



**Brady's BITE**  
 Billy and his three acting brothers grew up in Massapequa, Long Island, where their father taught such local kids as Ron Kovic, the wounded Vietnam vet whose story became *Born on the Fourth of July*. This was, of course, long before Billy became an actor and won a small part in that 1989 film. He admitted his role was as a "glorified extra." He spent five months in the Philippine jungles being shouted at by Oliver Stone. Despite the thrill of a television success, he's hardly through with feature films. "With the usual hiatus between TV seasons, I'll still be able to fit in a new movie," he said. "After all, I'm a known actor by now, with a pretty good résumé."

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# InStepWith® William Baldwin By James Brady

**W**ITH THE SCREENWRITERS' strike still on, William "Billy" Baldwin—who stars as the seductively wicked and politically ambitious Patrick Darling IV on the ABC hit series *Dirty Sexy Money*—phoned from the set in Los Angeles. The gloomy news: "We're running out of script."

One of the season's more pleasant surprises, with a terrific cast (Donald Sutherland, Jill Clayburgh, Peter Krause), *Dirty* is a story described as "the Kennedy clan meets Paris Hilton."

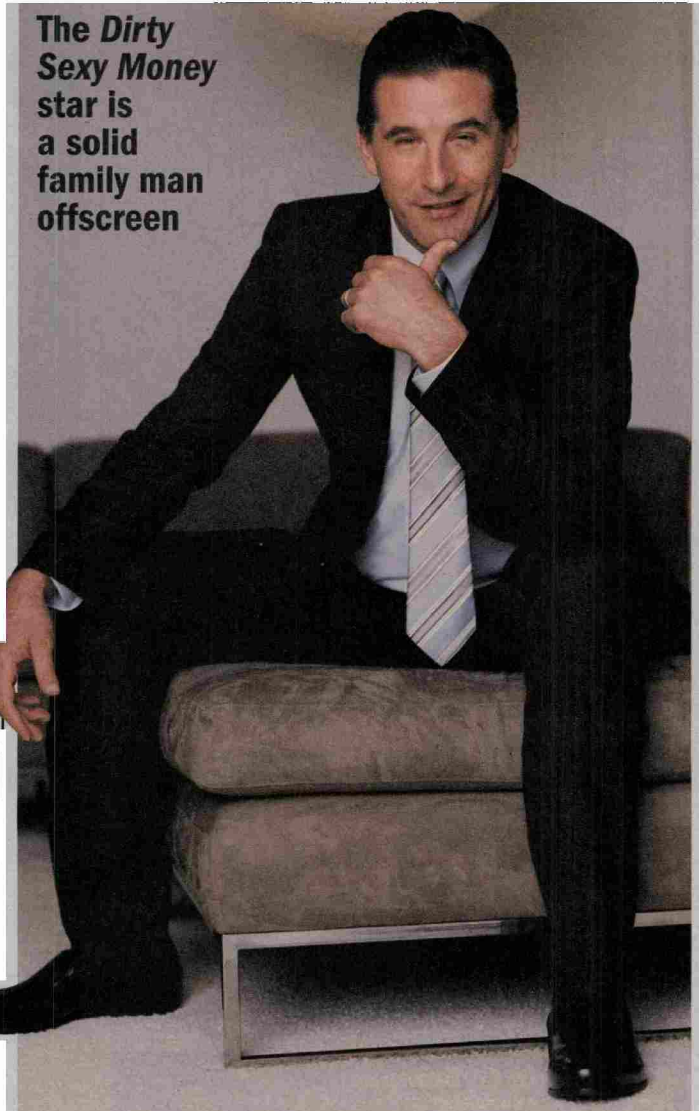
"I think it has the hallmarks of a successful show," Baldwin said. In fact, *Dirty* recently was renewed for another season. This is the first TV series Billy has ever done, but you may know him from major films such as *The Squid and the Whale* or *Born on the Fourth of July*. "I have some turkeys in there too," he added cheerfully.

Billy and his singer, composer wife Chynna Phillips confronted a real dilemma when *Dirty* came along. They and their three young children loved their home in Bedford, N.Y., and had no desire to go Hollywood. But, as Billy said, "I've got to work." So they went West, and today "Chynna and I are living near her mother [Michelle Phillips of The Mamas & the Papas] for a year." I asked how his brothers were.

"Alec is doing well on *30 Rock*," he said. "Stephen is OK. But Dan is going through a rough patch. Addiction is tough."

Does Billy have any professional regrets? "Not having started out in New York theater," said the sensibly grounded actor. "Instead, I bartended, modeled and went into *Fourth of July*." What was Tom Cruise like back then? "I've always admired him," Billy said. "You know, guys like Burt Reynolds had five or six big years. Cruise has been on top for 15." **T**

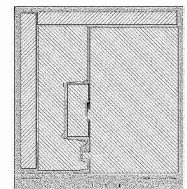
**The Dirty Sexy Money star is a solid family man offscreen**



**Personal**  
 Born on Feb. 21, 1963, in Massapequa, N.Y. Married to singer Chynna Phillips since 1995; three children.

**Why You Know Him**  
 He's been in many hit films, such as *Flatliners* and *Backdraft*, as well as clunkers like *Three of Hearts*.

**What You Don't Know**  
 His dog is named for the late Yankee great Thurman Munson.



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