HOLLYWOOD'S TOP 25 REAL ESTATE AGENTS

The town's brokers are flying high as home sale prices hit records, a megamansion goes for $102 million (L.A.'s biggest trade ever), Michael Strahan and Megan Ellison snap up pricey pads and Jeremy Renner makes a killing By Jacquelyn Ryan

PERSONAL RESIDENCE A Mediterranean in Santa Monica Canyon.

Santiago Arana
The Agency

NOTABLE DEALS Arana, who came to the U.S. from Bolivia at 23 with virtually nothing, sold **Larry David**'s Palisades home for $12 million and a $16 million Brentwood estate to **Michael Strahan**. He is listing a 6-acre estate at Zuma Beach for almost $25 million.

PERSONAL RESIDENCE A Cape Cod-style Palisades home.

Joe Babajian
Rodeo Realty

NOTABLE DEALS He sold the late **James Coburn**'s one-time 1927 Spanish home in Beverly Hills for $60 million and is listing **Jack Black**'s home in the Hills for $2.9 million.

PERSONAL RESIDENCE A contemporary in Beverly Hills.

Arana

Strahan

Fred Bernstein
Westside Estate Agency

NOTABLE DEAL Bernstein, who also is **Michael Milken**'s son-in-law, represented the unnamed European buyer of the $102 million Fleur de Lys mansion.

PERSONAL RESIDENCE A modern home in Trousdale Estates.

Ernie Carswell
Teles Properties

NOTABLE DEALS The agency co-founder sold **Katy Perry**'s home near the Sunset Strip for $5.6 million and is listing **Bela Lugosi**'s former Beachwood Canyon Tudor for $3.895 million.

PERSONAL RESIDENCE An Italian Mediterranean home in the Bird Streets.

Andrew Clark and Barry Peele
Sotheby's International Realty

NOTABLE DEALS This one-time team split up last year but still comes together now and then to do a big deal. They repped **Alex Rodriguez** when he bought **Meryl Streep**'s Hollywood Hills home for $4.8 million. Clark represented the buyer of Fendi Casa for $65 million. Peele, also a photographer who has shot **Madonna** and **Demi Moore**, has two homes for more than $20 million. He sold Madonna's estate for $19.5 million last year on Sunset, and the pop star has used some of his photos during her concerts. "It was really amazing to see my photos playing larger than life on screens over her," he says.

PERSONAL RESIDENCES Clark lives in a high-rise in West Hollywood. Peele has a midcentury in Beverly Hills.

Clark

Peele

Rodriguez

Chris Cortazzo
Coldwell Banker Previews International

NOTABLE DEAL The Malibu native, who appears on *Million Dollar Listing*, is listing **David** and **Yolanda Foster**'s $25 million Malibu abode, seen on *Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*. Cortazzo says Malibu is having a banner year. "Now we have the best restaurants — Mastro's, Nobu and Mr Chow. People come here to eat and that's a whole new concept."

PERSONAL RESIDENCE A Caribbean- and Balinese-inspired home in Malibu that he often rents for the summer.

Drew Fenton
Hilton & Hyland

NOTABLE DEALS Fenton represented the buyer in the purchase of the $33 million Doheny Estate in Bel-Air as well as the buyer in Dole Food Co. billionaire **David Murdock**'s sale of his 12,435-square-foot Bel-Air home for $24 million.

PERSONAL RESIDENCE A contemporary with traditional touches in the Hills.

It Happened at a Showing ...

"**Shelley Winters** pulled her muumuu off and dove in the pool. Shelley said that she couldn't buy a house without testing the swimming pool." — JOYCE RICH

"I was showing **Madonna**'s house to a buyer who wanted a friend to come by and give an opinion. Ten minutes later, a very nondescript car pulled up the drive, the trunk popped open and **Tom Cruise** jumped out. He introduced himself, and we went in for the tour." — BARRY PEELE

"I was showing a client's house, and I was demonstrating how wonderfully tooled the kitchen was. The [potential buyers] opened a drawer, and it was full of weed. — BILLY ROSE

"I walked in on a tech guy who sold his company for $2 billion. It was the morning after [his payday], we were in escrow and the clients were coming to do inspections. He had five girls, butt-naked, in his living room on this fur throw, and they were cuddled up with him like he had just had a Roman orgy." — BRANDEN WILLIAMS