

Sam Westing Found Alive

Westing Heirs Find Answer to Mystery

By Emily Cohn

Westingtown News

Just last night the so-called Sam Westing was found alive and in perfect condition in the Westing House. It was found out that Sam Westing, Sandy McSouthers, Julian Eastman, and Barney Northrup are all the same man—Windy Windkloppel. Windkloppel disguised himself as these four men because he "wished to experience 4 different views of life". His disguise was discovered by "Westing's 16 heirs."

On September 1st, the 16 heirs, who all live in Sunset Towers, were gathered in the Westing library for the reading of the will. It just so happened that the will was a game; whoever won would inherit the 200 million dollars of "Westing". The heirs were paired up and each tea given a set of clues. Whichever team guessed the right answer (who murdered "Sam Westing") at the end of a period of 3 weeks would win.

During the 3 weeks, 3 bombings occurred. Alice Tabitha-Ruth ("Turtle") Wexler, daughter of Jake Wexler and Grace Windsor Wexler (all of them heirs), confessed to the bombings (details below). It was also discovered that Berthe Erica Crow is really "Mrs. Westing".

At the end of the period of 3 weeks, all 16 heirs met at the Westing library again for another "reading of the will". All answers given were incorrect, but the heirs were given 5 more minutes to figure it out together. In putting all the clues together, the heirs found that they had all of the words to "America the Beautiful" except

for "ber", "the", "erica", and "crow", which led everyone to believe that Berthe Erica Crow, a.k.a. "Mrs. Westing", murdered Sam Westing. It was at that point that "McSouthers", one of the heirs himself, gagged and fell over unconscious. Dr. Sikes came in and pronounced him dead. Crow then turned herself in, but was brought back innocent when the heirs discovered that "Sam Westing" was really McSouthers, Northrup, Eastman and Westing, and that Dr. Sikes was his partner in all of this, for McSouthers wasn't really dead upon investigation, but Windkloppel had Sikes say McSouthers was dead so no one would suspect McSouthers.

At that moment fireworks lasting for 15 minutes lit up the sky. By the time they were finished, Westing House had burned to the ground.

The lawyer, Ed Plum, decided that Alice ("Turtle") would inherit the money because she was the first to realize the true identity(s) of "Sam Westing".



The 4 disguises of Windy Windkloppel

Young Girl Confesses To Bombings

Injures 2 People In Doing

By Emily Cohn

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12 year old Alice Tabitha-Ruth ("Turtle") Wexler, daughter of Grace Windsor Wexler and Dr. Jake Wexler, confessed to being the culprit of the Sunset Towers bombings late last night. She says she did it because she felt she wasn't getting enough attention from anyone.

Looking back in her life we find that Alice's older sister Angela, who is currently engaged to Dr. Denton Deere, certainly has been the predominant one. But many agree this does not excuse her behavior.

Alice was brought up in a fairly rich family, but she says she still didn't get the childhood she wishes she'd had. "This negligence may be the reason she did those horrible things, the poor child", says Flora Saumbach, a dressmaker and heir. Alice claims she didn't really mean to hurt anyone, and certainly wishes she hadn't. But what's been done's been done.

"Alice got the nickname 'Turtle' because we thought she looked something of a turtle. After all, she is a bit slow at times!" says Mrs. Wexler. "Turtle was such a sweet child; what would provoke her to do such a thing?" Saumbach asked.



Dear Jacqueline

An advice column written by Jacqueline Adams

Q: Dear Jacqueline, I'm a 12 year old girl named Jenny*. All through my life I've been pushed to the side to make way for my older sister, Marie*. It's true, Marie is older and prettier, and she's engaged, but I'm smarter! Well, at least I will be when I'm her age. Even besides that, I feel as though no one loves me. Everyone is so happy for Marie, everyone is so concerned about Marie, everyone loves Marie. But when it comes to me, I'd be lucky if my mom remembered to talk to me once a day.

Just recently, however, I found out my sister's not so perfect. I won't say what she did, but it was bad. Should I rat her out or should I take the blame as usual? I don't want my sister in jail but I don't want to be pushed to the side. Then again, it would give me some attention for once. - Ignored in Westingtown.

A: Dear Ignored, Whatever your sister did, she deserves the blame. But if you feel she'll be put in jail, or get something she doesn't deserve for what she did, maybe it should be a secret between two sisters. You don't have to tell anyone who did this, you can let them figure it out for themselves. If they figure out it was Marie, then let her get the blame she should get. As far as being pushed to the side, everyone has a special talent. Excel in yours, and I'm sure you'll be a star. By the way, you should never try something dangerous just to get attention, no matter how desperate you are. It isn't worth it.

- * all names have been changed as requested



Police Question Westing Case and Bombings

Wondering if Westing heirs are lying

By Emily Cohn
Westingtown News

The Westingtown Police Squad are beginning to doubt the 16 Westing heirs' answer to the Westing mystery. "It seems highly doubtful that no one would notice that Windkloppel was also 4 other people in disguise. I think either Crow really did kill Sam Westing, who I think was a real person, and Sandy McSouthers, too, and I think the woman should go to jail. All the clues point to her, yet she was still claimed innocent", says Derek Williams, chief of police. Other police squads seem to think that Angela Wexler, older sister of thought-to-be bomber Alice Wexler, actually set off the bombs. They say that she was never with the others when the bombings went off, and that she could be taking her frustration of getting married out on other people instead of herself. They

also say she might've been frustrated with her partner, Sydelle Pulaski, for not solving the mystery, because Pulaski was one of the people injured. Some even say that she may have been mad at herself for accepting Deere as her husband, so she bombed herself. "If this really is the case, then the young woman should be tried as an adult, and she should have a fair trial. If it is decided that Angela is the real bomber, then she will be put in jail for up to 5 years. "You have no reason to think that she did the bombings!! You just want to find something wrong with her!! You have no clues or leads!! We both know she didn't do them, so I say you should stop wasting your time!! It was me!! I confessed already!!" says young Alice. Westingtown Police Squad will have a meeting on whether they should blame Angela, and will state their decision by Monday.



Chief of Westingtown Police Squad, Derek Williams

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Bombings

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always knew that girl was up to something, the way she always kicked everyone whenever they came near her". 16 year old track star Doug Hoo says.

The following note was found pinned to the Sunset Towers bulletin:

I, Turtle Wexler, confess to those four bombs. I'm sorry, it was a dumb thing to do and I won't do it again. But! I am not the burglar and I never murdered anybody, ever.
Your Friend,
Turtle
P.S. To make up for scaring you, I will treat everybody here to an exquisite Chinese cuisine dinner when I win the inheritance.

On hearing this, James Shin Hoo, Doug Hoo's father, said "Poor Grace. One daughter almost killed, the other one a bomber. Smart-aleck kid, first she blows up my kitchen, then she advertises my cuisine. Win the inheritance-ha! Maybe I'm lucky my son is a dumb jock".

"Alice is smart, very smart, but she does have a temper" quotes Baumbach. Apparently Alice was a sophisticated child before her temper got the better of her.

After investigation, it was decided that Alice would be let go but under probation. The Chief of Police says, "if it happens again, she will be arrested. This child is on very thin ice!"



The type of explosion Alice used in the bombings, once which gives off a mild explosion more for startling than injuring. Also the same type of explosion which caused the Westing House to burn to the ground during the final "reading of the will". Alice was not blamed for this explosion as she was in the library, say several witnesses, when it happened.

Weekly Book Review

Young bird watcher Chris Theodorakis's weekly review

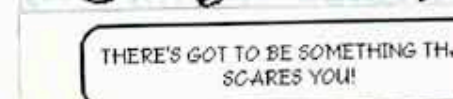
This week's book: "The Westing Game" by Ellen Raskin

This book was about a millionaire, Sam Westing, who had recently died in bed and who wrote a will which proposed a game among his 16 heirs. In the game, the heirs were paired up and each team given 5 clues, and whichever team figures out who killed Sam Westing (it states in the will that he was murdered) would win his 200 million. In the end, none of the teams figure out who killed him but many other mysteries are uncovered along the way. Then they are all given 5 minutes to work out the problem together as their last chance to inherit his money. The heirs finally figure out the answer-his own wife killed him! But this is still incorrect, and they later find out that Sam Westing isn't really who he says he is. He is Windy Windkloppel, who disguises himself as 4 other men daily. It's really a great book in my opinion because it has many mysteries and stories inside the one big mystery that are fun to solve yourself. The author does leave some matters hanging at the end of the book but that is for you to wonder about. She gives you many paths to choose from in solving the mystery, and you must pick the right one. I think this helps people work on their assumption skills because the ending is rather surprising! All in all, this book really isn't just for kids, it's tons of fun and for all ages. If you liked the books "Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief" by Wendelin Van Draanen and "The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle" by Avi, you will certainly like this book.



Chris Theodorakis watching birds again

Doug and Turtle by Emily Cohn



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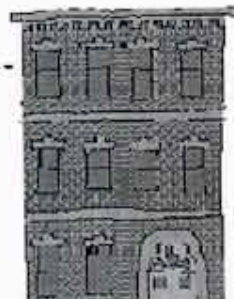
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Young Girl Off the Hook

An editorial by editor, Emily Cohn



Editor Emily Cohn

Just last night, 12 year old Alice Wexler, daughter of Grace Windsor-Wexler and Jake Wexler, confessed to the Sunset Towers bombings. She got off the hook for injuring 3 people. She got off the hook for ruining a restaurant and a coffee shop. She got off the hook for permanently damaging her older sister, Angela's, lovely face, all because she couldn't be tried as an adult. Oh, yeah, sure, she's not harmful at all now that we know she's not an adult! Uh-uh, she's never going to hurt anyone again, especially since she's only set off 3 or 4 bombs in one week!! No big deal!! I mean, just because she's not an adult doesn't mean she can't hurt anyone! She already did! She should at least have to serve community service in my opinion. The facts are straight: she set off 3 bombs, injured 3 people, ruined 2 shops and 1 face, and wasn't charged for anything, just warned. As if a warning will make her stop bombing. Now, some people say that she was always neglected and she would be lucky if her mom remembered to talk to her all day. I do think that is horrible and everyone should be loved by someone. Most people say she was actually harmless before she did the bombings. But, she's not harmless anymore. Even though she was neglected, that is no reason to take it out on others! She could have killed them. Is this what is becoming the next generation?? Bombs and lies?? I certainly hope not.

CAPRICORN

(December 22-January 19)

*** Your mouth gets you in trouble. Beware of others around you, you never know what they may do. Your health is getting off track. Put it back on. Think about your problems and fix them soon. Tonight: out with the one you love.

AQUARIUS

(January 20-February 18)

*** Today is a fairly good day. You will have fun, but remember to save time for work; you have a lot to do. Don't judge others by their cover-you may discover a new best friend. Tonight: do only what you want.

PISCES (February 19-March 20)

** Today you better watch out for the ones you love. They may hurt you more than you think possible. Don't pay attention to rumors, only go by what you know.

Watch out! tall build today, and take any f. Tonight: r good book.

Horoscopes by Sally O'Niell

ES (March 21-April 19)

What you see not what you. Watch out-ur "best end" may turn you any day. Tonight: nothing can pen.

VRUS (April 20-May 20)

* You could be off beat n you realize. attention to t others think you...it may always be d. Try to do good deeds day, it will p you in the ure. Tonight: and about

MINI (May 21-June 20)

Today is your lucky day. ay in bed, but n't worry...we l have bad ys. Take ances with the es you love. u never know at can happen. night: your ck is back.

NCER (June 21-July 22)

** Go on a opping spree. u need a break om all your rd work. Think out who loves u and spend re time with em, they miss

quiet evening at home.

LEO (July 23-August 22)

***** Take advantage of your lucky day. If there is something you doubt you can do, try it today because you will succeed.

Tonight: out with your friends

VIRGO (August 23-September 22)

***** Today you will uncover something you never knew. Use this knew knowledge to help you, and you will be rewarded. You will receive big money today as a bribe. Take it and use it on others, you owe it to them! Tonight: out at a club.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22)

*** Confusion surrounds you, try to get through it and emerge in front of everyone. Pay attention to what you know and use it to help you discover a secret. Tonight: home in bed.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21)

* Don't try anything today,

succeed. If you have entered a contest, get out of it. You will loose in more than one ways. Stay as close to home as you can. Tonight: watch out for others.

SAGITARIUS

(November 22-December 21)

***** Today may very well be the best day of your life. You may do anything you want! Use the money you were paid to inform someone to buy yourself a treat. You will succeed at everything today, so don't worry. Have fun. Tonight: whatever pleases you.

Sale!!!

Westing Mall