

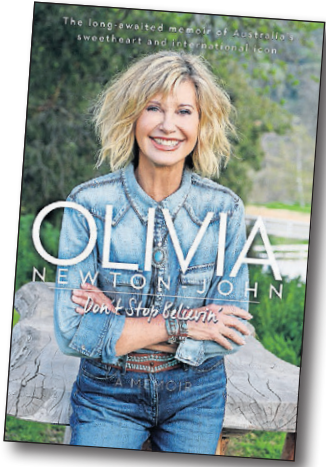
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Reclaiming her story

At 70, Olivia Newton-John writes a memoir to set the record straight on her triumphs and challenges.

By Nora Krug
The Washington Post

Forty years ago, Olivia Newton-John launched a million dreams - and, later, feminist backlash - when she stepped onto a high-school field in a pair of skintight black pants, puffing a cigarette, her hair tarted up in curls. As Sandy in “Grease,” she became the embodiment of the good-girl-gone-bad, the one who ditched her cardigan for a leather jacket and swiv-eled her hips suggestively as she teased a gobsmacked John Travolta about how to keep her satisfied. Today, at 70, she’s singing a different song. “I’m a housewife and I’m loving that,” she enthused in a phone interview from her home outside Los Angeles. Married to businessman John Easterling, she lived part-time for awhile around 2010 at Easterling’s home in Jupiter Inlet Colony and lent her star



“Don’t Stop Believin’” by Olivia Newton-John. [GALLERY]

support that year to the Race for the Cure in West Palm Beach. She is also now an author. Her book, the memoir “Don’t Stop Believin’ “ - its title borrowed from her 1976 hit, not the Journey song or the “Glee” remake - came out March 12. Newton-John says she took to the page in part to protect her image. When she learned that a lengthy television biopic was in the works, she worried about what it might say, so she decided to write her own version of events. (She has not seen the film, which aired on Lifetime last month.) Anyone who has been through a supermarket check-out over the last few decades can probably understand



2010: Olivia Newton-John and Nancy Brinker, creator of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, embrace during the Survivors Celebration at the Race for the Cure in West Palm Beach. Newton-John lived part-time in Palm Beach County at the time. [MEGHAN MCCARTHY/PALMBEACHPOST.COM]

why Newton-John might be concerned. Since she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1992, the singer-actress has been a tabloid target, her health the subject of wild speculation. When cancer returned in 2013, to her sacrum, the singer-actress was able to keep it mostly under wraps.

But in September, after she checked herself into the Melbourne cancer center that bears her name, rumors spread that she was near death. In January, Newton-John took to social media, posting a video as proof of life. As she promotes her book on the morning TV circuit, she beams

positivity and cheer. Though she is grateful for the concern over her health - “I think it’s lovely that people care,” she said by phone - reading about her death wasn’t easy: “I was like ‘what, no’ I think I’m still here!” Five months after she

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Scaring ‘Us’ all over again

Jordan Peele’s followup to ‘Get Out’ is as unnerving as you might imagine.

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

Jordan Peele’s “Us” begins so spectacularly well, and sustains its game of doubles so cleverly for most of its two hours, it’s an unusual sort of letdown when the story doesn’t quite hang together and “deliver” the way Peele managed with his 2017 debut feature, “Get Out.” That movie sent people out of the theater with rattled nerves and a pleasurably uneasy catharsis; the new film’s culminating scenes are roughly equal parts “wow!” and “wow?”



Evan Alex, Lupita Nyong'o and Shahadi Wright Joseph in a scene from “Us.” [CLAUDETTE BARIUS/UNIVERSAL PICTURES VIA AP]

And that shouldn’t deter you in the slightest. Seriously, it shouldn’t. The best, strangest images and ideas in

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MOVIE REVIEW

‘Us’
Rated R: for violence/terror, and language.
Running time: 1 hour, 56 minutes

Lippman dedicates novel to victims of newsroom attack

Among those killed was Rob Hiaasen, her friend and a former reporter for The Palm Beach Post.

By Colin Campbell
The Baltimore Sun

Novelist Laura Lippman has dedicated her latest book to the five victims of last year’s Capital Gazette news-room attack. “The Lady in the Lake,” which Lippman describes as a “weird love letter to the Baltimore newspapers of the ’60s,” is dedicated to Rob Hiaasen, Gerald Fischman, John McNamara, Rebecca Smith and Wendi Winters, who died in the June 28 attack on the paper’s Annapolis newsroom.

Lippman, who became friends with Hiaasen when they both worked at the Baltimore Sun, said she turned in the final draft of the novel to her publisher the day before the shooting. When she heard about the attack, she was driving to visit her mother in Delaware and spent the day on the phone with other former Sun colleagues who knew people at the Capital Gazette, hoping they were all safe. Dedicating the novel to the five who died was “a small thing, a meaningless thing I could do,” Lippman said. “It seemed to make sense to me — it’s a newspaper novel; it was eerie timing,” she said. “They deserved to

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Dermot O'Brien

REAL ESTATE WEEKEND

Realtor grateful to be ‘lottery winner’

By Janis Fontaine
Special to The Palm Beach Post

When he was 27, Dermot O'Brien won the lottery. It wasn't a megabucks lottery for a cash prize, but for something equally valuable: His mother had entered him in a lottery for a green card that entitled

him to live and work in the United States. That's how the 54-year-old Irishman landed on American soil in 1990. O'Brien didn't have an American Dream, per se. Honestly, he says, "I never thought that big, but I always want to make a success of myself. "I left

Ireland to go to London to work when I was 21 and that was a very big deal to me at the time." But once he assimilated to the roiling American culture, he could see a bigger picture, for the world and for himself. "Seeing the world through the eyes of an American, it's

a melting pot of people. You get a very different, a much bigger, perspective; a global perspective. I'm very grateful to be able to see the world like I have." O'Brien took advantage of his green card and earned an MBA from the

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Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University. He loved marketing, fascinated by why people buy things, and how he could improve his chances of selling them the things he wanted them to buy. He got a job in marketing with Unilever, a well-known food and health/body care company.

Then, OBrien became a web entrepreneur. He set up an Internet business running a popular Irish website (www.celtic.com) that yahoo.com ranked in the top three Irish websites, right behind Guinness and the National Irish Tourism Agency. The Irish phone company said they were interested in buying OBrien’s company. The future looked bright. “I was getting closer and closer to a deal when the dotcom bubble burst. It was not good. We went through tough times,” he said, and not for the last time.

But another American tenet came into play: It’s okay to fail. Or there’s no shame in failure as long as you’re in the game, competing hard.

“We were living in East Hampton, Long Island, and I had to sell our house. I hired the best Realtors, but they had no luck. I decided I would sell it myself, so I got my real estate license and I sold the house within three months at close to the asking price.”

The family moved to Singer Island in 2004. “I became a Realtor here. I started with Prudential, then I moved

to Illustrated Properties and then to Corcoran.” He was busy with his family and building a new career.

Then the market changed. “In 2007 and 2008, that’s when things got really bad and I really learned to sell,” OBrien said. In fact, OBrien received the platinum award for sales at Illustrated Properties in 2008-2010. In 2012, he won the Ritz Carlton Residences Power Broker Award and in 2013 he won the prestigious International Property award for best Florida Realtor.

“I told myself, ‘I’m going to become an expert on Singer Island, and I did. Now 95 percent of my business is on Singer Island in condos and waterfront homes.’” Nine years ago, OBrien set up his own brokerage, based at the Resort at Singer Island. To date, he has sold 230 properties valued at more than \$250 million.

Twice the age he was when he left Ireland, OBrien is still actively learning. He’s currently taking a one-year, Google-approved diploma course in digital marketing. He is doing all the assignments on his own company.

Along the way, OBrien realized that marketing houses is very similar to marketing at Unilever – they’re both consumer products. “It turns out in real estate I’m doing more marketing than ever.”

Where were you during the Great Recession?

Having just stopped working for a developer on Singer Island, I was starting back out on my own again. It was really challenging, but again

I learned so much from the adversity. I really came to understand what the phrase “when the going gets tough, the tough get going” means.

How do you balance career and family?

I’ve been married for 21 years, and our son just turned 20. He’s been in college in Los Angeles for two years studying new business development. My wife is a writer and a public speaker and she got to travel a lot for her work, so circumstances were such that I had to be able to pick up our son from school. I was so lucky because it made me be more involved with my son’s life. He has just been nominated for an entrepreneurship award and we are so proud of him.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

I think coming to America, finding my wife, having our wonderful son and making a life and a successful business here. Life in Ireland would have been totally different. I wouldn’t have the same broad perspective I have now. I really am grateful to live in this amazing cultural melting pot where you take responsibility for your own successes and failures.

What advice would you give your younger self?

Don’t be afraid! Go for it!

What’s your personal philosophy?

“Feel the fear and do it anyway.”

THE HOUSING SCENE

New tools to end buyer-seller battles



Lew Sichelman

Home inspections are often a major bone of contention between buyers and sellers when buyers demand that sellers fix every little thing that their examiners find wrong, and the sellers resist.

Inspection reports offer little, if any, insight into what it might cost to make repairs. However, for big-ticket items, new online services like RepairPricer and PunchList can be invaluable.

Based on studies of real-life inspection reports, RepairPricer (repairpricer.com) claims a 98 percent degree of accuracy when it comes to true repair costs. But it does not guarantee its pricing because of “too many variables” of which it may not be aware.

Punchlist (punchlistusa.com) not only provides an estimate of repairs called for by a home inspector but also does the work. The company furnishes its clients with what it says is a quick, but accurate, detailed pricing estimate using a proprietary program that analyzes the inspector’s report.

An estimate is not the same as a price quote, though. Estimates are subject to change based

upon actual conditions. A quote is a contractual offer not to exceed the stated prices. And PunchList, which has a \$500 minimum, has to see the job in person to produce a quote.

At the same time, HouseMaster (housemaster.com) customers can click on the “Estimate Repair Cost” tab on the company’s website, enter the property information and begin generating quotes on items that need to be fixed. The report will build an estimate using data that has been researched and validated by a third-party vendor used by most major insurance companies to build their estimates. One repair estimate comes with every inspection.

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