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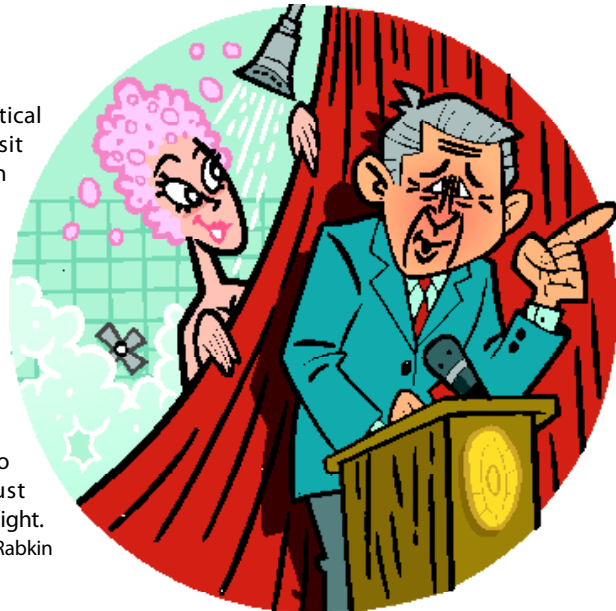


Cytotec are on the rise, particularly among low-income immigrant women such as Flores. "Women in the U.S. coming from countries with much more restrictive abortion laws may not understand they can seek a safe, legal abortion here," says Traci Baird, senior program adviser at the international reproductive rights organization Ipas. "You don't call Planned Parenthood when your experience is you call an

aunt or sister or neighbor." In many Latin American countries, women can buy Cyto-tec directly from a pharmacist. In the United States, women must obtain it through more circuitous routes—often via relatives abroad or sometimes at local bodegas. But at less than \$2 a pill, that is much cheaper than getting the drug from a clinic, where it is only prescribed with RU-486—a cocktail that can cost up to \$650. The RU-486/

"I Have to Wash My Hair, Mr. President"

There's no bigger boon to a political campaign than a fundraising visit from the president—except when that president has an approval rating in the mid-30s. Then it takes footwork worthy of Dancing With the Stars to avoid sharing the stage with him. Not all Republicans have been as candid as Illinois gubernatorial candidate Judy Baar Topinka, who stood by as an aide explained why they did not want President Bush to campaign with Topinka: "We just want him to raise money. Late at night. In an undisclosed location." —April Rabkin



CANDIDATE	EVENT	EXCUSE
REP. THELMA DRAKE (R-Va.)	Bush-headlined \$500,000 fundraiser for Drake in Virginia Beach on May 19	Had to be in Washington to vote on an appropriations bill—which passed 395-0
SENATOR MIKE DeWINE (R-Ohio)	Bush speech to Cleveland's City Club on March 20	Had to accompany his dad to watch spring training in Florida
Maryland LT. GOVERNOR MICHAEL STEELE, running for Senate	Bush-headlined Maryland GOP fundraiser on May 31	Had another fundraiser, 2,400 miles away in Las Vegas
MIKE MCGAVICK, running for Senate in Washington	Bush speech at Seattle fundraiser on June 16	Attending his son's high school graduation in Pennsylvania—the previous day
THOMAS KEAN JR., running for Senate in New Jersey	Cheney speech praising Kean at a \$400,000 fundraiser in Newark on March 20	Stuck in traffic (Kean took perennially clogged Route 1 instead of the faster New Jersey Turnpike)

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