



Hoopla in Hollywood!

Well kids as usual Hollywood is doing its best to take us out of our everyday doom and gloom, trying to stay above water, ho hum drum, Ma and Pa Kettle slump by injecting a little OMG!!!...into our own ordinary working blues, families in crisis mode.

No matter what is going on in our lives there is always the movies and what's on television, and the off-camera drama of celebrities; each a sure ticket to sweep us away from whatever we are going through just long enough to catch our breath.

If you think about it, watching the comings and goings in Hollywood is better than therapy. Just when we thought our own lives were a roller coaster we get a front row seat to the rich and famous—who we thought had everything—struggling to stay afloat. It's not that we enjoy seeing A-listers in crisis; after all their problems are pretty much universal and we "everyday" people

go through them all the time—just not on TV. I think that the fascination with celebrity drama is that it offers us "norms" the opportunity to not be so hard on ourselves. Let's face it...we all have rough patches...in a sick way it's comforting to know we are not alone. Am I not right?

I think the deal here is to realize that we are all human. Rich and famous has nothing to do with it. People are people and as such don't always use the best judgement, don't always make the best decisions, don't always pick the best husband or wife or boy friend or girl friend, don't always keep our foot out of our mouth, don't always act appropriately, don't always balance our checkbooks, don't always shut the windows when we are fighting with each other, don't always pull away from a bar stool when we've had one too many, don't always behave perfectly in public... Sound familiar? It sure does at my house.



(letter from the editor)

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Of course we are going to stick like glue to our TVs when footage of a celeb gone wild pops up—we are bored out of our brains! But let's go easy here and not get so carried away; not forget how over the years that person made our lives more enjoyable. Offered us a "time out" of a blue mood by watching them perform. Which of us can cast that first stone? You're my next cover dude—no lie. ●

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Gift of the Week

Pink Princess Trike, \$229
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