

## See How They Run

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This afternoon I'm going to see the movie "Man on Wire" with my friend writer Susan Goodman...whose book "See How They Run" is soon to be featured in People Magazine, obviously because of its timeliness (plus the fact that it's an excellent book) since it is about the American electoral process. p

That process was certainly on display last night during the VP debate, which I watched with Martin and two friends...all four of us a little aghast, I think, at the possibility of Sarah Palin potentially moving into a position of world power. pOkay, okay, Massachusetts is a very BLUE state; and Cambridge in particular has been derisively called the "Kremlin on the Charles." pBut surely I must reflect the feeling of most people everywhere in this country that no, we DON'T want "someone like us" in the oval office. pWe want someone BETTER than us: someone with superior intelligence and eloquence, someone statesmanlike and honorable, experienced and competent.

Because I have family in Europe, and visit there often, I am often privy to glimpses of how the USA is viewed abroad, and has been for several years now. How I yearn for our stature in the world to be reclaimed. pHow certain I feel that Obama and Biden are the only ones who hold out the possibility of that happening.

Busy weekend this weekend, with an event to attend tonight, theater tickets tomorrow, concert tickets Sunday. pCambridge life resumed. pNext weekend my son and a friend will spend the weekend at the Maine farm and he will put up the storm windows for me...I was there overnight this past week, in order to meet the electrician who needed to do some work...but I can't manage those heavy end-of-season tasks. pThank goodness for strapping sons.

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