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Bennifer's hotter as singles



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Funny in fashion

MEGHAN Markle was seen bursting into laughter at *très sérieux* Paris fashion week. *Quelle horreur!* The Duchess of Sussex was seated front row at the Balenciaga show when she made the fashion faux pas. In a clip circulating on social media, the runaway royal watched the stylish display with laser focus before busting out into giggles while turning to her friend **Markus Anderson** — who remained appropriately stone-faced like all proper fashionists. Some reports alleged Markle laughed at some unfortunate model who stumbled on the runway. But Markle's rep denied it, and video of the show did not reflect any such snafus.



'Chaos' hits Tay

TAYLOR Swift (above) isn't sweating any backlash against her new album, "The Life of a Showgirl." She even told Apple Music: "I welcome the chaos." She explained, "The rule of show business is, if it's the first week of my album release and you are saying either my name or my album title, you're helping." Swift artfully quipped, "I'm not the art police. Everybody is allowed to feel exactly how they want." She noted some listeners may not connect with her music at first because it's not a reflection of where they are in their own lives — aka they're in their own Eras?

JENNIFER Lopez and **Ben Affleck** have a much better relationship now that they are not married, a source told Page Six.

The exes reunited Monday night at the Hudson Yards premiere of their movie "Kiss of the Spider Woman," reports The Post's **Sara Nathan**, their first joint outing since their divorce was finalized in January.

Lopez has high hopes that the film — out Friday, it's from Affleck's production company Artists Equity — will earn her an Oscar nomination. But the talk of the premiere was both her on-screen performance and her cozy red-carpet performance with Affleck.

"They like each other so much more when

they're not married to each other," a Lopez source said. "They each have roles to play with each other — she's the glamorous, gorgeous diva superstar on a pedestal, he's the roguish cad who keeps her at a distance to maintain sexual tension."

"As long as they are each playing their parts, they're perfect," the source explained. "The minute they try to be anything more than that — especially something as pedestrian as husband and wife — it's so doomed."

Affleck, 53, gushed about his ex-wife, 56, telling "Extra" at the premiere that she's an "amazing" actress who "really does it all."

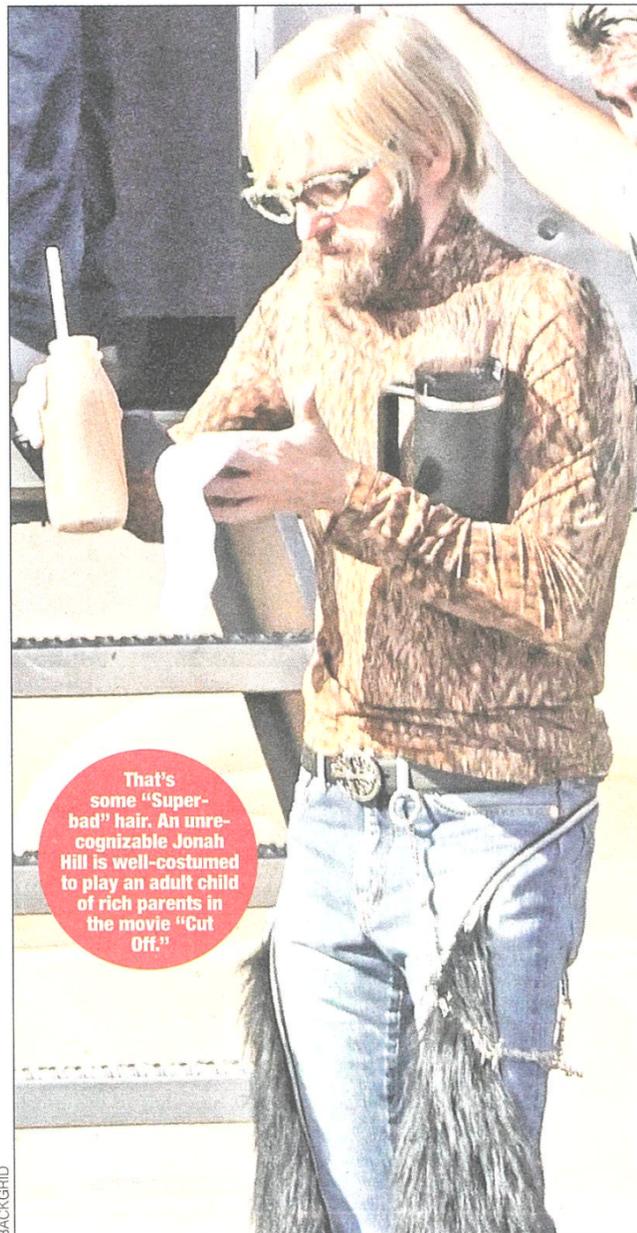
Artists Equity — which Affleck founded

with **Matt Damon** in 2022, months after he and Lopez wed — got involved with "Spider Woman" before Bennifer broke up.

Lopez said, "If it wasn't for Ben, the movie wouldn't have gotten made."

Affleck said at the premiere that Lopez was "born to play" the title role. "She's amazing in the movie," he said. "I just can't wait for you, the audience, to see the movie. I'm as proud of this movie as any that I've ever been involved with. I'm really excited to be here tonight."

The singer and actress filed for divorce on her and Affleck's second wedding anniversary in August 2024, after months of split speculation. She had recently wrapped filming "Spider Woman."



That's some "Superbad" hair. An unrecognizable **Jonah Hill** is well-costumed to play an adult child of rich parents in the movie "Cut Off."

BACKGRID

Coup d'aytime

FAKE "Views"? **Rosie O'Donnell** suspects her infamous on-air fight with then-co-host **Elisabeth Hasselbeck** was a "setup" sprung on her by producers of "The View." The comedian said in a new interview that the giveaway was when the control room crew were suspiciously ready with production techniques that would highlight the drama. The headline-making 2007 segment was a spat over the Iraq War that aired with a split screen of O'Donnell and Hasselbeck. On the Australian radio show "Ricki-Lee, Tim & Joel" this week, O'Donnell said that late producer **Bill Geddie** "was not an on-the-fly kind of guy. He wasn't Mister 'Let's go to the split screen.' That was prepared ... So, the whole thing, I think, was a setup." Page Six reached out to reps for ABC, "The View" and Hasselbeck for comment. The segment played out when, amid a debate about the war, O'Donnell slammed Hasselbeck for failing to defend her when the media accused her of calling US troops "terrorists."



'Solo' dance star

WE'RE not sure that's how it works. **Hilaria Baldwin** denied that being a "nepo wife" got her cast on "Dancing With the Stars." Baldwin — who was a yoga teacher before marrying **Alec Baldwin** in 2012 — defended her "DWTS" spot by saying the "30 Rock" star didn't pull any strings to get her on the dance competition show (above). "If he ever made a call, that would make things easier on me, I would feel like I didn't deserve it," she said on the "Not Skinny but Not Fat" podcast. "I want to earn things on my own merit. I think especially because anybody who marries a celebrity is going to be accused of [nepotism]." She added, "It makes you feel like you don't earn things, which is just a horrible feeling, especially as a Capricorn."

Overtures for opera boss

GODS of ballet, baseball and opera turned out to honor high-culture machers including opera director **Francesca Zambello** on Monday night. In front of **Mikhail Baryshnikov**, **Cal Ripken Jr.** and **Andrea Bocelli**, famed diva **Denyce Graves** said of Zambello: "She was angry with me about something [once] and when she told me what she thought, she expressed herself so beautifully, I thought, 'That's what I want to be, someone who tells someone off beautifully.'" The evening, the Denyce Graves Foundation's Harvest Moon Gala, held at Guastavino's in Sutton Place, was emceed by **Deborah Roberts** (with husband **Al Roker** in the audience), **Deepak Chopra** and **Anthony Scaramucci** were also on the scene, as was philanthropist **Barbara Tober**. Bocelli, fresh off a performance at the Met, performed alongside **Symone Harcum**, **Will Liverman** and **Christine Lyons**. Guests went home with pots of seasoning dubbed Zambello's Fire, full of pepper, lemon peel and saffron.

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