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HILARIE BURTON (Krissy Kringle) – Hilarie Burton started her career as a college student discovered in New York City to become one of MTV's most popular VJ's. Burton spent five years as a staple on the network, hosting a variety of productions, including MTV's flagship show "Total Request Live" as well as numerous specials. She earned her footing as a producer when she was granted her own show, "MTV Hits." From there, Burton got back in touch with her acting roots when she was cast as the lead, Peyton Sawyer, in the CW hit series "One Tree Hill," which she starred for six years.

During her breaks from the show, Burton gained significant experience in the world of independent film, starring in "Our Very Own" alongside Allison Janney and Jason Ritter, "The List" with Malcolm McDowell, "Normal Adolescent Behavior" which was featured at the Tribeca Film Festival and "Solstice" directed by Dan Myrick of "Blair Witch Project" fame. Most recently Burton played Dakota Fanning's mother in the award winning "Secret Life of Bees" and starred alongside Kris Kristofferson, Val Kilmer and Dwight Yoakam in "Provinces of Night."

Throughout the course of her experiences, Burton has studied the art of independent filmmaking and her travels have reinforced her belief that Wilmington, North Carolina is an extremely valuable community in the film industry. The development of her production company, Southern Gothic Productions, is a testament to her commitment to the region. Current Governor, Bev Perdue, enlisted her to a 3-year appointment to the North Carolina Film Commission.

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MATT DALLAS (Lance) — Matt Dallas is a first generation American actor who was born in Phoenix, Arizona. He is the eldest of four, two brothers and one sister. Dallas graduated from Paradise Valley High School and briefly attended Arizona School for the Arts. Dallas first became interested in acting at the age of 12, when his grandmother took him to an audition of *The Ugly Duckling* in a local theater.

Dallas moved to Los Angeles when he was 18 to pursue his dreams of becoming an actor. At first, he found jobs as a model and his acting career took off with starring roles in small films including "Wannabe," "Way of the Vampire," "Camp Daze" and "Living the Dream." He later made an appearance in the HBO show "Entourage" as a male model.

In 2006, Dallas was cast in the lead role, Kyle, in ABC Family's "Kyle XY." After three successful seasons and various awards and nominations, the show was cancelled in 2009. Dallas then starred in six episodes of ABC's "Eastwick" as Chad, Rebecca Romijn's love interest. He also

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starred in ABC Family's TV movie "Beauty and the Briefcase" in 2010 as one of Hilary Duff's suitors. "Beauty and the Briefcase" was nominated for Best Family TV Movie at the People's Choice Awards.

Dallas completed a series of indie films in 2010 and 2011, including a musical love story "You, Me & the Circus," an action packed western "Wyatt Earp's Revenge" with Val Kilmer and a horror comedy, "The Ghost of Goodnight Lane." He also starred in a short film by FunnyOrDie called "Hot Dudes with Kittens."

In 2012, Dallas filmed the Syfy thriller indie film "Life Tracker" and is set to play Henry Methvin in "The Story of Bonnie & Clyde" with Sean Faris.

In the summer of 2011, Dallas joined friends and "Wyatt Earp's Revenge" co-stars Steven Grayhm and Charlie Bewley to form the production company "Astoria Ent." Dallas will co-produce the company's first film, "Thunder Road" and will also star in the film.

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MEREDITH BAXTER (Carol Kringle) – Born in Los Angeles, California, Baxter was the only daughter born to aspiring actress Whitney Blake and radio announcer Tom Baxter. After her parents divorced, when she was five, her mother wed Hollywood producer Jack Fields.

Baxter attended Hollywood High School, where she found her niche in the highly esteemed drama department. Bit by the acting bug, she went on to train at Michigan's Interlochen Arts Academy. While developing her acting skills, she met Bob Bush, to whom she was married from 1966-69. After their divorce, Baxter became a 22-year-old struggling actress and a single mother of two. With the help of her stepfather, she began her professional career with supporting roles in the critically panned horror film "Ben" (1976), and in the political thriller "All the President's Men" (1976), which starred Dustin Hoffman and Robert Redford.

During the 1970s, Baxter found more lucrative work on the small screen. In 1972, she and actor David Birney (whom she married in 1974) starred as the title characters in the CBS sitcom "Bridget Loves Bernie." The series failed to find a wide audience and was cancelled after one season. As the decade progressed, Baxter made a name for herself in the role of Nancy Lawrence Maitland on the dramatic series "Family" (1976-80). Her performance as the eldest daughter of a single mother earned her respect from her peers, as well as two Emmy® nominations.

Baxter also had enormous success when producer Gary David Goldberg handpicked her to play hippie mom Elyse Keaton on the NBC sitcom "Family Ties" (1982-89), which introduced her to a whole new generation of viewers. Baxter and actor Michael Gross were cast as the liberal parents of conservative children played by Michael J. Fox, Justine Bateman and Tina Yothers.

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After the series' acclaimed seven-year run, Baxter returned to television movies in an attempt to land more serious roles. She shattered her wholesome image with dramatic turns as a psychotic kidnapper in "The Kissing Place" (1990), as a murderer in "A Woman Scorned: The Betty Broderick Story" (1992), and as a member of the Donner Party in "One More Mountain" (1994). For the remainder of the 1990s, Baxter settled into a routine of dozens of TV appearances. In 2006, she appeared as a temporary co-host on the "Today show" with regular host Matt Lauer. The next year, she made a guest appearance on the ABC drama "What About Brian" and on the TV series "Cold Case." In 2009, she starred in the Hallmark Channel Original Movie, "Bound By a Secret," opposite of Lesley Ann Warren.

In addition to her work as an actress, Baxter works as an entrepreneur. She launched her own line of beauty and skin products, called Meredith Baxter Simple Works, which helps raise funds for her breast cancer research foundation.

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MICHAEL GROSS (Walter Kringle) —Actor Michael Gross, perhaps best known for his portrayal of father Steven Keaton on NBC's award-winning "Family Ties," has most recently been seen as River Baldwin in CBS's daytime drama, "The Young and the Restless." During his thirty-five year professional career, Gross has portrayed a remarkable range of characters, including recurring roles on both the "Drew Carey Show," as well as on NBC's acclaimed series, "ER." He has appeared on the original "Law & Order" as well as its popular spin-offs, "Law & Order: Criminal Intent" and "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit." Other appearances include "The Outer Limits," "Ally Macbeal," "CSI: New York," "How I Met Your Mother," "Boston Legal" and "Medium." He guest-starred with "Family Ties" veteran Michael J. Fox in Michael's farewell episode of "Spin City."

His long list of made-for-television movies include his frightening portrayal of killer William Mattix in "The FBI Murders" and "Right To Die" with Raquel Welch, "F.D.R.," and "The Last Year," with Eileen Heckart and Jason Robards, "Manhunt in the Dakotas" with Rod Steiger, "Little Gloria...Happy at Last," with Angela Lansbury and Bette Davis and, most recently, the HBO special, "Mrs. Harris," with Annette Benning and Ben Kingsley.

No stranger to the big screen, Gross revels in his cult status among sci-fi and horror movie buffs for his hilarious portrayal of paranoid survivalist Burt Gummer in the feature film "Tremors," its many sequels, and its SyFy Channel series. He is a recipient of the Video Premiere Award as Best Actor for his work in "Tremors III." He has appeared in director Sidney Lumet's "Just Tell Me What You Want," played opposite Lily Tomlin in "Big Business" and worked with actor Lucas Haas in the award-winning "Alan And Naomi."

His numerous direct-to-video releases, include his role as Hillary Swank's father in "Sometimes They Come Back Again," "Ground Control" with Kiefer Sutherland, "True Heart" with actress

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Kirsten Dunst, and independent features, "An American in China" and "Broken Windows." He begins work soon on "Stay Cool," a feature film starring Wynona Ryder.

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GABRIEL TIGERMAN (Marco) — Gabriel Tigerman grew up in Los Angeles and attended Vassar College. A true Renaissance man, he was both the lead actor and writer in "Fish Out of Water: The Nightmare," "Fish out of Water: Joyride," "Fish out of Water: Movie Night" and "Skills Like This." Though all of these films had a successful run on the festival circuit, "Skills Like This," in particular, won the Audience Award at the SXSW film festival. On the small screen, Gabriel has seen success in guest starring roles on TNT's "Rizzoli & Isles," Disney Channel's "Good Luck Charlie," NBC's "Journeyman," CW's "Supernatural," ABC's "Grey's Anatomy," CBS's "Without a Trace" and NBC's "American Dreams."

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