

# Personality Parade

WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

## JENNIE GARTH & TORI SPELLING

The former Beverly Hills, 90210 costars, 42 and 41, have reunited for *Mystery Girls* (ABC Family, Wednesdays).

**You've been pals since meeting on 90210 in 1990.**

**What's the bond?** **Jennie:** I can always count on Tori to be brutally honest. Like, she approves my wardrobe, which I really don't care about.

**Tori:** And Jennie always nurtures me and takes care of me.

**You're both moms, too.**

**Jennie:** Seven kids between us! They love coming to the [*Mystery Girls*] set to play.

**Your characters are ex-TV costars who become detectives. Are they like you?**

**Tori:** Very much. Jennie's character, Charlie, is very protective of me, and mine, Holly, is too trusting of people.

**Do you ever reminisce about 90210?** **Jennie:** I have the worst memory. But I do remember my [infant] daughter Luca [born 1997] sitting herself in a shoebox in Tori's dressing room. She loved boxes. **Tori:** My fondest memory is being at your house with [costar] Michael [Cudlitz, who played Tony Miller], drinking wine and knitting hooked rugs.

**You've both endured a ton of media scrutiny. Are there things it would still surprise people to know about you?** **Tori:** At this point, I feel like everyone knows everything about me. **Jennie:** I like to go to bed at, like, 8 p.m. Is that bad?



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### SERVING UP BERRIES AND CREAM

It wouldn't be Wimbledon without strawberries and cream! Guests consume more than 61,000 pounds of berries (which arrive daily at 5:30 a.m., mostly from farms in Kent) and nearly 1,900 gallons of fresh cream during the two-week championship (June 23–July 6 this year). Find 10 scrumptious strawberry recipes at [parade.com/strawberry](http://parade.com/strawberry).



### Q: Is it harder to make fireworks in certain colors?

—Deb S., Ava, N.Y.

**A:** "It's harder to make blue. It's all about balancing heat and the chemical compositions," says Jim Souza, whose Pyro Spectaculars runs the Macy's July 4 show, the nation's largest. Nevertheless, blue will abound in this year's main act: a dazzling American flag launched from the Brooklyn Bridge. Learn how they make fireworks explode into shapes at [parade.com/firework](http://parade.com/firework).

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### Q: What's the secret to winning the Nathan's hot dog-eating contest?

—Melinda H., Waco, Tex.

**A:** Competitive eating pro Joey Chestnut set a world record last year for scarfing 69 hot dogs in 10 minutes, and he hopes to



Joey Chestnut, seven-time men's winner

outdo himself in 2014 at Nathan's annual July 4 eat-off. His secret? He fasts for three days and gulps water to stretch the muscles in his esophagus. Can he still eat franks for fun? Definitely, he says. "I love to eat; I love to win."



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## Was Francis Scott Key a one-hit wonder?

—Herbert T., Kent, Wash.

**A:** Yes—in fact, the man who penned the lyrics for "The Star-Spangled Banner" (set to the tune of an old English pub song) was "unmusical ... and possibly tone deaf," writes Marc Leepson in his new Key biography, *What So Proudly We Hailed*. See the best and worst performances of our 200-year-old national anthem at [parade.com/anthem](http://parade.com/anthem).



Francis Scott Key