

The choice in November: President Bush or Osama bin Laden

Bush or bin Laden?

That's one of the choices Americans will have to make when they vote this fall.

There's no doubt if President Bush is turned out, it will be a victory of sorts for Osama bin Laden and his like.

The Bush administration has pursued Osama into the hills on the Afghan border. He's hemmed in, far from his one-time military bases and training camps. The effectiveness of al Qaida is greatly reduced from four years ago.

If voters repudiate Bush, are they repudiating his policies?

Democrats won't like the answer, but it's yes.



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Four years ago, the Clinton administration was doing little, if anything, to track down bin Laden and his tribe. Clinton handled al Qaida and terrorism as a "law enforcement problem." The administration put barriers in the way of tracking down terrorists, including the infamous "wall" separating the FBI from foreign intelligence services.

It's easy to argue with Bush's motives.

Detractors say he was fixated on Iraq, that he wanted only to finish his daddy's war. But he struck first at the terrorist hideouts in Afghanistan, and he continues to pursue al Qaida there.

In fact, the liberation of Afghanistan ought to be listed among the administration's finest accomplishments.

Iraq is much more difficult to deal with. It's a complex society where we face trained and dedicated opposition from many forces lined up against the United States. And the whole world would like to know where the weapons of mass destruction went to.

While American troops were welcomed as liberators as Saddam Hussein fell, there are plenty of people who would like to see us leave Iraq. Bin Laden surely is among those, but so are Saddam's supporters and a host of others.

Terrorists are not dumb. They know we can't stand the sight of Americans being killed, maimed and mutilated.

They are likely to kill as many as they can between now and election day, hoping that a new administration will change American policy and pull out of Iraq.

It worked in Spain. It just might work against the United States.

Is that what we want? If we do not stand against international terrorism, who will?

There are other issues in this election: The economy, jobs, big government, schools, you name it. Republicans and Democrats can disagree over those.

On foreign policy, we need to be united against terrorists and terrorist states. Pulling out of Iraq and leaving the people there in the hands of those who set bombs and kill both troops and children is not the answer.

Changing presidents is not going to help us win this war, either in Iraq or around the world. You can vote for Bush. Or vote, in effect, for bin Laden.

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Integrity and credibility are essential in the legislating process

One of my lessons learned during the years that I have been granted the privilege to serve you is that in the last month of the legislative session, whatever I write about in a newsletter will be incorrect before you receive the information. I have determined that my time is best spent engaged in the negotiation process, ever vigilant advocating and defending your position, with other legislators and members of the governor's staff.

Since negotiations are between six legislators (3 members of the Senate and 3 members of the House) and the negotiations are going on simultaneously in many committees it is important to have developed trust and respect from all members within the Legislature. You might not agree with another legislator on a particular issue but you have to be able to disagree respectfully without being disagreeable. Most legislators have learned this virtue, some haven't and those that haven't always are at a disadvantage.

Generally, the chairman, vice chairman and ranking minority member of a standing committee represent their chamber in the negotiations. Since I am chairman of the Senate Utilities committee, I was one of the negotiators on all Utility legislation. Also, because of my involvement and frequent testi-

mony on Medicaid Reform, I was one of the negotiators on this legislation this year, while last year my role expanded to include emergency 911 cellphone service. I have learned to keep in contact with the House members that also serve all or part of the same district I represent — Jim Morrison on Public Health issues, Ralph Ostmeier on Local Government, Gary Hayzlett and John Faber on Transportation, Dan Johnson and Larry Powell on Agriculture. Really you need to be on a first name basis with all the members, you have to make time to listen to the issues that they really care about, to offer suggestions to solve their problem that also helps the citizens throughout the state, or, at a minimum, does not hurt us.

Integrity and credibility are essential. One member from Lawrence seeks my advice several times a day and while we seldom agree on direction and when voting, there is mutual respect. Frequently other legislators direct their constituents in my direction because of my knowledge in a specific area, because my files of information are well organized and easily accessible or because I probably know more of the individuals in the various state agencies than just about any other legislator. In the Senate I am the unofficial parliamentarian and several times a day other legis-



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lators come to me and ask my advice on how to accomplish one of their goals. Being available for these little favors is necessary, particularly for a rural legislator, to be effective in working for you. Sedgwick and Johnson County will have negotiators on most of the legislation and only through being available and working with others on their issues can I effectively represent you and your needs.

School finance proved to be the elusive issue this legislative session. Last fall a district judge issued a preliminary order on school finance. Among the findings in his

report was that at-risk and bilingual students are not performing as well as the average student in our schools and he recommended additional funding for these specific areas.

As many as five plans per day were produced near the end of the session and regrettably no plan passed. I voted for the two plans that passed the Senate and have recorded votes for others and agreed to other plans that only were presented in caucus. Were they the ideal? No. The last plan that passed the Senate 26-10 with 3 absent and 1 passing really was a pretty good plan. On the funding side of the

plan, it placed an emphasis on at-risk and bilingual students.

Under this plan area schools would have received the following increases per student next year:

Almena-Northern Valley \$204.00; Atwood-Herndon \$177.00; Brewster \$98.00; Cheylin \$203.00; Colby \$161.00; Goodland \$181.00; Grainfield-Wheatland \$194.00; Grinnell \$181.00; Hoxie \$172.00; Norton \$173.00; Oakley \$206.00; Oberlin \$174.00; Quinter \$182.00; St. Francis \$178.00; Triplains \$204.00;

The funding would have come through an \$82 million prepayment from the Highway Fund to the General fund. Every year the Highway Fund pays for the Highway Patrol and Motor Carrier Enforcement. The proposal would be that they would pay the \$82 million the last week in June instead of making quarterly payment of \$20.5. The Highway Fund spends about \$1.3

billion each year and generally has about \$500 million available for cash flow purposes. This would provide the necessary funds up front for schools and the worst downside is that the Highway Fund would be asked to continue this practice a second year. The Kansas economy is improving. Tax receipts for the first 10 months of this fiscal year are \$230 million more than last year; this is without a tax increase and represents a 6.8 percent increase. About \$30 million of this increase is from the tax amnesty program last fall and the rest is from improved economic conditions.

The legislature will officially adjourn on May 27.

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to appear Thursday



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WEEKDAYS MAY 11 - MAY 17

	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	News	Good Morning America					Make-over	Make-over	The View		Holly-wood	News
KSNK/NBC (8) (9)	News Cont'd	Today							Live With Regis and Kelly		Martha Stewart Living	
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News			The Early Show		The 700 Club			The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
K15CG (3)	World News	Priscilla-Yoga	Body Electric	Caillou	Boohbah	Barney-Friends	Dragon Tales	Lions	Sesame Street		Clifford-Bell	Teletub-bies
WGN (13)	Chang-ing Voice	Believer Celebri-ty Justice	Hillbil-lies	Hillbil-lies	Happy Days	Matlock			In the Heat of the Night		Rockford Files	
NICK (29)	Oddpar-ents	Rocket Power	Rugrats	SpongeBob	Max & Ruby	Rubba-dubbers	Dora the Explorer	Blue's Clues	Dora the Explorer	Blue's Clues	Little Bill	Varied
FAM (30)	Digimon-Digital	Bay-blade	Power Rangers	Digimon-Digital	Growing Pains	Living the Life	The 700 Club		7th Heaven	Varied	Full House	Growing Pains
USA (31)	Martin	JAG	Varied	Movie	Varied Programs			Movie	Varied Programs			JAG
TBS (37)	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Movie				Dawson's Creek		Dawson's Creek		Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell
TNT (38)	The Lost World	The Pretender		Charmed			ER		ER		Judging Amy	
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Assignment Discovery		Designer Guys		Designer Guys	Designer Guys	Rally Round the House	
A&E (47)	Mummies: Tales From Crypts	Movie					Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		City Confidential	
ESPN (49)	SportsCenter	SportsCenter		Sports-Center	Varied	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Outside-Lines		Baseball Tonight
HBO (7)	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs										
DISN (17)	JoJo's Circus	Stanley	The Wiggles	JoJo's Circus	The Wiggles	Stanley	Rolie Polie	Rolie Polie	Out of the Box	PB&J Otter	Koala Brothers	The Wiggles
MAX (21)	Movie Cont'd	Varied	Movie		Varied	Movie	Varied Programs					

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Dr. Phil		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC Wild News
KSNK/NBC (8) (9)	News	Family Feud	Days of Our Lives		Passions		Inside Edition	Family Feud	Million- aire	Jeop- ardy!	News	NBC News
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		The People's Court		Oprah Winfrey		News	CBS News
K15CG (3)	Reading Rainbow	Mister Rogers	Varied Programs			George Shrinks	Beren. Bears	Liberty's Kids	Cyber- chase	Arthur	Zoom	Busi- ness
WGN (13)	News		In the Heat of the Night		Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Improve.	Will & Grace
NICK (29)	Max & Ruby	Dora the Explorer	Rugrats	Rugrats	Varied Programs				Spon- geBob	Amanda	U-Pick	Hey Arnold!
FAM (30)	Family Matters	Family Matters	Step by Step	Step by Step	So Little Time	Full House	7th Heaven		Switched- !	Knock First	Full House	Full House
USA (31)	JAG	Varied Programs							Walker, Ranger	Texas	Walker, Ranger	
TBS (37)	Cosby	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld
TNT (38)	Law & Order		NYPD Blue		NYPD Blue		Judging Amy		Angel		Charmed	
DSC (42)	Surprise by Design		Surprise by Design		Rally Round the House		Double Agents		Varied Programs			
A&E (47)	American Justice		Movie				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		City Confidential	
ESPN (49)	Varied Programs								Around the Horn		Interrup- tion	SportsCenter
HBO (7)	Movie Cont'd		Varied Programs					Movie	Varied Programs			
DISN (17)	JoJo's Circus	Stanley	Winnie- Pooh	House of Mouse	House of Mouse	Recess	Lilo & Stitch	Recess	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister
MAX (21)	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs		Movie	Varied Programs							

THURSDAY MAY 13

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	(5:59) News	Ent. Tonight	Hang-time	NBA Basketball: Western Conference Semifinal Game 5 -- Los Angeles Lakers at San Antonio Spurs.			News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)			
KSNK/NBC (8) (9)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Frasier Analyzing the Laughter (CC)	Frasier Series Finale (N) (CC)		ER (Season Finale) (N) (CC)	News (CC)	The Tonight Show (CC)	Late Night (CC)			
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Survivor: All-Stars (Live) (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N)		Without a Trace: Lost and Found (CC)	News (CC)	Late Show Hugh Jackman. (N) (CC)	Late Late (CC)			
K15CG (3)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Sun-flower	Kansas Spotlight	The New This Old House: Hour (CC)		Frontline: The Killer at Thurston High	World News	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)			
WGN (13)	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	Movie: Trading Places ★★ (1983) Two men's lives are altered by a bet made between tycoons. (CC)			DVD	Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)	Elimi-date (N)	The 5th Wheel		
NICK (29)	Rugrats (CC)	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Sabrina-Witch	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
FAM (30)	7th Heaven Sin... (Part 1 of 2) (CC)	Movie: Summer Catch ★★ (2001, Comedy-Drama) Freddie Prinze Jr., (CC)			Whose Line? (CC)		Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		
USA (31)	JAG Ghosts (CC)	Law & Order: Special Victims			Movie: Virtuosity ★★½ (1995, Science Fiction) Denzel Washington. (CC)			Law & Order: Special Victims		Movie: Star Trek Generations (1994)		
TBS (37)	Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC)	Movie: U.S. Marshals ★★ (1998) Sam Gerard gets caught up in another fugitive case. Tommy Lee Jones. (CC)			Movie: U.S. Marshals ★★ (1998) Sam Gerard gets caught up in another fugitive case. Tommy Lee Jones. (CC)			Movie: Internal Affairs ★★ (1990)			
TNT (38)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order: Denial (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order: Survivor (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order: Grief (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order: Scoundrels		Movie: Internal Affairs ★★ (1990)			
DSC (42)	New Detectives: Forensic Science	Extreme Survival: Life or Limb (CC)		HeLike (CC)			Flood of the Millennium (CC)		Extreme Survival: Life or Limb		HeLike (CC)	
A&E (47)	American Justice: The Perfect Victim	Cold Case: Files A woman turns in her fiancée as a murderer. (CC)			Poker Kings (N)			Third Watch Know Thyself (CC)		Cold Case: Files (CC)		
ESPN (49)	NHL Hockey: Conference Final Game 4 -- Teams To Be Announced. (Live) (CC)				NHL Hockey: Conference Final Game 4 -- Teams To Be Announced. (Live) (CC)				SportsCenter (Live) (CC)			
HBO (7)	(5:15) Movie: Mars Attacks! (1996)		Movie: The Matrix Reloaded ★★ (2003) Freedom fighters revolt against machines. Keanu Reeves. (CC)				Tomorrow		Hookers & Johns: Trick or Treat (CC)		Deadwood Riders arrive with a vaccine.	
DISN (17)	Sister, Sister	Lizzie McGuire	Movie: Atlantis: Milo's Return ★★ (2003, Adventure) Voices of James Arnold Taylor. (CC)				Sister, Sister	Boy Mts. World	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister
MAX (21)	(4:45) Movie: Catch Me if You Can ★★		Movie: Confidence ★★ (2003, Crime Drama) Edward Burns, Rachel Weisz. (CC)				Movie: Executive Decision ★★ (1996, Suspense) Kurt Russell, Halle Berry. (CC)				Intimate Scss. Passion Cove	

FRIDAY MAY 14

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KLBY/ABC 4	(5:59) News	Ent. Tonight	George Lopez	George Lopez	Hope & Faith Daytime Emmys (N)		20/20 (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	
KSNK/NBC 8 9	News	Wheel of Fortune	Game Show Moments		Dateline NBC (N) (CC)				News	The Tonight Show (CC)		Late Night
KBSL/CBS 12 11	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Joan of Arcadia The Gift (N) (CC)		JAG Trojan Horse (N) (CC) (DVS)		Cold Case Hubris (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show (CC)		Late Late
K15CG (3)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	Wall-Fortune	Market-Market	Kansas Week		Black/White & Brown: Brown		BBC World	Red Green	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
WGN (13)	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	Movie: Caboblanco (1980) An American gets involved in gold salvage in Peru.				WGN News at Nine (CC)		Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)	Elimi-date (N)	The 5th Wheel
NICK (29)	Rugrats (CC)	SpongeBob	Jimmy Neutron	Danny Phantom	Teenage Robot	Chalk-Zone	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
FAM (30)	7th Heaven...and Expiation (CC)	Movie: The Karate Kid ***½ (1984) A Japanese handyman teaches a teenager to defend himself.				Whose Line?		The 700 Club (CC)		Paid Program	Paid Program	
USA (31)	JAG Full Engagement (CC)	Law & Order: Special Victims		Law & Order: Special Victims		Touching Evil Attachment (CC)		Law & Order: Special Victims		Touching Evil Attachment (CC)		
TBS (37)	Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC)	MLB Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Milwaukee Brewers. Miller Park. (Live)					Movie: Field of Dreams ***½ (1989, Fantasy) Kevin Costner. (CC)				
TNT (38)	Law & Order: Barter (CC) (DVS)	NBA Basketball: Playoffs -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live) (CC)					NBA Basketball: Playoffs -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live) (CC)					
DSC (42)	Monster House	Gold Star Racing (CC)		American Chopper Dixie Chopper 2		American Hot Rod (N)		Gold Star Racing (CC)		American Chopper Dixie Chopper 2		
A&E (67)	American Justice		Biography: Ron Howard		Biography: Henry Winkler: Cool		Biography Happy Days (CC)		American Justice Traces in Blood (CC)		Biography: Ron Howard	
ESPN (49)	Sports-Center	Softball (CC)	U.S. National Team at Texas.				Baseball Tonight (Live) (CC)		SportsCenter (Live)		Outside-Lines	Baseball Tonight
HBO (7)	(5:15) Movie: Blind Date *** (1997)		Movie: National Security ** (2003) Martin Lawrence. (CC)				Shrek 2: 1st		Deadwood Riders arrive with a vaccine. (CC)		Movie: Above the Law ***½ (1998)	
DISN (7)	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	Movie: Stitch! The Movie ** (2003)		Movie: Stitch! The Movie ** (2003) Voices of Chris Sanders.		Barbarian		Barbarian	Barbarian	Barbarian	Barbarian
MAX (21)	(5:30) Movie: Red Sonja ** (1985)		Movie: Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle ***½ (2003, Action) Cameron Diaz. (CC)				Movie: Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome *** (1985)		Best Sex Ever		All Nude Peep Show	