

About Town

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Daniels in RV.

Daniels' Other Life: Trucker

Jeff Daniels has been a Woody Allen heartthrob, a leading man and now a whip-smart news anchor on HBO's Aaron Sorkin wordfest *The Newsroom*. But in his heart, he's a redneck trucker. Instead of flying from his home in Michigan to L.A. for the July 10 *Newsroom* premiere, he drove more than 2,000 miles in his silver 42-foot RV, a vehicle in which he regularly goes back and forth for *Newsroom* shoots. It makes sense: He starred in the 2006 comedy *RV* and did a 2010 RV tour of Michigan, playing guitar and belting country songs that

he writes but doesn't record. Yes, there's one called "RV Song." "I don't think you can call yourself a real American till you've been behind the wheel of an RV," is how Daniels looks at it.

Reza Riled Up

Prominent rabbi David Wolpe's June announcement that he will perform gay marriages at Sinai Temple in Westwood continues to roil the local Persian community, which comprises about half of the congregants. Many are against the decision, and several families already have begun leaving Sinai because of it. All of which really works up Reza Farahan, the openly gay, half-Jewish star of Bravo's *Shahs of Sunset*. "If you ask me, good riddance!" says Farahan, who's not a member of the congregation. "The fewer ignorant Persians congregating in one place, the better. The fact is, most Persians in L.A. forget what life would be like back in the 'homeland.'"



Farahan



Sinai Temple

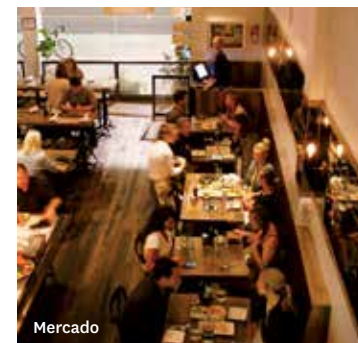
Bryant's Reality Plans

Mad Men might be winding down, but its costume designer Janie Bryant is gearing up. She's in development with Jim Deutch and E.J. Johnston (NBC's *Fashion Star*) on *Janie Bryant's Hollywood*, the first competition show for aspiring costumers. Bryant will serve as host and mentor and aims to start production in 2014. (The show is seeking a buyer.) "I've always felt the costume designers were never fully appreciated," Deutch tells *THR*. Adds Bryant: "Jim and I saw each other at a party, and a creative lightning bolt went off." **THR**

Bryant plans to move in front of the camera.



Power Lunch



Mercado

All in on one day at Ago: Robert Downey Jr., Ed Helms, Amanda Seyfried, Ludacris and Priscilla Presley. ... MGM chair Gary Barber chatted with producer Walter Mirisch at the Grill on the Alley, while Josh Groban held court. ... Ben Silverman met LL Cool J at Bouchon ... Katharine McPhee dined with producer Hilary Shor at Caulfield's. ... Kristen Wiig and Halle Berry both hit Fig & Olive. ... Sarah Paulson with Mamie Gummer at Tower Bar. ... 20th TV co-heads Dana Walden and Gary Newman at Cecconi's. ... Jamie Foxx checked out new Russian spot Mari Vanna. ... WME's Jill Smoller, Gail Berman and D.L. Hughley have all been in to Mr Chow of late. ... Scarlett Johansson stopped in to Mercado in Santa Monica. ... Sumner Redstone visited Craig's, as did Les Moonves and Julie Chen. ... Mindy Kaling ate at L&E Oyster Bar in Silver Lake. ... Alan Ball went to BLD. ... Antonio Banderas and Melanie Griffith were at Crossroads. ... Jason Sudeikis, sporting a mustache, was spotted at M Cafe on Melrose.



Kaling



Newman

HITCHED, HATCHED, HIRED

Inside the industry's celebrations and news

WEDDINGS

Jimmy Kimmel wed Molly McNearney, co-head writer of *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, on July 13 in Ojai, Calif., in front of such guests as Jennifer Aniston, Matt Damon and J.J. Abrams. The couple got engaged in summer 2012.

Halle Berry wed Olivier Martinez in Vallery, France, on July 13. The couple, who became engaged in 2012, are expecting a son in the fall.



Infascelli and Scott

ENGAGEMENTS

WME agent Elia Infascelli became engaged to Jordan Scott on June 23 in Malibu.

BIRTHS

Dawn Miller, CEO of Miller PR, and Paul Lusty welcomed daughter Sienna May Miller-Lusty on June 8 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

Alex Lerner, manager at Kaplan/Perrone Entertainment, and wife Leah welcomed daughter Vivienne Sofia Lerner on June 20 at Providence St. Joseph Medical Center in Burbank.

CONGRATS

Sony's Amy Pascal was among 10 first-time governors elected to the Academy of



Sienna May

Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Board of Governors on July 15. She'll represent the executive branch. The others are Judianna Makovsky and Deborah Nadoolman (costume designers); Rick Carter and Jan Pascale (designers); Alex Gibney (documentary); Lynzee Klingman (film editors); Kathryn Blondell and Bill Corso (makeup artists/

hairstylists); and Nancy Utley (public relations).

Phil Breman joined NBC on July 10 as vp current programming.

FremantleMedia North America appointed Lee Rierison COO on July 8.

Kelly Goode was named vp original programming at ABC Family on July 15.

DEATHS

Evelyn Gordon, a top exec at 20th Century Fox for four decades, died June 30 in Beverly Hills. She was 75.