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## Monica’s new crush



AP File

What’s going on between Monica Lewinsky and her co-author Andrew Morton? According to published reports, as well as scuttlebutt from Monica watchers, one of the reasons that the fool-for-love intern is considering moving to England is that she has developed, as one source puts it, “a massive crush” on the dapper

Mr. Morton, who is very much married. Scoop put the question to someone who knows them both, and he replied, “Let’s just put it this way: They act more like a married couple than collaborators on a book.” Which married couple? Bill and Hillary? Or Uma and Ethan? “No comment,” said our source.

## Those Newhouse ties

Writer Carol Felsenthal has been complaining that the New York Times Book Review attack of her book on publishing magnate Si Newhouse was a conflict of interest. Reviewer Tom Goldstein — who called Citizen Newhouse “a rather dull hatchet job” — is dean of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. Felsenthal has claimed that Goldstein should have turned down the assignment because the Columbia J-School has numerous ties to Newhouse and his publishing empire.

In *These Times*, a Chicago-based, bi-weekly, left-leaning newspaper, investigated her claims, and found that, in fact, according to records from the New York Attorney General’s office, the Newhouse Foundation donated \$30,000 to Columbia’s journalism school in both 1996

### The usual suspects

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and 1997, the last year for which records are available. "My argument is that Goldstein had a serious conflict of interest and should never have accepted the assignment," says Felsenthal. "The investigation by In These Times backs me up on it." Felsenthal has written Times Book Review Editor Charles "Chip" McGrath, demanding a retraction or an editor's note. She shouldn't hold her breath.

"I think this is utter nonsense," says McGrath. "I did not know this was the situation when I made the assignment, but knowing it, I would assign [Goldstein] the review tomorrow."

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