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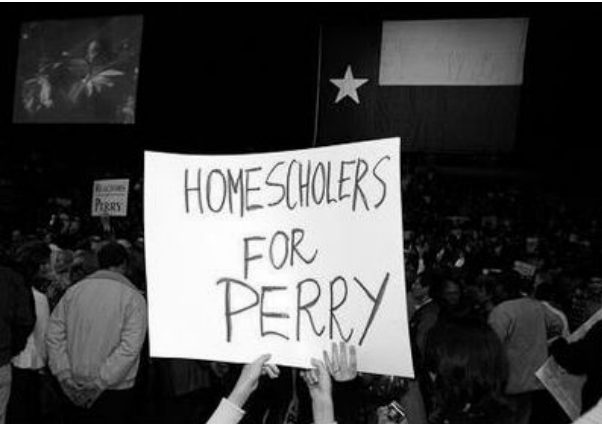
Kay Bailey Hutchinson's Campaign In Meltdown

Our own Kay Bailey Hutchison is losing ground in her race to win the Texas GOP gubernatorial nod from Governor For Life Rick Perry. Most interesting is that LaMarque's Senator Aging Barbie seems to be losing likely voters to Debra Medina, the sweetheart of the Ron Paul crowd. Medina's big push is to block federal healthcare reform. Incidentally, Medina made millions in the medical billing business, so she has plenty of reasons to block health care reform, which targets expensive but unnecessary sectors of the present system like the billing industry.

Sen. Hutchison has also decided to come out in favor of term limits for Texas Governors. This is quite ironic. You may recall she promised voters in 1994 to only serve two terms in the US Senate, a promise she broke in 2006! Maybe she had her fingers crossed...

"You're fired and I hope you die!"

But for a post office error, Irma Johnson of Houston might not have learned that when her husband, Dan Johnson, died of brain cancer in 2008, the bank that had fired him years earlier got \$4.7 million in insurance proceeds on his life!



This isn't a Photoshop job - it's a genuine photo depicting support of Governor Perry by "Homeschoolers" at a rally this month in Houston. Worth a thousand words...

After accidentally destroying an envelope containing a check for nearly \$1.6 million made out to Amegy Bank, the post office misdirected it to the deceased's home because Dan Johnson's name was also on the check.

Mrs. Johnson's attorney, Mike Myers of Houston, said she wasn't supposed to know that Amegy Bank had the insurance policy on her husband, a project manager whose annual salary had been about \$70,000.

The bank bought the insurance after Dan Johnson had already been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer in 2001. Then, almost before the ink was dry on the policy, they fired him. But of course they kept the policy!

Last month, Myers announced the case had settled out of court for an undisclosed amount. Big corporations, including banks and convenience store chains here in the Houston area, have taken out thousands of life insurance policies on their employees and have received huge payouts when workers died. These policies have become known as "dead janitor" policies, because they are taken out on low-level employees. It is common practice for insurance agents to sell \$250,000 life insurance policies to employers on the lives of their minimum-wage workers. The employee is never notified that this coverage exists, and there is legally no way to make a current or former employer reveal if it has taken a policy out on an employee.

At some point, some cash-strapped business is going to whack the busboy - if it hasn't already happened. When it does happen, we can all watch it on the Murder Channel.

Were there dinosaurs aboard the Ark?

About one-third of Texans believe humans and dinosaurs roamed the earth at the same time. More than half disagree with the theory that humans developed from earlier species. This is according to a UT/Texas Tribune Poll conducted last month here in Texas.

Respondents were asked four questions about biological history and God:

- 38 percent said human beings developed over millions of years with God guiding the process. Another 38 percent agreed with the statement "God created human beings pretty much in their present form less than 10,000 years ago." 12 percent said that human development happened without God having any part of the process.

- Asked about the origin and development of life on earth, 53 percent said it evolved over time, "with a guiding hand from God." They were joined by 15 percent who agreed on the evolution part, but "with no guidance from God." About a fifth - 22 percent - said life has existed in its present form since the beginning of time, which was less than 10,000 years ago.

• Most Texans in the survey - 51 percent - disagreed with the statement, "human beings, as we know them today, developed from earlier species of animals."

Thirty-five percent agreed with that statement, and 15 percent said they don't know.

• Did humans live at the same time as the dinosaurs? Three in ten Texans agree with that statement; 41 percent disagree, and 30 percent don't know.

The questions used in the poll were devised by David Prindle, a UT Professor and author.

Prindle says the results recall a line from comedian Lewis Black. "He did a standup routine a few years back in which he said that a significant portion of the American people think that the 'The Flintstones' is a documentary," Prindle says. "Turns out he was right. Thirty percent of Texans agree that humans and dinosaurs lived on the earth at the same time."



This photograph of Jesus holding a baby dinosaur proves that dinosaurs existed 2000 years ago!

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