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ay Democratic supporters of Hillary Clinton for president are tapping

cross-dressing comedy as a serious political strategy with this morning's launch of Bill-for-FirstLady.com. The campaign website features live-action comedy videos of Bill Clinton in 'Jackie' style drag wearing a pink skirt, matching high heels and a pink purse. The site has set a goal to generate 1 million e-mails from Americans urging Hillary to run for president in 2008.

The Democratic website, which uses comedy to convey its message, has produced two short two-minute campaign videos depicting Bill Clinton preparing for the First Lady role. The first, entitled 'Boxers, Briefs or Thong?', shows Bill trying on skimpy pink lingerie - much to the shock of a flabbergasted saleswoman. In 'Men's Room?', Bill struggles to use a urinal while decked-out in a pink skirt, high heels and very uncooperative pantyhose.

"We may be having a gay old time with our campaign style - but Hillary is a serious candidate and this is a serious strategy. In addition to showing support for Hillary to run for president in 2008, Bill-for-First-Lady.com is about beating Republicans to the punch and to the punch line by making the inevitable 'Bill as First Lady' jokes old before they can hurt during the election. Cross-dressing humor crosses party lines and we're here to tickle the red states pink," said Campaign Manager Luke Montgomery.

Live campaign events featuring the dress-wearing 'Bill' from the videos are planned for cities around the country in the coming weeks. The first event was outside the White House on Monday, September 26th. The second is in New York City on Tuesday, September 27th in front of ABC's Times Square Studio to coin-

cide with the network's premiere of its female president drama Commander in Chief, starring Geena Davis.

Campaign organizer Luke Montgomery was once a vocal Clinton critic on gay rights issues. Having for a short time legally changed his last name to 'Sissyfag', As a teenage gay activist, Montgomery made headlines in the early Clinton years for his attention-getting presidential interruptions. Montgomery interrupted the President's 1993 World AIDS Day speech and his 1994 Easter Sunday church services.

"Having grown-up and unfortunately grown grey, I now realize what a great president Bill was, not just for gay Americans, but for all Americans. With this campaign I hope to pay Bill back for all those silly headaches I caused him when I was a kid," said Montgomery.

Bill-for-First-Lady.com also features the interactive 'Mr. First Lady Talking Doll' that talks in Clinton's voice, saying things like "Put Hillary in the White House, I'm homesick!" and "My bikini line? waxed or shaved? Don't ask. Don't tell."

Montgomery gushes about the doll, saying, "This is one of the most fun and most funny parts of the campaign. What little gay kid doesn't want to play with dolls? For me this is definitely where the personal meets the political. Bill just looks pretty in pink!"

A spokesperson for the campaign includes 'Bill' himself. Organizers are making available a comic Bill Clinton voice impersonator for appearances on radio shows across the nation as part of the campaign.

Schwarzenegger Rejects California Same-Sex Marriage Bill

By Ross von Metzke

(Sacramento, CA) - As was expected, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed California's same-sex marriage bill late Thursday afternoon. The action came came on a day in which he rejected 51 other bills as well.

In explaining his decision, Schwarzenegger wrote that he believed gay couples were entitled to "full protection under the law and should not be discriminated against," but that he felt the bill would have reversed a 2000 ballot measure that declared only a marriage between a man and a woman is legal in California.

The same-sex marriage bill - which squeaked by in the State Senate and Assembly earlier this month with no Republican votes - was the first in the country that legalized gay marriage using the power of the legislature without a court order.

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