

Keith Won't Meet Tom!

Nicole Kidman, 38, and **Tom Cruise**, 43, may be divorced, but the one thing that keeps them talking is her new man, **Keith Urban**, 38. "Tom pesters Nicole all the time about Keith since he might end up being a stepparent" to their kids, Connor, 11, and Isabella, 13, a friend of Nicole tells *Star People*. "Nicole pretty much puts Tom off, telling him, 'I trust Keith and he will be great with the children.' But Tom really wants to get a bead on him." Even so, chances for a meeting are slim. A friend of Keith tells *Star People*: "Keith loves Nicole, so obviously there's some antipathy for someone who caused her hurt." And, the source says Keith loves to poke fun at Tom's acting — and he keeps Nicole in stitches with his own jumping-on-the-couch routine at home!



Tom Cruise, left, keeps asking ex-wife Nicole Kidman about her new man, Keith Urban, say sources.

Nicole's Stripper Pole

Skinny **Nicole Richie** doesn't look like she uses her kitchen for cooking. And now we know why. "Nicole's had a Lil' Mynx removable dance pole installed in her kitchen," a source tells *Star People*. "And she got a stainless steel one be-



Nicole Richie: not just dieting!

cause she said she wanted it to match her fridge!" Nicole, 24, saw one of the stripper poles at a friend's house, and after trying it out, was hooked, the source says. "Nicole said that it really works all your muscles. Plus, you look really sexy while you're working out." Nicole is in good company — sultry **Carmen Electra** and **Jessica Alba** are said to also have the provocative workout hardware.

"I love it. I love having people know who I am."

— *Grey's Anatomy* star **Patrick Dempsey** on fame

Garner's Got The Baby Blues

Jennifer Garner is finding it tough to be back on the *Alias* set following the birth of her first child, Violet. "I think it's driving the *Alias* crew a little crazy," a set source tells *Star People*. "Every time they need Jennifer, it seems she's in some deep telephone conversation with Violet's nanny or she's off somewhere talking about her beautiful baby and showing photos to everyone." Despite the tough time being away from Violet, the source says doting Jen, 33, can't wait to have more kids: "She said she'd like five!"



Jennifer: lonely on set

"She gets the simplicity."

— **Matthew McConaughey** on what **Penélope Cruz** thinks of his trailer

Jessica's Sick Day On Set

Jessica Simpson has been hit with a flu-like illness on the set of her new movie, *Employee of the Month*, which is currently shooting in Santa Fe, N.M., a set source tells *Star People*. "Normally she's so pretty that she looks like she was dipped in gold, but the last few days she's been looking pale and tired," the source says. "She's been so sick during filming that she hasn't left her trailer" during breaks. Her sickness got so bad, the source says, that Jessica, 25, had to call in her private physician to check her out on March 3.

Ashlee's Hair: A 12-Hour Ordeal!

Ashlee Simpson certainly sacrifices for fashion. She spent 12 grueling hours getting a makeover by stylist Ken Pavés at a salon in West Hollywood on Feb. 27. Beverly Hills hairstylist Bianca Vayna tells *Star People* that it appears Ashlee, 21, got hair extensions (about five hours), lighter colors (two hours) and a trim (one hour). As for the other hours: "Maybe she was just having a good time!"

Short Takes...

Oprah Winfrey may be rich, but the staff at NYC landmark The Waldorf-Astoria hotel aren't impressed. Sources say Oprah's forgotten to tip the doorman at the famed hotel during her last four visits.... Heartthrob chef **Jamie Oliver**, who's close to **Brad Pitt** and **Angelina Jolie** and sees them regularly, recently gushed to a friend that new-dad Brad "is the happiest I've seen him!"



Ashlee Simpson after her new 12-hour hairdo.

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