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## **MAGIC MEMORIES**

Whether you only get up close to the stars' possessions or fork out serious coin to own them, there's magic in pop-culture memorabilia (see p. 52–53 for the upcoming auction of Patrick Swayze's mementos, and recent sale of Prince's iconic belongings). A new exhibit at Kensington Palace, Diana: Her Fashion Story, traces the journey of Princess Diana, who had yet to find her fashion footing—or her personal strength—

when she captured the spotlight as "Shy Di" at 19. But as Diana evolved, so did her style. "She understood the language of clothes," says curator Eleri Lynn. "You see her go from the frills of the early 1980s to understanding what suited her as she became this fantastically self-confident woman."

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# Ranyes The troubled duo unite in (relative) understatement

S KANYE WEST PREPPED FOR his Yeezy Season 5 show as part of New York Fashion Week, his wife, Kim Kardashian West, remained in Los Angeles. "They spent the weekend apart so Kanye could focus on the show," an insider tells WHO. "There is definitely some concern that the show will be too much stress for him. He gets so involved and it's hard for him to not get obsessed." The source adds that while this type of stress "has been very bad for him in the past," Kardashian West, 36, has been making sure to support her husband. "Kim keeps checking in to make sure he gets enough sleep."

The couple's efforts to take the pressure down—following Kardashian West's traumatic robbery during Paris Fashion Week in October and West's subsequent hospitalisation for exhaustion and paranoia in November—was evident in the show's setting and low-key approach. Unlike last year's trek to Roosevelt Island, where proceedings started two hours late and models fainted in the heat, this year's show

took place at the more traditional setting of Pier 59 at Manhattan's Chelsea Piers. Scheduled for 5 PM, West moved the show to 3.30 PM to avoid a clash with Marchesa. "Kanye called me personally to let me know he was unaware that there was a conflict," Council of Fashion Designers of America chief Steven Kolb told *Women's Wear Daily*. "He immediately looked at alternative options."

The entire show, featuring a denim, fur and sportswear Calabasas-themed collection, lasted for about 15 minutes and West, 39, did not walk the runway or take a bow. The front row was filled with high-profile fans, including sisterin-law Kylie Jenner, her boyfriend, Tyga, Zoë Kravitz, Hailey Baldwin and Kardashian West, who perched next to *Vogue*'s Anna Wintour. "So proud of my baby for his amazing show today! It was so good!" the star tweeted. "I'm so SO proud of him!!!"



## COSMETIC CONFESSION

ON FEB. 19, KARDASHIAN WEST TOOK TO SNAPCHAT TO share that she had just visited her cosmetic dermatologist Dr Simon Ourian to get rid of some of her stretch marks. "I feel so excited that I finally did it," she said. "It didn't hurt that badly." A week earlier, she visited Dr Ourian to get work done on her belly button. "We are lasering. You guys, I never thought I could love someone and hate someone so much at the same time," she said. "If anyone that's had babies understands what it's done to your belly button, then you really understand how much you need Dr Ourian to tighten around your belly button so it could look back normal," she said. "It f—king kills but it will be worth it."





# Wait, what? The actress

## was once set to marry

n the northern summer of 2003, Nicole Kidman and Lenny Kravitz kept their relationship under wraps for several months—arriving at New York hot spots separately, issuing "just friends" denialsuntil Sept. 30, when her rep finally came clean. "They're very close," her spokeswoman, Leslee Dart, told WHO. Still, rumours of an engagement were hosed down. "He's very important to her," she said. "Beyond that, I don't know."

Now we do know. Promoting Big Little Lies, Kidman, 49, let the secret slip while talking up the closeness of the production's female cast. "Well, I knew Zoë [Kravitz] because I was engaged to her father. It's all in the family!" she told The Edit. Kidman has previously admitted to being engaged once between ex-husband Tom Cruise and her current husband, Keith Urban. "It just wasn't right," she told Vanity Fair in 2007 of the engagement, without revealing her former



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lets it slip that she rocker Lenny Kravitz

fiancé. "I wasn't ready. We weren't ready."

But the former couple remain pals. Kidman and Urban, who married in 2006, hung out with Kravitz, 52, backstage at the 2013 CMT Music Awards. They all exchanged hugs and posed for a group photo. "I love Lenny," Kidman said in her interview with The Edit. "He's a great guy." ■









says Presley's filing does not accurately reflect the situation. Though he declined to elaborate, Sturman added that Lockwood "vehemently denies" the claims, calling them "highly sensational, inaccurate and unproven."

Meanwhile, court documents reveal that singer and actress Presley, the only child of Elvis and Priscilla Presley, has been in dire financial straits, living rent-free with her elder daughter, Riley Keough, 27. "I cannot recall the last time I spent money on clothes and shoes of any value," she said in the filing.

As for the twins, Priscilla, 71, confirmed on Facebook that her granddaughters were in her care. "There is lots of confusion, commotion and concern from all the talk circulating," she posted on Feb. 20. "Let me put this to rest ... the girls have not been in foster care and never will be. The girls have been with me and will be until all this is sorted out."





## INLOVE AGAIN

OSCAR-NOMINATED DIRECTOR RICHARD Curtis may "never have dreamed" of writing and directing a full-length sequel to his 2003 Christmas staple *Love Actually*, but when called upon to bring the cast back to benefit Comic Relief's Red Nose Day anti-poverty charity, he couldn't resist. "I thought it might be fun to do 10 minutes to see what everyone is now up to," Curtis said.

Among those on board for the special (airing March 24 on BBC One in the UK) are Hugh Grant (PM David), Keira Knightley (newlywed Juliet), Liam Neeson (stepdad Daniel) and Colin Firth (writer Jamie). "Who has aged best?" Curtis joked to showbiz website Deadline. "I guess that's the big question ... or is it so obviously Liam?"





The cast

of Love Actually'

reunite for a

short sequel,

in the name of

Comic Relief's

Red Nose Day

Sam, chased after American crush Joanna, Liam Neeson, 64, has starred in three *Taken* films and Olivia Olson, 24, has voiced Vanessa, the crush of Ferb, voiced by Thomas Brodie-Sangster, 26, on Disney's *Phineas and Ferb*.



Rob & Blac Another The reality stars and new parents are finally done with their rocky romance. For now, anyway

For now, anyway

INCE THEY FIRST WENT PUBLIC AS a couple last January, Rob Kardashian and Blac Chyna have had a consistently complicated relationship, filled with emotional highs (most notably the birth of daughter Dream in November) and dramatic—very public-lows. Now, they have decided to end their year-long engagement. "They split a while ago. The wedding plans are off," a source close to Kardashian, 29, told WHO on Feb. 16. "They are both trying to be mature about it. It was less dramatic this time."

Taking the drama down a notch won't be too tough. "Chyna is super fed up with Rob and thinks he is way too emotional and depressed," says the insider. "She thinks he has terrible issues. He is always battling his own insecurities and is unstable. It's a major turn-off to her, and she thinks it's incredibly unhealthy for the baby and their family."

Things took a turn for the worse in their relationship just before Christmas when Chyna, 29, and Dream moved out of their shared home after her Instagram was allegedly hacked and she claimed in a since-deleted

post that Kardashian was behind the hack.

But in recent weeks the two appeared to be happy, showering their social-media feeds with love for one another—spending New Year's Eve together and celebrating their anniversary with a sweet Instagram video that showcased home footage of the couple kissing, cuddling and laughing throughout their relationship. Now, "Rob is focusing more on himself, the baby and work," a second source said. "He's been focusing on his sock line more." ■





## MARRIED AT FIRST SIGHT

## 'IT'S CRUEL'

Susan and Sean's happy union hits a huge hurdle

THE MINUTE HER "GROOM," SEAN, RODE DOWN the aisle, Married at First Sight's Susan knew "he was an amazing, caring guy." But the Perth-based mining-truck driver was "devastated" to find out the 35-year-old farmer lived on a remote property in Queensland. "Originally I thought it was a cruel thing for the experts to do, to match me with someone so far away," she confesses to WHO. "If they wanted the relationship to work, wouldn't they at least pair me with someone in the same state?"

During the home visits, the 37-year-old got a harsh dose of reality surrounding Sean's remote life—"It's just so different." But despite the huge hurdle, Susan vowed to keep an open mind about the relationship. "He is everything I asked for so I just tried to live in the moment. Be real about the distance but still be in love with him at the same time."





## Why I wanted to quit'



He's the curly-haired larrikin business owner who is constantly encouraged to open up about his feelings towards his bride, Alene, on Nine's reality show, but Simon tells WHO that the constant intrusions almost caused him to leave.

"I got jack of it quick smart," the 37-year-old Queenslander tells WHO. "You get asked maybe every 30 minutes about my feelings for Alene. And I'm like, 'Hang on, let me just get this woman's surname right!' I cracked it a couple of times."



## Surp new

### Didn't see it coming! The star

**¬** OUR DAYS AFTER SHE POSTED ABOUT "[chatting] about love and relationships over rosé," Zoe Saldana was back on Instagram with a surprise announcement: "Marco and I are elated to share the news of the birth of our son Zen," Saldana, 38, wrote on Feb. 18, with a picture of the newborn alongside his brothers, Cy and Bowie, 2, her twins with artist husband Marco Perego, 37.

The Live by Night star, who looked her usual sleek and stylish self at a Los Angeles function just two days before the announcement, was spotted leaving Cedars-Sinai hospital in Los Angeles with Zen on Feb. 13. Saldana, who at press time had not confirmed reports she used a surrogate, also gave no hint of her expanding family during an on-camera interview with Extra in January, though she was forthcoming about how there is "a lot of patience" required to parent twins. She may need even more now, but that's just fine, as she wrote on Instagram: "We couldn't feel more blessed with the new addition to our family." ■



LABOUR PAINS "#threeboys ... 'There's something that happens to your body hormonally, and it's not just the weight that you acquire but your nerves, your muscles," Saldana said in 2015,

10 months after the twins

birth. "Everything hurts and feels uncomfortable.

oh boy!" wrote Saldana on Instagram on Feb. 18, introducing son Zen.

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shares a sweet secret





# Kylie opens up

The singer takes an optimistic view of her split

TALKING ABOUT HER BREAK-UP WITH ACTOR Joshua Sasse for the first time since announcing the news earlier this month, Kylie Minogue insists, "I look forward to moving on, richer for the experience." In an interview with the Herald Sun, the singer admitted that "I haven't had the white picket fence and happy ever after ... so far, but perhaps that's just not my destiny. I know love and I love to be in love." Minogue, 48, also revealed she is already at work on her upcoming fourteenth studio album. "It's been such a good tonic to be back in the studio," she said. "I can't wait to finish it and share it with everyone."



AMANDA BYNES

## ONLINE IMPOSTER

The actress says someone stole her identity

SIX MONTHS AFTER AMANDA BYNES last used Twitter, the actress, now a fashion-design student, resurfaced in a flurry of tweets to say she wasn't the woman getting an ultrasound in a post on an account claiming to be hers.

"I am not getting married and I am not pregnant," wrote Bynes, 30. "I have asked repeatedly. This person continues to impersonate and harass me and Twitter needs to take the account down."

After a series of erratic incidents led Bynes to receive psychiatric treatment in October 2014, the former All That and Easy A star has kept a low profile. "I've been in school learning about the fashion business," she wrote in 2015, "so I don't have time to tweet."



TORI SPELLING

## Baby shower drama

ORI SPELLING'S LAVISH BABY shower for her soon-to-arrive fifth child, a boy, has reportedly enraged husband Dean McDermott's ex-wife, Mary Jo Eustace. According to the *New York Post*, Eustace baulked at news Spelling's mother, Candy, spent an estimated \$US40,000 on the Feb. 11 bash at the Hotel Bel-Air, particularly because McDermott allegedly owes her thousands in child support for their 18-year-old son, Jack (the couple divorced in 2006).

According to court records, McDermott is set to appear in a Los Angeles court on March 9. This would not be the first time Eustace has attempted to collect payments. In August 2015, she told a reporter from *Entertainment Tonight*, "I can't imagine not paying child support. It's a legal obligation."

## An over-the-top bash raises eyebrows

## TOM'S POWER

Actress Leah Remini says Cruise could 'end' Scientology

SINCE RENOUNCING SCIENTOLOGY IN 2013, Leah Remini has turned her tumultuous departure into the docuseries Leah Remini: Leaving Scientology and the Aftermath.

Now she wants another long-time member on her side—Tom Cruise.

Tori Spelling (with her fam

her fifth child arrives

McDermott's son Jack, far right in January 2016) has said she is

"officially in nesting mode" until

The King of Queens actress was a guest on talk show Real Time with Bill Maher when host Maher asked her if Cruise, the church's biggest devotee, "could end this single-handedly." Remini replied, "He could end this. Correct. And because they are saying he singlehandedly is 'clearing the

planet,' is changing the planet, so most Scientologists believe."

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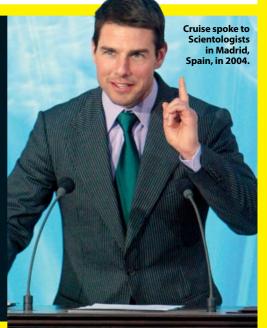
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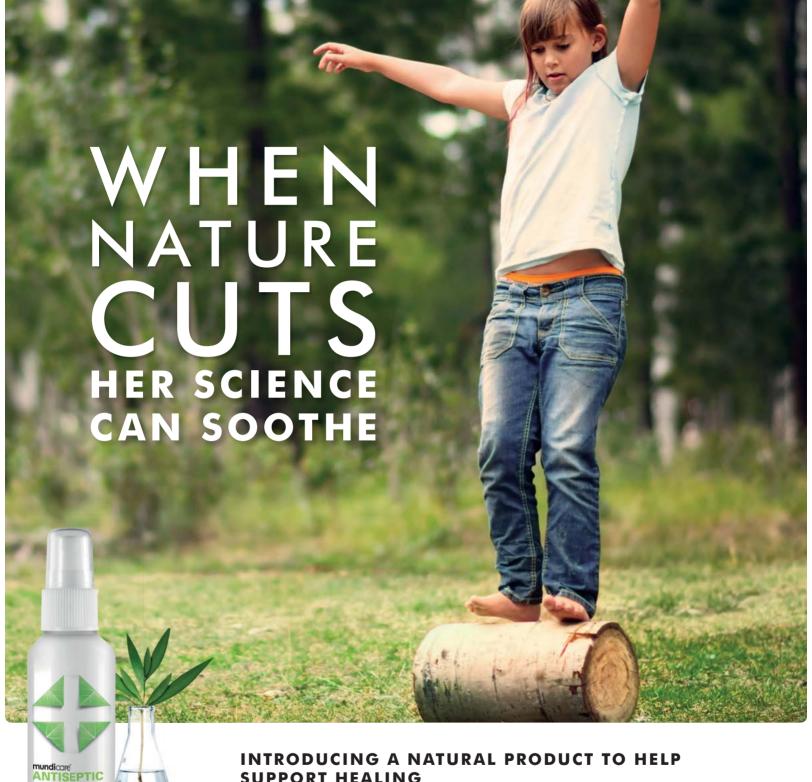
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After Maher asked her what "clearing the planet" meant and that "he couldn't even make Jack Reacher a hit," Remini, 47, who said Maher's 2008 documentary Religulous helped her change her mind about her old faith, explained, "Scientologists believe that if he didn't make it a hit, it was

because there were suppressive, evil people working against him, because he's winning in life and clearing the planet."



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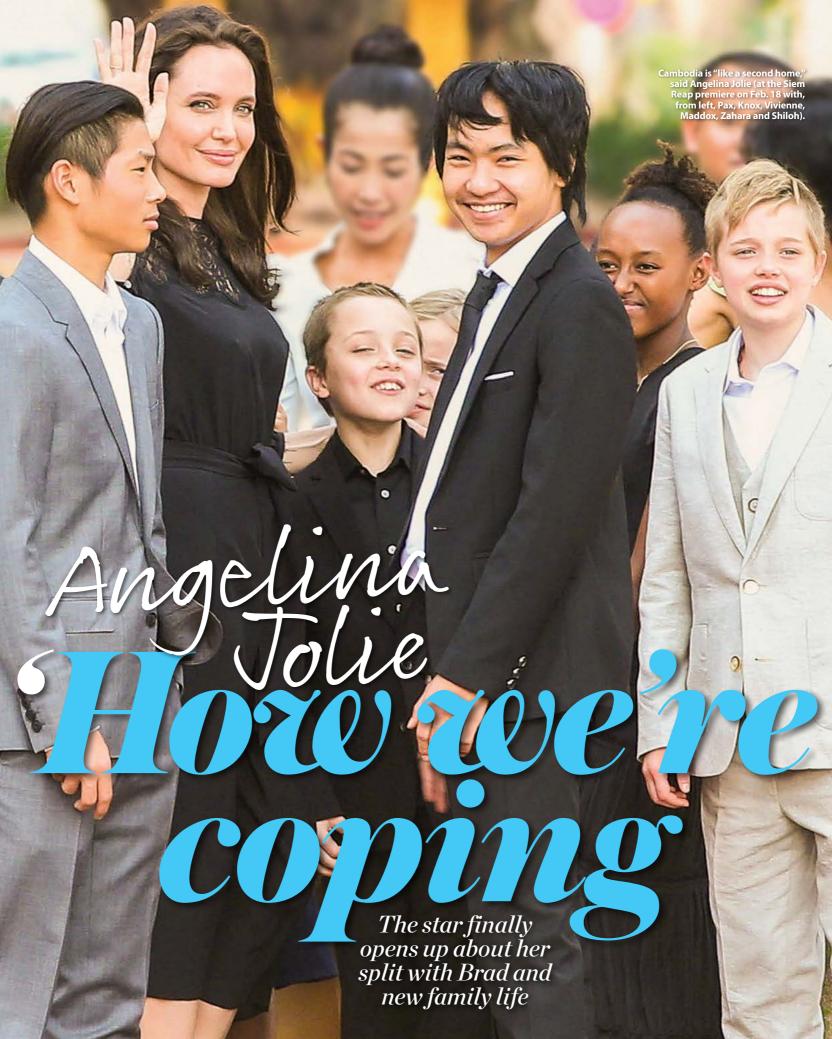




From left: Agyness Deyn, Kate Bosworth, Daisy Lowe and Pixie Geldof perched front row at the House of Holland show. LFW: SPLASH NEWS (6); BEYONCE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: GETTY IMAGES (5); AAP

Kendall Jenner (right) and Bella Hadid headed for a night out at Sexy Fish restaurant in Mayfair.







"We have all

itting cross-legged in an outside yoga sala in Cambodia, Angelina Jolie—dressed down in a singlet and loose pants—pauses when asked by *BBC World News* reporter Yalda Hakim if she would like to finally break her five-month silence and "say something"

about the "incident" that led to the end of her marriage to Brad Pitt. The star sighs and seems

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to gather herself. "I don't want to say very
much about that except to say that it was a
very difficult time and we are a family. And we'll always be
a family," she says. "And we'll get through this time and
hopefully be a stronger family for it."

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That family—Jolie and her children with Pitt, Maddox, 15, Pax, 13, Zahara, 12, Shiloh, 10, and twins Vivienne and Knox, 8—seemed to have the strength thing nailed on Feb. 18, a day before the BBC interview aired and drew global headlines for Jolie's revelations about how she is

"coping" as a single mother, and how her kids' lives have changed. With their mother glamorous in black lace, the brood escorted her to the premiere in Siem Reap, Cambodia, of her latest directorial effort, genocide drama *First They Killed My Father*. "We finally made it," said Maddox, who worked on production of the film in the country of his birth, taking the microphone. "It's a great honour to present this

film to all of you, and to stand by my mother and my family."

Clustered around the star, her children waved, smiled and were unfazed taking photos with Cambodian royalty including King Norodom Sihamoni. Shiloh even

made a short speech in Khmer, and they all looked happy and united in their first big public outing since their parents' ugly split in September—and, in BBC footage, some were seen confidently frying and eating spiders and scorpions with their mum as head chef (see box, p. 24). But Jolie, 41, conceded that recovering from the enormous private upheaval is an ongoing process: "Many, many people find themselves in this situation. My whole, my family ...





we've all been through a difficult time."

The spark for it was what Jolie teared up over and had trouble talking about in her candid BBC sit-down: on Sept. 14, an altercation involving her, Pitt and Maddox on the family's private jet resulted in the actress dropping her divorce bombshell five days later. Soon, as court documents show, the children were in ongoing therapy and Pitt, 53, was investigated—and cleared—in November of allegations of verbal and "physical" abuse towards his eldest son. Since then, he's had limited supervised access with the kids and Jolie has largely nurtured them in private, apart from a New Year family ski holiday to Colorado and a shopping trip with the twins on Jan. 28. "My focus is my children, our children ... and my focus is finding this way through," she said. "We are and forever will be a family. I am coping with finding a way through to make sure that this somehow makes us stronger and closer."

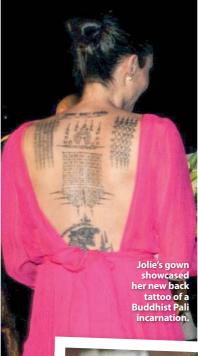
Still, finding and building a new reality has been tough, Jolie told the BBC. She was blunt when asked what she really wants to do first thing in the morning when she wakes up, replying, "Get through the day." She hinted that her kids (and pets) have needed extra TLC—"It's been a difficult few months"—with a couple of them sleeping in her room. "Right now, I'm going through a moment where there's just, everybody's in my room.



Two dogs and two hamsters and two children at the moment. It's wonderful." And chaotic. Most mornings, she said, "I just wake up trying to figure out who's going to get the dog out, who's going to start the pancakes and did anybody brush their teeth."

Running a busy household where all the kids are home-schooled and Jolie juggles scheduling their dental appointments with her professional commitments was pressure enough when she had Pitt by her side to chip in. The pair's opposing parenting styles were a factor in the split, insiders said, and Pitt had "always been stricter," a source close to the family told WHO in October. "They always had disagreements when it came to disciplining the kids. He has wanted the kids to have more structure. Brad will get frustrated sometimes and yell at the kids." Jolie, said the source, has "a more relaxed attitude," meaning the children "get out of control and the house was constant chaos."

Other problems for the celebrated











pair were more internal. "Things built and built over time—it wasn't one thing," a source close to Jolie explained to WHO at the time of the bust-up. And while the actress was having doubts over her marriage, she was also struggling with a pivotal personal shift and "changed a lot" between her marriage in August 2014 and divorce, an insider told WHO. "She wants something more than being an actress and director. She wants to be more involved with the United Nations and her missions." Early in 2016, "she seemed troubled and almost depressed," adds the insider. "Angelina said she was just bored. It seems she has been looking for a new life for a while."

She's found that. As to Jolie's vow to make her family "closer," she didn't elaborate on whether that includes Pitt, who called a ceasefire in January when they agreed in court to keep details of their divorce private. But she was expansive when asked by the BBC about her future, specifically where she sees herself in five years' time. "At that stage, do I have all teenagers? I hope just standing," she said. "I would like to be travelling around the world, visiting my children, hoping that they're just happy and doing interesting things in, I imagine, many different parts of the world, and I'll be supporting them."



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# The Bachelorettes ove, nes

Sasha Mielczarek breaks his silence, setting the record straight on his split



he irony is not lost on The Bachelorette's Sasha Mielczarek that moments before he is about to publicly discuss the end of his 18-month relationship with radio host Sam Frost, he walks past two brides and grooms having their official wedding photos taken in Sydney's Observatory Park on Feb. 19. Rewind just a few months and that was the same ending he had envisioned for himself and the bubbly 27-year-old, who he famously met on reality show The Bachelorette in 2015. But not all fairytales have happy endings. "And now here I am on my own!" says the NSW South "It's been a

Coast-based construction manager, 31, speaking for the first time about his split since it was announced on Dec. 27. "It's been a pretty tough couple of months," he acknowledges. On top of

mourning the end of his relationship, he was also grieving the sudden passing of his grandmother Roma—mentioning her name causes him to tear up. But with the help of family and friends, including fellow The Bachelorette contestant Dave Billsborrow—they met up the day before while he was in Sydney for work—"I'm feeling much better." He sat down with WHO's Karlie Rutherford.

#### How have you been?

The start of the year was pretty tough. But I recently went away to America on an impromptu trip, which was good to clear the head. And I've come back feeling refreshed. Why did things between you and Sam end?

It was a mutual, amicable decision and distance was the main reason. Basically, Sam would get up early for 2DayFM breakfast show Rove & Sam [in Sydney] and I couldn't really talk to her till about midday and by that stage I was at work [about three hours south, in Huskisson]. I work a fairly gruelling job as a construction manager for a commercial building company. I look after 35 staff as well as 250 guys on site. I am solely responsible for their safety and it's a huge responsibility, so not being able to talk to Sam during the day was tough for me. Then by the time I'd finished work, sometimes at 9PM, she was already asleep. So that was challenging. We

would do a lot of travelling to each other, but when you're both leading busy pretty tough lives, it gets tough. In the end it got the better of us. We don't blame anyone. It was just the circumstances. Before that, how seriou

#### were things between you and Sam?

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months"

I bought a block of land in Bowral and we spoke about me building on that and possibly moving there together. We spoke about how many kids we would have, where we would get married and who we would invite. It was all real. I understand there might be people out there [on TV] that aren't, but Sam and I, that was it for us. So did you just not see a way through the distance problem?

It just got to a point where it was too difficult. We'd both had challenging years, individually and together, and it's something we both decided was best for both our sanities.

What role, if any, did the media spotlight and public pressure





## THE WOMEN IN HIS LIFE

Before splitting with Frost, Mielczarek was also mourning the sudden passing of his maternal grandmother, Roma. "She was an amazing person and so selfless," says Mielczarek, explaining how for most of her life she ran a lodge for the socially disadvantaged and the mentally unstable, which he used to visit on weekends. Roma and his mother, Kym, are his inspiration: "They've dedicated their lives to helping other people."





#### play in putting pressure on the relationship?

For me, I cop more shit on site. It's not really an issue for me. But for Sam, because she's such a beautiful, sensitive soul, sometimes it did get the better of her. And I was always there to pick her up. But honestly, I don't think it played a huge issue in it. If we put the media and the show aside, Sam and I were just like any other couple facing everyday challenges. Distance was an additional challenge we tried to navigate our way through, however we both made a decision together that was the best for the two of us at the time.

Let's clear up some of the rumours about the break-up—firstly, that it was because you were under contract to be together and that contract ended.

That's ridiculous. No such thing exists. I mean, Sam and I fell in love. And I still love her. She's an amazing person. We fell head



over heels in love from the moment we saw each other. There was no way that wasn't real. Did it end because you are with another woman?

That's ridiculous. I am sitting here alone. I'm single. I've just been spending time with friends and family and they've helped me get back on my feet.

### Or that Sam is in a relationship with Dave Billsborrow?

He called me up and thought it was laughable.

Dave is one of my best mates now. We talk daily. Even when those rumours started, he didn't need to say anything, I knew it was rubbish.

## Who helped you through this difficult time?

My mum, Kym. I tell her everything. Probably too much. And she's always there when I'm down to pick me back up. It's been especially hard for her during that time because she was doing her own grieving for her own mother. It was hard to see my mum so vulnerable during that time, but then after it all she was so strong. She's been so amazing. If I could be half the person she is, I would be a top bloke.

#### When did you lose your grandmother?

October 2. My grandmother and I had a really close bond and it was very unexpected. There was no lead-up to it and I was away in Perth, so I didn't get the chance to say goodbye. But she's with me now.

## Have you thought about moving on and what the future holds for you, relationship-wise?

I'm not really thinking about it at the moment. I still believe in love because Sam and I were head over heels in love with each other. But I'm not ready to be with anyone and not even ready to contemplate that. Like I said, I've been spending a lot of time with family and friends and they've picked me back up from a

pretty dark place at the start of the year.

Do you still speak to Sam? Do you know how she's handling things?

Look, at the time we spoke about a lot of things. When you break up with someone there is obviously a bit of time you need [apart] from each other. So we are both taking that time to get ourselves back where you were. But yeah, she's doing it pretty tough as well at this time. I know that.

ghable. What have you been doing to keep your mind off things?

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Sam. She's

an amazing

person"

Work. About nine months ago I was promoted to a construction manager's role and I'm focusing a lot of time and energy on that and trying to make it successful. I also have a residential building business

on the side and this year I'm focusing on getting two houses built, one is my mum's and one is my own. I also recently started a blog, Fittradie.com.au, with a mate of mine. We are both in the construction industry and we see a lot of unhealthy habits out there for our workers. We thought it would be good to try to suggest some lifestyle changes for these guys because

no-one really talks to this audience. Like, instead of eating that hamburger at the pub every night, why don't you go home and make one with wholemeal bread and turkey mince and have a low-carb beer?

## Knowing how things have ended between you and Sam, do you regret going on *The Bachelorette*?

I never regret anything I do. Things happen for a reason, whether that be something really good or something bad and I don't regret anything. Through that show I met Sam and she's such a beautiful person. And I've also made mates like Dave.

#### Would you ever go on The Bachelor?

Nope. I can tell you right now, hand on heart, that is definitely not a possibility.

#### Do you have a message for your supporters?

Thank you! You've been amazing to Sam and I. Majority of people have been so supportive. And during tough times it got Sam through a lot of dark places and it got me through as well. Even during and after the break-up, people have been so beautiful.

Do you still believe in love?

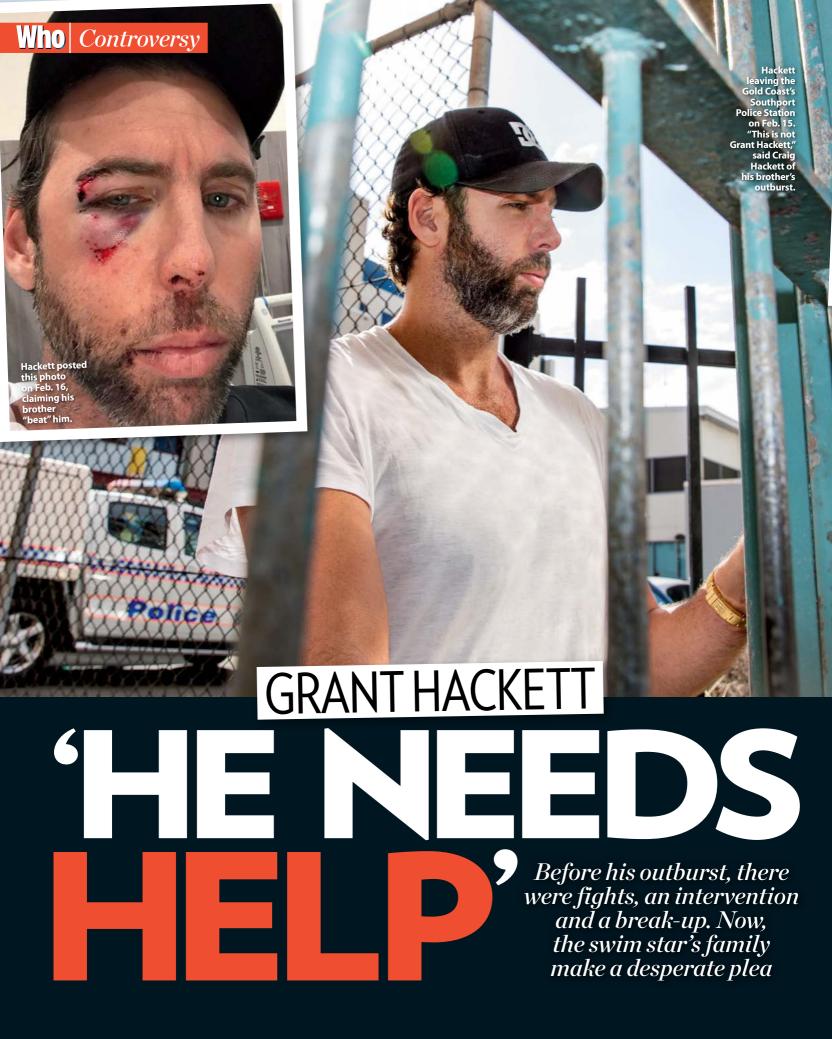
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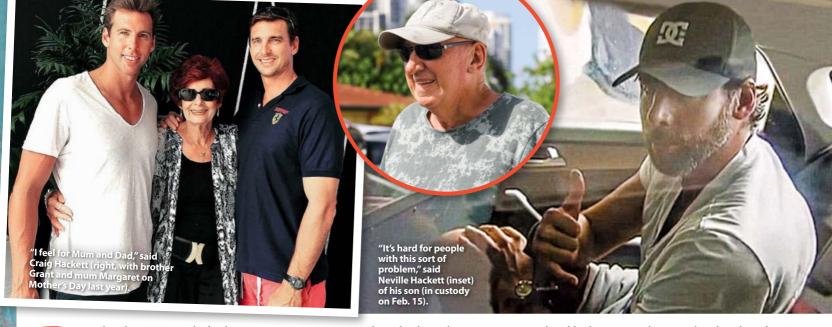












ack in late 2015, in the lead-up to the Rio Olympic Games, Grant Hackett was talking up his own revival. Having come out of rehab and a painful divorce, the former swimming champ was training for a touted comeback and had finally come to terms with life as a divorced dad. Sitting with WHO at a favourite café in his home town of the Gold Coast, he regretted his controversies, but his eyes were firmly on the future. "I made some mistakes, I've been there, I have been open and honest about it," he said. "I'm trying to move forward and that's where my focus is."

But last week the 36-year-old shockingly stumbled on that journey. In handcuffs in the back of a police car, the father of two was taken to a police station on Feb. 15 after an outburst at his parents' home on the Gold Coast, with witnesses reportedly seeing the three-time Olympic gold medallist furiously stabbing a knife into a chopping board during the incident. After he was released without charge, Hackett accused his older brother, Craig, of bashing him, then disappeared, forcing his father, Neville, to make a public plea for help. He has since been in contact with his loved ones and at press time was believed to be holed up in a Gold Coast hotel. "Grant needs help," said Craig. "We're pleading for people to help us. It's coming to the point now ... He's dangerous."

That danger has left his parents "nervous wrecks," says Craig, a Gold Coast physiotherapist and father of two. Hackett "became abusive and aggressive, verbally," said Neville of the Feb. 15 incident at the Mermaid Waters home where he lives with wife Margaret. "He just didn't make any sense and it was obvious something was wrong." So wrong that his father, a retired cop, called police. "They came and they settled him down," said Neville. "Eventually they got him to go with them."

Upon his release without charge a few hours later, Hackett was still agitated, taking to

Instagram to make a shocking claim. "My brother comments to the media ... But does anyone know he beat the shit out of me," he posted with a photo of himself sporting a black eye and facial cuts. While it is not clear when the photo was taken, the *Gold Coast Bulletin* reported the pair scuffled earlier this year when Craig and Margaret came over for an apparent "intervention." It is alleged Hackett, "who was in the middle of one of his benders," according to a source, charged at his brother "and Craig punched him."

Hackett may have recently suffered a blow to his heart, too. In the days before the meltdown, he is rumoured to have broken up with his girlfriend of seven months, Maggie Keating, a Canadian working as a trainee lawyer at a Brisbane law firm. The pair recently deleted photos of each

other from their Instagram accounts, according to reports. A source told WHO that late last year, he saw Hackett arguing with a blonde woman in the Brisbane CBD. "She was quite clearly saying the words 'F--k off' to him and she stormed off," says the source.

Weeks later, Hackett was reportedly involved in a heated argument while he and a female friend were in Arizona for US swimming great Michael Phelps's New Year's Eve wedding celebration. The *Bulletin* quoted a source saying Hackett was "wasted" and "angry" and security guards at an Arizona

hotel had to restrain him. Hackett has denied the incident took place. His problems stem from "a number of things," his former coach Denis Cotterell tells WHO. "You just don't know what can trigger something."

By Hackett's own admission, alcohol is a common thread. In 2011, he went on a drinkfuelled rage in the Melbourne apartment he shared with his then wife, singer Candice Alley, and their twins, Charlize and Jagger, now 7. Three years later, he was photographed in his underwear in a Melbourne hotel, looking for

son Jagger, who he believed was missing; he blamed the incident on the sleeping pill Stilnox. Then last year, he verbally threatened a passenger aboard a Virgin Australia flight, allegedly tweaking his nipple. Said Hackett at the time: "Being in that state and binge drinking is an issue I need to address."

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It's a vow he appears to be struggling to keep. On Feb. 16, Neville was relieved to announce that his son had been found "alive and sober." Said Craig: "From a mental-health perspective, I hope something can be done." That could include, according to Hackett himself, another stint in rehab. "It's probably something I would do again, if I'm struggling," Hackett told WHO in 2015. "Because you have time to yourself and you have to dig deep and delve into what you've been through."

■ By Michael Crooks. Reported by Emma Martin and Rachel Syers

"We're pleading for people to help us"

–Craig Hackett







rangling models for a morning shoot can be a daunting task on the best of days. Which is why chef Darren Robertson and his fiancée, meteorologist and former TV presenter Magdalena Roze, burst into laughter as they recall the family photo session their son, Archie, 14 months, nearly derailed with some very diva-like behaviour on Feb. 8 in Byron Bay, NSW. "Knowing we had a shoot, he overslept," says Magdalena. "He was fashionably late." Cracks new

think he has a future as a model."

What Archie does have is a regular morning seat at Three Blue Ducks on the

Farm, the Byron Bay outpost of Darren's café near Sydney's Bronte Beach. Most mornings, you can find him and his parents out the front, enjoying a laugh and a wholesome meal. "Life runs at a different tempo here," says Darren. "It's nice. There are huge benefits to someone like me, who's a bit of a workaholic. Things have been put into perspective." At the café, says Magdalena, 35,

-Magdalena Roze

"Archie is an

eater, like us.

Who would

have thought?"

edible flowers. I like to let Archie pick a few, put them in his mouth, explore the flavours. Then we'll take a walk, sit down and have a

meal on the grass. He's a very enthusiastic eater, like his mum and dad. Who would have thought?"

Food has always played a pivotal role in Darren and Magdalena's lives—and not just because of his career. The two met in a makeup room

in 2012, when they taped an episode of Network Ten's Ready Steady Cook. Back then, Magdalena was working

Chef Darren Robertson and TV's Magdalena Roze talk about their sea change, wedding bells and baby plans



grandmother Em Walker during a to Kent in th

my face. I didn't think she would say yes."

She did—owing to their schedules, though, the first date did not happen for six months. But from there, things moved quickly and within a year and a half, the couple had moved to Byron Bay so Darren could launch his eatery. "It was crazy," he recalls. "We really didn't come up for air that first year. And it was a lot tougher for Mags." Says Magdalena, "I didn't really think about the effect it would have on my career. If I had, maybe we wouldn't have gone. And after the first few weeks, I struggled. I lacked purpose. I felt lonely."

Ultimately, Magdalena tapped into the passions—travel, lifestyle, food—she had set aside to pursue her TV career. She started a blog and began considering her own crack at a cookbook. Three months after the couple's January 2015 engagement, Magdalena fell pregnant and that December, "we became a unit of three," she says. "I'm not going to lie. It had its challenges! You're sleep-deprived. Things aren't as glam or sexy as they once were, but you love each other through that. And it makes you stronger. Now I feel like we are unbreakable."

So wherever they are—Byron, Sydney, keep to a daily routine. When Archie wakes, "This is really nerdy, not rock-and-roll at all," says Magdalena, "but Darren and I do the

> crossword every day." (Darren says they are "not bad ... we can get the whole thing. But just quick crosswords, not cryptics.") By late afternoon, a dip in the ocean is a must. Says Magdalena, "Archie loves the water. He's obsessed with it." So is his father:

Darren surfs nearly every day, which is causing Magdalena stress. "We are in nesting mode and I'm in deep, redesigning our home. The palette is neutral, a beachy and coastal vibe. I'm in complete denial I have a baby, because

visiting Darren's family in the UK—the trio they enjoy morning cuddles before making his breakfast and heading out for coffee.

-Magdalena Roze



the floors and walls are white. Plus I'm with a guy who brings half the beach home with him every day. I've had to let go." That's not something that comes easily to Magdalena, who has two big projects this year: a food-focused podcast and her first cookbook, *Happy & Whole*, due for release in April. Her "passion and drive" are what Darren calls Magdalena's most attractive qualities, "but those are probably also the things that wind me up the most! 'C'mon, put the computer away, don't think about work ...'"

Then again, he concedes his own workload is "more hectic than ever." On Feb. 22, Darren began his stint as a guest judge on Seven's *My Kitchen Rules* alongside Colin Fassnidge. "I really enjoyed it," he says. "I eat out a lot, so eating food someone else has cooked for you at their table doesn't happen often. Some of it was really not that great, some was awesome. And having someone like Colin with me made it more pleasurable. He's hilarious." Would he come back to *MKR*? "Let's see how I'm perceived. If people are throwing their phone at the screen, maybe not."

Despite their myriad ventures, both parents say raising Archie is their most important job. But they also plan to carve out time for each other. "We've kept the baby alive!" says Magdalena. "We're strong and resilient. Now we can focus on the relationship a lot more." To that end, wedding bells are set to ring by the end of the year. "We had to put it on hold when I fell pregnant," says Magdalena. "Now we're out of the fog, we can plan. It's exciting thinking about the look of it all. I have a working guest list of more than 200. And most of it's kids. Oh, God. How do we do this?"

Speaking of kids, Magdalena says Archie can expect a sibling or two. But first, maybe a few more placid days in the sunny Byron air. And, of course, that wedding. "We do plan on expanding the brood," she says. "But I want to be able to enjoy our big day. I want that champagne!"

■ By Nicholas Fonseca

'My Kitchen Rules' airs Sundays at 7 PM and Mondays through Wednesdays at 7.30 PM on Seven.

















#### Octavia Spencer

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS NOMINEE

Hidden Figures

#### **PLAYS**

NASA mathematician Dorothy Vaughan.

MY FIRST MOVIE-STAR CRUSH WAS ... Michael J. Fox in the *Back to the Future* movies.

#### THE BEST PLACE TO KEEP AN OSCAR IS ...

In bed. For those new winners, you're never going to want to let it out of your sight. Not that I've ever done that!

#### Michelle Williams

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS NOMINEE

Manchester by the Sea

#### PLAYS

andi, a grieving divorcée

ONE OF MY FAVOURITE MOMENTS IN ANY MOVIE WAS ...
The ending of Some Like It Hot.

IF I COULD WEAR ANYTHING TO THE OSCARS, I'D WEAR ...
A protest T-shirt.

Photographed on Feb. 4 at NeueHouse Hollywood





#### Viola Davis

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS NOMINEE

Fences

**PLAYS** 

 $Rose, a \ long-suffering \ wife.$ 

THE FIRST MOVIE I REMEMBER SEEING IS ...

Dumbo, at the Holiday Cinema in Central Falls, Rhode Island.

#### WHEN I WATCH A MOVIE AT HOME, I USUALLY WEAR ...

My Ellen DeGeneres boxer underwear I got from her show and my little shirt nightgown over it.

#### Isabelle Huppert

**BEST ACTRESS NOMINEE** 

Elle

**PLAYS** 

Michèle, a rape survivor.

MY FIRST MOVIE-STAR CRUSH WAS ...
Bette Davis.

#### THE MOVIE THAT MAKES ME LAUGH HARDEST IS ...

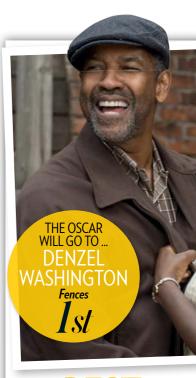
The second movie by David O. Russell, Flirting with Disaster. It's hilarious.

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Casey Affleck's poignant restraint in Manchester by the Sea was easily the performance of the year. Unfortunately, his personal life caught up with him, and voters—as shown by the Screen Actors Guild-were too conflicted by his off-camera behaviour to reward him with a prize. It looks like the Academy will respond in kind and the likely recipient of the golden statuette will be Denzel Washington for his role in Fences, giving the two-time Oscar winner a hat-trick.





Manchester by the Sea



RYAN GOSLING La La Land



Captain Fantastic



Hacksaw Ridge

Viola. Viola. She might have won in the Best Actress category had she gone for it, but running in this field may ensure her the win. The three-time nominee never makes a false move as the heart of Fences. Her biggest competition comes from Michelle Williams's equally heartbreaking performance in Manchester by the Sea, in which her brief moments onscreen ache with long-lived loss.



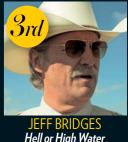
Lucas Hedges felt fresh in Manchester by the Sea. Jeff Bridges played a racist old cowboy with aplomb in Hell or High Water. Michael Shannon stole every scene he could in Nocturnal Animals, and Dev Patel was rivetting in Lion. But the statue is going to Mahershala Ali. Not only did he infuse Moonlight's Juan with warmth and humanity, but his presence is felt long after he's left the screen.



Lion



**LUCAS HEDGES** Manchester by the Sea



Hell or High Water



MICHAEL SHANNON
Nocturnal Animals



La La Land His visual storytelling prowess and ability to cut between soaring musical numbers and grounded emotional moments make Damien Chazelle's work on La La Land worthy of Best Director. There's strong work from each nominee, but they are unlikely to top the 32-yearold wunderkind. The only threat is Barry Jenkins for his rich, restrained Moonlight.





# REALLY EARLY COSCARS.

The talk-show host is rehearsing his jokes (look out, Matt Damon!) and getting suited up for Hollywood's biggest night

immy Kimmel makes no bones about it: Matt Damon should be afraid. Very afraid. When the Jimmy Kimmel Live! star takes the stage to host the 89th Academy Awards on Feb. 26 he says Damon, who is nominated as a producer for Manchester by the Sea, will surely be the brunt of a few jokes. "He got nominated, unfairly obviously, for producing,"

"For a comedian,

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of this calibre"

says Kimmel, 49, who has had an infamous 11-year faux feud with Damon. "You know he doesn't produce anything. Maybe he produces garbage at home."

But the rest of the starstudded crowd can rest easy. Kimmel, who has previously hosted the Emmys and the American Music Awards, says he doesn't plan to make anyone uncomfortable. "You have to make the audience laugh," he says. "That's the key."

#### When was your first Oscars?

I snuck into the Governors Ball—I think it was in 1995. I was the morning host for Kevin & Bean on KROQ radio. Kevin and I put on our tuxedos and we figured if we got there early enough we would become part of the scenery. We hung around for nine hours, then the Oscars ended and everyone started filing in and they did a security sweep and kicked us out. But we made a U-turn and went right back in. We sat down

with John Travolta and we told him we snuck in and he was laughing. He got the waiter to bring us food.

#### When did you get the call with the hosting

I was coming back home from vacation in Hawaii. I was in the airport. I looked like I'd seen a ghost. Then I had to tell my wife, who had just suffered through three months of Emmys anxiety with me. How did your wife (Molly McNearney, co-head writer on Jimmy Kimmel Live!) react?

She wasn't thrilled. I think she cursed. She'll be backstage with me writing jokes.

#### How do you balance Oscar prep and your day job?

It's not easy. It takes what little free time I have. My daughter [Jane, 2] takes a big chunk out of

it and then the Oscars take the rest. From a psychological standpoint, it's hard to focus on your Wednesday-night show when you know you have this big show coming up. It's almost like if you knew you're going to the Super Bowl and you have

to finish the regular season along the way.

Are you nervous about hosting the Oscars for

Yeah! Anybody who tells you they don't care what people think is probably lying. I talked to Billy Crystal and he still gets nervous before every performance. If he still gets nervous, by all rights I should get nervous.

#### Do you have a favourite Oscars moment?

The thing I remember more than anything is when Roberto Benigni walked over the seats. It was the Oscars version of Michael Jackson

moonwalking. It was magical.

Are you going to sing and dance?

Unless someone brings a gun out and forces me to sing and dance like Yosemite Sam, I probably won't. It should be a relief to all.

#### How will you deal with politics?

I haven't decided exactly how much I will dwell on that. A lot of it depends on what happens that week. There are one, sometimes three, new interesting stories coming out of the White House every day it seems—so who knows what will be happening?

You're so successful already

#### —why say yes to such a high-pressure gig?

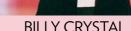
I guess the only way to determine the answer to that question is in hindsight. If it went well it makes perfect sense that you said yes, and if it doesn't, it makes none. I guess it's a challenge. I'm not crazy about challenges. I don't like skiing. I don't like tests. I'd rather take the path of least resistance—but it's a career opportunity you can't ignore. For a comedian, there are very few gigs of this calibre. What are you doing after the show? I will probably go to a party or two, unless it's some kind of a disaster, and then I'll go to the hospital. I'll either go to Vanity Fair

■ By Elizabeth Leonard

or Cedars-Sinai.







BILLY CRYSTAL Kimmel sought advice from the nine-time host: "We got used to him being great, like the Patriots winning the Super Bowl."



MUM AND DAD

Parents James and Joan (she made peanut butter and jam sandwiches for the Emmys audience!) will be at the show, but "she won't be cooking."

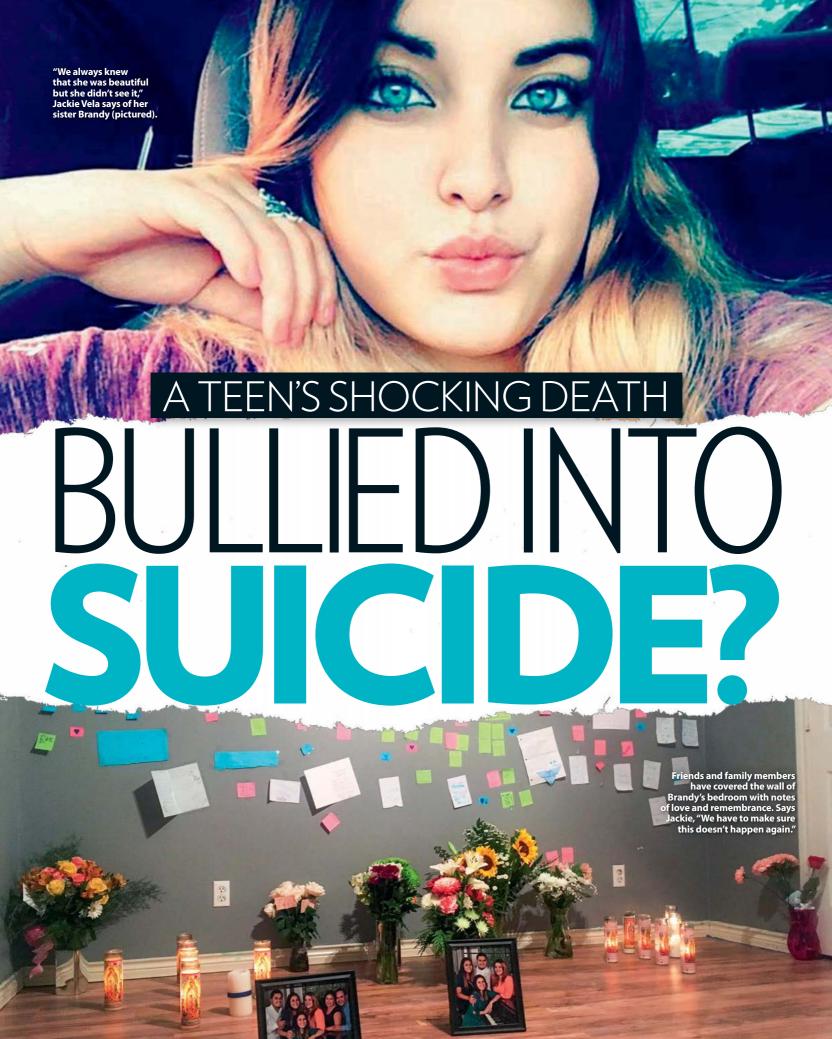


**ELLEN DEGENERES** 

Kimmel says DeGeneres was among his favourite Oscars hosts: "I think she did a phenomenal job."



MATT DAMON
"He should stay home on Oscar night," jokes Kimmel of his rival Damon (right, with Ben Affleck).



#### After months of online torment, 18-year-old Brandy Vela takes her own life in front of her horrified family. Could she have been saved?

"She was loved

by so many"

-cousin Juan Trevino

randy Vela sent the text message to her family at 12.52 PM on Nov. 29: "Guys, I love you so much, please remember that, and I'm sorry for everything." Within minutes the family

converged at the Velas' home in Texas City, Texas, to find 18-year-old Brandy leaning against her bedroom wall with a gun to her chest. "I started yelling, 'Brandy, stop, talk to me!'" recalls her sister Jackie. Ignoring her family's pleas to put the gun down, Brandy asked her father, Raul, to look away: "Dad, turn around. I don't want you to see this." Stunned, he responded, "I will never turn my back on you." But Brandy was desperate. "I can't do this anymore," she said. "I'm tired. I've come too far not to do it."

Sadly, nothing—and no-one—could change her mind. Brandy pulled the trigger, sending a bullet into her upper chest.

In horror, Raul, 45, held a towel to his daughter's chest to try to stop the bleeding until an ambulance arrived, but it was no use. The high-school student was

pronounced dead on arrival at hospital. Police say she died from a "self-inflicted gunshot wound." Now, however, they have opened a criminal investigation into Brandy's death, trying to determine if she was a victim of cyberbullying. "Once we develop more facts, we will have a better understanding of any potential criminal charges," says Capt Joe Stanton, of the Texas City police department. But Brandy's family has no doubt. "It didn't stop," says Jackie, 22. "What they did wasn't just bullying, it was stalking."

According to Brandy's family, her tormentors set up fake Facebook accounts and posted relentlessly about her weight and looks. They spread lies and made hurtful sexual innuendos, with claims that Brandy would "offer sex for free." Brandy reported the harassment to school administrators before the November Thanksgiving break. "Our deputy investigated," officials at Texas City Independent School District said in a statement to WHO, "and the app that was being used to send the messages was untraceable."

The accounts often included Brandy's mobile-phone number, which led to endless text messages and phone calls that would keep her up throughout the night, says Jackie. "They would call her a slut," she says. "We always thought she brushed it off and didn't care, but now we know how bad it really was."

Somehow the cheerful girl who dreamed of becoming a vet hid her anguish from everyone—including Jackie, younger sister Michelle, 16, and brother Victor, 19. "She was so determined and was a real family person," says Jackie. When she wasn't interning at a local animal hospital, she was a waitress at a nearby restaurant. "She was the heart of this place," says her cousin Juan Trevino, 36, who manages the restaurant. "She'd come in and bake everyone cookies. She was loved by so many." She also confided in him. "I knew the bullying was taking a toll on her, but she was still so positive," says

death, Brandy attended a party where she danced and "was smiling," says her co-worker and friend Marnie

Weinstein, 33. "No-one could foresee anything like this happening."

Trevino. Just two days before her

As the Velas struggle to understand Brandy's death, they have been embraced by a community united in grief. Brandy's bedroom walls are covered in Post-it notes with messages such as "You will never be forgotten" and "You will always own a piece of my heart." And her family has committed to making sure no-one else's child has to go through what Brandy did, joining efforts to pass Texas legislation that gives police and schools more tools to combat cyberbullying. The bill, called "David's Law," is named in honour of 16-year-old David Molak, who killed himself in January 2016 after online bullying. "There was nothing we could say or do for Brandy," says Jackie. "And we'll live with that forever."

■ By Caitlin Keating

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#### **LEGAL LIMITS**

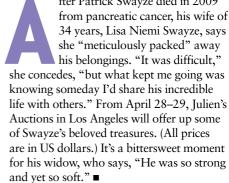
In Australia, cyberbullying and online harassment is a crime. A study released in March by cyber-security firm Norton found that 76 per cent of Australian women under age 30 had been harassed online. It is illegal to post hurtful images and messages, send abusive texts and emails, and to create hurtful fake websites and profiles. In July 2016, Sydney labourer Zane Alchin was convicted of using a carriage service to menace, harass or offend after he left a trail of obscene and threatening remarks about women on a public thread on Facebook and one of his victims took a screenshot of his comments to police. He was given a 12-month good-behaviour bond.



**GHOST** 

"It's funny, because after he gets killed in the movie he's pretty much in the same costume rest of the film. It was an easy wardrobe," says Lisa.

(Shirt, est. \$2,000-\$4,000; key chain from co-star Demi Moore, est. \$1,000-\$2,000)





#### **EVERYTHING!** JULIE NEWMAR

"On the last day he was dawdling at the mirror," says Lisa of the role that required a wig and heels. "When I asked why, he said, 'It's my last chance to look pretty."

(Wig, est. \$800-\$1,200)

## ICONIC PRINCE POSSESSIONS



#### **CLOTHES**

This month former Paisley Park staffers held an online auction of 119 Prince items that had been in storage for decades, including a beaded jacket he wore in the 1986 movie *Under* the Cherry Moon. From an initial bid of \$2,500, it sold for \$22,724.



#### **BIKE**

Prince customised
his Purple Rain 1981
Honda CM400A
motorcycle with hotpink velour seat inserts,
special handlebars and early versions of his name symbol. It was revamped and painted black and gold for 1990's *Graffiti Bridge* movie.



#### **BOOTS**

Made by Zodiac USA, Prince's dark-blue leather boots from the late 1980s featured 18cm wooden heels. The 23cm-long boots were in what the auction house called "very good condition, with expected wear from considerable use" and were from the collection of Prince's assistant tour manager, Gwen Leeds, with a letter of provenance.



#### **CANE**

One of the quirkier items to go on the block was Prince's Lucite sparkly cane used by the singer around Paisley Park Studios. Measuring 91cm and filled with glitter and a dense liquid, it was bought in 1985 for Prince's house in Chanhassen, Minnesota. (Another cane, designed by Gianni Versace, sold for \$22,512.) It wasn't just accessories that drew buyers: a handwritten acceptance speech to presenter Kylie Minogue for the 1993 Brit Awards started at \$300 but fetched \$26,228.

A portion of the proceeds will go to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.



ettling onto a kitchen stool at her sparsely decorated home just north of Sydney, Lisa Oldfield is trying to stave off the attention of a younger man.

attention of a younger man. Her second son, Bert, 4, keeps grabbing at her breasts as she, her husband, David, and their other son, Harry, 6, try to pose for a photo for WHO. "I told you," Lisa says, shooting a look of faux exasperation. "He's boob mad."

Lisa herself has plenty of front. A former TV presenter, she jumped at the chance to star in the inaugural season of *The Real Housewives of Sydney* (premiering on Sun., Feb. 26, 8.30 PM on Arena). "It was literally a fear of missing out," she says. "It sounded fun. I think I'm hilarious and I'm always in trouble. In my life, something catastrophic always seems to be happening."

True to form, drama kicked in just before filming started when she had to have major spinal surgery. The discectomy and

fusion (ACDF) operation, Oldfield, 41, tells WHO, "can take up to a year to recover from. Physically, I wasn't in a good place, walking into restaurants, standing around in heels having a drink, thinking I should have been in a wheelchair." She lets out a cackle. "I looked like a smackhead!"

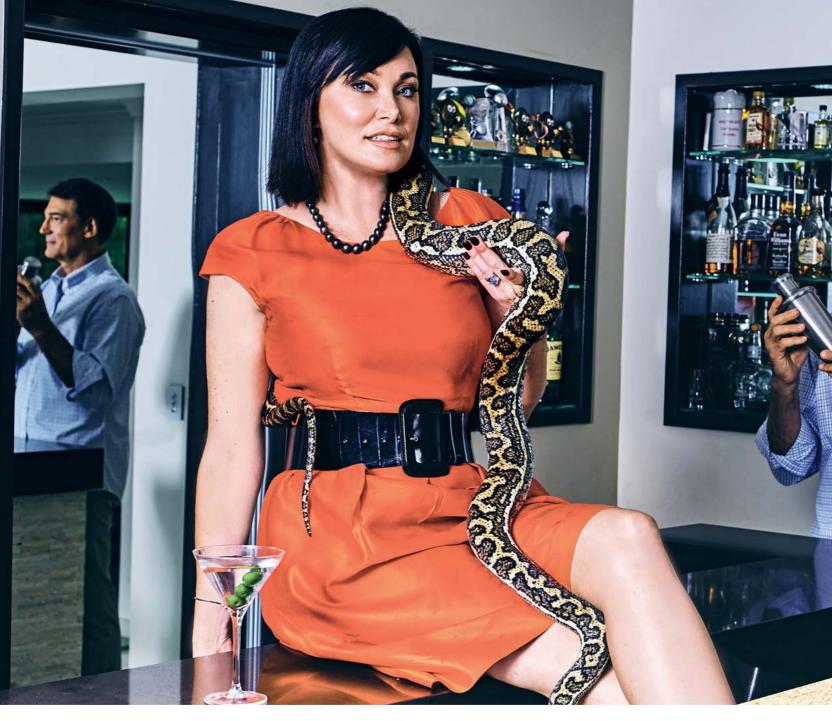
Ultimately, says Lisa, "I found my balance [and] hit my stride. There was a rhythm to it."
On the afternoon of Dec. 16, the rhythm at her family's place is more rapid-fire than restful: the Oldfield household also includes a nanny, pooches Dinky and Lulu, who leap in and out of a doggie door, and snakes named Shelley and Spotty.

The reptiles are "the best pets," she says. "They're low-maintenance. And they get into the bath with the boys when they're shedding." Why snakes? "Chicks like snakes, don't they? I thought it might help the boys pull."

The Oldfield spread sits atop a hill, with expansive views over a balcony to the Pacific. Below, there's a swimming pool, where







a former pet, Ivan the eastern water dragon, met his demise thanks to Dinky, along with acreage that is home to horses Kahlua, Tango and Timothy, as well as Cluckingham Palace, a pen where chickens Cluck Norris, Gwyneth Poultry and Victoria Peckham reside. "My co-stars are really just like my chooks," she says. "It's like they're all posturing to figure out where they stand in the pecking order."

Lisa imitates a chicken plucking at its feathers and jabbing the air with its beak. "Women all judging each other—it's like the school gate. We should be lifting people up. We're all doing our best. I'm not going to kill my kids, I'm not doing that bad. You know, 'Lisa doesn't do reading groups!' Well, Lisa's f--king working her arse off to pay a mortgage! I think I'm the only full-time working mum at

the school and in the show, too. And by the way, David does the reading groups."

Each morning, Harry and Bert salute their father in a ritual that property developer David, 58, who co-founded the One Nation Party with Pauline Hanson in the mid-1990s, laughs off as "a bit of a joke. I do say, 'On the line!' but it's just my way of getting them to understand order." Still, he says, "every night I question what I was like during the day and think about how I can improve as a father."

Whirlwinds both, Harry and Bert scamper through the house smearing their fingers on mirrors, plinking loudly at toy pianos and running their miniature Mercedes-Benz cars into walls. Their energy prompts Lisa to recall donating her eggs to her best friend, who now has an 18-month-old son. "Her

struggle broke my heart, so it was a no-brainer to offer the eggs. But I did it so should I need a liver transplant, I've got another person to hit up. And because she deserves to have what I have, which is two arsehole children." She barks a pretend order: "Go get me another wine!"

Growing up in Sydney's Palm Beach with a younger brother, Lisa was "a weird child" who "bullied the bullies" and was expelled from numerous schools: "My teachers thought I was on drugs. I wasn't. I was just a clown." She wasn't kidding around in 2005 when, at the age of 29, she sold her parents' software company for \$60 million, kickstarting her current career in the tech sector handling mergers, acquisitions and IPOs.

The Oldfields met in 2000, when they





shared a taxi from an airport. "I saw her step off the kerb and the first thing I noticed was her ankles," says David. "I am a bit of an ankle man." Lisa, meanwhile, insists "the only celebrity crush I ever had was David Oldfield. I told him what One Nation was doing for the disenfranchised was amazing. And the first thing he said back was, 'I didn't expect that from your demographic.' So romantic."

At the time, Lisa had a fiancé, but "it turned out he was cheating on me," she says. "So the first thing I did was take my ring to the jeweller, took out the diamond, had it replaced with cubic zirconia and gave it back." Despite their 17-year age gap, she and David were engaged in less than a year and wed in October 2001.

Early in her pregnancy with Harry, Lisa lost his unborn twin. The tragedy didn't deter

But she hasn't fallen fully into the responsibleparent role as yet. I'm not sure how that's going to happen."

Lisa is just as blunt about David's spousal style, recalling co-stars who "waxed lyrical about their husbands and getting My marriage amazing support from home. For is better for me, home wasn't the greatest place to go back to." RHOS having done the show"

"made me think about how I mistreated and at times emasculated David. Our

marriage is better for having done the show." In what way? "I no longer want him dead."

Lisa has called David "the eighth Housewife," and he features as they work through issues in the season. "It's good to get that stuff out," reasons David, who appeared on SBS's First Contact last year. "Our view is that we're all human and it will potentially help some people with their own marriages."

It remains unclear, however, how doing the show affected Lisa's ability to navigate the minefields of female friendship. Before filming began, Lisa took a swipe at the Melbourne

what a mop looks like because I don't do my own cleaning, your first bad nose job is older than I am, and I'm not surprised you haven't heard of me because I made my name in the boardroom, not the bedroom." Breaux tells

WHO, "I have come to the conclusion I like Lisa. She is fun to throw shade with." Would she welcome an in-person chance to break bread? "Don't be ridiculous. I don't eat bread."

As for the Sydney crew,

Lisa made "a friend for life" in jeweller Athena X Levendi, and would "probably" return for a second season. But, "you have to dumb yourself down," she says. "You have no idea how hard it is to attack someone who doesn't understand what you're saying. I said to [one], 'You and your coterie of acolytes thrive on schadenfreude,' and she just replied, 'I don't know what that means.' I shouldn't have to bring a f--king dictionary along every time I want to insult you —unless it's to hit you over the head with it.'

■ By Nicholas Fonseca



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## WHO'S WEEKLY PICK OF FASHION'S BEST BUYS AND HOTTEST TRENDS With Siobhan Sheehan



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## Who got it right?

#### THIS WEEK'S GUEST JUDGE

Lindsay was working as an investment banker in Dubai when she saw a gap in the Australian market for stylish sleepwear. She founded Jasmine and Will in 2009 to offer classy and playful sleepwear, and has branched out into lifestyle products; jasmineandwill.com.

### MUGLER MIDI DRESS

**BIGGEST** 

"The shoes—they wash out her look."

#### NICKI MINA

Los Angeles, June 28, 2015 "I love the overall sleek look. Nicki looks like she's out to kill and the dress is perfect for her figure."

#### **CHRISTINA** MILIAN

Los Angeles, Oct. 13 "The dress isn't working on Christina, especially around her bust, and the embellished rhinestone bag is just a big no."



New York, Nov. 29 "I'm not a fan at all. She looks like a new-age striped candy and the ruffles of the skirt remind me of a Victorian lampshade."



#### **RUTH NEGGA**

Los Angeles, Nov. 13 "I love this look. The skirt complements the top perfectly. Ruth has ensured the top is the main focus, and this outfit has really worked."

#### star style





#### CAMILLA BELLE

Los Angeles, Nov. 5
"I'm loving Camilla in this
Martha Medeiros number. She is
owning the entire look, from the
accessories to the hairdo."

#### PAULA PATTON

New York, June 9
"I am not loving Paula's overall look—it's a bit washed out and the dress isn't doing her figure any justice."





#### PARIS HILTON

Los Angeles, Oct. 27
"Paris's look is not wowing me
at all—it looks dated and
boring. The skirt of the dress
is also ill-fitting on her."

#### **DUCHESS OF CAMBRIDGE**

London, Nov. 3
"Legs for days! Kate Middleton
can do no wrong. She looks so
sophisticated, but I feel she needed to
spend a bit more time on her hair."

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## star beauty

WHO'S GUIDE TO THE LATEST COSMETIC CONFECTIONS AND TRENDS

With Toni Hynes



make your makeup look flawless

and wear longer," says Perdis

Napoleon Perdis, official makeup partner

for the David Jones autumn/winter fashion parade, shares his runway tips

odel Karlie Kloss recently graced the catwalks in Sydney. Follow Perdis's masterclass and re-create Kloss's look with these step-by-step backstage beauty tips to try at home.

- **CLEANSE** Come clean. Begin with a deep cleanse, using a nourishing cleansing oil.
- PREP Plump and perfect skin with a serum. Massage it in with fingertips or a complexion brush.
- PRIME Follow the motto:
  "Not to prime is a crime!"
  Smooth the surface with a radiance-boosting primer to help makeup last the distance. For bright eyes, smooth the under-eye area with a concealer primer.
- BROWS & LASHES Define brows and set in place with a brow mascara. Extend lashes and add lustre with black mascara. Wait for them to dry and then curl with an eyelash curler for extra hold.

- BASE Even out skin tone by blending a serum foundation over the "feature focus" area of your face. Banish fatigue with a concealer, targeting dark areas. Wait for it to absorb, then use warm fingertips and melt concealer into the skin. Smooth and set the hot spots of the face with a powder foundation.
- CHEEKS Illuminate and tone skin with a shade of contour to match your complexion, sweeping over the top of the cheekbones, the bridge of the nose and on the Cupid's bow. Follow with a deeper contour tone over the cheekbones.
- EYES Keep eyes minimal and fresh by pressing loose eye dust in Mosaic Gold onto the inner corner of the eye. Subtly define the eye with a light sweep of colour along the lower lash line.
- LIPS Use a matte red shade and highlight a statement lip. Line lips last and seal with a lip pencil; our pick is Rococo Red.





Celebrity makeup artist Patrick Ta reveals his top tips for creating dramatic eyes

#### **WORK FOR IT**

I moved to Los Angeles three years ago with the hope I would one day do celebrity makeup. I had a lot to learn, but I posted all the looks I did on social media, which is how I met celebrity clients like Shay Mitchell. I thought it was so cool when she started following me.

#### **PLAY WITH COLOUR**

A lot of women are afraid of colourful eyeshadow, so when I apply it I try to make it as wearable as possible. When Gigi Hadid is in the mood for colour it has to sparkle, so I add glitter to her lids. For a more subtle look, try a coloured eyeliner; it's still so striking.

#### **MIX IT UP**

Have fun with makeup—you never know what will look amazing on you. Alessandra Ambrosio normally wears a smoky eye, so doing a sultry look was different for her. But when she saw it she loved it.

#### **BALANCE IS BLISS**

When the eyes are the focal point, I prefer to keep the skin looking fresh, so reach for a foundation that makes it glow. I also like to do a nude lip and natural brows so the eyes really shine and get the attention.

#### WORK YOUR WARDROBE

I'm obsessed with matching

your eyeshadow to your outfit. People say don't do it, but I think it looks purposeful and pulled together. For [model] Joan Smalls, I wanted the earthy tones of her eyeshadow to match the brown of her outfit. I also used a few layers of blush to add a little extra pop.

#### **BLENDING IS KEY**

With a pigmented look, you have to blend evenly so you don't see harsh lines. For Jenna Dewan Tatum, I started with an eye primer, and then I applied a creamy eyeliner at the water line. Next I added a cream eyeshadow, followed by powder eyeshadow in the same hue to set it.



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Mel Bentley, Melbourne

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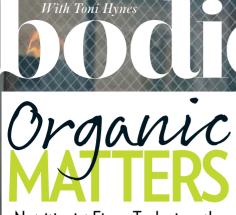
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Nutritionist Fiona Tuck gives the lowdown on eating organically

hat does organic mean? Organic certification means the product was grown or produced without harmful chemicals or genetically modified organisms. All organic products will have "certified organic" on the label.

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free and better for the environment.

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If a product is certified organic it has to be produced without chemical pesticides. It can become misleading

when products state "organic" (rather than "certified organic") on the label; these may contain organic ingredients mixed with non-organic ones, which may contain pesticides, sugars and preservatives.

#### What does "chemical-free" mean?

It hasn't gone through the intensive protocols or expense of being certified, but it does indicate it was grown without toxic pesticides and herbicides. This is a good and affordable option when choosing fruits and vegetables.

#### Are any foods particularly problematic?

Apples are heavily sprayed, so if you are not eating organic, peel them. Fruits and vegies with thicker skin, like bananas and oranges, are safer and OK to eat non-organic. I also recommend organic broccoli and cauliflower as the florets soak up the pesticide residues.







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#### Sister support

Ex-'Neighbours' star Saskia Hampele wants the 46,000 homeless women in Australia to have access to sanitary care. For every box of organic-cotton tampons you buy, her nonprofit enterprise, Gift Box, will donate another so those doing it tough have one less thing to worry about. Don't need tampons? You can still lend a hand. Go to giftboxorganic.com



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"I feel so much more confident without makeup and my family and friends have all commented on how fresh and healthy I look."

Lauren

35, Mother of 2.



#### **LAUREN'S 6 WEEK CHALLENGE**



#### **BEFORE**

Before the challenge, I was really worried about dull and fatigued skin because I have such sensitive skin. My goal was to achieve increased skin clarity and even skin tone within a pretty short timeframe.



#### WEEK 4

I am at the end of week 4 and have noticed my pores have shrunk and my skin tone has softened. My skin is brighter and clearer. Even the scarring on my chin has improved.

#### **AFTER 6 WEEKS**

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#### SMOKY BUTTERFLIED LEG OF LAMB

#### WHAT YOU NEED

1.5kg butterflied leg of lamb, trimmed

2 tbsp olive oil

1 tbsp red wine vinegar

1 tsp dijon mustard

Salt and pepper, to taste

1 bunch rocket, trimmed and washed 250g packet fresh whole cooked beetroot, drained and quartered

1/3 cup hazelnuts, toasted and chopped

½ cup drained, marinated feta

#### FOR THE SPICE MIX

1 tbsp smoky barbecue seasoning

2 tsp smoked paprika

2 tbsp olive oil
1 tbsp lemon juice

2 cloves garlic, crushed

To make spice mix, combine all ingredients in a small bowl. Mix well.

Using a sharp knife, cut 1cm-deep slashes about 2cm apart across the skin side of lamb. Rub the spice mix all over the lamb.

Heat a lightly oiled barbecue grill plate over a medium to high heat. Place lamb skin-side down. Cook for about 5 minutes on each side or until browned. Reduce heat to low. Close

barbecue lid or cover lamb loosely with foil. Cook for a further 3 to 4 minutes on each side for medium or until cooked to your liking. Remove. Rest, loosely covered with foil, for 10 minutes. Thickly slice.

SERVES 4

Meanwhile, whisk oil, vinegar and mustard in a large serving bowl.
Season with salt and pepper. Add rocket, beetroot and hazelnuts. Toss to coat. Top with feta. Serve lamb with the salad.





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## What we love right now







#### MOVIE

#### **T2: TRAINSPOTTING**

STARRING: Ewan McGregor, Robert Carlyle

It's been a long time between drugs: two decades after Danny Boyle adapted Irvine Welsh's hedonistic novel, the Slumdog Millionaire director returns with a sequel, as circumstances reunite Renton (McGregor), Sick Boy (Jonny Lee Miller), Spud (Ewen Bremner) and Begbie (Carlyle). (Out now)





#### How did you deal with your findings doing the show?

It was pretty depressing finding out the one thing I can't change about myself was affecting my love life.

#### Is there a difference between wanting to date only your own race versus religion?

It makes sense to partner with someone who feels the same way if you're devout, otherwise it could lead to clashes down the track. Race is different. It's dismissing people based on stereotypes. Is old-fashioned matchmaking what makes shows like Married at First Sight work?

Definitely! I'd totally consider applying. I'd just have to warn my mother first. Will you be broadening your

#### dating boundaries?

For the time being, I'm going back to the old-school way of meeting people: through friends, networks, the supermarket aisle..

—Deborah Grunfeld

#### OTHER OFFERINGS IN SBS'S 'FACE UP TO RACISM' WEEK



IS AUSTRALIA RACIST? Ray Martin uses results of an SBS-commissioned survey to investigate the big question. (Airs Sun., Feb. 26, 8.30 PM)



**HATE THY NEIGHBOUR** Comedian Jamali Maddix travels the world to interview inciters of vitriol (Airs Sun., Feb. 26, 9.30 PM)

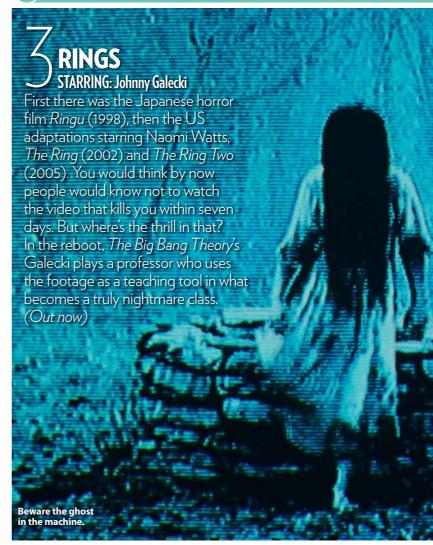


THE TRUTH ABOUT RACISM Is bias inevitable? This looks prejudice. (Airs Wed.,



sensitivity are posed by host Jenny Brockie. (Airs Tues., Feb. 28, 8.30 PM)





#### **FRAINING DAY** STARRING: Bill Paxton. Justin

#### Cornwell, Marianne Jean-Baptiste

Paxton steps into Denzel Washington's Oscar-winning shoes as a crooked LA cop; Cornwell, in his first starring role, is the trainee who cares too much about pesky procedures. It may not break any ground, but it is alone worth watching to see Paxton's sly snivel. He's good at being bad. (Starts Sun., Feb. 26. 10.30 PM: Seven)





watch it," she says.

So when she landed

the role as the lead

in Rings, the third

instalment of the

franchise, she had to

brother watch it with me. It was daytime,

scared!" But she's not

really afraid of evil

I don't believe."

spirits: "If I don't see,

catch up. "I had my

and I was still so

**MUSIC** HE BREAKER

#### THE BREAKER

Blue's debut album is due later this year.

The country quartet may be on their eighth LP, but they're not resting on their laurels: The Breaker is their catchiest, most energetic groove yet, which says a lot considering last year's Wanderlust had Pharrell Williams's fingerprints all over it. Cue this up and hit the road: it's perfect for a late summer's drive. (Out now)





## BEWARE THE SLENDERMAN

#### **DIRECTED BY: Irene Taylor Brodsky**

If Rings is not spooky enough, how about a real-life horror story? The brutal 2014 attack of a 12-year-old girl by two other 12-year-olds—one her best friend—so the pre-teens could Slenderman makes for a true tale that chills. Including interviews with the attackers' families and police footage, this compelling documentary, along with the Emmy-winning doco *The Jinx*, shows that HBO is just as adept at non-fiction as it is edgy drama. (*Airs Sun., Feb. 26, 8.30 PM; Showcase*)

### **MUSIC**

### **VERA BLUE**

This is set to be a banner year for the Sydney-based singer, so far best known for providing the cinematic keyboard chords and explodes into a fiery banger about unchecked desire. As Blue sings in all her full-throated glory, "What's wrong in reality feels so right in my fantasy ..." (Out now)



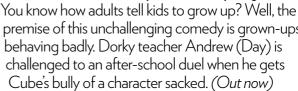
#### MOVIE



## FIST FIGHT

#### STARRING: Charlie Day, Ice Cube, Tracy Morgan

premise of this unchallenging comedy is grown-ups behaving badly. Dorky teacher Andrew (Day) is challenged to an after-school duel when he gets Cube's bully of a character sacked. (Out now)







TV





## ATLANTA STARRING: Donald Glover

Glover's triumphant return to TV (in his spare time, the former *Community* star records trippy funk-rap as Childish Gambino) cleaned up at January's Golden Globes and landed at or near the top of nearly every US TV critic's best-of-2016 list. Now, finally, it arrives on our shores so you can judge the fuss yourself. Dark and surreal, *Atlanta* follows two cousins trying to make it in the city's hectic rap scene. It's a slow burn, so stay with it—before you realise, this offbeat series will grab you with pointed, poignant social commentary. (*All episodes available on SBS on Demand; double episodes begin airing Tues., Feb. 28, 9.30PM; SBS Viceland*)

#### **MUSIC**

## HOLY HOLY

Two become ... five? Tim Carroll and Oscar Dawson's accidental music project ("We didn't know we were forming a band" at first, Carroll now concedes) has expanded by three. With drum, bass and key players on board, Holy Holy's melodic, jangly pop-rock achieves a new dynamism. The standouts? "Gilded Age" plunges forward with twitchy bluster, while "Send My Regards" provides a light coat of prog-rock excess. (Out Feb. 24)





BY SOPHIE KINSELLA Bantam Press

Katie tries hard to make her Instagram life look as idyllic as her boss Demeter's does, but she knows the truth: her flat's dingy, she has a horrendous commute, she takes tuna sandwiches for lunch ... and then Demeter axes her. Katie decamps to help out at the family dairy farm turned rural retreat, but when Demeter arrives, her own family in tow, Katie realises the truth is more nuanced than she had thought. A sparkling, witty novel about social media and the stories we tell ourselves.





#### OF WOLVES

**EMILY FRIDLUND** Hachette

Linda is a lonely teen who has been raised in the woods by hippie parents, the only survivors

of an abandoned commune. When she babysits for a nearby family, her quiet life is upended, with tragic results. A compelling portrait of a troubled girl trying to find her way in a new and frightening world.



#### LINCOLN IN THF BARDO

**GEORGE SAUNDERS** 

**Bloomsbury** Narrated by a cast of ghosts including Willie Lincoln, Abe's son felled at age 11 by typhoid,

Saunders's first novel sees the grieving president visiting Willie's crypt, where comical, restless spirits try to help. This framing of Lincoln's personal loss amid the Civil War is devastatingly moving.



Moriarty, 35, is

#### LITTLE DEATHS

Picador

Ruth Malone is an unapologetic smoker and Scotch drinker estranged from a loving husband. So when

her two young children go missing from their beds one hot New York night in 1964, the court of public opinion doesn't take long to render a verdict. A stunning character study inspired by a real-life case.



#### THE ANTIQUES KRIS D'AGOSTINO

Scribner As a hurricane tears into New York, the ailing patriarch of a wildly

dysfunctional

clan brings the estranged family members together to face his death—and themselves. D'Agostino's sparklingly funny novel is about love, power, money and adult siblings finding the beating heart of what matters most: one another.



#### NICOLA MORIARTY

The author of The Fifth Letter (HarperCollins, \$29.99) tells WHO why she was "possibly destined" to write novels (hint: big sisters Liane and Jaclyn Moriarty ... )

#### What inspired your latest novel?

During late-night, wine-fuelled conversations with old friends, all sorts of revelations from our past often come up. So, I found myself wondering what would happen if something really dark or sinister came up? What if it turned out that they were hiding secrets? From there, I came up with the idea of a group of women deciding to share secrets in anonymous letters to one another.



I started out in advertising, then moved across to IT. I tried my hand at marketing, door-to-door sales, telesales and customer service. I was a receptionist, a bartender, a (terrible) waitress at a horror-themed theatre restaurant. I made awful coffee, I worked at a pizza place ... then soon after I had my first daughter, I went to uni to become a high-school English and drama teacher. Somehow though, amongst all of that, I finally remembered how much I loved to write. I started working on my first book when I was a stay-at-home mum with my newborn ... it came out a little while after I had my second daughter.

#### What led you to writing? Or was it destined?

Possibly destined! But in all honesty, seeing my two eldest sisters both get published was extraordinarily inspiring. Something that seemed like an impossible dream suddenly became a lot more realistic and possible.

Were you interested in writing as a kid?



Absolutely. In high school I entered a competition to win a bicycle by writing an essay about roadsafety. I opened the essay with this extremely graphic description of a road accident. I came in second. I won a helmet.

Do you talk shop with Liane or grill her for Hollywood gossip?

I often turn to both Liane and Jaclyn for writing advice and the three of us usually rush to claim good family stories for ourselves ... When [Liane] first met Nicole Kidman [who stars in the TV adaptation of Big Little Lies] I wanted a blow-byblow description of the entire conversation.

What's 2017 looking like for you?

Busy, exciting and a little scary. The Fifth Letter is out early in the year in Australia, the US and the UK, so there'll be various publicity commitments but then my next manuscript is due in April, so I really need to get cracking on that one. The word count probably isn't as high as it should be by this point!

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WHAT YOUR STARS SAY THIS WEEK, FEB. 27-MARCH 5

#### **ARIES**

#### MARCH 20-APRIL 18

Thanks to the combined efforts of Jupiter and Uranus you can expand your world, whether through long-distance travel or via your job or personal life. However, be careful how you handle this fiery package. Make sure you get plenty of rest and take care not to leap into the void without a parachute and a packed lunch. For more, phone 1902 261 655.

#### **TAURUS**

#### **APRIL 19-MAY 20**

With Neptune in the mix there is almost certainly something you're not seeing. Either you are allowing your enthusiasm to blind you to the facts or someone has not given you the whole story. Alternatively, should you be under the impression you have failed or that a project will never come to completion, this may not be the case. For more, phone 1902 261 655.

#### **GEMINI**

#### **MAY 21-JUNE 20**

Under Neptune, we lose our way—sometimes quite literally in that we cannot find a particular place, but more often because we do not have a grip on a situation. So remain objective whether information reaching you is fabulous or deeply disappointing. There is plenty more water to flow under that bridge. For more, phone 1902 261 655.

#### **CANCER**

#### **JUNE 21-JULY 21**

If life has been irredeemably dull, be careful what you wish for. Jupiter and Uranus are a thrilling combination: they can create a spark between two people and they can change the nature of a situation in the blink of an eye. And they can take you where you never expected to go. Be open to the new, the different and the unexpected. For more, phone 1902 261 655.

#### **LEO**

#### **JULY 22-AUG. 22**

Beware what you may be offered or who you believe to be the best thing since sliced bread. There could be hidden issues so put a refundable deposit on a much-desired item and avoid going the whole nine yards. You need to buy time and check the back story. Embrace change, but make sure you know what you're getting into. For more, phone 1902 261 655.

#### **VIRGO**

#### AUG. 23-SEPT. 22

If you are among the Virgos currently nursing something of a disappointment—even healing from a betrayal—in time, the feelings of hurt will dissipate and you will come to see that what you have lost was never going to work for you in the long term. Give yourself breathing space and then reboot your ambitions and desires. For more, phone 1902 261 655.

#### LIBRA

#### SEPT. 23-OCT. 22

Last Christmas Jupiter in your sign opposed Uranus, which may have given you more than you expected in terms of gifts and opportunities. By contrast, you may have had to put a dream on hold. This same aspect now reoccurs, either giving you a chance to rethink your ideas or bringing a whole other set of possibilities into view. For more, phone 1902 261 655.

#### **SCORPIO**

#### OCT. 23-NOV. 21

There is nothing ordinary about this astro-scape. It may not prove life-changing, but it could certainly make a difference. Perhaps you can do nothing to change the way a situation panned out, but you can focus your energies in a completely new direction. There are reasons why things happen the way they do now. For more, phone 1902 261 655.

#### **SAGITTARIUS**

#### NOV. 22-DEC. 21

Impatience is the root of many failures and when Uranus is in the ascendancy, it is easy to allow frustration to get the better of you. No matter how much you want a situation to come together (and in the manner you desire), it requires more time. Remember, not everyone sees things your way—including the universe. For more, phone 1902 261 655.

#### CAPRICORN

#### DEC. 22-JAN. 20

Jupiter-Uranus combos help you blaze a trail, although, sometimes you may feel you've bitten off more than you can chew. However, Capricorn can take a little too long to make up its mind, thus allowing the boat of opportunity to set sail. So, if you know something must change and you need to make it happen, go do that thing! For more, phone 1902 261 655.

#### **AQUARIUS**

#### JAN. 21-FEB. 18

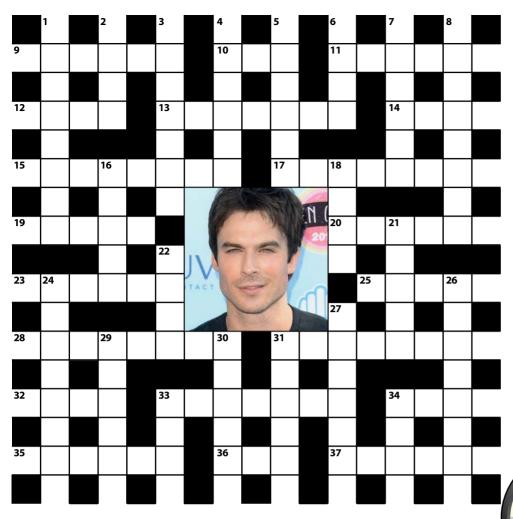
At present, it may be difficult to know which way is right and which is wrong. Allowing other people to influence your opinion is not the answer, neither is letting your hopes or fears get in the way of solid facts. This may mean you have to make a hard choice but, as is often the case, the hard choice is usually the right one. For more, phone 1902 261 655.

#### **PISCES**

#### **FEB. 19-MARCH 19**

If you have to make a move under duress, be absolutely sure that you are coming from the right place and have what it takes to fulfil the task. This is definitely not the week to wing it. Where money is concerned, accept what is offered because to keep on searching for a better deal may be folly. A bird in the hand ... For more, phone 1902 261 655.





## 10-MINUTE TEASER

- Travis Rice snowboarding documentary The Phase (6)
- Kyle Gallner and Sarah Hyland drama Cougars \_\_\_\_ (3)
- The Ranch actress Cuthbert (6)
- One Tree Hill actor \_\_\_\_ Michael Murray (4)
- 13 2008 Will Smith action movie (7)
- 14 Johnny Cash hit "I Walk the
- 15 Pulp Fiction star John (8)
- 2015 Halestorm ballad "Dear \_\_\_\_" (8) 17
- The Pretenders singer Chrissie \_\_\_\_ (5) 19
- Katherine Heigl and Daniel Sunjata comedy the Money (3,3)
- Ben Stiller film The \_\_\_\_ Life of Walter
- Mitty (6) Cameron Diaz and Leslie Mann comedy
- The Woman (5) Aaron Sorkin drama series *The* (8)
- 31 LeAnn Rimes's ex-husband, Dean
- 32 Zumbo's Just Desserts judge Rachel \_\_\_\_ (4)
- 33 Britney Spears song "\_\_\_\_ Amy" (2,1,4)
- Intern and Thor: The Dark World actress Russo (4)
- **35** Murder, She Wrote star \_\_\_\_ Lansbury (6)
- The Vampire Diaries actor Somerhalder (3; pictured)
- Junior and It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia star Danny \_\_\_\_ (6)

- Legend and Mad Max: Fury Road star (3,5) 1
- 2 Allied actor \_\_\_\_ Pitt (4)
- 3 Viola Davis and Octavia Spencer film (3.4)
- 4 Burnt and Foxcatcher actress
- 5 90210 star AnnaLynne (6)
- Tinashe track "All Hands on \_\_\_\_" (4) 6
- 7 Wu-Tang Clan rapper Ghostface \_\_\_\_ (6)
- 8 1987 film adapted from a Bret Easton Ellis novel *Less* \_\_\_\_ (4,4)
- Iconic Star Wars villain Darth
- Jennifer Morrison and Lana Parrilla
- fantasy series Once\_\_\_\_ a Time (4)
- 21 Cosmetics company \_\_\_\_ Lauder (5) 22 Rake and I, Frankenstein actress Miranda
- (4)
- The White Stripes' 2003 album (8) 2014 comedy musical starring Barrett
- Crake and Myko Olivier \_\_\_\_: *The Movie* (8) "Step by Step" boy band \_\_\_\_ on the Block 27 (3,4)
- Rock group the Rolling \_\_\_\_ (6)
- Nicole Kidman and Ewan McGregor movie Rouge! (6)
- Scottish "For Your Eyes Only" singer \_ Easton (6)
- Zach Braff drama Wish \_\_\_\_ Here (1,3)
- Late-night talk-show host and radio personality McManus (4)

#### SUDOKL

Place a number from 1-9 in each empty square so each row, column and 3x3 block contains all the numbers from 1–9. This puzzle is HARD.

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#### **SCRAMBLER**

Create words of four letters or more using the given letters only once, but always including the centre letter. Do not use

proper names or foreign words. Can you find the nine-letter word?

How did you score?

**GOOD:** 15+ VERY GOOD: 25+ **EXCELLENT:** 35+

#### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

#### 10-MINUTE TEASER

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#### **SUDOKU**

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#### **SCRAMBLER** bemired, berried

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Nine-letter word embroider

robed, rode

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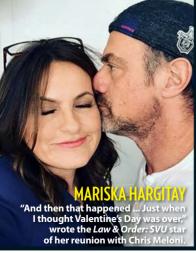






#### The singer skied with 5-year-old daughter Willow at Mammoth Mountain in California on Feb. 15. "Th<u>is little one is STOKED!!!!</u>"





## DREW BARRYMORE

Before the ultimate flower girl, 42, went on a strict human-flesheating diet as a wife and mother who suddenly turns zombie on Netflix's Santa Clarita Diet (now streaming), WHO's Ray Rahman put her to the test—and Barrymore had a bloody good time.

#### What's your favourite zombie flick?

Night of the Comet. It was, like, super 1980s! Everybody goes to watch the big comet and then the entire human race gets wiped out, but there are a few zombies that make it—and, of course, it's a girl and a boy.

You were in *The Wedding Singer*. What's the best song to play at a wedding reception?

"Holiday" or "Vogue" by Madonna. No-one's getting out of dancing to those!

#### Name the first M-rated movie you remember seeing.

I was in M-rated movies when I was 3, but the first one I saw electively? I snuck into Fast Times at Ridgemont High when I was 6 or 7. I was like, "This is the best movie ever!" I love films that can combine really funny things with quiet, emotional things that are very grounded in reality. It was a very profound movie.

#### What's an album that you can't live without?

Beauty and the Beat by the Go-Go's. That album made me know chicks could be really cool. Like Pippi Longstocking and the Go-Go's: all these girls who weren't bad girls, they were just capable, cool girls.

What was the last TV show that you binged on? The Crown. I'm mad it's over! I loved it. I thought

The Crown. I'm mad it's over! I loved it. I thought John Lithgow was incredible in it, too. I saw him at the Golden Globes and had to stop and tell him I was his biggest cheerleader, since 1975. He was so nice and exactly the way you would hope to meet someone when you really admire them.

#### What is your favourite emoji to use?

I think I use the red heart the most—it's so boring. But I sent someone the middle finger the other day! I was excited that they've added that to the emoji family. Sometimes you just really need to send somebody the middle finger. I'm all appropriate mom now, but I still have a little bit of that rebel in me.









#### back chat





The *Harry Potter* author got to the TV host so much in their political Twitter tiff he told one fan on Feb. 16, "She started it."

## ROCK'ST RS

The cast of the TV-series adaptation of classic Australian film and novel Picnic at Hanging Rock has been revealed. Game of Thrones star Natalie Dormer leads the international cast as English headmistress/hearer-of-awesome-name Hester Applevard, Check out a few of the other familiar TV faces who will begin filming in Victoria next month.





#### GOSSIP TO



Two months after her sudden departure from Fifth Harmony, Camila Cabello has revealed she and the four remaining members of the girl group have yet to speak. Talking to *Billboard*, Cabello—she has said she was "shocked" when the group announced her exit without consultation—explained, "In a group there is always going to be tension ... obviously, I think [my choice to leave] rocked the boat." Asked if the has tried to contact have formed handmates. if she has tried to contact her former bandmates, she replied, "I did, yeah. It was really intense and it's hard for me to talk about. It makes me sad."

Alias star Michael Vartan says he is up for a reunion of the Jennifer Garner-led spy series that last aired in 2006. But "they better hurry up," he told *E! News*, "because I'm getting up there in age. Running down those hallways, you know, I'm not 30 anymore. I would be interested." As for a reboot? "On a selfish level," the 48-year-old joked, "how dare they do that show with another cast?"

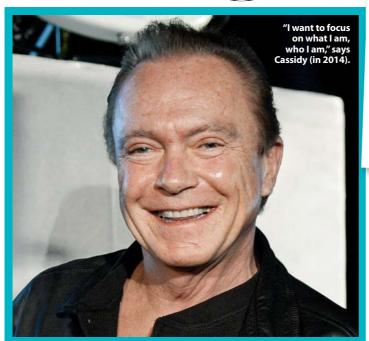


## Drake

Drake has hit back at Kanye West's claims the "Hotline Bling" singer's music is "overplayed".

Talking to OVO Radio, he said, "I'm not really sure what he's referring to half the time. I went from working on a project with him to him sort of publicly shitting on me .. Whatever it is that [he's] going through, I accept it, I don't respect it at all." CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: GETTY IMAGES; UNIVERSAL; GETTY IMAGES (10); ROADSHOW; GETTY IMAGES; DISNEY; GETTY IMAGES (3); GTG: GETTY IMAGES (3)

## passages



## David Cassidy battles dementia

David Cassidy has revealed that he is battling dementia. The 66-year-old actor and musician, best known for playing Keith Partridge in the 1970s TV series *The Partridge Family*, told WHO's US sister magazine *People* that he has decided to stop touring as a musician to concentrate on his health and happiness. "I want to love. I want to enjoy life," says Cassidy, who watched his grandfather struggle with the disease and witnessed his mother "disappear" from dementia. "I was in denial, but a part of me always knew this was coming." The former teen heartthrob, who has battled substance abuse and had a stint in rehab in 2014, was most recently seen on TV in a 2013 episode of *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*.

#### **MARRIED**

Former *Home and Away* actress **Esther Anderson**, 37, and advertising executive **Howard Moggs** announced on Feb. 20 they had wed in Geelong, Victoria.

#### **ENGAGED**

Two and a Half Men actress Melanie Lynskey, 39, is engaged to Parenthood's Jason Ritter, 36.

**LEGAL Gordon Wood**, 54, who in 2012 was

acquitted of the 1995 murder of Sydney model **Caroline Byrne**, 25, after he spent three years in jail, is suing the state of NSW ... **Rolf Harris**, 83, will face a new trial in London on four indecent assault charges, prosecutors said on Feb. 15 ... **Mercedes Corby**, 42, the Gold Coast–based sister of convicted drug smuggler

Schapelle Corby, 39, told a court on Feb. 20 she will fight an AVO taken out against her by police on behalf of former business partner Trudy Todd.



#### **NEAR MISS**

US authorities are to probe an incident in which actor **Harrison Ford**, 74, allegedly landed on the wrong runway at an airport in California on Feb. 14.

**CAUSE OF DEATH** 

Socialite **Tara Palmer-Tomkinson** (WHO, Feb. 27), 45, died of a "perforated ulcer," her sister **Santa Montefiore** said on Feb. 15.

#### **AILING**

Actress Bijou Phillips, 36, is battling kidney problems and undergoing dialysis, her husband, Danny Masterson, revealed on Feb. 16.

#### **DIED**

Former Wallaby Dan Vickerman, who played 63 Tests, died on Feb. 18 at his Sydney home. He was 37 ... Miffy creator Dick Bruna, 89, died on Feb. 16 in Utrecht, Netherlands ... Norma McCorvey, the plaintiff in 1973's Roe vs Wade case that expanded abortion rights in the US, died aged 69 from a heart ailment on Feb. 18 in Texas.

## they said what?

"No dairy, no fun, no flavour. I've been doing straight tequila. The cavemen loved tequila."

**Jesse Tyler Ferguson** puts his Paleo diet on ice.

"I want to be a mother of babies and poodles."

**Lena Dunham** foresees a future full of prams and pets.

"Online dating translator: 'Free spirit' means 'I don't have a job."
To the left, to the

left! Whitney Cummings swipes at singles who take too much creative licence.

"I never appreciated my body or my looks when I was in my 20s. Now I'm like, 'Look at me!"

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