

USATODAY ESPN TOP 25 COACHES POLL

Women's poll taken before Tuesday's games; times p.m. Eastern

- 1. Baylor (25-0)**
Points: 775 (31 first-place votes). **Previous ranking (PR): 1. Upcoming:** Today at Oklahoma State, Saturday vs. Texas Tech, Feb. 21 vs. Texas. **Last week:** Beat then-No. 14 Texas A&M 71-48.
- 2. Connecticut (24-2)**
Points: 740. **PR: 3. Upcoming:** Saturday vs. St. John's, Feb. 21 at Pittsburgh. **Last week:** Beat then-No. 17 Louisville 56-46, beat then-No. 13 Georgetown 80-38, beat Oklahoma 73-55.
- 3. Stanford (22-1)**
Points: 702. **PR: 4. Upcoming:** Thursday at Oregon State, Saturday at Oregon. **Last week:** Beat Southern California 69-52, beat UCLA 82-59.
- 4. Notre Dame (25-2)**
Points: 693. **PR: 2. Tuesday:** Beat Providence 66-47. **Upcoming:** Monday at No. 16 Louisiana State. **Last week:** Beat Syracuse 74-55, lost to West Virginia 65-63.
- 5. Duke (21-3)**
Points: 649. **PR: 5. Upcoming:** Today vs. Virginia Tech, Sunday at No. 7 Maryland. **Last week:** Beat Boston College 71-62, beat Florida State 67-57.
- 6. Miami (Fla.) (22-3)**
Points: 626. **PR: 6. Upcoming:** Thursday at North Carolina State, Sunday vs. Florida State. **Last week:** Beat North Carolina 61-57, beat then-No. 8 Maryland 76-74.
- 7. Maryland (21-4)**
Points: 570. **PR: 8. Upcoming:** Thursday at Virginia, Sunday vs. No. 5 Duke (ESP/N2, 3). **Last week:** Beat Clemson 91-61, lost to No. 6 Miami (Fla.) 76-74.
- 8. Kentucky (21-4)**
Points: 528. **PR: 7. Upcoming:** Thursday at Alabama, Monday vs. No. 24 Vanderbilt (ESP/N2, 9). **Last week:** Lost to then-No. 11 Tennessee 91-54.
- 9. Delaware (22-1)**
Points: 497. **PR: 12. Upcoming:** Thursday at Hofstra, Sunday at Drexel. **Last week:** Beat Old Dominion 76-63, beat Georgia State 94-56.
- 10. Tennessee (18-7)**
Points: 484. **PR: 11. Upcoming:** Thursday at Mississippi State, Sunday at Mississippi. **Last week:** Lost to then-No. 7 Vanderbilt 93-79, beat then-No. 7 Kentucky 91-54.
- 11. Ohio State (22-3)**
Points: 473. **PR: 10. Upcoming:** Thursday vs. Indiana, Monday at No. 17 Penn State (ESP/N2, 7). **Last week:** Lost to Illinois 66-65, beat No. 19 Purdue 80-71.
- 12. Wisconsin-Green Bay (21-1)**
Points: 406. **PR: 9. Upcoming:** Thursday at Cleveland State, Saturday at Youngstown State. **Last week:** Lost to Detroit 70-58, beat Wright State 64-59.
- 13. Texas A&M (18-6)**
Points: 398. **PR: 14. Tuesday:** Beat Missouri 56-52. **Upcoming:** Saturday vs. Oklahoma State, Feb. 21 vs. Oklahoma. **Last week:** Beat Kansas State 67-36, lost to No. 1 Baylor 71-48.
- 14. Georgetown (20-6)**
Points: 395. **PR: 13. Tuesday:** Beat Villanova 60-54. **Upcoming:** Saturday vs. Providence. **Last week:** Beat Seton Hall 56-51, lost to then-No. 3 Connecticut 80-38.
- 15. Georgia (19-6)**
Points: 300. **PR: 20. Upcoming:** Thursday at South Carolina, Sunday at Florida (ESP/N2, 3:30). **Last week:** Beat then-No. 25 Vanderbilt 76-63.
- 16. Louisville (19-7)**
Points: 279. **PR: 17. Tuesday:** Beat Pittsburgh 71-66 in OT. **Upcoming:** Monday vs. Wake Forest (ESP/N2, 9). **Last week:** Lost to then-No. 3 Connecticut 56-46, beat Syracuse 89-62.
- 17. Penn State (20-5)**
Points: 254. **PR: 21. Upcoming:** Thursday at No. 19 Purdue (BTN, 6), Monday vs. No. 11 Ohio State (ESP/N2, 7). **Last week:** Beat Wisconsin 69-54, beat Northwestern 77-63.
- 18. Rutgers (17-7)**
Points: 211. **PR: 16. Upcoming:** Today at West Virginia, Saturday at Villanova, Feb. 21 vs. Seton Hall. **Last week:** Lost to St. John's 61-52.
- 19. Purdue (19-6)**
Points: 209. **PR: 19. Upcoming:** Thursday vs. No. 17 Penn State (BTN, 6), Sunday at Michigan State (ESP/N2, 5). **Last week:** Lost to then-No. 10 Ohio State 80-71.
- 20. DePaul (19-7)**
Points: 170. **PR: 22. Upcoming:** Saturday at West Virginia, Feb. 21 vs. Syracuse (CBS Sports Net, 9). **Last week:** Beat Villanova 79-73, beat Marquette 71-59.
- 21. Nebraska (19-5)**
Points: 148. **PR: 15. Upcoming:** Thursday at Wake Forest, Sunday vs. Boston College. **Last week:** Beat then-No. 11 Tennessee 93-79, lost to then-No. 20 Georgia 76-63.
- 22. Ga. Tech (18-7)**
Points: 136. **PR: 23. Upcoming:** Thursday at Wake Forest, Sunday vs. Boston College. **Last week:** Beat North Carolina 56-54.
- 23. Gonzaga (22-4)**
Points: 116. **PR: 18. Last week:** Thursday vs. Santa Clara, Saturday vs. Pepperdine. **Last week:** Lost to Brigham Young 70-40, beat San Francisco 79-59.
- 24. Vanderbilt (19-6)**
Points: 67. **PR: 25. Upcoming:** Thursday vs. Florida, Monday at No. 8 Kentucky (ESP/N2, 9). **Last week:** Beat then-No. 11 Tennessee 93-79, lost to then-No. 20 Georgia 76-63.
- 25. St. Bonaventure (24-2)**
Points: 56. **PR:** not ranked. **Upcoming:** Saturday vs. Xavier (CBS Sports Net, 2). **Last week:** Beat Massachusetts 69-54, beat Dayton 56-55. **Dropped out:** No. 24 South Carolina. **Other receiving votes:** West Virginia (18-6) 39; South Carolina (19-6) 38; Texas-El Paso (22-2) 22; Florida Gulf Coast (23-2) 20; Middle Tennessee (21-6) 20; Boston Young (22-0) 18; St. John's (17-8) 12; Arkansas (19-5) 10; Fresno State (20-4) 8; Princeton (17-4) 6; California (18-7) 3; Oklahoma (18-7) 2. The USA TODAY/ESPN board of coaches is made up of 31 head coaches at Division I institutions. All are members of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

Examiner: Alcohol level no factor

Love's brain trauma detailed

By Erik Brady USA TODAY

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — The medical examiner who conducted Yeardeley Love's autopsy testified Tuesday that her blood alcohol level of 0.14 did not have an influence on her death.

Assistant chief medical examiner William T. Gormley also said the small amount of amphetamine found in Love's system was "in the therapeutic range" for someone with a prescription for Adderall and likewise not a factor in her death.

Defense attorneys have suggested Love could have died from a combination of alcohol and Adderall leading to cardiac arrest. Gormley testified that blood-alcohol levels associated with death are likely to be in the range of 0.40 or above.

Gormley said Love died of blunt force trauma to the head. George Huguey V is charged with first-degree murder and five other charges. The prosecution contends Huguey, a former Virginia lacrosse player, kicked in the door to Love's bedroom in May 2010 and shook his former girlfriend so violently that her head knocked against the wall. Huguey pleaded not guilty. Love also played lacrosse for Virginia.

Under questioning from prosecutor Warren D. Chapman, Gormley explained the difference between cause of death and mechanism of death. He said the cause is an injury or disease or anatomical defect that starts the chain of events that leads to the mechanism of death, typically cardiac arrhythmia, cardiac arrest or respiratory arrest.

Christine E. Fuller, who dissected Yeardeley Love's brain, testified that Love took an impact of such force that blood vessels in her brain hemorrhaged. The neuropathologist from Virginia Commonwealth University said Love's injuries were of the sort that might occur in an automobile crash — or a punch that knocked a head against a wall.

Fuller said torque from sudden acceleration and deceleration causes soft brain tissue to collide with bony surfaces inside the skull. She said this kind of injury does not happen in a fall unless it is from a height and not from ground level.

Defense attorneys, who say Love's death was a tragic accident, suggested brain trauma could have occurred during a fall to the bedroom floor. They also suggested brain hemorrhages could have occurred during CPR efforts to revive her. Fuller said she did not believe either was possible in this case.

M. Beatriz S. Lopes, who also studied Love's brain, testified that Love's injuries would have slowed breathing and could have led to cardiac arrest. Lopes, of Virginia's School of Medicine, said her testing showed changes in Love's brain that would have taken two hours or more between injury and death.

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Support for defendant: Friends and family of George Huguey V walk to the Charlottesville Circuit Court on Tuesday. Huguey, a former Virginia lacrosse player, is accused of killing Yeardeley Love in May 2010.

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kill her. Huguey told police he came to her room to talk about their relationship.

Fuller gave the jury a tutorial on the workings of the brain, using a model of the human brain and photographs of sections of Love's brain, which were visible to the jury and the court but not to spectators.

Fuller said injuries to Love's brain could have been caused by being punched against a wall or other surface. Defense attorney Rhonda Quagliana asked why she mentioned a wall. Fuller called it "the most obvious thing" but conceded she did not know how Love suffered her injuries. Quagliana also asked Fuller why she mentioned a punch.

Fuller said because of bruising around Love's right eye.

point total this season. Clemson (13-12, 5-6 Atlantic Coast) took control with an 18-9 run over the final eight minutes to give Virginia (19-6, 6-5) its second loss in a row. The Cavaliers looked out of synch with outside threat Joe Harris playing in a cast after breaking his left hand in a loss to North Carolina last Saturday.

Harris came in averaging 12 points a game but was limited to two points on 1-for-5 shooting. Jontel Evans led the Cavaliers with 17 points, and Mike Scott finished with 13, four below his team-leading average.

Women

No. 4. Notre Dame 66, Providence 47: Devereaux Peters had 19 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Fighting Irish at home.

Skylar Diggins finished with 19 points and seven assists for Notre Dame (25-2, 12-1 Big East), which shot 48% from the field and out-rebounded the Friars 41-25. Peters' eighth double-double of the season helped the Irish outscore Providence 40-26 in the paint.

Providence (13-13, 5-8) played much of the first half without leading scorer and rebounder Teya Wright, who appeared to injure her ankle early in the game and was held to five points and three rebounds in 24 minutes of play. Rachel Barnes scored 16 for Providence.

No. 14 Georgetown 60, Villanova 54: Sugar Rodgers scored 19 points and the visiting Hoyas held off the Wildcats.

The Hoyas (20-6, 9-4 Big East) were outshot 41.9% (18 of 43) to 34.4% (21 of 61) from the field but took advantage of Villanova's mistakes.

Friedman welcomes "comments and complaints." The list includes Dr. Seuss' *Green Eggs and Ham* (No. 7), but not *The Cat in the Hat*. It omits classics such as Laura Ingalls Wilder's *Little House* series and J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit*. Stephenie Meyer's best-selling *Twilight* series was considered "too mature."

Scholastic, which publishes books as well as the magazine, has 14 titles on the list, including No. 33, Suzanne Collins' best seller *The Hunger Games*. Friedman says the judges looked at the books and not their publishers.

Also named are 10 "superlative award" winners, including the following (overall rankings in the top 100 are in parentheses):

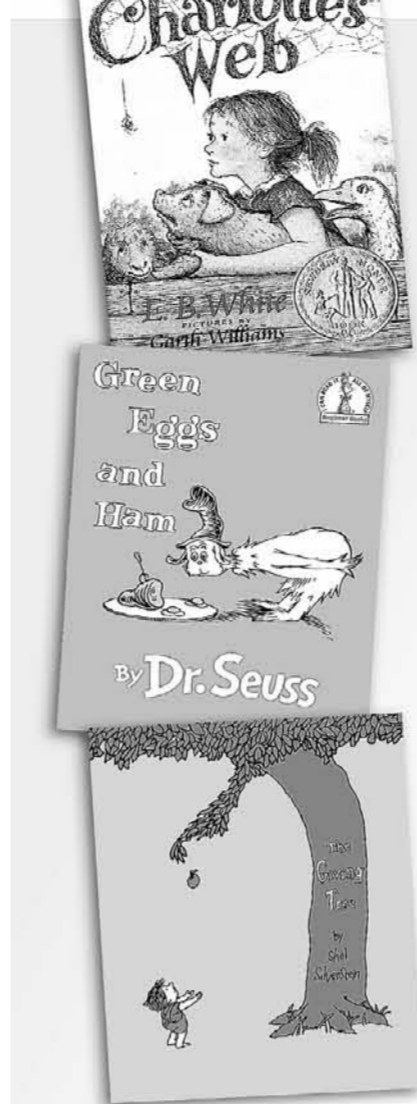
► **Best Read-Aloud:** Mo Willems' *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* (28).

► **Most Beautifully Illustrated:** Jerry Pinkney's *The Lion and the Unicorn* (61).

► **Most Relatable Character:** Jeff Kinney's *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (38).

► **Most Side-Splitting Hilarious:** Dav Pilkey's *The Adventures of Captain Underpants* (97).

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Books

The top 100 for children

The 100 "Greatest Books for Kids," ranked by Scholastic Parent & Child magazine:

1	Charlotte's Web	E.B. White
2	Goodnight Moon	Margaret Wise Brown
3	A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle
4	The Snowy Day	Ezra Jacks Keats
5	Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak
6	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	J.K. Rowling
7	Green Eggs and Ham	Dr. Seuss
8	The Diary of a Young Girl	Anne Frank
9	The Giving Tree	Shel Silverstein
10	Frog and Toad Are Friends	Arnold Lobel
11	Anne of Green Gables	L.M. Montgomery
12	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle
13	Madeline	Ludwig Bemelmans
14	The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame
15	The Dot	Peter H. Reynolds
16	Tuck Everlasting	Natalie Babbitt
17	Pat the Bunny	Dorothy Kunhardt
18	When Marian Sang	Pam Munoz Ryan
19	Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale	Mo Willems
20	Where the Sidewalk Ends	Shel Silverstein
21	Bud, Not Buddy	Christopher Paul Curtis
22	Corduroy	Don Freeman
23	The Phantom Tollbooth	Norton Juster
24	The Little Engine That Could	Watty Piper
25	The Giver	Lois Lowry
26	Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Grace Lin
27	Black on White	Tana Hoban
28	Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!	Mo Willems
29	Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret.	Judy Blume
30	My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother	Patricia Polacco
31	The Mitten	Jan Brett
32	The Runaway Bunny	Margaret Wise Brown
33	The Hungry Games	Suzanne Collins
34	Swimmy	Leo Lionni
35	Freight Train	Donald Crews
36	The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett
37	The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear	Don & Audrey Wood
38	Diary of a Wimpy Kid	Jeff Kinney
39	Zen Shorts	John J. Muth
40	Moo, Baa, La La La!	Sandra Boynton
41	Matilda	Roald Dahl
42	What Do People Do All Day?	Richard Scarry
43	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	C.S. Lewis
44	Good Night, Gorilla	Peggy Rathmann
45	The Composition	Antonio Skarmeta
46	Not a Box	Antoinette Portis
47	Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?	Bill Martin Jr. & Eric Carle
48	Hatchet	Gary Paulsen
49	Martin's Big Words	Doreen Rappaport
50	Sarah, Plain and Tall	Patricia MacLachlan
51	Sylvia Long's Mother Goose	Sylvia Long
52	The Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan
53	The House at Pooh Corner	A.A. Milne
54	Through My Eyes	Ruby Bridges
55	Smile!	Roberta Grobel Intranter
56	Living Sunlight	Molly Bang & Penny Shickel
57	The Bad Beginning	Lemony Snicket
58	Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez	Kathleen Krull
59	Dear Juno	Soyung Pak
60	Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes ...	Annie Kubler
61	The Lion and the Mouse	Jerry Pinkney
62	Diary of a Worm	Doreen Cronin
63	The Invention of Hugo Cabret	Brian Selznick
64	My Truck Is Stuck!	Kevin Lewis
65	Birds	Kevin Henkes
66	The Maze of Bones	Rick Riordan
67	Esperanza Rising	Pam Munoz Ryan
68	Counting Kisses: A Kiss & Read Book	Karen Katz
69	The Magic School Bus at the Waterworks	Joanna Cole
70	Blackout	John Rocco
71	Bridge to Terabithia	Katherine Paterson
72	Are You My Mother?	P.D. Eastman
73	The Wet With Milk	Allen Say
74	Owl Moon	Jane Yolen
75	Holes	Louis Sachar
76	Peek-a-Who?	Nina Laden
77	HHH Fly Guy	Tedd Arnold
78	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH	Robert O'Brien
79	Llama Llama Red Pajama	Anna Dewdney
80	What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?	Steve Jenkins & Robin Page
81	Lincoln: A Photobiography	Russell Freedman
82	Joy + Bean	Annie Barrows
83	Yoko	Rosemary Wells
84	No No Yes Yes	Leslie Patricelli
85	Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	Judy Blume
86	Interrupting Chicken	David Ezra Stein
87	Rules	Cynthia Lord
88	Grumpy Bird	Jerry Tangard
89	An Egg Is Quiet	Dianna Hutts Aston
90	Pass in Boots	Charles Perrault
91	Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon	Catherine Thimmesh
92	What Shall We Do With the Boo Hoo Baby?	Cressida Cowell
93	We the Kids: The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States	David Catrow
94	I Took the Moon for a Walk	Carolyn Curtis
95	A Single Shard	Linda Sue Park
96	Gossie	Oliver Dunrea
97	The Adventures of Captain Underpants	Dav Pilkey
98	First Words	Roger Priddy
99	Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices	Paul Fleischman
100	Animalia	Graeme Base

Filmgoers will espy Reese's sexy side

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(jokes) ... to urethra (jokes) ... It was just incredible."

To score a PG-13 rating, War's dirtiest lines were cut at the request of the Motion Picture Association of America, but they "did make it into the U.K. one," says Hardy, whose cheeky bonance with FDR crumbles after his character, Tuck, stumbles upon Lauren's picture on an online dating website. In time, both are desperate to win her over.

Eye candy is abundant in the action-meets-rom-com film, and audiences are treated to a sexier look from Witherspoon, one that director McG (*Charlie's Angels*, *Terminator: Salvation*) terms "a little more Brigitte Bardot and Rachel Welch."

"That's really her on the countertop in her Agent Provocateur underwear, making out with a shirtless Chris Pine and then doing it again with Tom Hardy," he says.

And owning it. "She's super-foxy, and she always plays that down," the director says. But this time around, "she wanted to go for it. You see her dancing around in a sweatshirt and her butt's peeking out, and it's adorable. Those are the moments that you say, 'Wow, she's really sexy, and I would fight for that.'"

As for those *femme fatale* shots and her wardrobe of body-conscious dresses, "it's all McG's fault," Witherspoon says. But that's not to say she couldn't relate to her character's predicament. Witherspoon shot the movie on his iPad at the Saha House, where she and McG were completing *Water for Elephants*, long before she married agent Jim Toth of the Creative Artists Agency in March. "I was a single girl when I made the movie. It wasn't much of a stretch. This wasn't a hard job."

But it was a physical one. Warris Witherspoon's first action movie, and she makes the most of it, swinging on a trapeze with Hardy, gamely climbing up a dangling car and even, McG says, ripping her finger wide open on a broken headlight during an adrenaline-racing stunt.

Physical prep work
For this trio, getting into action shape took on different forms. Before filming, "I was getting really into yoga," says Pine, who's busy these days reprising his role of Captain Kirk with the new *Star Trek* movie back in production. Playing FDR, "a complete hedonist and lover of life," Pine "stopped lifting weights and lost a bunch of weight and I was feeling really healthy."

Hardy, sporting a longish beard in preparation for his upcoming *Mad Max* shoot, had a different tactic. "Cake, sugar, cigarettes," says Witherspoon, "so she goes to



PG-13-rated War story: Lauren (Reese Witherspoon) is caught between two secret agents, FDR (Chris Pine, left) and Tuck (Tom Hardy).

says the English actor, whose tattooed torso, ripped underneath a tight black T-shirt, is decidedly void of pastry evidence.

Hardy says there was a method to the caloric madness: He was trying to lose some of his cage-fighting *Wrior* bulk when he signed onto *War*. (He has since quit smoking out of necessity, to train as the villain Bane for *The Dark Knight*, due this summer.)

Witherspoon says that as an actor, "you never know what your next thing is going to be. Somebody could ask (Hardy) to gain 40 pounds or be completely emaciated. You have to figure it out pretty fast. For me, I just try to stay healthy all the time. It's important. I run a lot."

Assembling the right dynamic for this *Mr. and Mrs. Smith*-style spy movie meant that after Witherspoon signed on, McG went on an alpha manhunt. "McG showed up at Chateau Marmot to meet Pine with a paper bag under his arm. As Pine and screenwriter Simon Kinberg spit-balled ideas, "McG was silently picking up out of the bag different pictures that were the archetypes of the film," says Pine, including shots of *Burk Cassidy* and the *Sundance Kid*, Nick Nolte and Eddie Murphy in *48 Hours*, and Maverick and Goose from *Top Gun*. "He really wanted to make a great buddy picture."

McG then flew to London to persuade Hardy to try on his "decidedly Americana, pop film," and showed Hardy initial scenes of the movie on his iPad at the Saha House. "The guy's a monster. We know what he can do with his acting," McG says. Plus, "he looks like the love child of Marlon Brando and Paul Newman."

Hardy liked what he saw. "I really liked to play against the fact that we're doing a spy movie in a rom-com," says the actor, who's known for a more serious on-screen persona, thanks to his work in films such as *Inception*, *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy* and *Warrior*.

Castling Lauren's brash best friend was Witherspoon's job. She says there was no one better for the mouthy role than Handler, whom she befriended two years ago at a party.

Lauren is "a very decisive person within her work, but then romantically, she's sort of a disaster and can't decide anything," says Witherspoon, "so she goes to

Chelsea Handler for advice." "Some very salty advice." "Sex tie-breaker!" Handler hoots in the film when Lauren admits she's torn between the chiseled undercover agents.

Handler says some of her jokes would stop Witherspoon in her tracks. "Reese is very professional, and I'm completely unprofessional, so the two of us working together was perfect," Handler says. "Sometimes she'd just look at me and go, 'You're so weird.' She still does that."

Family matters
Off-set, Witherspoon spends far more time in her favorite role: mom. But it's not always easy being a movie star, a mom and a wife. "It's always sort of a hustle. But any woman who works who has kids knows what that hustle is, and you sort of weigh the guilt meter and how you feel about working on location."

She plans to go on location this summer to shoot new film *Big Eyes*, which means "a lot of airplanes traveling back and forth" to maintain mom's presence at home. Her children don't watch her movies, and she's cautious about social media.

"When you have kids, too, you get very protective. I think about what the Internet is and the repercussions of that expanse of people having your personal information. I get very protective of my own kids in that capacity. They're not on any of it."

And Witherspoon is beginning to experience a new chapter of motherhood: Daughter Ava, 12, is almost a teenager. "I actually have a great relationship with my daughter, and it's exciting to see her grow up. She's a wonderful young lady." Son Deacon is 8. Their dad is Witherspoon's ex, Ryan Phillippe.

The newlywed says romance in her marriage to Toth is in bloom. "Hopefully you always have romance in your life," Witherspoon says. "I think that's part of keeping life interesting."

Pine and Hardy have their own advice for the romance-challenged on holidays and birthdays. "I think simple is better," Pine says. "I don't think you can go wrong with flowers. That's the bottom line."

"I think 101 is not to forget," Hardy adds. Witherspoon seconds that. Guys: "Don't go to Siberia," she warns.

Good Environmental Practices

Turtle Watching

Sea turtles have lived in the world's oceans for over 150 million years. Sadly, these ancient reptiles are now globally threatened with extinction. Many populations are declining as a result of hunting, increasing coastal development, incidental capture in fisheries, degradation and destruction of nesting beaches, and marine pollution. You can help protect them by following these simple guidelines.

TURTLE FACTS

- * All species of sea turtle are endangered and need protection.
- * Turtles can drown if they are prevented from reaching the surface of the sea to breathe.
- * Litter is dangerous, especially plastic bags, which can be mistaken for jellyfish—a favorite turtle food.
- * Turtles remain in the same region for years and, as adults, return to the same nesting area year after year. If a nesting colony is destroyed, the turtles may never return.