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What an incredible travesty!

The 2007 Nobel Peace prize awarded to Al Gore! What an incredible travesty! Here's a man who tries to convince the world that he is the know-it-all in environmental physics and combats principles that have guided our worlds' climate for millions of years. Proof that our planet has experienced warming and cooling periods long before humans had any impact are everywhere. And here I was under the illusion the top dogs in Oslo had scraped the bottom of the barrel when they nominated the ultimate terrorist, Yasser Arafat, for the 1994 Peace Prize!

Then the hurricane gurus, holed up deep in the highlands of Colorado, continue to try to convince the public that they have some innate wisdom by which they can accurately predict weather activity in the Caribbean. And these guys don't give up easily. They have failed to accurately predict hurricane activity in 2005 and 2006. 2007 is shaping up as a totally laughable failure. Yet, they do not give in. They issued a late season bulletin warning us that October and November will see a bunch of hurricanes. Let's wait and see, but with their proven record, they need to find a new wizard.

To make matters worse, the U.S. Congress is agitating our top Mideast strategic partner with the intention of slapping its wrist for crimes committed nearly 100 years ago by Ottoman Turks, 100 percent of whom are dead and buried. And to make this

move even more lamentable, Puerto Rico's resident commissioner, instead of abstaining on this long ago and far away issue and concentrating on searching for a workable solution to Puerto Rico's future, voted to kick the Turks in the behind, then had to rethink his position when George W. called him to task.

With election year coming up in the United States, voters in the primaries will have to select from a roster that contains a dozen and half candidates, with new ones being added to the list weekly. Now, don't everybody laugh, but the Republicans will win. Here's how: Although Obama woos and awes the run-of-the-mill voter, the Democratic Party leaders will ensure Hillary gets the nod. We all are aware of the many reasons why Hillary will not be elected president in 2008: Bloomberg, with a decent record and pockets full of cash, having shed the burden of being a Republican, will be practically unbeatable as an Independent.

Lastly, our oil crisis. The suppliers have us up against the wall. The price of a barrel leaped from \$10 to over \$80 per barrel and all we see are bigger, heavier, thirstier vehicles. The U.S. national deficit grows at \$500 billion a year. Let's solve the problem once and for all. Add a \$5 tax to each gallon of fuel sold. Both problems solved.

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