

celebrity q&a

BY JAY BOBBIN

Elizabeth Vargas

OF 'AMERICA'S MOST WANTED' ON FOX



The new version of "America's Most Wanted" is quite high-tech. As its host, are you adjusting to that well?

It's really exciting and challenging. I get to stretch my hosting skills in a way I've never done before, but that's part of why the show is coming back. In the 10 years since "America's Most Wanted" went off the air, there's just been such an explosion of technology and social media, and everyone can take videos and pictures and send text messages now – and stay connected in a way.

Plus, we have age-progression technology and 3-D avatars and map-pinpointing technology. It's incredible, the tools we have at our disposal.

Have you crossed paths with original, longtime "America's Most Wanted" host John Walsh?

Oh, yes. I've interviewed him several times, a couple of times when I was a host on "Good Morning America," so I have had that pleasure. We're thrilled that he's so thrilled that we're bringing this back. He's been so supportive.

Are you ready to step into a television identity as one of America's top crusaders for justice?

Absolutely. I've spent decades of my career telling stories, and I can't even tell you how many interviews I've done with victims of crime, and how heartbreaking that is. Part of being a good storyteller is becoming emotionally invested in those stories. I covered Amanda Knox for five whole years, and I just did another special on the JonBenet Ramsey investigation, which I started covering decades ago.

The wonderful part of this show is that we not only are telling true-crime stories, but we're offering our audience a way to help these crime victims ... and that's the difference between "America's Most Wanted" and every other true-crime show out there. And there are a million of them.



Michael Flatley

triviaquiz BY JOHN CROOK  
Here's to St. Pat!

Questions:

- 1) What phenomenally successful celebration of Irish music and dance featuring the self-proclaimed "lord of the dance," Michael Flatley still turns up on PBS affiliates?
- 2) The FX comedy series "Sex&Drugs&Rock&Roll" starred what smart-aleck comic and actor whose stand-up routine is tied deeply to his Irish-American roots?
- 3) During his time off, Archie Bunker of "All in the Family" enjoyed hanging out with his friends at what Irish pub?
- 4) Irish actor Gabriel Byrne's star quality wasn't enough to save this short-lived ABC sitcom, which ran for only a few weeks in 2000. Can you remember the title?
- 5) "The Cavanaughs" (CBS, 1986-89) starred Tony Award winner Barnard Hughes as an Irish patriarch living in what northeastern U.S. city?

- Answers:  
1) "Riverdance"  
2) Denis Leary  
3) Kelsey's Bar  
4) "Madigan Men"  
5) Boston

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