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People

Jolie talks kids, home life and Brad in Vogue

NEW YORK (AP) — Angelina Jolie says her 6-year-old son Pax is a better cook than she is. The actress opens up about her home life, including Pax's culinary skills, in the December issue of Vogue magazine. In the article, readers get a glimpse inside the Jolie-Pitt household with its six kids, bulldog named Jacques and nannies who speak Vietnamese to Pax and Cambodian to Maddox. Jolie says she feels her oldest son Maddox, now 9, almost raised her in a way. She adopted him in 2001. Maddox seems aware of his mother's feelings. He encourages her when she cooks breakfast, saying "Good job!" She also talks about daughter Shiloh, who recently found a dead bird and wanted to keep it for a pet. Jolie's answer: find a bird from a taxidermist instead. Jolie shares some of those "every mom" struggles that parents everywhere can identify with. She and longtime partner Brad Pitt make sure one of them is always home with the kids while the other is working. What makes Jolie different, of course, is the paparazzi follows wherever she and Pitt go. She's chosen to navigate Hollywood her way, without an agent or a publicist — which is rare — especially for an A-list actress. As for Pitt, Jolie addresses him as "extremely handsome and the most sexy," but feels most in love when she sees him with their six kids. The December issue of Vogue hits newsstands nationwide on Nov. 23.



Baryshnikov's house for sale

PALISADES, N.Y. (AP) — A suburban New York house owned by Mikhail Baryshnikov is on the market for an asking price of about \$4 million. The Wall Street Journal says the ballet great and his wife, Lisa Rinehart, are becoming empty nesters. Baryshnikov bought the house in 1981. The 19th-century home features six bedrooms, 5 1/2 bathrooms and sweeping views of the Hudson River. Baryshnikov danced with the Kirov Ballet in Russia before defecting to Canada in 1974. He later shot to superstardom as a principal dancer at New York City Ballet.



TAKE ON LIFE

Seal the deal with an energy audit

With the first heating bills of the season right around the corner, I finally signed up for one of those subsidized home energy audits that I keep hearing about.

You know the ones, where folks come to your house to fill drafty leaks in the attic with foam insulation and to make other energy-saving improvements.

The way my wife figures it, maybe she'll have to wear only two sweaters in the house this winter instead of three.

That alone was worth the phone call. Trust me on this one.

The Connecticut Home Energy Solutions program, as it's called, is offered by the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund and bankrolled by the Combined Public Benefits Charge we all pay on our monthly electric bills.

What, you've never noticed that fee before? Me, either.

How much is it?

Well, for a Connecticut Light & Power residential customer in Greater Danbury who pays roughly \$100 per month, the Combined Public Benefits Charge is slightly more than \$2 per month.

In other words, this is your money. You might as well use it, especially if it's going to help you lower your home's energy costs.

On Wednesday, three employees from Green Star Energy Solutions in Brookfield — one of 18 CL&P-authorized contractors — came to my house to perform a home energy audit.

EnergyPRZ in Brookfield is another local CL&P-authorized contractor. The complete list of CL&P-authorized contractors can be

viewed on the Internet at [http://nuwnotes1.nu.com/apps/clp/clpwebcontent.nsf/AR/HesContractors/\\$File/HES_Contractors.pdf](http://nuwnotes1.nu.com/apps/clp/clpwebcontent.nsf/AR/HesContractors/$File/HES_Contractors.pdf).

After a few hours Wednesday morning — and a prediction my electric bill would drop by about \$20 a month — I was glad I had booked this home energy audit. So what did the folks from Green Star Energy Solutions do?

The first thing they did was open my front door and set up a powerful fan — a blower door test, they call it — to pull air out of the house and lower the house's interior air pressure.

Because the air pressure is higher outside, air is drawn into the most vulnerable and leaky spots in the house.

For me, a big problem area was the doorway leading down to my basement.

As the fan blades spun, I could feel the breeze racing over the top of the door.

And under it.

And around it.

But after some weatherstripping and a door sweep were installed, the basement doorway was less drafty. In fact, it was a lot less drafty.

The Green Star Energy team — energy advisor Pete Donnelly, and energy technicians Mike Guggisberg and Kevin Lowden — worked together to make my house more energy efficient.

While I spoke to Donnelly about the Home Energy Solutions program and looked over some rebates, Guggisberg and Lowden replaced 25 of my old incandescent light bulbs with some compact fluorescent



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Mike Guggisberg, left, and Kevin Lowden, energy technicians with Brookfield-based Green Star Energy Solutions, monitor an air pressure gauge Wednesday. The test is part of a home energy audit subsidized by the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund to help lower energy bills and make homes more energy efficient.

lights — mostly, it was those cork-screw-shaped ones.

The CFLs alone cost more than the \$75 co-pay for the home energy audit.

What's more, according to www.energystar.gov, replacing six incandescent light bulbs with six CFLs could save you \$7 per month on your electric bill.

While I understand that CFLs are good for the environment and good for my budget, I'm not a big fan of how long they take to fully light up.

Although the down time is only about a minute, it's still pretty annoying, especially when you have to make a trip to the bathroom in the middle of the night.

Before they left, Guggisberg and Lowden also wrapped insulated sleeves around my basement pipes, put down some weatherstripping and some more foam insulation in my attic, replaced a shower head in the bathroom and installed an aerator in the kitchen.

All in all, it was a good day and money well spent. My house is more energy efficient now and I'm actually looking forward to those lower electric bills.

Who knows, maybe my wife will even make do with one sweater this winter.

Contact Brian Koonz at bkoonz@newstimes.com or 203-731-3411. Be sure to check out his "Take on Life" blog at <http://blog.ctnews.com/take-onlife/>

Sunday: Have stimulus bill projects helped?

Nearly 21 months after President Barack Obama signed the stimulus bill into law, where has Greater Danbury's share of the money gone and have these infrastructure projects really helped the area's economy?

The News-Times has been talking with residents, business owners and community leaders to find out. We have also conferred with the contractors and crews who found work because of the stimulus program.

Read about the impact of this historic and controversial piece of legislation on Greater Danbury, exclusively in the Sunday, Nov. 14, print edition of The News-Times.

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