

On Missing Farrah, Aging Gracefully and Her Biggest Wish





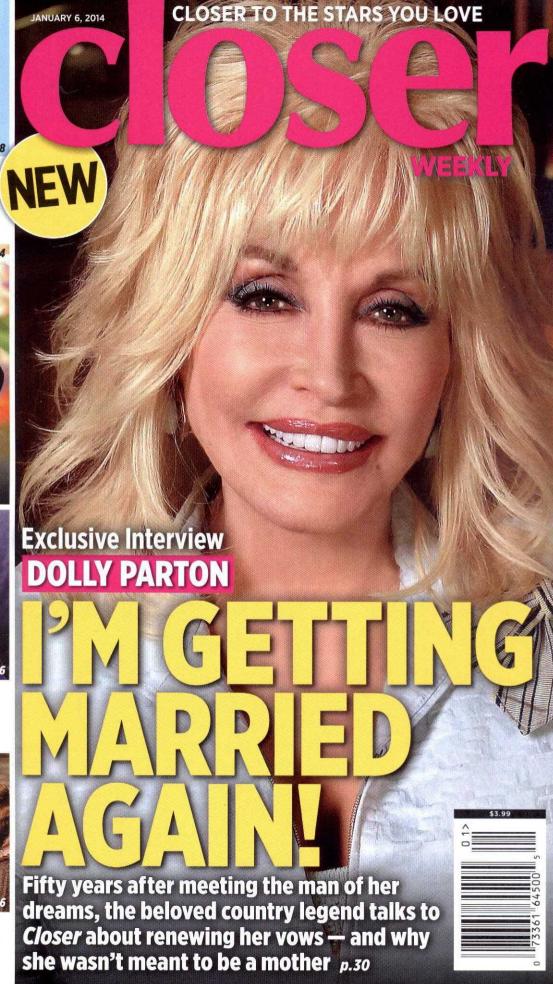
How She's Slimming Down for 60

JULIA ROBERTS Opens Up About Having More Kids



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Hookups, Heartbreak and Four New Hunks!







Jaclyn with her former co-stars Farrah Fawcett and Kate Jackson in 2006 (above); of son Gaston, 31, and daughter Spencer, 28, she says, "They're both great."

> ven when you think you can't do something, you really can." ■That's the motto Jaclyn Smith has lived by. And she's proved it in her long career from Charlie's Angels to Kmart clothing guru to skin-care expert. "When I launched my clothing line, I was asked why," the entrepreneurial beauty tells Closer. "Now today everybody wants to brand." Jaclyn, 68, may even add political wife to her résumé in the near future, if her heart-surgeon husband, Brad Allen - who may run for Congress - has his way. "That would be a totally new thing for me!" Jaclyn admits. Here, the actress, businesswoman and proud mom of two speaks with Closer about saying goodbye to Farrah Fawcett, her

happy marriage and her dream of becoming a grandmother someday soon. -Steve Gidlow

It's been 37 years since Charlie's Angels premiered. Why do you think it still resonates?

Each of our characters had their own unique personality, yet the show was all very cohesive - it just worked. We really were all good friends and that showed on the screen.

It's hard to believe it's nearly five years since Farrah passed away.

That's the hardest part of aging, losing the people you love so much. Farrah passed away before my mother, but in the same year. It was a hard year. I must say, with grief it doesn't get easier. Farrah chose her own path and was relentless in trying to fight that disease.

Do you still see Cheryl Ladd and Kate Jackson?

I haven't seen Kate in a while but, as you know, she's extremely talented and bright and marches to her own drum. Cheryl and I are still very good friends.

Would you ever want to reunite for a project with either of them?

Cheryl and I have tried to find the right script. We still look, but our lives get crazy. My branding keeps me busy traveling because not only do I have Kmart and the skin-care line, I have a fabric line in Tulsa, and a wig line based in Boston.

You started as a Camay soap girl and now you have a skin-care line?

There are seven pieces in the collection. All the products are about antiaging ingredients with retinol antioxidants and peptides. My husband analyzed my skin care over the years, which really hasn't changed, and he broke them down. He undertook the project as a labor of love and being a doctor was perfect for doing it.



Heart TO HEART

You've been married to Brad for 16 years. Is it true your mother set you up?

Yes! My dad was in the hospital having heart surgery and Brad was the surgeon. My mom didn't want me walking down to the parking garage alone so he would walk me down. Who would've dreamed it could have happened? He's kind and I saw a purity of heart.

Why does your marriage work?

We have similar values and upbringing. Spiritually, we think the same and he has been an incredible stepfather and loves my kids like his own.

Does love get better with age?

I think so. There is a safe feeling that's hard to compare to anything else. Just being a true partner, and that person having your back. I feel very loved and protected.

Brad was by your side when you battled breast cancer in 2002. How's your health now?

Thank goodness I was diligent with

"I think every stage of life has something special, but I want to stay in the moment."

my mammograms and caught it early, but I still get checked regularly.

What are your tips for staying healthy after 60?

No. 1, sleep is very important. Having a skin-care routine that you don't have to be a slave to. Exercise. Drinking and smoking — I do neither of those, and smoking is particularly aging. Then, be good to yourself! Every week, or every day, just sit and read a book or soak in the bath.

Speaking of exercise, you used to be a dancer. Would you consider doing *Dancing With the Stars*?

I had a bone spur removed from my foot and I'm having a little trouble. But they have asked me and I would love to do it. It would be a perfect fit given I come from that background, but my standards are very high and I would want to do it right.

How do you feel about aging in Hollywood?

My mom always told me never to talk about money, religion or politics. Maybe now I should include antiaging! [Laughs] Every stage of life has something special and certainly this one does. I'm hoping soon my kids will have children and that will be another joy. To dwell on looks or the superficial, I don't think brings happiness. What brings me joy and peace is family.

What are your views, then, on cosmetic surgery?

It's all up to the individual. If people want to have cosmetic surgery they should but only if it makes them feel



better. I must say my mother never did anything and looked beautiful.

It sounds like you're looking forward to being a grandmother.

I'm going to be the best grandmother! I want to babysit and am looking forward to it. I'm such a homebody that I will be the ideal grandmother in the sense that [my kids] can always bring the babies here. That'll be fun!

What was your kids' take on their mom as an actress?

I know my son [Gaston], when he saw a picture of me, would say, "There is Jaclyn Smith." I was never identified as Mom, and when he was little and asked what I did, he would always say, "My mom is a cleaning lady." [Laughs] I'm really neat and so is he. I guess I was always cleaning his room and putting toys away!

What advice would you give your 20-year-old self?

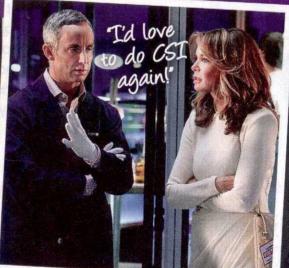
Go out on a limb where the fruit is. Do something every day that you don't want to do — within reason, of course. Step out and do it even if you are frightened. closer





AMAZING MOM, 1988

The actress has always been a devoted mom to her daughter, Spencer, and son, Gaston, with her ex-husband, cinematographer Anthony Richmond. "They bring such incredible joy," gushes Jaclyn.



SCREEN SIREN, 2012

Jaclyn proved her star was still bright when she had a guest-starring role on the CBS hit CSI: Crime Scene Investigation as mom to lab guy Hodges. "Everyone on that show is so nice and I see why it's a hit," she says.



Husband Brad helped her perfect Jaclyn Smith Skincare. "I thought it would be great if we could do it together," Jaclyn says of her products, available at jaclynsmithbeauty.com.

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