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CHEERS,
MATE!

They Toast With a Pint!

Timothée Chalamet traded the club for the pub as he raised a glass of Guinness. No word on whether the Oscar nominee took on the traditional challenge known as “splitting the G,” which involves sipping the stout until the foam line lands halfway through the letter G on the pint — but we’d be surprised if he didn’t give it a go!

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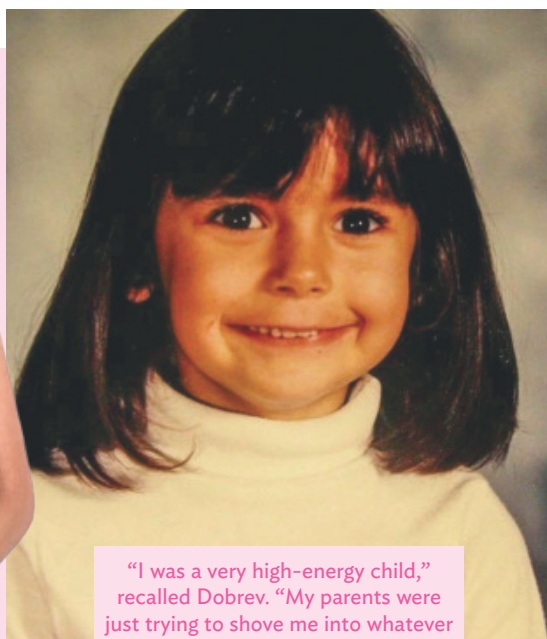
Their Kids Are an Excuse to Act Like a Kid!

Sundae Funday: **Nicky Hilton-Rothschild** played in the sprinkle pool with her daughters, Lily-Grace, 9, and Theodora, 8, while hosting a charity benefit for God's Love We Deliver at the Museum of Ice Cream in NYC. Now that's what we call living the sweet life!

Stars **Were**
Just Like Us

Nina Forced a Smile for Her School Photo!

Say cheese! "Don't worry if you have to fake it; I did in kindergarten and my mom still framed it," said **Nina Dobrev**, sharing a throwback snap. Playing along for the camera wasn't the only indication of the *Vampire Diaries* alum's future career. Reflecting on her childhood, Dobrev said, "Whenever we would go anywhere, I would make up little characters and lie to people and say I was someone else — have an accent, a whole backstory." In other words, she was always an actress.



"I was a very high-energy child," recalled Dobrev. "My parents were just trying to shove me into whatever they could to give themselves a break." The answer? Gymnastics!



They Have Wild Hair Days!

A hair-raising occasion: “Gym head or bed head?” asked **Hugh Jackman**, sharing a selfie of his tousled tufts during a morning gym session. Either way, the look still works — and works out!

They Mark Family Milestones!

Fly girls: **Rosario Dawson**’s granddaughter took in the view from their airplane seat. “Taking off with GlamMa; baby’s first flight of many,” shared the *Ahsoka* actress. That’s certainly a cool way to see the world!



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IN THE
MEOW-MENT!



They Simply Must Pet the Cat!

Victoria Justice made a new feline friend while vacationing in Thailand, proving once again that if you’re an animal lover, there’s no tourist attraction more irresistible than an adorable furry face.



They Are Totally
NOT Like Us!

They Treat Themselves to \$500,000 Watches!

Time to splurge: As rumors swirled about **Cardi B's** relationship status with boyfriend **Stefon Diggs** (see page 32 for more), the rapper spoiled herself by buying an Audemars Piguet Gold Double Balance Wheel Openworked watch. The ultraluxe timepiece was hand-delivered by **Benny the Jeweler**, who flew from New York to San Francisco for the handoff. "A little gift from me, to me," the "WAP" rapper quipped of the wrist candy, which comes with a jaw-dropping \$477,000 price tag. Sometimes retail therapy — and self-love — can get quite expensive!



They Pick Up Seashells!

Low-tide luxury: **Dua Lipa** selected a shoreside souvenir while combing the beach — proving that seashells really are nature's bling!

Their Dog Has a Favorite Toy!

Karen Gillan wanted to do a photo shoot with her dog, Turtle — and Turtle wanted to do a photo shoot with her chicken. Honestly, the picture is even more fun because of it. Who doesn't love a good prop?



RUFFING IT OUT!



They Nap With Their Pup!

Let sleeping dogs lie — and lie down with them. “Badger is the laziest dog in the world,” claimed **Nick Carter**, sharing a photo of himself catching a few winks with his Pocket Bully. It looks like Badger has been well-trained by his owner in this regard.

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JENNIFER LAWRENCE

In a custom tulle gown with a satin shawl and matching clutch, Jan. 11.



SIENNA MILLER

In the Cutaway Diamond Net Maxi Dress from the Spring 2026 collection, Dec. 1.



DOECHII

In a custom beaded look with an embroidered skirt and shawl, Feb. 1.



ANGELINA JOLIE

In a sparkling, embellished design with a sheer bodice, Feb. 9.

Givenchy

Stars take center stage in stunning pieces from the luxury French fashion house



CATE BLANCHETT

In a custom off-the-shoulder tailored dress from the Spring 2026 collection, Dec. 1.



CYNTHIA ERIVO

In a multihued Spring 2026 coat-inspired ensemble, Nov. 16.



JENNA ORTEGA

In a Spring 2026 sheer look with black-and-red sandals, Oct. 3.



KAIA GERBER

In a custom white lace stunner with a sliced cape back, Oct. 18.

Who Wore It



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WHAT
THE STARS
SAID THIS
WEEK

"To be clear, there is a rough plan that eventually I will put my boobs back where they belong because four kids."

On getting plastic surgery in the future

KYLIE KELCE



"Riding around in my G-Wagon... buying a bunch of Cartier bracelets. 2016 was such a special time."

Recalling what she was doing 10 years ago

KYLIE JENNER



"I've been boy crazy literally since 1980."

On looking back at her childhood diaries

KATE HUDSON



"I tried. It doesn't turn me on. That's not my stuff."

On watching Heated Rivalry

MARTHA STEWART



"I Google myself every day. I know what comes up. Come on. And if you say you don't, you're a liar."

On being aware that bikini pics are the first things that pop up in a web search

KALEY CUOCO



WHO said this?

"One Direction: This Is Us. Watched it in 3D. 10/10. No notes."

On a film that got him through an important moment in his life

- A) Paul Mescal B) Glen Powell
C) Tyriq Withers



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Donnie Wahlberg talks to *Us* about preserving *Blue Bloods*' legacy in his latest CBS procedural, *Boston Blue* — and whether wife **Jenny McCarthy** or brother **Mark** might guest-star.



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STAND
BACK!

Kicking Into High Gear

Haley Lu Richardson and her *Good Luck, Have Fun, Don't Die* costar **Michael Peña** brought the energy to the Berlin International Film Festival red carpet.

BERLIN, FEB. 13



Blood Is Thicker Than Water

They haven't aged a day! (Literally.) Thirteen years after the last *Twilight* movie, **Kellan Lutz** shared this selfie with the Cullen clan — **Peter Facinelli**, **Jackson Rathbone** and **Ashley Greene**, captioning the photo in true vampire form: "Vamily Vun."

FEB. 16



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Spitting Image

Hilaria Baldwin's 12-year-old daughter, Carmen, looked like Mom's mini-me at the GuruTines luncheon celebrating New York Fashion Week at Maison Close.

NYC, FEB. 16



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Keeping It Light

Who said red carpets have to be boring? **Kirsten Dunst** playfully gave husband **Jesse Plemons** bunny ears as he posed at the Film Independent Spirit Awards.

L.A., FEB. 15

By Molly McGuigan

Serving Front-Row Faces

Julia Fox and **Natasha Lyonne** couldn't help but crack smiles during Christian Siriano's New York Fashion Week show.

NYC, FEB. 12





Lovely in Lace

Hailey Bieber turned heads in a sheer, floor-length black lace gown, leaning into gothic glamour for the Australian premiere of *Wuthering Heights*.

SYDNEY, FEB. 12



All Grown Up!

Jennifer Hudson's 16-year-old son, **David Daniel Otunga Jr.**, made the perfect plus-one to accompany his mom to the American Black Film Festival Honors.

L.A., FEB. 16



It's All Happening!

Kate Hudson posed with the iconic jacket worn by her character in 2000's *Almost Famous* — the style that originated the term “Penny Lane coat” — during the Costume Designers Guild Awards.

L.A., FEB. 12





Keeping Connected

The *Summer I Turned Pretty*'s **Lola Tung** and **Sean Kaufman** may not be playing siblings anymore, but the duo proved they're still tight at Hennessy and Gold House's inaugural Lunar New Year Gold Celebration.

NYC, FEB. 13



Bumping Around

Hot mama! **Ellie Goulding** showed off her pregnant belly while performing during the BAFTA Invest in Talent Gala.

LONDON, FEB. 12



DO YOU
LIKE SCARY
MOVIES?



Still That Final Girl

Some legends never die. **Neve Campbell** looked anything but frightened at the *Scream 7* House Party, a re-creation of the original 1996 set celebrating the franchise's latest chapter, in which she returns as Sidney Prescott.

LONDON, FEB. 12

On the Bright Side

Dressed to impress: “Those good times were rolling,” Bachelor Nation’s **Kelsey Anderson** captioned this Mardi Gras snap, showing off her coordinating look with friend **Haley Palmer**.

NEW ORLEANS, FEB. 16

Out of Office, Celebrity Style

No corners of the world are off-limits when it comes to celebrity sightseeing!

Getting in Her Vitamin Sea

“So lucky to have this time to breathe it all in and spend time together!” **Ariana**

Madix — rocking an Ola Azul bikini — wrote of her “nervous system reset” at Villa Paradiso Del Mar with boyfriend **Daniel Wai**.

TURKS & CAICOS, FEB. 6

Ciao, Bella!

“I love it here,” declared *Dancing With the Stars*’ **Rylee Arnold**, posing outside the Milan Cathedral.

MILAN, FEB. 16





Spot the Difference!

Josh Lucas proved that the replica of St. Peter's Basilica painted on his suitcase looked just like the real thing while visiting the famous Vatican City church.

ROME, FEB. 15



Getting Her Shop On

Elizabeth Banks may have needed to check an extra bag or two after perusing the local stores during her trip to the United Arab Emirates.

DUBAI, FEB. 3



G'day Mate!

"We had a time: bops, shops, desserts... and love," **Rita Ora** captioned a series of beach selfies from her time Down Under. "You all know how much I love Australia."

SYDNEY, FEB. 16

A Star Is Worn

Who needs designer logos when you've got celebrity faces?



Style Serenade

Just duet: **Hugh Jackman** and **Kate Hudson** held up promo pieces adorned with images from their music-driven drama, *Song Sung Blue*.

NYC, DEC. 19, 2025



Portrait of a Girl on Fire

Swizz Beatz celebrated wife **Alicia Keys**' 45th birthday in style, wearing a T-shirt tribute featuring graffiti-inspired graphics.

JAN. 29



Hearts on Their Tees

Choosing sides: **Dua Lipa** pledged her allegiance to her fiancé **Callum Turner**'s character, **Luke**, while **Keleigh Teller** naturally supported her husband **Miles Teller**'s character, **Larry**, in the rom-com *Eternity*, which sees them in a love triangle over **Elizabeth Olsen**'s **Joan**.



By Matt Sullivan



KAT Got Your Tongue?

New York Knicks fans **Timothée Chalamet** and **Ben Stiller** showed their support for power forward Karl-Anthony Towns while sitting courtside at Madison Square Garden.

NYC, DEC. 31, 2025



Got It From Their Mama

Mariah Carey's 14-year-old twins, Monroe and Moroccan, got into the holiday spirit by sporting seasonal sweaters featuring the "All I Want for Christmas Is You" diva.

DEC. 26, 2025

Personal Wardrobe

Tinashe took some time for self-reflection — and self-promotion — during her stay at an Airbnb.

DEC. 29, 2025



Going Through Hoops

Dwyane Wade rocked a *Love & Basketball* shirt featuring the faces of stars Omar Epps and Sanaa Lathan. (Wade's wife, Gabrielle Union, costars as Lathan's romantic rival for Epps' affection in the 2000 film.)

DEC. 23, 2025



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Ruffing It

Shawn Mendes barked out “Hound Dog” at NBC’s *Elvis All-Star Tribute* in 2019. “You look back at people like Elvis and still get their music because it’s timeless,” shared the “Stitches” singer.

Making an Entrance

“I am obsessed with Elvis — my mama raised me on him,” revealed **Jason Momoa**, getting into character for the 2019 Halloween episode of *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*.



Elvis Lives!

As director **Baz Luhrmann**’s *EPiC: Elvis Presley in Concert* hits theaters, stars can’t stop impersonating the King

Costume Partiers

Elvis aficionado **Mario Lopez** quipped that he and his son Nico were “a couple of suspicious minds, all shook up” when he shared this throwback from Halloween 2015.



Role of a Lifetime

Elvis has *not* left the building: “I’m sure there are pieces of him in my DNA,” **Austin Butler** admitted, reflecting on the lingering impact of his Oscar-nominated turn in 2022’s *Elvis*.

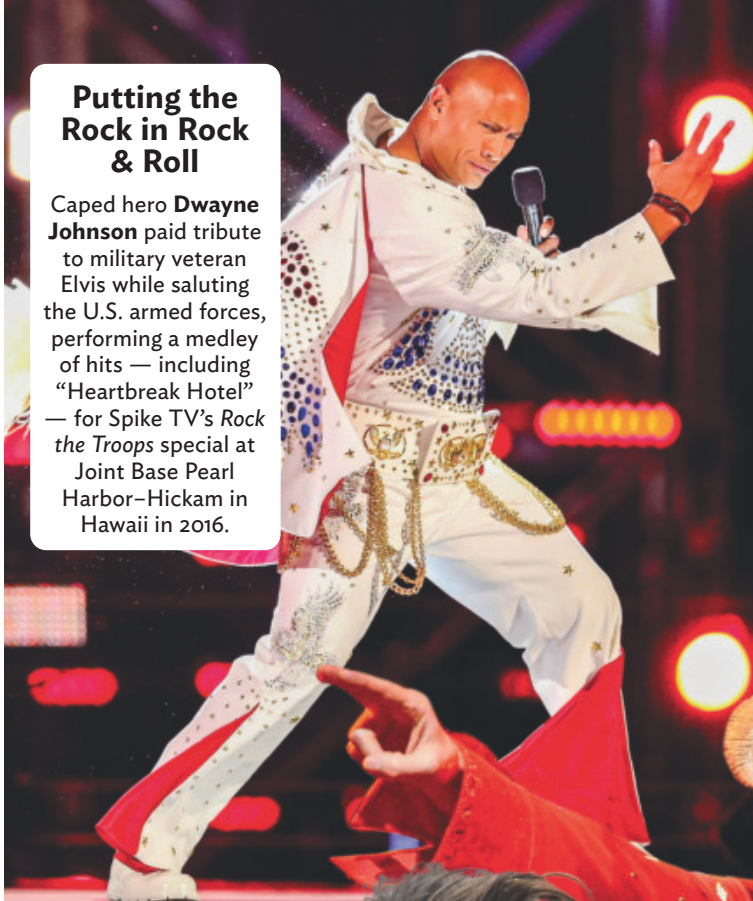


Beyond the Legend

When **Jacob Elordi** prepared to play Elvis opposite **Cailee Spaeny** in 2023’s *Priscilla*, he said he ignored “the mythology” to figure out “where the real man lies.”

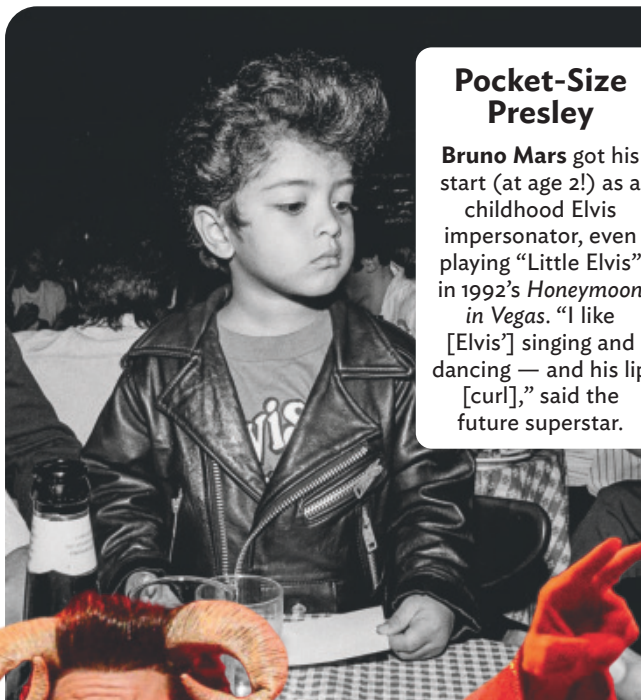
Putting the Rock in Rock & Roll

Caped hero **Dwayne Johnson** paid tribute to military veteran Elvis while saluting the U.S. armed forces, performing a medley of hits — including “Heartbreak Hotel” — for Spike TV’s *Rock the Troops* special at Joint Base Pearl Harbor–Hickam in Hawaii in 2016.



Pocket-Size Presley

Bruno Mars got his start (at age 2!) as a childhood Elvis impersonator, even playing “Little Elvis” in 1992’s *Honeymoon in Vegas*. “I like [Elvis’] singing and dancing — and his lip [curl],” said the future superstar.



One Icon Becomes Another

Cher wigged out while performing “Walking in Memphis” — Mark Cohn’s song that references the “ghost of Elvis” — at the Love Rocks NYC benefit concert in March 2025.

Raising Hell

“Man cannot live on fried peanut butter and banana sandwiches alone,” declared a devilish **Jim Carrey** before singing the parody song “Pecan Pie” as “Helvis” while hosting *Saturday Night Live* in 2014.

Hair Apparent

Harry Styles channeled the King on the *Today* show in 2017 and later auditioned for 2022’s *Elvis*. Although Baz Luhrmann said Styles was “desperate to put on the suit,” the director ultimately passed, deciding the heartthrob was “already an icon” on his own.





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A Medal — and a Ring

What a week! Days after Team USA skier **Breezy Johnson** won gold in women's downhill, she accepted a proposal from fiancé Connor Watkins — and congratulations from Taylor Swift! Watkins' wooden engagement ring box was engraved with lyrics from Swift's song, "The Alchemy."

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, ITALY, FEB. 8



Going for the Gold!

Athletes gave their all at the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics



Quite the Flex

After a nail-biting finish to secure the win in the snowboarding men's giant parallel slalom, Team Austria's **Benjamin Karl** stripped off his shirt and pumped his arms in tribute to his idol, Austrian Alpine skiing legend Hermann Maier. "I waited my whole career for the right moment to do it," explained Karl.

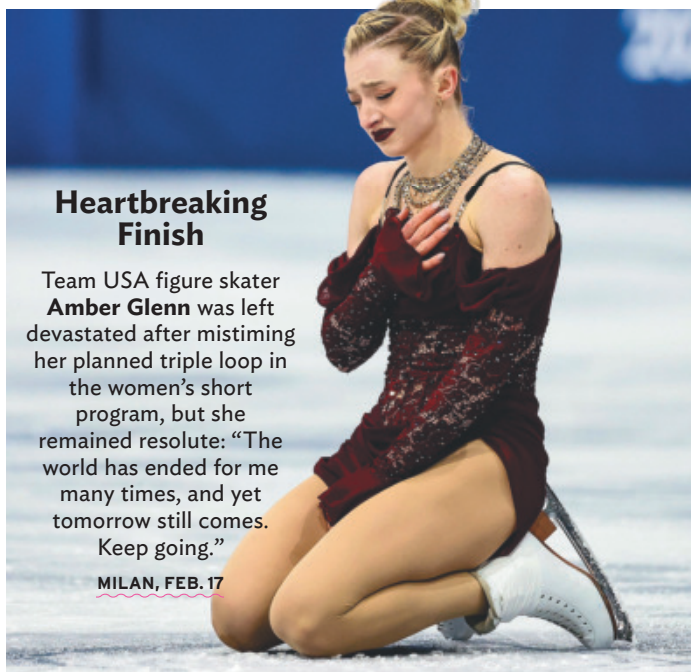
LIVIGNO, ITALY, FEB. 8



Cool as Ice

Honorary Team USA coach **Snoop Dogg** tried his hand at curling, throwing a stone following a match between Team USA and Team Canada.

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, ITALY, FEB. 6



Heartbreaking Finish

Team USA figure skater **Amber Glenn** was left devastated after mistiming her planned triple loop in the women's short program, but she remained resolute: "The world has ended for me many times, and yet tomorrow still comes. Keep going."

MILAN, FEB. 17



Victory Leap

Team USA gold medalists **Madison Chock, Evan Bates, Ellie Kam, Danny O'Shea, Alysa Liu, Amber Glenn** and **Ilia Malinin** jumped for joy after winning the figure skating team event.

MILAN, FEB. 8



Living the Dream

Team USA's **Mikaela Shiffrin** made history after winning gold in the women's slalom, becoming the first U.S. Alpine skier ever to win three Olympic gold medals. "This was a moment I had dreamed about," she gushed.

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, ITALY, FEB. 18

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DA BRAT & JUDY

'It's Never Too Late for Love'

The couple open up about finding The One — and keeping their connection strong

➤ Rapper **Da Brat** and beauty entrepreneur **Jessica “Judy” Harris-Dupart** first shared a look inside their romance with their reality series, *Brat Loves Judy*. But the couple is getting even more vulnerable in their new book, *The Way Love Goes: A Guide to Building a “Beautiful” and Everlasting Relationship*. “I had never felt the way she made me feel when she told me she was interested,” Da Brat, 51 — who first met Judy, 43, in 2020 before tying the knot in 2022 — tells *Us*. “I felt like she was the perfect person. She had to be the person that was supposed to bring [my sexuality] out of me, and she did. [It was] one of the best feelings I’ve ever had in my life.” While their book is full of “golden rules,” the couple, who share 2-year-old son True, emphasize “communication” as their No. 1. “You should know what the other person is feeling, and if anything doesn’t feel right, you need to communicate that,” the rapper explains. “Sometimes we can finish each other’s sentences, but we can’t read each other’s minds.” Ultimately, the pair decided to write about their romance to inspire others. “It’s never too late for love,” Judy adds. “You find it the second you stop looking for it.”



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The couple's reality series, *Brat Loves Judy*, aired for three seasons, from 2021 to 2023.

EMMA & ALAN

From Partners to Lovers

▶ *Dancing With the Stars* pros **Emma Slater** and **Alan Bersten** have been working together for over a decade, but the couple can pinpoint the exact moment things shifted from professional to romantic. “Last year, on the last show on tour, I was like, ‘I’m gonna kiss her. I’m gonna do it on

stage.’ I asked her beforehand, because I was pretty scared,” Bersten, 31, told *Us* of making the first move during a Valentine’s Day event at Raising Cane’s Times Square. Slater, 37, finished his story: “I said, ‘Really?’ And he says, ‘Yeah, I’m just gonna kiss you.’ I said ‘OK!’ And then I didn’t think he was gonna do it, and he did it, and then we messed up the dance afterwards.” The rest is history. “I love just how caring she is about everyone,” Bersten says of his girlfriend. “She definitely makes me a much

better person. I feel like Emma’s whole ethos is just be kind... and the fact that we get to do what we love together is just the sauce on top of the chicken.” Slater adds, “I love the fact that we laugh together. I think that laughter is medicine, and it’s a key to making a relationship work.”



The couple worked a shift together at Raising Cane’s Times Square on Feb. 10 in honor of Valentine’s Day.

People We Googled Shirtless This Week



Jack Whitehall

He’s handsome, he’s British, he’s got something to hide... It’s no wonder we’re falling for the 37-year-old actor’s character in Peacock’s *The ‘Burbs*. His performance opposite **Keke Palmer** in the new dark comedy series is matched only by the effortless charm he’s brought to the press tour. Obviously we’re going to be into the hot guy with an accent, but he’s funny, too?!

ON & OFF!

Who’s Hooking Up & Who’s Breaking Up



Jared Osmond & Britani Bateman

“I’m walking away from something and someone I truly love. My heart is broken,” the *Real Housewives of Salt Lake City* “friend” wrote via Insta on Feb. 9, confirming she’d split from her on-again, off-again boyfriend.



Orlando Bloom & Luisa Laemmel

The *Pirates of the Caribbean* actor was spotted leaving the Super Bowl arm in arm with the 28-year-old Swiss model on Feb. 8, following his summer 2025 split from fiancée **Katy Perry**.



Mason McWhorter & Layla Taylor

The *Secret Lives of Mormon Wives* star confirmed in a tearful Feb. 7 TikTok video that she is “no longer” with her boyfriend of nearly a year, clarifying there is “no bad blood” between them.

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Inside Jen's Birthday Celebration With Jim

Jennifer Aniston's intimate special day reflected her private, peaceful romance with beau **Jim Curtis**

➤ **Jennifer Aniston's** birthday was a party of two this year. When the *Friends* alum turned 57 on Feb. 11, she enjoyed "a low-key dinner and night in" with her boyfriend, **Jim Curtis**, a source tells *Us*. "She told Jim she only wanted quality time with him to celebrate, nothing crazy. As someone who has everything, she especially cherishes Jim's handwritten cards and his thoughtful and sentimental gifts." The hypnotist, 50, also showered Aniston with love publicly, sharing a photo of the couple laughing together on a boat and another snap of them kissing. "HBD MY [heart emoji]," he captioned the Instagram post. *Us* broke the news of the actress' relationship with Curtis last July — her first since divorcing **Justin Theroux** in 2018. Since then, they've become "inseparable," according to the source: "She has been really happy. This is the most comfortable she has felt in a long time. He has given her a sense of stability and peace." The pair have been less secretive about their romance as of late (Curtis recently shared on *Today* that they met through "mutual friends" and "chatted for a long time" before getting together), but they still prefer life out of the spotlight. "They have been spending more time in Montecito recently, being low-key," the source says, adding that "the little things go far with Jen."



Curtis' sweet Instagram post got the ultimate stamp of approval: a like from Aniston.

Curtis also documented the couple's chill Valentine's Day date.

Khloé's Secret Drama With Business Partner Explained

➤ For months, rumors have been swirling that **Khloé Kardashian** and her Good American cofounder, **Emma Grede**, had a falling-out — and now, a source tells *Us*, where there's smoke, there's fire. “Khloé and Emma had a working relationship that fizzled,” the source confirms. “They aren't close because they don't work closely anymore. It's been like this for the last year.” Fans noticed that Kardashian, 41, hasn't posted about the size-inclusive denim company on her Instagram feed in about two years, though she still has its website linked in her bio. She also apparently unfollowed Grede, who still keeps up with the reality star on the app. (In addition to her work as cofounder and CEO of Good American, Grede, 43, is a founding partner of **Kim Kardashian's** billion-dollar Skims brand and



Grede told *Forbes* in 2019 that she and Kardashian were “very hands-on” with Good American.

a cofounder of momager **Kris Jenner's** Safely cleaning product line.) The source clarifies that Kardashian is still a Good American investor and ambassador, but she's “not involved in strategy or operations.” Instead, she has “focused her time and attention on new projects,” according to the source. Her podcast *Khloé in Wonder Land* premiered in January 2025 and has featured guests including **Scott Disick** and **Dolly Parton**. Her protein-popcorn brand, Khloud, hit Target shelves in April and features flavors like white cheddar and cinnamon roll. The source says Kardashian “hopes to release more new products soon.”

Brandi Finally Reveals Cause of Facial Parasite

Brandi Glanville is getting some answers. Nearly three years after revealing her mysterious facial disfigurement, believed to have been caused by a parasite, the *Real Housewives of Beverly Hills* alum, 53, underwent a sonogram that found her breast implants may have been to blame. “I had a complete rupture on the right and a leak on the left, and silicone was in all of my lymph nodes,” she told *Inside Edition* on Feb. 18. Glanville — who previously blamed stress and food she ate while filming *The Real Housewives Ultimate Girls Trip* in Morocco in 2023 — has since had her 18-year-old implants removed and replaced in what she called a “life-saving” surgery. “It's been hell,” she said, “and now I want to live my life again. I'm ready.”



Glanville previously shared this shocking photo. She was already looking healthier in January (inset).



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➤ *Hannah Montana* is back! **Miley Cyrus** (above) will celebrate the 20th anniversary of her iconic show in a Disney+ special on March 24.

➤ *Heated Rivalry* breakout **Connor Storrie**

(right) is reportedly in talks to star in the A24 comedy *Peaked*. The cast also includes **Laura Dern** and *The Bear's* **Molly Gordon**.



● **Maya Hawke** (right) married singer **Christian Lee Hutson** in NYC on Valentine's Day.

Her parents, **Ethan Hawke** and **Uma Thurman**, and *Stranger Things* costars, including **Finn Wolfhard** and **Gaten Matarazzo**, were among the guests.



● **James Van Der Beek's** wife, **Kimberly**, revealed the couple renewed their vows in bed just days before the *Dawson's Creek* star's Feb. 11 death at 48.

● **Bad Bunny** is ready for his close-up! On Feb. 18, the singer landed his first leading film role in the epic historical drama *Porto Rico*.

● Former Disney Channel star **Christy Carlson Romano** shared in an emotional Feb. 17 Instagram video that she tested positive during a recent cancer screening and plans to undergo a PET scan to determine next steps.



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● **Robert Irwin** (above) is in talks to host a new *Dancing With the Stars* spinoff titled *The Next Pro*, in which professional dancers audition for the show's 35th season.

● **Hilary Duff** (right) is going on tour! Following the release of her first album in a decade, *Luck... or Something*, the singer will kick off her *Lucky Me* shows in June.



● So *You Think You Can Dance* alum **Allison Holker** (right) shared on Feb. 12 that she's engaged to **Adam Edmunds**, three years after her husband, **Stephen "tWitch" Boss**, died by suicide.



● *The Handmaid's Tale* alum **Elisabeth Moss** will return to Hulu for a new legal drama, *Conviction*, based on author **Jack Jordan's** 2023 book of the same name.

● *The View* cohost **Alyssa Farah Griffin** and her husband, **Justin**, welcomed their first child, baby boy Justin Jr., on Feb. 10.

● *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* alum **David Boreanaz** is set to take over the late **James Garner's** iconic role in NBC's upcoming reboot of *The Rockford Files*.



Stefon and Cardi Split Over Super Bowl Weekend



Cardi said she "ain't f**king with my baby daddy" during a Feb. 15 concert in L.A.

➤ **Stefon Diggs** lost more than just the Super Bowl. A source tells *Us* **Cardi B** broke up with the New England Patriots wide receiver, 32, just "a few days" before the rival Seattle Seahawks took home the Vince Lombardi Trophy. "They are always so up and down," the source shares. "This isn't the first time." Cardi, 33, went viral for celebrating wildly after the Patriots won the AFC Championship on Jan. 25, but ahead of the Feb. 8 championship game, she was unusually quiet. When an ESPN reporter asked the rapper to share an "inspiring message" for Diggs, the smile on her face dropped before she said, "Good luck," and walked away. Cardi isn't too heartbroken by the split, though. "She feels free," the source says. "Her friends have been trying

to show her that he is not right for her and that she deserves better." The now-exes first sparked dating rumors in late 2024, a few months after the Grammy winner filed for divorce from **Offset**, with whom she shares daughters Kulture, 7, and Blossom, 17 months, and son Wave, 4. By September 2025, Cardi announced she and Diggs were expecting their first child together. She gave birth to a baby boy on Nov. 4, two days before a paternity test determined the NFL player had a 7-month-old girl with model **Aileen Lopera**. With the drama now behind her (Diggs is also facing felony assault charges, to which he's pleaded not guilty), the source says Cardi is "focused on her music right now and realized she doesn't want to be worried about him while she's on tour."

HGTV Cancels Show Over Racial Slur

HGTV pulled *Rehab Addict* off the air on Feb. 11, hours after a video of the show's longtime host, **Nicole Curtis**, using the N-word on set surfaced online. In the 2022 clip, Curtis, 49, was working on a renovation project when she uttered the racial slur in frustration. "What the f**k is that I just said?" she then asked herself before telling someone off camera to "kill" the footage. The network tells *Us* that Curtis' "hurtful and disappointing" language "does not align" with its values, adding, "We remain dedicated to fostering a culture of respect and inclusion across our content and our workplace." The next day, Curtis apologized via Instagram, writing in part, "I am filled with remorse and regret." However, she claimed the video had been "stolen, then manipulated."



"This will never happen again," Curtis promised.

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The actress tells *Us* it's "hard to beat being Lisa f**king Rinna."



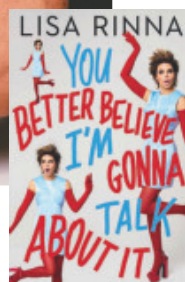
The *RHOBH* alum is still friends with **Dorit Kemsley** and **Erika Jayne**.

You write about your daughters not getting along at one point.

It happened in their teens. I was concerned about it in the moment, but they worked through it. Everybody came back together.

And now they're thriving in their own careers!

It is so magical to watch because it wasn't handed to anyone. Yes, they are nepo babies, but they worked hard. They are manifesting their dreams.



LISA RINNA

These Lips Are Made for Talking

► **Lisa Rinna** has a lot going on. Fresh off competing on *The Traitors*, the actress and fashion icon, 62, is releasing her first memoir — aptly titled *You Better Believe I'm Gonna Talk About It* (out Feb. 24) after one of her most famous lines from *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*. "I'm very busy right now," she tells *Us* in the understatement of the year. But that doesn't mean Rinna is slowing down anytime soon. "I'm looking for an embarrassment of riches," she says. Here, the multihyphenate, who shares daughters **Delilah Belle**, 27, and **Amelia Gray**, 24, with husband **Harry Hamlin**, opens up about her Rinnaissance.

You write in the book that your lips have a career of their own. Is there anything you wish you'd said more — or less — of?

It is very vulnerable to put yourself out there and say the things I said. People can judge [my book] however they want, but this was my take on all these situations.

Did dredging up the past worry Harry?

No, because he had already seen me go through the majority of it. And I think that this was cathartic. The evolution of life is really cool. Harry knows me. I'm a pretty strong gal.

What does he think of your transition from Housewife to fashion star?

He gets a kick out of it, like we all do. He's my greatest cheerleader. He always says to me, "You elevate every show you go on, and you make it a hit," which is lovely for your husband to say.

Rinna says her and Hamlin's daughters, **Amelia** and **Delilah**, are "good girls."

Where do you want to be next in the fashion world?

The cover of *Vogue*. Met Gala. I got a lot to do. If somebody came to me and was a billionaire and wanted to create a line like Skims, I would say yes.

You're open about lasers and Botox. Do you rule out any plastic surgeries?

I don't. There are so many things we can do that make you feel better, so I think it's a really exciting time for women.

Do you still feel fabulous at 62?

I do. At this point, I'm like, "You know what? Number doesn't matter." Look at **Demi Moore** at 63, **Cher** at 79, **Pam Anderson** at 58. I can go on and on.

You describe leaving *RHOBH* as a leap of faith. Was it worth it?

Oh, my God, yes. I've never looked back. I probably should have gone a little sooner, but it happens the way it happens. I'm grateful for every experience.

Have other actors taken you more or less seriously post-*Housewives*?

I did *Housewives* for eight years, but I've had a career for 37 years. The people that I've known for a long time view me as a warrior. It's pretty remarkable that I'm able to dip my toe into all these different areas and come out on top.





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● **Jessica Alba and Cash Warren** (above) finalized their divorce on Feb. 13, one year after announcing their split. They'll share joint custody of daughters Honor, 17, and Haven, 14, and son Hayes, 9.

● After two decades as a correspondent, **Anderson Cooper** (right) revealed on Feb. 16 that he's leaving *60 Minutes* to "spend as much time with" his sons, Wyatt, 5, and Sebastian, 4, "as possible."



● **Dorinda Medley** (right) is ready to make it nice! *The Real Housewives of New York City* alum will reunite with her former costars on E!'s *The Golden Life* following **Jill Zarin's** firing.



● Oscar-winning actor **Robert Duvall**, who starred in *The Godfather* and *Apocalypse Now*, died on Feb. 15. He was 95.

● Former Bachelor **Jake Pavelka** shared on Valentine's Day that he's engaged to his girlfriend of two years, **Aimee**.

● Jeepers! **Mckenna Grace** will play Daphne Blake in Netflix's live-action *Scooby-Doo* series.

Shia Busted DURING MARDI GRAS



LaBeouf once said he had "no excuses for my alcoholism or aggression, only rationalizations."

➤ **Shia LaBeouf** appears to have fallen off the wagon again. After participating in a nearly weeklong bar crawl, the actor, 39, was arrested in Louisiana on two counts of simple battery on Feb. 17.

The New Orleans Police Department tells *Us* LaBeouf repeatedly struck an employee at R Bar in the French Quarter using "closed fists" after being asked to leave. Moments later, he returned to the establishment "acting even more aggressive" and hit the same staffer before punching another person in the nose, according to police. Multiple patrons eventually restrained the shirtless filmmaker on the street while waiting for first responders to arrive.

Paramedics were seen treating LaBeouf before transporting him to a nearby hospital with unknown injuries. After being discharged, he was taken into police custody, only to return to Bourbon Street hours later. Fellow reveler Adam "Lil Unda" Araiza tells *Us* the *Transformers* star seemed "sad, lost and in a dark space" as he resumed partying. Araiza claims LaBeouf was openly drinking but wasn't drunk or "dangerous," rather "in need of support or a good friend." The *Fury* star has issued just one statement since his arrest, simply writing via X on Feb. 18, "Free me."

Fans and locals reported that they've seen LaBeouf celebrating Mardi Gras every day since at least Feb. 12. Ms. Mae's doorman Robert Skuse told *The Hollywood Reporter* that the performance artist — who has said he's been sober for years —



seemed "inebriated" and "somewhat beligerent" when he showed up to the dive bar on Feb. 15. "He did the 'Do you know who I am?' bit," Skuse claimed. Bartender Kyle Catarouch, meanwhile, recalled LaBeouf asking "three times if he could use his credit card" at the cash-only hole-in-the-wall. Referencing the star's 2003 movie *Holes*, Catarouch jokingly fired back, "Why don't you go back and dig holes?"

Another barman anonymously complained to *THR*, "He is terrorizing the city," but others had no issues with LaBeouf. "He was here, and he was totally chill," 45 Tchoup co-owner Deb Shatz said.

Page Six reported that the *Even Stevens* alum moved from L.A. to NOLA to be closer to family after quietly separating from his wife, **Mia Goth**, last year. The couple, who haven't publicly addressed their status, share 3-year-old daughter Isabel. *TMZ* added that LaBeouf purchased a cottage in the city's Uptown area for just over \$1 million in December.

The *Honey Boy* star is no stranger to controversy, having previously been arrested for disorderly conduct in 2014 and 2017. He's also been accused of abuse by his ex **FKA Twigs**. He publicly apologized to her in 2020, saying he was "ashamed" of his "history of hurting the people closest to me."

CHRISTINE QUINN

Nothing to Lose, a Lot to Prove



Quinn admits she has “not kept up” with *Selling Sunset* since her 2022 exit.

➤ **Christine Quinn** doesn’t mind being called a villain — just don’t call her a “one-noted bitch.” “I’m a versatile bitch,” she tells *Us*. “I like to have fun, and I love humor, and I love comedy, and I’m quirky.” The *Selling Sunset* alum, 37, shows her fun side while competing on *House of Villains* season 3 (Peacock, Feb. 26) alongside **Tom Sandoval**, **Tiffany “New York” Pollard** and other reality TV legends. Heading into the competition series, Quinn admittedly didn’t have a strategy, which she believes worked in her favor. “[I was] just going with the flow and being my authentic self,” she says. Here, the mom of one dishes on her return to the small screen, her divorce and more.

Why was now the right time to do *House of Villains*?

I’ve always loved the show, so when this opportunity came to me, I was like, “I have to do this!” It’s very different from everything that I’ve done.

Were you intimidated by any costars?

Everyone had a big personality, but that’s what I loved. We were all trying to figure each other out. But I wasn’t intimidated.

I was just happy to be there.

Did you worry you’d be the first one eliminated?

Absolutely, I was stressing. I was like, “I have so many looks to bring, so many one-liners. Please don’t send me home!”

What was your impression of Tom?

Tom definitely gave people the ick early on. However, Tom and I had a really interesting connection. We had a lot of things that we bonded over — spray tans, MAC Cosmetics, nail polish and cuticle oil. I felt like he was one of the girls. Deep down, there might be a soul in there somewhere.

You say on the show that you have nothing left and nothing to lose. What did you mean?

I got served papers from my ex-husband [**Christian Richard**] while I was in the house. It was really stressful. I’m doing everything [for son **Christian Jr.**, 4] on my own.

But it’s so beautiful because it’s only up from here, right?

Are you happy now?

I’m thriving. I’ve never been happier.

What would it take for you to come back to *Selling Sunset*?

There’s always conversations being had. I’m open to having fun and serving looks, but it needs to make sense for me, so it’s just a question mark right now. We’ll see.

Do you want a redemption season?

It would be fun to come back and be like, “Bitches, I told you!” But I don’t know if they can handle it.



This Week in Ye Olde US

MARCH 9, 2009

- For the first time since their 2005 divorce, **Jennifer Aniston** came face-to-face with ex **Brad Pitt** and his girlfriend, **Angelina Jolie**, at the Feb. 22 Oscars. The *Friends* alum admitted to *Us* backstage that she was “nervous.”
- *Us* revealed **Megan Fox**’s “amicable” split from fiancé **Brian Austin Green**, with a source saying their five-year relationship had “run its course.” They got back together soon after and tied the knot in 2010, but divorced in 2021.
- Multiple sources told *Us* that **Rihanna** was “talking” to **Chris Brown** again after he brutally assaulted her on Feb. 7. “Chris is her first love,” one insider noted of the singers, who briefly rekindled their romance in 2013.
- **Nicole Richie**’s boyfriend, **Joel Madden**, announced on Feb. 21 that they were expecting again. Baby boy Sparrow joined big sister Harlow on Sept. 9.

A source says Ferguson and Andrew are “still emotionally aligned” amid the latest release of Epstein files, adding that the exes are “bound by history and circumstance.”





**ANDREW
& FERGIE**

Andrew and Epstein were photographed walking through NYC's Central Park together in December 2010. Andrew later claimed he visited the convicted sex offender only to end their friendship in person.

SECRETS, LIES AND WHERE THEY GO FROM HERE

Following **Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor's** arrest, *Us* delves into the former prince's and his ex-wife, **Sarah "Fergie" Ferguson's** involvement with **Jeffrey Epstein**. Inside their tangled web with the convicted sex offender and what's next for the royal family *By* **JAIME HARKIN**

With reporting by Brody Brown,
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In the early-morning hours of Feb. 19, a fleet of unmarked vehicles descended upon King Charles III's Sandringham Estate to arrest his younger brother Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor (formerly Prince Andrew) on suspicions of misconduct in public office. British authorities have been investigating Andrew, 66, over allegations that he shared confidential information with convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein while he worked as a trade envoy for the U.K. between 2001 and 2011. Andrew was taken into custody and police conducted searches of his new home at Sandringham as well as his former residence Royal Lodge. He was released from custody hours after his arrest and was pictured slinking down in the backseat of a car as he left Aylsham Police Station.

As shock waves rippled through the

U.K., Charles released a personally signed statement saying he had learned the news of Andrew's arrest (which took place on the former royal's birthday) "with the deepest concern," adding that the authorities have his support and "the law must take its course." *Us* has learned that Prince William and Princess Kate support the king's statement. A spokesperson for Charles said Buckingham Palace was not informed that the arrest was going to take place; after releasing his statement, Charles hosted guests at St James's Palace and later attended an event to mark the start of London Fashion Week.

Andrew has become the first senior royal to be arrested in nearly four centuries. (If charged and convicted of misconduct in public office, he could face a potential life sentence.) "Without question, this is the biggest royal scandal in the last century," says royal historian Gareth Russell. "They were all blindsided. No one was ad-



The royals "don't want to associate with [Andrew and Ferguson's] behavior," a source says, and that includes the exes' daughters, Beatrice and Eugenie, as well as William and Kate.

vised of his arrest ahead of time," says a source, adding that Charles has not spoken with his brother.

The shocking turn of events came weeks after the U.S. Department of Justice released the latest batch of Epstein files containing more than

DISHONORABLE MENTIONS

A closer look at the correspondence between Andrew, Ferguson and Epstein

June 2009

Ferguson asked Epstein for business advice on how to get her company, Mothers Army, off the ground — while he was in prison for soliciting sex from a minor.



July 2009

In an email from Epstein to Maxwell, the financier reported that he'd had lunch with Ferguson, Beatrice and Eugenie days after his prison release. "ferg and the two girls come [sic] yesterday," he wrote.

August 2009

"Thank you Jeffrey for being the brother I have always wished for," Ferguson wrote in an email while offering him a positive update on her various business ventures.

October 2009

Ferguson begged Epstein for money, telling him she "urgently" needed \$27,521 "for rent." (In a separate email, Epstein claimed to have secretly bailed Ferguson out financially for 15 years.)

January 2010

"I really don't have the words to describe my love, gratitude for your generosity and kindness," Ferguson said in a 2010 message. "I am at your service. Just marry me."

February 2010

The files show that the royal couple invited Epstein to Andrew's 50th birthday party at St James's Palace (right). He declined, but previously attended Beatrice's 18th birthday celebration in 2006.



Ferguson wrote, "Not sure yet. Just waiting for Eugenie to come back from a shagging weekend!!"

March 2010

In response to an email inquiry from Epstein about her travel plans,



May 2010

"[Why] don't you just get me to be your House Assistant," the former Duchess of York inquired of Epstein. "I am the most capable and desperately need the money."



3 million pages of documents and photos that shed new light on the late sex offender's dealings with both Andrew (who has denied all wrongdoing in connection to Epstein) and his ex-wife, Sarah "Fergie" Ferguson. On Feb. 9, the BBC reported that an

anti-monarchy group called Republic had filed a complaint with the Thames Valley Police claiming the tranche of new files showed that Andrew shared confidential information with Epstein.

The newly released correspondence

reveals that Andrew and Ferguson, also 66, were much closer to Epstein — who died by suicide in 2019 in a New York City jail while awaiting trial for sex trafficking — than they previously acknowledged. In October 2025, Charles, 77, stripped Andrew of his remaining royal titles and forced him out of Royal Lodge. (He moved into temporary accommodations at Sandringham in January.)

Sources and royal experts tell *Us* Andrew's and Ferguson's reputations are irrevocably damaged. "There's no real return to royal life," shares the source, noting that the exes are "very much in survival mode."

There are far-reaching consequences for their daughters, Princesses Beatrice, 37, and Eugenie, 35, and, of course, the monarchy at large. "The monarchy depends on the trust, goodwill and affection of the British people. The Epstein case, and in particular Andrew's involvement in it, has really stretched that bond to the

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July 2010

Two months after she was caught accepting cash from a tabloid in exchange for access to Andrew, Ferguson told Epstein in an email she was being "hung out to dry" by the U.K. press.

September 2010

When asked if he was available to meet up while he was in the U.K., Andrew told Epstein, "We could have dinner at Buckingham Palace and lots of privacy."

December 2010

Epstein told Andrew he wanted to introduce him to a "beautiful"

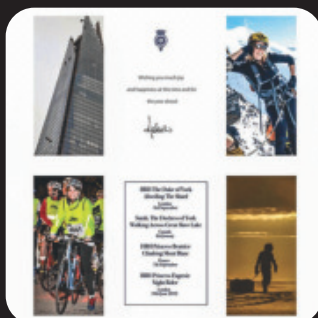
and "trustworthy" 26-year-old Russian woman. Andrew said he'd be "delighted" to meet her.

February 2011

In an email to Andrew, Epstein informed him that he'd paid off a debt Ferguson owed to her longtime personal assistant, Johnny O'Sullivan. (She owed O'Sullivan \$126,721.)

February 2011

Andrew messaged Epstein after a photo of him with Virginia Giuffre, who accused Andrew of sexual assault, was printed in a U.K. paper (right). "It



would seem we are in this together and will have to rise above it."

July 2011

Epstein emailed an unidentified respondent and said, "yes she had her picture taken with Andrew, as many of my employees have" — with details pointing to his talking about Giuffre.

September 2011

"It was soooooo crystal clear to me that you were only friends with me to get to Andrew," Ferguson wrote to Epstein in an email chain, in which she also congratulated him on having a baby boy.

Christmas 2012

Andrew said in 2019

that he'd last been in touch with Epstein in 2010, but he sent him a family holiday card two years later (left).

January 2015

Maxwell appeared to confirm the legitimacy of the photo of Andrew and Giuffre in an email to Epstein. "A photograph was taken as I imagine she wanted to show it to friends and family," she wrote.

January 2015

An email from journalist Landon Thomas Jr. to Epstein claimed Andrew "had consensual sex" with Giuffre. Andrew has denied ever meeting Giuffre.





Hours after Charles issued his statement in response to Andrew's arrest (below), the monarch attended designer Tolu Coker's London Fashion Week show, where he sat next to Stella McCartney.



Police cars arrived at Andrew's previous residence Royal Lodge following his arrest. They were seen leaving around 4 p.m.

breaking point," says royal expert Christopher Andersen. Omid Scobie, co-author of the new novel *The Royal Spin*, tells *Us* Andrew's history with Epstein proves "there was a lot more going on than we thought," adding, "The British public have a lot of questions, and at some point, some of those questions need to be answered."

David E. Johnson, CEO of Strategic Vision PR and an expert in crisis communications, says even the reputation of the late Queen Elizabeth II will be affected by Andrew's actions. "A lot of people will be saying, 'Why didn't she do more?' This has been going on for a long time. She looked the other way."

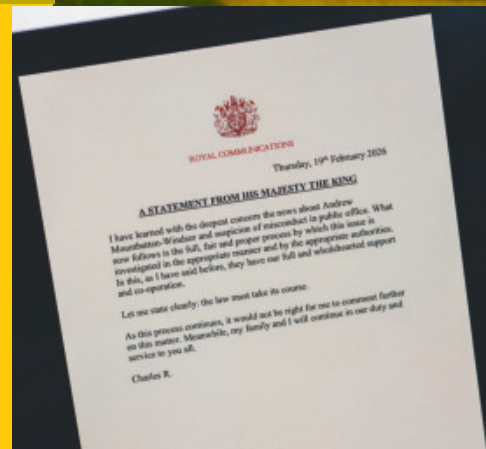
Monarchy In Chaos

For William, 43, and Kate, 44, the scandal "reinforces their [approach of having] zero tolerance for reputational risk," notes the source. "They are disgusted and appalled by what's come out." (They released a statement on Feb. 9 saying they've been "deeply concerned by the continuing revelations" and "their thoughts remain focused on the victims." Prince Edward also addressed his brother Andrew's scandal at a royal engagement on Feb. 3, telling CNN, "It's really

important to remember the victims.") Adds Johnson, "I expect we'll see William and Kate really step up to the forefront and handle the crisis management."

Historian Russell says Charles' statement of support for law enforcement has been well-received and that even though it's a bit "too little, too late, a lot of that is because he inherited this mess." The first source said the monarch feels validated for distancing himself from his brother, adding that royal family members had "already started" doing so in the wake of the Epstein scandal. "No one has spoken to him since the latest batch of Epstein files were released."

While royal expert Kristen Meinzer notes that Charles has not distanced himself from Beatrice and Eugenie, Johnson tells *Us* he thinks that will change in light of Andrew's arrest, and that they too will have their titles stripped. As for Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, Scobie says, "They have done everything they can at this point to have nothing to do with things back home."



Rabbit Hole

In his infamous 2019 interview with Emily Maitlis for BBC's *Newsnight*, Andrew claimed he'd cut off the disgraced financier after visiting him at his NYC apartment in late 2010. (Epstein was sentenced to 18 months in prison in June 2008 for soliciting prostitution from a minor; he was released in July 2009.) The newly released files appear to contradict Andrew's claim — he sent him holiday cards with photos of Beatrice and Eugenie in 2011 and 2012. The two men reportedly met through Epstein's associate Ghislaine Maxwell, who is currently serving her 20-year sen-



Andrew was photographed appearing to hide in the backseat of a car as he left Aylsham Police Station hours after his Feb. 19 arrest.



tence for child sex trafficking at Federal Prison Camp, Bryan, in Texas.

Documents that were unsealed in late 2025 also show continued contact: Andrew emailed Epstein in early 2011 after a British paper published a photo of the royal with Virginia Giuffre, the woman who accused him of sexually assaulting her when she was 17. (Andrew denied the allegations, and they settled out of court in early 2022. Giuffre died by suicide in 2025. In response to Andrew's arrest, her family said in a statement that their "broken hearts have been lifted at the news that no one is above the law, not even royalty.") "It would seem we are in this together," Andrew wrote to Epstein, adding, "keep in close touch, and we'll play some more soon!!!!"

While Ferguson called her relationship with Epstein a "gigantic error of judgment" in a March 2011 interview, the new files paint a picture of closeness. It's revealed that she and her daughters had lunch with Epstein just days after he was released from prison, and she tells him in an email she was waiting for Eugenie, then 19, to return from a "shagging weekend" after Epstein invited her to NYC. "Fer-

gie's always been a messy royal, but a lot of that was fun, sexy, unfiltered or just plain stupid," Meinzer tells *Us*. "It never involved her daughters. This feels different." Adds Johnson, "There is no

return whatsoever for either Sarah or Andrew, even if they're not formally charged."

Collateral Damage

Beatrice and Eugenie are "horrified, devastated and in a state of total shock" over their father's arrest, says the first source. A second source tells *Us* their relationship with Andrew had already been "deeply changed" by his 2019 BBC interview, noting that Beatrice's connection to her dad had always been more tenuous. "Beatrice is mortified," the second source told *Us* following the Jan. 30 release of Epstein files. "It's really affected her life. She's hounded in the U.K." (Beatrice married Edoardo Mapelli Mozzi in July 2020; they share daughters Sienna, 4, and Athena, 13 months; Eugenie and her husband of seven years, Jack Brooksbank, share sons August, 5, and Ernest, 2.)

They are embarrassed by their mother's missives to Epstein. "Fergie's language made them feel exposed," says the first source, adding that the sisters are "very united" and supportive of each other. Even before An-

drew's arrest, they had been setting boundaries with their parents. "[The latest release of Epstein files was] the last straw for them," says the first source. "They don't want to be associated with the scandal. They don't spend a lot of time with Fergie and Andrew." Meinzer says it's telling that the sisters chose to spend Christmas with the wider royal family in Sandringham, rather than with their disgraced parents at Royal Lodge. "They've kept their distance publicly."

All Alone

The first source tells *Us* that Andrew and Ferguson had been acting "defensive, not reflective," prior to Andrew's arrest, adding, "They have a lot of shared resentment toward the media rather than any deep inward reckoning. Privately, there is regret, but it's rarely said out loud." (Ferguson's whereabouts were unknown as of press time. A source told *Us* in December that the former duchess and Andrew had toyed with the idea of getting a fresh start in the Middle East, but the palace "was against it.") The source adds that companies, like Netflix, that were once interested in working with Ferguson — who borrowed money from Epstein on many occasions — are not returning calls.

"I'm sure Andrew is thinking, If only Mummy was still alive," says Andersen, noting that the queen "did everything she could to shield her favorite son" prior to her 2022 death. "Andrew, in particular, has always had a sense of entitlement that was extreme even in royal circles. You got the sense he felt he could get away with anything — and he could, as long as he could run to the late queen for protection."

As family members turn their backs on the former couple and their inner circle continues to shrink, Andrew and Ferguson are leaning on each other. "They are miserable," the first source tells *Us*, "and misery loves company."

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"Armie lives a much quieter, more grounded life," says a source, adding that the actor's world "is smaller, but more meaningful."



ARMIE HAMMER Life *After* Scandal

Five years after shocking allegations upended his career, **Armie Hammer** is returning to the big screen. *Us* examines how the actor rebuilt his life — and why not everyone believes he's earned a second act

by **JAIME HARKIN**

Armie Hammer was once poised to be one of Hollywood's biggest stars. Then, in early 2021, multiple women accused him of sexual and emotional abuse, coercion and violence. The details of the claims were shocking and disturbing: there were screenshots of alleged DMs from Hammer discussing rape and cannibalistic fantasies, and women reported being groomed and branded by him. Hammer — who had divorced his wife of 10 years, Elizabeth Chambers, the previous July — denied the accusations, but the damage was done. He was fired from several high-profile projects and dropped by his talent agency. He retreated to the Cayman Islands and spent time in a rehab facility for drug, alcohol and sex issues.

With reporting by Paola Leva, Andrea Simpson and Amanda Williams

His Fall From Grace

He went from in-demand actor to canceled star in just a few years



**January
2018**

After breakout roles in *The Social Network* and *The Lone Ranger*, Hammer earned rave reviews and a Golden Globe nomination for his work in the 2017 hit indie *Call Me by Your Name*, opposite Timothée Chalamet.

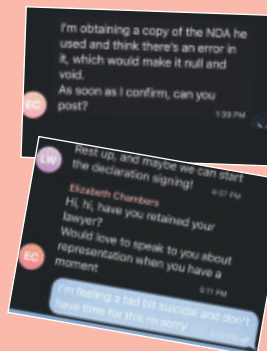


**July
2020**

Chambers filed for divorce amid cheating rumors. "The life that we had planned for years basically shattered," she said in 2024. "That was a really painful period of time."

**January
2021**

Posting under an anonymous Instagram account called House of Effie, a woman later identified as Effie Angelova shared DMs of Hammer allegedly writing, "I am 100% a cannibal" and "I want to eat you."



A slew of accusations followed from app developer Courtney Vucekovich (above, left) and Armie's ex, model Paige Lorenze (above, right). Lorenze claims Hammer exposed her to BDSM and carved the letter "A" into her skin.

Hammer released a statement in which he called the "bulls**t claims" of abuse false and noted that he wouldn't be responding to the "vicious and spurious online attacks" against him. (He also dropped out of *Shotgun Wedding* with Jennifer Lopez.)

**May
2021**

Hammer checked into an inpatient facility for drug, alcohol and sex issues on May 31. "He went to a rehab for a while, and he got out, and he stayed in good shape," says the actor's longtime friend Kent Schaffer.



**December
2025**

He played a sadistic outlaw who forces himself on a woman in *Frontier Crucible*. "Armie understands why people might question the optics," says a source. "The role... wasn't chosen lightly."



**October
2024**

On his *The Armie Hammertime* podcast, the actor interviewed an eclectic group, including his mom, Dru, and rapper Flavor Flav. "Some of you are going to love this, and some of you are going to f**king hate it," he said of the show.

**August
2024**

"Here's to new beginnings," Hammer said in an Instagram post in which he announced he'd returned from the Cayman Islands and was starting "a new life in Los Angeles."

**May
2023**

The LAPD announced Hammer would not face sexual assault charges following a two-year investigation. "I look forward to what will be a long, difficult process of putting my life back together now that my name has been cleared," he said.

**February
2023**

In his first interview after the scandal, Armie told *Air Mail* he'd been sexually abused by a youth pastor at age 13 and that he'd contemplated killing himself in the months after the allegations came out.

Five years later, Hammer is making his return to the big screen. In December, he starred in the Western *Frontier Crucible*, playing an outlaw alongside William H. Macy. He has two other movies in the works, and told *Your Mom's House* podcast hosts Christina Pazsitzky and Tom Segura in January 2025 that he's been "turning down roles." Some say the 39-year-old actor — now sober and living in a 400-square-foot studio in Venice, California — has done his time in celebrity purgatory and deserves a second chance. "Armie has apologized privately to everyone he's hurt and continues to take responsibility for unhealthy and harmful behaviors," says a source of the father of two (he and Chambers share daughter Harper, 11, and son Ford, 9). "He's focused on coparenting and rebuilding his career humbly."

Others aren't so sure he's worthy of a comeback. On his podcast, *The Armie Hammertime* (which he launched in October 2024 and is now on hiatus), Hammer shared several provocative views, including admitting that he "loved marijuana roofie-ing people." And in *Frontier Crucible*, his character sexually assaults a woman — an odd choice to kick off his showbiz return. "You cannot say, 'I understand the harm [I've done]' and then reenter the conversation by reenacting it," says PR expert Mark Borkowski. "It's tone-deaf, bordering on self-sabotage."

DOWN AND OUT

There's no question that Hammer's life has changed dramatically since the allegations surfaced. He sold timeshares while he was in the Cayman Islands, and, upon returning to L.A., revealed he had to get rid of his beloved truck because it was too expensive to fill with gas. During his appearance on *Your Mom's House*, he referenced his "tiny-ass apartment" — a stark departure from the seven-bedroom, \$5 million mansion he and Chambers previously shared. An insider who has spent time with Hammer calls his current living conditions shocking, adding, "He's basically living

in a 400-square-foot studio in a run-down building in Venice."

The first source says he's embraced a more "humble" life. (Hammer's great-grandfather Armand was a billionaire oil tycoon; in 2024, the actor said he prefers to work for his own money because "anything that you take always has strings.") Says a third source: "Armie does not live a luxurious life by any means. [His finances] have been an ongoing struggle but he knows he'll make money again soon. His mom wanted to help him get a new car recently, and he refused her help."

He's on good terms with Chambers. "They've settled into their new normal," says a source close to the Bird Bakery founder. A second source close to Chambers says the exes are working through things individually and as a family unit. "When it comes to Armie, Elizabeth wants to have a united front [for] the kids," notes the source. "They're protecting the kids as they grow up in the spotlight, especially as



In June, Chambers shared a photo with Hammer and their kids celebrating son Ford's second-grade graduation on Instagram.

Armie's career ramps up again." (The source also notes Chambers is no longer dating real estate investor Preston Landes.) "[Elizabeth] doesn't necessarily forgive Armie's actions," adds the first source close to Chambers, "but she doesn't focus on the negative anymore."

The first source says Hammer takes his kids to school every morning and travels to his daughter's volleyball tournaments on weekends. "He grew up with a great father and wants to be the same for his kids." Adds the Chambers source, "[Armie] still feels like he [has] a scarlet letter attached to his name and is working hard to change his reputation. He wants to make the kids proud and has been putting in work to turn his life around." Another source close to Hammer says the actor was dating, but it didn't work out: "It was very healthy, they just wanted different things at this stage of life."

HORROR STORIES

For months in early 2021, Hammer

dominated headlines. Model Paige Lorenze, who dated him briefly in 2020, claimed Hammer told her he wanted to eat her ribs and that he carved the letter “A” into her skin. (“It was more like a scrape,” Hammer told Piers Morgan in 2024, noting that Lorenze had consented to him using a small knife to trace his initial on her body.) App developer Courtney Vucekovich told *Page Six* he said he wanted to break her rib “and barbecue and eat it,” adding, “He captivates you... [while] he’s grooming you for things that are darker and heavier.”

Effie Angelova (who initially posted DMs from Hammer under an anonymous account on Instagram called House of Effie) accused him of raping and beating her in 2017 (the LAPD said

it could not prove the allegations and declined to press charges). Angelova tells *Us* she remains “crippled by the trauma disorders Armie’s continuous abuse caused me,” and that she intends to sue the actor.

“I’ve known this guy for a decade. He’s not a cannibal,” attorney Kent Schaffer, a longtime friend of Hammer’s, tells *Us*. In Schaffer’s opinion, the actor succumbed to the pitfalls of celebrity. “Along the way, as you become more and more famous, all these people who are chasing clout are going to latch onto you, and he had girls just throwing themselves at him, and he just couldn’t say no. And that ended up being his downfall,” explains Schaffer. “As unhappy as he may have been with Elizabeth, and as unhappy as she may

have been with him, careerwise, he would’ve been a lot better off if he just learned how to deal with his unhappiness. Unfortunately, men and women, when they become famous, sometimes put themselves in a position where bad s**t can happen to them.”

OPENING UP

Hammer has reflected on his past behavior in interviews and on his podcast, acknowledging during his appearance on *Your Mom’s House* that he would love-bomb women, then dump them abruptly. “I would scoop these girls up, take them on a whirlwind month and a half, [go on] road trips... have great sex... then I’m gonna bounce and go do it with someone else,” he revealed, adding, “There are aspects of my behavior

The Dos and Don’ts of a Hollywood Comeback

Other stars have illustrated how to get back into the public’s good graces — and how to stay blacklisted

Do Apologize and Take Accountability

After Chrissy Teigen was canceled over resurfaced Tweets in which she told Courtney Stodden (who was wed to a man 35 years her senior) to “take a dirt nap” and “go to sleep forever,” the model took full responsibility. “There is simply no excuse,” she said. “I was a troll, full stop. And I am so sorry.”

Don’t Play the Victim

Kevin Spacey has denied all allegations of sexual harassment and doubled down on his innocence after his *L.A. Confidential* costar Guy Pearce said in 2025 he’d been “targeted” by Spacey on set. “You need to grow up,” Spacey said in response, deflecting blame back to Pearce. “You are now on a mission some 28 years later, after I’ve been through hell and back.”

Do Go Offline

Will Smith took a four-month



break from social media after he slapped Chris Rock at the Oscars in March 2022, and Ellen DeGeneres (who was canceled in 2022 over accusations of fostering a toxic workplace) has said her therapist advised her to “avoid all media” during the onslaught of bad press.

Do “The Work”

Self-reflection is huge when it comes to seeking out forgiveness. In 2018, comedian Kevin Hart apologized for his past negative comments about the LGBTQ community, saying, “I am evolving and want to continue to do so.”

Don’t Rush the Comeback

PR experts tell their famous clients to lie low for at least three to six months following controversy. And to pick the right material for their reentry. “[For an actor], the first role back most definitely sets the emotional tone,” says PR strategist Lauren Beeching.

that I think were coming from maybe not the healthiest place.”

Chase Buttice, a spiritual coach who appeared on Hammer’s podcast, tells *Us* the actor has done intensive shadow work — a therapeutic practice of uncovering and healing darker parts of the personality. “His shadow came to light,” she says, adding that the star “has owned up to his addictions and his issues” and is “reconciling all these parts of himself, but he’s doing it honestly and vulnerably. You can’t have a level of public humiliation like that and not really change.” Adds the first source: “Years of therapy forced Armie to confront patterns, trauma and blind spots. He’s learned empathy.”

Still, he’s been accused of downplaying his actions. He told Pazsitzy and Segura that the scandal wouldn’t have blown up as much as it did if not for the pandemic. “The world seemed like it was falling apart, and people were just deeply unhappy with their own lives,” he said, “and then this salacious story comes around where this actor wants to murder and eat people... Everyone’s like, ‘Oh, this is so much more fun to focus on than the fact that I can’t leave my living room.’”

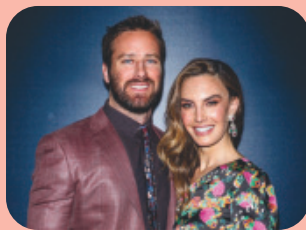
Crisis PR expert Lauren Beeching says that while Hammer has expressed “flashes of accountability,” they’ve been “undermined by provocative humor and a slightly self-pitying tone.” Hammer, says Beeching, “has admitted to emotional manipulation, but the moments that cut through are the ones where he jokes about drugs or frames the scandal as something that happened to him. Those comments suggest he still sees the media reaction as the main problem rather than the experiences of the women involved.” As for the Covid connection, Beeching says: “He’s right that the timing created a perfect storm, but the allegations were serious enough they would’ve made headlines regardless.”

WHAT’S NEXT

Hammer is happy to be working again. “Acting is Armie’s passion, so it’s been making him feel good,” says the first source. “It feels like coming home, but

What Was Lost

Hammer’s behavior
cost him dearly



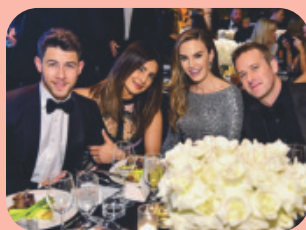
His Marriage

Before women went public with accusations, Hammer was unfaithful to his wife of 10 years. He told Piers Morgan in a 2024 interview that “infidelity was a key factor” in their decision to split.



Promising Career

Hammer was set to be Hollywood’s next leading man, with roles in *Shotgun Wedding* with Jennifer Lopez (the part went to Josh Duhamel) and the Starz series *Gaslit* with Julia Roberts.



Celeb Friends

He compared the fallout of the scandal to a “neutron bomb” in 2024, saying, “It killed me, it killed my ego, it killed all the people around me that I thought were my friends that weren’t. All of those people, in a flash, went away.”

Millions of Dollars

Losing out on film and TV roles has come at a steep price for Hammer. “He’s at the point where he needs money,” a source says.

with a humility and gratitude he didn’t have before.” Uwe Boll, who directed Hammer in the upcoming film *Citizen Vigilante* (he also plays a dark character in the action movie), says he advised Hammer to pause his podcast to focus on his acting. “I basically told him, I feel it’s not helping him to be spending three hours every three days interviewing people,” shares Boll. “I told him, ‘You don’t want to be Tucker Carlson, you want to be an actor!’ If you have absolutely nothing going on, sure, do a podcast. But if you are making movies, you should focus on it.”

Boll says that Hammer still has star quality. “I’ve worked with some big actors like Ben Kingsley, and Oscar-winning actors like J.K. Simmons, but they don’t have that star thing where you dominate the screen, like a Tom Cruise. [Armie] can do this,” says Boll, adding that Hammer was a team player. “I felt like after four years, it was time to give him another chance. He’s a great actor, he’s so talented, and it was so much fun to work with him.”

John Bevilacqua, the writer and director of the upcoming neo-noir *Night Driver*, in which Hammer portrays a vet with PTSD, shares a similar sentiment. “He was someone who was very considerate of the other cast, the actors, and the crew... and I’ve worked with talent who barely even acknowledge you,” Bevilacqua says, adding that there’s a lot of buzz around his comeback. “We were having coffee in West Hollywood, and people were coming up to him about *The Social Network* and *Call Me By Your Name* and *The Lone Ranger*. He’s incredibly gracious, and there is goodwill for him.”

He’ll have to be strategic about what he does next. “Will he ever be where he once was? Probably not,” says Borkowski, “but Hollywood doesn’t need you to be spotless — just useful.” The first source says Hammer doesn’t feel “entitled” to forgiveness. “His focus is on taking responsibility, continuing the work and earning trust through consistent actions over time,” explains the source, “regardless of the outcome.”

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Donnie Wahlberg is all about loyalty. When *Blue Bloods* premiered in 2010, the actor was committed for the long haul, and he was rewarded with an equally dedicated fan base. The CBS show about the Reagans, a close-knit Irish-Catholic family in NYC law enforcement, was consistently among the network's highest-rated. Then, in 2024, after 14 seasons, it was abruptly canceled.

"I can assure every viewer out there that nobody was more disappointed than me. Nobody cried more than me. Nobody's heart was broken more than mine," Wahlberg, 56, tells *Us*. "I fought tooth and nail to save *Blue Bloods*. I did everything I could." He dreamed of a spinoff for his cop character, Danny Reagan, but never expected it to happen: "I used to throw the idea around of Danny going somewhere totally different, far away."

Enter *Boston Blue*, which premiered in October 2025 and follows Danny to Wahlberg's real-life hometown, where he relocates to look after son Sean (Mika Amonsén). The show is back post-winter break on Feb. 27 and has already been renewed for season 2. Wahlberg talks to *Us* about preserving the *Blue Bloods* legacy, what the series has in store and why skeptical long-time fans should get on board with Danny's new life up north.

Boston Blue star **Donnie Wahlberg** talks to *Us* about the latest chapter in his *Blue Bloods* story

Donnie AND THE **Deep Blue Sea**



Was joining *Boston Blue* an easy yes?

I had to go through the process of saying goodbye to our crew and the cast and reconciling the fact that [*Blue Bloods*] could now be in my rearview mirror. I had to let go of Danny Reagan and *Blue Bloods*. So when this came along, I had to reevaluate. It wasn't just a snap decision... It became an easier decision as I got to work on the pilot script with the Brandons [creators Brandon Margolis and Brandon Sonnier]. I found ways to make it authentic to Danny, make it plausible that he would go to Boston, and find ways to really make Danny a fish out of water.

Is it hard to play a character you know so well in a new setting?

The challenges of playing Danny in a new world help me enjoy the character more. Yeah, Danny moves to Boston and they all have different accents and everyone will root against the Yankees. It's not just a tough New York guy moves to Boston and argues with everyone about what's better... It's [about] surrendering the driver's seat and being in the passenger seat. He's a guest at somebody else's table.

It always comes back to the table!

He has to learn to navigate conversations more politely. The things that Danny has had to adapt to, Donnie has had to adapt to. If I embrace those challenges, it makes for a more interesting character. If I don't, then I probably would get bored after 15 years.

Did you always know that faith would be an aspect of the show?

It was important to everyone. We still get to see Danny's Catholic upbringing, and I'm always looking for opportunities to have Danny say grace. It says more to me about Danny and Sean's faith



Wahlberg reveals that wife McCarthy was offered a role on *Blue Bloods*, but they "didn't want to distract the audience."

Family Dinners Forever

The Sunday-dinner table was a major set piece on *Blue Bloods*. The tradition continues on *Boston Blue*



BREAKING BREAD

The Reagans (above left, including Tom Selleck, Bridget Moynahan and Will Estes) spent a lot of time at the table. Danny's new partner, Det. Lena Silver (Sonequa Martin-Green), is Jewish and Baptist, so weekly gatherings (above right) now happen at Friday Shabbat dinners. They're just as much fun off screen as on: "We're talking off camera about what everyone's been up to and how everyone's doing, and we're laughing. We laugh a lot."



DIG IN

"Everything on the table is real, including the brisket and the challah bread," says Wahlberg. "I'm the only one that really ever ate on *Blue Bloods*. Here, everyone is eating."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

As *Blue Bloods* fans know, dinner is about more than the meal: "To have that once in your career is a miracle. To have it twice, I don't even think there's a word for it."

that they're honoring the Reagan traditions, even when they're hundreds of miles away.

Andrew Terraciano played Sean on *Blue Bloods*. Amonsén took over the role on *Boston*.

It's one of the decisions that made me uncertain about doing the show. I called Andrew... and he was so gracious. Mika, meanwhile, has such great respect for Andrew and stepped into the role very mindfully. I give them a tremendous amount of credit for how they've handled this change.

Not all fans love the recasting.

It tells me they haven't watched the show or

they're disappointed that *Blue Bloods* is gone. If anyone hasn't fully embraced the change of Sean, watch the mid-season premiere [March 6].

We've already seen *Blue Bloods* cameos, like Bridget Moynahan and Marisa Ramirez. Are there more fun surprises?

We're always looking for opportunities to put in Easter eggs, to keep *Blue Bloods* alive.

What about new faces, like your wife, Jenny McCarthy?

Jenny's definitely game to do something. My nephews are interested in playing parts. Is there a world where I finally twist [brother] Mark [Wahlberg]'s arm to come do an episode? It depends on the script and the role. I [also] had a call with [the Boston Celtics'] Jaylen Brown and he said, "Get me on the show." I told our EPs, and they wrote a scene for him to film. **US**

In Their Self-Love Era

For International Women's Day, stars share with *Us* what they're celebrating about themselves right now — proof that confidence, at any age, is a powerful act

International Women's Day, March 8, is a reminder that empowerment isn't one-size-fits-all — it's deeply personal, earned through experience, growth and self-reflection. It's about honoring women not just for what they achieve, but for who they become along the way: more confident, more compassionate, more unapologetically themselves. From embracing freedom and resilience to finding peace, purpose and joy, these answers capture the many ways self-love evolves over time.



"I've come to a period where I've decided to choose myself," *The Morning Show's* Karen Pittman, 49, says. "I've gotten through all of what I thought would be obligations to other people and other companies and other ideas, and decided to really commit myself to my own ideas, my own life, my own journey. [I'm] doubling down on me."

"I'm being gentle with myself and I'm not trying to rush myself into anything or force myself to do anything that I don't want to do," *One Battle After Another's* Chase Infiniti, 25, says. "I'm being kind to myself, which I think is something that a lot of people should do."



"I stay aware of how I'm being in the world and also that I'm letting things be now," legendary actress Judith Light, 77, tells *Us*. "I'm not letting things go; I'm just letting them be. And I'm also really focusing a lot on how grateful I am for my life and for my husband and all the goodness and grace that I have in my life."



"I'm most proud of my drive," Tori Spelling, 52, tells *Us*. "I think I'm really driven, and I lead with passion and kindness. I feel like that always prevails."



"It's empowering to say there's not really anything anybody can say about me that is worse than what has already been said," *The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City's* Bronwyn Newport, 40, shares. "So I may as well live big and make bold decisions and go for what I want. I'm not somebody who is effortless. I put a lot of intention [into what I do]. I'm just loving that freedom to just be my weird self."



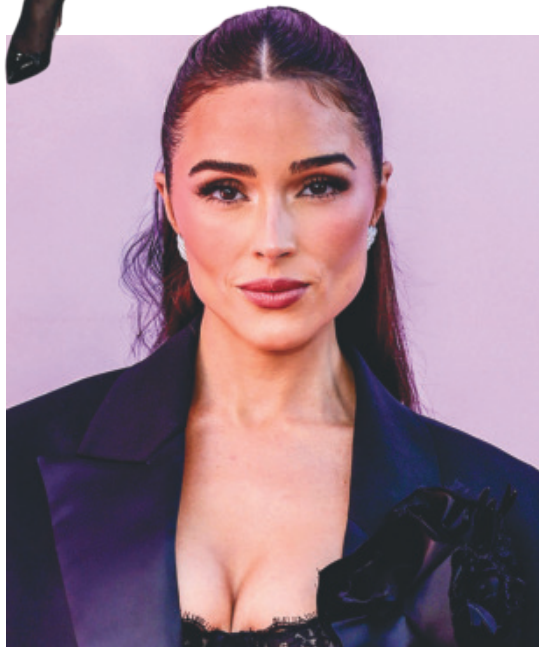
"I'm really into this mid-40s situation. I feel the healthiest I've ever felt, probably because I'm done having children," *The Hunting Wives'* Katie Lowes, 43, says. "It feels like my body is back to being mine. I just feel really autonomous and that my body is my own, and so if I poison it tonight with alcohol and weed, I will do so, and it is my damn choice!"



"[This stage of life] is great because you start to really appreciate your friends and family in a different way," Laura Linney, 62, tells *Us*. "As you get older, you realize it's the simple things that give you the most pleasure."



"[I love] my ability to be malleable, to change and grow," *Ginny & Georgia* star Brianne Howey, 36, says.



"I love that my job has given me the opportunity to connect with women and share so many phases, especially during pregnancy, postpartum, all of the ins and outs," Olivia Culpo, 33, says. "It's just a really nice thought to think that that will never end. I feel really grateful for that aspect of my life."



"I am in my listening era," *The Real Housewives of New York City* alum Kelly Bensimon, 57, tells *Us*. "I've learned how to listen and take little bits of what people are saying and apply those to my everyday life."

"I have a lot of conviction in what I say and do as a leader," influencer and founder of lifestyle brand Dairy Boy, Paige Lorenze, 28, says. "If I'm going to ask someone to do something, I try to really believe in what I'm saying. I think that's great leadership style. It allows me to make mistakes and learn from them, but know that I stood 10 toes down on what I was saying. It's much easier to pivot and learn from your mistakes if you really believe in your decision."



"I love my resilience," *Busy Philipps*, 46, says.



"I'm very bold," Emily Osment, 33, says. "Everybody says your 20s are so great. No, no, your 30s are incredible. I'm so unafraid, and I don't have time for bulls**t. I'm really happy with all the decisions I've made recently that have freed up room in my life for me."

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"As a mother of two young children, what I love most about myself is that I am still discovering new aspects of who I am," Danielle Fishel, 44, tells *Us*. "I don't have it all figured out, and that saying, 'You can't teach an old dog new tricks,' is just not true. I just finished *Dancing With the Stars*. Every day was new tricks, and one of the most rejuvenating parts of my life is realizing there were things I'd never thought about tackling that I could do pretty well. Even if I wasn't perfect at it, I had fun. So just discovering new things about myself, and that I'm never afraid to try something new."



"Freedom! I feel free. I feel like I didn't go through the period of time where I accidentally got married or dislodged a baby, and now I am free," Chelsea Handler, 50, tells *Us*. "Any decisions I make are my own. No one is gonna tell me what to do. I just went to Antarctica. When was I ever gonna be able to do that? I like to take life not seriously, but seriously, because it's our one time here. I take having fun very seriously."



"I'm very intuitive," country singer Ashley Cooke, 28, says. "I love to think deeply about things, and poetry inspires me. I love that about myself — it inspires great songs."

"Oh my gosh. I'm 65. I have loved every day being in my 60s," Grammy winner Amy Grant tells *Us*. "I've raised kids, so the hard part is behind me."



"I love my loyalty and the way I treat others," influencer Olivia Jade Giannulli, 26, tells *Us*.



"I feel more comfortable with myself than I ever have," *Nobody Wants This* star Justine Lupe, 36, says. "I went through my 20s with a really critical eye and constantly doubting where I was in my career, my body and my relationships. And now I feel really confident in the relationships that I have, in the work that I'm doing, in my body. I just delivered a baby — that kind of instills you with this feeling of your body's worth."



"I'm in my reinvention era," *The Bachelorette* alum DeAnna Pappas, 44, says. "I am healed, and now I get to figure out who I am. Who's this new version of me?"



"This is as good as it gets," Edie Falco, 62, tells *Us*. "My 30s were [OK], and then my 40s were better, and my 50s were like — you're sitting more solidly inside your being, and you care less about the stupid stuff. That's what it comes down to, you really don't spend as much time worrying about things that ultimately are not very important."

"I'm addicted to my kids," Elizabeth Banks, 52, tells *Us*. "I cannot get enough... They're teenagers, and I think they're fascinating. I'm not bothered by it. I'm like, 'Ooh, look at you fighting for that independence.'"



Spring's HOTTEST TRENDS

New season vibes! Bloom into style with the fads you'll actually want to wear

Sporty, Breezy Jackets

Windbreakers and light-as-air fabrics are taking center stage — whether you're headed to spin class or the boardroom. Wear one with a low-rise midiskirt, à la **Tessa Thompson**, for an unexpected twist on corporate cool.



FOR A SOFT STATEMENT

Who says loud colors are necessary to command attention? A pastel pink — like the shade of Old Navy's Full-Zip Windbreaker — does the job. \$55, oldnavy.gap.com



ATHLETIC AND REFINED

Polished and effortless to throw on, H&M's Nylon Track Jacket might just convince you to retire your old hoodie for your next gym run. \$60, hm.com



VERSATILE TOPPER

For casual days at the office, try pairing COS' Nylon Mock-Neck Jacket with your favorite slacks. \$199, cos.com

Tessa
Thompson



Super-Slim Kicks

Farewell, chunky dad sneakers. For the foreseeable future, we'll be keeping a low profile with ultranarrow fits and low soles. Think last spring's retro-style silhouettes, but this time, sleeker than ever.



STEP INTO SUNSHINE

Stay on trend with Dolce Vita's Serina Sneakers in Yellow Suede: a buttery-gold silhouette that brightens every outfit. \$140, dolcevita.com



GO GREEN

Amp up your street style with Reebok's Ultra Lo Sneaker in this striking, earthy colorway. Pro tip: Rock it with other nature-inspired tones for a cool ensemble. \$75, dsw.com



BALLET CORE, REINVENTED

Blending elegance with ease, Vivaia's Jogger Re-Nylon Sneakerina (Yancy) delivers the refinement of a ballet flat with a sportier sole and all-day support. \$159, vivaia.com



DENIM'S BEST FRIEND

Keep your everyday blues looking fresh with a classic blouse like Madewell's The Easy Shirt. \$98, madewell.com

Standout Stripes

There's a hot new pattern in town — and no, it's not polka dots! Fresh and fun, the preppy print easily levels up your fashion game. (Just ask **SZA**!)



OUTFIT SAVIOR

Your crewneck sweaters and kitten heels (or any other closet staple) just got an upgrade thanks to Mango's Straight Striped Jeans. \$90, mango.com

SZA



BEYOND VACATION BUBBLE SKIRT

This vibrant Simon Miller Sancho Poplin Skirt isn't just for tropical getaways. Keep styling simple: don it with a crisp white tee or basic tank. \$265, simonmillerusa.com

Slouchy, Oversize Totes

This season's leading accessory is a roomy carryall — spacious enough for all your essentials and just as chic with a suit as it is with your airport fit.

HEAD-TURNING COMPANION

Step outside your comfort zone with the electric-hued Love Knot Slouchy Bag: Buckle Edition, perfect for carrying everything from day to night. \$98, anthropologie.com



PEBBLED LEATHER BEAUTY

Marcella New York's Kelly Tote channels '90s minimalism in the best way possible. Pair it with your all-black uniform for instant style. \$198, marcellanyc.com

LUCKY CHARM

Add a lively twist to any getup with the spring-perfect Large Suede Tote Bag from & Other Stories. \$199, stories.com

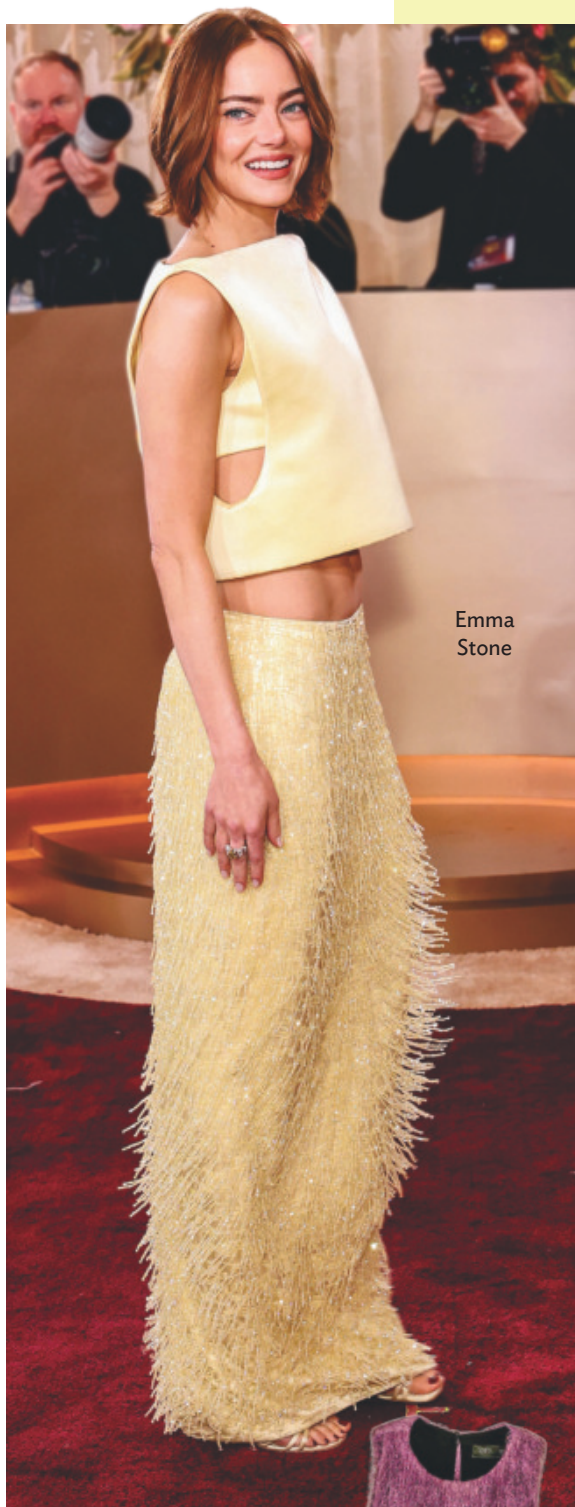


MAGENTA SHOWSTOPPER

Karen Millen's Figure Form Bandage Tassel Hem Knitted Dress is great for special occasions when you don't want to *totally* break the bank. \$279, karenmillen.com

Fun Fringe

Emma Stone was one of many stars who dominated awards season in the fabulous embellishment. And good news: You don't need a full-on Louis Vuitton look like the *Bugonia* actress to wear it well. Just a touch adds plenty of dimension and playful fun to any outfit.



Emma Stone

EVERYDAY GLAM

Zara's Fringed Balloon Top isn't just for dazzling celebrations. Throw it on with black jeans for a glitzy yet casual look. \$50, zara.com



FOR AN AL FRESCO AFFAIR

Arrive at your first spring soiree in Farm Rio's Marvelous Garden Fringed High-Rise Midi Skirt, paired with a white top and heeled sandals. \$258, mytheresa.com

“Don’t rush the aromatics — letting the ginger and garlic cook just until fragrant makes a big difference in flavor,” DeVaux tells *Us*.



Ginger-Garlic Turkey Skillet

SERVES 2 TO 4

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tbsp avocado oil
- 1 tbsp sesame oil
- 1 lb ground turkey
- 1 small yellow onion, cut into ¼-inch dice
- 1 medium red bell pepper, seeded and cut into ¼-inch dice (or sub diced zucchini, shredded carrots or chopped snap peas)
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tsp minced fresh ginger
- ¼ cup coconut aminos
- 1 tbsp rice wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp chili garlic sauce
- 1 tsp arrowroot powder
- ½ tsp sea salt

For Serving

- 1 head butter lettuce, leaves separated, washed and gently patted dry
- 2 green onions, white and green parts, sliced (optional)
- ¼ cup dry-roasted salted cashews, chopped (optional)
- Flaky salt (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large skillet, heat the avocado oil and sesame oil over medium heat. Add the ground turkey, breaking it into crumbles with a spatula. Cook for 5 to 7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until no longer pink. Stir in the onion, bell pepper, garlic and ginger and sauté for 3 to 5 minutes, until the onions are translucent and the peppers are slightly tender. Add the coconut aminos, vinegar, chili garlic sauce, arrowroot powder and salt. Stir well and simmer for 2 minutes, until the sauce thickens and coats the turkey mixture.
2. Spoon the turkey mixture into the lettuce cups. If you like, top with green onions, cashews and flaky salt.

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LETTUCE EAT

Weeknight Hero

This 20-minute Ginger-Garlic Turkey Skillet from *The High-Protein Plate* delivers big flavor with minimal fuss

➤ Dinners don’t need to be elaborate to be satisfying — and **Rachael DeVaux** proves that. The *New York Times* bestselling author, registered dietitian and founder of Rachael’s Good Eats has built a following of more than 3.5 million by making healthy cooking feel pressure-free. Her new cookbook, *The High-Protein Plate: 100 Satisfying Everyday Recipes*, out March 3, is all about meals that “actually keep you full and energized without feeling restrictive or complicated.”



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By **Janet Giovannelli**

Us mutants

Zach Braff (who directed the new premiere episode) and Donald Faison have stayed close IRL.



TV

Scrubbing Back In

The **Scrubs** cast talks to *Us* about returning to Sacred Heart in Hulu's revival

➤ It's a bold choice to bring back a beloved series more than 15 years after its end, but *Scrubs* is a bold show. (It famously — and controversially — rebooted itself nine seasons in.) Now, in season 10 on Hulu (Wednesdays), the zany gang of Sacred Heart Teaching Hospital jumps ahead in time. J.D. (**Zach Braff**), Turk (**Donald Faison**) and Elliot (**Sarah Chalke**) are all back to bring their signature heart — and plenty of humor — to patient care.

"It was really important for us to continue that tone

that made the show so special," **Judy Reyes** (Carla) tells *Us*. She signed on as soon as she knew creator **Bill Lawrence** (*Ted Lasso*) "was still involved."

Like all revivals, a challenge was bringing in familiar faces while ushering in newbies, including interns played by **Ava Bunn**, **Jacob Dudman**, **David Gridley**,

Layla Mohammadi and **Amanda Morrow**, who were babies when *Scrubs* premiered in 2001.

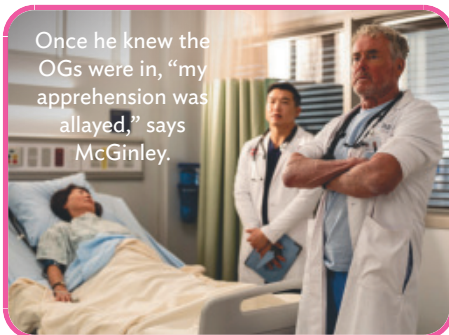
"To immediately be immersed in that community and watch the original cast reconnect was ex-

tremely magical," says Morrow. "That mentorship is real on- and off screen, with the OGs seeing that we're in a position they were in 25 years ago," Morrow says. Adds Mohammadi, "They've created an environment where you could feel safe."

The cast is excited to welcome longtime fans and new viewers into the fold as this *Scrubs* develops into its own thing. **John C. McGinley** (Dr. Cox) promises "a lot of complications" after a big premiere twist on Feb. 25.

"I did want the characters to grow," Reyes says. "You see that they are impacted by time passing — but with age and experience. The challenge is always going to be with the characters and the storylines. I'm so proud that was achieved."

Once he knew the OGs were in, "my apprehension was allayed," says McGinley.





Rise and Shine!

The 30 *Rock* team makes magic again — this time with sports!

“[Tracy’s] just an incredibly generous, fun scene partner,” Radcliffe tells *Us*.



The only thing better than a comeback story is a mockumentary about that comeback story from sitcom heavyweights **Tina Fey**, **Robert Carlock** and **Sam Means**. In *The Rise and Fall of Reggie Dinkins* (Mondays on NBC), **Tracy Morgan** is the titular former football star, who’s fallen from grace after a gambling scandal. He hires a filmmaker (**Daniel Radcliffe**) to produce a documentary about him and — predictably and hilariously — chaos ensues.

“You get access to some of the best comedy writing in the world,”



“It’s real fun to improvise with Tracy,” Moynihan tells *Us*. “It’s a blast.”

a delightful group of people making something that’s genuinely good and

Radcliffe gushes to *Us* about working with 30 *Rock*’s executive producers, who he previously collaborated with on *Unbreakable Kimmy*

Schmidt. “When you’re in a situation where you’re with

funny, it’s a dream job.”

Other go-to comedy collaborators, like *Saturday Night Live* alum **Bobby Moynihan**, who plays Reggie’s best friend, also star. Both Radcliffe and Moynihan credit Morgan with setting the comedy bar on their show so high. In fact, Radcliffe tells *Us*, if he were going to make a comedy documentary, “I would follow Tracy around with a camera.” **YANA GREBENYUK**

Season 4’s Sophie (Yerin Ha) and Benedict (Luke Thompson)

BOOKS

Happily Ever After

While you await Part 2 of **Bridgerton**, why not try a **Julia Quinn** book?

● The first part of *Bridgerton* season 4 left viewers with plenty of questions: Can a gentleman ever marry a servant? What kind of scheming is Michaela (**Masali Baduza**) up to? And will we ever see Anthony (**Jonathan Bailey**) again?! (We can answer that last one: He’ll appear in



A Night Like This

A governess running from her past risks it all for a forbidden romance in this delightful *Bridgerton* spinoff that features an appearance by Lady Danbury herself.



How to Marry a Marquis

A woman must marry for money to help her family. Little does she know the estate manager where she works is actually a marquis trying to sniff out a blackmailer.



The Other Miss Bridgerton

Pirates!? In this *Bridgerton* prequel, Quinn hits the high seas for a romantic adventure. This one’s the biggest no-brainer for Netflix to adapt next.

part 2, out Feb. 26 on Netflix.)

If you can’t stand the wait — or just want to dive a little deeper — try hitting the books! *Bridgerton* author **Julia Quinn** has written more than 30 historical romance novels. In addition to the eight books currently being adapted for TV, there are four

prequels about a group of brothers who grew up alongside some *Bridgerton* cousins a generation prior; and a spinoff series, *The Smythe-Smith Quartet*, which features cameos from some familiar *Bridgerton* faces. Above, some of our faves of Quinn’s many charmers. **ERIN STRECKER**



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Across

1. Seth MacFarlane's animated sitcom: "American _!"
4. "The Amazing Race" host Keoghan
8. Actress Rochon
12. French friend
13. Ann Dowd in "The Testaments": _ Lydia
14. Egg-shaped
15. TV series starring Kaley Cuoco
17. Short-term worker
18. Vote for
19. Keke Palmer moves to "The _" in this comedy series
20. Harding of "Ripple"
22. Not your bro
23. Actor Alda
26. "Perry Mason" author _ Stanley Gardner
28. WNBA's Bird
31. Tracy Morgan stars in "The Fall and Rise of _ _" (2 words)
34. Country music duo Maddie & _
35. Rogers of "Final Space"
36. On
37. Nucleic acid, e.g.
38. John Travolta's film: "_ Shorty"
40. Ella Langley is "Choosin' _"
43. Buena _ Social Club
47. Object
48. TV title role for Scott Speedman (2 words)
51. Paul of "The Chaperones"
52. Florek of "Law & Order: SVU"
53. Beyoncé's album "_ _ ...Sasha Fierce" (2 words)
54. Stylish flair
55. TV series starring Shemar Moore
56. Meddle

Down

1. Actor Bautista
2. Famous Clooney
3. Eat
4. Spaghetti
5. "What did you say?"
6. Chemistry suffix
7. Former band for Jeffrey Osborne
8. Parker Posey stars in "The White _"
9. Film starring Drew Barrymore: "_ After"
10. Gwen Stefani's fashion/eyewear line
11. European mountain range
16. Frosting
19. Well, in Spanish
21. Parminder Nagra's role on "ER"
22. Billy Bob Thornton's breakout film: "_ Blade"
23. Singer Garfunkel
24. Thompson of "The Chicken Sisters"
25. "The _ of Innocence"
27. Daily nutrient intake level
28. Fonzie's catchphrase: "_ on it"
29. Green Day's 2012 album
30. Sixth sense
32. Electrically charged particles
33. Stana starring in "Castle"
37. Rodriguez of "Will Trent"
39. "Saturday Night's Main _"
40. Blondie's "The _ Is High"
41. And others (2 words)
42. "_: Warrior Princess"
44. Football coach Holtz
45. Rip up
46. Zombie film starring 1 Down: "_ of the Dead"
48. Street suffix abbr.
49. Mandible
50. Genetic blueprint

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25 THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT

The Oscars

In honor of the 15th anniversary of **James Franco** and **Anne Hathaway**'s ill-fated stint as cohosts on Feb. 27, 2011, we're breaking down fun facts about all things Academy Awards

1. Tickets for the first Academy Awards in 1929 cost \$5.
2. The official name of the iconic gold statue is the "Academy Award of Merit," not Oscar.
3. Legend has it that the nickname "Oscar" came from a librarian who declared the statuette looked like her Uncle Oscar.
4. Hathaway revealed in 2019 that she initially turned down the Oscars hosting gig — until Franco convinced her to do it.
5. Prolific composer **John Williams** is the only individual to be nominated in seven consecutive decades, from 1968 through 2024.
6. The Oscar statuette stands at 13.5 inches tall and weighs 8.5 pounds.
7. It took 81 years for a woman to win Best Director. It finally happened in 2010 for **Kathryn Bigelow's *The Hurt Locker***.



8. In nearly 100 years, only nine women have ever been nominated for Best Director, and only three have won.

9. *The Godfather Part II* (1974) and *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* (2003) are the only sequels to win Best Picture.

10. The infamous Best Picture mix-up of 2017, when *La La Land* was mistakenly announced as the winner instead of *Moonlight*, allegedly occurred because the man responsible for the envelopes was distracted by Twitter backstage.

11. **Rita Moreno** became the first Hispanic woman to win an acting Oscar in 1962 for playing Anita in *West Side Story* — and **Ariana DeBose** became the second 60 years later, for the same role.



12. Winners don't actually own their statues. Since 1950, they've signed a special agreement stating they can't sell or dispose of their trophies without first offering to sell them to the Academy for \$1.

13. A Black filmmaker has never won Best Director.

14. **Adrien Brody's** much-talked-about kiss with **Halle Berry** following his Best Actor win for *The Pianist* was not staged — nor was it consensual.

15. Only three films in history have won the "Big Five" Oscars (Best Picture, Actor, Actress, Director and Screenplay): *It Happened One Night* (1934), *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (1975) and *The Silence of the Lambs* (1991).

16. The 50,000-square-foot Oscars red carpet costs approximately \$24,700.



17. **Shrek** was the first to win the Best Animated Feature category, introduced in 2001.

18. **Will Smith** was banned from the Oscars for 10 years after slapping **Chris Rock** onstage at the 2022 ceremony.

19. *Titanic*, *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* and *Ben-Hur* are tied for the most number of Oscar wins, with 11 each.

20. **Beatrice Straight** won Best Supporting Actress for *Network*, in which she appears for only five minutes and two seconds — the shortest winning performance ever.

21. All three times **Jack Nicholson** won an Oscar, his film's female lead also scored a trophy.

22. For four straight years from 1978 to 1981, all four Best Supporting Actress winners had the initials "M.S." (**Maggie Smith**, **Meryl Streep**, **Mary Steenburgen** and **Maureen Stapleton**).

23. The 1964 ceremony marked the last time all of the major winners have since passed away.

24. Only one film has ever won both an Oscar and a Razzie: 1987's *Wall Street*.



25. In 2025, the Oscars ceremony cost \$57.7 million.

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