

## White House Wisdom

Last night I heard President Bush deliver the State of the Union Address. Unaccountably I was impressed. He touched all the issues that I think are important. So I am vowing not to criticize him any more. However, since many of my fellow Americans living in Mexico don't have American TV, as a public service I am distributing a synopsis of his main points.

“My fellow Americans, I know we are all on a tightrope and our plate is full, but I want to assure you that when the rubber meets the road, I, as your President, am stretching the envelope and thinking outside the box. To quote a famous philosopher, ‘It is déjà vu all over again.’ So that you will know where I’m coming from and what’s going down, the sky is the limit! We will no longer be in the dark. The bottom line? I’m telling it like it is. That’s my ace in the hole.

“Understand how the cookie crumbles. I won’t tell any more war stories because the horse is already out of the barn. A stitch in time is saving nine in Iraq. We have hit the road running. You know, as your President, I have bellied up to the bar, and if critics can’t stand the heat, they should stay out of the kitchen! Sure, there are bound to be glitches, but my track record speaks for itself and says that there is no free lunch.

“I may be walking on thin ice, but we can’t afford to put education on the back burner. Rather than looking at it as a vague generalization, we should view it as an exact inequality. My critics of “No Children Left Behind” are just looking into their crystal balls instead of coming to the table with strategic objectives. I don’t want to cast aspersions, but to that, I say ‘Not on your life!’ What they’re saying is nothing to write home about. It’s a rat race! You all know they’re barking up the wrong tree! I say, we must eyeball it so that our best guess is, indeed, good enough for government work. They don’t have a leg to stand on. No witch hunts in my programs, my friends. Let the cards fall where they may. What goes around comes around. The chickens will come home to roost, mark my words.

“To conclude, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure even if we gag with a spoon. That’s the way it is. I’m not beating around the bush. Ha-ha. We’ve grooved our swing. The long and short of it is that we are on the cutting edge. We’ve hit a home run. It’s a slam dunk! It should warm the cockles of your heart that you finally have a President that promises a penny

saved will be a penny earned. We will pay the piper because I am a horse of a different color!

“God Bless America.”