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Helen's hunt is over

IF YOU run into actress **Helen Hunt** and her new boyfriend, and you ask him how to spell his name, Helen will answer for him. "It's **Matthew Carnahan** — C-a-r-n-a-h-a-n!" (Matthew is a writer, producer and director. Among his credits are TV's "The Fugitive" and "Fastlane.") At least this is what **Joan Jedell**, who was foraging for news to fill her The Hampton Sheet, found out. The new issue boasts **Bernadette Peters** on the cover ... **RINGO STARR**, the former Beatle, graced London's Chelsea Flower Show last week, inspecting a garden inspired by his song "Octopus' Garden." This showed a coral reef with fish and sea urchins in terrestrial form. It is called the Hasmead Octopus Garden and was designed by Marney Hall ... **IN THE** coming movie "The Life of Peter Sellers," the London Spy column tells us Italian star **Sonia Aquino** will be required to impersonate the real-life **Sophia Loren**. Sophia and Peter did make a 1960 film together, "The Millionairess." What I'm wondering is, who will play **Liza Minnelli**? She and Sellers had a brief but tempestuous love affair toward the end of his life.



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HELEN HUNT
She knows how to spell.

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