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March 21, 2006 -- I had a hilarious talk with **Lesley Ann Warren**, who's coming out in a sort of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" Jewish- style film called "When Do We Eat?"

Said Lesley: "Besides flashbacks and fantasy sequences, it's basically all set around one Passover meal. That means our whole cast was shot all around this dinner table for three months. I got to the point where if I saw one more matzo ball, I thought I'd kill myself.

"I remember these actual family Passover dinners. Probably nobody suspects it, but I'm Jewish. I don't practice the religion, but my parents did, and I remember my great-grandma's Seders. They were very much like the movie. Crazy. Sweet. Rambunctious. Contentious. Funny. Dysfunctional. With factions. Those doing well, those not doing well. Who's siding with whom. Those pairing off and those left out. And the jealousies like, 'You were always mama's favorite.' Stuff comes out in every family get-together."

And how about the multiple takes, like when you're maybe eating a chopped liver hors d'oeuvre?

"Ugggh. Chicken soup and matzos I like. But the hard-boiled eggs and that horseradishy thing with that sweet stuff. They tried to be very gentle with us except, basically, the scene is 14 people sitting around eating. And you have to cover every actor. His action, his reaction. We were eating for days. It was insane. The movie is funny, but after three months we got to the point where, like the family we were playing, we all wanted to kill each other."

And life for Lesley Ann Warren these days is what? Married six years "but we're together 16." She lives in L.A. Her son by another husband is getting married in September; her husband's daughter by another wife is getting married in May. And she's just finished a pilot for the USA Network.

"So how am I? I'm hangin' in, that's how I am. Truthfully, it's easier once you're over the hump of that pressure of

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youth. I've achieved a new reality. I've let go, and it's good. In the old days, career was more important to me than life. Now my life is more important to me. Now I'm out to enjoy myself."

"When Do We Eat?" Opens April 7, and Lesley Ann Warren hits New York next week for the expected sit-down interviews.

JOHN Legend looking to collaborate with **Aretha** on an album . . . **Patrick Stewart**: "As a kid, I spent every penny on the best toupee maker in London. I once took my wig off, and Laurence Olivier was more excited at that than at my performance. I may put it back on and try to work as a juvenile again." . . . **Matt Lauer** and family to enjoy a little vacation in Mexico . . . This October sweet, calm, tree-lined, Milford, Pa., holds its five-day Black Bear Film Festival. Right in the middle of leaf-changing season.

TO you who've asked when do I do a book-signing where you can also see the dogs, the answer is: day after tomorrow. Thursday. March 23. 6:30 p.m. At Borders, 57th and Park. **Jazzy Jr.** and **Juicy** will be present. Tomorrow, Wednesday, 6 p.m., I'm in Garden City, L.I., the Garden City Hotel where, although I'll be discussing my new book, "Living a Dog's Life," I'll be dogless.

A LIFETIME ago Stork Club owner Sherman Billingsley bugged celebs' tables. Fade in, fade out. **Halle Berry** and **Giovanni Ribisi** recently filmed a scene for their "Perfect Stranger" movie at **Earl Monroe's** eatery and co-owner **John Lowy** eavesdropped. But this was legit. A crewmember gave him earphones . . . Zocalo restaurant know-it-alls say ABC-TV's **Elizabeth Vargas** dated Joe DiMaggio . . . When ex-Net **Jayson Williams** unloaded his Jersey estate, he took along his gymnasium's Gym Source gear . . . **Dick Cheney** has a medical team that travels with him. If he's a millionaire who had this pre-existing condition before assuming the VPship, I'm asked why should taxpayers foot the bill . . . Coming up is the film "Cutout" with singer **Al Martino**. Director is **Marc Cantone**, whose father runs Foxwoods Entertainment.

ON the Grand Concourse: "Enough al ready with singing the praises of 'The Sopranos.' It's gotten so people think Dom Pérignon is a Mafia leader."

SO this was a showbiz party. One rea sonably good-looking male guest had come with an actor friend but was actually employed in the medical profession. He worked at Mount Sinai. An actress was introduced to him and she asked what he does. He answered, "I'm a nurse." She said, "On what show?"

Only in New York, kids, only in New York.

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