

Jessica Diane Belardino

Owens www.HollywoodDresses.com



Screen Name: *Jezebel*

World Class Flirt & Sex Kitten

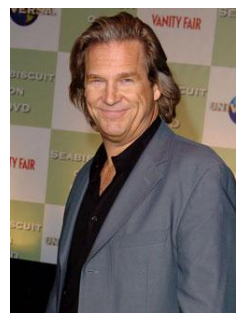


Deb Cohen



Best Friend, Met Jess when she came in the shop because she wanted to copy Sarah Ferguson, the Dutchess of York's, wedding dress. She's the host of a radio talk show called *Deb-U-Taunt* where she trades insults and debates with her call-in audience who dare to discuss her political satire. Newly Divorced and loving it!

Screen Name: *Vocal Vixen*



Joel Cohen

Deb's Ex-Husband who's also the anager of the Radio Station where she works. They still have a ton of sexual tension and fight like cats and dogs. He thinks Jess is a bad influence on Deb



Becca Cohen

Deb & Joel's adorable five-year-old, knows all the words to the Indigo Girl's *Closer to Fine*

Tess Christakos

Close friend and couture seamstress who works with Jess, married to Nick, has two kids. She will die at age 39 in a car wreck in the Harbor Tunnel early on in the story and cause Jess to reevaluate her life.



Nick Christakos

Tess's Husband

Owns a bakery in Greek Town in Baltimore

The Belardino Zoo



Bogie & Bacall

Jess's Pair of Bouvier des Flanders who man the floor of Hollywood Dresses and welcome the walk-ins



Edith Head

Balinese cat that refused to leave the row home after Jess bought it. She's named after the legendary film costume designer who is said to have been rather cantankerous as well. Both dogs live in abject fear of her. She spends most her time lying by the sewing machines, since they give off warmth, or in a patch of sunlight.

Tammy Jenkins

Friend from High School Flag Corps, Director of Planned Giving for Kennedy Krieger, Marrying Congressman John Coyoteris in Washington, DC

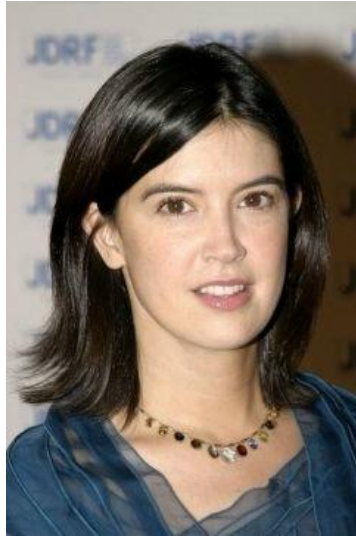


Congressman John Coyoteris
from Arizona



Chris Peterson

FWB, Baltimore City Cop, widowed, wife was Mandy Peterson



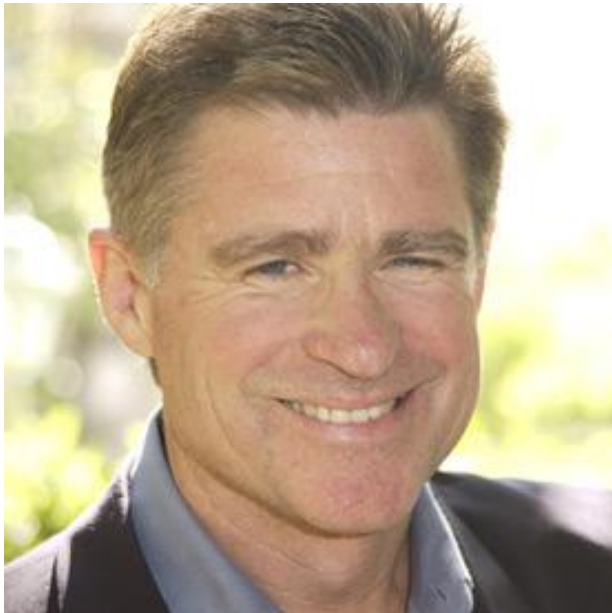
Mandy Peterson

Passed away from ovarian cancer at 28 years old

Jess knew them both from high school, Mandy was on the Flag Corps with Jess and Tammy.

Jess saw Chris at Mandy's funeral and again at a reunion and after that, they became good friends and then FWB.

JD Belardino / Dad



Carolyn Nunn, JD's Girlfriend



Diane Belardino



Jess's mother, deceased

She passed away when Jess was a toddler. Her fourth and final pregnancy had put her body into gestational diabetes and she struggled afterward to keep her insulin levels balanced.

One afternoon, when she was home alone, she took a nap. While sleeping she went into a diabetic coma and never recovered from it.

Alex Belardino Oldest Brother of Jess, Walt & Jim - Architect



Hope Belardino

Married to Alex, Minister's Daughter

Stay at Home Mom with Twin Girls



Walt Belardino Fraternal twin of Jim, Bio-Chemical Engineer



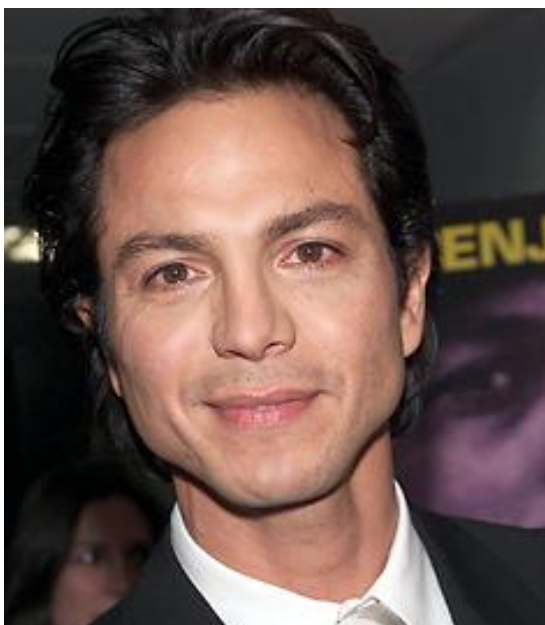
JoJo Belardino

Encouraged Jess to start HollywoodDresses.com

Makes Custom Jewelry and sells it on the website: JoJoJewels.com

Took Jess under her wing and has "mothered" her since Jess was a teenager

Jim Belardino Fraternal twin of Walt, coaches basketball



Brad Anderson

Current long-term lover and former teammate of Jim's. They now own sporting goods store together



Deidre Belardino

College sweetheart and wife of Jim, teaches high school chorus, former cheerleader, mother of four little blond "mini-Diedres"



Bennet Fitzpatrick

History Professor & Soccer Coach at Boston College who moved here from England when he inherited his uncle's valuable Boston Brownstone. Recently broke off engagement with Emma Bailey and currently dates Annabelle Rothschild.

Screen Name:

FootballProfessor



Emma Bailey

Bennet's Former Fiance

Tennis Star in England

She lived with him until she fell for her new conditioning coach.

That relationship made Bennet very trigger shy of falling in love.

Annabelle Rothschild

Literature Professor at Boston College

Also from England

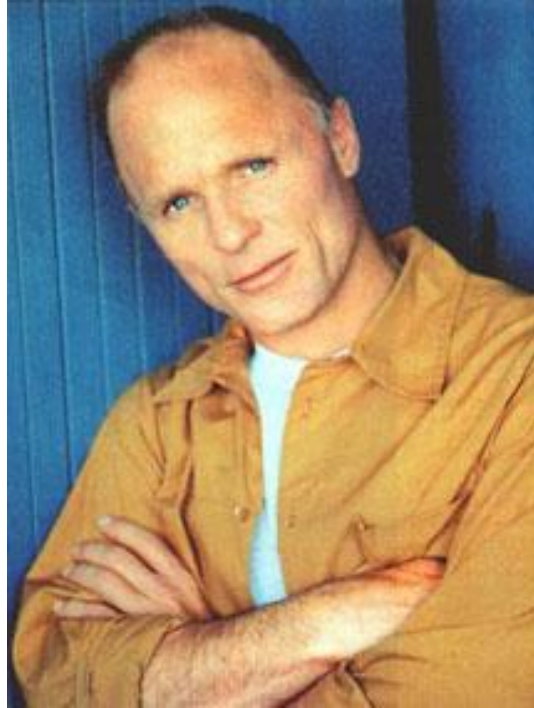
Dates Bennet casually



Sam Russell

Retired Navyman from KY, lives in Norfolk, VA. Like Jess, he attended UK. Now divorced from high school sweetheart Katie, works in a position with top security clearance, called away all the time for secret, out-of-the-country assignments

Screen Name: GoBigBlue



Katie Rowan Russel

High School & College Sweetheart

Divorced Sam and moved back to KY when she met a dentist online

Mother of their two teenage sons, Danny and Keith who are in college at Uof L

Adam Wozniak

Lives in Savannah, Georgia in the house his father built and owns a little Antique/Collectables store called, *One Man's Trash*. Divorced, no children.

Screen Name: *TrashToTreasure*



Amy Weber-Wozniak

Divorced from Adam after a two-year marriage

Still works as an artist in the shop restoring things and making art projects out of junk.

Currently pregnant, but won't tell Adam who the father is though she insists it's not his.

She lives with four other women in a big, old house down on the water that Adam calls *The Coven*.

She actually comes from big plantation money but has shunned that lifestyle in order to be a bohemian artist.

Scott Archer

Partner in a big Chicago law firm, divorced, has custody of his four kids (twin boys and twin girls), ex-wife is an alcoholic, his mother moved in with him to deal with the kids.

Screen Name: GetOffScottFree



Pamela Archer

Scott's Ex-Wife

Spends more time at the country club drinking than with her children during visitation and lets the Au Pair handle it.



Alice Archer

Scott's mother who lives with him, manages his home and minds his children.

Not a big fan of Jess or the way she met Scott.

Brent Worthington

Screen Name: WhoShotJR

President of Louisiana's Worthington Oil, former frat boy who refuses to grow up, has been in love with his administrative assistant, Alissa, for years. Since Alissa is both chubby and African American, so she doesn't quite fit his image of a *Trophy Wife*.



Alissa Philips

Brent's secret girlfriend for years. She and Jess become fast friends when Alissa thinks that Jess is there for a job interview.

His involvement with Jess pushes her over the edge so she breaks it off but he sees the error his ways and they get married. Jess even copies the famous Jackie Kennedy's wedding dress for her.



Harriet Winthrop Worthington

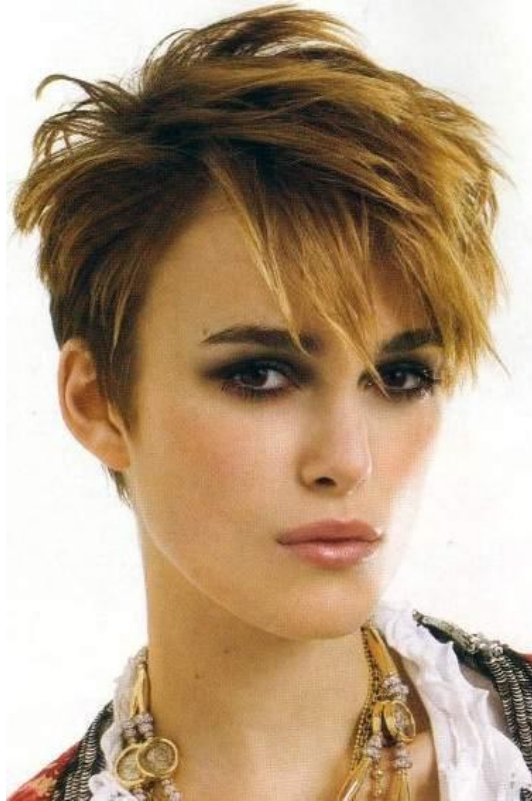
It was the Winthrop money that started Worthington Oil Holdings, a fact that Harriet never lets Brent forget. She's a pure Texas snob, was a debutante in her day and would absolutely DIE if she knew about Brent's long-time feelings for Alissa.

She's referred to as Grandma "Haggie" by all the grandchildren, though she despises it, because Grandma Harriet was too challenging for little ones to say. Brent, being the oldest and most precocious, naturally coined the phrase. He delights in calling her "Hags" to this day.

“Chris” Mercer

She owns Mercer Construction in Somerset, NJ. She accidentally passes herself off as a man after she falls for Jess while they're playing Scrabble. She decides to use her to try to make her long-time girlfriend, Angel, jealous.

Screen Name: *ChrisTheContractor*



Angel Burton

She's the long-time girlfriend and part-time model whose on-again-off-again relationship drives Chris to try to make her jealous with Jess.

The plan works and Jess helps them design matching slip dresses, one in coral and one in cream, for their Jamaican beachfront wedding.



Dr. Seth Goron

30-yr-old research physician at the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, specializing in the treatment of Kaposi's Sarcoma, a cancer that affects the tissues under the skin or mucous membranes, typically of the mouth, nose and anus. It causes red or purple patches on the skin and is especially aggressive in AIDS patients. He chose this specialty because his grandfather succumbed to the disease since it also affects older men of Jewish Italian or



Sabrina Martin

26-yr-old chef at who just happens to be the daughter of the President of the United States. She's the super-star, chef prodigy of Philadelphia restaurateur Georges Perrier, owner of the famous Le Bec-Fin, and he raised more than a few eyebrows when he put her at the helm of his new restaurant, *Agrippa*. He transformed an old row home on the edge of Baltimore's Greek Town into a foodie's idea of paradise. Rooftop seating offers amazing views of the gold, onion-shaped cupolas of St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church.



The future Sabrina Martin-Goron has always dreamed of getting married in the "Sabrina Dress" designed by Givenchy for Audrey Hepburn. No other designers or stylists will make it for her because they think she's too chubby to pull it off.

Jess makes it for her and becomes a darling of the media, ending up doing the talk-show circuit and making dresses for the hosts.



Charles William Martin

President of the United States & Sabrina's Father.

Italian whose father changed his name from Martino when he immigrated to the US so his children would have better opportunities than he had.



Catherine Shriver Martin

First Lady & Sabrina's Mother.

Distant cousin of Maria Shriver.

Platform is on Size Acceptance.



Naveen & Yasmine Panjabi

Friends of Bennet Fitzpatrick in London. Naveen plays professional soccer for the Tottenham Hotspur (The Spurs). Yasmine works for *Amnesty International* in London

