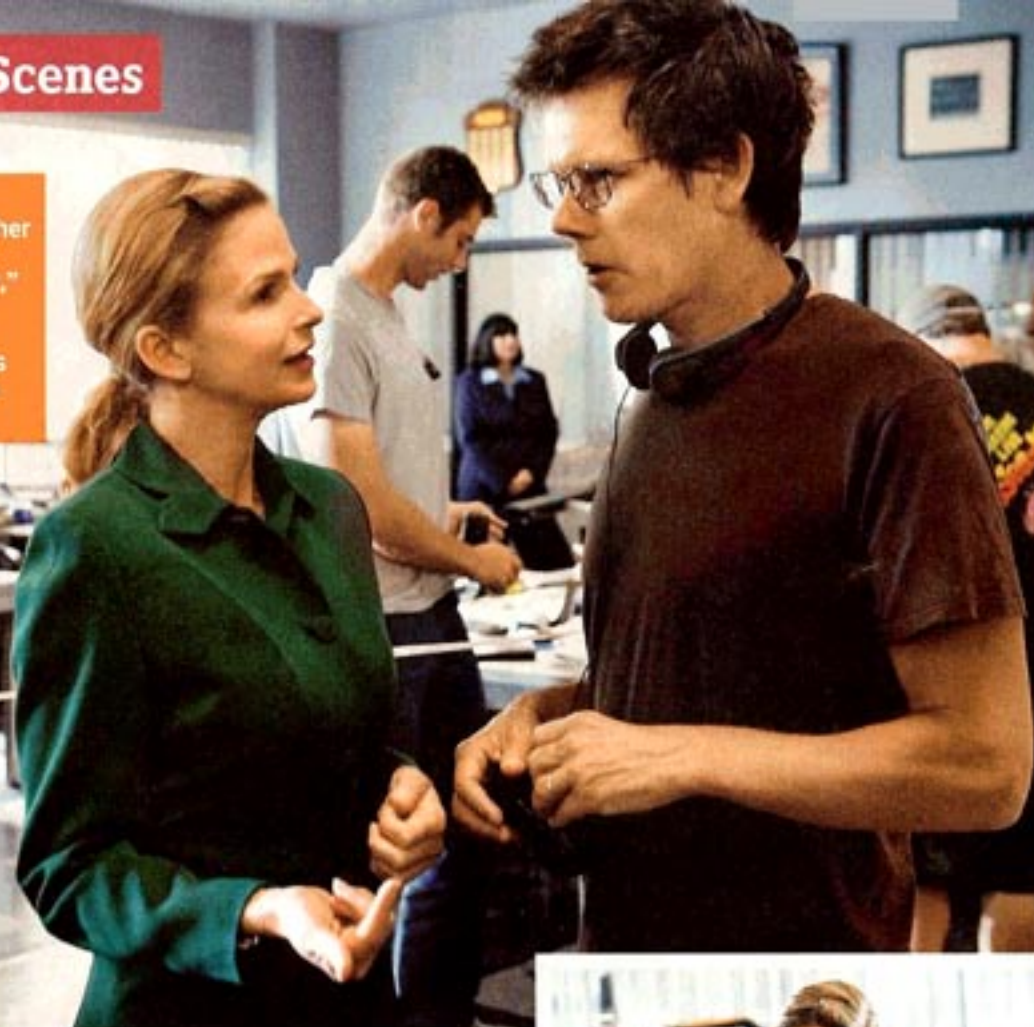


Behind the Scenes

"The other times we've worked together it's been something we created together," says Bacon, who's directed Sedgwick twice before. "In this case I'm really just a hired gun."



The Closer

Most wives don't like taking directions from their husbands. So it's a good thing Kevin Bacon didn't have to give many instructions to Kyra Sedgwick while directing the second half of the two-hour *Closer* special, airing December 4. "My job is to turn on the camera and get out of her way," Bacon says. "To see Kyra do her thing is always a thrill." Sedgwick isn't the only aspect of *The Closer* Bacon loves. "It's like a family on set," he gushes. "They even have an employee-of-the-day statue, and one employee gives it to another each day." Did Bacon get the trophy during his eight-day stint? "Never did," he says with a laugh. "I'm still waiting."



In the episode, Deputy Chief Johnson (Sedgwick) is called on by her former CIA mentor to help out in an off-the-record case.



"I hang out on the set, so I knew the people involved pretty well," says Bacon (with Jon Tenney, who plays Agent Howard). "I thought directing an episode would be fun, and they were nice enough to let me do it."