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Column One

Yet another issue of *The Crusader* is rolling off the presses this week; this time in honor of those who fought so hard to be the only ones at rollerscamming not having a great time.

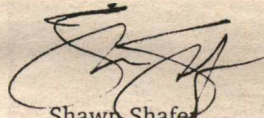
We have an exciting issue this week for you, our constant reader. David has an expose on the men's soccer team and their season this year.

We are still ironing out some of the finer points of this new format. Please feel free to give us feedback on it (whether you love it or hate it.)

One new thing that will be happening in *The Crusader* this year will be in the Entertainment section. This is your section, I am looking for anyone interested in creative writing (poetry, short story, etc.) This section has traditionally been filled with material from professional columnists and cartoonists, but since this is a student paper why not have some student material. If you are interested in contributing in this regard, contact me at 8656 or at crusader@student.nnc.edu.

All our staff, writers, cartoonists, anyone really, is paid for their work. It's not much, but it comes in handy for weekend spending money. Call us, we'd love to work with you.

Enjoy,



Shawn Shafer
Editor-in-chief

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Rollin' into the 70's

by Kristina Ritchie
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Groovy threads and happenin' music made for a dynamite evening of rollerscamming at the Rollerdrome last Friday. NNC students crowded into the roller rink wearing clothes reminiscent of the '70's while skating to legendary songs like "Stayin' Alive" by the Bee Gees.

And what trip to the Rollerdrome is complete without doing the "hoki-poki" and grabbing the hand of your favorite squeeze in the "couples' skate" and racing in the "fast skate."

Rollerscamming has been a popular tradition for years, and so by 9:15 p.m. some students arrived to find the roller rink full to overflowing and with very few skates left to rent.

For sophomore Shawna Tiner, who raided a Boise thrift shop hours before the event, dressing up was fun, but she said with a laugh, "I would have had a better time if they would have had my size in skates!"

Emily Schulyer, also a sophomore, said that even though the place was full, it was a great oppor-

tunity to interact with people in Nampa not affiliated with NNC: "It was kind of neat that there weren't just NNC students there. It was a chance to witness to the community."

The week's other activities featured a western barbeque Saturday night featuring down-home picnic style food on the lawn, and Tuesday night's Rootbeer Fest, complete with a starry night showing of *Apollo 13*.

New cylinder mugs decoratively carrying the Crusader logo enticed a number of students to chug away in an attempt to impress others with their resonating burps.

Thursday night, Jazz on the Lawn drew a socializing crowd, but the choice drink this night was the Italian soda.

At the first Time Out Wednesday, students gathered on the soccer field for

praise in song and a message from Perla Aragon. She urged students to pray for peers in love and humility rather than criticizing their shortcomings.

All parts of "Welcome Week" on campus are designed to integrate Freshmen and new students into the social atmosphere of NNC and to provide all students with some fun.

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~Emily Schulyer



Kyla Edelman, Laura Turner, Sara Jakel and Amy Holm join in on the 70's groovin'

Dr. Bennett honored for *InLand*

InLand, an English journal serving the Southern Idaho and Eastern Washington affiliates of the National Council of Teachers of English, received top honors last July.

InLand editor Dr. Gaymon Bennett of the NNC English Department has been invited to accept the first place 1997-98 N.C.T.E. Affiliate Journal Award in Nashville on Nov. 22.

Jenny Cramer, Chair of the Award, praised *InLand* for its "organization, layout, design and wide variety of contents." Contributors to the magazine include numerous local and nationally known talents.

NNC students have also had the privilege of working with the magazine under the leadership of Dr. Bennett. 1998 NNC graduates

Jonathan McNally and Gina Grate contributed artwork and other talents to the journal.

Bennett is excited for the journal's success and said he enjoys the contacts he makes with local educators. Bennett says he most enjoys editing when he can change a story's effectiveness without changing words drastically. Bennett said, "One time I reconstructed a piece by reordering paragraphs around, and in the end only about six words were different. I enjoyed that."

InLand was awarded in the second of Bennett's three year term as editor. *InLand* serves the Idaho Council and the Northwest Council of Teachers of English. Forty other English magazines of affiliate regions competed for the national award.

Improvements refresh, beautify campus

Landscaping changes NNC over the summer

by Amber Jerome
Campus Editor

Landscaping improvements on campus this summer have spruced up the newly constructed Brandt Center, Ford Hall and Lucille Little Prayer Chapel, adding lots of refreshing foliage.

In Kurtz park, new trees adorn the parking lot and building entrance. Larger trees have been cut to prepare for a more extensive parking lot which will have one hundred more spaces.

Construction has begun on two more sidewalks which will run perpendicular to the current walkway students use to-and-from chapel. They will extend north and south of the Brandt Center to Dewey and Holly streets, respectively.

The landscaping of the Little

Prayer Garden began the week of the 13th. Sitting benches will be placed in the garden and students will be able to walk on paths through the arbor by the end of fall.

Biblical symbolism will permeate the garden, as planners decided to fill the arbor with plants and trees mentioned in the Bible.

"We thought it was a way to make it proper and unique for a Christian school and prayer garden," said Weber. "They had a little trouble finding Cedars of Lebanon, but I think they finally located one. It's been fun for the landscape artist, who is a Christian," Weber added.

Campus yards were cleaned and groomed as well. New flower gardens accent Williams and the Business Hall. Ford has new trees, but those near Corlett which blocked visibility and were a safety concern were removed. Also, the dorm was painted by a volunteer core which contributed seven hundred hours of free labor, according to administrator Darrell Marks.

In addition to routine cleaning and restoration, all campus resi-

dence halls were set up with computer labs, and in all but Corlett and Olson, direct net wiring to individual rooms.

Many students in upperclassmen dorms were glad for the new

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~V. P. Hal Weber

convenience, but still wished for their own direct access. "It's really disappointing that the seniors are the

only ones who don't have Internet service in their rooms," said Erica Givens of Corlett. Other noticeable changes at N.N.C. are roadways which have been changed to two-lane traffic.

The intention is to filter out more public traffic and better convenience students. The east half of Dewey is now two-way and the east end near Sutherland has been blocked off. The west side of Dewey from Riley Library to College Church remains one way and open to the public.

A final project completed just the third week of September was the replacement of a grease interceptor line behind the Student Center Complex. New city codes required the installment of new grease traps to prevent leakage into the city sewage system. "It was an expensive activity," said Weber.

All improvements on campus are to benefit the student and welcome them to a beautified place to call home. Said Weber, "We want it nice so everyone can be proud of [NNC] as their home and campus."

Manley becomes Director of Student Teaching

Manley brings twenty-seven years of experience to department

by Amber Jerome
Campus Editor

Professor Ron Manley, nineteen-year veteran teacher and eight-year principal of Nyssa Middle School, is the new Education Department's Director of Student Teaching.

Manley said he is glad to be here and feels that his placement is a continuation of his ongoing relationship with the college.

Manley said he has been a part

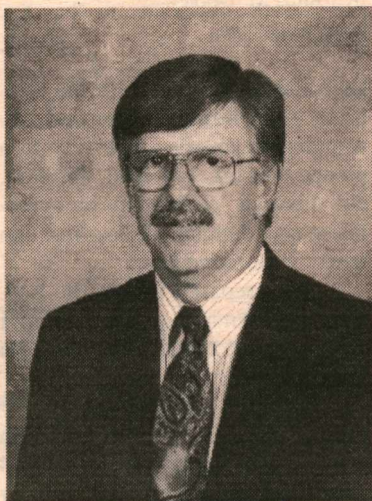
of the NNC family since his youth. His grandparents moved to Nampa in the 1940s in order for their children to have direct access to a Christian education at the College's Academy High, once located on the site of the Student Center Building.

Manley's grandmother worked for NNC, and his dad and all his aunts and uncles attended the Academy.

The Manley's house stood at the corner where Ford Hall is today.

Manley grew up in Missouri where his dad was a pastor, but visiting his grandparents at NNC introduced Manley to many friends and role models who endeared him to NNC, including his uncle, who played Crusader baseball.

Manley attended NNC for his undergraduate degree in physical science education, and went on to teach a variety of age levels and sub-



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~ Professor
Ronald Manley

jects in Idaho, Wyoming and Oregon.

But above his love for science, Manley says his main teaching inspiration is "to work with kids, have an input into their future and to pre-

pare them better than I was prepared."

Additionally, Manley's specialty has been with middle-school-aged children, so he has a great perspective to offer education majors inter-

ested in teaching them.

Manley said, "Seeing the kids grow so much physically and emotionally in that short three year period of their life is the reason I think middle school is the place to be. It's the place to have a significant input into who [the students] are going to be. They're pretty moldable and pretty vulnerable. They need warm, caring folks to guide [them]."

Manley said he hopes to help prepare NNC students to help fill that role, "to prepare [them] for the profession of teaching and to be Christian leaders in the world of education." He is very enthused about fulfilling his role as the new Director of Student Teaching.

We welcome him to the NNC faculty and community, along with his wife, Nancy, two sons, Dirk and Roger and his daughter Yvonne, who is currently a student at NNC.

Yale professor to visit NNC

Renowned lecturer will speak for Jordan Symposium

by Amber Jerome
Campus Editor

Professor Stephen L. Carter, a leading Christian scholar and renowned intellectual, will speak at the NNC Swayne Auditorium on Oct. 1 at 7 p.m.

Carter will be addressing the public on the topic of *Integrity, Civility, and American Democracy*. Carter has written five books for

which he has received wide acclaim, and in 1994 *Time* named him one of the fifty American leaders of the future.

After obtaining his B.A. in History from Stanford with honors in 1976, Carter received his law degree from Yale in 1979. He practiced law and served as a law clerk for Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall before beginning his teaching career at Yale in 1982.

Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to hear Professor Carter, who is making his first ap-



pearance in Idaho on our campus thanks to the Len B. Jordan Symposium, an intellectual lecture series which began in the 80's with the generous endowment of alumnus and former Idaho governor, Len Jordan.

Dr. Shaw e-mailed Professor Carter last spring in hopes of bringing him to our campus.

Carter's message is sure to be thought-provoking and well worth your time. Following the lecture will be a question and answer session and Carter will then be available for book signings. His books will be available for purchase prior to the lecture.

Chapel credit will be given for those who attend. See the Office of Student Development for details.

cHAoS

Signups for CHAOS, your chance to explore some of the opportunities that the NNC ministry clubs offer you, begin Wednesday at dinner time and continue until Friday evening during meal times.

Students will meet Saturday morning in the student center at 8:30am for a continental breakfast. Dog tags will be given out to the first 100 students to show up. They will then be taken on an activity with one of the ministry clubs. Groups will arrive back on campus between 12:00pm and 1:00pm.

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Twenty arrested from U.S. Embassy bombing

by Joshua M. Dooley
World News Editor

KAMPALA, UGANDA — Ugandan authorities are holding 20 people, as of Friday, who have been connected with the plot to blow up the U.S. Embassy in Kampala.

Regional cooperation minister Amama Mbabazi told a parliamentary session this past Thursday that the East African nation has invited the FBI to help Uganda with the ongoing investigation to figure out the details of the August 7 bombing of the U.S. diplomatic missions in neighboring Kenya and Tanzania in which 259 people, including 12 Americans, died.

"It is true that the Ugandan government through security services asked for and obtained services of the FBI for expertise on bomb attacks which are beyond our capacity to handle," Mbabazi said.

Mbabazi also claimed that intelligence officials discovered that the group that carried out the bombings in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam also planned to attack the

U.S. Embassy in Uganda. The U.S. claims that Ugandan authorities were aided by information from the CIA.

Among those of the 20 detained are the two alleged ring-leaders, who were arrested two weeks ago as they were trying to enter from Kenya. The two men are said to be associates of Islamic extremist Osama bin Laden, the suspected mastermind behind the bombings of the U.S. embassies last month.

Later that weekend, security officials said 18 more people had been arrested in connection to the plots to hit American and Ugandan targets in the country.

More than a dozen FBI agents worked with the Ugandan Anti-Terrorism Squad to reveal the recent plot, capturing documents from the homes and businesses of the suspects.

Among those arrested, a 15-year-old boy and a local businessman were said to have no apparent links to bin Laden. The FBI was said to not have taken part in the detentions.

Iran will sign test ban treaty

by Joshua M. Dooley
World News Editor

UNITED NATIONS — Indian Prime Minister, Atal Behari Vajpayee, responded much the same way to a pledge that his arch-rival, Pakistan, did this past Wednesday by agreeing to sign a global nuclear test ban treaty within one year.

In a prepared text in the U.N. General Assembly, Vajpayee said that India wanted the treaty to go into force no later than September 1999.

India felt an extra amount of pressure to sign such a treaty when facing world leaders for the General Assembly. Also, Pakistan already agreed to sign.

Vajpayee said that India was already in the midst of observing the treaty's basic obligation since it announced a voluntary suspension of the project after it carried out the five underground tests in May that prompted Pakistan to react with its own first nuclear blasts.

"We are prepared to bring these discussions to a successful conclusion, so that the entry into force of the CTBT is not delayed beyond September 1999," Vajpayee said.

Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif warned that compliance to a pact against nuclear weapons test-

ing would depend on whether rival India resumed its tests.

"Pakistan is... prepared to adhere to the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty," Sharif told world leaders at the U.N. General Assembly session. "In regard, we expect that the arbitrary restrictions imposed on Pakistan by multilateral institutions will be speedily removed."

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U.S. officials accepted both world leaders' statements as a step forward, but at the same time claimed that much more would need to be done to halt a nuclear and ballistic missile arms race in South Asia before the sanctions could be removed.

The United States and other nations imposed an economic sanction, cutting off all loans, after India and Pakistan carried out nuclear

tests. The sanction has been especially tough on Pakistan, which has been struggling with severe economic woes.

Sharif and Vajpayee met for nearly two hours last Wednesday, but achieved no breakthroughs over Kashmir, a simmering territorial dispute, beginning October 15 this year.

"When declarations like this are made, it creates hope anew," said E. Deenadayalan, whose private Pakistan-Indian People's Forum for Peace and Democracy promotes contacts between ordinary Indians and Pakistanis in hopes that decades of prejudice and hostility will dwindle away.

According to Deenadayalan, it remains to be seen just how two governments that "differ diametrically on how Kashmir should be solved" would proceed in peace talks.

Wednesday's meeting between the two leaders was the second one since their nuclear tests drew international condemnation and pressure for both sides to sign the nuclear test ban treaty.

India and Pakistan have fought a series of three wars—two over the disputed state of Kashmir—in the 51 years that the independent states were carved out of the British empire.

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Tobacco industry on trial again

by Ryan Dooley
Crusader News Staff Editor

SEATTLE, WA — Testimonies will begin this week in the Washington state's multi-billion-dollar lawsuit seeking tobacco-related health-care costs and other damages from seven major tobacco companies.

Defense lawyers begin arguments on September 29, 1998. The seven companies, their three research organizations and a public relations firm have 200 hours of court time to divide among themselves.

Negotiations on this multi-state settlement which includes Washington continued through the weekend with two companies, but lawyers on both sides said

a settlement could not be concluded in time to delay opening statements.

A panel of 12 jurors plus six alternates, with a mix of ages, races, genders and smokers and non-smokers, was chosen Thursday. The trial is expected to last up to five months.

The lawsuit filed by Attorney General Christine O. Gregoire accuses

the tobacco industry of conspiring to violate antitrust and consumer-protection laws, restraining and suppressing health research, manipulating cigarette nicotine levels without disclosure and threatening retaliation against companies that marketed safer cigarettes.

In addition to reimbursement of \$2.2 billion in state Medicaid costs and other insurance costs, the state

...[Washington] seeks health disclosures, steps to prevent minors from obtaining cigarettes, an end to "deceptive and unfair advertising"...

seeks health disclosures, steps to prevent minors from obtaining cigarettes, an end to "deceptive and unfair advertising" and penalties for violations of the state Consumer Protection Act.

Gregoire intends to seek the maximum \$2,000 penalty for each

violation. This would include every sale of cigarettes and each meeting, decision and advertisement. The total would come to billions of dollars.

Other states also have lawsuits pending against the industry. Florida, Texas, Mississippi and Minnesota have all reached an agree-

ment that combines for a total of \$36.8 billion.

There have been no cases that have it to a jury verdict, although Minnesota went as far as closing arguments before the tobacco industry offered a settlement.

The defendants are American Tobacco, Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., Lorillard Tobacco Co., Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., United State Tobacco Co., B.A.T. Industries, P.L.C. and related organizations, including public relations firm Hill & Knowlton, The Council for Tobacco Research-USA Inc., Smokeless Tobacco Council and the Tobacco Institute.

The Liggett Group, Durham, N.C. based maker of the Chesterfield, Lark and L&M cigarettes, settled with Washington and 20 other states in March 1997, agreeing to pay the states about \$25 million, plus 2.5% of its profits over the next 25 years.

Gregoire intends to seek the maximum \$2,000 penalty for each violation.



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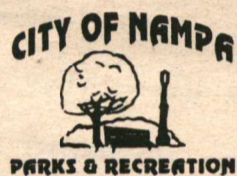
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Who will speak in the Brandt Center the evening of Oct. 1?

What is the name of one of the new volleyball recruits?

NNC soccer team squeaks by

By David Stillman
Asst. Cover Story Editor

With NNC clinging to a 2 - 1 lead, Charlie Laird kicks the ball away from a closing Albertson forward, sending a perfect lob pass to Sony Pierre-Andre. Sony races down the side with the ball, dogged by an Albertson defender.

As he approaches the corner, he and the ball jerk to a halt in unison. His defender shoots right by him, sliding to a halt ten feet away. This gives Sony time to set up a lob pass to Trevor Stoneberg streaking down the opposite sideline.

Trevor is running top speed toward a ball traveling 43 miles per hour across his path. In order to catch the ball, he must use his leg to

not only stop the ball, but also to cushion it and keep it from bouncing away.

The pass is too far forward. Trevor has to run to catch up with it and jump, catching the ball with his foot in much the same way that an outfielder would dive to catch a fly ball. He misses the difficult catch. The ball rolls out of bounds.

Offense in soccer is fast and intense. The events in the previous two paragraphs occurred in less

time than it took you to read about them.

It requires precision. If Sony's kick had come in a little later, or if Trevor had run a little faster, then NNC would have scored another goal. If the goalie slipped up, or Trevor made an excellent shot

at the goal, or if he passed back to Sony, or another player streaking up the middle, a goal would be reality.

The possibilities, on each pass, drive, fake or steal, are endless. Given time, NNC could have come up with a detailed plan of attack that would have resulted in a goal.

Soccer players don't have that luxury. They see and react. If they fail, they get back on defense and try again next time, when they will face an entirely new set of circumstances.

There are no breaks in the game of soccer. The clock runs continuously (except for halftime), and play stops only for fouls, and even then it doesn't stop for long. When the ball is in play, it is constantly on the move, because keeping possession of the ball is hard if you're not moving. "That's one of the harder things to do in soccer, unless you're running," says Joel Spencer. "If you're running at them with speed, it's easier."

The only times that the ball stops long enough to use a "play" like the ones used in basketball, occur on direct kicks or side outs. At any other time during the game, it's a free-flowing free-for-all.

"Soccer tends to be a very fluid sport," says Spencer. What a player does depends on the circumstances in the game. "It depends on where the person who has the ball is ... you might run away from him or towards



him. It just depends on what you see." This requires a lot of

teamwork, because players have to be able to anticipate each other's moves.

An example of this occurs about five minutes after Sony's lob pass described earlier. With NNC still leading 2-1, Sony drives toward the goal with the ball. Coy Anglin comes down the opposite side.

Sony passes the ball. Coy is much closer to the goal than Trevor was, and attempts to tap the ball into the goal with his head. He misses

to the left. It is a side out, and Albertson receives possession. NNC will try this numerous times in this game. Nearly every time, something goes wrong.

Obviously, playing offense is a tough job. However, that doesn't mean that defense is a piece of cake. Even the best offense in the world won't do you any good without a good defense.

In the 73rd minute, an Albertson player somehow broke away from the pack and headed downfield with nothing between him and the goalie but Scott Strobel. If he could get by his defender, something we have seen Sony do countless times on the opposite side of the field, then he would likely score.

However, Scott makes a well placed kick, and sends the ball

The Physics of Soccer

In the article, we calculate the speed of a cross field pass from Sony Pierre-Andre to Trevor Stoneberg. Here's how we did it.

$$\text{Velocity} = \frac{\text{Speed of the ball in meters per second}}{\text{Horizontal distance}} \times \frac{1}{\cos 30^\circ}$$

Distance in meters that the ball is kicked
seconds that the ball is in the air
Angle at which the ball rises when it is kicked

To convert meters per second to miles per hour (for physics type people):

$$\frac{\text{Miles}}{\text{Hour}} = \frac{\text{Meters}}{\text{Second}} \times \frac{\text{Second}}{\text{Hour}} \times \frac{\text{Miles}}{\text{Meters}} = \frac{3600}{1609} \approx 2.2$$

To convert meters per second to miles per hour (for the rest of us)

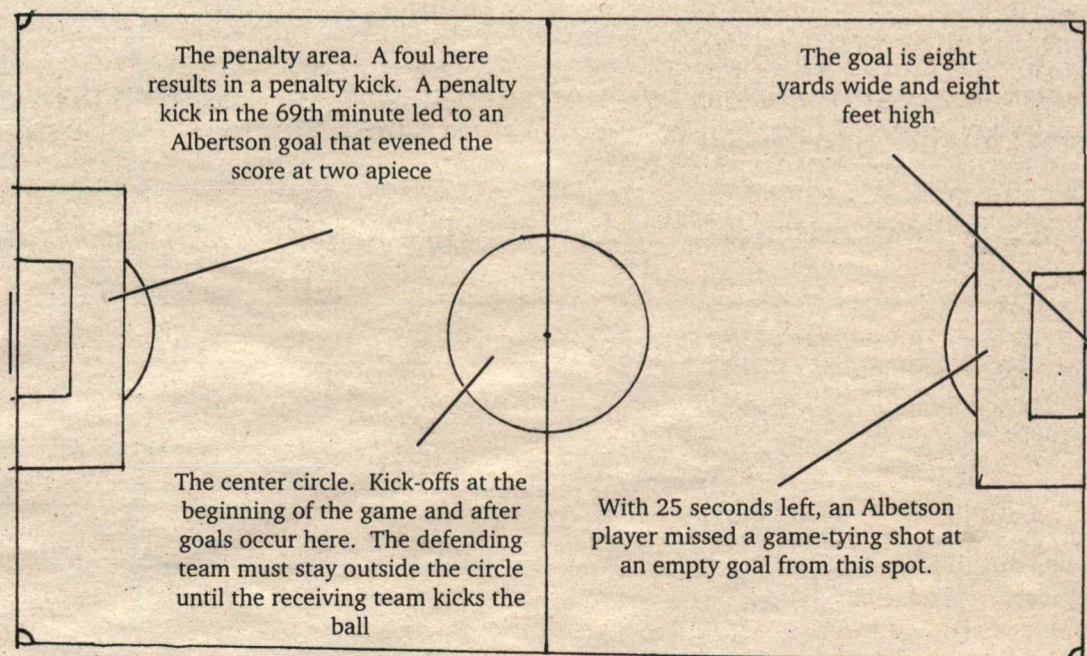
Multiply the velocity by 2.2

The calculation assumed that the ball traveled 50 meters in 3 seconds, and was kicked at a 30° angle. All three numbers were eyeballed by our reporter at the game, who guessed low on each one. However, we ignored air resistance, so it all evens out in the end (we hope).

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Physics by Max Chtangeev

Coy attempts to tap the ball into the goal with his head, but misses to the left.



Albertson to win tournament

Understanding the offsides rule

Offsides is, in the words of Jeremy Klosterman, "the most infamous rule of soccer that nobody understands except for us."

Basically, "There's a line with the ball, and you can be in front of that line as long as there is a goalkeeper and a defender in front of you."

"(It's) the most infamous rule of soccer that nobody understands except for us."

~Jeremy Klosterman

If there is only one defender in front of you--the goalie--then offsides is called if you receive the ball. Being offsides is only illegal if you receive the ball. Exceptions make the rule even more confusing.

For instance, "if you're onsided when the ball is kicked, and then run offsides to catch it, you're not offsides."

You can never be called offsides on your own side of the field.

It's not offsides if the ball was last touched by an opponent.

The list goes on and on.

Because the rule is so complicated, offsides calls, like the one that took away a game winning NNC goal against Utah State, are especially controversial.

bouncing towards the sidelines, out of play, giving the Crusader defense a chance to get back down the field. In some ways, defense could be seen as an easier job than offense. The offense has to score. All the defense has to do is boot the ball to kingdom come. However, it's not that simple.

Think back to the play first described, when Charlie Laird made a perfect lob pass to Sony. The ball was actually bounced to him by an Albertson player. He was in the right place at the right time.

He kicked the ball in much the same way that you would kick a hacky sack, and sent it to where he knew Sony was going to be in three seconds. Sony saw Charlie kick the ball, and bolted for the spot where the ball would be coming down in three seconds.

Teamwork and timing make such plays happen. Good defense does not simply keep the ball away from the goal. It also has to work the ball up to the forwards, so they can take over and move the ball to

the opposing goal. Without this transition game, the offense never gets a chance to score, and the defense gets pounded.

Other elements of good defense were made clear in the 79th minute. There is a scuffle for the ball in front

of the NNC goal. A whistle is blown. From the stands, it looks like it could be a high kicking call on Albertson. It isn't. Instead, Jeremy Keating is called for holding.

If any player holds, kicks, hits or pushes another player, it is a penal foul, and usually results in a direct kick, which may be kicked into the goal if it is in range. Unfortunately, this foul occurs in the penalty area, and results in a free kick.

The Albertson player receives the ball 12 yards from the goal. As the other players on the field look

on, he kicks the ball past Jeremy Klosterman into the upper-left corner of the net. The goal evens the score at two apiece.

The referee's call, good or bad, could cost NNC the game. Even when calls do not result in goals, they have a major impact on the game. Many soccer rules are confusing to spectators unfamiliar with the sport. Dangerous play, which includes high kicking and obstruction of other players, are non-penal offenses, which result in an indirect kick and never a free kick.

Kicking or holding calls result could result in a foul, a yellow card or a red card, depending on the seriousness of the offense. If a player gets a red card or two yellow cards, he is ejected.

One rule that separates soccer from other sports, like basketball, is the advantage clause. "If you are fouled it looks like ... you could take the ball to the goal for a good shot, or pass it to somebody who has that opportunity, then the ref won't stop play," says Spencer, "but he can wait fifteen seconds and see how things turn out and then call the foul back if he wants to."

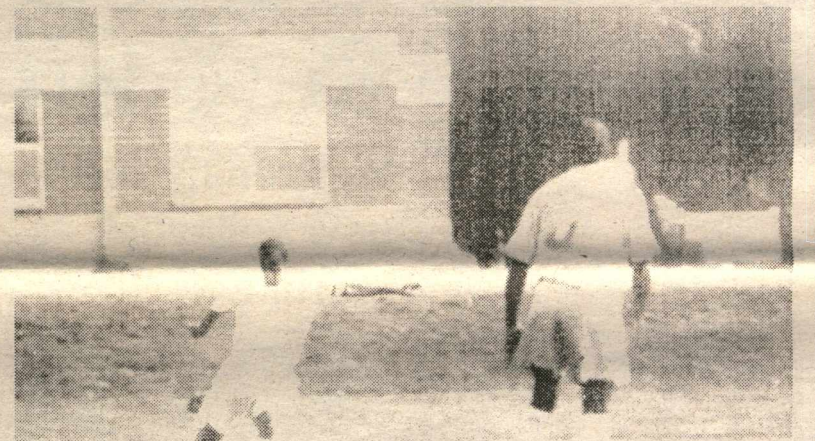
Other rules include the offsides rule, which is so confusing that it merits its own box (see left).

For the next fifteen minutes, the game seesaws up and down the field. There are near misses on both sides. In the 93rd minute (there are 100 minutes in a soccer game), Trevor Stoneberg, runs down an open field with two defenders close behind and lobs the ball at the goal. The goalie mistimes his jump, and the ball arcs toward an empty net. It misses the top of the goal by inches. The game is still tied.

Three minutes later an Albertson forward breaks away from the NNC defense and shoots the ball at the goal. Jeremy Klosterman deflects the ball with his fingertips, and it floats harmlessly over the net.

Moments later, Coy Angling gains possession of the ball and starts running

down the sidelines. Sony runs down the opposite side, and Coy lobs the ball. It comes down midway between Sony and the Albertson goalie. They race to get to it first.



The crowd goes silent. The goalie gets there a second too late. Sony has tapped the ball, which rolls lethargically into the goal.

"Gooooaaal!" shouts the announcer. Basketball players slap each other on the butt when they score. Soccer players dogpile. The NNC team mobs Sony in front of the stands, forgetting for a moment that there are five minutes still left in the game.

Albertson waits patiently to remind them. With thirty seconds left in the game, Albertson's Matt Blazek breaks free of our defense within spitting distance of the goal. Jeremy Klosterman leaps for the ball, but the ball isn't there. It has been passed to an Albertson player who now stands squarely in front of the goal, staring at an empty net. Klosterman lies ten feet away with a fistful of grass, hopelessly out of position.

The ball has been passed to an Albertson player who now stands squarely in front of an empty net.

We're not sure what was going through the Albertson player's mind, but he's sure to be thinking about it for a long, long time. The ball rolls wide right. The perfect scoring opportunity is lost. The score is still 3-2. The clock runs out. NNC wins the game and the tournament. Almost makes you feel sorry for the guy. Then again, maybe not.

Volleyball ranked first in conference after weekend

Crusader's win 3 at Albertson tournament; 200th win for Coach Brasch

by Robin Day
Sports Editor

The NNC Volleyball team went undefeated this weekend at the Albertson Tournament held annually in Caldwell. The Crusader's rolled over the top of Montana Tech, Western Montana and Westminster College with ease, winning all three matches in three games.

Head Coach Darlene Brasch commented, "We played really well this week. We had total teamwork and it was a lot of fun. In our last game, against Westminster, every-

one got to play, even the new player, [freshman] Amber Hellburg."

Saturday's win over Westminster also marked Coach Brasch's 200th win at NNC. "The girls doused me with water after the game," admitted Brasch.

Other honors from the weekend include senior Liz Benear being named tournament MVP and conference player of the week. Junior Lisa Erikson was named to the All-tournament team and conference co-setter of the week. Junior Tabitha Shipman was given the block award for having the most blocks over the course of the tournament.

The Crusaders are still ranked first in conference and fifth nation-

ally. This next weekend they will take on Western Baptist and Cascade College in away conference games. Said Coach Brasch of the upcoming weekend, "We haven't played Westminster yet. They will definitely be a tough match."

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~Head Coach Darlene Brasch

The 1998 NNC women's volleyball team. The Crusaders are coached by Darlene Brasch, Tricia Anderson and Patty Nottingham. The Crusaders are ranked first in conference and fifth in the nation, with a 13-1 record.



Missing

You may have noticed that most of the articles on this page were written by one person. Our sports writers have gone missing and taken the photographers with them, which is why there are few pictures. If you happen to see a sports writer or are one yourself, there is a reward for turning yourself in. Call Robin at 8501 or The Crusader office at 8656 for more details. Keep your eyes peeled. Thank you.

*We really will pay you to write.
**Enough to go to a movie.

Crusaders add 3 new members to team

Welcoming the new volleyball recruits

by Jenifer Holmquist
Crusader News Staff Writer

Coming to NNC was not originally what recruit Nancy York had planned, but after attending RAD, she felt God leading her to come here. Now, her main goal for the year is to "use the talents God has

given me - to use them for His glory and not for my own."

York also emphasized the unity of the upper and lower classmen on this year's team. "They [other players] have been really accepting of the freshmen. What makes us stronger as a team is that everyone helps one another."

Not many college freshmen come into an athletic program where the Bible is a source of team goals. The volleyball players joining the team this year can claim that unique characteristic for their team.

Team unity is a key theme in

their goal to live up to Romans 15:5. "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity..."

Said freshman Erin Hellberg, "There is no freshman - senior gap and we're all great friends." The new players were unanimous in stating that the friendliness of their team members played a major part in their decision to attend NNC.

Amber Hellberg came to NNC planning on joining the athletic program as a basketball player. Although she will be playing basketball later this year, she joined the

volleyball team after watching her sister Erin play before school started. She stated, "I kind of missed it, and then I was invited to join practice." Amber said that this year she hopes to grow closer to God, and to make sure she doesn't fall behind in her studies.

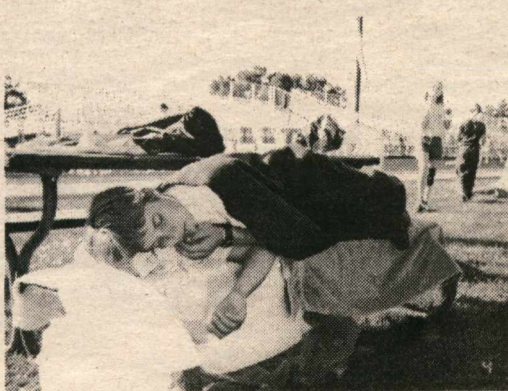
The volleyball team's spirit of unity has definitely payed off so far, as the Crusaders are ranked fifth in the nation. About the entire team, coach Darlene Brasch stated, "I'm really pleased with all of them - they're doing a great job."

Nampa 24-Hour Relay Challenge faces the weather

Fund raiser for boys and girls club successful

by Robin Day
Sports Editor

This past Friday, there was a 24-Hour Relay held on the track field.



This relay unfortunately coincided with the largest rain storm that Nampa has seen in the last year, which left drenched runners and a postponed and somewhat shortened 24-Hour Relay in its path.

The 24-Hour Relay was a fund raiser planned to raise money for the Boys and Girls Club that is going up on the North side. It was a success in that close to \$40,000 was raised.

A 24-Hour Relay works by organizing teams of 10 people. The first person runs one mile, then the second person runs one mile and so on. This allows the rest of the team to rest up while one person runs, although if a team is

Anna Allen catches up on some sleep while waiting for her turn to run.

made up entirely of extremely fast and in shape people, no one on that team gets much rest in between runs.

NNC had several students who ran in the relay. Seniors Max Chtangeev and Jeremy Meehan ran for one team, while ten Crusader varsity basketball players ran for another, sponsored by the NNC athletic department. The five members of the women's basketball team who participated were Mary Glaze, Heather Doncaster, Jessica Knowlton, Anna Allen and Alison Kirk. Members of the men's team who ran were Michael Ratcliffe, Elijah Effinger, Todd Craven, Jon Bussell and LaMark Judkins.

The relay was shortened from 24 to 12 hours because of rain. Teams ran for 2 hours on Friday night before the track became too flooded to continue. Running resumed Saturday morning at 10 in the morning and continued until 8

that evening.

The Crusader basketball running team cranked out 79 miles during that 12-hour span. Their total was one of the highest, as the other team with NNC students running

managed 70 miles among their nine members.

Three runners take a rest and study break while another team member runs.



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Taking a historical look at the Old Testament

by Will Brown

Crusader News Opinions Writer

Prior to the eighteenth century, life was different for the Bible scholar. Before the French Enlightenment, Biblical scholarship's focus was limited to the theological implications of the Bible's words. The French Enlightenment, with its emphasis on critical skepticism, reawoke an element of Biblical scholarship not known since the synods of the late fourth century A.D. — the question of origin. The mainstream post-Enlightenment Bible scholar is not so much interested in the Bible's words, but in the numerous minds behind the Bible. In essence, the post-Enlightenment Bible scholar asks not, "what does the Bible mean?" but, "who wrote the Bible, and why?"

I'll limit myself to the Hebrew Testament. Previous to the Enlightenment, long-accepted and unverified traditions offered answers to questions of origin. The Pentateuch, for example, was traditionally said to have been written by Moses. Bible scholars of the nineteenth century did much to dispel the tradition of the Pentateuch's Mosaic authorship. Though the specifics of these scholars' hypotheses are being outdated, the general principle that the Old Testa-

ment is the result of an amalgamation of shifting religious perspectives provides a more natural answer to the question of Old Testament authorship. I'll provide a general model.

The earliest ideas were not written; they took form as folktales important to the budding Hebrew culture. The origin of these folktales is shrouded in mystery.

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The stories of creation and of the fall told in Genesis, at least, draw imagery from religious stories of surrounding cultures. Indeed, the flood account in Genesis is a comprehensive borrowing of the flood account in the Babylonian Epic of Gilgamesh with a new moral tacked onto it. The religiously significant figures such as Abraham and Moses, though not necessarily

disproven, are at least evidentially elusive; what parts of their stories are based upon historical fact and what parts are based upon traditional reinterpretation is unknown.

That moment when these oral traditions were first penned is lost to us, but some scholars place it sometime in the eighth century B.C., and it seems that there were at least three strains of these religious accounts in circulation at the time. Two are the regional accounts from the divided monarchy, the Elohist account originating in Israel and the Yahwist account originating in Judah. As a result of the discovery of the Deuteronomistic law code in the temple at Jerusalem during the reign of King Josiah in the sixth century, the first redactors, the Deuteronomistic revisionists, penned the histories contained in Joshua through Kings in context of the newly discovered law, collating and editing the Elohist and Yahwist works as sources of the early history leading up to the formation of the Deuteronomistic code.

This first work, however, would not be the final; it later met with a second round of redaction, this time by a Priestly source. Following the Babylonian captivity, the exiled Hebrews' idea of God had firmly established itself as different

from that of all other near eastern religions, asserting God's reign over and involvement in every people's lives as well as over and in nature. This source added to the

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Deuteronomistic work a Priestly law code now contained in Leviticus and Numbers and perhaps adding Priestly reinterpretations of the Hebrew history as well. It is this final work that comprises the Pentateuch and the histories immediately following as we know them today.

This canon would not be the last, either, but would become a part of a greater whole. Late in the third or early in the second century B.C., the canon met with another string of additions, this time by a Prophetic source, encompassing Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the twelve minor prophets. These Prophetic histories were not written by the prophets themselves but were a collection of works written in remembrance of the prophets' missions, serving as a reminder of the

timeless value of their message of a compassionate, all-sufficient God.

The remaining division of the Hebrew Bible, the writings, is less consistent in genre than the former two, and their authorship is either absent or of dubious authenticity. Song of Songs, for instance, is often attributed to King Solomon, though this is probably not the case. The books of Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah were probably originally one text, a post-exilic recounting of the Hebrew history from the time of the Kings to the post-exilic reinhabitation.

But despite the space I've taken on Old Testament origin, it is not this that I really wish to confront, but the issue of the Old Testament's canonicity. The New Oxford Annotated Bible says of the topic, "if by 'canonical' one means that a book must be regarded as having a special authority, that it is holy and inspired, that it is one of a strictly limited number of books, and that there is a single, standard text, then one cannot speak of a canon of Old Testament Scripture before A.D. 100" (xxxii OT). I would go one step further to say we'd be fooling ourselves to find any definitive canon in the Old Testament or in the Bible as a whole; we've never had that kind of security, historically speaking.

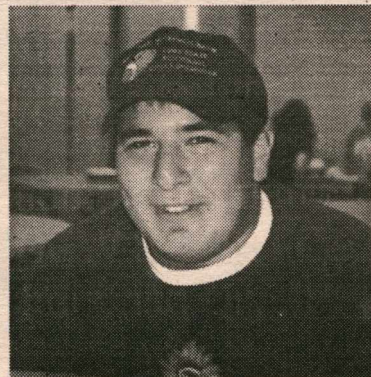
Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues

Who will win the 1998 World Series?



Jaimie Swanson, Freshman
"The Padres. They had a strong winning season, and they finished first in the National League West. They have a lot of good players like Tony Gwynn and Greg Vaughn."



Mason Lagstrom, Sophomore
"The New York Yankees. I think they're going to win because of the record they have."



Erica Caruso, Freshman
"The Braves because my dad likes them, and I always support my dad."



Ben Potter, Senior
"Probably the Yankees. They had a strong team and a winning record."

Mancino's Pizza offers a slice of Italy

There is a little known restaurant within walking distance from the great campus of Northwest Nazarene College. Mancino's Pizza is located at 220 1/2 Holly Street in the Holly Shopping center around the corner from the Stinker station. I tried out this quaint spot with a few of my friends the other day. We arrived in time for dinner and found there was plenty of room for us and we didn't have to wait long to order and sit down. I was given the impression that Mancino's is not widely known to the community because there are several other more popular pizza places around Nampa.

Mancino's offers a variety of different food. There menu includes specialty pizzas or create your own pizzas as well as appetizers and sub sandwiches. The sub sandwiches range from \$3.20 to \$3.90 for a six-inch sub and \$6.39 to \$7.70 for their special Italian Combo and Cheese and Ham, Roast Beef, Turkey, and Cheese twelve-inch subs.

The best part of their menu though consists of their Chicago style pizzas. Their toppings include the regular items of pepperoni, sausage, olives and the like. For you wild and crazy people they also carry pepperoni peppers and anchovies (for an extra \$2.00 charge).

Appetizers included a variety of soft garlic or cheese breadsticks for \$2.99 to Mozzarella Cheese sticks and sauce for \$3.99. For the struggling college student you can obtain a Garlic Bread Basket for the low price of just \$1.39. Mancino's offers soup and salad as well. Chef salads and Dinner salads or Soup of the Day and soup with Garlic Cheese Bread. For that special someone in your life you could treat him/her to a dinner of spaghetti or lasagna. I love lasagna.

After a long discussion, we went for two large pizzas. The waitress took our drink orders and we were left to wait for a short time while

our pizzas cooked. (That is how I got roped into writing a review for Shawn. I asked how the paper was doing as small talk). We did not have to wait long though, and when the pizzas arrived they were very hot and fresh. Oh what delicious cheese! The mozzarella strung out making the pieces seem larger. We divided the slices between the five of us and dug in. Two large pizzas easily filled us as well as provided us with a few leftovers. Leftover pizza is always good.

Throughout the entire meal the service was great and friendly, the atmosphere was relaxed and comfortable and the pizza was good and hot. The booths are roomy and comfortable while music plays lightly in the background. Our servers were very pleasant and were available without becoming overbearing. This impressed us since it was the middle of the dinner hour.

The only complaint that I could think of was that the pizza crust was hard to eat without toppings. The pizza crust did not taste exceptionally great alone. It did taste great with the toppings but alone it lacked some pizzazz.

Mancino's also offers carry out for those late night study sessions in your dorm. Try to think of it early though because they close at 10 pm Monday - Thursday and 11 pm Friday and Saturday. They are closed Sundays. Because it is so close to the school I would highly recommend it.

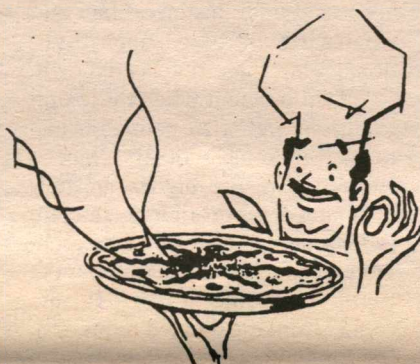
Also available is the option to order party subs. The only request from the restaurant is the you order in advance. It feeds 10-12 people and costs \$19.95.

So follow your cravings for pizza and take a short walk from campus to enjoy a quiet escape from the loud environment of Marriott on a lazy afternoon or evening. Mancino's will not disappoint the pizza or sub searching student.

Mancino's Pizza

In the Holly Shopping Center on Holly St.

Reviewed by Erin Harri



Gentleman's Blues

Cracker

Reviewed by Nathan Hydes



Cracker's new CD is a breath of fresh air

On August 25, there was an exciting event which took place in music stores across the country. This blessed event was the release of the new album from Cracker entitled "Gentleman's Blues." I know what a lot of you are thinking: who in the world is Cracker? To clue you in, let me say that Cracker is one of the best, if not the best, all around bands that the pop culture has thrown at us this decade.

The quintet came onto the scene in 1990 with their debut self-titled album, and they've been going strong ever since. This is their fourth album. Their big break came in 1993 with the hits "Low" and "Get off this." Besides that, Cracker hasn't really made a big impact on the charts. Their albums continue to sell, but seldomly break the top ten, which makes Cracker one of the best kept secrets in the music business.

Gentleman's Blues is yet another critically acclaimed album coming from the group who got their name from the derogatory term used to describe "white trash." Their music has been described as having a "homey feeling," and this album is no exception. With a mix of styles including rock n' roll, blues, folk, country, and their own style, they have something for everyone. The songs range from fairly heavy with loud guitars and vocals to acoustic ballads. "The Good Life" and "The World is Mine" are two songs that you can crank up when you're in the mood for something loud. On the other hand, if you're in the mood for something a little more mild, "James River" and

"Lullabye" give you a peak at not only the softer side of Cracker, but the range of talent these guys have. One of my favorites on the record is "I want Out of the Circus." This humorous song gives you the feeling of being at a circus, and offers you the insight of a person who is stuck within it's confines. The album kicks things off with five strong songs. Each track carries it's own. The song "Star" is probably the best one on the album, and will most likely be the first single. Another song definitely worth a look is "My Life is Totally Boring Without You." You're probably asking yourself, "Ok, so they're good, but are they Christian?" That's a very good question. I've been asked that myself. With songs like "Hallelujah," "Trials and Tribulations" and "Seven Days" it's a little hard to tell. Cracker isn't categorized as a Christian band. However, on this album, their isn't any profanity, there is no mention of that evil word sex, and there is nothing putting Christianity or religion down. On a morality scale of 1-10 (one being Jesus and 10 being Rush Limbaugh), I give this album a 2.

The only downside to this album is the length. There are seventeen songs. Although, this may seem like a bonus for die-hard Cracker fans, it's a lot of information for new listeners. On the bright side, there aren't any trash tracks. In other words, there aren't any songs filled with distortion and annoying feedback simply used to fill space or to meet a quota. The CD is long, but the space is filled with good stuff.

Gentleman's Blues is a great album that you should give serious attention too. If you're tired of the Alternative sound where you think everybody tends to sound the same, and country is just too hokey, try Cracker on for size. The refreshing sound of these guys will hit you like a ton of bricks; either that or a 2x4 across the back of your head. To make a long story short, this album will knock you out. I don't want to say this is the album of the year, but it's certainly the best thing I've laid ears on for awhile.

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Staff Infection

I see your facade, and I raise you two facades...You are so ignorant, I can verify that...Would you like me to drag him up here by his toenails...I think the entire art department is sick...If one person has a positive blood type, then the other person has to have a negative blood type because opposites attract...The only time your not sick is when you're ill...got that?... Let's have a moment of silence for the 1998 Giants...what a season...

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Don't forget the ketchup

Where is the American economy headed? Should we be nervous? Will the Stock Market crash? Will we lose our jobs and our life savings and our homes? Will we ultimately have to ward off starvation by eating our household pets?

Hold it! Let's calm down! There is NO reason for that kind of thinking! Sure, the economy has been on a "roller coaster" of late, but let's consider the reassuring words of Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan in his recent speech before the Association of People Before Whom Alan Greenspan Gives Speeches.

"This is merely a temporary economic slump," Greenspan stated, adding, "everybody should get some dogs."

So there is absolutely nothing to worry about, except for the eerie parallels between our current economic circumstances and those surrounding the big Stock Market crash that led to the Great Depression:

EERIE PARALLEL NO. 1: The big Stock Market crash occurred in 1929. The year that we are currently in, according to a majority of leading economists, is 1998. Both of these years start with exactly the same two digits, in exactly the same order. Coincidence?

EERIE PARALLEL NO. 2: Alan Greenspan gave exactly the same speech in 1929.

EERIE PARALLEL NO. 3: Presi-



Incredibly, neither of these presidents had an intern named "Lewinsky."

So perhaps there is, indeed, cause for alarm. To help us better understand the situation, let's analyze the current economic picture by making up questions and then answering them:

Q. Why has the U.S. economy been so strong in recent years?

A. The key is the software industry, which employs many highly educated, well-paid workers to (a) design software and then (b) try to figure out how come it doesn't work.

Q. And that makes the economy strong?

A. No. Software actually HURTS the economy, because at any given time two-thirds of the American work force is on hold waiting for Technical Support. What makes the economy strong is that, while waiting, these workers drink billions of gallons of specialty coffees costing upwards of \$3.49 per cup. Our LATTE industry alone dwarfs General Motors.

dent Lincoln had a secretary named "Kennedy." President Kennedy had a secretary named "Lincoln."

Q. So what's the problem?

A. The problem is Asia, a large land mass located near Hawaii. Asia is having a severe currency crisis caused by the fact that the Asians suddenly realized that a lot of their currency has funny names such as the "baht," the "kip," the "ringgit" and the "Vietnamese currency whose name we can't print in the newspaper but you should look it up in the encyclopedia and then imagine the endless stream of hilarious jokes you'd be making if you were a tourist in Vietnam."

Q. Why does the Asian economic crisis pose such a serious threat to America?

A. Because Asia is where TV sets come from.

Q. Can't we just make our own TV sets?

A. Ha ha! The only person still alive who remembers anything about the era when Americans could actually build a working television is a 92-year-old retired Motorola employee named Horace M. Sneet, who, when asked recently how to make a TV set, said, quote, "You need 12 foot of stout walnut."

Q. Are you going to get many letters from irate humor-impaired animal-lovers chastising you for making a joke about eating dogs?

A. Yes.

Q. What will these letters say?

A. They will say: "Mr. Barry, I, personally, am unusually intelligent and therefore capable of realizing that you were attempting to be satirical, but many of your readers, particularly impressionable young people, will, as a direct result of your column, eat their dogs."

Q. What about this "Year 2000" computer problem that I keep hearing about? Is it going to cause worldwide economic collapse?"

A. Don't worry! Our top minds are working on it day and night.

Q. Who are our top minds?

A. Gus and Bud. Their current thinking is that the problem is "somewhere in the carburetor."

Q. So what you're saying is, I should not be worried?

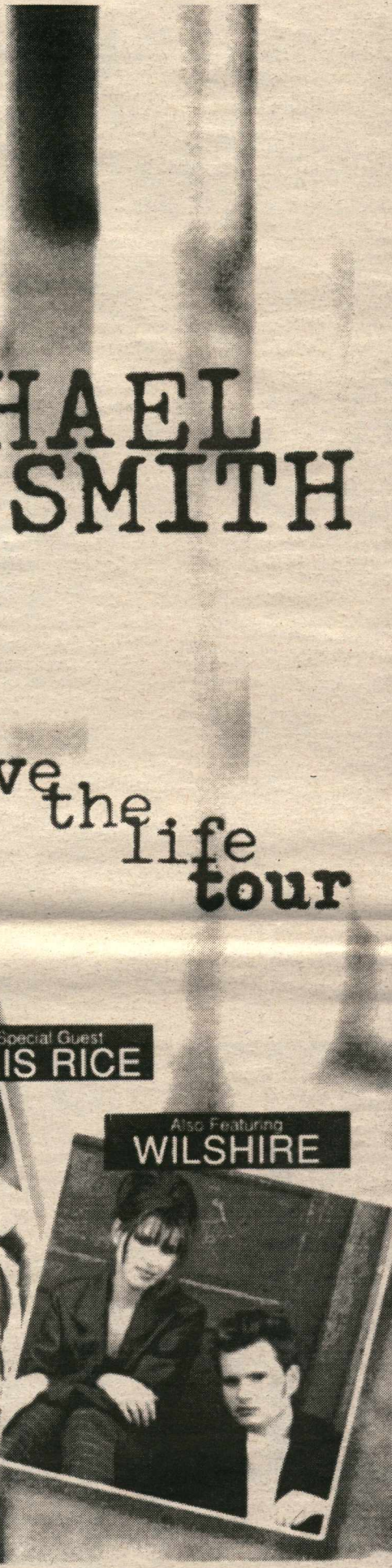
A. That is correct. We are a strong nation, and as long as we do not panic, and our leaders remain wise and vigilant and keep their Vietnamese currency units in their pants, there is every reason to believe that our economy will remain robust until well into the latter part of next Thursday. After that, it would be wise for all of us, if we are looking for a safe place for our money, to remember Alan Greenspan's recent words of advice to investors.

Q. What were those words?

A. "Remove the collar first."

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