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10 QUESTIONS FOR BILL RICHARDSON

As a former U.N. ambassador, Bill Richardson, 58, has a knack for persevering in sticky situations. The New Mexico Governor, who titled his new autobiography *Between Worlds: The Making of an American Life*, spoke with TIME's Karen Tumulty about his possible bid to become the first Latino President, the shocking grooming habits of some world leaders and his storied baseball career.

YOU'VE BEEN SPOTTED IN PRESIDENTIAL RUN-UP PLACES LIKE NEW HAMPSHIRE. WHAT'S IT GOING TO TAKE FOR A DEMOCRAT TO WIN THE WHITE HOUSE AGAIN? First, we have to have a candidate who appeals to the South and the West and pockets in the Midwest. Otherwise, we will be relegated to being the Northeastern West Coast bicoastal party, and for sure we will lose. We need a candidate with strong national-security credentials, and we need somebody who will speak positively about issues and not just attack the Bush Administration.

YOU SOUND LIKE YOU MIGHT BE DESCRIBING BILL RICHARDSON. No, no, I think there's a lot of good candidates out there. I do believe that, based on the party's history, Governors should have a better shot. I think the American people see Governors as budget balancers, as setting agendas, as managing.

DO YOU AGREE WITH THE PROPOSAL TO INSERT A COUPLE OF CAUCUSES BETWEEN IOWA AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, PLACES WHERE YOU'VE BEEN MAKING FRIENDS RECENTLY? Nobody should tamper with Iowa and New Hampshire being the initial primaries or caucuses. That's God given and party given. But I see no harm in bringing other states with diverse populations early into

SAMANTHA APPELTON—AURORA FOR TIME



the process. I don't believe quick-and-dirty early results are in the best interest of the Democratic Party.

GIVEN THAT YOU DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN NEW MEXICO OVER ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF BUSH'S RENEWING HIS CALL FOR A TEMPORARY GUESTWORKER PROGRAM? It's not realistic to deport 12 million undocumented workers. You have to bring them out of the shadows and then have a series

of benchmarks and penalties for those who don't engage in proper behavior.

SO DO YOU FEEL AS IF YOU TWO ARE PRETTY MUCH ON THE SAME PAGE? I think the President has made a good start. What he is unwilling to do, which I regret, is put political capital on the line to get an immigration bill passed. He seems to be catering too much to his ultraconservative wing that just wants heightened border security. You need to

deal with both the push and pull of immigration.

YOU HAVE NEGOTIATED WITH SOME OF THE WORLD'S TOUGHEST LEADERS. WHAT'S THE SECRET TO GETTING WHAT YOU WANT OUT OF THEM? You've got to engage them personally. I try to get to know as much as I can about each of the people I'm negotiating with before we start.

WHAT TIDBIT TURNED OUT TO BE THE MOST USEFUL? When I was negotiating with [former Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister] Tariq Aziz and Saddam Hussein for the release of two Americans, I found out that Aziz was a Chaldean Catholic. As a Catholic myself, the fact that I proposed that he and I attend a church service together was an advantage in connecting with him that allowed us to make the negotiations for the release of the Americans easier.

YOU WROTE THAT FIDEL CASTRO HAD THE MOST DANDRUFF YOU'D EVER SEEN. DID YOU HAVE ANY PERSONAL-HYGIENE ISSUES WITH OTHER LEADERS? When the head Taliban took off his socks and with his knife started cutting his toenails, I didn't know whether to laugh, cry or stop my conversation. But I persisted.

LAST MONTH YOU ANNOUNCED THAT, AFTER RESEARCHING THE MATTER, YOU DETERMINED THAT THE KANSAS CITY ATHLETICS HAD NEVER DRAFTED YOU. HOW COULD YOU MISREMEMBER THAT DETAIL FOR FOUR DECADES? I had been told by various scouts that I would be drafted if I signed. When it appeared in the official program of my team that I had been drafted, I assumed it was correct. However, the mistake was mine. I should have checked. Obviously, it's become a little bit of an instance where I dropped the ball. Get it, Karen?

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The Most Amazing Inventions of 2005

Our annual roundup of the best new products and technological innovations prompted readers to share their excitement about the cool things that await them in the future—maybe even under the Christmas tree. Some were troubled by the ethical implications of the cloned dog Snuppy

I TRULY ENJOYED YOUR SELECTION OF the best new inventions [Nov. 21]. I liked the ENV hydrogen-powered motorcycle and the Shift tricycle, whose rear wheels move closer together at higher speeds and separate for balance at slower ones. But I was most impressed by the LifeStraw [a drinking tube with powerful filters that can prevent waterborne infections that kill millions of people in the developing world]. I've traveled to areas where clean water is not a given, so I can appreciate the LifeStraw's value. Thank you for opening eyes around the world to this wonderful device.

RATHIKA RAMADOSS
Gallup, N.M.

CONGRATULATIONS ON "THE MOST AMAZING Inventions of 2005." Your package on new ideas, gadgets and gifts has become another eagerly anticipated feature, like your annual Person of the Year. Thanks for keeping TIME a leader.

JIM TRACY
Denver, Colo.

SNUPPY, THE DOG CLONED BY SOUTH KOREAN scientists, was a disturbing choice for TIME's Invention of the Year. The cloning of mammals has an extremely low success rate, and experience suggests that Snuppy may later suffer debilitating illness. The purpose of the Snuppy experiment is clearly to put a cuter, more approachable face on the use of cloning technologies in humans. While there are people who might approve of the use of more than 100 canine egg donors and 123 surrogate mother dogs to get one viable clone, I and many others consider this "invention" a cynical public relations stunt.

JAYDEE HANSON
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Washington



“Fantastic! I haven’t seen so many things I didn’t know I couldn’t live without since I was an 8-year-old. Please, Santa, please.”

THOMPSON LANGE
Carmel, Calif.

I WAS A BIT UNNERVED BY YOUR REFERRING to Snuppy as an invention. The cloning technique is remarkable, without a doubt, but I believe it is wrong to classify a cloned creature as an invention. Doing so somehow implies that a clone is different and inferior to other living creatures merely because the method of creation has changed. A clone is just another member of its species.

LAURA WHITE
Folsom, Calif.

YOUR LIST OF INVENTIONS LEFT ME yawning. There weren't any great breakthroughs to dazzle the imagination. Many of the items were trivial. It's not TIME's fault that the year didn't see the introduction of something fantastic. From the standpoint of new technology, it was a very dull year.

LOU VARRICCHIO
Middlebury, Vt.

Mourning the Dead

"HONOR AFTER THE FALL," YOUR PHOTO essay on Marine Major Steve Beck and his mission of notifying families of the loss of a loved one in Iraq [Nov. 21], was one of the most powerful and poignant stories I've ever read in TIME. I wiped away tears trying to imagine the pain and loss felt by the families of the fallen. I was also struck by the professional and compassionate way in which Beck notified and supported those families. I respect and admire him for performing that incredibly difficult but sadly necessary assignment.

WALTER (SKIP) WILSON
Irving, Texas

I'M 41 YEARS OLD AND HAVE BECOME A little jaded over the years, but I was moved to tears by the images of Beck taking care of families who have lost a loved one. I think he and the other service members performing that noble and depressing task deserve America's thanks. Not all heroes are overseas.

STEVEN NIREN
Edina, Minn.

A Search for Respect

IN HIS ESSAY "WHAT THE UPRISING GENERATION Wants," Charles Krauthammer wrote about the alienated young Arabs in France and their prospects for assim-

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■ The festive holiday season is generally accompanied by nagging angst that overindulgence in food and drink will result in weight gain. In TIME's Jan. 16, 1995, cover story, we pointed to one culprit behind our ever increasing girth: giant servings. We wrote, "Food that used to be delivered in modest quantities is now dished out in humongous portions that would satisfy Godzilla." Read more at timearchive.com.



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ilation and success [Nov. 21]. I was startled by his assertion that France needs "the kind of self-reformation that America [had] in the 1960s, when it finally began welcoming African Americans into mainstream society." Is he forgetting the 1960s riots, led by unemployed and disenfranchised blacks, that engulfed the U.S.? I don't call that self-reformation. When black people took to American streets, they finally got a little respect. I suspect that the unemployed Arab and black youths in France want nothing less.

BOB KUZMA
Holly, Mich.

KRAUTHAMMER SAYS APPEASEMENT OF the Arab world has not helped the French resolve the issues of its Arab citizens. How are the French appeasing the Arab world by enforcing a law that strictly bars young girls from wearing Muslim head scarves in public schools? That is not appeasement; that is self-interest.

LEADING BY EXAMPLE



In addition to expressing admiration for the 18 Global Health heroes TIME profiled in its special report [Nov. 7], readers were impressed by the leadership of celebrities in the campaign to improve health care worldwide. Dotti Nie from Flint, Mich., singled out Bill Gates: "Here is a man brought up with middle-class values, and he chooses to spend his wealth not nurturing selfish dreams and desires but working to ensure that even the poorest people will have their basic medical needs met." Wrote a Seoul reader: "Bono and Bill and Melinda Gates are remarkable people with a clear vision of how to make a quantum difference. **THIS IS NOT ABOUT GIVING MONEY BUT ABOUT HAVING AN INSPIRATIONAL EFFECT ON OTHERS.**" And a Kathmandu journalist praised the interview with Bill and Melinda Gates as "one of the best I've ever read. It gave so much insight into the lives of the couple. They send a message to everyone: each person's contribution, big or small, makes a difference. Every individual can help save a life—one life."

Like all other multicultural nations, France will have to effectively integrate minorities into society. The problem is an internal socioeconomic one, and it has nothing to do with Islam or the broader problems of the Middle East.

MURAD ELSAIDI
Little Rock, Ark.

YOUNG FRENCH PROTESTERS WANT TO get a job, be integrated into society and be treated like everyone else. They protest and burn cars, as French people in the past fought against inequality and stormed the Bastille. France's young Arabs are fighting for equality—a French ideal. I hope they succeed.

MAGUELONE IVAL
Corvallis, Ore.

AS A FRENCH PERSON LIVING IN THE U.S., I want to point out that those who believe that all the rioters in France are Muslim are mistaken. The protesters are a mixed population of immigrants. Many are Muslim, some belong to religions other than Islam and some are not religious. What is happening in France has nothing to do with Muslim extremism or al-Qaeda. The riots are the result of France's failure to absorb and integrate its immigrant population. Period.

ANNE H. PESLIER
Houston

Torture of a Prisoner

YOUR PIECE ON IRAQI PRISONER MANADEL al-Jamadi, nicknamed the Iceman, who died at Abu Ghraib while in U.S. custody, should alert all conscientious Americans that a gestapo-style secret police is operating in our society [Nov. 21]. The CIA orders unannounced midnight abductions of suspected insurgents and tortures prisoners, sometimes to death. Your article should make all of us scream at our elected officials that Americans never condone torture in any form, by anybody. Our government should do what its citizens want. I am afraid of what we would find if we opened up the can of worms that is the CIA.

RICHARD SNIDER
Cumberland, Md.

DIDN'T OUR PRESIDENT VOW TO FREE THE Iraqi people from the kind of terrorism practiced under Saddam Hussein? Yet our own government condones terrorist tactics, torture and murder when they suit its purpose. I pray we never again allow a President to hold office who con-

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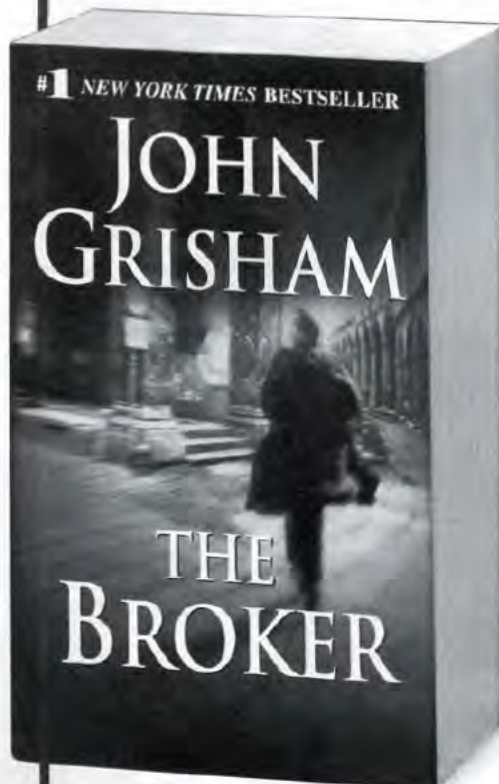
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EDAN MILTON HUGHES
San Francisco

Who Shall Live?

IN THE ARTICLE ABOUT A NEW METHOD OF screening fetuses for Down syndrome in the first trimester [Nov. 21], TIME asked, “Is a life with the syndrome worth living?” We pride ourselves on our tolerance. Yet encouragement to terminate less-than-perfect pregnancies will surely lead to more discrimination against the living handicapped. Can we praise ourselves as a nondiscriminatory society when we question whether people who are not the most highly functioning are worth saving—let alone worth tolerating or protecting?

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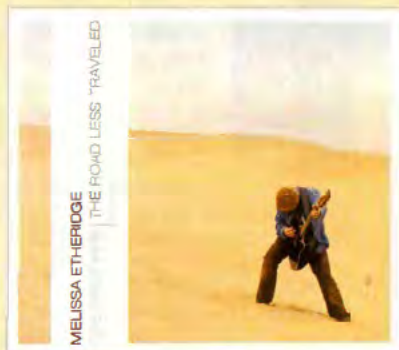
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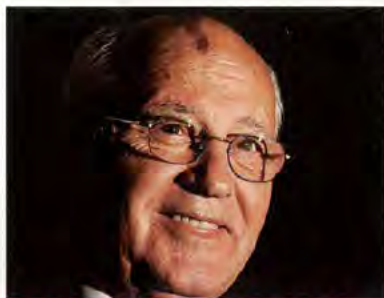
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Some Past Honorees Give Their Picks for This Year

To help us make the selection, **TIME** asked prominent individuals, including previous Persons of the Year, whom they would choose



MIKHAIL GORBACHEV



Former President of the Soviet Union, 1987 Man of the Year, 1989 Man of the Decade

I note that Ted Turner has nominated **Bono**. I would like to endorse that. We have met on several occasions, and I have been impressed by his actions. He has been a voice for the poor, for the environment, for peace—and for the emerging global civil society.



JAMES LOVELL



One of three Apollo 8 astronauts, pioneers on the epic quest for the moon

I suggest special counsel **Patrick Fitzgerald**. In this age of cover-ups, political intrigue, corporate greed and not knowing whom to believe, it is refreshing to see a person who searches for and uncovers misdeeds, unencumbered by any partisanship.



CYNTHIA COOPER



Former WorldCom auditor (one of three "whistleblowers" TIME honored in 2002)

I would nominate **Mother Nature**. Mother Nature brought important issues of ethics, poverty, race, global warming and disaster preparedness to the forefront of our thinking, probably resulting in changes that will have a positive impact on our lives and those of future generations.



F.W. DE KLERK



Former South African President, one of 1993's four "peacemakers"

My nomination is for **Africa** as Continent of the Year. In 2005 global attention was focused on the plight of other people. Africa needs a fair break from the rest of the world and the determination to address its own problems. It is essential that all humankind join in the march for democracy, prosperity, peace and stability.

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TAX REFORM: A BALK?

PRESIDENT BUSH may have drawn cheers at campaign rallies last year by calling the federal income tax code "a complicated mess" and promising to make its "million pages" simpler and fairer. But H&R Block can breathe easy for another season. Bush aides tell *TIME* that the President is likely to postpone

White House official said. But House Republicans are still likely to pass a simplification measure by April 15 so they can bash the IRS on the campaign trail.

Surprisingly enough, the biggest crowd pleaser is turning out to be the President himself, despite low ratings in the polls. White House officials say Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney have already done more to help '06 candidates than they had at

On the campaign trail last week with Maryland's Steele



any big push for comprehensive tax reform—which looked like it would be a centerpiece of next year's agenda—until '07 or '08. In the meantime, he will probably start small by mentioning the issue in the State of the Union and other addresses next year. Tax reform tested poorly with a Republican-financed focus group, showing more ground-work needs to be laid. The official White House stance is that Bush has not decided whether to pursue the idea next year, but aides say they doubt they could attract Democratic support in a midterm-election year. And the G.O.P. is gun-shy after the Social Security debacle. "No one wants to put something out there that's not going to go anywhere," a

the same point in the '02 and '04 election cycles. So far this year, Bush has raised \$31 million at 13 events, including last week's \$125-a-plate pizza-and-burgers reception at the Baltimore Ravens' stadium for the Senate campaign of Maryland Lieutenant Governor Michael Steele. Mark Knoller of CBS News, who meticulously logs presidential movements, says that since taking office, Bush has spoken at 184 events that raised more than \$505 million. But given that a new request to campaign with him arrives daily—and that Bill Clinton managed to cram in 203 fund raisers in his last 13 months in office—the current fund raiser in chief will no doubt keep hauling in the lucre. —By Mike Allen

44 V E R B A T I M

“Sir, they have an obligation to try to stop it.”

GENERAL PETER PACE, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, correcting Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's assertion at a press conference last week that troops witnessing prisoner abuse had no obligation to physically stop the abuse, only to report it

“The only people whose credibility is at stake are people who are trying to invent issues out of thin air.”

STEVE SCHMIDT, White House aide, on Democrats' questioning the integrity of Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito after a 1985 memorandum surfaced last week that he had neglected to mention on his Senate questionnaire in which Alito spells out his strategy for “overruling Roe v. Wade” and “mitigating its effects”

“Very well, let them go to hell.”

JOSE VICENTE RANGEL, Vice President of Venezuela, on several opposition parties withdrawing five days before the congressional election to protest the government's failure to correct voter registry errors that could lead to fraud

“I'd hate to be remembered as that.”

KENNETH BOYD, Vietnam veteran convicted of killing his estranged wife and father in law, on the prospect of becoming the 1,000th person executed in the U.S. since 1976 when capital punishment was reinstated, two days before he was lethally injected in North Carolina

“Bruce and I have known each other for years. I don't think he'd be doing this unless he thought we were going to win.”

CARL ICAHN, corporate raider turned shareholder activist trying to force some spin offs at Time Warner, on hiring investment banker Bruce Wasserstein, who has been credited for his advisory roles in Time Inc.'s mergers with Warner Communications and, more recently, with AOL

“It became a challenge for all of us. We all want the prison to win.”

PRISCILA MARIA PEREIRA FERREIRA, one of four inmates at a penitentiary near São Paulo who competed in Brazil's government sanctioned, 10-prison Miss Penitenciária beauty pageant

“Me and Elvis? Are you kidding? I'm gonna tell my dad. Maybe that will impress him.”

MADONNA, after being informed that she now ties with the King for having the most Top 10 singles ever at 36 apiece

Sources: AP; Washington Post; New York Times; AP; New York Times (2); New York Post



Talking Up Iraq at Home ...



STUNG BY AN ornery public and exasperated Republican lawmakers, the White House is preparing a blitz of TV-friendly events to show that George W. Bush knows what he's doing in Iraq, and to define achievable terms for victory. The drive started last week at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., where he gave

the first of four big speeches leading up to Iraq's Dec. 15 elections. Bush choked up as he read a letter found on the laptop of fallen Marine Corporal Jeff Starr: "If you are reading this, then I've died in Iraq ... I don't regret going." Despite the resolute rhetoric—and a backdrop declaring **PLAN FOR VICTORY**—the address signaled an incremental withdrawal of troops before the 2006 U.S. midterm elections. Likewise, the release last week of a 35-page report, *National*

Bush aims to communicate Iraqi progress as the military forges on *Strategy for Victory in Iraq*, aimed to portray Bush as acting deliberately rather than buckling to critics, who carped that the plan had arrived a few years late.

At a congressional retreat in Maryland the next day, G.O.P. leaders—eager to share blame for the party's woes—lit into White House aides, charging that members of Congress have to trek to Iraq to hear about progress there and that the Administration has been AWOL in touting the economy. Bush aides admitted they have been behind the eight ball, partly because of Hurricane Katrina, and detailed a blueprint for better communications. Bush dashed into the Rose Garden late last week to declare that the economy "continues to gain strength and momentum." The event had been thrown together so quickly that the usual velvet ropes were not set up to pen back journalists. "We're trying the trusting method," an aide joked. Merry glasnost. —By Mike Allen and Massimo Calabresi

... While Tripping Up on Propaganda Abroad

TOP AIDES AT THE Pentagon and State Department are furious that the President's big speech last week touting progress in Iraq was largely drowned out by disclosures that the U.S. command in Baghdad had been secretly planting rosy stories in Iraqi newspapers. Administration source Karen Hughes, who is in charge of improving the U.S.'s image abroad, is fuming and that neither she—as the State Department's Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy—nor such senior Pentagon officers as Joint Chiefs Chairman Peter Pace knew of the program until the *Los Angeles Times* broke the story last week.

Under a \$5 million contract negotiated last year by the U.S. command's Information Opera-

tions Task Force, the Lincoln Group, a Washington-based p.r. firm, translated upbeat stories written by military information officers and then paid Iraqi newspapers to print them or hired Iraqi journalists to sell them as their own stories. U.S. officers in Baghdad insisted last week they were only trying to

get the truth out by buying editorial space, a customary practice in Iraq that prompted Hughes to launch programs there to train journalists to be more independent. Says a Defense Department official: "This certainly undercuts what she's trying to do." —By Douglas Waller and Elaine Shannon



In Baghdad, wondering who's responsible for all the upbeat war stories

A SURPRISE IN EGYPT

The Bush Administration's Arab democracy campaign is helping bring change to Egypt, if not quite the sort Washington is after. The fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood, which strongly opposes U.S. intervention in Iraq and support for Israel, won 76 seats in the first two rounds of parliamentary elections and could gain a total of 100 once the final vote is completed this week. Says Abdel Monem Said of Cairo's Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies: "Everyone is surprised, perhaps even the Brotherhood."



Thugs try to keep pro-Muslim Brotherhood voters from polls

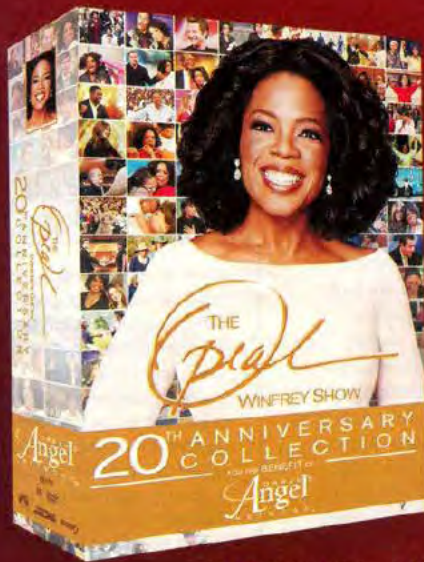
President Hosni Mubarak's ruling National Democratic Party is still expected to wind up with nearly 80% of the Parliament's 454 seats. But the unprecedented freedom it granted opponents in this election enabled the 77-year-old Brotherhood—whose members run as independents because of a ban on religious parties—to field twice as many candidates as in the last vote five years ago, when 15 members took office. The group did well this year despite voter intimidation, including some poll closings, witnessed by *TIME*. A U.S. State Department spokesman still praised the vote as "an important step in the democratic reform process." The many calls for change from the U.S. and Europe, acknowledges Brotherhood activist Essam Erian, "made a difference." —By Lindsay Wise and Amany Radwan

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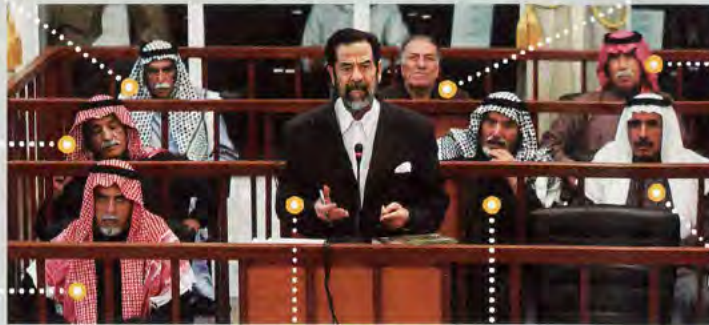
KEEPING SADDAM COMPANY

Prosecutors allege local Baath Party official **Mohammed Azawi Ali** helped arrest suspected assassins' relatives, regardless of age

SADDAM HUSSEIN'S SEVEN CO-DEFENDANTS MAY BE WONDERING how long he'll keep hogging the microphone. Like their deposed leader, each is accused of playing a role in the 1982 massacre of 148 Shi'ites after an assassination attempt against the President in the northern Iraqi town of Dujail. —By Clayton Neuman

Another local Baath Party official, **Ali Dayim Ali** allegedly assisted in the Dujail roundup and interrogations that led to 46 deaths

Even before he became Vice President in 1991, **Taha Yassin Ramadan** was known as one of Saddam's top enforcers



As chief of intelligence, Saddam's half-brother **Barazan Ibrahim al-Tikriti** is said to have commanded the Dujail reprisals

Awad Hamed al-Bandar headed Saddam's Revolutionary Court when it issued death sentences for 148 Dujail residents in a quickie mass trial

Former President **Saddam Hussein** is charged with premeditated murder, forcible removal of a population, imprisonment and torture

As a senior Baath Party official, **Abdullah Kazim Ruwayyid** is believed responsible for the arrests of as many as 687 Shi'ites in Dujail

Seated here beside his father, **Mizhar Abdullah Ruwayyid** is charged with helping carry out Saddam's brutal retaliation orders

Go Ahead—Reach Out and Gab to Someone

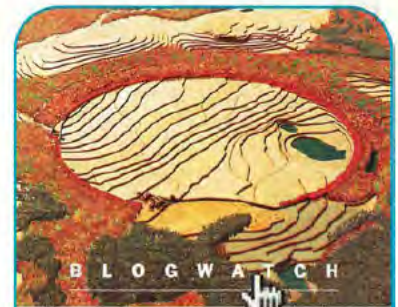
DEPENDING ON your long-distance provider, that stranger with the thick accent may not be a telemarketer or a prank caller. Skype, whose software lets users make free phone calls over the Internet, has become the hot download among young Asians—with 45,000 new Chinese users signing on each day. And many of them are practicing their English by making random calls to fellow Skype users in the U.S. The company, which has 66 million registered subscribers in more than 200 countries, includes language preferences in every user's profile, and last year started offering a "Skype Me" mode that encourages calls from strangers. "It's an area that, frankly, surprised us," says Skype's global-marketing executive, Saul Klein. "People are



becoming voice pals instead of pen pals."

Although there's no way to keep track of how many native Chinese speakers are using Skype to chat with people in the U.S., informal surveys suggest a high degree of cold-calling between the two countries, each of which has 5 million subscribers. Skype, which has been acquired by eBay, is looking into adding translation services as a possible pay feature in 2006. Last week it released a long-awaited 2.0 edition that enables users to plug in their Web

cameras and make free video calls. But one country refuses to get caught up in all the chatter. North Korea remains steadfastly Skype-free, which means Kim Jong Il won't have to worry about any callers catching him on a bad hair day. —By Jeffrey Ressler



When the Sept. 11 memorial design was unveiled this fall for Flight 93's crash site in Pennsylvania, **LITTLE GREEN FOOTBALLS** and other conservatives decried it as a "monumental insult," largely because the crescent of red maple trees resembled an Islamic prayer station, pointing toward Mecca. Some critics tipped their hats last week at the bowl shaped redesign, above, until **ERROR THEORY** pointed out that the "Islamofascist shrine ... still contains all of the features that made it a terrorist memorial." One element that was retained: the flight path lined with 44 translucent blocks, one for each person who died in the crash—including the four hijackers.

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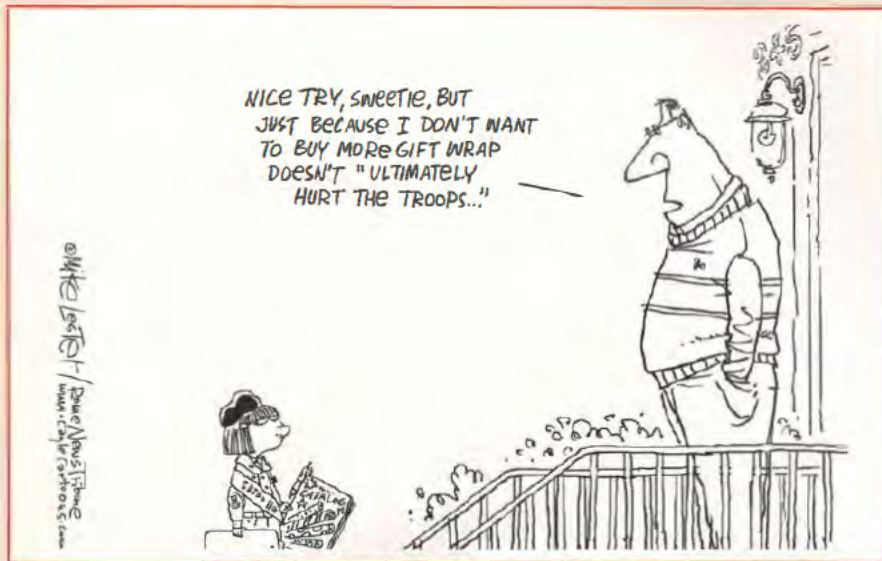
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“Earlier today Senate majority leader Bill Frist said that border security will be a ‘top priority’ in 2006 ... This is like telling people in Mexico, ‘Hurry up, you’ve just got five weeks left before we close.’”

—JAY LENO

“A big, huge chunk of marble fell off the Supreme Court building. Thank God Janet Reno was there and made a one-handed catch.”

—DAVID LETTERMAN

“Bulgaria and Ukraine are considering pulling their forces out of Iraq. Yeah, it’s going to happen as soon as they find a car that can seat six people.”

—CONAN O’BRIEN

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40 Percentage of New Orleans that is still without power

44 Percentage of federal employees eligible to retire within five years

72 Percentage of recent college graduates surveyed who said they had at most limited interest in working for the Federal Government

\$430 Record-setting price per sq. ft. paid last week for the air rights above a Manhattan church, twice the going rate

\$30 million Amount the church will get in the deal—which does not involve any construction in or above it—so high-rise-apartment developers can secure Central Park views

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PLEADED GUILTY. **RANDY (DUKE) CUNNINGHAM**, 63, eight-term Congressman from California; to accept-

ing \$2.4 million in bribes, mostly from military contractors, that included a Rolls-Royce, an antique French commode and mortgage payments; in San Diego. The former Top Gun instructor and tough-on-crime Republican, who for months insisted he was innocent—and now faces up to 10 years in prison—stunned even jaded Beltway insiders with his brazenness. In a tearful confession, he said, "I learned in Vietnam that the true measure of a man is how he responds to adversity. I cannot undo what I have done, but I can atone."



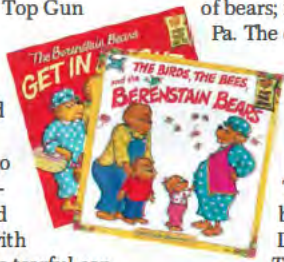
▲ DIED. MICHAEL EVANS, 61, photographer whose folksy portrait of Ronald Reagan, beaming beneath a

worn cowboy hat during his bid for the 1976 G.O.P. presidential nomination, made the covers of *TIME*, *PEOPLE* and *Newsweek* after the Gipper's death last year and whose work for *TIME* covering Reagan's triumphant 1980 campaign inspired the President to hire him as White House photographer; of cancer; in Atlanta.

DIED. VIC POWER, 78, flamboyant All-Star first baseman who in the late 1950s became one of Major League Baseball's first

Hispanic stars as he started racking up seven Gold Gloves in 12 seasons spent with the Philadelphia A's, Cleveland Indians and other teams; in Bayamon, Puerto Rico.

▼ DIED. STANLEY BERENSTAIN, 82, co-author and co-illustrator, with his wife Jan, of the best-selling Berenstain Bears children's books, which chronicle the everyday travails of a family of bears; in Bucks County, Pa. The couple, who met



in art school, submitted a manuscript to then Random House editor Theodor Geisel—better known as Dr. Seuss—and *The Big Honey*

Hunt, published in 1962, became the first of some 250 books in a series that has since sold nearly 300 million copies. The bears generated some criticism for stereotypical roles—Mama Bear tends to the cubs, for example, and Papa is a bit of a buffoon—to which the creators routinely replied, "But that's the way it is in Bear Country!"

DIED. THOMAS DAWBER, 92, dynamic first director of the watershed Framingham Heart Study, named after the Massachusetts town where the Federal Government in 1948 started trying to identify the causes of heart disease; in Naples, Fla.

Dawber recruited 5,209 healthy men and women to follow in a long-term study that led to key findings, including those in a 1961 landmark paper that isolated such "risk factors" (a term Dawber coined) for heart disease as high blood pressure and high-cholesterol levels. A few years later, he rescued the Framingham study—which the government was

considering shutting down—by raising money to continue the research and facilitating the study's partnership, still in effect, with Boston University.



▲ DIED. FANNY MCCONNELL ELLISON, 93, writer and founding director in 1938 of Chicago's Negro People's Theater, who was acknowledged by many—including her husband Ralph Ellison—to be a key editor and adviser on his 1952 masterpiece, *Invisible Man*; in New York City. The couple, who were married from 1946 until his death in 1994, met after Fanny told a mutual friend, poet Langston Hughes, that she wanted to meet a man with an interest in books.

▼ DIED. CONSTANCE CUMMINGS, 95, smart, sensitive 1930s movie actress turned grande dame of the London and New York stage; in Oxfordshire, England. Although she made her international reputation with film comedies—like *Movie Crazy*, in which she played a quirky ingenue, and *Blithe Spirit*, David Lean's take on Noel Coward's play—Cummings became

known for such emotionally compelling roles as Martha in Edward Albee's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*; frail matriarch Mary Tyrone, opposite Laurence Olivier, in the 1971 revival of Eugene O'Neill's *Long Day's Journey into Night*, both in London; and onetime aviator Emily Stilson in the Broadway drama *Wings*, for which she won a Tony in 1979.



29 YEARS AGO IN TIME

Computer graphics may rule the new **KING KONG**, but the first remake gripped audiences mainly via hydraulics.



Possibly the most remarkable piece of Kongcraft, however, is the giant arms employed mainly to pick up and caress Jessica Lange, 27, the model-turned-actress who plays his innamorata, Dwan. The hands are 6 ft. across and the arms weigh 1,650 lbs. each. They were designed and built separate from the complete Kong body and suspended from a crane in order to lift Lange 30 or 40 ft. into the air... Like all the other Kong paraphernalia, they were not ready until the production was well along... Finally the huge paws were ready, and [producer Dino] De Laurentiis was summoned to the set to witness a test. Amidst high excitement, the great arm extended in the producer's direction and then the middle finger slowly uncurled and extended itself in the gesture recently granted respectability by the Vice President of the U.S. De Laurentiis broke up. Unfortunately, however, so did the giant arm—freezing, finger up, for a week.

—*TIME*, Oct. 25, 1976

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The Republican Who Thinks Big on Health Care

GOVERNOR MITT ROMNEY IS A MASSACHUSETTS POLITICIAN with a long, narrow face, an impossible shock of hair and presidential ambitions. He's also pretty tall. But any resemblance to another recent Massachusetts politician who ran for President evaporates the moment Romney opens his mouth: his demeanor and metabolism are the opposite of John Kerry's informal, conversational, enthusiastic and speedy. Or maybe it was just that we were talking about his rather remarkable plan to

bring mandatory universal health-care coverage to Massachusetts by next summer, the first time a Republican has tried to pull off this most Democratic of policy goals.

"I don't like calling it universal coverage," he told me last week. "That smacks of Hillarycare. But I do think we've come up with a way to get everybody covered through the free-market system." Romney's way is not new: policy wonks call it an "individual mandate" system, but the Governor doesn't like that term either. "I call it a personal responsibility system," he said.

Here is how it would work. Massachusetts now spends about \$1 billion a year to provide emergency health care for at least 500,000 uninsured citizens. About 200,000 of those are young people, predominantly male, who are making enough money to buy health insurance but figure they don't need it. They would be required to buy a relatively inexpensive health insurance policy, with higher deductibles and co-pays—that's where the "mandate" comes in. Another 100,000 are extremely poor people who are eligible for Medicaid; a concerted effort would be made to bring them into the system. The remaining 200,000 are the people who have been most neglected by the system in the past: the working poor, people who have low-end service jobs or work part time for employers who don't offer health coverage. Romney's gamble is that Massachusetts can take the \$1 billion it spends on the uninsured and use it to subsidize coverage for the working poor. The Bush Administration will kick in another \$1 billion, over three years, to make the experiment work if Romney can get a suitable proposal through his state legislature. "Our plan would



Romney wants universal health care in his state but won't call it that

cost the poorest eligible families only about \$2 per week in premiums," Romney said. "The more you earn, the more you pay."

Sounds simple enough. So why hasn't it been tried before? Because interest groups on the left and right hate the idea. Conservatives don't like the mandatory part: if a 28-year-old software designer doesn't want to buy health insurance, why should the government force him to do so? Simple answer: fairness. The rest of us pay for it now when he drives his motorcycle into a tree and runs up a huge medical bill. Health insurance should be no different from auto insurance, a basic civic responsibility. There's also a larger argument for the common good: the more healthy young people are paying into the system, the lower the premiums for everyone else. But Democrats, skittish since the Clinton proposal was trashed in 1994, have refused to call for an individual mandate. In the past two presidential campaigns, Bill Bradley, John Kerry and Howard Dean proposed comprehensive

health plans, but fearing the political consequences, none of them required software-designing motorcycle riders to kick in.

On the left, activists dislike an individual-mandate system because it relies on the ability of poor people to navigate the complexities and uncertainties of the free market. Some favor a government-funded system like those used in Canada and Europe. Others, realizing that socialized medicine just won't fly in the U.S., support an "employer mandate" similar to the program that Clinton proposed in 1993. "Why shouldn't low-end service companies that provide little or no health insurance for their workers now, be forced to kick in?" asks John McDonough, of the advocacy group Health Care for All. "They're not going to move to China." Fair point, except for one minor detail: if new costs are forced upon private companies, they'll just pass them along to consumers...and maybe tack on a couple of extra pennies of profit in the process, blaming the higher prices on liberal politicians who want socialized medicine. Other critics of Romney's plan fear it will ultimately cost more than advertised and the working poor won't receive sufficient care.

"They may be right," the Governor told me. "Or it may cost less, if people start getting the proper preventive care. We'll have to see how it works, and make adjustments over time."

Indeed, Romney's plan seems a plausible compromise between the Massachusetts senate, which passed a bill that isn't mandatory and therefore doesn't cover all the uninsured, and the house, which passed one that requires both an individual mandate and a tax on employers that don't provide health insurance. "The Bush Administration isn't going to give us \$1 billion for a 'demonstration' project that doesn't demonstrate how to cover everyone," the Governor said, "and it certainly won't favor one that taxes employers." A deal must be cut soon, or the federal money will be lost. "I'm optimistic," Romney said. "Ted Kennedy told me last week he wants to be there for the bill signing."

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