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OSIRIS POTHOLE EMERGES IN WEST WARWICK

West Warwick - Department of Transportation workers near the Home Depot plaza unearthed what appears to be a pothole in the form of Egyptian God of the Underworld Osiris.

Crowds have been gathering around the site since rumor began to circulate on Tuesday about the divine trench with its distinctive profile of a green tinted figure with square cut beard, a crook and flail in hand, and of course the trademark Atef crown.

"The green tint got my attention, but when I saw the Atef crown in the profile I knew this was no ordinary pothole, it was a message from God", said state worker Abdul-Sami Mello.

DOT foreman Howard Carter isn't convinced. "I've repaved a lot of potholes in my day, some of them looked like Hitchcock, others like Snoopy. It's all in the eye of the beholder. Mello warned me not to fill it in, but I've got a road to pave and I'm not about to let some legendary mummy curse stop me from doing my duty as a state employee".

Reports of the faithful abandoning crutches and wheelchairs at the site are frequent. The Holy Luxor Society has sent investigators to the scene to examine claims of miracles emanating from the Pharaonic ditch, but believers aren't bothered by the skepticism. "It just brings me comfort to look upon it", said Coventry resident Cleopatra Diaz.

"If this pothole can save just one person, it will be worth risking dented rims", said Bryan Rodrigues, a Rhode Islander of Hieroglyphic descent.

The ACLU has filed for an injunction to halt any further work at the site in the name of separation of pyramid and state. Director Steven Brown warned that filling in the pothole would also constitute an act of anti-Hamito-Semitism, which is a felony under the Hate Crimes bill of 2007.

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WHAT A MILLION BUYS

Providence – In response to a continued budget crisis, Rhode Island's General Assembly is considering adopting a new motto for the state in hopes of easing the monetary woes facing it.

"Instead of re-structuring the government, we decided to simply restructure the premise. This bill calls for the adoption of the motto "Rhode Island – A Million People Can't Be Wrong" said a member of the House Finance Committee.

The leadership is fully behind the concept. "We have chosen to spend way beyond our means and we did it consciously. We, as Rhode Islanders, continue to demand poor performance from our government, high paid state jobs with great retirement and health care benefits unmatched in the private sector, and completely dysfunctional government on the municipal and state levels" said a spokesperson for the leader.

As a show of support for this plan, there is a scheduled "Million Man March" to show that all Rhode Islanders are united when it comes to wasteful and otherwise ineffective spending. Lt. Governor Elizabeth Roberts is expected to lead the rally.

"Rhode Islanders demand wasteful spending. I got elected running against a person who wanted to cut the office completely out of the budget. That alone tells you something about the mentality of the people of this state. They need to spend even when they clearly cannot afford it".

"I am committed to bringing the people universal health not universal wealth and I will spend every last tax dollar to get to that end".

UNIVERSAL GAS CARE

Dallas – It seems to hark back to the Middle Ages, but with the increased cost of oil many scientists are now working on a plan to change base materials into gasoline as part of a get-rich effort within the scientific community.

"While we know that we can transform lead into gas, that process is prohibited due to environmental laws. Instead, we are seeking to make gas from other materials" said Bryan Rodrigues, a new age alchemist who is working on making gasoline from lawn clippings.

Alchemy, a pseudo science that had its hay days in Europe around the 1400's when many worked on transforming base metals into gold, has been a long standing answer to the oil price rise.

"The oil companies have the technology but have retained all the patent rights so that these products never see the light of day" said one alchemist who spoke on terms of anonymity.

"The technology exists today to make gas from everything from kitty litter to mango juice, but it is big oil and the governments of the world that are keeping the stranglehold on it".

"Big oil companies are like drug dealers. They have hooked Americans on gasoline and now they are reaping record profits as the demand has taken hold. We need our legislators to pass laws designed to create 'universal gas care'. No American should be without gas".

If these alchemists weren't all bought out by big oil, they would be billionaires by producing gasoline. Unfortunately, every alchemist is too poor to do anything other than sell patent rights to big oil. And, even those who have sold out one type of technology only to develop a different one, no longer have the money to produce the

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DO YOU REMEMBER THE TALK OF DECEMBER . . .

Washington - As summer approaches, it is hard to recall those cold fall days when Senator Whitehouse uttered his promise to have the troops out of Iraq by the December after he was elected.

“Whether it was December of that year or December of one hundred years from now, it is a pledge that I intend to keep” said the Senator.

“When he said it, he really meant it, but, taking office changes everything. It was important to tell the people what he was going to do on the war when the election revolved around the war, but now that a new election is here, the focus is on what promises the presidential candidates will make” said a spokesman for the junior Senator.

The Democrats swept into power nationally on a platform of ending the war in Iraq and bringing home the troops. Since taking control of the Congress, there has been no real interest in the issue.

As part of the reasoning, the Democrats have argued that they need not only control of the Congress but of the Presidency as well.

“This time we really, really, really promise that if the people elect a Democrat, we will get out of Iraq by December” said a party insider.

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Naysayers forewarned, commercial interests have arisen. The infamous Virgin Mary Grilled Cheese owners GoldenPalaceCasino.com is offering to purchase the eastward gazing copper stained impression from the state for \$50,000.

The Narragansett Indian Tribe, however, has claimed ownership of the spot and they view seizure of this sanctified sinkhole as the latest infraction in a long list of injustices to the tribe at the hands of the state

What Do You Think?

A recent flap has occurred related to the niece of the Governor working in state government. What do you think?

In Rhode Island everything is relative.
RH - Barrington

If you can't take advantage of your position or people you know in power, then why live in Rhode Island?
RM - North Providence

After taking care of all his cronies, it is good to see that he has also been taking care of the family.
WL - Pawtucket

Oh, yeah, I heard about that. Isn't she the person in charge of counting new jobs or is it the Big Audit? No, I remember, she oversees the effort to eliminate corruption and nepotism in government.
SA - West Warwick

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very product that would make them filthy rich.

“It is a vicious cycle for alchemists. It is truly frustrating to have the answer to the most pressing problem only to have it stolen by patent rights” said one industry insider.

While many claim that such technology exists and has been patented, few can cite any particular patent. Additionally, it is extremely odd that the Chinese, who are notorious for patent violations, have not stolen the patented technology to produce gasoline for their growing economy.

It has long been rumored that rogue nations, Iran and North Korea have been secretly working on alchemy projects and that the invasion of Iraq was merely a smokescreen for the elimination of the greatest weapon of mass destruction, a alchemic based gasoline plant in Basra.

ASK LIZ - Advice on Anything

Dear Liz:

I hate my boss. He is everything I despise about a leader. He is confrontational to illegal immigrants, he wants to cut the company's budget and furlough workers, and he wants to force people to pay for their way in the world.

Meanwhile, he is always treating his buddies and family in a way that seems unfair.

The other day he told me that if it weren't for his lean and mean style of management, my job would be on the chopping block. What should I do? Be nice and thank him for not making an issue out of my do-nothing job or should I speak up?

Alice - Cranston

Dear Alice:

Sometimes it is just better to keep your mouth shut, even when you know what is happening. You wouldn't report a fellow worker you knew or should have known was taking a bribe, would you? So why speak up now.

THE HALLMARK

Charlie Hall



YET ANOTHER SECRET PATENT BOUGHT UP BY BIG OIL