

[Kermit the Frog in the Joshua Tree National Park, USA](http://www.flickr.com/photos/27041073@N00/3807516688/)  It's not easy being green these days. [Kermit sings "Green"](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=51BQfPeSK8k) had it right all the way back in 1969. Being green takes on some new meaning over the past couple of weeks. So for this episode of Rhubarb Ruminations, we'll explore how being green is more than just an environmental call-to-arms.

#1: First, let's start with the environmental side of the coin, especially with the growing [BP](http://www.bp.com/) oil spill in the [Gulf of Mexico](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gulf_of_Mexico). It would seem to me that if I am going to drill a well that is one mile below the ocean's surface, that I should also have the technology and plans in place to remedy a problem should bad things happen. Because we know that somewhere along the line, somehow, bad things happen. It's inevitable. But even if we can get beyond the amazing lack of planning, we are still left with the anger inherent to people losing their livelihood. And in the bigger picture, it's just another wake-up call to realize that we're doing a fine job of systematically killing the planet (why is it that [It's The End Of The World As We Know It \(And I Feel Fine\)](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_eyFiCIAzq8) is playing in my mind right now?).

But hold on a second. I understand the anger involved. And I, for one, sit flabbergasted at the levels of stupidity we've witnessed as this problem unfolds (or comes bubbling to the surface, if you prefer). However, I don't see how Rep. Joseph Cao can [suggest](http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2010/06/16/rep-cao-suggests-bp-exec-commit-hari-kari-s-pill/) that BP America president Lamar McKay should commit [hara-kiri](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hara_kiri) because of the spill. I understand the hostility and anger involved, really I do, but I would also suggest that this isn't a solution to the problem. And solutions are what we need not more finger pointing. Ah but it looks to me like Rep. Cao was elected in 2008, so he'll soon be up for re-election. I am sure those sound bites will come in handy.

#2: Today's second green in the news in none other than Alvin Greene. Who? Here's the deal. Greene is a South Carolina Democratic primary nominee that ended up winning the race with 60% of the vote, or something to the effect of 100,000 votes. So far, so good. No problem there, but here's the twist. Greene is an unemployed man living with his father, who then put down a \$10,000 filing fee just to enter the race. Most of the people I know employed or unemployed don't just throw down a check for that amount. Is there something fishy here?

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