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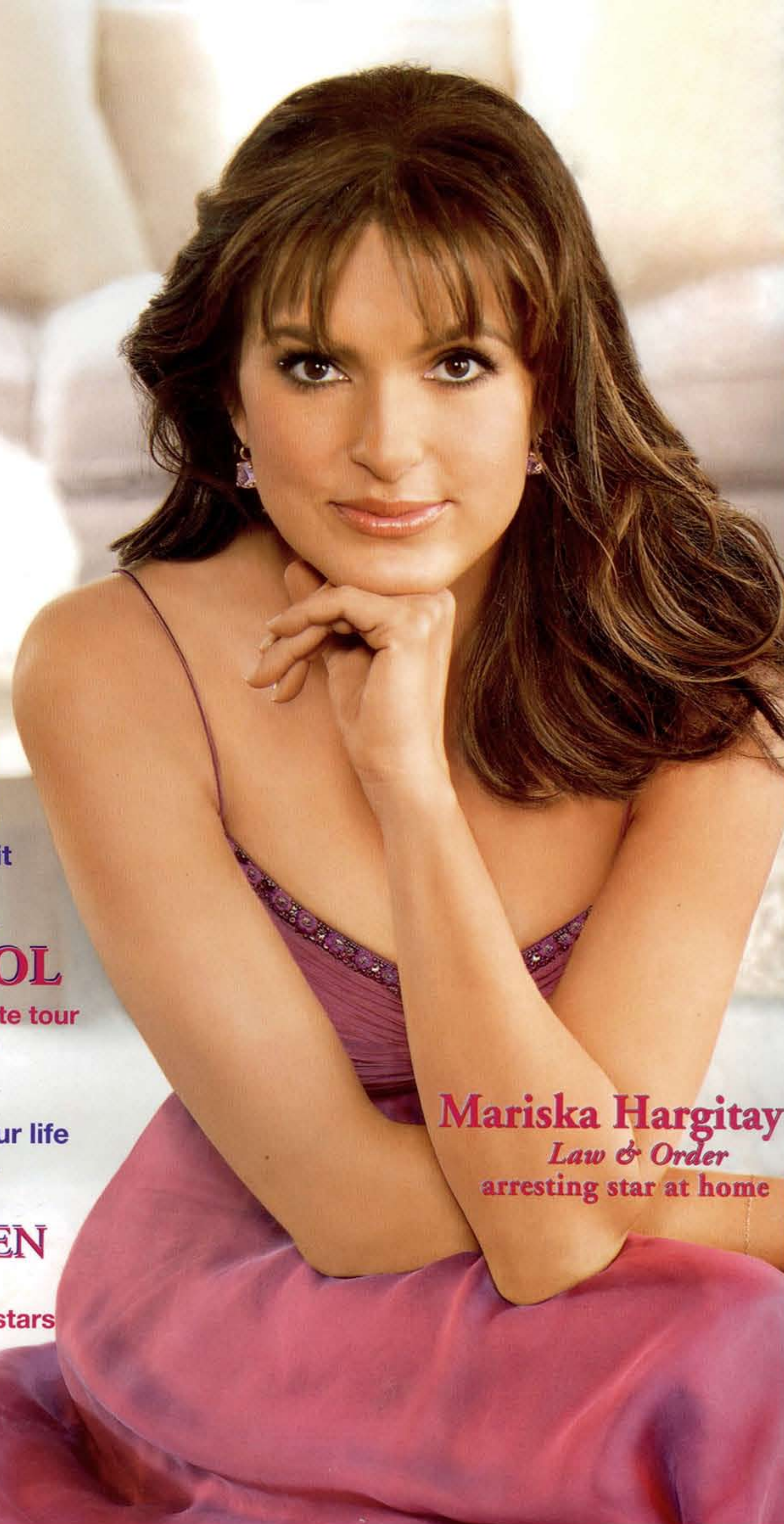
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O furniture rescue

What's in Your Attic?

SUE PIERCE, AN *O AT HOME* READER in Pennsylvania, loved her grandmother's chair, but it was so beat up it had no place in Sue's home. She wrote us (see her letter, right), and we set up a furniture rescue with Shawn Henderson, eBay's design director (far right, holding a picture of the chair in its original, pitiful state). "Wear and tear removed any monetary value," Shawn says, "but the chair was still solid and emotionally precious." So he repaired the wood, rebuilt the back, and covered the cushions with muslin. He also slip-covered the chair with a ticking-like fabric that would go with several styles, from classic to modern. Then Shawn did a little digging around eBay for accessories that would complement the rocker, including a \$120 jug lamp ("I was taken by the textures of the burlap shade and the glazed and unglazed body"); a \$57 handmade twig table ("The wood ties in well with the chair"); two vintage game boards for \$163 ("One's real and one's a reproduction, but they both look like folk art"); and a 3.5-by-5.5-foot Scandinavian rug for \$100 ("It's comfortable underfoot without being overly plush"). Thanks to Shawn's furniture rescue and his eBay finds, Sue's chair now looks—and feels—right at home. 

*Dear O at Home,
I have a battered yet
noble Victorian rocker in
serious need of rehab. The
chair helps me to remember
my grandmother's house,
which was built by her
mother but sold in 2003—
none of the family could
afford to keep it. All we
have left are the letters,
photos, and furniture,
which is why I keep around
a chair that looks like
it's been through a
shredder. Help!*
— Sue Pierce



If you, too, have an old piece of furniture that's full of sentimental value but sorely lacking in style, send digital photos, along with a story about the piece, to oathomefurniturerescue@hearst.com.



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