

Simpson hasn't released a new CD since 2010's *Happy Christmas*.

# JESSICA SIMPSON Shelves Her Book Idea

**F**ashion mogul, singer, mother . . . author? **Jessica Simpson** was recently approached by a literary agent to write a tome "about her life and rise to business success," a source tells *Hot Stuff*. "She was getting offers for between \$1 million and \$2 million — or more." Of course, with such a high price tag, publishers expected the mom of Maxwell, 2, and 20-month-old Ace (with husband **Eric Johnson**, 35), to get very personal. "Companies wanted her to write something as dishy as possible — about her romance with Eric and being a mother," adds the insider. "Some thought a book on relationships would be a hit." After toying with idea, Simpson, 34, closed the book on the proposal to focus on her first love. Explains a pal, "She chose not to pursue this because it would pull her further away from her music. She's recording a new album instead."

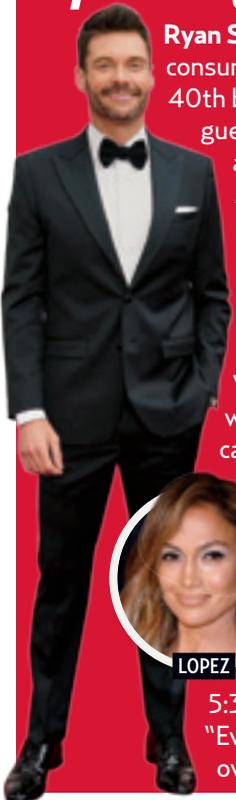


## VIP Scene

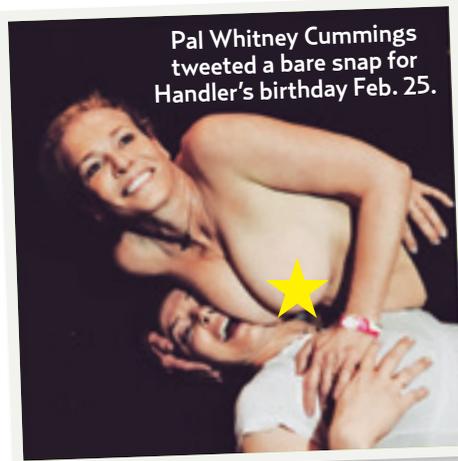
- **Naomi Watts** (above left) and **Laura Dern** mingling at the 17th Costume Designers Guild Awards in Beverly Hills.
- *Hunger Games* costars **Jennifer Lawrence**, **Liam Hemsworth** and **Josh Hutcherson** catching up over dinner at Locanda Verde in NYC.
- **Beyoncé** and **Jay Z** ordering margaritas and guacamole at Gracias Madre in West Hollywood.
- **Taylor Swift** dancing with **Cara Delevingne** and **Ellie Goulding** at Soho House in London.
- **George Clooney** and wife **Amal** having cocktails with **Paul McCartney** at the bar at NYC's Carlyle Hotel.
- **Tina Fey** buying soaps and turquoise jewelry at a flea market in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- Foodie magician **Josh Beckerman** doing card tricks for **Michael Bolton** at the Westin in Cleveland.
- *Real Housewives'* **Gretchen Rossi** hosting a rooftop party at **Debbie Durkin's** EcoLuxe Lounge in Beverly Hills.
- **Leslie Mann** and **Kate Upton** taking shots of Patrón tequila at the Sayers Club in L.A.

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## Ryan Rings in 40!



**Ryan Seacrest** really is the consummate host. For his 40th birthday, he treated guests (including **Kim** and **Khloé Kardashian**, **Jennifer Lopez**, **Keith Urban** and **Nicole Kidman**) to a weekend-long retreat at Meadowood resort in California's Napa Valley. The festivities, which began with a caviar-filled dinner February 27, culminated with performances by **Dita Von Teese** as 130 revelers drank Dom Pérignon and danced until 5:30 A.M. Says a source, "Everyone received 'hang-over remedy' kits."



## Chelsea's Boob Job

**Chelsea Handler's** recent topless poses atop a camel and a mountain? Credit an extra confidence boost. The newly 40 comedian underwent a breast lift about six months ago, reveals a source. "She was stressed about looking saggy," the insider tells *Us*. Handler researched doctors who could lessen scarring, says the source, and the results have been Instagram-worthy. "She is obsessed, so she keeps posting."

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