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PUTTING WOMEN FIRST

Providence – Women and Infants Hospital, in a recent commercial, has indicated that it puts “women first”. The logical conclusion to this is that it puts “infants last”.

“It is a subtle indication as to where the hospital stands on abortion” claimed one supporter of the Right To Life movement.

“By putting infants last we are creating a society that completely disregards the needs of our children, born or unborn”.

The commercial also has set off a fire storm in that it also promotes an ego-centric view of the world, stating that putting others interests before your own is so passé.

This has angered the philanthropic community. “We should always put others before ourselves. Then put your name on it”

Rumors have been circulating, however, that Alan Shawn Feinstein is considering changing his name to Feinstein Alan Shawn. “Everything is in the name” said one observer.

Speaking for the hospital, Bryan Rodrigues stated “We never intended to minimize our commitment to infants. We are equally committed to both women and infants. We just wanted to show that women are more equal than infants”.

Several members of the hospital’s board will meet to consider the health care Lt. Governor’s suggestion of re-naming the hospital to Women and Last, But Not Least, Infants.

ROGERS BULKS UP CREDENTIALS

Middletown – David Rogers, in an apparent attempt to bulk up his credentials for another run against Representative Patrick Kennedy, got himself arrested for driving while intoxicated.

“It just goes to show you what a disadvantage I have. I tried to tell the officer that I was merely practicing to get to late night votes in the House, but he would not hear it”

“Sure, Patrick gets into a crash, nearly injures police officers, and what happens, he gets driven home. Me, I get to go to the police station”

Critics have said that Rogers was merely doing this as a publicity stunt and that he was not really worried about the fallout.

People in the First District are very forgiving, even if aberrant behaviors are not limited to a single instance.

Rogers said he planned to rent a boat in the near future and call on the Coast Guard to mediate any situation with an angry passenger. He has also indicated that he is considering Oxycontin abuse. There was no comment about his mental state.

Rogers has proved that it is a lucrative business to run against a Kennedy. By compiling lists of those who would post bail, Rogers feels that he can then sell those lists for a handsome profit. The new venture is currently dubbed “Dave’s List”.

Rogers seemed unmoved by the events. “God protects drunks and idiots, and people who run for a seat in the First District”.

I KNOW YOU ARE BUT WHAT AM I?

Washington – The Democratic primary has gotten so bad that the two candidates have been continually exchanging taunts as part of their regular campaign stumping speeches.

“Hillary has coodies” said Obama at a recent rally in Harrisburg.

Hillary, hearing the comment from a reporter, retorted “I am rubber you are glue, what you say about me bounces off me and sticks on you”.

This war of words is but another round in the contest that has the two presidential candidates fighting each other. Just two weeks ago the Obama campaign started with the “Are too” defense against the claim that he was not ready to assume the role of Commander in Chief.

“Are not” replied Clinton.

“Are too” said Obama.

“Are not, infinity” said the Clinton campaign, hoping to have the last word on the issue.

In addition, there is much dissatisfaction about the outcome of the Michigan and Florida primaries. The Clinton camp is claiming a “do-over” in that the delegates from those states will not be seated at the convention.

The Clinton campaign is gathering several affidavits from voters who claim they had their fingers crossed when they were voting.

Additionally, there is a rumor circulating that the two candidates will be fighting in the school yard at the end of the convention.

WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE. . .

Scituate – Fifth grade teacher Sally O’Malley noticed something was wrong with the pre-pubescent boys in her class.

“Whenever they were called upon to stand up to read in front of the class, they slowly rose from their seats and walked to the front of the class in a bent over awkward fashion”.

Strangely, it all began just after the start of fishing season. Using deductive reasoning, she determined that the boys were all eating fish they had caught in the Scituate Reservoir.

She raised her concerns to the Water Authorities. O’Malley now believes that the fish in the reservoir have an abnormally high Viagra content.

“With so many elderly Rhode Island men taking the drug, it has found its way into our water system. The fish take in the drug and when eaten, it causes erections” claimed the teacher.

Water authorities have said that there is no cause for concern over what is in the drinking water and that fifth grade boys are prone to unannounced erections.

“There’s no need for concern, that is, unless the erection lasts for more than four hours”.

School officials think that this will go away once the baseball season arrives. “We just need to get them to think about other things, like the line up for the ‘67 Mets or something”.

O’Malley is not convinced that this will resolve the situation. “We must act before these boys take matters into their own hands” said the visibly frustrated educator.

Recent studies nationally have shown that public water supplies are being corrupted by prescription drugs. “We have become a nation of druggies by proxy. Just say no to water”.

What Do You Think?

Legislators are considering a merger of Rhode Island College and the Community College of Rhode Island into one super-college with all those savings related to the economy of scale. What do you think?

Who will be the college president, Bobby Wegand or Bruce Sundlun? Didn’t they run as a ticket once?
GC - Barrington

Wow, and to think it just took that one move to avert a budgetary meltdown. Stevie Constantino is Rhode Island’s Ben Bernanke.
MA - Warren

By combining the two colleges there can be a savings in crossing guards, thereby balancing the budget. And, oh yeah, we must raise taxes too.
SL - Cranston

There but for the God of grace, go I.
RH - Barrington

It is okay with me as long as when they merge the libraries they call it the Adams Family of Libraries.
FC - Narragansett

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GIVE BLOOD

Westerly - A recent surge in the demand for plasma televisions has severely diminished the reserve blood supply.

“As these plasma televisions get more and more popular the need for transfusions will likely drain the blood banks. With the Final Four approaching, we need to have an adequate supply on hand” said one television repairman.

“HDTV, HIV, TB, hell, its a scary world out there” said one man shopping at a local Best Buy.

ASK LIZ - ADVICE ON ANYTHING

Dear Liz:

A person in a similar situation as myself was recently promoted to the top spot in the company as a result of a sex scandal.

Is it wrong for me to be wishing that a similar situation occur in my company? Should I be satisfied that I am second in command in name only?
Victoria - Scituate

Dear Victoria:

Count your blessings. Being number 2 is not the worst thing in the world. Think of all the responsibilities you would have if you were thrust into that role.

Besides, if you are in my situation, you have no duties as well as no responsibility. What could be better than that?

My suggestion is that you pursue a hobby on the boss’s time. Think about a project like universal health care or stem cell research. It will keep your mind occupied while you plan for the big office.

If that fails, just start your job search while doing what you are doing now. Be careful what you wish for.

THE HALLMARK

Charlie Hall



IT’S SOMETHING IN THE WATER.