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Blagojevich Sells Olympics to Rio Uses Money to Purchase “Carnaval”

By Sam Gutelle and Nick Zessis

COPENHAGEN – Former Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich announced today that Chicago’s fourth-place finish in the 2016 Olympic selection process was actually a preconceived scheme to sell the Olympics to the highest bidder.

“I’ve got these Olympics, and they’re fucking golden,” explained Blagojevich. “Almost as golden as a vacant senate seat...or my hair-

cut.”

Blagojevich went on to explain his reasoning behind the seemingly ingenious plan. “Chicago sports fans are used to waiting for things,” said the ex-governor. “I mean, look at the Cubs. They haven’t won the World Series in over 100 years. In any other city, people would start following soccer.” The city, says Blagojevich, has the patience to wait at least another four years, if not another four decades.

César Maia, mayor of Rio de Ja-

neiro, the winning city, refused to acknowledge the purchase to *The Flipside’s* reporters. “There’s no evidence of corruption here in Rio. Our politics are as clean as our streets. Make sure you put something in your article about how no one gets kidnapped here. Crime in Rio is just an urban legend.”

It seems obvious that Blagojevich speaks the truth. Chicago’s elimination in the first round of the voting process reeks of corruption, as does the fact that Rio de Janeiro

is already hosting the World Cup in 2014.

“I didn’t just give this up for fucking nothing,” added Blagojevich. In return, Chicago has purchased one of the world’s largest festivals, known as “Carnaval.” Rio may have the summer Games in 2016, but the city of Chicago will be partying down Michigan Avenue twice a year for seemingly no reason. And you people thought traffic was going to suck because of the Olympics. Shame on you.

Big Bite Night Leads to Big Shit Night



Leader of the Free World Reduced to Having Opinion on Kanye West



Amish Farmer Blogs, Tweets about Evils of Technology

By Tom Schroeder

LANCASTER, PA – Ezekiel Lambricht has found an outlet for his frustration at the complexities of modern society: the internet. A Pennsylvania Amish hog farmer, Lambricht says that his desire to speak out began six months ago, when he found that his sons had been hiding their cell phone use.

“I couldn’t believe my eyes! It’s like all our teachings were for naught! Jebediah and Abraham had not only been using cellular telephones, but they had run up an astronomical charge for doing something called ‘text messaging’ with the neighbor girls -- almost \$5! After showing them the business end of a belt, I decided that the world needed to feel my outrage for making such evils available to my children.”

Every week after finishing his morning farm duties, Lambricht gets in his buggy and makes a 2-hour journey to the nearest library for internet access. “On Fridays, I’m down to 14 hours of work per day! Shameful! But my message needs to be heard.” Lambricht’s blog, disciplinefirst.wordpress.com, is focused on how technology distracts people from virtue.

“People today are coddled,” posted Lambricht about the automobile. “What’s the point of making a journey if you can’t feel every minute passing? Cars today have sinfully soft seats -- seats like beds! Shouldn’t a mile in a vehicle leave you feeling like you carried the vehicle for a mile? It’s proper penance!” Regarding entertainment, the farmer told us that he was “aghast at the loose morals of the popular musicians that the children idolize nowadays. That Taylor Swift is a bedeviled harlot!”

Since its advent, the website has received a number of comments, both positive and negative. “A flame war erupted on my post about the evils of pornography. Those weak-willed addicts will see a real flame war... on Judgment Day!”

However, no matter the reasons, the traffic received by the blog has encouraged Lambricht to launch a twitter account (@bighatzeke) so he can spread his message without leaving the farm. “I’m even on facebook now! This new Blackberry lets me pwn religion n00bs from home; sometimes I can even send instant messages while I work. At this rate, I’ll have converts in no time!”

Iranian President Declares Yesterday a Hoax



China at 60: Found Yelling at Tibet to “Get off my Lawn”



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Alleged Harris Hall Renovation Revealed to be Cover for Hoffa Search

By Laura Jok

EVANSTON— This week, an anonymous tip led to the discovery that the alleged restoration of Harris Hall, the home of the NU history department, is in reality a hunt for the corpse of Jimmy Hoffa, the long-missing President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

The unnamed tipster would only identify himself as a member of the Hoffa Disappearance Investigative Committee (HDIC). Despite his oath of confidentiality to the university, he was unable to keep the information from the public any longer. "People have a right to know. When we find him, the people of the university community who are bearing the brunt of the construction deserve to be able to participate, to share in the glory of solving one of the greatest mysteries of the modern age."

Harris Hall, a historic 93-year-old structure, had purportedly been undergoing renovations beginning in February. The undertaking will continue until Fall 2010, forcing faculty and students to relocate to 1800 Sherman Avenue. The project required approval from the City of Evanston Historic Preservation Committee, who have declared the structure a

landmark. When asked why the educational building was chosen as an excavation site, the source said, "It's like something my mother used to tell me whenever I lost something: 'Well, did you look everywhere for it?' We realized that in this case, there *was* a place

"...the consensus is that we just need to dig deeper."

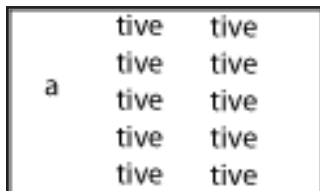
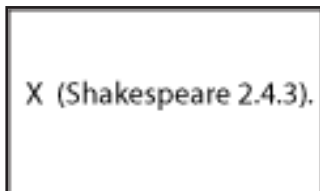
we hadn't looked." According to HDIC, Northwestern University's Harris Hall is the only place on earth where there has not been so much as a cursory search for the leader's remains.

When confronted about the project, site supervisor Jared O'Malley was candid about its true purpose. "We haven't had any luck yet," O'Malley told the media. "We've only found a lot of dog bones, arrowheads, remains of lost ancient civilizations... nothing useful."

However, O'Malley remains hopeful that the excavation will unearth something historically relevant, and will be willing to continue indefinitely. "The building will be out of commission for another year or so, but the consensus is that we just need to dig deeper."

REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



Issue 1 Answers: PILLOW, AROUND THE WORLD, NEON LIGHT, MISUNDERSTOOD

Opinion: Lakefill? More like Lake-Augment!

By Chase Sund

So I keep hearing about this Northwestern Lakefill and how it's so glorious. Yeah, it has a nice view of Chicago. And sure, it provides people a nice place to run for a total of three months during the school year.

But Lake-FILL? I think not. This supposed engineering marvel "filled in the lake" to "add more land to the Northwestern campus." Ludicrous! The lake is barely full at all. In fact, there's a whole shit-ton of water left in the lake. What's the deal? I

thought Schapiro ran Northwestern, not Mayor Daley.

I mean come on; does it look full to you? On top of all of this, what does it say about the McCormick School if they cannot complete the simple task of filling the lake? This is an undone job, and people need to know. It's a lake, not an ocean. This is just another example of Northwestern's inability to properly relegate her funds. I mean really, do we need another frickin' blue-light telephone? I say it's about time to fill up the lake for real!

Willie the Wildcat Put Down after Being Diagnosed with Swine Flu

By Louie Hayes

EVANSTON – In what marks the end of a long and prosperous era, Willie the Wildcat was put down this weekend after being diagnosed with the H1N1 virus.

Morton Schapiro, the new President of Northwestern University, presided over the funeral. He commented on the ordeal, saying, "It was tough for all of us. At first, he wouldn't even come outside, but then we stood a cardboard cutout of a human next to the entrance of the WildCave and told Willie the young fan wanted a high five. Naturally, he rushed outside to greet his new friend. It was then that the thunderous sound of gunshots echoed through the chilled Evanston air. In the end, I think we're all just very relieved to have kept this terrible disease contained for now."

Shock and disbelief still

reign on campus. Said freshman Alex Landsman when asked for his thoughts, "Death?! I didn't hear that. I was just told he was working at a special circus up north with other mascots preparing a big show! No... Willie can't be dead!"

In Willie's honor, the first 300 fans at the next home football game will receive a free Chipotle burrito. The President's office has yet to comment on a replacement mascot, but some sources say a one eyed, one horned, flying purple people eater could fill Willie's post as an interim mascot.



Note: All names and stories are fictional, unless public figures are being satirized. Remember, these are all jokes.