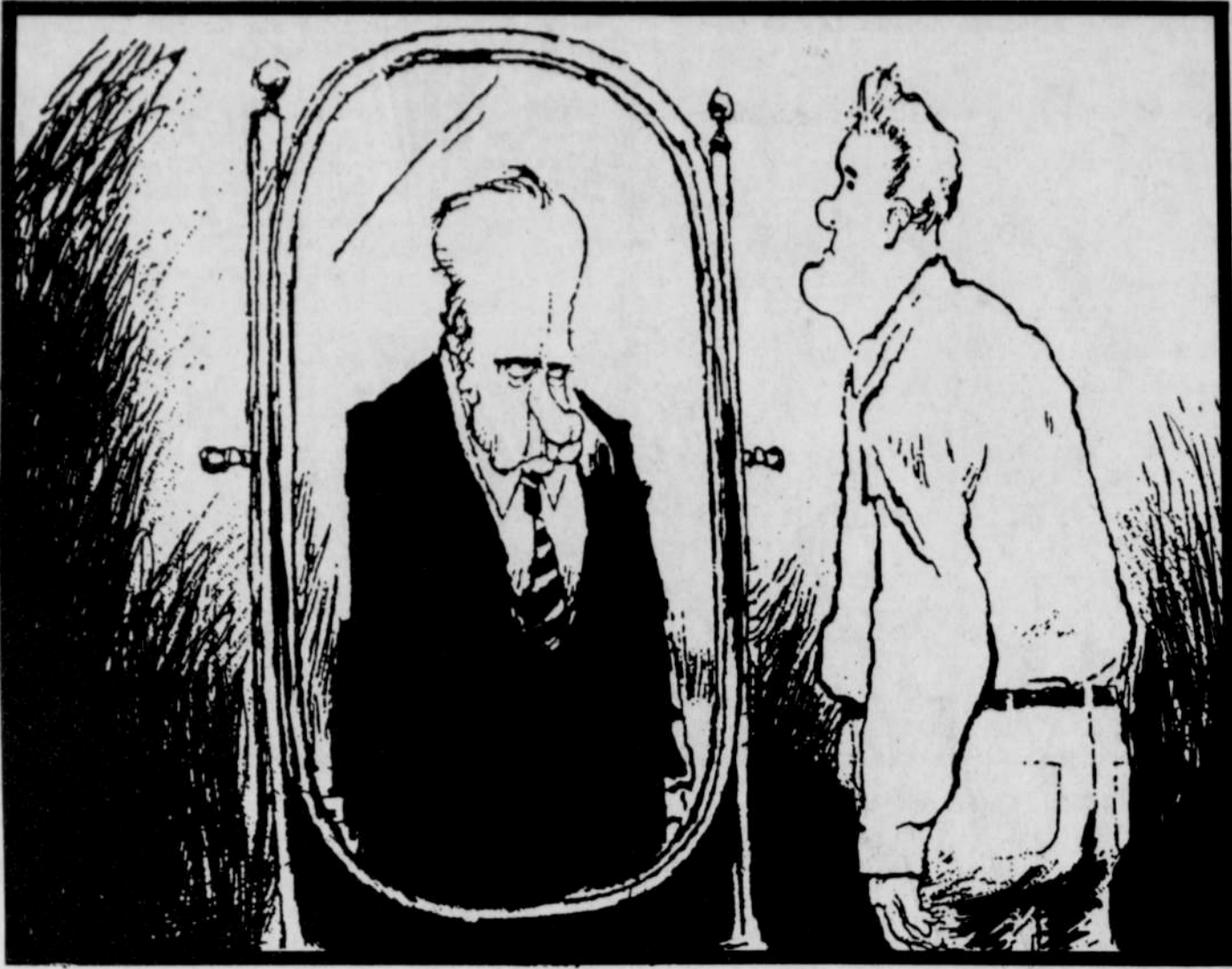




CAM CARDOW (SYNDICAM PRODUCTIONS, CALGARY)

IMPEACHABLE QUESTIONS FROM PAGE 3

and let the country get on with its business." He says the Iraq bombing "is very suspect."

Ed Beers, half of the husband/wife team of LaMoore Construction and for eight years a Cannon Beach City Councilman thinks it's fatuous to impeach Clinton "for having sex with Monica. Do I think he's a liar? Yes! If you gave every politician a lie detector test they would all be impeachable. You know the old joke about how you can tell if a politician is lying — when his lips are moving." His opinion of Special Prosecutor Starr is that he is "a rightwing born again Puritan who if it were up to him women would be subservient and have no choice about anything whatsoever — nor would anyone else."

"I think (Clinton) bombed Iraq to save (former Israeli Prime Minister Natan-) 'Yahoo's' butt," Eddie said.

"I don't mind Clinton being impeached and removed as President as long as he's not replaced by anyone else," says Kim Logan, also of Cannon Beach. "Otherwise, I think it's just a personal matter — something he should deal with with his wife. He probably perjured himself but you have to think why. He's a hell of a lot better than Ronnie Reagan." Kim doesn't think he is "qualified" to remark about the bombing of Iraq.

"He who dips his wick must pay for the oil," quips Michael Butler, from Dublin (Ireland) and Long Beach (Wash.), who jocks Celtic music on KMUN. But he doesn't like Clinton's impeachment: "This country has never been run as well as it is now. The deficit has been virtually eliminated, thanks to Clinton." He says "No way!!!" when asked if Clinton's purposes of bombing Iraq were Machiavellian.

Jamie Ihander, self-proclaimed "Native Local" said he had just read an article in *The Nation* that said Clinton should not be impeached for his sexual indiscretions but for bombing Iraq. He admits that "I have mixed feelings. I don't like Clinton, but I don't hate him. Whether you like Iraq or not, thousands and thousands of people have died since the Persian Gulf War through embargoes and bombings."

Jamie voted for Clinton in 1992 because of health care but now believes "he doesn't represent anybody but corporate interests." As for being impeached for "fudging the truth for his sexual behavior," Jamie says that "everybody knows he lied. Presidents have always lied. The question is the degree of the lies. Do you lie about sexual transgressions or do you lie about committing criminal acts like Nixon or about Iran/Contra like Reagan? Ralph Nader sent a referendum proposal to both the House and the Senate to hold a special election to impeach or not impeach, but it was ignored. What are they going to do if they censure Clinton? They pass a bill of censure for him as President to approve — so what's he going to do?"

Charles "Buddy" Hoell, author of *Para Rescue: 50 Years* (which was his job in the USAF in Vietnam) says "the process

(of impeachment) continues in the Senate and I think it should. How it turns out — who knows? Like it or not I think the process must continue. They have to hear the evidence and stand up and be counted. However it falls it falls. I don't believe any deals should be cut. Censure is not an issue. I heard a caller on a talk radio show say Clinton *should* be censured. The talk show guy asked what he meant. The caller said (Clinton) should be taken to the well of the House, stripped naked and caned like the kid in Singapore."

Buddy said "I would have to be brain dead" if he thought the bombing of Iraq was not connected to Clinton's political troubles. "Anybody can figure that out no matter how brain challenged they are."

June Spence, Astoria Port Commissioner and former Clatsop County Commissioner, believes Clinton should be censured, "and it be strong enough that he lose his pension. I feel right now is not the time to impeach but censure him strongly enough that he hurt. I feel you must tell the truth whenever you appear before a grand jury and any other public body." She hopes Clinton did not order the bombing of Iraq "as a political ploy. This is not why we elect someone for political office. We elect them to do what is good for the community and the country, and not play games."

Robert Wilson, commercial fisherman and marine biologist, joked that "oral sex is when you talk about it." Then he got serious. Impeaching Bill Clinton "shows the power of our people as the Constitution states — the majority rules, as the last election indicates and partisan politicians would be crazy to ignore" in the Senate trial. Robert is disgusted with what he calls "the soap opera syndrome" regarding the sensationalist attention to Clinton's sexual behavior and says "we have our priorities backward." For starters, he says "the rest of the world is watching what we do as world policeman. Our priorities are world peace and preventing history repeating itself — my example for that is repeating Hitler's reign of ethnic horror. The Cold War is over but our main priorities are solving world hunger and preventing the proliferation of world destruction weapons."

As to that, we have cut Saddam Hussein "more than enough slack," Robert, a USMC Vietnam veteran, says. "The main subject of bombing Iraq is the destruction of his biological and chemical weapons — our success at doing that is the way the world looks at the USA, not the timing or design of political strategies. The time frame for bombing was already there, and Saddam was told 'this would happen and when. The UN General Assembly stood up and applauded Clinton for his continued fulfillment of his obligations in Iraq."

Dan Ring, millwright from Warrenton, is opposed to impeachment which he thinks is "too severe and inappropriate." Impeachment he says "should be for spying or passing secrets," which the Clinton administration is being accused of doing with China. Dan thinks Saddam Hussein has "been begging for it" in regards to the bombing of Iraq.

"I don't think Clinton should have been impeached because the cheerleaders for getting rid of him have a sinister goal that focuses on the religious right, and that frightens me more than charges of his perjury or obstruction of justice," Robert Lobe, psychologist, says. "I don't like the man, I didn't vote for the man — but it's a choice of evils."

As for the Iraq raids, he says: "In the terms of world geopolitics I don't think Clinton or the government know what to do. I believe Saddam Hussein has to be controlled but we're confused about what to do about him"

"The main problem with Clinton is that he is a pathological liar and a lawyer, says Astoria artist Tom Hannen. "That combination has got him where he is today. He knows enough about the law to bend the truth to a legal definition but not enough common sense to realize he's telling a lie. He did that with Jennifer Flowers, with smoking dope (he 'never inhaled'), his present perjury and times we might never know about. The sex part is not worth impeachment, but I think the lying and perjury is. (Clinton's) character throughout his term has been so low as to justify his not being President. So I think he should be impeached."

Tom says about the Iraqi raids, "I think both the attack on the Sudan aspirin factory and the Algeria training site when Monica was going to testify (August 17) was diversion, and I think the attack on Baghdad was a diversion from impeachment proceedings."

Jeanine Fairchild, *thespian couturier*, says "We've all been taken for a long gruesome miserable ride and it's cost us all a lot of money for an outcome that is totally political. It's gone on since the 1992 elections and has never come up with any impeachable conclusions." Though she considers "none of us know enough of the world situation to make an educated opinion" of the Iraq bombing, she thinks it wasn't motivated by Clinton's personal problems.

Mark Covell, professional diver (and self-proclaimed 'philosopher'), answered "without a doubt, yes and no" to the question of impeachment, and "no and yes" to that of the possible political motivations of the Iraq bombing.

"I don't think getting a blow job in the Oval Office has anything to do with running the country," says Emmy Roach, owner of Columbia View Marketplace. "It doesn't affect national security, the economy or what I do — it affects his wife."

Attacking Iraq "would have involved too many people" for it to be a purely political ploy by the President, she says. "I can't see England's Prime Minister Tony Blair going along with that sort of political calumny."

Emmy's husband, Merchant Marine Captain Joseph Roach agrees. "I do not believe he conducted the bombing in concert with political impeachment," he said. "I think it's a measure of how badly Clinton has treated this nation that we might believe such a thing."

Captain Roach, skipper of *SS Sea-Land Spirit*, says that "If Clinton could prove he lied under oath to protect his wife and his marriage, it's not impeachable."

Astoria attorney Elizabeth Baldwin said: "If you mean by impeached he should be removed from office, I say no. If you mean by impeached he should go on trial, I also say no." She thinks that "clearly, his private life should not be an issue. The outrageous thing is Special Prosecutor Starr and his violation of the Constitution. The upshot of this whole episode is there are checks and balances and the Special Prosecutor law is unconstitutional and should be replaced and leave the prosecution to the branch of government the Constitution assigned it to. Clinton should have taken the 5th Amendment." She said she hasn't liked Clinton "since he muzzled Janet Reno when she said rapists were worse criminals than drug users" and for the fact he also proposed 53 new death penalties — so I'm not a fan." However she believes the Clinton matter "is an outgrowth of the loss of privacy in this country. You look anywhere and see it. No privacy and a runaway prosecutor is a recipe for disaster."

Beth said that "if for the sake of discussion it is ever appropriate to bomb Iraq — when the UN sanctions were defied, the only choice was to go forward. If Clinton had not bombed Iraq when all the military advisors said he must, what would he say if he didn't — that he was afraid people would criticize him for the timing if he did?"

"The man shouldn't be impeached for betraying his wife and child; he should maybe be censured for lying," FitzRandolph Moore says. "He should be allowed his job as President because he's been doing a pretty good job. He may be guilty of being a fool, asshole and liar but I don't think that adds up removing a President."

Michael Link, sculptor, field-tech and "ex-entrepreneur" says "I don't think (Clinton) should be impeached. I do think he needs to completely and honestly explain why he lied under oath. He unfortunately did not have sex with (Monica Lewinsky) so he lied, probably because he felt he got the short arm of the



304 37TH ST.
ASTORIA
OPEN 10AM - 6PM
325-7768



URIAH HULSEY

Columbian Cafe
1114 Marine Drive
Astoria, OR 97103
503-325-CAFE (2233)

Hours: Mon - Fri 8am - 2pm
Sat 10am - 2pm
Dinners: Wed - Sat, Open 5pm

SINS AROUND THE WORLD

Politicians who want to sidestep from the straight and narrow should first study carefully the world atlas of deadly sins. Adultery, drunken driving, tax fraud — what would bring a political career to a standstill in one country is, in another, seen as quite normal and, in some cases, even praiseworthy.

Had Bill Clinton been in France rather than the United States, he would hardly have the problem he has today. The French public simply shrug their shoulders when their politicians commit adultery. That former President Francois Mitterand was accompanied to his grave by his wife and his mistress was considered proper and seemly. The adulterous politician should stick to France — or to the Nordic countries, where we do not inquire into politicians' love lives.

He should avoid the Anglo-Saxon countries like the plague. British ministers who have had to resign because of their love lives are innumerable. The politician who likes a glass or two before he gets behind the wheel should stay out of Sweden, where drunken driving is a deadly sin....In Belgium they are very understanding about tax fraud and other minor economic misdemeanors. But lying and wholesale corruption do not go down with voters anywhere.

Naturally, all this applies to male politicians. For women in any country, there is an entirely different rule book.

—from *Dagens Nyheter*
(Stockholm, Sweden)



Ship Inn

Fish & Chips
Imported Beer on Tap
#1 on 2nd Street
Astoria * 325-0033