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The Disillusioned Dame

by Viki Eggers Mason



THE TRUTH IN BLACK AND WHITE

The Aberdeen Advocate

(Note: This is another in our series of Bedtime Stories for taxpayers. As are the others, this grim tale is based on a really true and scary story.)

Once upon a time in a land called La La, which is frightfully close to our own kingdom, a nice lady lived in a lovely home on a hill. She was a very good citizen of La La and did her best to make La La a nicer place for everybody to live. Each week she would deliver home-made cakes to the little army that protected La La from highwaymen and drug runners. Each week she would greet the grand Poopah of La La who ran the day-to-day operations of the kingdom. Whenever it was possible, she would also give her kindest regards to the five Poopettes whose job it was to make the laws and the big decisions which made La La such a perfect place to live. The nice lady was very happy to live in such a wonderful place.

One day, though, the nice lady heard a fearful ruckus down at the Castle. The town crier told her that a planning princess had traveled to La La to ask the Poopah and the Poopettes to give her much gold in order that she might make La La a more wonderful place. Now, the nice lady was happy in La La just the way it was, but she knew many other La Lilians wanted better jobs to do. She understood that a planning princess might help to do this, but still, the nice lady wanted to learn everything about this new princess that she could and so she began to research.

It was almost immediately that the nice lady learned that the enchanted planning princess was really the minion of a dark wizard who made his money by trading in the naked flesh of young brown women. Alarmed, she ran to the Castle to beg an audience

with the Poopah and the Poopettes to tell them what she'd learned.

The nice lady knew that the Poopah and the Poopettes were good men—some were even men of God—so she knew that once they learned of the danger, they would protect the land of La La. The royals allowed the nice lady into their chambers to say her piece, but some of them had a stupefied look about them. Their eyes were glazed over and they behaved strangely. Some of them were even rude, demanding to know how the nice lady had learned about their secret dealings with the enchanted planning princess. Still, the nice lady trusted the Poopah and the Poopettes and, after telling them the awful truth, she was sure they would not enter into any business with the enchanted princess and

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The Rhino Party

By Contributing Editor Don Rowe

In the United States, a "political party" is defined as a "political organization which espouses a certain ideology and vision and which seeks to obtain political power within a government, usually by participating in electoral campaigns."

Unbeknownst to most of us, there are also "joke parties," also known as "frivolous parties," in existence in no less than 20 countries around the world. Joke parties occasionally take a stance on serious matters, but by-and-large, they usually promote policies which the average voter would consider to be absurd. Many

joke parties were formed merely for entertainment purposes because its members took great pleasure in poking fun at the nation's political establishment. Others, however, have used biting sarcasm, humor and/or satire to criticize or attack their country's political system.

One of the more infamous joke parties was the Parti Rhinoceros, also known as the Rhinoceros Party, which was a registered political party in Canada for a 30-year period from 1963 to 1993. The party drew its inspiration from Cacareco, a

rhino at the Sao Paulo (Brazil) zoo who was entered as a candidate for the city council in 1958 and who drew somewhere in the neighborhood of 100,000 votes in protest of political corruption. The founding members defended their choice of a rhinoceros as the party's symbol because politicians "are, by nature, thick-skinned, myopic, slow-moving and dim-witted" creatures who "wallow in mud," but "can move fast as hell when cornered and have large, hairy horns growing out of the middle of their faces."

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her dark liege.

For some time there was no news of the enchanted princess and the nice lady relaxed a little thinking the danger had passed. One day, though, the enchanted princess came back to the kingdom under cover of darkness and planned to meet with the Poopah and the Poopettes behind closed doors. The town crier, who was a brave and stalwart sort, asked the Royal Advisor to allow her to listen to the enchanted princess' plan, but he made the town crier leave the great hall. The crier, angry and fearful, hurried away to alert the nice lady whose pure heart had protected the kingdom once before.

The nice lady was stunned. She knew that the godly men of the Castle would not knowingly allow themselves to be bewitched by the enchanted princess and her flesh-peddling partner. She knew that they would listen to reason, and so she dressed

in her finest robes and went to the castle to speak to the Poopah and the only Poopette she could find there that day.

She pleaded with the wise and godly men not to bring the influence of the evil flesh-peddler to



the beautiful little kingdom. She reminded them that dealing with demons was dangerous to body and soul. The royals smiled and nodded at the woman and she went away hoping that they

had seen the error of their ways. But the nice lady had seen something else in their eyes – the glint of greed and glory.

Later that evening, the nice lady came back to the Castle to surprise the Poopah, the Poopettes, the Royal Advisor, the kingdom scribe and the enchanted planning princess as they sneaked into the great hall to take part in a ritual called *Negotiation*. The nice lady tearfully begged

them to see the terrible curse they were about to bring down on the lovely land of La La. She beseeched them to call in other planning princesses who were not under evil curses! She pleaded to be able to reason with them, but three of the Poopettes were bewitched and they would not allow her to speak. Instead, they called the most fearsome of the guards to carry the nice lady away from the Castle.

The nice lady's pure heart was shattered because she had failed to protect the kingdom.

In the darkness that night, and over the objections of the only two Poopettes who had finally seen the light, the Poopah and the other Poopettes agreed to give the enchanted princess and her evil lord all the gold that remained in the treasury vault and the lovely kingdom of La La was forever changed.

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- School Resource Officer Aberdeen High School

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- Currently enrolled at Mississippi State University where I am continuing my education.

Help Elect Kelly Tucker, Monroe County Supervisor, District 4

TO: The Citizens of the Fourth Supervisor's District of Monroe County, Mississippi

FROM: Kelly Tucker, Candidate for the office of Supervisor, Fourth District of Monroe County

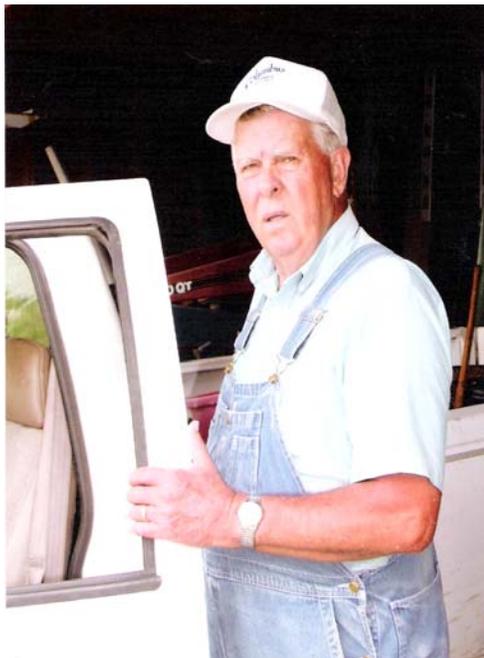
SUBJECT: My desire to be YOUR Supervisor for the next Four Years

The first thing I ask of you is to **PLEASE** go to the polls and vote on August 7, 2007!

Next, if you have already decided who you will vote for, there is no need for you to read on. However, if you have not yet decided or you are willing to change your mind, and you are looking for someone who is honest, trustworthy and qualified, then please read on.

With the exception of eight years working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C., I have lived in Aberdeen since 1943. I had to leave Aberdeen to find work. As it is now, there were no jobs available in Aberdeen for young people.

I am that person who gets things done. For instance, I co-chaired the Aberdeen Transportation Crisis Fund which saved the railroad bridge across the Tenn-Tom Waterway and we challenged the Department of Transportation on their decision to install only a two-lane bridge across the waterway instead of a four-lane. **WE WON!**



I, along with a lot of dedicated other people, have turned Aberdeen's nearly bankrupt hospital building into a modern medical complex. Pioneer Hospital continues to grow with expanded services and programs to the benefit of all the citizens of Monroe County! It's a facility we can all be proud of and I'm honored to have been part of the process to make it so.

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EDUCATION

- Graduated Aberdeen High School, 1952
- Honor graduate Southeastern University, Washington D. C, 1960
- Bachelor of Commercial Science Degree with a minor in Business Law
- CPA review Mississippi State University, 1976
- Qualified firefighter, US Navy, 1957

WORK HISTORY

- Diversified Occupation Program, 1949-1958
- Fingerprint examiner, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1952-1958
- Special Agent training Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1959-1960
- Manager accounting and administrative services, Kerr-McGee Corporation, 1960-1983
- Plant Controller and Chief Corporate Account EKA-Nobel (retired), 1983-1995
- Administrator and Financial Advisor Aberdeen Monroe-County Hospital

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In keeping with their satirical theme, some members of the Rhinoceros Party identified themselves as Marxist-Lennonists (after Groucho Marx and John Lennon), a clever parody of the real Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada. Others, when asked how they became involved with the movement, usually admit they don't exactly remember, but are sure alcohol was somehow involved.

Unabashedly proud of its outlandish platform promises which many Canadians found amusing, the Rhinoceros Party's main promise was "a promise to keep none of our promises," and they also declared that in the unlikely event they should actually win an election, they would immediately dissolve the party to force a second election. Among dozens of other equally amusing party platforms (besides party member Bryan Gold's description in which he claimed the party platform was "two feet high and made of wood – the one I'm standing on") some of my favorites included the following:

- Repealing the law of gravity;
- Reducing the speed of light because it's much too fast;
- Providing higher education by building taller schools;
- Instituting English, French and illiteracy as Canada's three official languages;
- Offering to retrain those constituents who want to become illiterate by enrolling them in a state educational institute;
- Abolishing the environment because it's too hard to keep clean and it takes up so much space;
- Ending crime by abolishing all laws;

- Counting the Thousand Islands to make sure none were missing.

Although the party never won a seat in Parliament, it did win the fourth-highest number of votes in the 1984 federal elections and individual candidates sometimes managed to come in second place, much to the embarrassment of those can-

do away with it altogether and encourage illiteracy. "The problem is when people get educated it seems they start to think. And when people think then they start to question, and when they question, it becomes a real problem for us to govern," claimed a Rhino candidate in a 2002 election.

Now, I fully realize that the aforementioned parties, along with dozens of others just like them scattered throughout the world, are not to be taken seriously. Quite correctly, they're labeled "joke parties" because that's exactly what they are – a joke.

But when I look at both major parties here in the U.S. (I'm sure many will disagree with my assessment of the current state of affairs),

it's apparent to me our current two parties are, like the 30-odd so-called "frivolous" parties found throughout the world, nothing more than a joke.

For example, although both parties publicly take a strong stand on education, deep down neither party wants an educated electorate, for to paraphrase what the Rhino Party candidate reportedly said back in 2002, "when educated people think and question, governing becomes a problem." I won't bore you with countless other examples to bolster my point, but I will cite several examples which remind me of the Rhinoceros Party.

The conservative Republican Party has, for years, been identified as the party which champions a strong national defense. Republicans are also pro-business, but the national defense plank is one of

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– A Rhino candidate in a 2002 election

didates representing several of the major parties.

To the dismay of many Canadian voters, the Rhinoceros Party was dissolved in 1993 after a 30-year run on the national scene when the government passed the Election Act which mandated a \$1000 fee and a minimum of 50 candidates for a political party to be recognized. But several years ago, its successor, the Rhino Party, made somewhat of a comeback. Describing itself as a "pro-democracy, anarcho-absurdist movement dedicated to humankind's innate right to have a good time," the newly-constituted Rhino Party membership is made up of "artists, anarchists, absurdist, activists, alcoholics, practical jokers, loudmouths, perverts, door-crashers, weirdos, maniacs, show-offs, oddballs and morons."

The Rhinos' stance on post-secondary education is unequivocal – they want to

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the main “chest-thumpers” for the party and, I would imagine, garners more votes from its rank-and-file members. But in the recent struggle over new immigration laws, who led the amnesty charge to create upwards of 12 million new citizens? None other than President George Bush, with help from our former Senator Trent Lott (I don’t consider him my Senator anymore), once one of the most powerful members of the United States Senate.

Given the choice between backing the majority of its members who opposed amnesty for illegal aliens and who don’t have the resources to donate millions to the party, the Republican elitists, bolstered by not telling how much campaign cash flowing from the business lobbyists, sided with – whom else – big business. (Thank goodness fellow Republicans like our own Thad Cochrane and Alabama’s Jeff Sessions spearheaded the opposition to kill the bill.)

Fiscal conservatism is another characteristic associated with the Republican Party, but take a guess which administration has spent more money than anyone since the Jimmy Carter era. That administration, according to the Cato Institute, is none other than the Bush administration. Identified as the “most gratuitous big spender to occupy the White House since Jimmy Carter,” a Cato article dubbed “Dubya” as the “Mother of All Big Spenders” based on an increase in federal spending of 22 percent, a rise of \$408 billion in just the first three years of his administration.

Then we have the liberal Democrats,

who drove the Republicans from power in both the Senate and the House in 2006. The main catalysts for that stunning reversal of fortunes were America’s ever-increasing distaste for the Iraq War and several election-year Republican scandals. Promising an end to the war and a Democratic-led ethics reform movement, the Democrats became the majority party.

So, why is the war still going on? Because the only way for Congress to force Bush to stop the war is to cut off funding for the troops, but the Democrats don’t have the stones to pull the plug on our soldiers while they are in harm’s way. (That’s not something I would advocate either, but what did the Democrats promise the American people?)

And as far as ethics go, all I need to point to are three people: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Pennsylvania Congressman John Murtha.

The sad part is neither the GOP nor the Dems should be viewed as a “joke party,” but it’s almost as if both parties have adopted the Rhinoceros Party’s main credo: “We promise to keep none of our promises.”

Too bad neither party would ever adhere to the Rhinoceros’ promise to dissolve themselves. Wouldn’t that be something to look forward to?



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I have been told, and therefore believe, that one Don Rowe has recently been attempting to take credit for the incredibly brilliant maneuver of leaving an entire sentence out of his article concerning the need for state-issued Voter Identification which ran in the July 23rd edition of *The Aberdeen Advocate*.

BALDERDASH!!

It was I who planned and executed this sly but brilliant move to determine whether or not our readers were actually **READING** this publication or using it to line their bird cages. The cheeky old knave is merely attempting to establish himself as a mortal man capable of errors. **More Balderdash!** It was my clever test and I shall not have the credit wrested away from me!

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