



Smith, 42, their son Bear, 6, and her kids Mia, 19, and Joe, 16 (from her marriages to Brit directors **Jim Threapleton** and **Sam Mendes**). She “misses New Zealand so much — the people, the culture and, of course, the spectacular scenery,” a source tells *Star*. “She was really happy living there and can’t wait to get back now that production’s set to resume this month.” Hubby Ed — the eccentric nephew of billionaire **Richard Branson**, who formerly went by the name Ned Rocknroll — and the kids are on board. Adds the pal: “Kate’s already been checking out some properties. She may be an English rose at heart, but she’s planning to make her stay there much longer this time around!” ★

LEA'S STILL REELING!

Lea Michele just doesn't understand. A string of former costars bashed the *Glee* alum for being a nightmare on set when she tweeted her support of Black Lives Matter in early June. But even after she issued a June 3 mea culpa on Instagram, the comeuppance kept, well, coming. Now, says a source, the 33-year-old is desperately calling for backup. “She’s reached out to costars like **Emma Roberts** (inset) and **Jonathan Groff**, but so far no one’s vouching for her good name,” reveals the pal. “She feels betrayed.” Seven months pregnant with her first child (dad is hubby **Zandy Reich**), she’s “distraught,” adds the friend. “Zandy’s working overtime to try to calm her down. He has his hands full.” ★



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MARIA'S ABOUT-FACE!

Quarantine seems to have done **Maria Shriver** some good! The journalist, 64, was recently spotted looking spectacularly well rested stepping out as lockdown restrictions eased in California. But some suspect the mom of four’s newly smooth face may be due to something other than time out of the spotlight.

“In addition to Botox and filler, you can see the texture of her skin is a lot better,” notes Dr. Peterson Pierre,

board-certified dermatologist and founder of Pierre Skin Care Institute in Thousand Oaks. (Pierre does not treat Maria.) “She’s probably had laser resurfacing and skin-tightening procedures.” Maria, whose digital newsletter, *Maria Shriver’s Sunday Paper*, has been highlighting the work of helpers during the pandemic, might want to extend the treatments to her neck and décolletage, adds Pierre, “so the contrast is less apparent.” ★