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CHANGING *the* CONVERSATION

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The youngest news anchor ever at CNN and CNBC, Lapin, originally from Los Angeles and now living between New York and the Main Line, is a finance expert, special correspondent, and author. Her recent book, *Rich Bitch*, demonstrates why this savvy talent is injecting new energy and perspective into how women think about money.

Childhood Aspirations: I wanted to be an anchor at CNN.
My Perfect Night in Philadelphia: Dinner at Vedge and a Sixers game.
Finish this Sentence: "I find meaning in...": The little things. I took a Russian literature class in college that had a "meaning of life" lecture. The professor said it was the little things, versus big accomplishments, that make all the difference in leading a happy, rich life.
Valuable Work Lessons: "No" means "yes." Also, work can be fun, and fun can be work. Embrace the blurred lines and stop being so hard on yourself.
On Taking Chances: A second date that started in Bryn Mawr and ended on a zip-line in Hawaii has been my greatest adventure so far.
Silver-Screen Stand-in: *Newsroom*'s Sloan Sabbith (aka actress Olivia Munn).
Greatest Accomplishment: That I've been able to speak for those who don't have a voice, whether it was more serious when I was in network news speaking for victims or now speaking for young women who want to join conversations about money but don't feel welcome.
What's Next: Launching my book, *Rich Bitch*, is my biggest project. My goal is to make young women who break out into hives thinking about [finances] excited about money. You'll see me on TV a lot more, as Wendy Williams's "Money Honey" and as the go-to business correspondent for *The Insider*. You can also check out my AOL show that I created and host, called *I'll Never Forget My First*. I talk to power women about the first time they knew they made it. Off-air, my production company provides accessible and entertaining money content. It's business in a party dress.
My Legacy: I hope to be remembered as someone who lived a rich, full life in all aspects of the word.



Top, Helmut Lang ($185). *Knit Wit, 1729 Chestnut St., 215-564-4760; knitwitonline.com.* Skirt, Donna Karan New York ($895). *Saks Fifth Avenue, 2 Bala Plaza, Bala Cynwyd, 610-667-1550; saks.com.* 14k yellow- and white-gold Omega set necklaces ($695–$1,500), 14k white-, rose-, and yellow-gold Freda ring ($795), and 14k tri-gold V Simone ring ($300), Golden Nugget Jewelers. *800 Chestnut St., 215-925-2777; goldennugget jewelry.com.* 18k yellow-gold Juste un Clou bracelet, Cartier ($7,200). *King of Prussia Mall, 610-205-0450; cartier.us*

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