

مبنى قديم حوّل نفسه إلى شبح بعد أن أغلقت أبوابه منذ أمد طويل محتفظاً بذكرياته المريرة وأشباحه المعذبة ، هذا المبنى تاريخه يعود إلى عام 1910 حين أطلقوا عليه اسم مصحة ويفرلي هيلز Waverly Hills Sanatorium والتي شيدت في ريف ولاية كنتاكي على أنقاض مدرسة ريفية قديمة يعود تاريخها إلى القرن التاسع عشر، فقد كانت مصحة خشبية تتألف من طابقين بسعة 20 سريراً لكل طابق، لمعالجة وباء ومصابى مرض السل . وهذا المبنى لم يزل قائماً ومهجوراً حتى اليوم ، ويبدو بأن بعض الأرواح تأبي أن تغادر إلى العالم الآخر ظنّا منها بأنها لا زالت على قيد الحياة، وبأن الموت لم يدركها بعد ، لذلك تمضى هائمة على وجهها بين الطوابق. أشباح حائرة طالما أدخلت الرعب إلى قلوب الزوار النادرين الذين تجرؤا على دخول مستشفى الأشباح التي تنتصب على قمة احدى التلال بالقرب من مدينة لويفيل الأميركية حيث توجد بناية ضخمة ذات خمسة طوابق غارقة في

الظلام ومهجورة إلا من بعض الحيوانات والطيور، فهذا المبنى كان في الأمس مؤسسة صحية كبيرة تنبض بالحياة وتعج بالناس كخلية نحل لتتحول إلى عالم غارق في الظلام والصمت والأشباح التي لم تغادرها فالبعض يؤكد بأنه رأى أموراً غريبة منها:

كرة تتدحرج ويركض وراءها صبي صغير يلتقطها ثم يرميها مرة أخرى، وهناك أيضاً فتاة صغيرة تمارس لعبة الاختباء مع أطفال آخرين.

سكان المبنى المهجور ليسوا جميعا أطفال فهناك امرأة تهرول في ثياب ممزقة ويديها مخضبة بالدماء تصرخ طالبة النجدة. وهناك الكثير من الأمور الغريبة التي تحدث داخل المبنى المهجور، شبابيك وأبواب تفتح وتغلق من تلقاء نفسها ،صرخات مشحونة بالألم والحزن مصدرها أشخاص مجهولون يظهرون ويختفون بسرعة في الظلام.

هذا المبنى كان يطلق عليه اسم الموت الأبيض وهو الاسم الذي كان الناس يطلقونه على مرض السل فبعد



انتهاء الحرب العالمية الأولى وعودة آلاف الجنود المصابين بالسل من جبهات القتال في أوروبا تفشت موجة من الوباء التي اجتاحت أجزاء كبيرة من الولايات المتحدة، وكانت لمدينة لويفيل في ولاية كنتاكي حصة الأسد ولأن المصحة القديمة لم تعد تتسع لأعداد المصابين لذلك قررت الحكومة عام 1924 بناء مصحة كبيرة إلى جانب المصحة الخشبية في ويفيري هيلز، وتم افتتاحها رسميا عام 1926 تتألف من خمسة طوابق ويستوعب أكثر من 400 سرير.

كان الذين يتماثلون للشفاء يغادرون المستشفى ،أمّا أولئك الذين يقضون نحبهم فكانوا يغادرون عبر نفق طويل ينحدر لمسافة مئة وخمسون متراً نحو بوابة صغيرة حيث كان يتم سحب الجثث كي لا يراها بقية المرضى ويقال بأن بعض العاملين في المصحة كانوا يتعاملون مع جثث الموتى بوحشية فكانوا يقومون بسحلها أو دحرجتها كالبراميل ليكدسوها مع بقية الجثث . وبحسب بعض الإحصاءات فإن عدد المرضى الذين ماتوا داخل المصحة خلال نصف قرن من الزمان يقدر بحوالي المصحة خلال نصف قرن من الزمان يقدر بحوالي الله عشرة آلاف فقط.

في عام 1961 انعدمت الحاجة إلى مصحات لمرض السل فأغلقت أبوابها، لكن تم افتتاحها ثانية عام 1962 كمستشفى لعلاج ورعاية المسنين تحت اسم كمستشفى لعلاج ورعاية المسنين تحت اسم بأن أموراً غير طبيعية جرت داخل المستشفى، وأدت إلى إغلاقه نهائياً عام 1981 على اثر فضيحة متعلقة في أغلاقه نهائياً عام 1981 على اثر فضيحة متعلقة في تعذيب وإيذاء المرضى، وبعد أن تحول إلى مبنى مهجور أصبح على لسان الناس يتناقلون قصصاً غريبة عما يجري داخله، فالعديد من المشردين الذين دخلوا المبنى ليلاً من أجل النوم شاهدوا أموراً جعلتهم يفكرون مرتين قبل أن يقتربوا منه مرة أخرى. وهناك العديد من الزوار الذين شاهدوا أشباحاً وأشباح. منهم من شاهد عيوناً..! وهناك شبح طفل آخر يطارد الكرة ، وأصوات لمجموعة أطفال يمرحون ويضحكون.









وهناك من رأى رجلاً يرتدي ملابس الطباخين يدفع عربة الطعام، ولعل الطابق الرابع هو أكثر أجزاء المبنى ازدحاماً بالأشباح فقد شوهد العديد من الأشباح تتحرك ومنهم شبح طبيب ، ومن الصدف تواجد أحد مصورين البرامج التلفزيونية الذي

شاهد أثناء وجوده في

الطابق الرابع رجلاً يدخل بسرعة إلى إحدى الغرف في البداية ظن المصور بأن هناك رجلاً حقيقياً يتجول في الطابق، لكن عندما لحق بالرجل إلى الغرفة وجدها خالية وحين أدار وجهه نحو الممر شاهد نفس الرجل يدخل غرفة أخرى، عندها شعر المصور بشعر جسده ينتصب من الرعب فغادر بسرعة رافضاً الاستمرار بالتصوير أو دخول المبنى مرة أخرى.

أمّا ما هو سر الغرفة رقم 502 ففي عام 1928 كانت إحدى الممرضات تسكنها ، والتي شنقت نفسها لأسبابا مجهولة، وبقيت معلقة داخل الغرفة لفترة طويلة قبل أن يعثروا عليها ، ولم يزل الغموض يلف ظروف انتحارها حتى يومنا هذا ، فبعد أربع سنوات سكنت في نفس الغرفة ممرضة أخرى، والغريب إنها هي أيضاً انتحرت ويزعم العديد من الزوار بأنهم شاهدوا شبح فتاة شابة ترتدي ملابس الممرضات البيضاء وهي تدخل إلى الغرفة رقم 502 وعندما دخلوا الغرفة تفاجأوا بأنها خالية، ولكنهم سمعوا صراخ فتاة تقول لهم: اخرجوا في الحال.

والسؤال يبقى هل هناك أشباح حقا في وفيرلى هيلز؟

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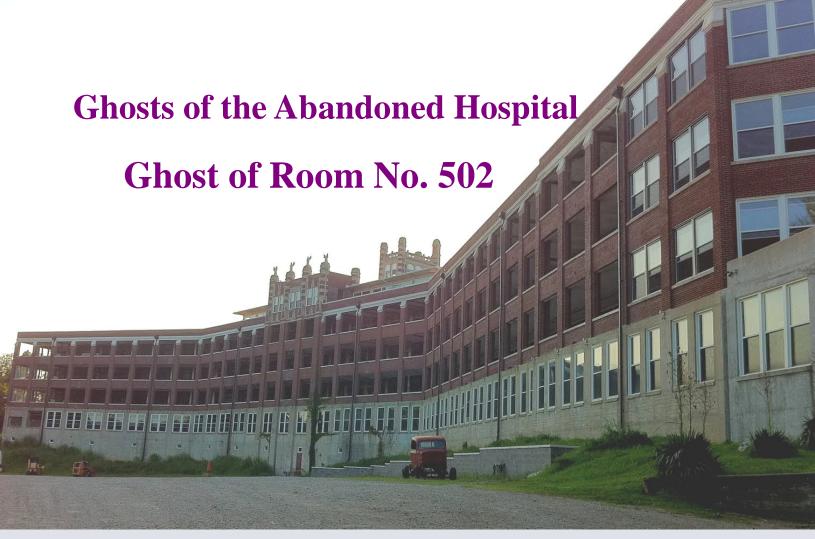
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An old building transformed itself to a ghost house after it closed its doors long time ago to retain its bitter memories and tormented ghosts.

This building date back to 1910 when they named it Waverly Hills Sanatorium

Hills built in rural Kentucky on the ruins of a rural school dating back to the nineteenth century; it was a wooden clinic consisting of two floors with a capacity of 20 beds per floor, to address the epidemic of tuberculosis and the invalids.

This building is still standing and deserted until today, and it seems that some spirits refuse to leave the world to the other, thinking that they are still alive, and that death has not reach them yet, so they go wandering freely between floors.

Confused ghosts introducing terror into the hearts of rare visitors who dared to enter the hospital. Ghosts that stands tall atop of the hills near the city of Louisville in the U.S. where lies a huge building with five floors

soaked in the dark and deserted except for a few animals and birds. This building was in the near past a health institution, a large vibrant clinic jammed with people to become a world steeped in darkness and silence and ghosts that would not leave. Some confirms that they saw strange things such as:

A ball rolling and running after it a young boy who picks it up then throws it again and there is also a little girl playing hide and seek with other children.

Residents ghosts of the abandoned building are not all children there is a woman rushing in torn clothes and bloodied hands shouting for help. There are a lot of strange things that occur inside the abandoned building, windows and doors open and close all by themselves, charged cries of pain and sadness coming from unknown persons appear and disappear quickly in the dark.

This building was called the white death, a name that people gave to tuberculosis after the end of the First World War and the return



of thousands of soldiers infected with TB from the battlefronts in Europe spreading an epidemic that swept through large parts of the United States and the City of Louisville in Kentucky who had the lion's share.

Because the old clinic could no longer accommodate the large number of people the government decided in 1924 to build a larger clinic next to the old wooden one on the hills which was officially opened in 1926, consisting of five floors and can accommodate more than 400 beds.

Patients who recovered would be discharged, while those who die they were transported through a long tunnel of one hundred and fifty meters towards a small gate where bodies were stacked so as not to be seen by the rest of the patients, and it was said that some of the workers at the clinic were handling the dead bodies brutally by dragging them and rolled like barrels to stack them up with the rest of the bodies.

According to some statistics, the number of patients who died within the clinic during the half-century is estimated at about 64,000 people, while the official records of the clinic refers to only ten thousand.

In 1961 tuberculosis clinics were no longer needed so the clinic closed its doors but reopened again in 1962 as a hospital for the treatment and care of the elderly under the name of Woodhaven Geriatrics Hospital but it was told that strange and abnormal things took place in the hospital which led to the closing of the hospital for good in 1981 after a scandal in the torture and abuse of patients.

After that it turned into an abandoned building and became the talk of the people in telling strange stories about what is happening inside, many of the homeless who had entered the building at night in order to sleep saw things that made them think twice before they came near the haunted building again.

Many visitors say they saw many ghosts. Some witnessed a little eyeless girl drifting through the floors. Also the story of the little boy chasing after a rolling ball and the









the voices of children laughing and playing, some saw a man dressed as a chef pushing a dining car, and perhaps the fourth floor is the most populated with ghosts, many has seen several ghosts, including the ghost of a doctor, and coincidental a television photographers who was filming saw while he was on the fourth floor a man entering quickly into



one of the rooms, at first he thought that there is a real man wandering around on the floor, but when he entered the room he found it empty and when he turned his face towards the corridor he saw the same man entering another room, then the photographer felt his body hair stands on end from horror so he left quickly, refusing to continue filming and never to enter the building again.

What is the secret of Room No. 502? In 1928 one of the nurses who lived in the hospital hanged herself for unknown reasons, and she remained hanging inside the room for a long time before she was found, and the circumstances of her suicide remains unclear even to this day and after four years another nurse lived in that same room and strangely she also allegedly committed suicide and many visitors claim they had seen the ghost of a young girl dressed in a white nurse's costume entering room number 502 and when they entered the room they were surprised to find the room empty but they heard the cries of a girl telling them to leave immediately. The question remains is there really

ghosts in Waverly Hills?



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# Healthy Life Style Healthy Heart

By Iyad K. Radwan. M.D., P.A

Busy, unhealthy life style that most people live, the main cause of the heart problems, which include factors of life, less activities, unhealthy food, stress, smoking.... etc.

Talking about one of the most dangerous heart diseases is Ischemic Heart Disease also known as a heart attack (myo Infarction).

Ischemic heart disease happens when the blood supply to the heart muscle is reduced because the heart's arteries become too narrow and blocked.

This is caused by gradual build-up of porridge-like fatty deposits inside the coronary arteries, which interferes with the normal flow of blood to the heart.

However, there are lots of things you can do to participate in which can physically help keep your heart healthy; no matter how old you are, your gender, or ethnic background, or if you're in high risk category because of the family history with CHD.

One of the most health promoted factors that we should consider is physical activities in which I would like to share with you today.

Getting a regular physical activity is arguably the best and most important

thing you can do for your health. By eating healthy, stop smoking, and becoming active; you can significantly reduce your risk of developing; heart and peripheral vascular disease, stroke, chronic disease such as high blood pressure, osteoporosis, diabetes, high cholesterol, certain cancers, and exercise can help control stress and boost moods and energy. Plus, if moderate and vigorous, physical activities help keep weight in check.

If you don't have time to go to the gym? Weave activities into your day by bicycling or brisk walking to commute to work, or walk your children to school. A thirty minute brisk walk for approximately five days a week is all you people need. Or you can do twenty five or more vigorous activities; such as jogging, step aerobics, or single tennis (three days a week); or do a combination of both. Getting any amount of exercise is better than getting none. But don't feel locked into running or walking. A lot of activities such as: dancing, skating, gardening, cycling, swimming, even from washing your car or even horsing around with your children.

cutting back on "SIT" time is just as important as increasing a "FIT" time.



لا شك بأن الأثرياء لديهم تصرفات غريبة، خاصة وإنهم يملكون المال اللازم لتحقيق كل ما يخطر في عقولهم وأحياناً نفكر بأن صاحب هذا المال الوفير قد أصيب بالجنون من خلال تصرفاته الغريبة العجيبة، وأحياناً نحسدهم على نمط حياتهم وهم يتجولون بأفخر السيارات وفي افخر المتاجر ومع أجمل الحسناوات .

أمّا اليوم سنعرض عليكم بعض النماذج لشخصيات ذات ثراء كبير .. ومع ذلك ربما أثرت عليهم تلك الأموال وكانت هي السبب وراء تلك التصرفات الغريبة فاقرأ معي ماذا فعلوا وتحسر على حظك المنحوس لأنه ."لم يلحقنا طرطوشة".

### الثري الأول: كارل رابيدير

قرر فجأة التخلي عن أمواله نظراً لأنه غير سعيد. فقد كانت بدايته شقاء وفقر ثم قرر جمع المال ليحصل على السعادة وبعد أن اصبحت ثروته كبيرة لم يحصل على السعادة لذا قرر التبرع بثروته الكاملة التي تقدر ب 3 ملايين دولاراً وكان تعليقه على هذه البادرة بأن النقود هي الحاجز لدخول السعادة إلى القلب بل تجلب التعاسة . هذا رأي الثري الأول وتعال معي لننتقل إلى الثاني.





### الثري الثاني: روبرت كلارك غراهام

أمّا هذا الثري فهو متأثراً بالأفلام حيث قام عام 1980 بإنشاء بنك في سان دييغو كي ينشىء جنساً فائقاً من البشر أو الإنسان السوبرمان. فكان يتقبل التبرعات وقد أنفق أمواله على التجارب الطبية لتطوير الجنس البشري وأخيراً وزع أمواله التي تفوق العشرين مليون دولاراً وأقفل البنك.



### الثري الثالث: الينين غراف

هي سيدة فنحن اعتدنا أن يجمع الأثرياء أموالهم من مشاريع تجارية ضخمة لكن مدرّسة اللغات الصينية الينين غراف قلبت المقاييس، فقد استطاعت صنع ثروة عن طريق أحد برامج الحياة الآخرة التي حققتها في اللعبة Virtual World على الكومبيوتر عام 2004. فاستطاعت جمع مبلغ 300 مليون دولاراً من انتشار تلك اللعبة على جهاز الكومبيوتر ثم قررت توزيع ثروتها على الفقراء.



### الثري الرابع: رئيس الوزراء التايلاندي

عادة إذا كان الأهل من الميسورين مادياً يمنعون بناتهم من العمل ولكن كيف لرئيس الوزراء في تايلاند أن يرسل ابنته البالغة من العمر 17 عاما إلى مطاعم ماكدونالد للعمل ، هذا الأب الوزير يمتلك في البنك عدداً من الملايين المحترمة للغاية والتي وزعها أيضاً يميناً ويساراً وأصبح حسابه في المصارف تحت الصفر.



وأخيراً ربما كانت أفكار هؤلاء ليست غريبة بالنسبة لهم وأيضاً ليست غريبة بالنسبة لبعض منا ولكن يبقى السؤال هل الثروة نعمة أم نقمة أم هي طريق للسعادة أم للتعاسة لذا نترك لكم انتم أيها القراء التعليق!!؟

أمّا تعليق ليبانون تايمز فهو كالتالي: ولو أيها الأثرياء الم تسمعوا بالنادي اللبناني في هيوستن ؟؟ ما هو موقفنا الآن أمام الأمم المتحدة؟؟.



There is no doubt that the wealthy have a strange behavior, especially as they have the money needed to achieve everything that comes to their minds and sometimes we think that the owner of this tremendous wealth has gone mad through the pattern of their lives as they roam in luxury cars and shop in the finest stores and with the most beautiful women. Today we'll show you a few samples from the characters of those rich people. However it could be the money that may have influenced the reasons behind these strange actions and feel sorry for yourself for not being born rich.



### Karl Rabeder

An Austrian businessman decided to give away his large fortune, because he realized money didn't make him happy.

Karl Rabeder a millionaire from Telfs, Austria, sold his luxury properties and businesses because he had realized money is counterproductive and actually prevented him from being happy. His goal was to "have nothing left, absolutely nothing". He finally gave all his \$3M away.



### **Robert Clark Graham**

This rich man is influenced by movies where in 1980 he established a bank in San Diego in order to raise enough money in donations to create a superior race of humans or the human 'Superman' He spent his money on clinical trials for the development of this human race but finally had to give up and disperse his wealth which were in excess of twenty million dollars and closed the bank.



### **Ailin Graf**

Ailin Graf a Chinese school teacher turned the scales and have been able to make a fortune of \$300 million dollars through a software 'afterlife' a game in the virtual world and then decided to distribute her wealth to the poor.

### **Thailand Prime Minister**

The tradition parents who are of affluent forbid their daughters from work, but how could the prime minister in Thailand to send his 17 years old daughter to work for McDonald's. This Prime Minister father has a bank account of millions which he distributed right and left and was left with nothing in his bank account. Finally, perhaps these ideas were not strange for them and also not strange for some of us but the question remains: Is wealth a blessing or a curse? Is it the way to happiness or unhappiness?



The comments of Lebanon Times is as follows: 'Hey you wealthy people haven't you heard of the Lebanese Club in Houston?





### Happy birthday to Samir Hannoush

Samir Hannoush blew the candles on his birthday surrounded by his loved ones, and Lebanon times magazine wishes Samir, the owner of Shawarma King, many years filled with good health and happiness.

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## Birthday Candles for Dr. Rafi Bidros

Dr Rafi Bidros was surprised by a birthday cake with lit candles entering his clinic along with a happy birthday wish song on the occasion of his birthday. Dr. Rafi Bidros blew out the birthday candles and Lebanon Times wishes him many years filled with success, health, and happiness.

تفاجئ الدكتور رافي بيدروس بقالب كاتو يحمل شموع مضاءة يدخل عيادته بمناسبة عيد ميلاده وعلى أغنية سنة حلوة اطفأ الدكتور رافي بيدروس شموع العيد ومجلة ليبانون تايمز تتمنى له سنوات مليئة بالنجاح والصحة.



### Wishing you well Maria

As a result of the illness

Maria Obeid, wife of Ibrahim Obeid was forced to check in the hospital for a week to undergo several medical tests after due to this health crisis. Maria we wish you all the best and Godspeed.

من جراء وعكة صحية اضطرت ماريا عبيد عقيلة إبراهيم عبيد للدخول إلى المستشفى لمدة أسبوع لإجراء فحوصات طبية بعد تعرضها لأزمة صحية . سلامتك يا ماريا.



### Dare to be Unique

Souheil Ghaoui and his spouse Shireen organized a reception in their elegant jewelry store 'Gawee Fine Jewelry' in the presence of a large gathering including a large number from the Lebanese community for the latest innovations of wrist watches and the newest designs of jewelry. These are some shots of the event

أقام سهيل غاوي وعقيلته شيرين حفل استقبال في صالتهما Gawee Fine Jewelry بحضور حشد من أبناء الجالية اللبنانية للاطلاع على آخر ابتكارات الساعات اليدوية من الماركات العالمية وتصاميم المجوهرات وهذه بعض اللقطات.



Abir Nasrawi Camille Nasrawi wife's had surgery to her foot where she spent the night in hospital bed. The surgery was successful so praise God for your well being..



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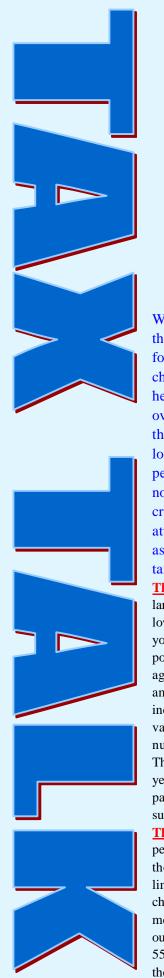
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## CHILDREN & TAXES

When it comes to taxes most of us dread the thought of April 15th, the tax filing deadline. But for some, tax time represents payday with a refund check compliments of Uncle Sam. I am not talking here about a refund of your own withheld and overpaid taxes, but about some serious tax credits that are actually giveaways mostly intended for low to moderate income families with young dependent children. Unfortunately, this page does not allow me to explain all the details of these tax credits and how they are figured out, but I will attempt to give you a list and an overview to serve as a guideline as you get ready to file your 2013 tax rerun:

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC): This popular tax credit is a benefit for working people who have low to moderate income. It reduces the amount of tax you owe and may also put some extra money in your pocket. To qualify you must have children under the age of 18, or up to 24 and still attend school. The credit amount can be as high as \$6,044 for tax year 2013 with income threshold of no more than \$51,567. The credit varies from one family to another depending on the number of children and the amount of earned income. There has been so much abuse of this tax credit over the years, the IRS now requires both tax preparers and taxpayers to keep records to prove eligibility for the credit subject to very serious penalties levied against cheaters. The Child Tax Credit: This credit offers up to \$1,000 per child to qualifying taxpayers. It is only available to those who can claim a child as a dependent with no limit on the number of children claimed as long as those children are under the age of 17 at the end of 2013 and meet several other requirements. This credit is phased out when income levels reach thresholds ranging from \$ 55,000 to \$ 110,000 depending on the filing status. Like the EITC, the child tax credit is used to offset any federal income taxes owed and any remaining portion is refunded as Additional Child Tax Credit. The Refund may be as high as the full \$1,000 per child.

The Child-Care Credit: This credit can be claimed for child-care expenses so you can work. If you're married and file jointly, you can generally claim the credit only if your spouse also works or goes to school full-time for at least five months during the year. This credit is worth 20% to 35% of your day care expenses that are not covered through your job related flex plan. The percentage of the credit depends on your adjusted gross income. Qualified child care expenses cannot exceed \$ 3,000 per child with a maximum of \$ 6,000 for 2 qualified children under the age of 13 years.

The American Opportunity Tax Credit: This Credit is worth up to \$ 2,500 per dependent child for each of the first four years of college regardless of the number of dependent children attending college during the year. Qualified college expenses for purposes of this credit include Course tuition and related expenses such as Books, supplies and equipment. Educational institutions are required to provide their students every year with a Form 1098T showing the qualified tuition eligible for the credit. The AOTC is phased-out when the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) falls between \$ 80,000 and \$ 180,000 depending on the filing status. The full amount could offset your tax liability, and up to 40% not to exceed \$ 1,000 per child can be fully refunded.

The Life Time Learning Credit: This credit is intended to cover the cost of graduate school and of courses taken to maintain or improve job skills for your child, yourself, or your spouse. The credit is 20% of tuition and related course expenses paid up to \$ 10,000 per year resulting in a maximum of \$ 2,000 tax credit. None of this credit is refundable but it helps reduce the amount of Federal Income Taxes owed.

Finally, it is worth noting that Uncle Sam is not as mean as most of us think. After all he is pitching in to help raise the children.



By Tony Choufati

Stunning homosexuality <u>true facts</u> brought to you in a fiction style with a fictitious Private Investigator Harry Mandel and special character agent Allegra Fiore.

Drawing on the expertise of leading scholars, conservators and curators, the Project gives everyone the opportunity to connect directly with this famous manuscript.' 'Please continue' Harry interrupted while leaving his seat and starting pacing the room. 'During its history – particularly its modern history – parts of Codex Sinaiticus were also known by other names. The 43 leaves which are now at Leipzig University Library were published in 1846 as 'Codex Frederico-Augustanus' in honor of Frederick Augustus II, King of Saxony, who was the patron of the German Biblical scholar and editor of Codex Sinaiticus, Constantine Tischendorf. The 347 leaves now in The British Library were previously known as 'Codex Sinaiticus Petropolitanus', as they were kept in St Petersburg between 1863 and 1933.' (http:// www.codexsinaiticus.org/en/) 'OK I believe we have enough about this codex now let's turn the pages to the Old Testament and find out about God's wrath or acceptance of homosexuals' 'And how do you want to document our findings?' She asked. 'Well you have your e-Phone so take pictures of the interesting parts' Harry replied. The following are snapshots of stills taken by Allegra e-Phone: The Bible refers to sexual practices that may be called "homosexual" in today's world, but the original language texts of the Bible do not refer explicitly to homosexuality as a sexual orientation. The Bible is interpreted by officials in some denominations as condemning the practice. Passages in the Old Testament book Leviticus that prohibit "Iving with mankind as with womankind" and the

story of Sodom and Gomorrah have historically been interpreted as condemning homosexual acts, as have several Pauline passages. Other interpreters, however, maintain that the Bible does not condemn homosexuality. Here Allegra stopped taking pictures looked at Harry and said 'We were all brought up and taught to be smart and interpret God's words according to our faith' Harry turned a few pages of the precious book and his eyes caught the following verses and said: 'Here is the main proof I needed in the Old Testament'. Chapters 18 and 20 of Leviticus, which form part of the Holiness code (The holy living to which the Holiness Code calls the people is to be exemplified in all arenas of life--economic, social, sexual, familial. Leviticus 19:2 provides the foundation for this call to holiness: "You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy", contain the following verses:18:22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. (Leviticus 18:22 KJV) [1] 20:13 "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them." (Leviticus 20:13 KJV)[2] The two verses have historically been interpreted by Jews and Christians as clear blanket prohibitions against homosexual acts. Allegra had her own Old Testament proof she told Harry to listen to this passage on Sodom and Gomorrah. The story of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis the passage has historically been interpreted within Judaism and Christianity as a punishment for homosexuality



due to the interpretation that the men of Sodom wished to rape the angels who retrieved Lot. The exclusively sexual interpretation became so prevalent that the name "Sodom" became the basis of the word sodomy, still a legal synonym for homosexual and non-procreative sexual acts, particularly anal or oral sex. Look at this passage about 'David and Jonathan Homoeroticism' said Harry "I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. (KJV)" Two bang bang sounds resounded down the hall next to their chamber. 'What the hell is this sound asked Allegra' 'I believe it is the sounds of gunshots. Quickly take pictures of passages from the New Testament and let's leave this place' Harry replied. As they were leaving they had to go through the corridor leading to the main exit door and they were stunned and horrified by what they saw John Alright lying on his back with two gunshots to his forehead. 'Who do you think did this?' asked Allegra 'I think I have an idea but all in the right time. Now let's get out of here and call the police.' They signaled to a taxi and asked the driver to drive them to any hotel nearby hotel. And in their luxurious hotel room in Heathrow Airport Hotels they ordered room service dinner and when finished Allegra said 'Not too much information from the New Testament as I did not have enough time' 'It's OK let's see what you have For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. (Romans 1:26-27 KJV) Allegra said: 'Christians of several denominations have historically maintained that this verse is a complete prohibition of all forms of homosexuality.' "In the context of the broader immorality of his audience, Paul the Apostle wrote in the First Epistle to the Corinthians. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous (desirous) nor drunkards, nor revilers (abusers), nor extortions, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11 KJV)"-Allegra stopped reading took a sip of coffee which by now have turned cold and resumed saying 'Most scholars hold that Paul had two passages of the Book of Leviticus, 18:22 and 20:13, in mind when he used the word ἀρσενοκοῆται, which may be of his coinage. With most commentators and translators interpreting it as a reference to male same-sex intercourse' Harry felt worn out and gazed at the clock on the wall it was now past 1:30 AM and there was still 30 minutes before room service cease service. 'Allegra why don't you call and order us some tea and a plate of cheese we have a lot of work ahead of us we have to be prepared for tomorrow's trip to Indonesia and take a look at one of a few authentic English translation of the Holy Quran' The giant Garuda Indonesia Airline plane landed on time. Halim Perdanakusuma Airport was crowded with worshipers traveling to Mecca for pilgrimage (Hajj). Harry and Allegra rushed to the exit after going through customs. 'Jakarta Midplaza jl. jend. sudirman kav. 10-11' Harry instructed the taxi driver who seemed to be well educated and speaks English. 'Allegra please call this number 800 980 6429 and check if they have two rooms for us' They checked in and each went to their rooms to rest and wash up from a long journey. Allegra woke up by the cell phone ringing and it was Harry telling her to come to his room because a visitor from Mesjid Keramat "Holy Mosque" is due in 30 minutes. Sitting comfortably in their seats they sat quiet wondering will the visitor deliver what they were looking for in the Holy Quran. Shocked by a fierce knock at the door Harry jumped off his seat and responded to the knocks by opening the door. A slim small silhouette stood a few steps away from the door away from the hallway shining light and he introduced himself to Harry saying 'Good evening I am Reza Agusalim and I have with me what you are looking for.' 'And what would that be' asked Harry, 'The Holy Quran homosexual references in English' 'OK let me see it' 'Let me see the cash first' Harry invited him in and opened a briefcase exposing fifty thousand dollars in small bills. 'Oh yes' Reza said while giving Harry a manila folder in a large brown envelope. Harry examined the contents then walked Reza to the door. Harry and Allegra sat comfortably each on one side of the bed, unsealed the envelope and started in turn placing the documents in their rightful order and wrote down their comments between braces in red ink. A Muslim is one who submits himself to the will of Allah (God). Those who practice this act (meaning homosexuality) have submitted themselves to their own desires and have turned their backs on the clear teachings of Islam. Be not deceived by the smooth tactics of Shaitan (devil). He will try everything to guide us from the wrong way. Stunning revelations to be continued in our next issue. You can send us your comments to: yourcommentstoltm@gmail.com



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Saleem (Sam) A. Jaoude

### **New Year Resolution**

Four out of five people who make New Year's resolutions will eventually break them. In fact, a third won't even make it to the end of January.

Wanting to change yourself and better yourself is a beautiful and inspiring thing.

People usually make too many resolutions, and that's why it is hard to hold themselves accountable.

## Actually your brain can't handle New Year's resolutions!

### Habits always take over resolutions.

Other best practices include making one resolution at a time and treating occasional slip-ups as a temporary setback - not the end of the resolution track.

I decided myself over the years to just pick one thing and train myself over and over to make it a habit.

Few good resolutions to try this year could be about:

Impressing God and not others. Spend more time with family. Volunteer.

Learn something new.

# HAPPY BIRTH DAY

- في الأول من كانون الثاني وفي مثل هذا اليوم ولد الأب المتقدم بالكهنة كبريال كرم راعي كنيسة الأربعين شهيداً له كل المحبة والتقدير وألف مبروك.
- في الأول من كانون الثاني وفي مثل هذا التاريخ ولد الصديق عبد غشام صاحب مؤسسة Sweet Factory للحلويات له أغنية سنة حلوة يا عبد.
- في الثالث من كانون الثاني وفي مثل هذا اليوم ولدت جومانا مرعى لها قالب الكاتو.
- في الخامس من كانون الثاني وفي مثل هذا التاريخ ولدت الصديقة
   هديل أحمد من الجالية العراقية لها بوسة اثنين ثلاثة.
- في السادس من كانون الثاني وفي مثل هذا اليوم ولدت فاديا خوري نتمنى لها سنين عديدة وألف مبروك.
- في التاسع من شهر كانون الثاني وفي مثل هذا التاريخ ولدت هتاف سعد عقيلة عصام سعد عقبال كل سنة.
- في 12 كانون الثاني وفي مثل هذا اليوم ولد مصطفى بعاصيري له شمعة العيد.
- في 14 كانون الثاني وفي مثل هذا التاريخ ولد الدكتور بيار خوري مبروك ونتمنى له النجاح وعقبال كل سنة.
- في 15 كانون الثاني وفي مثل هذا اليوم ولد الصديق أسامة بشاشي صديق الفنانين والفنانات له أغنية سنة حلوة يا أسامة.
- في 17 كانون الثاني وفي مثل هذا التاريخ ولد الصديق حامل راية النادي اللبناني سميح بعقليني له المحبة وشمعة العيد.
- في 19 كانون الثاني وفي مثل هذا اليوم ولدت Linda عقيلة الصديق بيل هيدموس لها اغنية Haydamous .Happy Birthday Linda
- في 19 كانون الثاني وفي مثل هذا التاريخ ولدت Evelyn في Salgado لها أغنية سنة حلوة يا كالع.

## **ALSCC**

### **ROOTS – CIVILIZATION - VALUES**

### **Fellow Community Members**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the American Lebanese Secular & Cultural Center – ALSCC, and as the current president I am proud to introduce to you our newly formed club.

First allow me to acquaint you with the reasons behind the establishment of the ALSCC by an all volunteer team representing the diversity of our community of eleven trustees made up of all Lebanese with three underlying principles: things in mind to be Secular and Non-Political as well as a Charitable organization with the primary goal of unifying the diverse Lebanese community, and fostering a greater understanding of the Lebanese culture and rich heritage among the local community at large through benevolent, cultural, artistic, sports and recreational activities.

The ALSCC and while preserving the rich Lebanese heritage and traditions, promises to diligently promote the educational, cultural, health, and social affairs of the community.

The ALSCC shall serve the Lebanese from all generations as an institution dedicated to enhance community relations through the creation and implementation of a multitude of targeted programs to serve children, youth, seniors, and families such as scholarships, humanitarian relief efforts, health awareness, language and history education, and youth leadership and business training. This form of community service although it might have existed in Houston and Texas before, it was not fully implemented. ALSCC believes it is essential for the survival of our Lebanese heritage for generations to come.

And now please accompany me on a virtual tour of the 'Prospective Center'. A fully en-

closed center compound which will be no less than five acres located within the vicinity of the city of Houston. You will enter the compound after a security check at the main gate and as you drive through a wooded area of pine and newly planted cedar trees you will notice a soccer field next to a golf practice range. A few yards later you will drive by pavilions fully equipped with picnic necessities and fun games such as Horseshoe, Bocce, Petangue, and others. In the woods and within private settings a few gazebos are put in away from the curious eyes. As you continue driving towards the main clubhouse you will notice a couple of fully equipped children playgrounds next to an Olympic pool and tennis and volleyball courts.

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I INVITE EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN HANDS AND HELP MAKE THIS DREAM PROJECT BECOME A REALITY. WE OWE IT TO OUR CHILDREN AND FUTURE GENERATIONS TO BUILD A CENTER WE ALL CAN CALL:

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I look forward to serving you and I am available to answer any of your questions.

Tony Choufati - ALSCC President



## أخبار ليست للنشس

### كلمة السر

قررت الزوجة العربية الطلاق من زوجها على أن تمنحه كلمة السر للدخول إلى البريد الالكتروني الخاص بها وكانت الزوجة المتزوجة منذ عام قد دخلت في نقاش حاد مع زوجها حول حقوقه في الاطلاع على بريدها الالكتروني ومراقبته لشكه في سلوكها وان رسائل الغرام تصلها من شخص آخر وعندما طلب كلمة السر رفضت وطلبت الطلاق فوراً.

### مذكرة توقيف

القي القبض على موظف في برج المراقبة في مطار خارج الولايات المتحدة الأميركية وبالتحديد في إحدى الدول العربية لأنه قال لطيار شركة طيران عند إقلاع طائرته: اذهبوا إلى الجحيم بدلاً من رافقتكم السلامة فذهب الموظف إلى السجن وخسر وظيفته.

### عاش المريض مات الطبيب

بعد أن اطلع الطبيب على فحوصات المريض والتحاليل وصور الأشعة، قلب الطبيب شفته السفلى إلى الأسفل وخلع نظاراته قائلاً: مع الأسف لن تعيش أكثر من شهرين ،ونصيحتي لك أن تتمتع بحياتك خلال هذه الفترة ، فعاش المريض تلك الفترة بالطول وبالعرض ومرّ شهرين وثلاثة وستة وسنة والمريض صحته كالحصان وعندما عاد لمراجعة طبيبه ومعاتبته وجد بأن الطبيب قد غادر الحياة بعد معاينته بشهرين "صدق أو لا تصدق"

### شو هالضمير الحي!

اشترى مكتباً من صالة لبيع المفروشات المستعملة، وعندما ابتدأ في تفكيكه لإدخاله الى المنزل وجد في إحدى إدراجه مبلغاً بقيمة 60 ألف دولاراً .. وهو في حيرة هل يعيد المبلغ لصاحب صالة المفروشات المستعملة؟؟ أمّ يحتفظ به؟؟ أمّ يتبرع به لإحدى الكنائس؟؟ أو للجمعيات الخيرية؟؟

### ارض جو

تفاجأ رواد أحد المقاهي وإثناء تواجدهم في باحة الرقص التي غصت بالراقصين والراقصات بأن حذاء نسائي طار بالجو ليسقط على رأس سيدة أخرى كانت جالسة في آخر الصالة مع زوجها حيث ساد الهرج والمرج والصريخ والشتائم وقد سارعت السيدة التي تلقت الحذاء إلى الخروج مسرعة مع زوجها تاركة حذاء السيدة الأخرى على الطاولة بعد أن مزقته بالسكاكين، وحتى الآن لم تعرف الأسباب " الحمد الله بأن تلك المعركة لم تحصل في مقهى عربي".

### نار یا حبیبی نار

أخبار تتناقل بسرعة البرق بأن فلان وفلان اللذين يملكان مطعما للوجبات السريعة أحرقا المطعم لقبض قيمة التأمين بعد أن تعرض الأثنان لأزمة مالية، ولكن شركة التأمين لم تزل تقيم التحريات اللازمة بعد أن اكتشفت بأن هناك رائحة تحوم حول الحريق بأنه مفتعل.

### بين حانا ومانا

اشترى خاتم الماس بقيمة أربعة آلاف دولاراً ليقدمه لحبيبته في حفل العشاء وهو على ركبتيه قائلا لها: هل تقبلين بي زوجاً لك؟ قالت: نعم وتبادلا القبلات أمام تصفيق رواد المطعم وفي اليوم التالي رمت بوجهه الخاتم لأنه مزيف وليس ألماساً فأسرع إلى المتجر الذي باعه الخاتم فقال له صاحب المتجر بأن الخاتم استبدل بخاتم آخر. والأن العاشق أمام لغز من أبدل خاتم الألماس بخاتم مزور الحبيبة؟؟ أم صاحب المتجر؟؟ وبين حانا ومانا خسر العاشق أربعة آلاف دولاراً.

### شو مهذب هاللص

لص سرق هاتف Phone تابعا لأحد أبناء الجالية العربية من إحدى المطاعم عندما توجه لغسل يديه تاركا الهاتف على الطاولة ولكن بعد يومين تفاجئ بأن اللص اتصل به على هاتف مكتبه طالباً منه رقم الفاكس ليرسل له الأرقام والعناوين المسجلة في هاتف لا تفيد صاحب الهاتف الجديد.





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## قبل كريستوف كولومبس

كتبت: جوليا نادر

صفحات من أمجاد نفتحها بين الحين والأخر ليطلع كل عربي على تاريخه ويفتخر بجذوره الممتدة إلى البحر الأبيض المتوسط حيث من شواطئنا انطلق الفينيقيون إلى نصف الكرة الأرضية قبل كريستوف كولومبس وتركوا بصماتهم وهي شاهدة على أمجادهم اليوم سنفتح صفحة اكتشاف دولة البرازيل على يد الفينيقيين كيف .. ومتى؟!

يذكر المؤرخ اليوناني هيرودوس (435 ق.م.)-(484ق.م.) ان أول السفن الكنعانية التاريخية وصلت الى البرازيل حوالي العام 600 ق.م. علماً أن هذه السفينة كانت في إطار رحلة استكشافية ضمت عشر سفن انطقت من شواطئ البحر الأحمر ودارت حول أفريقيا وعادت عن طريق البحر المتوسط إلى مصر إلا إنها عندما وصلت إلى غرب أفريقيا، إلى غينيا تحديدا، تمكنت العواصف من إحداها وحملتها التيارات المائية والرياح لترسو على الشاطئ الشرقي للبرازيل، أمّا ركاب تلك السفينة ما تزال أثار هم تدل على هويتهم الكنعانية الفينيقية وهي عبارة عن كتابات على الصخور البرازيلية ومجموعة من الاثارات حول نهر الأمازون إضافة إلى الكهوف والمستودعات والمرافئ والطرق التي كانت من صنع أيديهم، ولعل النص الآتي الذي وجد في شرقي البرازيل يؤكد وصول الكنعانيين إلى جنوبي القارة الأميركية حيث نقشت على الصخور العبارة التالية:

نحن أبناء كنعان من صيدون مدينة الملك حيرام أوصلتنا التجارة إلى هذا الساحل البعيد، وقد قدمنا ذبيحة للآلهة فنحن اقلعنا من صيدون في البحر الأحمر بقافلة من عشرة مراكب كنّا معا في البحر لمدة سنتين جئنا إلى هنا ونحن عشرة رجال وثلاث نساء. نأمل أن تؤيّدنا الآلهة.

هكذا كان الفينيقيين يكتشفون العالم حاملين معهم تجارتهم والأحرف الأبجدية والصباغ الأرجواني تاركين بصماتهم لأنه لم يكن لديهم جيوش لاحتلال تلك الدول.