

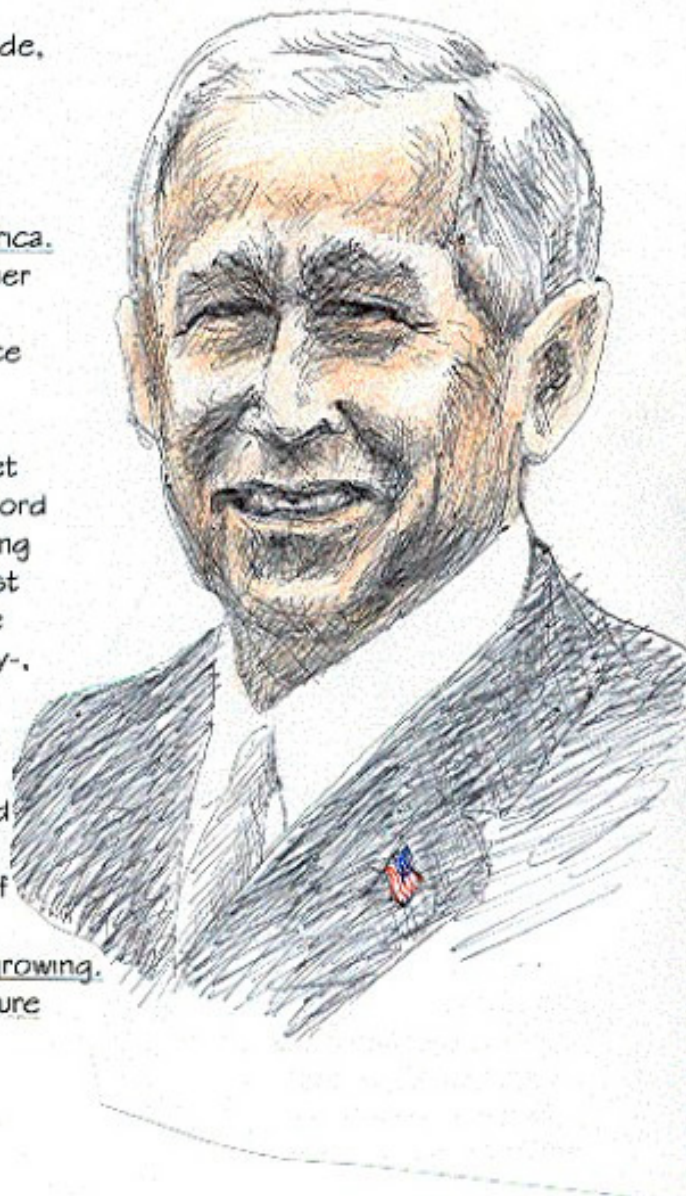
There's a painting by a friend of Laura and mine named- by Tom Lee. And it's a West Texas painting, a painting of a Texas scene.It's the sunrise side, not the sunset side. It's the side to see the day that is coming, not to see the day that is over.

I love the optimism in that painting, because that's how I feel about America.

And we've been through a lot together during the last 3-3/4 years. We've come through the biggest intelligence and security failure in US history, the first four year net loss of jobs since Herbert Hoover, a stock market collapse, the transformation of a record surplus into a record deficit, the jailing of one of my best friends and biggest campaign contributors and the failure of his company- boy that was a biggy-, a real mess in the Middle East that none of us anticipated when we took the country to war, and the biggest widening of the gap between rich and poor that we've ever seen.

And yet, because of the hard work of the American and Mexican people and good policies, this economy is growing.

Over the next four years we'll make sure the gap continues to grow with the economy.



* With feline sensory perception, our reporter hears the true words hidden in the President's message.

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