

# Egyptian Blogger Accused Of Sectarian Strife

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — An Egyptian blogger went on trial Thursday on charges of insulting Islam and causing sectarian strife with his Internet writings. Egypt's first prosecution of a blogger came as Washington has backed away from pressuring its Mideast ally to improve its human rights record and bring democratic reform.

Abdel Kareem Nabil often denounced Islamic authorities and criticized Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on his Arabic-language blog. He has been in detention since November and faces up to nine years in prison if convicted.

Egypt has arrested a string of pro-democracy bloggers over the past year, sparking condemnation from human rights groups.

Nabil's trial in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria began two days after Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice met with Mubarak, seeking support for a new American strategy on calming violence in Iraq.

But unlike past visits to Egypt when she pressed demands for greater democracy, Rice made no reference to reform, instead praising the two countries' "important strategic relationship — one that we value greatly."

In 2005, the Bush administration made Egypt — which Mubarak has ruled unquestioned for a quarter century — the centerpiece of what it called a policy priority of promoting democratic change in the Arab world.

But Egyptian reformists say Washington has all but dropped its pressure on Mubarak amid the Bush administration's need for support on Iraq and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The United States was also spooked when Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood made big gains in 2005 parliamentary elections and the radical Hamas movement won 2006 Palestinian elections — raising fears that greater democracy would increase fundamentalists' power, activists say.

"America's stance is very clear. It is so afraid after the victories of Hamas in Palestine and the Brotherhood in Egypt," said Ahmed Seif al-Islam, a member of one of three Egyptian rights group backing Nabil in his case.

The United States "has not only lifted its hand and stopped pressure. We are in the phase of (the U.S.) hinting to government they can take repressive measures for the sake of stability," he said.

In Thursday's court session, Nabil was charged with inciting sedition, insulting Islam, harming national unity and insulting the president, a court official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of court rules.

Defense attorneys asked for time to review the indictment and the trial was adjourned until Jan. 25.

## Herman L. Frederick

Herman L. Frederick, former supervising principal of Honeoye Central School (1951 to 1973), passed away on Jan. 8, 2007. He was 94.

He is predeceased by his parents, Archie and Violet Frederick; sister, Annette; wife, Elizabeth (Betty) Frederick. He is survived by his sister, Dorothea Frederick of Mt. Morris; daughters: Janet (David) Brown of Atlantic Beach, Fla. and Mary Sue Crusoe of Livonia, N.Y.; Granddaughters: Karen (Todd) Crusoe from Livonia, N.Y.; Catherine Brown from Jacksonville, Fla.; Christine (Lee) Countryman from Livonia, N.Y.; Grandsons: Michael Brown from Jacksonville Beach, Fla.; Kevin Crusoe from Livonia, N.Y.; John (Chrissy) Crusoe from Raleigh, N.C.; and nine great grandchildren.

Mr. Frederick was a graduate of Fredonia Normal School in 1933, where he was active in sports and president of his class. He began his career in education teaching in one room schools in Forestville and Limestone, N.Y. While teaching in Cuba, N.Y., he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Buffalo and a master's degree from St. Bonaventure University and did considerable post graduate work at Alfred University. He served as principal of schools in Jasper, N.Y. and Ripley, before coming to Honeoye in 1950. He retired in 1973.

Mr. Frederick and his wife, Betty were very active in the community. Mr. Frederick was a member of the Honeoye Masonic Lodge and Jamestown Consistory. An avid golfer, he belonged to the Livingston Country Club in Geneseo for more than 30 years, where he was Club Champion in 1961 to 1964 and set a 9 hole course record scoring a 64 for 18 holes. The current course record remains 64 for 18 holes, having been matched but not beaten. Mr. Frederick qualified for the NYS State Armature twice and shot his age in the Great Lakes Seniors. Hunting and target/skeet shooting were also a favorite pastime. An excellent marksman, he enjoyed shooting with his granddaughter and her husband, Christine and Lee Countryman, in his later years.

A memorial service will be held at the United Church of Christ in Honeoye, N.Y., on Monday evening, Jan. 22 at 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Teresa House, 21 Highland Road, Geneseo, NY, 14454 or a charity of your choice.

## BIRTHS

**CHEVRIER** — To Vincent and Jamie (Brown) Chevrier of Jamestown, in WCA Hospital, Jan. 17, 2007, a son, Marc Andre Chevrier.

**NOLLINGER** — To Erik and Jessica (Riley) Nollinger of Jamestown, in WCA Hospital, Jan. 18, 2007, a daughter, Arriane Marie Nollinger.



## Ronald J. Sercu Sr.

**SOUTH DAYTON** — Ronald J. Sercu Sr., 62, a retired mechanic for Pine Valley Central School, where he worked for 18 years, died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, as a result of an auto accident.

He was born July 28, 1944, in Buffalo, the son of the late Francis and Ethel (Price) Sercu.

Ron also worked at Ruckh Motors for several years, and was in the U.S. Army serving in Vietnam.

He was the loving husband of Carol A. (Brown) Sercu of South Dayton and father of Ronald J. (Diane) Sercu Jr. of Dunkirk, William B. (Kristin) Sercu, Carla R. Sercu of Medina, N.Y., the late Timothy M. Sercu who died on Dec. 13, 2006 and grandfather to Brody, Brennan, and Bryce Sercu of Cherry Creek, Lauren and Nathan Sercu of Dunkirk, brother to Ethel Christine Lee, Jacquelyn Swan, Judy Antholzner, Rebecca Martin, Debra Hoy, Thomas Sercu, Gary Sercu, Gerald Sercu, David Sercu and he had 41 nieces and nephews, and many great-nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at **Hills Funeral Chapel**, 478 Balcom Corners, South Dayton on Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, Jan. 22, 2007 at 11 a.m. at St. John Fisher Roman Catholic Church, South Dayton. Father Daniel P. Walsh of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, will be celebrant. Burial will be in the Villenova Cemetery in South Dayton.

# Liza Minelli, David Gest Settle Differences

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Legal disputes between Liza Minelli and husband David Gest ended Thursday when their lawyers filed court papers saying the two had settled their differences, agreed to get divorced without fault and move on.

Gest's divorce lawyer, Susan M. Moss, said the two will be divorced "within the next few weeks" in Memphis, Tenn., where Gest has a home. Moss said the couple chose Tennessee because the state, unlike New York, has no-fault divorce.

The agreement to file for a no-fault divorce in Tennessee means neither party has to accuse the other of wrongdoing.

Minnelli, 60, and Gest, 53, married March 16, 2002, in a celebrity-studded ceremony that featured Michael Jackson as best man carrying the bride's train and Elizabeth Taylor as maid of honor. They parted ways in July 2003, and both filed for divorce later that year.

Before filing for divorce, Gest sued Minnelli for \$10 million for assault, claiming that his wife had beaten him so badly during alcoholic rages that she caused him nerve damage and caused him to be hospitalized for five days.

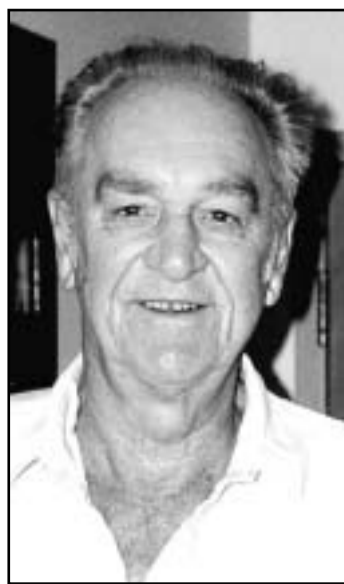
Minnelli countersued, claiming that Gest had stolen at least \$2 million she earned while performing in shows he had produced.

Lorraine Nadel, Gest's lawyer in the assault lawsuit and in the Minnelli countersuit, confirmed that legal battle was over. She said the settlement's terms were confidential and would not say whether either paid the other any money.

State Supreme Court Justice Jane Solomon had in fact thrown out Gest's \$10 million assault case in September, but the settlement apparently means he won't try to appeal.

Moss said the divorce agreement was reached during the past week.

# OBITUARIES



## Robert L. Brookmire

Robert Lord Brookmire of Sherman, N.Y., died at age 84 on January 16, 2007, 6:20 p.m., from complications of cancer. He was born July 18, 1922, to Mildred Swartz Brookmire and Neill Ivan Brookmire. He served in the Navy during World War II as a machinist's mate first class. He got out on Jan. 10, 1946. He had worked at the Ajax steel plant before the war, and afterward worked for McInnis Steel in Corry, Penn., for 23 years. According to his brother James (Buddy) Brookmire, who had worked at Ajax with him, "Bob was so meticulous that they always gave him the most difficult jobs, the ones that they couldn't afford to screw up." Known as a perfectionist and as a humorist, Bob was able to crack jokes up until his last weeks of life. Indeed, his long-standing advice was: "Keep a sense of humor."

Bob was an avid sportsman, with a keen interest in baseball and golf, particularly. In high school he played basketball, football, baseball, tennis, and badminton. He was about 40 before he started golfing, but he played golf for the next 40 years, often with his brother Paul or his lifetime friend Wally Lawson, a well-known artist in Chautauqua County.

Bob was a kind, loving husband. He is survived by his wife, Lois Russell Brookmire; his brother James of Pittsford, N.Y.; two children, Paula Brookmire of Milwaukee, Wis., and Mark Brookmire of Frewsburg, N.Y.; three grandchildren, Rachel and Autumn Brookmire of Friendship Heights, MD, and Amber, who lives with her mother, Cindy Kay, of Bemus Point, N.Y.; cousins (he was particularly close to cousins John Swartz of Columbus, OH, and Dave Swartz of Tucson, AZ); and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Paul of Jamestown, N.Y.; his first wife, Estelle (Stella) Charwinsky Brookmire Patti; and his second wife, Evelyn Smith Brookmire.

He has left his body to science. There will be no funeral service or viewing. At the discretion of the family, there may be a memorial service, to be announced later. Memorial donations in his name may be made to Hospice of Chautauqua County, 4840 W. Lake Rd., Mayville, New York 14757; the Stanley Hose Company ambulance fund, Sherman Fire Hall, Park Street, Sherman, NY 14781; or the Community Church, 107 Church St., Sherman NY 14781.

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## Thomas A. D'Angelo

Thomas A. D'Angelo, 63, of 16 Summit Ave. died at 11:35 p.m. Wednesday (Jan. 17, 2007) in his home.

A lifelong area resident, he was born June 29, 1943, in Jamestown, a son of Ralph N. and Carrie Gattuso D'Angelo.

He was a 1961 graduate of Jamestown High School and also graduated from Jamestown Community College.

Before his retirement in March 2006, he was employed as an agent for the Pfeffer Insurance Agency for several years. In earlier years he was associated with his family in the former Arcade Shoe Store in downtown Jamestown for many years.

Tom will be remembered as a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather and brother who loved to spend time doing things with his family. He especially enjoyed watching his grandchildren participate in their many activities. In previous years he had coached his son's in Jamestown Little League Baseball. He also loved his german shepherd "Zach" who was his constant companion where ever he went.

He was an avid sports fan driving throughout Chautauqua County attending the many sporting events that were taking place. He never let his physical limitations keep him from attending a game. He was especially active in local bowling, golf and sports officiating circles. His many memberships include the Jamestown Area Bowling Association, Chautauqua County Baseball and Softball Umpires Associations, the New York State Association of Certified Football Officials, the former

Jamestown Area Jaycees, served on the board of directors of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame and was very active with the Italian-American Charity Golf Tournament. He was inducted into the Jamestown Area Bowling Hall of Fame in 2004 and the Chautauqua County Umpires Hall of Fame in 1987.

He also served as an actor for the Little Theater of Jamestown, was a bell ringer for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign, served as an independent business chairman for the American Cancer Society Crusade in 1974, was active in the Parkinson's, Hodgkin's and Cancer Support Group, where he gave many talks to help people cope with their disease. He was also a member of the reunion committee for the JHS Class of 1961.

Surviving are his mother of Frewsburg, his wife, the former Sue Peterson, whom he married Sept. 28, 1963; three sons: Timothy D. (Carrie) D'Angelo, Thomas P. (Lori) D'Angelo, both of Jamestown and Todd C. (Megan) D'Angelo of Concord, N.C.; four grandchildren: Thomas A., Nicholas E. D'Angelo, both of Jamestown, Milana G., Hannah C. D'Angelo, both of Concord; two brothers: Vincent (Dianne) D'Angelo of Hincley, Ohio and Ralph R. (Wanda) D'Angelo of Jamestown; and two sisters: Mary Lou (Ed) Holmes of Kennedy and Grace Ann (Charles) Mistretta of Jamestown.

He was preceded in death by his father who died Jan. 28, 1995.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday in St. James Catholic Church. The Rev. Joseph Gullo, pastor of St. John Catholic Church and Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Church, Falconer, will be celebrant. Burial will be in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Friends will be received from 1 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday in the Lind Funeral Home, where a Christian Wake Service will be led by the Rev. Robert Stolinski of St. James Catholic Church at 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials may be made to the Italian-American Charity Golf Association, P.O. Box 352, Jamestown, NY, 14702-0352 or to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY, 10163.

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11:00 a.m. at our chapel  
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1:00 p.m. at our chapel  
The family will be present to receive  
friends at Lind's from 2 to 4 and 7 to  
9 p.m. Friday.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22**  
THOMAS A. D'ANGELO  
16 Summit Avenue  
10:00 a.m. at St. James Catholic  
Church  
The family will be present to receive  
friends at Lind's from 1 to 4 and 7 to  
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A Christian Wake service will be held  
at 8:30 p.m. Sunday in the funeral  
home.

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