

**celebrity
extra**
by Dana Jackson



Philanthropist Lauren Sanchez

Q: Is it true that the new Mrs. Bezos used to be an actress? What has she been in? Also, did his ex-wife ever remarry? - K.D.

A: Yes, Lauren Sanchez, who is newly wedded to Amazon billionaire Jeff Bezos, has an IMDb page of acting credits, but most of her roles consist of playing reporters and news anchors. Before this, she majored in communications at the University of Southern California, which is why she was probably a natural for these types of roles. Her first on-camera role as a reporter or anchor was in 1997 in the series "Babylon 5," followed by the cult classic film "Fight Club."

Many people probably don't remember that she was the original host of the reality competition series "So You Think You Can Dance," which premiered in the United States in 2005. She left after one season to have a baby and was replaced by Cat Deeley.

Bezos' ex-wife MacKenzie Scott, who played a significant role in the early rise of Amazon, remarried in 2021 to a science teacher. Unfortunately, it didn't last, and she filed for divorce a year later.

According to USA Today, as part of her divorce settlement from Bezos, Scott planned to donate half of her wealth to charity, and she has. The Center for Effective Philanthropy released a study in February stating that her donations have totaled \$19.25 billion and have been distributed to over 2,450 nonprofit organizations.

Q: Will they ever reboot "Supernatural"? I know it hasn't been off the air for that long, but I miss it.

- C.E.
A: According to TV Insider, ever since the Winchester boys (Jensen Ackles and Jared Padalecki) met on the bridge one last time in 2020, fans have been asking, "When is the 'Supernatural' revival?" Even after 15 seasons, viewers want more, but Padalecki isn't sure that another 22-episode season is doable. He suggested that perhaps a limited series format would be a good compromise.

In the meantime, Ackles recently wrapped up filming season five of "The Boys," and you can also see him in his new show "Countdown," both of which are on Prime Video. It's also been reported that Padalecki and another "Supernatural" star, Misha Collins, will join Ackles in the final season of "The Boys," which will air sometime in 2026.

Q: Which book is the Justin Hartley series "Tracker" based on? I just found out that it was a novel or a series of novels first. - N.B.

A: For the past two seasons, "Tracker" has been consistently ranked as the No. 1 rated network series. Fresh off the hit ensemble series "This Is Us," star Justin Hartley was chosen to star in CBS' "Tracker," which got a strong start by debuting in the coveted post-Super-Bowl time slot.

"Tracker" is indeed based on not just one but a series of fiction books by Jeffery Deaver, the first of which is titled "The Never Game." Season three kicks off on Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. ET, but two familiar faces will not be part of the cast. Both Eric Graise and Abby McEnany, who play Bobby and Velma respectively, have been written out of the show.

"Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive."
- Elbert Hubbard

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in time**
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

◆ On Aug. 4, 2012, in London, Oscar Pistorius of South Africa became the first amputee to compete at the Olympic Games. He finished second out of five runners in the opening heat and went on to the semifinals, where he finished eighth out of eight runners.

◆ On Aug. 5, 1951, 38-year-old Canadian daredevil William "Red" Hill Jr. attempted to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel made of 13 rubber innertubes, canvas webbing and fish netting that he dubbed "the Thing." It broke apart under the high water pressure two hours after he set out, but his badly injured body was not recovered until the next morning.

◆ On Aug. 6, 1975, The New York Times printed a front-page obituary for Agatha Christie's Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot -- quite the honor for a fictional character! Christie had announced her decision to dispose of him in her next book; indeed, as the Times noted, "The news of his death, given by Dame Agatha, was not unexpected. Word that he was near death reached here last May."

◆ On Aug. 8, 1942, six German saboteurs who'd secretly entered the United States on a mission to attack its civil infrastructure were executed by electric chair for spying. Two others who notified the FBI of the plot and aided authorities in their manhunt for the collaborators were imprisoned but freed six years later on President Harry Truman's orders, and returned to Germany.

◆ On Aug. 9, 1995, legendary Grateful Dead guitarist Jerry Garcia died of a heart attack in a California residential drug-treatment facility at age 53.

◆ On Aug. 10, 1927, President Calvin Coolidge arrived in South Dakota on horseback wearing a cowboy hat to dedicate Mount Rushmore two months before its carving began and presented sculptor Gutzon Borglum with a set of steel drill bits.

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