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ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Providence – Who says the Lt. Governor has nothing to offer in the area of health care? In a recently proposed plan she has demonstrated various cost saving methods designed to minimize the waste of medical treatment.

Foremost is a recommendation that doctor's be exempted from having to explain various drugs to people just because they were told on television to ask their doctor if it were right for them.

"The hours of wasted medical time could be cut dramatically. We could see immediate savings of thousands of doctor-patient appointment time. Then we could better utilize that physician's talent to actually treat illness."

Another savings approach is in emergency room care. "People are using this as their primary physician. If we simply change the name of the Emergency Room to Primary Care Physician Area we could treat everyone with a primary physician and minimize the use of emergency care services.

"Everyone is entitled to health care. I think I read it somewhere in the Constitution or some other place. Hell, when I was in the Senate, I consistently sponsored and supported bills to allow for benefits for everyone, even those earning 250% of the poverty level. It is time that the State pay for everyone to do everything, of course, leaving to us rich folks the right to seek our own treating physician should the need ever arise".

The Lt. Governor will take her health care road show to various locations throughout the state, notably areas where there is a great deal of support for government entitlement programs.

Her staff has denied that the particular locations were chosen for their political impact, however, demographics would indicate that the locations were either chosen because of bedrock support of the program (ala George Bush speaking to military audiences) or because of polling data that shows that these areas have the largest sales of snake oil.

KILL THE BUM

Boston – Red Sox fans never forget, and so it goes to reason that a group of fans have asked the Attorney General of Red Sox Nation to open an investigation as to the circumstances that surrounded the death of Tony Conigliaro, claiming that the death was a direct result from that fateful pitch thrown by Angel's pitcher, Jack Hamilton.

"Poor Conig was never the same after that day. It ruined his career. It ruined his life. Hamilton must pay" said one Red Sox fan.

Conigliaro, the youngest major league player to reach 100 home runs, was struck down by a pitch in August of 1967. It is widely accepted that Conigliaro holds the record for home runs as a teenager, although Wilt Chamberlain has disputed that achievement, claiming it for his own.

As for the case for murder charges, it is very tenuous. Conigliaro had a heart attack on the way to the airport and then suffered a stroke and lived in a vegetative state for eight years prior to his death.

Still, the group is seeking to make the charges stick. "Now that we have a Red Sox Nation, we can make the law. We will give him a fair trial before we execute him. Billy Buckner take note" said one of the nation's vigilantes.

Most fans however are content with letting sleeping dogs lie. "Go after Hamilton? Why? Doesn't he have his own problems from over-tanning for all those years? Hamilton, now there's a guy who knows toasted".

GERMAN SHEPHERD IN NEW YORK CITY

New York - The New York Kennel Club will host the Pontiff as he visits New York City this week.

"We are so looking forward to the German Shepherd to stop in for a biscuit. It isn't everyday that you get to see the Big Dog in the City" said Bryan Rodrigues of the New York Chapter of the American Society for the Promotion of Catholic Achievements.

The New York ASPCA has issued a release that the Pope will be the featured guest at this year's gala, having won the "Best in the Show" award three years running.

The reign of the German Shepherd is a sign that the years of having an Italian 'lap dog' pope is a thing of the past. The change that was signified by the emergence of the Polish breed is now understood as a transition away from the Italian and French domination of the show.

Known for his endearing qualities of loyalty and protection, the German Shepherd breed had fallen into disfavor because of their use by the Nazi's during World War II.

"Hell, this pope was only a pup when he was working with the German youth groups. I'm sure that his participation in the war was minimal at best. You know, he may have just undergone the training but never actively participated in any atrocity" said one ASPCA member.

JUST WORDS?

Harrisburg - Presidential candidate Barak Obama has been attempting to placate the gun toting religious zealots that vote in the Pennsylvania primary.

Obama has recently come under attack for making a comment to campaign contributors in San Francisco that implied that rural Pennsylvanians were rubes.

“He speaks in vagueness and he is criticized. He gets specific and he is criticized. No matter what he says, he is damned” said one supporter.

Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton and Republican opponent John McCain have both used the comment to chastise Obama.

“Hell, I was a coal miner’s daughter. I had the Bible read to me by my pappy after a long day of huntin’ squirrels for our dinner” said Clinton.

“To make light of religion will only demonize him. Who would ever elect the Devil to the office of the President?” questioned McCain.

Obama, in full retreat, was adamantly stating that he would stand his ground.

“It really was misunderstood. I apologize. I never meant to offend those third grade educated, inbred people who are the bedrock of my party” said the candidate. “Some of my best friends are religious gun-toters”.

The candidate is considering appearing on the Oprah show to clarify his remarks and ask for public penance to atone for his statement.

“He violated rule number one of politics. He spoke his mind. As a candidate you must constantly be aware of how you speak. If people really wanted to hear the truth from politicians the country wouldn’t be where it is today” said one political analyst.

What Do You Think?

Budgetary constraints have forced a curtailment of various sports programs at the University of Rhode Island. What do you think?

The University of Chicago did it and look where it got them.
DY - Cumberland

The crossing guards should have been the first to go, and, oh yeah, really raise taxes.
SL - Cranston

When you consider all the non-residents using those programs, it’s about time.
HG - Middletown

Nothing drives a budgetary crisis home to Rhode Islanders than a cut in sports programs.
RC - Kingston

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CLOTHES MAKE THE MAN

Providence – In the aftermath of the discovery of a Red Sox jersey in the concrete of the new Yankee stadium, various efforts are underway to find and remove similarly situated clothing.

“We have had several tips as to various articles of clothing. The two biggest groups are the tips as to where in the State House did Governor J. Joseph Garrahy leave his plaid shirt and where in City Hall is Mayor Cianci’s stained jacket. Neither of the two items had been seen recently, leading authorities to consider this more than just a hoax” said a source close to the State Police.

Not all politicians are so secretive. Some have had their laundry displayed in front of their offices.

ASK LIZ - Advice on Anything

Dear Liz:

This is not really a question to you but a anecdote about something that recently happened to me concerning health care.

I was quite active politically in my state. I even ran for office, but the person I ran against decided to use health care as a platform.

While I was attempting to be fiscally responsible, my opponent was promising universal health care and loads of money to research stem-cells, among other state give aways.

I live in a state where everyone would want shit if they were giving it away for free. I felt that making promises to fund programs pandering at best and unrealistic at worst.

Needless to say I lost the election and the winner is still touting these programs.

I just wanted to share this health care anecdote with you.
Robert - Barrington

Dear Robert:

Lol. Great story. You had me in stitches

THE HALLMARK

Charlie Hall



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