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Gwen Lighter, 25, overachiever-at-large;
Harvard Law School grad clerking for a federal
judge. Worked with director Barry Levinson; did
AIDS research; studied endangered monkeys
in Panama jungles; worked as a consultant for
a Japanese company in Tokyo. Aerin Lauder,
25, director of creative product development
for Estee Lauder; Estee's granddaughter.
Her view of the family business: "There's an
incredible sense of accomplishment. It is
your name—you don't slack off."

Lynda Churilla, 28, photographer, former assistant to Bruce Weber. "I busted my ass to get where I am, and I know I will have to bust my ass to get where I want to go." Kirsten Bakis, 28, writer. Her first novel, Lives of the Monster Dogs, about a race of superintelligent canines, will be published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux next year. Jaime Levy, 29, creative director of the new electronic magazine WORD (www.word.com). Produced floppy disk for Billy Idol's Cyberpunk. Teaches electronic publishing at New York University.

Alison Elliott, 25, actress.

Costarred with Peter Gallagher in The Underneath. Soon to be seen in BBC's The Buccaneers (next month on PBS) and the film C/O the Spitfire Grill, with Ellen Burstyn. On marriage: "In my profession, having a family would be so hard, but people do it. There's got to be a way."

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Kathleen Treseder, 22, Stanford University doctoral student in plant ecology. Wrote a cover story for the science journal Nature as an undergraduate. Stacy Title, 30, director and screenwriter. Her debut, Down on the Waterfront, was nominated for a 1993 Academy Award for best liveaction short film, making her the youngest woman ever to receive that honor. Recently finished her first feature, The Last Supper, to be released in February.

Samantha Gore, 26, architect; furniture designer. Worked on design and construction for movies including Pulp Fiction. "I am happy where I am because I can fight, spit, and argue and carry on to get what I want." Theresa Randle, 28, actress. Last seen in Bad Boys and soon to appear in Spike Lee's Girl 6. "You're less apt to find conformists in our generation. Creativity is being validated."

Susan Athey, 24, economics assistant professor at MIT. Before receiving her Ph.D. from Stanford Business School in May, she was dubbed "the hottest prospect" among her peers by The New York Times. Brandy, 16, pop singer. Debut album, Brandy, went double platinum. Cardiff Dugan Loy, 28, art consultant and curator to Creative Artists Agency's Mike Ovitz. "We came out of college not getting married, not getting recruited. We had to work at finding something for ourselves."