

# Answers

## Reaching for the Center

(pages 2 and 3)

1. Klein argues that Bush's decision to delay the sacking of Rumsfeld until after the election will be seen as a serious mistake.
2. In exit polls, voters ranked the general odor of corruption and incompetence emanating from Washington as their top concern.

## "Anybody knows not to mess with me" (page 4)

1. Pelosi insisted that other House Democrats vote the party line and required that members spend much of their time raising money for colleagues in close races.
2. Pelosi identifies herself as a proud liberal

## The Midterm Elections: A Gallery of Views (page 5)

1. In the top cartoon, new U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is blowing a trumpet in President Bush's bedroom, waking him up. Pelosi represents the Democratic victory, while the blowing of the trumpet and the shocked look on the President's face represent the dismay brought on by the defeat of the Republicans. The second image features President Bush and Speaker Pelosi each struggling to lead the other as they dance together. The dancing is symbolic of the fact that President Bush and the Democrats will now have to cooperate with each other to govern. In the third cartoon, Bush is commenting on the shift in the balance of power and then kissing a veto stamp. The veto stamp represents his presidential prerogative to veto legislation and attempt to stop a Democratic agenda passed by Congress. (Congress, however, can override vetoes.)
2. The cartoonist shows Bush being knocked out of bed to suggest that the President was shocked and caught off guard by the midterm results.
3. The tussling over who will lead the dancing suggests that the cartoonist believes there will be a difficult struggle over which direction the country will be led. Answers will vary to the second part of the question depending on students' views.
4. The artist believes Bush is in love with his power to veto. He conveys this view by having the President address the veto stamp as "darling" and kiss it.
5. The bottom cartoon is the most supportive in that the drawing of

Bush isn't diminutive and presents a solution to his quandary. The middle cartoon is somewhat neutral, though it does represent Bush as being smaller than Pelosi. The top cartoon is the least supportive because it suggests that Bush was asleep while the Democrats defeated him; it also portrays him as a small, boyish figure. All three cartoons deal with the ramifications for the White House of the Republican loss of Congress. There is a time progression in the three cartoons from the initial shock of the loss of Congress to the practicality of having to share power and finally to a way in which Bush can counterbalance Democratic legislative initiatives.

6. Answers will vary.

## Gerald Ford: Steady Hand for a Nation in Crisis

(pages 6 and 7)

1. Ford was appointed Vice President in 1973 and then assumed the presidency in 1974, after Richard Nixon resigned.
2. Ford granted a full pardon to Nixon for any crimes he may have committed while in office.

## What a Surge Really Means (pages 8 and 9)

1. The neoconservatives, in particular, Frederick Kagan, of the American Enterprise Institute, favor the surge, while the internationalists, led by James Baker, oppose it.
2. Following a surge, the troops' top priority would be to protect the Iraqi people.

## Like Father, Like Son (page 10)

1. Senator McCain says Jimmy's main motivation was that he has friends in the Marine Corps.
2. His father is a strong contender for the White House in 2008, and Americans may find themselves watching the Iraq war through Jimmy's eyes if he is sent to Iraq.

## The Year of You (page 11)

1. TIME argues that the many are wresting power from the few and helping one another for nothing, and that this will not only change the world, but also change the way the world changes.
2. Examples include the cosmic compendium of knowledge Wikipedia, the million-channel people's network YouTube and the online metropolis MySpace.

## The Gurus of YouTube (pages 12 and 13)

1. YouTube became a hit because it is both easy to use and edgy.

2. Potential copyright lawsuits from content providers pose the biggest threat to YouTube's survival.

## Why We Don't Prepare (pages 14 and 15)

1. Preparing for catastrophes is the greatest challenge.
2. Miami is ranked number 1; New York City is number 2.

## Saddam's Second Life (pages 16 and 17)

1. During his 24 years as Iraq's President, Saddam led his country into three wars that devastated the economy and left more than 1 million dead while hundreds of thousands more died at the hands of his henchmen and security forces.
2. Saddam could come to be seen as a martyr if those who are loyal to him portray him as a victim who was lynched by a vengeful, U.S.-backed Shi'ite government.

## When Outlaws Get The Bomb (pages 18 and 19)

1. The U.N. imposed sanctions and banned the sale of conventional weaponry and luxury goods to North Korea.
2. South Africa, Ukraine and Libya gave up their nuclear weapons. Brazil and Argentina formally abandoned any thought of going nuclear.

## Putting Limits on Teen Drivers (pages 20 and 21)

1. The parts of the brain that weigh risks, make judgments and control impulsive behavior don't mature until about age 25.
2. Crashes involving teen passengers are down 38% since California enacted GDL in 1998.
3. Answers will vary.

## How I Did on the SAT (page 22)

1. Girls score higher on the new writing section, while boys do better on the math and reading sections.
2. Students from families earning less than \$20,000 a year improved their scores by 3 points, and noncitizen residents and refugees saw their scores rise 13 points.

## Tour de Testosterone (page 23)

1. Testosterone is a muscle-building anabolic steroid
2. Some people naturally produce higher amounts of testosterone than the normal range; in addition, the alcohol Landis consumed could have elevated his testosterone level.

## Stem Cells:

### The Hope and the Hype (pages 24-26)

1. Only embryonic cells possess the power to replicate indefinitely and grow into any of more than 200 types of tissue.
2. The FDA is expected to monitor patient safety and how the cells will behave in the human body.

### Goodbye, Arctic Icecap and The Scary Economics of Global Warming (page 27)

1. As sea ice melts in summer, warmer water more easily flows into the Arctic. Open water also reflects less sunlight than ice does, which lets the sun warm things up more and causes faster melting.
2. Global warming could cause an economic downturn as a result of massive droughts, hundreds of millions of refugees from rising sea level, and the widespread extinction of species

### Oceans of Nothing (pages 28 and 29)

1. They have been fished out of existence.
2. The depletion of the oceans could be reversed if the citizens around the world band together to buy only sustainably harvested seafood.

### Interpreting Maps and Graphics (page 30)

1. By fertilizing or cloning an egg.
2. A hollow ball of cells formed by embryonic division.
3. False
4. 200
5. False
6. The stem cells are nurtured under specialized conditions and given specific nutrients and growth factors.
7. False
8. 2050
9. Russia, South Korea and Japan
10. Bluefin tuna
11. China
12. The North Atlantic

### Where to Get a Pay Raise (page 31)

1. Wages for nonmanagerial workers have fallen 18% since 1975.
2. Higher wages help companies retain employees.

### Current Events in Review (page 32)

1. b 2. a 3. d 4. a 5. b  
6. c 7. a 8. b 9. d 10. c  
11. J 12. G 13. C 14. B 15. D  
16. E 17. F 18. L 19. K 20. I