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In Campus News



"I'm sorry, you can't rent here." Should NNC students expect to hear that? Page 5 has the answer.

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"Not just for boys anymore": a ladies' soccer team captain takes a look at the team's inaugural season. Turn to page 15 right away.



Column One

Wow, a week off sure does wonders for the stress level. It's amazing how motivated everyone is now.

This term, we keep getting great suggestions on new features, new sections, new columns. Several people have inquired about the possibility of an arts page. Many have asked us to include movie times in our listing. Many have wondered how we justify reviewing R-rated films.

We have responses to all of those "suggestions." But I only have space here to address that third issue. Here's a clarification of our reviews policy: we know a significant portion of the NNC student body doesn't even consider rating a factor when selecting movies. But we do. Though it's not our policy to go and seek out R-rated material, it is our policy to provide you with our opinion, which will be slanted toward a Christian perspective. We'll give a bad 'R' movie a bad review, and a good, meaningful 'R' movie a good review. But in the end, please remember two things: for one, reviewing a movie is completely and totally different than endorsing it, and each review is the sole opinion of the reviewer.

And if you have further "suggestions," please send them to us in Box C in the form of a letter, so we can print them for the whole campus to consider. Shalom.

-- John Fraley
Editor-in-Chief

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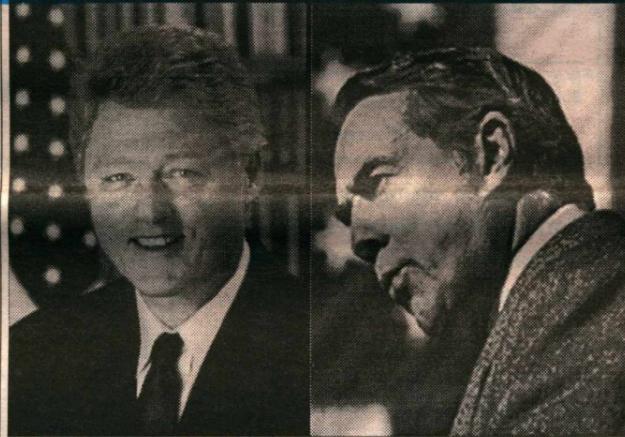
Special campaign '96 pullout inside

Seven short days remain in the '96 races for the White House and Congress.

Even if you've decided for whom to vote, it won't be a waste of your time to peruse our cover story. We've got profiles of both potential presidential winners, as well as **exclusive interviews with Idaho's senatorial candidates.**

And for information on races in Washington, Oregon, and Colorado, you'll want to turn to pages 15 and 16.

CLINTON GORE 96 DOLE KEMP



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PreVue Days: is it really as bad as everyone says it is?

It has become a tradition of sorts to dog on PreVue Days. Every October, you hear a horror story or two, describing a young guest who raids the fridge, hogs the showers, or even steals a CD or four.

But is PreVue Days really all that bad of an event? And would our enrollment (down 70 this year, in case you hadn't noticed) be a wee bit better off if we could endure it silently instead of making life miserable for the high schoolers? Now that those who are affectionately called "the space invaders" are gone, we look at both sides of PreVue in this week's issue.

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"If man is a thinking animal, the psychological urge to communicate his views, visions, fears, hopes and anxieties cannot, in the end, be regulated by a body of legal interfaces, provisions or restrictions." -Isaias Afwerki, Eritrean president, 1995

Bookstore open in evenings

By Stephanie Merick
Staff Writer

Have you been to the bookstore on Tuesday nights? If you haven't, you have missed out on the latest espresso on campus! Tuesday night from 8-11 is your last chance to enjoy the bookstore in the evening. Students have the opportunity to study, play games or just drink espresso with friends in a comfortable environment. The bookstore is close enough to walk to, but if the thought of walking to your dorm late at night isn't a pleasant one, don't worry, the security usually shows up to grab a shot of caffeine.

The outdoor tables are arranged inside and board games are available to customers. On past Tuesday nights, there have been anywhere from 15 to 25 students, who study, shop, get involved in deep political conversations, or a game of Battleship.

"I've been there every night it's been open. I pretend to study, but most of the time I just visit with my friends. It's a great atmosphere," said junior Jenny Bangsund.

Senior Carl Ganske, a bookstore employee who has worked during the evening sessions, enjoys the atmosphere as well. "It's a good place to study and hang out. There's nothing like this open at that time."

"We're just going to do it in October, because we're not getting a lot of people. I need to make enough to pay for help," said Barbara Hull, Bookstore manager.

"In November, the dorms are coming in on Monday nights, and [we'll] do a pre-Christmas sale, have giveaways at certain times in the evening, and the espresso machine will be open. I've worked it out with the R.D.'s," Hull



The bookstore is a favorite hang-out for some (photo by Chtangeev).

explained.

If you feel the need for caffeine on Tuesday night, come sample what the bookstore has to offer.

"It's a great place to study and hang out," said senior Karl Ganske.

NNC Notepad

In athletics news...

Where's Clyde??? Clyde, are you out there?? We need your enthusiasm and presence at all men's home basketball games. Hey, don't worry about practice time. Just be ready to go at game time.

Students interested in being NNC's Crusader mascot, Clyde, should pick up an application in the Athletic office of the gymnasium and return it by November 6, 1996.

--NNC Notepad notes taken by Gina Grate, Campus News Editor



NNC 1 Notepad

Corlett extends open house

By Judy Clark
Staff Writer

The open house hours at Corlett have recently been changed to Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-1 a.m. and Friday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 a.m.

The hours were changed after the Dorm Council sent a survey to the Corlett residents. There was a large response to the survey, which revealed that half of the Corlett community wanted 24 hour open house privileges and that 91 percent of the residents wanted some extension made to the open house times.

Since the Dorm Council felt that continuous open house would not be approved by Vice President of Stu-

dent Development Ken Hills and Director of Residential Life Karen Pearson, they made an official proposal of Sunday through Thursday 10 a.m.-2 a.m. and Friday through Saturday 10 a.m.-3 a.m..

Even though the open house hours were extended, they didn't correspond with the initial preference of the dorm presented by the survey results.

A member of Corlett's Dorm Council, Helen Warriner, said, "Essentially, we feel it's (new open house hours) the same thing as the 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. fresh-

men curfew."

Some of the Dorm Council's arguments stemmed from the fact that the majority of the dorm's residents are 21 years old. They felt that since they were upperclassmen, they were old

enough and mature enough to handle the longer hours. In addition, NNC students living in Olsen apartments are given more freedom.

"Our rationale for not having the same policies like Olsen are that there are some sophomores and juniors

"I'm confident in the decision made because I feel it's the best solution for everyone," said junior Jenny Bangsund.

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NNCalendar

October 29 - November 11	29 11:00a-6:00p Senior yearbook pictures, for real this time.	30 10:15a Chapel 11:00a-6:00p Senior yearbook pictures. 9:00p Time Out	31 11:00a-6:00p Underclassmen yearbook pictures	1 10:15a Chapel 11:00-6:00p Underclassmen yearbook pictures 3:00p MSoc-Cascade	Weekend 2-3 11:00a-6:00p Underclassmen yearbook pictures 12:00p MSoc-Evergreen 7:30p WBB-N Montana
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4 10:15a Chapel	5 8:30-12:00p COMP Exam ELECTION DAY!!	6 10:15a Chapel 9:00p Time Out National Nazarene College Day of Prayer	7 8:00p Concert Band-SLH	8 10:15a Chapel-Brennan Manning 7:00p VB-Lewis and Clark Senior Night	Weekend 9-10 11:00a VB-Alumni 8:00p ASNNC Coffee House ASNNC Event
			Board of Regents		

Looking Ahead in November:

November 11th-
Red Cross Blood Drive

November 15th-16th
US Bank Tip-Off Tournament

November 18th-22nd
Chapel Faculty Sharing Mission

November 23rd-
Powder Puff Football

NNC Notepad

An Apology

In the October 15 issue of *The Crusader*, the Cover Story section misquoted a student about the sports arena where the Continental Basketball team will hold their games. This unfortunate student is Brian Porterfield, who was quoted as saying that there will be hockey in this new stadium. Sorry, Brian.

Karolyn Roberts has suggested to Dr. Laird that students be allowed to contribute to a time capsule that is being built into NNC's new prayer chapel. Dr. Laird brought her suggestion to Student Development, where it was approved.

Adjacent to this box is a form which can be filled out by anyone interested, with name, class and favorite Bible verse. Remove the form and return it to either Dr. Laird, Student Development, or the Crusader Box C. The forms will be put in the time capsule.

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October 29, 1996

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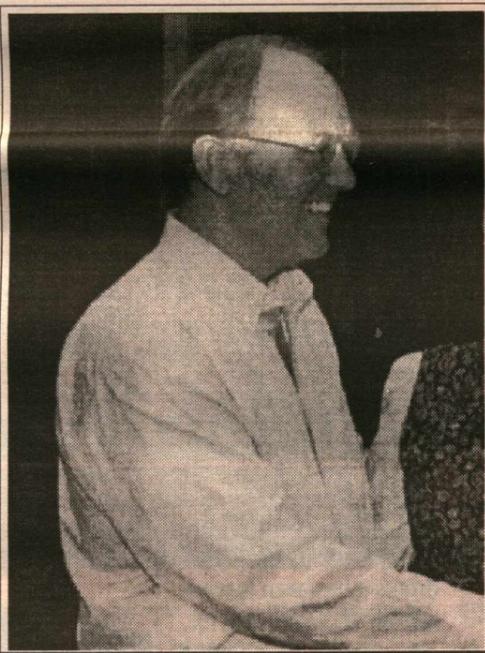
Class of _____

Life/Favorite Bible Verse:

What is this coupon thing? And what do I do with it? Look to the left, in the NNC Notepad's second page, for an explanation.

Candidates visit campus

Larry Craig and Helen Chenoweth made a stop at the Student Center between *Crusader* issues and mingled with the commoners in Marriott.



Senator Craig entertained NNC listeners during his stop on campus a few days ago.

Heide Brough, NNC grad, returns to teach

By Melissa Ruppert
Staff Writer

For those of you in the Speech Communication department, surely by now you have noticed an addition to your faculty. Heidi Brough is her name, and she comes to NNC with an enthusiastic spirit and plenty of creative ideas to be utilized in the classroom.

Professor Brough is a 1992 graduate of NNC. It was here that she majored in Speech Communication, only to return four years later with the opening of a teaching position. Professor Marilyn Thompson, formerly of the Speech Communication Department, has since become the new Registrar. "It felt right to come back to teach here," Brough smiled. "The professors were so involved in our lives as students that you really felt supported and loved. We stayed in touch; it was like I never left at all!"

Upon leaving NNC in 1992, Brough continued her education, earning a Master's degree in Speech Communication Studies at Emerson College in Boston. Currently, Brough is working on the completion of her dissertation, having been selected as a doctoral candidate from Louisiana State University.

Brough grew up in Yakima, Washington with two parents, an older sister, a few foster kids, and lots of exchange students. She's traveled a lot, too. In fact, Brough has been to every American state—with the exceptions of Alaska, Hawaii, Maine, and Oklahoma.



Professor Heidi Brough, the newest addition to NNC's Speech-Communications Dept (photo contributed by Brough).

Brough also has quite an extensive collection of old vintage clothing and costumes. She has collected such pieces since she was a small child. Her grandmother shared this appreciation, and Brough considers her collection a way to tell the story of the women in her family.

Perhaps Ms. Brough will share some of these treasures while she is teaching here at NNC. For first term, Professor Brough will be teaching Fundamentals of Speech, Interpersonal Communication, and Performance of Literature. Along with Dr. Waller, Professor Brough will also be helping to coach the forensics team. "I like to do a lot of activities so that people can get involved," she said. "I would like to see us do a lot of things in a small program."

Corlett open house extended

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in Corlett," Hills said.

Hills also noted that Olsen contains more isolated apartments and residents still agree to the same lifestyle requirements by signing a contract.

He felt that while the majority of the dorm wanted the extended open house hours, it is necessary that the minority is represented as well. Longer open house hours would infringe on the privacy of some.

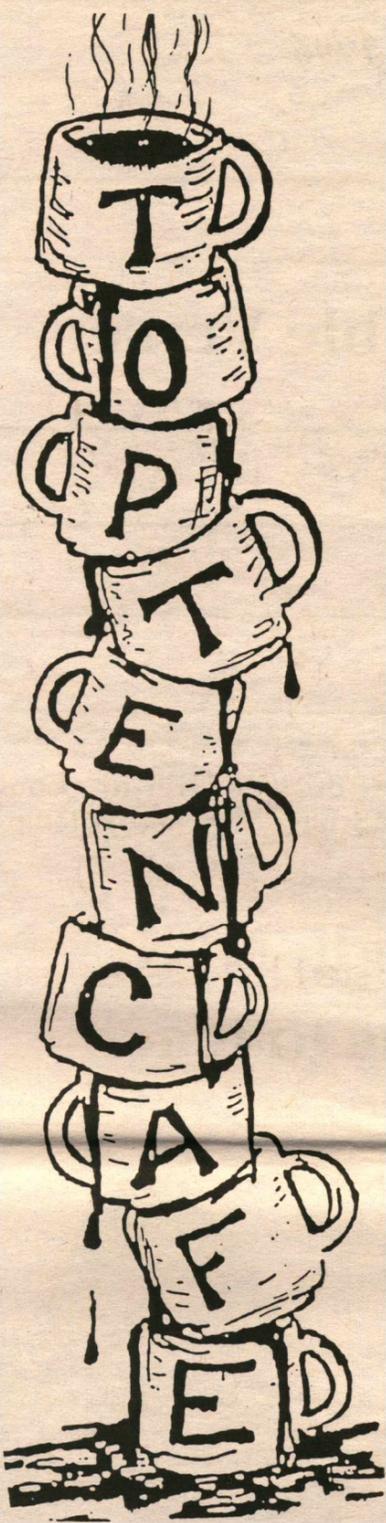
"We're working on the idea of self government by residential councils that work with the community to make house rules that are compatible with

everyone," Ken Hills said.

While there were mixed feelings about the residential issue, through compromising the dorm received an additional three hours during weekdays and one hour on Friday and Saturday of open house time. Some are disappointed in their lack of freedom, but many are satisfied with the resolution that was made.

"I'm pleased with it, it's a happy medium we've reached. Personally, I like the hours," said Kyle Buck, Chair of Corlett's Dorm Council, said.

Jenny Bangsund, a Corlett resident, said, "I felt the 24 hours wasn't a wise choice. I'm confident in the decision made because I feel it's the best solution for everyone."



The Brick House

9 p.m. till
midnight

Thursdays

Comparing PreVue perceptions

By Shannon Adams
Staff Writer

Long food lines were only part of the weekend's high school infestation. PreVue Days provides high school students with the opportunity of attending classes and meals, while socially interacting with students.

Freshman Tiffany Lande participated as a PreVue visitor when in high school, but said, "[Now] I felt I was a part of NNC instead of viewing NNC."

Sarah Laci, who had not been a part of PreVue before, had a very different experience. "It could have been better. They took advantage of my stuff. I had a 24-pack of pop and half of it's gone." Freshman roommates Amy Parsons and Sara Fitch didn't really see their students at all. "I don't even know their names, that's how well we hosted," said Fitch.

"I really enjoyed PreVue Days because I know it will benefit our school in the long run," said Parsons.

Upperclassmen had several years' experience with PreVue Days. Senior Heather Morgan was never a PreVue student, but she remembers when PreVue Days accommodated eighth through twelfth graders.

Morgan said, "I don't think anybody younger than a junior needs to come."

Junior Chris Field felt that PreVue Days is now more of a party scene. "It's become more and more of a pain because PreVue students feel like less and less of a pain. They tend to feel too much at home." Senior Heather Lundgren mentioned that one of her guests gave herself a haircut over their sink and then failed to clean it all up.

ANOTHER VIEW

What are we complaining about?

By John Fraley
Managing Editor

What's so bad about PreVue these days?

It seems to me that the only valid complaint left these days about PreVue is the one about the occasional inconsiderate visitor who takes advantage of the host.

You certainly can't complain about Marriott any more than usual. What long lines? Not once between Thursday dinner and Saturday brunch was there a full cafeteria. There was always at least one open table. I know this

because I was there at each one of those meals after they let the kids in.

And PreVue's timing could no doubt be far worse. Only those students who had tests on the fourth Friday of the term have a legitimate excuse to resent the small nuisance, and most mid-terms were scheduled for this week anyway, not last week.

Could it be that we're complaining just because it's a fashionable thing to do? Could it be that it feels good to have something on which to blame our frustrations? Could it be that we're simply a bunch of grippers? Yes.

Could it be that when all we do is gripe about how much a couple of hundred extra kids tick us off, we're turning prospective students off to our school? Yes.

Could it be that there is no basis for most of our complaints? I wouldn't wish PreVue could happen every weekend, but I also am astounded at how much easier for NNC students PreVue has become in the last five years. Don't complain because it feels good, or because it feels cool. By all means, complain loudly when your guest raids the fridge or wakes you up at 3 a.m. But otherwise, be an adult, bear with the minor hassle, and do the college a favor. Shut up.

NNCers don't return videos

By Helen Warriner
Staff Writer

When Susan Waterman, Culver R.D. wanted to rent a movie, she didn't know that her NNC address would be a problem.

"I went in to rent a movie at Movietime Video, over at the Holly shopping Center," said Waterman. When the girl at the counter asked me for my address, and I gave her my NNC box number, she looked up kind of funny. She seemed to want some other address. I told her I was an R.D. and she went ahead and let me rent."

The problem wasn't that she was living at NNC. According to Frank Fredrick, owner of Movietime, the problem is that NNC students have a very high default rate. NNC students just don't bring their movies back on time or at all.

"Students loan movies to friends all the time," he said. "Then the friend doesn't bring the movie

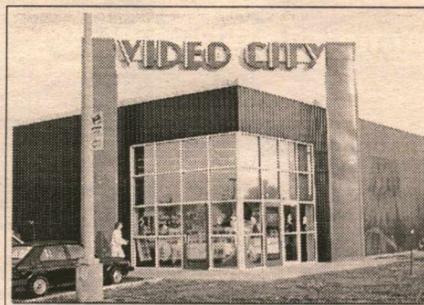
back on time, and when we call the renter, he or she thinks it has been turned back in. It's really hard for us to chase someone down when they didn't originally rent the movie."

Apparently, this occurs at other movie rental stores in the area.

"It's happened to me at other places in town," said Waterman. "I mention that I'm from NNC and walls immediately go up. It's not that they don't like NNC students, it's just that they want their movies back."

Movietime will rent to anyone, as long as they can provide a driver's license or some other kind of valid ID. Although they prefer to use a license, they will take an NNC ID card.

"We do take a phone number, too, so we can track you down if the movie you rented is late," said Cheryl Krajnik, who has worked at Movietime for six years. "If a student is going home for the



Video City is one of many local stores patronized by NNCers (Chtangeev).

summer, we do ask that he suspends his account. That way nobody can use his account and they just reactivate it when they get back. We also will ask for a summer phone number, just in case you have an outstanding balance or an unreturned video."

Both Krajnik and Fredrick said that they had not heard the rumor that students could not rent at Movietime. They do not have a problem with NNC student renters and would like to encourage them to continue to patronize their business.

Deep thoughts drew laughs at frolicky, fuzzy Freshere

By **Stephanie Merrick**
Staff Writer

Were you there? Did you miss out on all the fun? According to junior Ryan Ketchum "Freshere '96 was."

The night was hosted by sophomores Dustin Zimmerman and Amber Lewis, who added just the right amount of spice to the night. Amber told an anecdote about losing her white sled, and thirty minutes later, in a silent moment, the last person in attendance finally got it, and let everyone know. The Smothers Brothers added an element of intrigue when they tied up Lewis and Zimmerman with duct tape (was it in revenge of not being able to host this year?).

The line-up of events included the Jackson Five, "Another One Bites the Dust" (or the notori-

ous Freshman 15), and "The Macarena," performed to the groovy tunes of the Bayside Boys, Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, and "The Love Boat," among other songs.



Junior Ryan Ketchum and freshman sister Cherie manage to sing "Somewhere, Far Beyond Today," while a gang mercilessly attacks them (photo by Chtangeev).

Dueling jugglers threw knives around an unsuspecting "by-sitter," and freshman Cheryl Bookman gracefully danced for the audience. Bands Lovesick, So Far Gone, and Frosted Lucky Charms rocked the house, and Keren Schandorff and Rob Readmond sang, not to mention all the skits. The list goes on and on, including the Stinky Cheese Man (and we really do not want to catch him).

Freshere '96 was sponsored by the sophomore class as a fund raiser and the tickets were only one dollar. The price was just right for freshman

Perla Aragon, "I loved Freshere! I did not expect there to be so much talent for just a dollar!" Sophomore Carly Ann Sandidge said "The emphasis wasn't so much on humor this year, but the music was a lot better than in the past--it was great!"

The theme for Freshere was "Deep Thoughts and Fuzzy Memories," drawn from popular comedy sketches from TV's *Saturday Night Live*. Freshman Amy Mason said, "The whole overall effect of Freshere was the MC's Amber and Dustin; they made it a success!"

Freshere may have



Freshman Cheryl Bookman performs a graceful interpretive dance (Chtangeev).

to squeeze into the aisles for 50 cents, and risk being trampled.

Everyone liked something different. "I thought the best skit was the cheerleaders. It was hilarious," said freshman Jill Moseley. Another act that brought many laughs, was "Inflationary Language," by the Smothers Brothers, (a.k.a. juniors Ryan Ketchum and Chris Field). "It was great--I like the Inflationary Language. It was my favorite!" said freshman Holly Cater. "It was awesome," said several residents of Sutherland, who prefer to be known as the Homies. "The juggling rocked. Bring back the Smothers Brothers! So Far Gone--they're awesome and we should bring them back more often."

Many liked everything about Freshere, "There are a lot of really funny and talented people here, and everyone who did music should put out a CD and sell it!" said freshman Kenzi Wilkes. Sanchai Dean said, "It was really cool--different kinds of skits, and I like Frosted Lucky Charms!"



Frosted Lucky Charms rocked the house with two songs (photo by Chtangeev).

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Letters

Don't stop the shipments

To the Editor:

A superstitious fear of everything "nuclear" or radioactive" has put Idaho on the verge of rejecting one of the best things that Governor Phil Batt ever did. He negotiated a deal with the federal government to provide all the necessary funding for all the environmental cleanup and waste processing at the INEL, including a time schedule for its completion and ultimate removal from Idaho. If the feds don't keep their end of the agreement, they will have to pay a \$20 million fine to the State of Idaho every year until it's complete. But if proposition 3 passes, all of the agreement's benefits could be lost.

My recommendation is to KEEP Governor Batt's agreement in place. VOTE NO on Proposition 3. Don't stop the shipments. Make certain that we ship it out as agreed by defeating Proposition 3.

Very sincerely,
Dean Bradley Anderson

**Don't compartmentalize
GOP or Christianity**

To the Editor:

Thanks for your input on "Six Things the G.O.P. Should Know." Since we are in the year of political awareness, I feel like I should voice my own golden opinion (though it is still being refined constantly). I seriously hope no impressionable, budding political science major heeds your advice, for I find it severely warped. I must agree that your first two suggestions have validity... not only for the Republican Party, but for all. However, I get snagged on some flaw in your logic on the last four points.

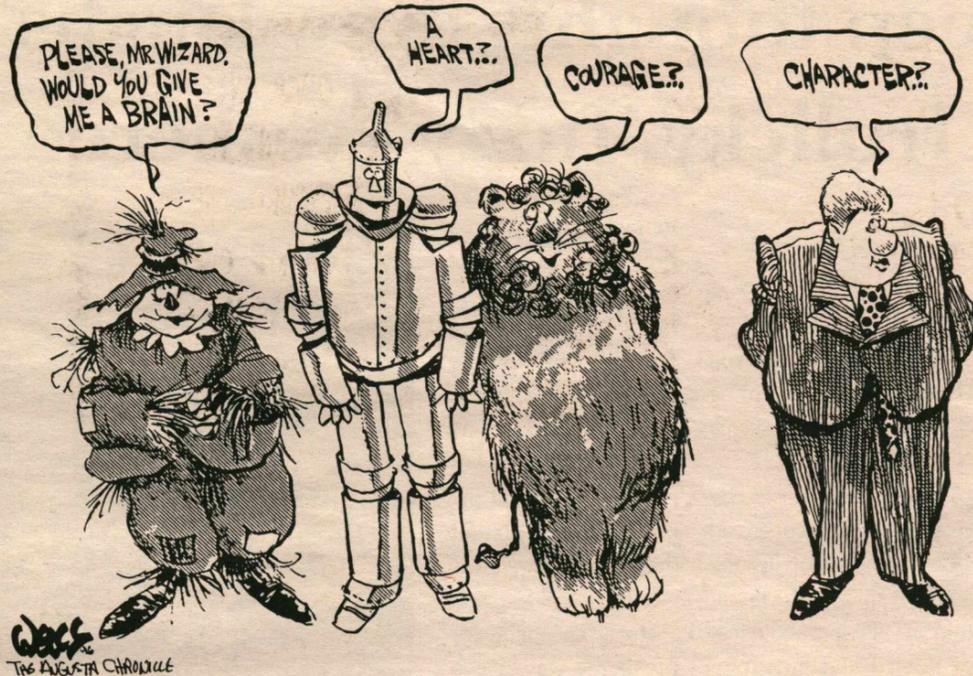
Concerning your idea about the economical and the moral state of our country, I can hardly see the relation between the two. I also find this paragraph of yours to exude narrow-mindedness, whether you intended it to do so or not. Let me emphasize that Republicanism does not equate Christianity or vice versa. I hate to think of my Christianity to be so compartmentalized. And I wonder what your statements infer about the Democratic Party. (I could go on about this much more, but I only have so much space.)

On to your fourth idea: Do you really suggest the evasive style of Bill Clinton to more people? Does this earn the trust of constituents? I think if Republicans want to be "truly grand" they should face their own dirty laundry with honesty. The same goes for the Democratic party as well. Don't tell the Republican party you just claimed as Christian to dodge the truth, whether it's what American's want to hear or not.

As for your last two suggestions, I have to plead with my friends to know that there is something more important than image that can sway voters to vote for one party over the other. Call me idealistic, but I hope my generation is not so shallow as to vote for a politician just because he/she has a groovy style or an impressionable image. I'd hope they voted according to an impressionable platform (and I don't mean shoes...no matter how groovy they are) and a stand for reasonable causes. Believe me, Bob Dole is going to have to do a lot more than wear dockers on "Letterman" to earn more votes. (HEY! I wonder if Letterman is a republican...)

I don't mean to be harsh, but...Get Real! And get educated...please...before you vote.
Sincerely,
An Nonpartisan, Christian Voter for Real Issues.

The Crusader usually won't print anonymous contributions. We believe that if a writer is courageous enough to sign his or her work, a response to that work should also bear its author's name. Only under unusual circumstances will we deviate from that policy.

**Candidates: both good and bad**

By Chris Field
Staff Writer

Allow me to cover my backside before I delve into this article. Although I am about to commit what some might consider a political *faux pas* by giving some serious reasons to re-elect Clinton, I will follow this with some reasons to vote for Dole.

This does not mean that I intend to vote for the incumbent. In fact, I have zero intention to do such a thing--not even if Clinton were the only candidate running.

Although it is hard to admit, there are some good reasons to vote for Bill Clinton. Some of the reasons I don't agree with and some of them pro-Clinton people don't agree with, but that's all part and partial.

First, Clinton supported NAFTA and GATT. Both of these programs are, in my humble opinion, good for America. Anytime we open-up trade routes and jobs, it is good for the economy through the simple concept of competition.

Then there is the subject of Welfare Reform. Through an arduous effort by the republican-run Congress, the parties were able to pound out a workable system of welfare reform. This is a reform that has been sorely needed. Welfare, as we know it, has been out of control and needs to be fixed. There is far too much waste and fraud, and hopefully this Clinton-signed bill will make strides toward these ends.

Another area where Clinton has received support from the public is his addition of 16,000 new police officers, his "tough" stance on crime, and his efforts towards making our streets safer.

The minimum wage increase is another area for which Clinton receives support. While the economics of this decision is

debateable, one must admit that it was a well earned victory for the President.

Now, indulge me while I give four reasons to vote for Dole.

Number One: Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens is 77 years old. While this may seem unimportant, remember that the President (Clinton or Dole) decides who his replacement is. This is just one example of the way that this presidency will have long-lasting effects into the twenty-first century.

Number Two: Jack Kemp. There are very few people that I would rather see be the future President of the United States after a stint as VP. He is a mover and a shaker. And he does not back

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down from what he believes.

Number Three: Bob Dole would be a great leader for our country. He has the 15 percent tax cut that I believe in, and he has the leadership experience from being in the Senate for 35 years. This man knows what's good for the country and will do what it takes to make America better and keep it that way.

Number Four: Bob Dole has a reputation as an honest, upright, stand-up-for-what-he-believes-in, no-back-down sorta guy. Frankly, I'd prefer any honest politician over a dishonest one, regardless of their policies.

There are some significant problems with both candidates (they are human after all)

If some of you intend to throw your vote Clinton's way, that is fine, but permit me to be frank for just a moment. I don't necessarily think that all Christians should vote Republican, but I do not understand how some Christians can vote for someone whom we *know* is so unethical.

President Clinton is known as "Slick Willie" for a reason—he is a liar. As Democrat Senator Bob Kerrey said, "Clinton's an unusually good liar. Unusually good. Do you realize that?" There is documented case after documented case of Clinton going back on his word, being unethical, and just plain being involved in foolish activities.

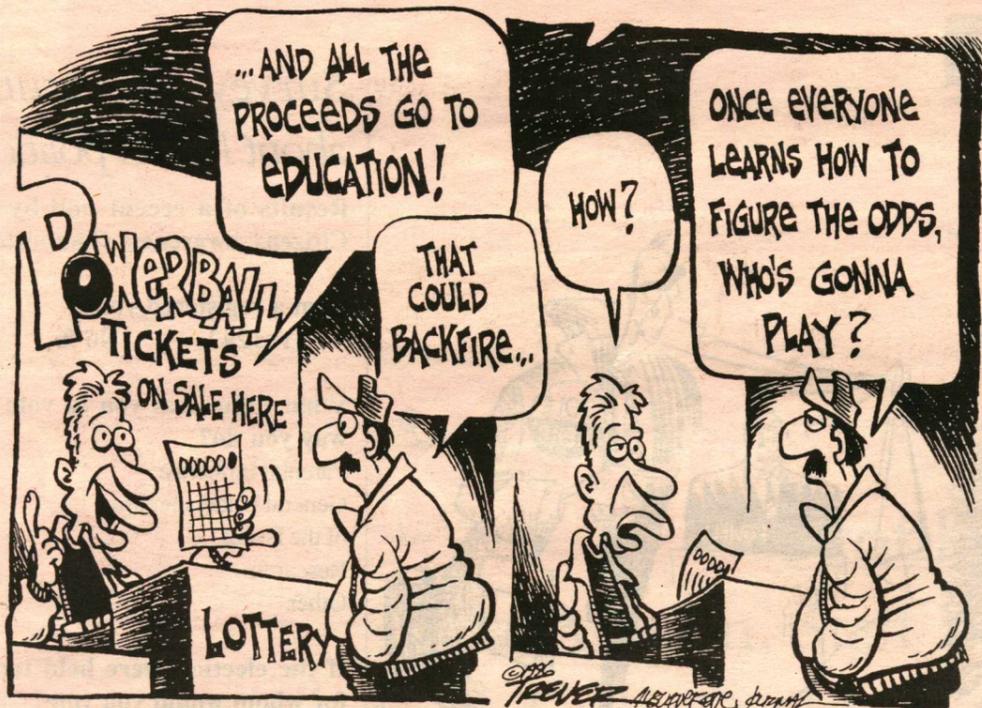
Bob Dole has a few problems of his own, mostly concerning his age.

Can a man who fought in World War II (ancient history) really lead this country into the twenty-first century? Can he start a computer, let alone run Netscape?

Even with the best intentions, can he relate to today's young people? Bob Dole has had an important part of American history, which could work in America's favor, but going into the twenty-first century we need someone who can adapt to our rapidly changing world, and there is a serious question as to Senator Dole's ability to do this.

November 5th is an important day for our nation. Whoever you support, whatever you believe to be right for our country, make sure you vote--it's not only a right, it's a responsibility.

I hope that if you had not yet decided on your candidate before reading this, that I was successful in helping to muddy the waters a little bit for you. Remember, I'm only here to help.



Go ahead! Offend me!

As a long time lover of complex alternative wordings of ordinary terms and concepts, I was, at first, amused by the Politically Correct movement. Along with the rest of the thinking population of this great nation, I enjoyed attempting to joke the silly concept out of existence. However, it seems that the underlying motivation of PC is too deeply ingrained in much of American thinking to simply die, even in the face of witty satire which cannot help but point out the idiocy of making a big deal out of simple and harmless descriptions. This motivation is the growing belief among many Americans that they have the inherent right to go through life without being offended.

Where did this notion come from? It isn't found in the Constitution. It isn't in the Bill of Rights. A reading of these documents in their historical context clearly shows that quite the opposite is true. The Right of Free Speech was intended to protect the right of Americans to speak their minds. No one was to ever gain the power to suppress that right. No one was to be shielded from the opinions of another. Granted, there are extreme cases when something must be done to separate individuals from the verbal abuse of others, but the fact remains that I have a greater right to offend you than I have to traipse through life without hearing an offensive word from you.

It has shocked me to read case after case concerning University campuses across the nation where a member of the student body, faculty, staff or administration has come under attack or has even been expelled or fired because some other individual on that campus or elsewhere accused them of making an offensive statement or descriptive word. The most ironic case in my opinion was the university president who, after leading the

3 Musketeers

movement on his campus to establish Political Correctness, was fired when a single slip of the tongue on his part was caught by a student leader at the conclusion of a long and grueling series of meetings. Was his statement really offensive? Not hardly! It simply wasn't phrased to cushion its object from the slightest hint of the possibility of disfavor.

This shallow obsession with not being offended has a deeper and darker root: the growing belief among many that they are not at fault for any aspect of their beings and, therefore, deserve

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never to be judged on any aspect of their beings. These aspects include physical traits and abilities, mental abilities, and even personality.

Well, I'm highly apologetic, but there will never be a time when all individuals are equal in all ways. You may be stronger, faster, and more intelligent than me, so if someone makes those obvious observations, it doesn't matter why those differences exist, no one's rights have been violated when those observations are made, even if I was called "weak, slow, and stupid" to my face. The person making a statement may be arrogant and rude, but he had every right to say what he thought. I am not saying that rudeness is socially acceptable

or ever should be, but I am saying it is not something that should ever be legally prevented.

It doesn't matter what reasons exist for a trait. It doesn't matter if it is a trait you are born with, such as skin color. It doesn't matter if it is a trait you acquired through accident, such as a debilitating injury. It doesn't matter whether it is a trait you possess through your own actions, such as a weight problem stemming from overeating or laziness. You do not have the right to never hear a comment which implies to any degree a preference or judgement on that trait. If you have a trait which is a handicap to achieving any task or goal, that is unfortunate, but it is not up to the world to protect you from hearing about it.

Face it, these people will not be international supermodels any time soon. However, they have managed to survive with their psyches intact for centuries. Tall, attractive, athletic people with perfect vision have always been admired. That's a real bummer for the rest of us, but it doesn't mean we deserve to be shielded from the obvious.

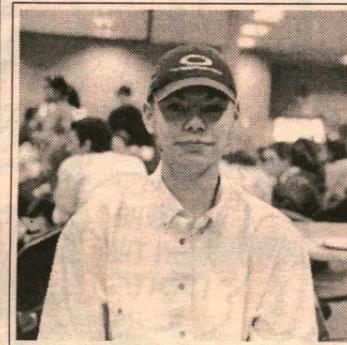
If someone wants to tell me I'm fat and ugly, saying I'm horizontally-gifted and aesthetically-challenged isn't going to make a whit of difference. It is ridiculous to pretend you are going to change anything by changing your wording to flowery but weak descriptions. Go on and say what you mean. Don't be a rationally-challenged, excessive-time-gifted, pseudo-intellectuals who believes he is doing an above-average service to humanity by attacking those who aren't afraid to exercise their right of free speech. We are not so fragile that we will break from conversations; perpetuating the myth that people have the right to hide from reality does no one any good.

--Contributed by Porthos

Your Turn

Random answers from random students on random issues

What did you think of PreVue Days this year?



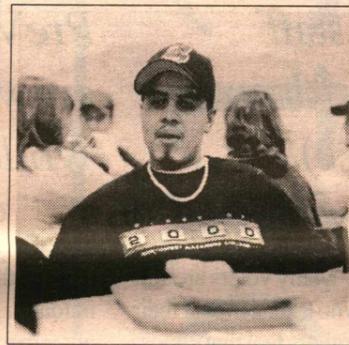
James Dewey

Freshman

Engineering Physics Major

Denver, CO

"I hate coming in (to Marriott) because it is always crowded."



Larry Nicholson

Freshman

History Education Major

Los Angeles, CA

"The school should do more things with the kids that come here. They (PreVue students) didn't get to do anything because there wasn't anything organized."



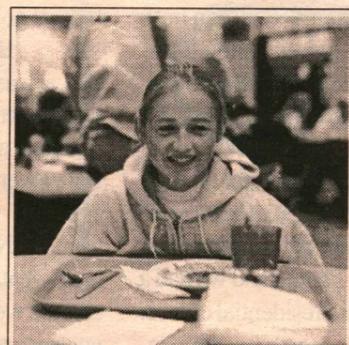
Dena Duddles

Sophomore

Elementary Education Major

Meridian, ID

"You had to wait freakin' forever to get any food and then by the time you get there, it is all gone."



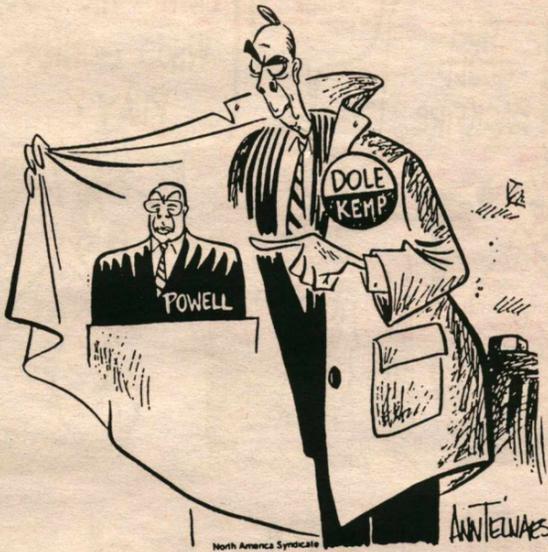
Amy Parsons

Freshman

Accounting Major

Boise, ID

"It was VERY crowded. But I only got asked if I was a PreVue student twice!"



The Crusader's editorial staff endorses (drum roll, please) ...

In one week's time, registered voters will choose the next President of the United States. Many voters are still undecided as to who they will cast their ballot for. Many others feel that choosing between Dole and Clinton is like a choice between Coke and Pepsi, or worse yet, an agonizing exercise in selecting the lesser of two evils.

We're going a step farther than that. We won't stoop to choose the lesser of two evils, we'll just skip the evils altogether. *The Crusader* officially endorses write-in candidate Colin Powell for President of the United States.

Powell has repeatedly declared he would not run for President this year, and he unofficially declined the number 2 spot on the GOP ticket. But we like him. As former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, he's got experience that demonstrates leadership skills. His philosophy is attractive: he's fiscally conservative and socially liberal.

To top it off, he's got integrity, presence and charisma. He's our man. Never mind he doesn't want the office; we believe he'd fill it better than both the incumbent, an economically fortunate yet scandal-ridden ex-Democrat, and his challenger, a lifetime Capitol Hill resident.

We have to admit that it took some convincing of our staff to endorse Mr. Powell. Despite persistent rumor, we're only mostly liberal, and we had a great divergence in Presidential choice.

But we put together a compilation of our perfect President (a brilliant, pseudo conservative liberal with political experience who isn't a lifelong politician.) and decided that only Colin Powell fits the bill.

Nuclear waste and PreVue kids, both are welcome for a while...

Governor Batt's agreement with the federal government will limit the length of the Nuclear Waste's stay in Idaho. Proposition 3 will nullify this agreement and put into it's place, well, nothing.

This seems something like a man with no shirt taking off his pants because he's cold. We have a partial solution, but instead of looking for a more complete solution the proponents of proposition 3 merely are criticizing what solution we do have.

The proponents of Proposition 3 claim that Batt's agreement is flawed, with major loopholes that the government can abuse to continue moving nuclear waste into Idaho without bothering to clean up the mess that they've already made.

This may be true.

However, the existence of the agreement would make this difficult for the federal government. A court battle between the federal government and the state of Idaho would be a major fiasco, highlighting the continuing battle of power between the states and the federal government.

Batt's agreement guarantees that, at least, the nuclear waste won't be unattended too, no one will forget about it as long as Batt's agreement gives the state leverage against the federal government.

No matter how loopholed and inefficient, Batt's agreement is the only chance we have of ever removing the nuclear waste from Idaho. Without this agreement there is nothing preventing the federal government from shipping limitless truckloads of nuclear waste into Idaho, with no promise of any eventual clean up.

Term limits ruin Congressional job security, save Idaho from lifers.

When our country was first founded, it was intended that our government should be run by ordinary men, volunteering their time for the public good, representing the people from their homes. Ordinary men representing ordinary people.

Since then, much of our world has changed.

Our government is now a complex system, surely more complex than our fore-fathers imagined. Could George Washington have imagined a 100 trillion dollar budget? A population of 800 million? Can an everyman really handle a government like ours?

It may be argued that our government is too complicated to be run by ordinary persons, that the process of government is too huge to be learned in a few short years, that only career politicians can possibly make the decisions that need to be made for the public welfare.

That argument is frightening. When men are no longer allowed to decide their own collective destiny they are no longer human, but mere pawns.

We favor this step toward national term limits. If proposition four is passed it will further the long walk toward a constitutional amendment which will make all states recognize term limits in every facet of elected government.

Term limits would return the everyman to politics. Presuming that a politician could serve in every nationally elected post he could serve only twenty-four years in office, presuming he spent the maximum amount of time in the Senate, Congress and as President. Compare that to the huge number of "lifers" who spend 30+ years in Washington.

Survey finds truth about NNC politics

Results of a recent poll by the Citizens Awareness Committee.

I am a registered voter:

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What influences you to vote the way you do?

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If the election were held today, for whom would you vote?

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Ross Perot	17
Other	10

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What party do you generally support?

Always Republican	62
Mostly Republican	206
Always Democrat	4
Mostly Democrat	36
Always Independent	10
Mostly Independent	13

Do you know who is running for senate/congress in your state?

Yes 136 No 242

Staff Infection

You know, swearing is kind of like picking a scab: you know you shouldn't do it, but when you do, it feels so good ... it's not that I don't like Adam, it's that I'd rather not date him ... that's good, John ... Like the Klan, they all wear Max because they're weak ... didn't you mean masks, Field?...If an infinite number of rednecks fired of an infinite number of shotguns with an infinite number of shells at an infinite number of stop signs, all the world's great literature would be written in braille... John is turning into Dr. Mary Schaffer!... Gina should bite me now ... Who's laugh have you been using Gina?... Hey, how do you spell colon? As in Powell?!...Mouth, doesn't Micheal Jackson sing that...Our Mascott is Tim Schlack...Andy Diehl IS the Batman!

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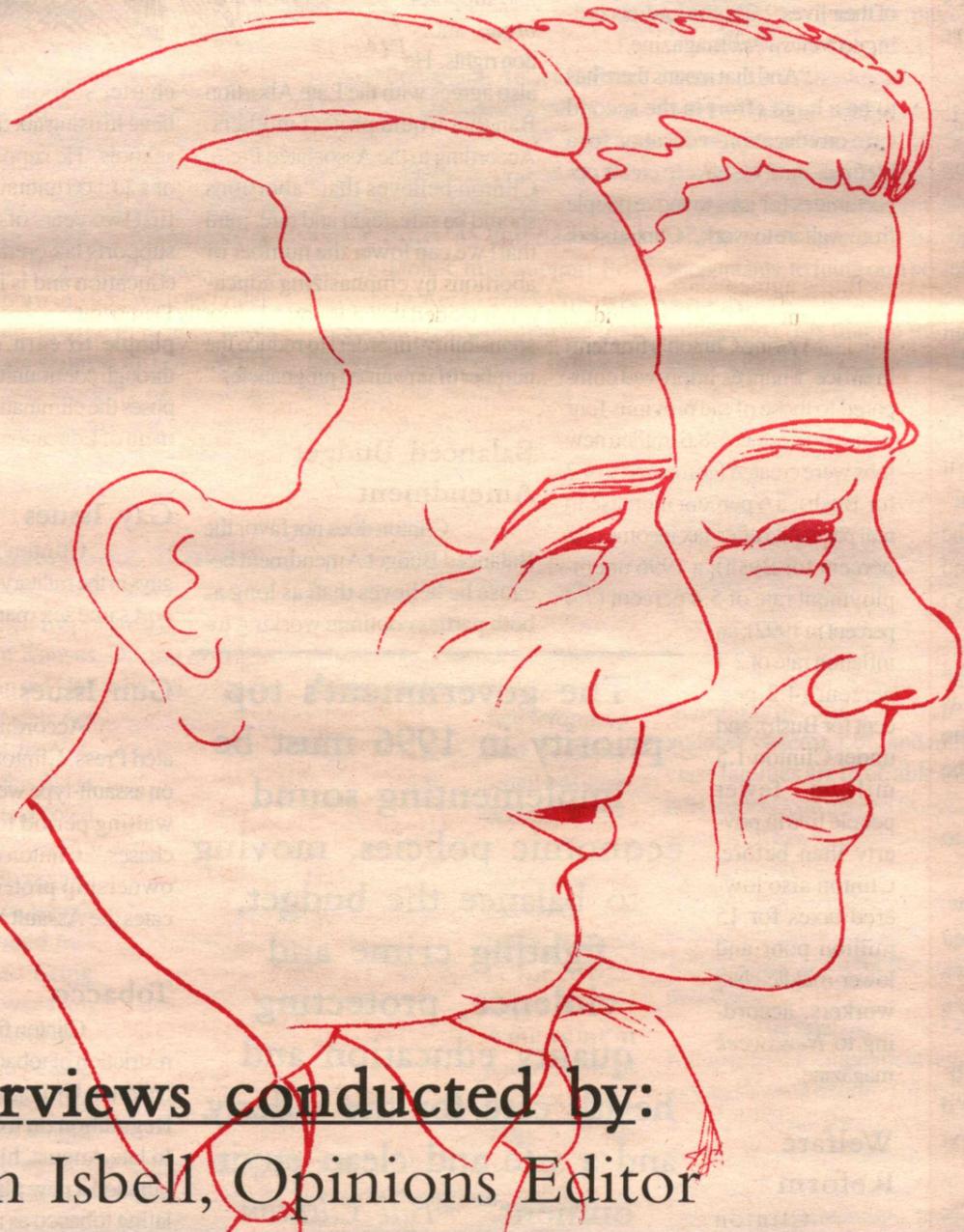
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Before you go to the ballot, kn

The Crusader's interview with Walt Minnick

Walt Minnick is Idaho's Democratic candidate for the United States Senate.

The Crusader: Could you name one thing that you'd like to accomplish if Idaho elects you?

Walt Minnick: I'd like to stop nuclear waste from coming to Idaho. We've got to do two things: clean up and ship out what we already have here.

TC: Well, on that note, exactly what deficiencies does Governor Batt's nuclear waste agreement present that compel you to oppose it?

WM: You can make an argument for Batt's agreement; you can argue both sides, but the agreement's enforcement clause is so weak, and it restricts our ability to prevent a backout.

But the problem with the INEL is broader than the nuclear waste agreement. The real problem is that we've got 300 Hiroshimas' worth sitting out there in a landfill, slowly working their way into the area. We've also got two million gallons of high-level nuclear waste sitting in underground single-wall storage tanks, just waiting for some kind of accident. Had the Borah quake's epicenter been closer to the INEL...

The real issue isn't the governor's agreement but how to clean up the landfill and get rid of the waste. The federal government should clean it up as quickly as possible, and the governor's timetable is too slow. I want Idaho to be able to sue [the government] for damages if an accident occurs, and under the governor's agreement, Idaho doesn't have that right.

Proposition 3 isn't all that important. What is important is cleaning up the waste as quickly as possible. Let's build a permanent place for the waste, a place to which we can ship waste from the INEL.

TC: Do you support Proposition 4, which seeks to limit congressional terms served?

WM: I'm 100 percent in favor of it. As it is now, we've got career politicians who've never earned a living, never raised a family in Idaho. We'd get a lot better representation if they'd stay there only a few years.

As a result, we'd create a class of politicians who knew they were lame ducks, so they'd vote for the public interest instead of for the next election.

TC: If taxes aren't raised, real cuts will be necessary in order to balance the budget. If elected, what programs, specifically, would you be inclined to cut?

WM: I've proposed a balanced budget for the fiscal year 1996 without raising taxes. It would create 120 billion dollars in savings, which is 11 billion more than you need.

It eliminates many pork-barrel projects. It attacks corporate welfare. It eliminates tax breaks and loopholes, including the tax incentive to close businesses in the U.S., and the subsidy given to

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Profile of Bill Clinton

By Perla Aragon
Staff Writer

Plans for a Second Term in Office

Clinton's plans for a second term in office include improving economic and educational opportunity and addressing the issues of unemployment and welfare. "While the economy is clearly on the right track, we've got to make opportunity available to more Americans. There are still too many who have either been downsized or haven't gotten a raise, who don't have the capacity to make the most of their lives," Clinton said, according to *Newsweek* magazine.

"And that means there has to be a huge effort in the second term on education—education for a lifetime. And we have to create opportunities for jobs to move people from welfare to work," Clinton said.

Finances of 1993-96

During Clinton's first term in office, finances improved compared to those of the previous four years. For instance, 8.6 million new jobs were created (compared to 1.7 for Bush); a 6 percent increase in real per capita after-tax income (2.5 percent for Bush); a 1996 unemployment rate of 5.4 percent (7.4 percent in 1992); an inflation rate of 2.7 percent (4.2 percent for Bush); and under Clinton 1.5 million fewer people live in poverty than before. Clinton also lowered taxes for 15 million poor and lower-middle-class workers, according to *Newsweek* magazine.

Welfare Reform

Clinton supports limiting welfare. He believes in tough child support enforcement and in parents taking more individual responsibility for the care of their children. He also advocates for welfare teenage mothers to live at home and stay in school.

Health Issues

Clinton supports federal funding for medical research. He

strongly advocates health care reform that includes making benefits portable, expanding home care for the elderly, extending the period of time of health care coverage, and establishing volunteer pools that allow small businesses and the self-employed to buy health care as do those who work for the government or big corporations. He opposes tax-free medical savings accounts.

Abortion

Clinton is pro-choice and supports broad abortion rights. He also agrees with the Late Abortion Ban that would protect mothers. According to the Associated Press, Clinton believes that "abortions should be safe, legal and rare, [and that] we can lower the number of abortions by emphasizing education, prevention and personal responsibility [in order] to reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies."

Balanced Budget Amendment

Clinton does not favor the Balanced Budget Amendment because he believes that, as long as both parties continue working to-

gether, the budget will be balanced by 2002.

Education

Since 90 percent of students go to public schools, he strongly supports providing aid to public schools. While he believes in giving aid to public

schools and charter schools, he does not believe in using tax dollars for private schools. He supports the proposal of a \$1,500 tuition tax credit for the first two years of college. He also supports tax credit for vocational education and is in favor of Head Start and Americorps, which allow people to earn college money through community service. He opposes the elimination of the Department of Education.

Gay Issues

Clinton favors allowing gays in the military, but does not support same sex marriages.

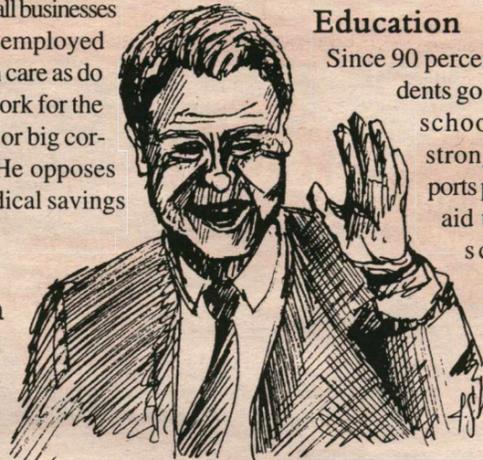
Gun Issues

According to the Associated Press, Clinton "won [the] ban on assault-type weapons and set [a] waiting period for handgun purchases." Clinton is in favor of gun ownership protection and advocates the Assault Weapons Ban.

Tobacco

Clinton firmly supports the restriction of tobacco advertising to children. He is also in favor of FDA Regulation on tobacco as a drug. In late August, his administration pursued a new plan to begin regulating tobacco as a drug and to discourage sales of cigarettes to minors.

Bill Clinton summarized by saying "the government's top priority in 1996 must be implementing sound economic policies, moving to balance the budget, fighting crime and violence, protecting quality education and health care for the elderly, and a safe and clean environment," according to the Associated Press.



"The government's top priority in 1996 must be implementing sound economic policies, moving to balance the budget, fighting crime and violence, protecting quality education and health care for the elderly, and a safe and clean environment." ~Bill Clinton

Crime

Clinton strongly believes that prevention programs play an important role in fighting crime. He advocates juvenile curfew and is also in favor of background checks to detect felons. Once the crime has been committed, he believes

Now where the candidates stand

Profile of Bob Dole

By Andy Diehl
Asst. World News Editor

Early History

Bob Dole was born in the small farming community of Russell, Kansas in 1923. He grew up in the community and graduated in 1941 from Russell High School, going on to enroll at the University of Kansas as a Pre-Med major. In 1942, he enlisted in the Army Reserve and was called into active duty a year later. For the next three years he served the U.S. in several different divisions and stations, including 85th Mountain Regiment, 10th Mountain Division. While serving with this regiment he was severely wounded and spent from 1945 to 1948 hospitalized for those injuries.

After his recovery, he attended the University of Arizona under the GI Bill in the fall of 1948 and then Washburn Municipal College in 1949. He graduated from Washburn in 1952 with an undergraduate degree in history and a graduate degree in law. While Dole was working on these degrees, campaigned and was elected to a seat in the Kansas legislature which he held for eight years.

Congressional History

In 1960, Dole was elected as a U.S. Representative for the state of Kansas. During his eight years in the House he voted for the

Civil Rights Act in 1964, the Voting Rights Act in 1965, and voted in 1967 for the Age Discrimination Act, which prohibited hiring and firing employees on the basis of age. He also helped to create the modern school

lunch program by supporting legislation to lower the cost of lunches to low income school children.

Dole began his career in the U.S. Senate in 1968. During his twenty-eight years Dole supported campaign finance reform and the 1977 Food Stamp Act, engineered a bipartisan to save Social Security from insolvency, and pushed through President Reagan's Economic Tax Recovery Act in 1981. He also worked for welfare reform to delegate this power to the states, began a 19-year push for line-item veto, and introduced a Balanced

Budget Amendment as early as 1971. As a Senate leader he helped to pass the Tax Reform Act in 1986 to cut taxes by \$122 billion, led the Clean Air Act through in 1990, and introduced the Women's Equal Opportunity Act. In the last few years alone Dole has supported the Comprehensive Campaign Finance Reform Act, sponsored the Sexual

Assault Prevention Act and led the Congressional Accountability Act that requires members of Congress to follow the same laws as the rest of Americans. In his last year and a half in office he introduced the Snowe-Dole Child Support Enforcement Act to crack down on "deadbeat" dads, pushed the first lobby reform bill in forty-five years through the Senate, and came within one vote of passing the Balanced Budget Amendment.

Platform

The main points of the Dole-Kemp platform include economic reform, governmental downsizing, and tax reform. Several other main issues include welfare reform, social security, small business, and education.

The main push on the Dole economic platform is for a Balanced Budget Amendment and reform of the tax code.

This amendment is to be in effect by 2002 to keep the budget in check into the next century. As president, Dole proposes to use line item veto to restrain spending. This restraint is to come by cutting out "pet" attachments from proposed bills.

Tax relief and reform are proposed in several forms. The first is to be a 15 percent across-the-board tax cut. The second is to reform the tax code. All literature from the party is quick to point out the size of the IRS, the tax code, and the number of forms and paperwork required for the current sys-

tem. Dole is proposing to remove capital gains taxes to promote small business and foster saving and investment. To help families, there is to be a \$500 tax credit per child, since the current deductions will no longer exist. The final two points of reform include repealing of President Clinton's tax on Social Security and passage of legislation to require 60 percent approval for new income taxes.

To change the IRS, Dole is proposing to shift the burden of proof from the tax payer to the IRS. This means that in an audit the government would have to prove wrongdoing rather than presume until proven otherwise. Filing is to be changed from the current setup, which often requires the hiring of accountants, to filing on a postcard. This will reduce the amount of man hours and costs that go into processing income tax each year while filing is to be ended to 40 million low and middle class families. Lifestyle audits are to be performed under the suspicion of criminal activity.

Dole is planning on implementing a plan on job education and training inside the economic plan. Educational choice is to come through the form of "Opportunity Scholarships for Children" (a voucher system). Low and middle class families are to be able to deduct student loan interest from taxes along with tax-free education savings accounts to help plan for college. Job placement and training is to be delegated to the states along with a single grant for the state to divide up.

The final part of the Dole-Kemp plan is to implement regulatory and lawsuit reform. This reform is to curb the number of lawsuits in this country by enforcing the Paperwork Reduction Act, reform joint and several liabilities, limit punitive damage awards, and promote the early settlement of claims. These are to help the economy by alleviating the risk of businesses' being sued at every turn. This will enable them to pay their employees more and charge lower prices to stimulate the economy.



The Crusader's interview with Larry Craig

Larry Craig is Idaho's incumbent Republican Senator

The Crusader: Could you please name one thing you haven't yet accomplished in office that you'd like to eventually? In other words, since you've been a member of Congress since 1982, why should Idaho put you in office for six more years?

Larry Craig: I've never served in the majority until '94, and now I chair two key committees for the first time. I now have the opportunity to help set the agenda in Congress. I have the privilege of being the fourth-highest ranking elected Republican leader, and am now the highest elected Senator ever in the history of the state of Idaho.

TC: Why is Governor Batt's nuclear waste agreement good for Idaho? And is it enforceable?

LC: It absolutely is enforceable. And there's several reasons the governor's agreement is good. The situation is, we've got 200 metric tons of waste sitting in the Idaho desert, and Governor Batt said, "We're going to stop that." Since states cannot tell the federal government that it can't move anything -- including nuclear waste -- across its borders, Batt said "I'll negotiate the toughest agreement possible." -- with the understanding that the cleanup would be accelerated.

And the cleanup is well under way. I have no trouble calling Walt Minnick on these issues [note: *The Crusader* interviewed Craig before Minnick]. Every country in the world is using our method to clean up waste -- except ours, and that's because politics is getting in the way. 42 states have waste in them. I'm confident that the governor's agreement is a good one and that the cleanup process will move forward.

TC: Do you support Proposition Four, which seeks to limit congressional terms served?

LC: I do support it. I believe it's important for the people of Idaho to express their will. I have been the cosponsor of a constitutional amendment providing for term limits. I believe our Founding Fathers intended all states to be equal, and for that reason, I am in favor of a constitutional amendment for term limits.

TC: If we don't raise taxes, programs are going to have to be cut in order to balance the budget. What programs, specifically, would you be inclined to cut in order to help balance the budget?

LC: It's important, first of all, to understand that I do not follow the assumption that taxes must be raised to balance the budget. We have reduced the deficit by \$60 billion in a year and a half, and we're in the second year of a seven-year plan, so the budget will come into balance. I am willing, in the course of the next five years, to look at cuts and outright elimination of some programs.

For example, the Department of Housing and Urban Development was created in 1976. It has done none of what it was intended to do. We're worse off in cities than we were two decades ago. We've poured billions of dollars into the program,

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Interview with Republican Larry Craig

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yet we've accomplished nothing.

TC: What deficiencies did the Brady Bill present that compelled you to vote against it?

LC: First of all, the Brady Bill was in itself a modification of a constitutional and civil right, as specified in the Second Amendment. Also, I do not want laws to make the act of evil an object of evil, and that's what that bill was doing. Laws should be targeted at the person who commits the crime, not the way in which it was committed.

TC: In your view, who won the presidential debates? And should Ross Perot have been invited to participate?

LC: I was one who supported the right of Ross Perot to participate. He is entitled to participate because he is receiving federal funds for his campaign. That qualifies him to participate. On a state level, I did not debate Walt Minnick because the independents were not invited, and I won't debate without them present. This is not a two-party system.

Now as far as the presidential debates, I believe Ronald Reagan won them [he laughs]. No, seriously, I think Bob Dole did, because he tried to deal with the issues. But he faced the disadvantage that all challengers must face everywhere, and that is that the incumbent has the advantage if he makes no mistakes. And Bill Clinton made no mistakes. Of course, he didn't say anything, either.

I'd have to say, then, that Bob Dole won the first debate, and that the second was a tie.

TC: What's it like to subject yourself to negative advertising year after year after year?

LC: Fortunately, I've had very few

negative campaigns directed toward me; in fact, this is the first time I've ever seen this level of negative campaigning. People can attack your voting record, that's fine; but when they start attacking you personally, that's when it hurts. My opponent has spent upward of one million dollars to suggest I'm lying, and if I were a liar, Idaho would have gotten rid of me a long time ago.

I don't think anyone knows what Minnick stands for. Walt is an anti-nuclear activist. It's a stall tactic for him to leave waste in Idaho for forty years. We've been marching toward depositing the waste at a Nevada site since 1986. But Minnick wants to drag the whole process to a halt. I don't regret forcing him into the open on this issue.

TC: Here's a hypothetical situation. An NNC student is interested in politics, but he/she is afraid that in order to win and keep an office, he/she must compromise his/her principles. What would you say to this person?

LC: Well, in the first place, I am saddened by the perception that politics is dirty. I've had the privilege to serve in a public position in Washington for 14 years, and I've never felt like I had to compromise my principles. I've been asked to, but I've simply said no. If you really do believe in what earned you your office, you don't need to compromise anything. Now I've changed my mind on issues, based on facts I've encountered, but that's not compromising; and I've just been honest and forthright about it and with myself.

I am saddened that the media has said to people that politics is dirty. In my opinion, that is a false perception. The key to honest politics is an open public life, and I feel that I've lived that since I've been in office.

Interview with Democrat Walt Minnick

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Ethanol producers.

TC: We've heard many of our peers express surprise and disgust at the frequency of negative advertising in this state. Do you think any political candidate in the 90's needs to use negative advertising to win?

WM: Campaigns should be fought in a different way. I asked Sen. Craig to participate in ten debates, including one on public TV, in four different geographical locations. If we had debates in front of live audiences, that'd be a much better campaign. But Craig said he didn't have time for more than one debate.

Had we done that [agreed to those debates], we could have gone to colleges, rotary clubs, and other places. As it is, I spent approximately 80 percent of my time raising money.

In a campaign where a challenger's only vehicle to the public is through 30-second ads, what I think is totally inappropriate is the deliberate misstatement of your opponent's position. When Craig did that to me, I felt I had to respond. The

two ads that followed were my two harshest. It got negative more because of that; when you see that your opponent is deliberately misstating your position, you've got to respond.

TC: Here's a hypothetical situation: an NNC student is interested in poli-

tics, but he/she is afraid that in order to win a race or stay in office, he/she must compromise his/her principles and integrity. What would you say to such a person?

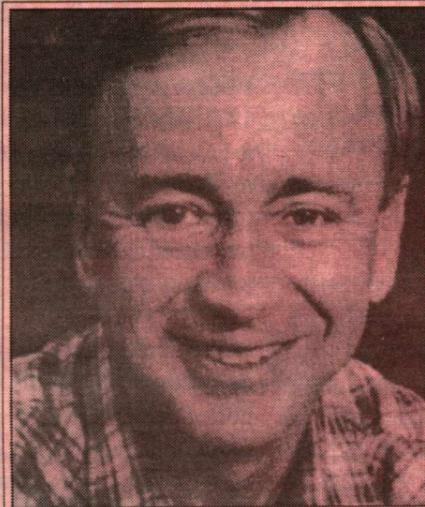
WM: Well, I think they're right. Unfortunately, under the current system, unless they plan for a short time in of-

face, they're right.

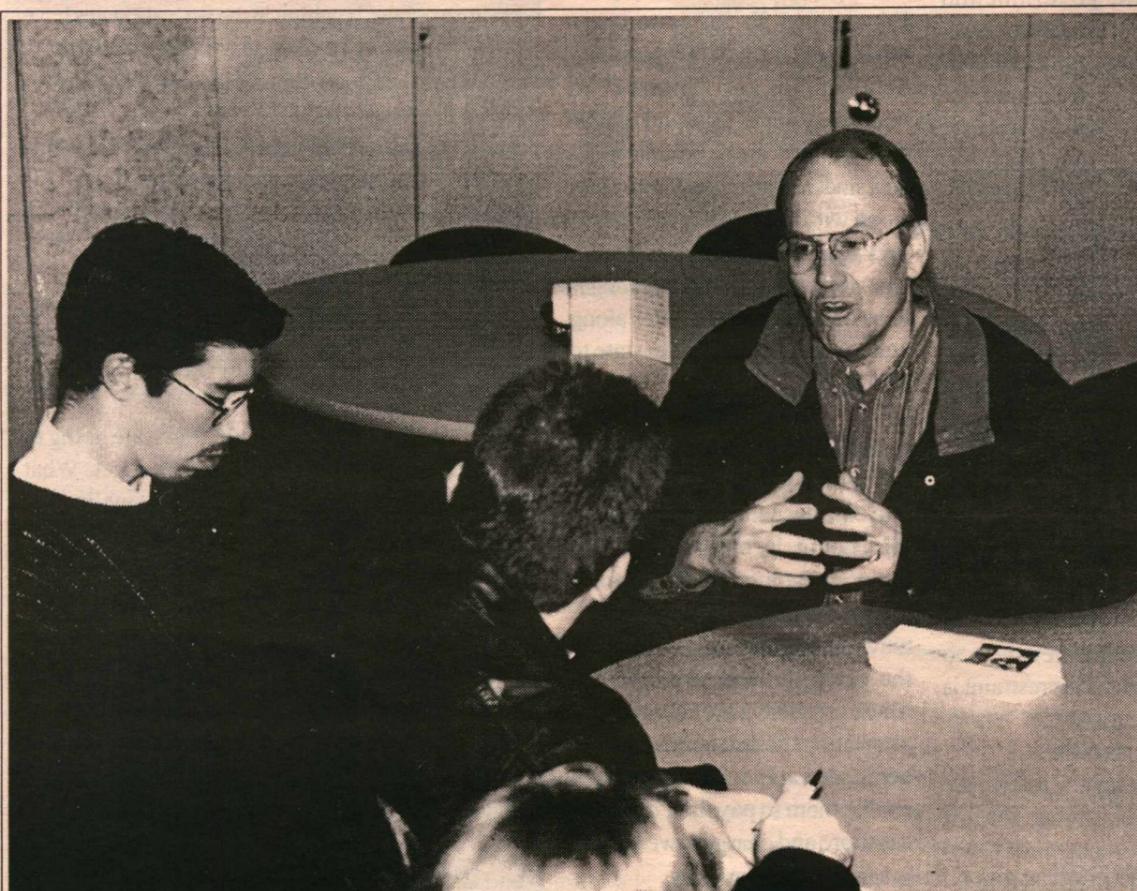
If you look at a PAC contributor report, you can predict a politician's vote 99 percent of the time. It's absolutely corrupting.

TC: You're a Democrat. Idaho is perennially one of the most conservative states in the nation. Why did you even decide to run here?

WM: Actually, I ran as an independent for the Republican nomination, but I was then recruited by the state Democratic party to run as a Democrat. Really, I'm a political independent -- I have little use for political systems.



"Really, I'm a political independent. I have little use for political systems."
~"Democrat" Walt Minnick



Republican Senator Larry Craig, seated facing the camera, answers questions in Marriott as John Fraley, left, and Jason Isbell, center, take notes. Craig and the challenger for his Senate seat, Democrat Walt Minnick, spoke at length over the last two weeks with *The Crusader*.

Four propositions on Idaho ballot

Proposition One is an initiative to limit property taxes to one percent of their assessed value, unless the taxpayers approve the tax increase. The initiative will also remove funding of schools from property taxes. Instead, schools will be funded out of the state general fund, which consists mainly of sales and income taxes. Backers of the proposition point to a 400 million dollar increase in the general fund in the last four years as a reason that the general fund can start supporting the schools.

Opponents view the proposition as a tax shift that will shift the tax burden from property taxes to income and sales taxes. In addition, they feel that it will make it virtually impossible for taxing districts, such as fire, library, and water, to get enough money to operate. "We can't make property taxes better by making income and sales taxes worse," said Idahoans Against One Percent, an activist group dedicated to the de-

Proposition one

Limiting Property tax to 1% of its assessed value

Opponents view the proposition as a shift from property taxes to income and sales taxes.

feat of the proposal.

Backers of the bill say that the general fund has increased 400 million dollars in the last four years due to rapid growth in Idaho's economy, and that the fund has more than enough money to support the schools.

Opponents also argue that shifting all school funding of the state will shift control of schools to the state. Idahoans Against One Percent said, "The initiative attempts to protect local school control, but, as the so-called 'Golden Rule' says, he who provides the gold makes the rules."

However, according to Idahoans for Tax Reform, the state already provides 82 percent of school budgets.

-by David Stillman

Proposition Two would ban three hunting practices in Idaho. It would ban bear baiting, or shooting bears while they feed on food in pits or drums, outlaw bear hunting in the spring, and make it illegal to hunt bears with hounds.

According to the proposition's backers, these practices are inhumane and should be discontinued.

Opponents of the measure feel that it is an attempt by eastern animal rights activists to force their agenda on Idaho. A voter's guide stated, "The initiative language limits future management to the sponsor's agenda."

Some opponents see it as the first step toward banning hunting entirely.

The proposition's authors say that they aren't trying to ban hunting any more than speed limits try to

Proposition two

Outlawing bear baiting

ban driving. In fact, Lynn Fritchman, who heads the Idaho Coalition United for Bears, is an avid hunter. "It's deplorable," he said of bait hunting. "It takes the sport out of hunting."

Idaho is the only state in the lower forty-eight that doesn't ban bear baiting, and according to proposition backers, bear hunting is still alive and well in those states.

Opponents say that bear baiting is one way to manage bear populations, and if the proposition passes, that job could become more difficult.

Idaho's leading bear biologist, Dr. John Beecham, has stated that the bear population has not been harmed biologically by Idaho's methods.

-by David Stillman

Many Idaho hunters argue that the initiative language limits future management to the sponsor's agenda.

Proposition Three

Voiding Governor Batt's nuclear waste agreement

The debate over nuclear waste is another hot-button issue in Idaho's 1996 political arena.

Arguments persist over Proposition Three, which would seek to nullify Governor Batt's agreement with the federal

government over shipments and storage of nuclear byproducts at the Idaho Nuclear Engineering Laboratory (INEL). The initiative would also put such decisions in the hands of the state legislature. The Idaho home page states Proposition Three gained over 70,000 signatures in a 10-week period to put it on the fall ballot. The opponents of Batt's agreement, Stop the Shipments, are concerned enough about the issue that they have their own web site.

Stop the Shipments, which calls Batt's initiative "a back-room, loophole-riddled deal," says the agreement is not written in stone, as it provides for modification of the existing program, allows foreign nuclear waste to be stored, and authorizes construction of a private incinerator for toxic garbage, which would allow even more waste into the state and threaten the air quality.

Batt's opponents also state the agreement carries a weak legal punch, as the federal government can renege on any fines imposed and avoid punishment, to which it has admitted. Le-

gally, Congress cannot be forced to schedule funding for any fines that are levied against the government.

Stop the Shipments points out INEL lies within the vicinity of earthquake-prone and previously volcanic areas which may become active with waste still in the ground. INEL also happens to be situated above the Snake River Aquifer, posing a threat to water supplies.

The governor's office discounts the criticism heaped against it, saying this fall's proposition would ruin Idaho's leverage in keeping waste out of the state. Jeff Schrade, special assistant to the Governor for INEL affairs, says violation of the agreement by the federal government would involve the courts and possibly send some people to jail.

Schrade notes the agreement explicitly forbids the Department of Energy transporting "commercial" waste to Idaho. Earthquake problems would be avoided by placing waste in surface storage areas, and not underground facilities.

-by Tony Syme

Proposition four

Creating congressional term limits

Many Idahoans may not have heard about Proposition Four, but it's on the ballot and interest groups are making a lot of noise for and against it.

Proposition Four is a ballot measure supporting congressional term limits. This measure supports limiting Senators to two six-year terms and Representatives to three two-year terms.

"[Congressional term limits] would help cure senility and seniority -- both terrible legislative diseases," said former President Harry Truman.

One of the problems that opponents have with Proposition Four is that it can only support term limits. It cannot make the limits into law or an amendment to the Constitution.

There is a great amount of voter support for term limits: 25 million voters in 23 states. However, the Supreme Court ruled, in a controversial 5-4 decision, that without an amendment to the U.S. Constitution, Proposition Four could not be established.

One of the major parts of Proposition Four is a provision that calls for a constitutional convention. If two thirds of the states in the union call for a convention, then a convention will be called, and will have the power to create an amendment to the Constitution while bypassing Congress.

Another interesting detail about Proposition Four is that term limits will only be decided by the voters themselves. It does not call for all-out term limits. Instead, the limits will come from the people, at the polls.

The proposition states, "If a member of Idaho congressional delegation fails to perform certain acts supporting congressional term limits amendment, the phrase 'DISREGARDED VOTERS' INSTRUCTION ON TERMLIMITS' would appear adjacent to their name on the ballot."

The proposition would require candidates for the U.S. Congress to sign a pledge in support of the congressional term limits amendment, and if they declined, the phrase "DECLINED TO PLEDGE TO SUPPORT TERMLIMITS" would appear next to the candidate's name.

The initiative also allows the Secretary of State to decide whether or not a statement as such should appear on a ballot.

-by Rachel Roemhildt

Washington Governor race a close one

Reporting and analysis by
Leland Taylor
Staff Writer

Washingtonians on both sides of the Cascade Mountains are breathing a sigh of relief as the illustrious Governor Mike Lowry's stay in office is coming to an end. Both republicans and democrats alike are hoping to have a revival of sorts in Olympia.

The 1996 gubernatorial election pits a conservative Christian, Ellen Craswell (R), against an immigrant's son, Gary Locke (D). The candidates come from different areas and have differing backgrounds.

During her 16 years in the Washington State Legislature, Ellen Craswell has fought to lower taxes, cut spending, and protect traditional family values. She believes, that government is restricting citizens' rights, freedoms,

job opportunities, and incomes. As governor, Craswell plans to cut property tax, Business and Occupation Tax, and the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax.

Craswell supports tougher sentences on criminals and use of the death penalty with limited appeals. In a statement given to the Office of the Secretary of State, she pledged, "Together, by God's grace, we can rebuild the right foundation for the future!"

Craswell has startled many by bringing God into her campaign. She has promised to hire only "wise and godly" people if she is elected. The Christian conservative has openly shared views on homosexuality, to the dismay of the gay community. She stated



Ellen Craswell



Gary Locke

in a speech two weeks ago, "Homosexuality cuts 35 years off your life."

Locke, on the other hand, has served as a deputy prosecutor in King County, state House Appropriations chairman, state representative, and King County Executive. He is a strong supporter of education and crime preven-

tion (his father was shot and robbed in his own store).

He hopes to "strengthen education, reform government regulation of business, preserve the environment, increase public safety and streamline state government." If elected, Locke will be the first Asian-American governor in the Continental U.S.

The candidates also differ on their views on health care. Craswell believes that the government needs to deregulate health care.

This would lead to "better access to health care." She believes that "mandated benefits always drive costs up...Get government intrusion out and let the free market reign. That will help keep the costs down."

...very briefly...

Colorado voters are facing the tough

Colorado news

issues this election season. Along with choosing one among 13 presidential tickets, they also need to decide the fate of eight amendments to the state constitution and the four referendums.

Along with the Dole/Kemp and Clinton/Gore tickets, members of eleven other political parties are running for the seat in the Oval Office. Most notable of the contenders is Ross Perot of the Reform Party, Ralph Nader of the Green Party of Colorado, and John Hagelin with the Natural Law Party. There are also members of the Colorado Prohibition Party, Socialist Workers Campaign, the Workers World Party, American Constitution Party, Socialist Party, and the American Party.

Several of the amendments to the state constitution are causing controversy among the different interest groups. Amendment 11 proposes to end the tax-exempt status of churches and other non-profit organizations. This would mainly cover the property taxes that these groups have evaded, but also include buildings and purchases that the group obtains. The nation looks on to see the outcome of this as it would create a precedent for further legislation.

Private institutions such as NNC would also be subject to these taxes if passages of this amendment were to lead to federal legislation. Other amendments include term limits, ballot initiatives and petitions, outlawing animal trapping, campaign contribution caps, public land management and limited stakes gambling in the Trinidad area.

Amendment 17 is also causing a stir among voters. Its purpose is to establish that parents have the sole right of directing and leading the education of their children. This comes into play in situations where parents don't want subjects such as sex education to be taught to their children. The parents would have the right to dictate that an alternate assignment be given to the child.

by Andy Diehl

What do I care?

a weekly news analysis

With a week left in the presidential race, Bob Dole is emphasizing one issue more than any other. Dole is making Clinton's moral fitness to lead the centerpiece of his campaign, with mixed results.

Indeed, the list of scandals involving the Clinton administration seems to grow weekly. The most recent involved a loophole in the campaign finance law that allowed an Indonesian couple to donate nearly half a million dollars to the Clinton campaign. Clinton has also refused to promise that he will not grant pardons to people involved in the Whitewater scandal, causing some leading republicans to accuse Clinton of retaining the option of pardoning Whitewater defendants if they will keep quiet about the First Family.

The list goes on and on. There's the Paula Jones scandal, the Whitewater scandal, and the FBI file scandal. Together, these occurrences paint a picture of a president with a questionable moral character.

However, most voters don't seem to care. According to recent polls, most Americans believe that Dole has better character than Clinton has, and yet Clinton still has a double-digit lead in the polls.

Those Americans who care strongly about the character issue have reason to wonder how Clinton can possibly be doing so well. One possible explanation is that Americans don't care about character anymore. They don't mind voting for someone of questionable character, as long as they get the job done.

In a recent ABC poll, 73 percent of voters think it is more important to have a president who "understands the problems of the people" than it is to have one who has the "highest personal character." Just as people perceive Clinton to have questionable character, people also perceive Dole as out of touch with America.

This is an issue that must be thought through. Which is more important? Being in touch, or being morally upright? The people of America will have an opportunity to decide on Nov. 5.

by David Stillman

Around the world in eighty words

Compiled by Debbie Miller
World News Editor

Bugs Bunny gets stamped

Soon, Bugs Bunny will have his own postage stamp. Postmaster General Marvin Runyon recently announced that a portrait stamp of that "wascally wabbit," we all love, will be released in 1997. The stamp shows Bugs leaning against a mailbox, holding his favorite treat, a carrot. Posing for this stamp is simply another act in Bugs's long history of service for his country. In the past, Bugs has sold bonds, and gained a service record from the Marines.

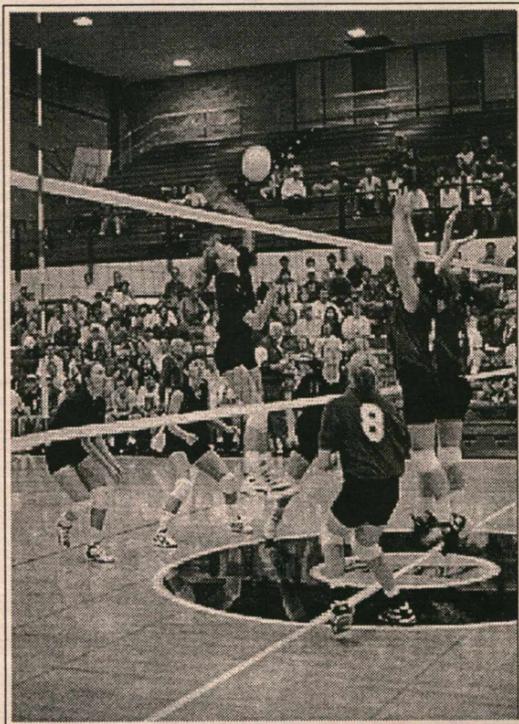
FBI barks up wrong tree

The FBI has announced that Richard Jewell is no longer a subject in the Olympic bombing. The FBI has issued an apology to Jewell, who has pleaded his innocence throughout the entire FBI investigation. The FBI originally investigated Jewell because he fit the FBI's profile of the bomber -- a former law enforcement officer seeking the spotlight as a hero. Jewell is considering suing the FBI and Atlanta Constitution over his ordeal.

Yeltsin dismisses Lebed

Alexander Lebed, Russia's security chief, has been fired by President Boris Yeltsin. Numerous Kremlin officials have accused Lebed of planning a "creeping coup" to take control of the Russian government. Lebed's support of Yeltsin in last summer's Russian elections played a large part in Yeltsin's victory. Lebed has vigorously protested his firing. "You know how it is. You run around all day at work and come home in the evening to find you are a major coup plotter," he said.

Crusaders win two more in impressive fashion



Crusaders powered past Concordia 15-5, 15-9, 15-4, and then Southern Oregon, 15-5, 15-12, 15-1.

By Robin Day
Sports Editor

The Lady Volleyball Crusaders improved their record to 21-4, winning matches against Concordia and Southern Oregon State on the 18 and 19 of October.

The Crusaders begin their winning weekend on Friday against Concordia. Sophomore Liz Benear started off on the right foot with a kill and the Crusaders took the lead with her serves. Senior Kristi Baker also served well, putting the Crusaders in control of the match, with a 15-5 victory in the first game.

In the second game, things came weren't as easy. The Crusaders weren't getting the digs they needed and their intensity was low. Concordia was leading 7-1 when senior Patty Grim pounded the ball to the floor for the kill and the team rallied around her. Junior Michelle Burge and again, Liz Benear rifled kills past the Cavaliers' defense and the Crusaders pulled out on top, 15-9. The third game came, with Patty Grim controlling the net and junior Annette Fenton digging every ball that came her way. The Crusaders easily dominated the game for a 15-4 vic-

MEN'S SOCCER

Nov. 1 Cascade College 3:00 p.m. Home
Nov. 2 Evergreen State 12:00 p.m. Home

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Nov. 2 Northern Montana 7:30 p.m. Home
Nov. 8 Lewis & Clark 7:00 p.m. Home

Not just for boys anymore

Lady Crusaders display courage on the field of battle

By Missy Rasmussen
Staff Writer

What do American Gladiators, She-Ra and Wonder Woman all have in common? Nothing, except for the fact that all of them put together are only half as buff as the Lady Crusader soccer team. If this has made you excited to come and see these tough ladies of the lawn, it's too late. The 1996 soccer season is over. With only a four-week season consisting of six games, you missed out on the newest sport to hit the NNC sports scene in decades, if you didn't act fast.

The team consisted of sophomore team captians, Dean Duddles, Shayna Lund, and Missy Rasmussen, juniors Katie Deiterich and Mindee Thompson, sophomores Melissa McClellan and Jana Deakins, and seven freshmen, including Brandy

Next year, Coach Lang plans on adding twelve new recruits to the team. Starting with practices a month before school starts and three times the amount of games, his goal is to take first in conference.

Clarke, Kasey Fritsch, Terah Orr, Amy Parsons, Linsey Scott, Carrie Seaney, and Melissa Tennyson.

Just by looking at the fourteen girls on the field, you would have never guessed that fewer than half of them have ever touched a soccer ball, let alone kicked one. The Lady Crusaders, led by Coach Jim Lang, not only displayed courage and determination, but showed a 50 percent improvement in just a few short weeks.

The Lady Crusaders ended their season by falling 1-0 to Albertson College in a hard battle. The Lady Crusaders fought hard with 18 shots on goal in front of a crowd of approximately 30 fellow Crusaders.

Our Lady Crusaders worked hard to represent us well this year. Next year, Coach Lang plans on adding 12 new recruits to the team. Starting with practices a month before school and triple the amount of games, his goal is to take first in conference.

If you're upset because you missed these ladies of the lawn in action... don't fret, they'll be back next year, full throttle!

-- Roster --

Clarke, Brandy <i>Freshman</i>	Orr, Terah <i>Freshman</i>
Deakins, Jana <i>Sophomore</i>	Parsons, Amy <i>Freshman</i>
Dieterich, Katie <i>Junior</i>	Rasmussen, Missy <i>Sophomore</i>
Duddles, Dena <i>Sophomore</i>	Scott, Linsey <i>Freshman</i>
Fritsch, Kasey <i>Freshman</i>	Seaney, Carrie <i>Freshman</i>
Lund, Shayna <i>Sophomore</i>	Tennyson, Melissa <i>Freshman</i>
McClellan, Melissa <i>Sophomore</i>	Thompson, Mindee <i>Junior</i>

Head Coach: Jim Lang

tory.

"Tomorrow will be a tougher match," remarked Coach Darlene Brasch. "Concordia didn't play well tonight; if they lose, it's usually in closer matches, and they beat Albertson College earlier today."

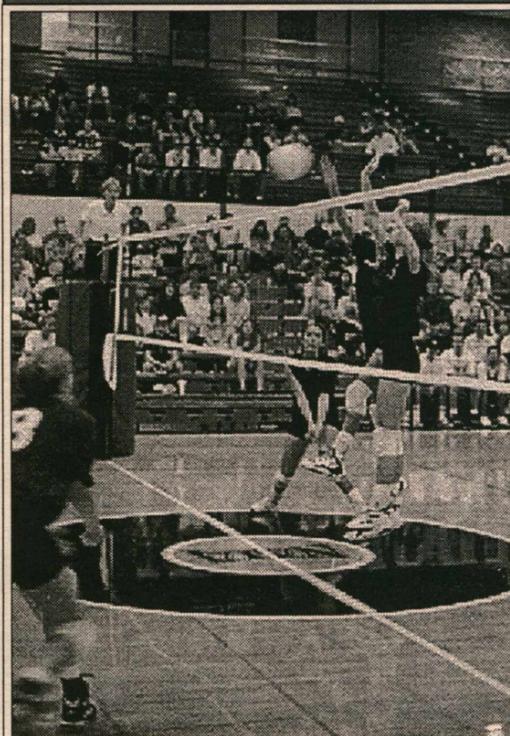
Saturday afternoon, Southern Oregon State came to crash the Crusader's "block party." The first game showed hard hitting from both teams, but the Crusaders were under everything Southern Oregon sent over the net. The digs made the difference and the Crusaders went into the second game with a 15-5 win.

In the second game, the Raiders fought for a comeback and the two teams traded the lead off and on. The Crusaders, however, controlled the net totaling over 15 blocks as a team. With their strong hits and hustle, the team pulled ahead of Southern Oregon at the end for a 15-12 win.

At the beginning of the third game the Crusaders decided that they wanted to go home, and they were brutal to the Raiders. The Crusaders seemed to be everywhere, especially senior Laurie Vail. Vail tallied up some strong hits, perfectly placed dinks and had 6 aces, the school record of most aces in one match being 9. The final score of 15-1, told it all. As Coach Brasch remarked, "The girls really played well, and it showed."

Be sure to take time to catch the "block party" action at the next home volleyball game Saturday, November 2, against Northern Montana.

"The girls really played well, and it showed." ~Volleyball coach Darlene Brasch after beating Southern Oregon State on Saturday



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Shots Heard 'Round the World: Sports Brieflies

Yankees take 23rd Series crown from Atlanta

NEW YORK, NY -- The New York Yankees have won their first World Series since 1978 with a 3-2 win against the Atlanta Braves in Yankee Stadium.

The Yanks started off the Series by losing their first two games at home. They then became the third team in history to win a crown after an 0-2 start.

The Braves almost pulled the game out in the ninth inning but Yankee pitcher Wetteland retired Mark Lemke on a 3-2 pitch to end the game and the series. Atlanta has become the first team to lose three Series in five years since L.A. did so in 1974-1978.

Sonics beat Lakers 99-94 in Pavilion

BOISE, ID -- The Seattle Supersonics' Shawn Kemp tallied 17 of his 30 points in the second half to bring the Sonics to a 99-94 win against the L.A. Lakers.

Detlef Schrempf pulled down 11 rebounds and scored 13 of his 21 points in the second half to return the Sonics from their 50-44 deficit at the half.

The Sonics have now improved to a 5-2 record in the pre-season despite numerous turnovers. Against the Lakers they committed 26 turnovers that resulted in 27 points for Los Angeles.

Although they were out-rebounded 41-26, Shaquille O'Neal was able to drop 13 points and grab six rebounds for the Lakers.

Johnson frustrated by former team

MIAMI, FL-- Jimmy Johnson was unable to lead his Dolphins to a victory against the machine that he created, as the Cowboys devastated Miami with a 29-10 win in Florida.

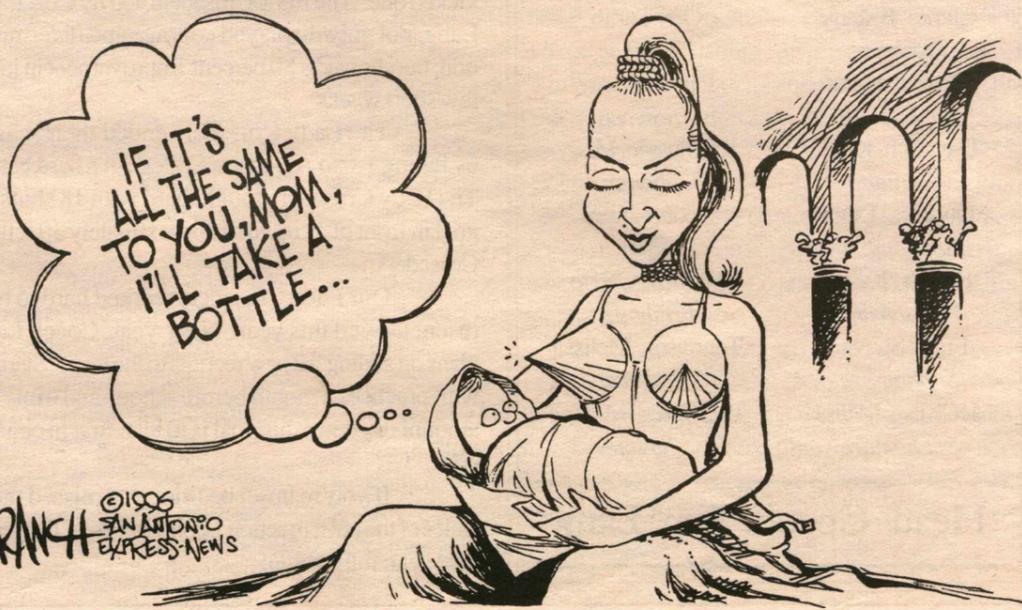
The team that Johnson fashioned was his undoing. Irvin was weaned in college, Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith were both drafted during his tenure. Aikman threw for 3 TD receptions: one to both Irvin and Smith. The three scored 20 pts in 12 minutes to seal the game and their former coach's fate.

Michael Irvin had himself renamed the Playmaker after 12 catches for 186 yds and the TD reception from Aikman.



"IGNORING HIM ISN'T WORKING... MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST STEP ON HIM!"

Madonna & Child



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Dave Barry

Don't look up – the placenta might be falling

It's time once again for our popular consumer health feature, "You Should Be More Nervous."

Today we're going to address an alarming new trend, even scarier in some ways than the one we discussed several years ago concerning the danger of airplane toilets sucking out your intestines (if you had forgotten about that one, we apologize for bringing it up again, and we ask you to please put it out of your mind).

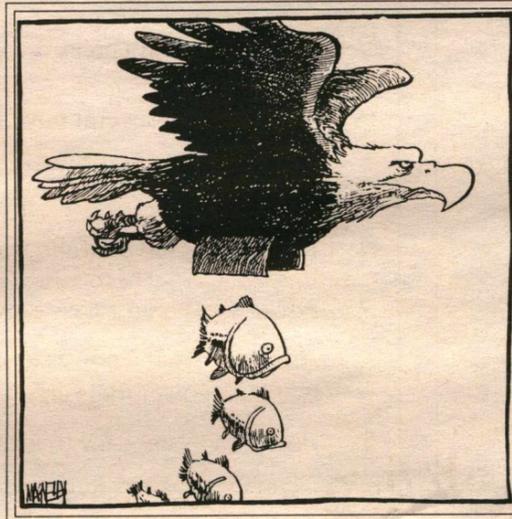
We were made aware of this new menace when alert reader Edna Aschenbrenner sent us an item from an Enterprise, Ore., newspaper called -- get ready for a great newspaper name -- The Wallowa County Chieftain. The Chieftain runs a roundup of news from the small town of Imnaha (suggested motto: "It's 'Ahanmi' Spelled Backward!"). On March 14, this roundup, written by Barbara Kriley, began with the following story, which I am not making up:

"A bald eagle sabotaged the Imnaha power line for an hour and a half outage Wednesday with a placenta from the Hubbard Ranch calving operation. The eagle dropped the after-birth across the power lines, effectively shorting out the power."

This is a truly alarming story. We're talking about a BALD EAGLE, the proud symbol of this great nation as well as Budweiser beer. We don't know about you, but we always TRUSTED eagles; we assumed that when they were soaring majestically across the skies, they were PROTECTING us -- scanning the horizon, keeping an eye out for storm fronts, Russian missiles, pornography, etc. But now we find out, thanks to the Chieftain, that they're not protecting us at all: they're up there dropping cow placentas. They've already demonstrated that they can take

out the Imnaha power supply; it would be child's play for them to hit a human.

NOBODY is safe. Can you imagine what would happen to our democratic system of government if, just before Election Day, one of the leading presidential contenders, while speaking at an outdoor rally, were to be struck on the head by a cow afterbirth traveling at 120 miles per hour?



Nothing, that's what would happen. First off, your presidential contenders do not ever stop speaking for any reason, including unconsciousness. Second, they're used to wearing ridiculous headgear to garner support from some headgear-wearing group or another. It would be only a matter of time before ALL the leading contenders were sporting cow placentas.

But a direct hit could have a disastrous effect on ordinary taxpayers. That is why we are issuing the following urgent plea to the personnel at the Hubbard Ranch and every other calving operation within the sound of our voice: PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE UN-ATTENDED PLACENTAS LYING AROUND. This is especially important

if you see eagles loitering nearby, trying to look bored, smoking cigarettes, acting as though they could not care less. Please dispose of your placentas in the manner prescribed by the U.S. Surgeon General; namely, mail them, in secure packaging, to "The Ricki Lake Show." Thank you.

We wish we could tell you that the Imnaha attack was an isolated inci-

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dent, but we cannot, not in light of a news item from the Detroit Free Press, written by Kate McKee and sent in by many alert readers, concerning a Michigan man who was struck in an extremely sensitive area -- you guessed it; his rental car -- by a five-pound sucker fish falling from the sky. I am also not making this up. The man, Bob Ringewold, was quoted as saying that the fish was dropped by a "young eagle." (The article doesn't say how he knew the eagle was young; maybe it was wearing a little baseball cap backward.) The fish dented the roof of the car, although Ringewold was not charged for the damage (this is why you car-renters should always take the Optional Sucker Fish Coverage).

And here comes the bad news: this is not the scariest recent incident involving an airborne fish. We have here an Associated Press item, sent in by many alert readers, which begins:

"A Brazilian fisherman choked to death near the remote Amazon city of Belem after a fish unexpectedly jumped into his mouth."

The item -- we are still not making any of this up -- states that "the six-inch-long fish suddenly leapt out of the river" while the fisherman "was in the middle of a long yawn."

Of course, this could be simply the case of a fish -- possible a young fish, inexperienced or on drugs -- not paying attention to where it was going and jumping into somebody's mouth. On the other hand, it could be something much more ominous. It could be that fish in general, after thousands of years of being hounded by fishermen and dropped on rental cars, are finally deciding to fight back in the only way they know how.

If so, there is trouble ahead. You know those Saturday-morning professional-bass-fishing programs on TV? We should start monitoring those programs closely, because the fish on those programs are probably SICK AND TIRED of always playing the role of victims. It is only a matter of time before there is a situation where of a couple of televised angling professionals are out on a seemingly peaceful lake, casting their lures, and they happen to yawn, and suddenly the water erupts in fury as dozens of vengeful bass launch themselves like missiles and deliberately lodge themselves deep into every available angler orifice. And we would NOT want to miss that.

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Dave, take two: enjoy his take on Halloween

Editor's note: As a result of taking a week off, we've got an extra Dave Barry available. Please enjoy.

I love Halloween. It reminds me of my happy childhood days as a student at Wampus Elementary School in Armonk, N.Y., when we youngsters used to celebrate Halloween by making decorations out of construction paper and that white paste that you could eat. This is how we celebrated Columbus Day, Washington's Birthday, Lincoln's Birthday, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, New Year's, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Father's

Day, Armistice Day, Flag Day, Arbor Day, Thursday, etc. We brought these decorations home to our parents, who by federal law were required to attach them to the refrigerator with magnets.

that was a wonderful, carefree time in which to be a youngster or construction-paper salesperson. But it all ended suddenly one day - I'll never forget it - when the Soviet Union launched the first satellite, called "Sputnik" (which is Russian for "Little Spud"). Immediately, all the grown-ups in America became hysterical about losing the Space Race, which led to paranoid insecurity about our educational

system, expressed in anguished newspaper headlines asking, "WHY AREN'T OUR KIDS LEARNING ANYTHING IN SCHOOL?" I wanted to answer "BECAUSE ALL WE EVER DO IS MAKE DECORATIONS OUT OF CONSTRUCTION PAPER" but I couldn't because my mouth was full of paste.

But getting back to Halloween: It's still one of the most fun Holidays of the year, as well as one of the most traditional, tracing its origins back more than 2,000 years to the Druids, an ancient religious cult that constructed Stonehenge, as well as most of the pub-

lic toilets in England. The Druids believed that one night each year, at the end of October, the souls of the dead returned to the world of the living and roamed from house to house costumed as Power Rangers.

And thus it is that to this day, youngsters come to our door on Halloween night shouting: "Trick or treat!" According to tradition, if we don't give the youngsters the "treat," their parents will "sue" us. That's why most of us traditionally prepare for Halloween by going to the supermarket and purchasing

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Top Ten

Top Ten comparisons that can be made between men and washing machines

10. Washing machines have a lifetime warranty.
9. Washing machines are exceptionally dependable.
8. Washing machines serve a useful purpose around the house.
7. Both can be fixed at high cost.
6. Both can take you for a spin.
5. Washing machines can be unplugged if they start to take control of their own destinies (or spin cycle).
4. Both can only follow certain pre-programmed cycles.
3. Washing machines are capable of properly using common household products (bleach, detergent, boiling water).
2. Washing machines know their place.
1. If your washing machine is broken, you can go use someone else's (a close friend's only).

This list was instigated by Shannon Adams and completed by undependable, pre-programmed members of the male gender

Top Ten

Top Ten irreconcilable differences between women and power tools

10. Power tools are inexpensive.
9. Power tools enjoy the environment of the garage.
8. Power tools are emotionally stable (and low-maintenance).
7. Power tools don't break down consistently once every month.
6. You can own several power tools at once.
5. Power tools come with intelligible instructions.
4. Power tools have a valid warranty.
3. Power tools aren't possessive.
2. An injury from a power tool will only chop off a finger or two (i.e., power tools aren't likely to bobbitt you).
1. Power tools are easy to turn on.

This list was spawned by Andy Diehl, John Fraley, Jason Isbell, and Dave Stillman as a righteous reprisal to the one on its left.

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approximately eight metric tons of miniature candy bars, that we dump in a big bowl by the door, ready to hand out to the hordes of trick-or-treaters.

The irony, of course, is that there ARE no hordes of trick-or-treaters, not any more. We in the news media make darn sure of that. Every year we publish dozens of helpful consumer-advise articles, cheerfully reminding parents of the dangers posed by traffic, perverts, poisoned candy, and many other Halloween hazards that parents would never think of if we didn't remind them ("Have fun, but remember that 17,000 Americans will die bobbing for apples").

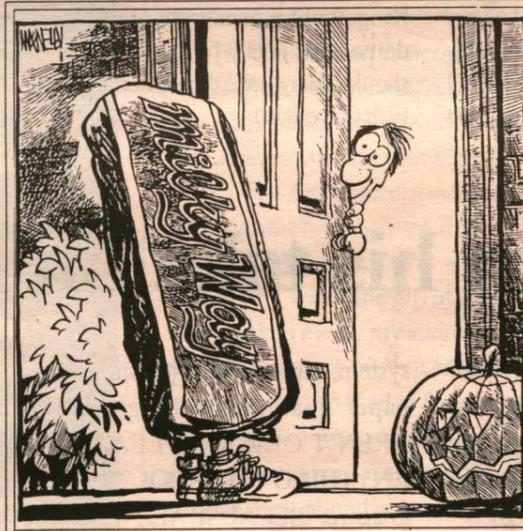
The result is that many of the children aren't allowed to go trick-or-treating, and the ones who ARE allowed to go out come to your house no later than 4:30 p.m., wearing reflective tape on their Power Rangers costumes and trailed closely by their parents, who watch you suspiciously and regard whatever candy you hand out as unsolicited mail from the Unabomber.

So for most of Halloween, your doorbell is quiet. This means that you pass the long night alone, hour after hour, just you and the miniature candy bars. After a while they start calling se-

ductively to you from their bowl in squeaky little voices.

"Hey Big Boy!" they call. "We're going to waste over here!"

As the evening wears on they become increasingly brazen. Eventu-



ally they crawl across the floor, climb up your body, unwrap themselves and force themselves bodily into your mouth. There's no use hiding in the bathroom, because they'll just crawl under the door and tie you up with dental floss and threaten to squeeze toothpaste in your eye unless you eat them. At least that's what they do to me. By the end of the night my blood has the

sugar content of Yoo-Hoo.

But eating huge amounts of candy allegedly purchased for youngsters is only part of the Halloween tradition. The other part is buying a pumpkin and carving it to make a "jack-o'-

bowels.

3. Put the lid back on and secure with 200 feet of duct tape. (this is also the traditional procedure for stuffing a turkey.)

But however you celebrate Halloween, make sure that you remember this important safety tip: (IMPORTANT SAFETY TIP GOES HERE). Otherwise you will not survive the night. I'd give you more details, but right now I need to do something about these tiny Milky Ways crawling up my legs.

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"Trick or Treat!" According to tradition, if we don't give the youngsters a "treat," their parents will "sue" us.

lantern," which sits on your front porch, a festive symbol of the age-old truth - discovered by the Druids - that there is no practical purpose for pumpkins.

Here's how to make a traditional jack-o'-lantern:

1. Cut a lid on the top of the pumpkin.
2. Pull off the lid and peer into the slimy, festering pumpkin

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by Scott Adams

ON THE SURFACE, YOU SEEM TO MAKE SOME GOOD POINTS ABOUT TECHNOLOGY...

BUT YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS REVEALS YOUR NEWBIE IDENTITY. YOU'RE PROBABLY A GOAT HERDER OR A CARTOONIST.

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE AN ELITIST TECHNOLOGY BIGOT? I PREFER TO THINK OF MYSELF AS A TECHNOLOGY "HAVE."

CATBERT: EVIL H.R. DIRECTOR
HEY, WALLY, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU STILL LIKE ABOUT WORKING HERE?

UM... I LIKE MAKING POPCORN IN THE MICROWAVE AND EATING IT WHILE I PRETEND TO WORK.

YOUR BODY LANGUAGE TELLS ME THAT SOMETHING EVIL IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO MY POPCORN PRIVILEGES. I LOVE MY JOB.

THANKS FOR THE MEETING. HERE'S MY CARD.

YOU CALL THAT AN E-MAIL ADDRESS? IT'S EIGHTY CHARACTERS LONG AND MOSTLY MEANINGLESS.

PEOPLE WITH EMBARRASSING E-MAIL SYSTEMS... I TELL PEOPLE, "THE REPLY FUNCTION DOESN'T WORK. YOU HAVE TO TYPE IN MY ADDRESS."

CATBERT: EVIL H.R. DIRECTOR
TO: ALL EMPLOYEES
THE SMELL OF POPCORN IN THE OFFICE IS UNPROFESSIONAL...

HE'S BANNING POPCORN! FIRST IT WAS TOBACCO, THEN PERFUME, NOW THIS... THERE'S ONLY ONE POLLUTANT LEFT.

... THIS BRINGS ME TO THE UNPLEASANT SUBJECT OF WALLY...

CATBERT: EVIL H.R. DIRECTOR
I FEEL LIKE COMMITTING RANDOM ACTS OF CATNESS.

WOMAN IN PINK SUIT APPROACHING... ACTIVATE PURRING AND SHEDDING.

SO, ALICE, HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO CURL AND STYLE A SUIT LIKE THAT? DO YOU DRY-CLEAN IT OR JUST GIVE IT A PERM?

THIS AWARD GOES TO TIM FOR HIS INCREDIBLE ACCOMPLISHMENT.

AFTER TWO YEARS OF STONEWALLING ALL PROGRESS, TIM FINALLY AGREED TO DO THE WORK FOR WHICH HE WAS HIRED.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH TIM IN THE COMING YEAR. AS IF I'D HAVE TIME FOR THAT.

THE CUBICLE WARRIOR PREPARES FOR BATTLE.

FIGHTING, FIGHTING AGAINST THE OVERWHELMING BOREDOM!

WHEN MY GRANDCHILDREN ASK ME WHAT I DID FOR A LIVING, I'M GOING TO LIE. I USUALLY TELL PEOPLE YOU'RE A HOBO.

THIS NEXT AWARD GOES TO KIM FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL WORK.

KIM WORKED EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS TO FIX THE PROBLEMS THAT WERE CAUSED BY HER OWN INCOMPETENCE.

AND IT LOOKS LIKE KIM HAS A FULL PLATE FOR THE COMING YEAR, TOO. WHICH SIDE FACES THE WALL?

CATBERT: EVIL H.R. DIRECTOR
WALLY, YOU'VE BEEN TOO BUSY TO GET THE REQUIRED FORTY HOURS OF TRAINING THIS YEAR.

SO I HIRED A CONTRACT EMPLOYEE TO HELP YOU OUT. WHEN DOES HE START?

YESTERDAY. HE ALREADY FINISHED EIGHT HOURS OF YOUR TRAINING.

OH, NO... IT'S THE MADDENING SOUND OF WALLY CLIPPING HIS NAILS.

THE SOUND MAKES ME CRAZY, BUT I CAN'T COMPLAIN BECAUSE IT WOULD SOUND SILLY.

YOU MADE YOUR OWN SCREEN SAVER? IT'S CALLED "WALLY'S 101 ANNOYING CUBICLE SOUNDS."

I'M A MANAGER, SO I DON'T DO ACTUAL WORK...

AND ALL THE DECISIONS ARE MADE ABOVE ME.

CAROLE, TELL ME AGAIN WHAT I PRODUCE. CARBON DIOXIDE. OUR PLANTS WOULD NEED THAT IF THEY WEREN'T PLASTIC.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE MARKETING DEPARTMENT? IT'S AN EXPERIMENT.

I SNEAK DOWN HERE ONCE A WEEK AND MOVE THIS GUY'S CUBICLE WALL IN BY A QUARTER-INCH.

WHAT'S THIS EXPERIMENT GOING TO PROVE? I FORGET. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.

The Abode

By Barrett Schmelzenbach

INTERNATIONAL PILLS ARE IN THE NEWS!

NEW WRITE-IN CANDIDATE!

LISTEN TO THIS... "MAYOWIESE PROMISES TO SOLVE POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT, DRAMATICALLY ADVANCE MEDICINE, BIOLOGY, AND HUMAN SCIENCES MAKE ORGANS, BLOOD, AND BONE MARROW READILY AVAILABLE FOR TRANSPLANTS THROUGH HIS HUMAN FARM LABS..."

DUNNIE MAYOWIESE

YEAH? WHAT ABOUT HIS POWERFUL DRUG & CRIME REDUCTION PLAN?

ANTI-CRIME PLAN

A. HERO I AM A... DRUG DEALER. (2800 BEAR X)

B. CRIMINAL BENEVOLENCE WHICH I CAN USE TO CONVINCE YOU TO A WASTE-OF-TIME PLAN!

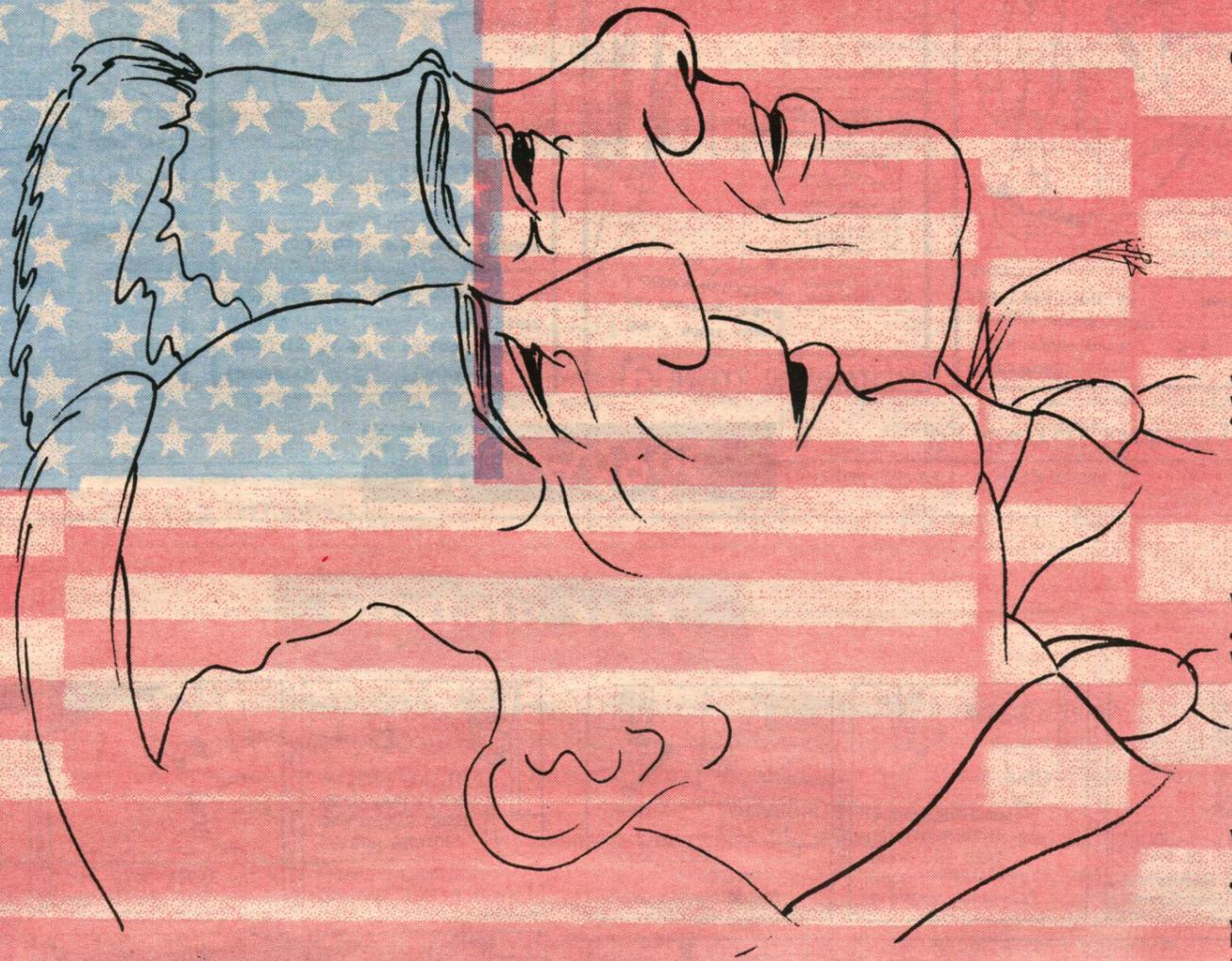
MAKES MORE SENSE THAN SOME OF THIS OTHER STUFF... WHAT'S HIS STAND ON TAXES?

BEATS ME... BUT IF IT'S LIKE HIS OTHER IDEAS HE'S GOT MY VOTE.

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