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Tatum's New Leaf

Bad News Bear O'Neal to Leave El Dorado Aerie, \$4.5 M. to Trade Recipes with U2 Front Man Bono

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Actress Tatum O'Neal has opened the doors to her three-bedroom Central Park West co-op. Ms. O'Neal, the youngest-ever Academy Award winner and ex-wife of tennis great John McEnroe, is asking \$4.5 million for her 2,900-square-foot apartment, located on the 16th floor of the El Dorado, just off 90th Street.

The apartment looks directly over the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Reservoir, and the next owner will share a floor with U2 front man Paul Hewson—a.k.a. Bono—who has an apartment two doors down.

Ms. O'Neal bought the apartment in 1996 for \$2 million. The grand-scale co-op has three bathrooms, a maid's room and bath, an eat-in kitchen, a formal dining room and north, east and west exposures.

The apartment's listing agent, Roger Erickson Sr., managing director of William B. May, had no comment on the sale.

Ms. O'Neal shot to instant stardom in 1973 when, at 10 years old, she won a Best Supporting Actress Oscar for her portrayal of a precocious con artist in *Paper Moon*, in which she starred alongside her father, Ryan O'Neal, Farrah Fawcett's longtime paramour. She solidified that standing in the 1976 smash *The Bad News Bears*, but a string of disappointing roles followed, and she quickly fell out of Hollywood favor.

In 1984, the 20-year-old Ms. O'Neal met Mr. McEnroe, then 25, at a par-



Tatum O'Neal is selling her El Dorado apartment.



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ty in Los Angeles, and they were married two years later. They had three children together, but their union dissolved acrimoniously in 1991. Their hostility toward one another was made very public this summer with the publication of Mr. McEnroe's memoir, *You Cannot Be Serious*, which painted Ms. O'Neal as

an unfit mother, in large part because of her admitted lifelong battle with drug addiction. She subsequently went on a public-relations offensive—including a *People* magazine cover story and a Barbara Walters *20/20* special—to counter some of her ex-husband's charges. Ms. O'Neal is currently attempting an acting comeback with a starring role in *The Technical Writer*, an independent film hunting for a distributor, and she has also signed a deal with HarperCollins to write her memoirs.