Every once in a while, I find myself going to Taco Bell for lunch. When I was working in Racine, a couple of years ago, I went to the Taco Bell down the street, and ordered my usual lunch order, three tacos and milk.

Now I have gotten very used to the counter clerk responding to this order with “Are you sure you wouldn’t like the value meal?”

I would then explain that I don’t want the value meal (I guess it costs less when you drink soda), because it generally cost from 10 to 25 cents more than ordering the items separately.

To my shock, the counter clerk looks at me, and completely sincerely says “But it’s only a little bit more.”

I guess it’s kind of the same thing when Elaine Chao, discussing the administration’s new rules on overtime said, “Our intent is always to strengthen overtime protections… We do not expect that many people will lose their overtime.”

I guess that makes sense, in a Taco Bell kind of way.

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Take a look at this fun and entertaining package:

http://www.stickergiant.com/page/sg/dubya

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For those of you laboring under the delusion that W is engaged, check out what Sidney Blumenthal has to say about it:

http://www.truthout.org/docs_04/041604B.shtml

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Lastly, as you probably know, I am a computer geek. What you may not know is that I use computer systems based on so-called Open Source, or free, software. The operating system I use, instead of Windows or Mac OS, is called Linux, of which there are several versions.

I was intrigued to learn the other day that some enterprising group has developed Ashcroft Proof Linux:

http://ashcroftproof.com

This is a “secure” operating system, impervious to the prying eyes of others, whomever’s they may be. Interestingly enough, the next major release will be based upon a package called SE-Linux (security enhanced linux) which was developed by the NSA:

http://www.nsa.gov/selinux/

One hand hides what the other is seeking! You gotta love it!