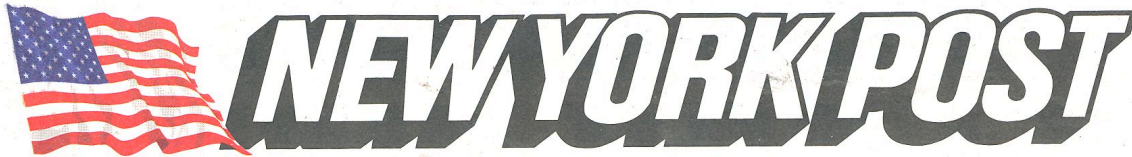


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Awkward allergy

BEFORE he married **Annette Bening** and fathered four kids, **Warren Beatty**, the great swordsman, had a form of chronic hayfever. Bening — in Boston filming “The Women” with **Eva Mendes, Jada Pinkett Smith, Debra Messing, Kathy Griffin** and **Christy Scott Cashman** — mentioned during a rehearsal that her daughter **Ella**, 8, had asked what an orgasm is. Beatty explained, “It’s a sexual sneeze.” No doubt he quickly changed the subject.