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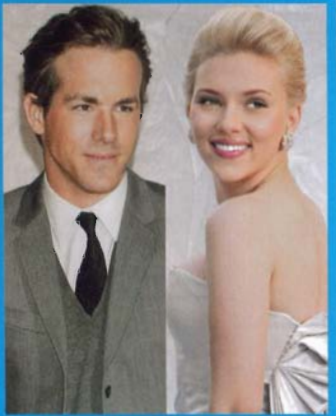
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COZY COUPLE

"They love each other unconditionally," a source says of the pair (at an Emmy party on Sept. 21).



asserts that "there was no confession" of a romantic relationship, close pals of the couple confirm that they are serious. "Samantha and Lindsay have been 'out' to friends for a few months now," a source close to the pair tells *OK!*. A longtime pal of the actress adds, "Lindsay's inner circle of friends have known for years she's bisexual. Family members and everyone else started figuring it out about six months ago. They don't feel the need to talk about it with everyone, but it's clear through their actions that they are, without a doubt, together as a couple."

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Indeed, at *TV Guide's* Sept. 21 Emmy party, the pair smiled for the camera, with Lindsay cradling Samantha's head in her lap. "They never leave one another's side," says the source. "They are very protective of each other and super-duper cute together." The day after their Disneyland jaunt, Lindsay joined Samantha as she spun at the BlackBerry party at Il Cielo in Beverly Hills. "There were a lot of same-sex couples at the restaurant," a patron tells *OK!*. "They fit right in." This past weekend, the duo enjoyed a trip to Las Vegas, where they dined at N9NE Steakhouse and stayed at a Sky Villa inside the Fantasy tower at the Palms Casino Resort. "We're celebrating our love for each other," Lindsay said.

Ugly Betty star **Eric Mabius**, who witnessed their romance firsthand when Lindsay filmed scenes for a guest spot, confirms that they make a great couple. "Samantha's visited the set a few times to show Lindsay her support," he tells *OK!*. Adds **Ana Ortiz**, who plays Betty's big sis, Hilda, "They seem to have a nice, comfortable relationship with a lot of trust — that's hard to find."

But it was only after finding herself that Lindsay was able to find a comfortable relationship. "For a long time, Lindsay wasn't able to be her 'true' self," relationship expert Cooper Lawrence, who has not worked with Lindsay or Sam, tells *OK!*. "It's not surprising she was self-medicating to relieve anxiety.

MOM APPROVED
Sam's mom, Ann
(left), and Lindsay's
mom, Dina, accept
the relationship.



Lindsay was hiding from who she really is." Now, Lawrence adds, "She seems really happy since she started dating Samantha. Sometimes it just takes that one special person to come into your life and into your world — someone you can really be yourself with. I think Samantha accepts Lindsay for who she is. When all of the bad parts of you are accepted too, that leads to a happy, stable relationship. It's not about gay or straight — sometimes you just fall in love with a person."

NO MORE CHAOS

According to Lindsay, there's a lot to love

about Samantha. "She's a great person," she told the October issue of *Marie Claire*. "And she's a great influence on people around her." Especially, insiders say, on Lindsay. "Samantha doesn't do drugs, and she doesn't party — she is focused on work," says a pal of the star. Lindsay's longtime friend adds, "Because of Samantha, Lindsay has rid herself of a lot of toxic people who were supplying her with drugs and alcohol. Those people weren't looking out for Lindsay's best interests — they would just say 'yes' to anything she wanted."

And unlike many of the men in

Lindsay's life, Samantha is very loving, caring and attentive. "She is always doing thoughtful little things for Lindsay," the longtime friend explains. "Samantha opens doors for Lindsay, is always telling her how pretty she looks and constantly reassures her." Lindsay is equally tender with Samantha. "She recently bought Samantha a Red Bull, kissing her on the forehead and mouthing, 'I love you.'"

With their relationship getting more serious by the day, friends say they wouldn't be surprised if Lindsay and Sam followed **Ellen DeGeneres** and **Portia de Rossi's** lead and got married. After all, Lindsay is already house hunting and has said she's considering having children. "At some point, I want to adopt a kid as well," she declared. "A child in need or a newborn from another country."

While Lindsay may be head over heels, not everyone is crazy about Samantha. Michael Lohan, Lindsay's father, recently described Samantha as "dark, hideous and a disgusting representation of humanity." Lindsay, for her part, is not talking to daddy "until he decides to be a grown-up."

"People can think what they want," Lindsay says of her romance. "I'm really happy, and that's all that matters." **OK!**

— Meaghan Murphy

CLAY CAME OUT TOO

Asked in April if there was anything fans didn't know about him, **Clay Aiken** told *OK!*, "At this point, everyone knows everything." Not quite. Four months later, the singer, who fathered a son, Parker, with music producer Jaymes Foster in August, publicly came out as a gay man, declaring, "I cannot raise a child to lie or to hide things." For Clay, 29, it was important to be honest with himself and his fans. "These are the people who put me where I am," he told *OK!*. Willis Jones, who manages the One Shubert Alley gift shop at the Shubert Theatre, where Clay is starring in *Spamalot*, applauds his decision to come out. "There had been so much speculation and talk. It was good that he just cleared the air."





After failing the tests, the former *Spin City* star was arrested. She is now being represented by famed criminal attorney Blair Berk.

own recognizance, and Jack picked her up. When contacted by *OK!*, reps for both Heather and Jack had no comment.

The next morning, the couple bravely tried to pick up the pieces. They had coffee on the patio of their cottage and checked out at noon. With Jack at the wheel, they headed back to L.A.

"There isn't anybody who doesn't love Heather," a top Hollywood manager, one who has known the actress for years, tells *OK!*. "This is so terribly sad."

When asked about Heather's difficulties, her former *Melrose Place* co-star **Rob Estes** recently told *OK!*, "I think Hollywood is very tough on women over 40. I feel for her. But she's smart, and she's strong. I have full faith Heather will work her way out of it."

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—Mary Ann Norbom & Meaghan Murphy



Beau Jack Wagner has stuck by Heather's side, visiting her while she was in Tucson on July 4.

HOW WILL AVA COPE?

Another sad victim of Heather's arrest is 11-year-old Ava Elizabeth, her daughter with ex-husband Richie Sambora, 49. "Heather needs to set a good example for Ava, or the effects are going to be harmful for her daughter," relationship expert Cooper Lawrence tells *OK!*. "She needs to sit Ava down and explain to her that she's been going through a rough time and has been really anxious and depressed. Heather needs to be aware that she can't tell Ava, 'Do as I say, not as I do.' Ava needs to learn by example."