

**PARTY DOWN'S
MEGAN MULLALLY**
**AT YOUR
SERVICE**

● The *Will & Grace* alum, 51, joins the Starz comedy, now in its second season, as a chipper caterer.



EVER SERVE FOOD? I was a waitress for three weeks when I was 21 in Chicago. I would bring the wrong food to the wrong table. I was terrible!

PARTYGOER OR PLANNER? My husband [*Parks and Recreation's* Nick Offerman] and I like hosting small parties. We invited a couple over and had Mariachi music and margaritas. But we are not game-night people. I get nervous playing games.

WHAT'S IT LIKE BEING THE "I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT BUTTER!" GIRL? It's a blast! I've never looked better in my entire life—and it's for a butter commercial. I looked like Julia Roberts in that red dress. —**PAUL CHI**

**TALKING
HEAD CASE**

● Excellent news! Showtime is planning on broadcasting *Web Therapy*, Lisa Kudrow's gem of an online comedy about a self-trained and completely self-absorbed analyst. The series, in its third season at Lstudio.com, features a terrific cast of guest performers, including Jane Lynch, Courteney Cox and Julia Louis-Dreyfus. And Kudrow is in a class by herself: dry, sarcastic, irresistibly ridiculous. ★★★★★



Into the Deep

PBS, check local listings | ★★★★★

HISTORY

It's no exaggeration to call this one whale of a tale. Narrated by Willem Dafoe, *Deep* is a sprawling but precise history of the American whaling industry and its decisive role (up until the Civil War) in the nation's growth. The central incident here, one that rippled across decades and even inspired *Moby-Dick*, is the disaster of the Nantucket ship *Essex*, rammed to bits by an irate sperm whale in 1820. Even as *Deep* traces the grim changes in the industry—the boats became floating slaughterhouses—it never loses the primordial terror and fascination of man-against-sea.



Ahoy! A 19th-century illustration of a harpooning.