

Where are the insults about Caroline Kennedy?

Have you read anything about how preposterous it is for Caroline Kennedy to believe she is either qualified or entitled to the Senate seat vacated by Hillary Clinton becoming the Obama administration's secretary of state?

Granted, being a Senator from one of the nation's most populous state's is not the same as being vice president. Many would say the Senate is a bigger job and requires more preparation. Who can forget Spiro Agnew and Dan Quayle?

Caroline Kennedy was not quite six years old when her father was assassinated in Dallas on November 22, 1963. Her image is etched in many older Americans' memories as the little girl standing on opposite sides of her mother with her younger brother as her father's casket at the funeral services at Arlington.

For years, Caroline avoided the spotlight, even as her younger brother devoured it. Her mother put the children through great embarrassment and her own decline in public adulation when she married a Greek shipping magnate, Aristotle Onassis, in a financial arrangement not well-received by Americans who came to admire her almost without reservation.

Caroline married Edwin Arthur Schlossberg in 1986 and they have three children together. While the public has come to know the shy Caroline as Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg and the three children all have "Kennedy Schlossberg" as part of their names, it has now been claimed that Caroline never took the married name of Schlossberg - retaining Kennedy as her identity.

At her fiftieth birthday party last year, Neil Diamond revealed that his song "Sweet Caroline" had been written for her. A well-kept secret for decades. Whether the song was or wasn't written about Caroline Kennedy, she's been America's princess.

Now that American princess is actively seeking a New York Senate seat for which she is absolutely unqualified and unprepared to hold.

When the more attractive Sarah Palin was named to the Republican presidential ticket after having served as elected mayor of her hometown in Alaska and as governor of Alaska, every slip of the tongue or lack of knowledge about all things of the world rendered her unqualified in the bias of the liberal media.

Democrats, especially women Democrats, reserve the right to hold office without qualification to their own. And they surely do not want an attractive Republican butting in line. In their minds, and in their security, women like Barbara Mikulski or Bella Abzug would be a safe choice on the national ticket, but not a former beauty queen who has personality and has retained her looks and figure.

When Tina Fey wrote lines and delivered them on *Saturday Night Live*, for a dead-on impersonation of Sarah Palin, those words were attributed to Palin and stuck. When Tina said, "I can see Russia from my porch," the liberal media repeated the words as coming from Sarah Palin herself. When Caroline says "you know" three times a sentence, no one mocks.

When Joe Biden solemnly referred to FDR's calming effect on the nation after the Crash of '29 and said Roosevelt had gone on television to reassure the American people, it was a short-lived story for a monumental gaffe. FDR wasn't president at the time and television wasn't in American homes yet.

Now, in the weeks since Obama announced he would appoint the woman he had recently questioned about foreign policy experience - asking, "how did she get that experience, by sleeping next to the president?" - as secretary of state,

Caroline Kennedy is making a determined effort to be named to replace Hillary Clinton in the U.S. Senate. Ironic it is that Barack Obama's fortunes to secure the Democratic nomination were greatly improved with the endorsement of Caroline Kennedy and Uncle Teddy.

To say this Kennedy is unqualified would be a huge understatement. She is even more unqualified than Al Franken, who may pull out victory in Minnesota, if they count enough rejected absentee ballots.

Caroline hasn't voted in most local and state elections held during her residency in New York. But at least she is a bona fide resident of the Empire State, unlike Hillary and Robert Kennedy when he won a Senate seat there in 1964.

The revelation that Sarah Palin's 18 year-old daughter was unmarried and pregnant was a great delight to the liberal media and Democrats who have reserved the White House for a female Democrat, not a conservative Republican.

The news has broken that Bristol Palin's boyfriend's mother has been arrested and will be charged with six "drug" felonies. A headline on this story was: "*In Palin soap opera: Drug in Levi's mom's case is oxycontin.*" Levi is, of course, the irresponsible although handsome young man who is the father of Bristol's baby. But his mother has no connection to Sarah Palin - not even by marriage yet.

What if Caroline were trashed for every relative of hers (the woman charged is not even an in-law to Sarah Palin yet, let alone a blood relative) who was tried on national television for rape and each Kennedy who has been charged with drug violations or lost their life to drug abuse?

Caroline Kennedy is a sweetheart. She, probably more than any other from Camelot, has done her father proud. Of course, we've learned in intervening years that maybe JFK himself didn't do JFK that proud. He dallied with gal pals of mobsters and used the White House swimming pool for more than it was intended.

Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg has three children between the ages of 15 and 20. Nothing is being said or written about that being a detriment or that she's doing the wrong thing by seeking public office as it was against Palin - that she's a thoughtless parent. Who will raise Kennedy's two youngest children if she lives in Washington, D.C. (Georgetown) in the Senate?

Has New York State no qualified Democrats? If Caroline is seriously considered, so should Chelsea Clinton be. And certainly Anthony Cuomo. Interestingly, Cuomo was married to Caroline's cousin, Mary Kerry Kennedy, until 2003.

Some other famous child has to be better prepared. Bob Kerrey lives in New York now. How about him?

Saturday Night Live is filmed in New York City. Caroline Kennedy lives there. Obviously, *SNL* writers know about Caroline.

Can we expect to see mocking skits about her being able to see the Hudson River from her Park Avenue penthouse apartment? Can we expect to see skits about her daughter being photographed, at 20 years of age, holding a bong and a bottle of wine? Why was it fair to bring Sarah Palin's daughter into the mocking if it's not equally fair to disclose Caroline's minor daughter's behavior?

Will we see questions about the marriage of Caroline Kennedy and Edwin Schlossberg? Are they separated? If so, how long have they lived apart?

If *SNL* brings in the Kennedy family, as the media has brought in a woman who is not yet even an in-law to Sarah Palin, should we expect to see replays of the William Kennedy Smith trial (a blood relative) or the Michael Skakel conviction? Or be reminded of the tragic alcohol addiction of Joan Kennedy, an aunt by marriage?

Ascending to a Senate seat without election has produced mixed results. Wyoming's own John Barrasso is an exception but that owes more to the fact that Wyoming Democrats have no farm system. There was no recognizable person to challenge him in the following election. Those appointed in recent times because of the death of a spouse haven't continued after the following election.

Muriel Humphrey succeeded Hubert when he died. She did not seek election in the following special election. Jocelyn Burdick served three months after her elected husband died and spoke only once on the Senate floor - to say goodbye. Jean Carnahan succeeded her husband, who had won election after his death in a plane crash, but she failed to win in the following special election. Maryon Allen was appointed to the Senate after her husband died and served for a few months, then lost in the primary. Appointment to the Senate is not the best career path.

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