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## Perot tantrum was just a question of when

By J.W. JOHNSON

There is one reader in particular who will chafe under the following, but I can't resist:

I told you so.  
 Back in May when the presidential campaign was just beginning to take shape, all the talk was about Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot, God's gift to the electorate. I said then: "We won't be hearing about him come August."

Well, he threw off my prediction by 14 days, bowing ungracefully out of the race on July 17.

And while the maverick man of money has perhaps, and appropriately, made complacency by the two parties an issue, he has also perhaps done much more harm than good to the political process by souring many people on the system, some of whom had joined it for the first time.

There are people who actually gave up their jobs and spent their own money in promoting this ego driven man with too much time on his hands...but to refresh your memory about discussion at the Breakfast Club two months ago, here are excerpts from that column:

"People are so angry," Silas McMarnner says, "and regardless whether or not he wins, it will be better for American politics."

"Is he going to win?"  
 "No!" Roscoe Bismark says emphatically, pausing: "You know I always worry about a guy who has a simple answer to a complex question...but still and all, the two party system is entrenched. It's too stagnant, much to dogmatic, and the parties are trying to become the end in and of themselves instead of being vehicles for change. We need a fundamental change in how we do things."

"The 'he' referred to by Breakfast Club members is, of course, H. Ross Perot, that political maverick who has captured the public fancy early in this presidential campaign. "But what has he, in fact, captured beyond tapping into several obvious frustrations with our political and economic system. "No Perot supporters seem to be

those who, and at least most of the time, are nay sayers. Perot supporters to some degree are those who are "anti" most everything, and not necessarily for anything except "throwing the current bums out", with a few I know personally having a thought process which wants, for example, the right to a trial by a jury of peers, but who then don't want to serve on a jury and extend that right to others.

"All of this is dangerous thinking, in particular if the person you are looking to as your savior has a history of benevolent dictatorship and, rather than welding consensus, forcing his will upon the circumstances.

"A general frustration with feeling no connection to the political process, and a growing gap between the haves and have nots is at least partially to blame for Perot's early campaign success. More's the pity and greater is the potential danger.  
 "The entire two-party political process, the nomination system, and the various state prerogatives in electing a president have been set up to avoid the manipulation of the process by a demagogue whose true stripes would be revealed through submission to that process.

"What Perot has done, in league with the media, is by-pass much of that leavening scrutiny, and has gone directly over the system to the crowds who, in fact, want simple answers to complex questions.

"More importantly, isn't anyone worried about the fact that most of

Perot's supporters don't care about what his policies would be; in fact, freely admitting they are sheep and only too willing to be led by this self-styled entrepreneur. But led where? And at what cost, politically and financially?"

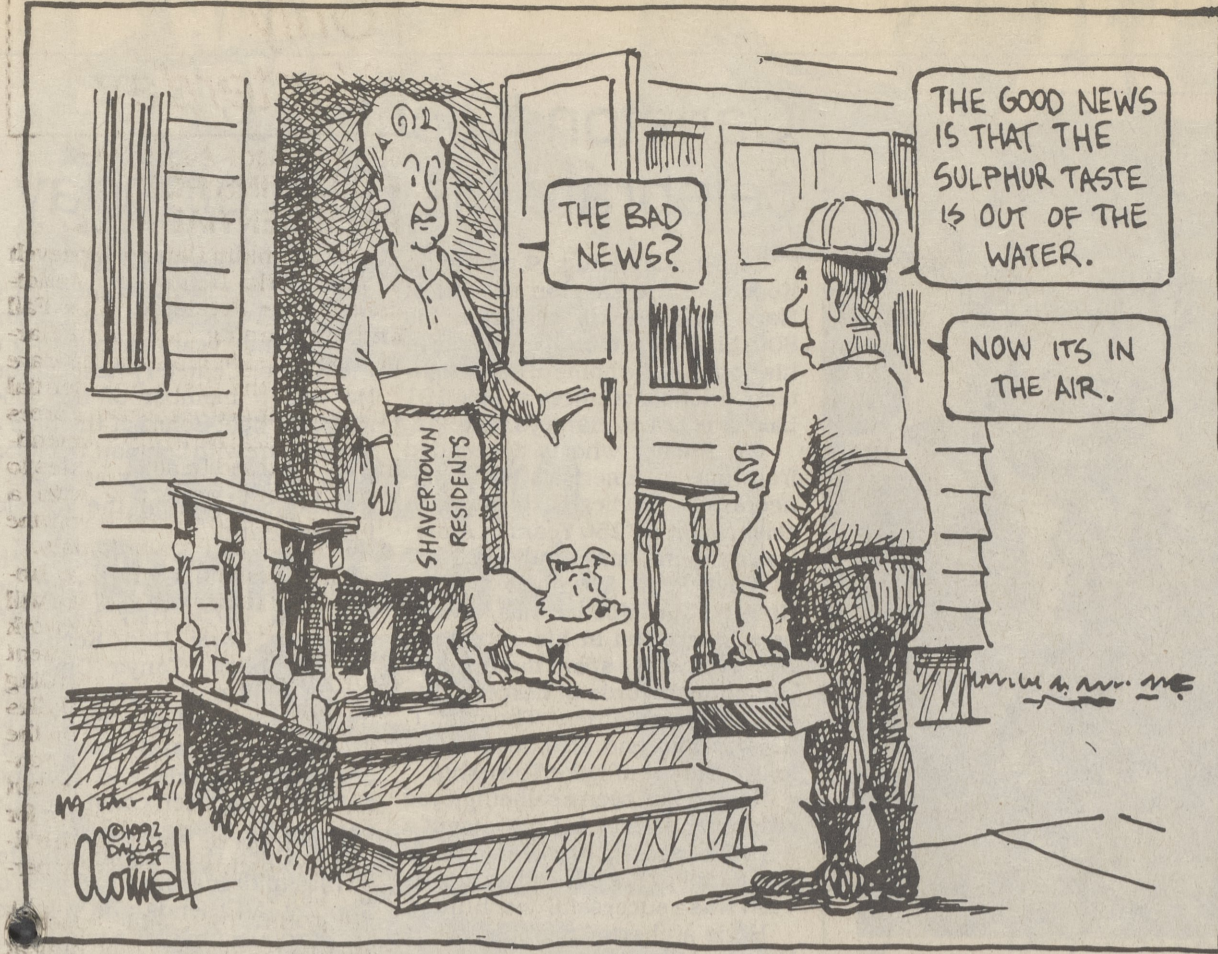
"Some of his supporters are apparently forgetting that Perot didn't get where he is by taking care of others; he got where he is by taking care of himself, and reaping the rewards of the free enterprise system. Can you really see him trying to deal with Congress, that same Congress trying to respond to its constituents, those same constituents who want simple answers to complex questions, and who then want someone else to pay for it?"

"We the citizen/voter are the problem here; it's not whom we elect, it is our expectations of that person and the system within with our politicians work.

"To be sure, Perot has shaken the very foundation and assumptions of the American political process. It just would be a shame if, in expressing frustration with the current system, his supporters end up inviting him to dine at the political table, only to find that he has his own agenda and truly wants to eat alone."

Well, Mr. Perot has, indeed, thrown a tantrum, taken his ball and gone home. And I'm amazed...the sun still came up this morning. Imagine that.

And don't be surprised if the next man to occupy the White House is something other than a Republican.



## Library news

### Miniature football players are on display

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library display case is filled to capacity with miniature football players for the month of August. These small football players are also a stamp with stamp pad attached. They are an officially licensed product of the National Football League. These items were donated to the library for the auction and some were sold at the children's auction. The ones that were not sold are now in our display case. Needless to say, there was no player from the Philadelphia Eagles left at the library. There is a small scrimmage going on in the center of the display case between the Cleveland Browns and the Dallas Cowboys with many miniature footballs to play with.

Observing from the stands are Minnesota Vikings, New England Patriots, Los Angeles Rams, Miami Dolphins, and the Los Angeles Raiders. Warming up on the sidelines are the Seattle Seahawks, Atlanta Falcons, New York Jets, Chicago Bears, Washington Redskins, San Francisco 49ers, Denver Broncos, Pittsburgh Steelers and the San Francisco Giants. These miniatures make a very exciting display and set the mood for the upcoming football season.

The Summer Reading Program is in full swing in the children's room. The children are busy reading their books and receiving their colored stars. The program is called the "Olympic Reading Team" and fits right in with the televised showing of the games from Barcelona, Spain. The children are on different teams; the red, blue, yellow, green and black teams to correspond with the colors of the Olympic Rings. "Let the Games

## Dr. Kryston certified in Cytopathology

John J. Kryston, Jr., D.O., an associate in the department of pathology with Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center and Geisinger Medical Group Wilkes-Barre, has been certified by the American Board of Pathology in the subspecialty of Cytopathology (study of cells and body fluids).

He resides in Shavertown with his wife, Jill, and children, Courtney, 11, Brook, 10 and Joshua 7. Kryston earned his doctor of osteopathy degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed a residency program in family medicine at the Community General Osteopathic Hospital in Harrisburg, and a residency program in pathology at the Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, where he served as chief resident.

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New books at the library: "Kissing The Gunner's Daughter" by Ruth Rendell is the story of Chief Inspector Reginald Wexford in a masterful novel of suspense and detection from a major modern novelist. Tancred House is home to Davina Flory, aging celebrity writer, until the night of March 12 when person or persons unknown enter the house and brutally slaughter Flory along with her husband and daughter, leaving alive only her beautiful granddaughter Daisy, bleeding copiously from a gunshot wound near the

heart. As the days pass Detective Wexford learns of a missing gun, a missing woman and of the lethal consequences of the simple act of kissing the gunner's daughter. A chilling and subtle mystery.

"All That Remains" by Patricia D. Cornwall is mesmerizing storytelling packed with authentic detail. A young couple headed for the North Carolina coast never arrived. Their jeep is found, keys still in the ignition, and belongings undisturbed. Virginia's chief medical examiner suspects that both are already dead, victims of a mysterious killing.

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ACC111	Prin. Accounting I	6:15-9:00	T
ACC112	Prin. Accounting II	6:15-8:45	W
ACC211	Intermediate Accounting I	6:15-9:00	Th
BUS125	Beginning Typing (LF)	6:15-8:45	W
BUS201	Prin. Marketing I	6:15-9:00	Th
BUS256	Word Proc. Programs (LF)	6:00-9:25	M
BUS262	Business Law II	6:00-9:25	M
CHD200	Intro. to Early Childhood	6:15-8:45	W
EMS207	CPR (LF)	6:00-8:30	M
ENG101	English Comp. I	6:15-9:00	T
ENG102	Eng. Comp./Lit. II	6:15-8:45	W
ENG223	American Lit. I	6:15-9:00	Th
HIS1C2	Hist. Civ. II	6:15-9:00	Th
IST209 D1	Intro. Microcomputer (LF)	6:15-9:00	T
IST209 D2	intro. Microcomputer (LF)	6:15-8:45	W
IST260	Intr. Lotus 1-2-3 (LF)	6:15-9:00	Th
MAT105	Basic College Math	6:00-9:25	M
PHI150	Intro. Philosophy	6:15-9:00	Th
PSY217	Developmental Psychology	6:00-9:25	M
SOC216	Social Problems	6:15-9:00	T

Monday classes are extended to make up for time missed. EMS207 can be used to satisfy a Phys. Ed. requirement. It is one credit. It begins Aug. 31, ends Oct. 5. Final exam will be Oct. 19.

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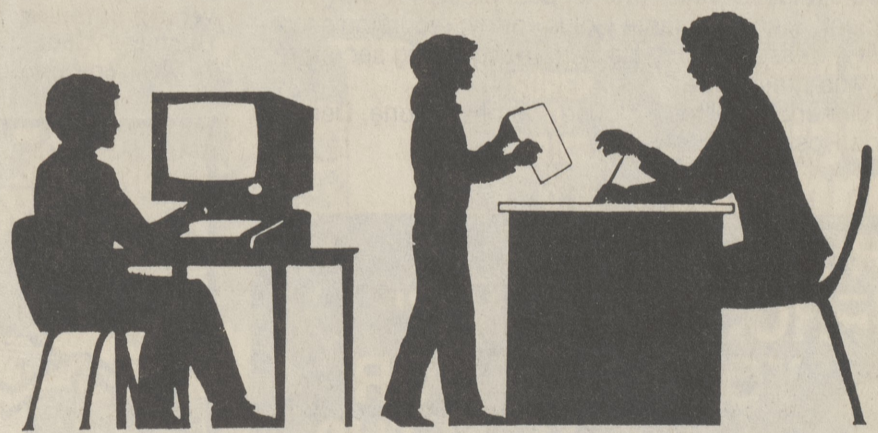
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