

**DOMESTIC POLITICS**

# Jordan's Furniture Bets Obama Will Strike Out

**Boston, MA** – Jordan's Furniture has announced a follow-up to its successful Red Sox promotion: any customer who purchases furniture during the month of November will receive a full refund if Barack Obama wins the presidency in 2008.

Other furniture stores have not matched the promotion, though industry sources suggest that IKEA may endorse Al Gore.

The promotion has generated controversy. David Gergen, a professor of political leadership at the Kennedy School of Government, warns that, "Massachusetts electors may be swayed to break with the popular vote in their state if they purchased particularly expensive mattresses."



"We took an insurance policy just in case, just like we did with the Red Sox," said Jordan's Furniture Vice President Michelle Yang. "This one cost less."

Obama has not specified whether he shops at Jordan's. However, he will be making a previously unscheduled visit to the Jordan's Furniture factory in Cambodia to discuss worker's rights and free trade.

In a press statement, the rival Clinton campaign noted that, "Senator Clinton shops at a variety of furniture stores, including Jordan's, and is supportive of most things with which she does not disagree."



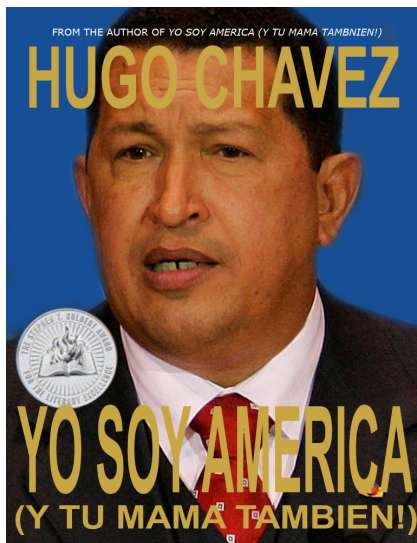
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# Hugo Chavez Elected President of the United States

**Caracas, Venezuela**

In what observers are calling "the freest election in Venezuelan history," Hugo Chavez was elected president of the United States on Tuesday. With 99% of the votes counted, Chavez leads his closest opponent, Cesar Chavez, by over eleven million votes.

"Cesar Chavez hasn't been politically active in decades," notes Professor Elaine Kamarck, a faculty member of the Kennedy School of Government. "He polled strongly, but the deceased always lose 10 to 15 points on Election Day."



Hugo Chavez campaigned on a pro-Venezuela platform, a stance popular in Venezuela. Though he ran as an independent, he was endorsed by the Republican Party of Mississippi and the Facebook group 4,000,000 Strong for Dictatorship. Earlier this year, the Venezuelan Congress approved a Constitutional amendment waiving the requirement that the United States president be a native-born American and that he be elected by citizens of the United States.



**SCIENCE**

# Invisible Monkey Throws Visible Poop

**Washington, DC**

In yet another apparent example of an invisible animal causing problems at the National Zoo, several zookeepers reported being hit in the face by a "brownish, poop-like substance" which was later determined to be fecal matter.



President Bush addressed the issue in a speech to the National Zookeepers Union, saying "War, war, war, more war, more war, and then more war, monkey poop, war, Iran, war, Iraq, war, Syria, war, war, war, war, war, war."

When Mortimer Zoostein, director of animal acquisition first introduced the idea of having invisible animals at the zoo, many people were skeptical, including Reginald Animal-smith, President Bush's hand-picked Invisible Animal Czar. Animalsmith, who agreed to speak with a reporter by telephone about this latest incident said that although he was reluctant to grant the necessary permits to the zoo when they first applied for them a year ago, he now believed the invisible animals could have a high-profile place at the zoo. "What you have to understand about invisible animals," the Yale graduate said, "is that they are very difficult to see."

"I don't think we should rush and blame the invisible animals for this – why it could have been anything, or anyone for that matter, throwing poop at the zookeepers," Zoostein noted, "just last week we caught a couple of teenagers throwing plastic bags full of urine at the antelopes. This is a crazy place. Anything can happen here."

