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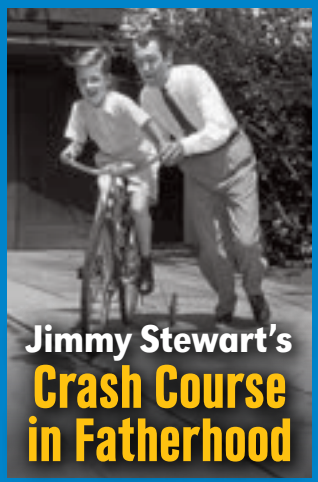
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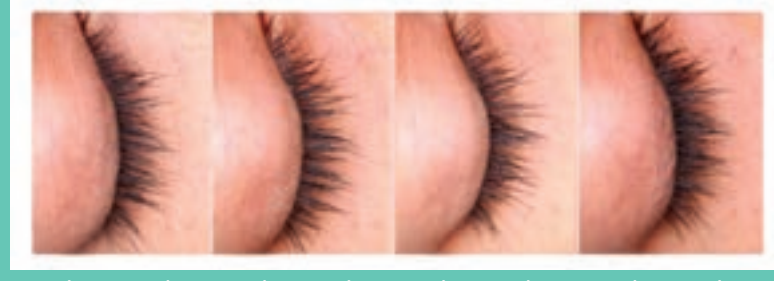


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"By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere."

—*Billy Crystal*

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SWEET TALKING

"It's hard to talk about certain people," confessed Elizabeth Taylor of James Dean, with whom she shares a break on the set of 1956's *Giant*. "You remember the friend you loved, and people want a myth or a sermon or a parable. Jimmy wasn't a parable or a myth: He was my friend, and I loved him."



PRINCE HARRY

Determined to Reconcile With Family



The last time William, Kate, Harry and Meghan appeared publicly together was at Queen Elizabeth's 2022 funeral.



Charles, Harry and William shared a sweet family moment in 1985.

"I love my Mother Country, and I love my family, and I always will."
—Prince Harry

Prince Harry is ready to make peace with his father, King Charles, and his brother, Prince William, after years of bad blood between them. "Harry wants to start the new year off right and focus on making amends," a royals insider tells *Closer*. "And lucky for him, Charles wants that, too." But while the monarch is eager to forgive and forget, it's going to be a little more difficult for Harry to bring William around. The once-inseparable brothers had a falling-out in 2016 when William expressed concerns about how fast Harry's relationship with Meghan Markle was moving — and their rift has only gotten worse over time. Luckily for Harry, he has Charles in his corner. "Charles has clarity with age, and if he wants anything, it is for William and Harry to repair their relationship," says the insider. "He's telling William to be the first one to reach out and be the bigger person. It's his mission to get the boys on good terms."

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DICK VAN DYKE

Year's to You

Out ahead of his 98th birthday on Dec. 13, Dick and his wife, Arlene, got a chitty chitty bang bang from being the center of attention at *Dick Van Dyke: 98 Years of Magic* — a star-studded tribute to his career. "You think, 'I don't deserve this,' but it's difficult to say how I felt," admitted Dick. "I came home, and I said, 'You know something? It's going to be a couple of days before this actually sinks in that it happened.' I never expected that kind of recognition. My whole life went before me. I didn't realize I had done so many things while I was 75 years in show business."



Ted Danson and Mary Steenburgen (far left) were among those celebrating Dick.





The Neighborhood's Tichina Arnold and Beth Behrs got into the spirit of *The Dick Van Dyke Show* re-creating a classic skit.



Things were poppin' when Zachary Levi performed "Jolly Holiday" for "the man who's been an idol of mine since I was a little kid."



Jason Alexander also had to doff his hat to Dick. "He is everything you'd want or imagine him to be," says Jason.

PICTURE PERFECT



ELIZABETH BANKS

Bird Call

Having Reese Witherspoon host a screening of her kids pic *Migration* was exciting, but Elizabeth (with co-star Kumail Nanjiani) admits seeing her own children about to fly the coop isn't too thrilling. "You're never gonna not worry about your kids; it's your heart beating outside of you."



JENNA FISCHER

Puck Stops Here

Like hockey mascot Louie found out at a recent St. Louis Blues game, Jenna always embraces a return to her hometown. "The thing I love most about going back to St. Louis are the people," she says. "When people say, 'Hey, you having a good day?' They actually really want to know."



TAMRON HALL & ELMO

World View

"It's Elmo's world — we're just living in it!" cheers Tamron, who was tickled by a visit from the Muppet to her show. And Elmo was happy to talk about ways kids can cheer themselves up when they are feeling down. "You can give yourself a hug," he shared. "And it helps to say something nice about yourself. Elmo will give himself a hug and say, 'Elmo is strong, and kind, and helpful.' And if you do that when you're feeling sad, it might help."





JOHN OATES

Free for the Masking

Oh, oh, here he comes. He's an anteater! While the Hall & Oates vocalist was the latest celeb to be unveiled on *The Masked Singer*, John didn't leave on a sour note. "I'm in a point in my career where I can do anything I want," he says. "And it's fun to do something different!"



JANUARY JONES

Cold Shoulder

It's *snow* use, Frosty. For January to give up the single life, most guys aren't going to measure up, either. "I have very high expectations — but my life is so full. It's not like, 'Aww, I wish I had a man'.... I don't feel unhappy or lonely."

PICTURE PERFECT





CHER & JIMMY FALLON

Cop to It

Visiting *The Tonight Show*, the pop icon joined Jimmy for the latest installment of his sketch "Point Pleasant Police Department." Yet, it could be another case of arrested development for Cher. "Honestly, I'm not trying to be young, I am what I am, whatever that means," she said. "[But] if you never stop being a girl, you'll never get old."



STEVE BUSCEMI & HARVEY KEITEL

Night Cap

Trading *Reservoir Dogs* for reindeer sweaters, Steve and Harvey did their part for the annual autism benefit Night of Too Many Stars, though Harvey's never thought of himself as one. "I think of myself as a former Marine who got lucky, really lucky."



DONNY OSMOND

London Calling

On Dec. 13, Donny looked shipshape for a pantomime performance of *Peter Pan* at the London Palladium — a venue that's Never Never Land for him! "That stage is where I started my career [over 50 years ago], doing a royal command performance for the queen. Time has flown by just like that. I can't believe it."



TARAJI P. HENSON

Grand Gesture

Out promoting *The Color Purple*, Taraji greeted the folks at *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert* but saved many happy returns for her grandmother. "She's about to make 100 in April. And I'm going to take her to see [my movie]. And I'm going to sit right by her side. I'm going to watch her every emotion. You know 100 years, she remembers a time when [its themes were all too real]."

PICTURE PERFECT



BRADLEY COOPER

Proud Papa

For a special screening of his new pic *Maestro* in LA, Bradley couldn't have thought of a better person to share the moment with than his daughter, Lea — since every moment with her is "the greatest moment of my life," he says. "Every single thing is brought into glorious colors by the fact that I get to be a father to a wonderful human being."





BROOKE SHIELDS

Mother Nurture

At the CNN Heroes Tribute in NYC, Brooke and daughter Grier proved to be model companions. "I always say it's important that you have an ally within these times in your life because you're gonna need it," said Brooke. "And who better than your mom?"



PATRICK DEMPSEY

Family Man

"It's nice being around family," admits Patrick, who brought wife Jillian and their kids, Sullivan, Talula and Darby, to the LA premiere of his pic *Ferrari*. "I really appreciate the time when we're all together. It's about taking the time to take the time."



LEA THOMPSON

Girls' Night

"It's the time for family and friends!" says Lea, who admits her happy holidays revolve around kids Madelyn and Zoey. "I have been really taking time to enjoy this season and the many blessings of food, family and love. And I am so grateful for my daughters. Thank you for being a part of my life."



JOHN STAMOS

Golden Boy

At an LA screening for *Wonka*, John had a blast kidding around with his 5-year-old son. "Billy loves to laugh. And I love that he likes to laugh and that he likes to make other people laugh and wants other people happy," John shared. "He carries Bob Saget's sense of humor. That's one of the things that I miss so much about Bob, too, because my son, he has Bob's humor."



JIMMY STEWART

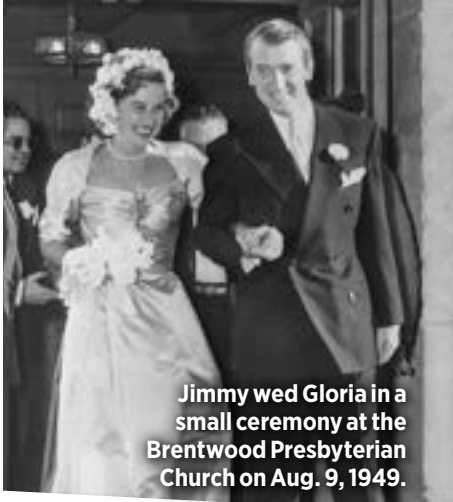
How FATHERHOOD CHANGED HIM

THE HOLLYWOOD ICON ROSE TO THE CHALLENGE OF BECOMING A HUSBAND AND FIRST-TIME DAD AT 41

Eighteen months after they wed, Gloria, the wife of screen star Jimmy Stewart, confessed that she had been nervous about making a family man of Hollywood's biggest bachelor. "I found myself thinking — now that he'll be seeing [my sons] 24 hours a day, will Jimmy like the boys so much?" confessed the previously divorced mother of two.



He was still Hollywood's most eligible bachelor when he played George Bailey in *It's a Wonderful Life*.



Jimmy wed Gloria in a small ceremony at the Brentwood Presbyterian Church on Aug. 9, 1949.



He and Gloria also became parents to twin daughters Kelly and Judy, who accompanied them to an event in 1988.



In 1951, Jimmy taught stepsons Ron and Michael to ride bikes.

Oscar-winner Jimmy Stewart's marriage at age 41 made headlines around the world in 1949. The war hero and longtime ladies' man had spent his youth romancing a who's who of Hollywood legends, including Olivia de Havilland, Ginger Rogers, Loretta Young, Norma Shearer and Dinah Shore. He'd even had an affair with Marlene Dietrich before settling down with Gloria. "He sowed his wild oats, and his wild oats were very wild," says Robert Matzen, author of *Mission: Jimmy Stewart and the Fight for Europe,* noting that Jimmy's union with Gloria worked because they were "two mature people getting together later in life."

Gloria, a New York socialite who had worked as a model and actress, first caught Jimmy's eye at a dinner party. "For me, it had been love at first sight," he said. But it wasn't an obvious fit. "She had all these strikes against her. She was divorced, she wasn't Presbyterian, she smoked," says Matzen.

Gloria also had two sons from her first marriage, Ronald, who was 5 when they wed, and Michael, 3. "[Jimmy] liked the boys," said Gloria, adding that she was pleased that during their courtship Jimmy never seemed "bored or annoyed" by the children's presence. "He treated them as friends."

She felt relieved that Jimmy's interest in Ron and Michael didn't wane after their marriage. "I promised the boys a picnic on my first day off," Gloria recalled Jimmy telling her while filling a bucket with ice and soft drinks on a Sunday afternoon soon after they wed. The new family, including their German shepherd, Bello, spent the day at Malibu's public beach building sand castles. "It was quite a ball," said Gloria. "With Jimmy, everything is an occasion and it makes a great hit with the boys."

JOY & SORROW

In 1951, Gloria and Jimmy welcomed twin daughters, Kelly and Judy, into the family. Kelly recalls a happy childhood with parents who put on a united front but were not strict disciplinarians. "When we were punished, Mom would say, 'How could you do this to your father?' And Dad would pull us aside and say, 'How could you do this to your mother?'" she tells *Closer*.

Sadly, their family suffered a huge loss in 1969 when Ron was killed in action in Vietnam at age 24. "They were both devastated," says Matzen, who calls it "a very, very dark time" for Jimmy and Gloria. "It hurt him deeply to see his wife suffer so much."

They survived by being there for each other and lived long enough to welcome grandchildren. "My sister's boys and my brother's boys all have very fond memories of Mom and Dad," says Kelly. "They were very funny around the grandkids. It made their life."

Jimmy and Gloria's union would endure 45 years until her passing in 1994. "There are endless stories to tell — stories that are gay and amusing, heartwarming and touching about life with Jimmy," gushed Gloria. "He never has moods, never displays temperament. He loves his home. He loves his work." And he deeply loved the woman who made it all possible. —*Louise A. Barile*

Classic HOLLYWO



LUCILLE BALL'S APPLE CRUMBLE

- 8 cups cooking apples, *thinly sliced*
- ½ cup, plus 2 tbsp. sugar
- ½ tsp. ground nutmeg
- ¼ tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 tbsp. grated lemon peel
- 2 tbsp. lemon juice
- ¼ cup water
- 2 cups packaged biscuit mix
- 2 to 3 tbsp. butter, *melted*
- ½ cup milk

1. Toss together apples, ½ cup sugar, nutmeg, cinnamon, lemon peel, lemon juice and water. Place in a greased 2-quart casserole dish.

2. Cover and bake at 375°F. degrees for 1 hour or until apples are tender. Remove from oven and raise temperature to 450°F.

3. Combine biscuit mix and remaining 2 tbsp. sugar, and then quickly stir in melted butter and milk. Drop by rounded tablespoons around the top edge of casserole and one in the center.

4. Bake uncovered about 12-15 min. or until crumble is golden and done. Cool slightly and serve warm with vanilla ice cream.



CARY GRANT'S OVEN-BARBECUED CHICKEN

- 1 large chicken, *cut in pieces* (about 4 lbs.)
- Olive or vegetable oil for frying
- 1 cup ketchup
- ½ cup Worcestershire sauce
- ½ cup water
- ½ cup A-1 steak sauce
- ¼ cup sugar
- ¼ cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 onion, *peeled and chopped*
- 1 clove garlic, *peeled and chopped*
- 2 tbsp. cornstarch

1. Preheat oven to 325°F. Heat oil in a large skillet and brown chicken pieces in batches. Season with salt and pepper.

2. Place browned chicken in a 9 x 13" baking dish. In a saucepan, combine ketchup, Worcestershire, water, A-1, sugar, vinegar, onion and garlic. Whisk till sugar dissolves and sauce is warm.

3. In a small bowl, whisk cornstarch with 2 tbsp. cold water until smooth. Slowly add cornstarch to sauce. Whisk as it heats until the sauce is hot and thickened. Pour sauce over chicken and cover pan with foil.

4. Bake chicken 60-75 minutes or until meat is done. Serve with pan sauce.



OD DISHES

THESE SILVER SCREEN LEGENDS WERE HAPPY TO SHARE THEIR FAVORITE RECIPES WITH THEIR FANS

KATHARINE HEPBURN'S BROWNIES

- ½ **cup cocoa**
- ½ **cup butter** (1 stick)
- 2 **eggs**
- 1 **tsp. vanilla**
- 1 **cup sugar**
- ¼ **cup flour**
- 1 **cup chopped walnuts or pecans**
- **Pinch of salt**

1. Preheat oven to 325°F. degrees.
2. Melt butter in saucepan with cocoa and stir. Remove from heat, cool, and transfer to a large bowl. Whisk in eggs, 1 at a time. Stir in vanilla.
3. In another bowl, combine sugar, flour, nuts and salt. Add to wet mixture. Stir until just combined.
4. Pour into a greased 8 x 8" square pan. Bake 30 to 35 minutes. Brownies should be gooey. Let cool and cut into bars.

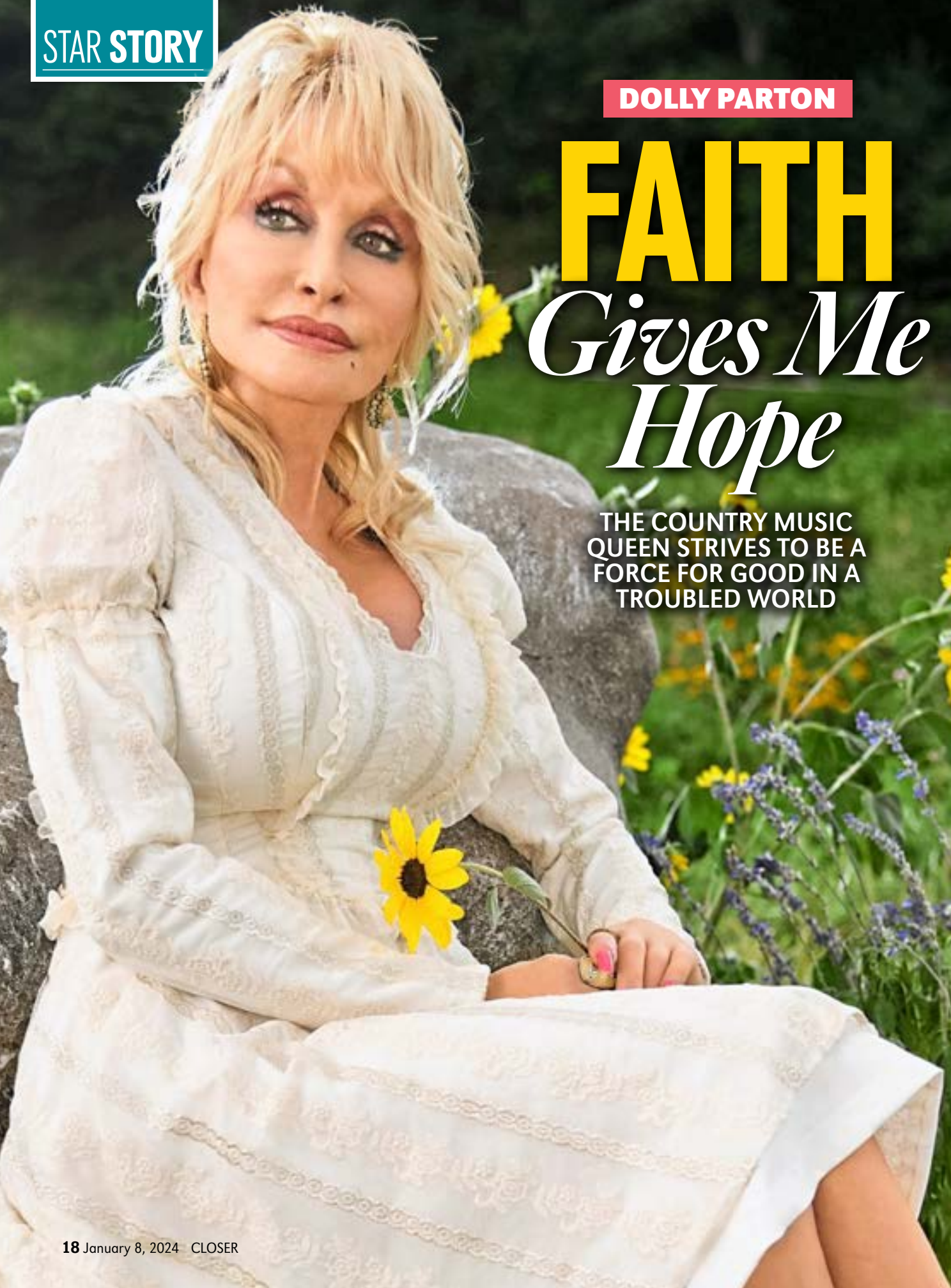




JOAN CRAWFORD'S MEAT LOAF

- 2 **lbs. ground sirloin**
- 1 **lb. bulk pork sausage**
- 3 **raw eggs**
- 1 **large onion,** *finely chopped*
- 3 **green bell peppers,** *finely chopped*
- 3 **tbsp. seasoned salt**
- 3 **tbsp. A-1 steak sauce**
- 3 **tbsp. Worcestershire sauce**
- 4 **hard-boiled eggs** (whole)
- 1 **cup water**

1. Combine meats, unbeaten eggs, onion, peppers, 1 tbsp. seasoned salt, 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce and 1 tsp. A-1. Mix thoroughly.
2. Shape mixture into oval loaf in large, shallow baking pan. Gently press hard-boiled eggs into the loaf.
3. Sprinkle remaining seasoned salt, Worcestershire and steak sauce on top of loaf, as a crust. Pour 1 cup water in the base of the roasting pan. Do not pour over the meat loaf after you have put the sauces on.
4. Bake in preheated oven at 350°F. for 30 min. Turn oven down to 300°F. and bake for another 30 min. Turn oven down to 250°F. and bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour, basting frequently with pan juice.



DOLLY PARTON

FAITH *Gives Me Hope*

THE COUNTRY MUSIC QUEEN STRIVES TO BE A FORCE FOR GOOD IN A TROUBLED WORLD

A GUIDING LIGHT



"I would sing hymns to God," says Dolly, who began seeing God as "a friend I could talk to on a one-on-one basis."



Her faith was tested when she found out that she and husband Carl Dean couldn't have children.



Dolly's longtime home in Brentwood, Tenn., includes a chapel where she goes to talk with the Almighty.



She played an angel in 2020's *Christmas on the Square*.

When did we lose 'in God we trust?'" asks Dolly Parton in "World on Fire," the kick-off single from her chart-topping new album, *Rockstar*. In the song, the country music queen takes aim at greedy politicians, hatred and violence, and suggests that we all need to be a lot kinder to each other. "Show some love," she sings. "Let's rise above."

Dolly, 77, admits she's not much of a churchgoer, but she is a big believer in God, especially in these troubled times. "I'm not that religious, but I'm very, very spiritual," says Dolly, whose grandfather was a Pentecostal preacher. "I grew up in very religious surroundings. I grew up with a Bible background, and I'm glad I did. I know my Bible stories."

But as a young woman with a taste for rhinestones, lipstick, high heels and even higher hair, she felt harshly judged by some of her neighbors. "I also grew up in a church where they criticized and condemned, and so many things were a sin," she recalls. "I was criticized for just looking the way I did. They thought I was trash. They thought I was a whore, that I was going to hell in a handbasket just for being young and dressing the way I did and being the way that I was."

> **"I try to find the God-light in everybody. That's how I accept everybody because I know that we're all pieces of God."**
>
> —*Dolly Parton*

Being looked down upon soured Dolly on her church, but it didn't harm her relationship with God or her faith in mankind's capacity for goodness. She maintains a personal relationship with God today and speaks to him often. "Every single day, before I do anything, I wake up and I thank God for the night and ask him to bless the day," says Dolly. "And just to guide me, lead me. I always pray that he'll let me uplift mankind and glorify him."

Dolly admits she's bothered by today's celebrity culture that heaps so much praise and attention on public figures. "There's a scripture in my Bible that talks about idol worship. And I see that happening all the time with movie stars and these celebrities," says Dolly. "People literally worship them more than they worship God. And I just — I cringe at it sometimes."

RETURN TO LOVE

At her home outside of Nashville, Dolly keeps a little chapel where she goes to pray, meditate on the events of the day and write songs. She's tried to follow the Bible's example by helping others, too. During the pandemic, Dolly gave $1 million to help create a vaccine. She has also put millions of books into the hands of children through her Imagination Library literacy program. "I probably get a lot more credit than I deserve," she says of her good deeds. "If I can set an example, then that's great."

Dolly also believes we'd all be better off if we gave each other the benefit of the doubt and a second chance when things go wrong. "I love everybody. I don't criticize, I don't condone nor condemn," says Dolly, who finds America's cancel culture small-minded. "We all make mistakes. We don't all get caught at it," she reasons. "You deserve to be innocent until you're proven guilty. Even when you're proven guilty, if God can forgive you, so can I. If God can forgive you, we all should forgive one another."

Dolly adds that because she was judged harshly because of the way she looked as a young woman, she tries to see beyond the surface of the people that she meets. "I knew how innocent I was in being myself and how pure that was in me. So I try to look for that innocence and that purity in everybody else," Dolly says. "I don't condemn or criticize. I just accept and love."

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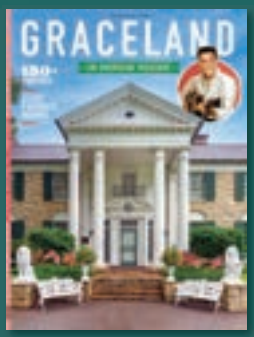


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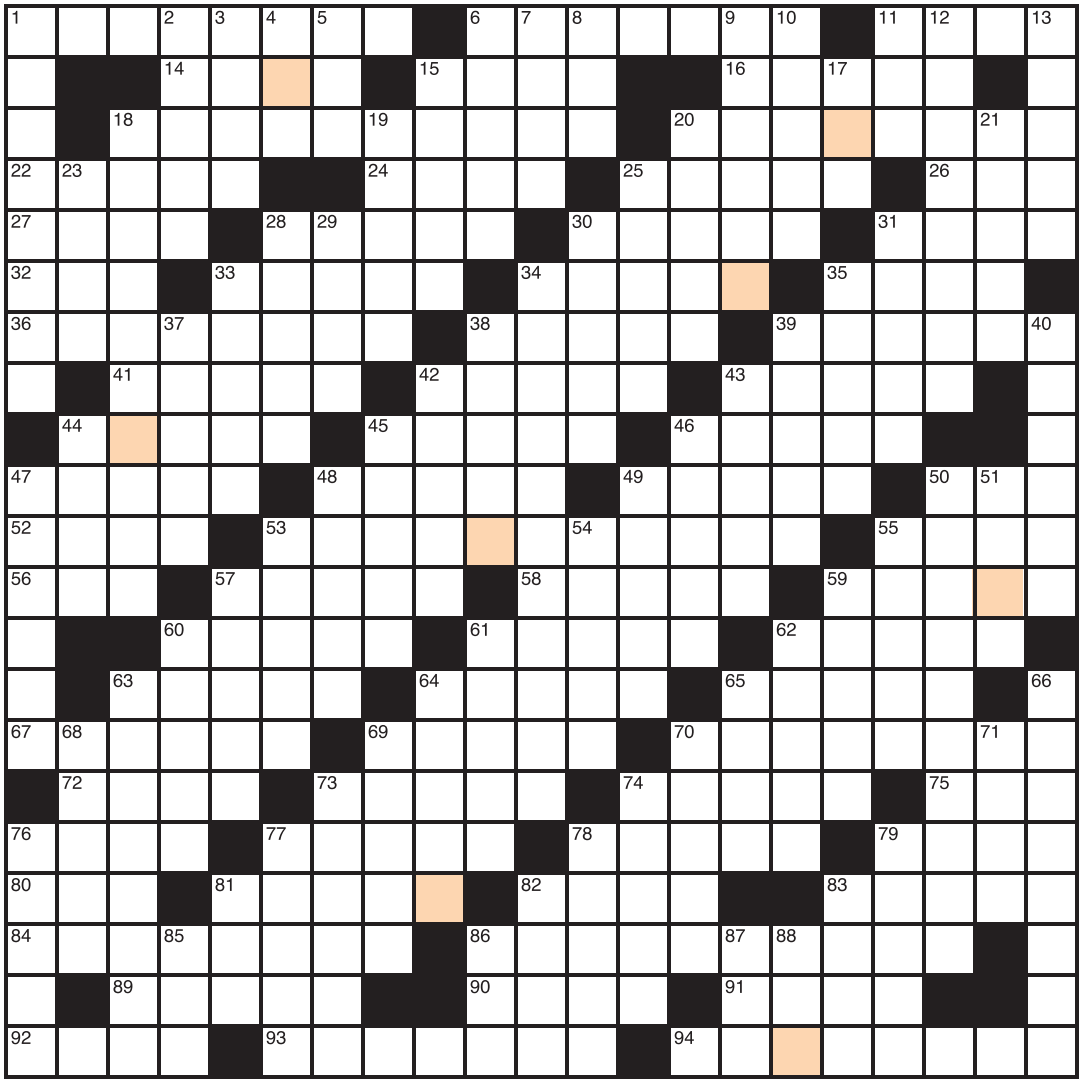
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Info on the computer
6 Instruction manual, maybe
11 Snorkeling site
14 Genuine: ___ fide
15 Hourglass filler
16 Put a sticker on
18 At a standstill
20 Broadcast
22 Prepares for publication
24 Little piggies
25 Wandered about
26 Before whiz or whillikers
27 Not as much
28 Helicopter blade
30 Chardonnay, Chablis and Merlot
31 Clue
32 Cocktail addition
33 Artist's cap
34 Expert
35 Lots and lots, slangily
36 Song writer
38 Postpone
39 Coiled up
41 Takes it all off
42 Rudolph's buddy
43 Composure
44 Parking attendant
45 Barber's tool
46 Director Louis
47 Placed on the payroll
48 More painful
49 Gold measure
50 In what way
52 Shaggy wild oxen
53 Newspaper writers
55 Certain feeling
56 Golfer Ernie
57 Crummy
58 Goes with itty
59 Basketballer
60 Bangor's locale
61. Thin coins
62 Overly assertive
63 Discovered
64 Sandwich shops
65 Tackle box items
67 Reprimands
69 Nun's garb
70 Home-loving
72 Historic periods
73 Father Christmas
74 Couches
75 Mythical bird
76 Max the boxer
77 Book of maps
78 Leases
79 Ballerina's costume
80 Cigar residue
81 Verbal quizzes
82 Stuck on oneself
83 Type of eclipse
84 Where Suzy sells seashells
86 Evasive maneuvering
89 Hangman's tool
90 Words of understanding
91 Comfort
92 Lord's wife
93 Breaks free
94 Made known

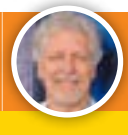
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2 Aids a criminal
3 Feather scarves
4 Also
5 Gal of song
6 Bread maker
7 Single dollars
8 Peculiar
9 Football team number
10 Stories
11 Gun the engine
12 Worthy of choice
13 Navy group
15 Go swiftly
17 River bottom
18 Goes ashore
19 River mammal
20 Copier agent
21 Get a feeling
23 Architectural style: art ___
25 Welder's pin
28 Bowler's button
29 Mine deposits
30 Thin cookie
31 Stable beast
33 Uninterested
34 Keepsakes, souvenirs
35 Remorseful feeling
37 Loses color
38 Baker's unit
39 Soft drinks
40 Dresser compartment
42 Haul around
43 Festive event
44 Ampule
45 Awaken
46 Sail poles
47 African beasts
48 Bump in the night
49 Flying toys
50 Nervous
51 Comply with
53 Brings together
54 Put a cap on
55 Bouquet holders
57 Praises
59 Heals
60 Grinding tooth
61 Liabilities
62 Cougars
63 Tennis stroke
64 Carvey and Delany
65 Upstairs apartment
66 Ill-fated
68 Partner for desist
69 Actress Berry
70 Designer Karan
71 Small bit
73 Ogles
74 Confiscate
76 Cooking herb
77 Got up
78 Rants furiously
79 Radio adjuster
81 Cry of surprise
82 Workbench clamp
83 Actress Kudrow
85 Type of bean
86 Fasten a hoodie
87 Jewelry stone
88 Empty space



WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the shaded letters to spell out the answer to this week's trivia question.



CLANCY BROWN's fast times in film began opposite this future Oscar winner in 1983's *Bad Boys*.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Find the 10 things that make these two pictures different!

PICTURED:
JOHN LEGEND SHARES THE LOVE — AND SOME COOKIES — AT A RECENT LA EVENT.



BLOCK BUSTERS

Bust up the blocks below and reassemble them to spell the title of a movie that each actor appeared in. Each complete word begins with a capital letter.

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& P zz id ce
an Pri El
Th e Pr re
Ho e M i'
ep ju ha

JUDI DENCH

JOHN GIELGUD

ANJELICA HUSTON

CRYPTOGRAM

A Cryptogram is a deciphering puzzle where one letter stands for another. If the letter M represents the letter A, it will do so throughout the puzzle. Write your answer in the box over the coded letter. Short words like A, AND, THE and I are common. Words may frequently end in E, S, and ING. We've given you some starting clues at the bottom.

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I V A H S U N Z R I D T V Q.
K V U Z I E C V H
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CLUES: D=A U=T QUOTE BY HENNY YOUNGMAN

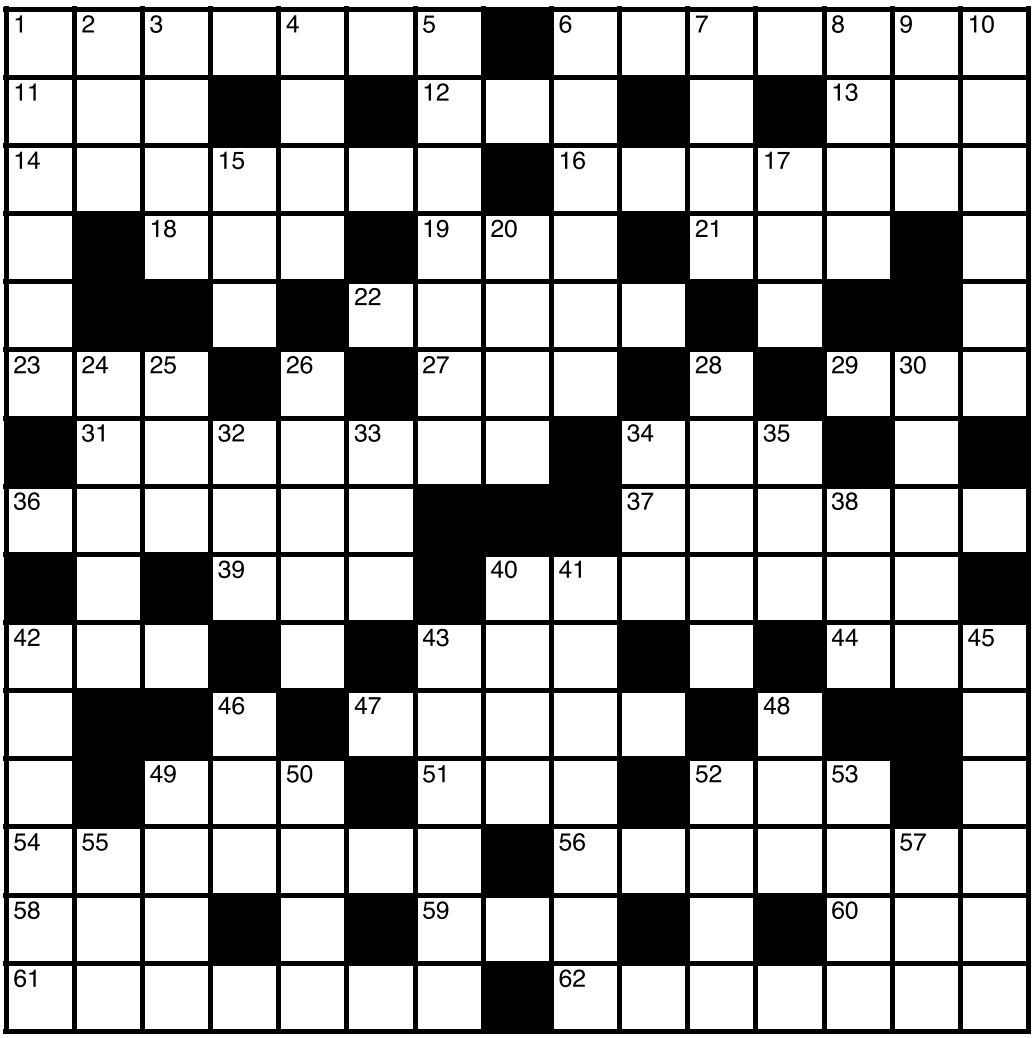
BONUS CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Protective dwelling
6 Glass containers
11 London break
12 Watch closely
13 Paintings, sculptures, etc.
14 Medieval bowmen
16 Rules of language
18 Possesses
19 Game for the playground
21 Knock lightly
22 They're in the dog family
23 Posed for an artist
27 Do away with
29 Spelling event
31 Transports
34 Questioning word
36 Hurt a muscle
37 Land of the luau
39 Former boys
40 Monthly remittance
42 Hilary Swank movie: *Boys Don't* ___
43 Bottle top
44 Seventies rock band
47 Crunchy snack
49 Naughty
51 Tavern order
52 This disappears upon standing
54 Tales
56 Ordinary
58 Also
59 Corn serving
60 Director's cry
61 Sinks to the bottom
62 Organizational methods

DOWN

1 Gets up
2 Date for him
3 Apiece
4 Father's Day gifts
5 Make like new
6 Pleaded
7 Liv Tyler movie: ___ *Thing You Do*
8 Place for a genie
9 Goes with HR or RBI
10 Employee protest
15 Fodder for the cows
17 Travelguide
20 Rotation line
24 Thespian
25 Blacktop ingredient
26 Attempted
28 Disgrace
30 The upper crust
32 Aries animal
33 Hostel
34 How come?
35 Be indebted
38 Some
40 Jack and Jill item
41 Comes out of nowhere
42 Storage boxes
43 Runs after
45 Sugary treats
46 Jelly holder
48 Vehicle
49 Heavy shoe
50 Tuning knob
52 Chair supports
53 Wear a hole in the rug
55 Stubbable item
57 Chewing stick



HOROSCOPES

WEEK OF DEC. 31 – JAN. 6

Capricorn
DEC. 22 – JAN. 19

Your life is about to transform, so don't resist change that can improve your life. Be prepared to move out of your comfort zone.

Aquarius
JAN. 20 – FEB. 18

You'll impress someone with your intelligence who can help you with money management. This is a great time for self-development.

Pisces
FEB. 19 – MARCH 20

At work, a positive attitude shows you can overcome anything. Broaden your vision, think big, and charge forward with confidence.

Aries
MARCH 21 – APRIL 19

New Moon energy indicates change at work. Get ready for action, Aries! Productivity is your key to success now, so get organized.

Taurus
APRIL 20 – MAY 20

At work, focus on what provides satisfaction as well as financial return. Less thought and more action are needed to move ahead.

Gemini
MAY 21 – JUNE 21

A new start with money and other people's resources gives you a sense of security. With relationships, communication is key.

Cancer
JUNE 22 – JULY 22

You could be in for a big surprise with a secret admirer declaring their love to you. In a personal situation, be a leader, not a follower.

Leo
JULY 23 – AUG. 22

You can achieve your goals but be careful that you don't fill your day doing damage control and burn out. Focus on the big picture, Leo.

Virgo
AUG. 23 – SEPT. 22

Go with the flow of life! Once the pieces start to fall into place it will have a domino effect of good luck. Romance is closer than you think!

Libra
SEPT. 23 – OCT. 22

When communicating, say what needs to be said in a concise and soft way. Avoid drama at all costs.

Scorpio
OCT. 23 – NOV. 21

With new relationships, look for people of substance who have a purpose in your life, Scorpio.

Sagittarius
NOV. 22 – DEC. 21

Your career is operating in the fast lane; focus on your highest priority. Look for a new start with money.

Christy Turlington turns 55 on Jan. 2!



THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

WORD SCRAMBLE ANSWER:
Sean Penn

"I told my doctor that I broke my leg in two places. He told me I should quit going to those places."

CRYPTOGRAM

Anjelica Huston

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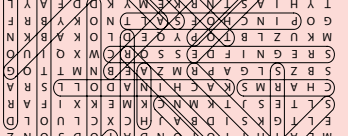
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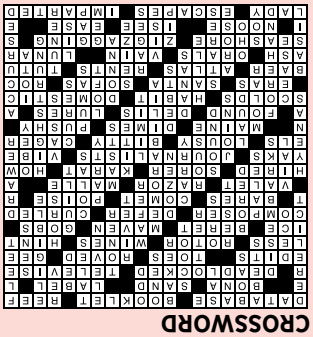
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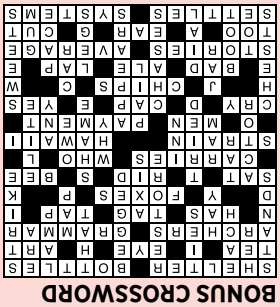
WORD SEARCH: Good Luck to You



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BONUS CROSSWORD



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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

1. Top of poster extended.
2. "Loved" logo at top left is bigger.
3. Headband color changed in poster.
4. Cookie box added on left.
5. Pastry replaced by cookies on box at left.
6. Cards added to table.
7. "Loved" logo missing.
8. Label color changed from green to blue.
9. Beige table changed from round to square.
10. Cookies missing from plate.

CLOSER STAFF PICKS

ENTERTAINMENT



Michelle Keegan and Richard Armitage

Acting the *Fool*

Shame on you if you think *Fool Me Once* won't have one author's trademark twists. Based on the best-seller by Harlan Coben, the miniseries revolves around an ex-soldier named Maya (Michelle Keegan) who's life is torn apart by the murder of her husband, Joe (Richard Armitage). Left to care for their daughter by herself, she sets up a nanny cam for protection. But when it catches the supposedly dead Joe lurking about her home, a deadly conspiracy appears to be at play and Maya is forced back into action. And, that's all in perfect keeping with Coben's usual protagonists. "I'm not really interested in writing James Bond or a superhero," he explains. "I want these to be people like you and me."

TUNE IN! *Fool Me Once* premieres Monday, Jan. 1 on Netflix.



A spellbinding turn by Elaine Cassidy.

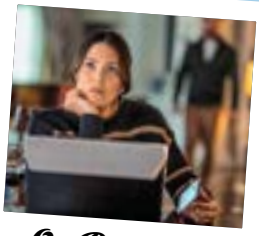
Any *Witch* Way

Bewitched it's not. Set in a world where witchcraft is real, *Sanctuary: A Witch's Tale* follows Sarah (Elaine Cassidy), a town's resident enchantress, who becomes the focal point of a literal, modern-day witch hunt when a teen dies and his mom (Amy De Bhrún) looks to place blame. "[It's] about what fear does to a community — and sadly we've seen plenty of examples recently," says V.V. James, author of the book on which the series is based. "Hatred is never the correct expression of fear."

TUNE IN! *Sanctuary: A Witch's Tale* premieres Thursday, Jan. 4 on Sundance Now and AMC+.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Mandy Moore



On Dr. Death

WHAT SHE'S DOING: Returning to acting with TV's *Dr. Death* after focusing her time on motherhood. "I feel incredibly privileged to have a job that allows me to be in that position."



WHAT SHE'S DONE: Loved the impact of being mom Rebecca for six seasons on *This Is Us*. "Quite frankly, nothing will probably mean the same thing to the world in the way that that job did."



TUNE IN! *Dr. Death's* second season is streaming now on Peacock.

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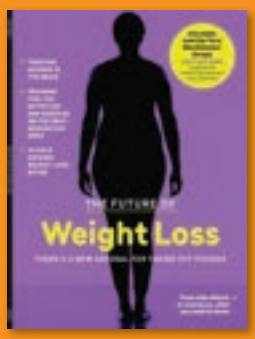


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THINGS TO DO & SEE

On Screen
Actress and activist Vanessa Papa stars in Netflix's *The Ultimatum: Queer Love.*



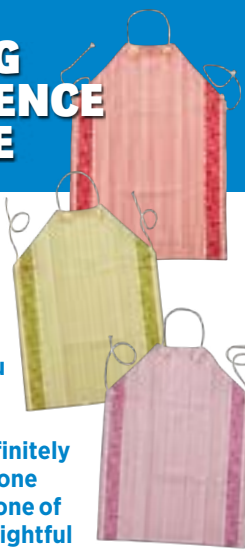
Classic Charm
"The Uffizi museum is a must-see," says Vanessa, "but it's enormous and will take you all day long to see half the art."



Best Bite
"Get pasta and wine at Zeb," she says. "It's a Michelin star restaurant where the menu changes every day."

Florence, Italy, distinguishes itself as both an ancient capital and a college town. "There's an unmatched blend of history and youth that coexists there," says TV personality Vanessa Papa, who loves how easy it is to explore the city and its varied neighborhoods on foot. "It was the birthplace of the Renaissance, and you can see the evidence of that everywhere," she notes. "Every time I go to Florence, I find new culinary and historical gems that I had never seen before. The food, the atmosphere, the language, the wine, the museums — it's all amazing." —*Reporting by Fortune Benatar*

BRING FLORENCE HOME



THE BEAUTY
We can't promise it will make you a better chef, but you'll definitely look like one wearing one of these delightful Italian linen and cotton aprons. $44 each; shop.busatti.com



THE FUN
This adorable cotton canvas cushion cover is printed on both sides with a depiction of the city. $55; torredarte.com



INGREDIENTS
1 oz. gin
1 oz. Campari
1 oz. sweet vermouth
Add all to a mixing glass with ice. Stir. Strain into a rocks glass over ice. Garnish with orange peel.

THE SIP
The Negroni cocktail was invented in Florence by Count Camillo Negroni.





Serene Setting
"Check out the city views from Piazzale Michelangelo," says Vanessa, who adds that it's particularly beautiful at sunset.

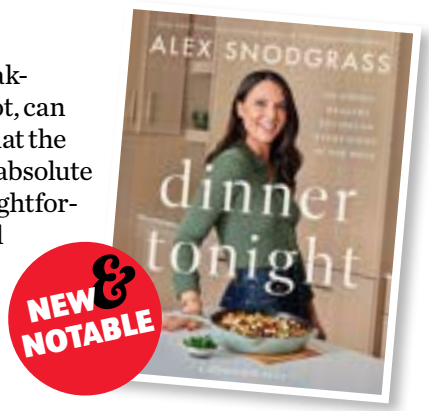


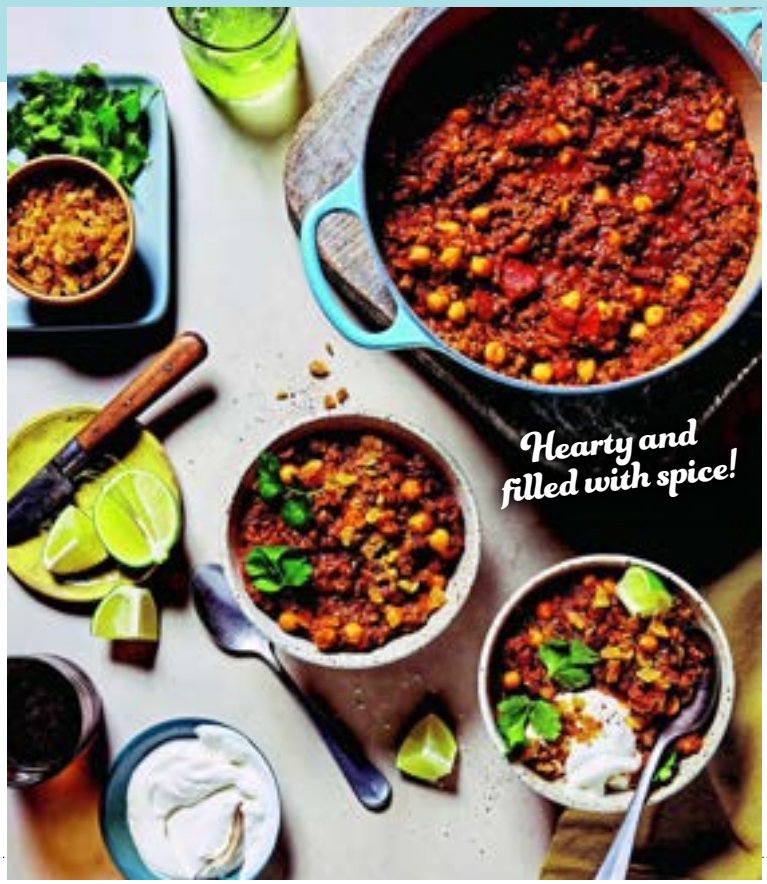
Tower Thrills
It's 414 sweaty steps to the summit of Giotto's Bell Tower, which reigns over the famed Piazza del Duomo at nearly 280 feet tall.

Easy, Flavor-Packed ONE-PAN SUPPERS

Featuring simple ingredients and speedy prep, these recipes are sure to become your go-tos for busy nights

To be honest, the size of our disdain for washing a mountain of dishes is rivaled only by the enjoyment we get from a delicious home-cooked meal — but on busy days, the former often wins out and we end up ordering in. That's why we were delighted to find the new cookbook *Dinner Tonight* from bestselling author Alex Snodgrass. "To some people, taking shortcuts, like cooking in one pot, can mean less flavor, but rest assured that the recipes in this book are some of my absolute favorites, streamlined to be as straightforward as possible by using a minimal number of pots and pans but never sacrificing taste," says Snodgrass of her flavor-packed one-pan meals. Try one tonight!





CURRIED CHILI

Serves 4

- **2 tbsp. olive oil**
- **2 cups diced yellow onion**
- **1 jalapeño,** *seeded and finely diced*
- **2 garlic cloves,** *minced*
- **2 lbs. ground beef**
- **1** (1") **piece fresh ginger,** *peeled and grated*
- **4 tsp. curry powder**
- **1 tsp. cumin**
- **½ tsp. coriander**
- **½ tsp. turmeric**
- **½ tsp. smoked paprika**
- **¼ tsp. cayenne**
- **1½ tsp. kosher salt**
- **1 tsp. pepper**
- **1** (14.5-oz.) **can diced tomatoes**
- **1** (15-oz.) **can tomato sauce**
- **½ cup beef broth**
- **1** (15-oz.) **can chickpeas,** *drained*

1. In a large pot, heat oil over medium-high. Add onion, jalapeño and garlic; cook 4 min. **2.** Add beef and ginger; cook 8 min. Add spices; cook 2 min. **3.** Stir in next 3 ingredients. Bring to a boil, then turn to low. Cover and simmer 20 min. **4.** Stir in chickpeas. Cover; cook 10 min. **5.** Ladle chili into bowls. If desired, top with sour cream, golden raisins, cilantro and pepper. Serve with a wedge of lime.

PER SERVING: 565 cal, 54g protein, 41g carbs, 10g fiber, 10g sugar, 21g fat

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The fluffy orzo soaks up all the tasty flavors as this dish bakes.

GREEK CHICKEN AND ORZO BAKE

Serves 4

- 1½ **lbs. boneless, skinless chicken thighs,** *trimmed*
- 2 **tbsp. olive oil**
- 2 **garlic cloves,** *minced*
- ½ **cup sliced shallot**
- 1 **bunch asparagus,** *trimmed, cut into 2" pieces*
- 2 **cups halved cherry tomatoes**
- ½ **tsp. salt**
- ½ **cup white wine**
- ¾ **cup orzo**
- 1 (14-oz.) **can quartered artichokes,** *drained*
- 1 **cup chicken broth**
- 1 **tsp. oregano**
- ½ **cup pitted kalamata olives**
- ½ **cup feta cheese**

1. Heat oven to 400°F. Season chicken with spice blend*. In a large ovenproof skillet, heat oil over medium-high. Brown chicken 2 min. per side; remove. **2.** Turn to medium, add next 5 ingredients; cook 4 min. Add wine; cook 2 min. Add next 4 ingredients; simmer. Add chicken and olives. **3.** Bake 10 min. Top with feta; bake 10 min. Cool 5 min. Garnish with parsley and serve.

***For spice blend:** Mix ½ tsp. *each* pepper, cumin and oregano, 1 tsp. *each* paprika and salt, and ¼ tsp. cayenne.

PER SERVING: 455 cal, 29g protein, 59g carbs, 22g fiber, 7g sugar, 15g fat



This bright, oven-baked supper is ready in under 30 minutes.

FISH WITH WHITE BEAN PUTTANESCA

Serves 4

- 2 (15-oz.) **cans cannellini beans,** *drained*
- 1 (13.8-oz.) **carton chopped tomatoes**
- ½ **cup halved and sliced shallot**
- 2 **garlic cloves,** *thinly sliced*
- ¾ **cup pitted kalamata olives,** *torn in half*
- 2 **tbsp. capers,** *drained*
- 2 **tbsp. chopped fresh parsley**
- 1 **tbsp. chopped fresh oregano**
- ½ **tsp. crushed red pepper flakes**
- 3 **tbsp. olive oil**
- 1 **tsp. kosher salt**
- 1 **tsp. pepper**
- 1 **small lemon,** *thinly sliced, seeds removed*
- 4 **skinless halibut, cod, or other whitefish fillets**

1. Heat oven to 375°F. In a 9 × 13" baking dish, toss first 9 ingredients, 2 tbsp. oil and ½ tsp. each salt and pepper. Nestle in lemon slices. **2.** Place fish on top of bean mixture, drizzle with remaining oil and sprinkle with remaining salt and pepper. **3.** Roast until fish is cooked and flakes easily, 18 to 20 min. **4.** Plate fish and top with puttanesca. Garnish with fresh parsley, if desired.

PER SERVING: 541 cal, 46g protein, 57g carbs, 19g fiber, 14g sugar, 18g fat

5 WAYS TO INCREASE YOUR PROTEIN INTAKE

SMALL CHANGES TO YOUR DIET CAN HELP YOU MAKE BIG GAINS

KEEN ON QUINOA: Try working the seed quinoa into your meals. According to Harvard Medical School: "Unlike some plant proteins, quinoa is a complete protein, meaning that it contains all nine essential amino acids that our bodies cannot make on their own." And since there are more than 120 known varieties, you have many choices.

BEAN THERE: Legumes, such as black beans, chickpeas and lentils, are also a good addition. Explain doctors at Johns Hopkins Medicine: "They're loaded with protein, fiber and many key nutrients. Don't let their small size fool you." You can eat them as a side, add them to salads, or even puree them for a sandwich spread.

GREEK TO YOU: Not only does Greek yogurt have more protein than your standard variety of yogurt, it's quite versatile says dietitian Amy Goodson, author of *The Sports Nutrition Playbook*. "You can make a yogurt parfait, but it can also be a topping for whole grain waffles, the base for salad dressings and dips, a swap for different ingredients in baked goods, [and] blended into a smoothie."

SNACK PACK: "Snacks are a great opportunity to add more protein to your diet," say experts at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine. But don't reach for the pretzels or potato chips. "Consider packing snacks like hard-boiled eggs, jerky or edamame to help boost your protein intake between meals."

WHEY OPTIONS: Per the folks at the Cleveland Clinic: "If you don't like other protein-rich foods, protein powder (like those made from whey) is great, especially if you're on the go. But to avoid gaining weight, be careful not to use protein powder in addition to a meal. Use it on its own as a post-workout recovery drink or as a quick meal replacement."







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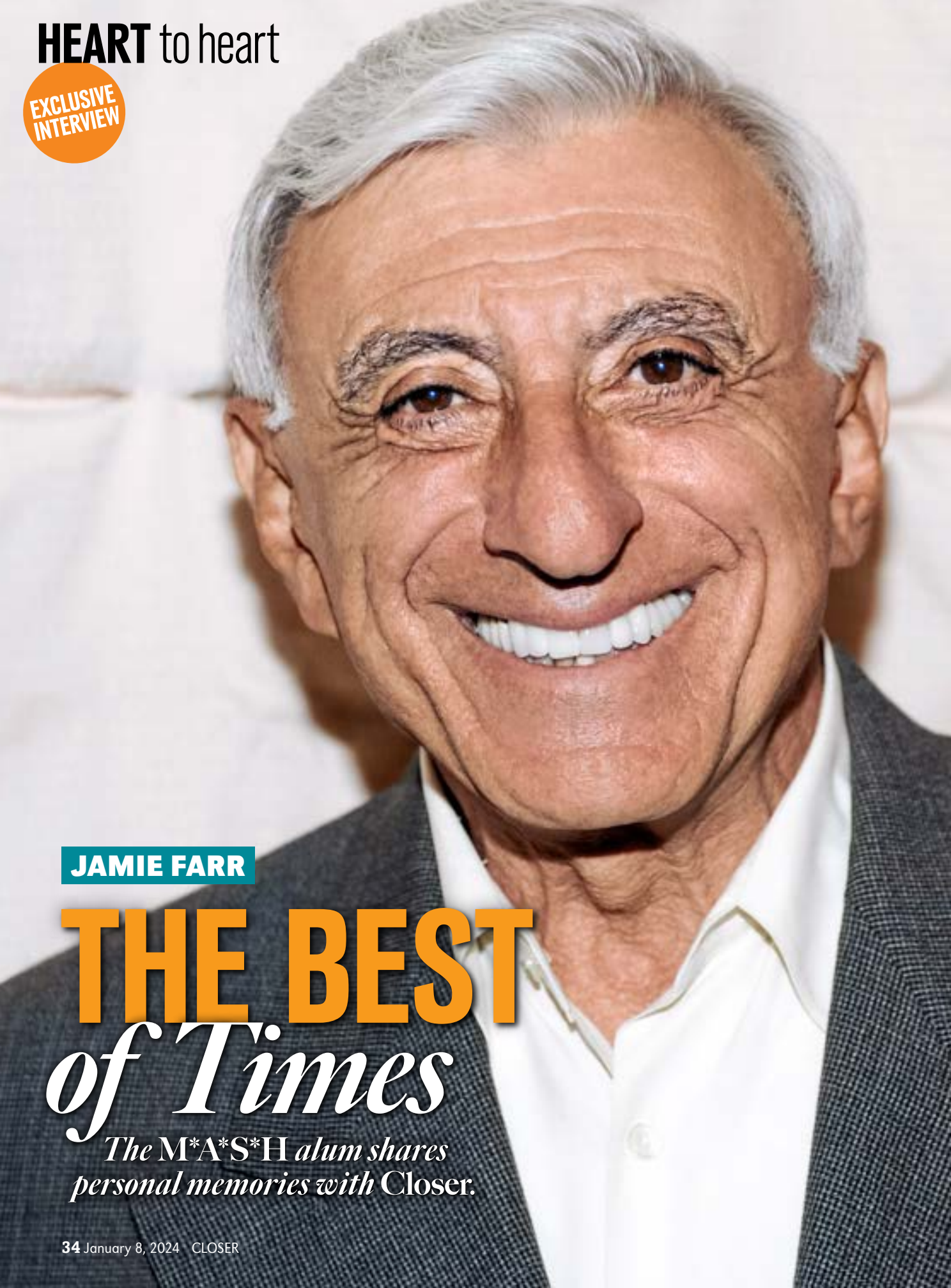






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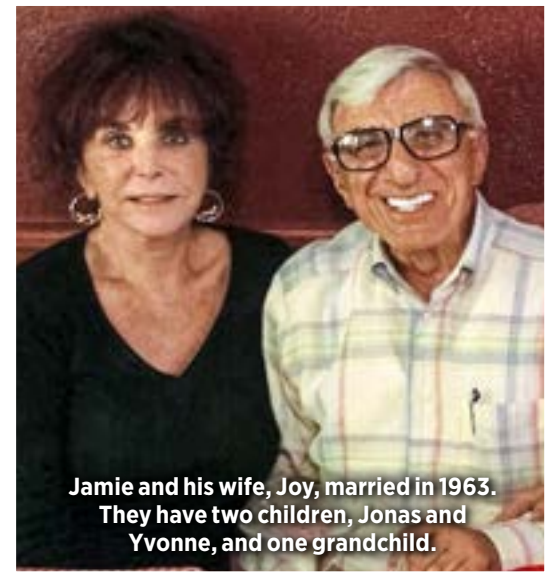
JAMIE FARR

THE BEST *of Times*

*The M*A*S*H alum shares personal memories with* Closer.



Jamie played Corporal Maxwell Klinger in 216 episodes of *M*A*S*H*, from 1972 to 1983.



Jamie and his wife, Joy, married in 1963. They have two children, Jonas and Yvonne, and one grandchild.

It's a very special time for Jamie Farr. The actor best known for playing *M*A*S*H*'s Corporal Klinger recently celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary with his wife, Joy. He'll enjoy another milestone later this summer when he turns 90! Jamie will also be one of the original cast members sharing memories in *M*A*S*H: The Comedy That Changed Television*, a new two-hour special airing Jan. 1 at 8 p.m. on Fox. "I still enjoy watching the show because it's like looking through a family album of all the people we no longer have with us but that we dearly loved — Harry Morgan [Colonel Potter], Larry Linville [Major Burns], Wayne Rogers [Trapper John], Bill Christopher [Father Mulcahy] and David Ogden Stiers [Major Winchester]," Jamie tells *Closer*. "These were all wonderful souls who became friends."

Did you ever take any day jobs while you were waiting for your big break as an actor?

I used to have a lot of odd jobs when we didn't have any money and had to pay the rent: a salesman in downtown LA, an airline reservationist. I worked for a messenger service delivering scripts and did janitorial work at a chinchilla farm.

Early in your career, you became close with comedian Red Skelton.

He was like a second father to me. On *The Red Skelton Hour*, Red and I were playing two sailors coming back from Korea with an abandoned baby that Red's character, Cookie, wants to adopt. But the only way he can do that is if he's married — so he dresses me up as his wife. I had no idea I was going to be having a career in a dress!

That's ironic!

When I got drafted by the real army, Red gave me a St. Christopher medal to bless me so I'd be safe. Red told me it was going to be tough for me to get back in showbiz after my honorable discharge, so he put me under contract to do his show and travel with him. We entertained the troops all the way up to the 38th parallel and the DMZ [in Korea]. When he passed away, I was asked to be one of his pallbearers along with Bob Hope and Milton Berle.

It is true that Klinger was only supposed to be on *M*A*S*H* for one episode?

Yes. I got this call from my agent: "They're doing the TV series at 20th Century Fox. It pays $250 for the day." On the lot, they took me over to the dressing trailer and there was a woman's Army Corps uniform hanging there. I thought, "Am I dressing with an actress?" They also had these gigantic high heels — I think the brand name was El Grande. I literally needed to pay rent and buy food, so I put them on. Of course, I also have hairy bowed legs. When they took me out to the stage, the whole crew started laughing.

During your time in the real army, did you ever meet anyone like Klinger, who pulled stunts to try to get a discharge?

I never met anybody who wore a dress, but

there was a guy in boot camp who used to jump out the window to try to break his leg. You know, the idea for Klinger came from [comedian] Lenny Bruce. [While serving in the Navy during World War II,] he showed up wearing a dress. He got thrown in the brig; I got 11 years on a TV series.

Klinger started off as a hilarious visual gag, but he became a fully fleshed-out character.

Yes, the producers and writers trusted me that I could pull it off. I get a lot of fan mail that says I made people laugh, but at the same time, there were those serious moments that were very touching. They made those characters 100 percent and gave them complete souls.

It seems like you all had a great time working together.

Oh, there's no question about it. I mean, I've done a lot of shows where the actors are never that friendly with one another. For our series, they built a special little area for us away from where they set up the cameras. We would sit in there and we would run the lines back and forth until we had those scenes crackling. It was a perfect dream cast.

How is Alan Alda doing?

I have not talked to him in a while. I know his wife, Arlene, is looking after him with his Parkinson's disease. Tony Danza is a good friend of mine and lives in Alan's building. Tony tells me Alan jumps rope and does a lot of exercise.

The *M*A*S*H* writers had a ball making fun of your nose.

I used to kid Milton Berle, Dean Martin, Vic Damone and Gene Barry that they all had my kind of nose but got them fixed. They used to kid me back by saying, "We know you had yours fixed, too — you had them make it bigger!"

When you meet other veterans, are they excited to talk to you?

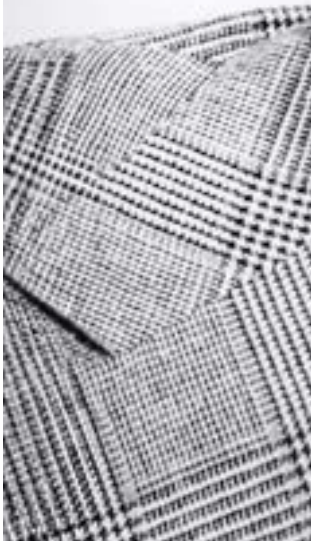
Last year, I just happened to end up on one of these honor flights where they take veterans from World War II, Korea and Vietnam to see the memorials in Washington, D.C. When they saw me and found out that I'd also been in the military, they went crazy.

You played the Sheik in the *Cannonball Run* movies. That looked like a blast.

They were so much fun. I don't think any of us had a sober breath. The movies got destroyed by the critics but made a ton of money. I was supposed to be the ugliest son of Ricardo Montalban. I remember him saying afterwards, "At MGM, I got to kiss Lana Turner, Esther Williams, and I end up kissing an orangutan."

A SPECIAL SHOW

"To have something like *M*A*S*H* is a treasure," says Jamie. "Not only that it was the most-watched TV series in the history of television, but it still stands."



JAMIE'S LIFE IN THE SPOTLIGHT



BABY BOY He was born into a Lebanese-American family in Toledo, Ohio.



YES, SIR! Jamie had a small role in the 1958 Andy Griffith comedy *No Time for Sergeants*.

THEY DO Jamie and Joy were married before his co-stars while he was filming *The Greatest Story Ever Told*.





WILD RACE He played the Sheik in 1981's *Cannonball Run* and its sequel.



"On *M*A*S*H*, I couldn't wait to go to work in the morning. That's how much fun it was."

—Jamie Farr

You got to visit the Middle East when you filmed *The Love Boat*. Was that fun?

I was in Jerusalem visiting the Church of the Holy Sepulchre with my wife, Joy, Linda Evans, Eva Marie Saint and Bernie Kopell's wife, Yolanda. The tour guide told me I couldn't wear my Bermuda shorts inside, but I knew I'd probably never get back there, so Eva, Linda, Yolanda and Joy formed a huddle around me, and we all walked in hoping that nobody saw me. What a lucky guy I was, right? I ended up being escorted out by the holy guards while fans are taking my picture.

You recently celebrated your 60th wedding anniversary. What's your secret for making a marriage last?

Say yes. It's not easy, and we had a lot of tough times when I was out of work. But when you have arguments, you know you'll never win, so just give in. *—William Keck & Amanda Champagne-Meadows*





CRIME STORY He also visited fictional Cabot Cove for an episode of ***Murder, She Wrote*** with Angela Lansbury.

DREAM TEAM The series ***AfterMASH***, with William Christopher and Harry Morgan, aired from 1983 to 1985.

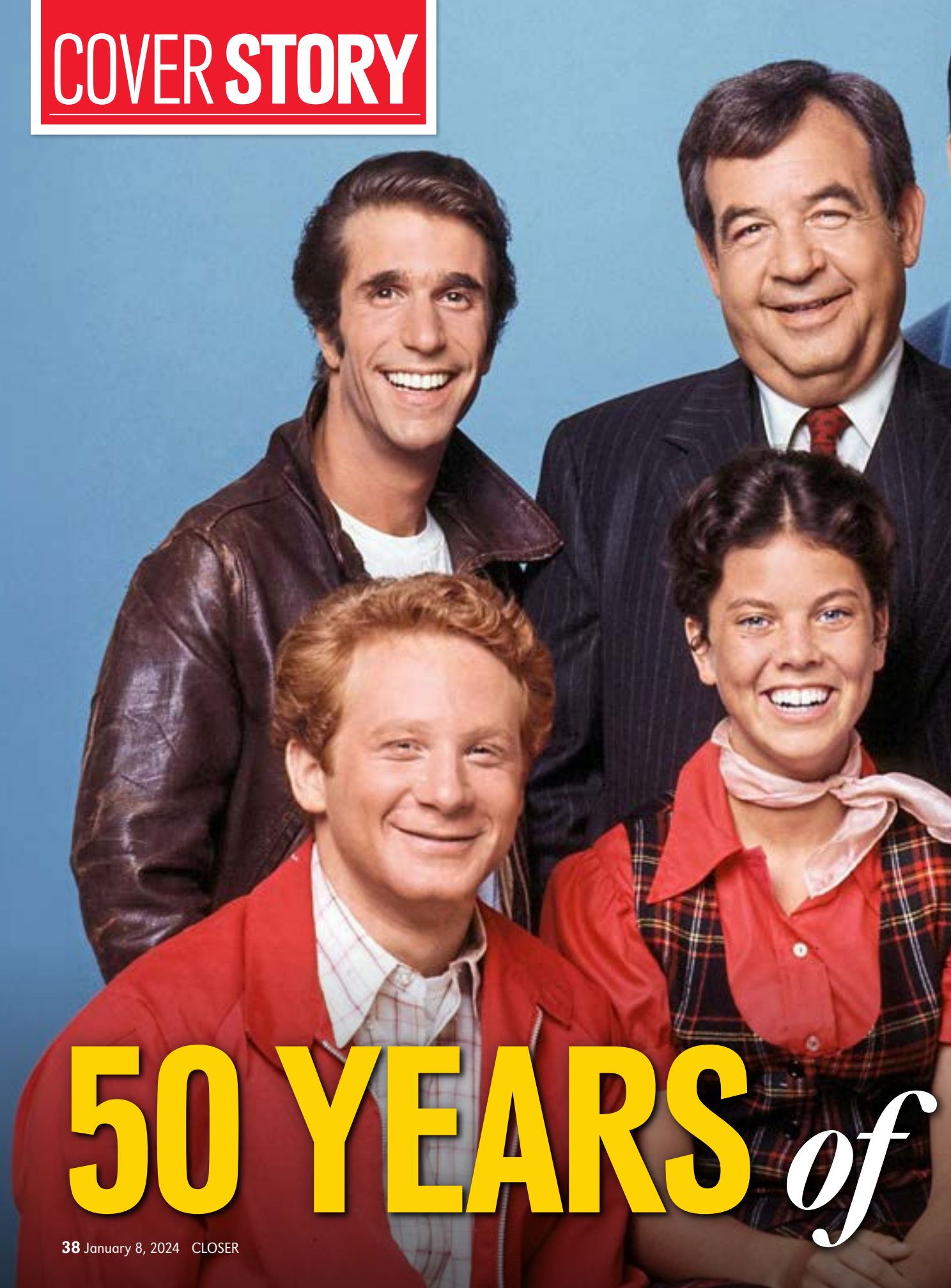




BOSS MAN He played Jacob Marley in the 1988 holiday film ***Scrooged***.



OLD PALS Jamie appeared as Dudley on ***The Cool Kids.***



50 YEARS *of*



HAPPY DAYS

THE CAST OF THE FEEL-GOOD 1950S FAMILY SITCOM SHARE MEMORIES WITH *CLOSER*

In the 1970s, the coolest decade in entertainment was the 1950s. *Grease* packed the house on Broadway. *American Graffiti* cruised into theaters, and *Happy Days* became one of TV's most popular shows.

Created by Garry Marshall, the Milwaukee-set sitcom introduced the world to all-American high schooler Richie Cunningham, his family and his close circle of friends. "So many fans have written to me over the years and said they wished they had a family like ours," Marion Ross, 95, who played Mrs. C., tells *Closer*. "We were a family off stage as well as on stage."

Before *Happy Days*, Marion, Ron Howard, 69, and Anson Williams, 74, appeared together in a TV pilot set in the 1950s called "Love and the Television Set," which aired as a segment on *Love, American Style*. "I was in awe of Ron because he was already a star," recalls Anson to *Closer*. Having spent his childhood on *The Andy Griffith Show*, Ron admits he had mixed feelings about committing to another TV series, but he had personal reasons for saying yes. "I had a horrible draft number," Ron confides. "I really didn't want to go to Vietnam, and I didn't want to go to Canada." The actor hoped to







FAVORITE EPISODES

1. "My favorite was when the Fonz and I entered a dance contest and did the tango," says Marion of a 1976 episode. Hijinks ensued when Howard suspected Marion of straying because of all the time she was spending secretly rehearsing.

2. In 1975's "The Motorcycle," Ralph accidentally destroys Fonzie's beloved bike. "It turns out that I had accidentally backed into it, and I panicked," Don recalls of his fave. "I was fearing for my life." At one point, Ralph packed his suitcase, prompting Richie to ask where he was going. "West," he said.

3. "It was just awful," Anson says of the 1978 *Happy Days* episode about an alien that Garry wrote for his *Star Wars*-obsessed son. Then-unknown comedian Robin Williams improvised all his scenes. "You want to talk about a crazy, phenomenal moment? I saw genius," says Anson. "On Wednesday, we had the worst script in the world. By Friday night, it was a classic."

qualify for a work deferment" as the star of a TV show. "[The pilot] didn't sell, and another few months later they did away with the draft, so I dodged that bullet," he says.

The success of the film *American Graffiti* prompted ABC to rework the 1950s-set pilot. Ron and Anson took new screen tests, but they had competition from Robbie Benson, who tried out for the Richie role, and Don Most, who auditioned to play Potsie Weber. "I had just turned 20," Don, 70, tells *Closer*, recalling the audition process as "a very long, very emotionally draining day." In the end, Garry kept Ron as Richie and Anson as earnest Potsie, but he liked Don so much that loudmouth pal Ralph Malph was created for him.

The cast was largely set by the time Henry Winkler tried out for Arthur "Fonzie" Fonzarelli. "I moved to LA in 1973 and two weeks later went to Paramount Studios for an audition — with hair down to my shoulders and a gigantic sweat patch because I was petrified," Henry recalls. "I walked in and said six lines. I guess I did them pretty well because I got the part."

STARDOM & STRESS

Happy Days wasn't an immediate success. A retooling in the second season eliminated Richie's basketball-playing older brother, Chuck, emphasized more broad comedy, and made greaser Fonzie a main character. "People don't remember we were almost canceled a year-and-a-half in," says Anson. "That's when they took a shot at changing the whole tone of the show. We had no idea that Fonzie was going to break out as a character."

Henry, who wasn't allowed to wear a leather jacket in the first

"Henry Winkler became the #1 star in the world, but he never lost his humility."

—Anson Williams

season for fear of the character scaring off viewers, brought his own magic to the role. "It was unbelievably hard to be cool in puce," he jokes of Fonzie's original cotton jacket. He tried to avoid greaser stereotypes, like cigarette packs tucked in shirt sleeves and combing his pompadour in a mirror. "I walked up, held up my comb, then went: 'Heeeey...that's perfect, I don't need to comb,'" recalls Henry. "That moment defined the Fonz. I got the 'heeeey' and the 'whoaaa' from my favorite sport at the time: horse-riding."

By 1976, *Happy Days* had become the number-one show on TV. "There's no way it wouldn't change your life," says Don. "We couldn't go anywhere without being recognized. At first it's exciting, but then you realize it's 24/7. It's not like you hit the light switch and it turns off."

The solid core of camaraderie that producer Garry Marshall built helped the actors remain united. In addition to spending hours a day together on set, the cast played on a *Happy Days* softball team. "Garry thought it was very important for the *Happy Days* guys to become a team," explains Anson. For Henry, who had never played ball, it was a big challenge. "Ron bought me my first mitt, and Anson bought me my first bat for

Spinoff Series



LAVERNE & SHIRLEY Producer Garry called his sister, Penny Marshall, to ask if she and her writing partner, Cindy Williams, could guest-star as dates for Fonzie and Richie on *Happy Days*. "We played Laverne and Shirley — girls who put out and fought with each other," recalled Penny. Their spinoff series would run for eight seasons from 1976 to 1983.

MORK & MINDY Robin Williams' guest appearance on *Happy Days* as an alien from Ork electrified viewers. "At the end of the episode, 300 people in the audience stood up and applauded, which is not usually done," recalled Garry. "It didn't take a genius to know he could do his own show." Robin and Pam Dawber would star on *Mork & Mindy* for four seasons from 1978 to 1982.





JOANIE LOVES CHACHI Fonzie's cousin Chachi, played by Scott Baio, arrived in 1977 as a love interest for Joanie (Erin Moran), and the pair exited into their own series that ran for 17 episodes from 1982 to 1983. "If I had to do it all over again, I would've waited till *Happy Days* was over," admits Scott. After the cancellation of their spinoff, the characters returned to *Happy Days* and were married in the series' 1984 finale, "Passages."

Notable Guest Stars

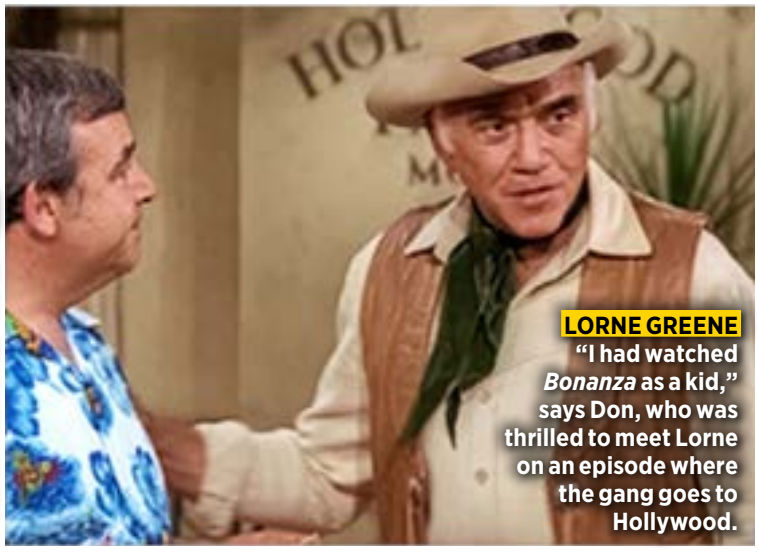


CHERYL LADD "I played Cindy Shea, a sort of Sandra Dee movie star," recalls Cheryl of her role in the episode "Wish Upon a Star." "My first screen kiss was with Ron Howard!"



FRANKIE AVALON The singer played himself in a Season 9 episode that claimed Frankie was a distant cousin of drive-in owner Al. He sang his hit "Venus" on the show.





LORNE GREENE "I had watched *Bonanza* as a kid," says Don, who was thrilled to meet Lorne on an episode where the gang goes to Hollywood.



my birthday," says the actor, who eventually became a pretty good pitcher.

Famous on TV since age 6, Ron also helped his co-stars navigate first-time fame by his own level-headed example. "Ron was so mature, so professional and had such lack of ego, we kind of followed him," admits Anson, who also credits Henry for not allowing the popularity of Fonzie to go to his head. "We had these crappy dressing rooms on the set — literally, plywood with shag carpeting and a chair. When Henry could own half the lot, he said, 'Nope. I'm keeping the dressing room.'"

Despite everyone's best intentions, when the president of ABC suggested changing the show's title to *Fonzie's Happy Days,* feelings got hurt. "The press kept saying, 'What's it like? Do you feel like you've become a secondhand citizen on your own show?'" recalls Ron, who admits he was both disappointed and angry. "The executives, studio heads, network heads, you know, they started treating me with a lot of disrespect from a business standpoint [and] in terms of interaction."

The final straw snapped at Christmas 1979 when the network gifted Henry with a fancy VCR player and gave Ron a new wallet. "[Ron] told me how disrespected the network had made him feel — financially and personally," Henry relates. "'You know,' he said, 'ABC just really doesn't care about me.'"

> **"I recognized that it is a business, and it's a tough business...It reminded me to pursue my own dream."**
>
> *—Ron Howard*



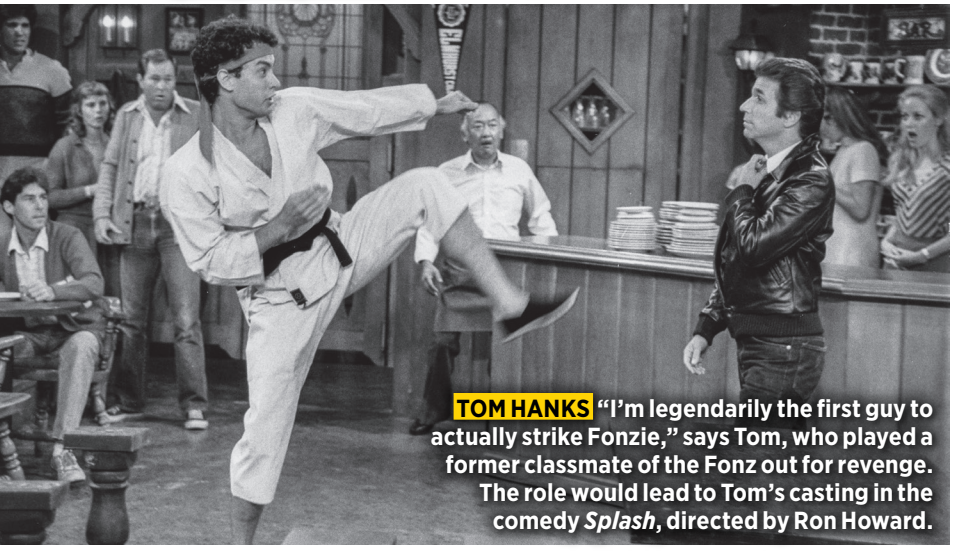
DR. JOYCE BROTHERS In a 1978 episode, the Fonz calls in Dr. Brothers to help figure out the cause of his dog Spunky's depression.



HANK AARON The Baseball Hall of Famer — who began his career in the Cunninghams' Milwaukee — played himself on a 1980 episode.



GARRY MARSHALL Show creator and producer Garry appeared in two episodes — both times as a drummer! He performed in a 1975 prom episode and in 1977's "Fonzie Is Getting Married."



TOM HANKS "I'm legendarily the first guy to actually strike Fonzie," says Tom, who played a former classmate of the Fonz out for revenge. The role would lead to Tom's casting in the comedy *Splash*, directed by Ron Howard.



MAUREEN MCCORMICK In "Crusin'," a Season 2 episode, the guys get into a drag race to win the admiration of the *Brady Bunch* alum and her two friends.

In 1980, Ron quit *Happy Days*. His character, Richie, left to join the Army, although he returned for guest appearances in the final season. Don also left that year. "I was concerned about getting locked into that one character," he explains. "I knew I wanted to try to do many, many different kinds of roles."

OLDIES AND GOODIES

Happy Days ended its phenomenal 11-season, 255-episode run in the summer of 1984. Today, the cast remain close, although Tom Bosley, who played patriarch Howard Cunningham, passed away in 2010 and Erin Moran, best known as younger sister Joanie, died of throat cancer at age 56 in 2017.

"I'm probably closest to Henry," says Marion. "He calls me to check in every so often." She gifted the blue dress with the white collar she famously wore as Mrs. C. to a museum in her hometown, Albert Lea, Minn.

Don, who has continued as an actor and a singer (his latest CD is called *New York High*), looks back on those years with affection. "There are so many memories, but what sticks out to me is the camaraderie," he says, noting that he and Anson remain the best of friends. Don was even best man at Anson's wedding last May.

Of course, Ron became an Academy Award-winning director, while Henry, who published his memoir last October, won his first Emmy in 2018 for *Barry*. "It's taken me from there to today to taste who I knew I wanted to be as an actor," says the star, who kept one of Fonzie's five leather jackets from the show.

Nearly 50 years after *Happy Days* premiered, it's still popular on streaming services. "When we went on in '74, it was the 1950s show, so it's always been old," says Anson, who is directing the play *Crazy Mama,* premiering in Bethel, N.Y., this April. "*Happy Days* reflects the basics of human nature: what we want in our lives and the family and friendships that nurture us along the way. That's why I think this show is evergreen and will affect generations to come in a positive, wonderful, relatable way."

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"With age you have experience. You don't have to sweat the small stuff."
—*Laura Linney*



1 **1993 TELLING TALES** "I was really proud of what we did and what it meant to so many people," confessed Laura about her big break in the miniseries *Tales of the City.* "I've never felt so close to a cast and crew. I even gave my son, Bennett, the middle name Armistead [after author Armistead Maupin]. What was so wonderful about the fictional world he created was that it was for everyone. I love him for that."

2 **1998 SHOW TIME** Though it was "probably the biggest movie of my career," Laura revealed she "had a bit of a dry spell after *The Truman Show.*" And she may be able to pinpoint the reason. "I feel like a lot of the characters I play are not terribly likable. When you play a part that is not everyone's view of nonthreatening femininity, people don't quite know what to do with you."



LAURA LINNEY

MY LIFE IN 10 Pictures

HER FATHER, Romulus, was a well-known playwright, so it wasn't too much of a surprise that Laura Leggett Linney thought about acting while growing up in NYC. But, she's admitted, "I was very shy about it, and I sort of kept my mouth shut. I would get embarrassed when I heard people go, 'I want to be an actress!' I sort of felt that saying that was something you had to earn." After four Emmys, three Oscar nominations and five Tony nods, she's certainly accomplished that and more. But Laura, who turns 60 on Feb. 5, still enjoys earning her keep. She's staying as busy as ever — balancing her life as wife and mother with the demands of her career. The latter is something she's willing to take in stride nowadays. "I don't have a bucket list," she shares. "I just hope to work with really good people on really good things that scare me a little bit. Things that will make me grow, things that will make me a better actor and hopefully a better human being."





3 **2000 COUNTING UP** "Every time I see him, I just tear up," shared Laura of Mark Ruffalo, her co-star in *You Can Count on Me*. "When you have a good working relationship, you don't even know how to put it into words. It's just something you treasure. I feel that way about Ruffy. [He] touches me in a way. I don't know if it was the time when we made the movie, or if it's just him."



4 **2003 LABOUR OF LOVE** "In some ways, this movie is very brave," reflected Laura of the holiday favorite *Love Actually*. "It's very hard to put forth a film that's about love and the joy of love... and not make people nauseous or roll their eyes!"



5 **2004 WELL AHEAD** "It's heaven to work with friends. You start off and you're already three steps ahead," she'd say of her "dear" pal Liam Neeson, with whom she's worked on stage and in films such as *Kinsey*. "We don't even have to talk to each other [about our roles]. We know each other so well."



6 **2007 KEY PLAYER** "I miss Phil Hoffman so much," admitted Laura of her *The Savages* co-star, who passed away in 2014. "There are people who are just from another planet. They have keys to a different kingdom. Phil had the keys to the other kingdom."



7 **2008 HISTORY LESSON** Besides winning an Emmy for the miniseries *John Adams* (with Paul Giamatti), Laura learned something of import about first lady Abigail Adams and her Colonial days. "[There's a] human commonality that we still have with the people then and there. There are certain things that just span time."



8 **2010 THINKING BIG** "The undertow of it deals with all of the stuff I've been obsessing about anyway: time, living, aging," remarked Laura of her Emmy-winning turn as cancer patient Cathy on TV's *The Big C*. "It's amazing to me how delicate we are and how strong we are."



9 **2017 LINE DRIVE** While she'd star for four seasons, Laura initially didn't want to be cast on TV's *Ozark* unless she could have some input. "I had no problem being a sideline to Jason Bateman under any circumstances. I just wanted to make sure that sideline was interesting."



10 **2020 B'WAY BOUND** Her one-woman turn in *My Name Is Lucy Barton* was "the scariest thing I've ever done," but Laura was up to the challenge. "I'm most comfortable on the stage. I love how demanding it is of your concentration, of your body, of your voice, of your mind, of your spirit."

FLASHBAC

Glitter Gowns

Taylor Swift resembled a Golden Age movie goddess at the London premiere of *Renaissance: A Film by Beyoncé*. "There are certain things I know are fads, and so I try to steer clear of most of the obvious ones," says Taylor, who did a great job creating a look that is timeless in this sparkling silver column dress by Balmain. Long before this hitmaker was born, actress Veronica Lake also wore a glittering gown when she played a glamorous nightclub singer in the 1941 war drama *I Wanted Wings*.









Leather Vests

Cher recently rocked a cool vest on a trip to England. More than a half century ago, another icon, Brigitte Bardot, touched down in London wearing a leather vest and matching trousers.





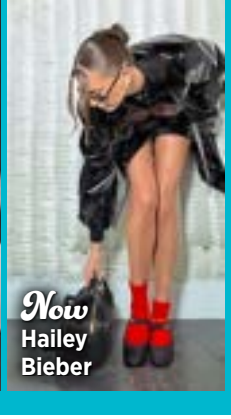
Curlers

Beauty tools come and go, but sometimes there is nothing like the classics! Fran Drescher, the *Nanny* alum turned SAG-AFTRA president, recently wore a set of curlers in her hair as she prepared for an event. Way back in 1965, singer and actress Connie Stevens applied lipstick while waiting for her hair to set before an appearance.

Mary Janes

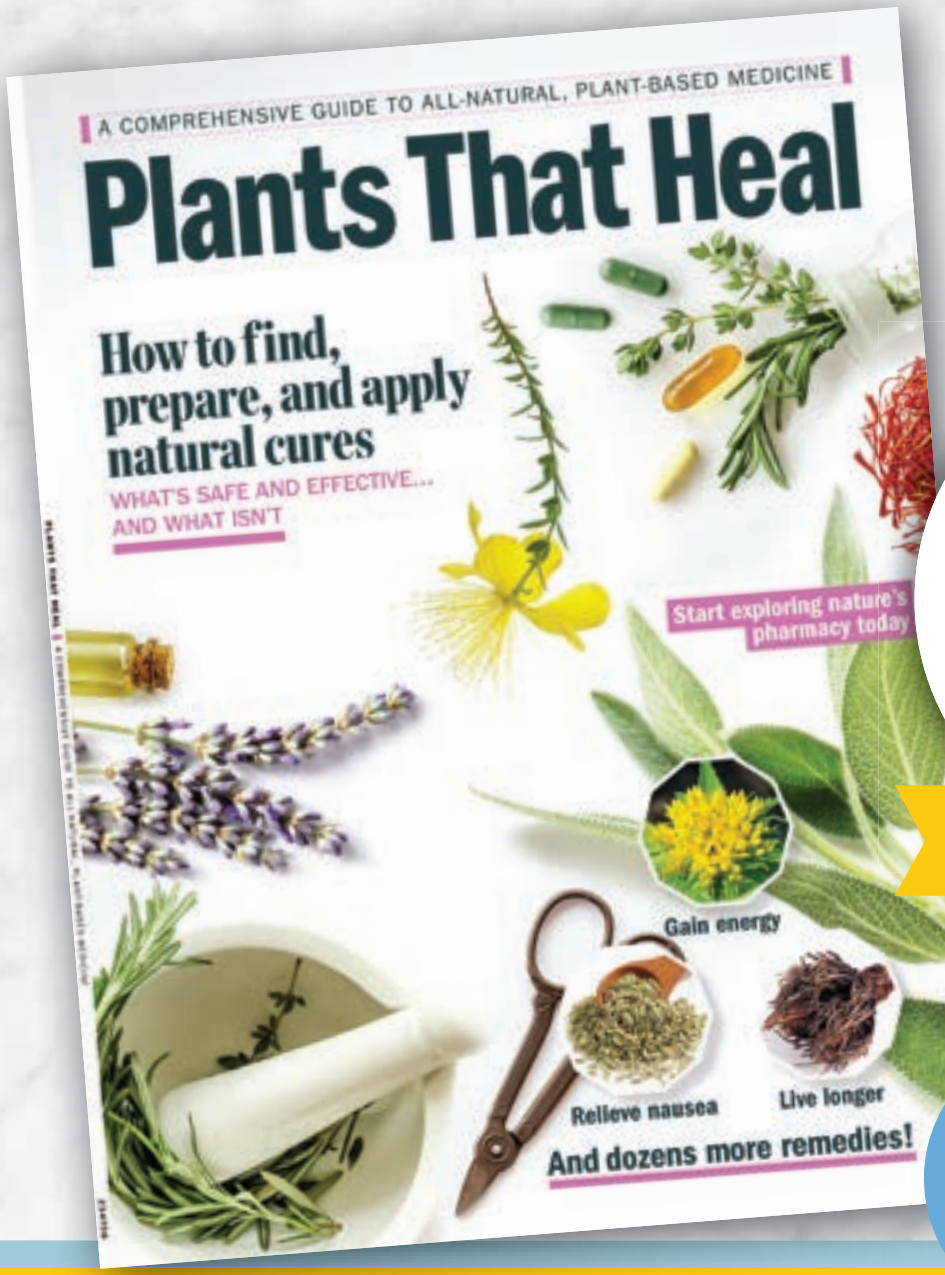
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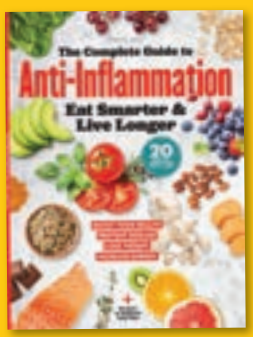
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