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THE OTHER CVS CLASSIC

Providence – This year's CVS Classic is being played out at the Federal Courthouse in Kennedy Plaza. As a gesture to the public, the crowd is allowed to enter and view the trial for free.

This year's charity event is expected to raise millions in an attempt to make the corporation look good to the public in light of allegations that it had influenced legislation that would have allowed for pharmacy choice in Rhode Island.

This year's event will feature a guest appearance from former Senator John Celona, who was flown in for the event under a special federal escort.

The Classic, as it has come to be known in local parlance, is typically hosted at the Rhode Island Country Club, but this year is a special year. The Pro-Am portion of the tournament will be played out indoors as Celona demonstrates his amateur skills with the pros who purportedly manipulated his naivete.

Brad Faxon and Billy Andrade, two locals who are synonymous with the tournament, have no scheduled appearances at this particular event.

CVS officials declined the opportunity to make a statement related to the event, but sources close to the corporate management have indicated that the company is watching each and every drive and putt as it unfolds.

"This company has strong ties to the community. It has done nothing more than being a good citizen. It has provided employment to Celona and others. What's so wrong about giving money to improve our corporate image. So what if it is motivated by a desire to avoid prosecution. It is still charity" said an undisclosed corporate source.

KENNEDY HOSPITALIZED

Boston – Taking a page from the Fidel Castro playbook, Senator Ted Kennedy has released a photograph of himself with a copy of this morning's Boston Globe to show that he is still able to continue as the senior Senator from Massachusetts.

Medical reports of the Senator's condition indicate that he has a tumor on the brain and have left many speculating as to his future in the Senate.

"Unlike Fidel, Ted has no brother Raul to transfer his Senate seat to and so that is not an option at this time. He will survive" said an aide.

Kennedy, a long serving liberal legislator, has long been an advocate of expanding civil rights. Ironically, as a staunch defender of the Fourth Amendment, Kennedy was hospitalized as a result of what sources say is an unwarranted seizure.

"I'm sure that when the Senator gets back to Washington he will be proposing legislation to strengthen the laws related to such seizures. Americans deserve to be protected from unwarranted seizures" said the aide.

Kennedy took the Senate seat from his brother and has been serving about as long as Castro.

Friends in the Senate paraded out Senator Byrd to demonstrate that no matter how ill Kennedy may be, he is not as feeble as Senator Byrd.

"The Democrats wanted to show that If Byrd can do this, then Kennedy can. It isn't brain surgery" said one Republican.

RETURNING TO THE EMPTY NEST

New York – Finding it difficult to fend for themselves in the big cruel world, the New Kids on the Block have been forced to return to the block.

The act, now known as The New Old Kids on the Block, is attempting to resurrect their earlier successes of their youth.

"We were popular and we had great jobs, but that was a lifetime ago. We all bought homes on variable rate mortgages and extended our credit cards. Then, we lost our jobs and we had to consider the reality of living in our parents' basements" said one member of the group.

"At first I thought it was only us, but then I ran into a few of the guys from Minuto and come to find out, we are all suffering from the same fate".

Experts agree that the boy band syndrome of the nineties has created a nightmare for the performers. They liken it to the child star problems that were encountered by youthful performers in the twenties.

"They are no different from Shirley Temple or Mickey Rooney. The early stardom opens doors early and then expands into a lifetime of failing to live up to the future. The continual attempt to come back is inherent in these performers" said an industry spokesperson.

The Village People, another crash and burn success story, have also made several attempts at keeping themselves alive, but such efforts are usually greeted with mocking success.

While there are exceptions to the 'no return' rule, notably the Rolling Stones and Bruce Springsteen, most are destined to the dust bin of music history.

"The reality is that we can't miss them if they won't go away" said Bryan Rodrigues. "What's next? Yet another Bob Dylan concert?"

LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CARE

Providence – The General Assembly, having been chided by the public for not contributing to their health care plans and taking cash in lieu of participation, is considering reform.

A Bill has been introduced to require a 10% contribution for these plans.

“It amazes me that the people really want a less than healthy legislature. The fact is that this complete coverage for legislators is a must if we are to ever attract people of the level of competency of those presently serving” said a member of the leadership team.

The Senate is expected to kill the legislation as part of the wink-nod that is a part of the General Assembly’s unwritten rules.

“They are doing it to tone down the argument. They can go back to their districts and say that they voted for it, but it was killed in the Senate. That is the function of a bicameral legislature” said one House member.

COURT TO RULE ON ADA CASE

Washington – The United States Supreme Court today agreed to hear a case under the Americans With Disabilities Act related to discrimination based on the inability to hear.

The Court will review a lower court decision that held that farting is discriminatory to those who do not have hearing. Hearing challenged individuals are far more susceptible to being unable to hear a fart and therefore are more likely to suffer the consequences of the flatulence.

Defending against the action is the American Freedom Movement. Bryan Rodrigues, the group’s spokesman, has argued that farts are not discriminatory per se.

“The reality is that God created farts with a smell so that hearing impaired people could enjoy them too”.

What Do You Think?

Obama is well on his way to becoming the Democrat running for President. What do you think?

Taking the bone away from Hillary is proof that he has what it takes.
WL - Pawtucket

I hope he has enough sense to pick Oprah as his VP, after all, without her he would campaigning in Iowa.
RH - Barrington

Obama won? Oh, I think I will be supporting Obama.
JR - Cranston

I don’t care what I said earlier about who I was supporting. I’ll retire when I am ready.
SM - Woonsocket

Got some spare change?
WM - West Warwick

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LOCKS OF LOVE

Coventry – A local church group has begun to let their hair down a bit as part of a plan to provide wigs for various federal prisoners getting out of jail without their hair pieces.

“In federal prison you cannot wear your wig and so prisoners getting ready to leave are left bare headed to face the world. These people need our help to get them re-adjusted to life on the outside” said one member of the group.

“We all heard about Cianci, but it was all brought home when we saw Celona without hair. Here was a man that had a full head of hair before he went to jail and now he is a cue ball”

As part of the program, the group’s members will allow their hair to grow for six months before having it cut to be made into cheap fake looking wigs that everyone can recognize immediately.

“It’s all about self-esteem. These people have worked a lifetime to maintain a cultured façade to hide their flawed physical existence only to have it exposed. It must be devastating”.

ASK LIZ - Advice on Anything

Dear Liz:

I am generally regarded as the most pleasant person in my company, but am not sure that I can translate this into job success.

While I am over-performing in my current job, a job that is so easy that I could do it in my sleep, I am not sure that this will make me a candidate for a real job in the future.

I have been working hard to bolster my resume, since I have plenty of time on my hands, but I still don’t
Janet - South Kingstown

Dear Janet:

It doesn’t cost you anything to smile. Of course, smiling doesn’t really get anything accomplished, as I have found out the hard way.

Still, since you have time to waste, you are doing the right thing to bulk up your resume. It can’t hurt.

Also, consider a good answer for all the times you had power to act, but didn’t; you never know when someone will question an earlier role, otherwise your career may be NGN.

THE HALLMARK

Charlie Hall



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