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► **Bear Grylls**

Q: How did Bear Grylls get so knowledgeable about survival skills?

—Kitty Luster, Edmond, Okla.

A: “My background is with the military, where my job was teaching combat survival,” the 37-year-old *Man vs. Wild* host, who spent three years with the United Kingdom Special Forces, has said. Grylls’s love for adventure began early: When he was 8, his father taught him mountain-climbing, and 15 years later he became one of the youngest Brits to reach the peak of Mount Everest.



► **Erin Brockovich**

Q: What is Erin Brockovich doing these days?

—John Gamboa, Los Angeles

A: She continues her crusade against water pollutants, focusing on their

effect on communities across America. “People email me about illness and possible contamination in their towns, and I’ve plotted them on a map over the past year,” Brockovich, 51, says. “I have 2,000 sites down, and I’m talking to

Google about taking it further with a real-time map.” Her latest efforts are showcased in *Last Call at the Oasis*, a documentary about the global water crisis; it premiered at the Toronto film festival last month.

WALTER SCOTT ASKS ...

Harry Belafonte

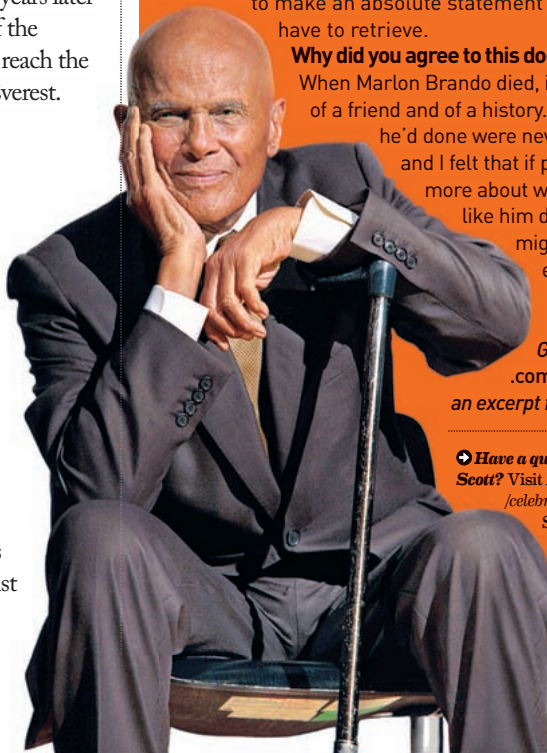
The entertainer and activist, 84, recently released a memoir, *My Song*. A documentary about his life, *Sing Your Song*, premieres tomorrow night on HBO (10 p.m. ET).

Do you miss performing? I don’t. I had a great life. **When did you know you wanted to retire?** A few years ago, I was in Germany playing to some 20,000 people and it just hit me: This is the time to step away. **Why did you never announce your retirement?** I didn’t want to be like Cher, on my 19th comeback or farewell performance. I love Cher, but I didn’t want to make an absolute statement that I might have to retrieve.

Why did you agree to this documentary?

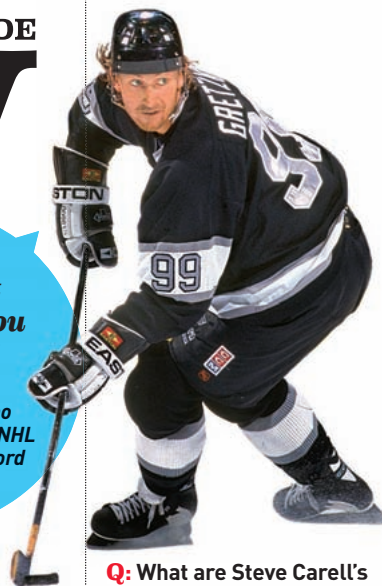
When Marlon Brando died, it was the loss of a friend and of a history. Many things he’d done were never revealed, and I felt that if people knew more about what celebrities like him did, they might see us as examples of what they, too, could do. **Go to Parade.com/Belafonte for an excerpt from his book.**

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“You miss 100 percent of the shots you don’t take.”

—Hockey legend Wayne Gretzky, who broke Gordie Howe’s NHL all-time scoring record 22 years ago.



Q: What are Steve Carell’s plans now that he has left *The Office*? —Sarah Fristoe, Medfield, Mass.

A: The actor, 49, has a few films in the works and is co-executive-producing Showtime’s *Laughing Stock*, a series due in early 2012 that features interviews with top comedians. But he also wants to spend more time with his family. “I have little kids, so I wanted to make sure that I was around as much as I could be for their childhood,” he has said.



► **Lisa Ling**

Q: Would Lisa Ling ever return to *The View*?

—Buck O., California

A: “I’m going back every now and then as a guest,” says Ling, 38. “And I wouldn’t rule out doing something more, but not for a while.” For now, she’s focusing on her documentary series, *Our America with Lisa Ling*; season two premieres tonight on OWN (10 p.m. ET) and will cover topics including post-traumatic stress disorder and polygamy. Read more at Parade.com/ling.



► **Steve Carell**

GUESS WHO’S IN THIS PHOTO

Hint: After excelling in drama in high school (he’s shown here in a production of *Pippin*), this funnyman went on to hit it big in both movies and music.

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