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THE WEEKEND ISSUE

School board race a question of geography

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU The contest for three open spots on the Board of Education has become a tale of two geographic slates, and each will have an uphill battle to prove that they can adequately represent the interests of students in both Santa Monica and Malibu.

Three Santa Monica incumbents — Board President Ben Allen and board members Jose Escarce and Maria Leon-Vazquez — were endorsed as a slate by acclimation at the July 22 convention for Santa Monica's most powerful political organization, Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights.

Squaring off against them is the "reform slate" out of Malibu formed by district parents Seth Jacobson, Craig Foster and Karen Farrer, each backed by a wealth of experience in parent organizations and district committees.

It's the first time in recent memory that Malibu residents have fielded such an aggressive number of candidates, something that reflects the concerns about representa-

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STICKING HIS NECK OUT

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Attendees look at an art installation entitled, 'Still Life' by artist Federico Uribe during the preview of Art Platform-Los Angeles at The Barker Hangar on Thursday. The event, which promotes contemporary artists in Los Angeles, runs through the weekend.

Bread man lives to bake another day

Contract error leaves Wednesday market with three vendors

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN A beloved bakery will have the opportunity to keep its place in the Wednesday Santa Monica Farmers' Market for one more year because of a typo in its contract, officials said Friday.

Bezian Bakery, which has held a stall in the Wednesday market for almost 20 years, was almost ejected when a panel of judges selected Venice-based Red Bread to take its place after both bakers went out for the position.

It was the first time that Bezian had been forced to compete to keep his spot since the City Council adopted a policy in 2009 on the advice of the City Attorney's Office to require prepared food vendors to reapply every three years to stay in the markets.

Jack Bezian and his wife were told that Sept. 26 would be their final day in the market for at least a year until they had the opportunity to reapply when another prepared food contract came up.

Bezian wasn't having it.

He came Wednesday with his wares and a copy of his contract that stated the end date was September 2013.

That was a surprise to staff, who had

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LA backs deal for downtown NFL stadium

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Los Angeles took a major step Friday toward building a downtown stadium to lure an NFL team back to the nation's second most populous city, despite questions about how a 72,000-seat venue in the city's urban core would impact notorious freeway traffic, nearby housing prices and air quality.

The 12-0 vote by City Council came after starkly contrasting predictions about what the $1.5 billion project would mean for an economically troubled city that has fretted over the loss of professional football since

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Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012

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Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave., 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Like chilis? Get your fill during this annual chili roast at the Pico Farmers' Market. Buy them by the bundle, they go with almost everything. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

Want a dog?
Animal Kingdom
300 Pico Blvd.,
11 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Death Row Dogs Rescue holds adoptions every Saturday in front of the store, weather permitting. For more information, call (818) 232-0775.

Ready for showtime
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 1 p.m.
Sheetal Gandhi completes her 10-week artist residency with a new site-specific dance on the Beach House grounds. This outdoor performance includes an ensemble of community participants and winds around the Beach House in a melancholy and ecstatic exploration of the outdoors, family, togetherness and separation. Performances will take place Saturday and Sunday. For more information, visit annenbergbeachhouse.com.

Crawling for Carmageddon
Various locations
2 p.m. — 8 p.m.
UMeTime will host the Carmageddon II Pub Crawl featuring local area restaurants and bars with 100 percent of the net proceeds going to Heal the Bay. Pub crawl participants must download the app to receive food and drink specials via real-time blastouts. First 300 people receive a free shirt. For more information, call (323) 330-9559.

Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012

Lessons on the cheap
Green Brooms Music Academy
1445 Sixth St., 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Receive a 30-minute music lesson for just $10 to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica. Semi-private lessons include piano, voice, guitar, violin, ukulele, bass, standup bass, flute, mandolin, drums and cello. Space is limited. Call (310) 310-2623 for reservations.

The king and his men
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 2 p.m.
"All the King's Men" is the story of the rise and fall of a political titan in the South during the 1930s. It won the Pulitzer Prize in 1947, and in 1949 the film adaptation became Best Picture. More recently in 2006 it became a hit film starring Jude Law and Sean Penn. For more information, visit morgan-wixson.org.

Art of the dance
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 4 p.m.
Diavolo Dance Theater is an internationally-renowned modern acrobatic dance company of dancers, gymnasts, actors and athletes. Influenced by the documentary, "Dogtown and Z-Boys," their kinetic and witty new piece, "Transit Space" explores themes of feeling lost, a sense of purpose and coming together while using skateboard ramps as set pieces to represent an urban environment. For more information, call (310) 415-3200.

Sound of music
Santa Monica High School
601 Pico Blvd., 4 p.m.
The New West Symphony opens its 18th season this weekend with the debut of its new music director, Marcelo Lehninger. There will also be a 30-minute pre-concert talk beginning at 3 p.m. that will be moderated by Lehninger himself. The show takes place in Barnum Hall. For more information, visit www.newwestsymphony.org.

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Malibu woman fights voter ID laws

BY MELONIE MAGRUDER
Special to the Daily Press

MALIBU Since 2008, 31 states have introduced laws that would require people to present state-sanctioned photo identification before they would be allowed to vote in state and federal elections.

While proponents say the laws are necessary to prevent voter fraud, critics charge that the new legislation is a blatant attempt to discourage participation.

One local woman has made it her goal to ensure that every eligible voter in America will be able to cast a vote on Nov. 6. Kathleen Unger worked in entertainment law for 15 years. But starting in 2002, Unger took up the issue of election integrity, founding and editing a blog called Election Preparedness.

This year she founded VoteRiders, a non-partisan, non-profit public benefit corporation dedicated to ensuring that vulnerable voters will be able to get their voter IDs in time for the election. California has no such voter ID requirement.

"There is a critical mass evolving with these voter ID laws that will absolutely prevent certain people from voting in future elections," Unger said. "Our short-term goal is to help get every voter legitimate IDs in the next 60 days."

The strict new laws have the potential to disenfranchise 11 percent of American voters, according to the Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University School of Law.

Proponents of the surge in voter ID laws say the legislation is required to prevent voter fraud at the ballot box. But widespread evidence of voter fraud has been difficult to find. A study by The Republican National Lawyers Association found that, nationally, 340 cases of voter fraud had occurred over a 10-year period out of hundreds of millions of ballots cast.

Election integrity organizations have said the new laws disproportionately affect students, minorities, the poor and the elderly who might not have access to birth certificates or the funds or wherewithal to apply for state-sanctioned voter IDs. Some people's records have been lost in fires; some people were delivered by mid-wife and a birth certificate was never issued. Many opponents of the laws say they are targeting voters who tend to vote for the Democratic Party.

Unger's cause caught the eye of another well-known Malibu social activist. Barbra Streisand became concerned

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY HALL

How to ace that interview

Former Santa Monica City Manager Lamont Ewell is now a published author, having penned a step-by-step guide on how to successfully prepare for police and fire chief interviews.

"The book was inspired by the hundreds of thousands of police and firefighters worldwide who unselfishly risk their lives each day on behalf of the communities they serve," Ewell said of "Reaching For The Gold," which is based on his experiences as a former fire chief and city manager who has hired several leaders during his tenure.

Ewell, who left Santa Monica at the beginning of 2010 after serving roughly four years as city manager, felt it was imperative to help public safety officials prepare for leadership positions because many communities are struggling to provide desired levels of protection due to budget cuts.

"The only way to address this leadership challenge will be through the development of strong, creative leaders who are values driven, consensus builders and are capable of adapting to today's stark economic realities," Ewell said. "It requires preparing tomorrow's leaders today."

Ewell currently lives on a horse ranch in Southern California with his wife, daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons. The family is establishing a zinfandel grape vineyard.

For more information about the book and how to purchase it, visit www.Reachingforthegold.net

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Photo courtesy 18th Street Arts Center

STRIKE A POSE: **Friends practice their yoga poses while sipping on some beers at the 18th Street Arts Center's BAM (Beer, Art, Music) Festival last year. This year's event takes place Oct. 6.**

Putting money where your mouth is

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

18th STREET There's nothing I enjoy more than drinking über-hoppy craft beers while chowing down on some farm-fresh treats. It's even better if you can help someone in between bites.

I'll have that opportunity next weekend when I attend two Santa Monica events that feature my two loves — beer and food.

The first is the third-annual Beer, Art and Music Festival (known to us veterans simply as BAM) at the eclectic 18th Street Arts Center on Saturday, Oct. 6. The event, which rais-

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Puff, puff, pass on moratorium

Editor:

The moratorium which the City Council is to consider Oct. 2 is so restrictive and baseless that it is an insult to the residents of Santa Monica ("Council to consider moratorium on pot shops," Sept. 24). City officials finally made available the proposed ordinance Thursday afternoon. Now we know why it was kept a secret.

First, the moratorium would make it unlawful for even a single individual to grow their own marijuana anywhere except for within their own home. If a person wanted to grow in, for example, an office, studio, warehouse, shed or even on a vacant lot this would be a crime. Even L.A.'s recent failed ban did not try such a bizarre thing. This is so out of touch with California's medical marijuana laws and the sentiments of Santa Monicans that it is an insult to us all.

A read of the information released by City Hall Thursday also reveals its intent not to write rules ever permitting dispensaries. The city attorney has advised the City Council that the 45-day moratorium can be extended for years without any further involvement by residents. Also revealed is City Hall's false claim that it cannot write rules for dispensaries until the federal government conforms to state law regarding medical marijuana. Are we really to believe that Santa Monica cannot do what West Hollywood, Malibu and countless other cities have done? City Hall will forever trample on Santa Monicans' rights if it has its way.

Some council members may not agree with the moratorium. They should be thanked for caring about Santa Monicans. Other council members will vote for the moratorium. They should be remembered when we all vote in November.

Richard McDonald
Los Angeles

No need to offend

Editor:

When I was growing up in the early 1960s, mankind's march of progress was visible everywhere, but perhaps nowhere more so than in space.

We listened to a young president speak of putting a man on the moon, not because it was easy, but because it was difficult. We set aside our school books on another day to watch John Glenn orbit the Earth and splash down in the sea.

Then came the day when Neil Armstrong became the first human to set foot on the moon.

We marveled at the first space shuttle being launched into space and we were sad to know that Christa McAuliffe died with the rest of the crew when the rocket they were atop exploded and fell to Earth.

But I have to say that I was stunned to learn that my grandchildren here in Santa Monica were not taken out to the playground last week to watch yet another historic event happening right over their very heads when a 747 carried a space shuttle to Los Angeles ("Pier packed for Endeavour," Sept. 21)!

I hesitate to write that I have to wonder why this happened in a town where this phony battle to close the airport is going on, but I cannot come up with any other reason the children of this school district were not made witnesses to history if not to discourage their imagination in order to not offend the anti-airport crowd.

Stewart Resmer
Santa Monica





That Rutherford Guy

John W. Whitehead — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Guantanamo Bay: The model for an American police state?

FOR MOST AMERICANS, THE DETENTION center at Guantanamo Bay — once the topic of heated political debate by presidential hopeful Barack Obama but rarely talked about by the incumbent President Obama — has become a footnote in the government's ongoing war on terror.

Yet for the approximately 167 detainees still being held in that godforsaken gulag, 86 of whom have been cleared for release yet continue to be imprisoned at the facility, Guantanamo Bay is a lesson in injustice, American-style. It is everything that those who founded America vigorously opposed: kidnapping, torture, dehumanizing treatment, indefinite detention, being "disappeared" with no access to family or friends, and little hope of help from the courts.

For Adnan Latif — a 30-something-year-old Yemeni native detained at Guantanamo for 10 years without a trial, despite a court ruling ordering his release and repeated military clearances ordering his transfer — his cell became his tomb. Latif, who had repeatedly engaged in hunger strikes and suicide attempts while proclaiming his innocence, was found dead in his cell mere days before the 11th anniversary of 9/11.

If Guantanamo is the symbol of American injustice, Latif's death is the realization of that injustice, the proclamation of how far we have strayed from the original vision of America as a shining city on a hill, a beacon of freedom and hope for the world. Ten years after opening for business, Guantanamo stands as a manifestation of America's failure to abide by the rule of law and its founding principles in the post-9/11 era. As Baher Azmy notes in the New York Times, its defining features have been the denial of judicial oversight and its exclusion of lawyers. Making matters worse, "far from closing the prison camp as he promised, President Obama is steadily returning Guantanamo to the secretive and hopeless internment camp that he vilified as a candidate."

Examples of torture in Guantanamo and other American black site prisons are widely known, including waterboarding, beatings, and sensory deprivation. What is less widely known is that most of those forcibly arrested and tortured in Guantanamo have had nothing to do with terrorist activities. Most prisoners in Gitmo, including Murat Kurnaz, a detainee for five years, were not captured on the "battlefield," but rather kidnapped and sold to the American government by local tribesmen. Kurnaz fetched $3,000 as a result of American fliers distributed across Afghanistan promising poor Afghans "enough money to take care of your family, your village, your tribe for the rest of your life" in return for prisoners. Kurnaz, who was punched in the gut, dunked under water, and hung from ceiling chains during his imprisonment, was eventually sent back to his native Germany on a C-17 military flight which cost American taxpayers over $1 million.

Lakhdar Boumediene was arrested in late 2001 while working as the director of a humanitarian aid clinic helping the victims of the Balkan conflicts. Despite having no evidence that he was tied to any terrorist activity, he was arrested and shipped to Guantanamo and kept there without charge for seven years. Boumediene eventually challenged his detention. In 2008, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Boumediene v. Bush that Guantanamo prisoners are guaranteed a "meaningful opportunity" to challenge their continued imprisonment.

Despite this ruling, indefinite detention is still the norm at Guantanamo. The Obama administration shares the blame for this state of affairs. Having once promised to abolish Guantanamo, the president has now urged the U.S. Supreme Court to avoid reviewing Guantanamo detainees' appeals. Incredibly, the Supreme Court has abided by this request, refusing to hear the appeals of any prisoners. As journalist Adam Serwer wrote for Mother Jones, "Gitmo detainees have now lost virtually every avenue — other than dying in detention — for leaving the detention camp."

And die they do. The most recent detainee to "leave" Guantanamo was Adnan Latif, who spent most of his time at Guantanamo in solitary confinement with his hands in cuffs. He was recommended for transfer out of Guantanamo three times. However, Latif, along with 56 other Yemenis who have been cleared for release, continued to languish in the prison because the Obama administration has placed an indefinite moratorium on transferring innocent Yemenis back to their native country.

Guantanamo bleeds our coffers, costing $800,000 a year per detainee. And with a government that possesses the awesome power to indefinitely detain whomever it pleases, we are much, much less safe than we were 11 years ago.

Despite these obvious warning signs of a coming authoritarian state, a CNN poll from 2010 indicates that 60 percent of Americans would like Guantanamo to remain open. Yet what most Americans fail to realize, however, is that Guantanamo Bay is no different from every other aspect of America's military empire, whether it be weaponry or military strategy, which has been tested against so-called "insurgents" abroad only to be brought home and used against American citizens. In this way, we are being conditioned to not only tolerate the government's constant undermining of our freedoms but to actually condone the increasing assaults of our rights in the name of national security.

To put it more bluntly, we are being conditioned to live as prisoners in an Orwellian police state. Worse, we are being taught to enjoy our prison walls.

The enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) in January 2012, which allows the military to arrest and indefinitely detain anyone, including American citizens, only codifies this unraveling of our constitutional framework.

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The Q Line

On the rebound

A recent Daily Press article discovered that property values are on the rise in Santa Monica.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Does the news of increasing values give you confidence in the real estate market?

Here are your responses:

"FOR THE PAST NUMBER OF YEARS, the real estate business has been in a state of chaos. Why have so many successful real estate people of my acquaintance gotten out of this business before losing their minds, or their decent income of years ago? Also, property values on the rise in Santa Monica — question, question. I'm astonished at that one. Who in God's name would really elect to live here on purpose? I count the days until I can get out of here. And how many other people have I known and seen leaving this city. Moving van after moving van, day after day, year after last few years. So what do they think is holding them here? What attraction? The prospective buyers, if there really are any, must be foreigners, which a lot are, or easily duped into believing the lying hype they hear from this city's administration."

"AS A LONGTIME PROPERTY OWNER IN Santa Monica and an ex-landlord, I very much believe that the property values are on the rise, so yes, I think it's great. When I meet people I tell them to buy some apartment units."

"SANTA MONICA REAL ESTATE HAS, FOR the most part, always out-performed other areas because of our location and the quality of our public schools, so I am not surprised that land values are on the rise. That said, it makes it very difficult for working-class families to move in. Instead of affordable two- or three-bedroom homes, we have low-income housing for renters only or multi-million dollar homes, creating a serious void. I'm worried about what the future will bring if we continue to price-out middle-income families."

Editor's note: It looks like this week's Q-Line question was a dud. We'll try harder to get your attention. In the meantime, please feel free to submit your ideas for future Q-Line questions. Send them to editor@smdp.com.

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the Raiders and Rams fled Southern California in 1994.

Supporters said the deal with developer Anschutz Entertainment Group would create thousands of jobs, a center of civic pride and new tax dollars for cash-starved City Hall, while critics warned that nearby housing prices would soar and traffic would come to a virtual standstill on game days.

"I know the result will be the return of economic vitality," Councilman Paul Koretz predicted.

The vote was overshadowed by the recent announcement that AEG was seeking a new owner, though company officials have assured City Hall the stadium plan will remain the same, even if the company changes hands.

The biggest question about the stadium is the most obvious: There's no one to play in it. But Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and other supporters hope the agreement will eventually attract a team to one of the nation's most lucrative media markets.

AEG, also the owner of Los Angeles' Staples Center arena and the NHL's Los Angeles Kings, has deep ties to City Hall. Any deal to buy the company, a subsidiary of Denver-based Anschutz Co., would mean a major shift in sports and entertainment in the region and around the world.

AEG's holdings include pro soccer's Los Angeles Galaxy, part-ownership of the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers, and major entertainment and real estate holdings in downtown Los Angeles. Outside the city, AEG owns Major League Soccer's Houston Dynamo and all or part of several arenas around the U.S. and in Sweden, China and Australia.

The project, which calls for the renovation of an adjacent convention center, is facing a lawsuit filed by anti-poverty and environmental activists that some predict could delay or derail plans for the stadium, known as Farmers Field. The activist group, Play Fair at Farmers Field Coalition, is challenging a state law intended to help swiftly resolve legal challenges to the stadium, and it also wants AEG to pay $60 million toward affordable housing in the long-struggling downtown neighborhood.

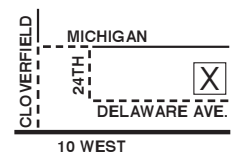
A rival group, Majestic Realty, has proposed building a stadium in the City of Industry, outside Los Angeles.

AEG is hoping to have an NFL team on the field by the 2017 season. The company has pledged about $35 million to reduce traffic problems.

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Warning signs seen before actor's violent end

BY ANTHONY MCCARTNEY & ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press


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LOS ANGELES Probation officials openly worried about actor Johnny Lewis' mental health and his danger to others in recent months, and this week their worst fears came true.

The man who died a violent death on "Sons of Anarchy" three years ago apparently beat and strangled his landlady and attacked neighbors before falling or leaping to his own death in a neighborhood near Hollywood on Wednesday afternoon.

They were the final violent acts of a man who in the previous 10 months had been repeatedly arrested (twice in Santa Monica), sent to counseling and had left jail only five days before his demise.

Court records and his attorney detailed attempts to help Lewis but not in time to help 81-year-old Catherine Davis, who neighbors reported screaming inside a home near the outskirts of Los Angeles' Griffith Park. The home had been ransacked, glass was shattered and a dead cat was also found inside, and Lewis' body was found in the driveway.

Lewis' cause of death is pending toxicology results, Coroner's investigative division Lt. Fred Corral said Thursday evening. Davis died from blunt head trauma and manual strangulation, he said.

The deaths came four months after a probation officer expressed grave concerns about Lewis' mental health, writing that he was "very concerned for the well-being of not only the community but that of the defendant."

Court records detail Lewis' descent from January 2012, when he attacked two men and hit them in the head with a bottle, through August, when he acted as his own attorney and pleaded no contest to felony assault.

By that point he had been arrested three times for incidents ranging from trying to break into an occupied home in Santa Monica, to resisting arrest. He had been sent to treatment programs that specialized in drug and alcohol addiction as well as mental illness.

Lewis was first arrested in Santa Monica on Feb. 10 of this year, according to police records. It was around 7:30 p.m. when Lewis allegedly approached a family eating yogurt at a business on Main Street. The troubled actor struck up a conversation with the father, his wife and son.

After they left the restaurant, the father said he heard the sound of someone running up behind him. When he turned, he said Lewis punched him in the face and ran off. After a short foot pursuit, police placed him under arrest in Venice for battery and resisting.

The second arrest took place just over a week later on Feb. 18 in the 100 block of Palisades Avenue. Police said Lewis tried to pry open a window and gain access to a private residence. The homeowner confronted Lewis before he could gain access. He allegedly told the homeowner that he was trying to find a friend. He fled and was later arrested for attempted burglary.

A May 17 probation report states that "the defendant suffers from some form of chemical dependency, mental health issue and a lack of permanent housing. Given this, (Lewis) will continue to be a threat to any community he may reside."

Another probation officer had written two months earlier, "Obviously defendant's behavior is out of control and needs counseling afforded by a professional."

Lewis remained on supervised probation at the time of his death.

Lewis' attorney Jonathan Mandel said the actor had serious mental issues that seemed to surface fairly recently. He said Lewis' parents and others had tried desperately to help him.

"Johnny Lewis had a lot of problems, a lot of mental problems," Mandel said by phone Thursday. "I recommended treatment for him but he declined it."

He continued, saying: "I give a lot of credit to his parents. They were really strong in trying to help him out. They really went to bat for him, but I guess they just couldn't do enough."

Lewis' career spanned more than a decade, mainly in small roles. He played Ricky in the 2007 movie "AVPR: Aliens vs Predator — Requiem" and was Dennis "Chili" Childress for two seasons on TV's "The O.C." He also appeared in episodes of such popular television shows as "Boston Public," "Judging Amy," "Malcolm in the Middle" and "Drake & Josh."

He was on "Sons of Anarchy" in 2008 and 2009 before his character was killed off.

Kurt Sutter, the show's creator and executive producer, tweeted news of Lewis' death Thursday:

"It was a tragic end for an extremely talented guy, who unfortunately had lost his way," Sutter wrote. "I wish I could say that I was shocked by the events last night, but I was not. I am deeply sorry that an innocent life had to be thrown into his destructive path."

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Man behind Muslim video changed his name

BY GREG RISLING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The mystery surrounding the man behind the crudely produced anti-Islamic video that sparked violence in the Middle East deepened when he appeared in court and identified himself by yet another name.

Arrested on Thursday in Los Angeles after authorities said he violated his probation from a 2010 check fraud conviction, Nakoula Basseley Nakoula told a judge his real name was Mark Basseley Youssef. He said he had been using that name since 2002, even though he went by Nakoula in his fraud case.

Court documents filed in Orange County Superior Court show he was granted a name change petition in 2002 and legally changed his name to Mark Basseley Youssef because "Nakoula is a girl's name and it cause me troubles."

On Friday, federal prosecutors said court documents will now reflect Youssef's real name. Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Dugdale said Youssef didn't give that name when he was charged two years ago. Also, he had a driver's license under Nakoula, authorities said.

"He did not provide his true legal name at the time of prosecution," Dugdale said.

The full story about Youssef and the video "Innocence of Muslims" still isn't known more than two weeks after violence erupted in Egypt and elsewhere in the Arab world where at least 50 people have died in protests related to the film.

Citing a lengthy pattern of deception and the potential to flee, U.S. Central District Chief Magistrate Judge Suzanne Segal ordered Youssef to remain in prison without bond until another judge can hold a hearing to determine if he broke the terms of his probation.

"The court has a lack of trust in this defendant at this time," Segal said.

Prosecutors noted Youssef had eight probation violations, including lying to his probation officers and using aliases. He could face new charges that carry a maximum two-year prison term.

After his 2010 conviction, Youssef was sentenced to 21 months in prison and was barred from using computers or the Internet for five years without approval from his probation officer, though prosecutors said none of the violations involved the Internet. He also wasn't supposed to use any name other than his true legal name without the prior written approval of his probation officer.

Three names, however, have been associated with Youssef this month alone.

The movie was made last year by a man who called himself Sam Bacile. After the violence erupted, a man who identified himself as Bacile spoke to media outlets including The Associated Press, took credit for the film and said it was meant to portray the truth about Muhammad and Islam, which he called a cancer.

The next day, the AP determined there was no Bacile and linked the identity to Nakoula Nakoula, a former gas station owner with a drug conviction and a history of using aliases. Federal authorities later confirmed there was no Bacile and that Nakoula was behind the movie.

Some of the false statements in Youssef's alleged probation violations had to do with the film, Dugdale said. Youssef told probation officials his role was just writing the script, and denied going by the name Sam Bacile in connection with the film, Dugdale said.

Before going into hiding, Youssef acknowledged to the AP that he was involved with the film but said he only worked on logistics and management.

Youssef, a Christian originally from Egypt, then went into hiding after he was identified as the man behind the trailer, which depicts Muhammad as a womanizer, religious fraud and child molester. He met with federal probation officials two weeks ago, was led out of his home in suburban Cerritos in the middle of the night, flanked by Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies and cloaked in heavy clothing to protect his identity.

Youssef came out of hiding Thursday for his court appearance, although the news media were banned from the courtroom and reporters had to watch the proceedings on a TV in a nearby courthouse. No photos were allowed.

Youssef wore beige pants and a collared shirt when he was led into the courtroom handcuffed and shackled. He appeared relaxed, smiling at one point before the hearing and conferring with his attorney.

Youssef's attorney, Steven Seiden, sought to have the hearing closed and his client released on $10,000 bail. He argued Youssef has checked in with his probation officer frequently and made no attempts to leave Southern California.

Seiden was concerned that Youssef would be in danger in federal prison because of Muslim inmates, but prosecutors said he likely would be placed in protective custody.

Lawrence Rosenthal, a constitutional and criminal law professor at Chapman University School of Law in Orange, said it was "highly unusual" for a judge to order immediate detention on a probation violation for a nonviolent crime, but if there were questions about Youssef's identity it was more likely.

"When the prosecution doesn't really know who they're dealing with, it's much easier to talk about flight," Rosenthal said. "I've prosecuted individuals who'd never given a real address. You don't know who you're dealing with, and you're just going to have very limited confidence about their ability to show up in court."

Enraged Muslims have demanded punishment for Youssef, and a Pakistani cabinet minister has offered a $100,000 bounty to anyone who kills him.

First Amendment advocates have defended Youssef's right to make the film while condemning its content. Federal officials likely will face criticism from those who say Youssef's free speech rights were trampled by his arrest on a probation violation.

In arguing that Youssef is a possible flight risk, Dugdale said Youssef couldn't even reveal something as fundamental as his real name.

"He's a person who simply can't be trusted," he said.

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Living the American Dream

By John Moudakis

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When my parents George and Olympia immigrated to North America from Greece, they did so with minds full of ambition and hearts full of hope. They were chasing the American dream and all that it embodied for them and their children. The idea was that if they worked hard, they could make a decent living to support their family and own a home they could fill with life and joy for all of their days.



That dream still lives today even in a challenging economic climate and central to that dream is still home ownership. Certainly it isn't as easy as it used to be. However, I take a tremendous amount of pride in making home ownership attainable to the buyers I work with.

Meet America and Ruben Davila. America and Ruben are siblings who immigrated here from Rosarito, Mexico 20 years ago. America and Ruben are hard working people. Ruben is a retailer at Bloomingdales and America is a waitress/manager at Bruno's Italian restaurant in Santa Monica on Ocean Ave.

America's first friends in Santa Monica were the wonderful Italian couple that hired her to work in their restaurant, Pantaleone and Rosalba Bruno. Bruno's is a Santa Monica staple serving home style Italian food for the last 27 years, deliscioso! Check them out at brunossantamonica.com or be adventurous and just come on down to Ocean Ave. near the PCH entrance just south of Colorado.



America and Ruben worked hard and on August 24th their part of the American dream came true when I helped them close escrow on a beautiful single family home in Westchester. They didn't have a whole lot of money to put down so I got them into an FHA loan they could afford. The days of unqualified buyers getting into houses are over. However, the government still has plenty of programs for hard working Americans who want to transition into home ownership.

Come See America at Bruno's Italian restaurant, she's filled with joy about her new home and get in touch with me about the benefits and possibilities of home ownership for you. I'm John Moudakis and I specialize in the American Dream.

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about the new laws and took them to be a political call to action.

"The new laws requiring U.S. citizens to produce photo IDs at the poll are designed to deprive elderly and minority citizens of the precious right to cast their vote," Streisand wrote on her website and Facebook pages. "These regressive laws are themselves the most dangerous voter fraud threatening American democracy."

Streisand then went on to direct concerned citizens to two key non-partisan organizations that help protect the right to vote and urge concerned activists to lend a hand. One is the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, who run an "Election Protection" hotline, a national, toll-free number that will direct assistance to voters. The other is The Brennan Center for Justice, which is providing up-to-date, comprehensive information and pro-bono help to citizens who have trouble obtaining a photo ID.

"We have been focusing a lot of our effort in Pennsylvania," Unger said. "It is so exciting to see how the people of that state are now really engaged in fighting their new law."

Pennsylvania passed a very restrictive law detailing voter ID requirements last March, which has been challenged legally.

"One-hundred-seventy organizations are working there now and we are educating voters and helping them get their necessary paperwork."

The new laws have met with mixed success. Texas' photo ID requirement was stuck down as discriminatory to poor and minority voters by a federal court, while Indiana's law was upheld.

In Pennsylvania, it is estimated some 758,000 voters are vulnerable. One such voter was Christie Rosser in Philadelphia. When she heard of the new requirement, she checked with her local registrar and learned that someone had stolen her voter identity in 2009.

"How was someone able to do that if they don't have my birth certificate or Social Security card," Rosser asked in a phone interview. "I had to go to the state department in Harrisburg to start an investigation."

Rosser was able to get an ID card that will allow her to vote in November. But Unger said there are currently 32 million voting-age women in the U.S. who don't have IDs that reflect their current name.

"To correct these errors in order to obtain proper IDs can be expensive," Unger said. "In Wisconsin, it can cost $200 to correct an error on a birth certificate."

Unger feels nationwide efforts are beginning to have an effect. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court heard arguments last week to deny implementation of the law passed last March. Their decision is expected to be expedited and handed down before the November election.

"It's critical people understand how big a deal this issue is," Unger said. "Generally, people have until Oct. 6 to make sure their IDs are updated. If you have family or friends in states that have passed these laws, call them, speak to them. Because everyone deserves the right to vote."

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Santa Monica City staff rebuffed at every turn efforts at meaningful dialogue. In fact, from December of last year all the way to mid-July of this year, the city refused to meet with AIDS Project Los Angeles representatives.

Finally, Mayor Richard Bloom got directly involved, but his leadership lacked drive and clarity, and was ineffective. In fact, Mayor Bloom appeared to be for us and against us *at the same time*.

Current City leaders focused on the risk of lawsuits from those with bad intentions, and ignored the possibility of lawsuits from those with good intentions. Similarly, they appear to have placed a greater priority on advantaging corporate advertisers than on taking a stand that is in alignment with our community's values. And today, our City Hall is spending thousands of tax dollars on a court fight to defend an absurd position that most Santa Monica residents *do not support!*

We thank Mayor Pro Tempore Gleam Davis and Councilmember Terry O'Day, who have taken a common-sense stand in favor of equal treatment for community organizations. Unfortunately, their voices are in the minority at City Hall, and now the City has been taken to court by residents who want Big Blue Bus to do the right thing. As responsible residents of the City we love, we oppose a policy that allows oil companies to advertise, but denies local carpooling groups the same right; that allows ads for extra large sodas, but denies ads from a diabetes association; that allows ads for Viagra, but denies ads promoting HIV prevention.

We are Santa Monicans for AIDS Walk Los Angeles. We believe that if an oil company can advertise on the side of the Big Blue Bus, a group promoting a cleaner Santa Monica Bay should also have the right to advertise. And so should an *AIDS organization*. We are *for* freedom of speech; *for* common sense; and *for* City policy that reflects the values of its residents.

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JUST FOR STARTERS: **At the restaurant L'Auberge de la Mole patrons can expect their meal to start off with a selection of huge terrines. Dig in.**

FRENCH FOOD IS SLOWLY TAKING OVER the European restaurant scene. During a week in Germany this summer, I had to look hard to find my old favorites — whole-roasted piglet with crisp skin, schnitzel and sausages.

The best meal we had in Germany was in Baden-Baden, in a French restaurant run by a French woman from Alsace. Most of the restaurants were serving French food. In Amsterdam I gave up looking for anything typically Dutch and on my wife's birthday settled for the same meal we had 50 years earlier for her birthday, also in Amsterdam — ristafel, an Indonesian specialty consisting of a wide variety of dishes. And the best meal in Amsterdam was in a French restaurant run by … a French woman from Alsace. Things were no different in Basel, and I can't even tell you what constitutes a typical Swiss meal.

In the south of France about 99 percent of the menus have the same items on them: fish soup, steak frites, dorado, loup fish and the likes.

There are a few ethnic restaurants, but they are not very popular. But there is one restaurant in our area that stands out as something different: L'Auberge de la Mole in the little village of La Mole.

One wouldn't expect it to be famous. The village is out of the way in the hills above Saint Tropez, near the town of Grimaud, the site of the ancient castle of the Grimaldi clan, now the royalty of Monaco. The Auberge is an old, run-down hotel with a roof stuck on the front extending out to the roadway, under which are tables seating about 50 people along with a lot of flies and mosquitoes. Next door is a small church, which doesn't seem to be in use, set back from the street so that there is parking in the front for the restaurant patrons. Those patrons often include famous movie stars and politicians, as well as members of motorcycle clubs.

You can find pictures of the Auberge on the web, but somehow they make the place look better than it really looks. The fact is, it's funky. But if you do look on the web, note the almost complete unanimity of top reviews.

Why is it so famous? It's the food, stupid. A meal at the Auberge starts with the waiter bringing three or four huge terrines and setting them on the table alongside a basket of fresh bread. Patrons can count on terrines of either a duck or goose mousse, a pork rillette, a type of shredded meat cooked in its own fat, and a country pate. Also there might be another special of the day. You eat as much as you like. When the waiter senses that you are no longer digging into the terrines, he moves them to another table.

Next comes whatever main course you've ordered. It might be a steak served with potatoes au gratin and beautiful vegetables. It might be a confit duck leg, or perhaps the fish of the day.

When the main course has been cleared, the terrine thing starts up again. This time it's desserts. It is often a chocolate mousse, a kind of trifle, a creme caramel — you get the idea. Again, you eat as much as you wish, usually more than you intended, until you signal the waiter that you are ready for coffee.

All of this is washed down, usually with the house rosé. As you wring the last few drops from the bottle you realize you've been eating solidly for about three hours.

A trip to the wash room surprisingly shows that there is a small dining room inside the Auberge, perhaps used in the winter when it's raining, beautifully decorated with antique travel posters.

The Auberge is not expensive, which is one reason for its success. Maybe the lure of the Auberge is that it's something different in a community of restaurants that are surprisingly similar. But whatever the reason for its success, if you want to go you better make reservations.

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It's a Haus party



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PROST! **Who needs to head to Munich, Germany for Oktoberfest when Westsiders can hit up Brü Haus for fresh-baked pretzles and authentic brews from the Deutschland.**

OKTOBERFEST IS A 16-DAY BEER FESTIVAL held in Munich, Germany. During the event, over 7 million liters of beer will be consumed. By the Reinheitsgebot guild guidelines, all official Oktoberfest beer has to be brewed within Munich and contain at least 6 percent alcohol. And this is all coming right off the special beer menu at Brü Haus, which is the closest thing most Westsiders will get to enjoy an Oktoberfest experience.

The mainstay at the Brü Haus, which is co-owned by Santa Monica native Wen Yeh, is beer, and perhaps dirndl-clad ladies, but without getting side-tracked it's quite literally about the beer. So celebrating Oktoberfest is pretty much a prerequisite for the German-themed bar. The main question is does Brü Haus do Oktoberfest justice? The short answer would be yes because of the beer.

Special Oktoberfest editions of German staples such as Weihenstephan, Spaten, Ayinger, Paulaner, Schneider and Hofbräu will be on tap. Furthermore, each week Brü Haus will be featuring a specific brewery and all their specialty beers to boot. For example, this weekend will be Weihenstephan and their specialty beers including Vitus, Korbinian, pale ale and Kristall Weiss. The list goes on and on. Plus a little insider info, since they will be ushering in new beers every Tuesday, on Monday there will be blowout specials at everything-must-go prices. It's kind of like the marked down meat section at the supermarket. But instead of half-rancid meat on the cheap, it's good beer.

Along with an overflowing beer list, Brü Haus offers a menu that compliments the suds well. The Sriracha chili chicken wings could be considered too sweet under regular wing eating circumstances, but paired up with one of their many bitter beers, they're the perfect offset. Wings and beer, who knew?

Pretzels and beer is not exactly a novel concept either. But the giant fresh-baked version that Brü Haus offers makes it almost impossible not to order, especially after a few Spatens down the hatch.

Brü Haus offers both German and American standards from burgers and salads to schnitzel and sausages, as well as a nice happy hour menu. The food is quite good and the menu is not overwhelming. Plus any place that does not use the word gastropub should be awarded the key to the city.

If you go

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Situated between the drink-as-cheap-and-fast-as-possible Cabo Cantina and your run-of-the-mill sports bar Q's, Brü Haus takes top honors on the block. Beer wins out again. So if that hangover is starting to kick in, head over to Brü Haus and they'll set things right.

MICHAEL can be seen riding around town on his bike burning calories so he can eat more food, or on CityTV hosting his own show, "Tour de Feast." To reach him visit his website at http://tourdefeast.blogspot.com/ or follow him on Twitter @greaseweek


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tion in the Malibu education community and the desire of some to split from the district altogether, said Malibu City Councilmember Laura Rosenthal.

"I think the slate [is] three great people who would bring a much-needed breath of fresh air to our school board," Rosenthal said.

Compared to the Malibu residents, the three Santa Monicans represent the old guard.

Allen is the greenest, with four years of experience on the board under his belt after winning the spot formerly held by Malibu resident Kathy Wisnicki when she chose not to run in 2008.

Escarce and Leon-Vazquez will each be running for their fourth terms on the board.

Although they were recognized as a slate by SMRR for endorsement purposes, each of the Santa Monica candidates is running their own campaign.

So far, people in Santa Monica seem to think that Malibu's trio is a different story, an all-for-one and one-for-all attempt to take all three positions on the board wholesale.

That's just not true, Foster said.

"It's not intended to be 'vote for all of us or don't vote for any of us,'" he said. "It's not to take away choice, it's to give more choice."

By voting for all three members of the self-proclaimed reform slate, residents will be able to realize an actual change on the board with three like-minded members working to court one of the other four to their side to achieve a majority vote.

"If you want to make a change on the school board in a way that really empowers that change, then vote for all three of us and we'll make that change," Foster said. "… We call ourselves the reform slate and we have a platform that puts the focus of the school district on the success of each and every child of that district."

Exactly how like-minded they are has been part of the problem for some Santa Monica education advocates.

The three candidates turned in one questionnaire when they went out for the endorsement of Community for Excellent Public Schools, or CEPS.

CEPS led the charge for the Save Our Schools campaign and was instrumental in the passage of measures Y and YY, which created a half-cent sales tax in Santa Monica and split the funds between City Hall and the school district.

When CEPS announced its endorsements — including the three Board of Education incumbents — it specifically said that it couldn't make a call on the Malibu slate because of a lack of information.

Jacobson, who did a joint interview with Foster for the CEPS steering committee, called shenanigans.

"The push back is that we're running against incumbents and taking on the establishment," Jacobson said. "When you do that, you have to expect to work and be surprised every step of the way."

Santa Monicans also run into some confusion when it comes to the platform put forward by the Malibu slate.

Although many of the components sound universal — reducing class sizes, closing the achievement gap and ensuring accountability for student achievement — others are very Malibu-centric, like supporting the exit of Malibu from SMMUSD.

"Some people are confused: Are we advocates for Malibu separation, or running to be on the school board of the combined district?" Foster said, "and the answer is to the extent that we are elected to SMMUSD, our interest is to serve the SMMUSD."

Current incumbents face that same mistrust from the other side of the Malibu-Santa Monica divide.

Allen, who has come out in favor of exploring a potential separation of the districts, said that he has worked hard to be present in the Malibu community, but recognizes the challenges of representation.

"I know and respect the candidates from Malibu, and hope to work with them regardless of what happens," Allen said. "In the end of the day, I have to run my own campaign and make the case to the people of the community that I have worked hard to be a listener, a school board member who values and believes in collaboration, community, engagement and hard work."

Voters will get to make their choice Nov. 6.

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Photo courtesy Karen Farrer

RUNNING: **Malibu school board candidates (left to right) Craig Foster, Karen Farrer and Seth Jacobson.**

BREAD
FROM PAGE 1

awarded one, two and three-year contracts when the policy came into effect in 2010 in order to stagger the dates that the contracts came up for renewal.

They had meant to give Bezian a two-year contract, but made a mistake and wrote it for three years instead, said Deputy City Attorney Alan Seltzer.

At the end of those two years, Bezian was sent an application, which he filled out, and made a presentation to a panel of judges who awarded points based on the business location, environmental sustainability, ingredient-sourcing, experience and value.

Red Bread won handily.

"City staff believes it can work out a resolution to accommodate the Bezians for the third year of the contract," Seltzer said.

That means both Bezian and Red Bread will be hawking their wares in the same market, as will a third bread company, Rockenwagner.

"The City Attorney's Office was asked to look into the city's rights to reform the contract, but it was determined that an accommodation that didn't prejudice either Bezian or Red Bread was preferable," Seltzer said.

That was acceptable to Bezian, but he still wasn't particularly pleased with the situation.

"I'm happy for one year," he said. "I'm not happy with the way they treated me. Thanks for staying here almost two decades! But nothing positive."

Bezian sells his special form of fermented sourdough bread, which he says is packed with probiotics that are especially beneficial to the human body.

Rather than yeast, Bezian allows his sourdough breads to age for up to a month before baking it and bringing it to market.

Over 600 people signed a petition to keep him in place, and several who stopped by the stall on Sept. 19 said they had come in from Culver City specifically to buy his bread.

If he had been forced to leave, they would have been forced to seek him out at markets in Hollywood and Pasadena where he also sells.

Bezian does not have a storefront that customers can visit, although he has recently begun taking some orders online.

At the end of this year, Bezian will have to put in a new application if he wants to remain in the Wednesday market. That will likely pit him against Rockenwagner, who currently holds the spot.

Bezian believes it won't come to that.

"We're going to force them to keep us longer," he said.

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OUT OF REACH

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SMC goalkeeper Monique Boe attempts to make a save on a penalty kick taken by a Citrus College player on Friday during a conference match at SMC. The Corsairs lost 2-1 to fall to 3-2-2.

BEER

FROM PAGE 3

es funds for the 24-year-old nonprofit arts organization, will feature 34 craft breweries, four bands, three galleries and some of the most popular food trucks.

For just $45 dollars at the door ($40 if you purchase online at http://18thstreet.org/events/bam-fest-2012), you can sample suds from some of the best brewers in the business, including Sierra Nevada and North Coast, Ballast Point and Pizza Port. Beer industry veteran Martin Svab, formerly of Stone Brewing Co. and Naja's Place, helped coordinate the craft beer side of the event this year.

Rumor has it that there will be some barrel-aged beers this time around, as well as a tent for those who like wines or homebrewed sodas courtesy of Pacific Gravity Home Brewers Club, of which I am formerly a member. (I had to give up my membership because I could never make it to the meetings. Darn West L.A. traffic.)

I love this event because not only can you sample many different styles of beers, from saisons to stouts to bitter IPAs, you also have the chance to gaze upon various forms of artistic expression and chat with the artists in residence, many of whom draw inspiration from Santa Monica and the surrounding areas. These artists open up their homes and are eager to share their work.

And the greatest thing about it is you don't have to drive to get there. I take the Big Blue's Line 1, which drops me off just two blocks from the arts center. You can also hop on Line 5, which runs along Colorado Avenue. There will also be a free bike valet.

This is by far one of the better beer events in the region and improves each year. I hope 18th Street continues what has now become a fall tradition for me and my compadres.

For more information, visit www.18thstreet.org

The other altruistic event takes place on Sunday, Oct. 7 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Upper West, a hip restaurant at the eastern end of Pico Boulevard that features food by chef Nick Shipp. Shipp will be teaming up with the nonprofit Junior Blind of America to make what is sure to be a remarkable dinner with the help of blind children.

The seasonal menu will feature ginger-cauliflower soup, grilled colossal Santa Barbara prawns, ancho-braised short ribs and double chocolate pot de creme.

Shipp, who was born completely blind in one eye, wanted to do something to help kids and contact Junior Blind of America after learning about their youth work readiness program, called Student Transition Enrichment Program, or STEP.

"Our students are very excited to roll up their sleeves and get to work," said Lisett Chavarela, director of marketing at Junior Blind of America.

Shipp, who takes traditional dishes and fuses various flavors for a unique culinary experience, said he has always felt lucky to have at least one good eye.

"I don't know why I was born with one working eye, but even with all the taunting and difficulties I had with my vision growing up, I realize how lucky I am to have partial vision and I vowed to give back," he said. "Finally I'm able to help these kids, with really impaired or no vision, achieve their dreams and aspirations."

Make a reservation now, because it is sure to fill up fast. All profits from the event will be donated to Junior Blind of America. For more information, visit www.theupperwest.com or www.juniorblind.org, or call (310) 586-1111.

The four-course dinner will run you $55 per person, plus tax and tip. Definitely a small price to pay to make a difference in a kid's life.

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US courts weigh asylum for sex kidnapping targets

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK They were two young women living alone and in fear in Albania, where they say they were ripe targets for sex traffickers notorious for kidnapping their victims and forcing them into prostitution in other countries.

Both fled to the United States, and now appeals courts in Chicago and New York are confronting a vexing question about their fate: Should their claim that all young single women living alone in Albania face persecution qualify them for asylum?

So far their answer is no.

But a recent 2-to-1 ruling by the federal appeals panel in Chicago led the remaining judges on the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to vacate the decision and stage a rare hearing of the full court Thursday to consider the issue.

The close scrutiny by the judges is appropriate, says Simona Agnolucci, a lawyer who submitted legal papers on behalf of the Center for Gender & Refugee Studies in San Francisco.

"It's modern slavery," she said. "These characteristics — their gender, their youth, and their singlehood — are what put them at risk in Albanian society and in the world at large."

She wrote to the 7th Circuit that the issue is relevant beyond Albania's borders, since "women worldwide are subjected to trafficking and forced prostitution because of their gender."

Although fewer than 10,000 asylum applications were granted from 1990 through 1993, they have ranged between 20,000 and 30,000 in the last decade, with about 25,000 being granted in 2011. The number of Albanian applicants granted asylum has fallen from 894 in 2002 to 156 in 2012. Also, the United States settled 56,000 refugees into the U.S. in 2011, with nearly 17,000 Burmese refugees from Thailand and Malaysia, 9,388 from Iraq, 2,032 from Iran and 7,685 from Somalia.

To win asylum in the United States, someone who has fled another country must establish a well-founded fear of persecution based on religion, race, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group. Appropriately defining a social group is where the Albanian women have fallen short in the courts' eyes.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati in 2005 rejected claims almost identical to those now being made. That court ruled that if a group eligible for asylum is defined "simply as young, attractive Albanian women — then virtually any young Albanian woman who possesses the subjective criterion of being 'attractive' would be eligible for asylum in the United States."

The opinion was cited on Tuesday when the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the claims of a young Albanian woman who entered the U.S. in December 2004 with a fake Italian passport. She later sought asylum on grounds that the Albanian mafia had twice tried to kidnap and force her into prostitution and that she feared she, like her sister and cousin, would be kidnapped and killed in Albania.

Scott A. Keillor, an immigration lawyer in Ypsilanti, Mich., who argued the 6th Circuit case, said his client was forced to return to Albania. He said the last he heard, she was trying to return to the United States.

"My case sadly gets cited a lot," Keillor said.

Keillor said U.S. asylum laws seem arbitrary.

"There's a lot of black and white, you fit into a category or you don't. They say: 'Well that's not a particular social group that can be readily identifiable,'" he said.

At Thursday's hearing in Chicago, Judge Richard A. Posner asked Cleveland attorney Scott E. Bratton why weak men in prison or people living in dangerous neighborhoods with high murder rates would not constitute social groups for asylum purposes.

Bratton, who represents Johana Cece, a 33-year-old Aurora, Ill., woman in the Chicago case, said the number of women in Albania who would be in danger similar to his client was relatively small because there were not many single young women living alone in the country with a population of 2.8 million. He said his client would not comment publically. She did not return a phone message for comment.

In court papers, he and other lawyers cited similar asylum cases, such as classes of young women who are threatened with female genital mutilation, women who escaped servitude after being abducted by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia or FARC, women in Jordan who flouted repressive moral norms and faced a high risk of honor killing and women in Cameroon who feared circumcision.

Andrew MacLachlan, a Justice Department lawyer in the Office of Immigration Litigation, told the 7th Circuit that Cece was essentially seeking asylum because of her fear of persecution.

"Under the particular circumstances of this case, the validity of the social group proposed by the petitioner would eviscerate the asylum statute," he said.



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Gay couples may get reprieve in low-priority deportations

BY LISA LEFF
Associated Press

WASHINGTON D.C. The Department of Homeland Security is planning to issue a policy memo stating that illegal immigrants with American same-sex partners are eligible to have their deportations put on hold under a federal program designed to focus resources away from low-priority cases.

The move had been sought by gay rights activists and their allies in Congress before Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced plans for the policy Thursday in a letter to 84 Democratic lawmakers.

"It will mark the very first time that lesbian and gay couples have been recognized within immigration policy for relief," said Steve Ralls, the spokesman for Immigration Equality, an advocacy group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender immigrants.

The Democratic lawmakers addressed in Napolitano's letter pressed the agency to inform Immigration and Customs Enforcement field offices that bi-national gay couples in long-term relationships have family ties that should be considered as grounds for deferring a foreign citizen's removal from the U.S.

"I have directed ICE to disseminate written guidance to the field that the interpretation of the phrase 'family relationships' includes long-term, same-sex partners," Napolitano wrote, adding that the decision to grant reprieves still would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The instructions do not mean that foreigners who are married to Americans of the same sex will be eligible for green cards or citizenship, as are immigrants with opposite sex spouses. The Obama administration is continuing to enforce a 1996 law that prohibits the government from recognizing same-sex marriages, even as it opposes it in court and takes gay relationships into account when evaluating deportation cases.

The Williams Institute, a think tank, estimates that as of 2010 there were about 29,000 same-sex couples nationwide comprised of a U.S citizen and a citizen of another country.

The policy guidance expected to go out next week will reference a memo ICE Director John Morton issued last year advising the agency's officers and lawyers to review pending deportation cases to determine which ones should be top priority and which ones might be shelved, Napolitano said.

Government attorneys weigh factors such as a person's criminal record, family ties and community relations in making their decisions.

ICE officials said at the time that long-term same-sex relationships could be included under the family ties criteria, but advocates and House Democrats led by Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi wanted that determination put into writing.

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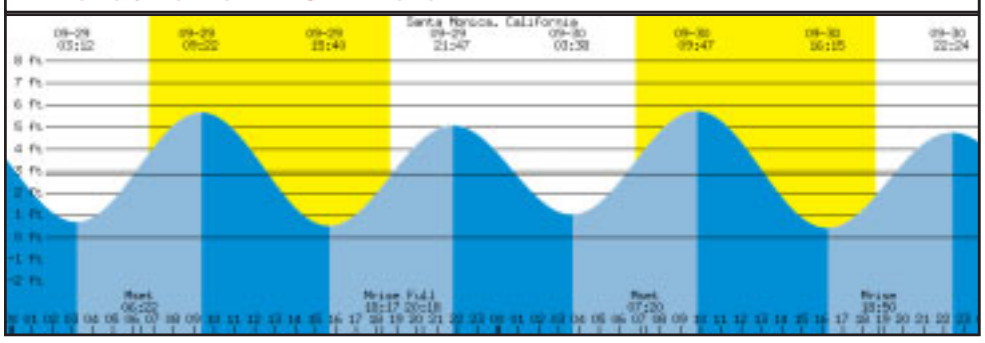
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	as
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	as	as
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	as
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	as
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	as
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A	as
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	as
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	as
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	as
Solstice Canyon at Ben Blocker County Beach.	A+	as
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	as
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	as
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	B	as
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	A	as
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	as
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	as
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	as
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	as
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	as
Tuna Canyon.	as	as
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	as
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	as
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	as
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	as
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	as
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	as
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	as
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	as
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	as
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	as
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	as
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	as
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	as
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	as
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	as
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A	as
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty).	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	as
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	as

LEGEND

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as -- no sample taken

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Under certain limited circumstances, a tenant may withhold rent. But, it is never a good idea to withhold rent. If a tenant does not pay the full rent, when due, the landlord would most likely serve the tenant with a three day notice to pay or quit. Once a three day notice to pay or quit expires, the landlord does not have to accept the money even if the tenant offers the full amount. The landlord can refuse the payment and proceed with an unlawful detainer action (eviction case).

An unlawful detainer action is very stressful. Also, the tenant would have the expense of litigation costs and probably attorney fees. A tenant does not have to retain an attorney to defend an unlawful detainer action, but it would be very wise to do so.

If a tenant loses an unlawful detainer case, the tenant would be evicted and owe all of the back rent and possibly the landlord's attorney fees and litigation costs. Further, the unlawful detainer judgment would probably appear on the tenant's credit reports as well as reports kept by landlord agencies which could make it difficult to rent a new home in the future.

For all of the above reasons, a tenant should never withhold any rent.

GIVE LANDLORD A LIST IN WRITING

The first thing a tenant should do is give the landlord a list in writing of items which need to be repaired. The list should be hand-delivered or mailed to the landlord. The tenant must keep a copy of that list and keep track of when and how the list was delivered to the landlord (the specific date when the list was mailed or hand-delivered).

A tenant must give the landlord a reasonable period to make repairs. What is a "reasonable period" is defined on a case by case basis. Usually, a tenant should give the landlord 30 days to make repairs. But, if the condition is serious (i.e.: no electricity, no hot water, hole in the roof), a reasonable time would be much shorter.

A tenant should list all items which need repair, in detail. Failure to notify the landlord of a specific problem may prevent a tenant from being compensated later for the defective condition.

CONTACT GOVERNMENT INSPECTORS

If the landlord does not make the repairs within a reasonable period, the tenant should contact appropriate government inspectors.

In Santa Monica, the first office to be contacted should be the Santa Monica Code Compliance Department: (310) 458-4984. The Code Compliance Department will not come to a rental unit to perform a general inspection. The tenant must have a specific list of items which need repair.

In addition to the Code Compliance Department, a tenant should call the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services. To arrange for an inspection, a Santa Monica tenant would call: (310) 665-8484.

The advantage of government inspectors is that the government agency may order the landlord to make repairs. Also, if the tenant is in trial with the landlord (or a hearing with the Santa Monica Rent Control Board), the government inspectors' reports may be admissible as evidence.

PETITION FOR RENT DECREASE

If the landlord does not make the required repairs, a tenant may file a petition for rent decrease. The petition is filed with the Santa Monica Rent Control Board, located in Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 202, Santa Monica, CA 90401; (310) 458-8751. The petition for rent decrease may be filed 30 to 180 days after service of the written notice to the landlord of items which need repair.

If the petition is granted, the rent will be reduced. But, the rent reduction is prospective (from that point forward). The Rent Control Board does not have the authority to award any money to compensate the tenant for past conditions or reduced services.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

If a tenant wishes to be compensated for the defective conditions or reduced services in the past, the tenant would have to file a lawsuit. A suit could be filed in superior court. Although an attorney is not required for superior court, it is likely that the landlord would retain an attorney. When one party has an attorney and the other does not, it is a big advantage. If the tenant retains an attorney, the expenses might make such a suit in superior court impractical.

Usually, the most economical way to proceed is to file a lawsuit in small claims court. A person can sue in small claims court for up to $7,500.00. And, there are no attorneys in small claims court. Thus, the expenses are greatly reduced.

CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY

Even if the tenant is not going to retain an attorney on a full-time basis, it is usually a good idea to at least have a consultation with a tenants' rights attorney, especially before filing suit in small claims court or filing a petition for rent decrease.

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Los Angeles Irish Film Festival
Saturday, Sept. 29
Bernadette: Notes on a Political Journey (NR) 1hr 28min
Director Lelia Doolan will receive the Steve Brennan Tribute award.
4:00pm

The Shore (NR) 29min
Jump (NR) 1hr 23min
Let The People Sing (NR) 1hr 30min
Discussion following Jump with director Kieron J. Walsh.
7:30pm

Sunday, Sept. 30
Man of Aran (NR) 1hr 16min
How The Myth Was Made: A Study of Robert Flaherty's Man of Aran
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

ParaNorman (PG) 1hr 33min
11:45am, 4:45pm

Campaign (R) 1hr 37min
11:55am, 5:10pm, 9:55pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
12:45pm, 4:30pm, 8:15pm

Lawless (R) 1hr 55min
9:45pm

Robot & Frank () 1hr 30min
11:50am, 2:25pm, 5:20pm, 7:45pm, 10:05pm

Words (PG-13) 1hr 36min
2:35pm, 7:30pm

ParaNorman 3D (PG) 1hr 33min
2:15pm, 7:15pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) 1hr 31min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:20pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

Finding Nemo 3D (G) 1hr 40min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:35pm, 10:25pm

Perks of Being a Wallflower (PG-13) 1hr 42min
11:15am, 1:45pm, 2:20pm, 4:15pm, 4:50pm, 6:45pm, 7:25pm, 9:30pm, 10:20pm

Trouble with the Curve (PG-13) 1hr 51min
11:15am, 11:45am, 1:55pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

End of Watch (R) 1hr 49min
11:35am, 2:25pm, 5:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

Hotel Transylvania (PG) 1hr 31min
11:25am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:15pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

They Call It Myanmar: Lifting the Curtain (NR) 1hr 10min
11:10am

Arbitrage (R) 1hr 40min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Beauty Is Embarrassing (NR) 1hr 28min
11:20am

Master (R) 2hrs 30min
1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:10pm, 10:15pm

Waiting Room (NR) 1hr 21min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:55pm

Doctored (NR) 1hr 30min
11:00am

186 Dollars to Freedom (NR)
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

House at the End of the Street (PG-13) 1hr 41min
11:35am, 2:05pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:25pm

Looper (R) 1hr 58min
11:25am, 12:35pm, 2:15pm, 3:40pm, 5:10pm, 6:45pm, 8:00pm, 9:45pm, 10:45pm

Dredd (R) 1hr 36min
11:55am, 4:55pm, 9:40pm

Dredd 3D (R) 1hr 36min
2:25pm, 7:15pm

Won't Back Down (PG) 2hrs 01min
11:45am, 1:50pm, 4:35pm, 7:25pm, 10:15pm

Resident Evil: Retribution (R) 1hr 35min
11:30am, 5:00pm, 10:05pm

Resident Evil: Retribution 3D (R) 1hr 35min
2:35pm, 7:35pm

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Stay out late, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You have faced your share of obstacles, and you might do so again today. Nevertheless, you'll cruise right through it if you honor your spontaneity and do not overthink the situation. Avoid someone who wants to have control. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Sit back and observe. Granted, certain realizations could stun you. You might need some time to process this information. You take a lot personally. Tonight: Not to be found.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on what is going on with friends, then decide if you want to join them. However, know that where they say they will be might no longer be where they actually can be found. Surprises surround you. A partner could feel insecure about finances. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Take charge of an emotional matter. A key loved one or family member might push you quite hard to have his or her way. You might want to distance yourself from those who do not support your need for more peace. Tonight: Others follow your lead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Jump on the urge to hop in the car for a day trip. A change in scenery will renew your energy and help you gain a different perspective. Remain sensitive to someone who really cares about you. Tonight: Stay out as long as you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You might feel as if you have too much to do and everything is happening too fast. Nevertheless, make time for a loved one who really makes a difference in your life. Push comes to shove with a child or creative venture. Tonight: Make it close and cozy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Let your sense of fun come out, and be willing to take time for that special person in your life. You could feel pressured by a real-estate or domestic matter. Do not let this situation drive you. Know when to say "enough." Tonight: Only where people can be found.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Follow through on your errands and responsibilities, but make it a priority to take some much-needed time for yourself to relax. You generally push very hard in your day-to-day life. Now it is time for a break. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Allow your playful personality to emerge. You become nearly childlike when interacting with a young person. A loved one enjoys seeing your inner child emerge. Avoid a controlling person when it comes to your finances. Tonight: Dance out the door.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might not intend on being difficult and testy, but sometimes you simply need to have what you want to feel comfortable. Stay close to home, and throw yourself into a heartfelt project. Tonight: Invite a friend or two over.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You express yourself in a powerful manner. The unexpected occurs when making calls, having discussions and meeting with friends. You might be stunned at first, but later you will be pleased by the outcome. Tonight: Hang out.

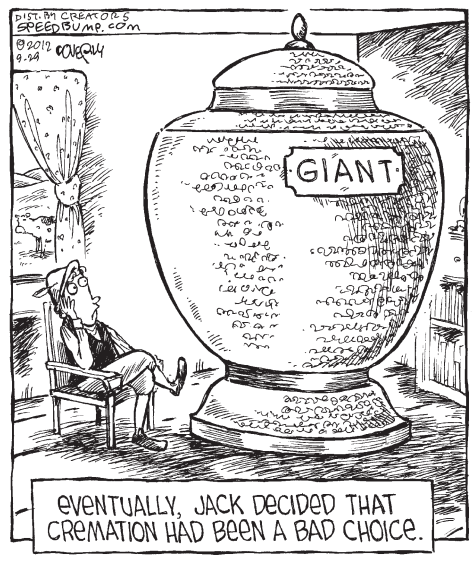
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be wondering what way is best to proceed with a purchase. You might want to do some price comparison first. A friend you really care about pushes you very hard to go along with his or her ideas. Tonight: Your treat.

Happy birthday

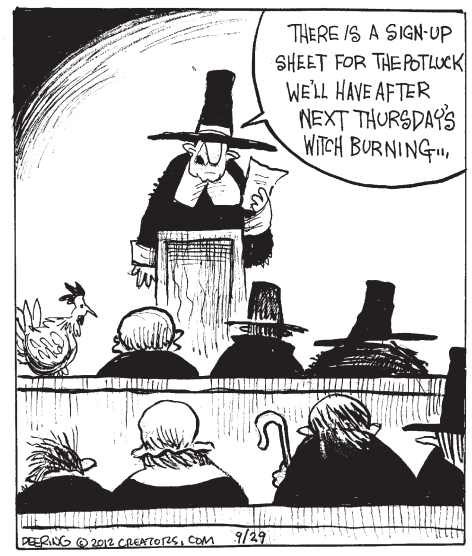
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you often are pulled between two different ideas, two different people or the choice of whether to follow your intellectual voice or your emotional voice. You probably will need to experience some of each polarity in order to make a solid decision as to which path you should head down. If you are single, you open up to a myriad of possibilities, but the person you will most enjoy relating to is a person in your day-to-day life. If you are attached, you often are at odds with each other, until you accept that both of you have different ideas and opinions. Learn to respect each other's values. ARIES can be challenging.

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By Dave Coverly



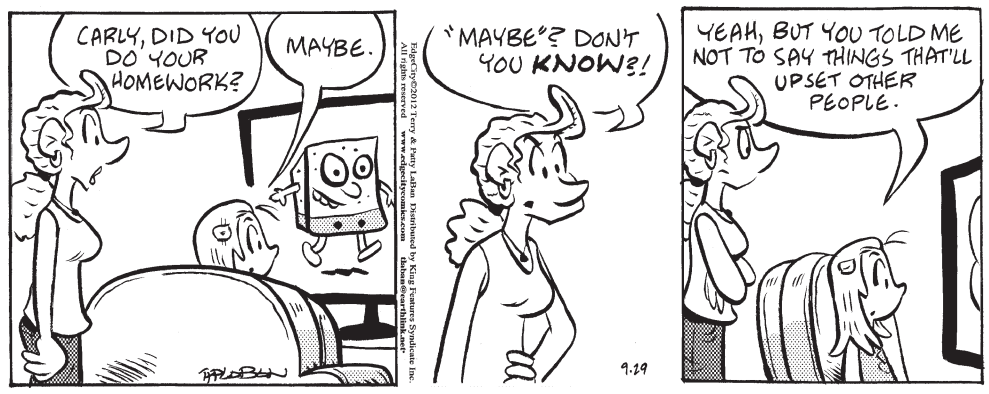
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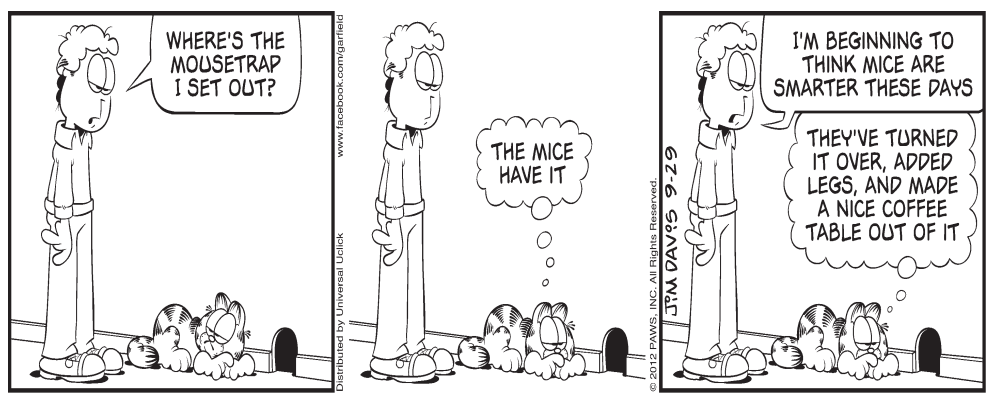
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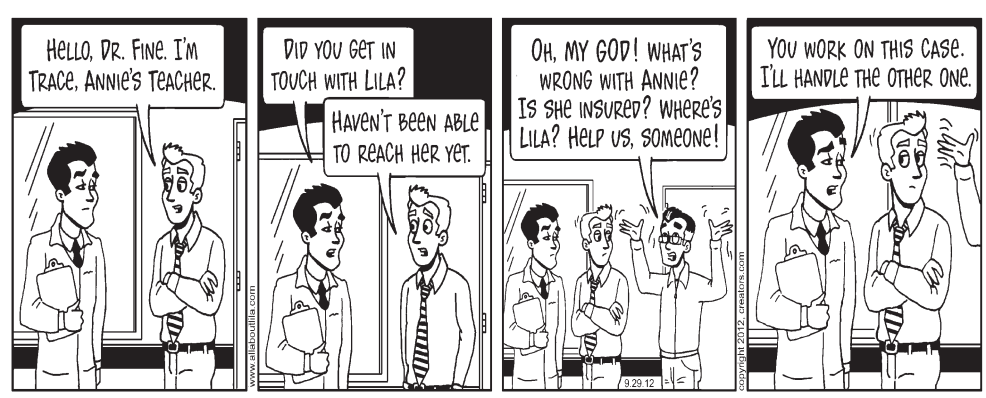
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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

6	8	7	1	2	9	3	4	5
1	9	5	3	6	4	7	8	2
3	2	4	8	7	5	9	1	6
5	6	8	9	4	3	1	2	7
9	3	1	7	5	2	8	6	4
4	7	2	6	8	1	5	3	9
8	1	6	2	9	7	4	5	3
2	4	9	5	3	8	6	7	1
7	5	3	4	1	6	2	9	8

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Sides in turf wars
6 Seine straddler
11 Bakery output
12 Ooze forth
13 Mythical trio
14 Amber source
15 Partner of beans
17 Urgent call
18 Plug's place
19 Olympics hopeful
22 Messy digs
23 Rover's rewards
24 Elevator parts
25 Shields on film
27 Collar
30 Shiny, perhaps
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32 Flamenco cry
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38 Knock for a loop
39 Nervous one
40 Strictness
41 Fashion
42 Blissful spots

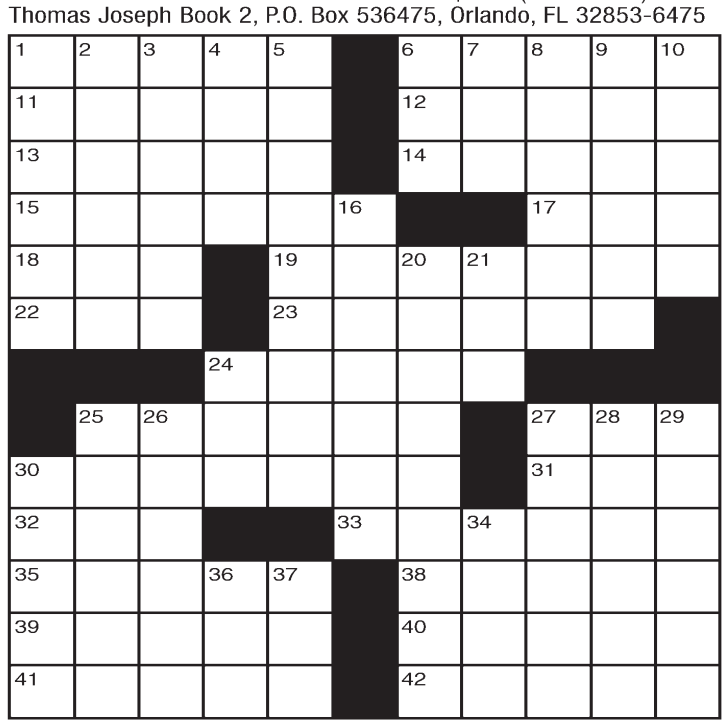
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2 Ark's resting site
3 Official witness
4 FBI agent
5 City of the Canadian plains
6 According to
7 Forest feller
8 Brown hue
9 Blockheads
10 Reason
16 Coxswain's count
20 Dorothy Parker story
21 — Palmas
24 Fawn's mother
25 Soldier's lodging
26 "I Believe I Can Fly" singer
27 Soothing music style
28 Electric eel's home
29 Ad targets
30 Bank deals
34 Surrounded by
36 Ailing
37 Look over

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■	■	E	D	N	A	■	A	G	E	S
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Yesterday's answer

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9-29



NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Sounds Like a Joke: (1) The Chattanooga Times Free Press reported in July that vandals had wrecked the pen that reptile farmer David Driver employed to confine his herd of 1,600 turtles -- and that they had all fled. (2) Apparently at their wits' end trying to get their rare Chilean flamingos to mate, handlers at the Drusillas Zoo Park in East Sussex, England, began piping in music at night, including songs by the human seduction machine, Barry White ("Can't Get Enough of Your Love, Babe").

■ Not Ready for Prime Time: (1) The two robbers who walked into the 7-Eleven in Arlington, Va., in August apparently neglected to coordinate in advance and thus left empty-handed. As the first man pulled a gun and demanded money, the second, a few steps behind, tossed a firecracker on the floor, apparently to intimidate the clerk. However, it mainly served to scare the gunman, who dropped his pistol and ran out the door. (2) A 40-year-old man swiped a cellphone while visiting a patient at the Kagadi Hospital in Uganda in August. The facility is currently treating the country's Ebola virus outbreak, and the phone was in the room of an Ebola patient. Doctors urged the thief to return to the hospital for treatment.

TODAY IN HISTORY

2004 - The Burt Rutan Ansari X Prize entry SpaceShipOne performs a successful spaceflight, the first of two required to win the prize.

2006 - Gol Transportes Aéreos Flight 1907 collides in mid-air with an Embraer Legacy business jet near Peixoto de Azevedo, Mato Grosso, Brazil, killing 154 total people, and triggering a Brazilian aviation crisis.

2007 - Calder Hall, the world's first commercial nuclear power station, is demolished in a controlled explosion.

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3.8% Tax on Some Real Estate Transactions
Beginning January 1, 2013

Beginning January 1, 2013, the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act (PPACA) imposes a new 3.8 percent tax on some investment income.

It's a complicated tax, so we Realtors won't be able to predict how it will affect every buyer or seller.
Your Tax Consultant/CPA should advise you on this.

This tax will not be imposed on all real estate transactions, a common misconception.

Rather, when the legislation becomes effective in 2013, it may impose a 3.8% tax on some income from interest, dividends, rents (less expenses) and capital gains (less capital losses).

The tax will fall only on individuals with an adjusted gross income (AGI) above $200,000 and couples filing a joint return with more than $250,000 AGI (adjusted gross income).

Applies to:
- Individuals with adjusted gross income (AGI) above $200,000
- Couples filing a joint return with more than $250,000 AGI

Types of Income:
- Interest, dividends, rents (less expenses), capital gains (less capital losses)

Formula: The new tax applies to the LESSER of
- Investment income amount
- Excess of Adjusted Gross Income over the $200,000 or $250,000 amount

If you are considering selling a property in the near future,
I highly recommend talking to your Tax Consultant well-before January, 2013

Average Price of ALL Santa Monica Single Family Homes From ALL agents in ALL companies Listed for Sale As of Late September 2012		
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