

VI'S CORNER: "DANIEL"

By Vi Logan

BEVERLY HILLS—My name is "Daniel", and I'm a Boston Terrier mix - or so I think! That quizzical look on my face is because I don't understand why I had no tags or micro-chip when I was found wandering in the street. Was I abandoned by someone that didn't want me returned to them? Everything was done to find them, but no one seemed to know where I belonged. Now I would like someone to adopt me that will keep me forever.

I'm sure that you can tell by my name that I'm a little boy. I weigh about 15 pounds, and I'm probably between 1 and 2 years old. I get along with other dogs, I'm not at all aggressive, and, gosh, that's all that I can tell you at this time. So, why don't you come in to see me so that we can get acquainted. I'd like that.

Note: I know that I've said this before, but I'll say it again - I can't tell you how upset I get when people call and tell me that they are moving and have to give up their pet. There are so many websites to check that list apartments and homes

that are pet friendly. Some sites are free and some charge a fee, but they are worth it. Just look under Pet Friendly Rentals. Some of the websites are: petrent.net; mynewplace.com/petfriendly; people-withpets.com; rent.com/petfriendly; and I could go on and on. I just can't imagine giving up my dog if I had to move. I have moved several times, and have always been able to find a place, and it hasn't always been easy, but I didn't give up. The thought of giving up my dog never even entered my mind. It shouldn't enter yours, either.

I'm sorry for the lecture, as I know that 99% of you are responsible pet owners and feel the same as I do. So, if you are looking for a wonderful dog or cat to be a permanent member of your family, I hope that you will check our website, which is: foafla.petfinder.com. Please don't forget "Daniel"!

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SUSPECT SOUGHT IN STRIP MALL ROBBERIES

By Rosana Clarkson

SHERMAN OAKS—Police are seeking the public's help in locating and identifying a man believed to be involved in two strip mall robberies in the Valley area.

The first incident occurred on April 4, when an individual described as a white male, about 5'11", 150 pounds and between 30 to 35 years old, allegedly entered a Van Nuys strip mall and used a gun to take mon-

ey from the location. The man reportedly wore a long-sleeved shirt and covered his face before entering the store.

The second alleged incident occurred on April 5, when the suspect, believed to be the same man, allegedly entered another strip mall in Sherman Oaks, and robbed the business using the same methods as in the first incident. The individual is described as a

white male, about 5'10", 160 lbs. and 25 years old, wearing a long-sleeved shirt and a mask. During both incidents, the suspect allegedly fled from the scenes on foot and did not use a vehicle in either of the reported crimes.

The Los Angeles Police Department and Van Nuys detectives are warning the public to remain on the alert for this individ-

ual. The owners of the targeted property were also advised to ensure reliable security systems to protect their businesses. The public is further encouraged to invest in working alarms, cameras and phone systems.

Anyone with additional information on these robberies is asked to call Detective O'Shea at 818-374-0087.

TEEN FATALLY SHOT AND KILLED BY POLICE

By Ivetta Babadjanian

WOODLAND HILLS—A teenage boy was shot and killed by the police after a long pursuit, which ended on the 101 Freeway near Canoga Avenue on Thursday, April 12. The teen had a long conversation with a 911 operator during the pursuit in which he said he was armed and not afraid to hurt the police.

The pursuit began near Plummer Street and Shirley Avenue when 19-year-old Ab-

dul Arian was seen driving dangerously and ignored the police by not pulling over. Arian ended up on the westbound 101 Freeway only to exit and continue to drive erratically while on the freeway heading east. At one point, Arian tried to make a U-turn and drive on the wrong side of the freeway.

As the pursuit continued, Arian spoke to the operator making threats to the police

and using profane language towards them. "If they pull their guns, I'm gonna have to pull my gun out on them," said Arian to the operator.

Arian refused to listen to the operator who urged him to stop before he hurts himself. The pursuit eventually ended when officers rammed Arian's car near the Canoga Avenue on-ramp.

Arian then proceeded to get out if his car

and try to run away, turning to face the cops a period of times and seemed to be holding something in his hands. The officers ended up fatally shooting Arian and he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police later found out in the preliminary investigation that Arian was in fact unarmed during the pursuit.

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DRIVERS GET SOBER ON ROAD

DUI CHECKPOINT IN BEVERLY HILLS

By Ivetta Babadjanian

BEVERLY HILLS—The Beverly Hills Police Department has issued a statement indicating that there will be a DUI Sobriety/Drivers License Checkpoint on Saturday, April 14. The checkpoint will be held on westbound Sunset Boulevard at Sierra Dr. from 7:30 p.m. and is due to end by April 15 at 1 a.m.

Checkpoints such as these are used as an effort to reduce the amount of accidents and fatalities caused by drunk drivers. The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and Mothers Against Drunk Driving have supported the Beverly Hills Police Department's strive to reduce drunk driving. The BHPD takes part in regular DUI checkpoints, DUI saturation patrols, and deploy officers in the field specifically for DUI in order to achieve



such a goal.

The OTS find programs such as these with a grant through the Na-

tional Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

To seek more information relative to

this program or any other traffic safety issue, contact the BHPD Traffic Bureau at 310-285-2196

CLARK GABLE JR.'S GIRLFRIEND FOUND DEAD IN MALIBU HOME

By Ivetta Babadjanian

MALIBU—Clark Gable Jr.'s girlfriend was found dead in her Malibu home on Wednesday, April 11. The coroner's office and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department are investigating her death, but have reported that there was no forced entry and the

death seemed to be of natural or accidental cause.

According to Craig Harvey, chief of operations for the Los Angeles County coroner's office, 41-year-old makeup artist and extension specialist, Christiane Candice Lange, was found

unresponsive while in the couple's home at 30600 block of Morning View Drive.

It was reported that Harvey told Gable she wasn't feeling well the night before, and went to sleep. Around 10 a.m. Gable tried to rouse

her from sleep but she wouldn't wake up.

The autopsy results will be available in a few days, however, the toxicity reports can take up to eight weeks to report.

MAN PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO 31 FELONY CHARGES

By Ivetta Babadjanian

SANTA MONICA—Daniel Becerril III pleaded not guilty on Monday, April 9, for a murder that occurred in 2008 of an elementary school teacher. Becerril, a 35-year-old financial adviser, pleaded his case for charges such as fraud and money laundering, with a total of 31 felony charges held against him.

Alexander Merman was 35 years old when he was murdered, allegedly because he realized that Becerril was stealing money from him. Becerril was the head of AP Financial Group and owed Merman \$250,000 and proceeded to steal another \$300,000 from his bank account.

Many employees of the AP Financial Group were also allegedly involved in illegal activity. They were allegedly able to obtain a woman's home through fraud and sold it, leading to her eviction. It has been reported by the police that the money from the sale was split between Becerril and his fellow employees. It

has also been reported that between the two victims of Becerril's crimes, a total of \$1.4 million was stolen.

Becerril has a bail set to \$2.4 million and on May 15 he will return to court where it will be decided if there is enough evidence to continue the case.

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE POSTPONES CONTROVERSIAL FEE PROGRAM

By Staff

SANTA MONICA—Officials at Santa Monica College have voted to postpone a controversial two-tiered fee program in the wake of angry student protests.

The Board of Trustees held an emergency meeting on Friday, April 6, in response to a request from California Community Chancellor Jack Scott to put the pilot program on hold.

Board members unanimously voted to postpone the scheme, a decision that college President Chui Tsang recommended in a memo circulated immediately prior to the meeting.

The plan, which involves putting on supplemental high-demand courses at approximately four times the cost of regular college classes, sparked outrage on the SMC campus, causing a wave of student protests.

The issue erupted on Tuesday, April 3, when campus police used pepper spray to disperse 100 protesters who were attempting to gain access to a board meeting.

During the melee, at least 30 students were affected by the pepper spray, and

three required further treatment. Students have called for a campus-wide referendum on the issue, and SMC officials are hoping that the postponement will enable them to gather more input from the community and consider how best to increase access to courses.

The college has suffered from severe cuts in state funding, which have resulted in reduced class offerings. This year alone, funding was reduced by \$11 million, with a further \$5 million at risk for the 2012-13 budget year. Similar scenarios are being played out at community colleges all over California, which have seen more than \$800 million in budget cuts over the past three years.

Santa Monica College officials had hoped that the higher-cost courses would enable them to increase the number of course offerings in high demand subjects, rather than further cutting classes.

College spokesman Bruce Smith said that a district advisory council is

currently putting together a timeline with recommendations for the college's next steps.

"We don't know what will happen now," he said. "If the program is canceled, there's a good chance that we won't be able to offer any classes in the winter at all."

"We are one of the few community colleges that has been able to offer a winter session, but our financial situation is so dire that's a big question mark now."

Smith added that although some of the students who spoke during Friday's meeting were against the two-tier pricing scheme, others were in favor of it.

"Some of the students who testified were disappointed with the results," he said.

The college maintains that its lawyers have reviewed and approved the proposal.

However, Chancellor Jack Scott said that the plan to charge more for core classes such as English and math vio-

lates state education codes.

In a statement, he said, "Santa Monica Community College District trustees and President Tsang have my respect and appreciation for their decision to hold off on plans to institute a dual fee system for courses in high demand."

"Although I disagreed with this proposal, I cannot fault college leaders for searching for new approaches to serve students hungry for the opportunity to receive a college education."

"Tragically, we as a state have failed to properly fund community colleges, and our economy will suffer as a result. I will work closely with the Santa Monica College leaders on strategies to improve access and success for all students."

Following Friday's meeting, President Tsang said that campus police are conducting an internal investigation into the pepper-spraying incident. An independent panel has been assembled to review the police reaction.

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"NEW GIRL" NEWS

By Amber Adelman

BEVERLY HILLS—How did Zoëy Keaton become a fashion icon right from the pilot episode of "New Girl"? Her style has obviously caught the eyes of both girls and guys all over. It is refreshing to have a fashion icon that has a flirty, but modest look. It's bold, but not tacky. Fun, but clean. Showcasing bold colors, yet not over the top. Somehow an oversized bright pink pea coat, such as the one she wore by Kate Spade in a Christmas episode, looks exactly appropriate. So what is the talk of the town now? With a clean look and lots of whites and pastels coming out, she has the new styles under control with an off white summer dress, structured up top with waves of material at the bottom.

Most recently, Deschanel's look has taken on some edge, complimenting her nautical French lure, and mature enough to perhaps fit the personality of Jess's new "fancy man" boyfriend Russell. Is he affecting her style? Well, we know that mostly, Deschanel affects Jess's style. She likes to dress like herself. In a recent interview at a Marie Claire photo shoot for May's issue, she says, "I would describe my personal style as feminine, sweet, flirtatious." She also answers the question of who her fashion icon is,

and says that it would be Diane Keaton, not because Deschanel dresses like her, but because Keaton likes to dress like herself, which inspires Deschanel to do the same. It's interesting how Jess pulls off a look that is versatile enough to blend in with the hipsters, and classy enough to walk off the red carpet.

With the typical rumors and information being circulated about a beloved actress such as Deschanel, it is refreshing to just enjoy the circulation of style, in which we all love to imitate in hopes of pulling off her admirable outfits. Foreshadowing the pastel trend for this spring, she wears an off white dress with an interesting texture and cut, finished off with a red skinny belt in the most recent episode. This dress, "Bridgette," by Shoshanna, is featured as a hard-to-pull-off, but tempting-to-try style.

A similar fit in episode 11 features a bold jade green colored shift matched with a teal cardigan. These two colors surprisingly fit well together, yet still give her a formal look, as she was in court with Nick's girlfriend over a ticket, in which she pleaded guilty out of nervousness. Why do we all love this character so much? There is something very real about her that most people can relate



Jess, played by Zoe Deschanel boasts a bright pink pea coat by Kate Spade in the Christmas episode.

to in some way. Her personality is fun- loving and set apart, bold and cute, catching you off guard, but always making some sort of sense; much like her style. Though obvious advice to be yourself, we as people are prone to imitating others in the way we dress. I think we can all take a piece of advice from Deschanel and find that it is most fun and rewarding to dress like ourselves, finding our own unique style.

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NIGHT SCHOOL 68: THE RABBIT HOLE

By Grady Miller

HOLLYWOOD—In the pitch-black dead of morning, a teen father and juggler of three jobs, Walfredo, jogged up the jacaranda-lined lane. On the stoop to Abby Fenwick's coral-pink duplex, a sharp thump announced the arrival of the latest news to Sherman Oaks. The news was a harmless voyeuristic delight in Abby's snug, unchanging corner of Sherman Oaks.

She didn't even hear the thud, she was so engrossed in school paperwork. In the fruitless quest to perfect the imperfectible, she would burn the 4 a.m. oil. As the dawn seeped around the drawn curtains she called drapes, she would set her five alarm clocks—yes, five—to be sure that she roused at the crack of noon. Her time as Vegas showgirl and summer stock actress left her allergic to mornings. She was a night person. The five alarms were staggered, each at regular five-minute intervals. After the first alarm sounded she knew she had 20 more minutes of sweet slumber left.

At the first clanging and jangling ring of the wind-up alarm clock she roused, long enough to yawn and harbor the deluded notion that today was a Friday and her presence was not required at night school. The second alarm, an obnoxious buzz, left her mulling her role in "Night School Musical," that of a humorless bureaucrat who denies benefits to Martha and Abel because they filled out the wrong form. At the shrill electronic beeping, the third alarm, she reminded herself that today students would review that past participle. (In this predilection to expose them to the participle she clashed sharply with Principal Cloud, who felt intermediate students were not ready for

the participle.) The fourth alarm, mellow FM jazz interrupted at maddeningly frequent intervals by its sung station identification, "94.7 tha Wa-a-ave!"), brought a sensation of a frigid air hugging her neck and shoulders. She burrowed deeper into the covers. The fifth and final alarm—a Big Ben chime evoking a country she loved—revealed that the coffee pot on its timer had begun to do its thing, and its rich awesome fragrance of fresh-brewed coffee wafted to her nose.

At last her body emerged from under the covers to endure the chill that persisted into some spring days, and she went outside to retrieve the paper from the doormat—astro-turf and plastic daisies—that said "Welcome" to the legions of visitors who never paid Abby a visit.

She laid aside the front section. International strife and massive lay-offs—that wasn't her cup of tea. Instead, she thumbed the funny pages and entertainment: she still considered herself an entertainer at heart. Not until a couple of hours later she was dressed and wore a jaunty flowered scarf, she consulted three enormous file cabinets, great magnets for paper that overtook her living room, and carefully selected participle worksheets for this evening's lesson. She gave her students her all: the students, even though they were adults, were the children Abby never had.

An hour later she was scrubbing the kitchen sink when a front-page headline caught her eye: "Night School Confidential." It said: *A reporter goes underground for three months at the local night school. Miss Fenwick zoomed in on the byline, Fermin*



Acosta. He was that problem student who couldn't write his own name, jaggging all over the paper; Jason Finch swore up and down he was adept at texting in English.

Abby Fenwick now read that Fermin was not only capable of texting in English, he could also pose a rhetorical question. The article (the first in a series) began:

"Rosa De La Cruz takes four city buses after work to be at her ESL class at Jefferson Polytechnic Adult School. Then she hurries home early on her fifth bus to get home in time to make her children's lunches, go over their homework, read them a story, go to bed, and be back up at the crack of dawn to sew labels on T-shirts in a downtown LA sweatshop. But is it worth it? For Rosa night school spells opportunity for her and her three children, but Mr. and Mrs. California

taxpayer may disagree. Rosa De La Cruz the devoted student is also a thief. She leaves class forty minutes early to take a fifth bus home; she is effectively robbing money from law-abiding taxpayers who foot the bill. Should a person like Rosa De La Cruz, who is a drain on the system, even be allowed to study?

This is just one glaring example of excess in the adult-school classroom. Jason Finch, an inexperienced teacher, while on the clock, lamely tries to teach students the 'To Be or Not To Be' soliloquy from Hamlet. There is plenty of flirting and chattering in Spanish, particularly in the back rows, but precious little English..."

(To be continued...)

MATT BOMER JOINS GLEE'S RETURN FROM HIATUS

By Ivetta Babadjanian

HOLLYWOOD—Glee came back from hiatus with special guest, Matt Bomer, and the answer to whether or not one of the main cast members was killed off is revealed. Bomer was a hilarious addition to the ensemble and will hopefully have periodical visits to the Glee cast.

Right off the bat, in the episode titled "Big Brother," the audience discovers that Rachel Berry (Lea Michelle) and Finn Hudson (Cory Monteith) didn't go through with their wedding because of Quinn Fabray's (Dianna Agron) accident. Rachel feels guilty for the accident, but Quinn rolls into the scene on a wheel chair seemingly in high spirits.

She then begins to sing, along with Artie Abrams (Kevin McHale), a rendition of Elton John's "I'm Still Standing."

She then explains to the glee cast that the accident that she was in because of texting while driving, severely injured her spine and took away her ability to walk. She says that she has gained some feeling back in her legs and the doctors say there's a good chance

she'll be able to walk again after intense physical therapy sessions. She promises the class she will be out of her wheel chair by Nationals and will be dancing on the stage with them.

Afterwards, Blaine Anderson (Darren Criss) introduces his older brother to his boyfriend Kurt Hummel (Chris Colfer). Cooper is introduced as an actor in a well-known national commercial and comes off as very egotistical. Blaine isn't very close to his brother and tries to get back some of the spotlight taken from his brother during their duet, which is a mash-up of Duran Duran's songs "Hungry Like the Wolf" and "Rio." It's later shown that Cooper is very critical towards Blaine and seems to always put him down. This leads to Blaine singing a great version of Christina Aguilera's song, "Stronger."

The funniest part of this episode was when Cooper was trying to teach the glee club some acting techniques. His ludicrous advice was that actors pointed a lot when they were angry, an actor must yell when show-

ing extreme emotion, and that while acting one must completely ignore whoever is in the scene with them.

The greatest performance in the episode also included Bomer and was another duet with Blaine and Cooper. They sang the popular song by Gotye, "Somebody That I Used To Know." The emotional depth in this performance was moving and Bomer proved that he had a phenomenal voice.

During this episode, the seniors of the class take part in a senior ditch day to Six Flags, however, Artie and Quinn go to a skate park where people with similar conditions as them skated. The two have another duet during this scene, and sing "Up Up Up" by Givers. Later on, Artie tries to help Quinn understand that her situation could be permanent and she needs to face the reality of it, but Quinn becomes upset and insists that her situation is only temporary.

Meanwhile, Finn is still having difficulty figuring out what he wants to do with his life after high school. Noah Puckerman (Mark Salling) lets him know that he wants

to go to California and start up a pool cleaning business with Finn as his partner. Finn is conflicted because he has finally found something he can do for work, but Rachel is insistent on going to New York to pursue her dreams of Broadway. The episode ends with an argument between Finn and Rachel. Finn wants her to move to California with him where he could support her while she tries to make a career in Hollywood, but Rachel refuses to go anywhere but to New York. This angers Finn and he storms off.

Overall, this episode wasn't worth the wait. Matt Bomer was definitely the star of this episode, with his funny one-liners and great voice. There was only one song truly memorable from this episode, when usually there is a handful. So far, it's a slow start to Glee's comeback, but hopefully the next episode, Sturday Nigh Glee-ver, will bring back the Glee we've all been waiting for.

Glee airs on Tuesday nights on Fox at 8pm.

HAPPINESS: WE ALL WANT IT

By Eileen Lenson

BEVERLY HILLS—Happiness. We all want it. We are all searching for it. But how many of us succeed in finding it?

As children, our parents attempt to give us the recipe for securing happiness. Their ingredients may include getting a good education, marrying rich, or obtaining a myriad of other concrete goals. A few weeks ago, millions of people across the country were united in believing they would be happy if they had the winning numbers to the \$600 million lottery.

But as many former lottery winners can corroborate, material goods do not guarantee happiness. And ironically, many people hovering around the poverty line self-report being very happy. So why the conundrum?

I coach my clients that happiness is not always determined by the concrete or measurable things in their lives. Rather, happiness is achieved by being immersed in activities that are consistent with one's values. This includes the quality of personal relationships, being passionately engaged in a career or another activity, having a spiritual connection, and a good dose of fun and laughter.

At first glance, one might assume

Steve Kinney to be the sort of man that subscribes to the belief of happiness being found through the collection of tangible things. After all, he is the owner of an international Search Engine Optimization (SEO) company, and works hard to achieve professional success in a competitive marketplace.

While Mr. Kinney describes himself as being a "happy" man, he says that wasn't always the case. He discovered that happiness has to be earned, rather than obtained by passively collecting things. He succeeded in finding happiness by being fully invested in life. He found a way to satisfy his values, which include relationships, doing for others, and engaging in pro bono work in an unrelated field.

According to Mr. Kinney: "I was working for a Fortune 100 company, and found that it wasn't making me happy. I realized that a lot of things I want are just 'wants', rather than things I really 'need' in life. For me, it is all about people, whether I'm doing work for myself or pro bono work."

"When I get outside of myself, and start serving other people", he says, "happiness just seems to come, and it flows and

it's endless. People start coming up and doing nice things for me, and they say nice things to me." For Mr. Kinney, as for others, when you give of yourself it can be rewarded with immeasurable happiness in return.

While Mr. Kinney finds happiness in being selfless, he acknowledges that challenges pop up, and when they do, it is typically between 2 A.M. and 4A.M. These negative, troublesome feelings vary, including stress, self doubt, discontent or fear. His immediate reaction to "fixing" these feelings is to think about acquiring material possessions. "When I find myself thinking, need, need, need, I realize that fear is getting in the way of my selfless giving," says Mr. Kinney.

He has learned to change the vicious cycle of the middle-of-the-night troublesome feelings into a virtuous cycle. "A vicious cycle is all about negativity", he points out. "The more energy I put into it, the worse it gets. It is the opposite of positivity." He uses conscious awareness of his feelings, emotions and behaviors to turn these feelings into a virtuous outcome; so as to ensure that he remains headed towards goals that are consistent with his values and will bring him hap-

piness.

Smiling, he shares what he calls, "the dirty little secret about giving. A mentor told me that when you give something to someone, you get back more in return than you gave." Mr. Kinney reports that the process of thinking and doing for others "is so powerful, it is boundless." As a result of doing for others, his appreciation for what he has increases, and his wants decrease.

Like millions of others, Mr. Kinney recently got caught up in the fantasy of picking the winning numbers for the largest lottery on record. However, he dealt with his purchase of lottery tickets less conventionally than most. He bought 20 lottery tickets and promptly gave all of them away. Some went to friends, one to the cashier selling lottery tickets, and some to strangers on the street. He kept none for himself. But in his heart, he feels like a winner. And he is happy.

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RUMOR OR TRUTH!

By Rose Quintiliano and Kelly Olszuk

HOLLYWOOD—The talk of Hollywood this past weekend was the guessing game of whether or not Axl Rose and Lana Del Rey were the new “it” couple? They were spotted leaving the Chateau Marmont together, which raised eyebrows and prompted rumors that they were dating. Axl Rose, 50, (who is old enough to be her father) was seen walking steps behind Del Rey, 25. Time will tell if they are an item. However, the band’s guitarist tells TMZ.com that Rose and Del Rey are just friends. Del Rey, whose new album “Born to Die,” captivates her sultry voice, could be truly just a friend and a die-hard fan, without romantic interest. By the end of 2011 she managed to take the music world by storm by belting out “Blue Jeans” and “Video Games.”

She has attended two separate back-to-back Guns N’ Roses concerts in LA, and recorded back in the day the song “Axl Rose Husband,” when she went by her real name Lizzy Grant. This could be something interesting to see what transpires from perhaps a longtime crush on a rock ‘n’ roll idol.

Another “it” couple is Kim Kardashian and Kanye West, who are still going strong according to RadarOnline.com. The website is reporting that West will even tune in to watch the upcoming season of “Keeping Up With the Kardashians.” I hope Kanye is ready for an hour to sit and watch since starting

May 20, the half-hour reality show is being bumped up to an hour for the season. We will have to wait and see if this works with the ratings and the 72-day wedding fiasco. According to reports, word has leaked out that cameras have been recording both Kim and Kanye. People seem to be interested in the family, with pregnant Kourtney; Khloe, who moved to Dallas when her husband Lamar Odom, was traded to the Mavericks (and now is moving back to LA, according to the New York Post). Talk about drama in the life of Lamar Odom! There is definitely a lot of pressure and it looks like The Mavericks and Lamar have parted ways and he has been put on the inactive list until after the playoffs, when the Mavericks can trade him off, Page Six reports. Between family woes, the car accident, the reality show “Khloe and Lamar,” it was just too much for anyone to handle.

Meanwhile, a funny reality show “Mama’s Boys of the Bronx,” premiered on TLC on April 9, making everyone fall to their knees laughing. The show is quite unique about a group of men in their 30’s who enjoy living at home with their mothers. The men are Anthony, Frankie, Giovanni, Chip and Peter. In the second episode, Peter got engaged to his girlfriend of four years. They are like five-year-olds counting on their mothers for everything from washing their clothes to



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making them dinners. They grew up together in the Bronx on Arthur Avenue. The show is hilarious. While some people might say it’s pathetic, the only other show they would need to follow-up with would be “Grandma’s Boys.”

Rose’s Scoop: Alleged Alec Baldwin stalker Genevieve Sabourin, 40, was arrested on April 9 after she went bonkers after the news broke of the engagement of “30 Rock” star to yoga instructor Hilaria Thomas. You gotta love him!

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WHAT'S SAFE OUT THERE?

By Joann Deutch, Attorney

LAUREL CANYON—Spring has me wandering the hills, wondering “What I am looking at?” It might have started when I figured exactly how badly I react to poison oak. That put me on alert, always looking down to see if any was nearby. In the spring it’s easier to spot. Shiny green leaves with flame to mahogany tinting, and of course the “leaves of three” configuration. The leaves of three - three leaves growing on one stalk can be tricky, they’re everywhere. I’m not totally obsessive... well, maybe.

While I’m looking down, I see other plants which capture my interest. There are lots of grasses out there. In the hills, it’s the stuff we always have to clear to get a passing report card for the Hillside Fire Inspection season. Somehow this sparks a question. These stalks don’t look like anything I see growing in local gardens. It doesn’t look like the stuff you need mow, even if you’ve let a little out of hand. It also doesn’t look like the bunch grass people plant such as Mexican Hair Grass or the ever popular Red Fountain Grass used as an accent in gardens.

I always have three threads to my investigations. One: Can I eat it without killing myself? Two: Will it give a rash? And three: Was it here for the native Tongva population?

Once again figuring out what this stuff is has set me on a scientific journey into Farmville. I am a little skittish about drawing any conclusions, the last time I did this it turns out that what I swore was barley was in



fact oats, thankfully not a potentially fatal mistake.

The stalks I see are not grasses, they’re cereal grains, okay, cereal grass - the kind we eat - rather than the kind we mow. Now I know it’s edible. The cluster of seeds at the stalk of cereal grasses is called an ear. This hardly makes any sense until you associate these grains with the most populate grain - corn. Then you get the reference to an ear.

Of course only part of the mystery is solved at this point. I need to figure out which grain is what. To me, bar-

ley, wheat, rye and triticale (a wheat/rye hybrid - they did that just to mess with me) all look fairly similar. I thought I was looking at wheat, but barley is described as growing in two rows, while wheat grows in four rows, so that must be the lighter colored cereal in the photo. I am fairly certain that the red grass is red winter wheat.

And finally, these grasses, while known as far back as 7-9 B.C.E. in other parts of the world, are not native to the Santa Monica Mountains. This means that the Tongva did not

have them as a food source. It’s speculated that the cereal grasses first got here mixed in with the feed the padres brought here for their cattle. Later these grains were planted as part of the “dry farming” technique in the San Fernando Valley ranchos. The grasses got whatever water was available in the winter months. That was it.

I’m not ready to become a survivalist. Maybe I’ll gain the confidence I need. Sign me up for Hunger Games. No nightlock berries for me!

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PLAYING TO PREJUDICE

By Henry Meyerding

LOS ANGELES—The National Organization for Marriage (NOM) is at it again. Their most recent tactic in their war against allowing gay people to marry is to go international. This month they unveiled an aggressive campaign to appeal to people who have a strong prejudice against gay people (Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Malaysia, where being gay is a criminal offense) to boycott the Seattle, WA based company Starbucks. Why? Because Starbucks made a corporate policy statement of support for Marriage Equality.

That statement of support originally spurred NOM to call for a national boycott of Starbucks. They had a petition, too, which gathered almost 30,000 signatures, calling upon Starbucks to rescind their support. This activity prompted a counter-petition which quickly gathered more than 660,000 signatures and confirmed the Starbucks' board of directors' decision to publicly support Marriage Equality.

Unable to get any traction at home, the National Organization for Marriage decided to go international. They seek to gain supporters for their plainly homophobic position and where better to find lots of supporters than in countries where homophobia is the official religion and law of the land? Will a Saudi Arabian businessman really boycott Starbucks because the com-

pany supports Marriage Equality? Probably not, they probably already think Americans are hopelessly decadent, but why would any 110% American patriot organization seek to make any group of people think Americans are even worse than they feared?

This is the same kind of slippery slope that starts with idiots telling lies on the radio and ends up getting doctors killed outside medical clinics. Will the NOM foreign agitators be happy when a couple of dozen people die in bomb attacks on Starbucks premises in the middle east? Do they really think that inflaming the irrational prejudices of other people in other countries against people in the United States will make things better? Better for whom?

When I travel abroad, I already wish I could pretend to be Canadian because it's safer. I wish I had a big red maple leaf t-shirt to wear, just to make it clear that I'm not with "them" (NOM). What I don't need is a bunch of church-going hoodlums inflaming people against me, and my country, for no reason, because they disagree with me about a political issue back home. Remember, these people they're getting to be mad at Starbucks would get just as mad about inter-racial marriage as about gay marriage... and they'd be pretty riled to think that women worked in these establishments.

Why should it come up? These



self-appointed guardians of marriage want to hurt Starbucks international revenues by appealing to the irrational cultural prejudices of people whose official morals haven't changed since our ancestors were burning witches and killing people for the crime of owning a Bible in English or French (instead of Latin).

And how does all this have anything to do with defending marriage? The people they're appealing to the prejudices of have a completely different tradition of marriage, one that is much more different from the contemporary Christian marriage than

gay marriage is. I have a deep seated suspicion that if Islamic radicals sought to make Islamic polygamous marriage the law in this country, the NOM folks would be against that, too.

What this shows about the leadership of NOM is how utterly unprincipled they are and how willing they are to use the ignorance and prejudice of others to achieve their own short-term political goals. It is a clearly immoral act. It deserves condemnation by any person of conscience, regardless of their own personal stance on marriage equality.

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MICHAEL ST. JOHN'S CONFIDENTIAL FILE

By Michael St. John

HOLLYWOOD—HELLO AMERICA! When you meet someone extraordinary in Hollywood you hang on to it because it is so rare. JARROD QUON is one of those special people who arrived in Hollywood with only a dream. However, because of his love and concern to change people's lives and the way they look at each other makes him extremely special. As a producer, he believes he can do amazing things in helping to make life better for everyone. Yes, it's his dream but it is also his constant reality.

Q: Where did you come from originally and what was the creative atmosphere like when growing up?

A: I am originally from Portland, OR and my family moved around quite a bit when I was growing up. We relocated to Chicago then back to Portland during grade school and all the while we were all very close. There was support for anything I showed an interest in from sketching, to animation, to cartooning, to carpentry, to architecture, to music, to singing, to dance, and then eventually theater. My whole family threw themselves into whatever it was my sister and I were doing at the time. It was an amazing and wonderfully fun time.

Q: Most actors who come to Hollywood simply dream about becoming a major star in films or find his or her place in television. However, it was quite different for you - it seems that you're more interested in the producing area of the industry. Where does this passion stem from?

A: I came to Los Angeles looking, like most actors, for my opportunity to become successful. I searched for

it in auditions, chance meetings, workshops, friendships, even the way I dressed to walk down the street. After two years of waiting and searching I became very disillusioned with myself and what I was capable of achieving. I became resigned that I was not going to have any success or happiness, and spent my time pretending to my friends, family, and teachers that I was really trying and that the universe didn't want me to succeed. It all changed when I gave up the idea that I had to wait for someone to "discover" me. I started looking at what I could do for myself and what I really wanted to do with my life and ideas I had. This naturally lead to producing and now I get to discover myself.

Q: What films in the past that really impacted your interest or your decision to try your hand at producing stories which affect change, culturally, in this country or the world, as a matter of fact?

A: The first film maker to get me to see the power of taking an idea and making a film with it was Michael Moore with Bowling for Columbine. Whether you agree with him or not he has created a powerful voice for his view on the world, which he brought to the attention of the world through his documentaries. I was in high school at the time of the Columbine shootings and felt very helpless and small. What I saw in Bowling for Columbine wasa just a simple guy asking questions and creating amazing results from those simple questions. From there Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution, The Cove, and Food Inc. all fed the idea that I could take on

seemingly huge social issues and address them directly and powerfully through film.

Q: Who are some film directors and producers you believe made a positive difference with their motion pictures?

A: The film makers who make the greatest difference in the world are those who reveal something of themselves and their humanity in their films. They let the world see inside their closets and see their skeletons and they use that to share their humanity with us.

Q: Since you spent some time in England, did you find that there was a difference between the tastes of American youth and those of Europe?

A: There were differences but mostly cultural. They liked soccer, we liked baseball or basketball; but mostly we are very similar. We both like music and having a good time with our friends trying to make it with a cute girl or guy. I did notice however, a little more interest in what was happening outside their national borders and the amount of time spent outside their borders. Most of my friends had been out of the country on more than one occasion. Thus I would say the worldliness of Europeans and their investment in the world was the largest difference.

Q: What kind of stories would you as a film-maker produce and why?

A: I will make stories that share ourselves and our worlds with the world. Stories that reveal what our little corner of humanity is like, what we cherish, what we fear, what we are concerned about and what we are pas-

sionate about. Stories that create relationships with the world and touch and inspire to bring out the best in all of us. We are all children of a mother and a father, whether we are with them now or never even knew their name. I will make stories about the family of the human race and how we can advance that family.

Q: This generation of young people seem to have very little disciplined or taste when it comes to any kind of entertainment - do you feel that Hollywood or the entertainment industry is mostly responsible for this or is it a natural path of generational change itself?

A: I believe is a generational change. My stand is that young people are just that, young people. We mostly talk to them and treat them as if they can't handle what is going on and we really don't expect them to. We don't trust them to handle the world. Thus it is little wonder to me when they reject the ideas about what we tell them is important and then do what they want, which can seem absurd to those who are not them. We come to expect less and less from them and at the same time more and more on an achievement level. This double standard of giving less trust and expecting more from them is a bankrupt system. Thus Hollywood gives them films and television that feeds into that mistrust and then defends this choice by citing how popular the films and television shows are. If we want young people to have our taste, we need to share why we have our tastes and why we are disciplined. You wouldn't expect anything different from your peers.

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