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ELECTION OFF

Washington – The Attorney General is considering action to block the upcoming presidential election on the basis of discrimination.

“When people go into a voting booth they will be actively participating in a conspiracy to discriminate. We can’t have that in America” said a government spokesperson.

By voting in November the people of the United States will be forced to discriminate. The major parties have narrowed their choices to three candidates, a woman, a black man and a senior citizen.

“Just by voting they will be showing that they are biased. They are either racists, ageists or gender-bias. Is this any message we should be sending from the nation that considers itself the paragon of equality? I think not”

Some members of Congress, acutely aware of this potential RICO violation, have been attempting to implement a quota system for elections.

“It’s not good. When people get into a voting booth they are practicing the worst kind of discrimination. They are secretly allowing their biases to control the society”

Constitutional scholars are debating the outcome of not holding an election. Does it mean that Bush will remain in office as a holdover? Would the Democratic House be able to appoint? Could the office be left vacant? Would the two term limitation require that Vice President Cheney take control? There are no real options.

“By bringing this lawsuit we will have the opportunity to have the Supreme Court once again elect a President” said one administration member.

POLL SHOWS MOST DON’T KNOW/DON’T CARE ABOUT WEST’S BROOKINGS MOVE

Providence – Longtime Taubman Center professor Darrell West is taking the last train out of Brown.

“I did a poll and the results clearly demonstrated that over the years my popularity rating has not moved. I had wanted to leave town on a high note, but I guess that is just the way of political polling”

A longtime publishing friend of the professor spoke off the record and indicated that he had told him to ‘Go south young man’ and apparently those words motivated West to take a position at the Brookings Institute.

West, a familiar face in Rhode Island politics, having written a so-so book about Patrick Kennedy and several other articles on national politics, will be leaving Rhode Island and take up residence in the DC area.

“My work here is complete. I have demonstrated through decades of polling data that no matter how awful a politician is the people of Rhode Island have little ability to discern what is really good for their political well-being”

“My years in Rhode Island will be the topic of my next book ‘There are No Stupid Questions, Only Stupid People’ adding in his traditional non-committed style, ‘I’m sure going to miss them’”

“My tenure at Brown is nothing more than a snapshot in time” said the professor.

KEEP IT UP, ALICE

Providence – The House has waded into the controversy related to toilet seats and their proper use.

“We need legislation to make it law that when women use a toilet they don’t forget to lift up the seat for the next user” said one lawmaker.

Under the bill anyone failing to put the seat up after use would be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to \$500.

Women’s groups have been adamantly opposed to the measure. “For years the practice has required men to put the seat down after use. This is a complete anti-woman message and we are not going to take this sitting down”

The bill, known as the American Patriotic Toilet Act, has also drawn the ire of the American Civil Liberties Union, along with other civil rights groups. Others however have merely dismissed it as just more toilet humor that represents the American society as a whole.

The bill’s chief sponsor defended it as needed legislation. “Too often I go to the bathroom and find the seat down. It is far more logical to have the seat up and so I don’t have to aim to pee around the lid. If women in the world were as considerate as they claim to be, this would not be a problem for government to solve”

The opposition is considering introducing similar legislation that would require that anyone urinating be seated.

LEGISLATURE MORE POPULAR THAN JESUS NOW

Providence – The Rhode Island legislature is poised to host a giant record destruction rally. People will be encouraged to bring their records, both 45s and LPs to the state house for a huge fire hosted by the House Judiciary Committee.

“It is time we modernized. It is time to get rid of those old scratchy discs. Too many Rhode Islanders are plagued with records. This legislation will destroy all those records and free up the society.”

“We don’t want to see people being denied from employment simply because they have a record or a collection of records” said the committee chairman.

The Attorney General has expressed concern about such a massive destruction of records. “If they are destroyed, we will not be able to do our jobs”. The AG had been planning a massive lawsuit against the record industry designed to shake-down yet another deep pocket to cover the budget. With cigarette companies and lead paint manufacturers behind them, there is little industry left in Rhode Island to hold hostage.

“Sure, having fewer people with records is a noble cause, but the reality is that they will only get new records after they realize that they can act with impunity.”

“Some folks have been collecting records for years, and to what end? The fact that people have records shouldn’t be a reason to deny them work in day care centers or retirement homes” said one advocate.

Now that convicted felons have the right to vote, politicians are scrambling to appease them to get their votes. Not surprisingly, most convicts have records, according to a recent survey of public documents by a Providence newspaper.

“Just remember, every record has a B side” said Bryan Rodrigues, spokesman for the recording industry.

What Do You Think?

A recent report stated that while other states in New England are not booming, only Rhode Island is showing signs of recession. What do you think?

First in freedom. First in being destroyed by socialist stylized government scheme.

MA - Warren

I will gladly pay you Tuesday for a balanced budget today.

SC - Providence

It just goes to show that we need to be more creative in the way government operates.

ER - Cranston

I ebbing tide lowers all boats.

RH - Barrington

It’s the stupidity, economy.

DC - East Greenwich

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BUDDHA JADED

Tibet – In his extensive biography of Siddhartha, Fred Watts examines the issue of just how jaded was Buddha.

Few people come home from a trip to Asia without a jaded Buddha, leading many to believe that the outside influences have caused the Enlightened One to be considered a cynic.

“Buddha’s cynicism is not carved in stone. The idea that he was somewhat indifferent is a very convincing argument, but in reality, he was a mere mortal that now has to suffer the consequences of being constantly in jeopardy of lung cancer because of his frequent oversight of burning incense”

ASK LIZ Advice on Anything

Dear Liz:

Every week someone puts a memo on my desk that doesn’t directly mock me but mocks my job.

I didn’t create this job, and, admittedly, it really doesn’t have a real function, but it is my job.

So each week I am reminded that I make no real contribution to the company and that I am merely a paycheck. What should I do?

Irene - Warwick

Dear Irene:

I feel your pain. It is tough on your self-esteem to be the laughing stock of the operation. But, you must remember that you took the job with your eyes wide open.

Don’t let some petty criticism of your work get you down. Take the paycheck and go on a shopping spree. Maybe visit the orient or Italy.

It is only important that in your heart you know you are doing what is right.

THE HALLMARK

Charlie Hall

