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Favorite Bush administration member: The secretary of defense, Donald Rumsfeld. He is **so** politically incorrect. He doesn't **mince words**, and I never feel **like** he's **jerking me around**.

Household item that defines him: The **giant** painting of my head **by** the artist John Robinson. It's on a hallway leading upstairs where people don't see it. It isn't **flattering**, because I'm not **that handsome**, but it **does capture** a twinkle in my eye, **which is why** I like it.

What he drives: **I've been driving** the Prius hybrid, but I just **traded it in for** the Lexus hybrid. My new car is **sort of** an S.U.V., so it doesn't **get as good mileage**, but when the Lexus **came along**, I **thought I'd** see how the other half lives.

Superstitions: I'm sure I have them **even though** I **despise** them. I **do feel** like I have to think about **my loved ones** before I go to bed **at night**. I feel that if I don't do this, they will go unprotected. **I've done** it every day for 30 years.

Religious practice: I **despise** religion and **make no secret of** that. What I have is a **sense** that **the journey of life** should proceed toward **selflessness**. I hope that **by the time** I pass on I **will have given up** all the **trappings** of materialism and ego.