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do "The Sexiest Man *Still* Alive."

How do you continue your public life and maintain privacy?


I don't tweet, I don't go on Facebook. I think there's too much information about all of us out there. I'm liking the idea of privacy more and more. There will be funny things, like I'll read something I've said about a woman somewhere. And I haven't spoken about my relationships in 15 years. It will be something I said years ago, and they're still using it.

How did you come to buy this villa?

I was riding a motorcycle through the Alps [in June 2001], and my bike broke down. I knocked on this door, and they were nice enough to help out. The Heinz family owned it and offered to sell it to me. I said, "You think I have more money than I have." *[laughs]*

I bought it as an investment. I never liked the stock market—to me it's Vegas without any of the fun parts, the girls in bikinis. I like owning dirt. You know, I spent a lot of time broke when I moved to California. So deep in my soul is still this idea of being unemployed. To me, owning land means you could sell it at some point and have money.

But you also really like spending time here.

I love the way life is spent in Italy. It's really nice to sit down and have a two-hour lunch, which the Italians do. I realized that I had spent probably 15, 20 years standing up and shoveling food down my throat. It's not about wealth; it's about taking time and actually enjoying things. All of my friends think of this as  *continued on page 27*



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