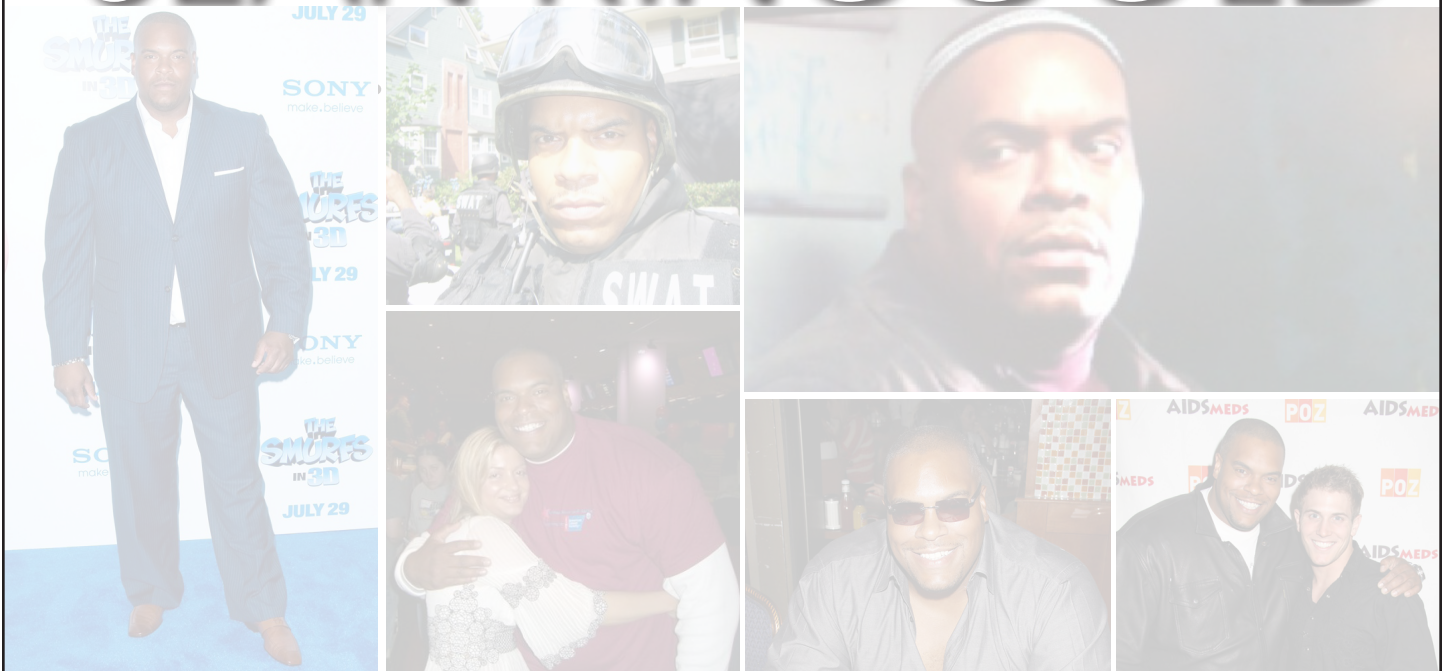




# SEAN RINGGOLD





**Sean Ringgold** is best known for his five-year portrayal of Shaun Evans on *One Life to Live* (ABC). Additional television credits include *Damages* with Glenn Close (FX), *Gossip Girl* (CW), *Ugly Betty* with America Ferrera (ABC), *30 Rock* (NBC), *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* with Mariska Hargitay and Christopher Meloni (NBC), *Law & Order: Criminal Intent* (NBC), *Are We There Yet?* with Ice Cube (TBS), *NYC 22* (CBS) and *106 & Park* (BET).

Big screen credits include his role in *NOTORIOUS* alongside Angela Bassett as CEO & music mogul of Death Row Records, Marion "Suge" Knight as well as his work in *American Gangster* and most recently *The Smurfs*. Ringgold has appeared in numerous national and regional advertising campaigns and commercials for brands including Nike, Fiat 500 by Gucci, Nexium, Budweiser, Burger King, Dunkin Donuts and Spike TV.

Sean has lent his voice to support and speak on behalf of several causes including The Men's Health Summit for The Whittier Street Health Center, Heart Share Human Services of New York, Get Reel with Your Dreams, The Island of Grenada & Susan G. Komen For the Cure.

In addition to his work on camera, the 6'3" former New York State Arm Wrestling Champion has worked as a celebrity bodyguard, stuntman, model and personal trainer. His interests include martial arts, motorcycling, precision driving, boxing, skydiving, scuba diving, jet skiing, surfing, skiing and snow boarding.

Born in Rockaway Beach, he now resides in Long Island City, Queens.



## News

**Ex-One Life To Live's Sean Ringgold In NYC 22.**

Monday, April 16 2012

**New Primetime appearances.**

Actor Sean Ringgold, who played "One Life To Live's" Shaun Evans from 2006 to 2012, will be making yet another Primetime appearance next month. Sean will turn up on the Sunday May 6 episode of the new CBS series "NYC 22" at 10:00 PM. The police procedural drama first debuted last Sunday April 15 and focuses on a diverse group of rookie New York City police officers who patrol Upper Manhattan streets.

Over the past few years, Sean has appeared in a few "Law & Order" series and "Damages" and had roles in the films "The Cookout 2" and "The Smurfs." Fans may even have spotted him in the latest [Newman Commercial](#).

A lot of soap opera actors have been turning up in Primetime. Get more details through Soaps.com's [Primetime Drib](#).

Join us on [Twitter @soapsoperafan](#), and [Facebook](#). Come tweet and Facebook with us about "One Life To Live," all the other soap operas, "Dallas," "Glee," "Grey's Anatomy," "Scruples," "Vampire Diaries," and "Venice The Series."

- Amy Miretta



Ringgold (from Nikkole/WENN.com)

# Farewell to One Life to Live

PSYCHOS, SOULMATES  
AND SNOOP DOGGI STARS  
OF THE LEGENDARY SOAP  
SHARE SOME FAVORITE  
MEMORIES AS THE SHOW  
SIGNS OFF AFTER 43 YEARS

Photographs by PETER YANG



Slezak on set  
with Anthony  
Porcino in 1972.

### ERIKA SLEZAK

Grande dame Victoria Lord  
"I've had so many fabulous stories over the years," says Slezak (a six-time Daytime Emmy winner). 65, whose character endured everything from an aneurysm to a heart transplant since Slezak joined the show in 1971. "I joke that I have no organs left in my body." But her most infamous malady was a split personality, which gave us evil alter ego Nikki. "Nikki had no morals, no ethics, no nothing: It was a pleasure to play her."



### HILLARY B. SMITH & ROBERT S. WOODS

Longtime loves Nora & Bo Buchanan  
"Snoop Dogg wanted to do scenes with me," recalls Woods, 48, of his rapper fan, who's made three appearances on the soap. "In high school he'd get sent home and then watch the show with his grandmother." As for Smith's cheering section. "I have some of the greatest fans," says Smith, 54. "They even created a Monopoly game based on Nora's life."



### SEAN RINGGOLD

Bodyguard  
Shawn Evans  
Before OLT, Ringgold, 34, had jobs as a bodyguard, lifeguard, cab driver and car salesman. "I've done it all!" he says. But nothing prepared him for the fervor of soap fans. "You could be in church, at dinner, on airplanes, and they'll start talking about the show with you."



### ANDREW TRISCHITTA & AUSTIN WILLIAMS

High school bully Jack Manning & sensitive teen Shawn Morocco  
Though Williams, 15, says he's escaped without an onscreen kissing scene, Trischitta, 16, says, "I did one the other day right after eating Indian food. It didn't feel like actually kissing someone, because we were surrounded by 45 people."

## Before THEY WERE STARS

FAMOUS FACES FROM OLT'S PAST



### PHYLICIA RASHAD

Courtesy *Wight* ★ 1981 to 1983  
"OLT was a major milestone for me," says Rashad, whose character wore "beautiful clothes from Saks Fifth Avenue!"



### RYAN PHILLIPPE

*Billy Douglas* ★ 1992  
Phillippe made his acting debut as a gay teenager struggling to come out.



### JUDITH LIGHT

*Karen Wood* ★ 1977 to 1983  
"It taught me lessons about acting that I've used in every role I've done," says Light, who played a housewife turned prostitute.



### TOMMY LEE JONES

*Mark Island* ★ 1971 to 1975  
The Academy Award winner played an adulterous doctor who was eventually murdered.

# WOW!

## Stars Shine At OLTL Fan Weekend

Over 25 stars attended the annual Fan Club luncheon held this year at the Marriott Hotel that's right in the middle of Newark Liberty International Airport. A handful of actors also held their own events.

Ten Deguan (ex-Jay) entertained Saoirse Scott (ex-Janie), a devoted Justice Bieber fan, with a funny face. Deguan's band, *Reserved for Friends*, also performed.



"When [Robert S.] Woods [he] comes through the door, she places wind bananas," reported Sean Ringgold (Shawn).



Ringgold was delighted when over 10 of his co-stars showed up at his fan gathering, including David Fierman (Cristian), Nick Chokoi (Vince) and Mark Lawson (Booby).



Trevor St. John (Victor) greeted Matt Watson (ex-Eli), who dressed appropriately for St. John's solo event. St. John received a standing ovation from his devoted fans.



## Stars Shine At OLTL Fan Weekend



Mc Rebekah (James), Lenny Platt (Nate) and David Gregory (Ford) arrived by car together, entered the bathroom together — to great cheers — and might have gotten dressed together.



Yael King (James) pointed out that though Kaitlin DePalma's Blair will sleep with anyone, her Travis has yet to be with her and it's "been eight months."



Farah Fath (Gigi), with John-Paul Lavoisier (Beck), quipped to the audience, "I'm not dead yet," Jason.



Chokoi, joking around with Sherry Timoney (Renee), is delighted that their fan show-ups have reunited. "I would see that she would be flirting someone with other guys and I would get jealous," admitted Chokoi with a laugh.



Deguan and Josh Kelly (Cutter) are OLTL's No. 1 practical jokers, according to Lavoisier.

# CLICK!



## NETWORK-ING

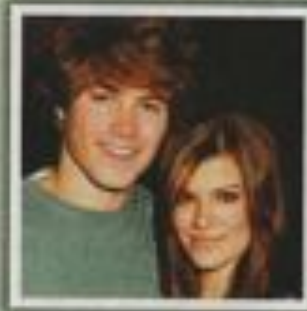
DAYS OF OUR LIVES stars were among the guests at the NBC Universal Winter Television Press Critics Tour in Pasadena, CA. Galen Gering (Rufe, with wife Jenna) enthuses, "Everywhere I looked was famous people. It was everyone from Anjelica Huston, to Jeffrey Tambor, to Al Sweeney! And the seafood tower was amazing."

## TOTAL WINNER

Alison Sweeney (Sam), clad in a fab LBD, was happy to see a familiar face. "I saw Jeffrey [Tambor], who made an appearance on our show, and I just saw him in Win Win with Paul Giamatti, so it was nice to tell him that I liked him in the movie and to congratulate him on his new NBC show [BENT]," she reports.



OLTL stars gathered at Brother Jimmy's in New York City for the annual Mingle For A Cause charity event to benefit the Amber Roach Memorial Garden.



## ALL SMILES

Kelly Missal (ex-Dani, with Andrew Trischitta, ex-Jack) revealed she's heading to community college. "I miss everything about [OLTL]. I really do. I have been spending a lot of time with my family and friends."



## HIGH FIVE

Sean Ringgold (ex-Shawn) gave his little buddy Patrick Gibbons, Jr. (ex-Sam) a lift.

## HAIRY SITUATION

"I have just been growing my beard!" laughed Josh Kelly (ex-Cutter, far r.) about life after Danville. He caught up with daytime pals Samet Helms (ex-Baz, near r.) and David Gregory (ex-Ford). "It is good to see old faces, and I had a lot of fun," added Helms.



Daytimers mingled at the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 50th Anniversary Gala at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.



## MIRACLE WORKERS

Laurelee Bell (Christine, Y&R, c.), wearing vintage Herve Leger, attended with husband Scott Martin (far l.) and caught up with Christian J. LeBlanc (Michael, Y&R) and Marisa Byrne (ex-Lily, ATWT). "The event for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was incredible because we got to hang out with our great friend, Marisa Byrne, and of course, Christian," smiles Bell. "It was also remarkable to be reminded of the miracles that hospital performs every day."

## GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Connie Fletcher (ex-Erin, AMC) and her husband, MAD MEN's Aaron Staton, proudly showed off her belly bump. They are already parents to son Beckett, who will turn 2 in June.



## GOOD CAUSE

OLTL alum Brian Kerwin (ex-Charlie) and Leo DeLario (ex-Madame Delphine, not pictured) and former AMC star Christian Campbell (ex-Bobby) performed a benefit reading of Flutter on January 8 in New York. Chuckles Campbell, "This was the first time my wife, America [Olive, both c.], and I played husband and wife onstage together. Thank goodness we're not as screwed up as the couple we played on stage as I'd likely be at the mercy of a vicious divorce lawyer right now!"



# Calendar

**JANUARY  
4-10**

## Events



**Time For A Tribute:** Jacob Young (ex-JR, AMC: Rick, B&B) greets Pine Valley fans in Milwaukee.

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**Who:** AMC's Vincent Irizarry (ex-David), Cameron Mathison (ex-Ryan), Alicia Minshew (ex-Kendall), Walt Willey (ex-Jackson), Darnell Williams (ex-Jesse) and Jacob Young (ex-JR; Rick, B&B)

**What:** A Tribute To Pine Valley

**When:** Saturday, January 14, 7-11:30 p.m.

**Where:** The Riverside Theater, 116 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI

**How:** Tickets range from \$35 to \$125. Show, 7-9 p.m.; autograph/photo session, 9:30-11:30 p.m. To purchase tickets, visit [www.ATributeToPineValley.com](http://www.ATributeToPineValley.com) or call (414) 286-3663.

**Who:** OLTL's Melissa Archer (Natalie), Kassie DePaiva (Blair), Michael Easton (John), Trevor St. John (Todd), Ilene Kristen (Roxy), John-Paul Lavoisier (Rex), Sean Ringgold (Shaun), Gina Tognoni (Kelly), Jerry verDorn (Clint) and Kim Zimmer (Echo)

**What:** Loving Llanview

**When:** Saturday, January 21, 7-11:30 p.m.

**Where:** Theatre At Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury, NY

**How:** Tickets range from \$45 to \$175.

Show, 7-9 p.m.; autograph/photo session, 9:30-11:30 p.m. To purchase tickets, visit [www.lovingllanview.com](http://www.lovingllanview.com) or call 1 (866) 364-0330.

**Who:** GH's Chad Duell (Michael) and Dominic Zamprogna (Dante)

**What:** Fan event

**Where:** Brokerage Entertainment Club, 2797 Merrick Rd., Bellmore, NY

**When:** Saturday, February 18, 2 p.m.

**How:** Tickets are \$84. Visit [tickets.brokeragecomedy.com](http://tickets.brokeragecomedy.com) to purchase tickets or call (516) 781-5233.



**Llanview Remembered:** OLTL's Sean Ringgold (Shaun) joins his co-stars for a memorable night in Westbury.

APRIL VON BIRBAUM

## STYLE squad

We all have our good days and our bad days, fashion-wise. But not all of us have paparazzi to chronicle every mis-step! A team of experts weighs in on the chic and the shouldn't have.

### THE JURY



**Kevin-James Bennett**, Emmy-winning makeup artist



**Jim DeMarco**, Emmy-winning makeup artist



**Heather Cocks & Jessica Morgan**, fashion bloggers, [www.GoFugYourself.com](http://www.GoFugYourself.com)



**Christina Flach**, Celebrity Makeup Artist, [www.prettygirlmakeup.com](http://www.prettygirlmakeup.com)



ALL JONSCOUP

### Heather Tom (Katie, B&B)

**Bennett:** Heather always serves up a great retro look — very mod!  
**DeMarco:** Striking in this cocktail holiday entire.  
**Flach:** Now that takes mindfulness to a whole new level!

### Sean Ringgold (Shaun, OLTL)

**Cocks & Morgan:** Nailed it! Love the man, love the suit, love the pocket square.

**DeMarco:** Rico suave. Always dressed to the nines, bro!

**Flach:** What a handsome, hunky man!



STEVE HUBBY



ALL JONSCOUP

### Erin Sanders (ex-Eden, Y&R)

**Bennett:** Everything works ... except the skirt color. Black or even a metallic would have looked much better.

**Cocks & Morgan:** Great trendy tights. She looks adorable. We'd march in that band.

**DeMarco:** Love the hip jacket and mini, but not with the bottom half. Maybe the stockings are too much with this look.





# It's Only My Opinion

By Carolyn Hinsey

'Tis the season ... for happy holiday episodes.

• B&B is cleverly resurrecting Sally Spectra's fondness for fashion espionage to tell current story. Her voice "speaks" to Jackie from an old poster in Jackie's office.



They're fan-faves: OLTLa Roxie (Gene Kravitz), Nigel (Peter Bartlett, c.) and Shaun (Sean Ringgold). We just some of the passionate Liarviewites who are trying to save FRATERNITY ROW.

encouraging her to steal Forrester's designs or go out of business. "It's showtime, baby!" encouraged Sally just before The Jackie M collection debuted — full of Forrester's best creations for 2012.

Naturally, Ridge and Brooke were having sex in the company sauna when the runaway robbery went down, so Marcus had to bust in on the moist duo.

Ridge: "Apparently, you don't know the meaning of 'Not now.'"

Marcus relayed the bad news and then poured bleach in his eyes to remove the image of his naked bosses doing it. Meanwhile, Ashley called Stephanie, who got to the fashion show just in time to slap Jackie and ramp up their love triangle with Eric.

Kudos to B&B for ignoring Darlene Conley's 2007

I don't mean her doughnut recipe. It was smart of them to show those long-ago scenes of Alice welcoming Jack to the family, so newer fans will realize how important he is. I'm not too fond of the kidnapping that gave Melanie even more of a reason to screech, but I love how Hope found a cryptic IOU from Stefano to Alice in a Horton ornament. Of course, that ended up springing John from jail, because DAYS is famous for its Christmas miracles. I'm not talking about the time Marlena set the Christmas tree on fire when she was possessed; I'm talking about the time John and Kristen returned kidnapped baby Belle to Marlena as Billie sang, "O Holy Night" at Christmas Eve services. (Don't be too impressed by my memory — it's on YouTube.)

• Y&R needed a Christmas miracle to LIGHTEN UP. Between the interminable investigation of Diane's murder, Victor's imprisonment, Nikki's alcoholism and Patty stalking everyone but the cat, there's not a smile to be found in Genoa City. We can all be grateful that Jeanne Cooper has recovered and is back as Katherine. Is it too much to ask for one

# Opinion

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couple to be happy? Nick and Sharon ... Jack and Jabot ... Genevieve and a clue?

• OLTLa continues its steam-rolling excellence with riotous, inside stories. The December 6 episode was genius, as various Liarviewites watched FRATERNITY ROW and debated whether Brandon and Brianna would turn out to be brother and sister.

Ramae: "How long have Brandon and Brianna been together?"

Roxie: "Since Lorraine came back from the dead the second time."

Clint insisted to Viki that he came upon the soap while looking for the financial channel, and then proclaimed it "criminal" that it didn't sweep the Daisy Awards. They reminisced about the time she played an extra on the show. "If there's one thing I'm not, it's an actress," declared Viki, played by Erika Szlezak, who has more Daisy Awards, er, Emmy Awards, than any other actress. They kissed, but Viki pulled back when she realized the kiss was prompted by Kimberly dumping Clint. Clint: "You're acting like a child."

Viki: "Well, you do like 'em young."

The cancellation of FRATERNITY ROW prompted Roxie to scream, and then go in search of someone to save it. "I ain't going down without a fight," she told Bo, encouraging him to protest to the network. Ha!

Roxie's outrage was the perfect outlet for fans, stunned that their 43-year-old soap is going off the air at the top of its game (with the exception of all the shrieking and breast-beating about "Victor's" death. Who?).

There will be a hole in daytime when OLTLa goes off, and that's the "dog's honest truth."

• That brings us to GH, telling the tales of Sam's rape, Robin's illness, Sonny's tortured past, Abby's death and an equally festive shooting last week. I don't understand how GH was ever allowed to get this dark. I remember former Head Writer Claire Labine explaining to me how every soap episode needed to have a moment that touched viewers and a moment that entertained them. The last time GH entertained us was on Thanksgiving, and even that episode ended with Jason flipping the table in a rage.

**If Kirsten Storms isn't coming back, cut your losses with Maxie.**

Here's me: Stop hiring blonde actresses that all look the same: reKate, naMaxie, new Dr. Maggie and the "Woman in White" are interchangeable. If Kirsten Storms isn't coming back, cut your losses with Maxie. Stop using rage as the driving emotion in every story. And stop writing endless scenes of fake memories about Bensonhurst, a place we never see and don't care about. "Remember the time Johnny Goorbah stole your homework in the alley behind the cannoli shop?" NO.

Port Charles needs a Christmas miracle, too, and they'll get it when Frank Valentin and Ron Carivani take over on January 9. I have a hunch that this is the last year that GH fans will ever have to sing, "Fa la la la la la la, BANG."

Hey, it's only my opinion. ☐

Carolyn Hinsey is the author of *Afternoon Delight: Why Soaps Still Matter*, available on Amazon and [thesoapbook.com](http://thesoapbook.com).

# ONE LIFE TO LIVE NEWS

## Viki Turns To David

■ A heartbroken Viki opens up to David after she walks in on a kiss between Clint and Kim. David, as portrayed by Watkins explains, is more than willing to comfort his dear friend and set her straight.

"What's coming to mind is that David thinks Viki has lost her path because she has feelings for Clint again," says Watkins. "This is a huge red flag in David's eyes because Clint is essentially David's enemy at this point. He knows that Clint plus Viki equals pain for Viki, so he tries to remind her of her experiences over the years with Clint, and they ain't good."

Viki and David have always had a special relationship, points out the actor. "The scenes that David and Viki have with each other are very honest and straightforward," explains Watkins. "There is no b.s. between them and I think David always looks at Viki as his mentor, his conscience, and he knows that she's the only one he can't lie to and get away with it."



## John And Natalie Try Again

■ They may still love each other, but John and Natalie are also both stubborn enough not to say it first. "He's a difficult guy," admits Michael Easton of his alter ego. "He can be hard to like. He was this guy who couldn't say, 'I love you,' and that's pretty tricky, as most of the daytime guys are pretty terrific. They are educated. They look great. They do all of the things you think [women] want." Natalie has managed to get John to admit his feelings, once. Will she get him to open up this time when he arrives with a Christmas gift for their son, Liam?



■ Gigi and Rex finally learn that truth about Gigi's identity this week, courtesy of Cutter. Portrayer Josh Kelly tells us all about it.

At a Glance:

**CUTTER**

By Danielle McClure

**Weekly:** Why was Cutter so drawn to Gigi?  
**Kelly:** He really liked her and she made him want to be a better man and showed him how relationships are supposed to be. You meet someone who complements who you are.

**Weekly:** When does Cutter's guilt about knowing the truth finally catch up with him?  
**Kelly:** When he sees Rex and Gigi together. Even he couldn't be that selfish! They're arguing about how had a person Stacy is. Gigi's trying to say she's sorry and he doesn't believe her.

**Weekly:** Why does he feel compelled to come clean?  
**Kelly:** He decides to set the story straight. He didn't want to get caught up in the drama. He didn't think about it as a lie. Initially, he kind of just got caught into it because he started liking Gigi and the doctor never did surgery on her. From a more manual standpoint for Cutter, I guess this means Rex isn't going to be with Aubrey!

**Weekly:** But Rex doesn't believe him and punches him out, which leads to the reveal that Cutter is guilty of murder and he's taken to jail.  
**Kelly:** It's an accidental homicide, but yeah. I think Kim spilled the beans [to Rex].

**Weekly:** By week's end, Cutter phones Aubrey from jail. Does he think he has another shot with her now?  
**Kelly:** He's going to try and do whatever he can to get out and that would help! I think he got the short end of the stick the entire time! It's always because of a girl if he would just go out by himself,

he would do fine in life, but he always latches onto these women and he's always trying to do the right thing by them. He's never being selfish!

**Weekly:** Poor Cutter. Just when he was turning his life around, this happens!

**Kelly:** The only people I think he doesn't like are the Buchanans and that's just because he didn't like the fact that Aubrey liked Joey. In a way, he kind of redeemed himself, which is nice.



## Lines Of The Day

**Dec. 6, 2011**

**Clint:** What the hell?  
**Starr:** [gasp]

**Brandon:** Because my fraternity and your sorority are enemies? Or because they might find out ... you're my sister.  
**Gus:** What?!  
**Viki:** Did she just say that?

**No way!**  
**Starr:** Noelle!  
**Noelle:** What [gasp]?!  
**They're related [gasp]!**  
**Starr:** No, they didn't!  
**Destiny:** Yes, they did.  
**Rama:** This is crazy!  
**Roxanne:** Oh, my God. It is. God, I love this show.

## Kristen On OLTL Exit

■ Renee Kristen (Roxy) admits the FRATERNITY ROW cancellation story hits a little too close to home. "I'm sadlier about this cancellation than I was about RYAN'S HOPE [Kristen played Della]," sighs Kristen. "I had done this show 10 years consecutively. I was always running from RYAN'S HOPE, for whatever reason. I got ONE LIFE the day before 9/11 and I really went on a mission to entertain people for these 10 years. I think I've succeeded in this. I was hoping to do it for a while longer and I thought we had a while longer. I just didn't think it was going to end so quickly and abruptly. It's very sad."

The last weeks have been bittersweet for the actress. "It's been so vibrant over the past year. Frank [Valentine] has been such a great producer. He's done a lot of great things and makes you feel like you are winners."



# LAST WEEK

B&B



DAYS



GH



*Missed an episode of your favorite soap? Here's what you need to know!*

## BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL

- Beverly introduced Hope and Stephanie to a serious social issue.
- Brooke consoled Ridge about the stolen designs.
- Bill planned a getaway for his family.
- Ridge demanded that Liam honor his marriage to Steffy.

## DAYS OF OUR LIVES

- Sami accepted Kate's offer to watch the kids when her babysitter bailed.
- Madison and Brady made love for the first time.
- Kayla returned to Salem for the holidays with little Joey.
- Stefano and EJ offered to drop the civil suit against John if he sold them Basic Black, but he refused.
- Daniel worried that he inherited Maggie's illness. He also broke up with Jennifer.

## GENERAL HOSPITAL

- Michael received shocking news.
- Elizabeth checked herself into Shadybrook.
- A suspect was arrested in the Lisa Nikas murder case.
- Lulu posed an important question to

Dante.

- Jason was haunted by Franco's latest DVD message.

## ONE LIFE TO LIVE

- In Paris, TX, Viki ran into Charlie.
- Destiny and Matthew argued.
- Roxy hijacked David's interview on THE BLANCA MORALES SHOW.
- Todd blackmailed Jack into being nice to him.
- Gigi spotted Rex and Shane at the motel but remained convinced she was Stacy.
- Todd revealed his feelings for Blair to Starr.

## YOUNG AND RESTLESS

- After claiming he saw Victor and Victoria kill Diane, Deacon blackmailed Nikki into marrying him.
- Neil and Sofia wed — then he disappeared.
- Avery informed Sharon that she is involved with Nick.
- Kyle struggled through the holidays without his mom.
- Cane was touched when Genevieve gave him a photo of him and Samantha.

OLTL



Y&R



# WOW! WOW!



AMC's Darnell Williams (ex-Jesse) and Vincent Maroney (ex-David) shared a roasting with Valley residents at a fun event at Uncle Vinny's Comedy Club in Point Pleasant, NJ.



"My gorgonok got put. Sophie Grace (ex-Grace) (ex-Melissa, AMC, E.), and I wanted to be part of the hilarious cast at the opening of The Many Mansions of Westinghouse N. Kringle." exclamation Tami Tami (ex-Sonoma, AMC).



Reserved for Rowbee's Billy Magnussen (ex-Casper, ATWT) and Tom Deignan (ex-Joey, OLT) were chosen on by Josh Kelly (Cutter, OLT, below E.), and Sean Ringgold (Shawn, OLT) when they played at Alerne's Grocery in New York.

## Playing The Palladium

It was a star-studded night at The Trevor Project's recent 2013 Trevor Live! event at the Hollywood Palladium in Los Angeles.



Paul Wesley (Stefan, VAMPIRE DIARIES) and Torrey DeVitto (Mary, VAMPIRE DIARIES; Melissa, PLL) added to the glam quotient.



# OnTheTown

Your ABC stars caught in the act!

## RED CROSS ROCK

The multitalented stars of *ONE LIFE TO LIVE* rocked out for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock Show For Charity to benefit the American Red Cross



◀ Kelley Misal (Dani), Kristen Elderson (Starr) and Brittany Underwood (ex-Langston) coordinated their wardrobe for Fleetwood Mac's "The Chain." Misal had a blast, saying, "The crowd is always wonderful. You just feel the love instantly, and that's just a nice feeling to have from them."



▲ It wouldn't be a rock show without the groupies. Fortunately, Andrew Trischitta (Jack) was on hand to take care of some autographs!

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David Gregory (Ford) broke with the rock theme to sing a little Jerry Kyle with "Love Me The Way I Love You," but we're sure the ladies didn't mind his crooning! Plus, as Gregory noted, "It was a great crowd."



▶ Bree Williamson (Jessica) provided some backup to Josh Kelly (Kipper) and Tom Degnan's (ex-Joey) hilarious rendition of Tenacious D's "Tribute."



Kim Zimmer (Echa) wowed the crowd with a solo performance of The Pretenders' "To Stand By You."



"The American Red Cross works so hard to help everybody out," said Fiddle Alderson (Matthew) who was working hard with Sean Ringgold (Shawn) to keep a very nervous-looking Gregory from ending up on the floor!



◀ Vincent Waldschmidt won his photo with the show's co-hosts, Alderson and Gina Tognoni (ex-Kelly). "It was so fun," smiled Alderson. "It was my first time co-hosting a live event. That was really exciting. It's just always nice to gather with everyone."

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Your ABC stars caught in the act!

## STRIKING DOWN CANCER

Jerry verDorn (Clint) brought his OJT family along as he hosted his annual Daytime Stars And Strikes charity bowling event for the American Cancer Society!



▲ Lenny Platt (Kate) explained why he decided to join in the festivities: "It's great. Especially now, with the show in a transitional period, it's good to pay the fans back for being so loyal."



It probably wasn't easy for Bethlin Bonner (ex-Talia) to do much bowling with Alderson attached at the hip. But we understand Kristen's reaction to the surprise guest!

▲ Judy Vlack did her part for the charity by contributing to the auction and winning this photo with Terri Conn (Aubrey) and the Aldersons!



Ringgold and Razzan Giovanni (Virian) looked on as the boys seemed to have some trouble figuring out how to bowl. But there's good reason for joking rather than bowling! "Watch me," Gregory explained. "I am awesome when we start, and the more I bowl, the worse I get. There's so much pressure."



Thom Christopher (ex-Carlo) showed off his... fendably good bowling form!

▲ Fortunately for verDorn, it looks like Williamson found a baby-sitter and Stephanie Schmahl (Bree) got to come out and play. "A lot of these guys have kids, and it just touches me that they'll spend four hours doing this silliness, which is for a good cause," the grateful host said.

Degnan didn't make it in time for bowling, but he still wanted to support verDorn and the American Cancer Society. Luckily for Degnan, Nick Choksi (Vimal) and Kelly were there to support him! ▶



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## OFF TO MARKET

Some familiar faces from *ONE LIFE TO LIVE* stopped by for some quality time at the 25th Annual Broadway Flea Market & Grand Auction benefiting Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS



▲ Nicolas Rubuck (James) planted one on a beaming Kristen Alderson (Stam). "I was with Nic and Andrew (Tischitta, Jack), so I was with my OLTers," Alderson noted, adding, "It's such a great cause."

They may be too cool for school, but Tischitta and Sean Ringgold (Shawn) are definitely not too cool to make an appearance at NYC's Shubert Alley for the event. ▶



Lucky for Eric Ringgold and Eric Krikin (Roy) were on autograph duty — two faces that you will always see turning out for a good cause! "If called, I always show up," Krikin declared. "Love raising the flag!" There are a lot of familiar faces who support is just awaiting



▲ Gina Tognoni (ex-Kelly, OLT) has had a fantastic daytime career, so when she visited the flea market, she got to spend some time with her former *GUIDING LIGHT* co-star Ron Raines (Alan), who is currently performing on Broadway in *Follies*.

Judith Light (ex-Karen) has done her share of Broadway since her award-winning time on *DLT* (among other things!), so of course she'd want to turn out for Broadway Cares with *AS THE WORLD TURNS*' Thomas Sadoski (Jesse)! ▶



# WOW!

Rene Krizan (Roxy, OLT) took part in the League of Professional Theatre Women 20th Anniversary Alkoff. "It was great to be around so many prestigious women in all the different aspects of theatre — producers, directors, stage managers, writers, composers and performers. I was honored to be there, and I am applying for membership," said Krizan.

Former ATWT co-stars Ellen Dolan (ex-Margo) and Martha Byrne (ex-Lily) recently reunited at An Adventure Afters, a two-weekend fest in Long Lake, NY.



ETIENNE BENOIST



Taye Diggs (Sam, PRIVATE PRACTICE; ex-Sage, GL) proudly showed off his latest production, the children's book *Chocolate Me!*



Nick Choksi (Vinny, OLT) recently finished a run in *Invasion!* by James Herson Khambati at New York's Flash Theater. "This play is about language and fear," the actor explained. "It tracks the mythic character of Abolition, who is a Ben Laden-esque kind of symbol of fear. It tracks how the myth became the myth. It is not really what you would expect. It is a testament to how powerful words are, and language. You have to be careful in what you believe and what you say."



THE CHARLIS/NEALS PRODUCTIONS



**For A Cause**  
Walt Willey (Jackson, AMC) posed with auction winners Adria Sackey and Lisa Overman, who donated to Willey's foundation for autistic children for the chance to appear in print.

## Flash Theater

Y&R's Michelle Stafford (Phyllis) and Christian J. Lilliane (Michael) participated in the launch of Flash Theater LA in downtown Los Angeles. Artistic Director and Lawrence Rivers hopes this new way of theater will appeal to the social network-oriented young audience. "You may amount along with hip-hop, socially relevant topics or new music. But when you mean that idea inside an old format — as if it's a black performance on a Saturday night — you lose their interest," said Rivers. "So you say you'll do it if Michelle Stafford does it with you," laughed Lilliane. "And one of course says, 'Yes.' And everyone else says, 'Yes.' And it turns into one big 'YES!' So you and all the other casters end up on Spring Street in downtown Los Angeles singing at the top of your lungs into a beautiful California evening... and it is absolutely amazing... and you are so glad you started up with the people who say, 'YES!'"



Crystal Chappert (ex-Carly, DAYS), Nadia Berlin (ex-Chloe, DAYS) and Brandon Boomer (Drew, B&B; ex-Shawn, DAYS) cheered them on.



Congratulations, Sean Ringgold (Shawn, OLT), for booking his first commercial.



# Ringgold Staying With OLTL Cast



Sean Ringgold (right) with "Are We There Yet?" star Terry Crews.

**By Nicholas Briano**

Rockaway native Sean Ringgold, a permanent fixture on the popular soap opera "One Life To Live," has been keeping busy lately. He's the latest cast member to join the continuation of the program online and possibly on a cable network once it leaves ABC next year.

In addition, Ringgold told *The Wave* this week, he's been cast to appear on the sitcom rendition of the Ice Cube production "Are We There Yet?"

Scheduled for two episodes on TBS, he will be appearing alongside cast member Terry Crews, among others, for two shows airing sometime in January 2012.

Ringgold had made reoccurring appearances as Shaun, a bodyguard, on "One Life to Live" for five years before he was offered the role on a contracted full-time basis last year; mainly because of his rising popularity in the

role. The deal with Prospect Park, the media company responsible for claiming the rights to both "All My Children" and "One Life To Live," has signed Ringgold to a four-year contract to continue his role in this new capacity.

Ringgold's resume continues to grow as a working actor. He also appeared in this summer's successful big screen adaptation of "Smurfs" and is currently featured in a national television commercial for Nexium and another for Fiat, alongside Jennifer Lopez.

Ringgold is a Rockaway native, former lifeguard and New York State arm wrestling champion. His career was launched when he landed a role as a real-life professional bodyguard for several high ranking celebrities and on the BET show "106 and Park," which helped pave the way for his introduction into acting.

# CLICK!

Several OGL stars came out to raise money and awareness at the 25th Annual Broadway Flea Market to benefit Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS in New York City.



## MAN IN THE MIDDLE

Sean Ringgold (Shaun, *c.*) rubbed shoulders with co-star Ione Kristen (Flxy) and Broadway fave Joel Grey. At the event, Ringgold revealed that he accepted Prospect Park's offer to join OGL's online reboot and tweeted, "One door closes and two more open! I'm so [grateful] for the lessons of life."



## THREE'S COMPANY

Kristen Alderson (Starr) was flanked by Nic Robuck (James, *near l.*) and Andrew Trachetta (Jack) while signing autographs for fans. "You get to meet a ton of fans, and all of the money goes to a wonderful charity. What could be better? Not to mention I got to sit in between two cuties this time around!" smiles Alderson.



## HEY, YOU!

Gina Tognoni (ex-Kelly, OGL; ex-Dinah, GL) caught up with former GL pal Ron Raines (ex-Alan), who is currently starring in *Follies*.



## DANCING WITH THE STARS

Christian J. LeBlanc (Michael, *Y&R*) and co-star Michelle Stafford (Phyllis) rehearsed for an upcoming flash mob performance for Flash Theater L.A., a hybrid of flash mob and site-specific theater work that combines songs, dance and music performed in public places. "It's amazing to be around this joyful, positive, passionate group of people that includes volunteers, students and actors," enthused LeBlanc.



## PLAY ON

OGL's Roxanna Lazcano (Tia, *far l.*) joined forces with Cassie Cram (ex-Cassie, OGL) at The Bank Street Theater in New York City for a reading of *Fuente Ovejuna*, which was penned by the former *Llanowen*.



## THE SPRING IN SPRINGFIELD

Rick Springfield (ex-Hourly/Tk, GH) was on hand in Malibu, CA, at the premiere screening of the documentary *An Affair of the Heart*, detailing the singer's relationship with his fans. "This is no vanity piece," Springfield states. "The [filmmakers] spent two years working on this, and they've gone way deep." Adds real-life pal Jacklyn Zeman (Bobbie, GH), who's also featured in the film, "He's touched so many people through his music, and he puts out so much positive energy and love. It's a pleasure to be in the presence of somebody like that. He's a rock star!"



## FAN LOVE

Deidre Hall (Marlena, *DAVS*) received a warm welcome from fans during her September 22 visit to the NBC Experience store in N.Y.C. "Wonderful day," she tweeted. "Terrific *DAVS* fans!"



## PAGE TURNER

At a book-signing party in Studio City, CA, for his just-released cooking and entertaining book, *The Modern Gentleman*, Sean Karian (Deacon, *Y&R*; *c.*) was joined by LeBlanc, Kate Linder (Esther, *Y&R*; *c.*) and Patrika Darbo (ex-Nancy, *DAVS*). "The evening was incredible," says the actor/author. "I really appreciated all of the support from my friends and the celebs who came to get a book. Seeing my name up on the marquee was really cool."



Torja heads back to OLT.

# comings and goings

the latest cast changes

12 to decorate Madison's (Sarah Brown) office.

**Teri Seymour (Herself):** The EXTRA correspondent comes to Salem to moderate a televised debate between Abe (James Reynolds) and EJ (James Scott) on October 12.

**ONE LIFE TO LIVE**  
**Les DeLaria (Delphina):** Llanview's resident

psychic makes another appearance this week when Rex (John-Paul Lavoisier) begs her to take him back in time again.

**Kurt McKinney (Doctor):** The GL alum (ex-Matt) appears as a physician in the Kentucky hospital on October 14.

**Torja Walker (Alex Olanov):** The actress

## who's coming

**BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL**  
**Ramona Brund** (Ramona), **Othello Clark** (Othello) and **Oliver Sharpe** (Oliver): These Aspen TV personalities appear on October 11.

**John Burke (Spencer Pilot):** He returns on October 13.

**Jake Pavelka (Forrester Pilot):** On October 11, the BACHELOR PAD star returns as the Forrester pilot.

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES**  
**Nate Berkus (Himself):** The designer and host of THE NATE BERKUS SHOW arrives on October

## STUFF WE KNOW

(AND SHOULDN'T TELL YOU)

That search DAYS is doing for an African-American actor is reportedly to play the contract role of a new doctor — and a love interest for Lexie... Here are the deets of the casting call put out by Y&R: "Female. Mid 20s. Caucasian. Beautiful, feisty, full of adventure and a lot of heart. She is quick witted and high spirited. While she is self assured, she is unaware of the dynamite effect she has on men." Is it just us, or does this sound like a recast for Heather, which is now open due to Eden Riegers' recent exit? ... Expect more cast changes on this show, whose revolving door has seen plenty of action of late... This popular former soap star has a low opinion of a daytime bigwig who already has a bad reputation — but the actor's issue with said exec isn't only for the reasons you'd think: It's personal. Seems the exec decided to play a joke on the actor by reminding everyone of a project the star once did ... only the star ended up being genuinely humiliated. And he hasn't forgotten about it.

shared via Facebook that she's heading back to Llanview in the very near future and will be sharing scenes with Cutter (Josh Kelly). "I hand a card to Cutter and say, call me if you need me! Maybe it's not my last day here? Hey, you never know! HTW it is going to be a snap to watch this on the web. DON'T SWEAT IT!" she shared. An air date has not been revealed.

## who's going

**ONE LIFE TO LIVE**  
**Barbara Rhoades (Irene Manning):** After Todd (Roger Howarth) fatally shot his wackadoo mother last week, the actress has left the canvas.

## who's staying

**ONE LIFE TO LIVE**  
**Sean Ringgold (Shaun Evans):** The actor is the fifth OLTler to officially



SOAP OPERA DIGEST

Sean is staying in Llanview.

accept Prospect Park's offer to join the Net reboot of the show. Ringgold reportedly agreed on September 23 to stick with the online show for one year.



## MORGAN'S Y&R DEBUT

"We are just thrilled," exclaims Co-Head Writer **Scott Hamner** about the addition of AMC vet **Debbi Morgan** (ex-Angle). "I can't even put into words exactly how much we appreciate and are delighted with her. The work she's done already has been phenomenal. She's just remarkable and so talented."

The actress is playing Devon's mother, Yolanda, now known

as Harmony. "Debbi has walked on the set, assumed this role and she's dynamite," enthuses Hamner. "As I have said in the past, history begets story on our show, and the history of this character has been fully embraced by this actress. Debbi is able to play so many nuances and believe me, there is a lot of that to this character. Harmony has pulled her life together and is now clean."

# SHENELL EDMONDS EVENT

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Choksi taught Shenell Edmonds (Destiny) and company some moves from his native India.



◀ "I love all kinds of music," admitted Edmonds before getting her groove on with Missal.

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▲ "Lots of fun" is how Edmonds — with Tapper, Ringgold, Kelley Missal (Danielle) and Barret Helms (ex-Baz) — summed up the night.

Edmonds also hit the dance floor with her reel-life bro, Ringgold. But, um, is he doing the robot? ▶



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Missal and Helms were all smiles as Ted King (Tomas) imparted words of wisdom to the crowd. "It was great for me to talk to and get to know them," noted King.

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# TED KING EVENT

"I'm trying to figure out the right path to take," King admitted to attendees of his intimate gathering, where he read the Alice Cary poem *Nobility* and quoted favorite literary greats. ▶



ONE LIFE TO LIVE

In Depth

# SEAN RINGGOLD EVENT



Woods also hung out with his son, Tanner, who caught a flight back to his college in Arizona the next morning. ▶

◀ Big Sexy, aka Sean Ringgold (Shaun), was thrilled that his "main man," Woods, was on hand to show his support.



"The party was absolutely a great time," said Ringgold, here with David Fumero (ex-Cristian), Choksi and Mark Lawson (Brody).

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# TOM DEGNAN CONCERT

▼ "It started out as a hobby," said Degnan of playing in the band. "But then we realized that we had something."



▲ Tom Degnan's (ex-Joey) band, Reserved For Rondee, rocked the house, playing classics such as "Tiny Dancer" and "The Wait."



Saorise Scott (ex-Jamie) loved the performance but admitted she's a Bieber kinda gal!

(section continues) ▶

## In GREAT Company

■ What was supposed to be a bit part on OLTL five years ago turned into a contract role for Sean Ringgold (Shaun), so he knows that he's one lucky guy. In fact, the bodyguard-turned-actor looks to the show's vets in order to help him perfect his craft. "I can't honestly say that I've learned from one person on the cast. I'm a chameleon. I'm a sponge. I absorb from everybody," he explains, adding that he's always awestruck by vets like Robin Strasser (ex-Dorian), Robert S. Woods

### THAT'S A FACT

Ringgold played hip-hop/rap mogul Marion "Suge" Knight in the 2009 film *Notorious*.

(Bo), Erika Slezak (Viki) and Kassie DePaiva (Blair). "They just make it look so

Ringgold doesn't take his good fortune lightly.

effortless." And Ringgold asserts that he puts in the work to make the most of his screen time. "I do my homework, know my lines and take the time to create different levels that can be fun and entertaining for the show," he notes. "I try to have a lot of fun."



Photo: [unreadable]



Missal is grateful for true friendships.

## LASTING Connections

■ They say that time flies when you're having fun, and that's certainly the case for Kelley Missal (Danielle). Over the course of the nearly two years that she's been on OLTL, Missal's real-life relationships have translated to special off-screen friendships with many of her castmates. The actress says that she's very close to her on-screen sis, Kristen Alderson (Starr), as well as dressing-room mate Shenell Edmonds (Destiny). "We've all really bonded," smiles Missal. In fact, she echoes the sentiments of many of the show's actors, who rave that it's a close-knit group. "It's a real family environment here. If you need anything at any time, they're always there for you, which is really great," remarks Missal. "It's special. It's not something to take for granted."

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# BLOCK ROCKIN' BASH

The fans took it upon themselves to throw their own Love In Block Party for ONE LIFE TO LIVE's 43rd Anniversary!



Shaan and his portrayal, Sean Ringgold, have their followers — complete with OLTL T-shirts! ▶



◀▲ Time Kristen (Rory) had a great time along with Barrett Keenan (Baz) and Sherrill Edmunds (Destiny)! "The fans are so loyal," Kristen smiled. "They really care. They really, really care."



The fans didn't just want to thank folks like Andrew Peck (Rick) for all the years of enjoyment; they also wanted to wish the show luck on the way!

On-screen brother and sister Andrew Trischitta (Jack) and Kristen Alderson (Starr) joined the celebration. "It was fun," Trischitta shared. "It was really great to see all the people out there." ▶



▲ David Gregory (Ford) wasn't working that day but wanted to be there to thank his fans for their support. "To have that is the best thing," he noted.



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# LOVE IN THE AFTERNOON

The cast of *ONE LIFE TO LIVE* showed some love for POZ's Love Out Loud AIDS Walk New York fundraiser at Prohibition!



◀ ▲ David Gregory (Ford), Austin Peck (Rick) and Terri Conn (Aubrey) were just a few of the celebs to sign off on the AIDS Walk poster and show their support.



It wouldn't be Love Out Loud without these Kristen (Rox) performing! "I'm here every year. I wouldn't miss it," Kristen noted emphatically. "I lost a lot of friends to AIDS, but if late, I haven't. And I have friends who are HIV positive and are alive and pretty healthy so let's keep raising money!"



◀ "It's such a good cycle. Support for support. And awareness on top of that," Nalessa Williams (Deanna), here with Tom Degnan (Joey), explained of the cause and the cast's attendance. "It's not just something on the backburner. This is real, this is now, this is today."



▲ Eddie and Kristen Alderson (Matthew and Starr) turned out for the evening, as well. And when Degnan was invited to attend, he wasted no time in accepting. "I immediately said I'd love to do it. It's a great cause," he declared. "The fans are here. It's a lot of fun!"



▲ Kelley Missal (Danielle) and Sherell Edmonds (Destiny) brought the fuzzi for a pic with Andrew Trischitta (Jack). "I'm here to help raise awareness. That's the most important thing," Trischitta said.

That's a familiar face! BethAnn Banner (e-e-talia) tumbled in between Max Tapper (Theo) and Sean Ringgold (Shaun) for a picture-perfect shot! ▶





**WOW!**

Nadia Bjorlin (Chloe, DAYS, next p.), Brandon Boone (Owen, B&B) and Michele Stafford (Phyllis, Y&R) watched Galen Gering (Rafe, DAYS) host ACME Saturday Night in L.A.



Patrick Mulvihill (Austin, DAYS, r.) got a leg up on Gering.



OLTL's John Paul Lavieles (Rex) and Farah Fath (Gigi) soon-to-be Californians, enjoyed a taste of nightlife on the West Coast.



Jack Wagner (Nick, B&B) smacked the sweet scent of victory at the American Century Celebrity Golf Championship in Lake Tahoe, NV. Wagner won the event for the second time, having first won in 2006, making him the fourth multiple winner in the event's 22 year history. Wagner survived a happy on the final hole for a 3-point win over Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo at the championship. "I just won this golf tournament," Wagner said at the event. "Back then [in 2006], it felt more like I held on. Today, the difference was that someone was pushing me to be better."



My, how little Isabella Hartley has grown. Now she's a little lady walking the red carpet, with parents Lindsay (Cora, AMC) and Justin Hartley (ex-Oliver, SMALLVILLE; ex-Fox, PASSIONS) at the Ringling Bros. and Brennan & Bailey's Starlight Children's Foundation premiere of Fully Charged, held at L.A.'s Staples Center.



OLTL's Sean Rogg (Shawn), who plays Inside Bubba in The Smurfs, posed with Page 5 at the movie's premiere.

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# CLICK!

■ The stars came out to Gargiulo's in Brooklyn for soap vet Linda Dano's (ex-Rae, *AMC/GH/OLTL*; ex-Felicia, *AW* et al, below l.) auction winner's celebrity dinner from her HeartShare Human Services event. "This dinner has become an annual event," says Dano. "Following our annual spring gala, the highest bidders get to attend the Linda Dano Celebrity Dinner. This year's was the most fun evening ever. We had huge attendance, both from the bidders, as well as celebrities who support HeartShare."



## BEST FRIENDS FOREVER

"My wonderful Stephen Schnetzer [ex-Cass, *AW/ATWT*] has supported HeartShare for years and he made sure he was there again," smiles Dano.



## HAVE A HEART

"This year's Linda Dano Heart Award recipient, my good friend, Robert S. Woods [Bo, *OLTL*, below r.] and his beautiful wife, Loyita [l.], helped organize celebrities who came along and made sure we had live music," reports Dano.



## THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

"Gargiulo's owner, Nino Russo, and his family made sure the food was spectacular," raves Dano. "We sang, we danced, we laughed, we ate. This year, we enjoyed a delightful impromptu concert by Tamara Tunie [ex-Jessica, *ATWT*, who appears on *LAW & ORDER: SVU*]. I'm sure when we offer this again next year, we'll have people standing in line to join the fun!" (For more on the restaurant, head to [www.gargiulos.com](http://www.gargiulos.com)).

## SPOTLIGHT ON ...

"HeartShare is a wonderful charity that Billy [Warlock, ex-Frankie, *DAYS* et al, second from l.] and I are thrilled to be a part of," says Julie Pinson (ex-Janet, *ATWT* et al). "Thanks to people like Linda Dano and Bob and Loyita Woods, kids are getting the attention and love that they deserve!" Also pictured: Sean Ringgold (*Shaun*, *OLTL*).



# WOW! WOW!

One of New York's power couples, Kelly Ripa (ex-*Today*, ABC) and Mark Consuelos (ex-*Masters of Sex*, AMC), attended a recent event for The Trevor Project. Trevor LIVE took place at the Capitale in Manhattan. After David Radcliffe was honored with the Trevor Hero Award.



It was a full (and) house! Kelly Ripa (Strawberry Blonde, *OC*). The beautiful actress is surrounded by her "family," which consists of two sugar parents and their four offspring. The mother is Blaine, "which means kiss in French. She's a six-and-a-half pound Maltese. The father is Rocket Man, a really Hawaiian who became a father at five-and-a-half months." Their offspring are 1) Lincoln, all white with curly hair, weighs about 12 pounds and recently moved to Mississippi; 2) Spark Man. He's "black and white like his dad — we call him Bird Pitt 'cause he's so beautiful — with a straight hair curl." 3) "Biscuit Mac Mocha — a sweet Spanish shepherd of beamer macho, which means 'kiss me a lot' — and she does!" 4) Cinnamon "because gift in French; she's got that super-short sandy haircut and because she's so popular with the 'pack,' they all want to bite and kiss her. So that's the family."



Alison Sweeney (*Days of Our Lives*) was all smiles at THE VOICE's finale party at Los Angeles's Avalon.



*OC*'s Mark Kelly (Datter) and Kristen Alderson (Star) were all dolled up on the red carpet for the New York premiere of *Transformers: Dark of the Moon*.

## FINE DINING

Daytime actors noshed out for the annual HeartShare Celebrity Dinner in Brooklyn. Linda Dano (ex-*Friends*, *AW* et al, below L) was thrilled to see Loretta Devai Woods (ex-*Blaine*, *OC*). It was group hug time for Julie Platter (ex-*Just*, *ATWT*), Billy Warlock (ex-*AL*, *GH* et al), Sean Ringgold (*Shame*, *OC*) and Robert S. Woods (ex-*OC*). Ringgold later went mano-a-mano with THE SOPRANOS's Tony Danza (ex-*Paulie*).



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# arrivals...



Holy hawk alert, is this the Daytime Emmys or a bachelor auction? (Please! let it be an auction.... please let it be an auction....) O.T.T.'s Kelly, Sean Ringgold (Shawn), Mark Johnson (Brody), and Gregory all in one place? Now we know why Vegas was so hot!



Lori and Meredith Vieira... hm. Anyone else think this pair should join forces and come up with a joint project?

# BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME

In *Depth* nails the five areas in which the ceremony could (and should) be improved in 2012

**5** While we're sure Wayne Brady is a talented guy, he was a bland-at-best host. Taking a pic of the audience from the stage? So 2004. *Dancing with the Stars* (wince)? Sorry, but *THE BACHELORETTE* did it better a few weeks ago. Then again, all the producers needed was someone to take to the stage and set up Las Vegas promos. Mission accomplished.

**4** Speaking of Las Vegas... well, that's pretty much all that was talked about during the show. Daytime is filled with wildly talented performers. Surely at least a few of them could have been worked into... say, the dancing Elvis number. The unspoken truth about the show? It was bought and paid for by Vegas, with the awards being nothing more than bait with which to lure in prospective tourists.

**3** The producers bravely invented an award to give Oprah... who'd already received the Lifetime Achievement and...

and then subjected us to an endless tribute to a woman who couldn't be bothered to show up. Her pre-taped acceptance speech proved that she, unlike viewers who tuned in for the much-hyped tribute, knew the score.

**2** Clips, clips, clips. Last year, we at least got them for the Outstanding Drama category, but this year... nothing. Nada. Zilch.

**1** Ask viewers what the show could do better next year, and their collective answer is likely to be "everything." But if you were on Twitter around an hour before the show, you could see fans desperately asking where the red-carpet coverage could be found. The answer? Nowhere. Fans in attendance and many Web sites posted great pictures, but we missed the old days when one could lawn over fabulous outfits or gawk at fashion faux pas while listening to innocuous interviews ("Who are you rooting for tonight? Oh! You're nominated? Whoops!") on a live telecast.



GI's Jason Thompson (Patrick), with date Paloma Jones, looked as dapper as can be in his tax.

The always-gorgeous Nancy Lee Grahn (Alexis, GI) was surrounded by daughters real (Katherine) and reel (Haley, Alexi Puller and Lind, Alexworth, aka Molly and Kristina)?



"We don't gamble," admitted James DeFazio (ex-Max, O.T.T.). Added wife Kassie (Blair). "We're ready to go home!" They did, however, take the time to pose with each and every fan who wanted a picture, making them scores in our book!

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# TAKE HEART

The cast of *ONE LIFE TO LIVE* turned out at the HeartShare gala honoring Robert S. Woods (Bo), who received the Linda Dano Heart Award!



Dano (ex-Rae) proudly presented the award to Woods. "He and [wife] Loyita, in all the years I've known them, have been passionate about many causes," the actress shared. "He gives his time enormously for the families and anyone involved in the military. He's a true American."

Hillary B. Smith (Wona) and Eddie Alderson (Matthew) offered the support of Woods' real-life family. In addition to receiving the award, HeartShare offered a touching gesture and named a classroom at its Early Childhood Preschool after the young son that Woods lost, Dylan. ▶



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▶ "It was an honor to be asked to go," shared Josh Kelly (Cutter), here with co-star Kristen Alderson (Sara). "It's cool to work with [Woods]."

Sean Ringgold (Shawn) was really excited that HeartShare board member and *THE SOPRANOS* star Tony Sirico also made it a point to attend the gala! "Every board member really steps up," Dano shared. ▶



▶ "The HeartShare gala was a great night where our dear friend, Mr. Woods, was recognized for his contributions to charity," Farah Fath (Gigi) noted. "It was very important that John Paul (Lavobler, Rex) and my other castmates made it out to support Bob."



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ROBIN PLATZ/OWN MEDIA

## Sean Ringgold (Shaun Evans)

What do you recall about the audition? "It was just to be a bodyguard, and I was tired because I had worked a security gig the night before — I used to do executive bodyguard work for a lot of stars — and I messed up on my lines. I said to Tori [Visgilio, casting associate], 'I'm so sorry. I am exhausted. I just finished working. This character of being a bodyguard, it's not what I try to do, it's who I am.' So she let me do it again, and then I got a call about 40 minutes later from my agent. After that, one thing turned into another and here I am four years later."

Why are the names spelled differently? "I don't know! Maybe we can change that. I've never really addressed that." Who would you like to guard in Lanview that you haven't gotten to guard yet? "Erika

Slezak [Viki]. I love to watch her work. She just does everything so effortlessly. And Viki's never in trouble; nobody's ever after her, so I think it would be great." Is there anyone else on the show you'd like to work with? "Bob Woods [Bo]. Shaun comes from an investigating background working security detail, so he could help out with some cases and I could work with Bob. Whenever I'm in his presence, I'm just like, 'Wow.' Just like with Erika. Dumbfounded. For real. I'm not afraid to say I'm a fan of other people's work."

Since you're on recurring you have the freedom to pursue outside projects. What else can we see you in? "Well, you've seen me on UGLY BETTY and 30 ROCK. I just did *The Smurfs*. I can't wait for that to come out. It's gonna be hilarious. I gave up my security business after *Notorious* dropped [in early 2009] just to be an actor and that was a hell of a sacrifice, but I gave that up to pursue my dream and I've been able to make it and keep a roof over my head, thank God. And ONE LIFE has always been supportive and flexible if I tell them I have a project, so I can't thank them enough."

DOVNA SVETKEY/OWN

**The Bodyguard:** Shaun has protected everyone from the Buchanans to the Gramers. Pictured: Eddie Alderson (Matthew, near c.), Jerry verDorn (Clint) and Hillary B. Smith (Nora)





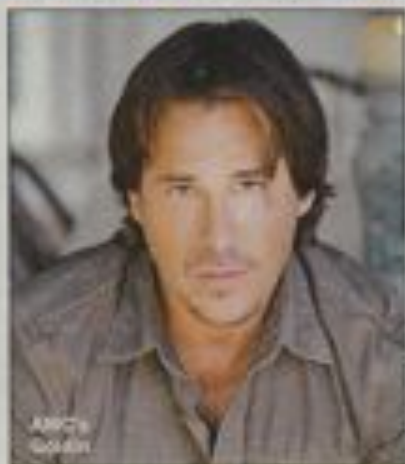
# TAKE FIVE

## Sean Ringgold (Shaun, OLTL)

- What movie makes you cry?  
■ "Mask, starring Cher and Eric Stoltz."
- What co-star would you like to take on a road trip?  
■ "Bob Woods [Bo]."
- What film role do you wish you had played?  
■ "Vin Diesel's role in *The Fast and the Furious*."
- What gets on your nerves?  
■ "People who don't keep their word and don't return phone calls!"
- What do you wish you had a never ending supply of?  
■ "Opportunity."

# Poll Call

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AMC's Goldin

## FAVORITE ACTOR

- AMC:** Rocky Paul Goldin (Jake)
- B&B:** Jack Wagner (Nick)
- DAYS:** Galen Gering (Rafe)
- GR:** Steve Burton (Jason)
- OLTL:** Michael Easton (John)
- Y&R:** Daniel Goddard (Cane)

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DAYS's Sweeney

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## FAVORITE ACTRESS

- AMC:** Alicia Minshew (Kendall)
- B&B:** Hunter Tylo (Taylor)
- DAYS:** Alison Sweeney (Sam)
- GR:** Rebecca Herbst (Elizabeth)
- OLTL:** Melissa Archer (Natalie)
- Y&R:** Christel Khalil (Lily)



OLTL's John and Natalie

## FAVORITE COUPLE

- AMC:** Jake and Amanda
- B&B:** Ridge and Brooke
- DAYS:** Rafe and Sami
- GR:** Jason and Elizabeth
- OLTL:** John and Natalie
- Y&R:** Cane and Lily



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Taylor	Melanie	Carly	Somebody new
41%	19%	8%	39%

**OLTL:** Who would you like to see more on-screen?

Flame	Shawn	Other
56%	33%	11%

**Y&R:** Is Traci (Beth Maitland) right about Jack (Peter Bergman) having an unhealthy obsession with Jabot?

**75%** Yes, it's all he ever thinks about, no matter the occasion.

**25%** No, he has a right to be concerned about the well-being of his family's company.

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# OnTheTown

Your ABC stars caught in the act!

## INTO THE SUNSET

*ONE LIFE TO LIVE's* Brittany Underwood (Langston) rode out in style as she said farewell to her friends at Johnny Utah's in New York City

Langston's beau, Jason Tam (ex-Markko), David Gregory (Ferd) and real life boyfriend Brian Waller, flanked the actress. "Our schedules aren't always compatible," Underwood said, "but we could not love Jason Tam any more. He's absolutely a sweetheart and a really dear friend."



Of course, Kristen Alderson (Starr) and Lenny Platt (Nate) were at the party that Alderson helped to plan! "We weren't sure where we wanted to do it," Underwood admitted, "but I was like, 'Kristen, we have to do it at Johnny Utah's. It's where it all began, and it's where it's going to end.'"



◀ Britt Williamson (Jessica/Tex) and Underwood gave the mechanical bull a try. "It's so much fun!" Brittany confessed.



◀ Alderson and Underwood gave one last musical performance, belting out Ren's "Take Me Or Leave Me." Brittany had been dying to do it for Broadway Cares but figured why not at Johnny's!



▲ Sure, they had to work early the next day, but even newbies like Tom Dognan (Jory) and Josh Kelly (Cutter) joined in to say farewell.



Sean Ringgold (Shawn) showed Florencia Eskane (Tia) that he is really just a cuddly teddy bear!

# Rockaway Soap Star Stays Gold

## Ringgold Stars Opposite Glenn Close, Films 'Smurfs'

By Nicholas Briano

Rockaway's favorite bodyguard, Sean Ringgold, has come a long way from being a lifeguard on the shores of Rockaway Beach to now signing a full-time contract with the soap opera, "One Life to Live." But wait, that's not all he's doing.

For the past five years, Ringgold has made re-occurring appearances as "Shaun," a bodyguard on "One Life to Live." However, in November the show realized the increasing popularity of Ringgold's character which reflects his growing acting skills and dynamic personality, and signed him to a full-time, five year contract.

As a resident of Dayton Towers for most of his adolescent years, Ringgold started as a lifeguard patrolling the beaches of Rockaway. He later went on to make a name for himself as a state-wide arm wrestling champ and would eventually land a job as a bodyguard for Black Entertainment Television Network (BET) working on the hit show "106 and Park." This led to opportunities providing private bodyguard work for several high profile celebrities such as Tom Cruise, Ludacris, LL Cool J and Will Smith, just to name a few. Ringgold says it's the constant workflow and intensity of memorizing lines for soap operas, which are filmed every day, that have prepared him to accept bigger roles on television and in the movies.

In 2008, Ringgold made an appearance in "Notorious," the biopic about the late Sean Wallace, playing the part of record executive Suge Knight. "I am beyond blessed and grateful for



Sean Ringgold with Glenn Close while filming an episode of "Damages," which will air this summer.

these opportunities," Ringgold said. "Soaps are so high-pressured and working on the show has really given me the confidence to push forward in all areas of acting."

Ringgold, in addition to having a full-time role on "One Life to Live," has kept really busy in between, shooting scenes for Ugly Betty, Law and Order: Criminal Intent, and recently, Damages, alongside acting legend Glenn Close, which will air on July 27.

This summer Ringgold makes a return to the big screen in the full-length live action and animation film, "The Smurfs," in which he plays a prison inmate.

"I was a lifeguard. I was selling cars," he said. "Now I am living my dream as an actor. What can I really say? I'm just a kid from 8100 Shore Front Parkway."

Information regarding Ringgold and his acting appearances can be found on both Facebook and Twitter.

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# REVOLVING DOOR

## SUDDEN RECAST

Soap vet **Ken Striker** (ex-Scott, *General Hospital*; ex-Kaith, *As the World Turns*) is temporarily stepping into the role of *The Young and the Restless*' Jeff. (Ted Shackelford was "not available.")



Striker's episodes will begin airing in late April. Striker, who will be reunited with former *GH* co-star **Judith Chapman** (Gloria; ex-Ginny, *GH*), previously played **Harrison Bartlett** on *Y&R* for several months in 2004.



Meanwhile, Chapman herself has been taken off contract at the CBS soap, but she's not worried. "Thank you all for your concert and indignation that I've been taken off contract...makes me feel very special," Chapman told fans on Facebook. "But in the words of that great Broadway tune, 'I'm Still Here.' Not to worry...you'll be seeing lots me' GLO..."

## UPDATE

As previously reported, reality star **Kourtney Kardashian** makes her daytime debut on *One Life to Live*'s **Kassandra Katsourou** on March 28.



## RINGGOLD GETS CLOSE!



■ **Sean Ringgold** (*Shawn*, *OETL*) posed with actress **Glenn Close** on the set of *Damages*, where Ringgold will play a character named **Big Ray**. *Damages* airs on DirecTV.

## IN

**Sean Patrick Flanery** (*The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles*, *The Dead Zone*) is joining *Y&R* as **Sam**, a country veterinarian, who will become involved with unlucky-in-love **Sharon** (*Sharon Case*). Flanery begins airing in mid-April.



## OUT

Although ABC daytime does not confirm an exit, sources say **Brian Kerwin** is out as *OGL's* **Charlie**. Expect shakeups at the *Echo*/*Y&R*/*OGL* storyline.



## PRIME CUTS

★ **REPRISING:** **Leven Rambin** (ex-Lily/Ava, *AMC*) returns to *CSI: Miami* as **Molly Sloan** on March 27. Also in that episode, **Mark Pellegrino** (*Bishop*, *Being Human*; ex-Jacob, *Lost*) appears as **Greg Calomar**, and **Brea Grant** (ex-Daphne, *Heroes*) plays **Cheryl Brown**.

*Grey's Anatomy* brings back **Loretta Devine** as **Adele**, **Daniel Sunjata** as **Nurse Eli**, **Scott Foley** as **Henry** and **Peter MacNicol** as **Dr. Stark** on March 24. **Marisa Sirtis** (ex-Dr. Kleister, *Make It or Break It*) also appears, as **Sonya**. **Michael Imperioli's** (*Fitch*) real-life son, **Vadim**, continues his guest stint as **Fitch's son, Bobby**, in the season finale of *Detroit 1-8-7*, airing March 20.

**Lucy Lawless** returns to *No Ordinary Family* as **Mrs. X**, and **Eric Balfour** is back as **Lucas Winnick** on March 22. Singer **Sara Bareilles** also appears, as herself.

★ **GUESTING:** **Alex Kingston** (*River Song*, *Doctor Who*; ex-Dr. Corday, *ER*) portrays **Dr. Maria Phillips**, who pines **Violet's** book and catches **Sheldon's** eye, on the March 23 episode of *Private Practice*.

## IN

**General Hospital**  
**Francesca Cistone** (*Emma*): An older version of **Patrick** and **Robin's** adorable daughter debuts on March 23.

**One Life to Live**  
**Austin Peck** (*Rick*): **Peck** debuts on March 25. **Rick's** profession is less than admirable.

Want a clue? His "office" is at the **Minute Man Motel**.

**Wendy Williams** (*Phyllis*): The talk show host and *Dancing With the Stars* contestant returns on March 28.

**Nafessa Williams** (*Deanna*): **Deanna**, who has some history with **James**, debuts on March 23.

## Matters Of THE HEART

■ We've seen bits and pieces of Shaun and Vivian's relationship play out on screen, but the burly bodyguard's portrayal, Sean Ringgold, is hopeful that in the coming months, the couple will become much more visible. "Dr. Wright is alright with me," he quips, adding that he's very fortunate to be paired alongside reel-life love Kearran Giovanni. "She's awesome to work with. We have an incredible energy." The actor reveals that fans really haven't witnessed half of what his co-star is capable of bringing to the table. "She's a great actress. She's just really good at what she does. There's no getting around

### THAT'S A FACT

Ringgold is a former New York State Arm Wrestling champion.

it," asserts Ringgold, who adds that there's one last important selling point to the Sean/Vivian pairing. "We look great together, too!"



Ringgold says his alter ego is ready for true romance.

## HIGH Praise

■ Watching Clint's reign of revenge has been quite entertaining, and that fact is not lost on his portrayal, Jerry verDorn. "The story involves so many people," raves the Emmy winner. "It's cross-generational, so you get the older folks with the younger group." Although he's enjoyed putting Clint's dark side on display, verDorn has nothing but good things to say about his younger co-stars, particularly Eddie Alderson (Matthew). verDorn insists that his on-screen nephew has grown leaps and bounds



over the course of the past several months. "He's now at the age where he's an actor. He's not just a child behaving in a certain way," explains the daytime vet. "He's wonderful!" Plus,

verDorn adds that Matthew's interest in the family business is history repeating itself. "The glorious thing about this story is that he's an intern at BE. Twenty-five years ago, Bo was an intern at BE," the actor points out. "He did not have a good time with it, and so it's just perfect."

verDorn gives credit where credit is due.

# ONE LIFE TO LIVE

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**Who's Been A Good Girl?**  
Kassie DePaiva (Blair) and Robert S. Woods (Bo), dressed as Santa, shared a snicker while filming ABC Daytime's holiday music video of "Santa Baby" in November 2010.



**Kissy Fakin'**  
Lenny Platt (Nate) struck a silly pose backstage at ABC studios while Kristen Alderson (Starr) snapped a shot with her iPhone.



**It's A Guy Thing:** David Fumero (Cristian, L) and Sean Ringgold (Shaun) showed their love with a big bro hug at the annual OLTL Fan Club Luncheon.



**Thrice As Nice:** Platt (far L), David Gregory (Ford, c.) and Nic Robuck (James) might have been discussing ab workouts while waiting for this Ford brothers photo shoot to start.

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## ONE LIFE TO LIVE In Depth

### Support SYSTEM

■ In recalling her first OLTL Fan Club weekend this past October, Kelley Missal (Danielle) says it was a crazy-busy weekend, but it was all worthwhile. Although she had a blast meeting fans, the ingénue admits that her favorite part was performing at the Rock Show For Charity alongside co-stars Kristen Alderson (Starr) and Brittany Underwood (Langston). "I was so nervous," she confides. "It was my first time performing in front

#### THAT'S A FACT

Missal's middle name is Rose.

of a live audience in a long time, but it was really comfort-



Missal knows that she can lean on friends — and fans.

able, and everyone was supportive. The crowd was great, and I didn't mess up *too* much, so it went really well. I probably couldn't have done it

by myself," she concedes with a laugh. As for having the chance to actually interview with the fans, the actress says that doing so was the kind of opportunity actors thrive on. "To have them all in one room, you realize how big our fanbase is and how the viewers really are," she marvels. "It's really good to have the support from them."



Ringgold is comfortable with the skin he's in.

### Trading PLACES

■ Make no mistake about it, Sean Ringgold (Shaun) isn't ashamed of his burly physique. "I'm 330 pounds of pure black man," he quips. "I'm a big boy, and I've always had a little chubbiness on my stomach," he adds. Working alongside such abtastic costars as David Gregory (Ford) has given Ringgold a few ideas. "If I could have an eight-pack for one day, I would not wear my shirt anywhere," he admits. "I wouldn't care if it was the dead of winter. I'd just want to get the attention and see where it leads me!" Then again, if he were to suddenly take on a different physique, he might also have to give up his nickname! "I try to get in shape, but maybe if I looked like that, I wouldn't be Big Sexy. I'm sure that's true."

## shootingstar

What performance on your show do you think was a standout this year?

**Sean Ringgold (Shaun):** "Oh my God! Florencia... she's gonna do a performance... Emmy Award winning... incredible. She did this... I can't even say. She did this performance... incredible. Woo! Breathtaking."

**Kelley Missal (Dani):** "Florencia. She amazes me every day. There are no words to describe her talent and her enthusiasm and her passion for what she does, and her passion for the people around her. And you feel that around her, so it's so great that I get to work with her."



# OnTheTown

Your ABC stars caught in the act!

## FAN CLUBBING

Miss out on all the fun of OLT's Fan Club Weekend? Fortunately for you, we were there to bring you all the details!



Miscal, Alderson and Underwood belted out "I Love Rock And Roll" at the 6th Annual Rock Show For Charity. And the girls went all out for '80s night! "We got our little outfits on," Underwood shared. "It was a really fun time. We teased our hair. Oh, we did it all!"



Kim Zimmer (Echo) also broke out her '80s wardrobe for her performance, then took time to pose with auction winner Sara Stevens from Dayton, TX, who was the high bidder to have her photo in the magazine! ▶

◀ As Mark Lawson (Brody) admitted at the Daytime Stars And Strikes Bowling event, "Me and the gutter are on very close, personal terms with each other." Looks like he also got acquainted with the pins!



◀ Hillary B. Smith (Nora) was thrilled to meet the newest Buchanan, Tom DeGnan (Joey). She then noted that thanks to their former stints on *AS THE WORLD TURNS* (where he was Adam and she was Margo, though not at the same time), "You're my son, but also my nephew!"

You never know who you'll run into on Fan Club Weekend. Like David Fumero (Cristian), Thom Christopher (ex-Carlo) and Zimmer. Actually, now that we see them together, that would be a storyline to watch! ▼



Sean Ringgold (Shawn) gave fine Kristin Romy (Rory) a "leg up" during the luncheon. Now that looks like fun!



▲ Leslie McCarty from Howell, MI, definitely had a great time at the event. She bowled with Jerry McDermott (Clint), Ringgold and Zimmer, then won an auction that landed her pic with them right here!

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# REVOLVING DOOR



## GUESTING

The *Bold and the Beautiful*'s Rick Hearst (Whip) is the latest daytimer to guest on *Castle*, which stars beloved soap vet Nathan Fillion (Rick, ex-Joey, *One Life to Live*). Hearst will pop up on the Nov. 9 episode. "Amazing group of actors," he praised on Twitter, adding that the episode will have "great twists."

According to published reports, *Live With Hugh and Kelly*'s Kelly Ripa (ex-Hayley, *All My Children*) will be executive-producing — and dropping in for guest spots — on a new ABC comedy project called *Port Love*. And that's not all: The show, about the backstage drama at a fading network series, will star hubby Mark Conalus (ex-Mateo, *AMC*), who is also one of the executive producers.

No word yet on when *Port Love* will, or, make part.

## MOONLIGHTING



## MORE MOMS — AND SNOOKI



MTV's hit show *Teen Mom* is coming back for a third season — and giving birth to a spin-off! The popular show will retain its core cast of Maci (left), Amber, Farrah and Catelynn, while the new series will steady pull from its "grandmothers," 16 and Pregnant, to fill its ranks. Meanwhile, MTV's *Jersey Shore* is scheduled to return in January. Its breakout star, Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi (right), will be releasing her book, *Shore Thing*, around the same time.



## STAYING

Greg's departure doesn't mean the demise of *OLTL*'s Evans family! Sean Ringgold, who has played lovable tough guy Shaun since 2007, has gone on contract. Congrats!

## IN

### *Bold and Beautiful* Winsor Harmon

(Thorne): Viewers get more Thorne in their sides on Nov. 3, 4, 5 and 8.

Andrew Collins (Janett): Janett's on the scene for fashionable hijinks on Nov. 3.

*Days of our Lives*  
Jane Park Smith (Gloria): Smith portrays an assistant in the DA's office in scenes with Chad on Nov. 5.

*Young and Restless*  
Beau Kazer (Brock):

Mac's daddy returns on Nov. 5! See *Sneak Peeks* on page 24 for an emotional father/daughter moment!

Susan Olsen (Liza, below): Olsen turns up again as the owner of Delia's preschool on Oct. 28.



## DAYS HITS THE SHELVES

Need more *Days of our Lives*? The keepsake photo and memory book, *Days of our Lives 45 Years: A Celebration in Photos*, and *Days*' first fictional tie-in novel, *A Secret in Salem*, by Sheri Anderson, will both be available at bookstores and online retailers this month. For those who miss many of Salem's familiar faces, *A Secret in Salem* follows the off-show adventures of beloved characters like John, Marlena, Shawn and Belle. *Days* enthusiasts can also check out [www.days45online.com](http://www.days45online.com) for more celebratory goodness. *WEEKLY* will review *A Secret in Salem* in a future issue.



# SNEAK PEEKS

Previews of all your favorite shows for the week of Oct. 12



## BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL

- Jackie sees Steffy as an interloper.
- Stephanie is ready to give up.
- Steffy opens up to Taylor.
- Bill and Ridge clash over Kelle and the company.
- Taylor tells Jackie the truth.

**CAN'T MISS: Friday, Oct. 18**

Nick devises a plan to show Stephanie how valuable she is to Jackie NE.



## AS THE WORLD TURNS

- Liberty delivers Emily's babies and goes back to her old ways.
- Dany comes clean with Brian.
- Kelle and Victoria find themselves in peril.
- Peter learns Rossie and Greg's secret.

**CAN'T MISS: Friday, Oct. 18**

Kelle and Brad find out if they're having a boy or a girl.

## ALL MY CHILDREN

- Ryan meets Scott.
- Julia has the words for Ryan and Anna.
- Natalie goes pining.
- Lisa breaks down.
- Amanda takes action.



**CAN'T MISS: Monday, Oct. 12**

Kendall and Zach reaffirm their love.

## ONE LIFE TO LIVE

- Donnie's engagement with Blair.
- Delyssa has serious words for Brady and Jonica.
- Kim comes home madder than Clay and Ben.
- Julia grapples Natalie's feelings.
- Greg and Rachel begin to make love.

**CAN'T MISS: Thursday, Oct. 15**

Shawn wakes up.



## DAYS OF OUR LIVES

- Lucas wants to make amends.
- Miranda tells Arianna that Brady is hurting.
- Sam asks Grace to look after Kate.
- Hope and Clara return to Salem.
- Keri gets put in her place.

**CAN'T MISS: Friday, Oct. 18**

Daniel and Chloe hit the sheets.



(continued)

# Ins & Outs abc

All the latest comings and goings!

**OLTL** cont'd

## Shaun, Wake Up!

**STATUS** Just as fans started celebrating the fact that Sean Ringgold (Shaun) was getting substantial airtime, the story took a dramatic turn that landed the character in a coma from which he might never awaken! So will the bodyguard have a miraculous

"The support has been incredible," Ringgold says of his fans. But will they see the ending they want? "Keep your fingers crossed!"



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recovery, or might this be a way for the show to write the character out? An OLTL rep wouldn't comment on Ringgold's status, but did say, "The

outcome of his condition will have an effect on his entire family." In other words, we'll all just have to keep hoping for a medical miracle!

**AMC**

## Turner's Turn To Leave!

**OUT** ALL MY CHILDREN's decision to let Aiden Turner (Aidan) go when his contract expires came as a shock to all — reportedly, especially the actor himself. According to a statement from ABC, Turner "was given notice that his character... will not be written past his current contract. His departure is storyline-dictated. Given AMC's upcoming move

JOAN MARCUS



Poor Aidan proved unlucky in love with Greenlee... and Maria... and Annie...

to Los Angeles, we wanted to give Mr. Turner advance notice so he could plan accordingly. Mr. Turner is a talented actor and we wish him well."

AMC headwriter Charles Pratt Jr. recently hinted that although Aidan had been backburnered for a while, he would play a large part in the mystery of whether or not Greenlee is still alive; No word on whether that still holds true or his final air date.

Savvy fans will remember that Aidan is the cousin of GH's Anna — perhaps the character might swing by Port Charles to visit her daughter, Robin? After all, we know he's good with a gun!



# Sean Ringgold Fan Event

"Along all these months, he's still 'backed' the actor's replacement of his fans. And judging from the fact a lady mentioned it's not hard to see why!"

Ashton's Brian's first step is to be a man. There's bound to be you and something. And a good one. — WYCN's Executive Vice — good father and his character's character, and the night is not to be underestimated. "It was a really nice show!" he says. "It was very nice."



## Guest List

Ringgold, Duprese Dupree, Richard Stewart, Edward Clancy, and David Edward Clancy.



Talk about skills. Ringgold didn't even see a muscle when he effectively elevated Edward.



Life included with the champion between Ringgold and Edward Clancy will return. "You'll find it's really in my family." Clancy said of the event between the two.

Feature

# All In The Fan-ily

ONE LIFE TO LIVE viewers joined their favorite stars for a fun-filled weekend!

Soap stars and soap fans are a match made in heaven, but this year's ONE LIFE TO LIVE Fan Club Weekend turned it into a match made in... well, water! If you didn't get to hop aboard the *Dutchess* yacht and set sail with the cast on NYC's Hudson River, don't fret: *Soaps In Depth* was there to capture every rocking (and we don't mean musically) moment! ■



## Main Fan Club Luncheon

Fans Rosa Otazu and Lena Gerulaitis get up-close and personal with Ringgold and Telford.



Only on *One Life to Live* could you see a woman in a yellow dress who had sustained a stress fracture from jogging.



By the end of the cruise, Alderson couldn't take wearing her sky-high heels!

Stroasser took advantage of her beauty-maven friend, Hickland, to prep for the cruise. Later, being so busy prepping for her *Mind Journey* show to board the boat, Hickland wined and wished her fans "a wonderful voyage!"



## Guest List

Eddie Alderson (Matthew), Kristen Alderson (Stark), John Brotherton (Lared), Brett Claywell (Kyle), Scott Clifton (Schuyler), Sheneil Edmonds (Destiny), Patricia Elliott (Renée), Scott Evans (Fish), Fajah Fath (Gig), Catherine Hickland (Lindsay), John-Paul Lavoisier (Rex), January Le-Voy (Noelle), Carmen LoPorto (Jack), Michael Lowry (Boss), Sean Ringgold (Sharon), Jack Rovello (Justin), John Rue (Moe), Hillary B. Smith (Nora), Robin Stroasser (Dorian), Jason Tam (Markko), Terrell Telford (Greg), Brittany Underwood (Langston), Jerry ve'Dorn (Clint), Austin Williams (Shane) and Bree Williamson (Jessica).

## ONE LIFE TO LIVE

### In Depth

- 42 Feature fan-demonstrations!
- 50 Crossword



Fans went crazy when Ringgold rolled up looking as hot as ever. It didn't hurt that he had Claywell, Hunt and Telford in tow!



Lavoisier bubbled plenty of questions about his "I have to ask Farah" T-shirt and his departure from pajama pants. "Farah told me that it was too hot and that I was to wear shorts!" he chuckled.



Smith and ve'Dorn made Clint and Nora fans very happy!



Since her character is so mean to Gig and it was her first fan event, Hunt worried about the reaction she'd get. Much to her (and, we admit, our) surprise, she got applause instead of boos!

Clint from *One Life to Live*

# WEEKLY NEWS

## BUZZ BUZZ



### COMPANY MAN

The *Scandal* and *Desperate Housewives* hit is a little more back than her, with Kate's cunning influence, but that doesn't mean he's lost his edge. "She has softened him to some extent in the way he deals with some of the employees," observes Dave Karger (ABC). "It's not changing his overall perspective. With some of the lower-level employees that he interacts with on a daily basis, like Hillary, his personal animus, he can show more of a personal interest. But you have to check your emotions if you are in the position of running a large corporation."

### THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

*General Hospital*'s Claudia has been feeling the walls closing in on her for months now, waiting for Sonny to discover she is responsible for Michael's shooting. "Claudia is basically venting her [relationship] with Sonny," explains head writer Robert Cass Jr. "Claudia's thing, in a nutshell, what she is looking for more than anything — and will do anything to hold on to — is a sense of stability and security. Claudia, for and away, is a child of abandonment. That's really important to understanding her. [She had] a mother who was forced to leave her and a father who was mentally abusive, so what she wants, literally, is a family; a husband, a child, safety, security. That's the dream. That's the thing she will do anything for, and Sonny is her best shot at it right now."



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### EVANS HELP THEM

Having a tough time choosing sides in the *Shannon*/Machel/Greg love triangle on *One Life to Live*? Head writer Ben Cavell is, too. "It's a hard story to tell, because Shannon is so lovable," he admits. "The audience really loves him, and so putting Greg and Machel together obviously means hurting Shannon. It's not the easiest story to tell."

### TWITTERPATED!

Michael Muleaney (Julien) may not have a starring role in *The Young and the Restless* when he opened shows (going "his last day on the set") followed up by how he was going to "miss everybody so much." Of course, he clarified things a couple days later. "It's my last day this week," he says. "I've always been an admirer of someone. I enjoy play on words," laughs Muleaney. "I thought right in my group would have been near their computers in that moment, read the tweet, and either thought, 'What?' or just laughed. Then, three minutes later, when I posted my follow-up tweet saying it was my last day of this week, that all would be said. Little did I know that thousands of people would have read it in a minute and it would have gone viral!" says Muleaney. "I received hundreds of text messages in that few couple of minutes. Thing like, 'Oh, my God! You're leaving?' I thought, 'Oh boy! What did I do?'" Muleaney jokes the joke was all in good fun. "I have a good sense of humor and like to play words," he says. "I like when people play words on me. It keeps you on your toes. That's all it was, a light-hearted thing."

He also learned a little lesson about the Internet: "With this subscription technology, everybody finds out everything right away." He posted one to tell Muleaney that once about getting something like that again? "Probably not," he grins.





**"It's a heroic moment."**

# SHAUN IS SHOT

**S**haun is grounded down this week while producing *Hope* from *Hope*.

"The drug lord found out that Eric isn't really a drug dealer," explains Kristy Anderson O'Neil. "There's hell to pay for someone who's close to him."

Snags hold the food and they footage, while a drug trade in the country for *Hope*. "The baby is involved, unfortunately," continues Anderson. "Everyone is, Todd, Ryan, Hope, Shaun, and who is in the drug dealer's path."

But Shaun remains determined to do his job — no matter the cost. "Shaun is going to be back," says Kingbird (Shaun's sister). "He's making his job protecting Ryan and Hope, and it's a heroic moment."

Luckily, the fire that nearly down's him down, and Shaun is also injured. The album says the very nice guy from the police that his gun and is a



comedy, but a little bit, something actually happens. It was exciting to do what he knew, which is protect people and make sure they are all right," says Kingbird.

But then Shaun is also again, and the tension comes to an end. He barely makes it to the hospital. The doctor on duty at the time just happens to be his brother, Greg.

"The doctor is going to be good with some very personal choices between his career and his family," continues Kingbird. "It's a very tough decision."

# HUNT GUESTS ON THE DOCTORS

Crystal Hunt (Macy) will get the results of a new medical test called HAD, a five-minute non-invasive screening for breast cancer, on the syndicated daily series *The Doctors*.

Hunt's mother was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. "She is actually cancer-free," and the actress wanted to see if she might already have signs of the disease.

Hunt takes this opportunity to advise young women that if they have a family history of breast cancer, they should not wait until the age of 25 for a mammogram.

"The HAD test is much like the



breast pump that mothers use to nurse," explains Hunt. "The very difference is, this one is shaped like a flower, and each petal of the flower fills up with warm water to perform a massage. It's basically a jacuzzi for the breast."

"Don't think that you're indestructible, as feared by every young woman! The only have one life, and you don't want to lose it because you didn't get checked out," she stresses.

Macy's appearance on *The Doctors* airs Friday, Sept. 21. Check local listings for times.

## Editor's Opinion

What is in the water over at La Boubaie, anyway? Stupid jokes! Blair's ongoing obsession with Todd is tiresome. Just admit it, Blair: You want Todd back, for the 50th time. Move on. Is this any example to set for Starr or Hope? Doctors, of course, see Blair's faults but fails to see her own. She only supported Mayer Lowell because she could flirt with him and he might be able to get her reinstated as chief of staff at the hospital. As if any sick person in *Blairview* would put their fate in her well-manicured hands. The so-called strong *Queen* seems more like a joke these days.

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# WOW!



Catherine Hickland (Lindsay) stopped in on *MTV* reality *Survivor's* (Hickland) look was inspiring the *Wife-Crusher* Fred, an organization that helps get women closer not only to Hickland's *Survivor* but the real life, via a free issue magazine that helps the women locally. Even some who believe through their fight to come to the home in staff.



"The new from Soap Weekend," Scott Coffey (Scholar) to left, Scott Evans (Blair) shared the evening crowd at home. "What, there's evening today?" Scott Evans (Blair) asked with a laugh. "That, I was on the boat, so perhaps people will recognize me."



Erika Anderson (Matthew) was first in line at the big event at St. Jude's for the book.



Fawn Ross (Schmidt) and Michelle Dwyer made a donation to charity to pose with their latest book *Warrior* (Clark, left) and John Brubaker (Janet).



Leah Felt (Gigi), John-Paul Lavasier (Rex), Brittany Underwood (Langston) and Jessy Livity (Nedra) had a great time. Lavasier, who came despite his metropolitan crowd of bodies of water, wore a T-shirt of his own design.

## HOT DAY ON THE HUDSON

Rubin Strosser (Charlie) held the water after the call of *Missing Works*, a book about (and of course) in New York. *Missing Works* is committed to ending the hate crimes of AIDS and homosexuality. "I had a real fun to go on something, a little not one that was 'Love, Rosie,' and the other a beautiful list of why I love it, where I love it," repeated the actress.



Susan Riggs (Shawn, right) and several loyal fans in the crowd at *Prohibition*. "It's a big night here!" said Susan Riggs (Shawn), posing with "Prohibition" (Shawn) and several other fans.

Patricia Elliot (Rosa), just back from Europe, made the rounds at several of the smaller events, including one co-hosted by Brubaker and Melissa Archer (Natalie). "It was a fun Q&A," explains Brubaker. "We laughed a bit and talked about our lives, of course. That's what most of the questions are about." Drew Williamson (Kevin, below right) also had a water gathering.



At a New York Borders, Jason Tam (Markus), Underwood, Lavasier and Strosser gave a free reading from *Real Carpet Real*, the latest book by David Van Elfen.

\* *One Life to Live's* 2009 fan club event went nautical — on World Yacht's *Duchess*. More than 230 fans mingled with 26 actors as the *Duchess* sailed past the Statue of Liberty. At press time, \$2,500 was raised for St. Jude's. (For more, visit [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).) The official luncheon was the main event in a weekend full of *OUT*-related functions.



# CLICK!

■ *ONE LIFE TO LIVE* actors hit up multiple meet and greets in New York City for face time with the fans from August 14-16.



## WE ARE FAMILY

"I'm very blessed to have such supportive fans," praised Sean Ringgold (Shaun, near l.) at his second fan event at Prohibition. Soap siblings Shenell Edmonds (Destiny) and Terrell Tilford (Greg) showed their support, as well. "I'm a family guy, so it's wonderful to have a full family [on the show]."

STEVEN DEODAN



## HI, MOM!

"Isn't she terrific?" raved Hillary B. Smith (Nora, l.) of Daphnee Duplaix (Rachel), who surprised her on-screen mom at Smith's luncheon at Playwright Tavern. "We raised \$1,100 for The Willie-Coppee Fund," Smith reported. "It's a discretionary fund at the Sherman Oaks Veterinary Group, to keep money there for people whose animals need surgery or shots, but their owners can't afford it. You can start one in your hometown, too!"

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## MOVIE NIGHT

Bree Williamson (Jessica, r.) hosted a karaoke event at Solas, where she screened a minipreview of her independent film featuring Melissa Archer (Natalie) and John Brotherton (Jared).



THOMAS MCNEALTY

## JUST ASKIN'

John-Paul Lavoisier (Rex) advised fans to direct their questions to his on-screen and off-screen love, Farah Fath (Gigi). "Coming up, we're going to get to the core of Rex and Gigi's relationship and find out if they really are meant for each other," she teased.

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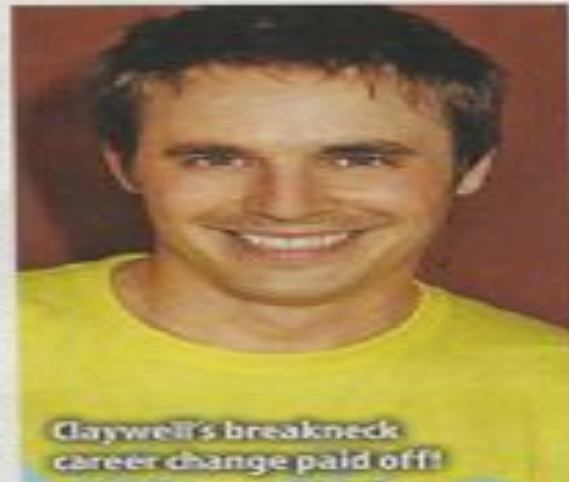
## Career BUILDING

■ You've come to know OLTL's Brett Claywell (Kyle) for his acting chops, but believe it or not, he started out as an architect! "I knew I wanted to be an architect from a really young age," the actor explains of the career switch. "I have a degree in architecture... but while I was in college, my senior year at [North Carolina] State, getting my minor in theater, my theater director said that maybe I should try to do acting for a living." Heeding his director's advice, Claywell quit his job at the architecture firm he was working for and headed straight to L.A.! "I got DAWSON'S CREEK and ONE TREE HILL right away; it happened so quick!" he exclaims, acknowledging

### THAT'S A FACT

Claywell was originally slated to play OLTL's Schuyler Joplin!

that he's happy he took the risk. "I was blessed." But that doesn't mean he's given up his love of buildings all together. "I still draw," he reveals. "And I love being in New York because of all the architecture!"



Claywell's breakneck career change paid off!

## Little STAR

■ OLTL's Destiny is a hoot on screen, and her portrayal, Shenell Edmonds, is just as fun! Full of smiles and politeness, the actress explains what it's like to have her first fans. "A couple of people have noticed me, and it makes me feel really good, them seeing me and smiling and telling me I'm doing a good job," she exclaims. "It has made me feel like I make people happy, which is my goal." Yes, it's sweet — and Edmonds' family is making darn sure the actress stays that way! "In the beginning, everybody was happy for me, just jumping and screaming for me, but now they don't want to give me a big head," she explains. Which is good, considering she slyly admits to being somewhat like Destiny — "attitude-wise," she says with a giggle. "So [my family] wants to keep me down to earth, so I don't get like some other stars and act kind of spoiled."



Edmonds is adjusting to life as a celeb!

# ONE LIFE TO LIVE NEWS

## BO AND NORA KISS — FOR REAL

It's full-steam ahead for *One Life to Live*'s double wedding this week, despite the fact that Nora kisses her ex-husband — who also happens to be her fiancé's brother.

"I don't think she thinks this [marriage] is a mistake. She loves Clint," insists Hillary B. Smith (Nora).

"She's always felt things for Bo, but Bo doesn't have feelings for her," explains Smith. "She has asked for his forgiveness [regarding Matthew's paternity] many, many times over the course of the last 15 years, and he has never given it to her. Even on her deathbed in a train wreck, she asked for his forgiveness and he said no. As recently as a year ago, he said, 'I can never forgive you.' Nora said, 'You can forgive Lindsay for all of her heinous stuff, but you can't forgive me one thing.'"

Head writer Ron Carlivati chimes in: "In their minds, their relationship is over. They've moved on. It was Matthew's accident that sparked the beginning of this new connection that they have, and they've been trying to make up all these excuses instead of acknowledging what this actually is: real, romantic feelings for one another. She does love Clint, and Nora wants to marry Clint. And there's a part of her that says, 'I'm not going to let these residual feelings for my ex-husband ruin my relationship with Clint.'"

Smith is in agreement about Nora's feelings. "She can't imagine that Bo would ever feel anything for her, because he flat-out said that he would never," points out the actress. "She feels an equal footing with Clint. They forgive each other's foibles, where Bo just wouldn't. She wouldn't marry Clint if she didn't truly love him."

That said, though, the pre-wedding party is a disaster with a capital D. "The kids had a banner made and they open up the banner and it says, 'Congratulations, Viki and Clint, Nora and Bo,'" winces Smith. "Matthew arrives and has to be carried into the lodge, because it hasn't been made wheelchair accessible, and Nora feels awful about that because it's in front of his friend Destiny. Then the lights go out when they're giving a toast. Nora can't find Clint because Clint's gone off with Viki to go try and find candles."

So Nora starts looking for the person she knows she can depend on: Bo. "Nora realizes just how much she needs him there, how much she's come to count on him and how much she truly adores him. But still she thinks she's alone in [feeling] this," says Smith.

"It's a moment that we've been building to and anticipating. Nora is most conflicted, and it's a do-or-die time," adds Carlivati.

And to Nora's surprise, Bo picks "do" over "die." "It's beautiful, all moonlight and misty outside. He kisses her and she kisses him back, and they are in each other's arms and kissing like the old days. It's going to be worth the wait," previews Smith.

But the wedding is still scheduled for the next day — and someone sees the kiss. "It's a really interesting dilemma that's unfolding, and everyone's a good guy. You don't want anyone getting hurt here," assesses Smith.

"Will Bo stop the wedding? Will Nora stop the wedding? Will the person who saw the kiss stop the wedding?" wonders Carlivati.

Hold the rice!



## STACY: "I'M PREGNANT!"

Stacy orders in Gags and Rick that they're kidding all the while when she tells them she's pregnant.

"To say that Gags is kidding out the hard way is a complete understatement. That is the worst way she could have found out that she's pregnant," says Zach Park (Gags).

Indeed, if Stacy is pregnant, then Rick had better take over where he can't be. He's a coach, but did he know that? "What's worse, she says he's lying about it? 'It's never the lie,'" explains Park. "For a while, Gags suggested that they were kidding around. They were living together, for all she knew, they were sharing a bed. She walked in on them half-dressed. But Rick shows to her that he didn't sleep with Stacy. She knows that he did that [part] out of love because he just got Gags back."

Gags reacts emotionally and physically to the news. "It's too much for her to handle. She has trouble breathing, she hyper-ventilates," recounts Park. "There are a few tears, but it's mostly that she is so mad that he lied and that this is how she's finding out. It takes all she has not to strangle both of them. Instead, she vocalizes the agonies and tells them both to shut up and leave. Then she runs into Sawyer and tells her that he knew and didn't tell her."



So two guys in Gags' life have both let her down, and it's especially devastating. "That entire time, Rick has been trying to get ground at his feet for her number without ever stepping in his own and admitting that he did something wrong, as well," points out Park. "The confusion to things Gags and Gags takes the blame. But never once has he's wrong?"

## Double the brides, double the fun

A double wedding meant twice as many dresses for *OLTL*'s costume designer Susan Gammie. "I wanted a very soft, glowing, summery feel to the whole wedding. I wanted each of the brides to look appropriate for the occasion and appropriate to their situation," she says.

### THE BRIDES

Viki wears a champagne-colored dress custom-made for Enka (Slezak, Viki) by Rose Taft. Nora's blush pink, duchesse satin gown is by Pilar Rossi. "It is a dress in their line, but was custom-made for Hillary [B. Smith]," adds Gammie.

### THE BRIDAL PARTY

The three bridesmaids — Rachel, Jessica and Natalie — wear dresses by Nicole Miller. However, Gammie points out, they were not part of Miller's bridal line, but came from the designer's eveningwear collection. "I'm allergic to bridesmaid gowns. I like to look for dresses that are legitimate in their own right," she laughs.

### BLAIR, TODD AND TEA

Wedding crasher Blair wears a dress "clearly from another world. It's just so sharp." The dress was designed by Craig



Sigler from Miami. "It's the only cocktail dress, and the others have nothing to do with anything that the other women are wearing."

Todd wears a classic tan. "Each time one of our principals wears a tuxedo, we try to make it a little different from the fine hulas," Gammie explains. Gammie bought Tea's "withered dress" by Laundry of Lori & Taylor.

### DESTINY

Destiny's dress was bought at Anthropologie and was designed by Roma Gill. "I love the little macramé and stone details at the top of the dress," Gammie gins.



# WOW!



Anne Parsonnet (ex-Julia, *KTWT*) caught up with Judith Light (Dinah, *1011*) during her return, *DLFL* at the Williamstown Theatre Festival in Williamstown, Mass. Parsonnet — pop, she's pregnant — stars in a production of the new play *Killdeerhouse*, while Light's Corinne in *Jersey* debuts in early August.



Kevin Connolly (*Home*, *DLFL*) shared all his new babies and his younger son, Ian, with Julie Ewing, who is still an actress.



Jason Young (*1011*, *DLFL*) found his way at the Essex Country Club in Essex, Mass. Young, who is married to *DLFL*'s Julie Ewing, is a professional golfer.



*1011*'s Anne Peck (*Home*) and Julie Ewing (*Home*)'s son, Ian, who is still an actress, and her younger son, Kevin, who is still an actress.



Sean Kanan (*Home*, *1011*) got to meet three former *Home* actresses — Dinah Turner, Jacqueline, and Corinne — in their natural habitat, New Jersey, at the *DLFL* Fall Family Dinner event.



Sean Kanan (*Home*, *DLFL*) got to meet former *Home* actresses, who played *Home*'s *DLFL* cast, at the event.

## FOCUS ON...

# Sean Ringgold

By Lauren Flynn

At last year's OLTJ Fan Club luncheon, the crowd went wild for supporting player Sean Ringgold, who's been recurring as bodyguard-about-town Shaun since 2006. "They've been so supportive," he praises of his vocal fans. "I've been overwhelmed with the letters. I'm very humbled by the appreciation."

Starting out behind the scenes at BET, the 6-foot-3-inch former celebrity bodyguard says, "I became a TV personality by a fluke. They put me on BLAST [BET's video Web site] and my nickname was 'Big Head.' From there I started getting on camera and dancing, acting a fool with no sense, and one thing led to another." After appearing in several music videos, he decided to seriously pursue acting, got himself some headshots and booked a Burger King commercial, where he met future co-star Tobias Truvillion (ex-Vincent).

The part of Vincent's bodyguard, Shaun, started out as an under-five; three years later, Shaun has worked for both Todd and Blair and even been given a sister and a brother. "I'm grate-



(Shaun, ONE LIFE TO LIVE)

### JUST THE FACTS

**Birthday:** 11/3 **Hails From:** Rockaway Beach, NY **Ready To Mingle:** Ringgold is currently single. "I'm busy trying to stay in the gym, I flirt here and there and I just keep on staying focused because I don't want to get distract-

ed at this point in my career." **Keepin' It Real:** Ringgold portrayed troubled record exec Suge Knight in this year's *Notorious*. **Working Man:** His prior professions include construction, car sales and marketing. **Hobby Shop:** In his spare time,

he rebuilds motorcycles and sells them. He also enjoys trap shooting and a good cigar. **Flick Pick:** "Shawshank Redemption is one of my favorite movies, and one of my new favorites is *The Bucket List*. Oh, my God, it brought me to tears."



He Said, She Said: As Vincent's (Tobias Truvillion) bodyguard on OLTJ, Shaun often acted as the middleman between him and Lyla (Tika Sumpter).

ful," he smiles. "I really enjoy going to work. I feel very comfortable when I'm there and it's not often when you can work in an environment where every-

**Friends Hit Fooz:** Ringgold got along with co-stars Jamal Woolard (J) and Derek Luke, who played his rivals in *Notorious*.



body's pretty comfortable and there's laughter and there's joy. Some things you just know that you're destined to do. Before BET, I was just a hardworking guy.

This business chose me. I never thought that I'd see myself in front of a camera and then it just happened and here I am." □

### Did You Know?

- Ringgold is a three-time New York State Arm Wrestling champion.
- He appeared as a club security guard on *GOSSIP GIRL*.
- He has the word "tamara" tattooed on his right arm.

# Rockaway Actor Keynote Speaker

Sean Ringgold, Rockaway resident, star of the box office hit hip-hop movie "Notorious" and actor on "One Life to Live," pictured here with Frederica Williams, president and CEO of Whittier Street Health Center. Ringgold was the recent keynote speaker at Whittier Street's 6th Annual Men's Health Summit in Boston, MA, which was attended by more than 400 people. Whittier Street Health Center is the largest and oldest community health center in Roxbury, MA, providing health care and social services to nearly 12,000 individuals from 20 different countries each year.



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All the latest comings and goings!

**OLTL** cont'd

## Paging Dr. Evans!

**IN** Terrell Tilford (ex-David, GUIDING LIGHT) makes his debut as Dr. Greg Evans on Tuesday, June 23. But don't expect Shaun and Destiny's brother to get a warm welcome! "Destiny idolizes her brother, but Shaun is really afraid that he's going to hurt her," headwriter Ron Carlivati reveals. "There's some bad blood between these brothers." But that doesn't stop Rachel from planting herself right in the



"There are a lot of reasons why Shaun doesn't want his brother in town!" previews Carlivati of Destiny's other brother, Greg!

middle of the feud! "She started dating Shaun, very casually... and now, all of a sudden, this tall, dark and handsome doctor that Shaun

doesn't like comes into the mix." Will she be pulled under his mysterious spell? "You'll have to see where it goes!" the scribe teases.

## **AMC** JR Sees Dead People!

**IN** ALL MY CHILDREN'S Amanda Baker graces daytime screens once more when she appears as a ghostly Babe on Monday, June 29. Could the heavenly Babe's arrival in David and JR's lives mean that they'll finally choose to do the right thing? Let's keep it real here: Probably not!

Don't worry if Babe's looking a little pale these days...



# ONE LIFE TO LIVE NEWS



## Will Starr send Todd to prison?

Starr holds her father's fate in her hands this week, and it terrifies her.

"Nora wants to charge Todd with the murder of the baby, because he hired Leah Joplin to take the baby out of the NICU," explains Kristen Alderson (Starr). "And because that happened, the baby died in the room. It's a whole new charge."

A charge that could put Todd away for life. And Nora's prime witness against Todd is Starr, who recently learned the details of her father's ill-fated plan.

Lea tries to sway Starr, and does so by playing a very, very risky card. "Ita shows up and she's being all sweet to her Starr's not falling for that. I'm smart. I know you are my dad's lawyer and I know you are just trying to change my mind," recounts Alderson. "She plainly tells Starr that her dad tried to commit suicide. So Starr has a whole new bag of guilt to think about."

As Starr is pondering what to say on the stand, the other man in Starr's life — Cole — is also causing Starr some stress and heartache.

"Starr is dreading that Cole is doing drugs," sighs Alderson. "She loves him so much and has been hoping this whole time that there was a chance that they could get back together. Just when they seem to be coping with everything and working as a team to face all their challenges at school he starts to do drugs. Starr is trying her best to stop him."

Poor Starr: Her plate so full, she probably never gets to do normal high school student things like her homework. "She's never going to get into college," laughs Alderson.

Forget college: this student has to get on the stand.



## A Closer Look: Matthew

Matthew is a high school senior and that means one thing for Nora and Brandon: Todd Alderson just asked a contract with the shop, and shows a little about what's in store.

WEEKLY: So Matthew is now talking back to his parents and dancing around drugs. What's it like to have this big storyline?

ALDERSON: It's definitely different, it's not Matthew. I like that he's different than his usual self.

WEEKLY: This could be the way he's going to be for a while, he's growing up.

ALDERSON: Yeah, he's only a freshman. I can only imagine what he's going to be like as a senior.

WEEKLY: Even though your character recently said to his parents, "Well, I'm short," it looks like you're actually growing a couple inches.

ALDERSON: Yeah, it was crazy. In October I was the same height as Kristin [Alderson, Starr], and now I'm 2 or 3 inches taller.

WEEKLY: So how hard has it been for Matthew to be in high school?

ALDERSON: It's definitely a new experience for him, because he's used to be the same friends and now that he goes to high school, kids are different, he has to make all new friends, but he does have Cole and

Leah and Langston and Matthew here, so that definitely helps.

WEEKLY: Is Matthew aware of all the jobs Cole has been prepping?

ALDERSON: He knows that he's been taking them because of the situation he's in, but I don't think Matthew knows that Cole's becoming addicted.

WEEKLY: And he himself has not tried any drugs yet.

ALDERSON: No, he's not, but he got stopped.

WEEKLY: Are Nora and he all over him?

ALDERSON: They are definitely on his back a lot, and Matthew really needs to watch himself because he's going to get caught and get in some serious trouble if he keeps it up.

WEEKLY: Did you have fun doing the recent scene in which Matthew was at odds with Nora and he over drugs?

ALDERSON: I kept saying to Bob [Wood, Bob] and Kelly [B. Smith, Nora], "This isn't me, you know me — I would never yell at you." When I yell at Bob and



By Gabrielle Wolff

I yell, "I hate you so much," it's awful.

WEEKLY: Have you gotten the same "Just say no" talk from your mom, dad or sister?

ALDERSON: Not really, but they basically just expect me to know, and I know [drugs are] never the way to go.

WEEKLY: Have you and Brandon Buddy [Cole] talked about the storyline?

ALDERSON: We hang out all the time and talk about what's going

on in Cole's and Matthew's heads, and the relationship and what we expect to happen.

WEEKLY: What can you tell me about Matthew's girlfriend, Becca? This is the first time you've had to portray a romance, right?

ALDERSON: Yes, it is. We've taped a high school scene, so it's a lot of them going on there. You'll have to watch.

WEEKLY: And will there be any big bag going on?

ALDERSON: Hmm, I don't know, maybe [laughs].

## B.I.G. roles for Ringgold

So far, 2008 is turning into a banner year for Sean Ringgold (Shaun). Notorious, the biopic of rapper Christopher "Biggie Smalls" Wallace, a.k.a. The Notorious B.I.G., has just opened in theaters. Ringgold plays record producer Suge Knight in the movie produced by Sean Combs.

"I'm so blessed to be a part of historic film," beams Ringgold. "I pulled up as much YouTube footage as possible on Suge Knight, and bought tons of DVDs that talked about his uprising and his record company that started with Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg."

The role of the aggressive producer allowed Ringgold to loosen up a bit from the role of OCL's Shaun, and from his role as a real-life bodyguard who has done security for many high-profile clients. "I was able to let go in this role. It was easy to be the bad guy," notes Ringgold. "When I'm doing secur-

ity for clients, people will push me and really tick me off. I have to be very calm, collected and use verbal judo on them to defuse the situation."

Ringgold lists Queen Latifah as well as Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes (ex-Joey, Dawson's Creek) — plus little Sari — as some of the celebrities he has done security for. In fact, he just finished a three-month stint for the Cruises on Jan. 11, when Holmes ended her run in *All My Sons* on Broadway. Just mention the actress, and Ringgold lights up.

"I've got to be honest with you — and it's not because they are the Cruises — she has been the best client to work for; the most respectful, the most polite," raves Ringgold. "She is by far the sweetest person. I've never worked with clients who are so nice, who are always saying, 'Thank you,' and it only makes you want to work hard for them."

Speaking of working hard, one of the

toughest parts of working celeb security is the paparazzi. "They have a job to do. Sometimes they can be overbearing, but I've learned to create a good relationship with them. I treat them like human beings," says Ringgold. "When I ask them for a favor — 'Please don't bother us, leave us alone; we want some private time' — they do so. The relationship with the paparazzi and security has been really good, for the most part."

Guarding the Cruises has taught Ringgold a lot. "Working with them has been like an internship at the No. 1 university; it's like going to Harvard in work ethics and acting. Just being around them for so long has tremendously helped my career with decision-making, on knowing what to do and when to do it. They are the hardest-working people I've ever met in my life. I've worked 15- to 22-hour days, I've done 80- to 95-hour weeks for three

months straight, if I'm there, working those hours, it means these people are doing it, too."

As for when he will be back working some hours in *Lantern*: "I just got a call for eight dates in February," says Ringgold. "I'm very grateful for OCL, because they really gave me the opportunity I needed to step out to film and to other TV shows. You really have to be in good with soap operas. They work at a very fast pace; not like films, which are slow. It has been an incredible training experience. I've met a lot of great people at OCL [and] I still have relationships with, even when I'm not there all the time."



Ringgold (center) with Amber Rose (left), Jennifer Westfield (Christopher Wallace, left), and Frank Lake (Sean Combs).



# Angelina has A RIGHT TO WORRY

Celebrity bodyguards have a history of revealing all



## BRITNEY'S BODYGUARD ALLEGED DRUG USE

When Britney Spears was going through her custody battle with ex-husband Kevin Federline, her fired former bodyguard Tony Barretto was called to testify about "issues of nudity, drug use and safety issues" involving her sons, Sean and Jayden.



## LINDSAY'S BODYGUARD TIPPED HER FAMILY

Tony Almeida worked for Lindsay Lohan from age 15 to 18 — and spoke out about her dysfunctional parents, Michael and Dina, after he quit. "She dealt with her father's physical and emotional abuse, as well as her mother's drinking," he told *In Touch*.

## BEING A BODYGUARD ISN'T AN EASY JOB

**W**hile it can be exciting to protect the rich and famous, Harold Copus, a security consultant for high-profile celebrity clients like Dr. Phil McGraw, tells *In Touch*, "You have no life. It's not for the

weak of heart." Copus adds that the job can be awkward, especially when the star involves the bodyguard in private family matters. "But you have to stay by the client no matter what," he explains.

### PROS

- The travel. Celebrities take their bodyguards to the world's ritziest places.
- The contacts. "You get to meet interesting, great people," Copus reveals.
- It's rewarding. "After at the end of the day, nothing happens," he adds.

### CONS

- The downtime. The job is "99 percent boredom and 1 percent terror," Copus says.
- Being asked to "fetch" things. "I had to explain that I'm not a servant," he adds.
- No freedom. Your personal life suffers because you're often on duty 24 hours a day.



# AMC & OLTL 2008



## Justis Bolding

### Fan Event

Adoring fans of OLTL's Sarah got the lowdown on everything from Cristian to Tim while chilling at portrayer Justis Bolding's event at NYC's club Prohibition.

### Guest List

AMC's Denise Vasi (Randi), plus heartthrobs Brandon Buddy (Cole) and Jason Tam (Markko)



Buddy gave the thumbs-up to actor chats.



Bolding gave every fan plenty of attention!



Buddy's brother, Pauly, got star treatment.

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## Meet And Greet Sean Ringgold

Sean Ringgold isn't a fan favorite for nothing: The super-friendly OLTL actor wowed the crowd with his humor at club Prohibition — and pumped everyone up for future Shaun story!

### Guest List

GUIDING LIGHT's Lawrence Saint-Victor (Remy)



Hangin' with these dudes is always a fly time!

If they weren't so hot, they'd be cool.



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# OnTheTown

Your ABC stars caught in the act!

## THE BIG 1-0

*Kristen Alderson (Starr) celebrates a decade on ONE LIFE TO LIVE.*



Alderson made sure mom Kathy was there to celebrate. "We are such a normal family, and I have my mom to thank for that," the actress said.



▲ Pals Sean Ringgold (Shaun) and Brittany Underwood (Langston) joined the party at New York's Prohibition.



◀ "The cast and crew is like my second family," said the woman of the hour, here with co-stars Underwood, Kathy Brier (Marcie), Brandon Buddy (Cole) and Jason Tam (Markko).



Wisteria Lane will thin out a little bit while Watkins is away.

## OLTL A Return For David!

**IN** When David walked out of Llanview last December, it appeared that the funnyman would be gone for a while. But OLTL confirms that Tuc Watkins will be back as Asa's unknowing son in the very near future!

The In Depth Story: Watkins, who last popped up in early November, has been busy with his prime-time role on *DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES* as Bob Hunter, one half of the nabe's new gay couple.

Watkins first played wisecracking grifter David from 1994-'96, returning for stints since 2001. David is currently unaware that he is Asa's illegitimate son, an honor Jared has falsely claimed as his own. While an air date for Watkins or length of stay wasn't available at press time, an insider reports that the reprise could run for numerous episodes during May Sweeps and that the show

might also push for Watkins to come back for a longer period when *HOUSEWIVES* stops production for the summer.

"I empathize with you," the actor told *In Depth* about his constant entrances and exits from OLTL. "It's not easy to consistently come up with, 'Oh, boy, he's coming back again? I've got to come up with another headline. Why doesn't he just stick around or leave forever?'"

## Suge Role For Sean!

**PSST!** Sean Ringgold (Shaun) has been cast as mogul Marion

"Suge" Knight, co-founder and CEO of Death Row Records, in the big-screen biopic, *Notorious*, about rapper Biggie Smalls aka The Notorious B.I.G. (Christopher Wallace). Starring alongside Ringgold will be Angela Bassett as Biggie's mother, Voletta Wallace, Derek Luke as Sean Combs, Anthony Mackie as Tupac Shakur and rapper Jamal "Gravy" Woolard as the title character, who was killed in March 1997 in a drive-by shooting thought to be related to a feud between East Coast and West Coast hip-hop artists. The film is scheduled for a 2009 release. Ringgold is still on recurring status with OLTL, and setsiders claim that filming the movie won't affect his role with the soap.



Fans can expect a good Knight out of Ringgold.

(Turn the page for more Ins & Outs!)

## BEYOND The SEA

■ When BethAnn Bonner (*Talk*) declares that Sean Ringgold (*Shaw*) is "hands down, one of the best people in the entire universe," she gives you plenty of proof. For example, there was the time that the actor invited Bonner and a friend to Far Rockaway, Queens, for a little surfing. "He picked us up from the subway," she recalls, "took us to get rental surfboards, took us to the beach and went swimming with my friend. Then he drove us all the way back into the city late at night." But Bonner couldn't partake in any of the

watery fun. "I don't surf," she confesses. "I'm a horrible swimmer." And what did Bonner, who sat on the beach with her dog, Lulu, do while Ringgold and her friend rode the waves? "I watched them, of course," she laughs. "I'm an excellent watcher!"



When it comes to swimming, Bonner remains wet behind the ears.

### INSPIRATION

Bonner appeared on educational video for Maxwell Publications after she graduated from college in Boston.

## HONKY TONK Girl

■ Not only does Kasey DelPerna (*Shirley*) want her love to call up "their local country station" and request her single "Too Little," from her 2007 CD, *I Want To Love You*, she even had the questions that they should be asking: "Could you play it?" she asks. "And 'Could you play it more often?' Because that's how it all works. It's at a grassroots level and is primarily played at stations down in the south... and if you haven't picked the album up, go out and pick it up!" Such artist initiative brings to mind success from the 1980s pop, *Coal Miner's Daughter*, which netted star Loretta Lynn an Academy Award for Best Actress. "It's funny," DelPerna considers. "Because I feel like I am doing with grassroots radio what [Lynn's character] Loretta Lynn did when she drove from station to station, except now we have MP3 and the Internet." The stations are also doing plenty of "big little giveaways," but there was an even deeper level of interaction involved with her CD single. "I asked fans to create their own 'Too Little' videos for a contest," she says. "That was fun, and some of them were hilarious!"



The radio station request for "Too Little" would never be too late.

# A Call To Arms

By Sean Sullivan

**O**n Sunday, August 10, the New York Arm Wrestling Association hosted the 26th Annual Queensboro Arm Wrestling Championships, sponsored by White Castle, on the boardwalk at Rockaway Beach. The competition was divided into several weight classes. Women were placed into one open weight class. ABC-TV Sports and the Discovery Channel covered the event for television. Queens was well represented with participants hailing from Corona, Far Rockaway, Rockaway Park, Whitestone, Elmhurst, Belle Harbor, Maspeth, College Point and Rockaway. All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners became eligible to compete in the Empire State games on November 13 at the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Manhattan.

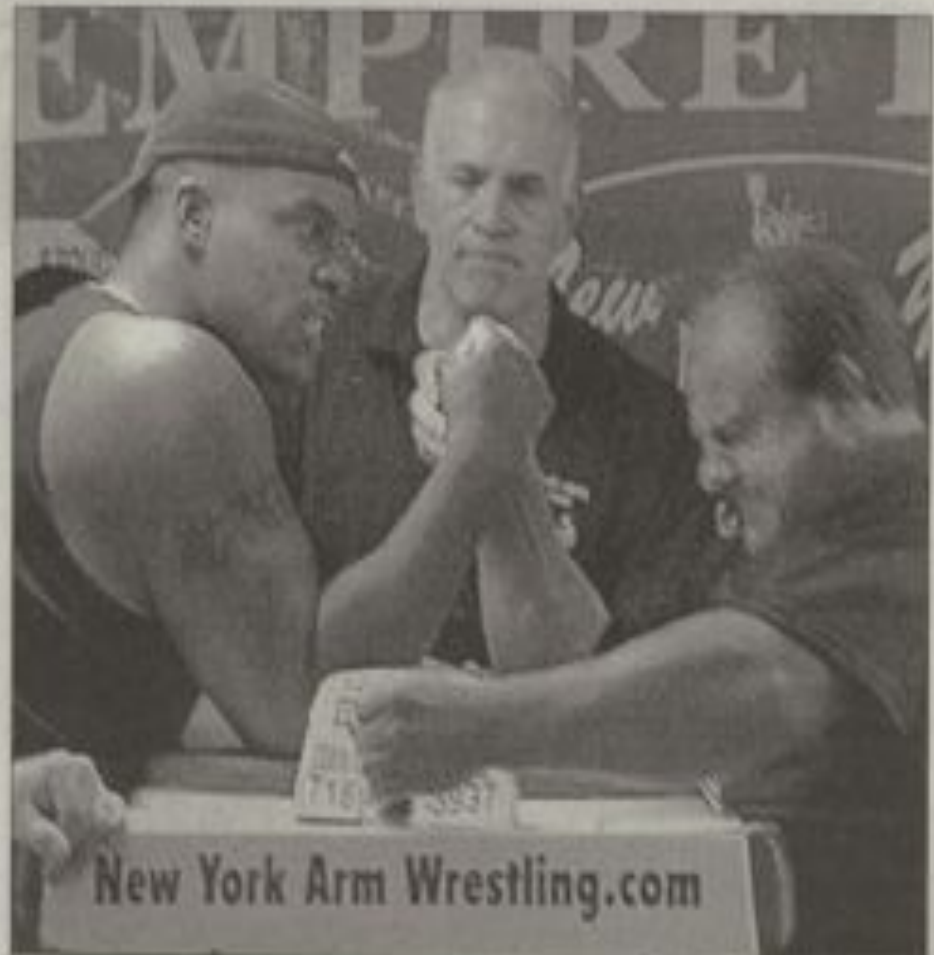
The phenomenal 6'9", 280 lb. Sean Ringgold, nicknamed "Rockaway Flash," returned to retain his crown, and that he did, winning 1st place in the Super Heavy open weight class with both hands, earning an Arm-Star award for the third year in a row.

Ringgold's introduction to the world of arm wrestling happened by chance. He had been a beach lifeguard for six years and one day at work noticed an arm wrestling competition going on nearby. He signed up to participate and quickly real-

ized his natural ability for the sport. Prior to that moment, his only knowledge of arm wrestling came from watching the 1987 classic, "Over The Top." In his first match of the day, Ringgold lost for the first time ever to Richard Calero from the Bronx. Ringgold vehemently claimed he was not ready when the referee started the match. He also was a bit surprised it was contested left-handed. He regrouped, and won every subsequent match of the day.

One of the best arm wrestlers in the country, Michael Selearis, of Elmhurst, did not compete, but he was present as a referee, giving him a chance to watch over his students who competed. Selearis is a wrestling coach for Newtown HS. His students competed in the Junior New York Arm Wrestling Championships. Argun Naggal and Shaun Velazquez are among the team members who became Junior champions. Velazquez arm wrestled his way to 2nd place in the 150-lb. class on Sunday.

There was a plethora of talent in this competition, with many participants coming in with impressive backgrounds. Shervin Espinal, of Brooklyn, a four-time borough champion and Empire State champion, placed 1st in the 150-lb. class. Harry Wilson, also of Brooklyn, a 17-time borough champion, won 1st place in the



Sean Ringgold, left, nicknamed "Rockaway Flash," won 1st place in the Super Heavy open weight class. Ringgold stands 6'5" and weighs 280 pounds.

175-lb. class with both hands.

Shaun Freeman, a Bronxboro champion of Maspeth, was another standout. He went undefeated until he faced Sean Ringgold. Ringgold was vocal in victory, shouting, "It's over baby," to conclude their final match, leaving Freeman with

2nd place in the Super Heavy class with both hands.

The next arm wrestling competition will be held August 23 in Old Westbury, Long Island.

For more information about the NYAMA, visit [www.newyorkarmwrestling.com](http://www.newyorkarmwrestling.com).

# The 'Rockaway Flash' Crowned NY's Strongest Arm

Rockaway resident Sean Ringgold, 6'5" and 280 pounds, was billed as The "Rockaway Flash" for his uncanny ability to "flash pin" (win in a second) against all comers in both the right and left hand Super Heavy Weight Empire State Championships on October 10.

This is NYC's oldest and most prestigious amateur contest of its kind. The Empire State Golden Arm Tournament of Champions XXV was held at the Empire State Building Observatory's sky lobby, marking a twenty-fifth anniversary. Major World Used Car Superstore was the proud sponsor of the Empire State Finals.

Ringgold put on an impressive display of brute strength in the deciding matches when technique most time

carries more weight. The employee of BET (Black Entertainment Television) was further crowned with the "Arm-Star Award" for winning with both arms, and then he took on all first place winners and captured the days Strongest Man - MVP Award.

Earlier this summer, Ringgold qualified for this event because he entered and won the 'Queensboro' Championship, which is one of the 10 preliminary events held for men and women in each of the five NYC boroughs, Long Island (LI) and Upstate New York as part of the New York Golden Arm Series sponsored by the New York Arm Wrestling Association (NYAWA).

At the finals Ringgold was challenged as a lefty by second place finisher Edwin Safarian of Bayside, a Hunter College student and last year's 200 pounds and under Empire State Champion. Dan Fortuna of the "Amazing Fortuna Arm-Wrestling Family" from Wading River, LI took third. Fortuna's wife Dina and daughter Amanda were also medal winners.

In the right-handed Super Heavy Championship it was Eric Russell of Wappinger Falls, NY, taking second place and Krystof Perka of Edgewood, Queens, who took third to Ringgold.

In the 200-pound heavyweight class, Dan Scresse of West Islip, LI, a multi-borough champion of the preliminary tournaments and former MVP over-

Flushing High School, made fast work of the field, leaving Chris Sciarappa of Seymour, CT in second place and Floyd Ryder of Bristol, CT in third. Yak was the NYAWA's NYC Junior

Arm Wrestling Champion this year. The NYC Junior Team Champions from Newtown High School in Queens also competed, but went home disappointed without anyone winning a medal.

Dina Fortuna, who with her family is building an arm wrestling dynasty, was named the female MVP after defeating Carrie Wilson

of Milford, CT (second place) and Kim Dykstra of Brooklyn (third) in the open weight class. Then Fortuna went on to beat Christine Scheurich, a one-time 11 years in a row NYC Champion and long-time dominating presence, which had only competed twice in the past two years. Scheurich was off her best form but still prevailed in the lighter 135-pound women's class against Dina's daughter Amanda, another arm wrestling star who won seven championships in the last two years. Amanda had to settle for second place and Melanoe Ovallos of the Bronx third place.

In the Masters Men's Class (age 45 and over), NYC Parks Department employee Michael Degraffenreid of Ozone Park defeated Bob Spieler of Brooklyn and Augustin Gonzalez of the Bronx, who were second and third place winners. Gonzalez, at age 75 was

Champion this year by outlasting younger men in the 60 plus age category.

Queens won the Team Award title again in a landslide, when points for each of the individual contest winners were tallied by place of residence. Long Island came in second, and the Bronx third.

For all titles, a 3-inch Olympic style medal was awarded, and plaques were given for the special honors. Major World's President Bruce Bendell was delayed in traffic and couldn't present the awards as planned.

Gene Camp, founder and president of the 25-year old NYAWA, described the Finals as "One of the best events ever and displaying the flash and individualism of very diverse competitors who are always surprising us with major upsets."

The NYAWA will hold the NYC Big Apple Grapple XXVI ALL PRO Championships on Saturday, March 22, 2003, at the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum. This event will feature NYC's King and Queen of Arms and the best pro arm wrestlers in the world.



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issued a statement shortly after the Times piece hit the newsstands.

Expressing its "outrage" over the article, Captain John Derrah, the president of the association said, "This article focuses on so-call new information attributed to unnamed investigators that suggests First Officer Sten Molin's performance somehow led to the Flight 587 accident. To reach any conclusions about the cause of this accident until the NTSB board has concluded its investigation is premature and inappropriate."

Derrah noted that the pilot who had provided the negative information about Molin had flown with him almost six years ago and then for a total of only six flights.

"The NTSB also has testimony from the flight engineers on those flights

## Drops 225 Students

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from the school Parent Association (PA) traveled to Manhattan to meet with the Chancellor about the problem. There was no indication at press time as to what came from that meeting. The PA will hold a special meeting to address the letters on October 28 at 8 p.m. in the school's auditorium.

Acting under Department of Education orders, neither Hult nor John Lee, the Superintendent of Queens High Schools, was allowed to

# The Man With The Golden Grip

*Sean Ringgold of Rockaway Beach defends his arm wrestling title Sunday*

By Joe Whalen

The best super heavyweight arm wrestler in Queens showed up last summer from out of nowhere.

Sean Ringgold, 24, an executive and dignitary protection expert who worked for five years as a lifeguard on the beach at 117 St., took his camcorder down to the water one day last August to videotape some of his former colleagues in action. But a minor detour would lead to a major distinction.

"I saw these guys on the beach, and they were arm wrestling," said Ringgold, a life-long resident of Rockaway Beach. "So I just signed up -- and then started beating every guy who went up against me."

Ringgold, the New York Arm Wrestling Association's reigning Queensboro super heavyweight champion, will defend his crown Sunday at the 25th annual Queensboro Celebration Championships on the Rockaway Beach boardwalk. Last year, in Ringgold's first tournament, he flash-pinned five consecutive opponents to win the title.

"I've been in this business for 25 years and I had never even heard of this guy," said Gene Camp, NYAWA founder and president. "He flash-pinned everybody, right to the pad. Boom, boom, boom. Not an inch of struggle. This guy is amazing. He's an unbelievable super heavyweight champion. He's an arm wrestler's dream."

Ringgold can use his strength in either arm to defeat an opponent. Shortly after his debut, he won a tournament in Coney Island for left-handers.

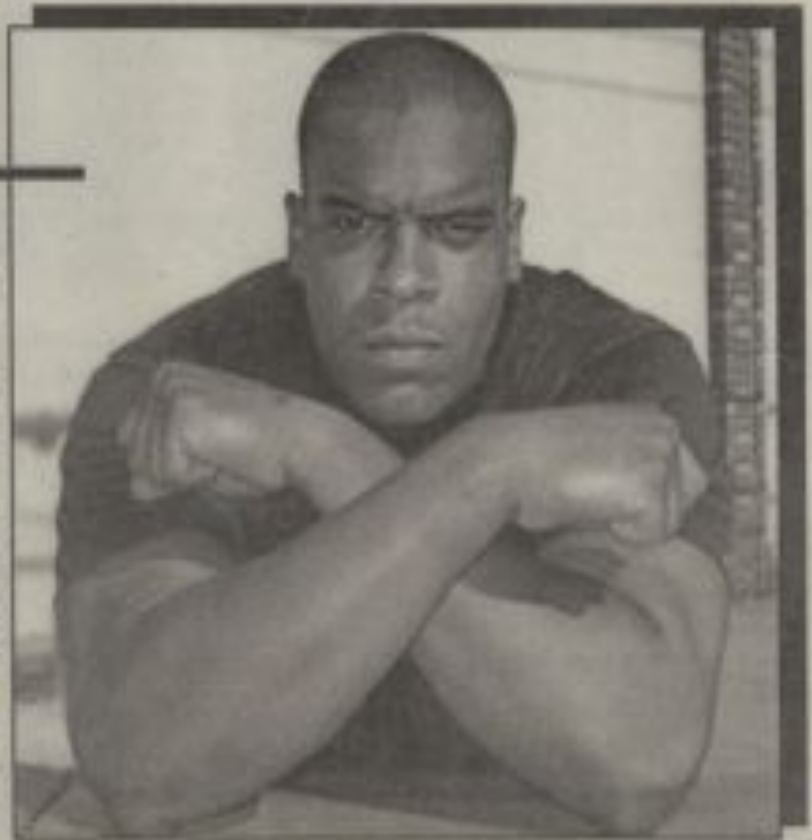
"I can beat guys with the right, or with the left hand," Ringgold said. "But my strongest is my right."

A 1997 graduate of Queens Vocational Tech High, Ringgold skis, surfs, swims and rides mountain bikes to have fun and stay in good physical shape. But he arm wrestles to fulfill a much more profound purpose.

"It allows me to let go of my power in a professional manner," he said. "A lot of times, in the security business, people test my patience. But when I get on the arm wrestling scene, I get to let loose the rage that I have to hold in for so long. I picture all the people who have tested me, and then I pound my opponent's arm through the floor."

Ringgold failed to show up for last year's citywide championship because of work obligations. But this time around he has different plans.

"I promise you that I will win Sunday," Ringgold said. "It's a done deal. I'm going to bury them. And then I'll take it to the next level -- and take care of business."



Arm wrestler Sean Ringgold is unbeaten with either hand.