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LAW AND MARRIAGE

Go together like a Horse and Carriage?

By: Sabrina Piper - Associate Editor

I am busy. Sometimes, while trying to balance time between classes, family, friends, jobs, and student org activities, it feels like my life is running me instead of me running my life. However, I know classmates who have even more demands on their time. In addition to all the standard law school obligations, they also planned (or are planning) a wedding.

These people attend class, have fulfilling internships, and sometime, between all the school and career demands, find a way to plan beautiful weddings. They do it with efficiency, grace, and poise. I can't help but marvel at how they keep it all under control. To reveal the mystery behind being a put-together law student and a dutifully betrothed, I put another demand on their time and asked them to share their advice.

It is possible to plan a wedding during law school without destroying your GPA. As 3L student Tania Bakar, who is getting married this March put it, "It is all about time management." You need to determine the amount of time between now and your wedding day and allocate accordingly. Motions Editor, Nico Weiss who proposed to 3L student Annie Su last summer, suggests treating it as you would any other spare time from law school. "For me," he said, "it means a little bit less videogames and Netflix...but that's okay."

We all have lives outside of law school. Wedding planning while in law school just means reprioritizing those things or creating a time line that will work with your school demands. Annie Su and 3L student, Samantha Yarman-Patterson (whose wedding will be May 2014) each said their long engagement has helped them stay focused on their studies. "My fiancé and I have a 15 month engagement," Samantha explained. "It may sound long, but really goes by quickly."

Longer engagements have other perks, like being able to utilize winter and summer breaks to take care of a lot of wedding details at once. Emily Little, who was married just after her 1L year, says that would be her number one tip to anyone planning a wedding during law school. "Do as much work as you can over school breaks and then do your best to relegate all wedding planning to one day or night per week."



Pictured: USD School of Law 3L Kellen Hassold and her husband Andrew Hassold. Kellen and Andrew married the summer between her 2L and 3L year.

By using weekends, breaks, and sticking to a schedule, you can plan the wedding a little bit at time without becoming overly burdened.

Scheduling your wedding planning for breaks and weekends eliminates the distractions while you are trying to study, but also keeps you on track for the big day. However, one thing that every student interviewed agreed on, was that you should avoid any wedding related planning or activities during finals. Your final exams should take priority over your wedding plans and because your fiancé (hopefully) knows how important law school is, they should understand the need to set wedding matters aside for a few weeks.

All the interviewees also agreed that you should not rearrange your class schedule to have more time for wedding matters. Kristi Hubbard, who was married during her 2L summer, said, "You don't want to lighten your load so much that you will end up burdening your other semesters (particularly your last one)."

"I just made sure to take classes I was really interested in so that studying for them wouldn't be so hard," said Kristi If you have accumulated extra units from summer school and can afford a lighter class load the semester before your wedding, you will certainly utilize and enjoy the extra time, but it isn't necessary. Most interviewees said that if you follow the advice of planning early and scheduling a day or evening per week to manage wedding details you won't feel the need to take a lighter class load.

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While wedding planning can be distracting, most law students are focused enough on their studies and graduating on time that they find other ways to manage the demands.

To alleviate stress, a helpful family member, friend, or wedding planner can go a long way. "A generous, patient, and caring maid-of-honor or best man is 100% required for the day of the wedding. You need to be surrounded by people who completely understand you, and will put up with your anxiety." Said Kristi. For Samantha, her fiancé's mom has been a huge help with picking out details and physically going to stores and vendors during the semester.

Tania emphasized the importance of a support system as she discussed the help she has received from her mom, "She is able to attend to things that I can't because of school or work. No matter who it is that is helping you, make sure it is someone who has the same style and vision as you - it makes your life a lot easier." Although many of our interviewees did not have a professional, full-time wedding planner, they all had someone to support them in the process, a best friend, a family member, a day-of-coordinator, and most importantly, their fiancé and his or her family.

In a professional environment where name recognition can mean a lot, the question of whether to change your name once married comes up often.

Do you change your name and lose name recognition from your prior work, awards, or network? Or, do you keep your name and have to explain why you have a different last name than your partner and/or future kids? The answers varied, as did the reasons,

but everyone agreed that it was a personal decision you had to be comfortable with. Emily struck a compromise, "I changed my last name, but kept my maiden name as a middle name." Annie, whose wedding date is after graduation, struck a different compromise, "I'm changing my name, but I'll probably still work under my maiden name, Su." This compromise has Nico's enthusiastic support "As a professor pointed out, Su is the perfect name for a lawyer!"

Not as personal, but just as important, is the issue of budgeting. "Everything will cost way more than you think it should and you are right, it is overpriced." said Nico. With the costs of law school tuition, books, and limited time to work during this semester, managing the costs of a wedding are even more important than it is for non-law student weddings.

"Decide on your budget early in the wedding planning process and do everything you can to stay within," advised law student Qiva Dinuri, who has utilized do-it-yourself craft projects for things like centerpieces and favors to keep costs down. Planning ahead of time can also equal cost savings.



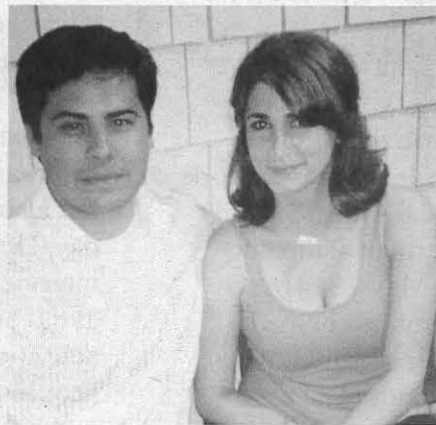
Nico Weiss and Annie Su



Kristi Hubbard and her husband.



Qiva Dinuri and her fiancé.



Tania Bakar and her fiancé.

that the wedding is about celebrating your love, you can have your law degree and eat your cake too! Special thanks to all our interviewees and congratulations on your engagements and weddings!

Samantha's bridesmaids pitched in with their creativity, "We had time for everyone to come together to help with decorations. It saved money, helped me stay sane, and was a great bonding experience for everyone." In short, the wedding planning process is expensive and involves a lot of decisions, but it's not all bad.

At the end of the day, the wedding is all about celebrating love. Kellen Hassold, who was married during her 2L summer explained, "The

point of the wedding is to get married. Once that happens, you only care about celebrating with your friends and family. Not whether the napkins on the tables are the right shade of purple." Kristi agreed, "Keep the wedding fun. It's a party and no one wants to go to a party that is not fun."

All the interviewees said that reserving time to enjoy your relationship was

one of the most important things to keep stress at bay. Emily, Qiva, Nico, and Samantha all emphasized the importance of a date-night. "We have a night once a week that is devoted to spending time together without talking about the wedding, school, or work. It doesn't have to be elaborate, something as simple as cooking a nice dinner at home and cuddling on the couch works," said Qiva. "The relationship shouldn't be all about the wedding. In the grand scheme of things, it is just one day. The most important thing that has gotten you this

point with your fiancé is the friendship and love you have for one another." Tania explained.

Law school is demanding and planning a wedding involves stressful, sometimes expensive decisions. But it does not have to involve sacrifice. If you manage your time and remember

MEET YOUR MOTIONS-MATCH!

By: Stacy Allura Hostetter -
Associate Editor

Still looking for the perfect Valentine? Well your match may be hiding among the almost unbearably attractive Motions editorial board. That's right folks, these editors are going places and you can get in their good graces now with this quick and easy quiz. Answers on page 4.

Question One: What is your idea of an ideal date night?

- Dinner at Cafe Chloe, followed by drinks at The Noble Experiment, and !!! at the Casbah.
- A sporting event of some kind and an adventurous dinner that consists of something you have never had before.
- Hanging out on the La Jolla rocks, barking at the sky!
- You hate the idea of sitting and watching a movie so dinner and something at least a little active (mini golf, dancing, a hike).
- Curling at the Ice-O-Plex and drinks at Cheswick's.
- A tasty, but cheap dinner followed by libations a comedy club.
- Indoor trampolines with lasers followed by beer.

Question Two: Your ideal pet is...

- Dachshund
- Rottweiler
- I had a pet fish once, but I ate it...
- Black German Spitz
- A monitor lizard, the kind that sunbathes with albino twins in OB.
- A little white demon-dog. It will be sold as a pure Maltese, but will clearly not be.
- Dog. Big dog. Not rats masquerading as dogs. If it weighs less than 25 pounds, it's a rat.

Question Three: You cannot get off repeat on your Valentine's Day playlist.

- Untitled (How Does It Feel) by D'Angelo
- Blue Jeans by Lana Del Ray
- Kiss From a Rose by Seal
- Just Give Me a Reason by Pink and Nate Rues
- Excuse Me While I Break My Own Heart Tonight by Whiskeytown
- "Your Love" by the Outfield
- Anything, really everything, by Sara Bareilles

Question Four: Current drink of choice?

- An old Fashioned with Bulleit Rye
- West coast style IPA from a craft brewery in San Diego. Beer, very picky beer.
- Drunken Sailor
- Mojito
- Upside down whiskey sour
- Rich, chocolate Ovaltine
- Beer, not so picky

Question Five: Preferred movie date genre?

- Comedy: Being John Malkovich, The Big Lebowski, Amelie.
- Horror: to get the adrenalin pumping and, of course, a great excuse to cuddle.
- Finding Nemo... or Flipper... or Titanic (which, for me, is HILARIOUS... stupid people... can't swim)
- Action. Chick flicks annoy you.
- Lars von Trier
- None, because movies and dates do not go together.
- Whatever both parties can come to a consensus on, lack of pickiness.

Question Six: Their quirky habit of does not bother you a bit.

- Organizing their collection of 7,000+ LPs alphabetically. And then by the year of the album. Because obviously.
- Not sleeping on pillows.
- Sometimes swimming in circles if they are not careful.
- Not even being capable of sitting still while reading.
- Abjectly hating puns
- Taking eggs out of the carton from opposite sides as they go, such that the carton is weighted evenly when. Also because it looks nicer when said carton is opened next time.
- Doing voices. Frequently. Arnold Schwarzenegger is a favorite. Also Kermit the Frog.

Questions Seven: You and your new honey's ideal vacation will be?

- A culinary and musical tour of New York City or New Orleans.
- An African safari; big cats, elephants, and giraffes oh my!
- I want to migrate to the South Pacific some day.
- Interesting historical sites.
- Panning for gold in the Outback.
- Vacation? What vacation, you are going to spend all the vacation money it on videogames, movies, and books, and then spend the vacation time at home, enjoying the media.
- Camping somewhere deep in the woods with trees and rivers and no one around for miles and miles.

Question Eight: Your dream date gets around town via...

- A mid-1980's Schwinn road bike, but only when not rocking the scooter.
- Merlin the Mazda3.
- Tidal waves are the BEST.
- Toyota Camry.
- Bill the Ford Focus.
- FIAT 500, it has a "sport" mode.
- Zoe, my baby Subaru Impreza.

Question Ten: Your favorite supreme court justice is...

- John Roberts (followed closely by Elena Kagan) because you hate both political parties, and hold some small hope that these two will usher in a new era of pragmatism and rationality.
- Holmes because, while you may not agree with everything he wrote, at least he wrote everything rather prettily and usually to the point.
- Alito! He's super animal rights, and that is VERY important to me. He dissented in the animal-crushing case- as he should have!
- Ginsburg. She seems smart yet humble.
- J.P. Stevens. Nobody ruled closer to the heart.
- Oddly, Scalia. I tend not to agree with his outcomes, but he usually makes me think and tends to make me respect his method if nothing else. I do get the impression sometimes that he might be trolling us all, and that tickles me.
- Ginsburg, but mostly because

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FOREIGN AFFAIR

Scandals and Valentines

By: Audrey Olson -
Contributing Writer

February 14th marks an important day in the lives of the residents of the United States of America. Specifically, this day marks a peak in the oh-so-evil U.S. capitalist agenda. In the weeks leading up to this "special day," we are swept up by ideals of love and romance fed to us by advertising companies. And in response, we readily exercise our wrists by swiping credit cards, writing checks, and pulling cash from our pockets—all in preparation for the annual cultural ritual that is Valentine's Day. In sum, greeting card companies and other associated businesses enjoy a heavy income stream while couples across the nation benefit from a rare opportunity to express their feelings. Right? WRONG.

This system does nothing more for its consumers than teach them a flawed definition of love and romance—one tied inexorably to a significant amount of stress. Chocolates. Flowers. Dinner reservations. One thing is for sure: if you have a significant other when Valentine's Day rolls around and you are unprepared, you can expect your relationship to burn into flames and leave you with nothing but a cloud of smoke that you will continue to smell in your clothes over the next year. What this all means is that if you are a twenty-something law student already piled with more work, stress, and debt than you can handle, the "day of love" really just becomes a day where it's better off to be single.

So, you may be asking (and I know you are), if Valentine's Day doesn't embody true romance, what does? The answer, my friends, is foreign affairs. Sure, a stable, healthy relationship in your native land may seem appealing, but trust me when I say that if you want to experience true romance, you need to go abroad.

As an example, let's rewind back to May of 2011. I had just graduated from college and was taking a celebratory tour through Europe with my mother. We were in Paris, walking along the Champs-Elysees, when I decided to skip ahead to snap some pictures of the sunset before the sun disappeared behind the Arc de Triomphe. That's when I saw him. He was tall, dark, handsome, and *French...* and he was walking directly towards the divider I was standing on in the middle of the street. The beautiful stranger eventually reached me, suddenly began expressing his love, and before I knew it, we were swept up in each other's arms. (Was my mother literally a few feet away snapping pictures? Yes. Yes she was.) A French kiss with a French man...in PARIS. It was completely unexpected, completely unnecessary, and entirely inspired by nothing other than the heat of the moment (as opposed to an advertising company, ahem ahem...) And now I'm supposed to get excited over a bouquet of flowers wrapped and decorated by some kid getting paid minimum wage at Vons? Seriously?

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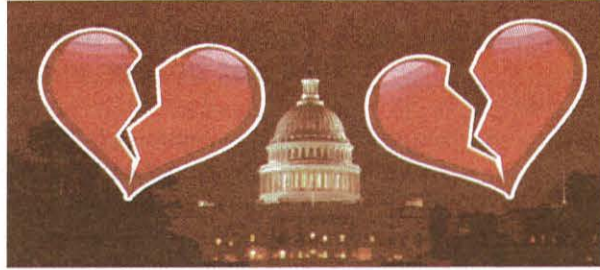
Dear Congress: We're Breaking Up...

By: Brody Burns - Staff Writer

Dear Congress...

We're breaking up. We're through. It's over. Don't call, don't write, don't even try and buy me a heart-shaped box this Valentine's day. We're done. This isn't the typical George Costanza breakup, where it's not you, it's me. It's all you. It is completely, unquestionably, 100 percent your fault. What led to this, you ask? Just your dereliction of duty. Unlike Bill Pullman, in the sentimental 90s romantic comedy, *While You Were Sleeping*, I have awoken from my coma, and discovered that you are not in fact Sandra Bullock, and that I am not in fact in love with you. My rationale for these new found feelings;

- Your pithy approval rating hovers around 13 percent. This means that many in your own families do not approve of your performance. To put this approval rating in context, when Richard Nixon was impeached in August of 1974, his approval rating was above 20 percent. To fall below the Nixon line takes a true dedication to indolence.
- Your unparalleled level of deplorable productivity, which puts you in the pampered "Real Housewives" of some terrible city category. Case in point, during the first session of the 113th Congress, you passed 65 laws, which is on pace to shatter the record for "least productive" Congress in history. For more perspective, the 112th Congress, the reigning title holder for lack of productivity, passed a measly 283 laws from 2011-12. If the 113th falls short of that mark, it will be a dismal record that will last like Wilt Chamberlin's 100 point game.
- Your failure to repeal any laws, which has been a fixed talking point of the Speaker's agenda. According to Speaker Boehner, "We should not be judged on how many new laws we create, we ought to be judged on how many laws we repeal." Bowing to your own advice, it appears you have failed, because you have not repealed a single law.
- Your absurd amount of schedule time "out of session," which again rivals that of every terrible reality show with housewives in the name. In 2013, the House scheduled themselves 239 days off in the calendar year. That's nearly 8 months off. Jeez, sounds like a rough life.



- Your unwavering commitment to stuffing your own campaign coffers. Listen Al Franken, I don't live in Minnesota, I don't know anyone in the land o' lakes, I am not going to donate any money, and I don't think that you are really fighting to repeal Citizens United every single day. With that said, stop soliciting money from me on a daily basis, I am a poor, law school student in San Diego. I don't live in your district, I can't vote for you and I have no money. Quit asking for money.
- Your holding the government hostage for "political reasons." The Shutdown in October cost the country, and its taxpayers, \$24 billion. This is a detestable waste of money that should have never occurred.
- Your extensive abuse of the filibuster. The 110th (Most use of the filibuster in Congressional history), 111th (2nd most) and 112th (3rd most) has created a debilitating pattern of blocking the executive branch from utilizing the power of appointment. It appears the most significant accomplishment in recent Congressional history is the blocking the executive branch from doing anything. Good thing the impact is that it keeps positions unfilled, which makes for an inefficient government, and ultimately costs taxpayers.
- Your blatant exploitation of the crisis (the Shutdown) in order to mobilize your position. Being able to exploit the reality of a situation you created, in order to benefit your political party and place responsibility on someone else, takes some serious asshole-esque courage. In the first six days of the shutdown, Congressional Democrats utilized the Shutdown to raise \$2 million online. Apparently they were too busy to restart the government when fundraising "needed" to be done. Hypothetically this would be like a financial institution who in the time of a crisis, let's call the year 2008, continues to use

predatory lending tactics, despite the fact that these tactics have contributed to the overall financial crisis. Then, that institution blatantly utilizes their employees, many of whom are set to be downsized, in order to promote a public relations campaign to "counter criticism that its lending practices are to blame for a surge in foreclosures." (See Countrywide Financial). After all there is no need to pass legislation when a good PR campaign will suffice.

- Finally your disrespectful ability to continue taking a salary during the government shutdown. While nearly half Congress refused to take their salary, certain members' levels of greed could not be moved. Take for instance Senator Charles E. Grassley (R-IA), who claimed that "I'm working. Everybody that works gets paid for working." First, working is very subjective in this context. I would argue that Grassley wasn't working during the Shutdown. Secondly, many government employees subjected to the shutdown were actually working. Those deemed non-essential were not paid until after shutdown was over. In terms of non-essential, I think Congressional salaries should be deemed non-essential until unemployment dips below 4 percent.
- And countless other reasons...

Listen, don't come home. You can't sleep on the couch. Your deadbeat relatives won't show weakness and let you crash at their place. After this breakup, there is one place you need to be; from dawn until dusk, every single day, you should be in DC. Try and distance yourself from the standard you've created. Think of yourself as Snooki from the Jersey Shore, it only takes a little bit of action to be "better" than the old Snooki. To be better than the 112th Congress (worst ever) it really doesn't take much. Now do something!

As for me, don't worry, I'm planning on taking my new found "single" status to either Christian Mingle or farmersonly.com, because lord knows I couldn't do any worse there.

- Brody Burns

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FRADULENT LOVE

How Online Dating Sites Keep It Real

By: Jon Jekel - Associate Editor

She was perfect—tall, dark, athletic. She saw 52 sunsets a year, rode a bike with speakers. Her favorite bands were Talking Heads and Diggs Duke. Her name sounded like poetry.

“Celestine.”

Jack fell in love with Celestine the first time he saw her. It was two months after the combustion of an 8-year relationship. Now 31, Jack had forgotten how to meet women. He attended the wedding of a fraternity brother in Cleveland. Turns out, Casey met Jeannine on a dating website. Jack started a profile and found Celestine.

They exchanged emails, text messages; even phone calls. “I’ve never felt so close to someone,” she said. Jack agreed.

But Celestine’s mother was sick. Pancreatic cancer. Her condition got worse by the day. Mom had no insurance. She couldn’t afford her medication. Jack sent her \$5,000 via Western Union.

The next day, Celestine’s profile vanished. Emails were rejected. Phone calls went unanswered.¹

Online dating sites provide unique opportunities for romance. Before the first date, you know who is a militant vegan, a mother of two, a cat person. And for every swindle and con, there are ten successful relationships. In the past year alone, the author has been invited to four weddings that otherwise never would have transpired.

Yet there is this looming danger, a fear that you will expose your essence in digital form and have your money sweet-talked away by a girl in a telemarketing assembly line. So what do these websites do to prevent well-meaning introverts from losing their shirts without any of the benefits?

Both eHarmony and Match, the two largest dating sites in the U.S., employ full-time

fraud-prevention teams. Using a combination of high technology and good-old-fashioned intuition, the team discovers and disables accounts. In addition, they conduct background checks on new members to catch the sexual deviants and grifters.

According to an industry insider, online-dating sites typically use three methods to detect scammers. First, they employ full-time teams of trained professionals scour profiles for red flags. If Jane Scott’s image is strangely similar to a recent *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit spread, they may disable the profile. As a second layer, sites rely on users to flag or report suspicious conduct. Lastly, many sites use NSA-style technology to scan messages for buzzwords. Fortunately, there are very few legitimate reasons to “wire money” in that context.

Yet according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, thousands of complaints are filed each year alleging fraud on online dating sites. A study published in October 2012 in *Glamour* estimated that one in ten profiles were fraudulent. The study was published just one month after a U.S. District Court judge Sam Lindsay dismissed a class-action suit against Match.com alleging that over half of the profiles were fraudulent.



Many users have eschewed the big dating networks for sites with more exclusivity. Beri Meric, co-founder of IvyDate.com and DateHarwardsq.com analogized it to the real world. “[P]eople are looking to go to the right neighborhood to meet the right people.” On Meric’s sites, a full-time membership committee reviews every profile and photo submitted, looking for red flags like celebrity photos or poor translation.

And who are the victims? Do they also help exiled Nigerian princes recover their fortunes? Unfortunately, the victims are normal people who succumb to what psychologists refer to as the “halo effect.” They find something they like about someone, and overlook all of the shortcomings. Celestine was interesting and beautiful.

Yet, there is still another side to this drama. Thousands of people around the world, celebrities and soldiers alike, have their pictures, their stories, their identities stolen to create narratives. Recently, a “model” in Miami filed a suit against Match seeking \$1.5 billion in compensatory and punitive damages. Although there is no chance she will recover that amount, it does highlight the very real, perceptible damage that can occur when someone’s identity is used as a tool for fraud.²

For many in the legal community, online dating provides the only realistic way to balance a demanding work schedule and the challenges of intimacy. As was recounted earlier, the author has been invited to four Match weddings in the past year alone. There were no Russian accents, and no dying mothers. Just remember, until you meet that special someone in person, do not pay for her mother’s chemo.

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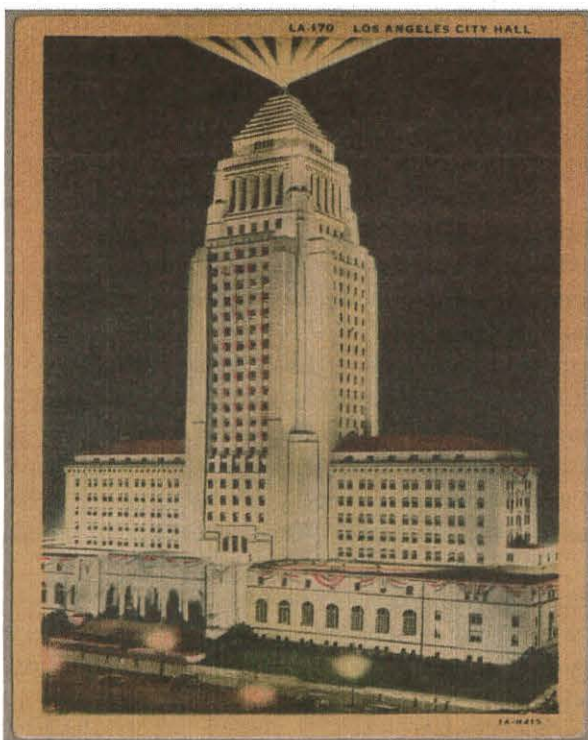
¹ Based on a true story, though names, physical descriptions, and favorite bands were changed to suit the author.

² Interestingly, the woman, one Yuliana Avalos, a “part-time model,” has been accused recently of being complicit in various online scams of her own. <http://www.miaminewtimes.com/2013-12-12/news/miami-model-yuliana-avalos-sued-match-com-for-1-5-billion-but-now-she-s-taking-criticism-too/full/>.

Goodbye SD, Hello LA

A Gentle Reminder of All that California Has to Offer

By: Ish Bhanu - Contributing Writer



This year Valentine’s Day falls on Friday, February 14. This affords guys and girls alike the opportunity to turn the day of love into a whole weekend adventure. So, why not do things right and head out of town for the weekend? Forget about the worries of law school and the threat of impending midterms and ominous finals to spend some quality time with that special someone in your life.

One exciting destination full of nonstop activities is only 2 hours away: LA. San Diego can be a nice and beautiful place to enjoy the special day, but sometimes you just need a change of scenery. Los Angeles provides just this option.

Let’s break it down day-by-day:

Friday, February 14th: You pick up your special boo in the afternoon and head up to LA before the horrendous traffic takes hold. There is always the option of booking a special room at the ultra-trendy W Westwood or Beverly Hilton on the Westside. Once you’re all checked in spend the rest of the afternoon strolling around the world famous Third Street Promenade, taking in the street performers and doing some last minute shopping for the special night. After shopping, head to Fogo de Chaos in Beverly Hills for a romantic night of unlimited Brazilian barbecue. Though a little on the pricey side, you have to splurge on your boo on Valentine’s Day. After getting an onslaught of delicious varieties of every meat under the sun, spend the remainder of the night under the stars at the Griffith Observatory. With an unbelievable view of the entire city, you will score major points with your girlfriend as you take in the city lights and the stars.

Saturday, February 15th: After sleeping in, you can have a delicious brunch at Salt’s Cure in West Hollywood. This renowned restaurant is an L.A. brunch icon and is most famous for its 2x2x2. If you wake up a little too late for brunch, you can always make yourself feel like Vince, E, Johnny Drama, and Turtle and pick up lunch at Urth Caffé on Melrose. Though always a little crowded side, you cannot go wrong eating the turkey burger or pot roast sandwich and picking up some coffee in a variety of unique flavors to help get you through the rest of the day.

After lunch, head up the Pacific Coast Highway to Malibu and the Getty Villa. Make sure

to make a reservation for this museum, as getting the reservation the day of can be quite tricky. The museum is beautiful with great gardens to stroll through and interesting art pieces to gaze at for hours. It also does not hurt that the beautiful Malibu beaches are just on the other side of the road. As the evening approaches you can have dinner at CUT in Beverly Hills. This trendy steakhouse is popular with Hollywood’s elite, so you may even see a movie star or two next to you as you munch on some prime filet. After CUT, if you are in the clubbing mood, gather some friends and head out to a club in West Hollywood. Bar Lubtisch, Rage, and the Viper Room are some of the most famous and exciting places to be on a Saturday night in West Hollywood, so enjoy.

Sunday, February 16: After waking up late, head over to Sqirl on Virgil Ave. You can detox and relax as you eat some delicious Sun Choked Hash and enjoy a solid cup of coffee. After, depending on the conditions of the day, consider renting a small sailboat at Marina Del Rey and sail around the harbor as you sip on a beer and enjoy your other half’s company. If sailing is not your idea of a good time, there is always the option of more shopping at the Beverly Center or strolling Rodeo Drive and using Sprinkle’s new Cupcake ATM machine. After returning to your hotel reminisce about what a great time you both had over the weekend. Then pack up the car and head back to San Diego.

All in all, a trip to Los Angeles can be a very eventful Valentine’s weekend activity. For those you law students from out of town who have not had the chance to take in our neighboring cities and those locals too lazy to travel, a trip to Los Angeles promises to be a worthwhile endeavor for both you and your significant other. Also, be sure to take plenty of pictures for Facebook so you can brag to all your single friends about your exciting weekend during Nonprofit Law or Cal Civ Pro on Monday.

LOVE, ACTUALLY

By: Andrew Lockard - Senior Executive Editor

I had this idea for an article that would involve two law students who had suffered through law school and managed to maintain some sort of relationship. The natural choice was Annie and Nico – their relationship began close to the beginning of their first year, and they had not only managed to preserve it, but seemed to thrive together in an environment that can otherwise be hostile to relationships.

The interviews were conducted separately and consecutively, to ensure no form of collaboration on their part. They weren't given the questions ahead of time. I originally intended it to be more of a funny article – the contrasting answers would highlight typical "Dating Game"-type conflicts. The results were... surprising.

ANNIE

Q: When did you first meet Nico?

A: During the library tour. I think the first words I said to him were "You were really dressed up today." He was really dressed up for the library tour.

Q: When did you first feel attracted to Nico?

A: Not for a while. Probably when... let's see. Sometime in mid to late September [2011]... I just thought he was a nerdy kid. He's still a nerdy kid.

Q: When was your first date?

A: It was... at the end of, no. It was the beginning of November. Very beginning of November.

Q: What did you guys do?

A: He took me to a Thai restaurant. The restaurant was not very good. I'm really picky about my food. It was not very good. Then we went to a comedy show. He tried to take me to a comedy show. But, we get there and there's no one there. They're stacking chairs. The comedy show was cancelled. So he looks at me, and goes "I don't have a plan B." So I was like, "Let's go to Shout House." And it was really fun.

Q: Why, in your own words, did you want to get engaged or married?

A: I like knowing when I'm not there, when I'm not around, that there's someone thinking about me. And that I'm thinking about that person. I'm really in to commitment. And I'm kind of emotionally high maintenance. I know how to be by myself, but it's nice when I'm here, he's there, and vice versa... I like having him around.

Q: What's Nico's best quality?

A: He... will do things, just because I want him to. I had this ex who I would ask to do things, and if it was out of his way, he'd be like "Why do you want me to do it?" I just want you to do it! [Nico] won't normally question something like that. "If it's important to you, then it's important to me."

Q: What do you think Nico thinks your best quality is?

A: Probably that I'm an Asian girl. Honestly, he likes my eyes. He likes my [rear]. Honestly, I think because I'm an Asian girl.

Q: What would you change about Nico?

A: Here's something non-physical: he gets scrumpy. It's what we call grumpy. He gets grumpy really easily, if he has to repeat himself. We have really tiny spats about it sometime... I think he would maybe say I'm too sensitive about that. One of us has to learn to back down from that.

Q: What would Nico change about you?

A: Probably want my boobs to be bigger.

Q: What is the funniest thing that you both have witnessed? It's kind of tough.

A: [Annie gave an anecdote that is not appropriate to publish. But, see Nico's answer to this question.]

Q: How has law school affected your relationship?

A: I don't think it's... I don't think it's had that much of an impact on us.... We don't let law school affect us or stress us out.

Q: Do you have any nicknames for Nico?

A: Bunny. I also call him honey bee sometimes.

Q: Not honey bunny?

A: No! Bunny or honey bee.

Q: When did you first decide to get married?

A: The summer of 2L year.

Q: What's Nicos favorite food?

A: He really likes pie... he really likes cheese... I'm going to go with pie and cheese.

Q: Pie and cheese?

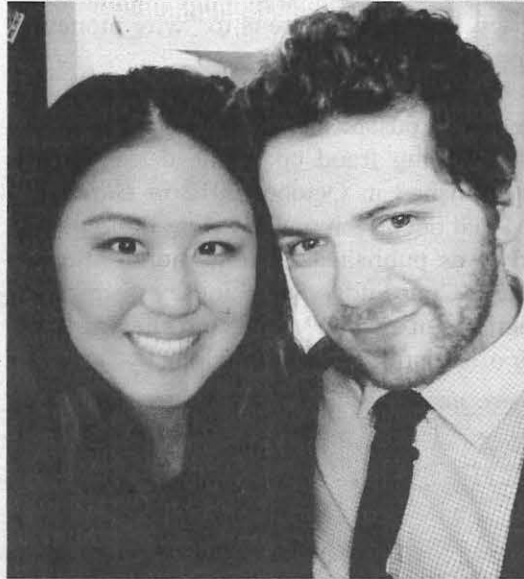
A: He eats to live... he doesn't live to eat.

Q: What's your favorite food?

A: Oysters. I love oysters. I don't know if he'll get that right.

Q: Who cooks more often?

A: It varies. It's pretty equal. I'm not as good at getting up in the morning as he is. Normally he'll take the dog out, get us coffee from downstairs, and I will make breakfast. But sometimes, I just wont get up, and he'll make breakfast. I often make dinner... It's pretty equal.



NICO

Q: When did you first meet Annie?

A: In law school, as you know. We were in the same section, and even small section. But, we didn't start hanging out or anything until that first assignment for legal research and writing.

Q: When did you first feel attracted to Annie?

A: Well, I mean, I'm a guy. Probably sooner than it was for her... I imagine that there was kind of like physical attraction just when I first about met her. And then when we first started hanging out, it was better than that, obviously.

Q: When was your first date?

A: First date. See, this is the thing that got me in trouble before. Because we went on a "pseudo-date" for restaurant week, 1L year... At that point, I think she still had a boyfriend. But she said something about how she had always been a serial monogamist, and had never been on a date. "You've never been on a date? I'm gonna take you on a date." So, I took her over to a restaurant week restaurant, on a pseudo-date type thing. And then or other first date was after she had broken up with that guy, and we were becoming a thing.

But it was fairly early on... and that was a fun time.

Everything went wrong, of course.

Q: What did you guys do?

A: Well, my plan was, "I'm going to take her to this nice restaurant that I can't afford." And then I'm going to take her to a comedy club. So, we go to this restaurant that I can only afford because I have like a Yelp deal. Of course, I didn't tell her that. So I wait until she goes to the restroom, and I pull the waitress over, and I ask, "so can we get the bill going? And I have this..." and I slip her the coupon. And she gets it started, and Annie comes back, and the lady goes [Nico does a shrill impression of the waitress] "Uhh, sir this coupon..." Thanks, lady. So we're on a date, so my phone's off. And we're walking back to the car, and I'm kind of looking at it [and there are missed calls]. So I didn't want to call back, so I ignore that. And we get to the comedy club, and it's closed down. I hear the message from the person who had been calling me, and it was the operator of the club and he said "Hey, we didn't sell enough tickets for the gig, so we're closing down." Okay! Good stuff. Eventually, she suggests

we go to the Shout House, which was a good time and ended up being pretty close.

Q: Why, in your own words, did you want to get married/engaged?

A: It's pretty corny, but it was really like people say, when you meet the right one, you know. And I kinda did. I've always been one of those guys that's not in to dating or the dating scene. I've always just been looking. And when I found her, I had to jump on that before she got a job somewhere else.

Q: What's Annie's best quality?

A: Kinda depends on what area we're talking about. If this were the newly wed game, I'd say her [rear]. And then I'd put up "[rear]," and her sign would say "organizational skills." She actually does have great organizational skills. She actually has a great memory. She'll remember everybody's name, date, which is a double-edged sword, because it gets me in trouble. So I would say that the most everyday, most impressive thing is her memory. Which is very helpful for a guy like me. She's like my daily planner, who's also cute.

Q: What do you think Annie thinks your best quality is?

A: I would say funny. Comedy.

Q: What would you change about Annie? This one might be a trap.

A: Yeah. I would say maybe a smidge less opinionated. Emotional-type stuff. I feel sometimes she gets too hung up on a particular thing or a perceived slight from somebody or something like that. I don't know if that's me or just being a guy, but I get over it by the end of the day.

Q: What is the funniest thing that you both have witnessed?

A: [Nico described the exact same unpublishable story as Annie.]

Q: How has school affected your relationship?

A: I'd say that it's shaped it, more than it affected it. Even though law school takes up a lot of time... for us, I think it kind of made us hang out a whole lot more. So we were on double time the whole time. Being in the same small section, we literally spent every class time together. We were study buddies before we were dating, and we'd go to a lot of the same events. The fact that we were going through the same experience at the same time. And that the actual schedule kind of forced our hand...

Q: It's a good way to get to know somebody.

A: It is. It's like in the movies where they go through the apocalypse together and have the shared experience, they end up with each other at the end. It was kind of like that, only a slight exaggeration about the apocalypse.

Q: Do you have any nicknames for Annie?

A: I tend to call her babe. She calls me bunny. Every once in a while I call her love. I've never called anyone else love before. I tested it out once. And she was like [Annie impression] "Love?!" She was excited about that, so it stuck. So now I feel comfortable with that. But it took her a while to come on to mine. She was calling me "honey bee" for a while, but that's way too long.

Q: When did you first decide to get married?

A: Probably towards the beginning of summer of the year we got engaged. The summer between 2L and 3L. It was kind of at that point I had been with her for a while; all of our time was kind of "double time." And it just happened to come at a time when people are looking for permanent placements... so it was kind of like, do I want to be put in a position where she's down in San Diego and I'm in Sacramento or vice versa. Or in LA or something like that. The answer was a resounding "no."

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ANNIE

Q: Why do you think your relationship has worked?

A: I think because we both wanted the same things. We both wanted commitment. That's why we went to quickly. I mean, in the beginning it went very quickly. I also think because he's willing to do things, just because I want them done. It's more of a "Why haven't my other relationships not worked"? We're both emotionally high maintenance. And I don't have to ask him to do things... they just happen. We treat relationships the same way. Even when we're out with other people, we'd almost *always* rather be hanging out with each other. It's nice. It's not "out of sight, out of mind." When he's with other people, he's still thinking about me. I really like that he's not one of those guys that, when he's with other people or his friends, he acts differently. I had an ex who, when I called him when he was with his friends, would answer the phone and all be like, "Sup?" Is that cool for some people?... [Nico] will say "Hey Babe" and "I love you." It doesn't change.

Q: Summarize Nico in five words.

A: Okay... he is: funny, smart, nerdy, hairy, eyelashes...

Q: Wait, what?

A: I really like his eyelashes. They're so long. Is this going to be published?

NICO

Q: What's Annie's favorite food?

A: As you probably know, she's a foodie. Individual things she really likes are oysters, she likes good Chinese food. She's kind of a Chinese food snob, because she was brought up with actual Chinese food.

Q: What's your favorite food?

A: See, I'm the opposite. I'm not really a fancy guy. I don't have a favorite food I would say. I had pie for breakfast. I'm a pie guy.

Q: Who cooks more often?

A: Neither of us cooks that often, these days. In the morning, I tend to jump out of bed. She hits snooze a couple times. In the morning, if there's breakfast, it tends more frequently to be me. But also sometimes I'm out walking the dog and she'll make breakfast. I'll say that sometimes, other meals it's more frequently her. We don't really cook all that often. So we don't have "one of us cooks, one of us cleans."

Q: Why do you think your relationship has worked?

A: I think we compliment each other nicely. We're both kind of needy. So the fact we spent our entire 1L year together worked for us. And then we kind of have ying and yang for various things. She tends to be more emotional about stuff, and that's helpful. She's much better at calling and complaining about, like, credit card charges. I would just say, generally, that level of cohesion is good. We really work well together. We're both kind of goofy.

Q: Summarize Annie in five words.

- A: 1. Cute
2. Smart
3. Asian
4. Foodie
5. Babe

The TRUE History of Valentines Day

By: Sam Laughlin - Editor-in-Chief

On this day of February 14, millions of people around the world will celebrate with boxes of candy and bouquets of roses delivered to their loved ones. But why does this happen? The history of Valentines Day has morphed through the ages, but it began hundreds of years ago in Medieval Europe. So, pull up a chair, young lovers- this is the history of Valentines Day!

Deep in the heart of the land now called Germany, a noble knight named Prince Herman Klaus Von Valentinar returned from the 6th Crusade with a bag full of gold. Being a man with a gentle heart, he boasted to all his compatriots how he would share this bounty with all the poor peasants in his lands, of which there were many.

On the road, his caravan was attacked by land-pirates, and everyone knows a German land-pirate is not to be trifled with. Though Von Valentinar fought bravely, his gold was taken from him. Not to be undone, the gallant knight followed the pirates through the misty Prussian mists, hoping to find their hideout.

He became lost in the dark, and collapsed near a small cottage. When he awoke, a young maiden tended to his injuries. Von Valentinar found he could not speak, his throat was mysteriously horse from shouting during the previous day's battle. In a striking coincidence, the young maiden was mute. But, she could write, and Von Valentinar could read.

While his injuries mended, Von Valentinar and the young maiden spent the next few days communicating through small notes. Von Valentinar soon gained his strength and left the maiden, but continued to write to her through messenger. He would sometimes deliver to her small mounds of sugar, the precursor to what we now call candy today.

Von Valentinar meanwhile continued hunting for the now infamous land-pirates, but the trail became quite cold. One night, in a tavern, Von Valentinar found a pair of drunk merchants discussing the land-pirates, and listened closely, learning of a secret hideout in a near by patch of rose bushes. He set-off immediately.

That night, he pushed through thick thorns in the dark for hours, but eventually came across the land-pirate hideout. The land-pirates were tossing their gold treasure in gay fashion, quite pleased with their hoard. Von Valentino removed his sword, heart-puncher, from his sheath, ready to make war. Yet, to his shock, he discovered that the land-pirates had a leader- a female leader. A land-pirate queen. And she was, non other, than the young maiden who nursed his wounds!

His heart was broken! All the love notes! All the mounds of sugar! He was outraged, and tore through the rose patch with gusto speed, tossing heart-puncher this-way and that! He descended on the crowd of land-pirates in a fury of steel and blood.

When the battle ended, Von Valentinar stood atop his mountain of gold, surrounded by dead land-pirates. Yet, he kept the land-pirate queen alive, imprisoning her beneath his mountain of gold for all days as punishment for her treachery and lies. He would continue to visit her, however, every February 14th, and pass her an anonymous note of his love, as he could not bare to write his name. And, young lovers, that is how Valentines Day was born.

Okay... so all of that was a complete lie. Valentines Day started as a Catholic holiday to praise some saints, one of whom was named Valentine. Then the British invented anonymous greeting cards in the Victorian era. Then Hallmark got in on it and monopolized the living bejesus out of it.

So yeah. That's the history of why every guy is shamed into delivering chocolates and flowers to the women in their lives every February. It's the Catholic Church's fault.

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Let's fast forward now to August of 2013—specifically to the week that my best friend and I spent in the Caribbean. While I was there, I met a charming southern gentleman, and he and I were absolutely inseparable. But the key to our fun and exciting tropical relationship wasn't the crystal blue water or the smell of fresh flowers around us—though those things definitely didn't hurt. It was the absence of any psychological barriers. We knew we would never see each other again. So, we freely said anything on our minds and talked about things you probably wouldn't bring up until the two-month mark. Was it then strange for us to automatically hold hands in public and pair off as a couple? No. Absolutely not. The fact that we had no future ultimately enabled us to develop in three days the feelings and closeness a regular couple would have taken three months to achieve. And that made for an incredibly fun and romantic foreign affair.

Fast forward again to about a month ago, to my recent trip to Peru. Did I find love once again? Absolutely. And while couples in the U.S. were doing "exciting" things like going skiing for the hundredth time in their lives, or cuddling by rad fireplaces, or perhaps even getting a head start on their "romantic" Valentine's Day plans by pre-ordering an Edible Arrangement, my new Latin boyfriend and I were climbing the freaking Peruvian mountains and speaking Spanglish on top of Machu Picchu. While I do really love the U.S. with my whole heart and soul (I am a Republican after all...), we simply don't have majestic cities and natural landscapes that *really* compare to the stuff you'll find abroad. Viewing a truly breathtaking place for the first time is in itself an incredible experience. But, experiencing that majesty and wonder with a new foreign love interest is definitely romance unlike any other kind.

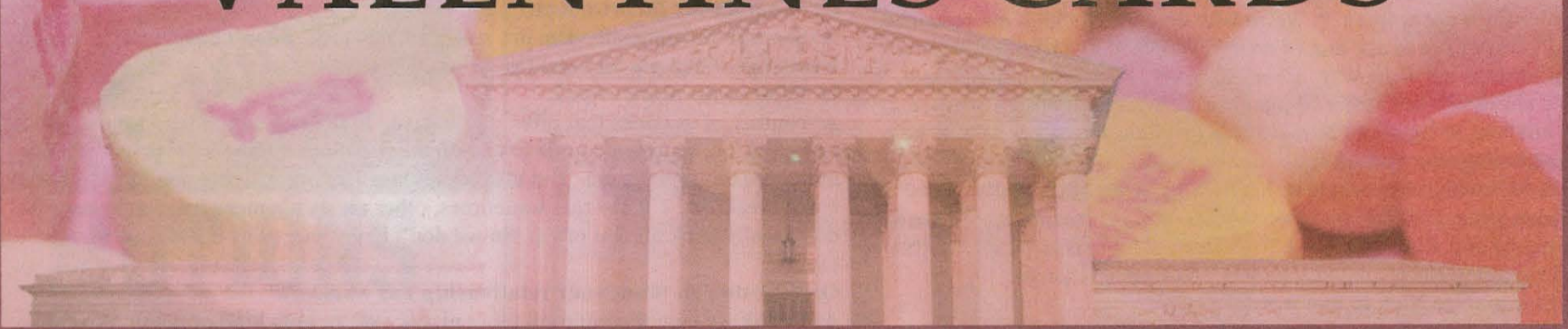
And quite notably, at the end of it all, the foreign affair, unlike other relationships, will never leave you with a bitter taste in your mouth. It will only leave you with an awesome story to tell your friends (or the law school newspaper), and memories that will never fail to make you feel warm and fuzzy inside...even after he goes back home and gets a girlfriend.

In conclusion, if you're really looking for love and romance, boycott Valentine's Day. It's not about love, it's about commercialism. So don't stress over this holiday. Instead, channel your efforts towards living an adventure and finding love in a foreign city! You'll discover that it's possible to experience a love like the movies after all.



Pictured: A traditional medieval representation of a Valentines Day celebration.

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I grant you certiorari... for my heart.
-Elena

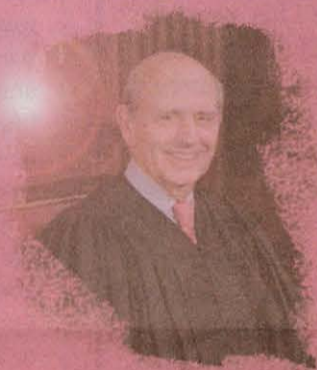
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The Constitution is dead, but your love is alive.
-Antonin



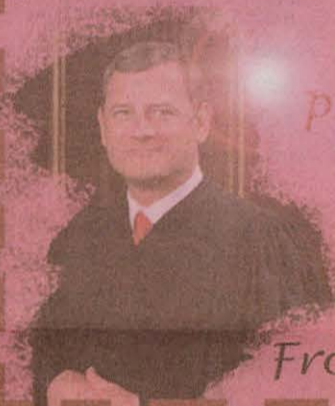
From: To:

Be the "Pennoyer" to my "Neff".
-Stephen



From: To:

Don't let my presumption against extraterritoriality keep you away.



-John

From: To:



Never let go of my holding.
-Sonia

From: To:

...

-Clarence



From: To:

Your oral argument left my dictum quivering

-Tony



From: To:

No fatties.

-Ruth



From: To:



You have no right to privacy... from my love
-Sam

From: To:

I'd make a generation of imbeciles with you.

-Oliver's Ghost



From: To: