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"American Idol" Season Four Runner-Up [Bo Bice](#) has certainly mapped out a route to success that includes a lot of time on tour (hence the name of his new album is "I Love the Road"), but entertaining our troops overseas has been the biggest highlight of his journey.

"I come from a military family, so when the call came to go over to

Afghanistan, I jumped at the chance. Those two weeks were life changing, getting to experience how these men and women live, to see the true vision of what's going on over there," Bice told Tarts. "Over here in the United States, we're cut off. We don't see that there's so many bases out there that are controlled by other countries, and that we're the support effort. So there's a lot of different people tied up in this campaign. But the men and women there never waiver, whether they're a support group or on the front lines. I took away a new respect and love for what freedom really means."

Bice also chimed in on the continuing **Paula Abdul** controversy, and said "Idol" may take some knocks without Abdul at the judges table.



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Milla Jovovich and 21-month-old daughter Ever Gabo rocking RS Baby while enjoying a park playdate in [Beverly Hills](#) last Tuesday.

Newlyweds, **Bruce Willis** and **Emma Hemming** touring Los Angeles' newest luxury high-rise, The Carlyle Residences on Wilshire Boulevard on Friday.

Usher calling in via Skype on Friday as a surprise guest speaker to talk to more than 200 students attending The LEAP Foundation this year at UCLA. The program, co-founded by celebrity cosmetic dentist, **Dr. Bill Dorfman** and **Steve Anderson**, helps students get ahead in life learning valuable life skills such as time management, business etiquette and motivation.

Christie Brinkley and **Alexa Ray Joel** (following her performance at The Stephen Talkhouse) enjoying dinner with a large entourage at Nick & Toni's in East Hampton on Friday.

Priscilla Presley, **Jane Seymour** and **Mel B** sharing "blonde" moments while attending the Los Angeles premiere of "Legally Blonde" at the Pantages Theater on Friday night.

Paula Abdul with a group of young guys and girls at Hollywood club MyHouse on Friday night before making a sneaky exit from the backdoor in the early hours.

Lindsay Lohan in NYC to celebrate on/off girlfriend **Samantha Ronson's** 32nd Birthday. First stop on the city circuit was Hudson Terrace, where Lohan hung out with her younger brother and his friends on Friday night before heading to the Hamptons (sans Sam) for the rest of the weekend where she chilled out in the cabanas at Day & Night Restaurant Beach Club in Southampton and chain-smoked all day with a male photog. The super skinny starlet then showed up to Grey Goose's screening of "Inglourious Basterds" on Monday night before heading over to The Standard where she sat in a corner away from the rest of the guests, again chain smoking, and tried to keep photogs away.

Wayne Brady celebrating his extended residency as a headliner at [The Venetian](#) Showroom and new CBS Show "Let's Make a Deal" at ABSOLUT Saturday at the exclusive daytime luxury pool experience, AZURE at The Palazzo.

Pauly Shore surrounding himself with women in a private cabana at the Midsummer Night's Dream - A Pirate's Guilty Pleasure Party at the [Palms](#) Pool & Bungalows in Sin City on Saturday night.

Chris Brown (hiding behind a hoodie) while bowling at Hollywood's Lucky Strike with **Nelly** and **Dwight Howard** on Sunday evening.

Sean Kingston, LMFAO and up-and-comer **Kristine Elezaj** performing at PARTY 105's MEGA JAM Concert in Long Island on Saturday.

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