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## SUNDLUN DEMANDS DO-OVER

Jamestown- Former Governor Bruce Sundlun is reportedly considering filing papers with the Board of Election to have a do-over of the 1994 Democratic Primary.

"If they can do it in Florida, then why can't we do it here in Rhode Island?"

"Every election is merely a snapshot in time. So, now that people know the results, why can't they change their minds?"

The 1994 Democratic primary saw the then sitting Governor lose to Myrth York cutting short his gubernatorial tenure.

"The loss was traumatic to the Governor. Not only did he lose an election, he lost to a girl".

"After that election, Sundlun was extremely despondent. He would play and replay the Riggs-King match over and over. He didn't even have the energy to look for another wife" said a long time friend and confidant.

Sources close to the Democratic party have indicated that at this point in time they would not be supporting Sundlun's efforts.

"After all that money I spent from my own pockets to secure that seat, it is only right that the party at least entertain my request. Hell, I would even pay for the election to be held"

"Maybe it's time for the former Governor to consider a different outlet" said one party leader.

## RED SOX PLAYERS TO STRIKE OVER LIMO SERVICE

Boston - Brimming with confidence over the way management folded in the recent confrontation over paying coaches for a Tokyo trip, the Red Sox players are considering various walk-outs.

It has been rumored that Bono has been in contact with the players to seek their support for eliminating hunger in Africa along with a plethora of lesser requests of the world champions to strike in the name of various causes.

"People like it when spoiled millionaire baseballers act in a way that bites the hand that feeds them. Even after the baseball strikes, when everyone claimed they would not support major league baseball on its return, fans still gobble up tickets to support grossly disproportionate salaries for the players" said one baseball insider.

"What's next?" asked a spokesperson for the league, "No more red M&Ms in the bowls before games? Hamburgers that have had all the relish bits hand removed?"

Others disagree. "It is about time these highly paid stars demand the perks of their status. These guys do a job that most American's would find repulsive. So what if they use their position of power to right the wrongs of society?" said one fan on a local radio station.

"It's about time the boys of summer begin to assume their rightful role as celebrities"

## COMING SOON IN PROVIDENCE

Providence - The city's waterfront is growing in popularity thanks to the lax enforcement of prostitution laws in the State of Rhode Island.

"Every day there are new arrivals coming to work in the brothels of Providence. It is a growing industry" said a spokesperson for the Mayor.

Rhode Island law, gone unamended for two years, allows for prostitution as long as it is within the confines of a building.

"We don't mind if it happens, we just mind if it is done in the public. What's to say that fifty bucks doesn't make sex consensual?" asked one policeman.

"With so many immigrants flocking to Rhode Island, we needed to create work. Besides, how else would they put themselves through Brown?"

Many note that the red light district of Providence is located quite close to a major university that specializes in "hospitality".

"What could be more hospitable than paid sex" said Bryan Rodrigues speaking for the university.

"We are considering a geisha training program that allows these young people to get real world experience in the trade. Not only are we looking to work with the prostitutes themselves, but we are offering a program for a degree in brothel management and a certificate program in pimping" said Rodrigues.

The school is considering joint honorary doctorates to the Mayor and Police Chief.

## SURVEY OF AMERICANS SHOW THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY STAND ON THE WAR IN IRAQ

**New York - A recent poll conducted throughout the week of March 1 through 8 shows that a majority of Americans have no clue as to where they stand on the war in Iraq.**

**"It is becoming quite evident that most Americans have grown tired of thinking about where they stand on the war" said a spokeswoman for the polling agency.**

**"Neither side has made a convincing argument. The pro-war forces have not found a good slur-name for the enemy, you know, the type that rallies people against a common enemy. This might be a sign of the politically correct environment that has softened American resolve against its enemies"**

**"Similarly, the anti-war advocates have not sufficiently united behind a symbolic position, you know, like 'flower power'. Much of this might be a direct result of the Reagan years when Americans started to once again feel good about themselves and good about killing foreigners"**

**"'Make Love Not War' is so cliché. Besides, there is no face to this war that can be painted on the side of gas storage tanks in Boston. It is just one more sign of yet another lost generation" wrote columnist Bryan Rodrigues in a recent op-ed piece.**

**"The fact that people are not willing to take one side or the other and fight for it is indicative of how we have grown as a nation. We are moved by polling data, but we are not inclined to embrace a position lest we bear the brunt of being ostracized within our own society. We have learned from Montel, Oprah, Jerry Springer and others that we must talk rather than act".**

## What Do You Think?

Rhode Island's prison population is growing. What do you think?

We should consider privatizing crime.  
DC - East Greenwich

Releasing drug pushers and prostitutes would only create more competition for existing Rhode Island businesses.  
WM - West Warwick

If you build it, they will come.  
RF - Providence

Sure, just when these people finally get state-paid universal health care you want to put them back on the streets.  
ER - Cranston

If you can't provide the time, don't make it a crime.  
RH - Barrington

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## McCain Raising Funds

Washington - Having secured the Republican nomination for President, John McCain has been busy on the fund raising circuit, attempting to raise millions from those he once attempted to limit.

John McCain has survived the liquidation of the shoe store chain and is ready to move on.

McCain is also considering sponsoring legislation that would remove Lincoln from the five dollar bill.

"During my campaign I will seek to have people disassociate the word 'Lincoln' from the word 'five' forever" said the candidate.

"In raising money from special interests I will be able to pay for all my flights, on time and not years later"

## ASK LIZ Advice on Anything

**Dear Liz:**

**I am so bored with my job. I have tried several ways to make it more interesting, but alas, I have discovered that I really can't make a difference from where I am sitting.**

**I spend my days plotting to take over control. I often daydream about the "what if" situations that arise. I find myself frequently critical of the current management, even when I don't know why. What should I do?**  
Alexsis - Charlestown

**Dear Alexis:**

**We all have days when we think we could do a better job of managing in place of the boss. I certainly know that I do.**

**Since idle hands to the Devil's deeds, I suggest you take up a hobby or do something that is considered "good" for the public.**

**Most importantly, keep in contact with your friends. When your boss leaves, you will need their support to get to where you want to be.**

## THE HALLMARK

Charlie Hall



**I SHALL RETURN**