Talking points

1. The retirees are in for a wild ride in the toon above thanks to the raging bull labeled “market fluctuations.” In the stock market, what do the symbols of a bull and a bear represent? Would investors be more worried about a bull market or a bear market?

2. In the toon at right, Steve Sack turns the cliché, “that’s going over like a lead balloon” into a visual to make his point about President Bush’s Social Security plan. What’s the squashed elephant symbolize?

3. During the 2004 presidential campaign, Democrat Howard Dean’s candidacy imploded after he gave an impassioned speech that ended with a scream. The result: Dean became the laughing stock of the rest of the campaign. Here, the president is shown saying the same words and the elephant gives the scream. Explain the sneaky point Sack is making. Hint: Who gets hurt politically if the plan fails?

Additional resources

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