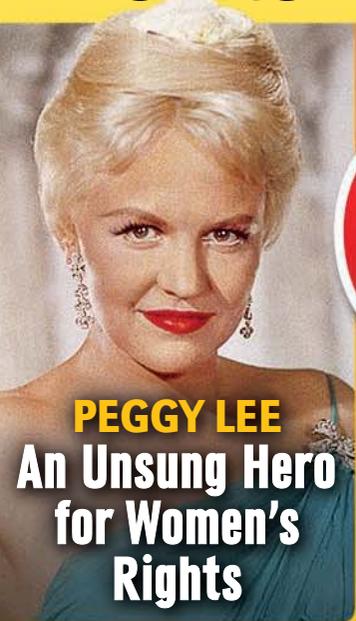


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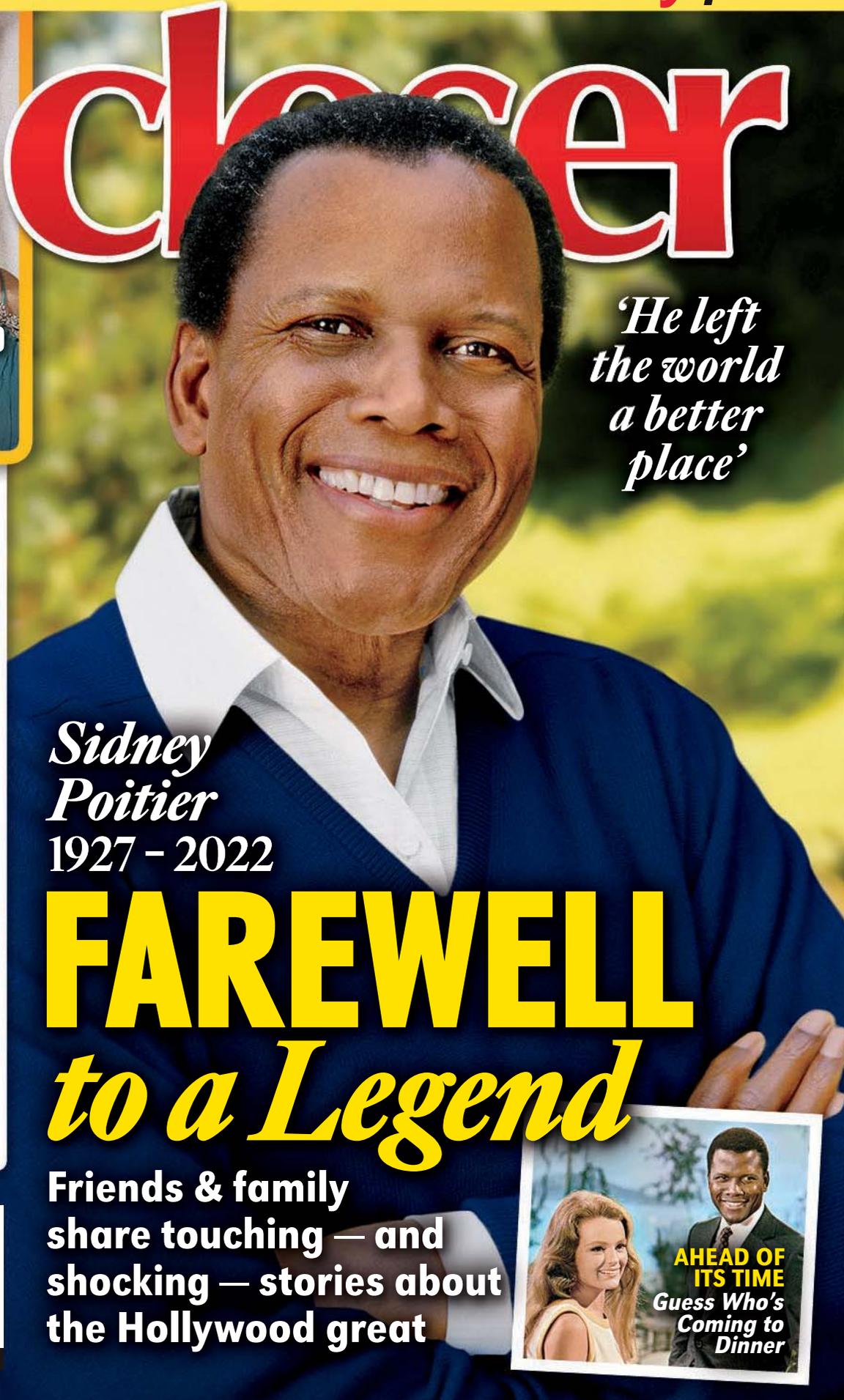


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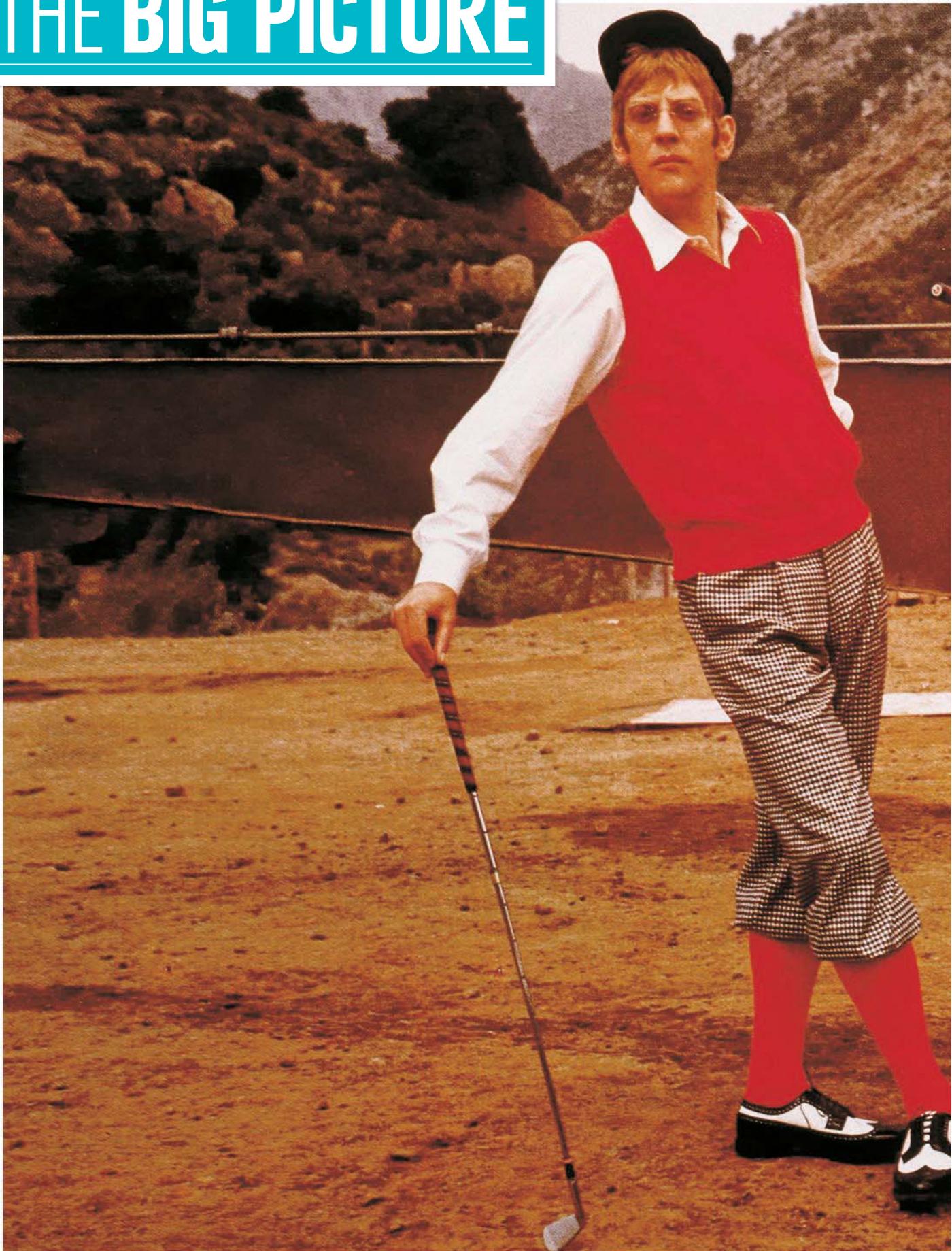
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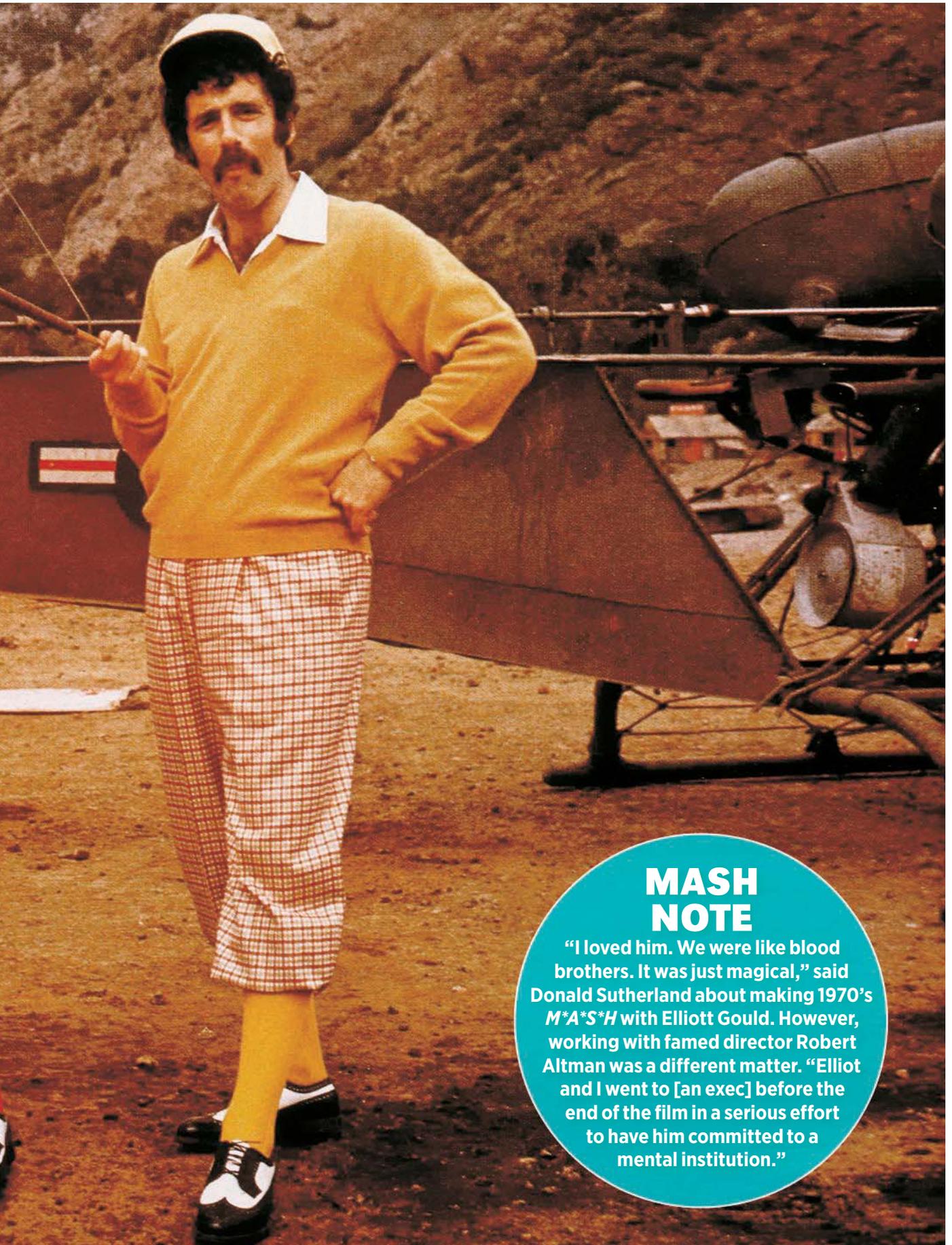


"You know you're old if your walker has an airbag."  
 —Phyllis Diller

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# THE BIG PICTURE





## MASH NOTE

“I loved him. We were like blood brothers. It was just magical,” said Donald Sutherland about making 1970’s *M\*A\*S\*H* with Elliott Gould. However, working with famed director Robert Altman was a different matter. “Elliot and I went to [an exec] before the end of the film in a serious effort to have him committed to a mental institution.”

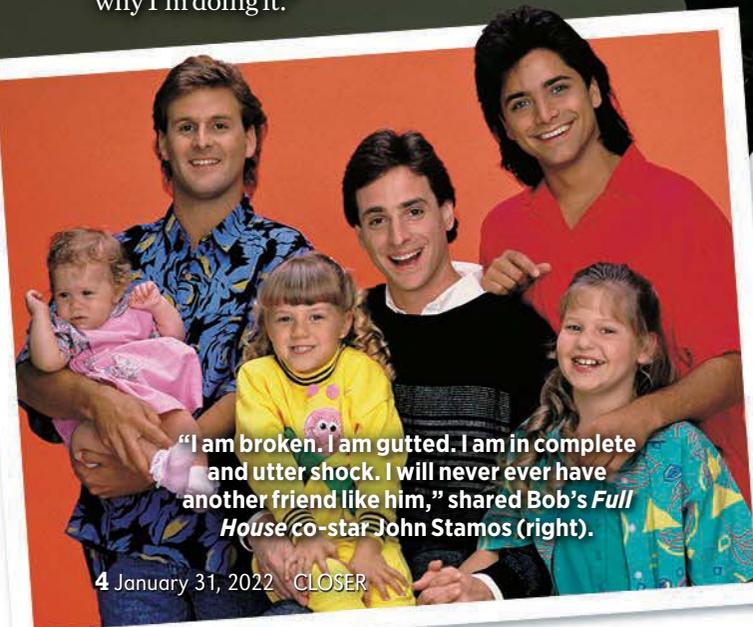
**BOB SAGET (1956-2022)**

## A LIFE OF LOVE & LAUGHTER

Everywhere you look... there's a heavy heart. And, with Bob Saget, it's not a surprise. Whether hosting *America's Funniest Home Videos*, narrating *How I Met Your Mother* or starring on *Full House*, Bob brought joy to everything he did. And after his passing on Jan. 9, his friends confirmed his good nature in a running theme best summed up by his *Full House* daughters Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, who stated simply, "Bob was the most loving, compassionate and generous man." In fact, showing empathy was something Robert Lane Saget took pride in — once telling *Closer*, "I just try to do the right thing as much as I can in every facet in my life at the get-go." Even in displaying his raunchier side in the 2005 doc *The Aristocrats* or with his stand-up, which he became "happily addicted" to again while out on tour, the 65-year-old comedian tried to do right by himself. "You can make people laugh and it might not be their cup of tea, but you're doing something great for people. That's why I'm doing it."

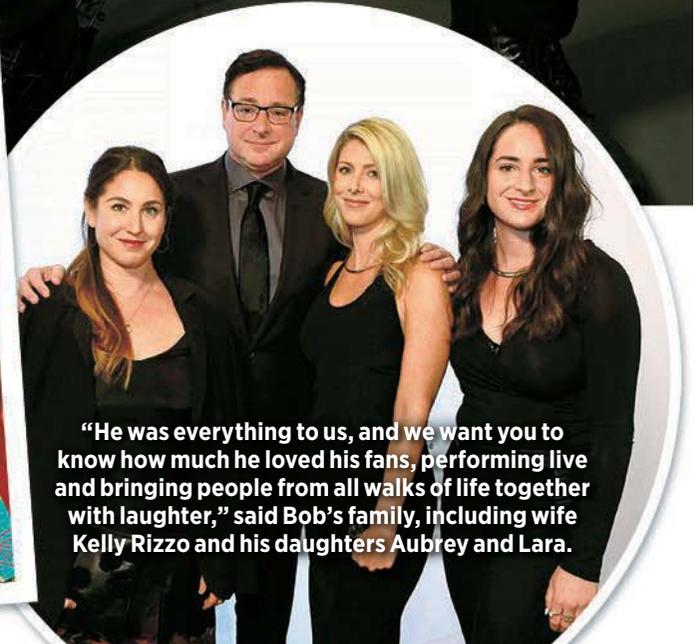
"If you can entertain people and make them think, it's an honor. It's just an honor to be a comedian."

—Bob Saget



"I am broken. I am gutted. I am in complete and utter shock. I will never ever have another friend like him," shared Bob's *Full House* co-star John Stamos (right).

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"He was everything to us, and we want you to know how much he loved his fans, performing live and bringing people from all walks of life together with laughter," said Bob's family, including wife Kelly Rizzo and his daughters Aubrey and Lara.

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**JOEL MCHALE & KELLY CLARKSON**

# Hog Wild

"I never knew I wanted a little pig," admitted Kelly, who squealed with delight when the actor brought along a pair of piglet pals for his latest appearance on her talk show. "Kelly," quipped Joel, "my goal is for you to never ask me a single question. That you'll just be completely distracted the entire time [by them]." Nice try.





**LARA SPENCER & CHIP GAINES**

## Nice Reception

“OK, it’s official. I am living my best *Fixer Upper* fantasy,” gushed the *GMA* host when she headed to Waco, Texas, on Jan. 5 for the launch of Chip and Joanna Gaines’ Magnolia Network. “We need this content at such a time as this,” says Chip. “I really feel hopeful and optimistic.”



**DONNY OSMOND**

## Labor of Love

As much as he’s enjoyed performing alongside the “lovely and talented” Tiller Girls in *Pantoland* at London’s Palladium, Donny knows that all good things must come to an end. “I love the standing ovations at the end of a show. I love that. I eat it up,” he admits. “It’s a drug, and I need it — but I also need to go home and be a father and a husband and a grandpa.”



**DON JOHNSON**

## Sax Appeal

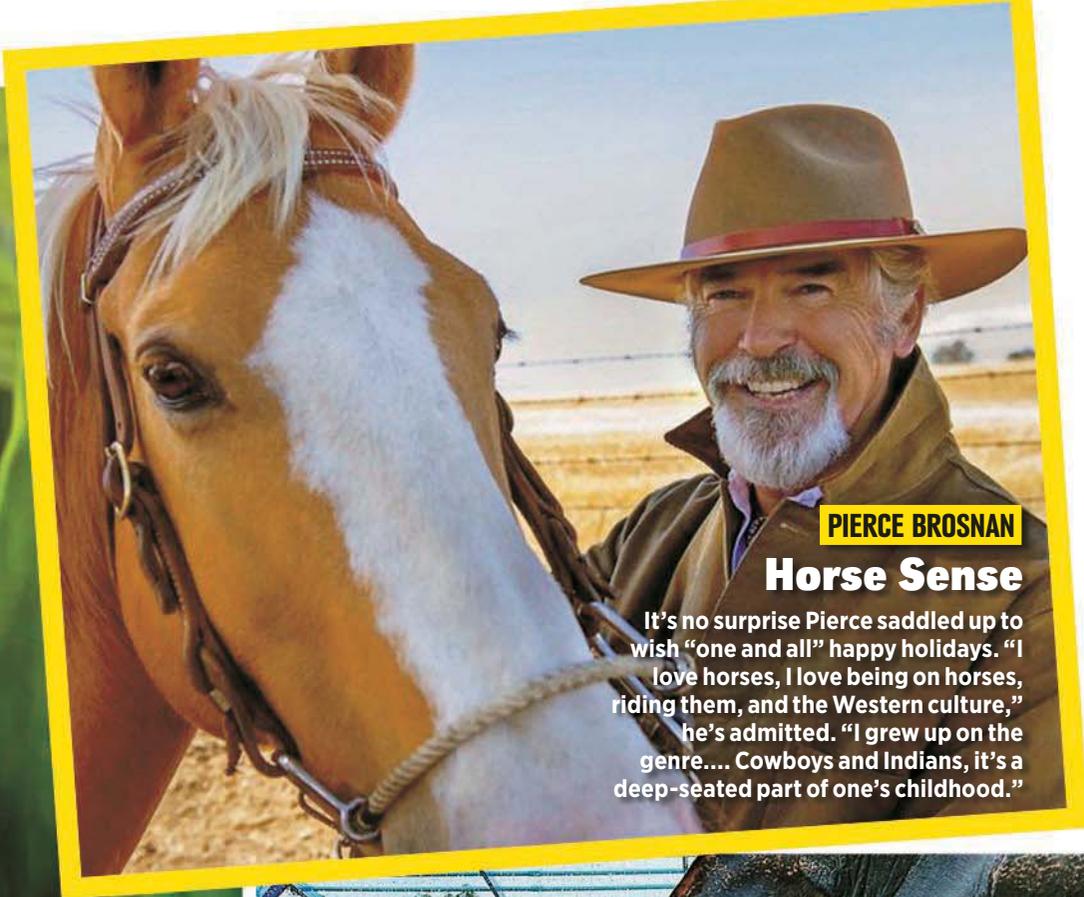
Toot your own horn! Caught on the set of his sitcom *Keenan*, Don admits he’s having a “blast” as the sax-playing Rick. “He could not be more different than me, in that he is happily clueless to just about everything in the world. He’s definitely a horn player, because every horn player I’ve ever known is kooky and wacky and funny and fun, but they definitely dance to a different drummer, to stay on the musical metaphor thing.”

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CHER

## Puss 'N Boots

Meow nice! On Jan. 5, Cher and her cat, Mala, were sitting pretty in their Malibu home after the singer was unveiled as the new face of UGG — fronting the footwear brand's latest campaign, "Feel." "How you 'Feel' is the most authentic part of you as a human being," explained Cher. "I chose to be an artist. But the hard part is succeeding and failing in front of the entire world."



**PIERCE BROSNAN**

## Horse Sense

It's no surprise Pierce saddled up to wish "one and all" happy holidays. "I love horses, I love being on horses, riding them, and the Western culture," he's admitted. "I grew up on the genre.... Cowboys and Indians, it's a deep-seated part of one's childhood."



**JANE SEYMOUR**

## Trunk Show

"Spending some quality time with my two new friends at the Green Elephant Sanctuary," shared Jane, who bonded with rescued pachyderms while on a visit to Phuket, Thailand — even giving this pair a mud bath and shower! "They really are majestic and beautiful creatures."

**PICTURE  
PERFECT**

**ROBIN WRIGHT**

# Peace of Mind

“Wishing you all peace, hope and faith for 2022,” declares the actress, who recently shared how she’s successfully found all three. “I think it’s always been to not buy into what society tells you. If you have belief in yourself, that energy, you do it your way. And I just always felt that in my bones. Maybe having children at such a young age helped. I knew they were the priority, so everything else followed from there.”





**SERENA WILLIAMS**

## Kidding Around

“Have you ever wished you could be a child forever,” mused the tennis star as she got silly with 4-year-old daughter Olympia. “Waking up every day to see her so happy to see me is a feeling I never thought I would experience.”



**SNOOP DOGG & MARTHA STEWART**

## Eye to Eye

“Fit for rappers and other stars!” On Jan. 10, Martha took a break from filming *Puppy Bowl XVIII* to show off some new eyewear she got from her co-host...who has gotten a lot more from her. Says Snoop: “She lets me do me and accepts me for who I am.”



**GABRIELLE UNION**

## Ray of Hope

Bring it on! On Jan. 3, the actress took to Instagram to share her look on the new year. “I felt like I turned to dust in 2021! I was circling the drain with a smile and a wave.... Time to face the beast! Me. To everyone slaying dragons seen and unseen while trying to be everything to everyone, I see you. Choose you first.”

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**DREW BARRYMORE**

# Playing Chicken

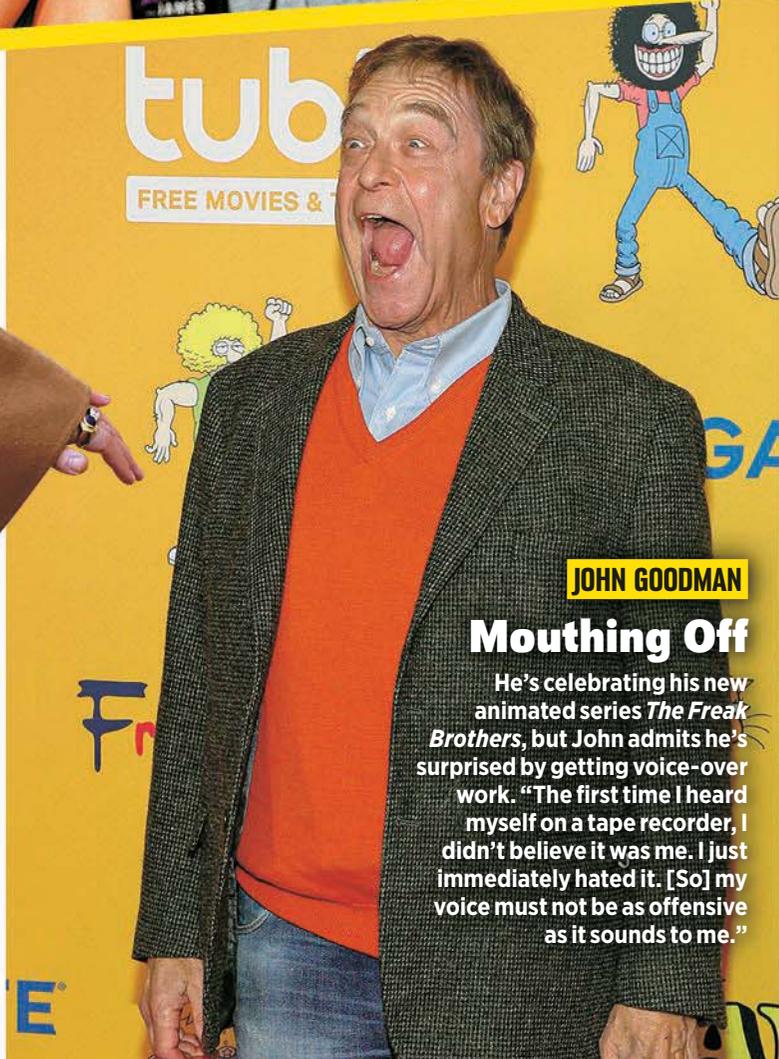
Filming a silly segment of her talk show in NYC, there was no chance feathers would fly for Drew. "Laughter is the best medicine, next to actual medicine," she once shared. And Drew's confessed a laugh has gotten her through life's rough spots. "Comedy to me was a subconscious survivalist mechanism. When I was laughing, everything else fell away and the world was awesome, it was OK."



**PENÉLOPE CRUZ & JESSICA CHASTAIN**

### **Naked Truth**

While promoting their action pic *The 355*, the co-stars stopped by *The Late Late Show With James Corden*, where Jessica revealed her next project will be playing Tammy Wynette — which shocked even her. As she told James, “I would rather do full nudity than sing a song.”



**JOHN GOODMAN**

### **Mouthing Off**

He's celebrating his new animated series *The Freak Brothers*, but John admits he's surprised by getting voice-over work. “The first time I heard myself on a tape recorder, I didn't believe it was me. I just immediately hated it. [So] my voice must not be as offensive as it sounds to me.”

*Sidney Poitier (1927-2022)*

# Remembering A HOLLYWOOD LEGEND

THE BELOVED PERFORMER  
BROKE BARRIERS AND  
CHANGED THE WORLD BY  
ALWAYS BEING HIMSELF

By LOUISE A. BARILE

**H**is godson used to enjoy the looks they would receive out walking or having lunch together. “Even kids, toddlers who had no concept of who he was, could recognize that he was *someone*,” Mike Jordan tells *Closer*. Sidney Poitier, one of the 1960s most popular leading men and the first Black man to win an Academy Award, was born to be someone special. “He was just one of the most gracious, cool, kind, even-keeled people ever,” adds Jordan. “He was exactly who you thought he was — only he cursed a little bit more, but it was very dignified!”

The seventh child of Bahamian tomato farmers, Sidney, who passed away on Jan. 6 at age 94, was born in Miami but spent his early childhood in the West Indies, where “I didn’t think about the color of my skin,” he said. Moving to Miami in the 1940s changed that, of course, but his mother gave him sage advice. “Charm them, son, into neutral,” she said.

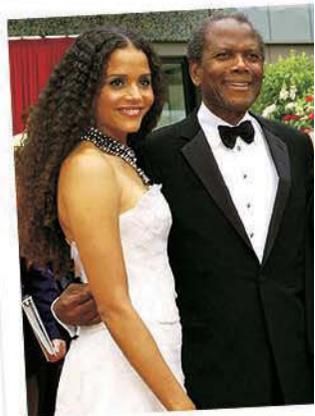
City life allowed young Sidney to start dreaming big. He moved to New York at 16 to become an actor and didn’t give up even when his audition for the American Negro Theatre went horribly wrong. “I had no training in acting. I could barely read! And, to top it off, I had a thick singsong Bahamian

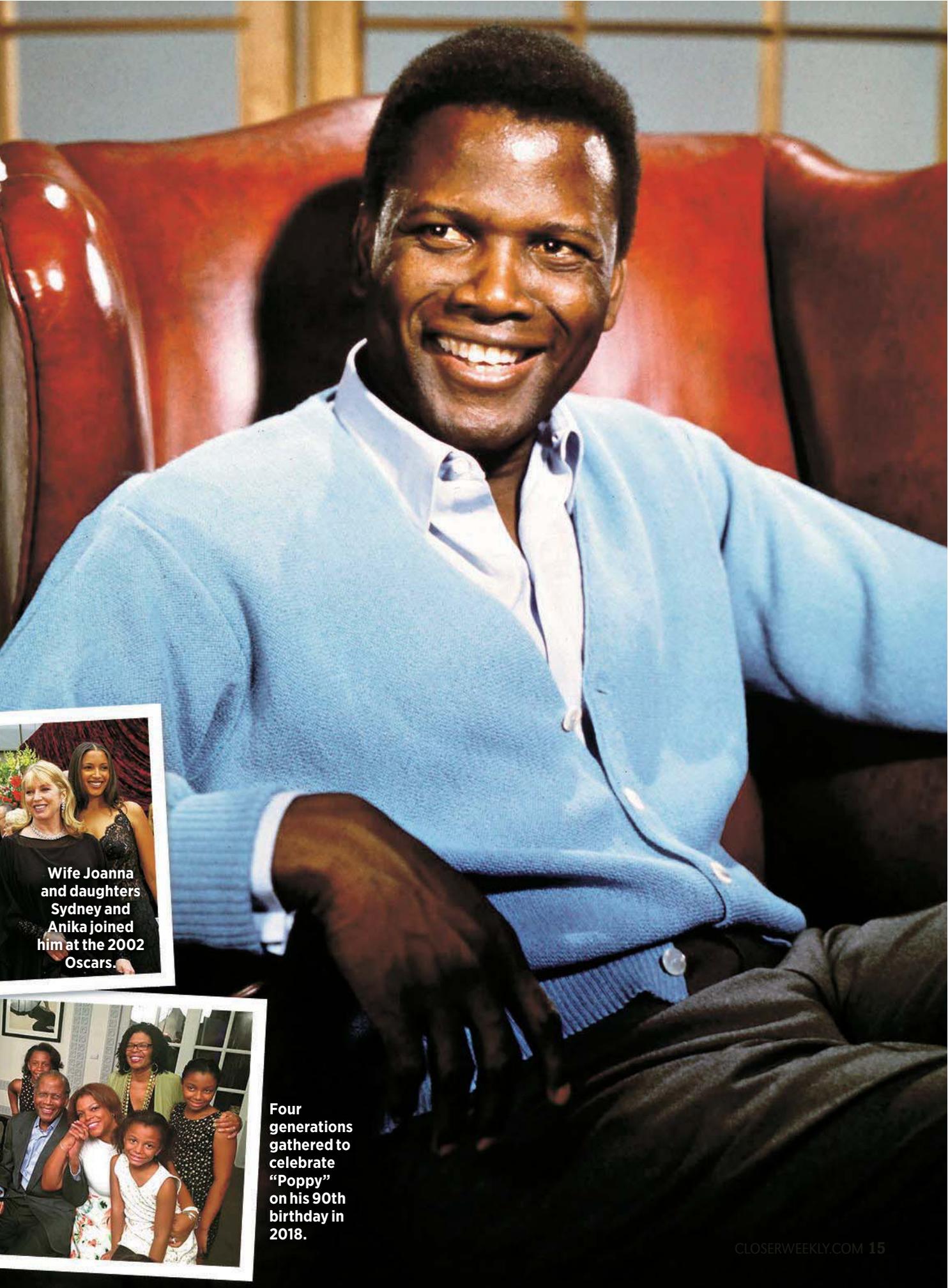
accent,” he recalled. Rejected but unbowed, Sidney bought a radio and taught himself to speak in the refined manner that would become his trademark. An elderly Jewish waiter in the restaurant where he worked as a dishwasher helped him improve his reading. Sidney eventually returned to the theater and traded custodial duties for acting lessons.

## TO SID, WITH LOVE

He met Harry Belafonte, 94, then a stagehand, when they were both near 20. Born nine days apart, the pair bonded over their shared West Indies heritage, and their friendship would become one of the longest of the Oscar winner’s life.

Sidney turned to Harry for counsel during his tortured nine-year affair with his *Paris Blues* co-star Diahann Carroll. Harry, meanwhile, drew Sidney further into activism. In 1964, the friends personally delivered \$70,000 to fund the Freedom Summer volunteers in Mississippi. Intercepted by Klansmen who chased them and fired guns, the men were lucky to escape with their lives. “For over 80 years, Sidney and I laughed,





Wife Joanna and daughters Sydney and Anika joined him at the 2002 Oscars.



Four generations gathered to celebrate "Poppy" on his 90th birthday in 2018.

cried and made as much mischief as we could. He was truly my brother,” Harry says in tribute.

By the dawn of the 1960s, films like *Blackboard Jungle* and *The Defiant Ones* had made Sidney America’s first Black leading man. He captured the Academy Award playing a handyman in 1963’s *Lilies of the Field*. “Sidney was so excited,” Budd Burton Moss, a pal who celebrated with the star at a hotel after the ceremony, tells *Closer*. “He was running up and down barefoot, waving his Oscar, saying, ‘I won it!’”

In 1967, Sidney experienced a banner year, starring in three of Hollywood’s biggest films: *To Sir, With Love*, *In the Heat of the Night* and *Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner*. But as the civil rights movement raged, Sidney found himself being criticized as a “millionaire shoeshine boy” for playing characters who faced injustice with dignity instead of righteousness. “I just simply say, ‘I live by a certain code,’” Sidney remarked. “I have to have a certain amount of decency in my behavioral pattern. I have to have that.”

## A FAMILY MAN

Sidney’s two marriages produced six daughters, who have always been the light of his life. “Where I’ve invested most in the future of this planet is through the lives of six talented and intelligent young women, truly beautiful human beings, whom I burst with pride to call my daughters,” he gushed. Sidney “was meant to have girls. He was very loving, doting and attentive,” says Jordan.

In 2002, the star retired from acting and directing to spend time writing, golfing, fishing and enjoying life with his family. “He loved having the grandkids and great-grandkids around,” says Jordan. But even in his 90s, Sidney kept looking forward. “He expected to live a lot longer and wanted to travel to space,” Jordan confides.

Despite Sidney’s iconic status and a legacy of opening doors for the next generation, he remained a modest man. “History will pinpoint me as merely a minor element in an ongoing major event, a small if necessary energy,” he wrote. “But I am nonetheless gratified at having been chosen.”

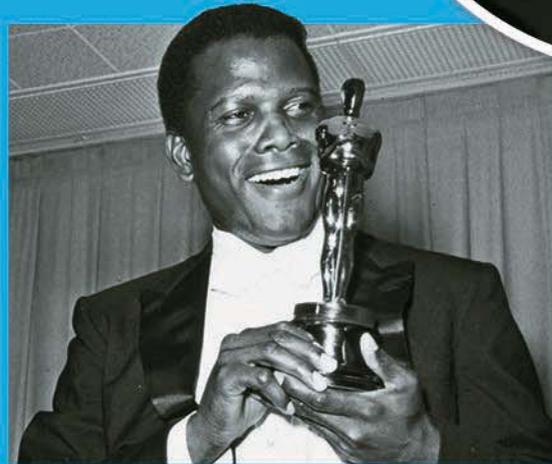
## HIS BIGGEST MOVIE MOMENTS



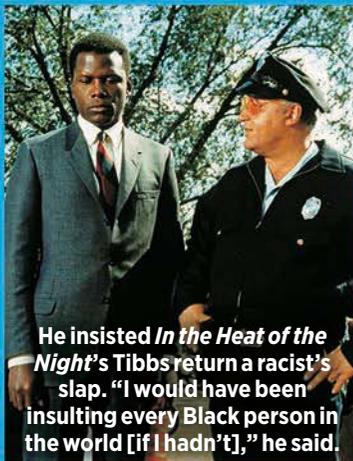
▲ He and Tony Curtis played convicts forced to help each other to survive in 1958’s *The Defiant Ones*. “I found it to be an exciting script,” he said.



Sidney had a long affair with his *Paris Blues* co-star Diahann Carroll. “We were both married,” she confessed to *Closer*.



◀ “[My mother] lived long enough to see me win the Academy Award,” he said of his best actor triumph. “She was a remarkable person. God or nature smiled on her, and she passed me the best of her.”



He insisted *In the Heat of the Night*’s Tibbs return a racist’s slap. “I would have been insulting every Black person in the world [if I hadn’t],” he said.



▲ *Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner* was the first Hollywood film to depict interracial marriage in a positive light.

▶ *In To Sir, With Love*, he changed the lives of some rowdy British students. “You will show respect to me and each other at all times,” he demanded. He also danced with Judy Geeson!



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I'm the king of my castle. The Kramdens' apartment building was located at 328 Chauncey St. in Brooklyn, ... Jackie Gleason's exact same childhood address! The apartment he grew up in also served as a model for their walk-up.

# *The Honeymooners*

# SECRETS FROM

TAKE A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE WITH THESE FUN FACTS ABOUT ONE OF



And away we go! When *The Honeymooners* debuted on Oct. 5, 1951, as a sketch on Jackie's *Cavalcade of Stars*, Pert Kelton played Alice, not Audrey Meadows. And, before Joyce Randolph, Broadway legend Elaine Stritch was Trixie!



Baby, you're the greatest. When she signed her contract for the show, Audrey had a clause to get residuals for any rebroadcasted episode — making her one of the first actors to do so. Credit her two brothers, who were both lawyers.

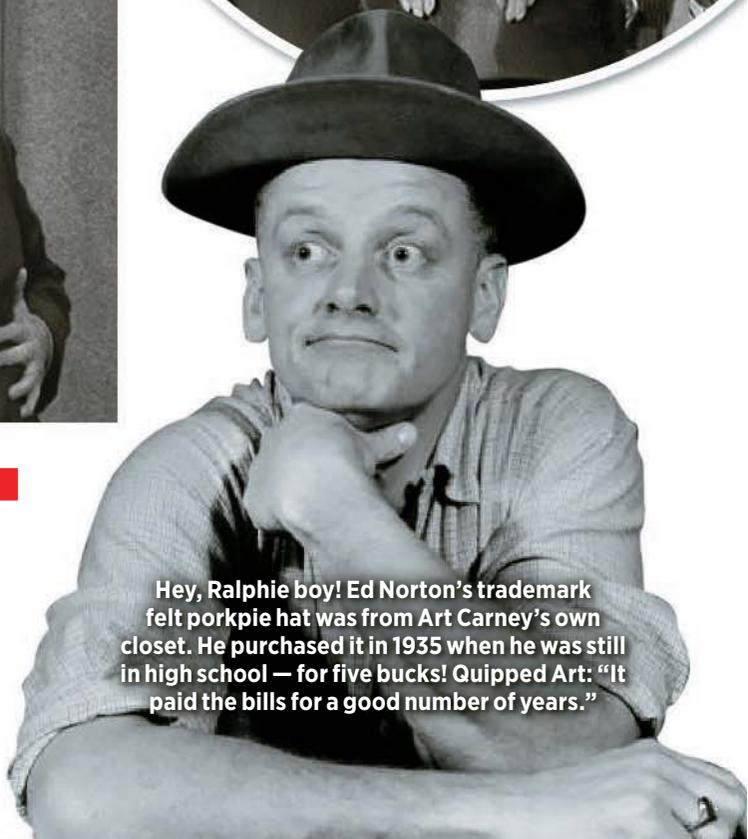


How sweet it is. Joyce Randolph's wedding was the day after *The Honeymooners* premiered on Oct. 1, 1955. She married Dick Charles, a friend of the show's costume designer, Peggy Morrison, who had introduced the couple.



One of these days, pow! Right in the kisser! One of Ralph's favorite retorts to Alice was actually said only once in the 39 episodes of the classic sitcom...although it was a favorite of Jackie's for sketches on *The Jackie Gleason Show*.

Homina, homina, homina. While Art, Audrey and Joyce liked to rehearse, Jackie preferred spontaneity... which meant he occasionally forgot his lines. He'd signal his co-stars to ad lib by patting his stomach until he got back on track.



Hey, Ralphie boy! Ed Norton's trademark felt porkpie hat was from Art Carney's own closet. He purchased it in 1935 when he was still in high school — for five bucks! Quipped Art: "It paid the bills for a good number of years."

# THE SET

TV'S MOST BELOVED SITCOMS

# Relax! **closer!**

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## WORD SEARCH

Each of these clues can be found within the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backward or forward. Circle them all to solve the puzzle.

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## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1 Pocket item
- 5 Soup containers
- 8 Daddy longlegs and brown recluse
- 15 Eureka!
- 16 Canal country
- 17 Letters and packages
- 18 Poetic contraction
- 19 Destructive one
- 21 Parachute pull-strings
- 22 Gene Kelly classic: \_\_\_ *Girls*
- 23 "*I Love Lucy*" star Desi
- 24 Church area
- 25 Buck's mate
- 26 Young goat
- 27 Lascivious look
- 28 High cards
- 29 Martini ingredient
- 30 Backyard buzzer
- 31 Chemical preservative
- 33 Chomped on
- 34 Calendar abbr.
- 35 Correction marks
- 36 Matched
- 39 Unwilling, hesitant
- 41 Anger, wrath
- 42 Utterly destroy
- 43 Clock on the oven
- 45 Pale purple
- 46 Joint with a cap
- 47 Tough tissue
- 49 Stand up guy
- 51 President before JFK
- 52 Slow run
- 53 Soggy
- 55 Sofa
- 57 Make a mistake
- 59 Omen
- 61 Words of relief
- 63 Streisand movie: *What's Up \_\_\_?*
- 65 Principle of belief
- 67 Short bark
- 69 Holiday drink
- 70 Copper piece
- 72 Poetic before
- 74 Cut wood
- 76 Talk and talk
- 78 The Tin Man's need
- 79 Ancient
- 81 Old string instruments
- 83 Hair bunches
- 86 English prep school
- 88 Dwellings, abodes
- 90 In reserve
- 92 Yours for the taking
- 93 Swimmer's unit
- 94 They pull pranks
- 96 Morally instructed
- 97 Cosmetic
- 98 Noah's ship
- 99 Ortiz or Gasteyer
- 100 A primary color

- 101 Newsman Koppel
- 102 Genetic material
- 103 Svelte
- 104 Chief water line
- 106 Filthy place
- 107 Hat with a tassel
- 108 Soft mineral
- 109 He \_\_\_ got a chance
- 110 Author of "The Raven"
- 111 Discusses too much
- 112 Spanish nap
- 113 Sculler's tool
- 114 Greek god of war
- 115 Really busy
- 116 After auction, mountain or musket
- 117 Wisconsin nickname
- 118 Missing
- 119 Depend on

### DOWN

- 1 Cleveland team
- 2 Airport in Chicago
- 3 Retail model
- 4 Buddy
- 5 It covers the floor
- 6 Wrong
- 7 Part of the neck
- 8 *Love Happens* star Eckhart
- 9 Sally the astronaut
- 10 Pacino and Gore
- 11 Most sacred
- 12 Requirement
- 13 Tax group initials
- 14 Touring
- 16 La \_\_\_\_, Bolivia
- 17 Small amount
- 20 Patriotic grp.
- 24 Bitter
- 26 Cartoonist Bil
- 28 Help the bad guy
- 29 Styling solution
- 30 Courage
- 31 Harvest
- 32 Roll-call reply
- 34 Comes from
- 35 Musical piece
- 37 Dish for brunch
- 38 Over again
- 39 Make a payment
- 40 Dishonorable man
- 44 Stylishly up-to-date
- 46 Boxing stats
- 48 Get hitched
- 50 Panama or Suez
- 54 Foot ender
- 56 The Big Apple
- 58 Eighteen-wheeler
- 60 Beard style
- 61 Sped up
- 62 Stuck one's nose in
- 64 Not at all straight
- 66 Shore birds
- 68 Pop star Benatar
- 71 Cookie container
- 73 Mr. Fudd of cartoons
- 75 Latin hymn: Agnus \_\_\_
- 77 In shape, slangily
- 80 Before Moines or Plaines
- 82 Full of great views
- 84 Stewed dish
- 85 Like a couch potato
- 87 Actor Diggs
- 88 Sweetener
- 89 Song lines
- 91 Cheese choice
- 94 Uptight
- 95 Period of history
- 99 Ready to go
- 102 Took out the typo
- 103 Hindu garments
- 104 *I'm No Angel* star West
- 105 Computer chip maker
- 106 Fly high
- 107 Forest growth
- 108 Dorothy's dog
- 109 Stylish
- 110 Luau veggie
- 111 Barnyard bleat
- 112 Beatles hit: "Here Comes The \_\_\_"

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## WORD SCRAMBLE

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



ED HARRIS called this icon "dad" in the 2005 mini-series *Empire Falls*.

\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_

# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Find the 10 things that make these two pictures different!

**PICTURED:**  
CHERYL BURKE AND GORDON RAMSAY  
ON *THE KELLY CLARKSON SHOW*.



## 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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y	A	g	B	The
Sm	od	Fir	an	
nd	nd	Ba	Th	
one	oke	Rom		
lo	e	St		

BURT REYNOLDS

SYLVESTER STALLONE

MICHAEL DOUGLAS

## 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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**CLUES:** M=T F=A, QUOTE BY ARISTOTLE

## BONUS CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

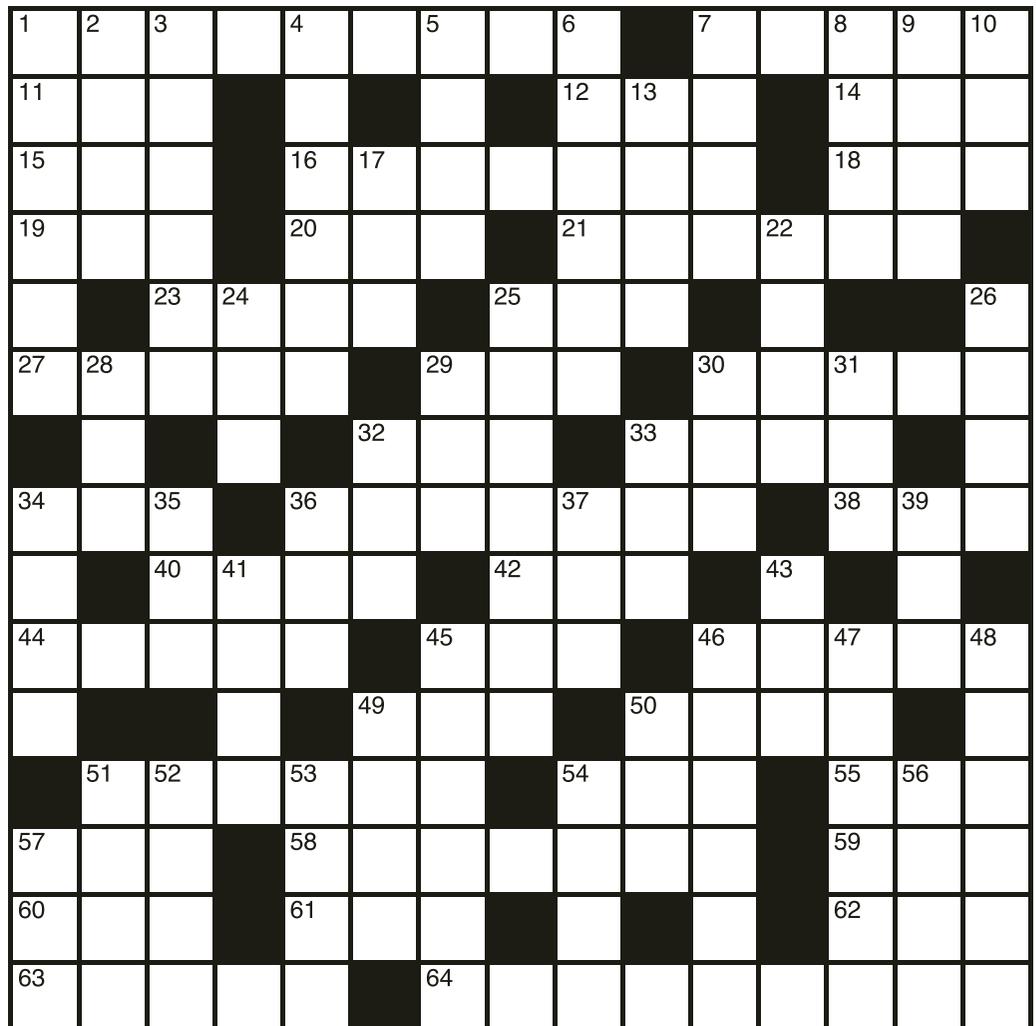
- 1 It slows a descent
- 7 Chicago team
- 11 Period of history
- 12 That woman
- 14 Honeymaker
- 15 Place a wager
- 16 Voted into office
- 18 Goes with order
- 19 Stick for a slugger
- 20 Papa
- 21 Question response
- 23 Made an egg
- 25 Frank Capra classic:  
\_\_\_\_ *A Wonderful  
Life*
- 27 Major happening
- 29 Metallic rock
- 30 Caught wind of
- 32 This makes a  
pair
- 33 Look after
- 34 Bullfight cheer
- 36 Cents
- 38 Salon coloring
- 40 Person, place or  
thing
- 42 Investment  
letters
- 44 Failed to do
- 45 Single thing
- 46 Presents
- 49 Floor covering
- 50 Less than shiny
- 51 Make some  
money
- 54 Ascot or cravat
- 55 Add another  
birthday
- 57 Wee veggie
- 58 Gives the facts
- 59 "Into The  
Mystic" singer  
Morrison
- 60 Break bread
- 61 Hit the slopes

- 62 Vintage
- 63 DiCaprio movie:  
*The \_\_\_\_ Gatsby*
- 64 Boxes of booty

### DOWN

- 1 Small stone
- 2 Locality
- 3 Toy for the tot
- 4 College course unit
- 5 Secondhand
- 6 Property with lots  
of land
- 7 Bunk and twin
- 8 Up to the task
- 9 Hind part
- 10 Stitch together
- 13 Coop cluckers
- 17 Young boy
- 22 \_\_\_\_ *Harry  
Met Sally*
- 24 Aardvark's prey
- 25 Domestic chore
- 26 Run out of gear
- 28 "Kiss Kiss Bang  
Bang" star Kilmer
- 29 Possess
- 30 Towel word
- 31 Supplement
- 32 Number of reps  
in a set
- 33 Goes with culpa
- 34 Probabilities
- 35 Wrap up
- 36 Place somewhere
- 37 Anger

- 39 Up to this time
- 41 Aware of
- 43 Goes with  
vinegar
- 45 Matching  
ensemble
- 46 Party invitees
- 47 Chocolate, vanilla  
or strawberry
- 48 Depletes a bank  
account
- 49 Hockey arena
- 50 Not very bright
- 51 Bosc or Anjou
- 52 Preset fee
- 53 Pugilist's weapon
- 54 Birch or maple
- 56 Strong wind
- 57 Wooden rod



WEEK OF JAN. 24 – 30

**Capricorn**

DEC. 22 – JAN. 19

If you are in love, remember: you may not always agree on everything and that's what makes life so interesting, Cap!

**Aquarius**

JAN. 20 – FEB. 18

You have a new beginning on many levels. So, be mindful not to make a big deal out of petty stuff. Stay focused on the big picture.

**Pisces**

FEB. 19 – MARCH 20

News regarding your career and or a creative project could change everything. So, get ready for action, but for now, go with the flow.

**Aries**

MARCH 21 – APRIL 19

Your ruling planet Mars moves to your career zone. Make sure you are organized, so you can say yes to an exciting opportunity.

**Taurus**

APRIL 20 – MAY 20

Your career can rocket sky high! You're in the driver's seat, so be prepared to think and act fast. Stay focused on your goals.

**Gemini**

MAY 21 – JUNE 21

This is a positive time to think about your future, Gem. Decide where you want to end up and the journey you travel to get there.

**Cancer**

JUNE 22 – JULY 22

Be logical, not emotional to keep control of a sticky situation, especially when it is with friends. With love, speak from the heart.

**Leo**

JULY 23 – AUG. 22

When it concerns work, you need to act fast. Don't just think about making life changes — put your thoughts into action.

**Virgo**

AUG. 23 – SEPT. 22

A love thief can take you by surprise, so make sure it is for real before handing over the keys to your heart.

**Libra**

SEPT. 23 – OCT. 22

Work news can come from an influential contact who promises to steer you in the right direction. Pay attention!

**Scorpio**

OCT. 23 – NOV. 21

An open heart and a smile on your face is an irresistible combination to attract love.

**Sagittarius**

NOV. 22 – DEC. 21

With love, romance planet Venus gives you the self-confidence to be a winner!

*Vanessa Redgrave turns 85 on Jan. 30!*



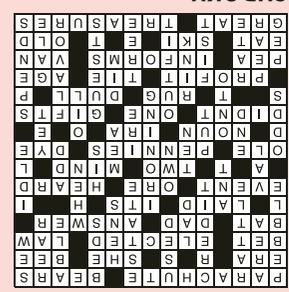
In 1967's *Camelot*

Paul Newman

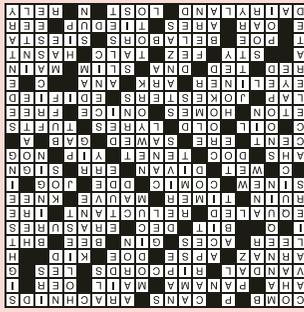
**WORD SCRAMBLE ANSWER:**

1. Flowers missing on wall on left.
2. Handle longer on bottom left.
3. Record missing from back wall.
4. Red square patch on apron is bigger.
5. Blue light missing on brick wall.
6. Lemons added to Gordon's counter.
7. Hand towel missing from counter.
8. Handle missing on top drawer.
9. Apron the color changed.
10. Logo missing on apron.

**SPOT THE DIFFERENCE**



**BONUS CROSSWORD**

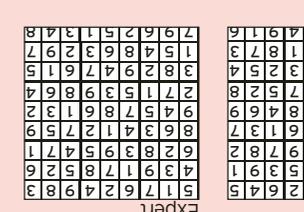


**CROSSWORD**

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**CRYPTOGRAM**



"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."

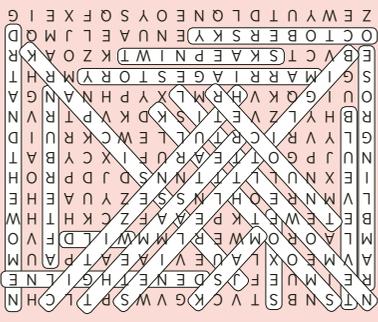
**THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS**

**Roman cing The Stone**  
Michael Douglas

**Fir st B lo od**  
Sylvester Stallone

**Sm oke y And The Band it**  
Burt Reynolds

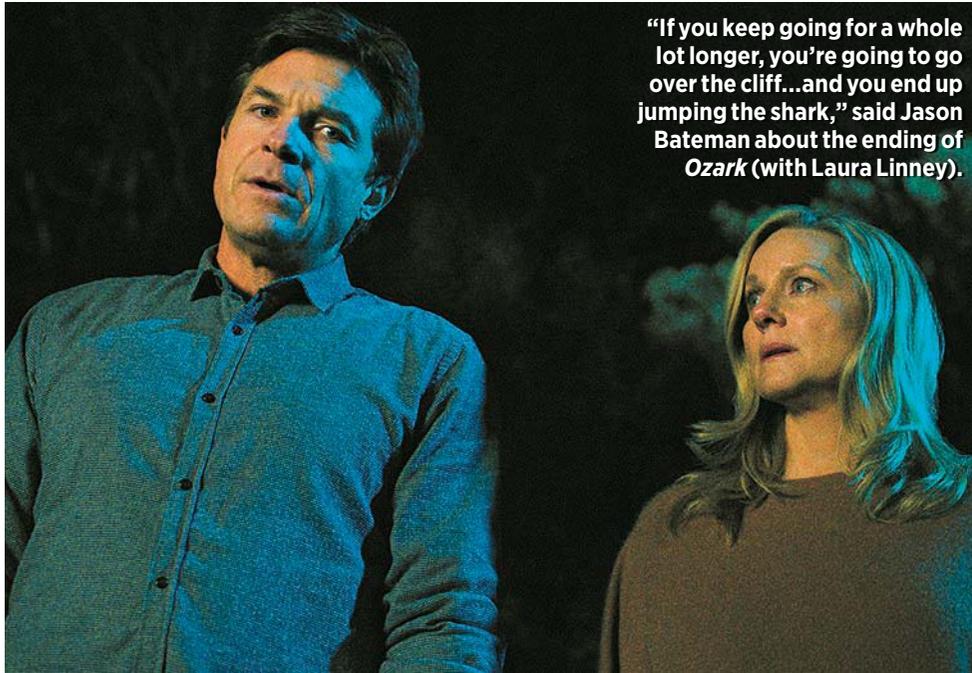
**BLOCK BUSTERS**



**WORD SEARCH: Derm Tooth!**



# ENTERTAINMENT



“If you keep going for a whole lot longer, you’re going to go over the cliff...and you end up jumping the shark,” said Jason Bateman about the ending of *Ozark* (with Laura Linney).

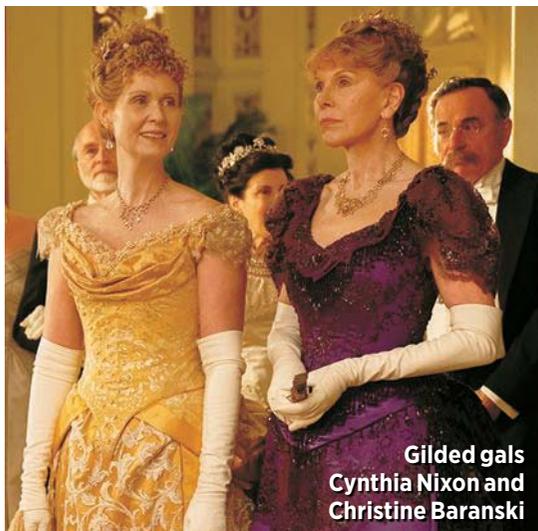
## Bateman for All Seasons

“I’m excited to end with a bang (or bangs),” teased Jason Bateman, whose turn as *Ozark*’s Marty Byrde — husband, father and money launderer for a drug cartel — is wrapping up after four seasons. Yet, for Jason, the finale won’t end his

approach to characters, which has served him well from *Arrested Development* and beyond. “I’ll rarely be the wacky guy,” he says. “I’ll try to be the somewhat tortured or unsettled everyman or protagonist. And I like doing that because I’m us. I’m the

proxy. I’m sort of the portal that the audience receives all the craziness. Whether it’s an eccentric comedic character or a scary dramatic character, I’m the person that represents the audience. So when the camera goes to me, I’m reacting for you.”

**TUNE IN!** *Ozark*’s fourth and final season premieres Jan. 21 on Netflix.



Gilded gals  
Cynthia Nixon and  
Christine Baranski

## Golden Age

For *The Good Fight*’s Christine Baranski, the HBO series *The Gilded Age* was too good to be true. “[It’s] set in 1882, and I’ve never done a period piece on film,” she says. “I always wanted to be in a Merchant Ivory film, or be like my great idol Maggie Smith. I’m just this elegant old curmudgeon.” She got to play just that opposite such stage stalwarts as Cynthia Nixon and Audra McDonald. “I’m telling you everybody who ever won a Tony is [here]. They were all available because of the pandemic. It will be a rude awakening when a lot of these biggies go back to their Broadway careers.”

**TUNE IN!** *The Gilded Age* premieres Jan. 24 at 9 p.m. ET on HBO.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## Jeremy Irons



In *Munich*

### WHAT HE’S DOING:

Reevaluating history as British PM Neville Chamberlain in *Munich — The Edge of War*. “I only knew him as the appeaser, the man who was fooled by Hitler, [but he was] a great man.”



### WHAT HE’S DONE:

Won an Oscar for 1990’s *Reversal of Fortune* as real-life accused murderer Claus Von Bulow. “My goal wasn’t to do an impersonation...[to] not to sell him short.”



**TUNE IN!**  
*Munich — The Edge of War* premieres Jan. 22 on Netflix.

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## THE LOOK

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Delft blue apron. \$12; [hollandwinkel.nl](http://hollandwinkel.nl)



## THE SIP

The Amsterdam cocktail is fragrant with ginewer, a traditional Dutch juniper-flavored liquor.

## INGREDIENTS

- 1 oz. ginewer or gin
- ½ oz. orange liqueur
- ½ oz. orange juice
- 4 dashes orange bitters

Shake with ice and strain into a coup glass.

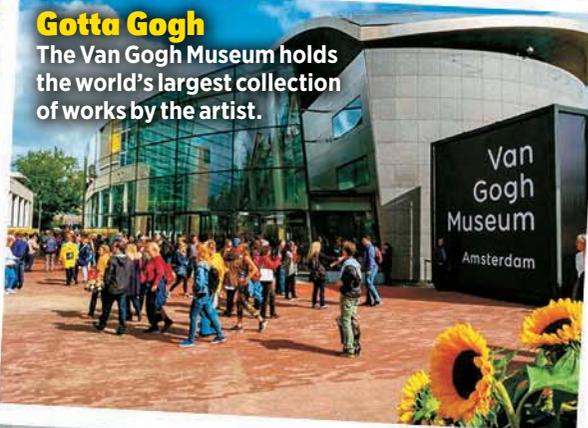
*Proost!*



Television personality Maria Menounos traveled to Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands, for work, but ended up sticking around for fun. “The weather forecast said 100 percent rain for our entire trip, but we got lucky,” she says. Fortunately, the city has plenty to see rain or shine! Enjoy the historic charm of the “Venice of the North” with a boat or bike ride along its canals. When the weather turns cold, warm up at the Rijksmuseum to view masterpieces by native sons like Rembrandt and Vermeer, or tour the historic Anne Frank House. “I’ve learned that when work takes you somewhere cool like this,” says Maria, “you have to take advantage!”

## Gotta Gogh

The Van Gogh Museum holds the world’s largest collection of works by the artist.



## Road Rules

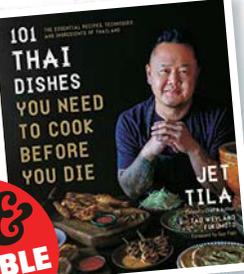
“Prepare for lots of bikes,” says Maria of the best way to get around town. “Everyone rides!”



## Winding Down

A 20-minute train ride takes visitors to Zaanse Schans, an open-air museum with windmills dating back to the 17th and 18th century.

# Fast & Flavorful HOMEMADE THAI



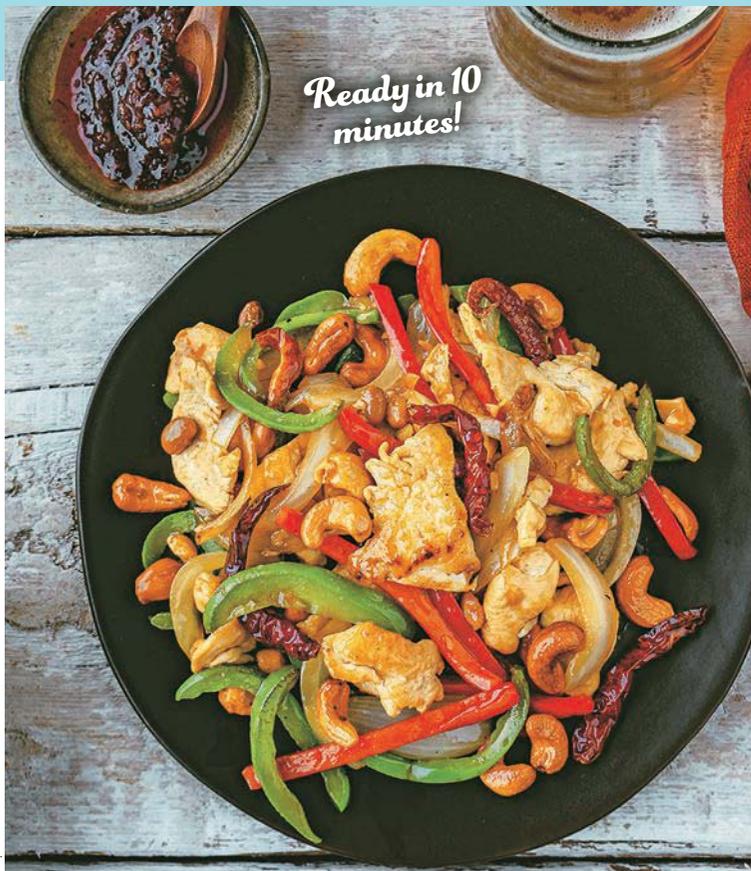
Enjoy mouthwatering Thai classics at home with these simply delicious recipes from Food Network star Jet Tila

NEW & NOTABLE

"I hope to give you the techniques that transcend Thai food to help in all of your cooking."

JET TILA

**A**s a judge on Food Network shows like *Guy's Grocery Games*, chef Jet Tila is looking for dishes that are perfectly made. But in his new cookbook, *101 Thai Dishes You Need to Cook Before You Die*, his approach is a bit different. "I want to transcribe and simplify how to make delicious Thai dishes, hopefully 101 of the most loved and craved ones," says Tila. The payoff: You can enjoy the flavors of Thailand from the comfort of your kitchen.



## THAI CASHEW CHICKEN

Serves 2

- 2 cups canola oil**
- ½ cup raw cashews**
- 6 to 8 dried Thai chilies**
- 2 cloves garlic, minced**
- 12 oz. chicken breast or thigh, thinly sliced**
- ½ tsp. kosher salt**
- Pinch white pepper**
- ½ onion, halved, then sliced**
- ½ red bell pepper, cut into bâtonnet**
- ½ green bell pepper, cut into bâtonnet**
- 2 tbsp. chili paste in soybean oil**
- 2 tbsp. oyster sauce**
- 1 tbsp. Thai black soy sauce**
- Cooked jasmine rice, for serving**

- 1.** Add the oil to a pan and heat to 350°F. Drop in cashews and chilies; fry 2 min. Drain and set aside. Discard all but 2 tbsp. oil.
- 2.** To same pan, add garlic; cook 30 sec. Stir in chicken and cook 1 min. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, stir in onion and bell peppers, and cook 1 to 2 min. Add chilies and cashews; cook 1 min.
- 3.** Pour in next 3 ingredients; stir-fry until all the flavors combine and the sauce reduces to a glaze, about 1 min. Taste and adjust seasonings, then serve over a bed of hot rice.

**PER SERVING:** 789 cal, 59g protein, 53g carbs, 3g fiber, 10g sugar, 38g fat

Having all your ingredients prepped and on hand before you start cooking is key.



## MY CLASSIC PAD THAI

Serves 2

- 4 cups rice noodles
- 2 tbsp. canola oil
- 2 cloves garlic, *minced*
- 2 tbsp. sweetened shredded radish
- 1 tsp. dried shrimp
- ½ cup baked tofu, *cut into slices*
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup thin strips of chicken breast
- 10 shrimp, *peeled and deveined*
- 1 tbsp. paprika
- 3 scallions, *cut into 3" julienne*
- ¼ cup chopped unsalted peanuts
- 1 cup bean sprouts

1. Soak noodles in warm water 1 hr. Drain.  
 2. Heat a wok over high 1 min. Add oil. When it smokes, add

garlic; cook 5 sec. Add next 3 ingredients; cook 1 min.  
 3. Push ingredients to one side. Crack eggs into pan and add chicken. Pierce yolks; cook 30 sec. Stir everything together.  
 4. Add shrimp; cook 30 sec. Add noodles; cook 3 min. Add sauce\*, paprika; cook 2 min. Fold in scallions.  
 5. Top with peanuts and bean sprouts.

\*For sauce: Mix 4 tbsp. fish sauce, 3 tbsp. tamarind concentrate, 1 tbsp. lime juice, 1 tbsp. rice vinegar and 4 tbsp. sugar.

PER SERVING: 960 cal, 57g protein, 110g carbs, 7g fiber, 38g sugar, 34g fat

Jasmine rice will soak up the thick, gravy-like sauce.



## STREET-STYLE BASIL PORK

Serves 4

- 4 tbsp. canola oil
- 12 oz. ground pork
- 4 cloves garlic, *minced*
- 2 to 4 fresh Thai chilies, *minced*
- 2 cups green beans, *sliced*
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 2 tbsp. sweet soy sauce
- ½ tsp. fish sauce
- ½ tsp. oyster sauce
- 2 tsp. MSG
- 2 cups sweet basil, *loosely packed*
- 1 tsp. white pepper
- Cooked jasmine rice and fried runny eggs, *for serving*

1. Heat a 9 to 11" pan over high heat 1 min.

Swirl in oil. When you see wisps of white smoke, add pork and press down to spread it across the pan. Cook without stirring 2 min. Fold pork over; sear raw side 2 min., then break up into smaller bits. Add garlic, chilies and beans; cook 1 min.  
 2. Stir in chicken stock. Boil and reduce by half, stirring occasionally, 1 to 2 min. Stir in next 4 ingredients; boil and reduce until thick.  
 3. Stir in basil leaves during last 30 sec. Divide among plates and top with white pepper, rice and eggs.

PER SERVING: 466 cal, 33g protein, 34g carbs, 3g fiber, 2g sugar, 22g fat

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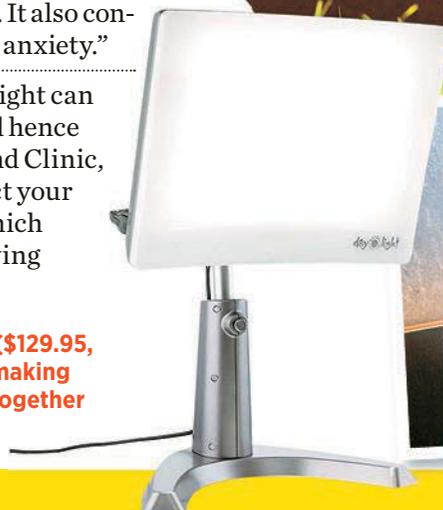
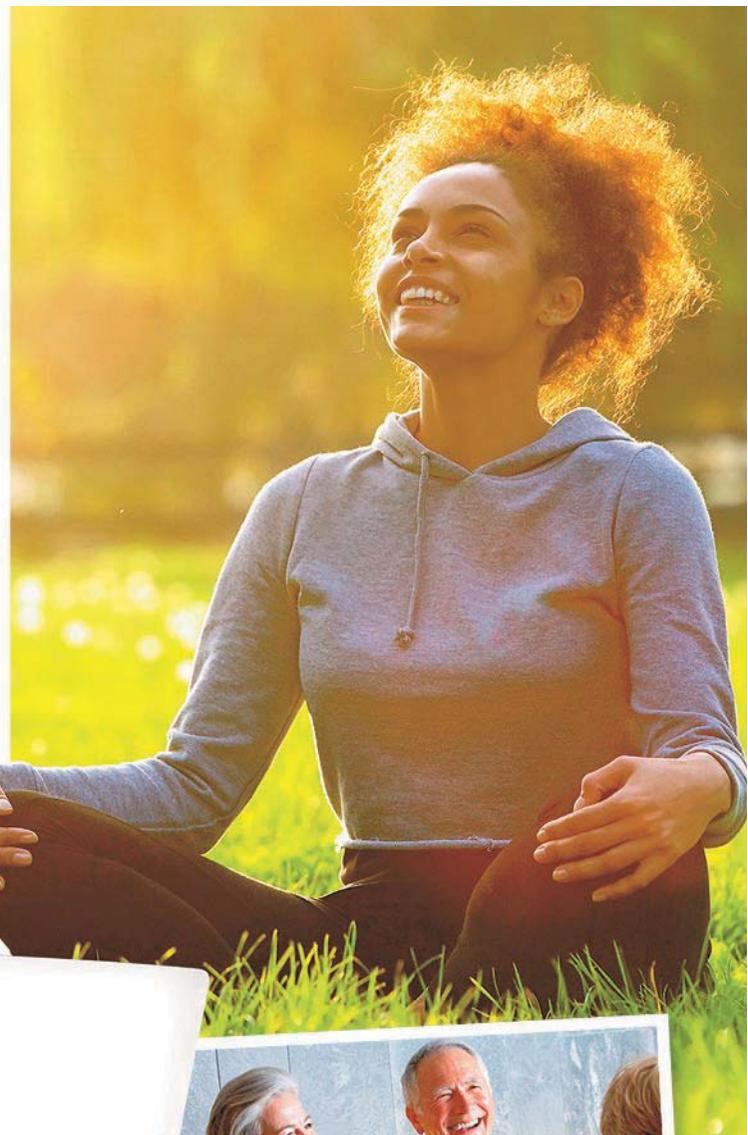
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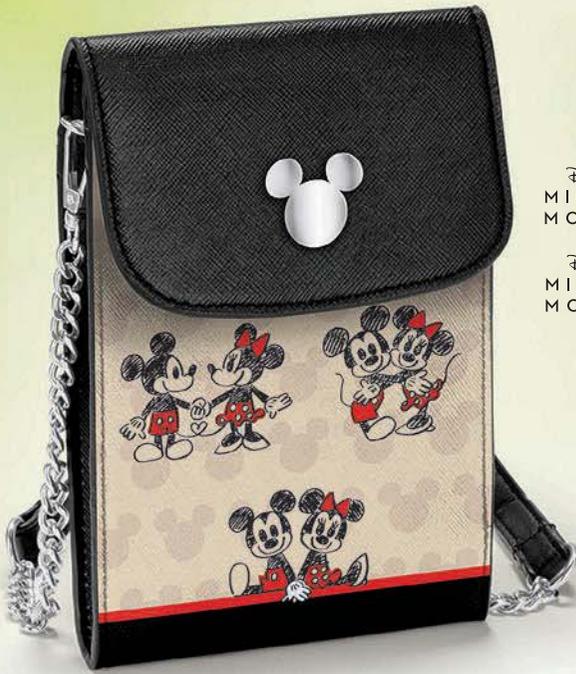
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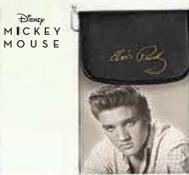
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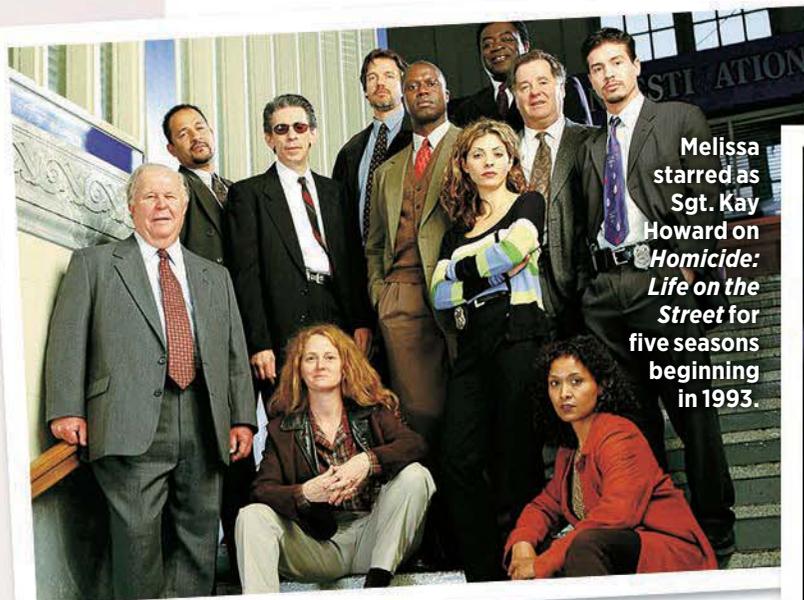
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MELISSA LEO

*I Want to Tell*  
**REAL WOMEN'S  
STORIES**

*The Oscar-winning actress talks about her career, life lessons  
and how she's working to change Hollywood*



Melissa starred as Sgt. Kay Howard on *Homicide: Life on the Street* for five seasons beginning in 1993.



Melissa's son, Jack Heard, accompanied her to the Governors Ball in 2011.

**M**elissa Leo is one of those fortunate people who love their work. From the day she received her first professional break with a role on *All My Children*, through her prime-time stardom playing Sgt. Kay Howard on *Homicide: Life on the Street*, to her Oscar win for her role in 2010's *The Fighter* and beyond, she's always thrilled to do her job. "Whether it's on a television set or a movie set — or, I pray one day again, in a theater — it's a chance to act," Melissa, 61, explains to *Closer*. "Acting alone in the shower is not acting. Acting happens when it's observed. An actor needs a group of people to say we want you."

In her latest role, Melissa plays the title character in the crime drama *Ida Red*, currently available by streaming and on-demand. "I'm always looking for a role I've never played before," she explains. [*Ida*] is the highest of the high in the crime family and respected by all. In my ripper age, I am treated with less respect, so that's one of the things that really delighted me about her."

**How did your childhood in New York and Vermont prepare you to be an actor?**

I wouldn't be an actor without the childhood I had. It wasn't an easy childhood, we never had much. After my parents separated, we had even less. My mother moved me out of New York City up to the country. I know the urban core of my being, but I also know the country. I can start a fire, a wood stove, and camp in the woods. It makes for a broader range of characters that are closer to me.

**Was there ever a doubt you'd be an actor?**

No, never a doubt. When I was 15 and living in London with my mother, I went to a theater school. There was a realization: "Oh, this is what I'll do." What I didn't know at 15 is how you get work. Many years later, I am still trying to figure that out!

**Is there anything you know now that you wished you knew then?**

No, I wouldn't have it be any other way. There's a seat in which you know something, and that's a nice seat to be in, but the even nicer seat is the seat of not knowing because then anything can happen.

**In 1984, you were hired to play Linda Warner on *All My Children* — your first big role. What was that like?**

I just loved going to work every day! I had a ball getting up at 5 in the morning and going down to 67th Street, where the old studio was, and seeing how the soaps are made. We shot as if we were shooting live, which was really thrilling.

**You've played so many great roles since then. Do you have a favorite?**

Oh, I can't do that. If I mentioned one, I'd leave out 20. I love my women. I love the hateful women, the mean women, the delightful women, the ugly women, the pretty women — I love all the women I've played. All of them have made Melissa

# HEART to heart

a better, stronger, more capable, more interesting human being.

## Is there a former co-star who you felt you learned the most from?

Oh, so many! But since you brought up the soap opera — on the first day of taping, Peter Bergman pulled out a script and put it under the couch cushion he was seated on. As a young actress, who had just left acting school, I had learned very thoroughly that you have to learn your dialogue. But you really don't have to do that for film or television, that's only in theater. That was one of my first and earliest lessons.

## That was a good lesson!

I've found for all the years that I have been working, the people with the most experience on the set will always answer questions. We're always learning new things. And we're learning from the youngsters coming in. We're learning from the people who work with sound or light. The arts are about growth, not about being sedentary. That's what it's all about.

## In 2010, you won the Academy Award for best supporting actress for *The Fighter*. How did it change your life?

Winning an Oscar changed my life, but I can't say it changed it for the better. Post-Academy Award, I was like, "Oh, this is so great! So the work is just going to come in

now, all these leading roles!" I began to have expectations, and I had to get over that. I'm trying to now really look forward and make conscious choices about the work that I do, and not do work that will be harmful to me or others.

## What are you proudest of in your life?

My son.

## Did he follow you and his father, the late actor John Heard, into entertainment?

No! He's a fine artist.

## What is the best thing your son has taught you?

When I won my Academy Award, my son looked at me and said, "Oh, mama, you knew all along." He knew I was an actor, but I was no movie star. I realized when he said it that I always did know. I always knew I was an actor, and although you're not supposed to say it, I'm a good actor.

## Not everyone is so fortunate to have such a strong feeling about what they were meant to do.

Yes, this is my calling. Life, politics, COVID opinions, I don't know anything about them. But I went into this with an innate understanding and after 30 years of

## A FIRST BREAK

"I had no family in the industry," says Melissa. "Through a series of very odd flukes, I landed a three-part spot on *All My Children*. On my first day of taping, they offered me a contract."

## MELISSA'S LIFE IN THE SPOTLIGHT



**SHOOTING STAR** Melissa was nominated for a Daytime Emmy for her work on *All My Children* in 1984. "I learned so much," she says.

**GOOD COP** She spent five seasons commuting from New York state to Baltimore for the role of Sgt. Kay Howard on *Homicide: Life on the Street*.



**BIG WIN** Melissa scored an Oscar for playing a loving, but flawed, mother in 2010's *The Fighter*.



“Isn’t it time we stop doing what we are supposed to and start doing what feels right?”

—Melissa Leo

being blessed with work, I know even more about it. Acting is the one thing I have strong opinions about.

**What kind of roles get you excited?**

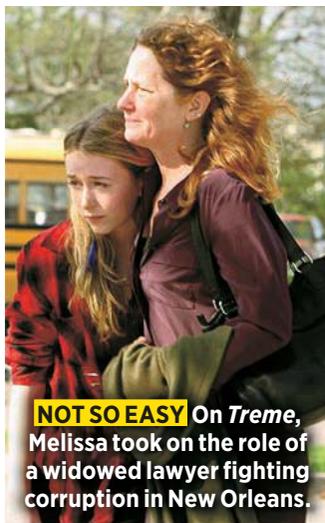
I’m always trying to reinvent and find characters I have not yet played. *Ida Red* is an action-adventure picture, which is not really my cup of tea when I am watching for pleasure. But the reason I am there is that this is a woman I have not yet played.

**What do you think of the depictions of women in film and television?**

I think we are all acutely aware that the portrait of women in film and television coming out of the United States for probably all of my career has been appalling and unhealthy. So I am seeking in the final chapter of my career, over the next 10 to 20 years, to try to tell stories about women that are believable and show us in a broader light. —Reporting by Katie Bruno



**PERIOD PIECE** In 2011, she joined Kate Winslet in an acclaimed five-part adaptation of *Mildred Pierce*.

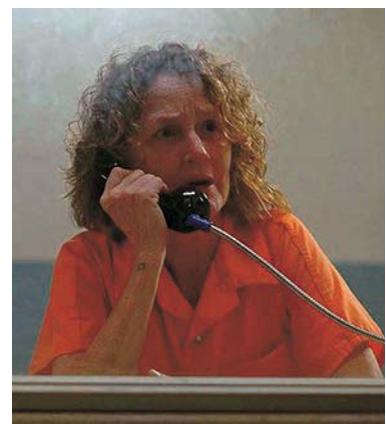


**NOT SO EASY** On *Treme*, Melissa took on the role of a widowed lawyer fighting corruption in New Orleans.



**WAY OUT** She kept viewers guessing with her possibly evil role on *Wayward Pines*.

**SEEING RED** In *Ida Red*, she plays a terminally ill crime boss incarcerated for robbery.



PEGGY LEE

# Her Amazing UNTOLD STORY

SHE PUSHED ASIDE HER PERSONAL HEARTBREAK AND SETBACKS TO LIVE HER BEST LIFE ON STAGE

A little over a decade before her death, Miss Peggy Lee played a series of club dates in New York. Though suffering from breathing issues and ill health, the singer known for hits like “Fever,” “Why Don’t You Do Right?” and “Is That All There Is?” drew an ecstatic response from an audience that included Liza Minnelli, k.d. lang and Madonna. “I found her to be a charming person,” Peggy said of the latter in 1991. “She expressed interest in playing me in the movie of my life.”

It didn’t happen for Madonna, but Oscar winner Michelle Williams is currently in preproduction on a biopic about Peggy’s life and six decades in the spotlight. It’s long overdue! “Peggy’s an unsung heroine,” says Tish Oney, author of *Peggy Lee: A Century of Song*. “She was a universal woman — she could do a lot of things really, really well. She also did a lot for women and was an early advocate of songwriters’ rights.”

But best of all, Peggy Lee, who was born Norma Egstrom in Jamestown, N.D., could sing like a dream. “I had always sung, I sang before I could talk,” she shared in her 1989 memoir, *Miss Peggy Lee*. Music, a passion she inherited from her mother, who died when Peggy was 4, consoled her through an unhappy childhood. The sixth of seven children born to her hard-drinking father, Peggy was abused by her stepmother and started singing professionally at age 14 to earn money to escape home.

Big band leader Benny Goodman recognized her talent and hired Peggy, at 21,

to be his new vocalist. She honed her soft, sultry singing voice at supper club shows. “She wanted the audience’s attention,” says Oney. “She discovered that the softer she sang, the quieter the room got.”

After becoming a star in Goodman’s band, Peggy never knew anything but professional success. During her long career, she would release 59 albums and write lyrics for hundreds of the 700 songs she recorded. In 1995, the Grammys celebrated her work with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Peggy triumphed on the big screen, too, making her acting debut in 1950. Five years later, her portrayal of an alcoholic blues singer in *Pete Kelly’s Blues* earned her an Oscar nomination.

## IS THAT ALL THERE IS?

Sadly, Peggy’s private life was a bit more troublesome. In 1943, she married Dave Barbour, a guitarist in Goodman’s band. The couple composed songs together and shared a daughter, Nicki, but his alcoholism doomed the marriage. “Peggy called him the love of her life,” says Oney of the singer, who had three other, short-lived marriages. “She believed they belonged together.”

As her health declined in her last decade, Peggy tried retiring several times, but the spotlight drew her back. “People tell me how my songs helped them through dark periods. That is extremely gratifying,” she said before her 2002 passing. “It’s my basic reason for living, my little contribution to the hope and happiness of people.”

—Louise A. Barile,  
with reporting by Katie Bruno



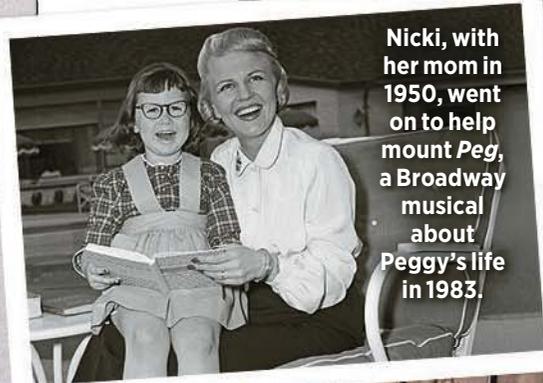


## A RARE WOMAN



In 1943, “Why Don’t You Do Right?” made Peggy a star, and she sang with Benny Goodman’s orchestra in the movies *Stage Door* and *The Powers Girl*.

Peggy and Dave Barbour had to leave Goodman’s band when they became romantically involved. They divorced in 1951 but reunited for a time before his death in 1965.



Nicki, with her mom in 1950, went on to help mount *Peg*, a Broadway musical about Peggy’s life in 1983.

Peggy co-starred with Danny Thomas in the 1952 remake of *The Jazz Singer*. “She excelled in acting,” says Oney. “But she didn’t have a whole lot of time for it.”



When *Lady and the Tramp* was released on video, Peggy won a suit against Disney to be paid for the use of her voice and songs.

## SUSAN LUCCI AT 75

# I've Never Felt Better

THE LEGENDARY *ALL MY CHILDREN* ACTRESS SHARES HER TIPS ON KEEPING HEALTHY AT EVERY AGE

**O**n Dec. 23, Susan Lucci celebrated her milestone 75th birthday. Unfortunately, the party felt a little bittersweet because of the absence of her mother, Jeanette, who passed away last summer at age 104. "I miss her tremendously," Susan confides.

The actress attributes her own vibrant health to good genes and lessons she learned from her mother. "She was a registered nurse who believed in prevention," says Susan, who encourages everyone to do "the best with what you've got. Get up off the couch, take it day by day, and do what works for you."

For the former *All My Children* star, that means frequent Pilates workouts, adhering to a Mediterranean-style diet based around fresh vegetables, fruit and fish, and making wellness a priority. "Over the past few years, I've gotten more in touch with my spiritual side," Susan tells *Closer*. "I think keeping an open heart and open mind has been very helpful to me."

## STAYING STRONG

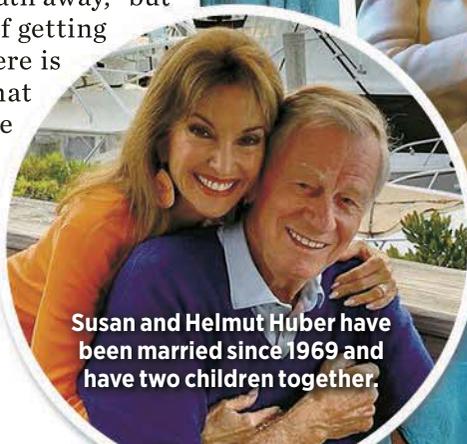
Of course, you can't control everything. In 2018, Susan underwent heart surgery after a large block-

age in her main artery almost caused a massive heart attack. "Mine was caused by a calcium buildup," a genetic predisposition Susan says she inherited from her father. "I learned with my heart incident that stress plays a very real role in our health," she explains. "Physical exercise, in addition to keeping you physically healthier, is a great way to de-stress."

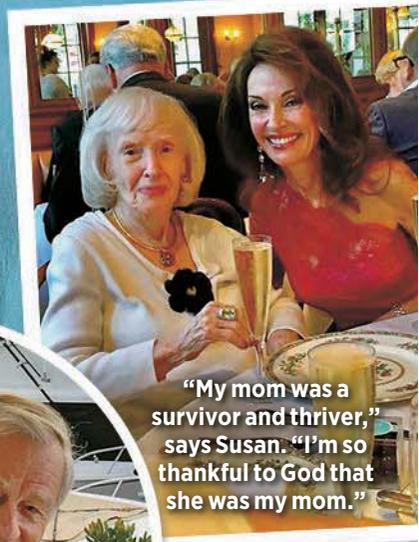
Susan is grateful to have discovered Pilates, a body-toning regimen she practices six times a week. "I do several forms. I love my Pilates Pro Chair because it gives me cardio at the same time, but I also work out with a mat and a vinyl ball," she says. "I intend to keep it up this year, and I am looking for ways of stepping it up, too."

Susan admits that turning 75 "takes my breath away," but she's not afraid of getting older. "I hope there is some wisdom that comes from life experience that is settling in," she says. "We shall see!"

—Reporting by  
Katie Bruno



Susan and Helmut Huber have been married since 1969 and have two children together.

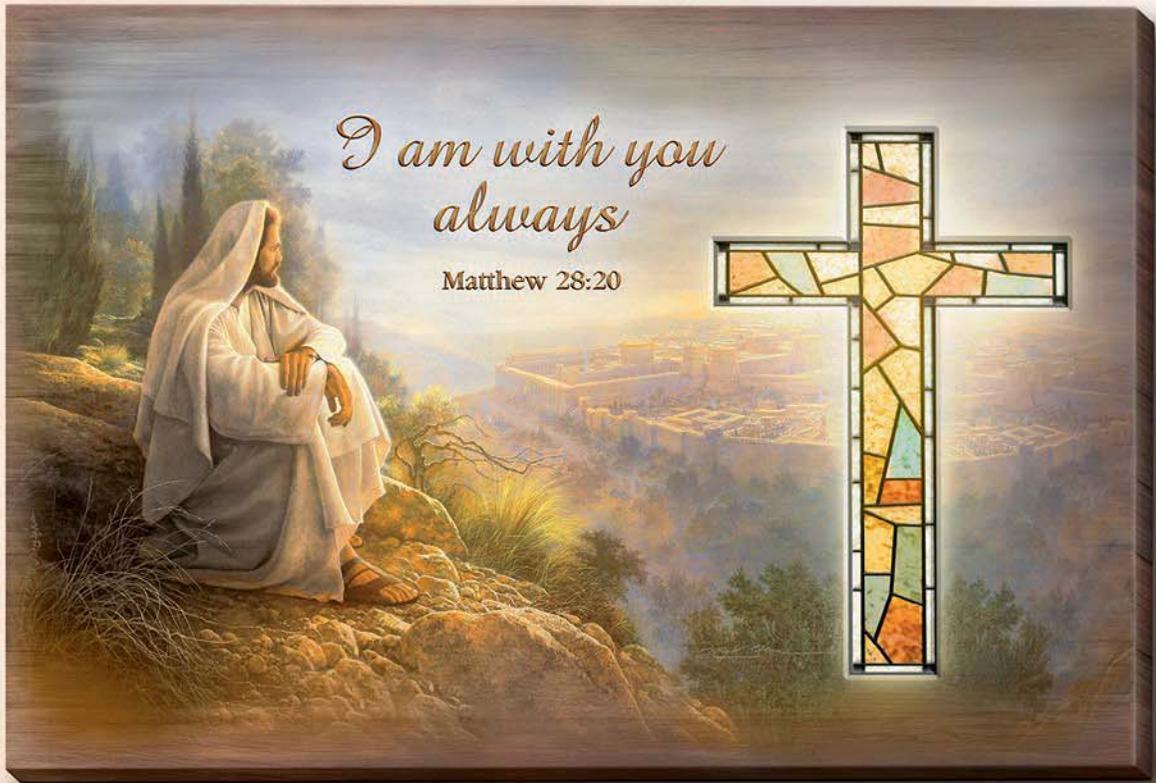


"My mom was a survivor and thriver," says Susan. "I'm so thankful to God that she was my mom."



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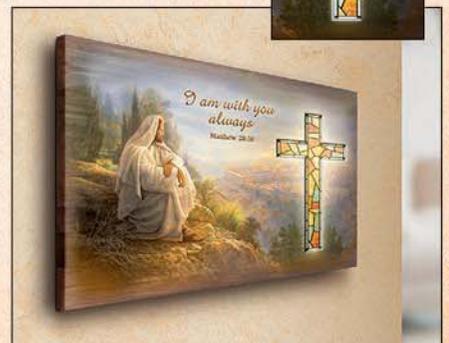
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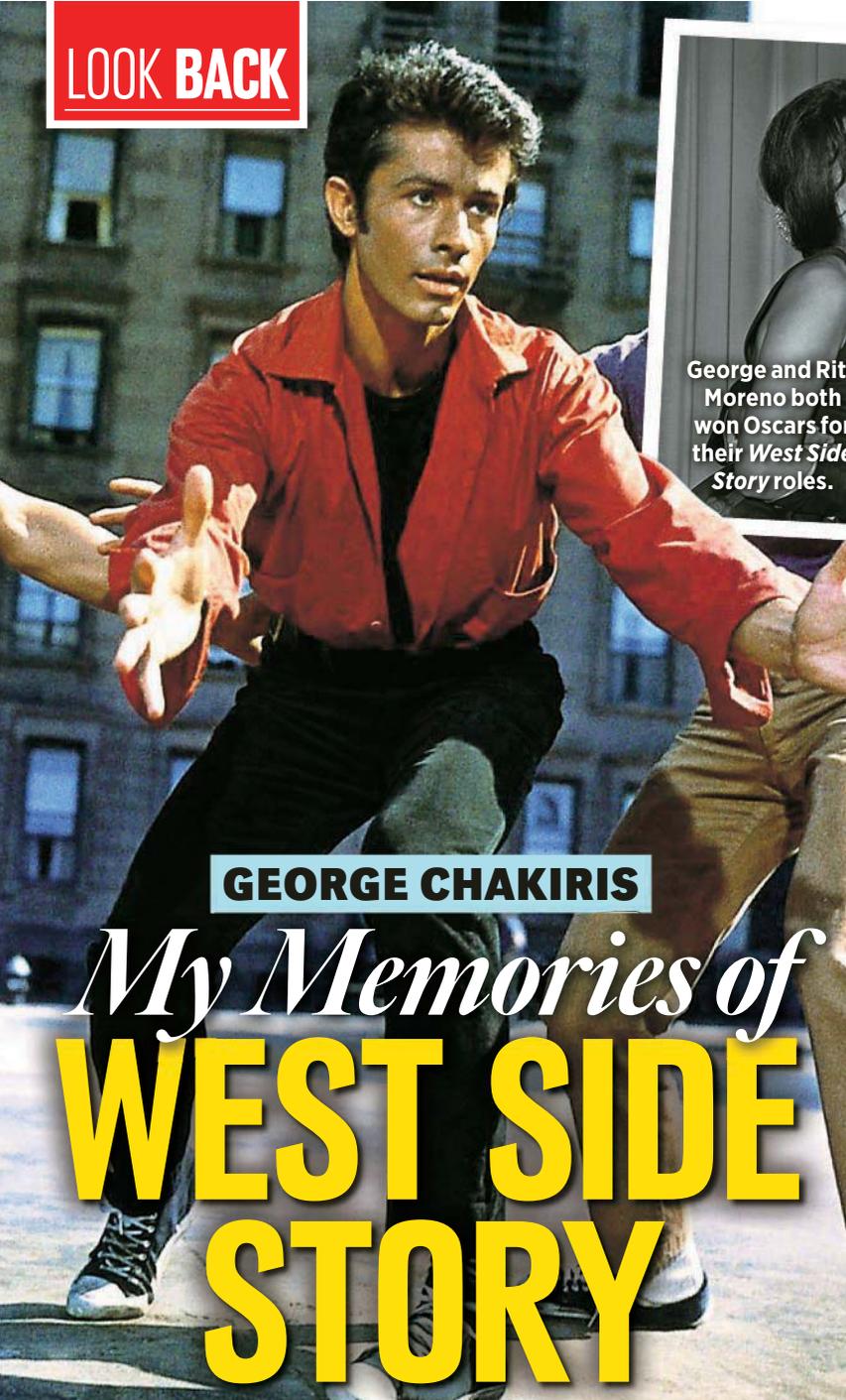
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**THE OSCAR-WINNING ACTOR LOOKS BACK AT THE MAKING OF A MOVIE MASTERPIECE AND WEIGHS IN ON THE MODERN REMAKE**

**I**n 1962, *West Side Story* swept the Academy Awards. The musical, based on the hit Broadway show about the rivalry between two teenage street gangs of different ethnic backgrounds, won 10 Oscars, including a best supporting actor award for George Chakiris. “There was a strong, beautiful atmosphere making that film,” George, 89, who plays the Sharks’ leader, Bernardo, tells *Closer*. “Everyone worked hard, but we loved what we were doing.”

Most of the original movie was shot on soundstages, but the filmmakers also used

locations around what is now New York

City’s Lincoln Square.

Back then, it was an unsafe neighborhood. “They made a very smart move and engaged some of the local young guys to protect the set,” George recalls. “I don’t remember any interference from people on the street.”

He has fond memories of Natalie Wood, who starred as Maria, and Rita Moreno, who won an Oscar playing Anita. “To me, Natalie was *the* Maria. She was funny, intelligent, sociable and a really skilled, wonderful actress,” he says. “And Rita...we shared this extraordinary experience together. Our friendship lasts today.”

**NEW TIMES, OLD TROUBLES**

George isn’t upset that, with the exception of Rita, he and the other surviving cast were not offered roles in Steven Spielberg’s new version of *West Side Story*. “For anyone else to be in it would have been a distraction,” he says. George does, however, take issue with the implication that because he and Natalie were not ethnically Hispanic, their achievements in the film should be dismissed. “I think it’s unfortunate,” says George, whose heritage is Greek. “Anthony Quinn played Zorba the Greek, should the Greek community be offended? Of course not. He was perfect.”

Though George hasn’t yet seen the new film, he understands why *West Side Story* is still moving audiences. “Prejudice is a strong element of the story,” he notes. “It continues to be with us, which still makes *West Side Story* relevant.” —Reporting by Amanda Champagne-Meadows

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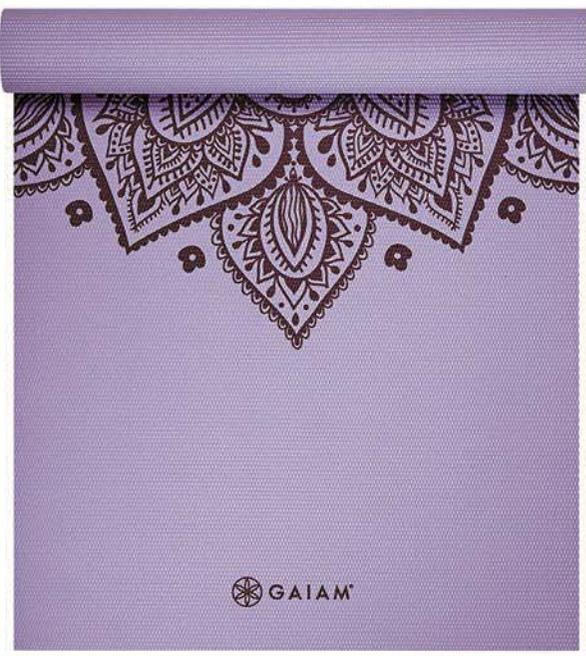
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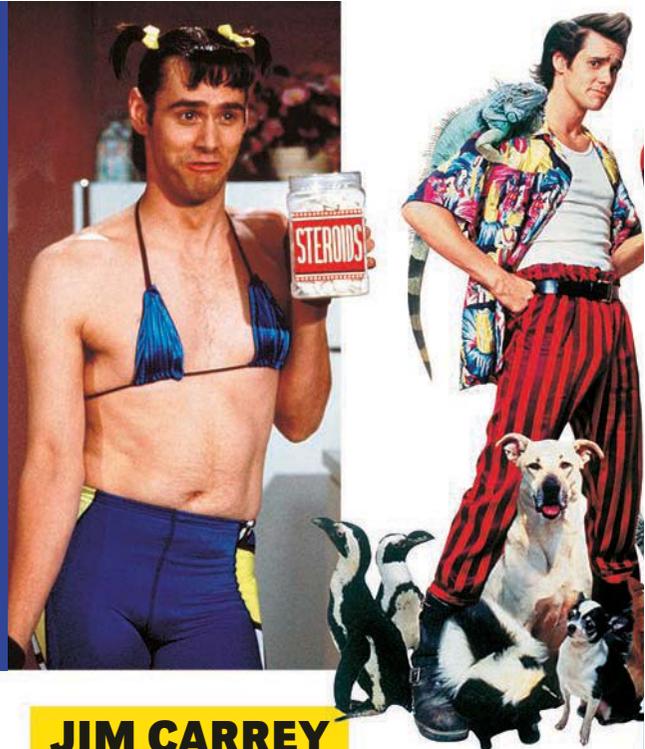




**“I don’t feel any pressure to be funny at all. I’m funny because I want to be funny.”**

—Jim Carrey

**1 1990 LIVING IT UP** Twice rejected by *SNL*, Jim found the sketch show *In Living Color* was “a gigantic, huge doorway for me.” Courtesy of his turns as Fire Marshall Bill and Vera De Milo (right), “I was fortunate enough to have a vehicle where I didn’t play a character that was one thing all the time so that I became that character.”



## JIM CARREY

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**GROWING UP** poor in Ontario, Canada, James Eugene Carrey admitted he was drawn to comedy at an early age by one thing. “Depression. I had a sick mom, man. I wanted to make her feel better.” He doesn’t regret his difficult situation, however. “Desperation is a necessary ingredient to learning anything or creating anything. Period. If you ain’t desperate at some point, you ain’t interesting.” Of course, as he made his way from being a janitor to stand-up comic and Hollywood star, he’s proven interesting and much more. So don’t expect Jim, who turned 60 on Jan. 17, to change now, whether in his role as a father and grandfather or for his turns on TV or film. “I don’t care if people remember my name,” he once confessed. “I want what I do to mean something now. I care that the people I came in contact with maybe were a little bit freer or a little bit better or a little bit happier, and they did something for somebody, and it spiraled. We can each, in our lives, affect so many people.

So that’s all I’m after. It’s a good life. A really good life.”

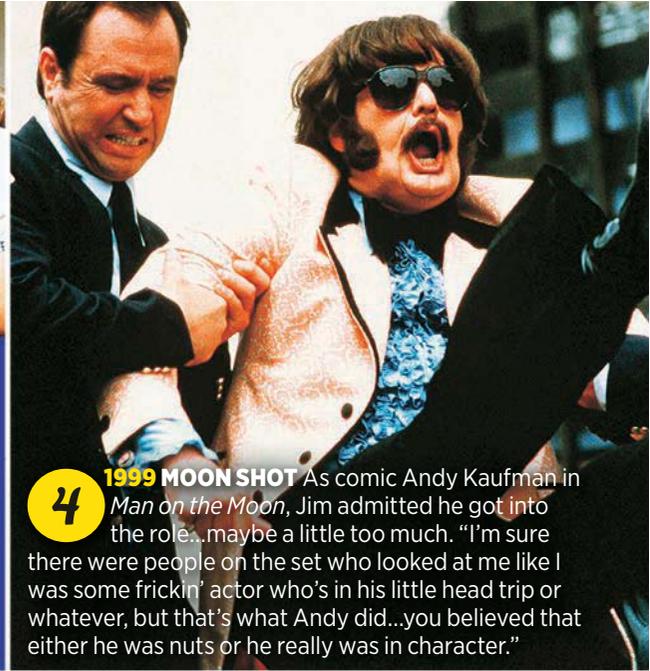


## 2 1994 ACE IN THE HOLE

Channeling “a cockatiel or a parakeet of some kind,” Jim became a star in the over-the-top hit *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*. “I knew it was the kind of thing that would either make me very popular or ruin me, basically. It was one or the other. If you go out that far, and it doesn’t work, you’re in a lot of trouble. You don’t get a second chance.” Alrighty, then!



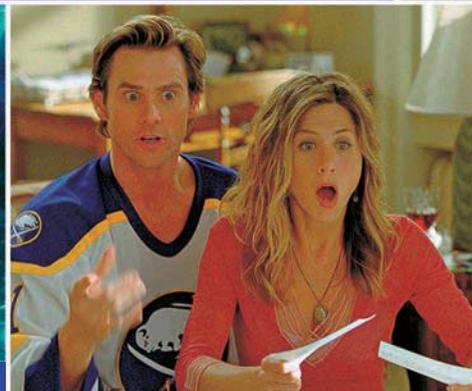
**3 1998 SHOW AND TELL** While some saw *The Truman Show* as a departure for him, not so much Jim. “Like Truman, I’m the guy who it’s not good enough to just say ‘Good morning’ to somebody. I made that line up: ‘Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, and good night.’ I feel like I have to cover the whole day because I want you to like me. I want you to think I’m a great guy.”



**4 1999 MOON SHOT** As comic Andy Kaufman in *Man on the Moon*, Jim admitted he got into the role...maybe a little too much. “I’m sure there were people on the set who looked at me like I was some frickin’ actor who’s in his little head trip or whatever, but that’s what Andy did...you believed that either he was nuts or he really was in character.”



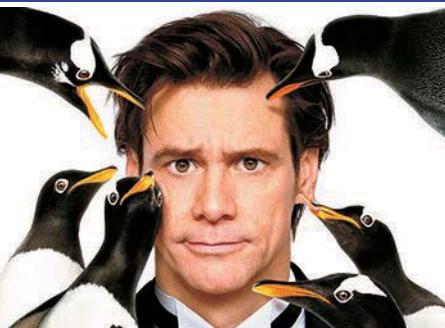
**5 2000 GEE FOR GRINCH** “The makeup was literally like being buried alive every day,” he said of *Dr. Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. “You know what got me through it? The Bee Gees... [I listened to] everything the Bee Gees had ever done. I don’t know why. They just made me happy.”



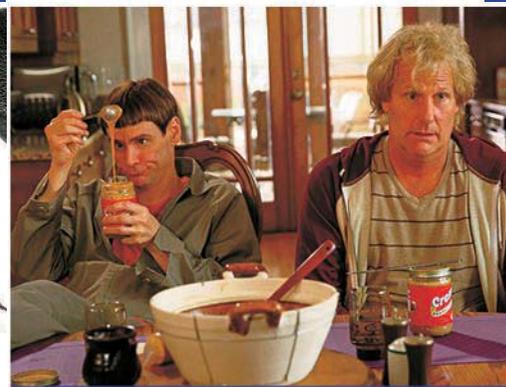
**6 2003 WHEEL LIFE** “We work well off each other because Jennifer [Aniston] is a completely different person than me,” he said of his *Bruce Almighty* co-star. “She’s like the center of the wheel. She’s the type of person that can sit there and allow things to come to her. I seek them out and destroy them.”



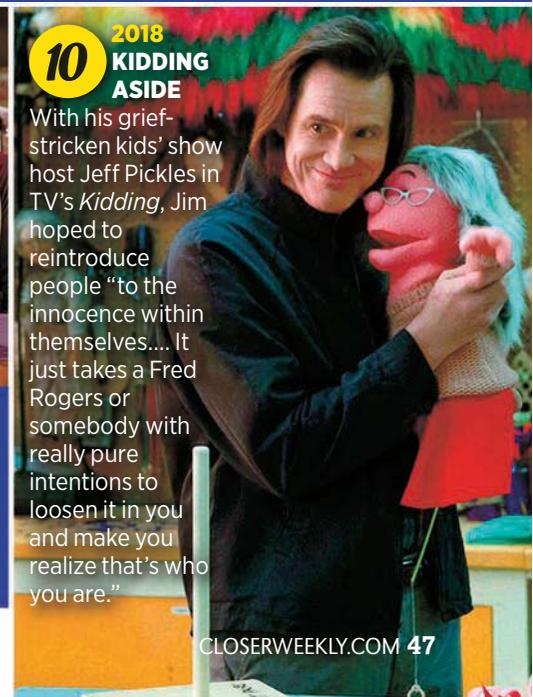
**7 2004 MIND SET** As a man looking to have the memories of a lost love erased in *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* (with Kate Winslet), Jim is a man who could relate. “This part, I really couldn’t have done it if I hadn’t been through a lot one way or another. Either you’re the one erasing or you’re the one being erased, so it’s not a pleasant feeling!”



**8 2011 FOR THE BIRDS** “Some people resist working with children and animals, but I love capturing the spark of innocence,” explained Jim of his titular turn in *Mr. Popper’s Penguins*. “[Besides] it’s really difficult to be unhappy around a penguin. They’re like puppies, times 10.”



**9 2014 PLAYING DUMB** “I was surprised at how good it felt to be that character again,” said Jim about reprising Lloyd Christmas for *Dumb and Dumber To*, alongside Jeff Daniels. “When characters are good and they make people feel great, why not go see them again?”



**10 2018 KIDDING ASIDE** With his grief-stricken kids’ show host Jeff Pickles in TV’s *Kidding*, Jim hoped to reintroduce people “to the innocence within themselves.... It just takes a Fred Rogers or somebody with really pure intentions to loosen it in you and make you realize that’s who you are.”

# FLASHBACK

## Tiffany Style

With opera gloves, pearls and an updo crowned with a tiara, there was no doubt who adorable actress Xochitl Gomez was channeling at the premiere of *Spiderman: No Way Home*. “Thanks to everyone who made this happen,” she gushed. Thank you, Xochitl, for showcasing Audrey Hepburn’s classic *Breakfast at Tiffany’s* style to the next generation!

*Now*  
Xochitl Gomez



*1961*  
Audrey Hepburn



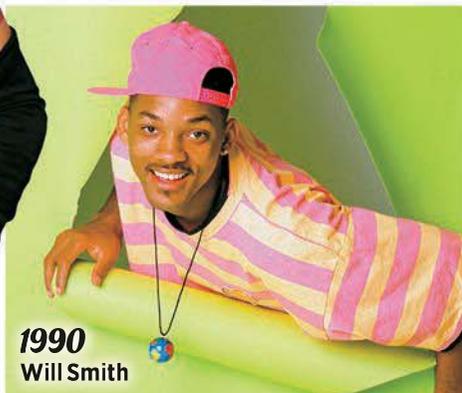
*1935*  
Myrna Loy



*Now*  
Nina Dobrev

## Goggles

Today’s snow goggles, like the pair that Nina Dobrev wore on a recent outing, are close cousins to the aviator eyewear actress Myrna Loy wore to play a stunt pilot in 1935’s *Wings in the Dark*.



*1990*  
Will Smith



*Now*  
Jabari Banks

## Bel-Air

More than 30 years after *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air* made Will Smith a TV star, the series about a Philadelphia kid transplanted to a posh California enclave is getting a do-over. Newcomer Jabari Banks stars in *Bel-Air*, which will bow on the Peacock network later this year. Unlike the original sitcom, *Bel-Air* promises drama and a more serious tone.

## Leopard Blazers

Former *Dynasty* star Joan Collins looked like the queen of the jungle in a purr-fect animal print jacket. The popularity of leopard has waxed and waned since the 1960s but has never gone completely out of style.



*1964*  
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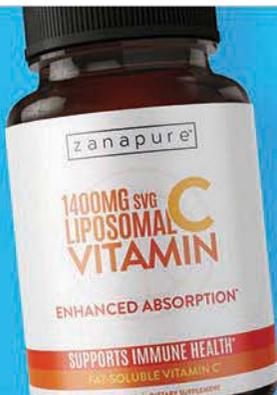
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