



Charlie White & Tanith Belbin

has not been released. They are already parents to **Marlowe Rivers, 3**.

## ENGAGED

Gold-medal-winning ice dancer and *Dancing with the Stars* alum **Charlie White, 26**, proposed to fellow ice dancer and Olympic silver medalist **Tanith Belbin, 29**, posting the news to his Instagram account on June 10. “Couldn’t ask for a more beautiful setting for the best time in our life! Hashtag she said yes!!!!” he captioned the photo.

● *Full House* star and comedian **Dave Coulier, 54**, is set to wed his longtime girlfriend **Melissa Bring** on July 2. “Melissa has been, truly, my best friend for nine years,” Coulier told PEOPLE exclusively. “We simply thought we would just make it a lifetime. I can’t wait.”

## DEATHS

**Eric Hill**, writer and illustrator of the *Spot* books for children, died on June 6 at his home in Templeton, Calif., following a short illness. He was 86. Hill’s yellow-and-brown puppy rose to fame in 1980’s *Where’s Spot?*, the first in a series of books featuring the elusive

canine. The books have sold more than 60 million copies worldwide. ● Hall of Famer **Tony Gwynn** died on June 16 at the age of 54 after a battle with salivary-gland cancer. The former San Diego Padres outfielder won eight National League batting titles, the second-most in MLB history.

## ON THE MEND

Comedian and *30 Rock* star **Tracy Morgan, 45**, has been upgraded to “fair condition” after being involved in a collision on June 6 on the New Jersey Turnpike that claimed the life of his friend and fellow comedian James “Jimmy Mack” McNair, 62. In a statement his rep added more good news: “His personality is certainly starting to come back as well.”

By **Tara Fowler, Jeff Nelson** and **Michelle Tauber**



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Nicole Kidman, 47**  
June 20, 1967

**Ariana Grande, 21**  
June 26, 1993

**Michael Phelps, 29**  
June 30, 1985



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## Uma Thurman

Inspired by a neighbor, the actress and mother of three helps poverty-stricken kids

Sixteen years ago I was pregnant with my first child. I was excited and anxious. I had a neighbor who was coming into the building carrying giant bags of baby goods, and it was odd because I was getting bigger and bigger and she wasn’t. I asked her about it, and she said, “I started an organization to help support babies and toddlers born into poverty.”

That began my relationship with Julie Burns and Room to Grow. About 22 percent of children in America live below the poverty line. Room to Grow intervenes early in children’s lives, introducing them to early literacy and giving them supplies like clothing, books and warm boots to wear in the winter. It also gives support to the parents—from breast-feeding instruction to job training—helping to create a happy and healthy home environment. It’s amazing the things you take for granted. Every child in this program is getting a

better chance in life. My prayer is that every child has a reason to feel hopeful.

—REPORTED BY K.C. BAKER



Thurman with new parents **Abdell Fall** and **Mariama Ndiaye** (center) and social worker **Andrea Veras** (left).

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