



What they didn't tell you about Bill Gates' divorce

Description

USA: The news of Bill Gates' divorce went around the world.

While the absolute majority of the media focused on the distribution of the Gates' immense fortune, little to nothing has been said about the real reasons that led to this breakup after 27 years of marriage.

Indeed, one of the points that is touched upon in the mainstream media is the Gates' fortune...

One rumor points out that the founder of Microsoft is aware that a crash is coming on Wall Street and wants to divorce to put his money in safety.

Billionaire Bill Gates' family office is called Cascade Investment.

According to CaproAsia, it ranks third among the world's largest family offices, with \$51 billion in assets.

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission requires that entities managing more than \$100 million must publicly file a list of their equity positions along with market values.

However, Cascade Investment has not filed a Form 13F with the SEC since the quarter ended Sept. 30, 2008 (coincidentally, the same quarter in which Wall Street blew up, taking the stock market with it).

At that time, Cascade Investment showed \$4.32 billion in stock positions.

Its only filings since then simply show the stocks it has bought and sold, but not the 13F that would show the full positions in its portfolio and their value.

Now what is the current status of the stocks held by Cascade Investment?

First, Bill Gates is listed as the sole member of Cascade Investment. Bill and Melinda's shares jointly owned through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust are completely separate from their family office hedge fund, Cascade Investment.

According to Securities and Exchange Commission filings—which go back to 2015—Gates owns \$47.6

billion in shares nucleated in Cascade Investment.

Highlights include Republic Services \$11.75 billion, Deere \$11.7 billion, Canadian National Railway \$11 billion, and Ecolab Inc. \$6.9 billion.

Of course, Bill Gates has billions of dollars more invested in other companies in a variety of industries.

In fact, rumor has also circulated that Bill and Melinda's divorce is linked to their extension of control over the pharmaceutical industry.

But there is much more behind this elite divorce....

After news of Bill and Melinda Gates' split surfaced, a [Time](#) magazine archive from 1997 surfaced that shows an extremely bizarre arrangement by the couple.

It turns out that Bill and Melinda agreed that once married, Bill would be entitled to spend at least one weekend a year with his ex-girlfriend.

Yes, believe us that's right.

According to Time magazine, Gates and his ex-girlfriend Ann Winblad would spend a long weekend at the beach once a year after he married Melinda in 1994.

Does that seem odd to you? It certainly does, and the strangest thing is that this apparently happened every year and it was, as we said, agreed with Melinda.

Who is Ann Winblad? She is a software entrepreneur and venture capitalist that Bill dated during the 1980s.

They met in 1984 at a Ben Rosen and Esther Dyson computer conference. They started having "virtual dates" by going to the same movie theater simultaneously in different cities and talking about it on their cell phones.

Yes, weird, but what else would you expect from Bill Gates?

Ann Winblad is said to have had an enormous influence on Gates.

For a few years, she even convinced him to stop eating meat, an experiment he has since decidedly abandoned.

After three years of a strange romance, they broke up in 1987.

The causes are not very clear, although it seems that the problem was that Bill Gates did not want to get married.

But the striking thing is that they remained "close friends."

This is what Bill Gates says, according to Time magazine, "When I was off on my own thinking about marrying Melinda ... I called Ann and asked for her approval."

And as we were saying, after the marriage between Bill and Melinda, every year, the billionaire spends a long weekend with Winblad at his country house in the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

But in addition Bill and Ann Winblad have taken many other trips together.

According to Time, the couple traveled to Brazil and also spent time together at a ranch in Santa Barbara, California.

As far as is known, Ann Winblad married private detective Alex Kline, who is the younger brother of actor Kevin Kline.

Bill's private life, as you may have seen, is strange.

According to several media reports in recent days, one of the real causes of the divorce was that Melinda could not stand the close friendship between her husband and billionaire pedophile Jeffrey Epstein.

This close bond, lasting for years up until Epstein's death, generated a strain on the marriage with Melinda, who never agreed with the relationship.

As reported by [The Daily Beast](#), Melinda and her husband, Bill, met with convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein in New York City. According to people familiar with the situation, shortly after that, she reportedly said she was furious about the relationship between the two men.

The meeting reportedly occurred in Sept. 2013 at Epstein's Upper East Side mansion.

From there began a friendly relationship between the two millionaire men, which Melinda disapproved of.

At the time, i.e. in 2013, Epstein was already facing charges of aggravated sexual abuse.

According to insiders quoted by The Daily Beast, the meeting with Epstein would have been "a turning point for Gates' relationship with Epstein."

What's more, Melinda confided to friends that she felt uncomfortable the entire time she was around him.

[The New York Times](#) reported that Gates and Epstein met at least six times since that encounter at Epstein's New York mansion.

And Bill spent at least one night at Epstein's mansion.

Records also indicate that Gates flew with Epstein from Teterboro Airport in New Jersey to Palm Beach on March 1, 2013 on Epstein's private jet, known as the 'Lolita Express'.

As reported by the [Daily Mail](#), that was "one of the few flights that year where pilot Larry Viskoski recorded the name of a passenger." And it was Bill Gates.

But there is much more.

Even Gates Foundation employees also visited Epstein's mansion on multiple occasions.

And long before 2013. In other words, the link between Gates and Epstein goes back much further.

In late 2011, for example, at Gates' instruction, his foundation sent a team of people to Epstein's home to have a preliminary talk about philanthropic fundraising.

This was recounted by three people who were at the meeting and were quoted by The New York Times.

At this meeting, [two of the witnesses quoted](#) by the New York newspaper relate that Epstein told his guests that if they looked up his name on the Internet they might conclude that he was a bad person.

He intimated that soliciting the prostitution of an underage girl, was no worse than "stealing a bagel."

Yes, chilling.

These were just a few of the proven instances of the relationship that linked Bill Gates to Epstein since late 2011.

According to reports, Epstein was also in the habit of bragging about being an unofficial advisor to Bill Gates.

However, as you might imagine, the meetings were probably even more frequent, given the evidence linking the two characters closely on other matters as well.

How close was the bond between Epstein and Gates?

Apparently, the relationship was extremely close and trusting.

To what extent?

According to The New York Times, a Gates advisor, Boris Nikolic, was named by Epstein as an alternate heir in a will he amended just days before his death in August 2019 in a Manhattan jail cell.

Yes, you heard right.

What's more, people familiar with the matter and documents reviewed by The Wall Street Journal show that in the same year of Epstein's death, i.e. 2019, Melinda Gates met with divorce lawyers.

As reported by friends of the former Gates couple to The Daily Beast, Bill's friendship with Epstein, who for years was accused of sexually abusing dozens of underage girls, still continues to haunt Melinda and everything seems to indicate that it would have been one of the reasons for the divorce.

For now we leave it here, but everything seems to indicate that this divorce will reveal many more facts about Bill Gates, one of the darkest characters humanity has ever known.

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