

Dear Bill,

2/12.96

Sorry to hear about your brother's accident. Hope you people can arrange a second and specialized opinion. I'm having a little right quadricep problem but nothing like that and the physical therapy exercises have helped very much. But you have to be able to move the leg to do them. I do hope it works out well and soon!

As published the article is good. Hope you get some reaction to it and that it is a good reaction.

On the heater that plugs into the cigarette lighter, does it rest on the floor? Does it have to be mounted? It is made for the back seat of vans, as the only one available locally was made for? I'm also wondering the way + feel and the stage of the winter whether to get one now. I've been letting the motor run for 15 minutes in real cold weather when it will be in the car, 5 minutes when not except once of twice. I've made out OK although it takes longer that I'll be in the car for most trips for the heater to really put any heat out. Today it was 20, I did no real warming up and had no trouble. When I got to the building where + get the blood tests I was getting heat and sat in the car for 25 minutes reading the papers before the building opened. Getting heat all the time. That means at 20 it took about 20 minutes!

We are both making out but I'm much weaker. I've started another book ms., on Groden, and have two chapters done. I should have the Hasty ms. retyped by the end of the week and then the corrections to be made before I'll have diskettes to send around.

I think if the article is fair it is not a hatchet job, even if that is the intent. The record speaks for itself. And the way the GOPs are chopping each other up, that is good for Clinton.

It is not only that the flat tax will cost the government. It shifts more of the burden away from those best able to pay and onto those least able to pay what they'll have to pay, like homeowners.

Clinton has been good for business and what those GOPs are up to cannot be. That also will hurt the country very much.

Glad your article got published!

Best,

Harold

Feb. 8, 1996- My Birthday! I'm 42.

Dear Harold:

Well, the last 24 hours have had some of the highest highs and the lowest lows. Last night about 6:30 we got a call that my brother Larry was in the emergency room. He had fallen and could not use his legs. They diagnosed it as a quadriceps strain and sent him home. In a wheelchair. I had to go over there and help get him into the wheelchair. I think I strained a rib muscle lifting him into it! Almost 24 hours later, he still can't walk. Needless to say, this makes me very nervous.

He and Dad are scheduled to drive to Daytona for the races tomorrow. Looks doubtful. I was going to fly down there next Wednesday. Hope it all works out. As you know better than anyone, your health is all you really have.

So I am in a crappy mood and scared to death.

Thanks for the article about Geo. Seldes. and the other enclosures.

Now the good news. I am no longer a virgin, I am a published author! The local paper printed my article. I was so happy I sent a copy to Gerry G. Dennis M. Wrone and Dal McGuirk. So maybe that interview I did with you is worthwhile after all.

They did very little editing, about 10 ~~jj~~ words. I had edited it a little before I sent it in. As you can tell, I tried to tone it down and still be accurate. Wonder if the FBI has started a file on me yet?

I ran into an old buddy the other day who is in the FBI. He was sitting with other agents. When I asked him how the FBI was, one of the other agents said "Gee, are you in the FBI, Steve." And they all laughed! Three of them looked like high school teachers. You can't tell a cop from looking at them anymore. Used to be, most were white men, often tall. Now all police agencies have quite a variation in the looks of its officers. Went to a Rolling Stones concert a few years ago, saw some female cops with frizzy blonde wigs driving to the concert in a white Ford LTD. Unmarked police car. I bet some poor guy smoking a joint was surprised to be arrested by some ditzy blonde!

Hope you and Lil are doing OK. Sorry the thermostat did not wake up the heater, but it is still better to replace them before they go bad. If they stick closed, they overheat.

I did find a 600 watt heater that plugs into the cigaret lighter. \$35. Do you want me to get it for you?

Well, I can't concentrate. I have a \$50 bet with Larry on Clinton's reelection. Told him faking a crippling injury was a cheap way to back out of the bet.

Flat on Clinton!

Is it a hatchet job if the article is fair? maybe. Steve Forbes is a smart guy, but his flat tax would cost the Govt. about \$186 billion a year. There is no doubt the Reaganites theory is if they starve the US for cash, welfare cuts will follow. Like now, most of the annual deficit is to pay for the interest on Reagan's debt.

Bill - Be sure Mr Knight gets a copy!