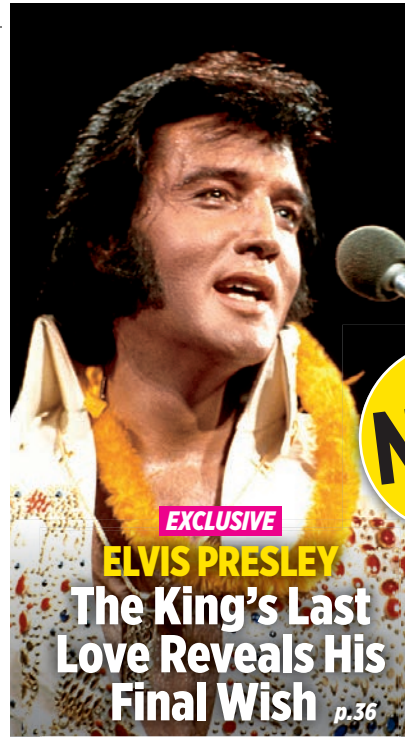


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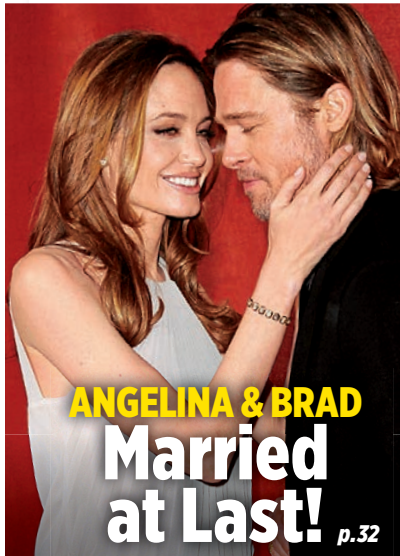


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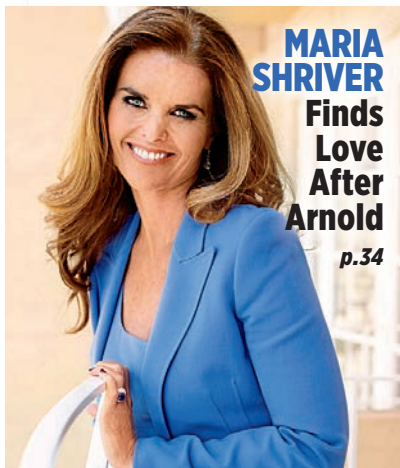
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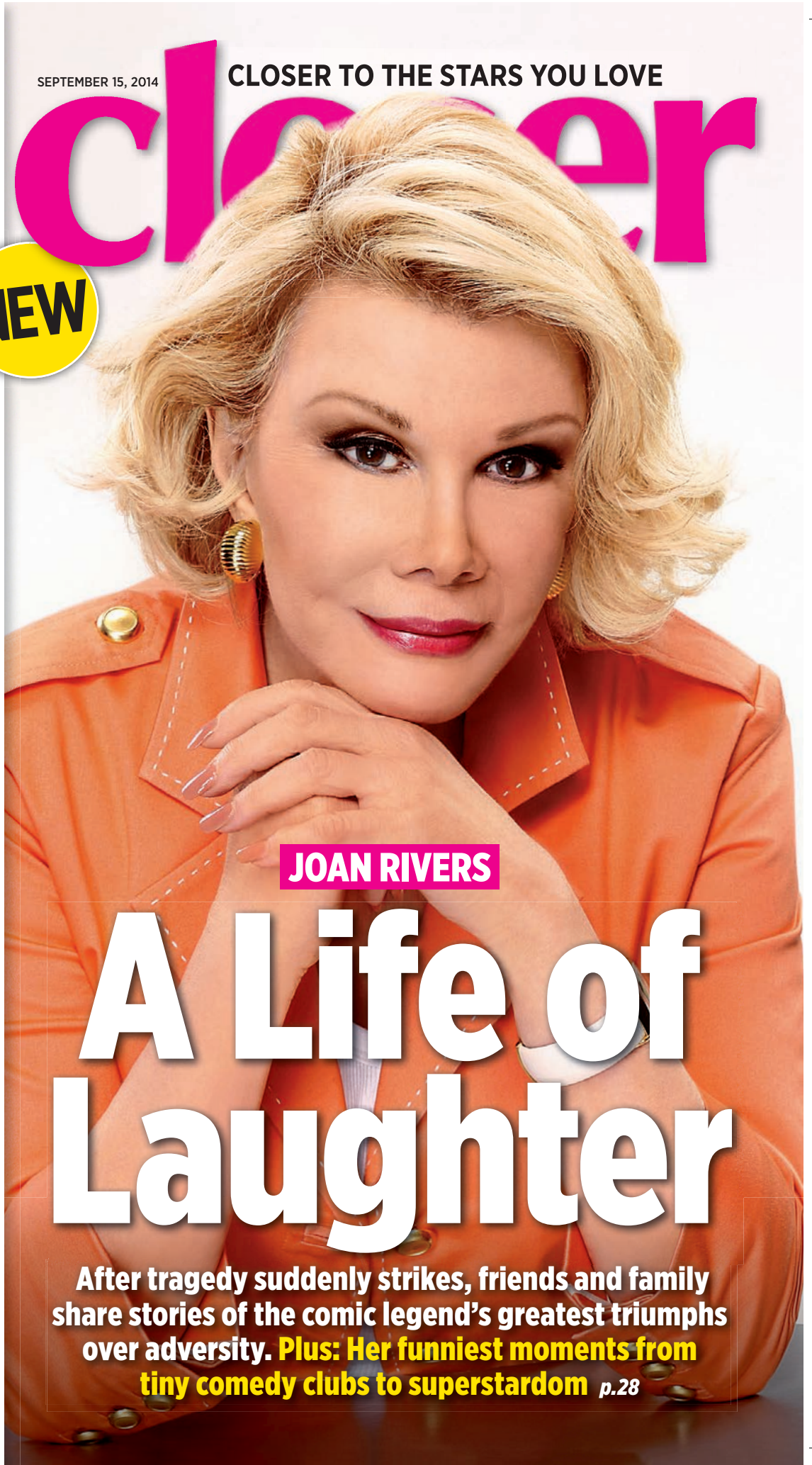
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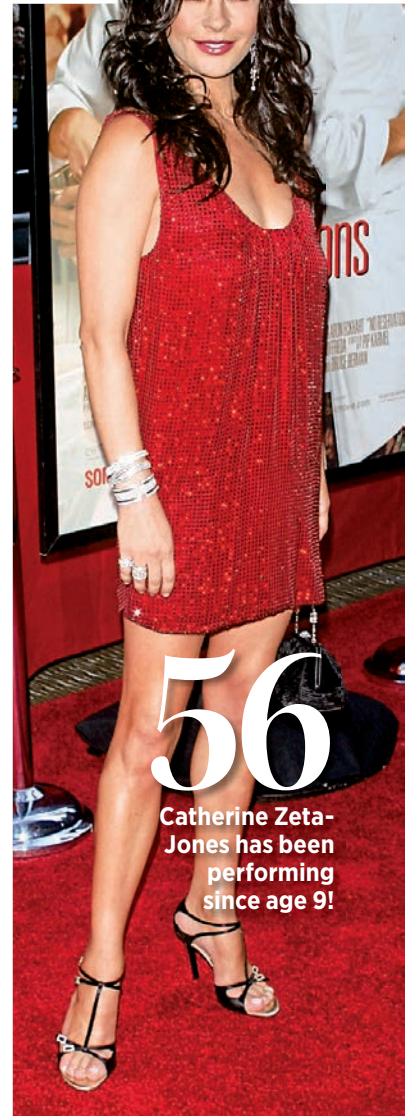
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GLADYS KNIGHT EXCLUSIVE

‘PEOPLE THINK THEY KNOW ME, BUT THEY’D BE SURPRISED!’

The legendary Motown singer has been making music for five decades — but she’s not afraid to sing a different tune

Her smooth but powerful vocals fueled classic hits like “Midnight Train to Georgia” and “Neither One of Us (Wants to Be the First to Say Goodbye)” and have earned Gladys Knight the title of the Empress of Soul — but R&B music is not the singer’s only passion. At 70, Gladys is marking a big return to a genre that truly inspires her, even though it might catch some fans off-guard. “People may be surprised to know I just recorded another gospel album,” the famed singer tells *Closer* of her new CD, *Where My Heart Belongs*, which comes out Sept. 9. “But I’ve been doing gospel music my whole life. I’ve always done it! In actuality, every one of my albums with the Pips had a gospel song on it,” reveals the singer, who began performing in church at the age of 4. And she hasn’t stopped entertaining everyone around her since.

—Reporting by Steve Gidlow

You say some people may be surprised you’ve recorded a gospel album, but since you’ve done a few already, how is this one different?

I’ve done three albums with my choir, *One Voice*, but this one is totally mine. I have a little studio in my house and we brought everyone in. It

was an amazing, wonderfully spiritual project.

What else might your fans not know about you?

My husband and I just bought a school [in North Carolina]. It won’t be a curriculum school, but it’ll be more for mentoring and self-involvement.

“I’ve not been a perfect person. I’m working on me all the time.”

ment. We’ll probably have a studio there and teach technology and stuff.

You’ve been acting on and off for years, too, which some people aren’t familiar with.

Yes! I’m doing a movie right now called *Seasons of Love*. It’s a love story due out around Christmas that will air on the Lifetime network.

Do you enjoy acting?

I do, because I learn something new every time, like how to bring out

emotions with just word and actions, and not music, which is what I’m familiar with. With this project, maybe because the story is so touching, I feel like I’m doing better.

Well, you’re certainly keeping busy. How do you relax?

I love my tennis! People will tell you that if I’m not singing, I’ll be out there playing tennis. I also like playing golf.

We’re glad you get some downtime! Is your career still managed by your family members?

My son and my daughter used to manage me. They grew up traveling with me. When they grew up, they said, “Mom, we’ve been on the road most of our lives. We can manage you.” I said, “You’re not managing my money until you go to school!” [Laughs]

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GLADYS' GREAT LOVES



William McDowell, whom Gladys wed in 2001, "has so many gifts," she raves. It's her fourth but longest lasting marriage.



Lights, camera, Gladys! The singer takes a break from filming *Seasons of Love* with co-star LeToya Luckett.



NEW & NOTABLE

"It turned out so unique," Gladys says of her new gospel CD, *Where My Heart Belongs*. "I hope everyone likes it!"



Heart TO HEART

So you made them go to college?

Yes! When they graduated, they teamed up to manage me — and did a great job, too. Then my son passed away [James Newton died of natural causes in 1999 at age 35] and my daughter was bitten by a tick and was sick for three years. We almost lost her, too, it was that deadly. During that time, I got married and was blessed that my husband has management skills.

How did you survive your son's sudden death?

Only by the power of the Lord. The movie I'm doing has the element of loss in it. And the message that you have to move on with your life after an experience like that. Filming some scenes was hard because I had to pull all of those memories back and relive things.

Having your husband step up to manage you must have been a comfort. Had you known him for a long time?

I'd known him for 30 years before we were married. Sometimes that's just the way love is. It can be right in front of your face. He started helping my daughter manage me until she couldn't do it anymore. So by proxy,

“I've always respected my fans. When they talk to people about me, I want to be somebody that they can hold up.”

he became my manager. He's been doing it ever since.

Does being a grandmother help you cope at all with your loss?

It's a blessing. When my son passed away, he left five kids and all of them came to us. Now I have 17 grandkids. And six great-grandchildren! It's the most joyful experience.

Do you spoil them?

Yes! They call me Grandma Poppy. They hang all over my husband, who is the quintessential grandpa. My husband's just a little boy at heart and I'm sure that's why they cling to him. He's into cars, riding bikes, playing basketball — all that stuff. He's just the perfect grandfather.

Do your grandkids keep you young?

Absolutely. They're always saying “Poppy, you need these shoes,” or “Poppy, you should wear this dress.”

My husband, too. He brings all the “now” fashions to me since I'm really not a fashionista. I'd just as soon put on an old hat and a regular pair of pants. But he'll say, “Oh no, babe. You need to put some lipstick on.” [Laughs]

You've been too busy working to be a fashionista!

I do like dressing up, but there was a time I didn't care. I was 17 when I had my first child. I had babies and was working at the same time, so I gave all my care and attention to the kids. I actually worked three shows the night before I had my daughter! I was on the road with the Pips. I wasn't thinking about the clothes.

So is that your secret fountain of youth? Just never stop working?

Well, after I got married, I got fat and happy. [Laughs] My husband is naturally fit but he never complained about my size. I didn't even realize

GLADYS IS AN ALL-AROUND ENTERTAINER



A STAR IS BORN, 1952

At age 8, Gladys won the \$2,000 first prize on *The Original Amateur Hour*, where she sang Nat King Cole's “Too Young.”

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A PIP IN HER STEP, 1966

“The Pips — they didn't let me dance,” Gladys jokes. “I used to learn all the routines, but when it came down to doing it, they said, ‘You strut, the Pips dance!’”

FUNNY BUSINESS, 1985

Gladys teamed up with comedian Flip Wilson for CBS' short-lived blue-collar comedy *Charlie & Co.*

how big I had gotten; he just loved me like I was. But when I started saying that I couldn't breathe or couldn't hold certain notes, he said, "You need to do something about that."

What did you do?

Just little things at first. My husband never said I should diet or anything, but he helped me by walking with me. We'd also just order one entree and split it when we'd go out to eat. And I started playing tennis more. Then *Dancing With the Stars* firmed everything up for me. You do five hours a day, seven days a week for five months — and I was still on tour. That show really helped me with my weight, now I just have to keep it up.

Would your advice to others be to stay active?

Yes, be active but also look into your health. Get your checkups. Diabetes runs in my family and that can contribute to someone's weight. So get checkups with your doctor and if there is something you need to do, do it.

Sounds like you're in a really great place right now.

I've had some bad times, but I've had opportunities to redeem myself. And I've been blessed so graciously. I'm happy with everything! **closer**

“Music, acting, a tour... I'm all over the place now!”



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: DEREK BLANKS; GETTY (2); R/R; EVERETT; R/R; AP



HIGH NOTE, 1986

“That’s What Friends Are For,” her collaboration with Dionne Warwick, Stevie Wonder and Elton John, raised \$3 million for AIDS research.



DANCE FEVER, 2012

“The thing about Gladys is that she’s willing to try anything,” said her *Dancing With the Stars* partner, Tristan MacManus.



TRIPLE THREAT, 2014

Gladys, Fantasia and Patti LaBelle blew the roof off the theater when they performed with the cast of *After Midnight* at the Tony Awards.