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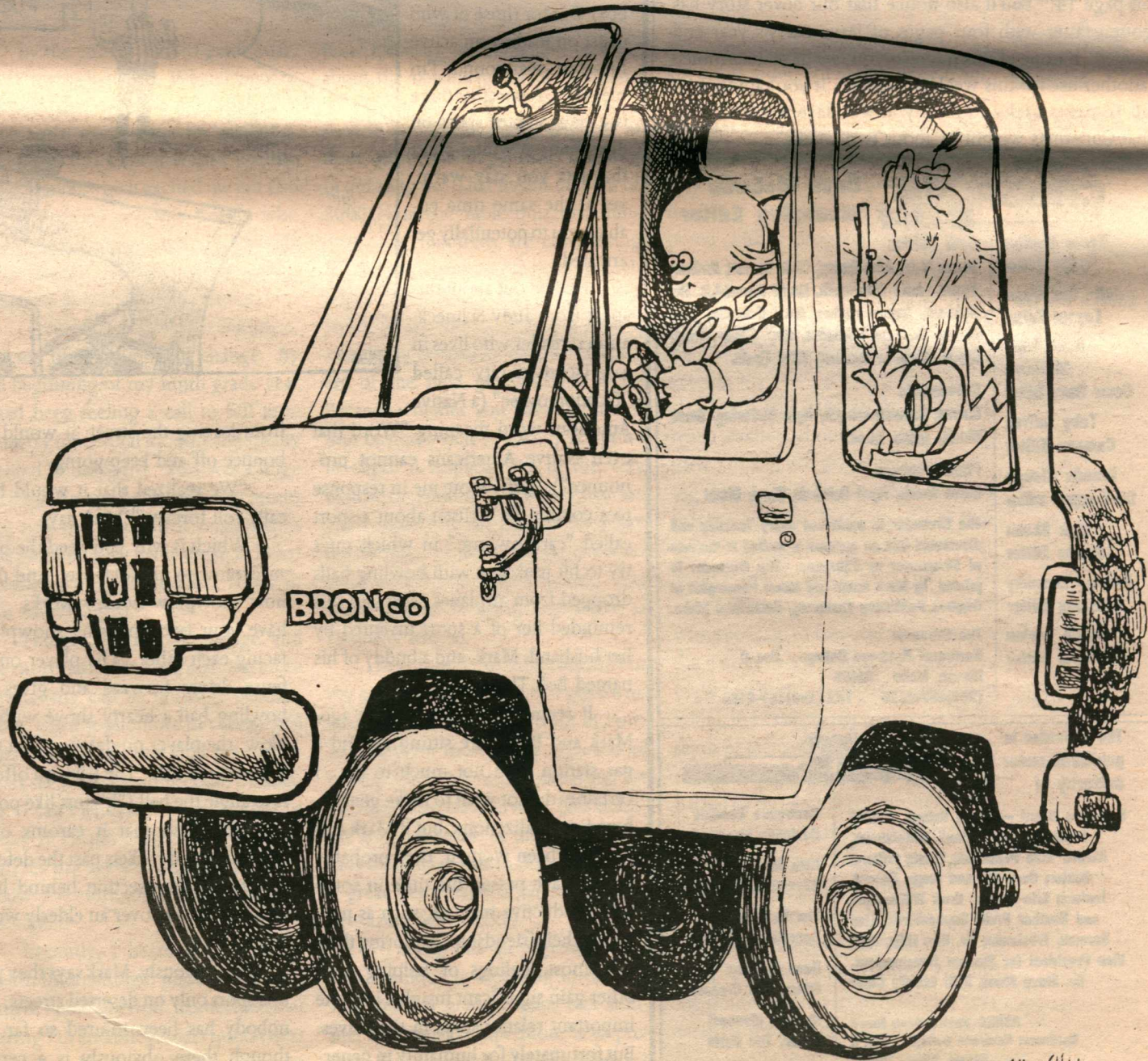
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Excess for the New Year

Happy New Year from the Crusader staff. Not that there is really much to be happy about. School is back in session, all the presents you got for Christmas have either been broken or returned, and the only real evidence that a season of love has occurred are the love handles protruding from your once baggy sweatshirts.

Now if you are feeling unhappy about the remaining evidence of a "merry" Christmas, then I may have some encouragement for you. An organization called the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance wants you to know that it is okay to be a little on the voluminous side. If you would like a little bit of sympathy you can write to them at P.O. Box 188620, Sacramento, California 95818.

Speaking of food, check out the article on page 5 concerning a new Wendy's coming to town. Also, don't miss our exclusive editorial on "chic" chickens in Marriott on page 14. You'll also notice that our cover story has gotten fatter with four pages of Dave Barry's year end review. If none of this interests you, we have determined another use for this week's Crusader. If you rapidly turn all 16 pages back and forth you will have worked off all that Christmas weight in about two weeks.

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Dave's New Winter Sport

The problem with winter sports is that - follow me closely here - they generally take place in winter. Winter is both cold AND slippery, which means that if you engage in a typical winter sport such as skiing, you could easily wind up freezing in some Godforsaken snowbank, unable to move because one or more of your knees have been converted to ligament gumbo.

FACT: Last year, 17 percent of all recreational skiers were eaten by wolves.

This is why leading health experts recommend that you spend the entire winter in a heated, TV-equipped environment eating Cheez-Its directly from the box. But for those of who insist on leading an active life-style year-round, I'm pleased to report that there is a new winter sport on the scene - a winter sport that lets you stay warm, yet at the same time enables you to potentially get arrested.

I found out about this sport from Judy Schneck, an alert reader who lives in a Wisconsin city called "Oconomowoc" (a Native American word meaning "Word that even Native Americans cannot pronounce"). Judy wrote me in response to a column I'd written about a sport called "car-bowling," in which guys try to hit junk cars with bowling balls dropped from airplanes. She said this reminded her of a sport invented by her husband, Mark, and a buddy of his named Bob Thelen.

It seems that some winters ago, Mark and Bob were sitting around a gas station with not much to do. I certainly do not wish to make gender-based generalizations, but if Mark and Bob had been women, they probably would have passed the time in some non-productive manner, such as nurturing their friendship, exploring their innermost feelings or helping each other gain significant insights into the important relationships in their lives. But fortunately for humanity in general, Mark and Bob are not women. Mark and Bob are guys, and what they

did is invent snowplow hockey.

According to Mark, three factors led to this invention:

1. Mark and Bob each had a vehicle equipped with a snowplow.
2. Both sides of the street were lined by steep snowbanks.
3. Mark's vehicle also contained (no motorist should ever be without one) a bowling ball.

As Mark recalls the moment, he and Bob realized that if they shoved the bowling ball with a snowplow, it would be prevented by the snowbanks

ward each other in a competitive manner.

"How close do you come to hitting each other?" I asked.

"Too close," replied Mark. He said there are rules about how far forward each snowplow is supposed to go, but "we can't get anybody to come out and referee."

Mark, who in real life is a restaurant manager, says that he and some other guys still play snowplow hockey on a semi-regular basis.

"Fortunately, the police have never seen us," he said. "They would probably take our bowling ball away."

I don't know about you, but I think this sounds like a WAY more entertaining brand of hockey than the kind where you have a bunch of stick-waving Canadians skittering frantically around trying to hit a semi-invisible puck roughly the size of a breath mint. Just think, as a sports fan, what it would mean if we had a National Snowplow Hockey League with franchises in all major U.S. cities! It would mean hundreds of pedestrian deaths. So we probably should limit the franchises to places that are the size of Oconomowoc or (if this is possible) smaller.

Nevertheless, this is clearly a major "ground-floor" opportunity for the type of wealthy stupid businessman who likes to own sports teams. Also you large corporations should be aware that Mark Schneck told me that, as one of the top three or four snowplow hockey players in the world, he is available for lucrative product endorsements. For example, you could have a commercial wherein Mark snowplows into McDonald's for a hearty meal, taking down most of the building in the process.

My point is that there's plenty of opportunity for everyone who sincerely cares about sports as a way to get rich. But if you're interested, you'd better act fast. Because if this thing gets any more popular, there will definitely be a strike.

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from leaving the street; it would just bounce off and keep going.

"We realized that it would basically roll forever," Mark says.

Which is why you need the other snowplow to play defense. And that's how snowplow hockey works. You have your two opposing snowplows facing each other. The player on offense drives forward and gives the bowling ball a hearty shove with his plow; the player on defense then tries to block the ball. The trick on offense is to angle the ball ("It's just like pool," says Mark) so that it caroms off a snowbank and rockets past the defender into the intersection behind him, where it knocks over an elderly woman.

No, seriously, Mark says they play this sport only on deserted streets, and nobody has been injured so far, although there obviously is a certain amount of hazard involved in having guy-operated snowplows lunging to-

Young Bible quizzers suffer at the hands of NYI

By D. ANDREW ZIRSCHKY
OPINIONS EDITOR

"Question 20," the voice echoed in my ears, "question..." I jumped, my body not knowing how, and my mind not knowing why. I stood there, I paced, I stood still again. I looked at the ceiling, the floor, and then closed my eyes. I ran my hand through my hair. I ran my hand through my hair more frantically. I ran my hand through my hair again simply for the effect, and I muttered a verse to myself confirming to myself that I had the right passage, and finally said my answer. It was right.

For six years I repeated this scenario on a monthly basis at these stress-events known as Bible quiz meets. Throughout junior high and high school I, along with 8000 other teens in the Church of the Nazarene, studied specified portions of the Bible and gathered at local meets to test our knowledge by frantically jumping off electrically sensitive seats to answer questions on the material.

From that description alone Bible Quizzing sounds like a Nazi torture technique carried over to the Church. For the most part it is. By the end of a Saturday quiz meet you can barely walk because of the constant tensing of your legs which proper "jumping" requires; you have quoted enough memory verses to last even your third grade Sunday School teacher a lifetime; and you've answered so many questions that even an F.B.I. interrogation would be cake for you.

Yet, aside from its torturous components, there is something about quizzing that draws 8000 participants to it every year. For some, it is Bible knowledge they are seeking; for others it's a great time to get together with friends and scam on members of the opposite sex. For me and many others, it was the competition which first drew me into quizzing. However, despite my best efforts (and as I look back by the grace of God), my focus didn't stay there long.

For an entire year I studied furiously hoping to be the best quizzer on my district. I succeeded. I studied harder hoping to make the regional team. I did. I studied even harder,

hoping to perform well at the national competition. I did lousy, tying for 29th place. Although nationals wasn't a great success for me, it got me excited about the possibilities of being a great quizzer, and I met a lot of nice people who seemed to be interested in quizzing for more reasons than just to win. That was all I got out of quizzing my 7th grade year.

Now, somewhere along the line in my 8th grade year, something began to change. Mainly, I began to pay attention to this Scripture that I was memorizing and these questions I was answering. Until then I had been interested in only the competition. Now something sparked within me a desire to live the way this Scripture taught and to regard it as a measuring stick for my life.

By the end of my 8th grade year, my life was changing. When I went to nationals that summer, my experience once again excited me for quizzing. However, this time it wasn't just the competition which excited me but also the fellowship of these people who were learning the same things and were having their lives impacted by Scripture in the same way as me.

I continued to study the Scripture, and my life continued to change. By the beginning of my ninth grade year I had been feeling a call to full time ministry for several months and finally yielded to the Spirit. This was a huge decision for me because in the recent past just the thought of missionaries and pastors nearly made me sick. What a waste of a life, I thought. Now, all that had changed.

Things continued to change, and the more Scripture I learned, the more serious my call to ministry became. Now, I'm a sophomore in college still pursuing the call that God put on my heart six years ago to become a minister. I can't imagine where I might be today if I hadn't quizzed at national quizzes my seventh and eighth grade years. I venture to say that I wouldn't be here.

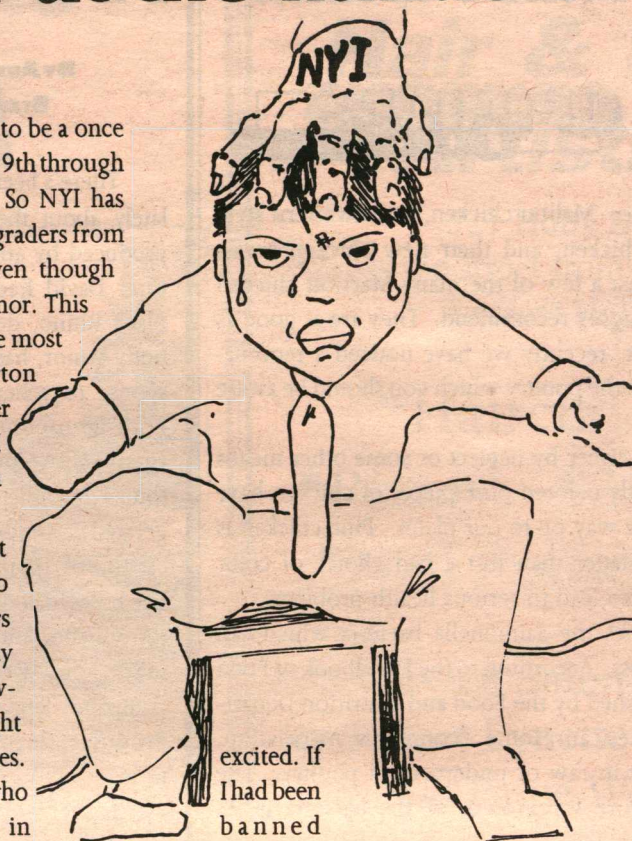
Recently, I heard that Nazarene Youth International, under the leadership of Fred Fullerton, has decided that having 7th and 8th graders quiz at next summer's Nazarene Youth Congress would be breaking the rules of the

event. It's supposed to be a once in a lifetime event for 9th through 12th graders only. So NYI has banned 7th and 8th graders from quizzing at NYC even though they may earn the honor. This decision is one of the most foolish Fred Fullerton and NYI could ever make for reasons I will explain in a moment.

It may seem that what is happening to 7th and 8th graders in NYI has little if any relation to us. However, a second thought will reveal that it does. Talk to any adult who has been involved in Bible quizzing for sometime and ask about the percentage of her quizzers who have entered full time Christian service; you'll find that nearly half of those quizzers who get really involved in quizzing do. That means that out of 8000 Nazarene Bible quizzers, hundreds and hundreds are considering full-time ministry as a life goal—a much higher percentage than in a normal youth group setting. Bible quizzing is a breeding ground for the church leaders of the next generation. Why? Because whether you have the intention or not, when you study Scripture in depth it impacts you to the very depths of your soul. When you are confronted with the truth of Scripture by the Spirit of God it becomes something which you cannot ignore. The word of God is living and active as Hebrews tells us.

I have found this to be true in even my own church. Of the five guys who made up the Bible quiz team at Portland First for most of my high school career, three are now preparing for full-time Christian service. This example is not isolated, of the hundreds of kids that I have met in Bible Quizzing, a great percentage of them are now preparing for ministry.

To bring this all together, what NYI has done by deciding to exclude 7th and 8th graders from this summer's national competition, is to prevent those young quizzers who are excited about quizzing from staying



excited. If I had been banned from national competition my 7th and 8th grade years, as I was moving from a focus on competition to a focus on the word, I doubt if the Holy Spirit would have had a chance to work through the Scripture and so change my life. I would have instead become bored with a program where I had defeated all the competition, discouraged because I was ineligible to move on to the next level, and so I would have shut off the work of the Spirit by ceasing my study of Scripture.

Excluding kids from becoming really excited about quizzing during their 7th and 8th grade years by holding them back is the most foolish thing that can be done, for to do so is to shut a door where I have seen the Holy Spirit work in more lives than I can count. The hundreds of adult helpers who show up to run quiz meets across the nation every month are testimony to the fact that quizzing is a program in which lives are changed, and the thousands of teens who have gone through the quizzing program and been impacted by the Holy Spirit through Scripture are living examples of the fact that Bible Quizzing is changing lives and in effect changing the church.

The "once in a lifetime" event that Fred Fullerton and the NYI staff want to preserve by banning 7th and 8th grade quizzers from NYC may very well be thrown out right along with them — the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a teenager.

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EDITORIALS

Sam & Nella's chicken

If you are a regular to Marriott you surely have encountered their chicken.

Malibu chicken, Southwestern style chicken, baked chicken, and their new chicken breast sandwiches are just a few of the many Marriott chicken items which we highly recommend. They are as good as home. However, recently we have noticed a reoccurring problem with the poultry which you should be aware of.

It seems that either by neglect or some other means rather flamboyantly colored pink pieces of chicken have been finding their way on to our plates. Pink chicken is a more serious matter than just a bad choice of color schemes; it can also lead to serious health problems.

Chicken carries the Salmonella bacteria which can cause serious illness. According to the Handbook of Food Preparation published by the Food and Nutrition Department of the American Home Economics Association, Salmonella grows in raw or undercooked poultry. The optimal temperature for growth of the bacteria is 98 degrees Fahrenheit.

According to the Handbook, poultry when well done should be "white, the juice should run clear, and should reach 180 to 185 degrees Fahrenheit while cooking."

If chicken doesn't reach this temperature and isn't cooked until the pink is gone, then Salmonella continues to grow as the chicken cools while waiting to be served. By the time it hits your mouth (which happens to be 98.6 degrees, the optimal temperature for Salmonella growth) you could very well be in danger of getting sick.

Marriott says that they regularly take the temperature of their chicken dishes to insure proper cooking, and that the pink chicken is due to the freshness of the bone dyeing the meat. While we are sure this is often true, it wasn't in the case of one of our editor's chicken breast sandwiches last Saturday; it was found to be pink and frozen in the middle. This may very well be an isolated incident, but you should be aware of it nonetheless.

According to the Handbook, symptoms of Salmonella appear 12 to 36 hours after infection and include severe headache, vomiting, abdominal cramps, and fever. The duration is anywhere from two to seven days.

If you happen to get hold of some "chic" chicken in Marriott, and it has an ominous pink color to it, be aware that Marriott has already fielded many complaints and is actively keeping a close eye on their hens. If you still feel uncomfortable, then we advise you to avoid the chicken. Chicken is great, but it isn't so pretty in pink.

OPINIONS
OUR VIEWS

A better bullet hits home

By ANTHONY SYME
STAFF WRITER

There's been a lot of controversy lately about the new bullets being produced by ammunition manufacturer David Keen. One bullet, the Black Rhino, designed to penetrate body armor, has been scraped in response to vehement opposition by both gun-control advocates and (gasp!) NRA representatives (the NRA thinks the bullets' potential are exaggerated). Another bullet supposedly capable of ripping larger than normal size holes in people is still planned for introduction into the domestic arms market by Keen's company, Signature Products Corporation.

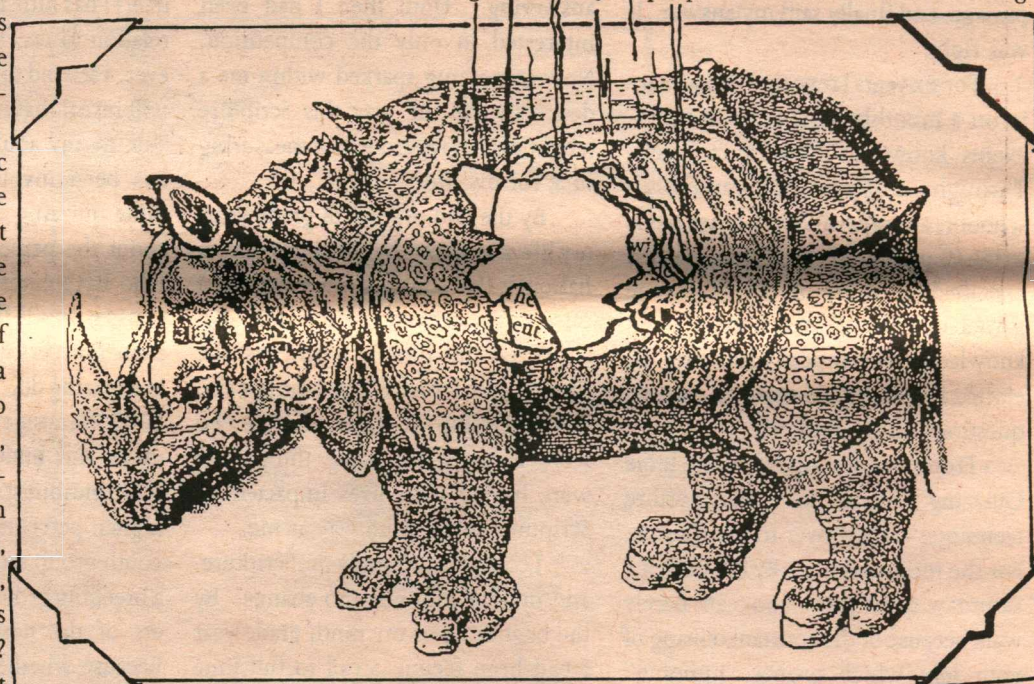
Is Keen a lunatic for designing these bullets in the first place? Certainly, one has to question the moral character of anyone who makes a living thinking up better ways to kill, maim, and dismember fellow human beings, right? Sure, it's a crazy business, but as long as guns are legal, why not? The government

gives out contracts to many private companies to develop weapons for military use, and lot of them pack a much bigger punch than any puny handgun slug. Are these arms contractors guilty of profiting from death and destruction? Of course they are, but who can blame them? If we enjoy our national security (or any other "national interest"), and are willing to supply a military force to go kill people to defend it, then someone has to come up with the tools to do the job. It's the same deal with domestic armaments. Guns are legal, so why not use them? If you can use them, go ahead and make them better at what they do.

Granted, any defense for the domestic use of an armor-piercing round is going to meet some opposition, as it should. Keen's reason for developing both of the bullets was to give police officers and responsible

citizens an advantage in the shoot/kill ratio. One would not have to be the greatest shot in the world to do serious damage. The rounds are supposed to make as messy a wound as possible upon contact with the body. It is highly unlikely that police officers or home owners would be caught in a showdown with criminals wearing Kevlar vests. In this country, who spends the most time wearing body armor? Cops. It's doubtful police departments in major American cities would want the Black Rhino being sold on the open market, whether they had their own to shoot or not. Under most circumstances, police officers would be catching the business

argument against these new bullets and the tobacco industry. Tobacco products are legal in this country, but tobacco companies can't advertise on TV and any attempt at sponsoring sporting events is extremely controversial. A double-standard exists in a free-market system where a product is legal to produce but every effort is made to keep it from being marketed and sold. The reason why these things happen to tobacco companies and gun or ammunition manufacturers is because most people believe these products are harmful (or potentially harmful), but don't want to go so far as to totally eliminate people's freedom to use them. Ciga-



rettes do many things; and all of them are crummy. They don't make you smell nice, they stain your teeth, they leave you with a permanent cough, and increase your chances of getting cancer. Guns are designed for one thing: killing things that breathe and move. They aren't for decorating your house, they aren't for shooting clay disks, they aren't for show-and-tell, and they aren't toys, period. When it's all said and done, we aren't willing to totally get rid of all these things because we've spent such a long time with them that we can't bear to part with them or force anybody else to. Also, guns, unlike cigarettes, have legitimate uses, like hunting, as well as self-defense. It has to be one way or another: if cigarettes and guns are to be allowed into the mainstream of the American market system, then let people sell 'em and use 'em without tying one hand behind their backs.

As for the fragmentation bullet, we have to be clear about how efficient we want to be when it comes to self-defense. Most people would say there are circumstances when the killing of another human being is morally justifiable, as in cases of self-defense and the defense of others. If taking another's life is okay in some cases, what should it matter as to how thorough we are about it? What is the point in getting upset over a more efficient way of killing someone when the results are pretty much the same? If I can legally use a lethal weapon against someone else with the goal of staying alive, I should be able to use that weapon the best way possible to reach that goal. Dead is dead.

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The above editorials express the opinions of the Crusader's

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NAMP A

A new Wendy's is soon to appear across from IGA



The old Home Dairies building must be made room for a new Wendy's. (Photo by Anne Frahm)

By GINA GRATE
STAFF WRITER

In case you can't get enough fast food burgers, a new Wendy's is being built on Twelfth Avenue, across from IGA.

According to Mike Bolton, manager of the Wendy's on Caldwell Blvd., this new Wendy's is being built by Wenco Incorporated. "Wenco owns all the stores in the valley. There are a total of 8 stores. This will be the 9th, and it will be the second store in Nampa." Bolton stated that 5 of the Wendy's are in Boise, and there is one each in Caldwell and Ontario.

He feels that a new store will not create unwanted competition, but will bring in a little more business for the company.

The land bought by Wenco on Twelfth Avenue was previously owned by Home Dairies. Charlie Kirkpatrick, manager of the Caldwell branch, said it was chosen because "the growth of the area was basically the main factor." The approximate building cost of this new store is unavailable. Seating capacity is also unknown, as the actual building plan has not been decided.

Job opportunities at the new Wendy's will open up in the spring or early summer. However, Bolton could not be sure what the projected date on that would be.

One employee of the Wendy's on Caldwell Blvd. stated that hours were good. "You can basically pick" your hours, and work around school schedules. "Sometimes [the job] is okay, but when it gets busy, I don't like it."

The job ranges from making sandwiches, working the salad bar, and

Sandra Van Langen stated, "I'm on the basketball team, and I know we would go there. We always go to Wendy's." But she won't be looking for a job there.

"Yeah, I'd go there. I'd rather have a Taco Bell, but Wendy's is good for now," said Amy Watenpaugh. When asked if she'd look for a job there, Watenpaugh replied in the negative, "I'm busy enough here."

Barbara Perry said, "I would not go there due to lack of funds. Period."

In the area of job hunting, Perry "might possibly" apply at the new Wendy's.

"I'm glad they're putting one in. I would probably go there," said Erin Lamkin. But "no, I wouldn't work at fast food."

"I like Wendy's because the guy who started it is a Christian and besides, I really like their \$.99 Frostys!" said Eric Severson. Misha Eady-Esparros stated, "I like the whole \$.99 menu.

They're my favorite fast food restaurant because their chicken is healthy."

Wendy's hours will be 10:30a.m. through 11p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays. It will open at 11a.m. on Sundays, and close at midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.

I don't eat much fast food anyway. If I want a hamburger, I'll go to Saga...I'd rather have a Taco Bell, but Wendy's is good for now.

Amy Watenpaugh and Jenny Bangsund

running the cash machine. And there are bonuses every two months.

Students of NNC have varying opinions on the appearance of this fast food restaurant. Jenny Bangsund said, "I don't eat much fast food anyway. If I want a hamburger, I'll go to Saga."

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Grey wolves to be relocated

Canadian Grey wolves were examined by veterinarians on Sunday after their capture for relocation to central Idaho and Yellowstone National Park this week.

About 30 are to be reintroduced into the wilderness they roamed before ranchers wiped them out in the early part of this century. Seven wolves had been captured by Sunday; an eighth was killed by a tranquilizer dart biologists shot at it from a helicopter. The first transfer could occur Tuesday.

Simpson book to hit the shelves

O.J. Simpson's new book, *I Want to Tell You*, is coming out next month. The book is supposedly a response to the more than 300,000 letters that Simpson has gotten since being charged with the murders of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

Word of the book came a day before jurors are to assemble before Judge Lance Ito to hear that they'll be sequestered on Wednesday.

Simpson's lawyers doubt that the book will have much effect on the trial, scheduled to start on Jan. 18.

"I guarantee that book has been reviewed by his attorneys," said lawyer Leo Terrell. "I don't think anything...will come back to haunt him."

Seattle firefighters honored

The body of Randall Terlicker, the last of four Seattle firefighters killed when a warehouse floor collapsed, was found on Sunday.

"It's such a relief to find him," said fire department spokeswoman Georgia Taylor. Thursday's deaths were the worst tragedy in the fire department's history.

Fire engine crews, their truck numbers marked with black tape, stood with hoses at the ready in case of a flare-up, and about 80 firefighters wearing black tape across their yellow helmets waited to salute the body of Terlicker, 35.

Also killed were Lt. Walter Kilgore, 45, and James T. Brown, 25, whose bodies were recovered Friday.

Woman gives life to quintuplets

Susan Thompson, 28, of Lafayette, Ind., gave birth Sunday to three girls and two boys. Quints occur about once every million births.

Seth, Leah, Hope, Samuel and Faith were 11 weeks early and weighed between 1 pound, 15 ounces and 3 pounds. They are in good condition at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

Babysitter found to drug kids

Babysitter Christine Long, 25, of Danville, Ill., was accused of giving nine-month-old Cory Cudney a fatal dose of prescription medicine last Monday. Cory, who was only nine months old, and his brothers, ages 2, 3, and 8, had been exhibiting peculiar symptoms that had caused residents to suspect that a bizarre illness might be making the rounds.

While the surviving brothers were released from a hospital on Thursday, Cory's funeral was held on Saturday. The local authorities charged Long with involuntary manslaughter and child endangerment.

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FROM USA TODAY

Twenty-nine cents won't do it

By JASON ALVIS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

For those of you wondering why the stamps on your mail have a G instead of a numerical value, it is because the Postal Service is printing new stamps. As of midnight, December 31, the price of a first class postage stamp is now 32 cents.

The 32 cent stamp is expected within the next month, according to Nampa Postmaster Joe DeAngelis. The G stamp has been made up for quite some time, "and the H stamp may already be available for the next stamp increase," said DeAngelis.

Some years ago, the Postal Service began to use the alphabet on their stamps as temporary value while the new stamps are in print. Have no fear, though. Just because the H stamp may be ready, does not mean that another increase is anticipated in the near future.

Normally the stamp increase comes around every three years, but "we were fortunate enough to hold

out for four. And hopefully this increase will keep us another four years," DeAngelis said.

The increase on the stamp is very reasonable considering the inflation rate from February of 1991 to September of 1994 was 12.2%, and most newspapers have increased their costs by 18% in that time, and college tuition by 39.5%. The increase on the stamp was only 10.3%. Post card postage went up only a penny, and additional charges for first class rates has not changed. Every letter over normal first class weight still only costs 23 cents extra, per ounce.

On the first day of business after the new year, seemingly every post office in the country had lines that congested their offices and led out the door. Even the Huston, Idaho Post Office ran out of stamps. "My lines were not as long, but I had plenty of business," said Postmaster Connie Hill.

Both postmasters commented that the overall feelings of their constituents were by no means negative. "You always have a few that don't like it, but

not very many," Hill said. DeAngelis commented that all of their major supporters said that they would not change businesses or alter their advertising even if the Postal Service increased their rates. The Postal Service handles 40% of the world's mail volume.

The increase has come so that the Postal Service can stay above water. It is a non-profit organization that is supposed to break even every year. "What some don't realize is that with all of our trucks and even a penny increase in the price of gasoline can cost the Postal Service \$3 million a day, and the Postal Service only gives a 1.5% to 2% wage increase to their workers, and that is not even every year," DeAngelis explained.

Pay raises are done contractually, according to one employee. And the price of a stamp is the second lowest in the world, behind only Canada. On an international scale, prices vary from Japan's 80 cents to France's 52 cents to Australia's 35 cents, just higher than The United States' 32 cents.

WORLD

Chechens fight back for freedom

By CHRIS BARRETT
STAFF WRITER

Grozny, Russia -- Pillars of black smoke continue to rise from the Chechen capital as Russian forces proceed to bomb the city. In Moscow, Russian President Boris Yeltsin is losing public support as the crisis lingers on.

"The Russians are going to bomb, bomb, bomb, and bomb," said Chechen Information Minister Movladi Udugov during a city tour. "The only thing left to them is to destroy everything from the air."

This appears to be the philosophy of the Russian leaders as they order reinforcements to Chechnya despite the rising costs of the war.

"The planes come all night long now," said Khasan Rasayev, who wears the green ribbon of the Muslim fighter. "There is nowhere to hide. They bomb in the center, in the suburbs and in the villages. They are trying to kill everything on this land. But this will go on to the very end."

This is all to true. A wounded Russian officer said out of the 20 armored vehicles in his unit, 17 were

burned with their crews.

"Our slogan is freedom or death," replied a soldier at the Chechen presidential palace. "Now we are showing the world what that means. And then we will be free. If there is one Chechen left in the world, then he will be free."

Chechnya is located in the Caucasus mountains about 1,000 miles south of Moscow. The Chechen people are mostly Muslims who are fighting for independence from the Kremlin.

"I watched it on TV. So many people were killed; there must be hundreds," remarked Nina Kizyakova a retired doctor. According to Kizyakova, President Yeltsin "should be shot for this."

A 1,000 person poll conducted by the Public Opinion Foundation after the troops entered Chechnya reports that 63 percent of the people surveyed believed Moscow should immediately withdraw the military forces from Chechnya. The poll also states that 40 percent of the people polled blame Yeltsin is responsible for the Chechen conflict, while only two percent blame the Chechen leader General Dzhokhar Dudayev.

"Our president is essentially wrong. He has no right to sacrifice our lives," replied university student Mikhail Martynov. "Now he has only two options: either to shamefully withdraw our troops or to completely level everything in Chechnya. He should apologize and admit his mistakes."

Actress Lyudmila Genika remarks, "My son is only 13 years old, but my friends' sons are now being drafted into this horrible war. We should just forget about Chechnya and solve the problem without bloodshed. But in this country, our opinions never counted for anything."

"The main mistake Yeltsin made is that he didn't act this way three years ago. If he had acted properly then, this wouldn't have happened. But if Russian troops are withdrawn, the whole northern Caucasus will turn into Chechnya," responded office manager Nelly Vinogradova.

"I'm not anti-Chechen. I'm anti-the-Chechen-way-of-behavior," Ms. Vinogradova replied. "These people are uncivilized, they are aggressive, very dangerous...this is the way they should be treated."

The Year in Review

By **DAVE BARRY**
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

It wasn't such a bad year. Really. Some good things did happen. For example, a whole bunch of historic Mideast Peace Accords got signed. I don't have the exact numbers, but it seemed as though every time you turned on the TV news, you saw a group of formerly hostile Mideast leaders historically signing some accord and hugging each other as though they'd just won the playoffs. Granted, the next day there were always fatal riots, but still.

Another good thing about 1994 was that the Earth was not struck by a giant comet chunk, which is fortunate because,

the way things were going, it almost certainly would have landed on the White House.

Also I'm pretty sure there were several foreign countries (Belgium comes to mind) to which the United

GIA



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States did NOT send troops in 1994. This is due in large part to the peacemaking efforts of Jimmy "I am NOT Going

Away Until I Get a Nobel Peace Prize" Carter, who spent the year jetting all over the globe with a briefcase containing the only known copy of the Clinton administration's foreign policy. (Jimmy, if you're reading this, the Clinton administration would like to get it back).

It was also a good year, spiritually, for us aging baby boomers; after far too many years of being obsessively and selfishly absorbed with our own lives, we are finally starting to reach the point where we become obsessively and selfishly absorbed with our own deaths. This has led to a number of inspirational best-selling books about the after-life--"Embraced by the Light," "Saved by the Light," "Garfield Sees the Light," and "The Susan Powter Post-Mortem Workout."

And speaking of fitness, 1994 was the year when the Dietary Police decided that there is a type of restaurant cuisine--broiled fish, no tartar sauce, no butter, no salt, no dessert, no wine, no coffee, no sitting in the same ZIP code as a cigarette smoker--that we could enjoy without, in most cases, suffering instantaneous cardiac arrest.

Another positive development on the health front, carried over from 1993, was the

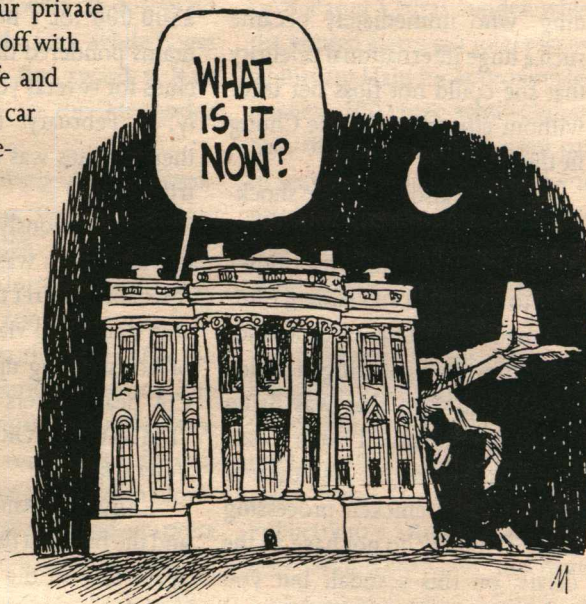
discovery that, if you are a male, and your private part gets sliced off with a kitchen knife and thrown out a car window somewhere in Virginia, it can be retrieved and surgically reattached in such a way that you can become a celebrity with a film career and a higher

Name Recognition Quotient than the secretary of defense.

And speaking of celebrities, how about star O.J. Simpson witness Brian "Kato" Kaelin? Here's a guy who had a GOOD year in 1994. A few months ago I was watching one of those All-O.J.-All-the-Time TV tabloid news shows with a name like "A Currently Hard Copy of an Edition," and they had a long segment on how, since Kato became a witness, his ratings have gone WAY up on the Los Angeles Celebrity-Meter. They even had a picture of him hanging around with Martin Sheen. (Or maybe it was Charlie Sheen. It was definitely a Sheen.) The consensus of the show-business professionals interviewed for this segment was, hey, you always hate to see innocent people get stabbed to death, but by the same token, this thing has been a BIG Shot in the arm for Kato's career.

And these are just a few of the good things that happened in 1994. The only reason why I'm not listing all the other ones is that I can't think of any. Every-

WHAT IS IT NOW?

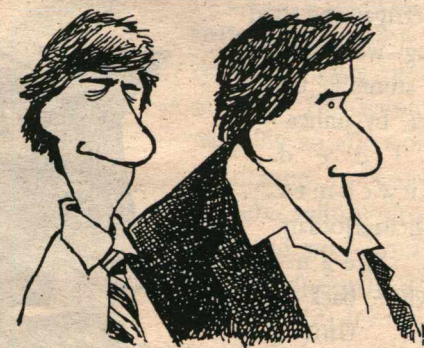


thing else that comes to mind was bad, starting with...

JANUARY

...when the world was shocked by a story involving, of all activities, women's figure skating, which heretofore had been considered a genteel sport wherein petite women wearing enough

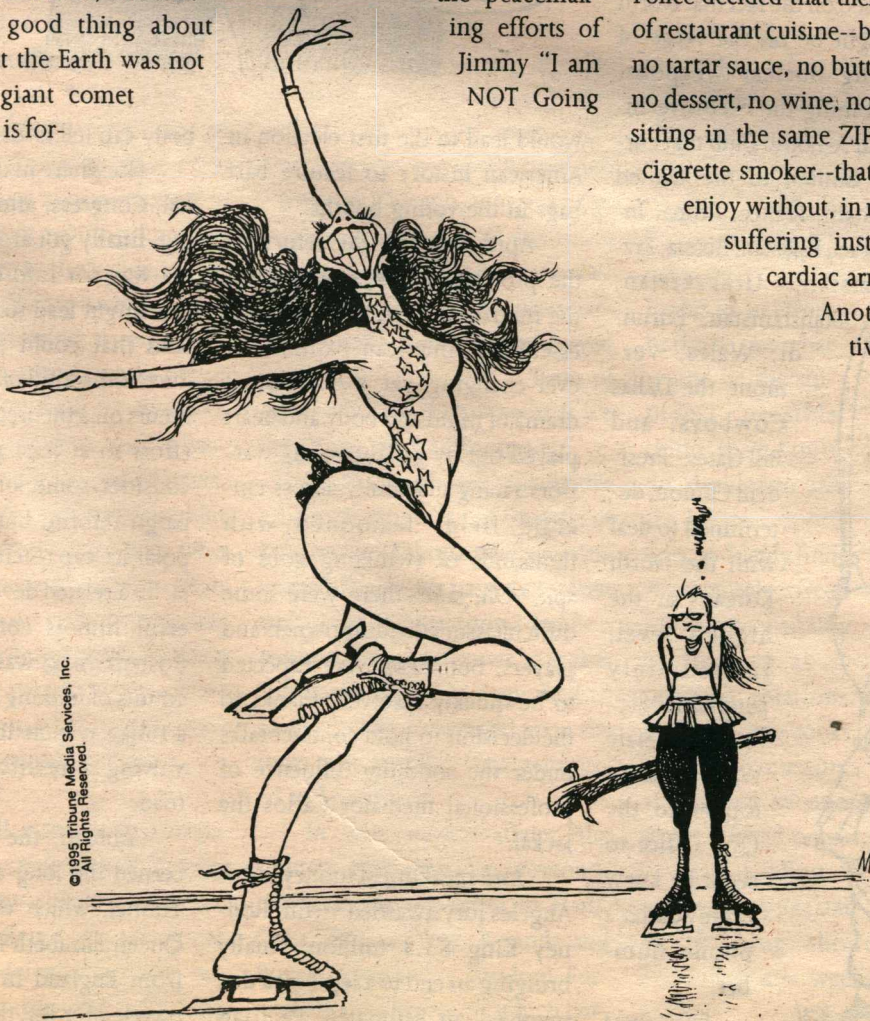
The Menendez Brothers



BEAVIS BUTT-HEAD

makeup to cover a ranch home sporadically fell on their butts in front of judges from places with names like "Ubrzezkdistan."

But all that changed on that fateful Jan. 6 in Detroit when Nancy Kerrigan, a leading contender for an Olympic gold medal, was struck on the knee by a member of a criminal conspiracy that proba-



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bly would have succeeded brilliantly except for the fact that everyone involved had the IQ of a dog biscuit. Suspicion quickly focused on amateur video-camera operator Jeff Gillooly and his intermittent wife, skater Tonya Harding, who immediately became such a huge international celebrity that she could not floss her teeth without elbowing Connie Chung in the head.

January also saw some shocking revelations in the Whitewater scandal, which traces its origins back to when Bill and Hillary Clinton made hundreds of thousands of dollars by operating a failed savings and loan that was using some woman named Paula to sell arms to the Contras. Also there is some kind of chicken-processing angle. I frankly do not have all the details on this scandal, but you may rest assured that, with Sen. Al "The Subpoena" D'Amato on the case, it will continue to be a major growth industry in Washington (Official Motto: "We Are So Gridlocked That We Can't Even Finish This Official Mot") until long after human civilization has disappeared from the Earth.

FEBRUARY

...the attention of the world turned to the Winter Olympics in Norway, where the gold medal in the women's figure-skating event--which had been endlessly hyped as a contest between Kerrigan and Harding--was won, in a stunning upset, by underdog newcomer Michael Jordan.

Meanwhile, back in the United States, the Central Intelligence Agency was demonstrating, once again, why it is known far and wide as the "Central Intelligence Agency." This was the situation: (a) The CIA knew that

somebody was leaking sensitive intelligence information, was in regular contact with Russian intelligence officials; (c) Ames, who made less than \$70,000 a year, was suddenly spending large amounts of cash, including \$500,000 for a house. Top CIA brains pondered these mysterious clues for several years, until finally, in February, the answer hit them: Ames was an Amway distributor.

No, seriously, they figured out that Ames was spying for the Russians, a secret that he had been able to conceal via the clever ruse of not standing up on his desk at CIA headquarters and screaming "I'M SPYING FOR THE RUSSIANS YOU CRETINS!"

Anyway, Ames was arrested and the brains at the CIA were once again free to dig up intelligence information vital to our national security. They're working on a tip (Don't tell anyone!) that Nikita Krushchev might be ill.

Speaking of arresting people, February was the month when the U.S. Congress established that 1994 would go down in history as The Year of Elected Officials Talking Tough About Crime Even If They Personally Happen to Be Under Indictment. Members of Congress risked physical injury in their frenzied rush to introduce ever-tougher new anti-crime measures,

including "Three Strikes and You're Out," "Two Strikes and We Poke Out Your Eyeball," "One Strike and We Put You in a Small Cell With a Large Veteran Offender Known Only as 'The Ram,'" etc.

And speaking of legislation, in...

MARCH

...the big news was the Clinton's decision--incredibly foolish, in retrospect--to declassify their Top Secret National Health Care Plan, which had been doing really well in the polls until people found out what was in it. The plan immediately became the year's hottest political issue, with the battle lines drawn as follows:

MAJOR PLAYERS OPPOSED TO THE CLINTON PLAN--The medical profession, the legal profession, the insurance companies, the drug companies, big business, small business, medium business, the Senate and the House of Representatives.

MAJOR PLAYERS IN FAVOR OF THE CLINTON PLAN--the Clintons. (Although Bill had some reservations.)

In foreign affairs, world concern focused on the fact that North Korea might be on the verge of developing nuclear weapons, thereby joining the exclusive International A-Bomb Club that currently is limited to the United States, Britain, France, China, India, Israel, Pakistan, Russia, Zrkzrkstan, Urzkzrkstan,

Stanstanistan, Burundi, Wales, Vermont, the Dallas Cowboys, and Bill Gates. President Clinton, determined to deal with the North Koreans at the highest level, immediately summoned Secretary of State Warren Christopher to the Oval Office to see if he knew Jimmy Carter's phone number.

This was quickly fol-

lowed by another foreign-policy crisis in...

APRIL

...when there was a big uproar over the decision by Singapore court--widely supported by a U.S. public fed up with criminals getting off on technicalities--to take a stout cane and whack the naked buttocks of Oliver North.

No, tragically, Singapore decided to cane somebody else, leaving North free to campaign, on a platform of victimhood, for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate seat from Virginia held by Chuck "Party Time" Robb, thus paving the way for a race that

istration. Los Angelenos were at last able to put high-profile media circus court cases behind them and once again focus their full energies on fulfilling their primary purpose in life: commuting. And speaking of the judicial system, in...

MAY

...a vacancy opened on the Supreme Court when a janitor noticed that one of the justices--possible one of the ones named "Harlan"--had apparently been retired or dead for several months. In selecting a replacement, President Clinton followed his usual decisive strategy, spending several months accepting and then rejecting every possible candidate including, at one point, Socks, before finally deciding--in a move that continued the trend toward an all-weeb court--to nominate Stephen Brier, who as far as any-



would lead to the first election in American history to feature barf bags in the voting booths.

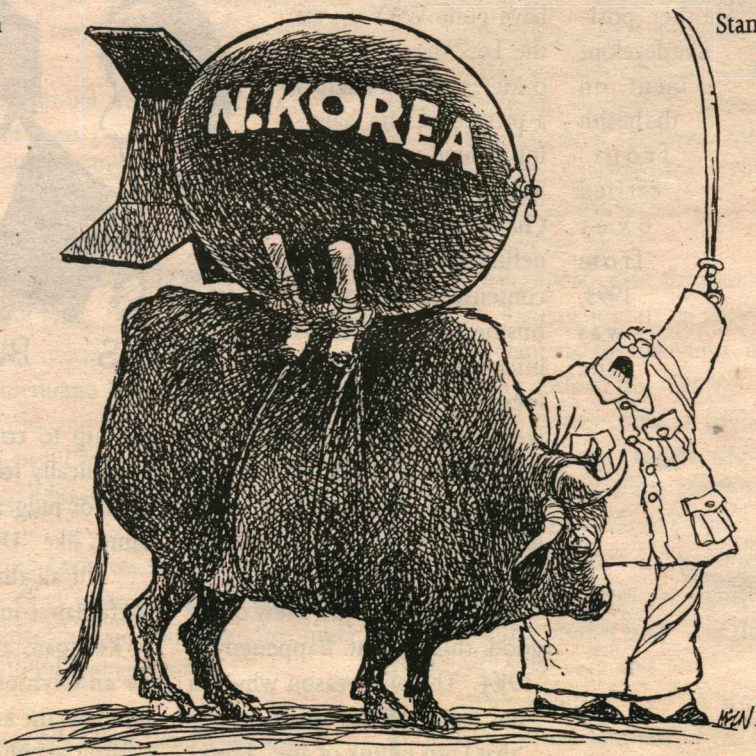
April also saw the return of the professional baseball season, the rebirth of the timeless, quintessentially American pastime, an ever-changing yet ever-constant drama of mind and body and heart played out by gallant young warriors racing gracefully across emerald fields festooned with thousands of twinkling gobs of spit. Oh, sure, there were some difficult issues dividing owners and players, but these were expected to be quickly resolved, thanks to the decision to hold contract talks under the soothing influence of professional mediator Carlos the Jackal.

And speaking of money, a Los Angeles jury awarded victim Rodney King \$3.8 million, finally bringing an end to a legal saga that involved an estimated 29 trials dating back to the Truman admin-

body can tell is also David Souter.

Elsewhere in the nation's capital, Congress, after years of stalling, finally got around to clearing the way for informal discussions that might lead to possible formal talks that could potentially produce some kind of tentative agreements on a theoretical preliminary effort to at least get Congress to consider some kind of real campaign reform, but not before the polar ice cap reaches at least Atlanta. In a related development, powerful Illinois congressman Dan Rostenkowski was indicted on 17 counts of looking like the result of a runaway genetic experiment involving a beanbag chair, and a toad.

Abroad, the big news concerned the long-awaited Channel Tunnel, which was dedicated by Queen Elizabeth II, who departed from England in a special train, traveled for less than an hour, and arrived--in a triumph of British-



French engineering--in another part of England. But for sheer transportation drama, it would be impossible to top the moment in...

JUNE

...when a white Ford Bronco containing O.J. Simpson fled on the Los Angeles freeways in a riveting real-life drama that was watched by an estimated 75 million TV viewers, making it the highest-ranked sports-celebrity freeway chase in that particular time slot, easily beating a maroon Chevrolet Blazer containing Mickey Mantle, a Mayflower moving van containing George Foreman and a U-Haul trailer containing the late Knute Rockne. Simpson was arrested and exercised his constitutional right to hire about 14 really expensive lawyers, who immediately revealed that he was a victim and embarked on a strategy of avoiding pretrial publicity by appearing at least once per day on every TV show in the nation including "Jeopardy."

Elsewhere in sports, in June the World Cup came to the United States for the first time ever and produced hundreds of exciting games with scores of 1-1 and sometimes even 2-2, culminating in a gripping championship game between Italy and Brazil that remained 0-0 for the better part of July and was finally decided when the Italian team's visas expired.

Speaking of expiring, June was the month that the epidemic of Deadly Flesh-Eating Bacteria swept the nation, claiming an estimated three victims, which works out to one victim for every 17,894,398 times the Deadly Flesh-Eating Bacteria were featured on the TV news.

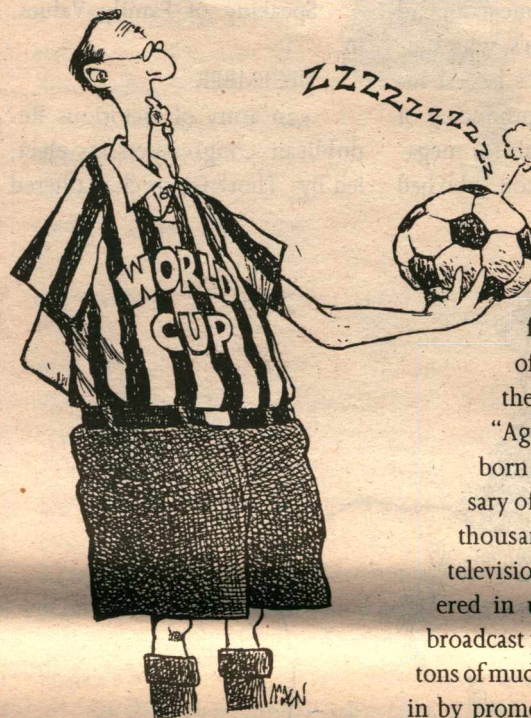
In foreign affairs, President Clinton, confounding critics who claimed that he had no foreign policy, came up with 14 separate policies regarding Haiti alone. But nobody was paying much attention to international events because it was getting to be...

JULY

...and all eyes were focused on the top-rated O.J. Simpson Hearing Show, where, in what observers believed was a critical blow to the defense, forensic experts testified that a DNA analysis had proved conclusively that lead

defense weasel Robert Shapiro was putting black shoe polish on his hair.

There was also intense speculation regarding the contents of a Mystery Envelope, which was believed to contain evidence that could prove vital to the outcome of the Simpson murder case; un-



fortunately the envelope fell into the hands of the U.S. Postal Service and was never seen again. The Postal Service was also having big trouble in Chicago, where a huge percentage of the mail was being delivered late--in some cases decades late. A concerned Postmaster General Marvin Runyon vowed to go to Chicago with a team of postal officials "just as soon as we figure out where Chicago is."

Speaking of lost, the entire nation got caught up in the saga of a cat named Tabitha who got loose inside a Tower Air passenger plane and could not be found for two weeks. The good news was that Tabitha finally turned up; the bad news was that she turned up in the form of an in-flight meal purported to be chicken.

In international affairs, the Clinton administration, responding to escalating crises in Haiti, Cuba, North Korea, Rwanda and Bosnia, installed a Random Foreign Policy Generator, which performed admirably once technicians

ironed out a few glitches that caused it to repeatedly call for air strikes against Fort Worth, Texas.

In interplanetary affairs, giant comet chunks smashed into Jupiter, forcing the administration to temporarily postpone plans to send troops there. And speaking of outer space, in...

AUGUST

...Michael

Jackson confirmed that he had married

Lisa Marie Presley in a private

ceremony attended only by members

of the immediate family and hundreds of elves. Elsewhere on

the pop music scene, the "Age of Aquarius" was re-

born on the 25th anniversary of Woodstock as tens of

thousands of high-spirited television news crews gathered

in upstate New York to broadcast pictures of millions of

tons of mud that had been trucked in by promoters at great expense

especially from this historic event.

But all was not peaches and light in August, for this was also

the month when the baseball players and owners,

all of whom were racking in millions of

dollars, after countless hours of racking their

brains in an effort to figure out what

would be the stupidest possible thing they could

do, decided to halt the season. Sports

fans, suddenly finding themselves freed of the responsibility

of thinking about pitching rotations, began reading books,

going to museums and paying attention to their loved ones.

I'm kidding, of course. They just started thinking about

football a few weeks early.

Speaking of mil-

lions of dollars, in August a jury in Albuquerque, N.M., awarded \$2.9 million to a woman who sued McDonald's after she spilled a cup of hot coffee in her lap and - get ready for a totally unforeseeable development - burned herself. Legal experts were at a loss to explain why the jury, while it was at it, did not also award at least SOMETHING to the Menendez brothers.

And speaking of severe medical trauma, in...

SEPTEMBER

...the Clinton Health Care Plan, a huge, confused water buffalo of an idea that had spent the

summer stumbling around the jungle of Capitol Hill while fierce

pygmy congresspersons riddled it with poison darts shot from blow-

guns made out of rolled-up press releases, finally keeled over, crush-

ing hundreds of lobbyists. This was a very difficult time for the

Clintons, who could not feel safe even in their own residence, as the

White House - in a chilling reminder of the vulnerability of

American presidents - was struck by a small plane piloted by an

angry, derange semicoherent individual later identified as Newt

Gin-

OCTOBER

...the opening of the National Hockey League regular season was

delayed when players and owners, after months of intense

talks mediated by Jimmy Carter, realized that the NHL regular season is a

complete waste of time anyway. This action had

virtually no effect on attendance in Canada, where sellout crowds

showed up a tricks to sheer enthusiastically ("Eh! Eh!") for the ice-

resurfacing machines.

Elsewhere in the sports industry, basket-

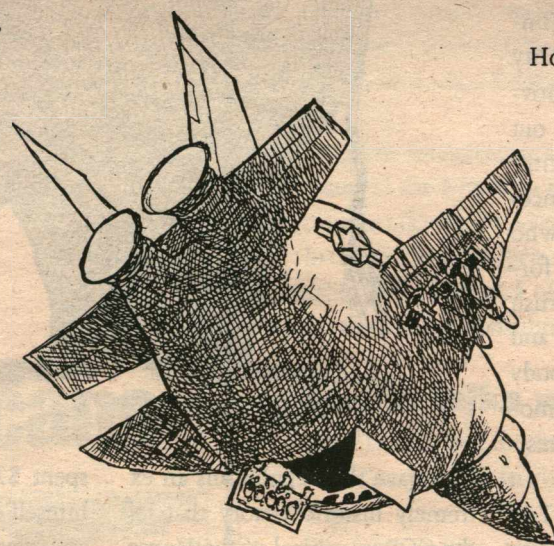
ball player Glenn "Big Dog" Robinson, having

successfully reached his junior year of college, graciously

permitted himself to be drafted by the Na-

tional Basketball Association's

Milwaukee Bucks



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and announced that he wished to be paid \$100 million. After lengthy negotiations conducted, it goes without saying, by Jimmy Carter, Dog generously agreed to reduce his price to only \$68 million, in return for a contract clause stating that he does not have to actually play basketball except when he needs to film his sneaker commercials.

In science news, the authors of a book called "The Bell Curve" created a storm of controversy with their claim to have scientific proof that human intelligence is inversely proportional to the individual human's level of interest in line dancing. Elsewhere in the publishing industry, the pope immediately claimed the No. 1 spot on the best-seller list when he came out with his enormously popular new book, "Crossing the Threshold of the Bridges of Madison County."

In politics, as the midterm congressional elections drew near, candidates for both parties educated the voters via informative, issue oriented TV commercials featuring photographs that made the opposing candidate look like Jeff Goldblum in the later stages of "Why won't (NAME OF OPPO-NENT) tell the truth about the Kennedy Assassination?"

Meanwhile, President Clinton, riding a wave of popularity not seen since the 1972 McGovern-Eagleton juggernaut, set out on an ambitious cross-country campaign tip to boost the chances of Democratic candidates, who responded by fleeing into the forest and hiding in the underbrush until the president gave up and went off in search of somebody else to boost. (The only Democratic candidate whom the president actually succeeded in campaigning with was Ted Kennedy, who was unable to flee into the forest because he couldn't fit between the trees.) Ultimately the president was forced to take his campaign abroad, winding up in (I believe) Indonesia, where prankish local leaders somehow talked him into appearing in front of TV news cameras wearing a shirt apparently decorated by sheep with digestive problems.

And things did not improve much for the president when he

returned to Washington, as the White House was struck by bullets fired by an angry, deranged semi-coherent individual later identified as Sen. Jesse Helms, R-Hell. In other military action, the United States sent 30,000 troops to Kuwait as a stern reminder to Saddam Hussein that anytime he wants to, he can yank our chain. And speaking of hostility, in...

NOVEMBER

...tens of millions of American voters, inspired by the intellectual give-and-take of the fall campaign, stayed home. But some of them went to the polls, where

2. Everybody has to stop making fun of the way white guys dance.

3. Newt gets to change his name to "Thor."

Angry voters in a number of states also voted overwhelmingly to impose term limits on members of Congress, apparently because there was no way to vote for putting them directly in jail.

Everybody was pretty happy to see the election come to an end except for Californian's, who suddenly lost their state's largest industry, namely, the producing of campaign commercials for megatwit Michael Huffington, who had

having marital problems, despite the tireless mediation efforts of Jimmy Carter. In a related and widely hailed development, United Nations Secretary General Boutros Boutros Boutros Boutros announced that UN peacekeeping troops would use "massive force" to prevent any attempt at reconciliation between victims Roseanne and Tom Arnold.

Speaking of Family Values, in...

DECEMBER

...an army of victorious Republican congresspersons-elect, led by "Thor" Gingrich, gathered

tomers Away From the U.S. Postal Service, having spent the past three years trying to come up with a price for first-class stamps that would be even less convenient than 29 cents, announced that, as of Feb. 1, the price will be 32.7 Norwegian kroner, not including delivery.

Meanwhile Congress, by an overwhelming bipartisan vote, passed GATT (acronym for "NAFTA"), a long-overdue reform of international trade under which the people responsible for importing the Power Rangers into the United States will be hunted down like dogs and shot. In a related development, executives of several major toy-store chains announced that this holiday season they would not sell realistic-looking toy guns.

"Kids won't buy them," stated the executives. "From now on we're going with guns that really shoot."

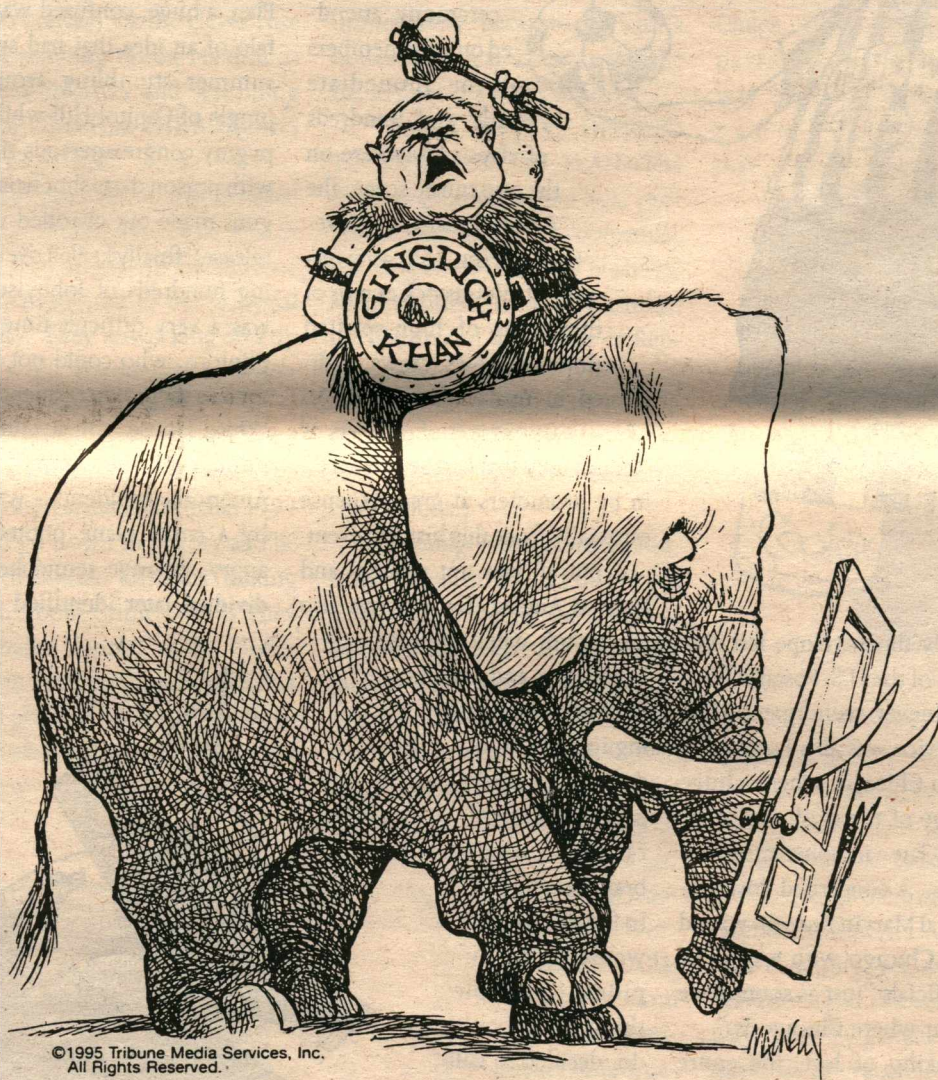
In international affairs, Miami was the scene of the Summit of the Americas—a historic and unprecedented high-level gathering in which 34 Western Hemisphere heads of state met behind closed doors to discuss possible ways to get safely back to the airport.

On the science front, a group of medical researchers announced that human obesity is caused by a gene that is transmitted by french fries. This was just one more piece of bad news for Bill Clinton, already stung by reports that a majority of leaders in his own party prefer to see the 1996 Democratic nomination go to Vice President Al Gore. Or, for the matter, Tipper.

Yes, there are many exciting developments for us to look forward to as we roll along the Los Angeles freeway of time in the white Ford Bronco of our lives. But this is not a time to dwell on the future; this is a time to relax, forgot about your cares and have yourself a...

HAPPY NEW YEAR...and if you don't, you should definitely sue.

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they gave the Republicans an extremely historic victory that left the GOP in control of the House, the Senate, the Cabinet and the first two floors of the White House. The voters were apparently attracted by the Republicans' "Contract With America," which was written by Newt Gingrich, and which contains the following provisions:

1. Money-wasting government programs will be eliminated, except of course for those programs that waste money of YOU.

spent \$28 million trying to get himself elected to the U.S. Senate, apparently not realizing that for about half that price he could have simply purchased North Dakota outright.

California also approved a referendum aimed at halting illegal immigration, although they'll probably change their minds once they realize that this means they'll have to raise their own children.

Speaking of children, in November Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley were rumored to be

in Washington and vowed that their highest legislative priority would be to enact a constitutional amendment that would permit voluntary prayer on commuter airplanes. This proposal received the definite tentative endorsement of President For Now Clinton, who invited Thor and Bob Dole to please, if they got a chance, come visit his new office in a suite of refrigerator cartons on the White House lawn.

In other government action, The Committee for Driving Cus-

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Saders crush Western Baptist

By RAY GIBLER
STAFF WRITER

The Crusader Men's basketball team completed a weekend conference sweep at home over George Fox and Western Baptist. The Saders were led by the Cascade Conference's Player of the Week Emiko Etete.

On Friday, the Saders played host to the Bruins of George Fox and defeated them 82-73. Following the strong inside play of Etete coupled with the steady, consistent offense of perimeter regulars Roy Garcia and Chad Herron, NNC jumped out to a 40-34 lead.

The Bruins closed the gap to 53-50 with 13:30 left in the game before Etete received a two-on-one breakaway pass from Bobby Tamminga feeding a monstrous dunk that left the NNC faithful dancing in the aisles.

Etete's dunk sparked a 9-0 run that he finished with a transition lay-in with 11 minutes remaining giving the Saders a 62-50 lead. He later pleased the crowd with one final dunk at the 1:10 mark. Tamminga came off the bench for an impressive second half performance of 10 points and 3 assists.

Etete led all scorers on the night with 27 points. Tony Schumacher added 12 and Roy Garcia chipped in 11.

Saturday night's contest with the Warriors of Western Baptist proved to be a continuation of the Emiko Etete show as the Crusaders won by a 91-74 tally. Etete led a balanced attack, that found five NNC players in double dig-

its, with 23 points for a weekend total of 50.

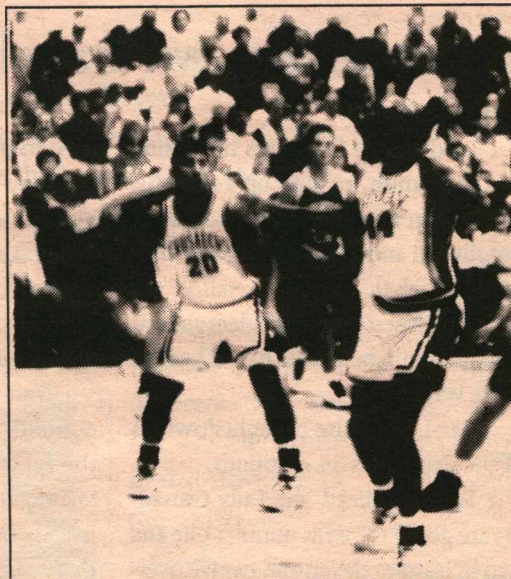
NNC played a great game defensively, forcing several rushed and ill-advised shots. Meanwhile, the potent NNC offense was able to score at will.

The Saders took a strong showing into half-time leading 53-43. In the second half, it proved to be a lot more of the same dominance. Once again, Etete took advantage of an excitable crowd with an authoritative dunk at 4:30 to make the score 81-61. Just minutes later, Justin Marion came off the bench and delighted the crowd with a breakaway reverse slam.

In addition to Etete's 23 points, Herron added 14, Trevor Stott 13, Tony Schumacher, 12, and Garcia 11. Etete's 12 rebounds gave him the added honor of his second double-double in as many nights following his 14 rebounds of Friday's action.

On the season, the Crusaders have compiled a 10-4 record, and 3-1 in conference. The team's scoring leaders include Etete with 16.7 points per game, Tony Schumacher with 11.9, and Herron with 11.6.

Etete also leads the team in rebounds with 93, however he is closely followed by Trevor Stott with 92. Etete leads the team in field goal percentage at 58.3% and is second in steals with 31



Emiko Etete was named Cascade Conference Player of the Week. (Stephen Mann)

behind Garcia (35).

Chad Herron leads the team with 3-pointers made with 42-118 (35.6%), while Tony Schumacher has hit 30 for a 50.8% average. NNC is shooting 44.7% from the field on the season and 35% from the 3-point line. From the charity stripe, the Saders are a tepid 67.8%.

In other Cascade Conference action this weekend, the Coyotes of Albertson College dropped two league games losing to Western Baptist on Friday 98-76, and to George Fox on Saturday 99-89.

The Workin' Crusaders return to action at 7:30 p.m. tonight against Montana Tech, before hosting Albertson College this coming Saturday at the same time.

VOLLEYBALL

Crusaders named All Americans

By RICK SKEEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Tricia Anderson, senior right side hitter for the Lady Crusader volleyball team this past fall, was selected to the 1994 NAIA Volleyball All-America First Team.

Teammates Cheri Dailey and Laurie Vail were All-America selections also. Dailey was named to the third team, while Vail was an honorable mention selection.

Anderson, who is from Kalispel,

Montana, led NNC to a 35-8 record and the Cascade Collegiate Conference championship.

Anderson was also named as the Co-MVP of the Pacific Northwest Region and the MVP of the Cascade Collegiate Conference.

Anderson set or tied five school records this past season; most blocks in a match (11), most kills in a season (551), best hitting percentage in a season (.323), kill average per game for the season (5.1), and most digs in a season (425).



Tricia Anderson spikes as Dailey and Vail look on. (Stephen Mann)

SPORTS BRIEFLIES

Wilkins winningest coach ever

Atlanta Hawks coach Lenny Wilkins picked up win number 939 to become the NBA's all-time winningest coach, passing up former Boston Celtic great Red Auerbach. Wilkins has one NBA title in his 22 seasons in the NBA, compiling a 939-793 record for a .542 percentage.

Wilkins began coaching in Seattle (where he won his only title), moved to Portland, then back to Seattle, on to Cleveland, and finally moved to Atlanta at the beginning of the 1993-94 season.

Red Auerbach drops to second on the list with a 938-479 record, a .662 winning percentage. Auerbach spent his first four years with Washington before moving to the Celtics. At Boston, he tallied eight straight titles and nine total in his 16 seasons there. Dick Motta is the third winningest coach with 869 wins.

Hockey season is on thin ice

The Board of Governors for the National Hockey League voted 19-7 Saturday morning in a Manhattan law office not to accept the players' "final offer" to resolve hockey's labor dispute. This decision followed a seven hour meeting.

The players have until today to respond to the owners' demands, or the entire 1994-95 season will be cancelled. The main issues at stake are still the proposed salary cap and a luxury tax on large contract players.

NFL playoffs down to final four

Coming as no big surprise to the odds makers, the NFL playoffs have come down to the number 1 and 2 teams in both the AFC and the NFC.

On Saturday, San Francisco won big over the Chicago Bears by a score of 44-15. Pittsburgh also routed Cleveland 29-9.

In Sunday's games, the Dallas Cowboys easily defeated the Green Bay Packers 35-9, and San Diego barely made it past Miami on a missed field goal with :01 left for a final score of 22-21.

The semi-finals feature a matchup of arguably the two best teams in the NFL with the Cowboys traveling to San Francisco to take on the 49ers in Candlestick park.

In the AFC, the Chargers travel to Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh for a rematch of the regular-season finale that handed the Steelers their third loss of the year.

Erickson talks with Seahawks

Miami Hurricane football coach Dennis Erickson has expressed an interest in the Seattle Seahawk coaching opening.

The Seattle native, who compiled a 63-9 record in 6 seasons at Miami along with two national titles, said that "This is the only [NFL] job I can imagine taking."

The Seahawks, 14-34 in the last three seasons with Tom Flores, have not made the playoffs since 1988 and have not had a winning season since 1990.

Erickson, who met with majority owner Ken Behring and his son David on Saturday morning, has said he will likely decide his future in the next ten days.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Saders fall to George Fox in league opener

Crusaders explode late in the game, but can't recover from horrendous first-half performance

By APRIL SCHROCK
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Saders look to bounce back from last weekend's loss with two weekend games.

On Friday January 6th, the Lady Crusaders took on George Fox College in their first league meeting of the year.

Despite a strong attempt to come back in the second half, the 10-3 Crusaders could not get over the hill.

"When you're out-shot by 24% and out rebounded by 15 in the first half, it's hard to come back and win a game," responded Coach Schmidt.

At the half, the ladies went into the locker room down 22 to 37.

"We played very tentative until the last 12 minutes; that's when we started to play the way we want to play,"

Schmidt added.

Leading the Crusaders in scoring was Kari Smith, racking up 14 points. Sandra Van Langen added 11, Donna Knight 10, and Ellen Duncan and Erica Walton each 9.

The closest the Lady Saders got was four points in the second half. The final score was 73-69.

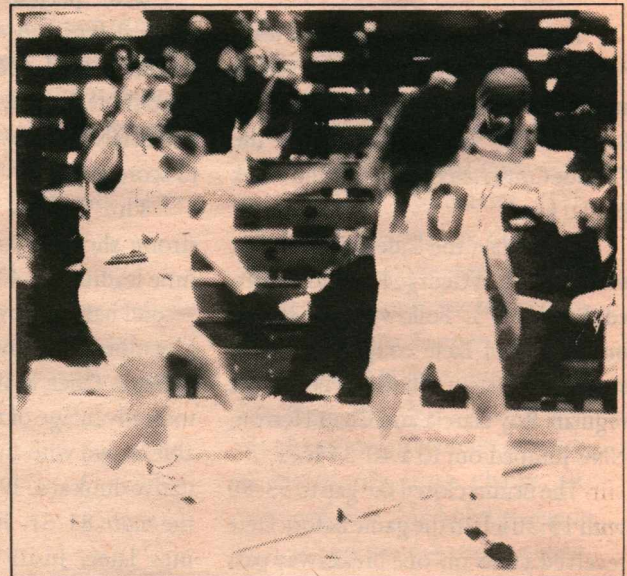
Van Langen also brought down 11 of the Crusader's 34 rebounds.

Looking ahead, the Lady Crusaders are going for wins number one and two in league, eleven and twelve overall this weekend.

The ladies take on Concordia Friday at 7:00 p.m. and Western Oregon on Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

"We just need to play how we know how to play as a team and forget about last weekend," commented the frustrated Knight.

Van Langen echoed the thoughts of her teammate, "We just need to go out there this weekend and start off like we really do know how to play."



Point guard Mary Kessel will lead the Lady Crusaders back into action this weekend. (Stephen Mann)

NFL FOOTBALL

Cowboys battle Niners, while Chargers face Pitt

Feel free to agree, disagree, or laugh at our ideas of who will be the next Super Bowl Champion. If you think your ideas are better than ours, let us know.

Dave McEwen, Rick Skeen, and Toby Jeffrey discuss the final games of the NFL Playoffs and make their predictions.

NFC Championship: Dallas Cowboys vs. San Francisco 49ers

Toby: Have you ever tried to stop a Mack truck when all pistons are firing? Dallas will find out when they visit Candlestick. Yes, the Cowboys are strong, but Steve Young redefines the word determination in his quest for the elusive Ring. San Francisco 35, Dallas 21.

Rick: The defending champs will beat the 49ers because, well, they are the defending champs. Forget the fact it is in San Fran. Forget the fact that Emmitt Smith is injured. The Cowboys know how to win and the Niners and Steve Young don't. Dallas takes it 27-24.

Dave: As soon as the Cowboys took the trophy to the locker room last year, NFL prognosticators began hyping the "inevitable" NFC rematch of two teams that were operating on a "Higher Level" than the rest of the league. However, Dallas is a team that always seems to have an extra rabbit to pull from the helmet. My 49ers lose to the hated Cowboys 24-17.

AFC Championship: San Diego Chargers vs. Pittsburgh Steelers

Rick: The Chargers were picked to finish last in the AFC West, even behind my lowly Seahawks. They won the West and will beat Pittsburgh for the

into a great team. Isn't it great to be on a winning streak going into the playoffs? Chargers, in the upset, 23-13

Toby: Cold Weather, D-Fence, 'Nuf Said. Foster runs for one, O'Donnell throws for one, the Pitt "D" scores one on its own. Throw in a couple of field

Bowl as the Cowboys trounce the Chargers 38-17. After the Cowboys win the Bowl, Jimmy Johnson can tuck his enormous ego away for awhile as he realizes he didn't win the other two all by himself.

Toby: Pittsburgh's stingy defense will hold San Fran's offense for a while, but the 49ers defense will simply stop Foster and O'Donnell. Halftime: Niners 10, Steelers 7. Pittsburgh's defense will be on the field too often to be effective through the stretch. Final: 49ers 34, Steelers 10.

Dave: With all the hype concerning the NFC and its decade-long reign in the Big Show, this may be the year that the high-flying Cowboys start spending too much time making endorsements, and not enough time on the practice field. Emmitt will have lots of time to do those McDonalds' ads after he re-re-injures his hamstring in the 49er game. The Cinderella team takes the Lombardi Trophy to the coast: San Diego 37, Dallas 20

Other Predictions

John Fraley- 49ers 35, Pittsburgh 3. Tim Schlack- Dallas 24, Pittsburgh 17. Andrew Zirschky- Chargers 21, Cowboys 17.

	49ers	Cowboys	Steelers	Chargers
Quarterback	A+	B+	B-	B
Off. line	A	A-	A	B-
Def. line	A-	A-	A	B-
Receivers	A+	A	B	B
Def. Backs	A+	B+	A+	C+
Run. Backs	B	A	A+	A
Linebackers	A-	B	A-	A+
Coaching	B+	C	B+	A-
Total GPA	3.825	3.375	3.663	3.213

same reason--no one expects them to, so they will. I've heard enough about the Pittsburgh defense. I bet they couldn't hold the Dolphins to zero points in a half. San Diego wins, 23-17.

Dave: Who can figure out the Chargers? The Jekyll and Hyde team of 1994 started out as Super Bowl contenders, sank to astounding lows, endured injuries, and is now gelling again

goals, and you have Pittsburgh 27, San Diego 10.

Superbowl XXVIII at Joe Robbie Stadium, Miami Florida.

Rick: The Cowboys' have the experience and the talent advantage over San Diego. Emmitt will be healthy and it will be another boring Super

Second Coffee House coming Saturday

Freeman's Attic will perform for next Coffee House.

By TIM SCHLACK
OPERATIONS MANAGER

NNC students will once again be able to relax and enjoy the fresh aroma of gourmet coffee at this weekend's first ASNNC sponsored event of the second term.

Once again the cafeteria will be

transformed for a night at the Underground Escape. The coffee house will take place after the Crusader basketball game, this Saturday night. Admission for the night of enjoyment will be the minimum price of one dollar.

Coffee House Director Sherry Bothum hopes to make this event different than the last Coffee House in that the focus of the night will be comedy.

Freeman's Attic will play for the guests between comedy skits and and various comical songs. Students will be able to play cards to their hearts content while socializing.



Back by popular demand, vanilla cokes will return to the menu of drink selections.

Students should be aware that there might be possible "open air" mic time for impromptu poetry or

readings for students who wish to share.

The night will allow students to savor java in a relaxing and comical setting. Come and take a break at the Underground Escape.

Mr. NNC nominations Friday

By TOBY JEFFREY
CAMPUS EDITOR

This Friday, the process of choosing NNC's third Mr. NNC will begin.

A steep Northwest Nazarene College tradition which began in 1993, the M. NNC competition pits the best male talent that can be found on this fine campus, or

Southern Idaho for that matter.

Mr. NNC nominations are slated for Friday, Jan. 10.

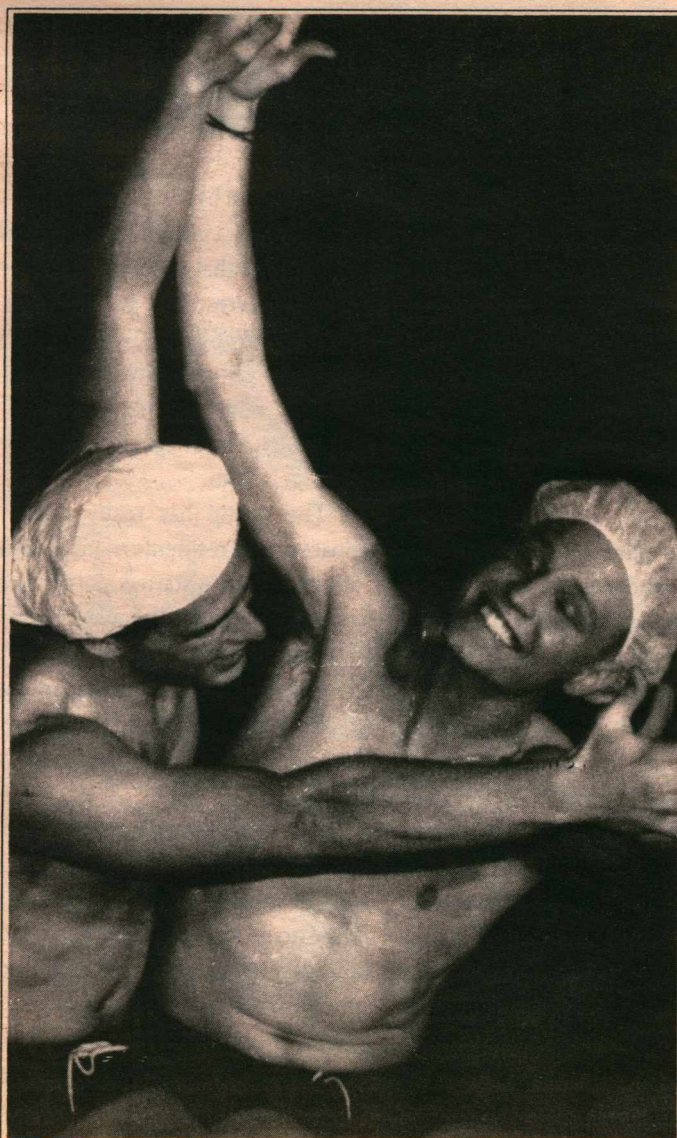
Past contest winners include the infamous Will Bennett, who will be passing his crown on to this year's winner. Danny Freeborn holds the honor of being NNC's first Mr. NNC contest winner.

At left, Will Bennett and Brent Fladmo perform in the 1994 Mr.

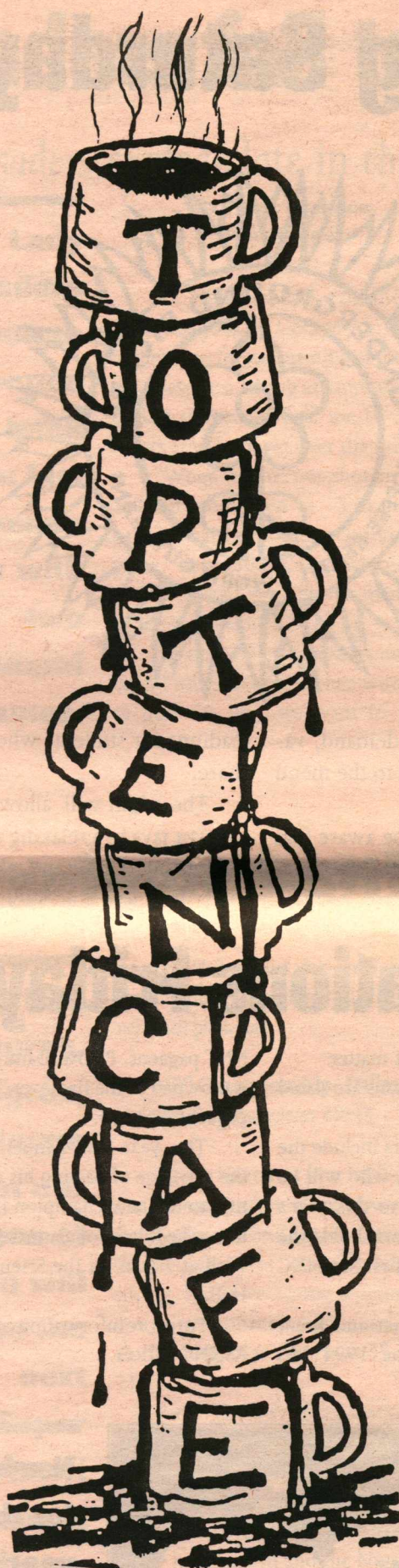
NNC pagaent. Below, Danny Freeborn is crowned in the first ever "Mr. NNC" pagaent in 1993.

This year Will Bennett will have the privilege of passing his crown and title to the new champion in the contest scheduled for Saturday, January 28th at 7 p.m. in the Science Lecture Hall.

For more information contact your ASNNC officer.



Nominations for this year's Mr. NNC pagaent will be Friday in the Student Center.



**Every Thursday
Night Starting
At 8:00**

LEADers hold second retreat

**RAY GIBLER
STAFF WRITER**

For nearly one hundred NNC students, last weekend was an opportunity to remember commitments made and responsibilities inherited from the past.

Members of ASNNC, all of the RAs and PAs from all of the NNC residence halls, the crew of peer counselors, ministry club presidents, members of security, and intramural directors all gathered at 9:00 a.m. for L.E.A.D. Again.

Vice President for Student Development Dr. Ken Hills called on the group to remember the excitement that was generated just four months ago in preparation for the beginning of the 1994-95 school year. Hills equated this time of remembrance to the time when Jacob of biblical times built an altar at Bethel to remember God's goodness and faithfulness.

Hills later reminded the leaders gathered that "We are all part of a team with the purpose of impacting the campus." He praised them with a recount of the successful term that was just completed.

College Chaplain Gene Schandorff picked up with the same theme that concluded L.E.A.D. retreat last September by reminding those in attendance that they were all part of the big picture. He said that although circumstances tend to make one focus on just their little piece of the puzzle, we need to sometimes take a step back and get reacquainted with what is going on overall.

The morning session ended with some time spent in small groups, followed with a time for prayer for the individuals in every one of the small groups.

The afternoon found the group in the NNC bus and three vans in search

of snow and slopes (for sledding). After ruling out some lucrative areas only approachable by icy roads, the group settled for Pickle Butte.

Although the sledding was difficult at times, with only a few inches of snow, the energetic troops found entertainment in a massive snowball fight.

Favorite targets in the group included PC coordinator and Director of Counseling Joanne Rittmueller, Ken Hills, Director of Campus Life Carey Cook, Southerland RD David Miller, and Multi-Cultural Director Eric Ely, to name a few.

After fun in the snow, the group piled back into the vehicles and headed for Givens Hot Springs for a relaxing time in the warm mineral water.

One L.E.A.D.er summed up the day by saying, "It was a great chance to regain perspective, renew a sense of team unity, and have a lot of fun together."

MINISTRY CLUBS

Angels Club serves the elderly

**By TIM SCHLACK
STAFF WRITER**

Throughout the year Campus Ministries Clubs provide opportunities for involvement in the lives of others. A new ministry club called Angels now offers students yet another avenue to community service.

Angels ministers to a group of nineteen elderly people in the R & V Shelter Home located in Nampa. The nineteen members of the home are between the ages of 60 and 90 and are mildly retarded.

The purpose of this ministry group is to simply spend time with a group of people that lack normal everyday contact with the outside world. Some activities of the ministry group include weekly visits to play bingo with the residents and share an occasional Saturday lunch.

Last term the club provided a surprise Thanksgiving dinner to the people of the shelter home and followed up at Christmas time with a gift drive.

"Both were a great success and a lot of fun," said club president Angie Inselman, reporting that both students and members of a church helped make the projects a reality.

This term the club plans to do more activities that will help the people grow socially. Plans this spring may include a trip to the park or the Boise Zoo.

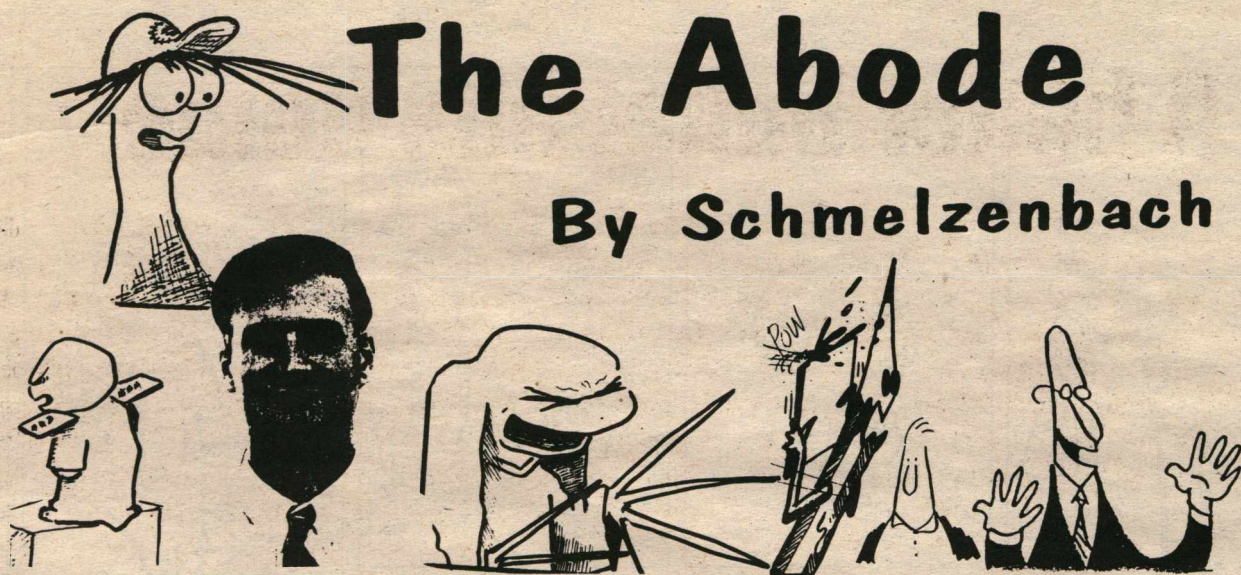
Club president Angie Inselman encourages students to become involved in the group. She said that participating in this group is something that they are not usually able to do and is a worthwhile experience. "Our group has become our family," said Inselman.

The group began as a mere curiosity for Inselman when she worked at Deli Delight, a luncheon establishment that was frequented by many residents of the shelter home. After asking the manager of the home several questions about the people, Inselman sought ways of serving her new found friends.

She began by visiting the home on her own with a couple of friends. She then realized that other NNC students might be interested in the visitation of the residents of R & V. All of this took place last year and now the group is growing, with an average of ten to fifteen NNC students participating in the Angels club.

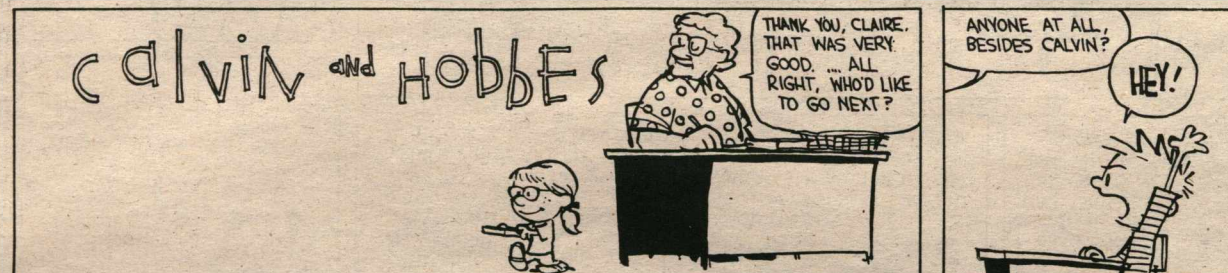
The group has really made an impact on the residents, said Inselman. "When we first started going to the home one lady never spoke. This past December the lady verbally invited me to see her bedroom. The manager was even surprised at the lady's change in attitude toward communicating verbally."

The club plans to meet every Tuesday evening about 6:30 p.m. in the student center lounge to go to the home to play bingo and every other Saturday to take the residents out to lunch. If you have any questions, call Angie Inselman for further information about this wonderful opportunity to serve the community in Nampa.



The Abode

By Schmelenbach



THOUGH THEY LOOK LIKE ORDINARY DRIVEWAY GRAVEL TO THE UNTUTORED EYE OF THE IGNORANT LAYMAN, I IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED THESE AS PIECES OF JAWBONE FROM A NEW SPECIES OF CARNOSAUR!



IN THIS DRAMATIC ILLUSTRATION, I'VE RE-CREATED THE COMPLETE CALVINOSAURUS AS IT WOULD HAVE APPEARED IN THE LATE JURASSIC! ITS COLORATION HERE IS SOMEWHAT CONJECTURAL.



I'LL BE PUBLISHING MY FULL FINDINGS SHORTLY! UNDOUBTEDLY, I'LL BE THE RECIPIENT OF MANY LUCRATIVE PALEONTOLOGY PRIZES, AND IN A MATTER OF WEEKS, PRESTIGE, FAME AND FORTUNE WILL BE MINE!



WHEN THIS HAPPENS, YOU CAN BE DARN SURE THAT THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE MEAN TO ME IN SCHOOL WILL SUFFER APPROPRIATELY!



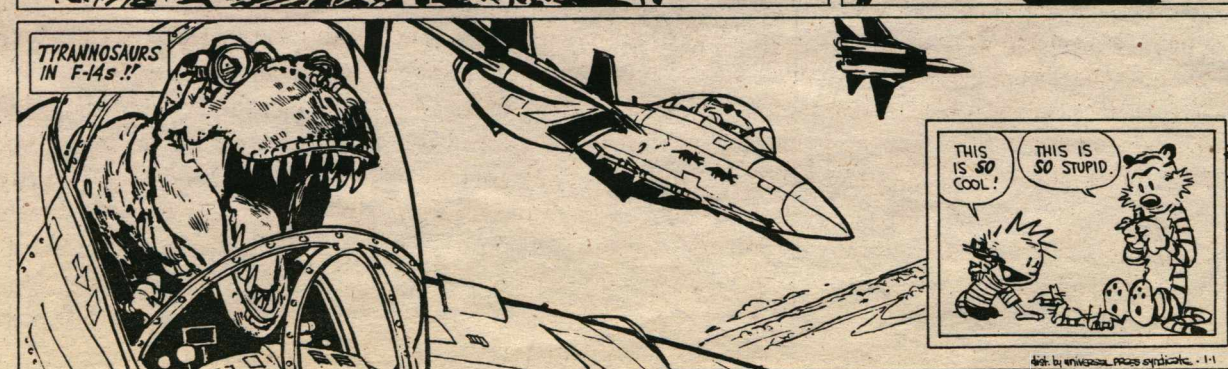
I'LL EMPLOY MY RESOURCES TO MAKE YOUR PUNY LIVES MISERABLE! I'LL CRUSH YOUR PITIFUL DREAMS AND AMBITIONS LIKE BUGS IN THE DUST!



...BUT THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE! I'M NOW ACCEPTING A LIMITED NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS TO BE MY PAL. THE COST IS JUST \$20 PER PERSON, AND YOU CAN REVEL IN THE ASSOCIATION FOR A LIFETIME! ANY TAKERS?



OH YEAH? YOU JUST WAIT!



CALENDAR JANUARY

Tuesday 10

- *Faculty/Staff Fellowship, 10:15 am @ WDR
- *Men's Basketball vs. Montana Tech., 7:30pm

Wednesday 11

- *Chapel w/ Wendell Bowes, 10:15am @ College Church
- *New Student Party, 5:30pm @ WDR
- *Time Out, 6:30pm @ WMDR

Thursday 12

- *ACT exam, 8:30am-12:30pm @ SLH

Friday 13

- *ASNNC Worship Chapel, 10:15am @ College Church
- *Women's Basketball vs. Concordia, 7:30pm
- *Mr. NNC Nominations

Saturday 14

- *Women's Basketball vs. Western Oregon State College, 5:30pm
- *Men's Basketball vs. Albertson's College of Idaho, 7:30pm
- *ASNNC Event, specifics TBA

Sunday 15

Monday 16

- *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, observed by everyone but NNC
- *Chapel, 10:15am @ College Church
- *Last day to drop classes w/o a "W"

*Calendar compiled by Jason Alvis

calvin and Hobbes

by BILL WATSON

Panel 1: I'M BORED. LET'S GO IN. BUT WE'VE ONLY BEEN OUT HERE A FEW MINUTES.

Panel 2: THIS IS TAKING TOO LONG. WHAT'S THE HURRY? WE'VE GOT ALL DAY!

Panel 3: YEAH, BUT IT'S KIND OF COLD, AND THE SUN'S TOO BRIGHT, AND MY GLOVES ARE GETTING WET.

Panel 4: AND WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, BUILDING A SNOWMAN IS A LOT OF WORK. I DIDN'T COME OUT HERE TO DO SOMETHING HARD.

Panel 5: BESIDES, WHAT IF THE SNOWMAN DOESN'T COME OUT VERY GOOD? WE'D BE FAILURES! WHO WANTS TO BE A FAILURE?!

Panel 6: OR EVEN IF IT'S GOOD, WHAT'S THE POINT? IT'S JUST GOING TO MELT IN A FEW WEEKS ANYWAY! IT'S ALL FUTILE!

Panel 7: SO INSTEAD OF WASTING MY TIME, I'M GOING TO GO INSIDE, PULL DOWN THE SHADES AND WATCH TV.

Panel 8: THAT WAY, IN COMPLETE PHYSICAL COMFORT, I CAN VICARIOUSLY EXPERIENCE THE ACTIVITY OF ACTORS PRETENDING TO DO THINGS!

Panel 9: ARE YOU SURE IT'S NOT TOO MUCH TROUBLE TO TURN ON THE TV? THAT'S WHY WE HAVE A REMOTE CONTROL.

Panel 10: VIRTUAL REALITY IS ALREADY HERE. I CAN'T BELIEVE THE ONLY WAY TO GET INSIDE IS BY WALKING.

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Panel 11: BRRRR! I'M FREEZING! YOU NEED A NICE FUR COAT LIKE MINE. I'M ALL TOASTY.

Panel 12: I'LL JUST PUT MY FEET ON YOUR BACK. OK? OOH, YOU ARE WARM! GAAAA!

Panel 13: QUIT THRASHING AROUND! YOU'RE LETTING IN COLD AIR! WELL, KEEP YOUR ICY FEET ON YOUR OWN SIDE OF THE BED THEN!

Panel 14: THEY WERE! YOUR BIG BEHIND WAS ON MY SIDE! THAT'S YOUR SIDE! THIS IS THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE AND THIS IS MY SIDE!

Panel 15: ALL THAT? NO WAY, YOU HOG! IN FACT, THE WHOLE BED IS MY SIDE! ANIMALS SHOULD SLEEP ON THE FLOOR! OH, THAT DOES IT!

Panel 16: YOU AND YOUR HAIRLESS PINK MONKEY SUIT CAN FREEZE SOLID! I'M LEAVING! HEY! DON'T TAKE THE BLANKET!

Panel 17: THUMP THUMP THUMP COME BACK HERE! I'LL GET YOU! GIMME THAT!

Panel 18: ...NOW WHERE'D HE GO??



GAAAA! SOMEBODY'S FEET ARE LIKE ICE!!

CALVIN HAD ANOTHER NIGHTMARE.

IF IT'S TOO CROWDED, YOU GUYS ARE WELCOME TO SLEEP DOWNSTAIRS.

