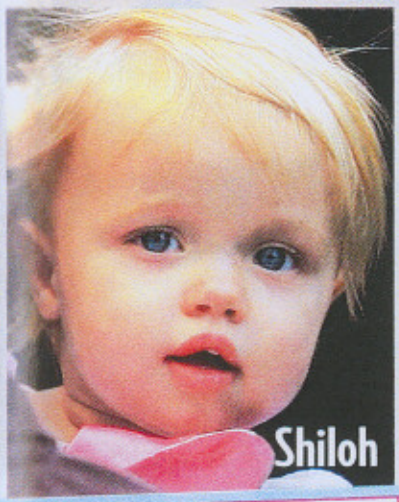


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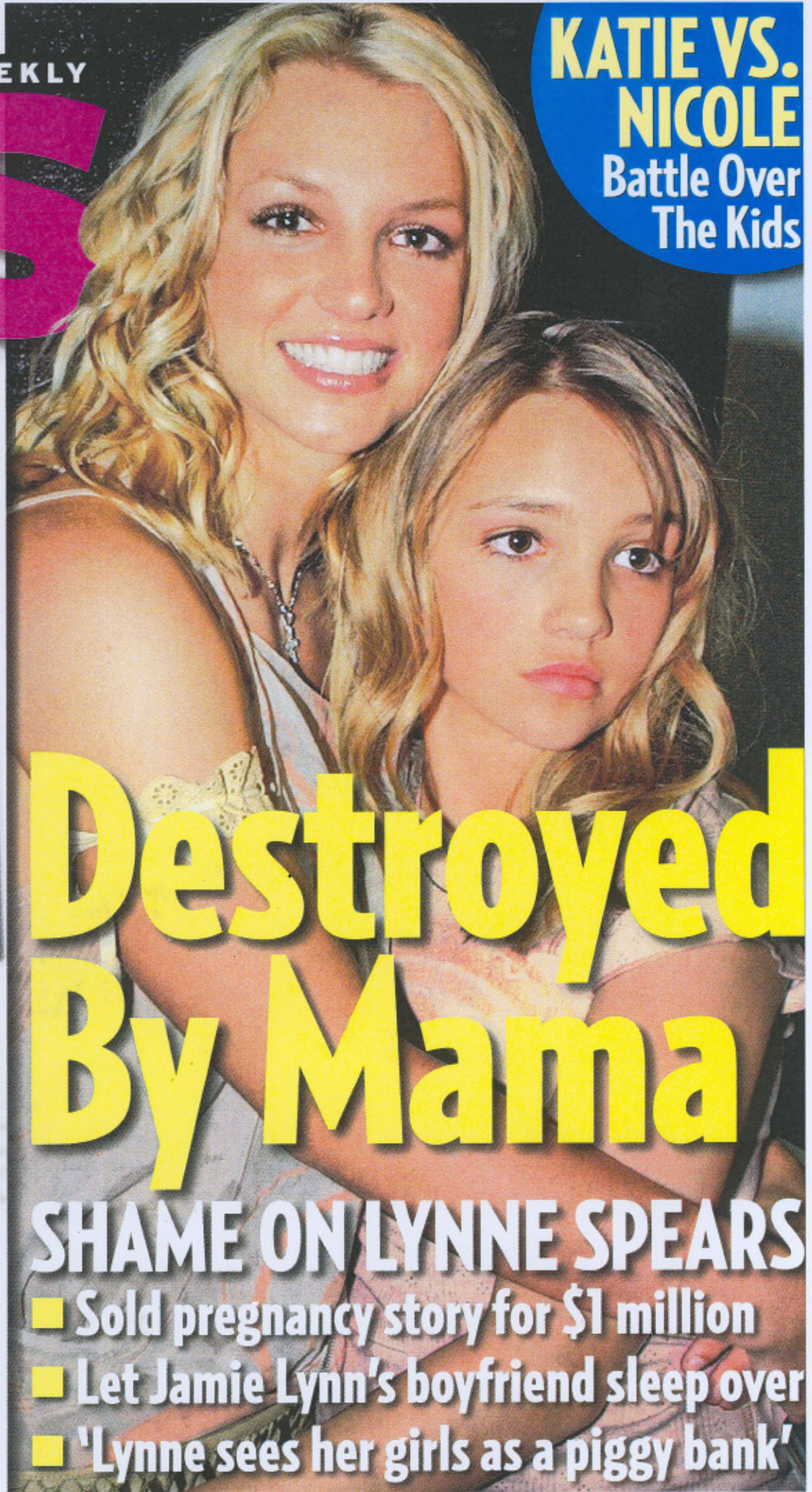


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CHACE & CARRIE'S Xmas Plans!

CHACE CRAWFORD'S CLAN IS CRAZY ABOUT Carrie Underwood. "His whole family loves her," a friend of the couple tells Hot Stuff. "They are really perfect for each other." How close are the duo of six months (who started dating in July, but didn't go public until October)? After Underwood, 24, spent Thanksgiving with the *Gossip Girl* hottie, 22, at his folks' home in Dallas, she was scheduled (at presstime) to join his relatives for part of her Christmas vacation as well. "His parents are fond of her and think she's extremely talented," says another insider. "And they believe 'Carrie Crawford' would be a great addition to the family!" The *American Idol* winner, meanwhile, has no regrets about her July split from **Tony Romo**. "She thanks her lucky stars she isn't with Tony anymore!" adds the initial source. "She thinks it's a joke he's with **Jessica Simpson** and sees him as a player. Carrie and Chace call him 'the player' and Jessica 'the ditz.'"

"Carrie knew right away that he was the one," a source says of Underwood (right, with Crawford on Nov. 12 in NYC).

Leo & Bar: Back On!

DESPITE THEIR BRIEF BREAK IN OCTOBER, **Leonardo DiCaprio**, 33, and **Bar Refaeli**, 22, were spotted holding hands at the Polo Lounge in Beverly Hills on December 20. Are they back on? "They were never really 'off,'" a DiCaprio source tells Hot Stuff. "It was always a distance thing. Leo was making a movie in Morocco [this year], and Bar had her modeling career." Indeed, Refaeli's mom, Zipi, tells *Us*, "Bar is working all over the world." Continues the pal, "It's a struggle to make a relationship like theirs work, but yes, they're together."



DiCaprio and Refaeli (in L.A. in 2006) snuggled at lunch Dec. 20.



Anderson and Salomon shopped Dec. 16, two days after she began divorce proceedings.

Pam's Second Thoughts

ASOURCE TELLS HOT STUFF THAT AFTER **Pamela Anderson**, 40, filed on December 14 to end her marriage of two months to **Rick Salomon**, "he started begging to have her back." Anderson, who has been wed twice before, "didn't want to hurt him, even though she knows he's not right for her," continues the insider. "But he's a nice guy, so she caved." Indeed, Anderson wrote on her blog on December 17, "We're working things out" — though her divorce papers remain filed. Sums up the pal, "She doesn't know what to do."

VIP Scene

- **Sarah Jessica Parker** treating herself to a massage at the Huntley Hotel's spa in Santa Monica, California.
- **Hayden Panettiere** scoring a Dooney & Bourke tote at the On 3 Productions gift lounge in NYC.
- **Reese Witherspoon** and **Jake Gyllenhaal** eating with her kids at Boudin at the Wharf in San Francisco.
- **Chris Tucker** watching the Hollywood Pop Academy kids perform at the House Full of Toys concert in L.A.
- **Mary J. Blige** attending a party at the W Hotel's Underbar in NYC.



Blige

- **Tom Cruise** and **Katie Holmes** having a late dinner at SW Steakhouse in the Wynn Las Vegas.
- **Ana Ortiz** shopping for holiday gifts at the Armani Exchange Store in L.A.
- **Marc Jacobs** and **Jennifer Jason Leigh** filming MySpace's interview show *Artist on Artist* at the Mercer Hotel in NYC.
- *Gossip Girl*'s **Blake Lively** and **Penn Badgley** chatting in a booth at Manhattan's Marquee nightclub.
- **Andy Samberg** hanging out with friends at the Dime bar in L.A.

Got some hot gossip?
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