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As ESSENCE West Coast editor, Robertson was drafted for double celeb duty this month. Just in time for Father's Day, she wrote "**Father Knows Best**" (page 141), honoring several Hollywood dads. Though these proud papas are all very different individuals, Robertson found that they have one characteristic in common. "They are all genuinely invested in instilling values in their kids and understanding the importance of spending time with them," says the native New Yorker now living in Los Angeles. Robertson's "first real job" was in the A&R department at Epic Records. Now she comes full circle, having penned our cover story, "**Ladies First**" (page 122), chasing around some of the hottest females in the music business today. "Catching up with them was like playing musical chairs," says Robertson. "Jill was just finishing her tour, Mary was still on tour, and Alicia was between tours in Europe and the U.S. Regardless, I was so excited and thrilled to talk to them. I've admired and respected all of them for years."