

Third Saturday Seminar 2006-2007

Humanity at a Crossroads

Session 03

18 November 2006

**" The Aftermath of an Election" – "That
Government of the people, by the people, for
the people, shall not perish from the earth "**

Rob Wiley, Esq

ALL Program, Montgomery College, Conroe, Texas

"...that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation shall have a new birth of freedom; and that this government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, November 19, 1863.

Program for the TSS Meeting 18 November 2006

- 9:30 am Introduction
- Current Events (30 Minutes +/-), Curt Gibby
- 10:00 am – **The Aftermath of an Election – Rob Wiley**
- 10:40 am Break 10 Minutes
- 10:50 am Discussion Continues – **Rob Wiley**
- 11:55 am- Closure – Feedback
- 12:00 noon Session ends.
- Next Session November 16, 2006

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If you have any questions please contact me.

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Human purpose ...

"That everyone should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all their labor, it is the gift of God"

(Ecclesiastes 3:13)

If you are part of something, for instance the Universe, then you have something to do with what it does.

Current Events

18 November 2006

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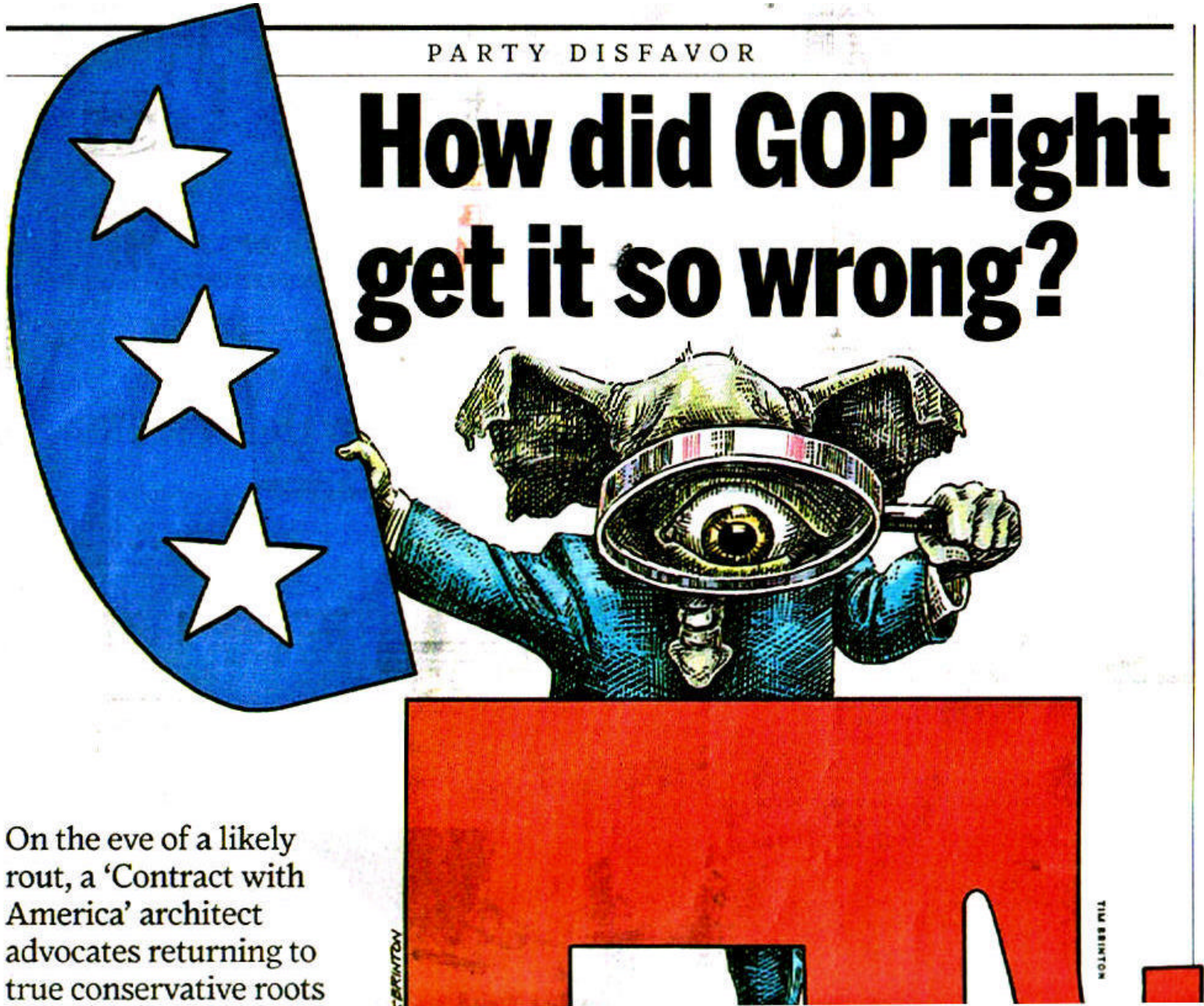
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How did GOP right get it so wrong?



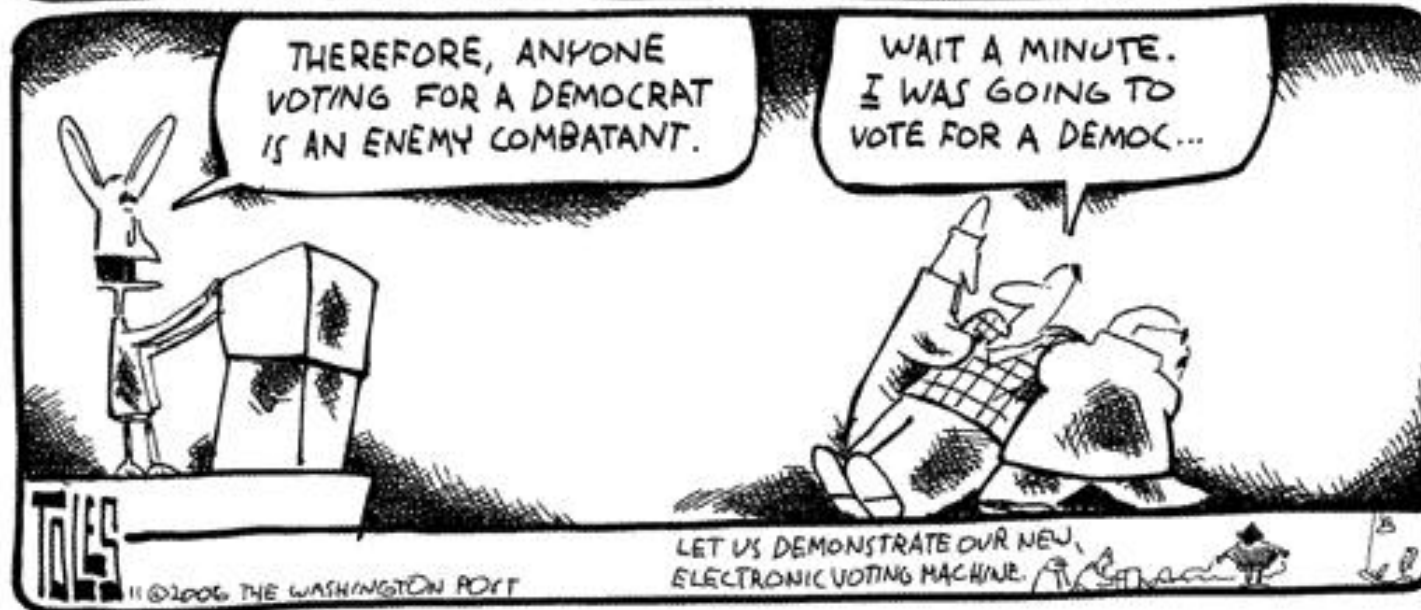
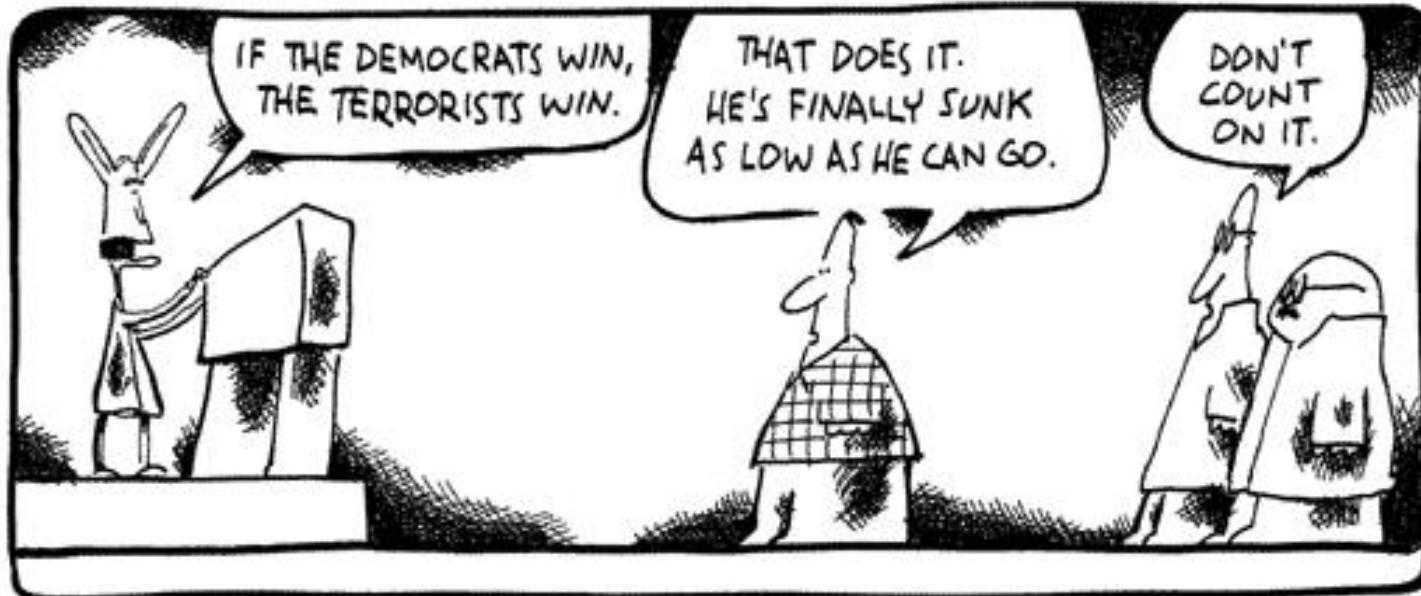
On the eve of a likely rout, a 'Contract with America' architect advocates returning to true conservative roots

We emerged as a wounded party; we stopped trusting the public; and we internalized the wrong lesson. . . . As soon as politics superseded policy and principle, the avalanche of earmarks that is crushing the party began.

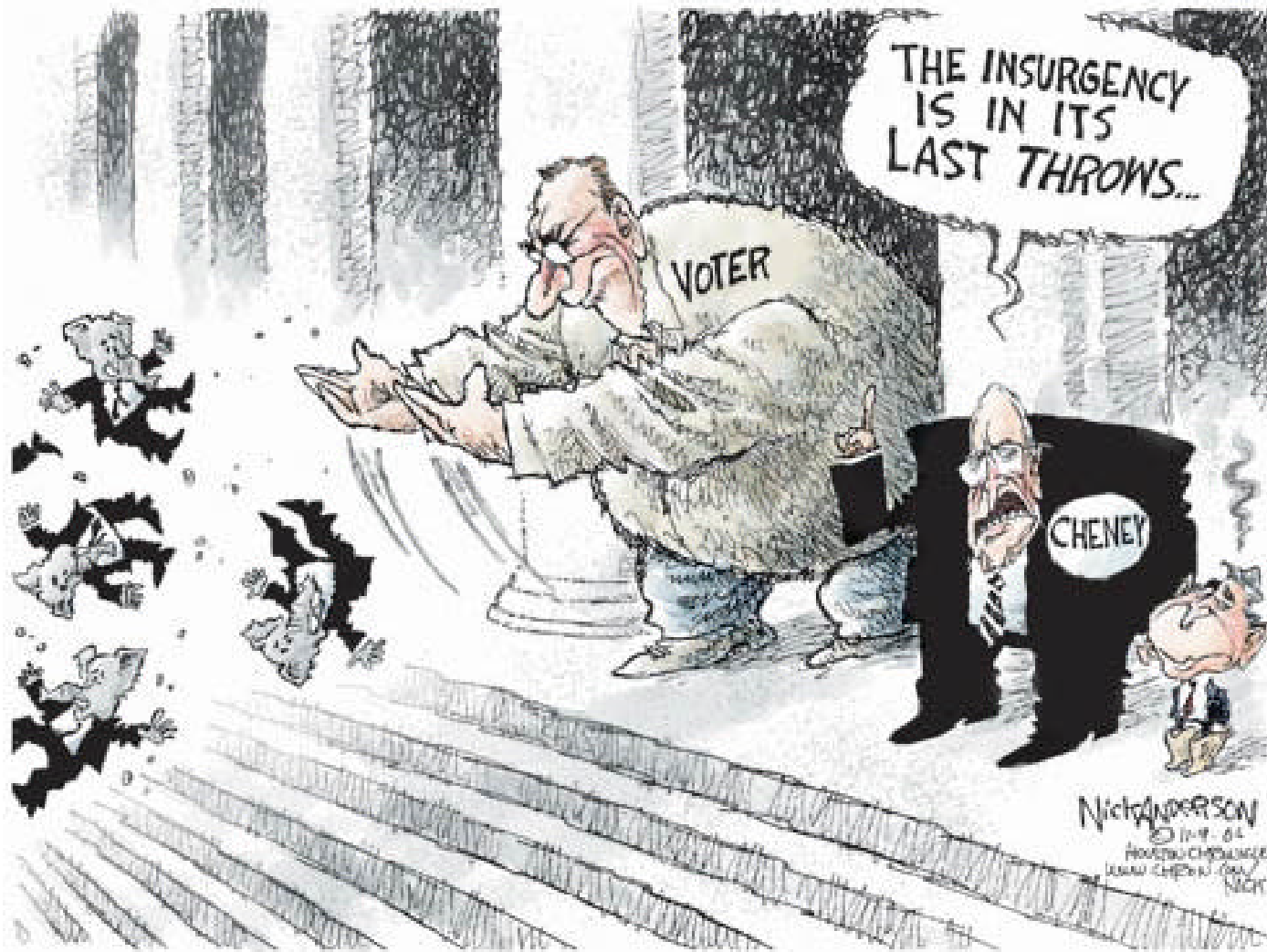
**“REGIMES WITHOUT CHECKS
AND BALANCES ARE PRONE TO
GRAVE MISCALCULATIONS.”**

-Don Rumsfeld, September 10, 2003













Election Projection - 2006 Edition



Projecting the upcoming elections - and commenting on things along the way

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"The Blogging Caesar" - *What does that mean??*

"The Blogging Caesar at Election Projection is one of the web's best prognosticators" - Hugh Hewitt

<p>Current Projections Click on a map for details</p> <hr/> <p>Last update: Oct. 14, 2006 Next update: Oct. 21, 2006</p>	<p>Senate</p>  <p>GOP 50 -5 DEM 48 +4 IND 2 +1</p>	<p>House</p>  <p>GOP 213 -19 DEM 222 +20 IND 0 -1</p>	<p>Governors</p>  <p>GOP 23 -5 DEM 27 +5</p>
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ELECTION ★ 2006 RESULTS

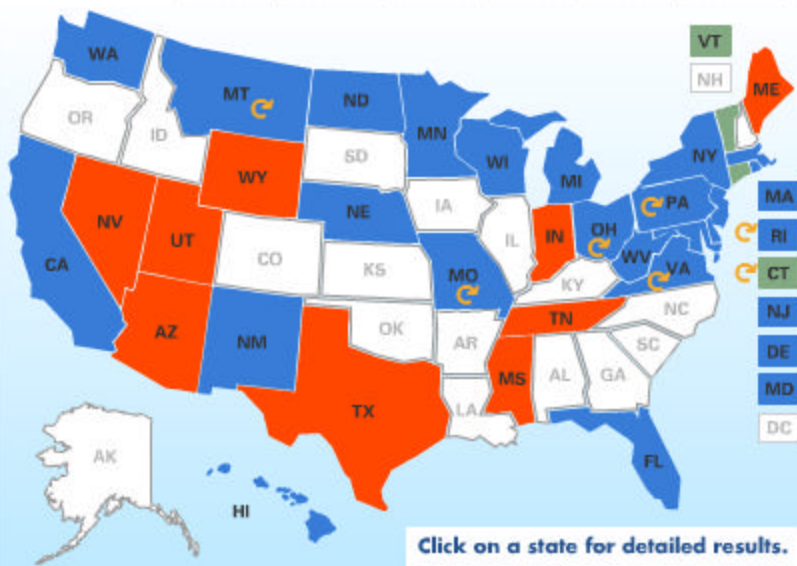


U.S. SENATE

» U.S. HOUSE

» GOVERNORS

Control of the Senate +



KEY

At stake	Rep. (orange)	Dem. (blue)	Indep. (green)	✓ Wins control
* Won	Rep. (orange)	Dem. (blue)	Indep. (green)	⤵ Change of party
				☐ No seats up for election

CONTROL OF THE SENATE

	Current	New*
Republican	55	49
Democrat ✓	44	49
Independent	1	2
Pending	0	0
Net Change		Democrats +6

CONTROL OF THE HOUSE

	Current	New*
Republican	232	197
Democrat ✓	202	231
Independent	1	0
Pending	0	7
Net Change		Democrats +30

* Based on [projections](#) by NPR.

Updated: 11:53 am EST, Nov 15

+ [Control of the Senate explained](#), including how Independent candidates are represented.

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DETAILED ELECTION RESULTS PROVIDED BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texas

November 17, 2006 - 10:51PM ET

(i) = incumbent ✓ = winner R = runoff

Governor - 8510 of 8510 Precincts Reporting

Name	Party	Votes	Pct
✓ Perry, Rick (i)	GOP	1,714,618	39.02
Bell, Chris	Dem	1,309,774	29.81
Strayhorn, Carole	Ind	789,432	17.97
Friedman, Kinky	Ind	553,327	12.59
Werner, James	Lib	26,726	.61

U.S. Senate - 8510 of 8510 Precincts Reporting

Name	Party	Votes	Pct
✓ Hutchison, Kay Bailey (i)	GOP	2,658,657	61.68
Radnofsky, Barbara Ann	Dem	1,554,324	36.06
Jameson, Scott	Lib	97,582	2.26

U.S. House - District 2 - 230 of 230 Precincts Reporting

Name	Party	Votes	Pct
✓ Poe, Ted (i)	GOP	90,332	65.62
Binderim, Gary	Dem	45,027	32.71
Perez, Justo	Lib	2,294	1.67

U.S. House - District 8 - 275 of 275 Precincts Reporting

Name	Party	Votes	Pct
✓ Brady, Kevin (i)	GOP	106,943	67.17
Wright, James	Dem	52,275	32.83

U.S. House - District 10 - 240 of 240 Precincts Reporting

Name	Party	Votes	Pct
✓ McCaul, Michael (i)	GOP	97,618	55.32
Ankrum, Ted	Dem	71,232	40.37
Badnarik, Michael	Lib	7,603	4.31

U.S. House - District 18 - 208 of 208 Precincts Reporting

Name	Party	Votes	Pct
✓ Jackson Lee, Sheila (i)	Dem	65,827	76.62
Hassan, Ahmad	GOP	16,418	19.11
Warren, Patrick	Lib	3,664	4.26

U.S. House - District 22 - 176 of 176 Precincts Reporting

Name	Party	Votes	Pct
✓ Lampson, Nick	Dem	76,782	51.97
Sekula Gibbs (WI), Shelley	GOP	61,949	41.93
Smither, Bob	Lib	9,011	6.10

U.S. House - District 22 - Unexpired Term - 176 of 176 Precincts Reporting

Name	Party	Votes	Pct
✓ Sekula Gibbs, Shelley	GOP	76,940	62.08
Smither, Bob	Lib	23,427	18.90
Stockman, Steve	GOP	13,593	10.97
Richardson, Don	GOP	7,402	5.97
Tran, Giannibicego Hoa	GOP	2,566	2.07

Pelosi Says She Would Drain GOP 'Swamp'

By DAVID ESPO

The Associated Press

Friday, October 6, 2006; 1:58 AM

WASHINGTON -- Franklin Roosevelt had his first hundred days.

House Democratic leader [Nancy Pelosi](#) is thinking 100 hours, time enough, she says, to begin to "drain the swamp" after more than a decade of Republican rule.

As in the first 100 hours the House meets after Democrats _ in her fondest wish _ win control in the Nov. 7 midterm elections and Pelosi takes the gavel as the first Madam Speaker in history.

Day One: Put new rules in place to "break the link between lobbyists and legislation."

Day Two: Enact all the recommendations made by the commission that investigated the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Time remaining until 100 hours: Raise the minimum wage to \$7.25 an hour, maybe in one step. Cut the interest rate on student loans in half. Allow the government to negotiate directly with the pharmaceutical companies for lower drug prices for Medicare patients.

Broaden the types of stem cell research allowed with federal funds _ "I hope with a veto-proof majority," she added in an Associated Press interview Thursday.

All the days after that: "Pay as you go," meaning no increasing the deficit, whether the issue is middle class tax relief, health care or some other priority.

To do that, she said, Bush-era tax cuts would have to be rolled back for those above "a certain level." She mentioned annual incomes of \$250,000 or \$300,000 a year and higher, and said tax rates for those individuals might revert to those of the Clinton era. Details will have to be worked out, she emphasized.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/10/06/AR2006100600056_pf.html

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OBAMA!...
BET YOUR BOTTOM DOLLAR
THAT OBAMA,
HE'S THE ONE!... ♪



JUST THININ' ABOUT
OBAMA!...
CLEARS AWAY THE
COBWEBS AND THE
TRAUMA...
TILL THERE'S NONE...



WHEN I'M STUCK A DAY
THAT'S GRAY
AND VOTELESS
I JUST STICK OUT MY CHIN
AND GRIN AND SAY,
OH!... ♪



THE SUN'LL COME OUT,
OBAMA!...
SO YA GOTTA HANG ON
TILL OBAMA
SAVES THE DAY!...
OBAMA! OBAMA!...
I LOVE YA OBAMA!
YOU'RE ALWAYS A
DAY AWAY...



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BREAKING NEWS -- AETA PASSED in both the House & Senate!

[Click here for first-hand report from the Hill!](#)

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Our Mission

The **Equal Justice Alliance** is a national coalition of social advocacy organizations preserving free speech and equal treatment under the law by defeating [The Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act](#).

Why Oppose the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA)

<http://www.noaeta.org/>

NEW... [National Lawyers Guild Opposition Statement](#)

The **Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act** poses the most serious threat to free speech and social justice advocacy in years. Violent or other illegal activities are already prohibited by law. This bill brands nonviolent activism as terrorism and imposes unfairly harsh penalties on animal protection advocacy.

Laws should apply equally to all groups and individuals, and terms like "terrorist" should be accurately and judiciously applied. The consequences of AETA are far-reaching. Animal protection activists are only the first to be singled out. If we allow this bill to become law, other social justice movements may be the next target.

- AETA is opposed by more than 160 animal protection, social justice, and civil liberty organizations including: National Lawyers Guild, Humane Society of the U.S., ASPCA, Natural Resources Defense Council, and the League of Humane Voters. [Click here for opposition list](#).
- AETA deserves a hearing to afford its many opponents a voice.
- AETA denies equal protection under the law and limits freedom of speech and assembly.
- AETA unfairly brands as 'terrorists' nonviolent animal protection advocates.
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- AETA invokes excessively harsh penalties for comparable offenses.
- AETA is excessively broad and vague by covering innocent parties.
- AETA may authorize unwarranted wiretapping of animal protection advocates.
- AETA has a chilling effect on all forms of social justice and life affirming advocacy.
- AETA interferes with prosecution of real terrorism against the American people.

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Bush administration changes a light bulb!

Question: How many members of the Bush Administration are needed to change a light bulb?

Answer: TEN.

- 1. One to deny that a light bulb needs to be changed;**
- 2. One to attack the patriotism of anyone who says the light bulb needs to be changed;**
- 3. One to blame Clinton for burning out the light bulb;**
- 4. One to tell the nations of the world that they are either for changing the light bulb or for eternal darkness;**
- 5. One to give a billion dollar no-bid contract to Halliburton for a new light bulb;**
- 6. One to arrange a photograph of Bush, dressed as a janitor, standing on a step ladder under the banner "Bulb Accomplished";**
- 7. One administration insider to resign and in detail reveal how Bush was literally "in the dark" the whole time;**
- 8. One to viciously smear #7;**
- 9. One surrogate to campaign on TV and at rallies on how George Bush has had a strong light bulb-changing policy all along;**
- 10. And finally, one to confuse Americans about the difference between screwing a light bulb and screwing the country.**

And after all is said and done, no one will notice that they never actually managed to change the light bulb....

Part of Canada anti-terrorism law tossed (Yahoo News, 24 October)

By BETH DUFF-BROWN, Associated Press Writer *1 hour, 9 minutes ago*

The first person charged under Canada's anti-terrorism act won a partial victory Tuesday when a judge struck down a key portion of the law, ruling that the clause dealing with the definition of the law violates the country's bill of rights.

Terror suspect Mohammed Momin Khawaja, a 27-year-old software developer, is accused of participating in and giving assistance to an alleged terror ring based in Britain. He faces seven charges under Canada's Anti-Terrorism Act, which was adopted in the months following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States.

Khawaja, who has been in custody since his arrest in March 2004, had argued that the charges against him violated his constitutional rights.

Khawaja's lawyer, Lawrence Greenspon, said in a telephone interview from Ottawa that he intends to call on the Supreme Court of Canada to drop the charges against his client.

"Once you strike down the definition, which is at the heart of the legislation, as far as I'm concerned, the charges should be quashed," Greenspon said.

Prosecutor David McKercher would not comment on whether an appeal is likely, but suggested any appeal likely would not take place until after Khawaja's trial, which is due to start in January.

Justice Douglas Rutherford of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice "severed" a clause in the law which deals with ideological, religious or political motivation for illegal acts. But he upheld the rest of the law and said Khawaja's case can still go to trial as planned.

In his 32-page decision, Rutherford focused on the **provision of the Anti-Terrorism Act that makes proof of terrorism dependent on showing a religious, political or ideological motive for the criminal activity.**

Oil pares losses after hitting new lows

Crude prices end lower after falling below \$55 a barrel on swelling inventories, worries of economic slowdown in U.S. and fund selling.

November 17 2006: 3:50 PM EST

LONDON (Reuters) -- Oil trimmed losses on Friday after briefly dropping to a 17-month low to settle below \$56 a barrel amid fund selling across commodity markets and worries of an economic slowdown in the the United States.

High U.S. oil inventories heading into winter, and selling pressure ahead of the expiry of the front-month U.S. crude contract at the close of trading Friday, fueled the selling.

U.S. crude settled 45 cents lower at \$55.81 a barrel after hitting its lowest level since June 14 last year at \$54.86. The price has fallen nearly 30 percent from the record of \$78.40 in July.

Prices may steady at \$55 to \$65 but that doesn't mean an end to wild swings in the energy sector.. "This fall also speaks of a well supplied crude market and a warmer outlook in the U.S., and with those conditions maybe the market is starting to wake up to the fact that prices shouldn't be near \$60."

Oct. 20, 2006, 11:46AM

Taking credit, or not, for pump price slide

News release by House speaker pours fuel on fire

By DAVID IVANOVICH

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WASHINGTON — Oil company executives have been cringing at the poll results, economists all but screaming.

Nearly a third of all Americans believe the oil industry, in cahoots with the White House, is orchestrating the recent drop in energy prices to help Republicans in November.

So there was groaning again on Thursday when House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., issued a news release that was headlined: "**Gas prices continue to fall during a Republican majority.**"

The road to progressive Islam

Imraan Buccus and Farish Noor: COMMENT

27 October 2006 11:59

The question of “progressive” Islam is a thorny one. At a time when Muslims the world over feel that their future is under threat, and when conspiracy theories abound about attempts to undermine Islam from within and without, any attempt to work towards a radical rethinking of Muslim norms, values and praxis is bound to solicit controversy and suspicion, if not outright resistance or even violent reaction.

But some honest and objective questioning is long overdue. In many Muslim societies today practices that have nothing to do with Islam, or which may even be contrary to the values of Islam, are being reproduced and re-enacted as if they were articles of faith. The systematic marginalisation and disempowerment of Muslim women, for example, is one glaring example of how Islamic orthodoxy has been put to work to serve the interests of patriarchy and the status quo in many societies.

For these simple reasons there has to be a shift in the way in which contemporary Islamic thought is developed. The calls for a progressive Islamic praxis are not simply coming from outside the Muslim community, but increasingly from within. Yet despite the demands for change and introspection, the progressive current seems weak. Why?

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Breaking News Alert

November 13, 2006 20:43

Council in Dallas suburb passes law making English the official language

Council members in Farmers Branch, a Dallas suburb, unanimously approved tough new anti-immigration measures Monday evening, including one that makes English the official language. [Read more](#)

BRITAIN WARNS TERROR THREAT ON RISE

■ Officials are tracking 30 plots, say attack fears 'will be with us for a generation'

By **ALAN COWELL**
NEW YORK TIMES

LONDON — Prime Minister Tony Blair said Friday that the threat from home-grown Islamic terrorism would last "a generation," reinforcing a highly unusual warning by the head of the MI5 domestic intelligence agency that it was keeping 1,600 suspects in 200 terrorist cells under surveillance.

The warning by Dame Eliza Manningham-Buller, head of MI5, in a speech Thursday was by far the most extensive and somber of recent times and included assertions that 30 terrorist conspiracies were under investigation and that "tomorrow's threat may include the use of chemicals, bacteriological agents, radioactive materials and even nuclear technology."

She also asserted that al-Qaida operatives in Pakistan are helping to guide some of

*Please see **TERROR**, Page A14*



ALESSIA PIERDOMENICO :
REUTERS

ON GUARD: British police stand watch for signs of terror amid reports that Muslim extremists are plotting attacks that could involve chemical and nuclear devices.

Extreme Birding ...

Birder claims past cat killings

■ Man charged in shooting of stray admits deaths of dozens more in '99 Web posting

By KEVIN MORAN
HOUSTON CHRONICLE

GALVESTON — An ornithologist charged with animal cruelty in a fatal cat shooting this week is a self-professed cat hater with a killing record that goes back to the time he arrived in one of the world's best bird-watching areas on west Galveston Island a decade ago.

Wildlife author and photographer Jim Stevenson said in a 1999 Internet posting that "there were cats out the wazoo" when he built his isolated island home.

"And I'm sorry if this offends, but I sighted in my .22 rifle and killed about two dozen cats in about the first year," the passionate bird-watcher and professional birding guide wrote. "When we allow feral cats to roam free, we might as well be out there with BB guns plinking away at the songbirds ourselves."

Stevenson's arrest Wednesday stirred cat and bird lovers whose passions clash frequently across the nation and world. It has

Please see **BIRDER**, Page A14

Accountability on dropouts



THE Chronicle's Oct. 30 article "Criminal scope of HISD dropout scandal set to unfold" was another reminder of how the district attorney refused to hold senior administrators in the Houston Independent School District accountable for the dropout scandal. The DA asked a Harris County grand jury to indict only one person who is alleged to have changed the codes on a computer to reflect that HISD had zero dropouts for 2001-2002.

Reviewing HISD's record on reporting dropouts provides evidence that senior administrators were responsible for the underreporting of dropouts in HISD. In 2005, I provided ample evidence to the DA to warrant an investigation into the involvement of senior administrators in the dropout scandal. HISD's improvement plan for 2003 gave the following objective for the district: The districtwide annual dropout rate will decrease from 1.5 percent to 1.3 percent.

When this kind of objective is issued, principals are expected to meet it, as they are on

a one-year contract, and if they fail to meet objectives, they are subject to removal. HISD's intention was to require principals to keep the dropout rate low so that more schools could achieve a recognized or exemplary rating and to improve the district's overall rating. Dr. Margaret Stroud issued a directive to principals in 2002, which said, "Make sure you do not have students coded 99. This is not an acceptable code for TEA and is a red flag for a state audit." This code is given when a student's whereabouts are unknown, and it results in the student being counted as a dropout.

This directive ordered principals to recode those students with a code 99 so they would not be counted as dropouts. In February 2003, the media exposed the false reporting of dropout data. Although three high schools had reported zero dropouts, the superintendent, Dr. Kaye Stripling, only required an investigation at Sharpstown High School in an obvious effort to limit the scope of the investigation and control damage.

TEA conducted its investigation in March 2003 and issued a report which said there were code irregularities at 12 high schools and four middle schools.

The report stated it was the district's responsibility to ensure that campuses' staff was properly instructed on applying codes. TEA directed that the ratings of 16 schools in HISD be lowered.

So why is the one person who did not submit or sign any reports to TEA claiming zero dropouts being made the fall guy?

The principal and an assistant principal signed the reports certifying that the school had zero dropouts, and two deputy superintendents either directed schools to report unrealistic dropout rates or told them to change the codes that would count students as dropouts.

Accountability should begin at the top, not at the bottom.

— ROBERT H. KIMBALL

lecturer at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, Fulshear

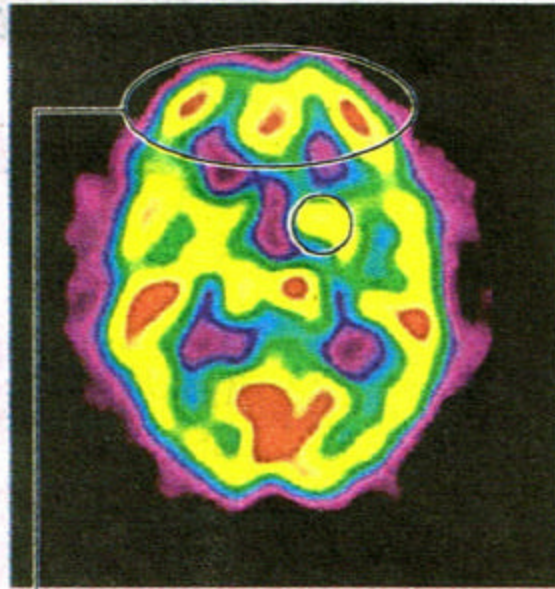
"If you take out the killings, Washington actually has a very low crime rate."

- Marion Barry, mayor of Washington, D.C.

EVIDENCE FOR A RELIGIOUS STATE

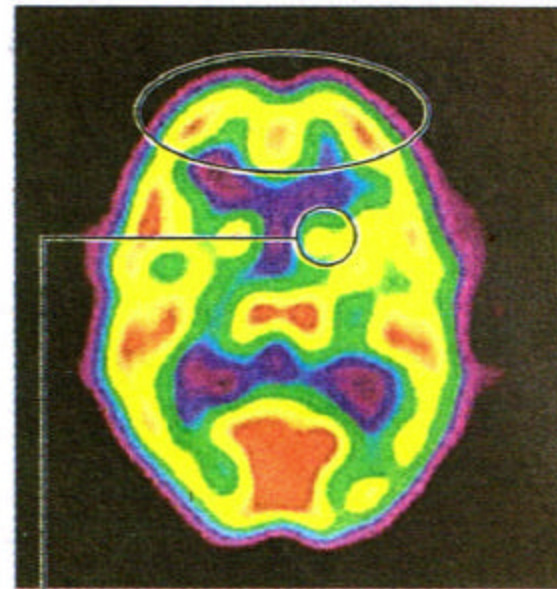
Scientists found notable changes in brain activity when people speak in tongues. The brain scans below show blood flow in the brain (blue lowest, red highest).

Singing gospel song



Frontal lobes: Involved in the willful control of behaviors; more activity when singing than when speaking tongues.

Speaking in tongues



Left caudate: Involved in motor and emotional control; less activity in those speaking in tongues.

Source: Andrew B. Newberg, University of Pennsylvania

NEW YORK TIMES

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<http://www.cnn.com/2006/WORLD/europe/11/09/insider.norway/index.html>

The insider's guide to Norway

POSTED: 7:17 a.m. EST, November 13, 2006



Norway: a land of vikings and snow.

By Simon Hooper for CNN

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(CNN) -- Norway is the world's best place to live, according to the United Nations Human Development Index. Here's everything you'd want to know about the Scandinavian paradise.

Why Norway?

The U.N. Human Development Index ranks countries according to a series of measures of national well-being, including wealth, life expectancy, health care and education -- and Norway scores highly across the board to top the list for the sixth year in a row. The average Norwegian can expect to live to be 79.6 years old and takes home \$38,454 a year -- 40 times more than a citizen from Niger, the country at the bottom of the list.

How do other countries fare?

Citizens of Iceland, Australia, Ireland and Sweden can all feel pleased with themselves as their countries make up the rest of the top five. The U.S. features in eighth place, just below Japan but just better than Switzerland. But the report only illustrates how far Africa lags behind the rest of the world in terms of basic measures of quality of life. The continent fills the bottom 23 places on the 177-country list. Just above Niger come Sierra Leone, Mali, Burkina Faso and Guinea-Bissau.

How come life in Norway is so good?

The main reason is oil. Since the discovery of North Sea reserves in 1971, Norway has been the world's third-largest exporter after Saudi Arabia and Russia, exporting more than three million barrels a day, and the fourth-largest natural gas exporter. It controls around 50 percent of the oil and gas reserves left in Western Europe and in 2002 the net value of exports was \$45 billion. Much of that wealth also flows straight into the Norwegian treasury with taxes on oil profits set at 78 percent, allowing for a generous welfare provision for the country's 4.6 million citizens. With a spectacular rugged landscape of fjords, glaciers and forests, Norway is one of the world's most spacious country with just 31 people per square mile.

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That's only 51 years ago!

Comments made in the year 1955:



"I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20."

"Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$2000 will only buy a used one."

"If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."

"Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"

"If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."

"When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."

Why the #1 engine keeps having a problem ...



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" The Aftermath of an Election" – "That government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth..."

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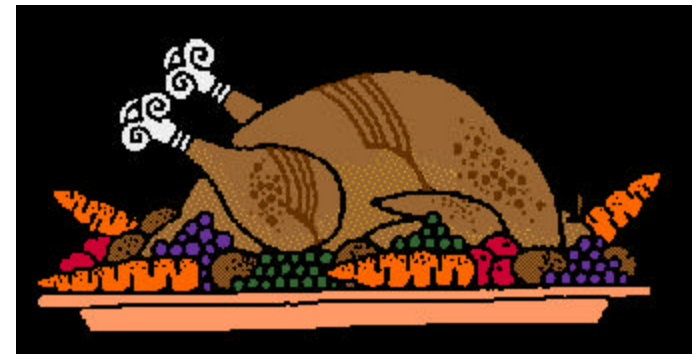
University of Arkansas – Little Rock – B.A. (Speech Communication) 1973, University of Memphis – M.A. (Speech) 1974, University of Texas – J.D.PhD. (Speech Communication) 1985.

Rob worked as an aide/speechwriter for Bill Clinton when he was governor of Arkansas 1979_81.

He has been engaged in the practice of Law in the Houston area since 1987. He is a trial lawyer with broad experience in the litigation of business and commercial matters. And, he has represented clients on behalf of the ACLU, the Texas Freedom of Information Foundation, and other individual rights groups.

Last year he and his wife Ida Stewart set up their own law practice in the Woodlands.

He is a member of the Texas State Bar, American Bar Association, Houston Bar Association; Past_President – Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas; member University of Texas Commission of 125; former Vice_President – University of Texas Ex_Students Association.



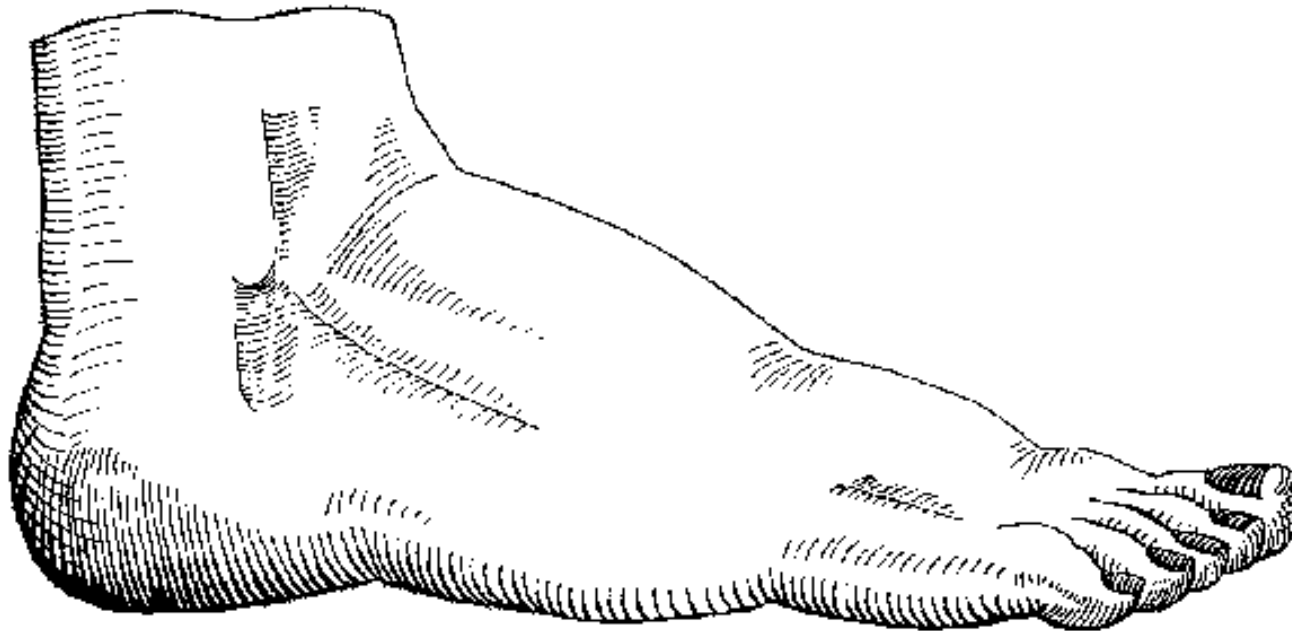
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Don't be Panicked!

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**Next Time – Roger Hall – A Diagnosis and a
Prognosis for the Middle (or Muddle) East!**

The Monty Python Foot, a convenient way to end something that would seem to go on for ever accomplishing nothing.... (*See deus ex machina*)



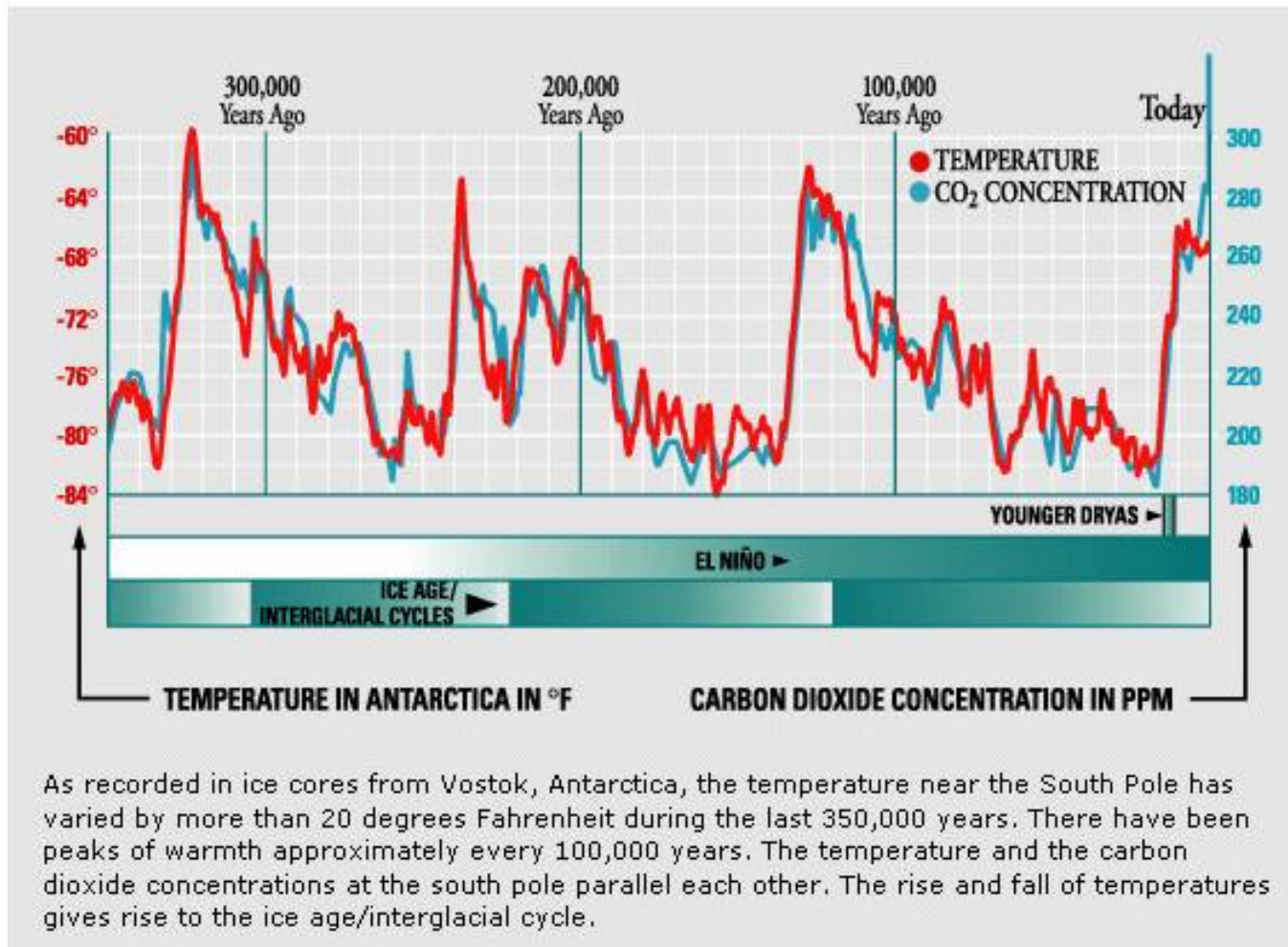
The famous Python Foot can here be seen in its original format in the bottom left corner of "An Allegory of Venus and Cupid" by [Bronzino](#) (~1545)

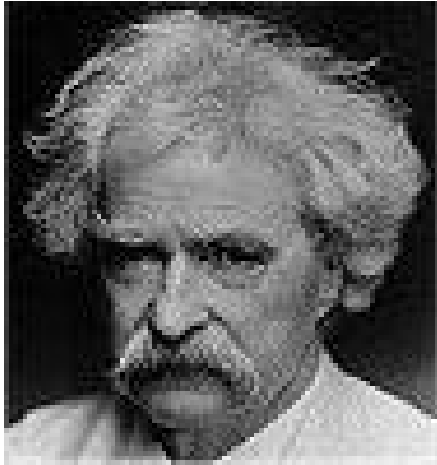
When Monty Python had no ending for a skit, this foot would appear out of the sky and squash whatever was on screen with a rude noise. Allowing the show to move on.

Enrichment Material

Global Warming – Man-Made?

This graph is based on ice cores drilled in Vostok, Antarctica. It shows temperature changes near the South Pole, which were more extreme than in the middle latitudes.





"History doesn't repeat itself, but it does rhyme."

-- **Mark Twain**

<http://www.quotedb.com/quotes/3038>

Trying to fight terrorists
with military force is like
trying to play baseball
with a hockey stick.

The game has a lot action
but it's difficult to keep
score.

About the time our original 13 states adopted their new constitution, in 1787, Alexander Tyler, a Scottish history professor at the University of Edinburgh , had this to say about the fall of the Athenian Republic some 2,000 years prior:

"A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, which is always followed by a dictatorship."

"The average age of the worlds greatest civilizations from the beginning of history, has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, these nations always progressed through the following sequence:

- 1. From bondage to spiritual faith;**
- 2. From spiritual faith to great courage;**
- 3. From courage to liberty;**
- 4. From liberty to abundance;**
- 5. From abundance to complacency;**
- 6. From complacency to apathy;**
- 7. From apathy to dependence;**
- 8. From dependence back into bondage "**

TX-02

District Profile: In the 2003 redistricting, the new 2nd was created by adding parts of the old 8th District in Harris County and the old 9th District in Jefferson County.

2004 Results: Ted Poe (R) defeated Nick Lampson (D) by 56-43%

Ted Poe (R)

Elected in 2004; Seeking second term; Poe was unopposed in the primary.

Gary Binderim (D)

Binderim, a consultant, ran unopposed in the primary.

TX-10

District Profile: Overall, this is a heavily Republican district -- 62 percent for George W. Bush in 2004.

2004 Results: Michael McCaul (R) was not opposed by a Democrat and received 79% of the vote

Michael McCaul (R)

Elected in 2004; Seeking second term; McCaul was unopposed in the primary.

Ted Ankrum (D)

Ankrum, an engineer, was nominated with 37% in a four-way primary.

Michael Badnarik (L)

<http://election.nationaljournal.com/2006/house/tx.htm>
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TX-08

District Profile: The old 8th voted 78 percent for Bush in 2000, his highest figure in the nation. In the new 8th, in 2004, he won a comparatively modest 72 percent.

2004 Results: Kevin Brady (R) defeated James B. Wright (D) by 69-30%

Kevin Brady (R)

Elected in 1996; Seeking sixth term; Brady was unopposed in the primary.

James B. Wright (D)

Wright, a retiree, was unopposed in the primary.

TX-22

District Profile: Politically, the 22nd District remains Republican, but not quite as strongly as it was before the 2003 redistricting.

2004 Results: Tom DeLay (R) defeated Richard Morrison (D) by 55-41%

Republican Challengers

DeLay was nominated with 62% in a four-way primary before he announced his resignation from Congress. A federal judge set a June 26 hearing for a Democratic Party lawsuit that seeks to keep DeLay on the ballot and prevent Republicans from tapping a replacement candidate.

Tom Campbell, lawyer

John Devine, former state district judge

Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, Houston City councilwoman

Robert Talton, state representative

David Wallace, Sugar Land mayor

Nick Lampson (D)

Lampson, a former congressman, was unopposed in the primary.

**First they came for the Communists,
and I didn't speak up,
because I wasn't a Communist.**

**Then they came for the Jews,
and I didn't speak up,
because I wasn't a Jew.**

**Then they came for the Catholics,
and I didn't speak up,
because I was a Protestant.**

**Then they came for me,
and by that time there was no one
left to speak up for me.**

Martin Neimoller

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH: We do not condone torture. I have never ordered torture. I will never order torture. The values of this country are such that torture is not a part of our soul and our being.

<http://www.democracynow.org/article.pl?sid=06/09/15/1342246>

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON: "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Ms Lewinsky."

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/special_report/1998/12/98/revueview_of_98/themes/208715.stm

Al Gore, when asked about his illegal fundraising activities wherein he and John Huang helped take in more than \$130,000 for the Democratic Party at the Hsi Lai Buddhist temple (where videotape footage shows he was greeted by dozens of Buddhist monks with shaved heads and orange sashes or robes) in Hacienda Heights in southern California on 4/29/96:

"I didn't realize I was in a Buddhist temple."

Then, as details of the event started to come out in October, Gore claimed: ***"Number one, we have strictly abided by all of the campaign finance laws, strictly. There've been no violations."*** (Al Gore on NBC's "Meet the Press," 10/13/96)

Well, Janet Reno's Justice Department, concentrating on the smallest fry involved (just to show they really *are* "doing their job"), claims to have prosecuted 21 people and one corporation to date. And so far, as Bill Bradley pointed out, 70 people have taken the fifth, 17 people have fled the country and 13 people have been convicted. ***"No violations," indeed.***

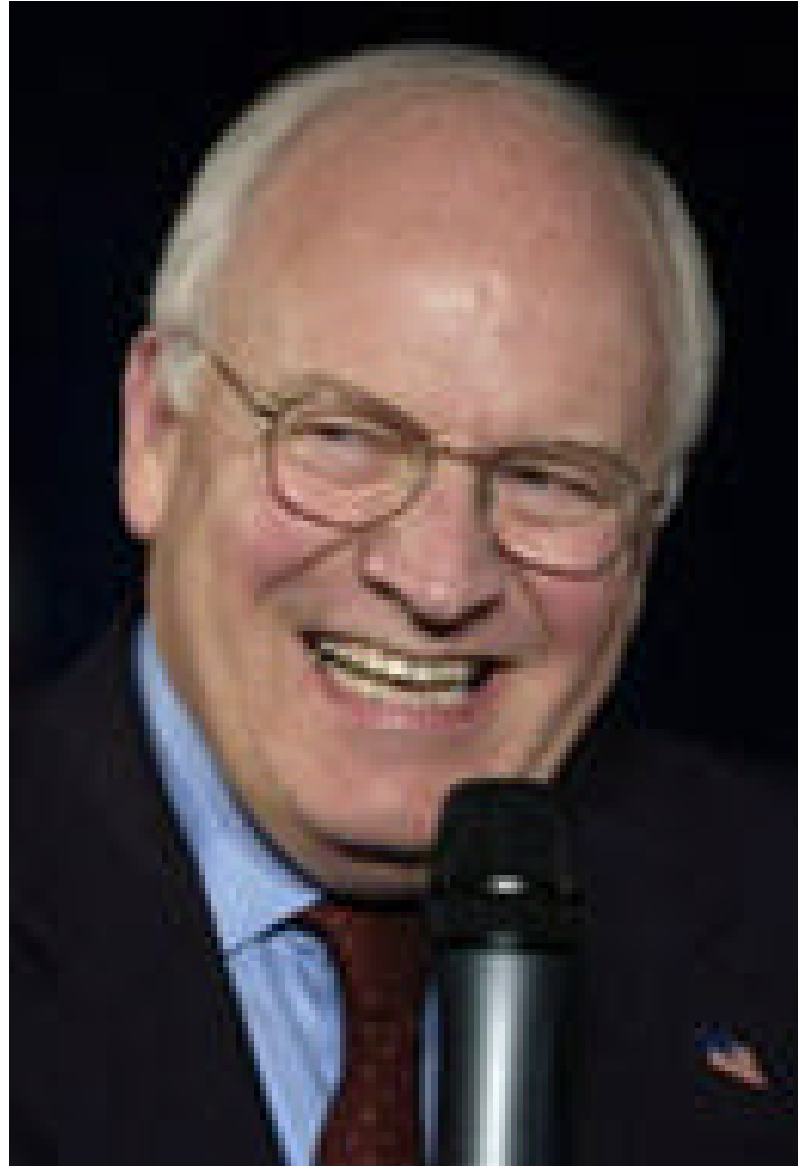


Okay, so which way is it ???

New York Times headline, Sept. 5, 1997:
"Nuns Say Temple Event With Gore Was Not a Fundraiser"

vs.

Washington Post headline, same day:
"Nuns Tell of Panic About Fundraiser: Documents Destroyed or Altered to Conceal Temple's Role with DNC"



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Proof of global warming!!!



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"From my point of view, I would ban religion completely. Organized religion doesn't seem to work. It turns people into really hateful lemmings and it's not really compassionate."

John went on to question religious leaders for failing to put aside their differences to help solve conflicts around the world.

"Why aren't they having a conclave? Why aren't they coming together?"

Criticizes musicians

John also turned a critical eye toward those in his own line of work, saying today's musical artists lack the political convictions of their predecessors.



*Elton John is critical both of organized religion and politically passive musicians.
(Evan Agostini/Getty Images)*

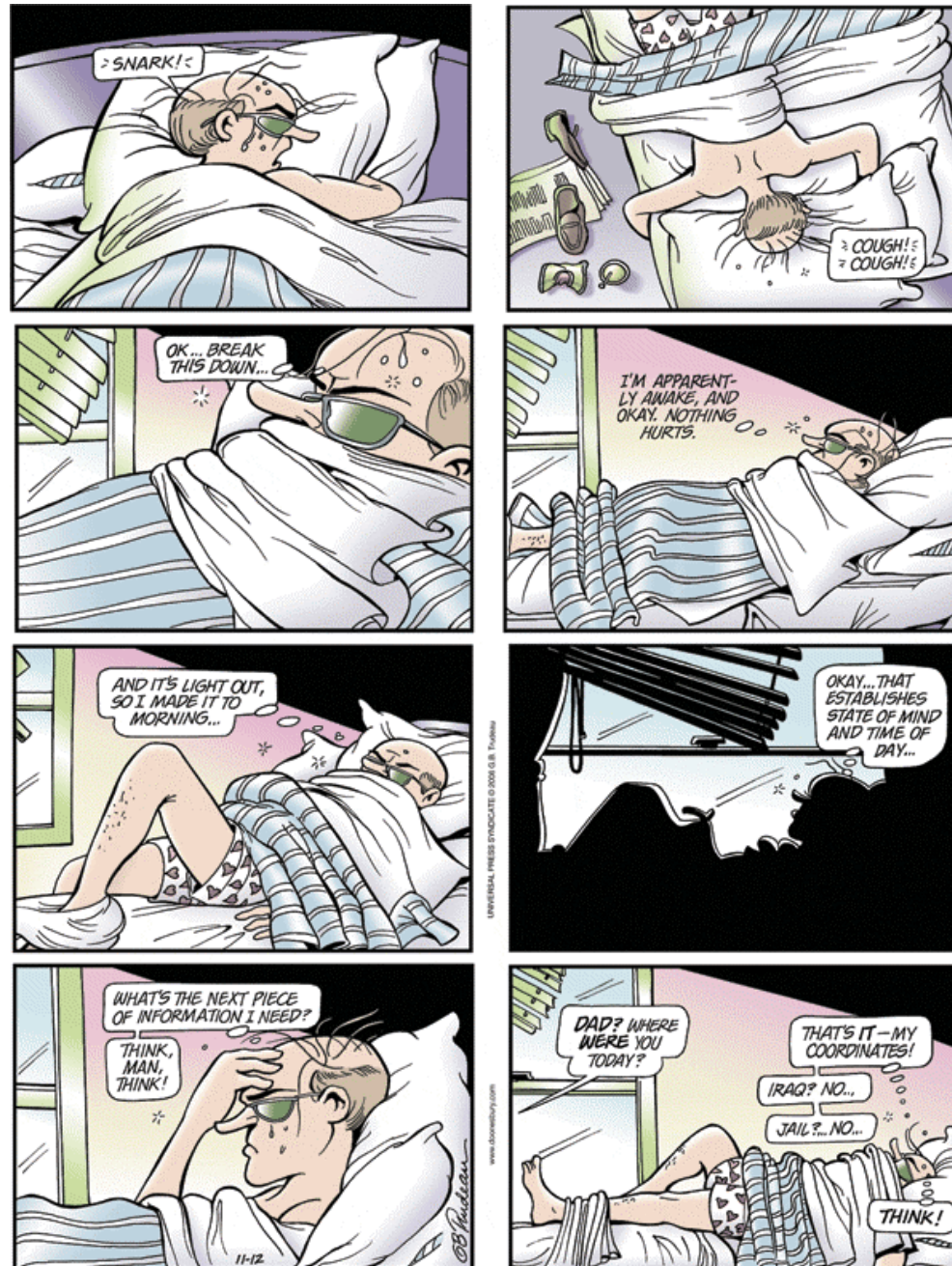
<http://www.cbc.ca/arts/music/story/2006/11/12/elton-john-discrimination.html?ref=rss>

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"Labor is prior to, and independent of, capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration."
Lincoln's First Annual Message to Congress,
December 3, 1861.