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## BILLIONAIRE SCHMOOZED SPORTS BIGS, POLS

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R. Allen Stanford spends the bulk of his time in the Caribbean, owns plush estates in St. Croix and the US Virgin Islands, has an impressive Rolodex of A-list athletes and has given generously to politicians who are now trying to jumpstart the economy.

And if the Securities and Exchange Commission can prove it, he's also the mastermind of an \$8 billion scam.

While Stanford, who Forbes said is worth \$2.2 billion, might not immediately jump out to New Yorkers, in Houston and in high-end sports circles, he's a bit of a legend.

A fifth-generation Texan, Stanford, 58, is a big sponsor of both men's and women's professional golf tournaments, and has had ties with golf pros such as Vijay Singh, Camillo Villegas, David Toms and Morgan Pressel.

Stanford's an equally huge cricket fan, having put up a whopping \$20 million for a winner-take-all cricket match in Antigua between the West Indies and England.

Some of Stanford's antics drew the ire of England's cricket team. At a match against Middlesex last year, he was seen groping one cricket player's wife in the stands and putting another on his lap.

Stanford was also embroiled in a fight with Stanford University. Three years ago, he donated \$2.5 million to restore the home of the university's founder, Leland Stanford, who he claimed was a relative, which the university strenuously denied, according to Bloomberg News.

He's also said to be friendly with Teddy Forstmann through Singh, and has co-sponsored sporting events with Forstmann's IMG sports-marketing company.

Stanford's also a big political contributor, and can boast of having thrown his support behind some of Washington's heaviest hitters.

Since 1996, Stanford has donated \$861,000 to various political causes and candidates, most of them Democrats, including \$500,000 to the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, President Barack Obama, Sen. Chuck Schumer and US Rep. Charlie Rangel.

He's also donated \$3,000 to Sen. Chris Dodd, (D-Conn.), chairman of the Senate Banking Committee.

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