

# WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES

I'm having a little bit of deja vu this morning. When I did my post on the background to Cheney's Old Man Shooting Party, I reviewed the fundraiser that attracted Bush Pioneers from all over the country—including Katharine "Where's Waldo of Republican Warmongering" Armstrong, who owns Dick's shooting range—the annual fundraiser at the Broken Spoke Ranch. So I read several accounts of Bush, riding in a black Chevy Suburban, being driven by Camp Casey to go hobnob with his most corrupt generous donors.

President Bush and his motorcade passed the growing camp of war protesters outside his ranch Friday without incident.

As Bush passed on his way to and from apolitical fundraiser, law enforcement blocked two intersecting roads where the demonstrators have camped out all week. Officers required the group to stand behind yellow tape, but no one was asked to leave.

The motorcade didn't stop.

And once again last week, even as 20 South Asian terrorists threatened to down 10 airliners headed to the US, Bush drove by Camp Casey to hit up his rich friends for cash.

On the way to the event at the Broken Spoke Ranch on a hot, cloudless day, the presidential motorcade drove past a scattering of anti-war protesters associated with Cindy Sheehan, whose soldier son died in Iraq. They waved signs like "WMD Lies Lost Lives."

Deja vu, right? Only with one key difference. **Bush expected to raise only 38% this year of what he raised last year.** And to do that, he had

to lower the bar of entry, from those who  
donated \$25,000 to those who donated \$15,000.