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## The Humphrey factor

Why does President Ford keep saying he thinks the Democrats will nominate their most conspicuous noncandidate, Hubert Humphrey? It could be simply the judgment of one old political pro on another. It could be the hope of a Republican who considers Humphrey a more beatable Democrat than one or more of the alternatives - Carter, Jackson, Udall - by belittling them in relation to Humphrey for all their strenuous campaigning. The implication would be that, if they are the best the Democrats can dredge up, the nod will have to go to Hubert.

"Oh, no!" say those who often note how much they like and admire Mr. Humphrey before they like and admire Mr. Humphrey before they relegate him to the closet of outdated talking machines. Others say that he cannot expect to be finally handed a nomination for which others have worked so rigorously in the primaries.

But candidate Morris Udall, who may see the virtue of maintaining a bridge to Humphrey, has expressed the feeling of many that Humphrey is an exception - in that he is a known quantity who doesn't have to identify himself or prove himself to Democrats yet again.

Indeed, for all Jimmy Carter's hard and effective campaigning, Humphrey ran neck and neck with him in popularity among Democratic voters, according to the latest Gallup poll this month. The Pennsylvania primary April 27 could bring Henry Jackson more to the fore, but it could also maintain or heighten Carter's momentum sufficiently to leave Humphrey behind.

Mr. Humphrey's increasing visibility in various forums may indicate his realization that, if he does want the candidacy, he cannot scrupulously keep up the line that for him this year the best politics is no politics. He certainly seemed like a candidate appearing before the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Washington this week. The other Democrats had refused to cross a picket line and spoke to the editors by telephone. Even though pickets remained at one door at Humphrey's scheduled time, he went in another and wowed 'em.

What if? What if Humphrey is playing the game right? Certainly his nomination would give the American people a clear choice against Ford or - as some can still imagine - Reagan in November.

Where other candidates follow the crowd to one degree or another away from big government, Humphrey remains its most unabashed proponent as a means of helping people.

On foreign policy, through remaining firm against communism as in cold war days, he tends to convey a greater spirit of seeking solutions through cooperative efforts than, say, Senator Jackson.

Appearing with Bill Moyers on television Humphrey said he likes to know where people stand. This is a challenge to himself as well as the announced candidates of both parties to define their positions so that the voters can choose wisely.

--The Christian Science Monitor

In answer to your question I say I fully expect to be running against Hubert H. Humphrey as the Democratic candidate....



I've said it before, I'll say it again. I expect to be running against Hubert H. Humphrey



Pssst... wouldn't you like to say whom you expect to be running against?



by Marty Vega

## Not Bee-lievable

Whoever was unlucky enough to miss the first thrilling minutes of Saturday's Reds - Giants - Bees game, take heart, there will be much more to come, we have learned exclusively from unusually reliable sources.

A top Hollywood screenwriter, who has produced such animal rampage flicks as "Burdz", "Jawz" and "Rattles", revealed to us Saturday's bee battle was really a pilot film for a new movie adventure, as yet untitled, which involves crazed caterpillars who invade a ballpark, drink up all the beer, noisily devour hot dogs, and cause a general commotion and panic in the stands.

"You mean you're doing a picture about baseball fans?" we asked.

"No, we're capitalizing on two key ingredients - the public's demand for horrifying movies about improbable situations and the baseball player's demands for astronomical salaries."

"You see, Saturday's bee drama was all set up with the cooperation of officials. You noticed, didn't you, that the game that as supposed to be televised was Chicago at Boston, and the so-called 'rain game' was San Francisco at Cincinnati? So how come the Cincinnati game was televised even though the Boston game wasn't rained out?"

"Yeah, I wondered about that, too."

"Simple. Because the players' strike has created such financial pressure on the teams, they had to come up with some new gimmicks that would increase the viewing audience and raise revenues, so we hit on the bee idea."

"We had some production problems. BARFS, Bee Actors Regular Fraternal Society, threatened a boycott unless we met their wage demands and guaranteed certain residuals. Also, we had some casting difficulties with the Cincinnati parts. We couldn't find fans dumb enough to stay in their seats above the dugout when the spraying started and the bees became frenzied."

"What did you do?"  
 "We located some old Brooklyn Dodgers fans and they worked out fine."

"Weren't they supposed to move up to the bleachers when the bees started attacking?"

"Yeah, but they just stayed where they were and kept yelling 'throw the &#26;?% bum out'."

"All in all, it was the most unbelievable baseball game ever and it really has the fans sitting up and taking notice."

"Not hardly. What we're wondering about is that 17-1 New York - Pittsburgh game, whoever heard of a game like that in recent times?"

"Whoever heard of bees taking over a game?"

## Report To The People

by Senator Robert Morgan



With the Senate going into Easter recess, I plan to continue my orientation of this country's position in the world by going to Taiwan and Korea.

These two places are constantly being discussed in Congress, and there is a great deal of sentiment that we withdraw our forces from both places. I want to see first hand what we are spending millions of dollars on, so I requested the State and Defense Departments to arrange for the trip. I am flying by commercial airlines and am taking one staff aide, Michael Mann, with me.

Our first stop will be in Honolulu, where I have an appointment with Admiral Noel Gayler, who is commander of our forces in the Pacific. I hope to get a briefing on the entire Far East situation from him.

From Hawaii, I will go to Taiwan where I will meet with our ambassador, visit with our servicemen, and talk with the President, the Premier and the Foreign Minister of that island nation. As you know, Mainland China has long desired that the United States cease its protection of Taiwan, and I want a chance to look at this situation myself.

From Taiwan, I will go to Seoul, the capital of South Korea. This is one of the really potentially dangerous areas today, with the Communist leaders in North Korea a constant threat to attack.

The United States has been deeply committed in Korea ever since the Korean War in the early

1950's and at present there are some 40,000 American servicemen stationed there on a continuing alert.

Since so many of our troops are there and since we are spending millions of dollars each year to maintain this force, I feel it is important for me, as one who has to vote to either keep them there or bring them home, to find out as much about the situation as I can.

I have arranged for meetings with General Richard Stilwell, our commander there, and Richard Snyder, our ambassador to South Korea.

There will also be a meeting with President Park Chung Hee. There have been many reports that the government under Park is too restrictive on the people and that civil liberties are being abused by those in power. This is something else I want to examine at close range.

On the way home, I will make a short stop in Japan, where a meeting with the American ambassador to that country has been arranged.

I hope to return a more knowledgeable member of the Senate than I was before I left, and be better able to vote responsibly when matters pertaining to that part of the world come before the Senate.

It will not be an easy trip, the schedule is tight and crowded, but I feel that by gaining as much information as I can, I will be better able to represent the people who sent me to Washington.

## CLIFF BLUE... People & Issues



BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE -- President Ford has had much to say about "bureaucratic red tape" since becoming president. On this subject the Franklin Times quotes the President and takes him to task on the matter: We quote: "Of concern to all businesses was the address in January when Mr. Ford presented his State of the Union message. 'A necessary condition of a healthy economy is freedom from the petty tyranny of mass government regulations. We are wasting literally millions of working hours costing billions of consumer dollars because of bureaucratic red tape ....' in 1975, an increase of 14% was recorded in new and amended regulations."

To what the Franklin Times had to say we will just add that the increase in red tape under the Ford Administration speaks so loud that I can't hear what he is saying!

WALTER JONES -- Congressman Walter Jones of the First N.C. Congressional District quotes former House Speaker John McCormick on defense spending, saying: "I had rather err on the side of too much rather than on the side of too little." We suspect the people of Congressman Jones' district and the people of most congressional districts would heartily agree with Congressman Jones in this report.

SERIOUS ERROR? Appointing Federal Judges or anyone else for life to a responsible position to our way of thinking is one of the greatest mistakes in the U.S. Constitution. Of course when the U.S. Constitution was written and adopted in 1788 the people were fresh from living under British rule where the king served for life. With the president and members of congress being elected for stipulated terms, the Constitution was a great advance over the European way of government. Of course in some areas we still have kings and government heads who serve for life, in which cases the people sometimes resort to a rather ugly and barbaric manner of deposing them by assassination. We would like to see Congress submit an Amendment to limit the terms of Federal judicial appointments to a reasonable number of years.

JIMMY CARTER -- While the primaries are far from over with only about a third of the delegates

for the national convention having been selected it looks like Jimmy Carter's coat - tail is flying high and everytime he stumbles he is up and gone again before the other candidates can come anywhere near catching up. In politics as in other ventures there comes to mind the old saying: "Nothing succeeds like success."

TOO MANY? -- Some are wondering if the Democrats are trying to stage too many fund - raising rallies too close together. Just a month after the Jefferson - Jackson dinner in Raleigh they had another fund - raising dinner at Atlantic Beach, and shortly, on May 15 another fund - raising dinner is scheduled for Charlotte. This weekend, April 23 - 24, the Northeastern Democratic rally will be held in Dare County to raise funds for the First Congressional District. Some suggest it's not impossible to run a good thing to the hole, particularly since about the same people to a large extent make up the attendance at most of the state - wide rallies.

COULD GET BITTER -- With four months and a second primary to go in the political campaigns, chances are that some of the contests may become bitter before all the votes are counted, and the candidates will not have as long to get together and smoke the pipe of peace this year as heretofore. This holds true for the Republicans as well as the Democrats.

TRIO -- Three area leaders in three adjoining counties within a span of ten days or less were recently claimed by the grim reaper. Bob Lewis in Hoke County, Forrest Lockety in Moore County and E. Hervev Evans in Scotland County. These three citizens, each beyond the three - score and ten years, were outstanding in their devotion to the upbuilding of their respective areas.

C.B. STAFFORD -- Another outstanding senior citizen living in Robeson County, adjoining Hoke and Scotland was honored at a dinner by some 300 friends and neighbors recently. C.B. Stafford has not only served his home town of Fairmont well in making it one of the leading tobacco markets in North Carolina but he has been a solid community leader in many, many ways.

## Tar Heel Spotlight

### Preserving 'The Tricky Bit'

The paintings hanging in museums aren't always exactly what they seem.

A canvas may have been painted by Rembrandt, and it may be so labeled, but chances are the picture you see is also the work of a few other people.

Catherine Leach is one of those other people: she is a conservator. As paintings age, fade, become discolored and begin to crack, it is the job of conservators to try to preserve them for the future. You see their handiwork, whether you know it or not, in every museum gallery in the world.

Miss Leach began work last month as the first full-time conservator at the North Carolina Museum of Art. Because the position is new, she's still spending time setting up a workshop -- a difficult job in the current budget crunch -- and beginning a systematic survey of the museum collections.

Eventually, she will examine, preserve or restore hundreds of museum paintings, using tools such as x-ray, microscope, ultraviolet and infra-red photography as well as chemicals, varnishes, and dots of paint applied with minute brushes.

"Some people would call conservation the job of making the painting physically safe from deterioration and removing everything not painted on the canvas by the artist," Miss Leach said.

But removing all the restorative work on some centuries-old paintings would reveal disturbing gaps and blemishes.

"Most conservators agree that you have to do something about those areas so you can see the paintings as a whole," she said. "But then you get into the tricky bit."

The "tricky bit" is that restoration of paintings has not always been done the same way it is today.

For example, most paintings consist of several layers of paint which all add up to the final color effect. Sometimes, paintings have been cleaned so severely that parts of the top layers have been rubbed off.

Another problem is dealing with the work of an over-enthusiastic earlier restorer.

"In the last century," Miss Leach said, "restoration was too often making the painting look 'as

good as new.' If, for instance, a painting had a damaged area where paint was missing in spots, conservators today would just fill in the spots. Earlier, they might have painted over the entire area.

"They didn't have the sort of respect for the original artist's work we try to keep now."

A conservator's job also includes  
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## Puppy Creek Philosopher

Dear editor: Everybody knows it takes more and more money to keep your head above water these days, some government statistics claiming it takes \$15,000 a year for a family of four.

Therefore there's a problem that's been worrying me. Somewhere in some attic or laboratory some guy right now may be thinking up a new game. Let me explain.

As you know, our forefathers 200 years ago didn't have to put up any basketball hoops or lay out any football fields and build stadiums, as those games weren't invented then. I don't have the figures, but it takes millions and millions of dollars a year to finance football, considering all the fields, stadiums, uniforms, coaches, bonds, pep squads, etc., not counting all the tickets the public has to buy, from grammar school through high school and college, plus the pros.

All right, say some odd character invents a brand new game, one that sweeps the country like football and basketball, but one that requires all new and different facilities, costing as much as football stadiums and basketball gymnasiums.

With nearly every town and school in the country scrambling for money to barely stay even, think what would happen to their budgets if they had to pay also for this new game.

It ought to be nipped in the bud right now. Congress ought to pass a law outlawing any new game to be invented for at least the next 50 years.

Yours faithfully  
 J.A.

## Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

### 25 years ago

Thursday, April 19, 1951  
 The Davidson College Male Chorus of 35 voices will present a program drawn largely from the classics of the 16th and 17th centuries in a concert at the Raeford Presbyterian Church, Sunday night, April 21.

Funeral services for George C. Biggs, 83, who died at his home near Antioch last Saturday afternoon after an illness of one week, were conducted at 3:30 o'clock last Sunday afternoon at Antioch Presbyterian Church by the Rev. J.W. Mann of Atkinson, a former pastor of the church.

What was part of Raeford's first Presbyterian Church is undergoing a face lifting. A.K. Stevens bought this house which is next door to his own house from the Covington estate and is remodeling it into an attractive and comfortable home.

From Poole's Medley:  
 We never get too old to learn, and most of us need to keep reviewing for we forget. Remember knowledge comes. Wisdom stays.

Total assets of The Bank of Raeford as of April 9, 1951 were \$2,719,983.22.

### 15 years ago

Thursday, April 20, 1961  
 Activities in preparation for the May 14 - 20 Golden Jubilee proceeded last week at a stepped - up pace, with the arrival Monday of two technical advisers from the John B. Rogers Company which has been placed under contract to provide the "know - how" for the big event.

Hoke County Coroner Dr. William Barry has given a letter of resignation to the Board of County Commissioners, the resignation to be effective May 5.

A total of 11 candidates in the Municipal Election set for May 2 managed to plunk down their filing fees before the Saturday deadline, Town Clerk Charles Morrison, reported.

Clean - up campaign to get the county ready for the Jubilee got a boost from local Boy Scouts last week.

The regular monthly meeting of the Raeford - Hoke PTA held Monday night at Raeford Elementary, featured a report by Principal Dewey Huggins on school fees paid by students at the beginning of each year.