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'SATC,' 'Emily in Paris' Designer Patricia Field Laments Today's Fashion: 'Everybody's in Sneakers' (Exclusive)

The legendary costume designer tells The Messenger that she wasn't feeling the modern French aesthetic while consulting on Netflix's 'Emily in Paris'

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Patricia Field attends the Broadway opening night of Grand Horizons on January 23, 2020 in New York City. Bruce Gluck/WireImage

Patricia Field was less than inspired by the local style while consulting on *Emily in Paris*.

Although the legendary costume designer has [created unforgettable looks](#) seen in *Sex and the City* and *The Devil Wears Prada*, she tells The Messenger that she wasn't exactly feeling the modern Parisian aesthetic while on location for Darren Star's Netflix series.

"When I went to Paris to do the show, I was on the phone with Darren Star," she recounts while discussing her new documentary *Happy Clothes: A Film About Patricia Field*, specifically a section where she said that fashion today is "depressing."

"I said, 'Darren, I arrived. I'm gonna go out and check out all the French chic girls.' When I went outside, I'm looking at girls in jeans, sneakers, hoodies. I am like, 'What happened to French fashion?' I'm from the school of French fashion, and it was just kind of a surprise to see these chic women, and everybody's in sneakers," says Field.

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The famed costumer previously left *Emily in Paris* after season two, telling [The Guardian](#) in February that she didn't "know Paris and Paris fashion well enough" to do the show, and had "got too homesick."

In *Happy Clothes*, director Michael Selditch charts Field's enduring legacy, from her boutique that served NYC's Lower East Side for 50 years and featured work by the likes of Keith Haring and Jean-Michel Basquiat, to her work on screen in *SATC*, *The Devil Wears Prada*, *Ugly Betty* and *Younger*.

"It wasn't about what was popular, what was trendy, it was about what was interesting and new and fun and unexpected," he says of her eponymous store that closed in 2016.

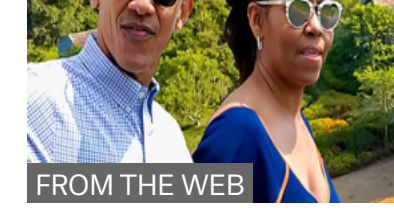
Selditch adds, "I think Pat takes that into her work in film and television... It's very distinctly Pat. It's hard for other people to copy it. It's her gut. She's an individual that is such a creative soul that it spills over into her work."

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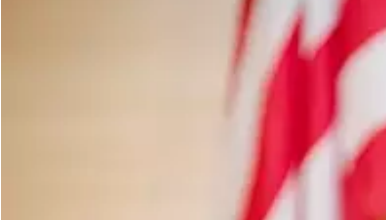
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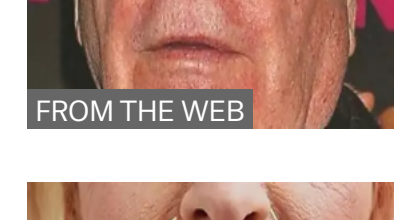
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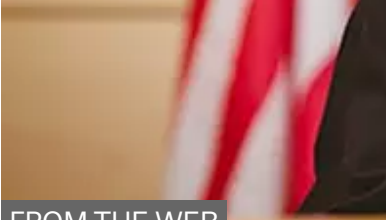
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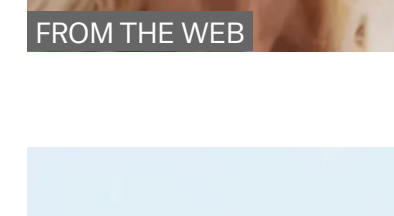
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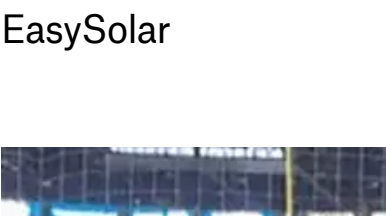
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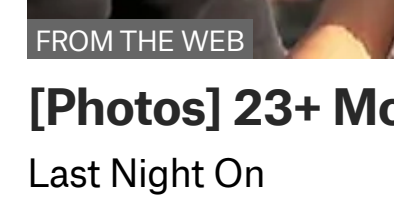
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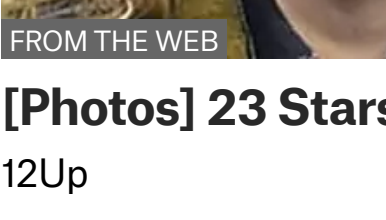
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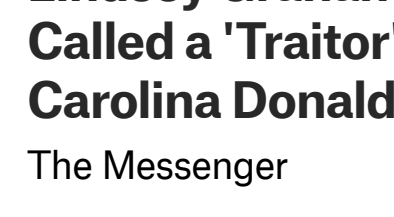
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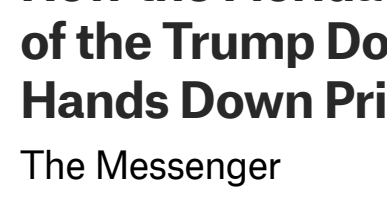
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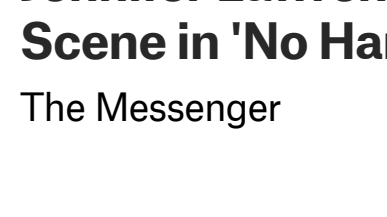
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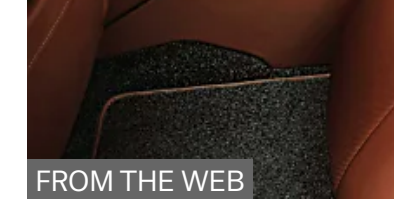
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