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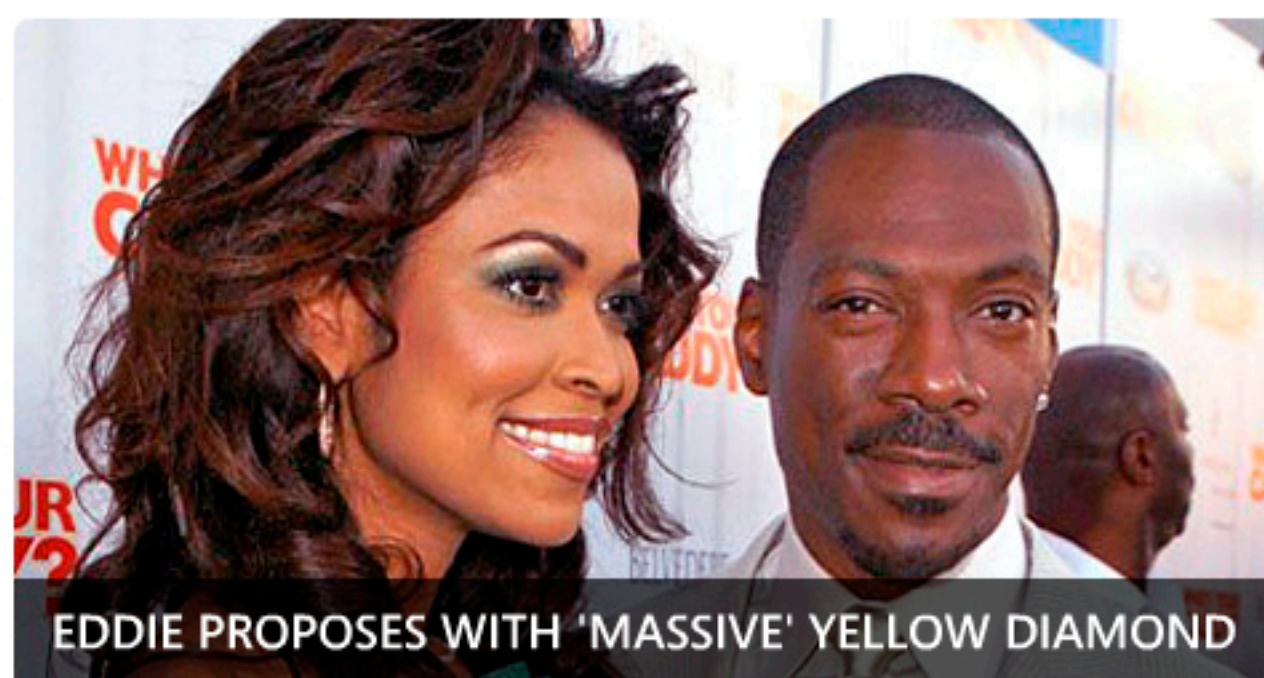
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## EDDIE PROPOSES WITH 'MASSIVE' YELLOW DIAMOND

Eddie Murphy may be dragging his feet when it comes to bonding with his 3-month-old daughter with ex-girlfriend [Melanie Brown](#), but it looks like he's ready to sprint to the altar with his latest love. The funnyman has popped the question to Tracey Edmonds, his squeeze of about nine months, sealing the deal with a digit-crushing diamond ring.

"Tracey and Eddie were engaged last Wednesday," her rep tells People. "Tracey and Eddie are both very much in love and are excited about spending the rest of their lives together."

The proposal came just two days after Murphy denied the diamond sparkler decorating Edmonds' hand at the premiere of *"Who's Your Caddy?"* was an engagement ring, telling the magazine that if it were, "It would be much bigger."

No kidding.

According to OK!, he hoisted a "massive" yellow diamond Cartier ~~deerknob~~ rock (estimated to be 8 carats) onto Edmonds' finger.

Tracey, whose divorce from [Babyface](#) was finalized just last month, was seen searing the corneas of her girlfriends with her ginormous new jewel over a celebratory lunch the next day.

"They're very adorable together," a pal of the pair tells the mag, "very happy."

Murphy's 13-year marriage to Nicole (they have five children together) went belly-up in 2005, and he began dating the erstwhile Scary Spice in summer 2006.

According to Brown, she and Murphy intended to tie the knot after their baby was born.

"This was a completely planned pregnancy," she recently insisted to *Essence*. "This wasn't some random, 'Oops I fell over and I'm pregnant.' I don't live my life like that."

When the romance crashed and burned last fall, Murphy not only instantly rebounded with Edmonds but he also publicly questioned the paternity of Mel B's baby.

"I don't know whose child that is until it comes out and has a blood test," he told a Dutch TV show (the test proved that he was indeed the daddy).

Murphy and Edmonds reportedly hope to be husband and wife by the end of the year, with their chatty friend revealing to OK!, "It will be a private wedding. Something low key and very romantic."

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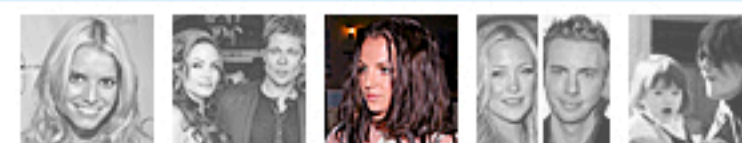
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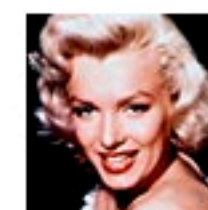
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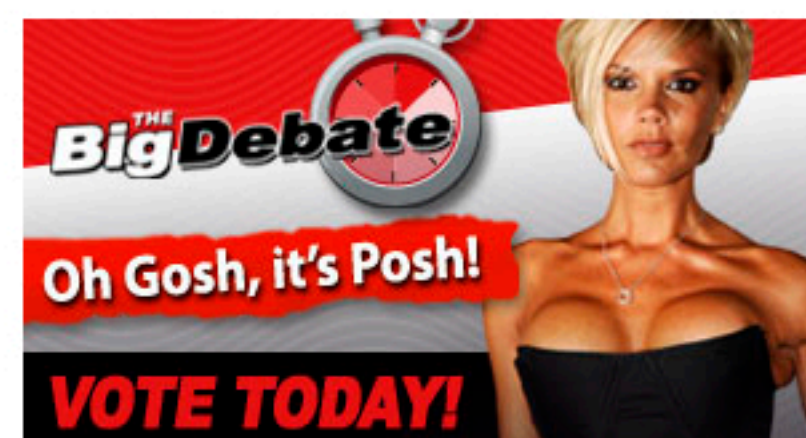
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