

Vexed in Vermont, Arnold hits Hub

Funnyman recounts wild Boston road trip

Vermont is NOT the Best Damn Place to Film a Movie Period. So says funnyman **Tom Arnold**, who reports he had to flee his movie set in bucolic Chester, Vt., last month to take refuge in Boston!

Seriously.

INSIDE TRACK



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The **Ritz Carlton Boston Common** was his preference, but there was no room at the inn.

"I just knew I had to be around air conditioning, room service and television. I also knew there was (an **NBA Finals**) game," Tom told us. "It was about the best four days I could imagine."

Coincidentally, Tom landed in town during the **Boston International Film Festival**, where his flick, "This Is Not a Test," was screening. So he hit the theater.

Then the ex-Mr. **Roseanne Barr** scored a ticket to Game 1 of the **NBA Finals** between his **Los Angeles Lakers** and the **Boston Celtics**. "I was very happy for the Celtics," he said. "I wanted them to win the first game."

Funny, he didn't mention that to **Lakers** superstar **Kobe Bryant** when he met up with

and promptly got lost!

"I wound up in a tunnel and ended up in a bad neighborhood," he laughed. "After about the 10th drunk person offered me a ride — in a cab they weren't driving — I took one."

Tom said he couldn't believe he went from a small town in Vermont to the Hub to get some peace and quiet.

"It sounds crazy, but it's true," he said. "People are so nice in Boston. And Boston fans are so much better than L.A. fans. They care. They're more passionate."

Does the **Vermont Tourism Board** know this????

Gi, what a clunker

The April "Shape Issue" of **Vogue** with the controversial "King Kong" cover starring hoop heavy **LeBron James** and **Tom Brady's** lady, **Gisele**

on the **Sankaty Ferry** from the Vineyard and spied **Ray Allen** two cars ahead of us in his **Cadillac Escalade**," e-mailed one amused parent. "To my son's disappointment, (Ray) would not sign his shirt. Not sure if it had anything to do with it being a **KG** shirt that said 'God' above the No. 5?"

May we suggest a piece of paper the next time????

TRACKED DOWN:

Pop prince **John Mayer** and his musical posse taking in the **Sox** game from team owner **John Henry's** luxury suite at **Fenway Park** . . . **Bon Jovi** wheeling out a cupcake tower from **Sweet** in the South End to celebrate guitarist **Richie Sambora's** birthday during **Jon Bon & Co.'s** show at the **TD Banknorth Garden**

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