



# MailBag

“ Kelly Clarkson is walking quite a wonderful path all the way from *American Idol* to the altar” Penelope Nash Riverside, Ill.

## KELLY CLARKSON

Thank you for your cover story on Kelly Clarkson. She sang beautifully at President Obama's Inauguration, and she just seems to get better and better as the years go by. I am thrilled that she found someone to share her life with.

**Jo Ann Payne** Baton Rouge

## MAJOR JEFF HALL

Army Major Jeff Hall has performed a real public service by sharing the daunting battle he faced against suicidal thoughts when he returned home from active duty overseas. His wife and children deserve all the credit in the world for standing by him and giving him exactly the kind of support our war veterans need. My husband is an active duty Army

officer, and I hope and pray that in a crisis, I will have the courage and wisdom that the Hall family have so admirably demonstrated. Major Hall, I wish you and your family the best. You are an inspiration to all members of the Armed Forces.  
**Veronica Galvin** Carlisle, Pa.

I was touched by Major Hall's story and his willingness to turn his nightmare into a way to help others through his efforts in counseling hundreds of troubled soldiers. He is a true hero in this regard and should remember that always.

**Nancy Hamlin** via e-mail

## SCOOP

Your Scoop item about celebrity assistants fighting back against alleged mistreatment from their famous employers stuck in my craw. Will these privileged and pampered entertainers ever realize that their employees' time and lives are no less important than their own?

**Donna Cordello** Penfield, N.Y.

## SACHI PARKER

Reading about Shirley MacLaine's daughter Sachi Parker and the problematic relationship she says she had with her movie star mother saddened me. I was a couple of years ahead of Sachi at boarding school in Switzerland in the early '70s. I am glad that Sachi has been able to overcome a troubled upbringing, healed in part by her own children. Good luck in the future, Sachi!

**Jane Rasmussen-Dewar** Morganton, Ga.

## JODI ARIAS

In your coverage of the trial of Jodi Arias for the murder of her boyfriend Travis Alexander, I take great exception to the headline "Mormon Murder Trial." Why is Mormonism the only religion that is highlighted in this obnoxious way? We never read headlines about, for example, the "Protestant Murder Trial." I am highly disappointed in what seems to be an unfairly selective style of reporting.

**Amy Wilson** Las Vegas

## NIGELLA LAWSON

In an otherwise informative article about British cook Nigella Lawson, I was disturbed to see so many disposable plastic water bottles in her fridge. Why doesn't the self-professed "aquaholic" simply invest in an eco-friendly faucet filter?

**Chris O'Connor** Croton, N.Y.

## UPDATE | SHINING A LIGHT

Since we ran our Feb. 18 story about sisters-in-law Derrica and Natalie Wilson's Black and Missing Foundation, their mission has expanded. The Wilsons just started a support group in Washington, D.C., for African-Americans with missing loved ones. On May 25 they will hold a 5k run/walk in Fort Washington, Md., to raise awareness. "We have been receiving requests from around the country for our help," says Natalie. Reader Jamie Whitmore of Hillsboro, Ore., was "delighted to see the Wilsons make reuniting these precious people with their families a priority."



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