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## CHEVALIER GRANTED VISA

Washington – Over fifty years after the fact, the State Department has announced that it will be changing its policy to allow Maurice Chevalier a visa allowing him to enter the country legally in 1951.

“We just wanted to get this off our desks. With the resurgence of Chevalier and his role in the anti-nuclear movement, we have decided that we needed to expunge the mark that was put on his visa file by the McCarthy politics that once ruled the nation” said one spokesperson for the department.

“This matter was brought to our attention when developing policy on identity theft by those seeking illegal entry into this county. We were watching an old Marx Brothers film during a slow day at ICE and it all came down on us like a ton of bricks. It explained why so many illegal aliens give Chevalier as their name when arrested. Everyone was using the same passport.”

There has been a reported rise in the number of people attempting to call themselves Maurice Chevalier to gain entry into the United States. There has been a report that over fifty people have attempted to get social security numbers using that name

“We all suspected something Vichy about this guy, but, hey, as we now know, in the end, he was only being French” said a State Department insider speaking on the condition of anonymity.

## LOBSTER SEASON APPROACHES

Providence – Steve Kass, spokesperson for Emergency Management, proved the need for his new appointment yesterday when he fielded questions from various Republicans concerned over the news that there will be a lobster shortage this summer.

“No, no, no. You won’t be eating marshmallow fluff. We are not in such a crisis whereby you must sell your second yacht to buy a decent dinner” Kass said as he attempted to calm a jittery group.

“You must remember that these reported lobster shortages are usually more of a warning than a reality. We haven’t had a real lobster shortage in years, but that doesn’t stop news groups from predicting them every year” said Kass.

“The staff of Emergency Management is more concerned with being pro-active instead of having to be reactive. We are merely attempting to educate the public that there is a good chance of not having lobster this year.”

Lobster season, traditionally between May 31 and September 30, is a yearly concern of Emergency Management. There have been several shortages, but we have become lax here because we haven’t had a large scale shortage in years.

“As long as people pay attention to our warnings come lobster season, we should be able to weather any storm. We are urging everyone to be prepared. Know where your butter tins are located. Keep your bibs in good repair. Check our website to determine the best route to a fish store. It is that simple.”

## PROVIDENCE WINS IN SHOOT OUT

Providence - There was genuine fear that Providence would not field a team good enough to make it to the nationals this year, but two recent shootings in Providence have helped to make it back on the list of places most likely to be shot.

“There were way too many stab-bings in Providence. It is nice, but there is nothing like a gun generated homicide to bring national attention to our hometown” said a spokesman for the City’s Department of Parks and Recreation.

“There is nothing quite like a chalk drawing and those little evidence stands next to shell casings to show that Providence is a player in the shoot-up world.”

The Mayor is expected to give a speech next Thursday to mark ‘Gun Violence Awareness Day’.

“If you are impressed by the way this Mayor has continued the commitment to gun deaths that plagued the city for the last twenty years, you would certainly consider him as a viable candidate for Governor” said a top aide.

“You call that good?” asked former Mayor Buddy Cianci on his radio show. “Sources are telling me that these crime statistics are made up. When I was Mayor the daily shooting count was real.”

Apparently one caller agreed. “Oh, Mayor, it was so much better when people were getting shot under your administration. We need you back”

To which the former Mayor answered, “If I ever talk about going back into politics, shoot me. Just don’t do it in Providence to make his numbers look good”.

## WELCOME BACK KATHY LEE

New York - In a surprise move, NBC has announced that Kathy Lee Gifford will be returning to the morning line up doing a fourth hour of the Today Show.

"We thought about giving that happy face a few more millions and asking her to host the nightly news, but CBS has tried it and look where it got them" confided a network press secretary.

"Kathy has a lot of baggage, but hey, if Bill Clinton is back on the scene, why not Kathy? Both have been missing in action for about the same amount of time"

Gifford's past is somewhat mixed, having been a paragon for the mindless in her hit program with Regis only to have the public scorn reaped upon her over a clothing line flap.

"They were all over 16. They told me so. I love children. I love Frank. Oh, I am so confused."

Network sources have confirmed that the show was looking to someone of Kathy's stature to bring a bit of life to the mundane world of morning television.

"We tried to find another monkey but ratings data clearly indicated that the public was no longer amused by animal acts. They clearly prefer real people to act like asses rather than have asses act like people."

The return of Kathy Lee was met with the faux praises of her fellow Today show anchors, accompanied by the seemingly incessant mindless drivel that marks morning shows.

"Ain't we got fun" said one fan. "I can't wait to find out what Cody has been up to over the last eight years. Maybe she'll tell a funny story about catching him wanking."

## What Do You Think?

It's looking like 24 hour gambling is coming to Rhode Island. What do you think?

I'll give you two to one that the bill fails.

DY - Cumberland

If 24 hour gambling proves to be a budgetary fix, we should be considering 48 hour gambling.

PM - East Providence

Who cares? When you ain't got nothing, you got nothing to lose.

RH - Barrington

At last, a place where a Senator can get a late night bite to eat without flashing identification.

JP - Providence

What's good for G-Tech is good for Rhode Island.

DC - East Greenwich

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## PAULA ABDUL SPEAKS OUT

Miami - Paula Abdul has spoken out about the recent spate of teacher-student relationships in Florida.

"What's so bad about giving a little bit more to those special students? It's important to have an authority figure willing to go the extra mile to mentor a youngster"

Abdul, an all important judge of American Idol, has been known to take special interest with those she is put into the position of judging.

"It is important that these young minds get the right influence in the development of their careers. So what if it goes against the established ways of a society. Quite frankly, who cares what Simon says?"

## ASK LIZ - Advice on Anything

Dear Liz

My office is divided. My emotions align me with one group, but I am worried about how this position will impact my future ambition to move into the corner office. What should I do?

Francine - Cumberland

Dear Francine:

Always appease your base, but speak ambiguously to allow you to take a high road later should you be questioned later. Try something like this 'the politics of polarization will not lead us in the right direction'. Perfectly neutral, seems to support the base, yet leaves you wiggle room in the future.

If they ever let you temporarily sit in the boss's chair, say, if the boss is out of state, simply use that newly created power to change those executive decisions.

Also, consider wearing more beige, and, don't forget, support Hillary.

Polarization is nothing that we can't talk out. Why can't we all just get along?

## THE HALLMARK

Charlie Hall



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