

OPINION

Guest Editorial
Veloz Viewpoints

In a super-exciting election campaign, Super-delegates take a big swing.

By Victor Kambar

Mike Huckabee was right: God is a Republican. Why else would Democratic leaders be agonizing over their party's ability to raise the money to fund their resumes for Cabinet posts and ambassadorships? This is their year. Even the Republican Weekly Standard concedes: "Democratic turnout has doubled from 2004, reflecting a level of enthusiasm among Democrats that hasn't been seen for decades."

Democrats have innovative field of Presidential candidates to a Super Two. Equally important, polls show that 7 of 10 voters like both.

Here is one example: Democrats are super-sensitive to diverse constituencies in the party and years ago came up with the concept of "proportional representation." The GOP with their "winner take all" rules get a quick nod, the new white Democrats have a drawn-out process that strains party unity. Worse, it is unlikely either Barack Obama or Hillary Clinton will win enough votes for nomination. That is where it gets sticky for a party famous for its ability to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. The eventual winner may be decided not by ordinary voters but by a group of 769 party insiders known as "super delegates." Some party leaders fear that could be a problem.

Greetings from Nevada! I hope you are all having a great week. What a visit. I feel so bad that my parents and sister traveled all this way to spend time with sick, cranky kids.

So, I'm not sure if it is because of their most recent round of abuse, or because of the fact that they are both trying to get a mouth full of teeth all at once, but during my parents' stay, I had two cranky kids on my hands.

My mom, the Mimi, obviously wants to just roll them around and blow rerebets on their tummies and play all sorts of things with them. But, do you think my children would cooperate?

NO.

In fact, every time Mimi tried to hold a cranky kid, she knew it was time to get out of there. When she knew they were about to break out in tears and want me. They had usually "the most social babies" (The love to watch people and are generally pretty good at giving someone a hug when someone asks if you want to hold them for that week, no such luck.)

I enjoyed the time it was spent with my Mom, Dad, Beth and Sadie Jo. I got to



for my family's sake that the twins had been in better moods and that they felt better.

It was obvious that something was wrong when Annalise's temperature was 102.3 about 2 hours into Ty-Leon. Thankfully, their fevers have gone now and they seem to be happily taking Ty-Leon. But they are still a couple of cranky kids on the most part. Hopefully, when we come home to visit this summer they will feel good and will be ready to give Mimi a run for her money, and I do mean run!

-ABV-

The family left on Saturday, but Sunday was when the crazy stuff started happening. Ben and I had signed up to have life insurance so the babies are taken care of. I hear him mumble something to the nurse and then hear her say, it is okay, that happens sometimes.

I then said, "Any, I'm going to the hospital and I will help you here." I go into the kitchen and there are people around then it goes back. He is staring at the ceiling with his eyes wide open and breathing really heavy.

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When it comes to dealing with other people, I like to get them the benefit of the doubt. For one, someone sitting on their front porch and telling me they're lazy, and I'll think, "They probably just finished up a big chore and are enjoying a well-earned break." When I'm at a stop light and see the guy in the next car kicking the car away, I think, "You go for it, buddy! I hope it works out for you. It must have been really bugging you for you to do that in public." After all, most of us have been pickers at one time or another when we think no one else is looking.

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Steve's Report



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On Jan. 11, 2007 the Chinese launched a missile and destroyed one of their old weather satellites. Even though the United States tested anti-satellite weapons in the 1960s, we had a plan in China did the same thing. The United States, Japan, and Australia all claimed that "China is demonstrating its ability to shoot down any satellites and the destroyed weather's debris is hazardous to other orbiting spacecraft."

One year later, the United States announced our plan to the rest of the world, the Director of NASA, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the president's National Security Advisor implied that this operation, conducted by the U.S. Navy,

supposedly has no military implications at all. Instead, they referred to it as a "merit." But we didn't release this information.

But this story doesn't quite add up. Remember when SkySat came back down in 1979? NASA announced to the world where the debris would most likely impact. Since then, we've had 29 years to improve our technology. I'm sure we had a pretty good idea where

the satellite debris - including the hydrazine fuel tank - was going to come down. But we didn't release this information.

Additionally, the last time we shot down a satellite, we launched the missile from F-15 at an altitude of about 80,000 feet. The Chinese destroyed their satellite using a ground-based missile system, which represents a

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Talkin' From The Mountains

A Hair-raising trip through the Blue Nile Gorge (Dale has just returned from Africa)



Talkin' From The Mountains
By Dale Greer

I held on to the strap above the door of the Toyota Land Rover to keep from hitting my head on the roof as we were over rough roads toward the village of Emmanzel in the remote Garamba region of Ethiopia. The trip usually takes 8 or 9 hours. We were trying to get there in less time so we wouldn't miss the opening of Pope to People's new boarding school for orphans and widows. Our party consisted of 8 volunteers and staff of People to People, a nondenominational NGO with headquarters in Morehead, Kentucky and chapters in Canada, Sweden, Finland, the UK, and of course, Ethiopia.

We were led by People To People Founder, Enawaw Melia, a Morehead physician. Also in our party were Taniguchi Shigemitsu, Elizabeth Fentham, P2P administrators in Addis Ababa.

Our host was Dr. Enawaw Melie Hjel, the young Swede had been adopted and taken from Blue Nile hospital in Addis Ababa when she was 4 months old. Now, 21 years later, she was seeing her native country for the first time.

I was fascinated by the view from the car window: huts with conical roofs, people in colorful native dress, men herding cows, goats and sheep to market, women walking miles to market.

Dr. Melia took over the African and European. When Meredith Egan, an attractive blond from Lexington, asked to see the car, a young girl screamed, jumped up for a promotion. I'll tell you, all were all quite an attraction. We hung around the village. I had a friend who went to check the tires and make some mechanical adjustments. The bridge is slowly guarded because it is the only link to the outside world. The native guard called Tefrown.

Some of the people are of no acids, calcium and many other vitamins and minerals—a critical food source in a country where millions are suffering from malnutrition. 47 percent of children under 5 are chronically undernourished.

We were horrified when men with sticks came charging up to the children to beat them and run them off. Ethiopia has been exporting gold to the children to beat them and run them off. Ethiopia has been exporting gold to the children to beat them and run them off.

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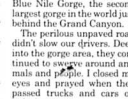
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Fourth District Report

Giving our Intelligence Officials the Tools They Need to Protect Us is Essential

On Tuesday, February 12, 2008, the Senate acted in a bipartisan and responsible manner to ensure our intelligence services have the tools they need to protect us.

The Senate passed the bill by a vote of 68-29. The House Democratic Leadership chose not bring the bill to the floor for a vote. Instead, the bill was referred to the Intelligence Committee. The committee reported the bill to the floor for a vote. Instead, the bill was referred to the Intelligence Committee.



4th District Report
By Geoff Davis

The Protect America Act expired at midnight on February 16. Sixty-two Senators, including nineteen Democrats and one Independent, voted in favor of the bill. Last week, a bipartisan majority in the House voted to approve the Senate legislation. The reauthorization of the bill is necessary to ensure that our intelligence gathering ability is not impaired by the expiration of the law. Last week, a bipartisan majority in the House voted to approve the Senate legislation. The reauthorization of the bill is necessary to ensure that our intelligence gathering ability is not impaired by the expiration of the law.

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