

William Hung stops traffic in Singapore

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Traffic Lights Authority – TLA has discovered the cause of the traffic lights glitch on 18 Feb 04.

The one-in-a-million glitch caused massive traffic jams and a few frayed nerves. However, TLA engineers managed to restore the traffic lights timing in a record-breaking 2 hours, beating SRLT by a mere 15 min.

TLA spokesman, Mr. Simon Cow said: “We were worried that the bird flu virus may have mutated and jumped to computers. After thorough investigations, the culprit is American Idol 3 dropout – William Hung.”

He explained, “Somebody had played a

prank by playing William’s off-key rendition of Reeky Martin’s ‘She Bangs!’ over the PA system. One of our engineers was so stunned that he spilled his cup of hot coffee onto the PC’s keyboard.”

Worst of all: all the engineers started spilling their coffee onto their keyboards, believing it to be a new standard operating procedure.

The servers housing the software for traffic lights went kaput. Luckily, TLA brought out their back-up IBM-486XT computers to keep the system going.

However, the response timings of the traffic

lights slowed down considerably.

Mr. Simon reassured the public that such a catastrophic event will not occur in future. New procedures had been put in place to ban all TLA engineers from drinking their coffee at their desk. However, he declined to disclose whether they caught the culprit who played the song.

Most Singaporeans thought it was rather brave of TLA to admit their mistake and move on. Ms Paula Ah-Choo said as much, “I’m so in love with William’s honesty and gungho attitude. Local men should learn from him, hmmmph!”

“But I wonder how could the [TLA] engineer could spill the coffee on his keyboard when he had years of professional training.”

Despite his popularity with most Singaporean women, the UC Berkeley civil engineering student has caused much indignation among the academic community, especially the professors from University of Nudist Singles (UNSing).

Prof. Kranky Balls said, “He’s a disgrace to the civil engineering community! Instead of attending lectures or doing his tutorials, he sings and dances just to get 5 minutes of airtime. I believe our local undergrads are not so idealistic and clueless.”

Rosie, 20, a second-year civil engineering student remarked coolly, “Yah! He’s got guts but you can’t do it here lah.”

“Come on! Nobody sings that kinda song for a talent contest. Rite? And look at the way he dances? Shit! If he did that in Zouk, he’ll hit the road faster than he starts banging!”

Acting Minister for Start-Ups & Other Weird

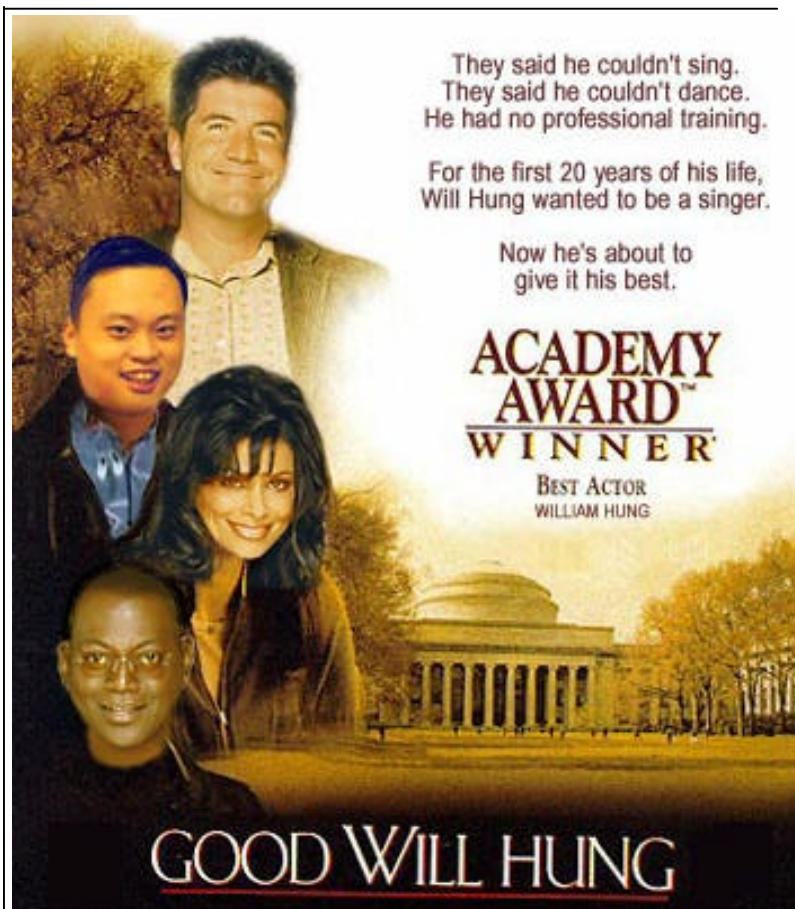
Ideas – Dr. Randy ‘Groove’ Slowly said, “The song lyrics are apt and suits the current atmosphere of innovative crap.”

“For example, we need to coo like a dove and sting like a bee, thus sing a different tune in today’s globalised economy. And when it comes to wage restraint, we need to think like a Gemini. Switching sides helps to keep business costs low. More bang for your bucks, get it?”

According to TLA, the traffic light system (Stop Light Cock-up or SLICK) actually reduces the waiting times of pedestrians by up to 30 seconds. It was estimated that the annual savings reach \$10 million.

What about the guy who started it all, Mr. *Bang-Bang-Bill*? The last time we asked for an interview, he requested, “Show me the \$\$\$.”

Tsk, these Hong Kong folks can be so pragmatic.



Movie poster by Ken Wu

See him boogie on 18 Feb 2004.