

September 29, 1998

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Dear Harold;

By Georges!! We missed a beaut (or perhaps a brute) Ever since the storm lined up in the Caribbean, it had its sights on the Gulf. It always came out of its quadrant below the middle of the west side. As it drew closer, I found ~~the~~ best tool was a barometer and one could even track the wobble of the eye (now called the "core") as it moved over Cuba. Reviewing data from afar, a crisis appeared to be forming once the eye moved off Cuba and into the Straits of Florida, over warm water: the storm tried to regenerate and continue its westward movement and Coriolis was becoming apparent which would drive it straight up the peninsula and into my backyard!!! The storm's own forces prevailed (thankfully) and the Gulf got its own hurricane. Here we got a few rain bursts and a few modest wind gusts. Rolly bad where it hit direct!! I kept glued to the TV and learned that there is no such word as "hennert" and women seem to be the new experts on all hurricane subjects. Also one assistant director of the storm center had no broadcast training and talked as though he had a mouthful of frozen marshmallows!! They tossed around Doppler without ever explaining why it was "the final word!" The roving reporters all tried to one-up the anchor who tried to one-up the central control expert. The best was a rover who found a tree in the middle of a street. He got very excited how it nearly reached the intersection with its fronds and the root end was a ball of dirt with roots sticking into the air. He had his cameraman pan the thing and bleated on-and-on about how big it was etc. Finally he noted a hard-hat about to attack it with a chainsaw and he said, "Sir, can you tell us what went on here??" And the guy, showing utmost mercy, said, "The wind blew the tree down!" The anchor then went into a long spiel about the different root systems of different trees, never explaining that a palm is a member of the grass family and in days blades will grow out of the ball of earth at the root end and the cycle will continue as it has for millions of years. It was bad where it hit!!!

I can't think about Posner and Mailer without getting queasy and feel badly for the field of journalism! Yet 200,000 words on Mailer's "stuff" is a lot of material. He sure tries to establish with the reader that both Lee and Marina were deviates, and he dug out the Soviet documents to "prove" it!!

If I run across a copy of Wilder's BRIDGE, I will grab it for you. It does seem a neat way to answer my grandnephew's question, "Why doesn't someone do a book kids can understand??"

I just received the news that ARRB will wind up on September 29. They never addressed my ~~points~~ points even though I wrote them 4 times and Mary Ferrell did, too!! When they convened at the Earle Cabell Building in Dallas, November 18, 1994, I expected to be called as Gary Aguilar and Beverly Oliver were. BUT, they said they never got letter!! Well, even though truth is the objective of all who is to say what people can see and cannot!!!

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September 30, 1998

Dear Harold,

A friend of mine pulled this list off the web for me. Shades of Penn Jones!!! Is it coincidence?? Nixon headed up Group 54-12 and my zip code ends with 5412!! Coincidence?? Or???

A psychologist has come forward who said 'they' should have known the President and Monica would have problems. When Bill was a boy, he was sent to a ranch for the summer. When he went to town, he bumped into another kid who had been sent to another ranch. naturally they compared notes and Bill said their ranch's bull was not feeling well - he stopped chasing the cows and was not interested in the heifers in the next fence. The rancher called the vet who left some medicine for the bull and right away the bull got after the cows, jumped the fence to get at the heifers and nothing on four legs was safe from him!!

A couple weeks later the two met again and the other kid said their bull was feeling punkish. What was the medicine called the vet left for the bull? Bill said he did not know what it was called but it tasted just like licorice!!!!

Best regards and all,

Paul H.

