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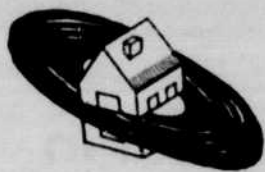
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## ELECTION '92

# Bush decries 'deceptive pattern'

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — President Bush offered a brief, high-minded look at his second-term priorities Monday and followed it up hours later with another slashing attack on Democrat Bill Clinton.

Returning to his familiar theme that Clinton hasn't been truthful about his Vietnam draft record, Bush said, "You cannot equivocate and obfuscate."

"There is a pattern of deception," the president said at an outdoor rally, as thousands cheered.

"And you cannot lead America by misleading and you darn sure can't turn the White House into the waffle house."

Just 3 1/2 hours earlier, Bush had described to a hardware dealers' convention in Denver his vision of a second term and his philosophical differences with Clinton. The president had said his top priorities would be creating jobs, increasing exports and providing health care to all Americans.

The two speeches were the political equivalent of yin and yang.

Where one offered cool reasoning, the other was filled with hot rhetoric.

The approach seemed to offer voters a rationale to vote for Bush while keeping the heat on Clinton with slashing attacks.

In Denver, Bush said:

"With each program Gov. Clinton puts forth, you see a philosophy where bureaucrats in Washington or some entrenched members of Congress carve out the exact same programs to try and solve problems facing people in Denver and Dallas or Dover or Delaware.

"And I believe Americans understand that these old liberal solutions are not right for our new postwar era. It does not make sense that hardware store owners will somehow get richer by giving more of your money to the IRS."

# Clinton gets 'A' on grocery price test

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — From bread to blue jeans, Bill Clinton priced Debbie Gilbert's shopping list on Monday and got a passing grade from the working mother who said the nation's leader must be "in touch with what the average American family has to go through."

"Gasoline is about \$1.20 depending on what kind of gasoline it is. Hamburger meat's a little over \$1. A gallon of milk's \$1.02. A loaf of bread's about \$1 now," Clinton said after he was asked what he thought these items cost.

The Arkansas governor said he knows some doctors who "still do visits for \$15...I do, but not many," he added when some in his audience reacted skeptically.

Blue jeans, he said in an appearance on CBS's *This Morning* that was televised live, "run anywhere from \$18 to \$50 depending on what kind you get."

It was a devastatingly simple question of the type that can easily trip up anyone who has spent the past year running for office. Gilbert said the Democratic presidential nominee had done a

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— Bill Clinton,  
presidential candidate

"pretty good" job of answering her question on the cost of everyday consumer items.

"I don't believe that politicians know what it's like to be in the shoes of the average American family," said Gilbert, one of several participants in a question-and-answer session with Clinton.

Clinton agreed that isolation is a danger for politicians. "Every now and then my wife and I just go out to the grocery store and talk to people and walk up and down the aisle," he told the mother of two who works part-time at a local hospital.

## Campaign nuggets

"When you look at the piece of that guy that the dog had in his mouth, that guy is sitting somewhere with a list somewhere today." — Ross Perot, in relating his charge that a hit team infiltrated his estate but was chased off by a guard dog and security forces.

"It's so crazy that (Perot) seems to have latched on to this theory, much like other people latch on to UFO theories, and he seems to believe it." — White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater.

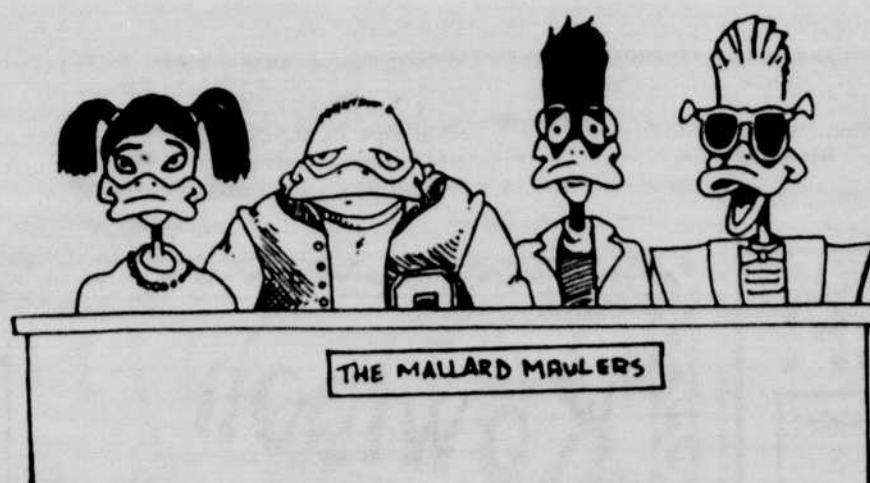
"You don't interrupt your opponent when he's making a fool of himself." — Clinton campaign strategist Paul Begala.

"Gasoline is about \$1.20 depending on what kind of gasoline it is. Hamburger meat's a little over \$1. A gallon of milk's \$1.02. A loaf of bread's about \$1 now." — Bill Clinton, answering a woman who wanted to see if he was aware of the price of groceries.

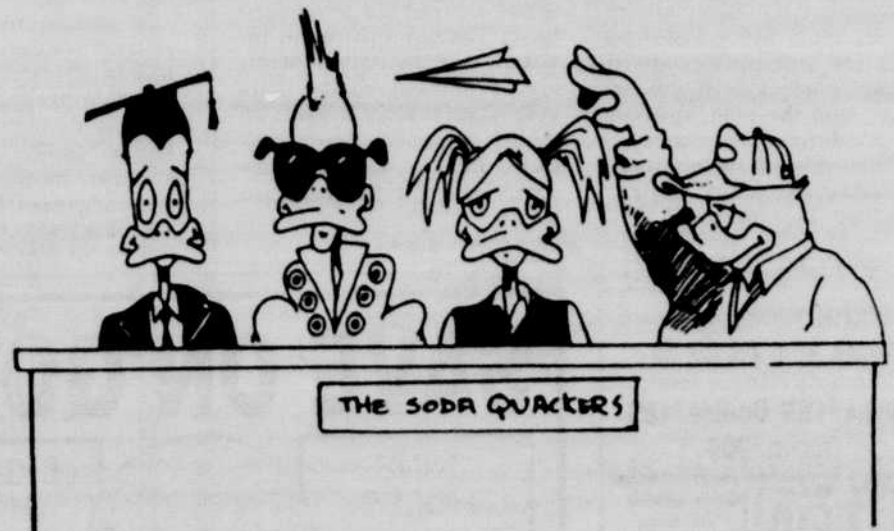
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