

EVENTS

‘Bachelor’ candidate gets dumped

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The only thing more demoralizing than getting dumped on “The Bachelorette”? Getting rejected by network executives.

We may never know exactly what happened behind ABC’s abrupt switch for the upcoming season of “The Bachelor”: All signs pointed to dreamy Texan Luke Pell, 31, getting the coveted spot, and to the surprise of everyone, the network announced last week that perpetual runner-up Nick Viall, 35, would be the new “Bachelor.”

Pell, who came in fourth place on JoJo Fletcher’s season, was as shocked as anyone — contracts were signed, and producers said “actually, never mind” only hours before he was supposed to fly to Los Angeles for the announcement. Now, he’s gone from potential reality superstar to the much more common “rejected ‘Bachelorette’ contestant.”

“I was really frustrated, not going to lie,” Pell said during a SiriusXM radio interview Tuesday with “The Highway” host Storme Warren. He added that the network didn’t handle the sudden change in the best way.

However, Pell said, he’s still

“completely happy” with how everything turned out. That’s because he has a secret weapon: an aspiring country music career.

Country music and “The Bachelor” franchise are strangely intertwined, as country singers frequently show up to serenade contestants on dates; this season alone featured Dan + Shay and Lady Antebellum’s Charles Kelley. ABC has a strong relationship with Nashville because the network airs the Country Music Association Awards (and used to have the show “Nashville”), and the producers know what viewers like.

In other words, a post-“Bachelorette” country music career is a pretty smart backup plan — better than shilling for random products on Instagram, which is where many franchise participants wind up. Luckily for Pell, his Nashville goal was already in the works.

As Pell explained this week while making the rounds on country radio shows, his lifelong dream has been country music. After he graduated from West Point in 2007, he requested to be assigned to the Fort Campbell military base in Clarksville, Tenn., to be closer to Nashville. He stayed there

for a couple years, but then his military service took him around the world, including Afghanistan. After his service was complete, he moved back to Nashville in early 2015 and got to work on writing songs.

Though he never talked about it on “The Bachelorette,” he played in a band in his native Texas. While playing a wedding, he met the bride’s brother, Brandon Kinney, a longtime Nashville songwriter with cuts for Luke Bryan (“Beer in the Headlights”), Randy Houser (“Boots On”) and Craig Campbell (“Outta My Head”), among others. Kinney has been helping develop his career; Pell currently has a couple songs on Spotify and hopes to release an EP this winter.

During the Highway interview, Pell explained he wound up on “The Bachelorette” on a whim — his hairdresser and his friend’s wife both submitted applications on his behalf. Once he was cast, he was concerned it might look like he was trying to cash in on his 15 minutes of fame and wasn’t serious about a music career. As a result, he decided to never bring up his Nashville dreams, unlike some contestants, who shamelessly plug their future aspirations.

“We wanted to not even let

that be the conversation,” Pell said.

On Wednesday, Pell stopped by “The Bobby Bones Show” and revealed that his real goal is to be a famous songwriter. Darius Rucker recently put a hold on one of his songs, meaning Rucker could possibly record it for a future album. While Pell mostly talked about how excited he was to be back in Nashville, he admitted it was “weird” the way ABC passed him over for Viall. He still doesn’t know why.

“Do you think you’re too nice?” Bones offered, then theorized that producers “couldn’t find enough super-crazy girls, so they had to go to a guy that would bring more drama.”

Pell agreed that the producers do try to stir up insanity among the 25 “Bachelor” and “Bachelorette” hopefuls each season. “Those producers, they’re really geniuses in terms of what they do and making that show a hit show,” he said.

In terms of his love life now, as Bones pointed out, Pell shouldn’t worry: When you have “Bachelorette”-contestant looks, you’re probably fine.

“You live the real-life ‘Bachelor,’” Bones joked. “You can go out and do ‘The Bachelor’ every Friday night.”



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The Broadway’s Best in Bangor series kicks off with “Mannheim Steamroller Christmas,” scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6.

Grammy Award-winner Chip Davis, the founder and leader of Mannheim Steamroller, has created a multimedia show featuring the music of the popular “Mannheim Steamroller Christmas” album.

For fans of Broadway shows, British playwright Catherine Johnson’s show “Mamma Mia!” which premiered in 1999 in London’s West End, will take the stage in Bangor just after the new year.

The show tells the story of a young bride-to-be trying to find her real father so

she can walk her down the aisle at her wedding in a hilarious tale. That’s scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017. It’s the farewell tour of this popular show featuring the music of ABBA.

For Irish music and dance fans, Riverdance will make a stop at the CIC on Tuesday, May 30, 2017. The theatrical show is celebrating its 20th year of touring. Other shows this season will include a unique showing of magic and a musical tribute.

On Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017, The Illusionists will bring the talents of seven illusionists to Bangor for what’s said to be a “jaw dropping” show. And on Sunday, April 23, 2017, “Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles” will appear at the Cross Insurance Center.

Tickets for the shows go on sale on at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 12, at the CIC box office.

Things to Do

AUGUSTA — United Bikers of Maine 35th annual Toy Run, noon Sunday, Sept. 11, Meet at Augusta Civic Center. Ends at Windsor Fairgrounds. Bring a new unwrapped toy for donation to a child up to the age of 18. Vendors, T-shirts and pins. UBM-USA.org or the United Bikers of Maine Annual Toy Run Page on Facebook for meeting places and times for your county.

BANGOR — Exhibition of work by artists from Penobscot Valley Industries and Ralph Leek Elders, both divisions of Amicus, through September, Bangor Public Library, 145 Harlow St. Open house with artists for kickoff of 17th annual art exhibit, 10 a.m.-noon Thursday, Sept. 8. Pam Colson Power, 941-2898.

BANGOR — Walk to End Alzheimer’s team of Westgate Center for Rehabilitation and Alzheimer’s Care annual spaghetti dinner and silent auction fundraiser to benefit Alzheimer’s Association, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, Bangor Elks Club, 108 Odlin Road. \$8, \$6 seniors and children. 942-7336 or kminer@nathealthcare.com.

BANGOR — Maine Outdoor Film Festival features “Chasing Niagara,” 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, John Baptist Memorial High School, 100 Broadway.

BAR HARBOR — Abbe Museum, Southwest Harbor Public Library and Northeast Harbor Library present PechaKucha MDI Night in celebration of Acadia National Park’s 100th birthday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, The 1932 Criterion Theatre. Free centennial ticket will be required to enter, available at Abbe Museum, Northeast Harbor Library, Southwest Harbor Public Library or at the door. PKMDI Powered by Pecha Kucha on Facebook or pkmdi.com.

BELFAST — Annual Waldo County Triad Auction, Friday, Sept. 9, Redman’s Hall, 153 Main St. Preview, 5 p.m.; auction, 5:45 p.m. Free admission. Food concessions available. 866-426-7555.

BELFAST — Midcoast Actors’ Studio production of “Arms and the Man,” 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 9-18, Troy Howard Stage, 173 Lincolnville Ave. Tickets \$15, \$10 students and seniors. 370-7592.

BELFAST — Belfast Chapter 1434 of the Experi-

mental Aircraft Association second annual Airport Open House and Lobster Fly In, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, Belfast Municipal Airport on Wright Brothers Drive. Rain date Sunday, Sept. 18. Breakfast, 7:30-10 a.m. Eggs, pancakes, bacon, juice, coffee, \$7. Food trucks on hand. Free admission.

BLUE HILL — The Verona String Quartet: Jonathon Ong, violin; Dorothy Ro, violin; Abigail Rojansky, viola; Warren Hagerly, cello, performing Haydn, Bartok and Mendelssohn, 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, Kneisel Hall. Open rehearsal, 9 a.m. kneisel.org, 374-2203 or festival@kneisel.org.

BRUNSWICK — World music and dance from the Balkans, Israel, Western Europe and around the globe, 6:30-9 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30, People Plus, 35 Union St. Many dances are taught. No partner needed. \$5. 200-7577, brennan.mk@gmail.com or folkdancebrunswick.com.

CASTINE — World music ensemble Four Shillings Short, 12:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, Unitarian Universalist Church, 86 Court St. Free.

DEXTER — Susan Ramsey and the North Country Strings performing “Fiddlehymns,” 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, Wayside Theatre, 861 North Dexter Road, Route 23. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$10. No reservations. Joe Kennedy, 277-3733; Chester Bekier, 924-5711; or Wayside Grange on Facebook.

ELLSWORTH — View and vote on finalists’ films in the 19th annual Manhattan Short Film Festival, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, The Grand. \$10, \$9 seniors and students, \$8 Grand members. 667-9500 or grandonline.org.

GREENVILLE — Greenville Masonic Association Fly-In public breakfast, 7-9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, Masonic Temple, Pritham Avenue. Egg casserole, plain and blueberry pancakes, sausage patties, beans, biscuits, doughnuts, juice and coffee. Suggested donation of \$8.

HAMPDEN — Hampden Historical Society Heritage Day, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, Kinsley House, 83 Main Road South. Exhibits, demonstrations, museum tours, more. Free though donations accepted. Lunch available. 862-3463.

HERMON — Hermon Recreation Department Harvest and Homecoming Celebration breakfast, 7-9

a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, Hermon Rescue Squad building, Billings Road. Pancakes, sausage, beans, coffee, milk and juice. \$5, \$3 children under 12, free to law enforcement officers. Benefits American Legion Post 200.

JONESPORT — Craft fair featuring BikeMe, several vendors, organ music and refreshments, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, Sawyer Congregational Church, Sawyer Square. Benefits church’s steeple fund.

LIVERMORE — Pie and Fashion fundraiser, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, 290 Norlands Road. Whole pies \$12 or by donation for a slice of pie. “Under the Dress: Victorian Secrets” talk, 1:30 p.m. “Hats to Hoops: What the Washburn Women Wore” talk, 2:30 p.m. Event admission \$5, includes tours and fashion shows. 897-4366 or norlands@norlands.org.

ORONO — Organizational Zen with Janie Downey Maxwell, 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, Orono Public Library, 39 Pine St. Tips and tricks on how to keep control of time and get more accomplished each day. RSVP at 866-5060.

ORONO — Women of the World luncheon schedule: noon Monday, Sept. 12, farm fresh fare; Oct. 10, Cuba; Nov. 14, Cafe Sirocco, Church of Universal Fellowship, Main Street. \$5 women and children over 10, \$2 children 6 to 10, free to children under 6 who attend with their mother. Mireille Le Gal, 581-3423.

ORRINGTON — Baked bean supper, 4:30-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, East Orrington Congregational Church, 38 Johnson Mill Road. Beans, hot dogs, rolls, casseroles and homemade pies. \$7, \$3 children.

SOUTH PARKS — Center for an Ecology Based Economy electric vehicle expo, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, town office. Ribbon-cutting ceremony for newly installed EV charger at South Paris police station. Food vendors, music and test rides of electric bikes. Scott Vlaun, scott@ecologybasedeconomy.org or 739-2101.

SOUTHWEST HARBOR — Natalie Springuel, Maine Sea Grant Marine Extension associate, College of the Atlantic, discussing Gulf of Maine and its future, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, Southwest Harbor Public Library, 338 Main St. 244-7065.

SURRY — Surry Arts at the Barn’s first “Italian Night” with food and music, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, 8 Cross Road. Reservations by Sept. 6. \$20. Bring your own beverage. 667-1308.

SURRY — Last movie of season “Cutie and the Boxer,” 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, Surry Arts at the Barn, 8 Cross Road. During intermission, audience will get to try art method of dipping gloves in paint and hitting a canvas. Goggles and protective clothing provided. Cost \$5. 667-1308 or surryartsatthebam.com.

For a complete listing of calendar items or to submit your event, visit www.bangordailynews.com.

Thursday prime time

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
BROADCAST	<b>2</b> NBC 207 NFL Kickoff Special NFL Football Carolina Panthers at Denver Broncos. (N) (1) (ESP HDTV)								
	<b>4</b> CBC The Special Needs Hotel Firsthand The National (N) CBC Coronation Rio Para.								
	<b>5</b> CBS Big Bang Broke Girl Big Bang Life in Big Brother (N) (2) (9:59) Code Black (1) News								
	<b>52</b> CW Family Guy Family Guy DC’s Legends Beauty and the Beast (1) News Seinfeld (2) Cougar								
	<b>6</b> NBC 207 NFL Kickoff Special NFL Football Carolina Panthers at Denver Broncos. (N) (1) (ESP HDTV)								
	<b>7</b> ABC Wheel Jeopardy! (1) The \$100,000 Pyramid (1) The \$100,000 Pyramid (1) Match Game (HD) (1) News								
	<b>WAGM</b> FOX The Insider Ent. Tonight Rosewood (HD) (1) Bones (HDTV PA) (1) News Big Bang Big Bang								
	<b>8</b> ABC Wheel Jeopardy! (1) The \$100,000 Pyramid (1) The \$100,000 Pyramid (1) Match Game (HD) (1) News								
	<b>MPBN</b> PBS PBS NewsHour (N) (HD) Doctor Blake Mysteries (2) Last Tango in Halifax (1) Castine: An Ocean C. Rose								
	<b>9</b> IND Big Bang Big Bang Big Bang Bosch (N) (HD) (1) News-Lisa CTV News Daily Show								
KIDS	<b>13</b> CBS Ent. Tonight The Insider Big Bang Life in Big Brother (N) (2) (9:59) Code Black (1) News								
	<b>22</b> FOX Mod Fam Mod Fam Rosewood (HD) (1) Bones (HDTV PA) (1) FOX 22 News at 10 (N) Mentalist								
	<b>33</b> IND M*A*S*H (2) M*A*S*H (2) Andy Griffith Andy Griffith Happy Days Gilligan Isle Hogan Hero Hogan Hero C. Burnett								
	<b>38</b> IND Big Bang Big Bang WBZ News (N) (HD) The Mentalist (HD) (1) The Mentalist (HD) (1) Seinfeld (2)								
	<b>NICK</b> Thunder Thunder *** Ice Age (2002) Voices of Ray Romano. (P) Full House (2) Full House (2) Friends (2)								
	<b>DISN</b> Bunk’d (1) Liv-Mad. Radio Rebel (2012) Debby Ryan. (NR) (40) Jessie Stuck Girl Meets Bizaardvark								
	<b>FREE</b> (6:30) ** Bedtime Stories (2008) (P) (45) * Billy Madison (1995) (ESP) Adam Sandler. (P) (13) 700 Club								
LEARN	<b>HIST</b> Pawn Stars Pawn Stars Mountain Men (1) Mountain Men (N) (1) (03) Ice Road Truckers (1) Mnt. Men								
	<b>DISC</b> Street Street Street Outlaws: Full Throttle (1) Outlaws								
	<b>TLC</b> My 600-Lb. Life (2) My 600-Lb. Life (2) My 600-Lb. Life (2) My 600-Lb. Life (2)								
	<b>A&amp;E</b> The First 48 (1) 60 Days In (1) 60 Days In 60 Days In (N) (1) Behind Bars: Rookie Year The First 48								
	<b>ANPL</b> North Woods Law (2) North Woods Law (2) North Woods Law: Hunt (02) Rugged Justice (N) North-Law								
SPORTS	<b>CSNE</b> Tailgate Football 3 and Out Quick Inside N.D. 3 and Out Sports SportsNet Sports								
	<b>ESPN</b> 2016 U.S. Open Tennis Women’s Semifinals. From the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. (N) SportCtr								
	<b>ESPN2</b> Insiders Football Hockey World Cup Exhibition -- Team USA vs. Team Europe. (N) SportCtr Outside								
	<b>NBCSP</b> Rio Paralympics From Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. (N) Mecum Mecum Journey to the Hammers Crazy Train								
	<b>NESN</b> Equestrian Heartland Poker Tour C. Moore C. Moore Sports Sports Sports								
NEWS	<b>CNBC</b> Ground Zero Rising Shark Tank (2) Shark Tank (2) American Greed (N) (2) Greed								
	<b>CNN</b> Erin Burnett OutFront (N) Anderson Cooper 360 (2) Anderson Cooper 360 (2) CNN Tonight Tonight								
	<b>FNC</b> On the Record With The O’Reilly Factor (N) The Kelly File (N) Hannity (N) O’Reilly								
	<b>MSNBC</b> Hardball Chris Matthews All in With Chris Hayes The Kardashians Show The Last Word 11th Hour								
VARIETY	<b>AMC</b> (5:00) The Mummy (1999) ** The Mummy Returns (2001, Adventure) (ESP) Brendan Fraser. (P) (13) Die Hard								
	<b>BRV</b> Housewives/OC Housewives/OC Flipping Out (N) (1) Real Housewives of Happens								
	<b>CMT</b> Last Man Last Man Last Man Last Man Cowboys Cheerleaders I Love Kellie Cowboys Cheerleaders								
	<b>COM</b> Futurama (2) Futurama (2) Tosh.0 (1) Tosh.0 (1) The Comedy Central Roast (1) Daily Show								
	<b>E!</b> E! News (N) (2) The Kardashians The Kardashians The Kardashians E! News (2)								
	<b>FOOD</b> Chopped (3) Chopped (Part 3 of 5) Chopped (N) (3) Beat Bobby Beat Bobby								
	<b>FX</b> (5:30) *** Ted (2012) *** Neighbors (2014, Comedy) Seth Rogen. (R) Better Sex & Better								
	<b>GAC</b> Lakefront Lakefront Lakefront Lakefront Lakefront Lakefront Lakefront Lakefront								
	<b>HALL</b> Last Man Last Man Last Man Last Man The Middle The Middle The Middle Golden Girls								
	<b>HGTV</b> Flip or Flop Flip or Flop Flip or Flop Flip or Flop Flip or Flop Flip or Flop Hunters Hunters Int’l Desert Flip								
PREMIUM	<b>LIFE</b> Grey’s Anatomy (1) Grey’s Anatomy (1) Grey’s Anatomy (1) (02) Grey’s Anatomy (1) Grey’s Anat.								
	<b>MTV</b> Mary-Jane (45) * How High (2001, Comedy) Method Man, Redman. (R) Wild ‘n Out Joking Off (2) Kingin’ Tyga								
	<b>OXY</b> I Don’t Know How ** Monster-in-Law (2005) Jennifer Lopez. (P) (13) (10) ** Monster-in-Law (2005)								
	<b>SPIKE</b> (5:00) Jurassic Park ** The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997, Adventure) Jeff Goldblum. (P) (13) Jurassic								
	<b>SYFY</b> (6:00) *** Star Trek: First Contact *** Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home (1986) William Shatner. Star Trek								
	<b>TBN</b> Drive Potters Trinity Joel Osteen Prince Hillsong TV Praise the Lord								
	<b>TBS</b> Seinfeld (2) Seinfeld (2) Broke Girl Broke Girl Big Bang Big Bang Broke Girl Broke Girl Conan (1)								
	<b>TCM</b> (6:30) Alias a Gentleman Boat Build *** Treasure Island (1950) (P) Davy Crockett and the River Pirates (6)								
	<b>TMC</b> (6:00) ** Pride (2007) ** Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (2001) (40) ** Black Snake Moan (2007, Drama) (ESP) (R)								
	<b>TNT</b> Castle (2) *** The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) Elijah Wood. (P) (13)								