

Paris will see a major culture clash during the ready-to-wear shows this fall. As the fashion crowd rolls into town, the city will also be hosting the Rugby World Cup, a magnet for muscled players and rowdy fans. One hotel, the ultraexclusive **BRISTOL**, is giving the two cliques a rare chance to mix—though not necessarily at the same table. For sportsmen, the Bristol will offer a menu of international beers and a souvenir rugby ball. For more delicate types, there's the Haute Couture Cure program, featuring low-cal menus, private training sessions and spa treatments.



◀ Le Bristol's signature rugby ball

Making a Statement

Anselm Kiefer, one of the world's most respected artists, has put America on his blacklist. During a recent

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt

Star Power

Are Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt secretly



Blue Jean Baby

Furniture scion Eric Villency was unconventional when choosing the face (or bottom?) of his new denim line, Restoration of the Monarchy, which launches

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Behind Closed Doors

Photographer Jacqueline Hassink—who launched her career with the 1996 book *The Table of Power*, which captured the boardrooms of Europe's 40 largest corporations—has turned her lens on dressing rooms. For her latest project, featured in *The Power Book* (Chris Boot), due in October, Hassink visited fashion's most rarefied realms: the couture fitting rooms chez Givenchy and Ungaro, as well as the VIP changing lounges at houses including Chanel, Prada and Donna Karan. Publicity-shy clients need not fret—Hassink shot the plush quarters only when they were vacant.

interview on French radio, the German-born sculptor and painter unleashed his fury at the Bush administration and declared that he now refuses to enter the country. "The Americans are ruining everything—I'm enraged," said Kiefer, who lives in Paris. Despite his long-standing admiration for the U.S., where he lived during the Eighties, the artist was a no-show at the opening of his exhibition at the Hirshhorn Museum in Washington, D.C., last year. "No other world power is so idiotic," he added.

bidding to take over the world? Of late, the pair has been spotted slipping into Bill Clinton's Harlem office, visiting former UN head Kofi Annan and meeting with high-level officials from India and Costa Rica. They were set to appear before the Czech Senate in July, but alas, they had to cancel at the last minute. What's Brangelina's endgame? Perhaps the person to ask is their new "political adviser" and spokesperson, Trevor Neilson (who has worked for Bill and Melinda Gates). He recently helped secure Jolie a seat on the Council on Foreign Relations. Her nomination was welcomed by none other than Henry Kissinger, who told a group of Columbia University journalism students, "It's my only chance to meet [her]."

in September. He tapped Julia Restoin-Roitfeld, the 26-year-old daughter of French *Vogue's* editor in chief, because, he says, "she's a real woman with curves, depth and a career." Lack of modeling experience didn't hinder the Baron & Baron art director, who, Villency relays, told campaign lensman Hugo Tillman, "From the time I was very young, my mother would have me practice posing." As for why Villency has entered the fashion world, he says, "My dream has always been to design clothes. Everything came together when I started making cuff links last year, and friends began asking for them—that gave me the confidence I needed."



◀ Anselm Kiefer



◀ Julia Restoin-Roitfeld in Restoration of the Monarchy jeans

▲ Above: The Chanel fitting room