

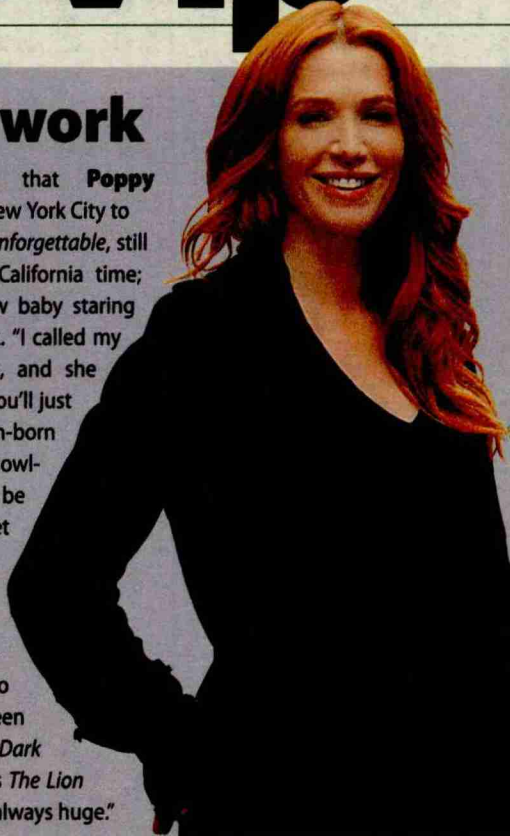


Back to work

It's understandable that **Poppy Montgomery**, in New York City to film her CBS series *Unforgettable*, still has her BlackBerry on California time; she's the mom of a new baby staring down the return to work. "I called my mom, and she had six, and she worked, and she [said] 'You'll just do it,'" says the Australian-born actress, 38, who acknowledges how lucky she is to be able bring daughter Violet to the set with her. Being in NYC does have some perks, especially for her five-year-old son Jackson. "He loves to go to Broadway, we've [just] seen *Spider Man: Turn Off The Dark* for the 18th time, he loves *The Lion King* and FAO Schwarz is always huge."



Kenny Chesney

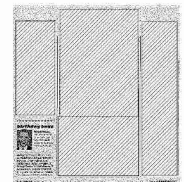
Country music superstar

What: *Music & Memory*, which brings personalized music players to those suffering from Alzheimer's, dementia and other cognitive disorders.

Why: "Music is everything to me," says Chesney, 45. "It's been there when I was a kid, enjoying a big win on the high school football team. It's comforted me during really hard things, whether listening or writing. ... By providing personalized playlists, those afflicted with Alzheimer's and dementia can literally go back, and maybe access pieces of their lives."

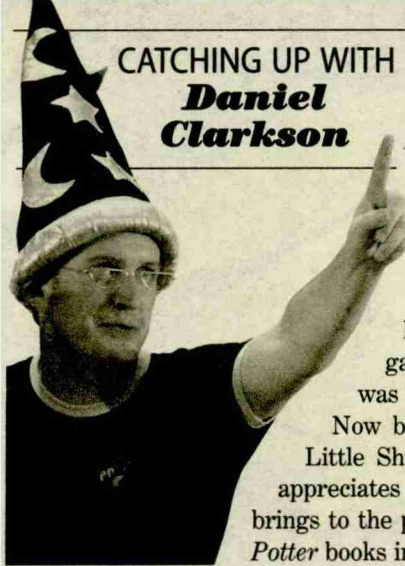
How: Learn how to donate your gently used iPod at musicandmemory.org

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Anna Gunn says, "I think fans are literally going to be blown out of their seats" by the last season of AMC's *Breaking Bad*, which begins Aug. 11. There were "lots of tears and hugs" as the show wrapped production. What softened the blow for Gunn, 44, who played Skyler White for five seasons, was heading to Vancouver to shoot her next project: Bravo's *Rita*. The new series is about a "very real, unfiltered" private-school teacher who is "very passionate, has three kids and is doing her best to juggle everything in her life," says Gunn, the off-screen mom of two daughters.



**CATCHING UP WITH
Daniel
Clarkson**

Half of the writing/performing duo behind the stage show *Potted Potter*, Daniel Clarkson says, "We always keep one seat free wherever we are in the world, so if she ever shows up, that's her seat." The "she" is *Harry Potter* author J.K. Rowling; the empty-chair routine began after Clarkson heard Rowling was "sent away" from a sold-out show. Now back for a summer run at NYC's Little Shubert Theatre, Clarkson says he appreciates the enthusiasm the audience brings to the parody billed as "All seven *Harry Potter* books in seventy hilarious minutes."