eating popcorn.

Penelope told me about "Broken Embraces." "It's directed by **Pedro Almodovar**. It's three characters. A story of jealousy and treachery. In this movie, I play an actress who is shooting a movie but is forced to be an actress in real life. Not what I would myself want ever to actually have to do. I love acting. But in real life, I want to be real. If I hadn't become an actress, what I'd have done in real life was be a dancer. A ballet dancer." When the talk turned to Thanksgiving, she added: "The one thing I could never be is a cook. I can't make a turkey."

KNOW the name **Shari Arison**? **Deepak Chopra**, **Shimon Peres**, **Bill Clinton** do. New Yorker, ex-waitress, now the Middle East's wealthiest female, her Israeli best seller "Birth: When the Spiritual and the Material Come Together," on how money and power without a holistic approach to people, commerce and the environment spells disaster, hits our bookstores today . . . Know the name "Yo Gabba Gabba! Live: There's a Party in My City"? Well, tomorrow, Beacon Theatre, is the stage show of that Nick Jr. TV series. I only know **Heidi Klum**, **Christina Aguilera**, **Jason Bateman**, **Dennis Quaid** and assorted kids went to see it at the Shrine in LA.

IT'S Thanksgiving. And if you're in mid life, be especially grateful. The good news is, your glass is still half-full. The bad news? Your teeth might be floating in it.

I'M letting you know now, over three weeks in advance. Please, all pet owners, put this in your appointment books:

Sunday, Dec. 13, 6 p.m., Christ Church, 60th and Park, the ASPCA is sponsoring a Blessing of the Animals. The one-hour event is first come, first served. No human without their animal, no animal without their human. Commissioner **Ray Kelly** is sending his uniformed handlers with their police dogs and police horses. Since we don't exactly anticipate horses trotting down the aisle, the ministers will go outside to bless them. **Mike Bloomberg**, mayor for all New Yorkers -- including the four-legged ones -- will try to show with his two Labs. We expect Gov. **David** and First Lady **Michelle Paterson** with their Maltese. I'm bringing my Yorkies, **Jazzy** and **Juicy**. It's free. A donation to the ASPCA is welcome -- but it's free.

This is nonsectarian. So, please attend with your cats, dogs, parrots, rabbits, turtles, hamsters (in cages, please), potbellied pigs, potbellied husbands, whatever. It will be noisy but, so it's not too messy, walk them before bringing them in. If you can't walk the parrots, we understand. And if you're walking the turtles, we may have to start before you get there.

PAY attention. A new scam. A car was broken into. Things stolen were a garage door remote control and a GPS. When the victims got home, their house had been ransacked. Thieves used the GPS to guide them to the door, which the garage remote then opened to gain entry.

Only in New York, kids, only in New York.