

Illegal Immigrants Worry After Dream Act Loss

MILWAUKEE — It was exhilarating for Maricela Aguilar to stand on the steps of the federal courthouse here last summer and reveal for the first time in public that she is an illegal immigrant.

"It's all about losing that shame of who you are," Aguilar, a college student who was born in Mexico but has lived in the United States without legal documents since she was 3 years old, said of her "coming out" at a rally in June.

Those were heady times for thousands of immigrant students who declared their illegal status during a nationwide campaign for a bill in Congress that would have put them on a path to legal residence. In December that bill, known as the Dream Act, passed the House of Representatives, then failed in the Senate.

President Obama insisted in his State of the Union address and in later interviews that he wanted to try again on the bill this year. But with Republicans who vehemently oppose the legislation holding

crucial committee positions in the new House, even optimists like Aguilar believe its chances are poor to none in the next two years. That leaves students like her who might have benefited from the bill — an estimated 1.2 million nationwide — in a legal twilight.

Obama says he supports their cause, and immigration officials say illegal immigrant students with no criminal record are not among their priorities for deportation. But federal immigration authorities removed a record number of immigrants from the country last year, nearly 393,000, while the local police are rapidly expanding their role in immigration enforcement.

Illegal immigrants also face new restrictions many states are imposing on their access to public education, driver's licenses and jobs. And for those like Aguilar who came out last year to proclaim their illegal status, there is no going back to the shadows.

In the weeks since the Senate vote, many young illegal immi-

grants are grappling with the let-down after a campaign that mobilized thousands of them for sit-in protests, mock graduation ceremonies and text message blitzes of congressional lawmakers.

"Many have become extremely frustrated, sad, confused and without a lot of answers as to how to move forward," said Roberto G. Gonzales, a sociologist at the University of Washington who has surveyed young illegal immigrants. "They had a lot of hope that their activities were going to change the minds of the country. Having the door slammed in their face hit many of them really hard."

A moment of truth, he said, comes when they graduate. Many of them excel academically, but without work authorization, they cannot be legally employed. Immigrants with bachelor's degrees end up busing restaurant dishes and cleaning offices, falling back on the jobs of their parents, who often struggled to put them through college. **JULIA PRESTON**

White House Pitches Big Rail Projects

The Obama administration pressed ahead with its vision of building a national rail network on Tuesday when it called for spending \$53 billion on passenger trains and high-speed rail projects over the next six years. The plan would move the country closer to the president's goal of making high-speed rail accessible to 80 percent of Americans within 25 years. (NYT)

Police: Woman Left Newborn in Toilet

A young, married mother faced charges Tuesday of giving birth in a toilet at a South Carolina sports and concert arena and leaving the choking newborn boy to die. Jessica Blackham, 25, was arrested after she went to the Greenville, S.C., police station accompanied by family members. Police Chief Terri Wilfong said Blackham has a 4-year-old child and no criminal record. (AP)

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Insider Inquiry Pivots Focus to Hedge Funds

The government has taken its strongest action against hedge funds as part of a vast investigation into insider trading on Wall Street.

Federal prosecutors on Thursday announced charges against three hedge fund managers, depicting a "triangle of trust" in which the three shared tipsters and illegally pooled confidential information about publicly traded technology companies. The complaint also details a brazen cover-up that involved destroying hard drives with pliers and tossing them in random garbage trucks in the dead of night.

Two of the managers charged, Noah Freeman and Donald Longueuil, worked at SAC Capital Advisors, the Stamford, Conn., hedge fund run by billionaire Steven A. Cohen. With the latest

two names, several former SAC employees have been ensnared by the government's investigation. Neither SAC nor anyone now at the fund has been accused of wrongdoing, and it is cooperating with the investigation.

The recent charges stem in part from the investigation that led to the arrest in October 2009 of Raj Rajaratnam, the billionaire co-founder of the Galleon Group and the most prominent hedge fund executive charged with insider trading. But government investigators have been increasingly examining hedge fund traders' use of so-called expert network firms. These research firms are essentially matchmakers, connecting hedge funds with employees at public companies and other specialists who are paid to provide the funds with insight into their

businesses and industries.

Over the last 16 months, Preet Bharara, the United States attorney in Manhattan, has charged 46 people with insider trading. Of those, 29 have pleaded guilty. At least eight associates of expert network firms have been charged.

Now prosecutors have turned their focus and harsh words to the hedge funds that they say traded on confidential information.

Bharara said on Tuesday that while there was nothing inherently wrong with hedge funds or expert network firms, "if you have galloped over the line; if you have repeatedly made a mockery of market rules; if you have converted a legitimate enterprise into an illegal racket, then you have done something wrong and you will not get a pass." (NYT)

A Malpractice Bill Raises Issues About a Lawsuit

The lawmaker and retired obstetrician sponsoring a congressional bill to sharply cut medical malpractice awards was involved in a \$500,000 settlement of a malpractice lawsuit. The action was brought by a pregnant woman who charged that inappropriate care caused the loss of her fetus and other complications.

The money was paid in 2007 to settle a medical malpractice lawsuit brought against several physicians, including Rep. Phil Gingrey, who worked for three decades as an obstetrician before he was elected to Congress in 2002. Since then, the Georgia Republican has introduced earlier versions of the bill and has been among the leading congressional advocates of efforts to limit

malpractice awards, arguing that such cases are often frivolous.

The settlement of the lawsuit, which had been reinstated after being initially dismissed at trial, occurred not long before a second trial was scheduled to begin. The lawsuit claimed, among other things, that Gingrey and two other obstetricians in his practice failed to properly diagnose that the woman was suffering from appendicitis. Her appendix burst, leading to the loss of her fetus and other complications including a stroke, court papers show.

A spokeswoman for Gingrey, Brooke Sammon, said on Tuesday that the lawmaker was not available for comment.

The bill sponsored by Gingrey would, among other things, limit

damages for pain and suffering in malpractice cases to \$250,000, restrict fees paid to lawyers representing patients and create alternative means to lawsuits for resolving medical disputes.

Gingrey's proposal is supported by medical groups, including the American Medical Association. Its opponents include the American Association for Justice, which represents plaintiffs' lawyers.

In a statement Gingrey's office provided on Tuesday, he defended curbing damages under new legislation: "Too often our medical liability system benefits third parties over patients, allowing investors and law firms to reap huge percentages of rewards instead of the injured parties who need them most." BARRY MEIER

Toyota Inquiry Finds No Electronic Flaws in Vehicles

WASHINGTON — There is no evidence that unintended accelerations in Toyota vehicles were caused by electronic flaws, the Transportation Department said Tuesday. The agency reached the conclusion after a 10-month investigation that said that the mechanical causes were the same ones identified earlier by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, sticking accelerator pedals and floor mat interference.

"The verdict is in," said Ray

LaHood, the Transportation secretary. "There is no electronic-based cause for unintended high-speed acceleration in Toyotas."

An engineer from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, brought in to help conduct the inquiry, was slightly less categorical but still emphatic.

"It's very difficult to prove a negative," said Michael T. Kirsch, a principal engineer with NASA's Engineering and Safety Center. But the electronic system for throttle controls in Toyotas would

require two separate sensors to fail simultaneously in such a way that neither created an "error code" in the vehicle's on-board computer.

There were relatively few instances of even one sensor failing, said Kirsch.

In a statement, Steve St. Angelo, Toyota's chief quality officer for North America, said the automaker hoped that study would help put to rest questions about the reliability of Toyota's electronic systems. (NYT)

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DJIA	NASDAQ	S&P 500
↑ 71.52 0.59%	↑ 13.06 0.47%	↑ 5.52 0.42%
12,233.15	2,797.05	1,324.57

EUROPE		
BRITAIN	GERMANY	FRANCE
FTSE 100	DAX	CAC 40
↑ 40.30 0.67%	↑ 39.62 0.54%	↑ 17.47 0.43%
6,091.33	7,323.24	4,108.27

ASIA/PACIFIC		
JAPAN	HONG KONG	CHINA
NIKKEI 225	HANG SENG	SHANGHAI
43.94 ↑ 0.41%	69.29 ↓ 0.29%	8.27 ↑ 0.30%
10,635.98	23,484.30	2,798.96

AMERICAS		
CANADA	BRAZIL	MEXICO
TSX	BOVESPA	BOLSA
80.59 ↑ 0.58%	409.30 ↑ 0.63%	113.81 ↑ 0.30%
13,892.52	65,771.30	37,565.65

COMMODITIES/BONDS		
GOLD	10-YR. TREAS. YIELD	CRUDE OIL
↑ 12.73	↑ 0.11	↓ 0.54
\$1,364.03	3.74%	\$86.94

Foreign Exchange				
	Fgn. currency in dollars	Tue. Mon.	Dollars in fgn. currency	Tue. Mon.
Australia	1.0149	1.0141	.9854	.9861
Bahrain	2.6518	2.6521	.3771	.3771
Brazil	.5968	.5952	1.6755	1.6800
Britain	1.6057	1.6121	.6228	.6203
Canada	1.0040	1.0098	.9960	.9903
China	.1525	.1523	6.5574	6.5638
Denmark	.1827	.1823	5.4735	5.4855
Dominican	.0266	.0267	37.61	37.41
Egypt	.1701	.1679	5.8785	5.9542
Europe	1.3627	1.3591	.7338	.7358
Hong Kong	.1285	.1285	7.7827	7.7833
Japan	.0121	.0121	82.38	82.29
Mexico	.0832	.0835	12.015	11.973
Norway	.1732	.1732	5.7737	5.7753
Singapore	.7859	.7853	1.2725	1.2734
So. Africa	.1391	.1380	7.1870	7.2480
So. Korea	.0009	.0009	1102.2	1103.5
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Plans Near for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration and House Republicans are settling into a game of chicken over Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, with each side daring the other to advance a plan for replacing the two housing finance companies.

The White House missed a deadline at the end of January for telling Congress what it wants to do. That report will be released as early as Friday, people with knowledge of its contents said, but it will present a range of options without stating a preference.

One possibility favored by some of President Obama's economic advisers, and by many Republicans, would not create any federal replacement for Fannie and Freddie, leaving the private markets to provide mortgages for most Americans. The alternative approaches instead would continue some form of federal mortgage backstop.

The report will describe a plan for winding down the two companies, which were taken over by the government in 2008. Initial steps will include preventing the

companies from buying loans larger than \$625,500, and increasing the fees they charge for loan guarantees, according to officials who spoke on condition of anonymity so as not to pre-empt the official release.

The report will describe reforms in other areas of the mortgage business, including enhanced borrower protections, changes in mortgage servicing to address the industry's failure to work with borrowers who fall behind on payments, and new steps to clean up loan securitization, the bundling of loans for sale to investors.

House Republicans, meanwhile, outlined a plan last year to end government ownership of the two companies, and campaigned on the issue in the fall. But they have since adopted a more cautious posture. Instead of pushing forward with legislation, they have scheduled a hearing for Wednesday to weigh alternatives.

The diminished urgency on both sides reflects the political realities of power-sharing, the fear of doing further damage to hous-

ing prices, and a great deal of uncertainty about the best approach to rebuilding the mortgage business.

"Industry-defining legislation often takes more than one Congress to pass," said Peter Swire, who served until August as a special assistant to Obama on housing finance issues. "I think everyone wants a bigger role for private-sector housing finance going forward, and how to do that transition is just a big job."

Rep. Scott Garrett, the New Jersey Republican who is chairman of the House subcommittee that deals with housing finance, on Monday told a mortgage conference in Florida that the government should leave the mortgage business.

"I believe that, if there is to be any government assistance to homeownership, it should be limited to first-time homebuyers or rental housing," Garrett said.

But he added that he was not yet ready to move forward with legislation, telling the audience that he intended to explore the issues and develop a consensus.

BINYAMIN APPELBAUM

For Federal Programs, a Bit of Market Discipline

WASHINGTON — Wouldn't it be nice if taxpayers could somehow get a refund for government programs that didn't work? Instead, the opposite tends to happen. Programs that fail to make a difference — like many of those that train workers for new jobs — endure indefinitely. Often, policy makers don't even know which work and which don't, because rigorous evaluation is rare in government. And competition, which punishes laggards in the private sector, is typically absent in the public sector.

But there is some good news on this front. Lately, both American and British policy makers have been thinking about how to bring some of the competitive discipline of the market to government programs, and they have hit on an intriguing idea.

David Cameron's Conservative government in Britain is already testing it, at a prison 75 miles north of London. The Bloomberg administration in

New York is also considering the idea, as is the State of Massachusetts. Perhaps most notably, President Obama will propose next week that \$100 million be set aside in the budget for seven such pilot programs, according to an administration official.

The idea goes by one of two names: pay for success bonds or social impact bonds. Either way, nonprofit groups like foundations pay the initial money to run a new program and oversee it, with government approval. The government will reimburse them several years later, possibly with a bonus — but only if agreed-upon benchmarks show that the program is working.

If it falls short, taxpayers owe nothing.

The first British test is happening at Her Majesty's Prison Peterborough, where 55 percent of the prisoners are convicted of another crime within one year of release.

To reduce the rate, a nonprofit group named Social Finance is playing a role akin to venture capitalist. It has raised about

\$8 million from investors, including the Rockefeller Foundation. Social Finance also oversees three social service groups helping former prisoners find work, stay healthy and the like. If any of those groups starts to miss its performance goals, it can be replaced.

For the investors to get their money back starting in 2014 — with interest — the recidivism rate must fall at least 7.5 percent, relative to a control group. If the rate falls 10 percent, the investors will receive the sort of return that the stock market historically delivers.

The Obama administration's seven pilot programs would create bonds for, among other areas, job training, education, juvenile justice and care of children's disabilities.

Beyond the impact of any single program, the bonds also have the potential to nudge all government agencies to pay more attention to results. Obama, after all, campaigned as a reformer who wanted to create a sleek, efficient "iPod government."

N.Y.S.E. Most Active Issues

	Vol. (100s)	Last	Chg.
Citigrp	3734803	4.89	- 0.01
BkofAm	1211398	14.61	- 0.06
S&P500ETF	883356	132.57	+ 0.60
iShEMkts	719048	46.58	+ 0.02
FordM	578681	16.24	+ 0.13

Nasdaq Actives

	Vol. (100s)	Bid	Chg.
Cisco	725220	21.99	- 0.04
Intel	473813	21.64	- 0.06
MicronT	394773	11.44	+ 0.15
TevaPhrm	335160	52.02	- 2.96
Microsoft	335025	28.28	+ 0.09

Amex Actives

	Vol. (100s)	Last	Chg.
AvalRare n	93439	7.73	+ 0.88
NthgtM g	68991	2.83	+ 0.09
RareEle g	54890	15.02	+ 0.68
NovaGld g	54345	14.80	+ 0.19
GoldStr g	50323	4.09	+ 0.15

Stocks on the Move

Shares of the following companies may have unusual moves in U.S. trading:

3M Co. (MMM US) rose 1.5 percent to \$90.85. The maker of Post-It Notes approved a stock-repurchase plan of as much as \$7 billion and increased its quarterly dividend by 5 percent.

Amtech Systems Inc. (ASYS US) gained 4 percent to \$30.10. The maker of products for manufacturing computer chips and solar cells reported first-quarter adjusted earnings of 52 cents a share, beating the average analyst estimate of 37 cents.

Buffalo Wild Wings Inc. (BWLD US) gained 3.8 percent to \$49.20. The restaurant chain said fourth-quarter earnings were 57 cents a share excluding some items, beating the 53-cent average analyst forecast.

DSW Inc. (DSW US) rose 10 percent to \$40. The shoe retailer and its largest shareholder **Retail Ventures Inc.** (RVI US), said they agreed to combine, with Retail Ventures to become a wholly-owned unit of DSW in an exchange of shares at a ratio of 0.435 of a DSW share for each Retail Ventures share. Retail Ventures Inc. gained 11 percent to \$17.67.

Medtronic Inc. (MDT US): The maker of heart devices said it won approval from U.S. regulators for the first heart pacemaker designed to be used safely by patients undergoing a common medical imaging exam called magnetic resonance imaging, or MRI.

Nike Inc. (NKE US): The world's largest maker of athletic shoes said Roger Wytett, vice president and chief executive officer of Hurley International, will replace Eunan McLaughlin. McLaughlin is retiring, according to the statement.

Walt Disney Co. (DIS US) gained 3.5 percent to \$42.60. The world's biggest media company said first-quarter profit rose 54 percent, beating analysts' estimates. (Bloomberg)

A Southern Chef Doesn't Stray Far From His Dixie Roots

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Sean Brock is a Virginia boy who attended the Johnson & Wales cooking school on this beautiful, historic

peninsula where the Civil War began, moved around the South in apprenticeship, and in 2005 returned as the executive chef at McCrady's, the city's oldest restaurant. Late last year, amid a marsh fire of publicity that continues to roar, he opened a large and lavishly appointed new one, Husk, devoted to the excellence and promise of Southern ingredients.

Husk was widely hailed as possibly the most important restaurant in the history of Southern cooking, even before it opened in November. That remains to be seen. But the culture of the restaurant was clear from the start. Brock was a son of Dixie sounding a locavore's horn. Every grain, protein, green and spice placed on a plate in the restaurant would come from the South, in some cases from a small farm he established just outside of the city. "If it ain't Southern, it ain't coming in the door," he said at the time.

I came to this port city to see if I could get in anyway. I wanted to see what the fuss was all about.

I discovered a good, young restaurant with a zeal for its location and a passion for selling it hard. Brock makes a mean version of shrimp and grits at Husk, which



Sean Brock reviews some of the many seeds he has stored at McCrady's. Brock has turned the restaurant into a landmark.



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is located in a beautiful restored Queen Anne home in the center of town, constructed in 1893. His bartenders carve excellent country ham from suppliers like Finchville and Newsom's and serve it with top-notch bourbon in a bar room adjacent to the restaurant that's as pretty as any on Earth. It's comfortable on the Husk bandwagon. Everyone's happy.

But as they say down here, I'll tell you what: I ate at McCrady's, too. And that restaurant turns out to be one of only a few restaurants outside the first tier of American cities that could compete in any of them. It is marvelous, well worth a drive from Columbia, the state capital, or the flight from New York.

Of course coming to this salty gem of a city would be worth it even if neither restaurant had ever

opened. Charleston, with fewer than 125,000 residents, is one of the great eating towns of the American South, on par with New Orleans for quality if nowhere near it for size or variety.

But the spotlight is now on Brock, 32. He built his reputation on the sometimes playful, occasionally brash and always highly technical form of cooking that is often associated with Spanish chef Ferran Adrià of El Bulli in Catalonia and, in New York, with Wylie Dufresne of the restaurant WD-50, on the Lower East Side.

At McCrady's, under soft yellow light in the giant, formal dining room that was once the building's kitchen, I ate country ham aged 17 months and served with local pickles — sweet, almost curried okra and crisp sunchokes chief among

them. A waiter brought oysters out of the Cooper River inlet — south and east of the city, where the tidal waters give way to the Atlantic — along with a local egg, some citrus-punching yuzu broth and bits of salty seaweed.

There was local swordfish with black truffles, and a combination of cauliflower and sorrel that was brilliant in taste and haunting in memory. Crisp sweetbreads turned up with turnips from the restaurant's garden amid a scattering of local winter rye.

A wee nugget of triggerfish tasted as fresh as the morning, with that distinctive sweet punch that accompanies fish that has never been frozen, that was swimming not long ago. Brock crisped it hard on one side, and served it this night with celeriac batons, chervil and capers, surrounded by clams that come from the inlet, near the oysters. It was, to use a technical term, insanely delicious.

Even better, and perhaps more fun to consume, was Brock's take on Chinese beef and broccoli, made with beef rib and belly meat and served with kimchi, broccoli and a stir-fry of farro.

This wasn't overtly Southern food. But that was fine. As Clint Sloan, the restaurant's sage and elegant sommelier, said at the start of the meal, pouring a Duvel Golden ale he thought (correctly!) would go well with the country ham, "There are no rules at McCrady's." **SAM SIFTON**

Getting All Sweet and Goopy for Valentine's Day

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, I've been tinkering with a new recipe. It's not that there is anything wrong with my old, dependable recipe, but I do

A GOOD APPETITE

Melissa Clark

have a quibble with the texture. It is more velvety, but I prefer pudding-like, the way supermarket mixes come out. Then, at a friend's house, I tasted a homemade brownie with that perfect processed texture. It turns out she took her cue from those mixes, using vegetable oil instead of butter. A simple substitution, yet it never occurred to me.

After extracting the recipe from her, I ran home to bake it, with one significant change: Instead of vegetable oil, I used olive oil.

I baked a test batch, and they were as goopy as my friend's, but with a subtle tangy flavor from the mild olive oil I chose, and a salty crunch from the fleur de sel — a sea salt — I sprinkled on top.

OLIVE OIL

AND COCONUT BROWNIES

- 3/4 cup olive oil, plus more to grease pan
- 1/3 cup cocoa powder
- 2 ounces unsweetened chocolate, finely chopped
- 2 large eggs
- 2 large egg yolks
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 1/2 ounces bittersweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
- 2 cups shredded sweetened coconut



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Olive oil adds a subtle tang to brownies.

Fleur de sel, for sprinkling.

1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 9-by-13-inch baking pan.

2. In a large bowl, whisk together the cocoa powder and 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons boiling water

until smooth. Add the unsweetened chocolate and whisk until the chocolate has melted. Whisk in the olive oil. Add the eggs, yolks and vanilla, and continue to whisk until combined. Add the sugar, whisking until fully incorporated. Using a spatula, fold in the flour and salt until just combined. Fold in the bittersweet chocolate pieces.

3. Pour half the batter into the prepared pan and smooth with a spatula. Sprinkle 1 cup of the shredded coconut on top of the batter. Pour in the remaining batter and smooth. Top with remaining coconut. Sprinkle with fleur de sel and bake until just set and firm to the touch, about 25 to 30 minutes. (These brownies solidify as they cool, so inserting a toothpick to check for doneness will not work here; it does not come out clean.)

Mannequins Wear a Message of Modesty for Women in Iraq

BAGHDAD — Vendors around the Kadimiya mosque in northern Baghdad sell all manner of women's clothing, from drape-like black abayas to racy evening wear. But one afternoon, Hameed Ibrahim ushered his family toward a different kind of fashion display.

On a raised stage between two shops, four mannequins in Western dress, their blonde hair peeking out under colored scarves, stood amid crepe-paper flames. To one side was a banner featuring lust-crazed male ghouls; behind the mannequins, images of eternal suffering.

And at the foot of the stage was a scripture from the mosque.

"Whoever fills his eyes with the forbidden,

on judgment day god will fill them with fire."

For Ibrahim, it was a message that his wife and daughters — and all Iraqi women — sorely needed. "I brought them here so they can see this," he said. "Maybe everyone has forgotten about God, and they say that this is progress. Well, I call it depravity."

Since the fall of Saddam Hussein's government in 2003, women's clothing has served as a barometer not just of fashion, but of the ascendancy of religious values in a once secular society. On this busy thoroughfare, near Baghdad's largest holy shrine, what might be called the mannequin salvo in the Battle of the Abaya — between secularism and Shariah law — incites heated views on both sides. If

revolution in the Arab world is being writ large in Cairo's streets, the smaller strokes here represent forces no less sweeping.

Ibrahim's wife, who gave her name as Um Noor, approved of the exhibit, which has been up for about a month. Like many on the street, she wore a loose-fitting black abaya that covered everything but her face, and she dressed her four daughters in kind.

"This is good because it will make women feel frightened and stop what they are doing and wearing," she said. "There are some people who are not afraid of God. Let them come and see this." The clothes on the mannequins were chaste by American or European standards. The sleeves and hems were long, and the necklines were high or covered by scarves. But the message was uncompromising: men who look at women in such dress become voracious monsters; women who wear it burn through eternity.

"We had this great idea after we saw the depravity and the way they dress and show their body," said a representative of the mosque, who gave his name only as Abu Karar. "This is a small stage to show the punishment of God if they wear these kinds of clothes, showing their breast, their butt, their body."

To Maysoun Ibrahim, 34, the display only encouraged men to harass women by making them less than human. Already, she said, the pressures to cover herself were getting stronger and uglier. Men who used to flirt now use nasty words, she said.

"Even if I wear perfume they say, 'Why are you using it?'" She added, "We are becoming like Iran." Still, she said she would not stop wearing tight jeans and skirts.

Abbas Hussein, 23, saw this sort of attitude as problematic. Since the influx of satellite television and DVDs, he said, Iraqi women have been getting ideas from the non-Muslim world — and putting men like him at moral risk.

"Yes," he admitted, "I do look at women when I see them dressed up with tight jeans. That is one of the problems. It means the devil is doing a good job." (NYT)

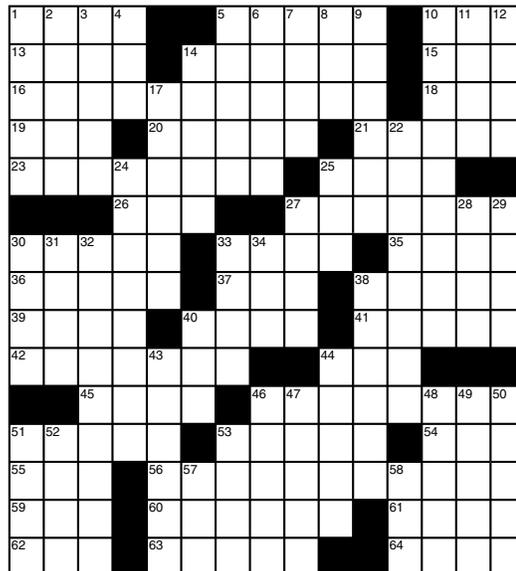
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- 56 *Flap
- 59 Na*, e.g.
- 60 Nasdaq company with an asterisk in its name
- 61 Pitcher Hershiser
- 62 Image on the back of a dollar bill
- 63 Wee
- 64 Optimal



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DOWN

- 1 Cry after "Here!"
- 2 It may accompany waves on a Hawaiian beach
- 3 Palace-related
- 4 Word of affirmation
- 5 CNN's "Sanjay ___ MD"

- 6 Was off base
- 7 Make a mistake preparing James Bond's martini
- 8 "Sending out an ___" (repeated Police lyric)
- 9 Physical feature of Britain's Lord Nelson
- 10 *Daniel's home
- 11 One of a thousand in a Jane Smiley title
- 12 *Natter, e.g.
- 14 Dalmatian or Pomeranian
- 17 Cow features
- 22 *Start of the name
- 24 *Necessitator
- 25 1988 Tom Hanks film
- 27 Bollywood costume
- 28 First-class aisle seat on most planes
- 29 ___ contendere
- 30 Start of many dates
- 31 Abound
- 32 *Black
- 33 Airfare add-ons
- 34 Flight
- 38 Rice, for many
- 40 Go a-courting?
- 43 Bad thing to be over
- 44 Suffix in many place names
- 46 Four-door, often
- 47 Kind of pool or ride
- 48 Alert
- 49 Drinks in red-and-white cans
- 50 Genuflected
- 51 *Distant relative of Monterey
- 52 Seafarer's greeting
- 53 Finish line marker
- 57 66, e.g.: Abbr.
- 58 Male swan

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EDITORIALS OF THE TIMES

Suleiman's Empty Promises

We are a long way from knowing how Egypt will turn out. The government is using all of its power to try to hang on. The opposition is courageously pushing back, and, on Tuesday, it drew thousands of supporters to Liberation Square.

The United States and the European Union may not have been able to wheedle or push President Hosni Mubarak from power. Still, they badly miscalculated when they endorsed Egypt's vice president, Omar Suleiman, to lead the transition to democracy.

Suleiman may talk sweetly to Washington and Brussels. But he appears far more interested in maintaining as much of the old repressive order as he can get away with. That is unacceptable to Egypt's people, and it should be unacceptable to Egypt's Western supporters.

President Obama said the right things last week when he demanded that democratic change in Egypt start "now." Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's statements that change would "take some time" have taken the pressure off. Obama needs to regain his voice and press Suleiman to either begin a serious process of reform or get out of the way.

The protesters have won some important concessions. They forced Mubarak to forsake re-election. Mubarak's son and Suleiman also will not run. On Saturday, the government opened a dialogue with the opposition, including the long-banned Muslim Brotherhood.

More reform was promised, but it has been hard to take that seriously after Mubarak gave himself the sole power to appoint a panel to

recommend constitutional amendments.

And while Suleiman was conciliatory in the early days of the protests, his recent public statements have been chilling. He said he does not believe it is time to lift the three-decade-old emergency law that has been used to suppress and imprison opposition leaders. Most alarming, he said the country's "culture" is not yet ready for democracy.

Suleiman is not going to do what's needed on his own. So the United States and its allies will have to lay down a clear list of steps that are the minimum for holding a credible vote this year and building a democracy.

The Egyptian government cannot choose which reforms to dole out when. Opposition leaders must participate in all aspects of the reform process. The emergency law must be lifted and Egyptians guaranteed freedom of speech and association. All detained protesters must be freed and the government-allied forces who viciously attacked demonstrators last week must be prosecuted.

The government and the opposition need to jointly set a date for elections and establish an independent commission to oversee the process. Egyptian and international monitors will need to observe the vote and the count. The government and opposition will need to work together to establish criteria for registering parties and candidates and ensure that all have access to the news media.

Then the full debate over Egypt's future can take place and the Egyptian people can decide.

Toyota's Acceleration Problem

The finding that Toyota's problems with uncontrolled acceleration were not caused by glitches in its electronic controls is good news for Toyota and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. But it doesn't dispel concerns about the weaknesses of the nation's vehicle safety regulation.

The study by NASA into Toyota's electronics confirms traffic safety administration's original determination that the acceleration problems that led to the recall of nearly eight million Toyota cars and trucks were mechanical, caused either by gas pedals snagging on floor mats or sticky gas pedals that didn't retract when drivers released them.

Unintended acceleration has been blamed for 89 deaths, according to complaints fielded by the traffic safety administration. But in a separate study of Toyotas involved in accidents, the agency concluded that most cases of sudden acceleration were probably because of drivers stepping on the gas when they thought they were stepping on the brake.

These findings did nothing to dispel concerns about the frailty of a safety system that relies on an underfinanced regulator that has an enforcement budget of about \$18 million and can only impose puny fines.

Twice, the traffic safety administration imposed the maximum statutory fine on Toyota, for dragging its feet in its recalls and for waiting four months before telling the agency about problems with sticky pedals. The fines were \$33 million, a paltry amount for a company of Toyota's size.

The agency said it is considering tightening safety rules. It will look into ordering that vehicles have an event-recorder to help determine the cause of accidents and a brake override that would stop the car even when the throttle is open. It said it will study solutions to the problem of drivers flooring the gas by mistake.

But improving vehicle safety requires Congress to act. Last year, Democrats pushed for the passage of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act, which would have increased the safety agency's financing and raised the maximum fine it could impose on carmakers to \$200 million or \$300 million, in addition to mandating safety improvements like the brake override and the event recorder.

The bill died in the Senate amid intense opposition from the automotive industry, aided by Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla. Congress must pick it up again and pass it.

THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

Up With Egypt

CAIRO

Just when you think the Egyptian uprising is dying down, more Egyptians than ever waited in long lines on Tuesday to get into Tahrir Square to ask President Hosni Mubarak's regime to go. One reason the lines get so long is that everyone has to funnel through a single makeshift Egyptian Army checkpoint, which consists of an American-made tank on one side and barbed wire on the other. I can never tell whether that tank is there to protect the protesters or to limit the protesters. And that may be the most important question in Egypt today: Whose side is the army on?

Right now Egypt's respected army is staying neutral but it can't last. The generals have to heed where the public is going — and today so many Egyptians voted with their feet to go into Tahrir Square that a friend of my said "It was like being on the hajj in Mecca."

The army could stick by Mubarak, whose only strategy seems to be to buy time and hope that the revolt splinters or peters out. Or the army could realize that what is happening in Tahrir Square is the wave of the future. And, therefore, if it wants to preserve the army's extensive privileges, it will force Mubarak to go on vacation and establish the army as the guarantor of a peaceful transition to democracy.

I hope it is the latter, and I hope President Obama is pressing the Egyptian Army in this direction. For that to unfold, both the Egyptian Army and the Obama team will have to read what is happening in Tahrir Square through a new lens. Mubarak wants everyone to believe this is Iran 1979 all over, but it just does not feel that way. This uprising feels post-ideological.

One of the best insights into what is happening here is provided by a 2009 book called "Generation in Waiting," edited by Navtej Dhillon and Tarik Yousef, which examined how young people are coming of age in eight Arab countries. It contends that the great game that is unfolding in the Arab world today is not related to political Islam but is a "generational game" in which more than 100 million young Arabs are pressing against stifling economic and political structures that have stripped all their freedoms and given them in return one of the poorest education systems in the world, highest unemployment rates and biggest income gaps.

The Arab world today, Mohamed ElBaradei, the Egyptian opposition leader and Nobel laureate, remarked to me, is now "a collection of failed states who add nothing to humanity or science" because "people were taught not to think or to act, and were consistently given an inferior education. That will change with democracy."

That is what makes this revolt so interesting. Egyptians are not asking for Palestine or for Allah. They are asking for the keys to their own future, which this regime took away from them. They are not inspired by "down with" America or Israel. They are inspired by "Up with Egypt" and "Up with me."

Banks Could Have Key Role in Mets Lawsuit

Bernard L. Madoff's arrest on Dec. 11, 2008, shook the pillars of Fred Wilpon's world.

Gone was \$500 million that he and his family thought were in their Madoff accounts.

On top of that, Wilpon's remaining empire had at least a half-billion dollars in debt with no easy way to deal with it, according to court papers filed last week.

Sterling Equities, the family company that owns the Mets, was scrambling to survive.

In the end, eight banks, including Bank of America and JP Morgan Chase, came to Wilpon's rescue. Together, they engineered what the lawsuit says was a "complete and comprehensive" restructuring of 40 loans totaling \$500 million owed by Sterling's partners and other parts of the empire. In the refinancing, the family trusts of Wilpon and his brother-in-law, Saul Katz, added \$100 million in debt.

The overhaul worked, keeping Sterling afloat at a time when global finances were in doubt and

easy credit was nonexistent.

And there is little doubt Wilpon's public record as a careful businessman and respected team owner explained some of the will-igness of the banks.

Now, a lawsuit brought against Wilpon and his associates at Sterling by the trustee for Madoff's victims — one that accuses them of having willfully ignored warnings that Madoff might have been a fraud — has offered Wilpon's banks an unflattering portrait of the man they helped rescue.

The trustee, Irving H. Picard, has charged that Wilpon and others at Sterling, despite having reason to be suspicious of Madoff, nonetheless used their Madoff accounts as collateral for bank loans, and that they used loans to open up more accounts with Madoff.

Perhaps most disturbingly, a lawyer for Picard, David Sheehan, has said that when Wilpon needed cash but wanted to avoid formally going to the banks for more loans, he simply had Madoff loan him millions, all under the guise of os-

tensible investments in Wilpon's real estate holdings and venture capital deals.

Wilpon's banks have chosen not to answer questions about the lawsuit or its portrayal of Wilpon and his partners. Wilpon's lawyers contend Picard has not uncovered evidence to disprove Wilpon and his partners were anything more than victims who trusted Madoff.

But those banks, which over the last two years have saved and supported Wilpon, could be critical players as Wilpon contends with Picard's lawsuit and the prospect of having to generate hundreds of millions in cash to settle the case, according to lawyers and banking experts.

Those lawyers and experts suggested Wilpon's banks could contemplate a number of options: they could call in their loans, perhaps forcing Wilpon to sell all or parts of his empire; or they could choose to assist him, helping him find a way to survive even a giant settlement. *PETER LATTMAN and RICHARD SANDOMIR*

Fans Celebrate With Packers at Lambeau

The Green Bay Packers took one last chance to say goodbye to their fans and each other. Tuesday was a final day to publicly celebrate their Super Bowl-winning season, and the Packers did it in style in front of more than 56,000 fans who paid \$5 to spend a final hour with the team at Lambeau Field. (AP)

Titans Coach Fires Offensive Coordinator

Tennessee Titans coach Mike Munchak has fired offensive coordinator Mike Heimerdinger along with two other assistants as he starts to remake his coaching staff a day after taking over the top job. Heimerdinger, who is continuing cancer treatment after diagnosed in November, confirmed Tuesday he had been fired. (AP)

N.B.A. SCORES

MONDAY'S LATE GAMES
 Portland 109, Chicago 103
 Utah 107, Sacramento 104
 Phoenix 104, Golden State 92

TUESDAY
 Philadelphia 117, Atlanta 83
 Orlando 101, L.A. Clippers 85
 San Antonio 100, Detroit 89
 Miami 117, Indiana 112
 Milwaukee 92, Toronto 74
 Memphis 105, Oklahoma City 101, OT
 Minnesota 112, Houston 108

N.H.L. SCORES

MONDAY'S LATE GAME
 Vancouver 4, Ottawa 2

TUESDAY
 Devils 3, Carolina 2, OT
 Toronto 5, Islanders 3
 Columbus 4, Pittsburgh 1
 San Jose 2, Washington 0
 Buffalo 7, Tampa Bay 4
 St. Louis 2, Florida 1

Fans Who Lost Super Bowl Seats Get Second Option

The NFL has added a second option for the roughly 400 fans who had to give up their seats at the Super Bowl: They can choose to attend any future Super Bowl instead of being limited to the 2012 game.

The league initially said Sunday it would give \$2,400, three times the face value of the ticket, to the fans who were forced to watch the game on monitors or use standing-room platforms after some temporary seating sections were

not completed in time.

On Monday, Commissioner Roger Goodell said those fans also would receive tickets to next year's Super Bowl.

Then on Tuesday, the NFL announced the fans could choose instead to receive a ticket to any future Super Bowl, including next year's, along with round-trip airfare and hotel accommodations. If fans choose that option, they will not get the \$2,400. They can wait until after the conference cham-

ampionship games each season to see whether their favorite team reaches the Super Bowl.

"We had more time to think about how to create a broader range of options that would better recognize the deep emotional bond that fans have for their team," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello wrote in an e-mail Tuesday.

Some of the affected fans complained Sunday that the \$2,400 didn't cover the price they paid for the seats, travel and hotels. (AP)

WEATHER

High/low temperatures for the 21 hours ended at 4 p.m. yesterday, Eastern time, and precipitation (in inches) for the 18 hours ended at 1 p.m. yesterday. Expected conditions for today and tomorrow.

Weather conditions: C-clouds, F-fog, H-haze, I-ice, PC-partly cloudy, R-rain, S-sun, Sh-showers, Sn-snow, SS-snow showers, T-thunderstorms, Tr-trace, W-windy.

U.S. CITIES

	Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow
Albuquerque	50/32 0.03	35/16 SS	40/20 S
Atlanta	43/30 0	48/33 PC	48/31 PC
Boise	45/29 0	40/23 S	42/23 S
Boston	38/32 0.07	28/15 W	26/13 S
Buffalo	16/11 0.02	19/9 W	18/9 S
Charlotte	50/35 0	45/30 PC	44/27 Sn
Chicago	15/8 Tr	8/-6 S	14/11 S
Cleveland	21/16 Tr	16/1 W	14/8 S
Dallas-Ft. Worth	55/29 0	28/13 Sn	33/19 S
Denver	6/1 0.10	24/4 S	36/14 S
Detroit	19/9 0	17/0 W	14/7 S

Houston	59/30 0	52/29 R	46/26 PC
Kansas City	9/0 0.03	15/2 PC	27/15 S
Los Angeles	68/54 0	75/48 S	78/48 S
Miami	76/63 0	76/62 PC	76/66 C
Mpls.-St. Paul	6/-10 0	6/-8 S	15/13 PC
New York City	41/39 0.01	28/18 S	26/18 PC
Orlando	61/49 0	70/49 PC	68/53 R
Philadelphia	41/38 Tr	30/18 S	29/18 PC
Phoenix	72/45 0	67/39 S	66/41 S
Salt Lake City	38/22 0	33/21 C	38/22 S
San Francisco	61/50 0	59/41 S	62/41 S
Seattle	47/38 0	46/31 PC	46/36 PC
St. Louis	16/10 0	22/5 C	31/16 S
Washington	41/37 0	38/22 PC	33/22 PC

FOREIGN CITIES

	Yesterday	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	91/70 0	90/72 S	90/70 S
Athens	67/49 0	64/49 S	59/44 S
Beijing	49/18 0	29/21 C	32/23 Sn
Berlin	47/38 0	41/29 PC	41/33 R
Buenos Aires	78/63 0.02	81/63 PC	82/61 PC
Cairo	68/51 0	67/54 PC	66/53 Sh

Cape Town	80/60 0	85/70 PC	77/65 T
Dublin	47/28 0	50/39 R	45/41 Sh
Geneva	55/27 0	55/36 S	56/43 S
Hong Kong	75/62 0	75/64 PC	73/60 S
Kingston	85/73 0.04	85/77 PC	86/77 S
Lima	84/71 0	84/70 Sh	83/71 Sh
London	51/33 0.01	50/43 PC	50/43 R
Madrid	62/28 0	57/32 S	59/32 S
Mexico City	77/44 0	79/48 PC	75/45 PC
Montreal	22/19 0.09	20/-1 SS	16/12 SS
Moscow	29/19 0.12	27/10 Sn	12/-6 PC
Nassau	86/70 0	82/71 PC	80/72 C
Paris	51/41 0.02	54/47 PC	51/49 R
Prague	50/36 0.02	41/26 S	41/40 C
Rio de Janeiro	93/75 0	93/79 S	96/81 PC
Rome	60/34 0	63/41 S	59/40 S
Santiago	86/56 0	84/55 PC	82/57 PC
Stockholm	37/32 0.05	30/23 S	32/27 Sn
Sydney	78/64 0.01	81/65 Sh	86/66 Sh
Tokyo	46/39 0	53/35 Sh	45/32 PC
Toronto	17/3 0	18/6 W	18/8 W
Vancouver	45/39 0	42/36 PC	42/37 C
Warsaw	46/36 0	39/19 PC	29/28 PC

Carmelo Anthony Saga Is Exacting a Price on Many in N.B.A.

Carmelo Anthony's virtual free-agent tour has been strikingly short on theatrics: no self-aggrandizing television show, no parade of executives

ON BASKETBALL
Howard Beck

genuflecting on his doorstep, no cozy backyard interviews with Larry King.

This decision is nothing like "The Decision" that consumed the N.B.A. last summer. Anthony, the disgruntled Denver Nuggets forward, is wary of repeating the mistakes that corroded the public image of LeBron James.

But then, Anthony is not truly a free agent, just a discontented star who is wielding an opt-out clause to force a trade.

At least 12 teams have been snared in the Anthony intrigue at some point in the last six months. It has rained havoc on locker rooms in Newark and Detroit, New York and Chicago and, of course, in Denver. More than 20 players have seen their names attached to a rumored deal.

To be eliminated from the chase is to find peace.

"The rumors are over," Derrick Favors, the Nets' prized rookie forward, said last week. "I don't have to worry about them."

The Pistons are still dealing with the fallout from an aborted three-way trade with the Nets and the Nuggets. At the peak of the talks, Detroit benched its onetime star Richard Hamilton, deepening a rift between them.

Meanwhile, as the Nuggets canvass and recanvass the league in search of better deals, nothing else is getting done.

Teams in the Anthony hunt are hesitant to make even minor deals, knowing they may need their draft picks, trade exceptions and expiring contracts to send to Denver.

The wave of collateral damage claimed another team Tuesday, with ESPN.com reporting that the Los Angeles Lakers could swap Andrew Bynum, their talented young center, for Anthony.

That report, as with so many

others, was quickly picked apart and dismissed. Yet the questions now hover over the Lakers. Would they really part with Bynum, who is one of the top centers in the league? Can they win a third straight championship without at least one bruising 7-footer? Are they so concerned about Kobe Bryant's durability that they feel compelled to add another perimeter scorer?

If Internet polls are any indications, fans say the answer is yes, to all of the above. Some 77 percent favored the trade in a poll on ESPN.com's Los Angeles site.

The Lakers' interest is understandable. Four of their top players — Bryant, Pau Gasol, Lamar Odom and Derek Fisher — are over 30. Bryant is in his 15th season. At some point, they will have to replenish the lineup and find a new star to build around.

But giving up Bynum now, as the Lakers make their last run before Coach Phil Jackson retires, seems foolish. The Boston Celtics, their finals opponent in 2008

and 2010, are loaded with big men — Kevin Garnett, Kendrick Perkins, Shaquille O'Neal and Glen Davis. The Lakers' top rivals in the West, San Antonio and Dallas, are also well stocked.

The Nuggets clearly need the Lakers, or another talent-laden team, to enter the fray and put pressure on the Knicks — Anthony's preferred destination. Donnie Walsh, the Knicks' president, is hesitant to break up his young core, knowing that he may be able to sign Anthony this summer.

Walsh has always taken the long view in rebuilding, setting up the Knicks to have cap room in 2010, 2011 and 2012. There is really no desperation to land Anthony, a one-dimensional scorer who fills no obvious need.

Committing to Anthony now would shut the Knicks out of free agency for years. Waiting means keeping their options open. In today's N.B.A., there is always another superstar on the horizon and another drama waiting to unfold.

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