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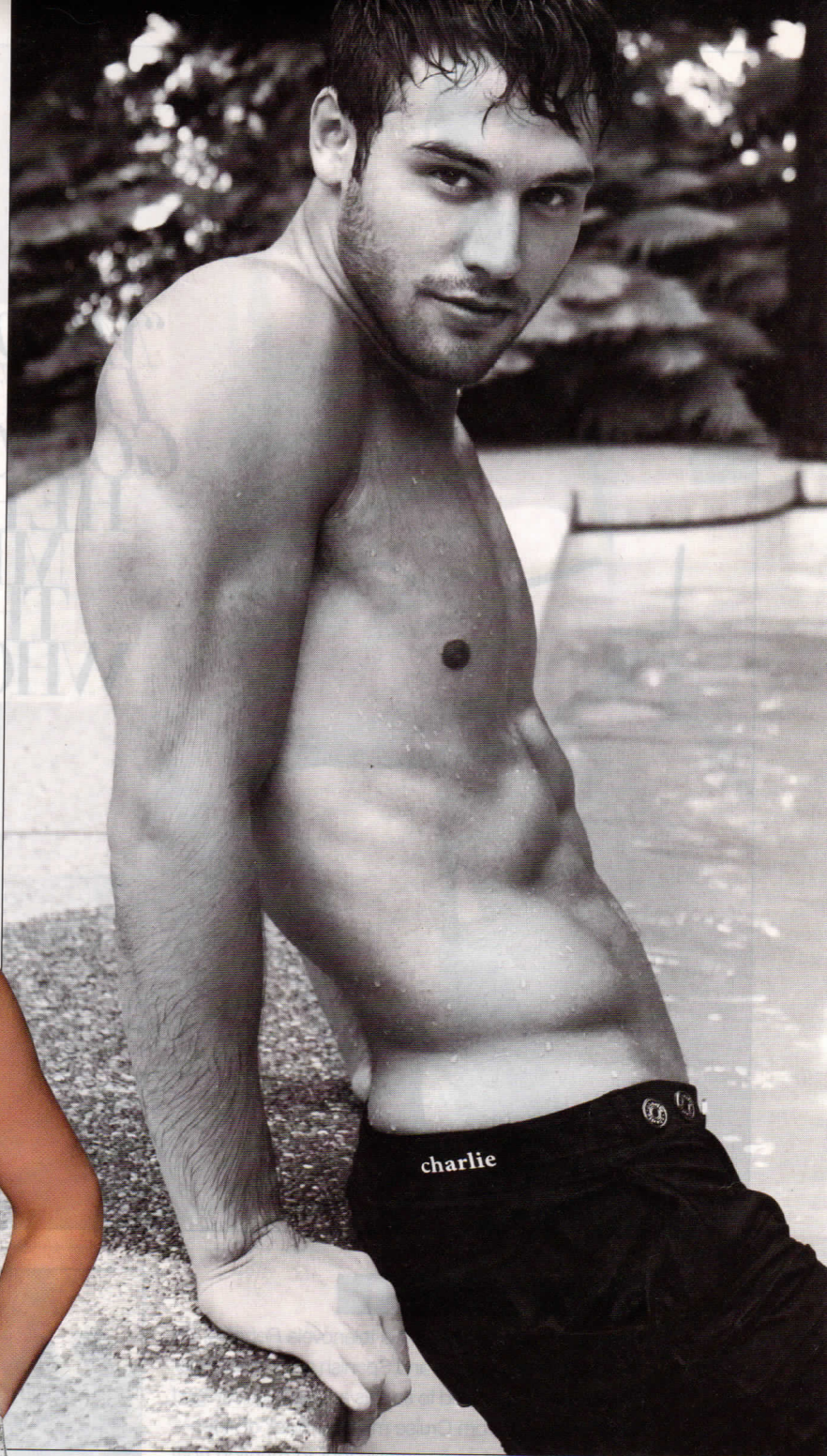
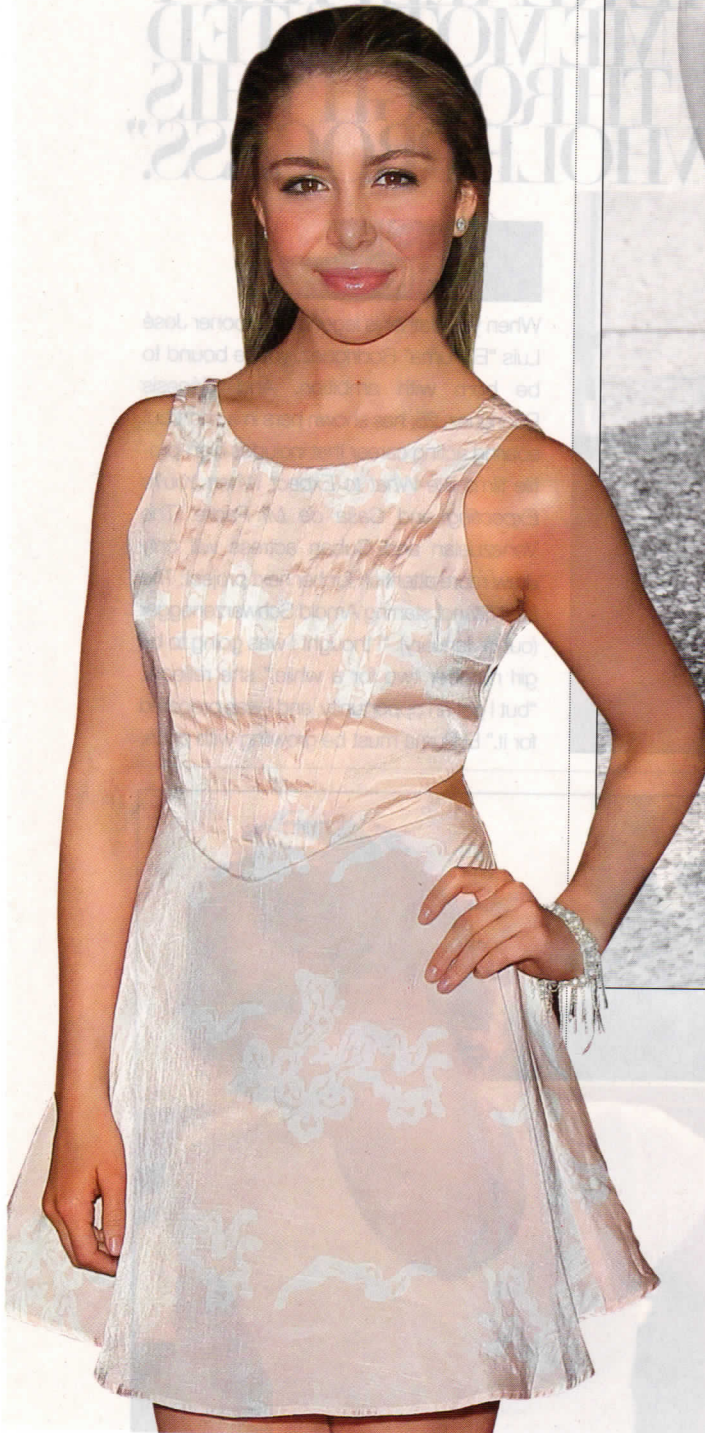
BY LAUREN BROWN

SELENA GOMEZ

With her poise, talent and smart choices, this former child actress set the blueprint for making a smooth transition to adulthood. But she's about to get risqué. Next spring the Mexican American star, 20, takes on her first edgy role, in controversial director Harmony Korine's *Spring Breakers*, as one of four college hell-raisers busted for drinking, drugs and attempted robbery. Gomez clearly refuses to be pigeonholed—and we would never bet against her.

MAKENZIE VEGA

If you can survive acting with Nicolas Cage, you can do anything on screen. Well, just about anything. "I couldn't say the letter R," remembers Vega, 18, who portrayed the eccentric actor's daughter in 2000's *The Family Man*. Fast-forward and the sister of *Spy Kids*' Alexa Vega is doing just fine as Grace Florrick, Alicia's awkward daughter, in the Emmy Award-winning drama *The Good Wife*. Not bad for the Colombian American ingenue, who started acting as "a hobby."



RYAN GUZMAN

Let's be clear: Ryan Guzman isn't Channing Tatum. Though the actors are both super sexy and broke through via the dance-infused *Step Up* franchise, Guzman, a former Calvin Klein underwear model, is his own man. For his lead role in last summer's *Step Up Revolution*, the 25-year-old Texican actor and model used his Latino background as inspiration. "Latin music has this feel with it that you just can't stand still," he says. Sounds like a dance challenge to us. Tatum, you ready?



“MY DAD SAID, ‘GEN, DON’T WORRY, IT’S GOING TO HAPPEN.’ HE REALLY KEPT ME MOTIVATED THROUGH THIS WHOLE PROCESS.”

GÉNESIS RODRIGUEZ

When your father is legendary crooner José Luis “El Puma” Rodríguez, you’re bound to be born with ambition. And Génesis Rodríguez, 25, has shown hers in a short but soaring acting career that includes high-profile films like *What to Expect When You’re Expecting* and *Casa de Mi Padre*. The Venezuelan and Cuban actress will only draw more attention for her next project: *The Last Stand*, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger (out in January). “I thought I was going to be girl number two for a while,” she reflects, “but I got an opportunity, and I was prepared for it.” El Puma must be growling with pride.

DIEGO BONETA

After playing a pop idol on the telenovela *Rebelde*, it’s no wonder that Mexican and Spanish actor and singer Boneta, 21, was tapped to star as an aspiring rock god in last summer’s Tom Cruise musical, *Rock of Ages*—and has emerged as a versatile (not to mention hot!) star who can both act (see him in the new MTV sitcom *Underemployed*, which premieres Oct. 16) and sing (a pop album is due next year). “Two years ago only Latinos recognized me,” he says. That’s clearly not the case anymore.





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BELLA THORNE

Even as a kid, the 15-year-old Cuban American TV vet pulled her acting weight on dramas including *Big Love* and *Dirty Sexy Money*, but her biggest success is her ALMA-nominated role as dancer CeCe Jones on the Disney Channel's highly rated sitcom *Shake It Up!* In the midst of her success, Thorne takes time to stay in touch with her late father's heritage. "My dad called me his little Cuban princess. This year I'm going to honor him and have a quince."

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NAYA RIVERA

It takes a special actress to play *Glee*'s lesbian cheerleader Santana Lopez—one with sensitivity and self-possession. Rivera, 25, has both, plus a voice that gives us goose bumps. Off-screen, Rivera has embraced the gay community, showing leadership and compassion by working with LGBTQ organization the Trevor Project and hosting the GLAAD Media Awards. The *boricua* bombshell is now on *Glee*'s fourth season, and she's also hard at work on her debut pop album. Jennifer Lopez is one of Rivera's idols—can a similar rise be in the making?



I LEARNED FROM THE BEST: JIMMY SMITS. HE'S BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL IN THIS BUSINESS, I LOOK UP TO HIM.

MICHAEL TREVINO

Trevino cut his TV teeth in 2007's Jimmy Smits-led drama *Cane*, but it wasn't until he landed the role of vampire/werewolf hybrid Tyler Lockwood on the CW's *The Vampire Diaries* that the Mexican American actor, 27, really put his fangs to use, wooing a legion of female fans. In the fourth season, Lockwood's body is taken over by original vampire Klaus (Joseph Morgan)—so Trevino has a whole new character for us to fall for.

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DEMI LOVATO

At only 20, Lovato has already experienced it all, from gaining stardom thanks to popular projects like the Disney TV musical *Camp Rock* and three mega-selling albums, to overcoming depression and bulimia. "People reach out to me and say, 'You saved my life,'" the performer with Spanish roots says. "It's touching every single time." Lovato's emotional connection with her fans makes her a natural as a judge on *The X-Factor*—and the rare celebrity whose struggles, triumphs and strength are as meaningful to her many fans as her talent.

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