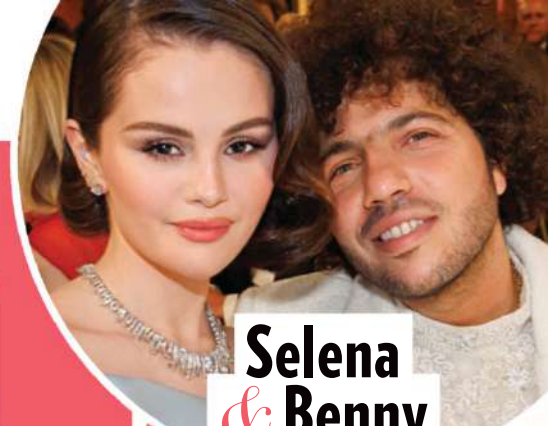




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'She's so bossed up'

— SZA, on Taylor Swift, on *The Jennifer Hudson Show*

'I was like, "Okay, great. I'm 109 years old. You're 14"'

— GWYNETH PALTROW, on filming love scenes with *Marty Supreme* costar Timothée Chalamet, to *Vanity Fair*

'I'm also waiting for an *Encanto 2*, when all we do is talk about Bruno'

— JOHN LEGUIZAMO, to *People*

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GAME ON!

The crowd roared as **Jason Momoa** played strong man during an event for *A Minecraft Movie* on March 22 in Naucalpan de Juárez, Mexico, ahead of the film's April 4 release.





SHARING THE SPOTLIGHT

Country music queens **Trisha Yearwood** (left) and **Reba McEntire** teamed up for a rendition of “The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia” at Opry 100: A Live Celebration in Nashville on March 19.



NIGHT ON BROADWAY

On March 23 **Jennifer Lopez** brought her 17-year-old child **Emme** to opening night of Denzel Washington and Jake Gyllenhaal’s new Broadway revival of *Othello* in New York City. The star called Emme “the best date ever” on Instagram the next day.



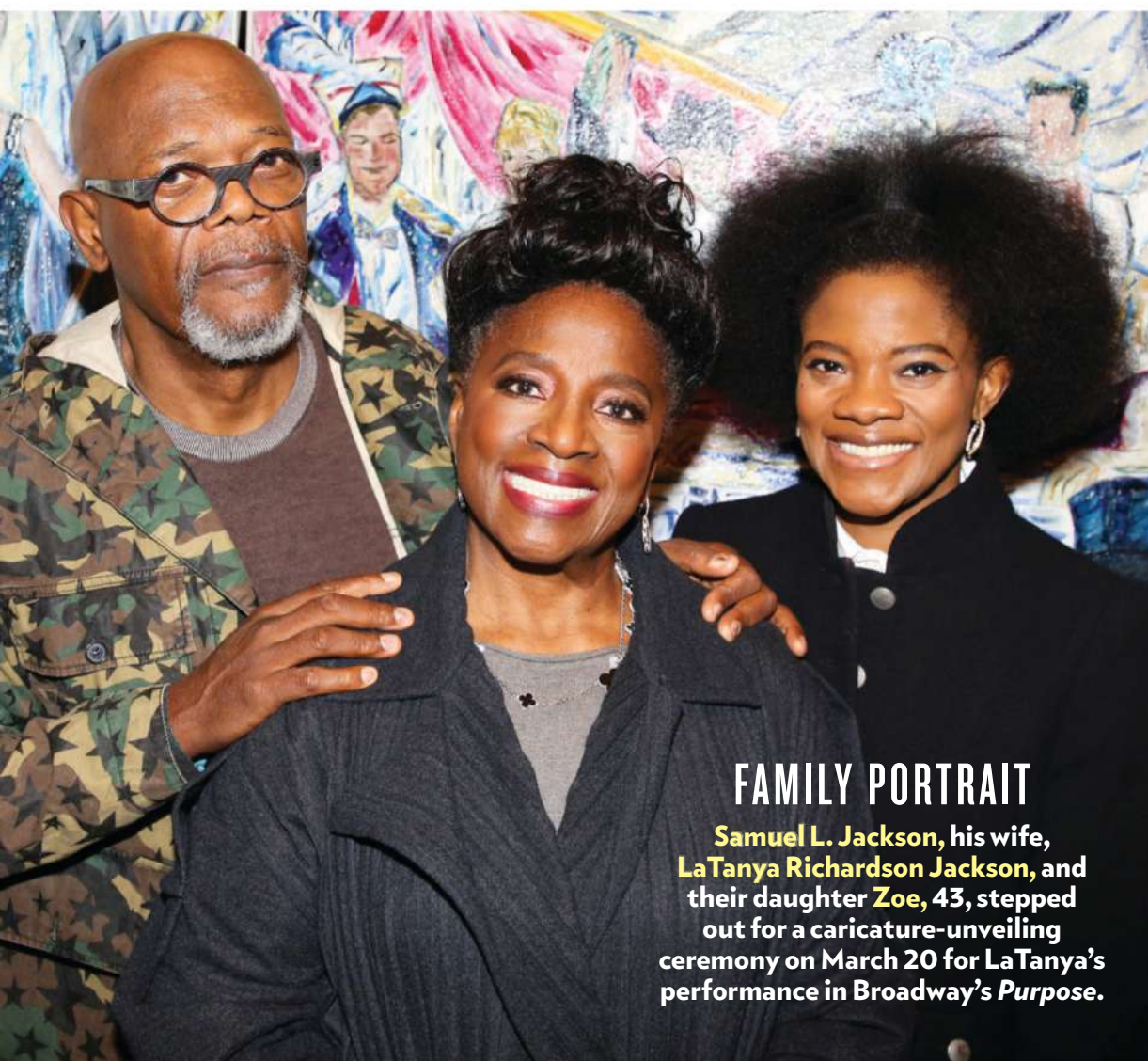
ON THE RIGHT FOOT

Sherry Cola (left) and **Ashley Park** struck matching poses at a Human Rights Campaign dinner in Los Angeles on March 22, where Cola presented her *Joy Ride* costar with the Impact Award. “We’re adorable, i know,” Cola Instagrammed the next day.



SPECIAL SELFIES UNIT

Longtime *Law and Order: SVU* costars **Christopher Meloni** and **Mariska Hargitay** snapped a pic together on the show’s N.Y.C. set on March 19.



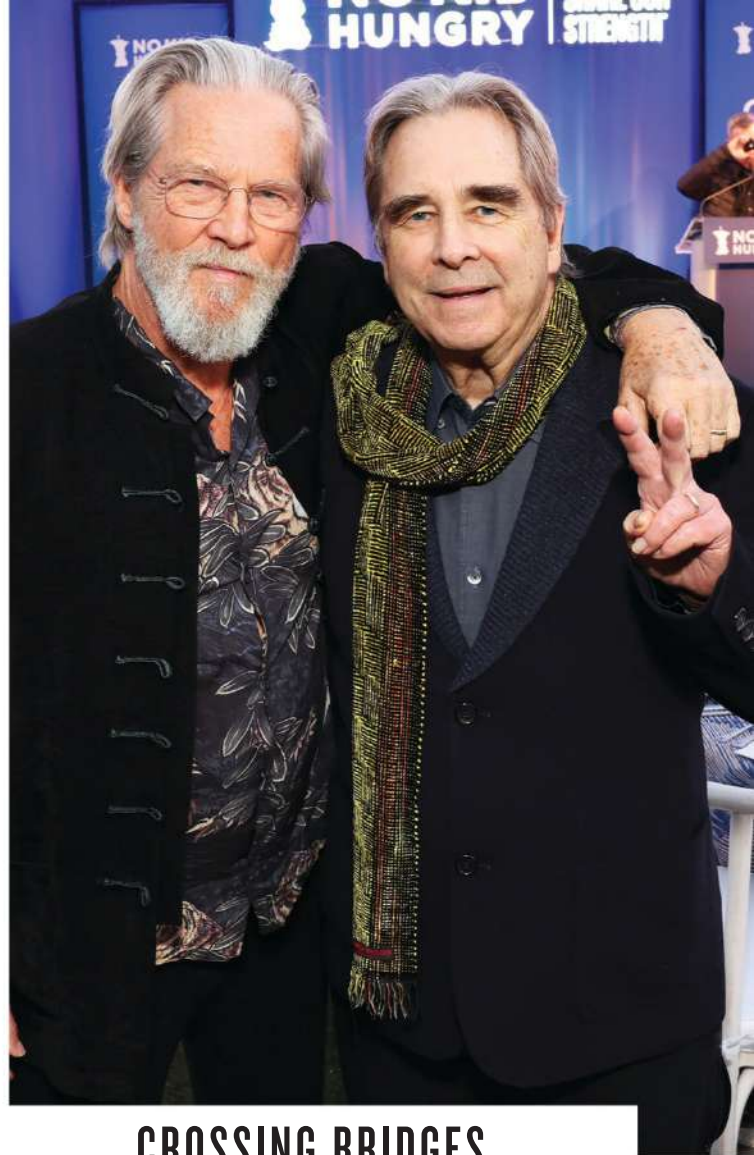
FAMILY PORTRAIT

Samuel L. Jackson, his wife, **LaTanya Richardson Jackson**, and their daughter **Zoe**, 43, stepped out for a caricature-unveiling ceremony on March 20 for LaTanya’s performance in Broadway’s *Purpose*.



SANDMAN'S TRIBUTE

Adam Sandler, accompanied by a group of actors dressed like Mark Twain, helped present the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor to Conan O'Brien at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., on March 23. The ceremony will air May 4 on Netflix.



CROSSING BRIDGES

Jeff (left) and **Beau Bridges** showed their brotherly love at the No Kid Hungry dinner on March 17 in L.A., where Jeff was honored for his dedication to fighting childhood hunger.



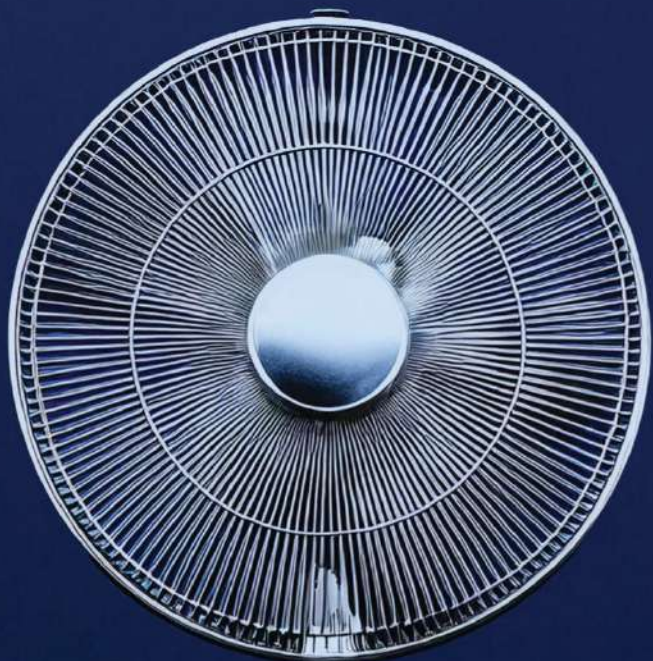
BACK IN FATIGUES

Prince William played foosball with members of the British military during his official visit to a U.K. military base in Tallinn, Estonia, on March 21. William, who served as a pilot with the Royal Air Force, also participated in a field-training exercise from a tank during his trip.

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in archival
Stella
McCartney in
Hollywood on
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Christina Ricci
in Rodarte
in L.A. on
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Zoë Kravitz
in Saint Laurent
by Anthony
Vaccarello
in L.A.
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Relationship Update

Selena Gomez & Benny Blanco Make Sexy New Music and Plans for the Future

By RACHEL DESANTIS



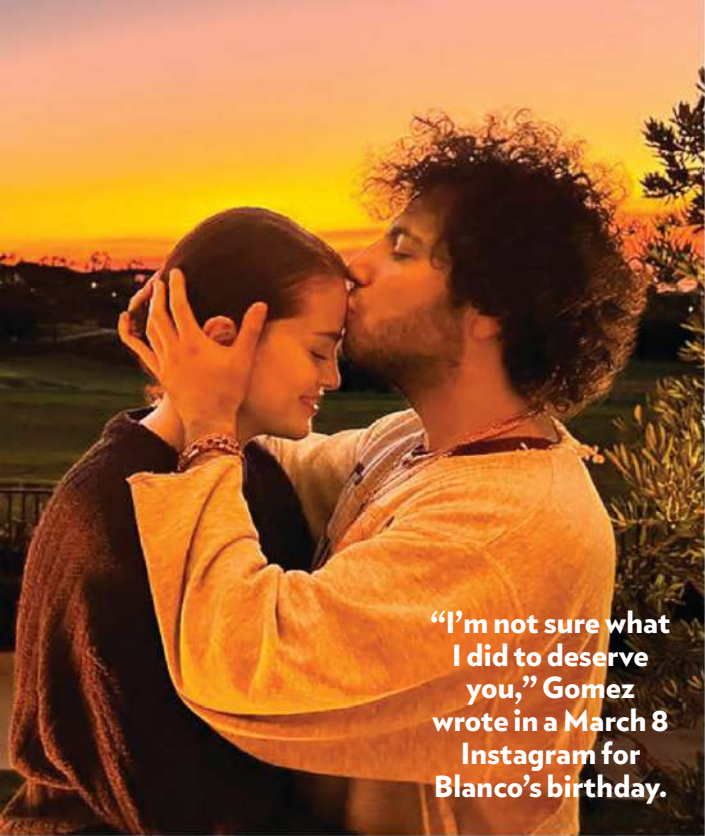
“They have so much fun together,” a source says of the couple (in a March 8 Instagram).

▶ Selena Gomez may have said “I love you” first to fiancé Benny Blanco, but the lovebirds have never been more in sync.

Three months after announcing their engagement in December after a year and a half of dating, Gomez, 32, and Blanco, 37, proved they’re still in perfect harmony with the release of their new collaborative album *I Said I Love You First* on March 21. “Working on the album together brought them

even closer as a couple. She could open up to him in a way she couldn’t with any others in the studio,” a source says of Gomez, whose new record includes songs like the sensual “Sunset Blvd,” named after the iconic Los Angeles street where she and the producer had their first date. “They’ve put in so much time and love into this music, and it’s a sigh of relief to have it out.”

Blanco even celebrated the release



“I’m not sure what I did to deserve you,” Gomez wrote in a March 8 Instagram for Blanco’s birthday.

‘THEY’RE EACH OTHER’S BIGGEST CHEERLEADERS’
— A SOURCE

with a sweet message to the *Emilia Pérez* actress, writing on Instagram, “I couldn’t picture life without [you]. [You] may have said ‘I love [you]’ first but I’ll make sure I never stop saying it.”

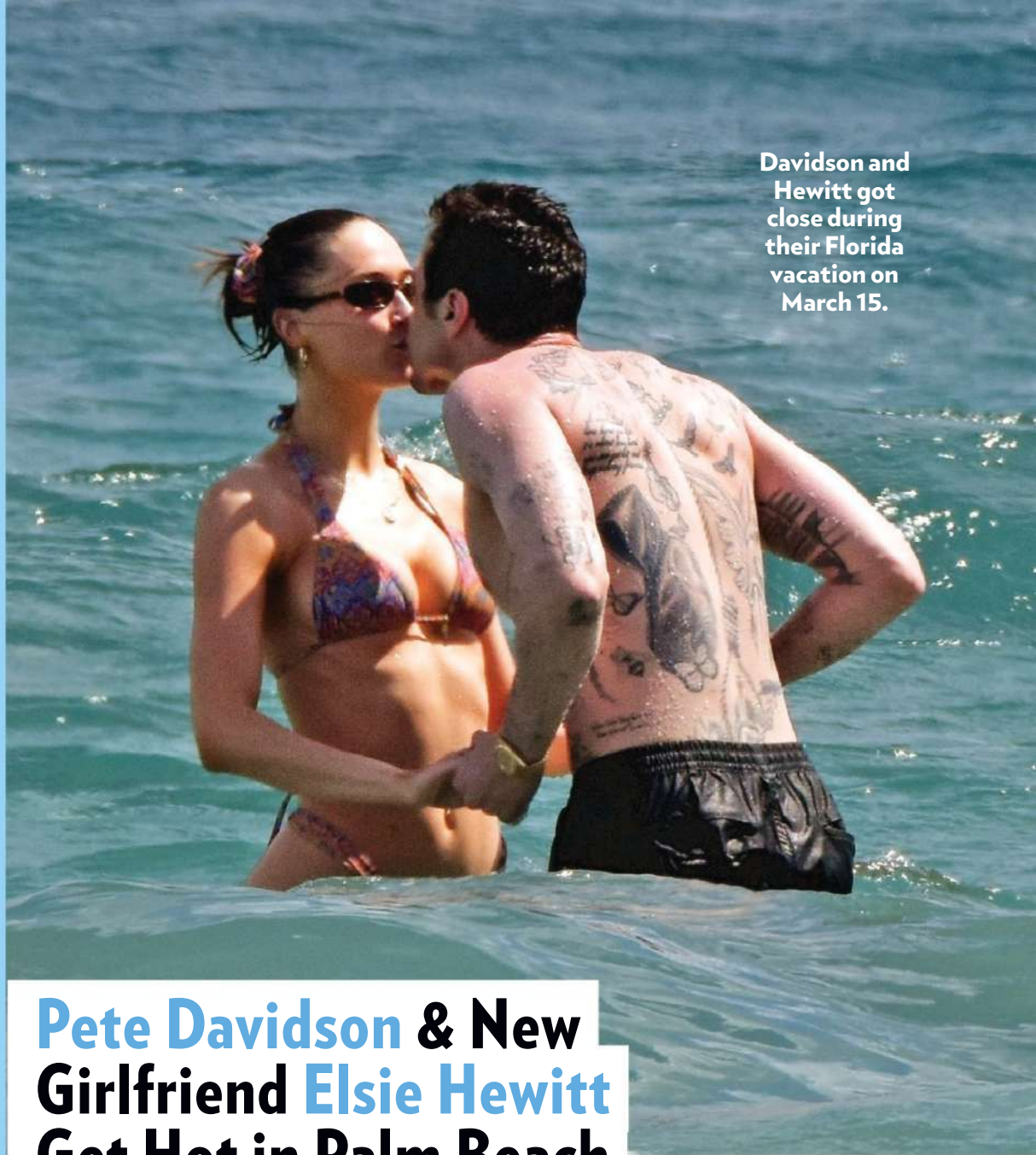
Gomez and Blanco released their first song together in 2019, but it wasn’t until June 2023 that sparks flew and they started dating. The insider says that the reconnection came “at the perfect time” for both stars. “Selena quietly dated other people before Benny, but nothing felt significant. With Benny, the relationship was very natural and organic from the start,” the source says. “They absolutely bring out the best in each other. He is the



I Said I Love You First is Gomez’s first album in five years.

most supportive partner anyone could ask for, and vice versa. They’re each other’s biggest cheerleaders.” With a busy awards season now in the rear-view, the couple are focused on the future, which for Gomez includes filming season 5 of *Only Murders in the Building*—and finally making time for wedding planning. “They’re looking forward to some downtime after she wraps,” the insider adds. “They’re just enjoying their engagement for now.”

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Davidson and Hewitt got close during their Florida vacation on March 15.

Pete Davidson & New Girlfriend Elsie Hewitt Get Hot in Palm Beach

▶ Pete Davidson has a new lady in his life! A source confirms the *Saturday Night Live* alum, 31, is dating model Elsie Hewitt, 29. The two were seen kissing, holding hands and touching tongues during a romantic getaway in Palm Beach, Fla., on March 15. Five days later, Hewitt made things Instagram-official by posting a silly video of Davidson in his bathrobe to her Stories.

Davidson’s latest romance follows his breakup from *Outer Banks* actress Madelyn Cline after about a year. Prior to Cline, Davidson dated actress Chase Sui Wonders and Kim Kardashian. Hewitt, meanwhile, has previously been linked to Jason Sudeikis, Benny Blanco and Ryan Phillippe. In October a source said Davidson is “still friends with pretty much all his exes,” with the insider noting: “He’s a good guy, and they root for him.”

Davidson echoed those comments in a conversation with *Page Six* in February, saying he’s had “some pretty adult relationships with some pretty amazing women,” and his breakups tend to be drama-free. Still, dating in the public eye hasn’t been easy for the star, who said the scrutiny is “pretty humiliating and upsetting.” —BRIANNE TRACY WITH REPORTING BY ELIZABETH ROSNER



“Everyone is dating everyone, and it’s Hollywood,” Davidson said in February.

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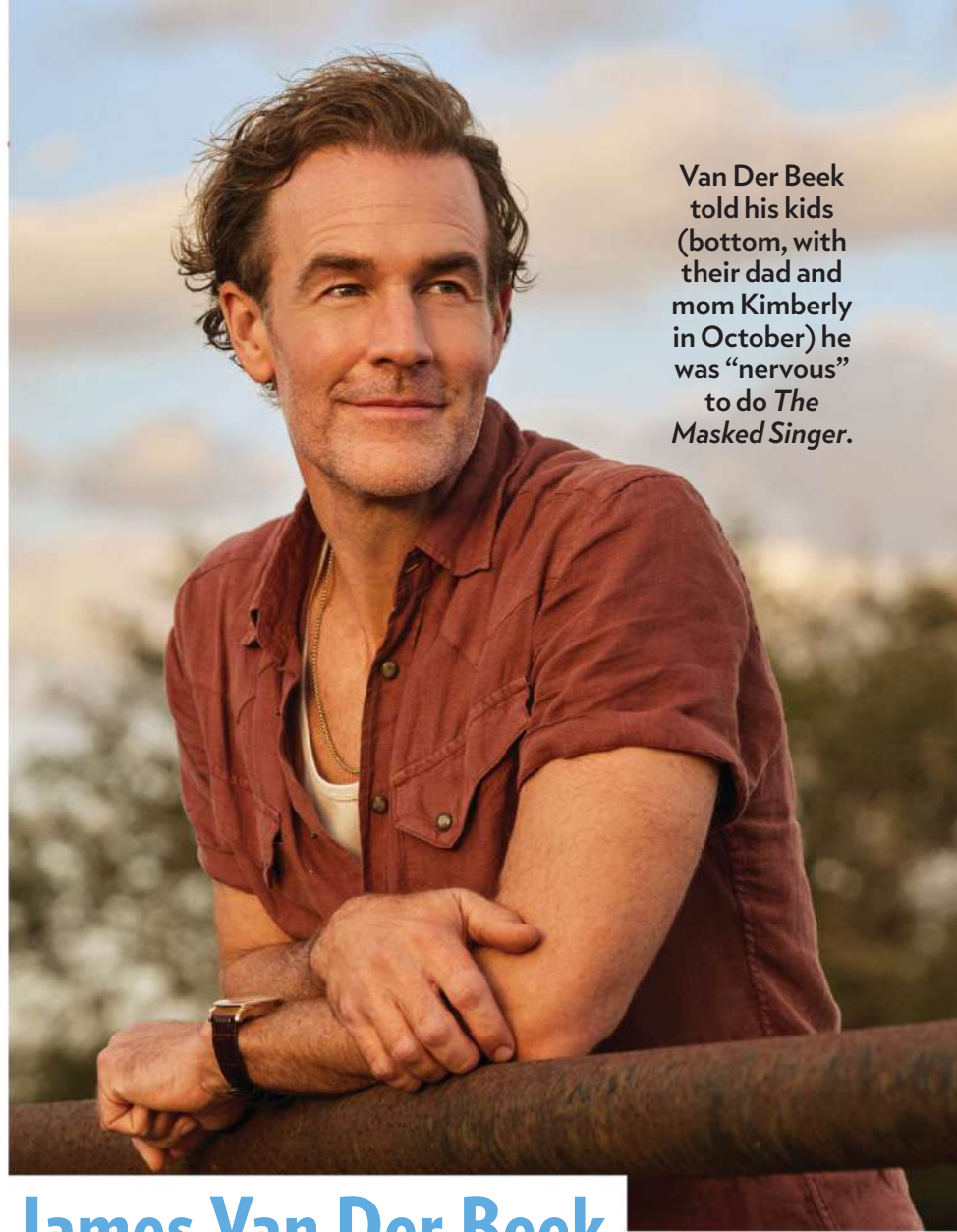
Am I a Settlement Class Member? This lawsuit was brought by End-Payers for Named Generic Drugs (“EPPs”), and the court has preliminarily certified an EPP Sandoz Settlement Class that consists of TPPs and consumers. You may be a member of the Settlement Class if you are a TPP or consumer that indirectly purchased, paid for, and/or provided reimbursement for some or all of the purchase price for one or more of the Named Generic Drugs, for personal use by yourself or your members, and other than for resale, in the United States (except Indiana and Ohio) and in some United States territories, at any time during the period from May 1, 2009 through December 31, 2019. Certain kinds of entities are excluded from the Settlement Class. A more detailed notice that includes the full class description and who is or is not included; the list of Named Generic Drugs; the complete list of Defendants; and the Settlement Agreement is available at www.GenericDrugsEndPayerSettlement.com (the “EPP Settlement Website”).

What does the Settlement provide? Under the proposed Settlement, Sandoz has paid \$275,000,000 into a settlement fund. The settlement fund may be reduced under certain circumstances, as explained in the Settlement Agreement. It will be used to pay eligible Settlement Class Members, following deductions for the costs of settlement notice and administration (up to \$750,000); and, subject to Court approval, deductions for attorneys’ fees of up to one-third of the fund plus interest, litigation expenses (up to \$26,000,000), and service awards to the Settlement Class Representatives (up to \$500,000 altogether). Settlement Class Counsel will post their request for fees, expenses, and service awards on the EPP Settlement Website. Sandoz also agreed to cooperate with EPPs in providing information related to EPPs’ litigation against the Non-Settling Defendants.

How do I get a payment? Money will be distributed if and after the Court approves the Settlement. The amount and the timing of payment will be based on a Plan of Allocation that must be approved by the Court. EPPs’ proposed Plan of Allocation is posted on the EPP Settlement Website. The claims process will open at a later date. To receive settlement-related updates, including when claim forms are available, you should register on the EPP Settlement Website or call the toll-free number below.

If I am a Settlement Class Member, what are my options? If you do nothing, you will remain a Settlement Class Member, be eligible to participate in the Settlement, be legally bound by the Court’s rulings on the Settlement and the claims against Sandoz, and you will not be able to pursue your claims against Sandoz. If you do not want to be legally bound by the Settlement, or if you want to keep your right to sue Sandoz yourself, you must exclude yourself. If you elect to remain in the Settlement Class but object to some or all of the Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, the request for attorneys’ fees, expenses, or the proposed service awards, you may object. Details on how to request exclusion or object are on the EPP Settlement Website. Any exclusion requests or objections must be submitted by **May 9, 2025**. The Court will hold a Fairness Hearing on **July 23, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.** to decide whether to approve the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and any request for attorneys’ fees, expenses, or service awards. If you wish to appear at the hearing, you must file a “Notice of Intention to Appear” with the Court and you may (but are not required to) hire your own attorney to appear in court for you at your own expense. The Court may change deadlines or the date and time of the hearing. Check the EPP Settlement Website for updates.

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Van Der Beek told his kids (bottom, with their dad and mom Kimberly in October) he was “nervous” to do *The Masked Singer*.

James Van Der Beek Is in a ‘Portal of Healing’

▶ *James Van Der Beek was revealed to be the Griffin on The Masked Singer on March 19. Here, the Dawson’s Creek alum and dad of six, 48, discusses his journey on the singing competition series and life since opening up about his colorectal cancer last fall.*

Did you have any reservations about singing on a big stage? Yes! I had not sung in public in a very, very long time. I used to audition for musicals when I was young and not get the parts, but I do think I sing better now than I did then. Broadway would be a dream.

How did you balance the gig while still in treatment for cancer?

What was cool was the audience didn’t know about me or the cancer. So whatever was going on in my trailer, it was this great escape to be able to put on my mask and just connect with the audience and not have cancer be a part of it.

How are you feeling? I’m feeling good! But I’m still in a portal of healing, so once I feel like it’s responsible and safe to give more details, I will.

—GILLIAN TELLING



TIGER & VANESSA GO PUBLIC

Tiger Woods confirmed his relationship with Vanessa Trump, Donald Trump Jr.'s ex-wife, on March 23 by sharing two photos of them snuggled up together. "Love is in the air and life is better with you by my side!" the golf pro, 49, wrote in the caption. "We look forward to our journey through life together." *People* confirmed earlier in March that mom-of-five Vanessa, 47, and dad-of-two Woods—each of whom has a child from their previous marriage who is an aspiring competitive golfer—have been quietly dating for several months.



Woods is seen cuddling with Vanessa in new photos.

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SHAILENE'S NEW ROMANCE

Shailene Woodley might have a new love interest. On March 23 the actress, 33, was seen holding hands and getting close with *Emily in Paris* actor Lucas Bravo, 37, in the city of love. Woodley, who is currently starring in Broadway's *Cult of Love*, split from her ex-fiancé Aaron Rodgers in 2022. She told *Outside Magazine* in December that her relationship with Rodgers "was not right, but it was beautiful." She added that she hasn't "shared much about" their relationship "because it always makes me cry."
— ALEX ROSS



Woodley and Bravo stepped out together in Paris on March 23.



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It Ends With Us Drama Continues

Ryan Reynolds Slams Justin Baldoni's 'Thin-Skinned Outrage'

▶ Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds have fired another volley in their ongoing legal battle with *It Ends With Us* director-actor Justin Baldoni. First Reynolds, 48, and then Lively, 37, filed motions to dismiss the January lawsuit Baldoni, 41, filed against them and their PR team alleging defamation and extortion, which was his response to Lively's December complaint accusing him of sexual harassment and retaliation. Lively's legal team argued that Baldoni's "vengeful and rambling" claims are an attempt to punish her for speaking out, citing a California law prohibiting retaliation tied to public disclosures of sexual harassment.

Reynolds's lawyers, meanwhile, called Baldoni's countersuit "frivolous." They also denied Baldoni's claim that Reynolds used the Nicepool character in *Deadpool & Wolverine* to mock and bully him, saying it's about "hurt feelings" and "thin-skinned outrage... [not] tied to any legal claims."

Baldoni's attorney said in a statement that it's "abhorrent" for Lively to "dismiss herself from the self-concocted disaster she initiated" and named Reynolds "a key player in the scheme" against Baldoni and his Wayfarer Studios team. *Lively v. Wayfarer Studios et al.* will go to trial in March 2026. —JACK SMART

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—LIVELY'S LAWYERS



A source says Reynolds and Lively will not go to the Met Gala on May 5 as they haven't attended since 2022. Inset: Baldoni.



Brunson and Anik in L.A. in 2023.

Quinta Brunson Files for Divorce From Husband Kevin Jay Anik

▶ Quinta Brunson is splitting from her husband of three years, Kevin Jay Anik. The *Abbott Elementary* star, 35, filed for divorce on March 19, citing "irreconcilable differences." Brunson, who married Anik in October 2021, also indicated that the pair "entered into a postnuptial agreement," and she requested they each be responsible for their own attorney's fees. Long private about her relationship with Anik, who works in California's legal cannabis industry, Brunson first confirmed they were married when she referred to Anik as her "husband" at the 2022 Emmys. "I have to thank my mom, dad, brothers and sisters, my cousins... my wonderful husband because he's the most supportive man I've ever known," she said after her win. She thanked him again at the 2023 Golden Globes. —ALEX ROSS



Tragedy Update

Aubrey Plaza and Her Husband Were Split at the Time He Died

▶ A medical examiner's report has revealed that Aubrey Plaza and husband Jeff Baena were separated for several months before his death by suicide at 47 on Jan. 3. Baena and Plaza, 40, who married in 2021 after meeting a decade earlier, quietly separated last September due to "recent marital difficulties." A month later Baena, a writer and director, made "concerning remarks" to the actress, which led her to "call a friend to perform a welfare check on her husband," according to the medical examiner's report.

Baena, who began going to therapy after the welfare check, last contacted Plaza via text message on the morning of his death. After he died Plaza's and Baena's families called his suicide an "unimaginable tragedy," adding, "We are deeply grateful to everyone who has offered support." —LIZZIE HYMAN



Plaza and Baena in 2017.

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Serious Allegations

JOE GATTO ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

On March 20 a TikTok user who goes by joozyb accused former *Impractical Jokers* star Joe Gatto of sexually assaulting her when she was 19, in a series of now-deleted videos. A second woman who worked with Gatto, 48, until he departed *Impractical Jokers* in 2021 has since come forward to *People* with sexual harassment claims against Gatto, who has denied the claims. —BRIANNE TRACY



Passages



Jonathan Majors and Meagan Good.

Couples

Jonathan Majors, 35, and **Meagan Good**, 43, got married in L.A. on March 18. "I said to Meagan... 'Today might be the happiest day of my life,'" Majors said of their wedding on

Sherri • **Sia**, 49, filed for divorce from her husband of two years, Daniel Bernad, on March 18, citing "irreconcilable differences."



The divorce documents revealed Sia and Bernad quietly welcomed a baby named Somersault last year.

Deaths

Retired New York Yankees great **Brett Gardner**, 41, revealed that his 14-year-old son Miller died on March 21 after "falling ill" while on vacation with family. "We have so many questions and so few answers at this point," he said.

• **Little House on the Prairie** alum **Jack Lilley** has died at 91, his family revealed on March 19. • **George Foreman**, a two-time heavyweight boxing champion and Olympic gold medalist who later became the spokesperson for the popular George Foreman Grill, died "peacefully" on March 21, his family said. He was 76.



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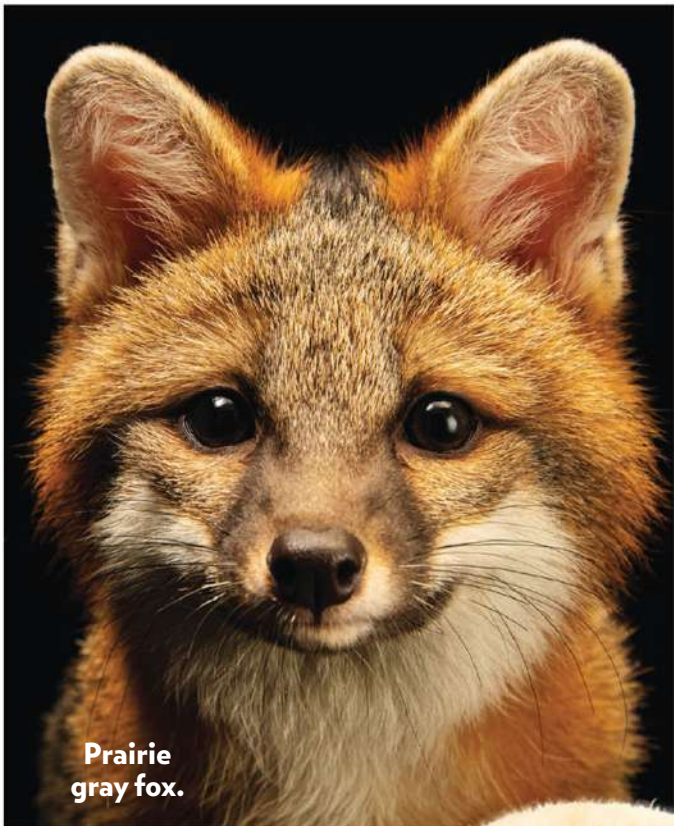
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Animal Kingdom Babies in the Spotlight

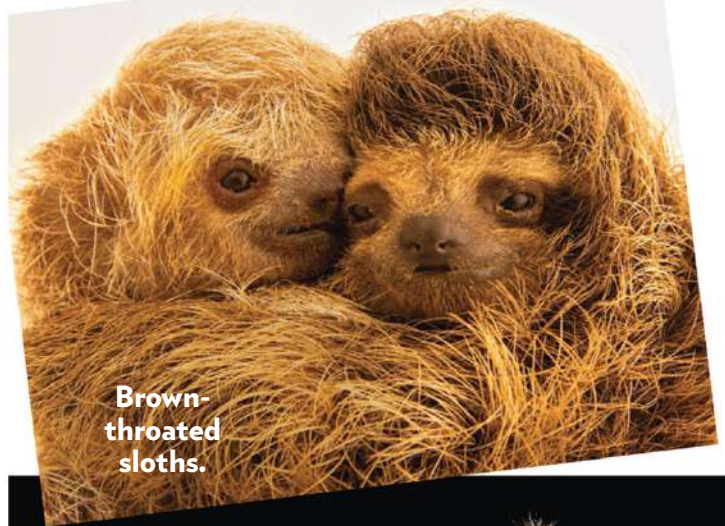
For 20 years Joel Sartore has been working to photograph every animal species on earth. The latest in his *National Geographic* “Photo Ark” series, out now, showcases more than 150 young creatures to “educate people as to how life works and how it thrives when we give it a chance to,” he says.

Comparing his portraits to yearbook shots (with more fur and feathers), Sartore adds, “All animals have an equal voice in these close-ups. A mouse is every bit as important as an elephant.”

—LIZZIE HYMAN



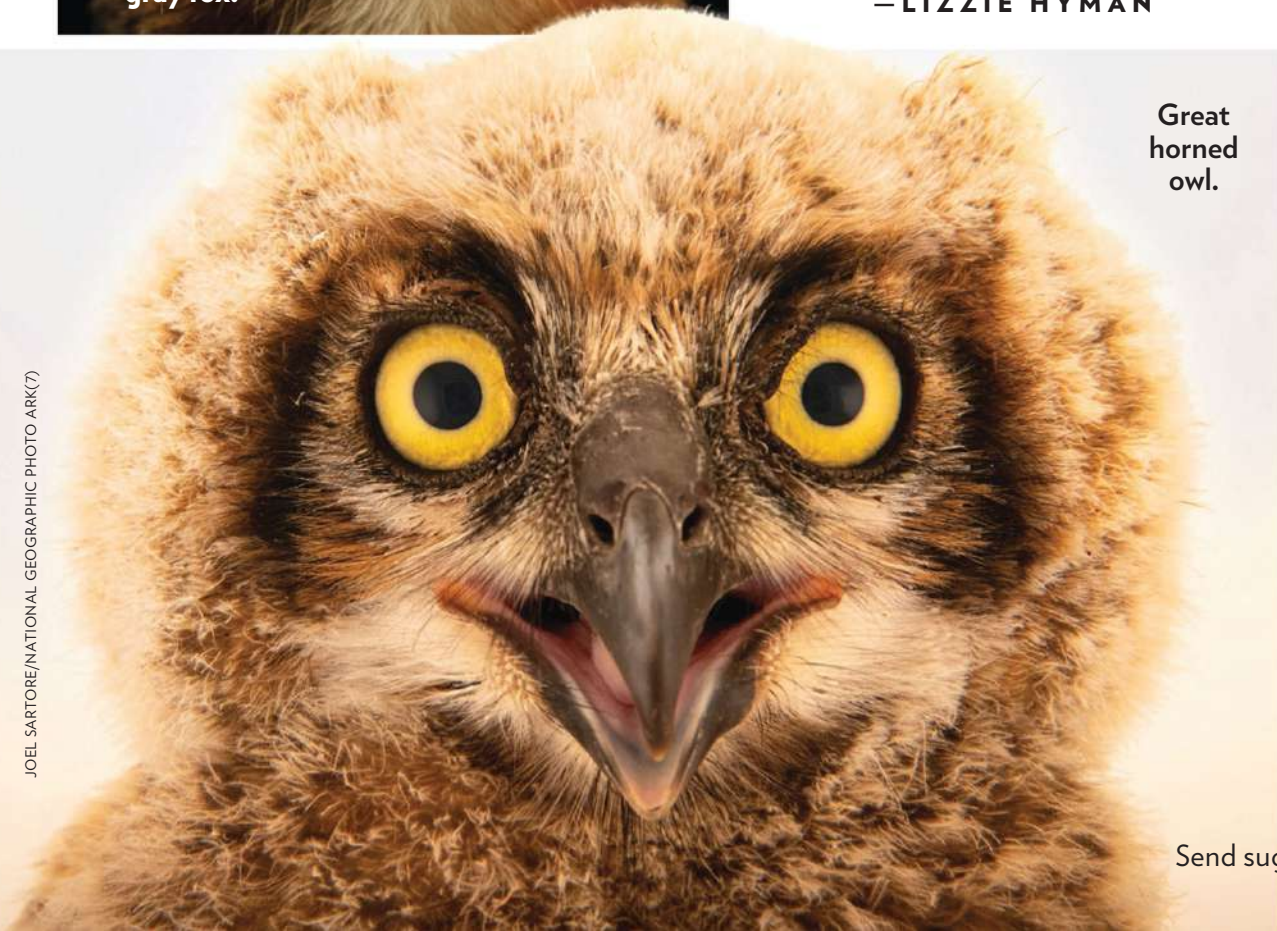
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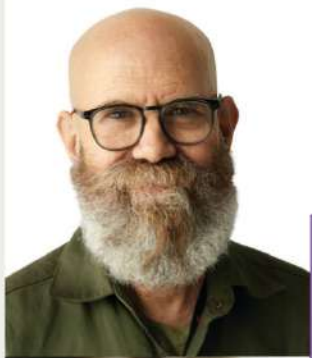
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Seth Rogen plays a panicked movie executive in a wild Hollywood send-up

COMEDY Hollywood, you could say, is one of the greatest ant colonies in history. Hundreds of workers (producers, assistants, writers, stylists, publicists) carry out their assigned tasks, all in service of their queen. That would be you, the audience, fed a royal jelly concocted of dream, fantasy, myth, popcorn, even delusion. Throughout the decades of this colony's cultural dominance, the queen feasted on new movie releases, week after week. But her tastes have changed: She now gorges—binges—on streaming platforms like Apple

TV+. The queen, for all the ants know, may wriggle free and start a new hive, coddled by workers who'll come up with the next *White Lotus* or *Love Is Blind*.

This is the joke built into *Studio*, a new comedy series—streaming comedy series—about a flailing movie company. It stars a terrific Seth Rogen as Matt Remick, newly appointed head of a film company called Continental. Matt is one panicked ant: His corporate boss Griffin Mill (Bryan Cranston, looking like legendary producer Robert Evans if he slept in a toolshed)

Celeb Cameos!

Here are just a few
of the A-listers who
play themselves.



Adam Scott



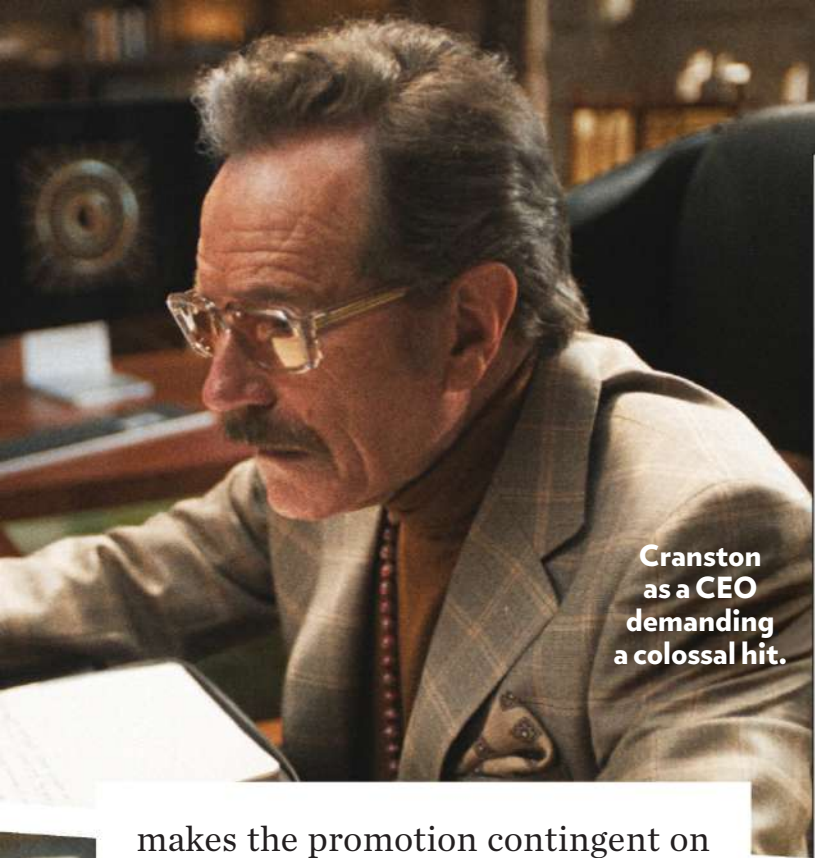
Zac Efron



Olivia Wilde



Ron Howard



Cranston as a CEO demanding a colossal hit.

makes the promotion contingent on one thing: Matt has to deliver a blockbuster about... Kool-Aid.

This is a fine, crazy concept for a Hollywood satire, but the show's 10 episodes, which build to one farcical crisis after another, are generally more clever than laugh-out-loud funny. (On that score, *Platonic*, Rogen's Apple TV+ sitcom with Rose Byrne, was better.) The show is peppered with cameos by the likes of director Martin Scorsese, Ice Cube and a surprisingly zany Zoë Kravitz. But it tends to ignore the comedy inherent in developing that Kool-Aid movie—Matt has visions of *Barbie* served in a pitcher with ice—and instead indulges in references to

'Rogen is a master of the slow burn and the easily bruised ego'

cinema both high (*Chinatown*) and low (*Weekend at Bernie's*). There's also Continental's trailer for a Johnny Knoxville comedy about zombies with explosive diarrhea: Is this supposed to be hilarious? Disgusting? Both?

The strongest, funniest episodes focus more on Matt himself as he struggles through two humiliating nights: one at the Golden Globes, the other at a fundraiser with an oncologist (Rebecca Hall) as his date. With his thick, nervous chortle and anxious eyes, Rogen is a master of the slow burn and the easily bruised ego.

Anyway, *Studio* has enough talent to merit a second season—a sequel. (First two episodes launch March 26)

Keyla Monterroso Mejia

The California native, 27, leaped into the spotlight in 2021 after beginning a seven-episode guest arc on *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. Four years later she is acting with comedic greats, scoring roles on *Abbott Elementary*, *Running Point*, *You're Cordially Invited* and *The Studio*. She says joining Seth Rogen on the latter has been especially rewarding. "He's such a good boss," she says of the Apple TV+ series's producer and star. "He was so kind and the best scene partner.

It's been one of the highlights of my career."

—CHARNA FLAM



Henry stars on a crackerjack crime series.

Dope Thief | APPLE TV+

DRAMA Somewhere on the murky margins of the criminal underworld, Ray (*Atlanta's* Brian Tyree Henry) runs an ingenious con: Posing as a DEA agent, he raids drug houses and makes off with whatever's been cooking, along with duffel bags of cash. Then Ray winds up in the crosshairs of a much wilier player, raising the possibility that he's been set up. Is he just a hapless dope? The show has suspense, shocks, twists—good job! (New episodes post Fridays)

Death of a Unicorn | **IN THEATERS**

After a road accident, a family is impaled on the horn of a dilemma

HORROR COMEDY Elliot and daughter Ridley (Paul Rudd and Jenna Ortega) are speeding through a pristine mountain wilderness on their way to visit his boss (Richard E. Grant), a pharmaceuticals magnate who's fatally ill and wants to vet Elliot's corporate potential. Well, what should happen but a unicorn crosses in front of the car and—*whomp!* Elliot loads its carcass into the back seat, but this unicorn is anything but roadkill: It's both miraculous and monstrous. The gross special effects are supercheesy—the beasts (yes, there are more than one) look like 'roid-rage Clydesdales—but the film is gallopingly stupid fun. (*March 28, R*)



Rudd and Ortega discover that a certain white quadruped isn't so mythical.

Snow White | **IN THEATERS**

FANTASY Internet skeptics have been ready to throw poison apples at Disney's latest live-action redo, but Rachel Zegler, the *West Side Story* breakout, gleams as the singing princess. If Gal Gadot is wobbly as the Evil Queen, her outlandishness is fun to behold. And, yes, the 1937 classic gets an update—among other things, Prince Charming is now a Robin Hood—but it's not as if Snow White has been turned into an action star. Kindness is her power, even in the face of online haters. (*PG*)



Zegler brings Disney's first cartoon princess to life.

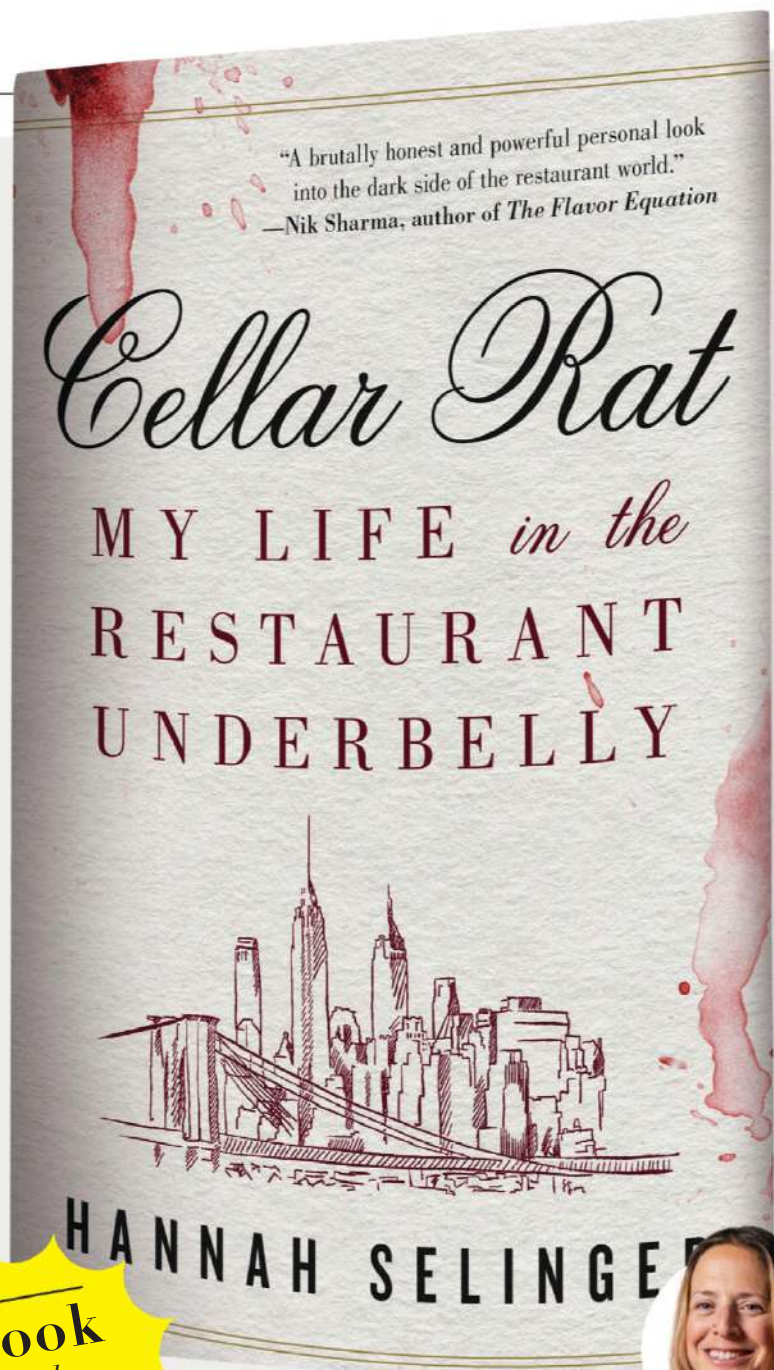
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FUN!



Saagar Shaikh (left) and Asif Ali.

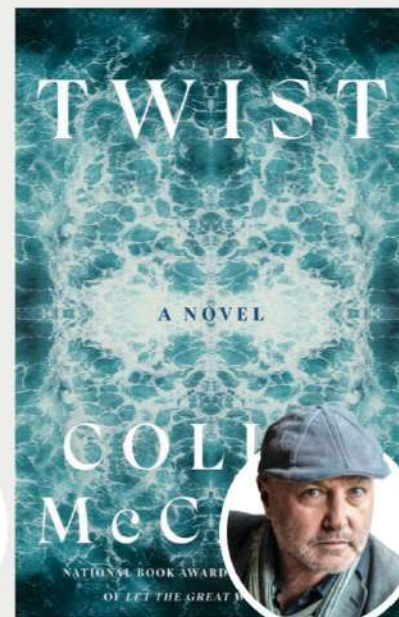
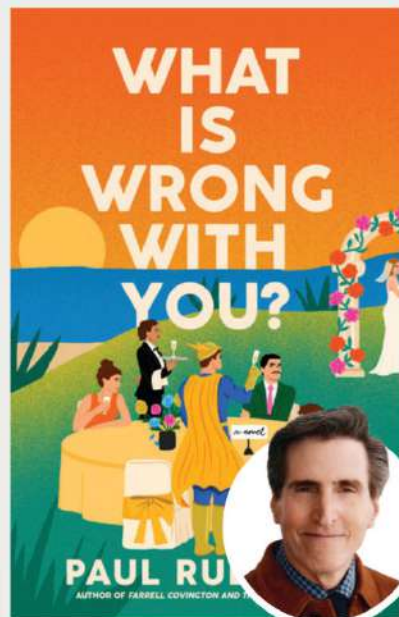
Deli Boys | **HULU**

COMEDY Raj and Mir (Saagar Shaikh and Asif Ali) idolize their dad, Baba (Iqbal Theba), founder of a convenience-store empire. Then a stray golf ball pulverizes his temple while he's on the course. Bye, Baba! The boys are stunned to learn that the business was really a drug operation—and that they've inherited Baba's gangland headaches. You'll scarf this series like a bag of chips. (*Streaming now*)



The Best New Books

A juicy memoir about the foodie industry, a rollicking wedding recap, and a meaty marine journey *Edited by* **LIZZ SCHUMER**



book of the week

Cellar Rat Hannah Selinger

MEMOIR

Reflecting on her years working as a fine-dining server and sommelier in Manhattan, Selinger dishes up the “subtle inhumanities of restaurant work”—and not-so-subtle power imbalances, misogyny and body-shaming. This insightful, one-sitting read is packed with juicy details about celebrity chefs and other big personalities—plus recipes to boot—while boldly shining a spotlight on the toxic world of restaurant work. A satisfying read.



What Is Wrong With You? Paul Rudnick

ROM-COM

In this rollicking farce about the things we do for love, lives converge and transform at a tech giant’s lavish wedding in Maine. What fools we mortals be—but Rudnick comes down on the side of human caring every time. A perfect book for this moment.

Twist Colum McCann

LITERARY FICTION

The latest from the great McCann takes us into the ocean with an engineer who repairs underwater information-carrying cables and a journalist covering their story. In a book as deep and luminous as the sea, McCann explores life, love, longing and the meaning of connection in our digital age.

Three Fresh Perspectives

The Ride

Kostya Kennedy

“The British are coming!” echoes through American history, but how well do we really know Paul Revere and his fateful midnight ride? This thrilling book corrects the record.

Stop Me If You’ve Heard This One

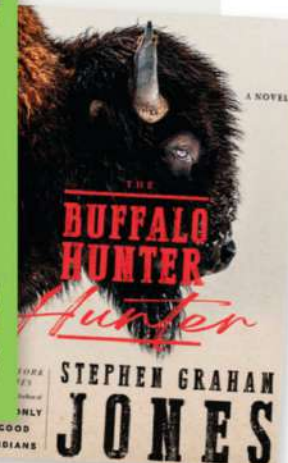
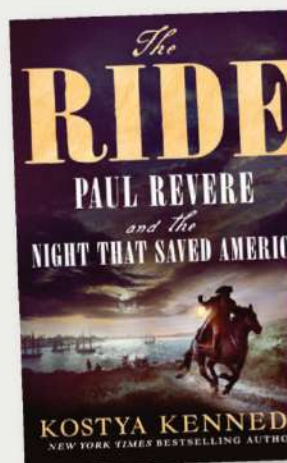
Kristen Arnett

Cherry wants to take her clown act to the next level, but her life is a mess: love, home, work, all of it. Like all of Arnett’s books, it’s a sneakily subversive joy.

The Buffalo Hunter

Stephen Graham Jones

This masterful horror novel about a vengeful vampire who stalks a reservation is told through interviews. You may never sleep again.



JENNA BUSH
HAGER &
BARBARA BUSH



‘We’ll Always Have

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Photographs by BRIAN DOBEN



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Family Matters

“If you can see the world through your kids’ eyes, it’s so optimistic and joyful,” says Jenna (in Brooklyn on March 14 with, from left, son Hal, niece Cora Georgia, daughters Mila and Poppy, sister Barbara and nephew Edward).

THE TWIN SISTERS ARE TACKLING PARENTHOOD IN TANDEM AS THEY LEARN TO CHERISH THE PRESENT—AND LAUGH ABOUT THE PAST

By **ALEX ROSS**

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Each Other’s Backs

The moment Jenna Bush Hager arrives at her sister's place with three children in tow, she jokes that Barbara's going to need a bigger house.

But the five kids between the Bush twins, 43, quickly settle in. Jenna's youngest, Hal, 5, runs circles around his sisters Mila, 11, and Poppy, 9, as they work together to feed 7-month-old cousin Edward, while Barbara's oldest child, Cora Georgia, 3, scuttles out the door to school with her father (and Barbara's husband), Craig Coyne. Amid what Jenna, who shares her children with husband Henry, later dubs the "circus," the little Hager ladies remain a well-synched tag team. With a mom and an aunt who finish each other's sentences, it's not hard to see where they learned the art of sisterhood.

In fact, Jenna and Barbara are busy with just that as they release their fourth book, *I Loved You First*, and—just for a few days—cohost *Jenna & Friends* on *Today*, where Jenna's worked since 2009. (Barbara works on social impact for the



The Hager Team Shuffle

"Three is an interesting dynamic," says Jenna. "They all have a lot of fun together. Mila's super protective of Poppy (far left), and she definitely holds her in a way that an older sister would. Sometimes Poppy and Hal sleep in the same room, and Mila will get Poppy at bedtime like, 'No, no, come with me!'"

NBA.) The sisters' clear bond has flourished in the 32 years since their grandfather President George H.W. Bush left office and throughout their father George W. Bush's Presidency from 2001 to 2009. Now they're facing this era of parenting the next Bush generation the only way they know how: together. Says Jenna: "That's what a sissy does."

Was persuading Barbara to return to the fourth hour of *Today* as a guest cohost a challenge?

JENNA BUSH HAGER She said she'd never do it again, and now she's coming for double the time. It's Bring Your Sister to Work Day!

BARBARA BUSH We've been practicing for this since our childhood.

JENNA We were doing this in the womb. We had a talk show called *Barbara & Jenna & Friends*.

BARBARA It was a hit. But I'm just keeping the seat warm for two days, and then I'm going to return to my cave.

(BARBARA) HAIR: KARLA SERRANO; MAKEUP: ISABEL ROSADO; (JENNA) HAIR: KELLY O'NEILL; MAKEUP: DEANNA BELL; (BARBARA & JENNA) STYLIST: ALEXANDRA ROZANSKY; (CHILDREN) STYLIST: JULIA GOLDEN/HONEY ARTISTS; STYLIST ASSISTANT: DAKOTA WALTERS

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—BARBARA BUSH



Lessons in Motherhood

“Cora Georgia and Edward have taught me presence,” says Barbara. “They need me, and I know at some point they’re not going to need me in this way—that makes me want to cry—and I don’t want to miss it. I’m just trying to really enjoy every moment.”

What parts of your parents and grandparents do you see in your children?

JENNA Mila has a very similar disposition to my mom and my sister. She’s a little bit quieter, gentler, really curious and empathetic. Poppy has a little bit of my dad in her with the desire to entertain and dance. And she’s totally herself, which I love. And then Hal Hager is all man. I’m not sure where that comes from. He probably has a little bit of me in the destructiveness. [Laughs]

BARBARA Cora Georgia is very gentle, which I would say is Mom. She’s also very creative and loves making stuff, which—to our surprise—is my dad! She loves nothing more than getting to go to Jefe’s studio with him and paint.

Having grown up with a twin sister, is raising sons a shock?

JENNA I always knew I’d have a boy. That was just my prediction for myself. Maybe it’s punishment. [Laughs] The problem is, like his mother—and probably like his grandfather—Hal likes to show off a little.

BARBARA I think Edward’s just happy to be along for the ride. Cora Georgia is crazy about her “baby.” She has to put him to bed

every night; she has to wake him up every morning. She says he can’t go to bed without her “saying her things to him.” So it’s been really sweet to see how excited she is. I’m just happy to have him.

How much of their family legacy do the kids understand?

JENNA My mom came to visit a couple of weeks ago, and we were driving to dinner, and Mila looked at me, and she’s like, “Are you humiliated?” I’m like, “What? Why would I be humiliated?” It was because of the Secret Service entourage! She’s in middle school, so everything’s embarrassing. But luckily kids at that age, they can’t look past probably one Presidency. Her friends and classmates weren’t alive when our dad was President.

BARBARA It seems less relevant.

JENNA Yeah. But then Mila and Poppy also told Hal while we’re in the car with the Secret Service that, “You better act great, or they’re going to arrest you.” Poor Hal. He’s like, “But I didn’t do anything!”

Do you think any of the kids have a political future ahead of them?

JENNA Mila wants to be a doctor, because she’s obsessed with *Grey’s Anatomy*. Poppy wants to be a model, and Hal Hager doesn’t know what he wants to be yet. He doesn’t want to get arrested. [Laughs] None of my children are like, “Let me be the President!”

BARBARA Mine aren’t either. Cora Georgia would actually say she’s going to be an artist like Grandpa.

By the Book
“It’s a call to action. It’s like, ‘Hey, put the phone down. You only have so long with your kids,’” says Jenna of *I Loved You First*, on sale now.



Life in a Presidential Family



Double-Trouble

“I was born with an instant partner,” says Jenna (above, with Barbara and their parents in 1982).



Political Pedigree

“I thought everyone’s grandfather was President,” says Barbara (left) with Jenna and George H.W. Bush in 1989.



Dad-in-Chief

George W. Bush was joined by wife Laura and his then-22-year-old daughters as he gave his victory speech on Nov. 3, 2004.



Their Beloved Ganny

“She was adoring of all her people,” says Jenna (with Barbara and grandmother Barbara as well as Mila and Poppy in 2016).

The new children’s book is called *I Loved You First*. What do you remember about some of your most important firsts?

JENNA I remember the first time I went into labor, Mom was so nervous. And she was so excited, which is not her personality, because she’s preternaturally calm. She kept calling Barbara.

BARBARA My first date with Craig was a blind date. Jenna was on it. I had told Jenna before, “I don’t know this guy. Under no circumstances invite him along.” And within five minutes she said, “What are you doing tonight? Do you want to come to our book event?” So he came, and we hazed him. We never thought we’d see him again! Now we’re married.

JENNA We’re usually there for the other’s firsts. Well, not for every first. [Laughs]



The Brothers-in-Law

“Don’t let him tell you he didn’t know what he was getting into, because he did!” jokes Jenna of Barbara’s husband, Craig Coyne (right, in 2022). The pair married in 2018. Henry Hager and Jenna (left, in 2023) met while Henry was working at the White House during her father’s Presidency, and they wed in 2008.



BARBARA Henry had to pick Jenna up from the White House for their first date, which was...

JENNA I made him wait, because I’d read the book *The Rules*, remember? He was nervous. His ears were red. That was 20 years ago! Why are we old?

What other high jinks did you two pull in the White House?

JENNA We used to have a really great party called Ye Olden Times around 4th of July, which was really nice of my parents to let us do.

BARBARA It was really fun. Yes, thank you, Mom and Dad. You had to dress as something old.

JENNA We were matching saber-toothed tigers. I was Cleopatra once, and I wrapped Henry in Ace bandages, and he was a mummy. I was also Abigail Adams.

BARBARA There are ghosts in the White House too.

JENNA Do you want to do a public apology to me? Because you didn’t believe me.

BARBARA Yes, I’m sorry. Do you accept my apology?

JENNA Yes, I accept. She didn’t believe me the first time. We were college-age, and our rooms were right next to each other. I heard opera coming out of the fireplace. I ran in, I’m like, “Barbara, Barbara!” I woke her up and got into bed with her. “I heard something. I think there’s a ghost.”

BARBARA I didn’t believe her. Two days later I was sleeping in her room, and we heard jazz music coming out of the fireplace. We were so scared. We wanted to get in bed with our parents, but we were 22, and it felt inappropriate. There’s a lot of people that have lived in the White House, and I think there’s some unfinished business with someone that likes music.

Do your children ever play any tricks on you?

JENNA My kids love high jinks. Mila took my cell phone and filmed a “rizz of the week” with Henry, where she was trying to teach Henry how to rizz me up. She was like, “Okay, Dad. You’re going to fall on



the ground right when Mom walks in and then hand her something and be like, 'Sorry, I've just fallen for you.'" She does want another sibling.

BARBARA I've heard her saying that.

JENNA Mama's done! I am done. Just putting it out there.

You've talked a lot about how grateful you are that your parents gave you both the freedom to make mistakes publicly. How does that continue to shape you?

BARBARA We're children of the '90s, so it was pre-cell phone and all of that. And also kind of the laissez-faire, benign-neglect era of parenting. Our parents were always around, but we were raised to be independent.

JENNA We played games and stuff with our parents. Our dad would run every day after work, and I would ride my bike next to him. We spent tons of time together. But it was also...

BARBARA The opposite of helicopter parents. And so they let us make mistakes, and we did



Daytime Duo

Jenna says she received "a million texts" suggesting Barbara (on March 24) join her on *Today's* fourth hour. "I think it speaks so much to what Hoda and I had that they couldn't think of anybody else I could do it with besides my twin sister."



The Bush Bunch

"They've gotten to watch us as sisters and have us as an example," says Barbara of the kids.



make mistakes.

JENNA And we're happy adults because of it. We're not scared to try new things.

What's your favorite thing about each other?

JENNA My favorite thing about Barbara is her large heart. Her capacity to love. She was my first audience.

BARBARA My favorite thing about my sister is her humor. She's entertained me and made me laugh my whole life. We've only known the world with someone having our back. ●



I'M OBSESSED WITH TRYING TO ENSURE MY KIDS HAVE INDEPENDENCE

—JENNA BUSH HAGER

(CRAIG) THEO WARGO/GETTY IMAGES; (HENRY) GUERIN CHARLES/ABACA/SHUTTERSTOCK; (ON STAGE AT D.C.) KEN CEDENO/BLOOMBERG/GETTY IMAGES



Did a Beauty Queen
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Her Husband?

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BAHAMAS CLAIM AN
AMERICAN VISITOR
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VIOLENT PLANS TO
END HER MARRIAGE

By **LIAM QUINN**



Robert and Lindsay Shiver with their kids in 2023

Packing bags and getting out the door for a family vacation can lead to tension—but the scene that unfolded when Lindsay Shiver called 911 over a dispute she was having with her husband, Robert, as they prepared to travel to the Bahamas with their three boys in the summer of 2023 was far more heated. Lindsay, 38, told responding officers, “It’s been hell on earth, as you can imagine.” In the midst of an acrimonious divorce, she claimed Robert, 39, had become “aggressive” and forbidden her to get on the family’s private jet because she was planning to spend time in the Bahamas with her new boyfriend. “I told her, I’m not supporting that,” Robert says in police body-cam video of the incident outside their house in Thomasville, Ga. “You’re not getting on the airplane. That can mess with the kids’ heads. It’s just something we’re not going to do.”



Lindsay’s boyfriend Terrance Bethel



UNDER ARREST Lindsay (at court in the Bahamas in 2023) and former lover Bethel are charged with conspiracy to commit murder.

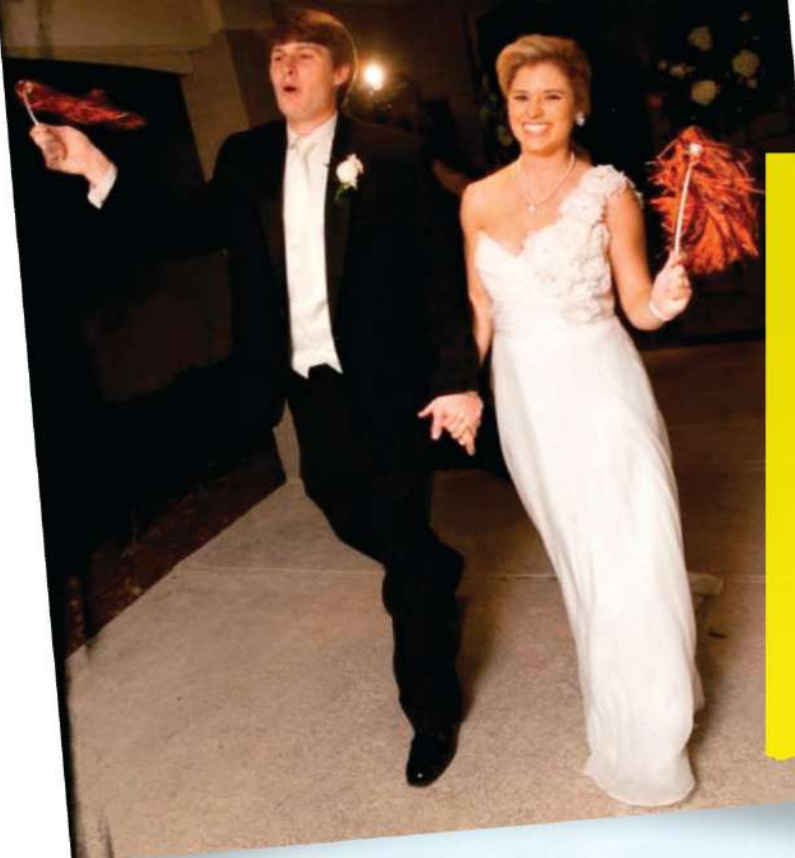


The dispute came to a head later that day, when, after arriving in the Bahamas at the Shiver family's \$5 million townhouse at the exclusive Baker's Bay Golf & Ocean Club in Great Guana Cay, Robert was seen at a nearby bar arm in arm with another woman in photos that were sent to Lindsay. According to Bahamian authorities, Lindsay sent a WhatsApp group text to her then-boyfriend, Terrance Bethel, 30, a bartender, and his friend Farron Newbold Jr., 31, with the pictures of her husband and the woman at the bar and a chilling two-word message: "Kill him." Five days later, on July 21, 2023, Bahamian police arrested Lindsay, Bethel and Newbold, accusing the lovers of enlisting Newbold in a plot to kill Lindsay's husband. Charged with conspiracy to commit murder, the defendants have pleaded not guilty. If convicted, they could face up to 60 years in prison.

A judge has imposed a gag order, and lawyers for Lindsay, Bethel and Newbold could not be reached for comment. Through a representative, Robert declined to comment. But in a 2024 interview with ABC News cited in a bail hearing, Bethel, who is no longer seeing Lindsay, denied the existence of a murder-for-hire plot: "Nobody ever wanted Robert dead," he said. "I'm definitely not guilty of conspiracy to commit murder, and [Newbold] is not guilty of being a hired hit man. It's time to let the world know that we're innocent."



For a while it seemed like Robert and Lindsay Shiver had it all. The couple met in a fitness class in 2007 while attending Auburn University,



COLLEGE SWEETHEARTS
Robert and Lindsay Shiver (left, carrying Auburn orange-and-blue pom-poms at their 2010 wedding; below, on Instagram in 2019) met at Alabama's Auburn University, where Lindsay was a cheerleader and Robert played on the football team.



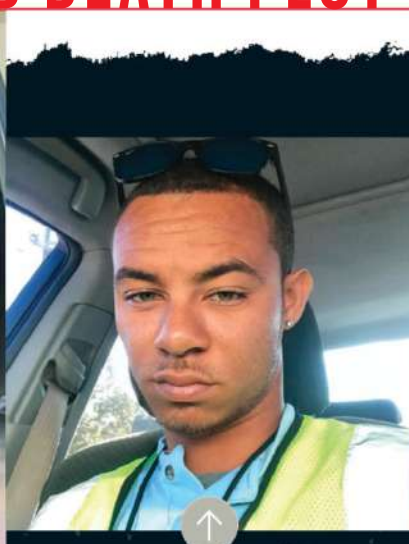
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INSIDE THE ALLEGED DEATH PLOT IN PARADISE



WARRING SPOUSES

In the midst of a divorce, Lindsay called police in Thomasville, Ga., to report that Robert was "super aggressive" as the couple argued about travel plans on July 16, 2023.



THE ACCOMPLICE?

In the Bahamas, authorities claim Lindsay and boyfriend Bethel enlisted Bethel's pal Farron Newbold Jr. to act as the plot's hit man.



IN AND OUT OF JAIL

Currently out on bail while they await trial, Lindsay and Bethel were previously released in 2023 but had bail revoked for talking to the press against orders.

where Lindsay, a former beauty queen in local pageants around her hometown of Dothan, Ala., was a cheerleader, and Robert, a Georgia native, was a long snapper on the football team. They got married in 2010 and raised three boys while Robert, after a brief stint with the Atlanta Falcons, went to work in insurance and settled in Thomasville. On social media Lindsay posted photos of the family on ski trips to Vail, Colo., and entertaining guests on their private jet and at their home in the members-only resort in the Bahamas.

But by early 2023 Lindsay had begun seeing Bethel. On April 5 Robert filed for divorce, accusing his wife of “adulterous conduct.” Lindsay filed papers of her own the very next day. In response to the infidelity claim, Lindsay said in court documents that her extramarital relationship was “during the parties’ separation and legally condoned by [her] husband.” She also accused him of “physical and mental cruel treatment.”

Although officially estranged, the couple were still living together with their three sons under the age of 11 at the time of the July 16, 2023, altercation outside their house. (No charges were filed in that incident.) Bahamian police claim they discovered the alleged plot to kill Robert while investigating an unrelated robbery at Grabbers, the bar where Bethel once worked, according to an indictment obtained by ABC News. Suspecting an inside job, police searched the contents of employees’ phones and found the message allegedly ordering Robert’s murder that was sent by Lindsay to Bethel and Newbold, a digital creator and long-time friend of Bethel’s. When shown the message, Robert said he feared for his life and requested “police action,” according to a police report.

Following their arrests Lindsay and Bethel were



HIS NEW ROMANCE

Robert Shiver and Savannah Chrisley (in 2023) met online. “I was just on Instagram, and all of a sudden this message came through. It was from Savannah Chrisley. ‘Hey, I’ll be praying for you,’” Robert said on Chrisley’s *Unlocked* podcast.



‘I’M THANKFUL TO BE ALIVE’

— ROBERT SHIVER, IN COURT IN THE BAHAMAS



released on bail. In an interview with *Good Morning America*, Bethel laid out their possible defense, explaining that Lindsay was venting after arguing with her husband and used the words “Kill him” as a figure of speech. “Whenever she gets into an argument with [Robert] and she tells me about it, of course I’m livid about it,” Bethel said. “But planning to murder him? No.”

Lindsay is currently living with her parents in Alabama ahead of her trial in the Bahamas, scheduled to begin in August. She sued for, and won, visitation rights to spend time with her children. Meanwhile Robert has moved on. In January he appeared on the podcast *Unlocked With Savannah Chrisley* in an episode titled “Meet My Boyfriend,” revealing that he and the reality TV star had been dating for more than a year. He’s still adjusting to life as a single father with three boys, but the future with his new love looks promising. Chrisley, 27, told *People* in February: “We come together and we enjoy our time, and we love each other.” As for marriage, “I just believe that when the timing’s right,” she said, “and when it’s supposed to happen, it’s going to happen.”



SHORT-LIVED RELATIONSHIP

“Us loving each other was not a secret,” said Bethel (with Lindsay in the Bahamas on *GMA* in 2024). The pair have since split. Lindsay is now living with her parents in Alabama.



With reporting by CHRIS SPARGO

THE BACHELOR'S GRANT & JULIANA



'We're X Going to Live It Up!'

EXCITED TO START THEIR NEXT CHAPTER, GRANT ELLIS AND JULIANA PASQUAROSA WANT A 'REALLY FUN WEDDING'—
EVENTUALLY **By TOPHER GAUK-ROGER**

Juliana Pasquarosa felt an “instant spark” with Grant Ellis on the first night of season 29 of *The Bachelor*. The client-services associate, 28, brought a cannoli with her, a nod to her Italian roots, to share with the former professional basketball player, 31, who previously appeared on Jenn Tran’s season of *The Bachelorette*. “It was off to the races from there,” Grant says. He proposed to Juliana over his other finalist, Litia Garr, in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, during the March 24 season finale. Now the pair are prepping to move in together and enjoy life as fiancés.

What were your first impressions of each other?

GRANT ELLIS As soon as she got out of the limo, her personality drew me in.

JULIANA PASQUAROSA It was in his eye contact and his body language. He calmed my nerves, and he was a lot taller and more handsome in person.

GRANT She calmed my nerves too.

How did you know this was your forever person?

GRANT She wasn’t afraid to speak her mind, and she didn’t care what anybody thought. She was going to stick up for what she believed in. That’s what really had me like, “Wow, this is a once-in-a-lifetime person that I’m meeting.”

JULIANA I think I knew from night one that you were my man, but I was just trying to play the game and be fair and open-minded. My grandmother passed away a few years ago, and I feel her with me every day. I just felt like she was up there making the road for me. I saw qualities in him that I was like, “Oh, she literally crafted a man for me.”



A Happy Pair
“I want everybody to know that we’re in love,” says Grant (with Juliana in Los Angeles on March 14).

The Big Moment

Juliana says she “just tried to stay calm” during the final rose ceremony and proposal.



Instant Chemistry

Grant admits he “felt the connection” the moment he saw Juliana on his first night as the Bachelor.

Bling Booth
Juliana shows off the Neil Lane engagement ring Grant calls “funky and fresh.”



Do you feel like you led Litia on by also telling her you love her?

GRANT I led with my heart. It would be misleading if I made promises, but I expressed my feelings, which I do every day.

Have you started wedding planning?

GRANT Right now we are learning each other, and we’re falling more in love with each other every day. When the time is right, we’re going to have a really fun wedding. We’re going to live it up.

JULIANA We want to live life together for a minute, take it all in and meet each other’s friends. There’s no rush.

What are the moving plans?

GRANT I’m going to come to Boston for a while. I love the dynamic that her town has and that her family has, and I want to be close to that. I’m going to have my house in Houston, but we’re going to make it work.

‘I feel so valued. He really is my hype man’

– JULIANA PASQUAROSA

JULIANA We’ll take a peek at some apartments and see what our vibe is like and where we want to be.

GRANT Now we just got to see if our dogs like each other!

What are you most looking forward to doing as a couple?

JULIANA I can’t wait to go back to Olivia’s Bistro, eat some mushroom tagliatelle, have some red wine and just have a normal dinner.

GRANT For me it’s the little things, like dinners or just dancing in the kitchen, cooking together or just seeing her family or mine. Those are the things that I really look forward to. ●



“He keeps me grounded, and I make him more fun!” Rivers says of Mitchel.



Melissa
Rivers &
Steve
Mitchel

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Choosing Happiness After Tragedy

AFTER LOSING THEIR HOME IN THE L.A. FIRES, THE PAIR WED IN A CELEBRATION OF LOVE AND LAUGHTER, WITH HER MOM, JOAN, THERE IN SPIRIT **By GILLIAN TELLING**



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ALL THE WEDDING DETAILS!

1. The couple shared a kiss as they cut into their three-tier carrot cake with cream cheese and buttercream frosting, created by the Four Seasons. They also served chocolate cake from HF Bar Ranch in Wyoming, where Rivers and her mom spent their summers. 2. Flowers were designed by Lily & Co., and dinner included beef tenderloin, salmon and a slider bar. 3. The Modern Retrospect band played the couple's first song, the Talking Heads' "Burning Down the House."

After Melissa Rivers tied the knot with attorney Steven Mitchel, 63, at the Four Seasons Resort in Wyoming, she was surprised that their wintry nuptials went so smoothly. "Who knew all of my friends could be so well-behaved all at the same time?" Rivers, 57, jokes of her 150 guests. The March 15 wedding nearly didn't happen. After the couple lost their home in the Palisades fire in early January, Rivers, who is the daughter of the late comedian Joan Rivers, wanted to call the whole thing off. "I was going to cancel," she says. But her friends had other ideas. "Many of them lost their homes too, and they stepped in and said, 'We are doing this.'" Now Rivers is so grateful they did. "To be around everyone I love...it was really something I needed at a time in my life where I felt like everything had been taken away."

The ceremony was an informal affair. "Our goal was simple—throw a party and have a wedding break out somewhere in the middle," she says. The duo ex-

changed personal vows on the ballroom dance floor as Sabrina Lott Miller, the Rivers family's executive administrator of 37 years, officiated. "She's family," Rivers says of Lott Miller. "She began working with my mom just after my dad died."

Touching speeches included stories of her mother, who died in 2014, and her father, producer Edgar Rosenberg, who died in 1987. Rivers was flanked by her son Cooper Endicott (whom she shares with ex John Endicott), 24, while Mitchel's sons Patrick and Glen from his own previous marriage stood by his side. In his speech Cooper offered some hilarious advice, instructing Mitchel to let Rivers "get her own way" if he knew what was best

for him. Rivers says the couple of four years, who are temporarily living in a friend's rental property, look forward to figuring out their next steps together. "The fires brought us even closer," she says. "It's very comforting to find out you do crisis well together."

And of course, they'll be talking about the wedding for years to come. "We nailed it!" she says. "People were meeting and laughing, and by the end of the night, strangers were acting like old friends." She adds, "The amount of genuine happiness in the room was so overwhelming. I'm not one to be cliché and say, 'Oh you could feel the warmth and love.' But you know what? I actually felt it. And I'm so grateful." ●

'The happiness in the room was overwhelming'

— MELISSA RIVERS

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HONORING JOAN

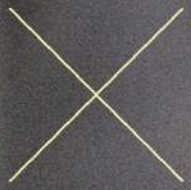


Rivers paid tribute to her mother (left, in 2013) by wearing pieces from Joan's jewelry collection. She also gifted guests a gold bee pin to wear throughout the night. Joan loved bees because, aerodynamically, they shouldn't be able to fly, and yet they do, instilling in her the belief that anything is possible.



Melissa wore one brooch in her hair.





Black Hollywood Speaks Out!

TWO PRINCES
“We never had that before,” Laurence Fishburne says of *Black Panther* and its leads Jordan (left) and Boseman.

THE ROUGH RO



Washington (in the documentary) says he was “proud” of what the *Black Panther* team accomplished.

Denzel Washington “cried a little bit” the first time he saw *Black Panther* in 2018. “I felt like the baton had been passed,” says Washington, 70, in the new Apple TV+ documentary *Number One on the Call Sheet*. The two-parter features top Black actors sharing their tales of success, frustration and support from the front lines of Hollywood.

Black Panther star Chadwick Boseman ascended to A-list heights—but tragically died of cancer in 2020 at age 43, two years after the landmark superhero hit. His costar Michael B. Jordan nearly breaks down while worrying that he wasn’t there for his friend in his final days. “It’s something I think about often,” says Jordan, 38. “Not checking up as much as I should. It’s something that weighs on me.” It’s one of the most touching moments in the documentary. Here are some other surprising revelations from Black stars about their journeys.

EDDIE MURPHY, GABRIELLE UNION AND MORE DISCUSS THE OBSTACLES TO STARDOM AND THE THRILL OF MAKING IT WHEN YOU’RE TALENTED AND BLACK IN THE NEW DOCUMENTARY *NUMBER ONE ON THE CALL SHEET*

By **JEREMY HELLIGAR**

AD TO THE TOP

James Brown told Eddie Murphy to hide his money in the woods, and Sidney Poitier told him to stay in his (comedy) lane.

Eddie Murphy reveals that he aced his first and only audition ever. “When I was 19, I got *Saturday Night Live*, and things just started happening,” says Murphy, 63. “I had one audition in my whole life. I think I’m the only actor that could say that. I had one audition. It was for *Saturday Night Live*.”

His unprecedented success led to questionable advice from Hollywood elders. Sidney Poitier said he should leave the dramatic heavy lifting to Denzel Washington and Morgan Freeman because he was a “breath of fresh air,” Murphy recounts, noting, “I don’t know if it was an insult or a compliment.” Godfather of Soul James Brown told him to stop cursing and to hide his millions in the woods so the IRS couldn’t get it. “I was in uncharted waters,” Murphy says. “For Sidney and all those guys, when I showed up, it was something kind of new. They didn’t have a reference for me.”

“That s--- is hard,” Fox (with Ross Bagley in *Independence Day*) says of the lack of Black-hair pros on sets. Inset: Haddish in *Girls Trip*.



Vivica A. Fox’s hair was “almost dead” by the end of shooting *Independence Day* because it was mishandled by hair and makeup.

Fox, Gabrielle Union and Tiffany Haddish share horror stories about working on mostly White film sets where the specific beauty needs of Black women were ignored. “Back in the day I fought for us to make sure that we had African American makeup artists and hairdressers that understood our hair,” says Fox, 60, in the documentary. “That’s been a journey. When we were doing [the 1996 film] *Independence Day*, the lady who did my hair wanted this brown with blonde highlights in it. Because my own natural hair is very dark.”

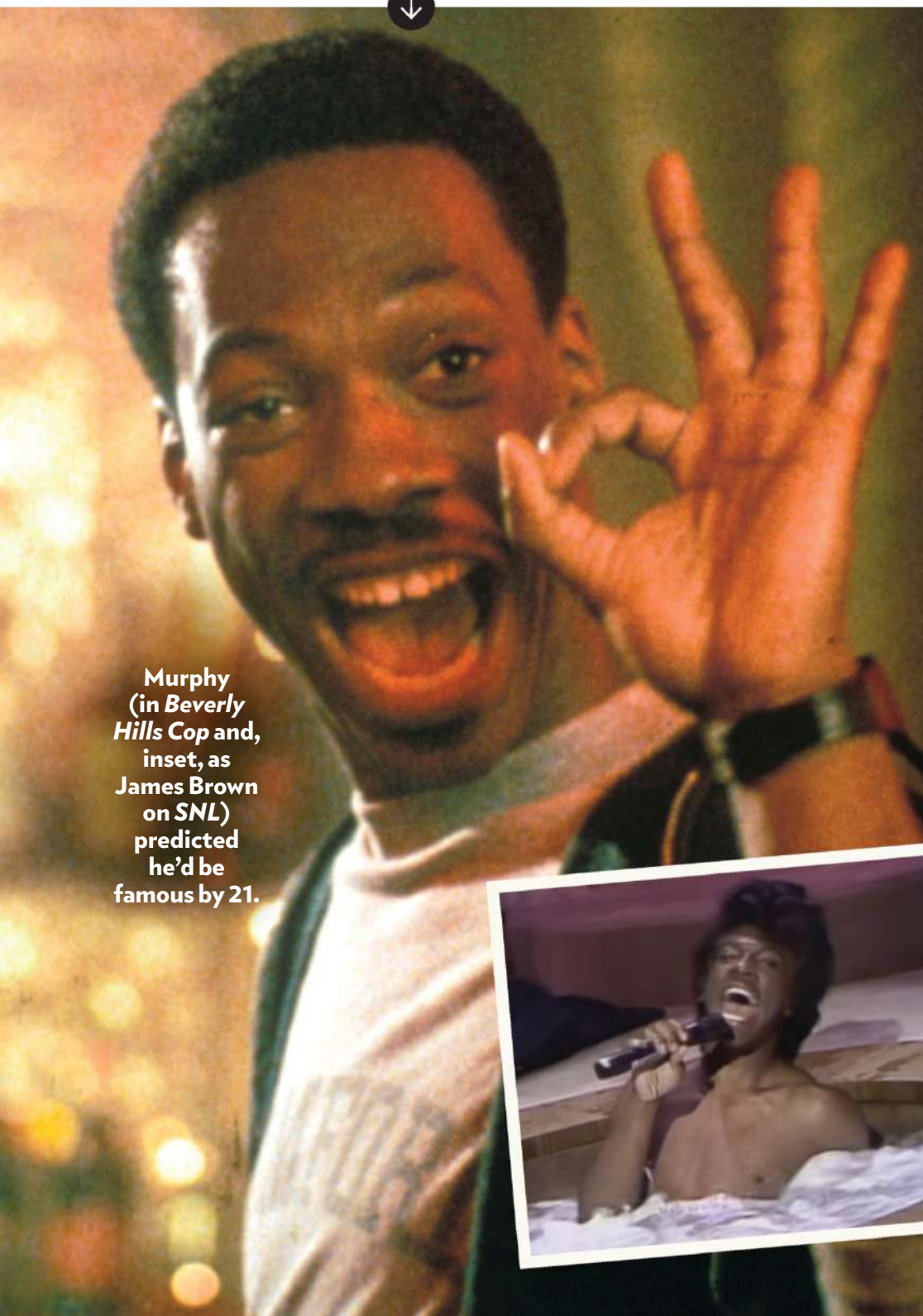
Fox says the woman “dyed my hair. She was like, ‘I want you to have all of these heroic moments with the wind and the hair, and my hair was almost dead by the time we was over. So they would say, ‘Oh, I can do Black hair.’ Child, they couldn’t do Black hair.” Meanwhile, Haddish, 45, says she didn’t feel safe in the hair-and-makeup chair until she did the 2017 comedy *Girls Trip*, and Union, 52, recalls an incident early in her career where the hairstylist had the heat on the comb turned up too high, and “a chunk of my hair snapped off.”

After scoring an Oscar nomination for *The Color Purple*, Whoopi Goldberg had to rummage through roles turned down by White stars for her next films.

A dearth of offers forced her to get creative. “I went and found stuff,” says Goldberg, 69. “I wanted to know what people were not gonna do. Things that they had greenlit and then said, ‘No, we’re not gonna do [it] ’cause the person dropped out.’ So that’s how I got *Jumpin’ Jack Flash*, ’cause Shelley Long wasn’t gonna do it. That’s how I got *Burglar*, ’cause Bruce Willis wasn’t gonna do it. I got *Fatal Beauty* because Cher wasn’t going to do it. I got *Sister Act* because Bette Midler wasn’t going to do it.”

For 1990’s *Ghost*, which made her the second

Murphy (in *Beverly Hills Cop* and, inset, as James Brown on *SNL*) predicted he’d be famous by 21.



Black woman to win a best supporting actress Oscar 51 years after *Gone With the Wind*'s Hattie McDaniel, Goldberg had the support of the leading man. "*Ghost*, that wasn't written for me either," she reveals. "But then Patrick Swayze said, 'I want her.' So that's how I got *Ghost*."

Before becoming a best actress Oscar nominee for 2009's *Precious*, Gabourey Sidibe worked as a phone-sex operator.

"I got the role of *Precious* when I was 24," says Sidibe, 41. "And before that... I was working at a call center as a phone-sex operator. FYI, the company was mostly Black women. You're not at all allowed to be Black on the phone." She created a White alter ego to keep her job. "So my girl name is Melody. And every call, I'd be like [in a high-pitched, Valley Girl voice], 'Hello.' And he's like, 'Hey, what's your name?' 'Hi, I'm Melody.' 'How you doin'? Are you good?' 'Yeah, I'm totally good right now. Um, I just got home from school. I'm in college, and it's, like, my sophomore year...'" There was a "Black-girl line," she adds. "Guess what was barely ever called: That one!"

"I felt like I really knew her," Sidibe says of her title character in *Precious*.



'I STARTED FEELING INVISIBLE, LIKE MY BEAUTY WASN'T WANTED'

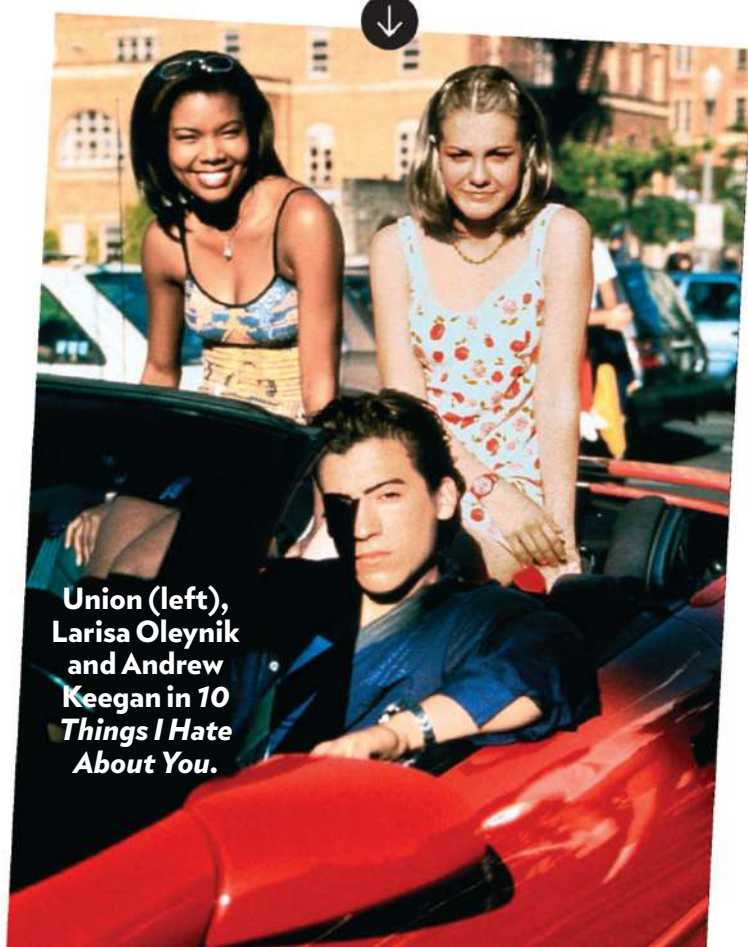
— GABRIELLE UNION

Gabrielle Union was cast as the "less extraordinary, but still cute friend" of her White costar in *10 Things I Hate About You*.

"My look was appealing enough. But not so overpowering that it overshadows the White lead," Union says. At this point in the documentary, a portion of the *10 Things I Hate About You* script flashes on the screen over a scene from the 1999 teen rom-com with Union, who played Chastity Church, and Larisa Oleynik, who played Bianca Stratford. It reads: "BIANCA STRATFORD, a beautiful sophomore, stares facing the mirror. Her less extraordinary, but still cute friend, CHASTITY, stands next to her."

Union says she was seen only as "the perfect person to be 'the friend,' just left of center of this White girl." The pattern continued in films like *She's All That* and *Bring It On*. "That was my bread and butter, like, for a long time. The bitchy, sassy friend," she says. Eventually "I started feeling invisible, like my beauty wasn't wanted. As a romantic lead? No." ●

"I get very annoyed when people constantly tell you no," says Goldberg (in *Sister Act*).



Union (left), Larisa Oleynik and Andrew Keegan in *10 Things I Hate About You*.

When country singer Ingrid Andress butchered the national anthem at a Major League Baseball event last July, video of the disastrous performance instantly went viral. But it would take her months to watch what she calls “my worst nightmare come true” for herself. She held off, she says, “until I knew that I could watch it with empathy for the girl who was singing it.” To get there, Andress, 33, had to admit that alcohol abuse had caused the wreckage. Then she went to rehab to begin rebuilding her life in sobriety. The journey remains ongoing, but Andress is determined to see it through.

Now that she’s resuming her career, she feels compelled to address the episode. Her goal isn’t to make excuses but rather—in 12-step parlance—to make amends. “A lot of people who saw the botched anthem had no idea who I was,” she says, “and for them to know me as that is upsetting. It was such a small moment of everything that I’ve worked so hard to do.”

Andress first captured attention in 2019 with her No. 1 hit “More Hearts Than Mine,” which introduced a gifted singer-songwriter with a knack for evoking emotion. One of five children, Andress was raised in Colorado in a strict Christian home but found her voice at the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston. Once she relocated to Nashville, she earned critical acclaim and industry recognition, but by 2023 she felt “very lost” professionally and personally. Within a two-week span she



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A Country Star Seeks Redemption

BACK IN THE SPOTLIGHT, THE MUSICIAN IS PICKING UP THE
PIECES AFTER A DRUNKEN PERFORMANCE
LANDED HER IN REHAB **By NANCY KRUEH**

A PUBLIC STUMBLE AND A SECOND CHANCE



After Andress performed “The Star-Spangled Banner” drunk on July 15, she faced “pure hatred” online, she says. Months after seeking help, she performed a triumphant rendition in her native Colorado (inset, on Feb. 28).



fired her longtime manager and split from a boyfriend who she says had marriage expectations. “I loved these people,” she says, “but this was not going where I felt I should be going.” Unable to process the losses, she turned to alcohol: “Instead of asking for help—because I didn’t know how—I just thought, ‘Drinking feels better.’”

By the time she sang for nearly 40,000 baseball fans at the MLB Home Run Derby in Arlington, Texas, last July, Andress says, she was “completely numb.” The performance drew immediate jeers, but Andress didn’t understand the damage she’d done, to the anthem or herself, until she faced a sober morning. Her first thought: “This is not who I am.” Her second: “I need help.” Within 48 hours she posted an apology and checked into a Utah rehab center, grateful to relinquish her phone. Social media commentary was savage.

Rehab, says Andress, finally offered her sanctuary to fully experience her emotions. Daily therapy pushed her to face how her conservative upbringing had shaped her. “I felt so raw,” she says. “I was like, ‘I don’t think this is the best time to be talking about this because I’m crying every day.’ But it ended up being such a healing time because I had the space to fall apart.” A major takeaway: “At the core of everyone’s substance abuse is a human struggle. But it’s got nothing to do with them as a person; it’s a disease.” Much of the work dealt with her shame over the performance.

A turning point came when she realized “how much I felt making a mistake meant I had failed as a human being,” she says, adding, “To me, a lot of the shame comes from how I was raised.” Once she was out of rehab, Andress took off six more months. One day she finally sat down with the video. As she watched it, she thought, “Oh, that poor, poor girl!”

Today she’s carefully restarting her career, but much of her focus is on “one day at a time” self-care. Andress released a new song about her family, to whom she remains close. Her parents “haven’t figured out yet how to talk about what happened,” Andress says. Still, she feels secure in their love. “My feelings are back—and they are life-giving, not suffocating,” she adds.

And Andress has found gratitude for the national anthem debacle because getting through it shows that she’s resilient and strong.

That strength allowed her to tend to one piece of unfinished business in February. Before a Colorado Avalanche hockey game, she once again sang the national anthem. This time she nailed it. But going forward, Andress isn’t about to tempt fate: “I’m never performing that song again,” she says, her humor fully intact. “Ever.” ●

‘There is a lot of stigma about rehab. That shouldn’t be taboo’

If you or someone you know is struggling with substance abuse, contact the SAMHSA helpline at **1-800-662-HELP**.

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**DRAMATIC
DUO**

“He is a true joy,” Park’s *The Residence* costar Uzo Aduba says of him. “Immensely talented and also rooted in amazing values.”

RANDALL PARK HOW I CHANGED MY LIFE

MOVED BY THE DEATH OF HIS FATHER LAST YEAR, THE ACTOR SHIFTED HIS PRIORITIES—AND HIS SCHEDULE—TO GET HEALTHY FOR HIS DAUGHTER, WHO IS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM
By **ESTHER KANG**

Randall Park has been on a health journey for the past year, but he has a minor confession: “Last night, I had pizza,” he says. “I’m not the best at tracking nutrition. I’m more mindful than strict.”

Staying mindful clearly has been a theme for the *Fresh Off the Boat* actor, especially as he’s faced some of his greatest personal and professional challenges. Witnessing his father’s death from cancer in May 2024—and turning 50 a few months prior—led Park to reassess his own health. “Seeing my dad ailing and his body breaking down was a wake-up call for me,” he says. “I have a daughter, Ruby. She’s 12 and on the autism spectrum. Just wanting to be healthy as long as possible, to be there for her as long as possible, really hit me.” So he got to work. Between time with Ruby and his wife, actress Jae Suh Park, and preparations for two big new projects—Netflix’s *The Residence* and CBS’s *Watson*, where he plays the iconic Sherlock Holmes villain Moriarty—he began training and even ran a marathon. “The last year has been a lot of highs and a lot of lows,” says Park, now 51. “But that was the spark for me to give myself a goal, and to also prove to myself that even at this age, I can do hard things.”

Today he’s an in-demand TV star, but it took a while to get there. Born in Los Angeles to Korean immigrants, Park tried to keep his early interest in the arts in check, questioning if he could pursue a sustainable career. While working toward his bachelor’s degree in English at UCLA, he cofounded Lapu, the Coyote that Cares Theatre Company. “We performed original plays, a lot of them from the perspective of the Asian American experience,” he recalls. (The company celebrates its 30th anniversary this year.) After graduating in 1997, he tried music, performing in a six-piece hip-hop band as Randruff. It wasn’t until his late 20s that he gave acting a real shot. “The goal was to just make a living, to just pay rent,” he says. After years of wading through guest spots and smaller gigs, Park’s trajectory began to shift in 2012 with a recurring role on *Veep* and a single memorable—and memeable—scene as Asian Jim Halpert on *The Office*. “It literally was just a cold open, but it’s the gift that keeps on giving,” he says. Three years later *Fresh Off the Boat* debuted on ABC to rave reviews and secured his place in Hollywood with a six-season run. “That show is one of the great blessings of my life,” he says.

But Park’s greatest blessing undoubtedly has been Ruby, who has sensory difficulties and limited



A GREAT LOVE

“Life is beautiful when you’ve found the right partner,” Park says of marrying *Never Have I Ever* actress Jae Suh in August 2009.



THE ULTIMATE GIRL DAD
Park helped Ruby with her hair in a photo Jae Suh shared on Instagram in June 2024. “I’m just obsessed with her,” he says.



FRESH OFF THE BOAT TURNS 10

“It was a real family that formed over the six seasons,” Park says of the hit ABC sitcom, which aired from February 2015 to February 2020 and costarred Constance Wu and Hudson Yang (above). One takeaway from the experience: “You’ve got to put in the time and the work.”

verbal skills. After he and Jae Suh learned her diagnosis, Park admits, “A gut instinct for me was, ‘What can we do to make her better, to fit into this world?’” But over time—and through his work with Kulture-City, an organization focused on acceptance and inclusion for “invisible disabilities”—Park’s perspective “changed completely and only in the best ways,” he says. “Before Ruby, I was definitely coming from a more self-centered place. Now [my life] is all about her. And I want her to live in a world that accepts her, includes her and is more compassionate to her.” Together Park and Jae Suh enjoy creative activities with their daughter such as baking and painting. “She’s such a happy kid. She’s always running around the house, singing and laughing,” says Park. “She gives us back so much.”

Putting effort into his own physical and mental health is key to maintaining Ruby’s happiness. After a series of panic attacks in 2020, Park sought professional help and stepped away from social media to avoid “the confusion and vitriol” he witnessed. “It was such a scary time,” he says. More recently Park’s new workout routine also has given his mental health a boost. “I have more energy to be physically active and fit, but it’s for my mind as much as it is for my body. It keeps me optimistic and upbeat,” he says. “It’s also been really fun. I probably wouldn’t stick to it if it wasn’t.”

As Park approaches the first anniversary of his father’s death, he hopes for the “continued good health” it inspired as well as “more time at home with the family, and more things that I haven’t done before,” he says. “It’s a pretty incredible thing to be in your 50s and breaking new ground.” ●

A Softer Side
“I worked hard
at forgiveness,”
says Shriver (in Los
Angeles on Feb. 7).
“Forgiveness for
myself, forgiveness
of others.”

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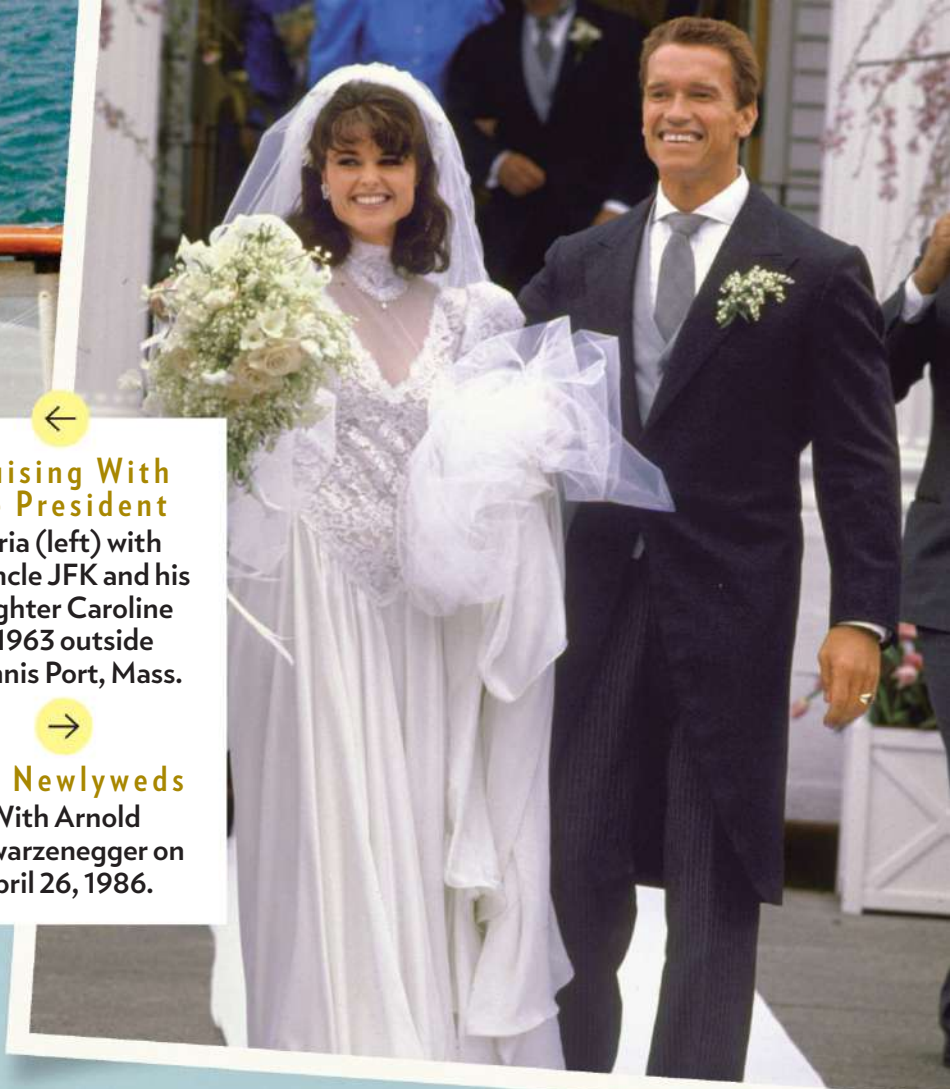
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Cruising With the President
Maria (left) with her uncle JFK and his daughter Caroline in 1963 outside Hyannis Port, Mass.

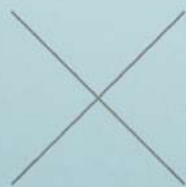


The Newlyweds
With Arnold Schwarzenegger on April 26, 1986.

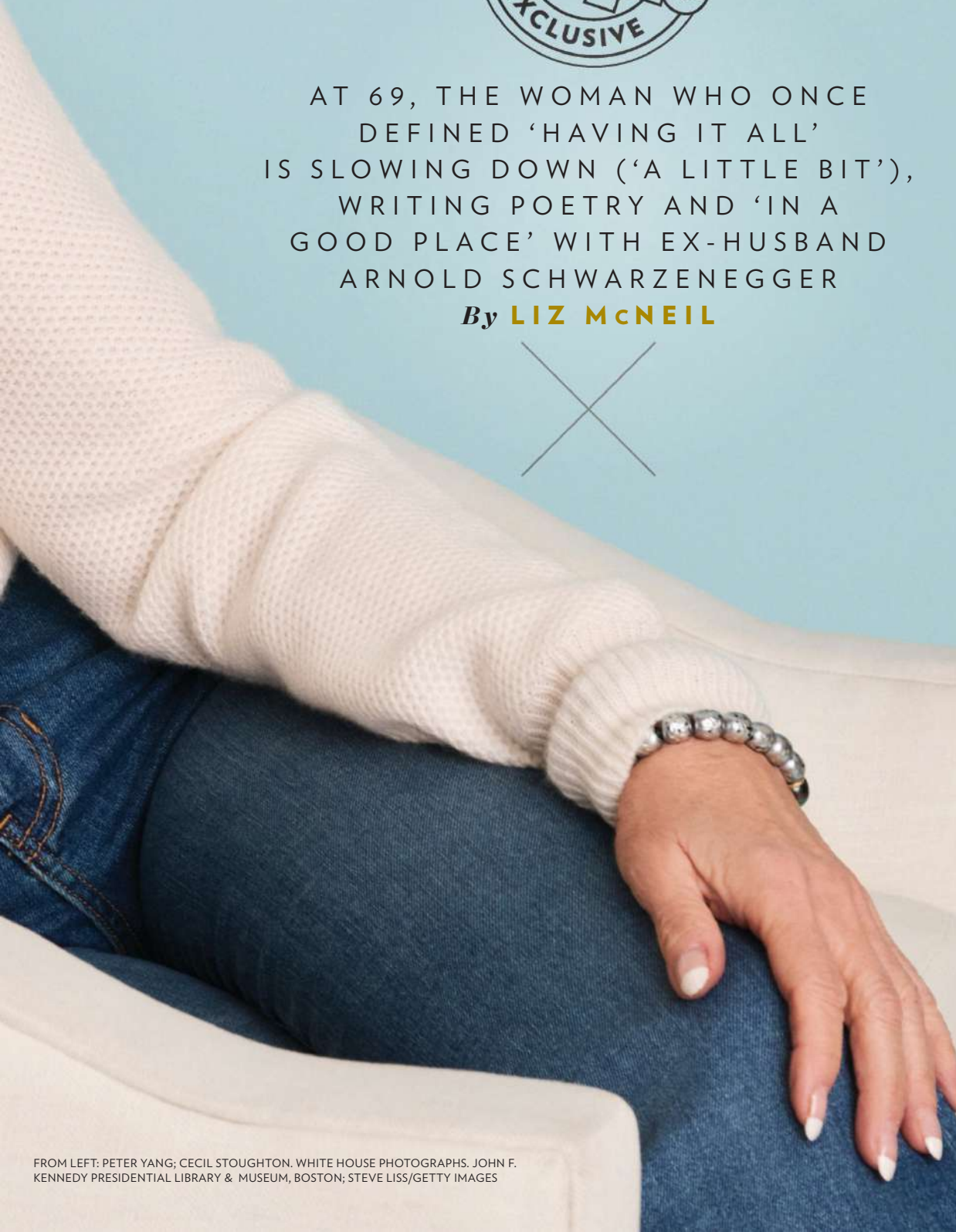


AT 69, THE WOMAN WHO ONCE DEFINED 'HAVING IT ALL' IS SLOWING DOWN ('A LITTLE BIT'), WRITING POETRY AND 'IN A GOOD PLACE' WITH EX-HUSBAND ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

By **LIZ McNEIL**



Maria Shriver always thought she “had the self-awareness thing down cold.” That was before her mid-50s, when life as she knew it imploded. Her beloved parents, Eunice and Sargent Shriver, both died, her job as California’s First Lady came to an end, and her 25-year marriage to Arnold Schwarzenegger painfully blew up after she learned of his affair with their longtime housekeeper Mildred Baena, resulting in a son, Joseph, now 27. Bereft, she began to dig deep, exploring who she *really* was behind the famous family name, the big career as a network news anchor and the high-profile union. Surprisingly, writing poetry helped—especially with expressing the feelings she had long held inside, including trauma, anxiety and a lack of self-worth. “I grew up surrounded by hugely successful people doing extraordinary things,” she says. “I struggled to figure out how I’d be able to compete with all of that.” Now 69, the mom of four—Katherine, 35, Christina, 33, Patrick, 31, and Christopher, 27—and grandmother of three has written a new book, *I Am Maria*, a collection of personal poems and intimate reflections, excerpted here, revealing an unexpected vulnerability. “How do I become Maria now,” she asks, “when all the titles and trappings are gone?”





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AMERICAN ROYALTY



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- 1. With her brother Bobby, ca. 1956.
- 2. Maria (third from left) with her mom, Eunice, brothers Mark, Bobby, Tim and Anthony and dad, Sargent Shriver, in France in 1968.
- 3. With cousin Caroline in 1963.
- 4. Photographed for *Vogue* in 1969 at 13 years old.
- 5. With her mother and brother Anthony at President Kennedy's grave at Arlington National Cemetery on Nov. 22, 1967.
- 6. With her parents and brothers Bobby and Tim at the opening of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in 1971.
- 7. With her cousin John F. Kennedy Jr. at the July 19, 1986, wedding of his sister Caroline to Ed Schlossberg. (Maria was the matron of honor.)



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graduating from Georgetown University. Then in 1977 she met the Austrian bodybuilder who swept her off her feet.

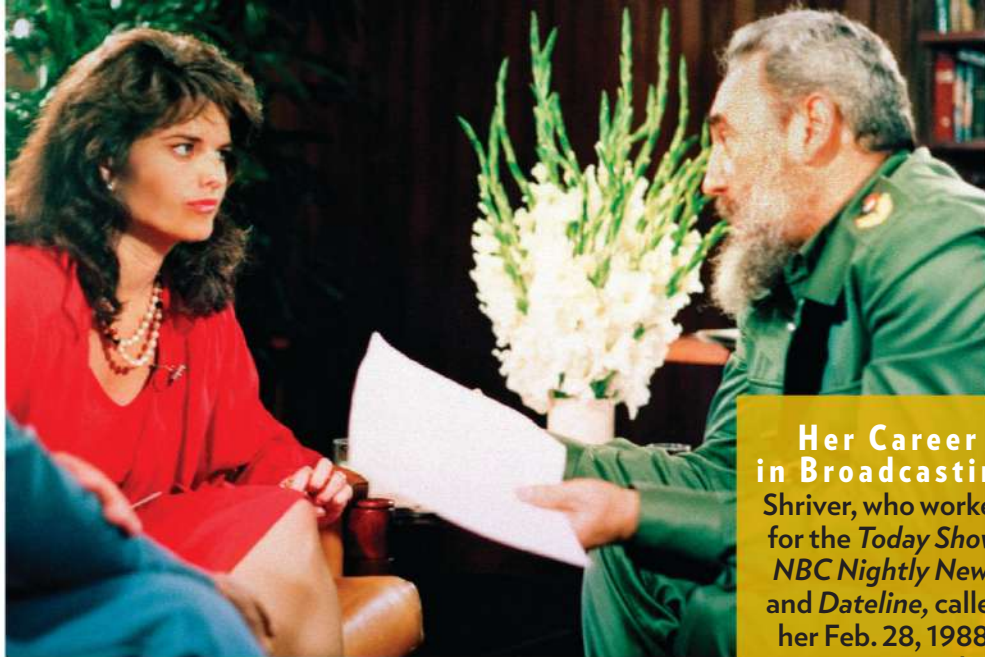
Thirty-year-old Arnold Schwarzenegger looked and sounded different from anyone I'd ever met. My attraction to him was instantaneous.

Like me, Arnold was also in the Big Expectations business. He told me "I want you to go for it, and I won't stop you—because I want to go for it, too." It was a turn-on.

My family was shocked. No one understood my relationship with Arnold. After all, Arnold was a Republican, a bodybuilder, and he wanted to be a movie star. He lived in a two-bedroom apartment and wore a Speedo. And with time, I made another decision: to take a shot at being in front of the camera.

I was told I had to lose weight (lots of it), go to a voice coach to learn how to sound like an anchorwoman, and dye my hair blonde. I did two out of three. The following spring, [in 1986], Arnold and I got married.

And just like my mother, I was racing round at a hundred miles an hour, and nothing could



Her Career in Broadcasting

Shriver, who worked for the *Today Show*, *NBC Nightly News* and *Dateline*, called her Feb. 28, 1988, interview with Cuban leader Fidel Castro (top) "one of the most challenging and fascinating of my career." In 1983 she interviewed former First Lady Betty Ford (below) for an NBC special about addiction.



stop me—not a cousin's fatal drug overdose, not another cousin's fatal ski accident, or a third cousin's deadly plane crash.

Fast-forward to 2003 and kapow! My movie-star husband abruptly decided he wanted to run for governor of California. And then before I knew what hit me, my network news bosses called to ask me for my resignation, because they said my having a politician for a husband gave the appearance of a conflict of interest. I was now "the Kennedy married to Arnold Schwarzenegger."

I came up with a new plan: I'll become an amazing First Lady of California! Oh, and I'll be home every night for dinner.



Her mother's death in 2009 left her grief-stricken. Then a year and a half later, all hell seemed to



FAMILY FUN



The Shrivvers

With her brothers (from left) Tim, Bobby, Anthony and Mark in Potomac, Md., in 2000.



The Schwarzeneggers

She says her kids (from left, in 2022) Patrick, Katherine, Christina and Christopher are "extraordinary" and "make me laugh and not sweat stuff."



break loose. My First Lady job came to an end. My father died. And then came another devastating, life-altering blow: my twenty-five-year-long marriage blew up. It broke my heart, it broke my spirit, it broke what was left of me.

Without my marriage, my parents, a job—the dam of my life-long capital-D Denial just blew apart.

Now, much has been written about the end of my marriage, and frankly I don't feel like I need or want to discuss it here, or anywhere.

That said, I do want to take a moment to acknowledge the grace, valor, and courage my children exhibited. Everything about their world and the sanctity of their home got uprooted in an instant.

I was consumed with grief and wracked with confusion, anger, fear, sadness, and anxiety. I was unsure now of who I was, where I belonged. Honestly, it was brutal, and I was terrified.

As I sat on my hotel room floor in the dark, alone with tears streaming down my face, I thought to myself: Maria, this doesn't have to be the end of you.

I won't bore and exhaust you with the details of my self-pity party. I'm also going to spare you a litany of all my trips to various therapists, healers, shamans, and psychics.

I even went across the country to a cloistered convent. At the end of my stay there, Mother Dolores took me aside, and in what once again felt like a scene right out of *The Sound of Music*, said to me, "Maria. I understand that you like it here very much. But if you're thinking you can come live with us, let me tell you, you can't. Our cut-off age is fifty, and you're fifty-five!"

She said, "I think what you're really looking for, my child, is permission to leave your marriage, to be Maria." She hugged me, and then we both wept.

I started writing from a deep place within. Through my poetry, I've found a woman who was terrified of not being able to live up to her family's legacy—scared of not being big enough, a good-enough daughter, sister, wife, mother, journalist.

I found a woman who had insisted on measuring herself by some impossible standard that guaranteed she'd come up short and feel bad about herself no matter what. I found someone who had spent a lifetime avoiding grief. And I also learned

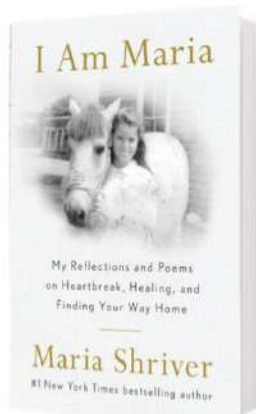
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'I've learned so much from my kids... about acceptance and forgiveness and being understanding'



Getting Personal

Oprah Winfrey, her friend of more than 40 years, says, "In this book she has opened her soul." Notes Maria: "When I was reading the audiobook, several of the poems brought up a difficult time in my life, and I feel like I'm in such a good place today."




that when that lifetime of dissociated grief and trauma is released, it rushes out like a tsunami.

I've made lots of mistakes. One of them was tying my self-worth to my achievements. Another big mistake was thinking that someone outside of me could guarantee my safety, my worth, and my peace.

I've also had to come face to face with other misguided beliefs—about aging, about being alone. I used to believe that if you didn't have a partner, you must be unworthy and unloveable. I've learned that nothing could be further from the truth.



At first, I didn't want anyone to read my poems, as they are deeply personal, and I worried they would not measure up to the classic definition of what poetry is. But eventually, I showed some of them to a few close friends, and they urged me to share them, because my poems ignited their own self-discovery. Poetry is incredibly powerful and can help you tap into your unconscious, where so many insights are hidden. I believe anyone can do it and feel its power in their own life, as I have in my own. ●



**Soaring
Success**
Zauner and
husband Peter
Bradley
performing with
their band
Japanese
Breakfast
in 2022.

SINGER & AUTHOR
MICHELLE ZAUNER

FINDING STRENGTH IN GRIEF

THE JAPANESE BREAKFAST
FRONTWOMAN MOURNED HER MOM
IN THE BESTSELLER *CRYING IN
H MART*. NOW SHE'S ROCKING ON
By **ILANA KAPLAN**

Back in Brooklyn after living in South Korea for a year, Michelle Zauner is still processing the transition. “I cried for four days leaving Korea,” she recalls over Zoom from her New York City apartment. After catapulting to success with her band Japanese Breakfast and as the author of the bestselling memoir *Crying in H Mart*, the artist sought respite abroad. “Even when I really enjoy parts of New York, I feel like I’m cheating on my love for Korea,” Zauner, 36, says of the country where she was born. “I was living such a slow life compared to the one that I live here.”

It’s understandable that Zauner needed to take her foot off the gas for a little while. Her career



ignited in 2021: That year she released Japanese Breakfast's critically acclaimed album *Jubilee*, which earned two Grammy nominations, including for best new artist. She also earned rave reviews for *Crying in H Mart*, in which she wrote about the anguish of losing her mother, Chongmi, to cancer and how she reconnected with her half-Korean identity through food. Refreshed from her time out of the spotlight, she's moving on to her next era with a new album, *For Melancholy Brunettes (& Sad Women)*. "My year abroad was extremely healing," she says, "and was a big step for me and protecting my mental health."

Zauner, who was born in Seoul to her Korean mom and American dad and moved to Eugene, Ore., as a child, formed the indie-pop outfit Japanese Breakfast in Philadelphia in 2013. The next year she returned to Oregon to care for her mother, who was diagnosed with stage 4 squamous-cell carcinoma and died when Zauner was just 25.

Untangling her grief and their complicated mother-daughter relationship became the through line of *Crying in H Mart*. "I'm grateful that I have a mother that I miss," says Zauner, whose *Jubilee* album that followed the book was focused on joy. "That was a wonderful person, despite her flaws, that loved me deeply, and I loved her back. I will carry that with me forever."

Zauner still has "bad days" as she copes with the loss—but she welcomes them now.



A Daughter's Heartbreak

"It makes me feel close to her when I miss her and when I cry for her," Zauner says of her late mother (above, in 1990), who inspired *Crying in H Mart* (inset).



I'm grateful that I have a mother that I miss'

—MICHELLE ZAUNER



Partners in Life—and Music
Zauner says she "can be violently honest" with Bradley (in 2022).



"To have a 'bad day' is having an intense memory and longing for my mother," she says, "and I can't really call that a 'bad day.' That's just loving and missing someone. My grief is very different now."

The singer-songwriter has had a strong support system by her side: her bandmate and husband, Peter Bradley, whom she married in 2014, two weeks before her mother died. "I honestly don't know how anyone can be in a band without their partner," she says. "I mean, you just would never see them." The pair "don't fight very often" and have "well-balanced" personalities, she says, and plainly put: "I have someone taking care of me."

Bradley was there to lend an ear (and an edit) when Zauner wrote *Crying in H Mart*. A massive sales hit, the memoir "changed my life completely," she says, offering a "safety net." With that financial stability, Zauner says she thought, "Well, I've done everything, I've achieved everything I wanted and more—now I just want to make what is exciting to me." That meant *For Melancholy Brunettes*, Japanese Breakfast's dark, literature-inspired album—featuring Jeff Bridges on one track—that she calls her "artist's record." And despite her last project's Grammy nods, "I didn't really feel pressure," Zauner says. "I just wanted to make something beautiful that I like."

She's also working on another book, which will detail her year living in Korea and learning the language. But the singer-songwriter is more focused on keeping a healthy balance these days. "After my mom passed away, I really put so much importance into my work. I became very obsessed with it in borderline unhealthy ways," she explains. "The last couple of years I've had to reevaluate that and take certain measures to protect myself a bit more from suffering." So Zauner—who spends her downtime reading and cooking—is living in the moment: "I try not to think too far ahead beyond that." ●

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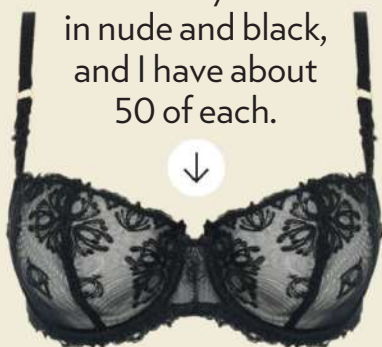
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I need sleep. I usually am in bed by 10 o'clock, and I get up at 7. Even if I set my alarm, I will wake up before it. I'm habitually early. My parents never picked me up from school [on time], so I blame them.

I sleep in my bra. You get used to it—and your boobs remain perky forever.

I wear my Chantelle lace bras. They come in nude and black, and I have about 50 of each.



First I say hi to my dog Doug. He comes in bed, and I roll him around for as long as he'll permit me. Then I let him out.

I like to meditate before looking at my phone.

It's a good way to say, "I want to be a kind person today. I don't want to lose my patience. I want to spread good vibes."

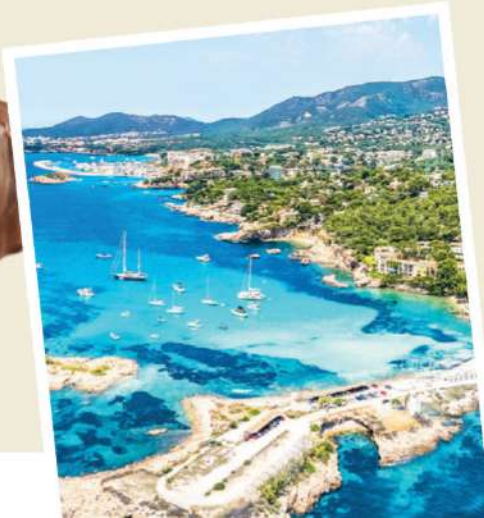
I eat something first thing.

I have a protein bar. Think Thins are my favorite. Then I'll have a real meal around 11.



I stretch every morning.

Usually I work out with my trainer Ben Bruno. I weight-train mostly. If I'm on vacation in Mallorca, my house is on the water, so I'll walk across the street in my bra and underwear into



the Mediterranean and wake myself up that way.

I've never been a coffee person. I drink an energy drink called BrainJuice. Coffee makes me sweat.

I try not to watch news these days. I read my news. I read *Politico Playbook*. I read *The New York Times*. I listen to *The Daily* every day. I'll read Fox News to see what they're saying. But I don't make it an all-day thing.

I like to get reading in every day. I just finished *Small Things Like These*. It's important for me to put my phone down and fill myself up in other ways. The only time I don't read books is when I'm writing books. [Her latest, *I'll Have What She's Having*, is a bestseller.]



I don't like night showers. I could be out all night, come home a mess and still get into bed. I can take a morning shower in under three minutes. Showers to me are a necessity, not an enjoyable excursion.



I'm low-maintenance. It doesn't take me long to get ready. I've been using Gold Bond Healing Hydration Lotion when I wake up. [She teamed up with the brand in March to attempt a Guinness World Record for the most participants in a swimsuit ski run.] That's pretty much all I do, moisturize.

I'm a morning person for sure. I'm good about returning texts and emails. I like to get everything done by 11. And then I get the party started.



I like to keep my beauty routine natural!

Chelsea Handler 'I WANT TO SPREAD GOOD VIBES'

THE COMEDIAN SHARES HOW SHE STARTS HER DAY

Her Chow Chow rescue dog Doug is 'my baby'

People my good morning!



The Ratliffs
 Timothy (Jason Isaacs), Victoria (Parker Posey), Saxon (Patrick Schwarzenegger), Piper (Sarah Catherine Hook) and Lochlan (Sam Nivola) board a yacht in Phuket.

ON LOCATION VACATION

The White Lotus Heats Up in Thailand

INTRIGUE UNFOLDS AT BUCKET-LIST-WORTHY BEACHES, HOTELS AND SIGHTS **By MACKENZIE SCHMIDT**

The White Lotus was never meant to be set on the stunning island of Koh Samui. In fact, the location was on creator Mike White's "do-not-shoot list," says executive producer David Bernad. "Mike competed twice on *The Amazing Race*. And twice he was eliminated in Koh Samui," he explains. But when the showrunners were recommended a Four Seasons resort there as an ideal setting for season 3 of the award-winning drama (airing now on HBO), they reluctantly sent a scout. "The hotel was just so perfect. It called our name," admits Bernad. They ended up filming at four properties across the peninsula, weaving them together to become the White Lotus. Now viewers are being seduced by Thailand too, with flight searches spiking as the finale approaches on April 6. Intrepid travelers can visit the real towns, temples and even five-star resorts on the show for a dream vacation with far less drama.



Natasha Rothwell
 as Belinda.

Four Seasons Resort Koh Samui

While filming, the cast "lived together in the hotels," says Bernad. The all-villa resort, made of rattan and teak, clings to the side of a cliff overlooking the Gulf of Thailand.



Travel Tip
 For the ideal beach vacation, visit Koh Samui during the dry season in January and February.



Phang Nga Bay

To get to and from Gary/Greg's (Jon Gries) yacht—in reality, the 118-ft. *Spacecat*—the cast had to make a treacherous 45-minute speedboat journey around the towering limestone karst rock formations. “At night the drivers were navigating with no lights, going off instinct,” says Bernad. “All of us were trying to put a brave face on.”

Travel Tip
Boat tours leave from Phuket to sail around the national park's mangrove forests, lagoons, caves and coral reefs.



Anantara Mai Khao Phuket Villas

In real life, guests of the White Lotus would have to take a short flight to reach the spa from their rooms. It was shot about 200 miles away at this luxury resort on the tourist-favorite island of Phuket.

Bophut Fisherman's Village

The water street fight Laurie (Carrie Coon), Kate (Leslie Bibb) and Jaclyn (Michelle Monaghan) get caught in was inspired by a real celebration that happens during Songkran, the Thai New Year.

Wat Phukhao Thong

This Buddhist temple in Koh Samui, where Piper wants to live, is an active monastery—and the real monks who live there appear on the show. “There are very specific rules” for when you can film, says Bernad, “because the monks go to sleep very early.”



Travel Tip
On April 13, visitors can join the water fights, “the most fun” cleansing ritual, says Bernad.



The Cast's Favorite Hangouts

CoCo Tam's

Lalisa Manobal (Mook) and Bernad became such regulars at this beach bar that the staff kept a corner table for them.

2 Fishes

This Mediterranean-inspired restaurant in Bophut was the whole cast and crew's “go-to,” says Bernad.

Koh Phangan

The island north of Koh Samui is home to Haad Rin beach, where they filmed a full moon party and returned for day trips.

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Pucker Up!

HERE'S WHAT'S HOT IN LIPS RIGHT NOW



HOLLYWOOD'S FAVORITE LINER

Merit's gel-based pencil launched in February and became a makeup artist must-have. We've spotted it on Ayo Edebiri, Cameron Diaz and Tracee Ellis Ross, whose pro Molly Greenwald paired the shade Beverly Hills with the brand's peach lipstick Antibes to create the "perfect warm neutral" hue.

Merit Signature Lip Liner, \$24; meritbeauty.com

Tracee's wearing this lip liner!



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Lipstick Inspired by Jaclyn Smith

Over the years that Patrick Foley has created makeup looks for Jaclyn Smith, the two have become best friends. So when the resident makeup artist at Neiman Marcus Beverly Hills got the chance to create a second lipstick shade with Sisley Paris, he made a mauve hue for Smith—and everyone else—and named it Bel Air, after her neighborhood. Smith approves: "You can tell it has depth of color, and it also has a shine, which you don't get in all lipsticks."



Pro Patrick Foley says Smith's makeup on *Charlie's Angels* influenced this launch. "I'd say, 'No, it should look like this on this episode,' and she'd laugh."



Sisley Paris Phyto-Rouge Shine Sheer Bel Air, \$67; neimanmarcus.com

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People's executive director, special integrated projects Andrea Lavinthal gets a little help from her daughter Vaughn (left) and her friend at Lip Lab.



By JACKIE FIELDS

(FOLEY) COURTESY JACLYN SMITH & PATRICK FOLEY; (LAVINTHAL) COURTESY ANDREA LAVINTHAL(?); (ROSS) TAYLOR HILL/FILMMAGIC; (SMITH) UNIQUE NICOLE/GETTY IMAGES



Recipe of the Week!

GAIL SIMMONS

Maple Skillet Eggs With Cheddar & Spicy Greens

'Eggs are my favorite ingredient in the world, so I gave them a Canadian spin. March and early April are maple season, when the sap really starts to pour,' says the Toronto native, who returns to judge on the new season of Bravo's *Top Chef*, set in Canada. 'It has a subtle sweetness that's balanced with the savory cheese, jalapeño and wilted greens'

- 2 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- 1 small (5-oz.) yellow onion, thinly sliced crosswise
- 1 small jalapeño chile, thinly sliced, seeded if desired
- ¼ tsp., plus ⅛ tsp. kosher salt, divided
- 4 cups packed coarsely chopped, stemmed curly kale (from 1 bunch)
- 1 cup packed fresh baby spinach

- ⅓ cup water
 - 1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice (from 1 lemon)
 - 2 Tbsp. pure maple syrup, plus 1 Tbsp. more, if desired
 - 4 large eggs
 - 2 oz. sharp cheddar cheese, shredded (about ½ cup)
 - 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh chives
- Toasted sliced baguette or crusty bread

1. Melt butter in a 10-inch skillet over medium heat. Add onion, jalapeño and a big pinch of salt; cook, stirring often, until softened, about 5 minutes. Add kale and spinach; cook until slightly wilted, 1 to 2 minutes. Add water and a pinch of salt. Reduce heat to medium low; cover, and cook until tender, 8 to 10 minutes.
2. Remove lid from skillet; if there's excess liquid, gently simmer 1 to 2 minutes more

over medium low. Stir in lemon juice and ¼ teaspoon of the salt. Make 4 small wells between greens in skillet; drizzle 2 tablespoons of the maple syrup over top of wells and greens. Carefully crack 1 egg into each well; sprinkle yolks evenly with remaining ⅛ teaspoon salt. Cover, and cook over medium low until whites are mostly opaque, about 3 minutes. Remove lid, and sprinkle eggs and greens evenly with cheese. Cover, and continue cooking until egg whites are firm and yolks are set to desired doneness, 2 minutes more for runny or 3 minutes more for just set. Remove from heat; sprinkle with chives, and drizzle with remaining 1 tablespoon maple syrup (if using). Serve immediately with toasted baguette slices.

Serves: 2
Active time: 20 minutes
Total time: 20 minutes

quick tip!
 Pure maple syrup comes in four grades: golden, amber, dark and very dark. The darker the color, the more intense the maple flavor.

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Flashback to 1989!

“Maury is so loving, so caring, so funny,” Chung (with Povich at their country house) said. “And he thinks I’m funny too!”



CONNIE CHUNG AND MAURY POVICH ARE MEDIA POWER COUPLE GOALS

▶ *From People's April 10, 1989, issue:* Watch out, America: Connie Chung and Maury Povich are commanding the airwaves. Chung and Povich, 50, are the Married Media Couple of the Moment. Chung, 42, who last month left NBC News for CBS and a three-year contract for close to \$6 million, will slide into the Sunday network anchor slot. Ever since Chung and Povich started dating in 1978, they have willingly cut their private life to fit their professional goals. For seven years they carried on a commuter courtship when their work held them hostage in different cities. At one point she was in L.A., he in Philadelphia. Though they were married in 1984, they did not move in with each other until 1986. The subject of children has yet to be finally resolved. Says Chung: “If I were a man, I would say yes, but I don’t know how women do it all. I have a hard enough time getting my work done and keeping the house in order. All I’m really good at is working.” Povich begs to differ. “Oh, honey,” he says. “That’s not true. You’re a good lover.”

IN THE NEWS: 1989

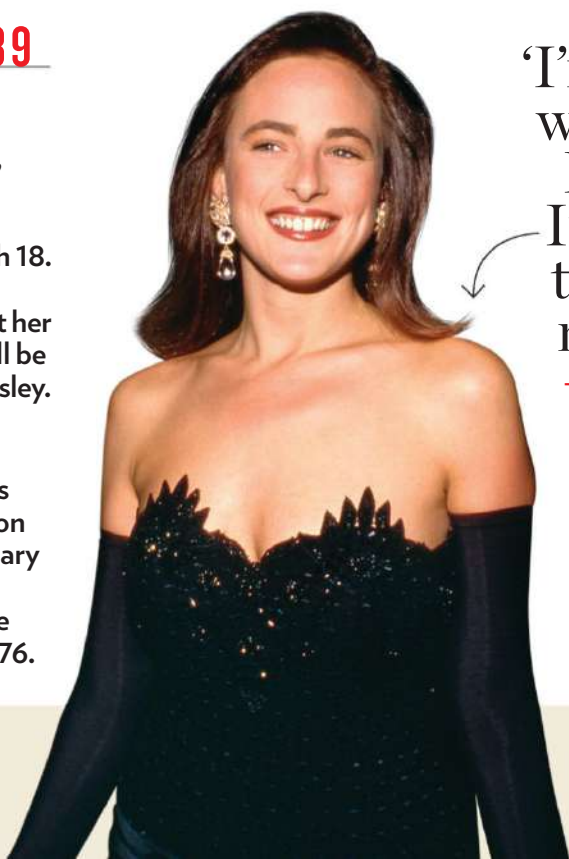
Babies

Phil Collins, 38, and his wife, **Jill Tavelman, 33,** welcomed their first child together, daughter **Lily Jane,** on March 18.

Tanya Tucker, 30, shared that her baby, due in early August, will be a girl, whom she will name **Presley.**

Crime

Randall Dale Adams, 40, was released from a Texas prison on March 21 after the documentary *The Thin Blue Line* helped exonerate him of killing police officer **Robert W. Wood** in 1976.



“I’m happy with who I am.... I’m used to being myself”

— MARLEE MATLIN,
on life as a deaf actress

STAR TRACKS



Royal Rewear

Princess Diana slipped back into an altered Catherine Walker gown at the Savoy’s Centenary Ball in London on March 9 after wearing it while touring the Middle East in 1986 (right).



Bobby’s World

Chart-topper **Bobby Brown, 20,** talked about life and love: “Women are God’s gift to the world,” he told *People*. “They’re not equal to men—they’re more.”



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ACROSS

- 1 Mother, in Australia
- 4 Choir voice above tenor
- 8 ___ river water ride
- 12 *One Day* ___ *Time* (2 wds.)
- 13 *National Treasure: ___ of Secrets*
- 14 Woodwind instrument
- 15 Pixar's Remy, for one
- 16 *Curb* ___ *Enthusiasm*
- 17 Golf ball props
- 18 *Guardians of the Galaxy* star (2 wds.)
- 21 Cards shown to bouncers (abbr.)
- 22 "___ California"
- 26 Country music's Maddie & ___
- 27 Opera solo
- 30 World Cup cheer

- 31 2015 dinosaur movie starring 18 Across (2 wds.)
- 34 *Grey's Anatomy* network
- 35 "Good heavens!" (2 wds.)
- 36 New York City subway operator (abbr.)
- 37 *The View* cohost Joy ___
- 39 2016 Olympics city
- 40 *Parks and* ___ (sitcom with 18 Across)
- 46 "Sadly..."
- 49 Star-___ (18 Across's Marvel role)
- 50 *Law & Order: ___*
- 51 18 Across voiced Emmet Brickowski in *The ___ Movie*
- 52 Largest continent
- 53 Fish that can swim backward
- 54 *Mufasa: The ___ King*

- 55 Stare intently
- 56 Show in its 50th season, familiarly

DOWN

- 1 Grammy winner ___ Anthony
- 2 Home of NBA's Jazz
- 3 Female head of a family
- 4 Bottomless pit
- 5 Tied shoelace shape
- 6 The Eras ___
- 7 Gumbo veggie
- 8 Game with a jackpot
- 9 Actor Vigoda of *The Godfather*
- 10 ___ Saldaña (18 Across's MCU scene partner)
- 11 "Absolutely!"
- 19 *The ___ of You* (2024 film)
- 20 Defrost
- 23 Members of the turtle family
- 24 ___ *Enchanted*
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- 27 Fire-pit residue
- 28 Edge of a basketball hoop
- 29 Slick and cold
- 31 Boxer's punch
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- 38 Felonious fire
- 39 Speed-tracking device
- 41 Applaud
- 42 Actress Byrne of *Bridesmaids*
- 43 Cleveland's lake
- 44 *The Bear* appliance
- 45 ___ and void
- 46 ___ *My Children*
- 47 Luau neckwear
- 48 "A long time ___ in a galaxy..."



ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLER

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Second Look

SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THE DIFFERENCES IN THESE TWO PICTURES



It was a family affair for **Gal Gadot** when she received her star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on March 18 with husband **Jaron Varsano** and their four daughters (from left), **Alma, Ori, Maya** and **Daniella**, at her side. The *Snow White* star revealed in her speech that it was Maya's eighth birthday, telling her kids, "You inspire me every day to strive to be a better person, to be strong and kind and brave, just the way you are."

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1. The tree trunk on the left is now wider. 2. The traffic light has turned yellow. 3. The curved edge of the light handle on the lamppost has been duplicated. 4. The person in the background has vanished. 5. The red carpet at the bottom left now extends farther. 6. The star on the sign behind Jaron Varsano has vanished. 7. The camera symbol on Gal Gadot's Hollywood star has been duplicated. 8. Daniella Varsano's pink purse has turned purple. 9. The purse's pearl handle has disappeared. 10. The white brick wall on the right now extends farther.

one last thing

Mark Duplass

THE MORNING SHOW ACTOR, 48, COSTARS ON HULU'S GOOD AMERICAN FAMILY

Last time my dogs made me laugh

As soon as I wake up, they hear the bedroom door and sprint to me for a treat. Blue, my German shepherd, is calm. Murphy is a pit-Staffy mix and jumps all over me. I love it.

Last time I danced

On Valentine's Day my wife [Katie Aselton] and I put on Magnetic Fields' "The Book of Love," which we danced to at our wedding. We had a nice little "pajamas, middle-aged dance" in the kitchen.

Last irrational fear

Flying. The thing that has helped me most is convincing myself, "I'm just in a chair in my living room. That's all I'm doing."

Last time I missed someone

My brother and I will go on a four-day backpacking trip. For two days I'm like, "I could live like this forever!" By night three I'm in the tent alone thinking about Katie and the kids, and I start aching.

Last home-improvement project

I'm not handy. I've gotten up on the ladder to clean the gutters and was fired from that. My dad always told me, "Don't be good at doing the dishes."

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[†] Café Mocha flavor has 100mg of caffeine, as much as an 8-oz cup of coffee.

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