



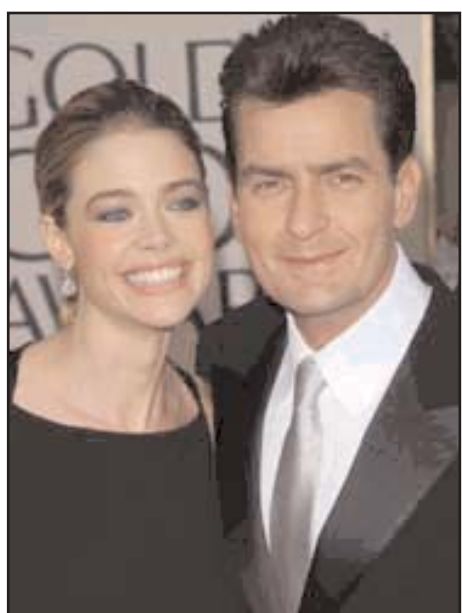
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Jennifer Aniston: The cheating secret wrecking her marriage

Jennifer Aniston is sabotaging her own marriage!

The "Friends" beauty is so consumed by fears that husband Brad Pitt will cheat on her that her insecurity is threatening their relationship, concerned insiders warn.



Charlie Sheen update

Ignore press reports that Charlie Sheen will join his daddy-o The Prez on "West Wing"! ABC TV's determined to keep the ex-"Spin City" star in the family . . . and are in hot discussions about Charlie's concept for a sitcom pairing him with hubba-hubba new bride Denise Richards!



Here's the Rob Lowe-down!

He shocked fans and showbiz experts by quitting "The West Wing" because producers balked at equaling the \$300,000 President Martin Sheen draws, but Rob's secretly back in serious renegotiations! An inside source says producers definitely want to keep him, so the salary question's back on the table . . . and they're dangling a succulent carrot: a beefed-up story line for Rob's character. Stay tuned.



Backstreet baby boy

Congratulations are in order for Backstreet Boy Brian Littrell -- he and his wife are expecting their first child. According to reports, the Backstreet Baby will be a boy, and is expected to debut at the end of this year.

"We were a little surprised," says Littrell in an interview. "But it's a good time because our schedules are lightening up a little bit."

Littrell, 27 and wife Leighanne, 33, have not decided on a name yet.

J.Lo's \$1.5M wedding

WHEN the first photos emerged of Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck laughing and walking with their arms around each other on the set of their movie Gigli last January, no one believed it was a real romance.



After all, J. Lo was practically a new bride, just a little over three months into her marriage to her second hubby, dancer Cris Judd.

But J. Lo and Ben's intimate body language and longing looks were no public relations stunt - Jennifer was hooked!

"I knew there was going to be trouble the moment I laid eyes on Ben," J. Lo told a friend.

Now, sources tell Star, the couple are planning to make it official with a spectacular \$1.5 million fantasy wedding.



The write stuff

Even though Louie Anderson recently lost his job hosting Family Feud,

he's as generous as always. The comic (and author) is raising funds for a new library in Henderson, Nev. "We had a little money in my family," he says. "Certainly not enough to buy books. The local library was part of my survival."



Something about Jared

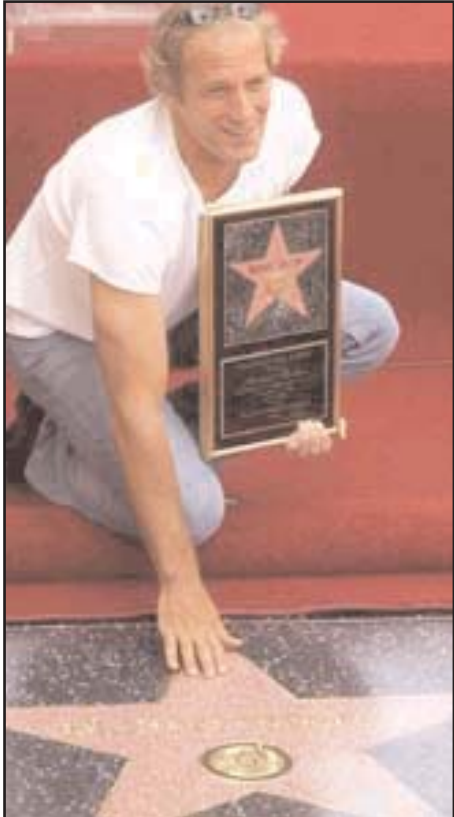
Actor Jared Leto is aching to be a rock star and his band, 30 Seconds to Mars, has gotten its first big break with the video for their new single, Capricorn. To help boost interest, Jared asked his girlfriend, Cameron Diaz, to do a sexy cameo. They shot her in a steamy shower washing off mud. But now other band members don't think it should be in the video. They like Cameron, but they're afraid the focus will be on HER and not the group (duh!).



Stella Got Her Nerve

When Angela Bassett walked into the Hollywood DMV to renew her driver license, she was immediately whisked into the VIP office for special treatment. Adoring staffers bent over backward to help her fill out forms and

took her photo privately. And what did they get in return? The snooty star of *How Stella Got Her Groove Back* refused to even look at them. An executive politely asked if he could take a photo and Angela barked at him like a Basset hound. She left without even a thank you. Guess who will be standing in line with everyone else next time!



Michael Bolton on Walk of Fame

Earlier this week, singer Michael Bolton was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Bolton took some time out from touring and promoting his new album "Only a Woman Like You" to attend the ceremony and was greeted by a crowd of fans.

The ceremony was held on Hollywood Boulevard, across from the Chinese Theater and next-door to the Roosevelt Hotel.

Bolton's star is the 2,203rd on the famed Walk.

Brooke Shields' big blowup with hubby

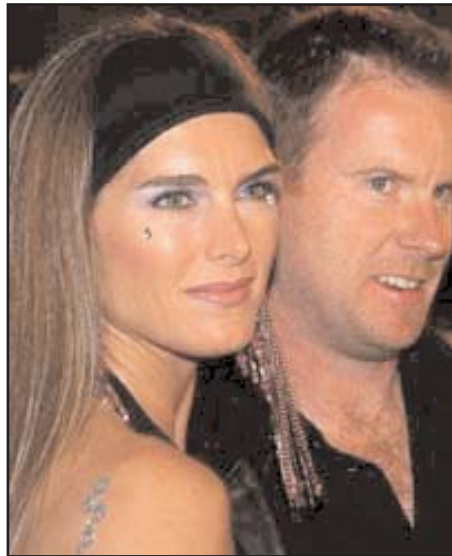
Blue-eyed beauty Brooke Shields is currently trying almost every technique known to man and science to get pregnant, but she's been unsuccessful - and that's putting a serious strain on her year-old marriage to TV writer/producer Chris Henchy.

"Chris is a model of patience with Brooke," a source close to the couple tells me. "But even he is starting to lose it. She's driving him up the wall. He walked out of their house in early August to cool down. For that to happen, Chris must have been seriously bothered by her."

At 37, former child-star Shields - who appeared through August in ABC's

tepid miniseries *Widows* - is trying her darndest to beat her biological clock. "She recently described herself as 'psychotically obsessed' with being pregnant," the source adds. "That's become her main preoccupation."

When they were married in April 2001, Shields and Henchy, 38, whose



credits include *Spin City*, flew across the country at the "right time" of the month just to see each other for a few hours.

But by year's end, it became painfully obvious to Shields that a baby wouldn't come easily, and she started several forms of aggressive fertility treatment.

At first, my sources say, she was put on a hormonal treatment designed to have her produce several eggs. She was then artificially inseminated with her husband's sperm. It worked, for a few weeks.

In December, Shields miscarried. "It was a real tragedy," Shields' close bud tells me. "She thought this was it, and she started getting the telltale signs of a miscarriage."

To make things worse, at the time Shields' former husband, tennis champ Andre Agassi, became the proud papa of a baby boy with retired tennis ace Steffi Graf, his new wife. Now the pressure, Shields' friends say in unison, is really on.

Earlier this year, Shields - who went from roles as a teen in coming-of-age pictures such as *The Blue Lagoon* in 1980 and *Endless Love* in 1981 to more adult appearances such as the now-canceled NBC sitcom *Suddenly Susan* - started an in vitro fertilization program. Henchy's sperm is being used to fertilize Brooke's eggs in a petri dish before they're implanted in her womb. Still no luck, her friends say.

"As if this wasn't bad enough," one of them adds, "she's also unhappy that her *Widows* series was panned by critics, and she's having difficulty finding roles. And the hormones she's taking aren't helping. They made her tough to be around."

Then, two weeks ago, Henchy walked into their home and found Shields moping and feeling sorry for herself and complaining about her life, once again, says the source.

"They had a bad argument about it," one source says. "He accused her of being self-centered and insensitive. He told her she never thinks about how the fertility problems affect him. Then he did something he never did before - walk out."

A worried Shields ended up at a friend's house, looking for a shoulder to cry on and calling everyone she

knew trying to find him. She finally returned home and anxiously waited for Henchy, who turned up several hours later.

Eventually, the two made up. But Brooke's friends are worried about the baby question's long-term impact on the marriage.

"She's lucky to have Chris," one source says. "He is very doting, which is what she needs in a man. He is 'Mr. Patience.' But how long can this last? We've suggested to her that she may want to think about adopting."

"That just makes her angry."



Muscular Dystrophy Association National Chairman Jerry Lewis pauses for an ovation at the opening of his 37th Labor Day weekend telethon in Los Angeles, September 1, 2002. Lewis, who is swollen from the effects of steroid-based medication for a lung condition, is hoping to top last year's record of \$56.8 million in pledges and donations. He began Sunday night's show with a tribute to the International Association of Fire Fighters, following the heavy losses caused in the September 11, 2001 attacks.