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I HAD A DREAM OR DID I?

Washington – As a result of her trailing in the delegate count, Hillary Clinton has embarked on a new strategy. Instead of the old sales pitch of having “two Presidents for the price of one” they are throwing in an added bonus if you vote now.

“What could be better than two Presidents? Three Presidents. Yes, you can have the Clintons and we’ll throw in an Obama for no extra cost” said one of Hillary’s campaign spokesmen floating the new idea.

Obama, however, was not overly receptive to the idea of being bought and sold. “Here’s a guy who made it with his own shady land deals. He’s leading the race and he’s now only good enough to be the Vice President. It sounds like Jim Crow politics to me” said one Obama campaigner.

Conservatives were quick to note that while the liberal agenda has built its reputation on racial equality, they quickly use the “not in this situation” card when confronted with the fact that they are no longer controlling the show.

“This is the Democratic party. We believe in quotas. We fight for affirmative action in schools and such. But here, even when the tests scores of the primary show a distinct preference towards Obama, the Clinton campaign is suggesting that he be denied his rightful seat on the bus. Somehow the rhetoric is not being supported by action” said one political observer.

“Why would they trot out this idea in Mississippi? The subtle racism of being a vice president might just play well in the South” bristled an Obama staffer.

“Hillary has an exemplary record on civil rights. She has long supported the movement when it applies to others” said one Hillary supporter. “Hillary opened the door to enable America to elect its first black president but it doesn’t mean she’s going to let him through the door before her”

ican edjakation

providence – the commissioner of education today defended the department’s “ican” television commercial saying that if e.e. cummings can do it, so can the state of rhode island.

“by eliminating capitalization, we are empowering students to free themselves from the conventions of language. these students have no interest in capital letters. the test scores in english demonstrate this. who are we to judge?”

“additionallyweareconsideringtheuseofspacebetweenwords-punctuationandrunonsentences-maybethenextthingto”

critics have complained that the department should be setting the example for learning in the state. “here we have a state agency lowering its own standards while complaining that the students are not meeting them” said one legislator.

the chair of the english department at a local pass/fail ivy league school has issued a statement in support of the commissioner. that sentiment was echoed by a professor in the psychology department “it is time we stopped putting emphasis on i and start thinking about society as a whole”

“what the public is not seeing is that ican stands for something. it is an acronym for individualized classroom accountability network. so what if there are no capital letters?” said a department spokesperson. “as long as children learn how to meet the standards does it matter if they are not properly practiced in the real world by educators?” said ride spokesman bryan rodriguez.

AND THE BAND PLAYED ON

Providence – In a move that rivaled the band playing on the sinking Titanic, the Rhode Island legislature spent hours to find a few job functions to assign to the Lieutenant Governor.

“Hell, we’ve got a budget crisis here. We need to keep this worthless position and so we are trying our hardest to make it functional. This is what government is all about” said one legislator.

Representative Victor Mofitt has introduced legislation that would force the Lieutenant Governor and Governor to run as a team. “The Governor has indicated that he would prefer his own “do-nothing” person, possibly a retiree from Old Stone or someone equally as connected, to serve”

“We are not interested in making the office functional, we are interested in a team approach. Besides, Republicans have only held this office about five years in the last seventy. This is a chance to revive the Republican party on the state level”

“Instead of saving the almost one million dollars, we need to spend it more wisely. That’s what the taxpayers put us here to do.”

The Lieutenant Governor was too busy working on the long forgotten stem-cell research project to be available for comment.

“As an politico sans portfolio the Lt. Governor can tackle many of the problems facing the world” said one aide.

RHODE ISLAND SUPREME COURT EXTENDS BAN ON COLE PORTER

Providence - After its precedent setting decision on 'Gay Divorce', the Rhode Island Supreme Court has voted 3-2 to extend its ruling to include the censorship of any musical performance or play featuring the music of Cole Porter.

Chief Justice Williams, using rather flamboyant rhetoric, wrote the decision for the court.

"Since we do not legally recognize 'gay marriage', we can not in good conscience allow any references to 'gay divorce' to be permitted in Rhode Island. We will not submit to states that create whimsical concepts that do not exist, lest we be forced to put our fingers into the dyke against imagined floods."

The ban has already created a black market for Porter recordings, and anticipation of the decision has stimulated a choreographed exodus of Broadway enthusiasts to Massachusetts border towns where the prohibited material can be legally purchased.

Rhode Island record stores and radio stations have organized an amnesty program for anyone willing to surrender their Cole Porter recordings, no questions asked.

From now until next Valentine's Day you can exchange your Cole Porter material for Billy Gillman's Classic Christmas or the Eddie and the Cruisers soundtrack at any Craig's List advertised glory hole.

Items exchanged will be crushed by a steamroller, generously donated by the George M. Cohan Foundation, to be recycled into an emotionally moving piece of phallic public art designed in the style of Friedrich St. Florian entitled "Give My Regards to Wicken-den".

What Do You Think?

New York Governor Spitzer may resign due to an extra-marital affair. What do you think?

When did Guy Dufault move to New York?

DC - East Greenwich

At least she didn't throw all his clothes out on the lawn of the Governor's Mansion.

RH - Barrington

Number 9. Hell, I had several babes and Number 7.

BS - Jamestown

If only he had known about Rhode Island where indoor prostitution is legal.

DE - Providence

Could you imagine what would happen to New York if it hadn't elected an obscure Lt. Governor?

ER - Cranston

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WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?

Orlando - Disney officials have categorically denied rumors that Pluto is continually heading for Uranus.

"Sure, he's a dog and he does dog things, but if you just slap him on the nose a few times when he's heading there, he gets the message" said a spokesman for the corporate giant.

"All in all he's a good dog. He never bitten anyone and he is like a member of the family. He may have a few bad habits, but some of this sniffing stuff may be hereditary in nature. We can't punish him for that, can we?"

These allegations are just the most recent to plague Disney. At a recent divorce trial of Mickey and Minnie, Mickey was questioned about Minnie's sanity.

In response to the question, "Didn't you say that Minnie was 'crazy'?" the wide eyed rat exploded, saying, "I didn't say she was crazy, I said she was f***in' Goofy".

It's a small world after all.

ASK LIZ Advice on Anything

Dear Liz:

My friends are always trying to play matchmaker. The most recent attempt is to have me coupled with my boss. They claim it would be better for the operation of the company if we were together as a team.

I enjoy my no-strings attached freedom and would find it difficult. Quite frankly, I don't need a partner in that I think I could do that job myself. What should I do?

Alice - Coventry

Dear Alice:

I have always found it much easier to let others make the plans. They can all get in their two cents, but nothing says you have to listen to them.

Give them the feeling that they are participating. Let them suggest things.

As for the matchmaking, your friends are only trying to help. They may be seeing that you really need more in your position.

THE HALLMARK

Charlie Hall

