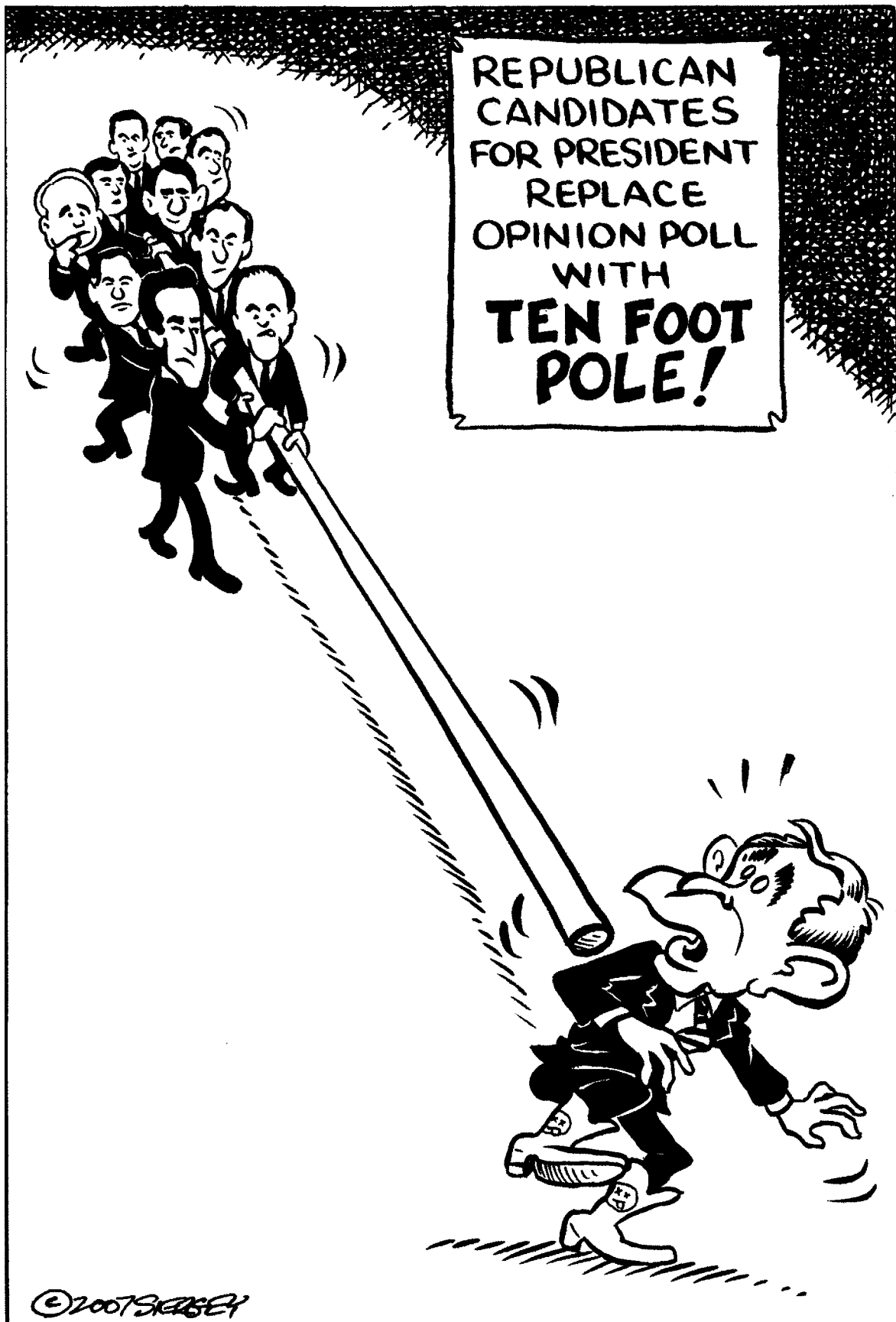


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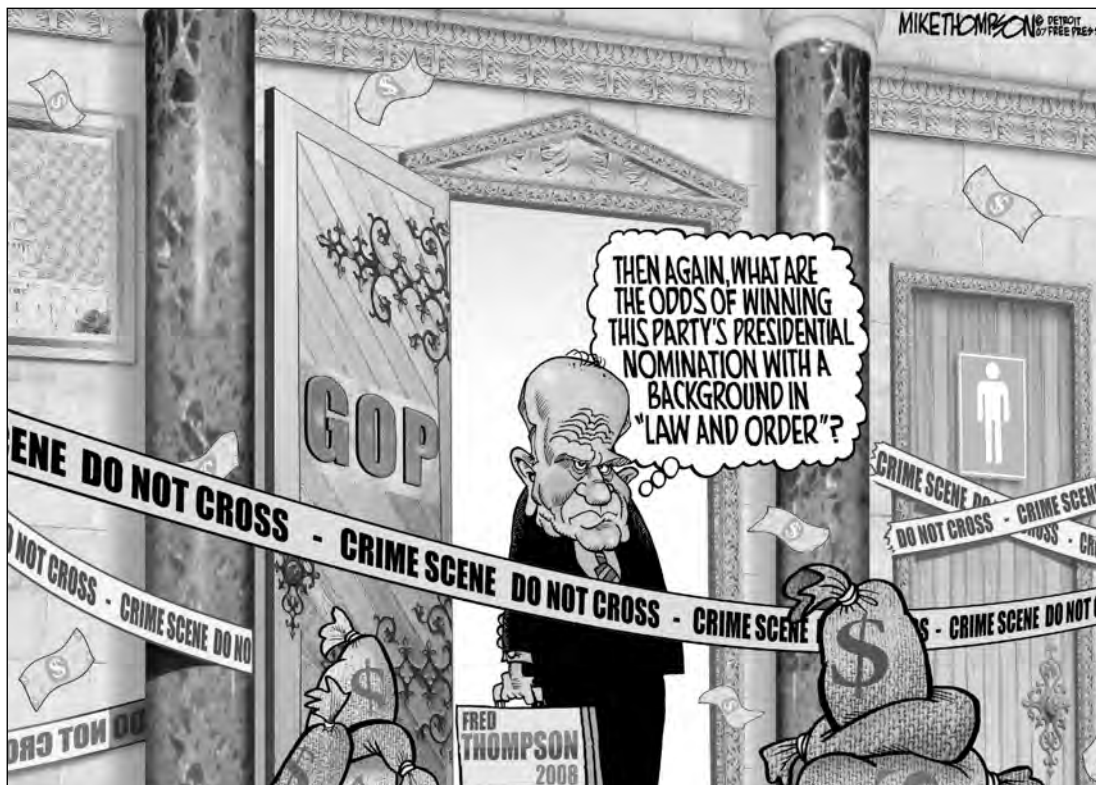
The 2008 presidential campaign got off to an early start with Democrat rising star Barack Obama forcing Sen. Hillary Clinton to declare her candidacy earlier than she had planned. The Illinois senator, expected to vie with Clinton for the African-American vote in the 2008 primaries, accused her of flip-flopping on the Iraq war.

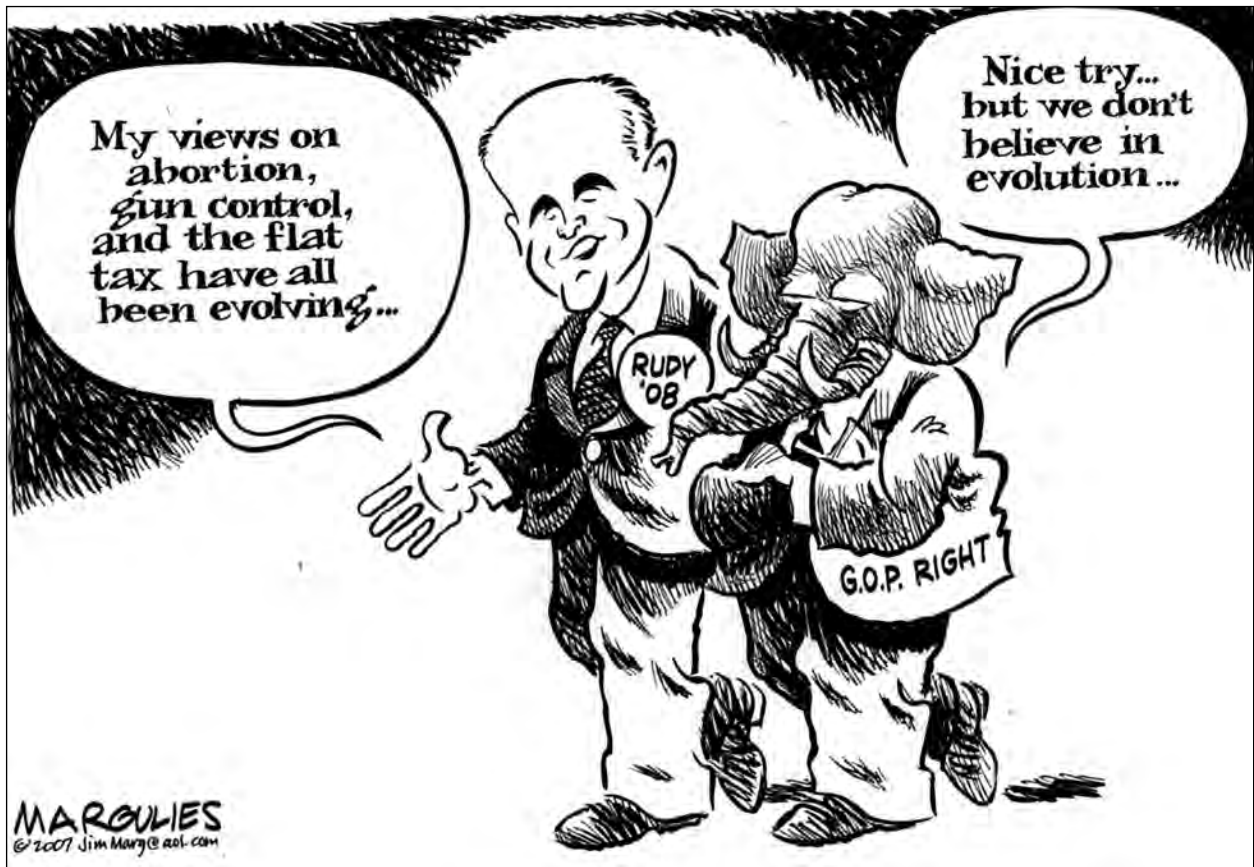
New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, super-wealthy and capable of financing his own campaign, dropped hints that he might run as an independent. A \$400 haircut seemed to have crippled the campaign of former Sen. John Edwards, the early candidate of the far left. Former Vice-president Al Gore, buoyed by winning the Nobel Prize, waited in the wings.

Rudy Giuliani led the early Republican charge, although many felt his stands favoring abortion and gay rights could handicap his candidacy. Actor and former Sen. Fred Thompson added his name to the Republican list in September. Sen. John McCain, a staunch advocate of the war in Iraq, saw early peaks and valleys in his campaign. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney won the early Iowa straw poll and sought to dispel suggestions that somehow his Mormon faith should bar him from the Oval Office.

Each party tried to stir interest in the early campaigning by holding a series of televised “debates” among their major candidates.

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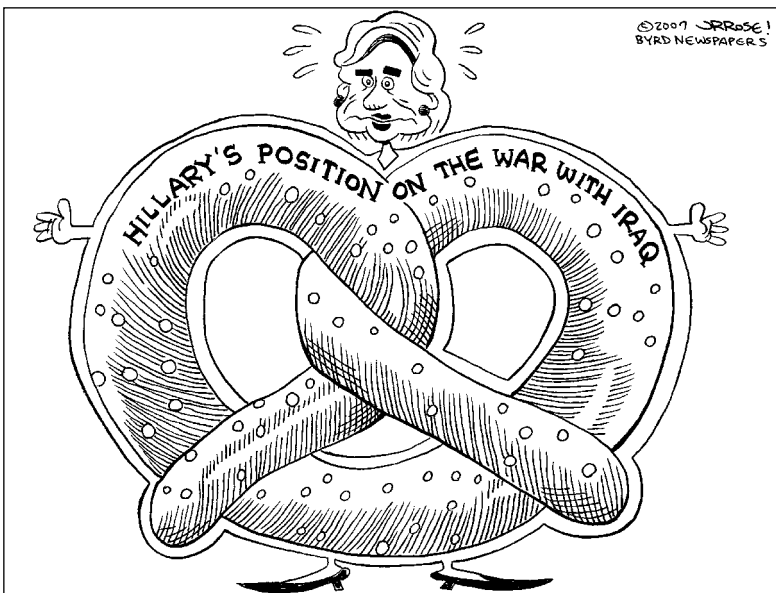


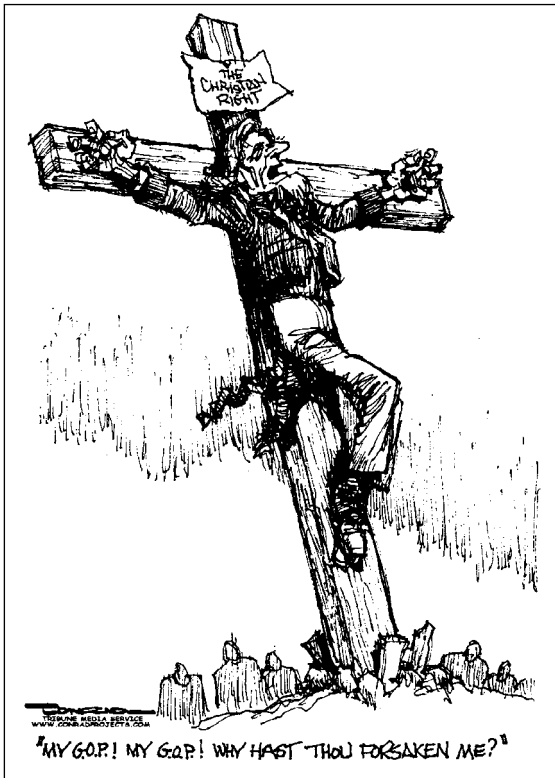
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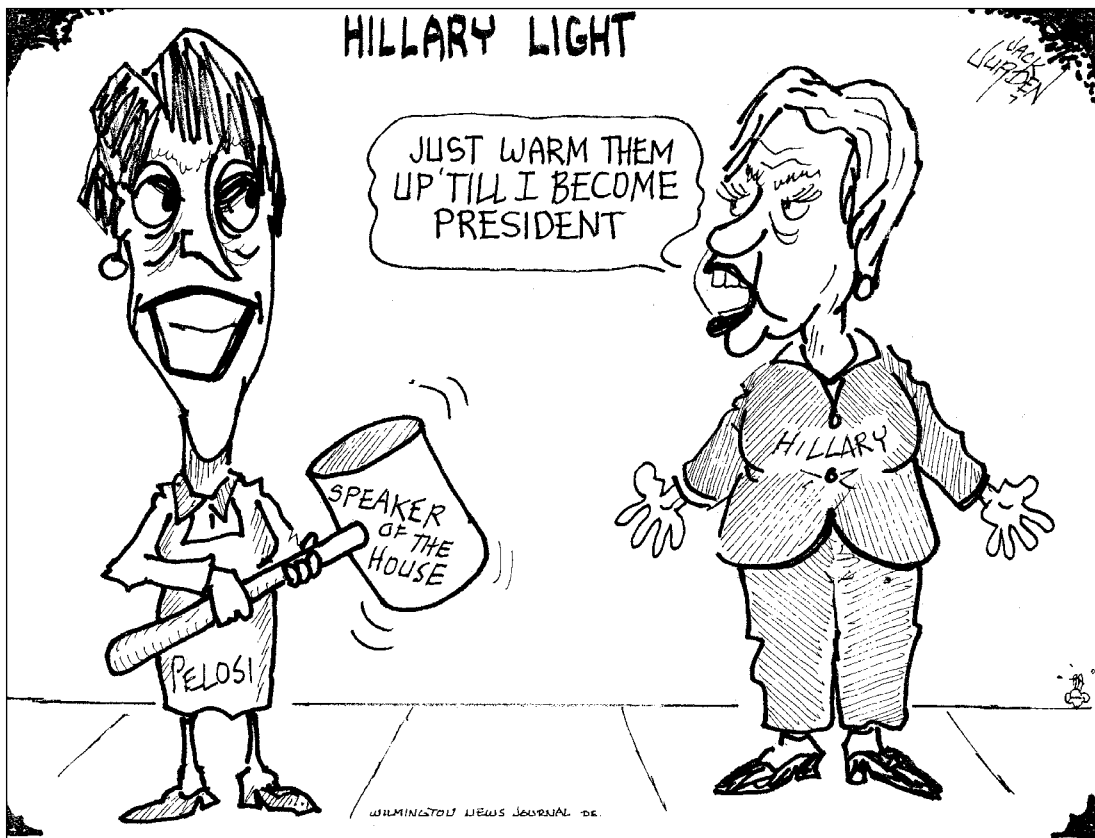
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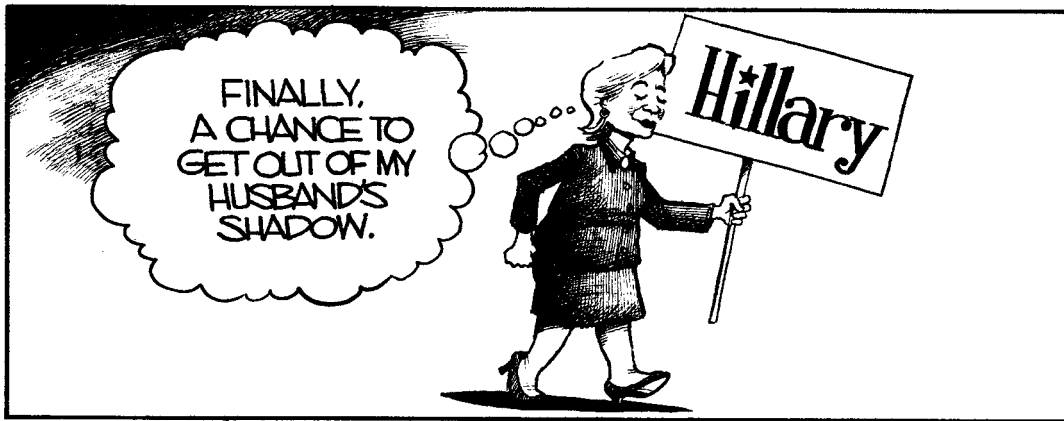
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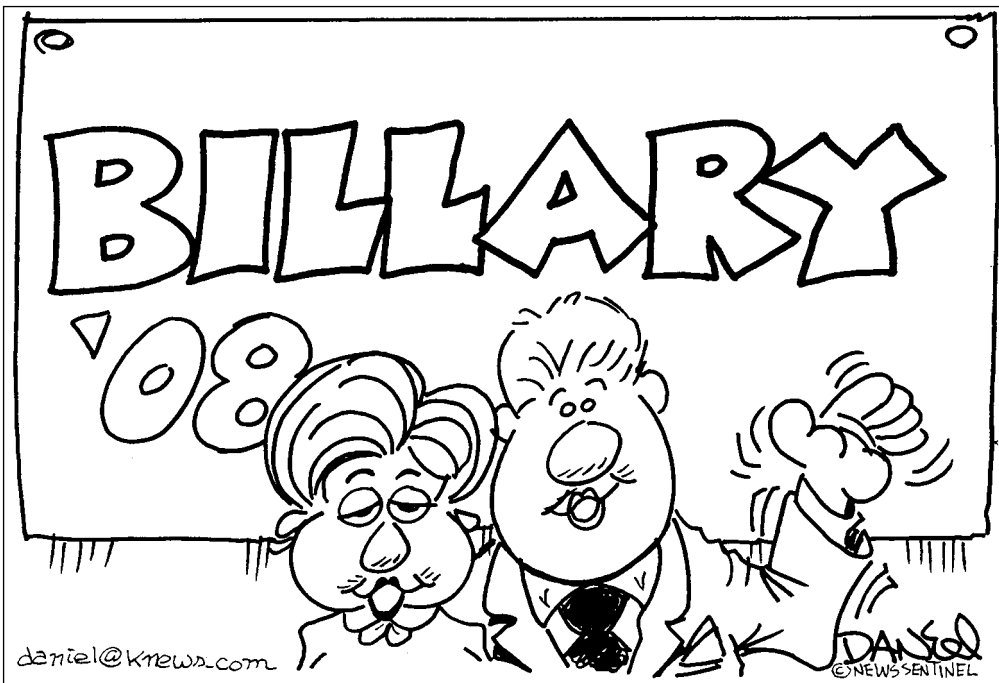




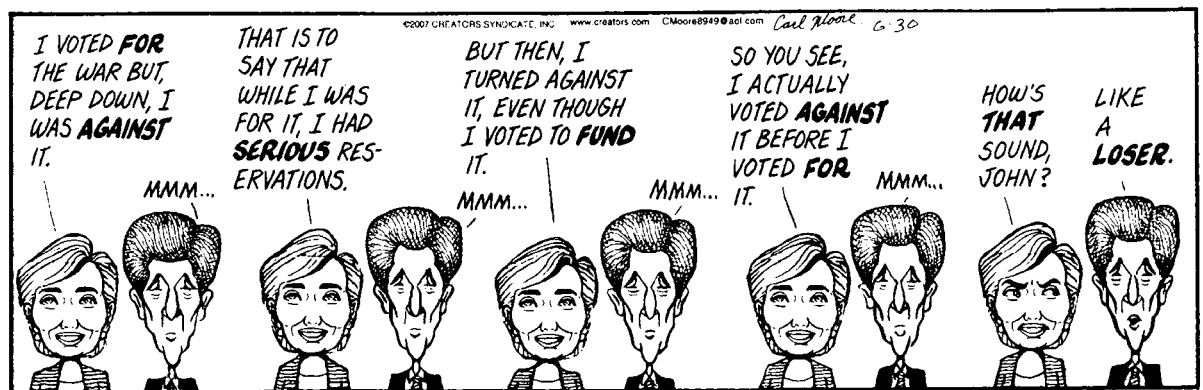
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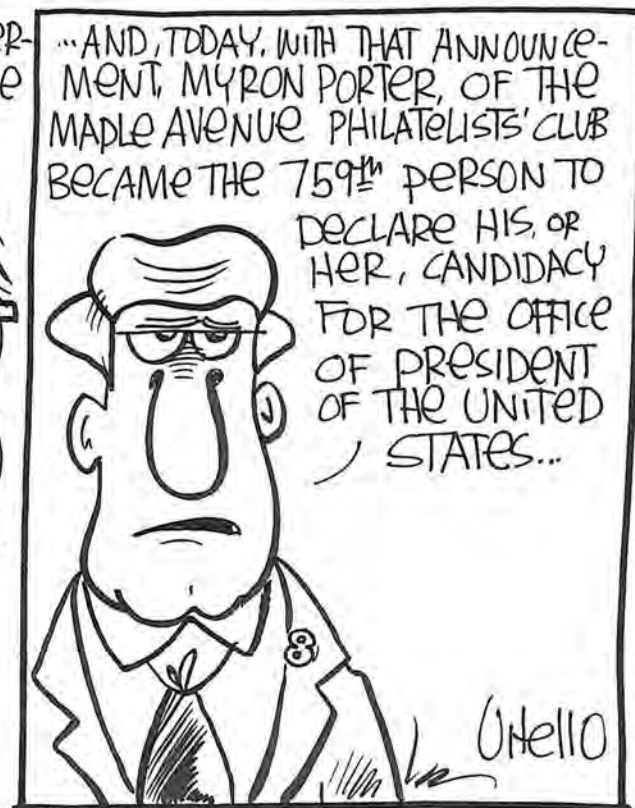




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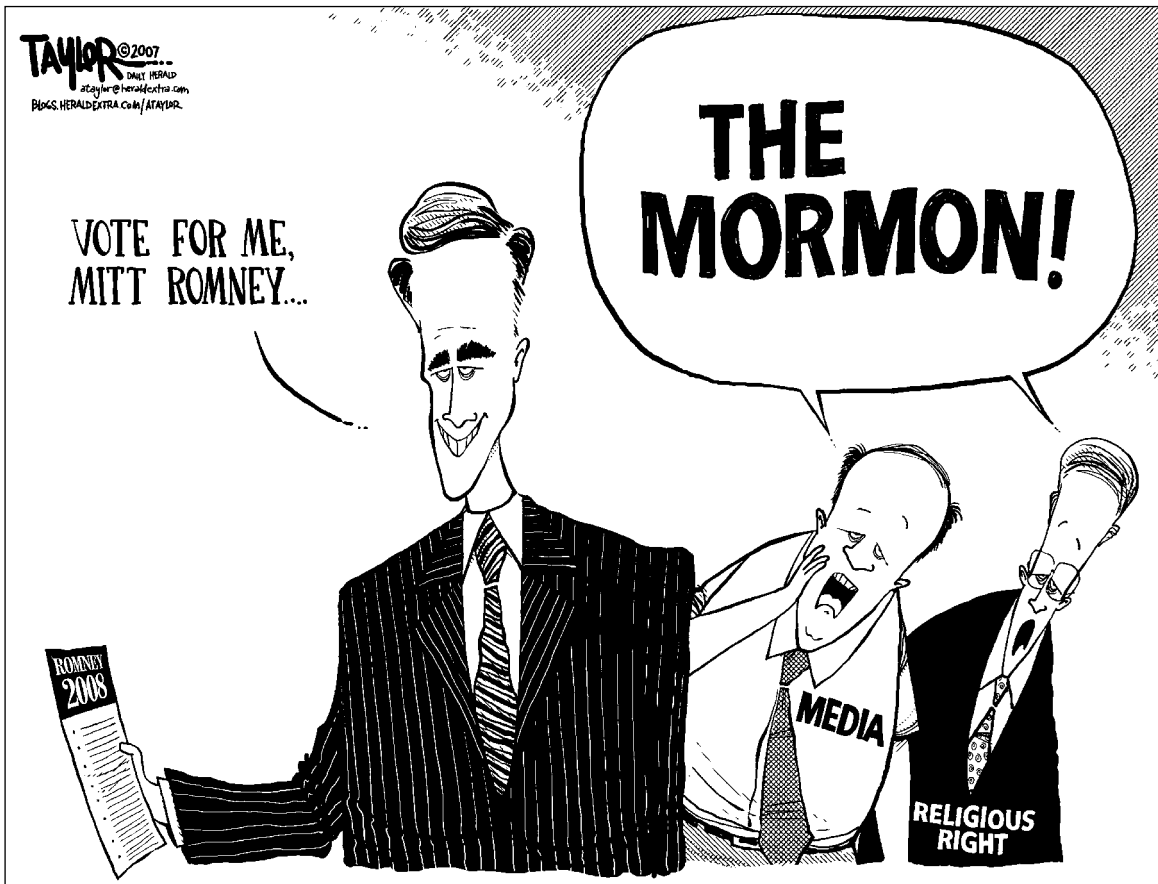




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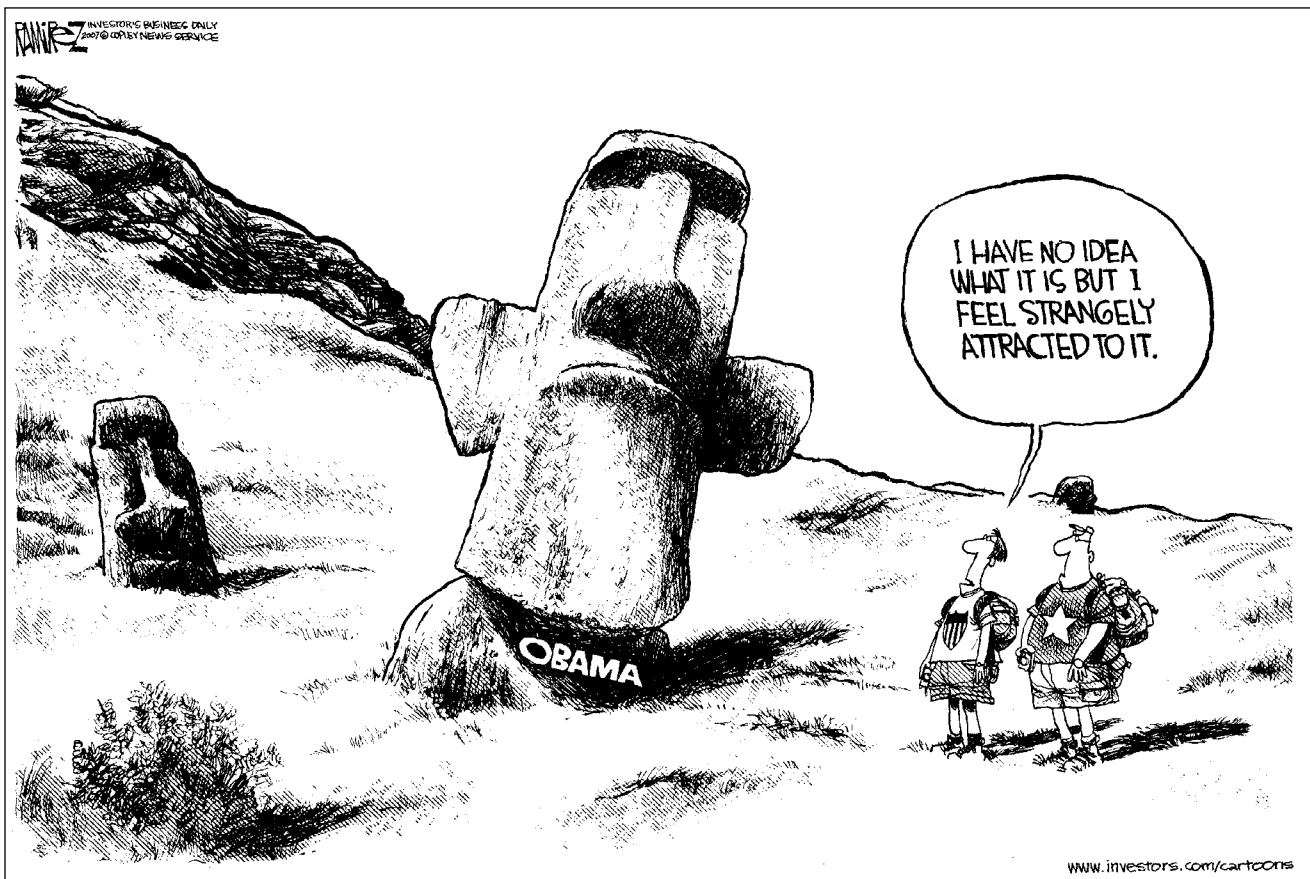
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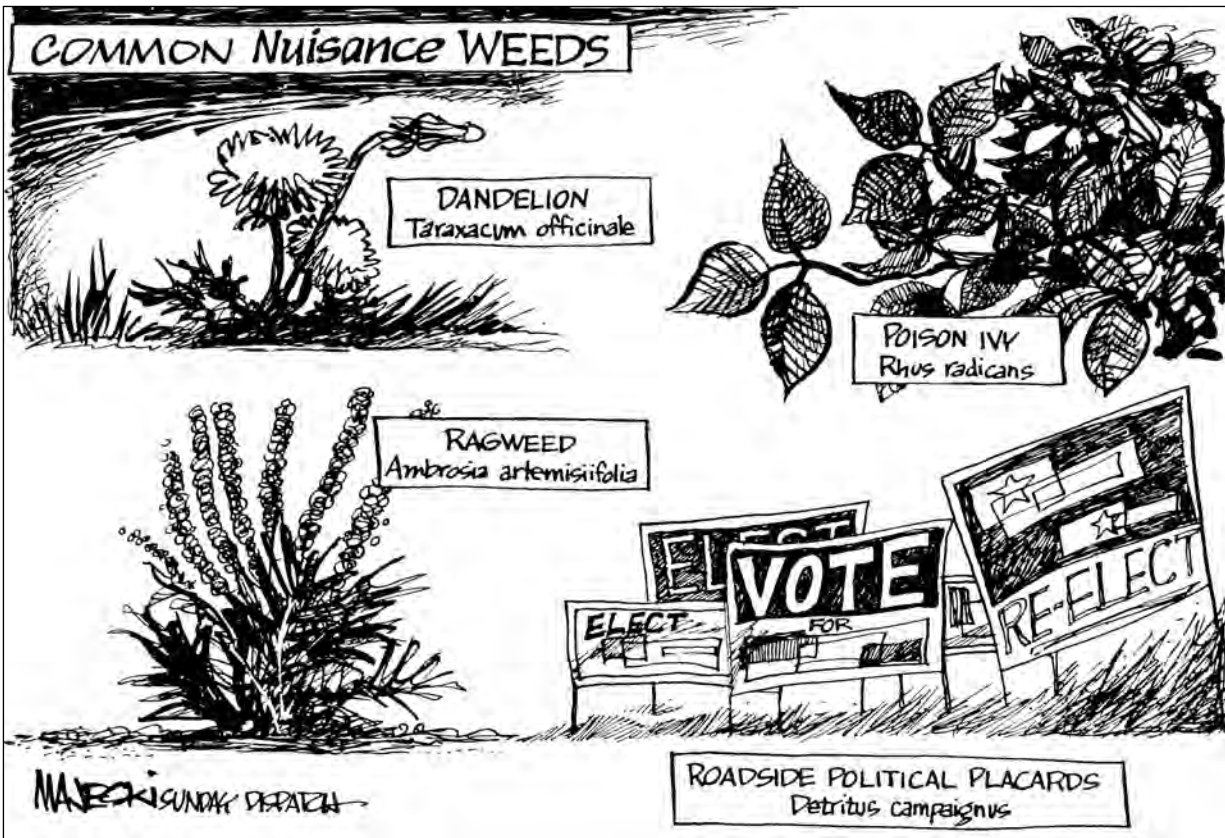




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