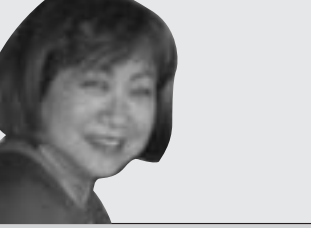


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How not to dial M for murder

"Those children who are beaten will in turn give beatings, those who are intimidated will be intimidating, those who are humiliated will impose humiliation, and those whose souls are murdered will murder."
—Alice Miller

misfits garbed in black trench coats about 10 years ago, things haven't been the same. There were copycats exhibiting lemming-like behavior since then. Evil glamorized by repetition and attention-getting drama seems to have morphed into many other incidents in North America and elsewhere, resulting in incalculable, untold pain and suffering among families of the victims. We remember with great pain the Virginia Tech mass murder which snuffed out the lives of 32, including Cho, the killer, who was a quiet, deranged malcontent who never quite fit in. In the blogosphere chatter, many noted that perpetrators of this troubling trend were often the quiet ones. Word is out on the street to watch out for the quiet "pressure cooker" types, those who never cause a ripple and yet, has a fondness for weapons, but who can implode and explode with volcanic intensity and wipe out those around them.

In the past month alone, a young gun enthusiast from Alabama, depressed over his life and who kept mostly to himself, killed 5 members of his own family and 5 other total strangers at random in a barrage of gunfire before taking his own life. A Vietnamese immigrant, Jiverly Wong, aka Vuong, a quiet, social misfit and

also a gun enthusiast, driven by severe paranoia and frustrated over his "poor life" and poor English skills, gunned down 12 others in an immigrant center, 10 of whom came from 8 countries and who were students just trying to learn English as a second language. One was a Filipina, Dolores Yigal, a recent immigrant who was studying so she could find a job. One was a long time substitute teacher named Roberta King. One was an Iraqi woman who survived 3 car bombs in her native Iraq and left behind a devastated family, a daughter at the Sorbonne in Paris and another daughter, a Fulbright scholar. All these lives were cut off by one sorry excuse for a human being in one fell swoop.

Among ordinary families from all strata and from nearly every ethnic group, there has also been a rash of killings among fathers who have decided they have failed and will kill themselves and are taking their whole family with them. On rare occasions, it is a mother who does it. Sometimes, the sick and the elderly decide to take matters into their own hands and end it all. The murder suicide rate among families is on the rise, thankfully not in epidemic proportions just yet as to cause panic. Perhaps, this is fueled by

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WHEN the marital relationship sours to the point where one or both spouses believe that the marriage cannot be salvaged, three remedies are available to terminate or alter the marital status: dissolution, nullity, and legal separation.

Under Family Code Sec. 2300, dissolution of marriage can be attained and the "single" status of spouses restored by 1) death of one of the spouses 2) a judgment of dissolution or 3) a judgment of nullity of marriage.

With a dissolution action, there is no issue as to whether a valid marriage exists. The objective

I want out! Dissolution or legal separation?

in a dissolution action is to terminate the marital status. Conversely, with an action for nullity, the issue is whether or not the marital status ever existed (i.e. whether there was a valid marriage at all). With regard to dissolution, community property is divided equally. With an invalid marriage, although no community property rights exist per se, property acquired during the void or voidable marriage, which would have been community property if not for the impediment to a valid marriage, may be considered "quasi-community" property and divided under the same rules as community property. One has an interest in "quasi-community" property only if there existed a good faith belief that the marriage was valid. (Family Code Sec. 2251).

Alternatively, through legal separation, marital rights and financial responsibilities can be adjudicated without dissolving the marriage. A judgment of legal separation does not terminate marital status. Legal separation may be a viable alternative for persons who, for some reason or another, would like to continue marital status, but would like adjudication of financial issues with his or her spouse. Typical reasons for choosing legal separation over dissolution include to retain eligibility for insurance benefits and to be in accordance with one's religious beliefs. Like dissolution, an action for legal separation conclusively determines each spouse's property rights and financial responsibilities to each other, including determination of support and division of the community es-

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Step into sensational style this summer

Don't sacrifice style, with affordable fashion from JCPenney

PLANO, TX – Spring and summer are synonymous with rejuvenation and renewal and fashion is no exception to the newness and excitement. JCPenney challenges fashion-conscious shoppers across America to think of a color, a print, or a design direction for spring they can't find at the store where every day matters. And that also means pocketbook-conscious prices, to boot.

JCPenney introduces two highly anticipated exclusive fashion brands: Charlotte Ronson, one of the most sought after designers working today, brings her trendsetting fashion savvy to JCPenney with the "I Heart Ronson" collection. Allen Schwartz, renowned for his red carpet glamour, creates Allen B. Epitomizing "California cool" and eye-catching trends, this collection offers a sophisticated, elegant selection of dresses and sportswear.

Following is a checklist of summer style essentials for him, for her for juniors, swim and young men:

For Her – Dial-up her spring style with color. A rainbow of choices abound, from luscious peach to deep coral to zesty lemon. Often used in combination with understated neutrals and pastels such as sage green, ivory and gray, the striking contrast intensifies the drama. Floral prints and geometric patterns energize spring & summer wardrobes.

Jackets break all the rules this season in a myriad of flattering shapes and lengths designed to enhance every outfit. I Heart Ronson and Allen B. lines are great if you're looking for that oversized "boyfriend fit" look. For a cropped, contoured silhouette, jackets from Worthington and a.n.a. are definitely a spring staple.

The "can-do" cardigan can dress up or relax both work and play outfits. American Living and St. John's Bay offers a range of bright colors for any occasion!

Frill seekers, look no further. Ruffles offer a fun, flirty, feminine touch and are everywhere, from dresses and blouses, to tunics, jackets and tee shirts. Both a.n.a and East 5th offer great ruffles for the season in all shapes and sizes.

Tunics are the hot toppings for spring with a diverse selection of striking silhouettes - all designed to go with the flow. From tailored contours to cascading halters, from solids to bold prints from nicole by Nicole Miller, and delicate organza to a unique, intricate mesh, tunics give tops a fresh, new perspective.

A striking array of colorful floral prints bloom in every corner of your wardrobe on dresses, cardigans, blouses, pants and even swimwear. A floral print Bisou Bisou maxi dress is the perfect way to show your true colors this spring!

For Juniors - JCPenney offers summer favorites that won't break the bank. All the key seasonal trends are translated into the perfect "mix & match" pieces, from maxi dresses to short shorts, from skinny jeans to oversized, "boyfriend fit" jackets, from flirty, ruffled blouses to tailored vests.

Go casual in a C7P raglan tee, or go flirty in a ditsy print Decree halter top.

Fabulosity offers an array of statement pieces this season: bold colors, gold buttons, and hi-waist pants give you that unique look that will keep heads turning!

Shirtdresses and fly-away sweaters will be a go-to for any gal this season. Check out Ari-

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