

**EVIL'S IN PLACE WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE LESSER OF TWO
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Just when you think you have seen and heard everything and things could not possibly get worse, then can and do.

I was sick of politics and discouraging them in this column, but I have to relent. The present developments in the recent presidential election present a new high in hypocrisy and stomach-churning revulsion. I am on it like night show hosts and stand-up comedians are on the Clintons.

In fact, much like comedy it has undoubtedly made this country the laughing stock of the whole world. We dash about beating our chests about democracy and monitoring other people's election processes all over the world while we roll around in the mud ourselves.

Excuse me, but there are some basic premises about the election processes in this country are perplexing to me. For instance:

- In this day of enlightened technology, why do we not have a uniform tamper-proof, privacy-guaranteed, voting system?
- Why does it take days and weeks to get an "accurate" count of the election results?
- Why can't absentee ballots be sent, received and coordinated to coincide with the general election returns?

There can only be one conclusion to my mind, which is that some very dishonest politicians and/or others find advantage in having it otherwise. How else can one explain it? Perhaps some other entity not associated with this country or receiving its largess would have to design it? One of our many enemies, maybe? Now, some of them receive greater largess – North Korea for instance. We fawn, gush and appease those who least deserve it hoping they will love and approve of us.

The present system is maintained and designed to achieve the present situation. Those bleating the loudest and longest about preserving the "will of the people" and "preserving democracy" are the last ones to ever want it changed. Instead they unleash rabble-rousers such as Jesse Jackson to acerbate race relations and promote class warfare.

I have one question that is directed to those responsible to our local election procedures: Why are we cataloged and numbered numerically and alphabetical and directed to a corresponding designated voting booth? If it is not so how we voted can be ascertained, then why is it? I thought our vote was personal and private.

Now, if someone tells me that the machine somehow mysteriously is able to scramble that vote so it cannot be traced, why does it take so long to tally the votes? Why is it so hard to come up with a system that does not do all the things I outlined above?

This and nearly all national elections are determined by people forced to vote for the lesser of two evils. The last one was no exception. Pat Buchanan and Ralph Nadar both had good ideas and so did Perot. Problem is, if you waste your vote on either you elect the most evil one of the two principals.

It will be interesting to see how this whole fiasco plays out. If it is in any way possible, the most "ethical administration in history" with its most effective attorney general in history will find some way to steal the election.

If the will of the people prevails and Bush wins by only one vote, it proves one thing. There is a God and an awful lot of honest people should thank Him or Her profusely.

The good news in all this is that even if it takes weeks or years to sort out, "Bomber Bill" is willing to stick it out and carry on as long as is necessary. He enjoys the perks.