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# Brad: I loaned Angie \$8M

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**BRAD PITT** has fought back in court against **Angelina Jolie's** claim that he's a deadbeat dad. On Tuesday, Jolie claimed in court papers that her ex had not paid "meaningful child support" for their six kids since their 2016 split. And on Wednesday, Pitt fought back, filing his own papers, calling Jolie's claim "a thinly veiled effort to manipulate media coverage" and revealing that he loaned Jolie millions of dollars to buy a home. In the papers, lodged at LA Superior Court, Pitt's lawyers said that the "Fight Club" star "adamantly disputes the contention that he has not paid child support." In fact, his briefs claim

that Pitt "previously loaned [Jolie] \$8 million to assist her in purchasing her current residence and has paid \$1.3 million in bills for the benefit of [Jolie] and the minor children." In the papers, the lawyers suggest that Jolie's team is just using the child support allegations as a way to smear Pitt publicly. Referring to a meeting that happened just last week — in which Jolie's team could have brought up concerns about money in private — Pitt's camp said, "At that time, [Jolie's lawyers] made no mention of any child support issues, and the sudden effort to schedule on that subject is calculated to increase the conflict." Sources told Page Six that things became

nasty just recently. "Brad and Angelina had more arguments this summer over the kids, and while they had earlier this year halted the official divorce proceedings in the hopes of sorting out custody privately in front of a private judge, in reality they weren't resolving anything." The source said Pitt "finally decided he'd had enough, and gave Angie warning he wanted to file to restart the official divorce proceedings in LA Superior Court, just to get things over and done with." We're told Jolie asked for a week to "think about it," then "stuck the knife in" by filing her own papers, demanding the divorce be finalized and calling him a delinquent dad. Jolie's reps didn't immediately get back to us.

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## Gere: dad at 68

**RICHARD Gere** and wife **Alejandra Silva** are going to be parents, according to reports. Spanish outlet ABC reports that the couple is expecting their first child together. Gere's rep told Page Six he could not confirm the news at this time. It would be Gere's second child. He and ex-wife **Carey Lowell** have an 18-year-old son together. Silva has a 5-year-old son from her previous marriage. Gere, who will be 69 Aug. 31, and Silva, 35, secretly wed in a civil ceremony in early April and celebrated their nuptials with close family and friends in NYC in May. They first started dating in 2014. This is Gere's third marriage.



The world's youngest spiritual leader gets to meet Pope Francis, Sting and Tropic Styler visited the Vatican on Wednesday.



## HBO star's Lyft shift plan

**ISSA Rae's** character, Issa, on her hit HBO show "Insecure" has a part-time gig as a Lyft driver — but Rae tells Page Six that she tried to sign up as a driver for the ride-hailing app in real life just two years ago. "I rented a car to write the first episodes [of the second season of the show] in December, and the rental car that I had, I drove it all the way to Malibu," the Los Angeles native told us. "I bought a full tank [of gas] but I didn't use it. So I thought, 'I'm not returning this car with all this gas. I paid for it — I'm just going to lose money.'" Rae told us that despite her growing fame after the first season of the comedy aired, she hatched a brilliant plan to sign up as a Lyft driver and take fares until she'd used up the tank, then return the rental. "So I filled out the application, I got the sticker [to go on her car from Lyft] and then I got denied because I had some stupid traffic violation in 2014." Although her scheme didn't pan out, it became fodder for her show. "I told the writers how I tried to do that and they found it hilarious. And they asked, 'What if people recognized you?' But I wasn't even thinking about that, because Season 2 [of 'Insecure'] didn't even come out yet. And it was in Malibu so I thought that I would be OK." She added, "There are so many creative people using ride sharing as a means to make some additional income, and Issa definitely needed that extra income." The third season of the show premieres Sunday.

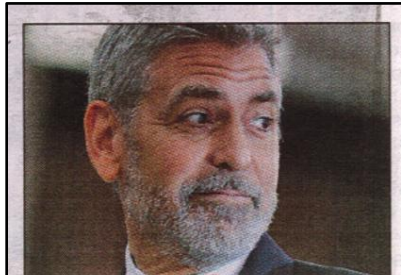
## #MeToo do-over

DISGRACED celebrity photographer **Terry Richardson** and his wife **Alex "Skinny" Bolotow** are trying for a second chance in Woodstock, NY. Earlier this summer, Bolotow opened Woodstock Bring Your Own, an eco-friendly store that provides "refillable cleaning and beauty products and other sustainable living items to help you on your low-waste journey," reports PageSix.com's **Francesca Biazelli**. Sources say Richardson and his family are being "embraced" by some of the upstate community, but their presence isn't sitting well with others because of his alleged misconduct. Earlier this year, the NYPD announced it was investigating sexual-assault claims against the photographer, and **Condé Nast** has cut ties with him. He has denied all the allegations. Bolotow did not respond to our requests for comment.



## Roaming Rome

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