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Column One

Happy New Year. It's 1999 and I'm giddy. So far this year has treated me well. I can only hope the same is for you.

The Crusader is pleased to welcome back editor Melissa Tennyson as she reasserts her dominion over the campus pages. Her semester in Oxford, we are told, was wonderful. Talk to her about it if you are interested in the possibility of studying abroad. It can only be a good thing.

Speaking of good things, life is full of them. It can be a real uplifting experience to find the good things in life and dwell on them. Not so much as simply being an optimist, but taking the bad with the good in stride—expecting it, dealing with it, and moving on.

Taking joy in the abundant treasure of daily living....Hey! What just happened? I think I just slipped into another one of those peaceful, drifting dazes that so commonly afflict me at 3 in the morning.

Dave says: Some traditions are better off dead. I guess that means I won't be screaming Spoon out the window any time soon. Have a week.



Shawn Shafer
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LEAD Again: Discussing tolerance

Three Panelists discuss tolerance

by Melissa Tennyson
Crusader Campus Editor

This past Saturday, all of the student leaders on campus came together for "LEAD Again," a follow-up session to their gathering in August. The topic of discussion for the day was tolerance, which was addressed by a panel. Each person on the panel had experienced discrimination in some form.

Farah, the first panel member to speak, is a recent NNC graduate. As a non-Christian attending a Christian college, she expressed her sentiments that in many ways the NNC community had discriminated against her beliefs. She expressed her desire that students on campus as a whole could learn to be more sensitive to the fact that not everyone on campus is a Christian.

It may be an easy assumption to make in coming to a Christian college that naturally everyone on campus is Christian. However, there may be more people on our campus than at first apparent who do not profess the Christian faith. Farah related her experience in one instance, in which she was advised not to apply for a scholarship at NNC because she was not a Christian. Her plea is for people to be sincere in caring about her beliefs. She recalls hearing a professor in class once saying that the method of evangelism should not be to witness to someone right away, but to befriend them first. What she heard was not that it is important to build relationships, but that people may choose to become her friend not because they like her, but in order to convert her.

Farah also mentioned that there were many instances when she felt that people on campus brushed her off with an insincere, "hello, how are you?" without waiting for a response or really caring to hear. In her eyes, she would rather that people not talk to her unless they really care about her response. Her message was a request for sensitivity on the NNC campus towards those who attend, yet do not hold the same beliefs as a majority of students here.

The next panelist to speak,



Brenda Wilkes and Shawn Blenker participate in a group discussion on tolerance during LEAD Again.

Mary, shared her experience with discrimination because of her weight. She shared that during her college experience at NNC, she felt shut out of many social circles because no one ever asked her if she could, or would like to participate in any physical activities such as sports, even though she was capable of doing so. She felt that she was stereotyped as being undisciplined and lazy. However, she explained that weight is not the only way to measure discipline. It is important to think about the whole person. She was very diligent in her studies, and excelled as a student, and therefore was not at all lazy or undisciplined. She also faced discrimination in the preaching field because of her weight.

In general, she feels that NNC needs to make some improvements in being sensitive to those with physical disabilities such as weight problems. Mary explained that it was her persistence and determination that allowed her to succeed and not become discouraged. She shared, "Everyone has some disability to deal with. My attitude is the most important thing in dealing with that."

Nicole, the third panel speaker, shared the discrimination she has faced in her life as a homosexual. "People need to understand that there's a huge range of sexuality," she explained. "It's about the person and who you're comfortable with." She shared the fact that she tried to deny her sexuality for years, knowing the difficulties she would face. She really

struggled with her identity and tried to fit societal expectations and could not. She experienced the most discrimination in her teaching field. She explained that although she was a good teacher and never shared her personal lifestyle choices in class, on numerous occasions parents would express fear that she would influence their children, or somehow "make" them gay.

She felt that as a productive member of society, she should not have to forfeit her job because of her homosexuality. (In Idaho, it is legal to fire an employee based on their sexual orientation.) "You'll find gay people in every community," she explained, "so it's something that has to be dealt with." A big issue for her is acceptance. She reminded LEAD participants that people with differences from you are still real people, and you can still learn valuable things from them even if you do not agree with their beliefs or lifestyle choices.

There were various gut reactions to the speakers among LEAD participants. In response to Farah's speech, some shared that they felt the impulse to immediately put up walls of defense because she held different beliefs than them. Others expressed a feeling of intense sorrow and remorse that such a negative experience was possible on a Christian campus, which should be a truly loving, supportive environment. It was pointed out that those who come here of different religions than Christianity step way out of

their comfort zones. They have reminders at least three times a week of a religion they are not a part of. The Christians on campus, likewise, need to have respect for theirs.

Reactions to Mary's message were that students felt they needed to rethink the assumptions they made about people who struggle with weight or other physical challenges.

In response to Nicole's message, students discussed the need for a redemptive and sensitive attitude in dealing with the issue of homosexuality. Several students expressed their remorse in showing an insensitivity towards the issue in the past.

It was discussed that when one first encounters people of different beliefs, attitudes or lifestyles, it is instinctive to become defensive right away. The importance of learning how to really hear other people was discussed. In the words of Steve Shaw, quoted by Gene Schandorff, "NNC needs to be a place where everybody is treated well all of the time."

The message of LEAD Again was that our NNC community should be qualitatively different than the outside community. As Christians, we need to have an attitude of love and acceptance. This does not mean that we sacrifice our beliefs or adopt an attitude that "anything goes." Rather, it means we have to make a conscious decision to love people for who they are.

80's Night: Rollerscamming at the RollerDome



Students practice teamwork at the Rollerscamming night. The evening's festivities consisted of a rousing game of hokey-pokey as well as heart-healthy skating!

ASNNC Budget

A vote on January 7 showed a rather high margin of "no's" to the ASNNC budget for this term, proposed by Senate. In a vote of 92, there were 78 "ayes" and 14 "nays". Many of these "nays" related to the lack of funding for the Psychology Club and the Chemistry Club. The misunderstanding has been that Senate will not at all fund these clubs. However, it should be made clear that Senate has chosen to deal with club funding on an individual basis. Clubs who want more money for entrance fees to conferences, etc., should write bills to present to Senate.

Redfield receives grant

In December, the Albertson foundation announced that their grant to Dr. David Redfield would be continued. This grant allows him to continue training teachers to monitor water. In addition to teacher training, the program provides each teacher with the classroom material needed to take all students to water sites at least three times in the first year. The grant will also allow him to continue the SITE - Students Investigating Today's Environment - program. There have been numerous students on the NNC campus who have done research because of this grant, thus this is good news for the science department.

Bertha Dooley Writing Contest

by Melissa Tennyson
Crusader Campus Editor

The deadline for the Bertha Dooley Writing Contest, a time-honored tradition at NNC, is approaching quickly. But have no fear, there is still time to spark your creative juices and win some cash! The deadline for entries is Wednesday, January 20, at 5:00pm.

The Gallery, a publication put out by the English department, will publish the top poetry, stories and essays. Photos and artwork may also be used. \$10 will be awarded for each selected illustration. There are prizes for the first three entries in each category, with \$60 going to the first prize entry, \$50 to the second and \$30 to the third. Runner-up prizes of \$20

each may also be awarded in any or all of the categories. The contest is open to all NNC students. Each writer may submit up to six poems, two stories, and two essays. Entries may be mailed to Dr. Lynn Neil, Campus Mail, or delivered to LC 202D. Writers will be notified of the outcome of the contest at the earliest possible date. There will be an awards convocation in May, when the prizes will be awarded. Submitting written work implies permission to print contest entries in campus publications. The prizes described in the guidelines will only be given if judges determine that the works submitted possess award quality. Detailed contest rules can be picked up from the English Department.



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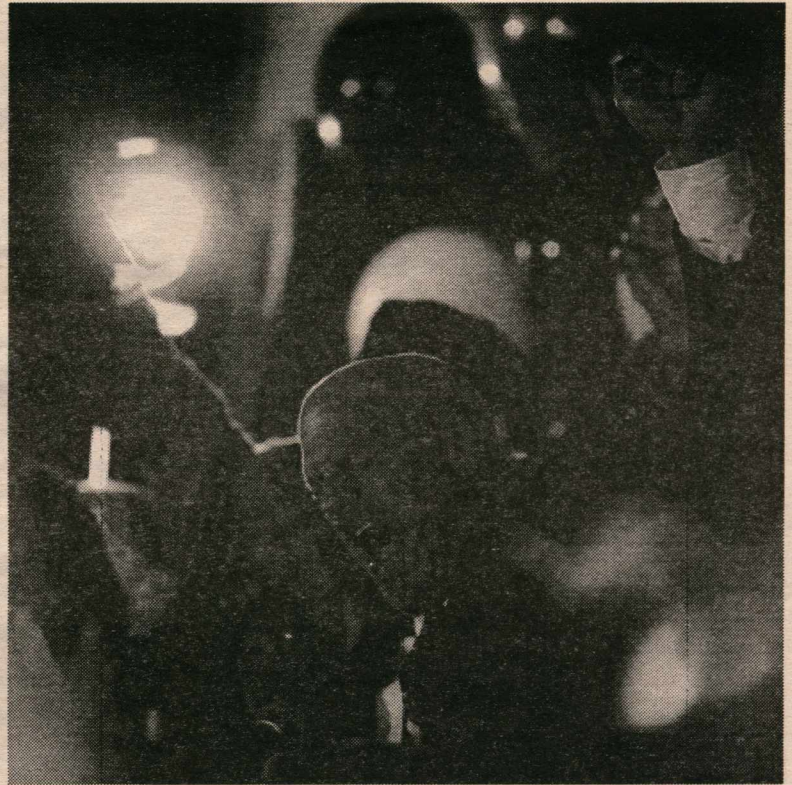
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Another year in close...

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(Clockwise from left) President Clinton looks towards the First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at the White House following the House vote to impeach the president in Washington, DC., Saturday. Clinton became only the second president in US history to be impeached. (Photo by Pete Souza/Chicago Tribune).

Minnesota governor-elect Jesse Ventura, now governor, leads the cheers in a victory celebration early Wednesday, November 4, 1998, in Shakopee, Minnesota. The former professional wrestler ran on a third party ticket and narrowly defeated Democrat Hubert Humphrey, son of a former vice-president, and Republican Norm Coleman. (Photo by Andy King/St. Paul Pioneer Press)

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A victim of mudslides resulting from Hurricane Mitch lies waiting for removal Monday, November 2, 1998, near the town of Rolando Rodriguez, Nicaragua. More than 7,000 were killed following the mudslides. (Photo by David Bergman/Miami Herald)

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Discovery Space Shuttle Astronauts, wearing their space suits, enter the transport vehicle en route to the shuttle waiting pad Thursday, October 29, 1998. A seventy-seven year-old John Glenn accompanied the the seven member crew as a payload specialist. (Photo by Lew Stamp/Akron Beacon Journal)



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'Twas the year before 1999 that history was made

by Ryan Dooley
Asst. World News Editor

The year of 1999 will bring many issues to the people of the U.S. It is hard to say what it is, but as 1999 unfolds, Americans all over will find that 1999 may be a time of living in history as did the end of 1998 when President Bill Clinton was impeached.

1998 was truly the year for history for Mark McGwire and his amazing 70 homeruns along with Sammy Sosa's 66 to President Clinton's impeachment. It is

time now to take a walk through the memories that 1998 bestowed upon us and see what happened from January 1, to December 31.

On January 4, President Bill Clinton was out on the beach of St. Thomas sharing a waltz. It was only 22 days later, shortly after the world learned that Kenneth Starr was investigating into President Clinton and his sexual relationship between him and former intern Monica Lewinsky, he shook his finger aggressively and stated, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman - Ms. Lewinsky."

On January 25, John Elway and the Denver Broncos celebrated their great triumph at the

Superbowl over the Green Bay Packers by a score of 31-24.

Execution, Texas-style, took place on February 3, as Karla Faye Tucker was the first female to be executed in Texas since 1863.

On March 31, Keiko the whale, star of all three *Free Willy* movies as Willy was airlifted to Iceland after having lived in the Oregon Coast Aquarium for a few years.

On April 1, April Fool's Day was not a happy one for Paula Jones. Her case against the president was thrown out of court due to lack of evidence, and was later settled outside the courtroom with Clinton giving her a settlement.

May 5 was the date that landed the man known as the "Unabomber," Theodore Kaczynski, in jail. He now serves four life sentences for three deaths in his spree of bombings from 1978-1995.

The next day, May 6, Kerry Wood, a pitcher for the Chicago Cubs threw 20 strikeouts to tie the Major League record for the most strikeouts and the most strikeouts pitched in a nine-inning game for the National League game.

On May 21, Kip Kinkel opened

fire with a semi-automatic rifle. He killed two, and injured 27 at Thurston High School in Springfield, Oregon. There were two other school killings such as Luke Woodham, 17, who killed two and injured seven at Pearl, Mississippi and Mitchell Johnson, 13, and Andrew Golden, 12, fired upon the school killing four students and a teacher in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

On June 11, an African-American man, James Boyd Jr., was chained and drug behind a pick-up to death by two white men just outside Jasper, Texas.

On August 18, St. Louis great, Mark McGwire, and Chicago's Sammy Sosa had one last chance to embrace each other during the season. They both excited the baseball world by surpassing the record of Roger Maris' homerun mark of 61, and finishing with 66 for Sammy Sosa, and 70 for Mark McGwire.

September 3, was the day for families to remember the tragic plane crash of Swissair flight 111 that crashed out over Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, taking the lives of all 229 people that were aboard the plane. The pilots reported that there was smoke in the cabin and then declared an emergency. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

On September 20, one of baseball's greatest players, Cal Ripken Jr., chose to sit out the game versus the New York Yankees. This halted his streak of

2,633 games played in a row that began back on May 30, 1982.

One of the most devastating hurricanes of the season, Hurricane Georges struck the Key West area on September 25, as everyone braced for the 90 mph winds.

October 16, 1998 was the day people mourned of the loss of a student at the University of Wyoming whose attackers are believed to have killed him because he was gay. The killers now face possible life in prison.

October 21, marked the day when the New York Yankees made history by winning not only the World Series, but being the best team ever with a 125-win season.

Two things occurred on October 29: Senator John Glenn, who was the first the first American in space, returned to space aboard the shuttle "Discovery." He became the oldest man to go up into orbit.

On the same day, the devastating hurricane, Mitch made landfall as a category five hurricane. That is considered the most dangerous. Landfall was made in the Honduras area.

November 19, Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr was sworn to testify before the House Judiciary Committee about his conclusion that President Clinton committed four potentially impeach-

able offenses in an effort to hide his relationship with Lewinsky.

On December 7, also known to us as Pearl Harbor Day, was the day that we sent up our part of the International Space Station.

On December 16, Dr. Jack Kevorkian was told that he must stand trial in March for assisting others with suicide. If he is found guilty he will face life in prison.

President Bill Clinton made a decision to launch air strikes against Iraq on December 17, one day prior to the impeachment hearings in the House of Representatives, leaving to question some Republicans, as to whether or not these actions were taken to try and divert the attention from his political crisis.

Finally, on December 19, House Judiciary Chairman Henry Hyde delivered articles of impeachment accusing President Clinton of perjury and obstruction of justice to the Secretary of the Senate Gary Sisco, shortly after the House made Clinton the second President of the United States of America to be impeached and to face removal from office.

What will 1999 bring for the people of the U.S.? More disasters? A new president? A war against Iraq? Only time will tell, but it can be counted upon that there will be just as much, or more history made in 1999 as in 1998.

It is time now to take a walk through the memories that 1998 bestowed upon us...

What will 1999 bring for the people of the U.S.

Tensions continue between Iraq and the U.S.

by Rebecca Miller
Crusader News Staff Writer

The tensions between Iraq and the U.S. escalated sharply in December with the bombing of Iraq in Operation Desert Fox.

They have continued since then, with confrontations over Iraqi jets in the no-fly zone. Most recently, there have been allegations that the U.S. has used the U.N. inspections for spying on Iraq.

An anonymous aide to the U.N. Secretary-General leaked information to the press about these suspicions this past Wednesday. This was done without the Secretary-General's knowledge or consent. It was acknowledged that the U.S. did supply the U.N. in-

spections with weapons inspectors. However, it was claimed that other countries, such as France and Russia, were also involved, with the consent of the U.N. The U.S. further denied that their inspectors had ever acted as spies.

The U.N. weapons inspector Richard Butler also denied that UNSCOM (the U.N. Special Commission) was involved with the U.S. in spying. He said, "At no point have I given authorization to place any part of UNSCOM's operation under the

control of the United States or any other supporting government." However, he was concerned that the U.S. may have done something subversively. He wanted to know if "some other collection efforts or piggybacking on us may have been taking place."

It was admitted that the U.S. intelligence experts used electronic devices to eavesdrop on Iraq's communications network, and the obtained information was used to plan the bombings last month. U.S. officials claimed that this information was not secret, and was helpful to other countries. "It was not unilateral," said one U.S. official. "It was done under UNSCOM's direction. It was focused solely on where the stuff was concealed." Whether or not the allegations are true, this incident could prove harmful for the U.S.'s policy on Iraq.

On January 5, Iraq challenged the U.S. in the southern no-fly zone, as several Iraqi jets flew over this area. The U.S. warplanes shot six missiles, but the missiles missed the jets. One may have crashed when it ran out of fuel. The planes quickly left the no-fly zone after this attack. One reason for the challenge may have been

to draw the U.S. jets into a vulnerable position.

A military spokesperson for Iraq said, "The brave hawks of our air force confronted them and engaged the U.S. and British aircraft. The aggressive aircraft withdrew to the same direction it came from."

This flight was the culmination of several days' challenge to the flight ban. Iraq considered it an illegal aggression, and they declared that they would fire on any planes that entered their airspace. In the U.S. however, there is renewed concern by about protecting this no-fly zone to prevent attacks on the neighboring countries.

These open confrontations between Iraq and the U.S. began on December 16, 1998 as the U.S. and Britain bombed Baghdad early that Thursday morning. The reason for the attack was the Iraqi resistance toward weapons inspec-

tions, which had continued for the last 14 months. Clinton claimed that he had to act quickly to avoid the Islamic holy month of Ramadan which was beginning that weekend. "Saddam Hussain must not be allowed to threaten his neighbors with nuclear weapons, poison gas or biological weapons," said Clinton.

The attack, called Operation Desert Fox, lasted for 70 hours over four nights. It was claimed that 100 targets were hit, including a missile plant, and key governmental areas. Iraq said that one bomb landed in a residential neighborhood, and that two were killed and thirty injured.

The U.S. military officials considered the attack a success. "We are satisfied the mission has been successfully accomplished," said Defense Secretary William Cohen. "Our goal was to weaken Iraq's military power, not to hurt the Iraqi people."

...the U.S. did supply the U.N. inspections with weapons inspectors.

Say no to a boring winter

Understanding Seasonal Affective Disorder

by Monica Olson

Cover Story Editor

During the winter months, life can become as dreary as the weather. This feeling of winter depression is not just a myth. It has been studied and is known as Seasonal Affective Disorder.

According to clinical psychologist Glenna Andrews, Seasonal Affective Disorder, or SAD, is a mood disorder. "Primarily it is major depression that the person experiences; the common months are November through March," she said. These months are common because of the increase in grey and cloudy weather. SAD, said Andrews, is "believed to be caused by the lack of sunlight which alters the brain chemicals." Andrews included that, "people who live in the northern states . . . will actually have it more."

The shorter days of the winter months cause a change in brain chemistry. The result is depression, with symptoms including a change in appetite and sleep patterns, loss of energy and difficulty in concentration. When these problems severely disrupt and interfere with the quality of a person's life, the situation is labeled Seasonal Affective Disorder.

While Andrews estimates that only 300 people in the Treasure Valley are affected by SAD, Counselor Joanne Rittmueller thinks many more are affected to a lesser extent and still mildly experience some of the symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder. "There seems to be more depression on the campus when we have less sunlight," she said, "particularly depression that isn't related to an event."

Since SAD is caused by a lack of light, the solution is simple--light therapy. Patients spend time each day being exposed to intense light. It is important to let the light reach the retinas of the eyes. They also are advised to exercise, spend time outdoors and to sit near windows when possible.

People with milder cases of the winter blues can solve their problems just as easily by making a few lifestyle changes. The solution for them, Rittmueller

If the winter weather makes your grey disposition rival that of Eeyore, don't sit in your dorm room and pout. Get out and do something with your friends!

The possibilities are endless. Go skiing or check out the Pine Flats Hot Springs.

Don't like the outdoors? Go see the nation's only collection

of prison tatoos at the Old Idaho Penitentiary.

Want more culture? See Don Giovanni with Opera Idaho. Or stay on campus and see the Junior Class play, *Rumors*. There's something here for everyone. No more excuses. Get off your duffs and go have some fun.

Winter fun takes shape in McCall

by Monica Olson

Cover Story Editor

Promising fun and snow, this annual winter carnival delivers to the thousands of visitors that travel to McCall each January and February. The McCall Winter Carnival begins January 29, and concludes ten days later on February 7.

This carnival features the state snow sculpting championship, sled dog races, a neon lights parade, the Snowflake Ball and other contests.

With McCall's location a scenic 100 mile drive north of Boise, the journey beckons many NNC students each year.

Two such students, Troy Olson and Tricia Palmer, are awaiting their third trip to the carnival. The highlight, according to Palmer and Olson, is the impressive snow sculptures. "They had a Where's

Waldo? one last year. It had thirty faces and you had to find Waldo," said Olson. "The cool one two years ago was Cruella DeVille with her sleigh of puppies," said Palmer.

The snow sculpture competition isn't the only attraction. Part of the fun is just being in McCall. "It's real similar to Sisters (OR), but with a lake . . . it's kind of the old town, and the stores are really tiny . . . it's kind of podunk, but really quaint," said Palmer.

Other excitement includes a parade, "it was a really odd parade . . . it looks like it's put on by the junior high. Their costumes were bizarre!" said Palmer with a laugh. "The one man band was there . . . with the big drum strapped on his back," added Olson.

Another carnival fan, Christa Klosterman said, "If you ever go to McCall in the winter, you *have*



Last year's Snow sculptures made McCall's annual Winter Carnival worth the traveling for these students.

to go to Moxie Java." But, she added, "the best thing to see up there by far are the sculptures."

Another unique experience is the opportunity to walk on the frozen lake. A day trip is quickly filled with entertainment and shopping at the little shops in rustic McCall. Palmer also advises bringing a change of clothes for after the in-

evitable snowball fights.

So, if you're eager to start a snowball fight, but just can't see it happening in Nampa, grab a couple unsuspecting friends (or enemies), push them into your car, and enjoy the beautiful ride to McCall where the glistening white snow and opportunity for fun is nearly endless.

Get a cultural experience in Boise

Boise, being a large town and also the state capitol, is thriving with cultural experiences. Most of these activities are fairly expensive, but if it's your type of thing it could be worth the money. Call for ticket information.

Calendar

A Wind Between Houses

January 15-16, 20-24, 28-30
A family comedy performed by the Boise Little Theatre. 8pm. \$7.50
100 E. Fort, Boise
Call: 208-342-5104

Boise Philharmonic

January 22, in Swayne Auditorium. Free to students.

Philadelphia Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra

January 25, 8pm, open seating
Capitol High School, 8055 Goddard, Boise.
Call: 208-331-5015

Winter Garden Party at the Idaho Botanical Gardens

January 28, 6:30 pm 2355 Old Penitentiary Rd., Boise
Call: 208-343-8649

Special Olympics Winter Games at Bogus Basin

January 29, 9am
Call: 208-323-0482 (Jon Decker)

Brown Bag Lecture on Japanese Americans

February 2, 12-1pm at the Idaho Historical Museum, \$1.
Call: 208-334-2120

First Thursday, this monthly event is held in downtown Boise. It features a gallery stroll, entertainment and merchant and restaurant specials.

February 4, free parking 4-9pm.

Blood Brothers, a musical presented by the Knock 'em Dead Dinner Theatre, 333 S. 9th St.

February 2-6, 12-13, 18-20, 25-27
Call: 208-385-0021

Don Giovanni presented by the Opera Idaho

February 5, 8pm Main Hall of the Morrison Center, \$24.50.
Wednesday, February 3 dress rehearsal, 7pm (possible cheaper tickets)
Call: 208-426-1110

Harlem Globetrotters

February 18, 7pm at the BSU Pavilion.
Call: 208-385-1766

Cinderella presented by the BSU Theatre Department

February 26-28
Tickets by Select-A-Seat

Brown Bag Lecture - The Centennial Trail in Idaho presented by Roger Williams

March 2, 12-1pm, \$1.
Call: 208-334-2120.

First Thursday

March 4 in Downtown Boise
Free parking 4-9pm.

Saving Grace presented by the Stage Coach Theatre

March 5, 6, 11-13 at the Hillcrest Shopping Center 8:15pm
Call: 208-342-2000

Sleeping Beauty presented by the Ballet Idaho

March 13, 2 & 8pm at the Morrison Center, \$18.
Call: 208-426-1110

ENCORE! Chamber Concert performed by the Ester Simplot Performing Arts Academy

March 13-14, 8pm, \$7.
Call: 208-344-7849

Kite Festival

March 20, 12-4pm. South of the Boise River, east of Americana Blvd.
Call: 208-376-6666



Students take a minute to pause for a photo at the summit of Bluewood Ski resort in eastern Washington over Christmas break. Pictured left to right Joe Johnson, Michael Hunacek, Monica Olson, Mark Snyder, Celeste Weimer, and Scot Mortimer.

Enjoy activities at NNC

You don't need to leave campus to have fun this winter

January

13 New Student/Transfer Party
Wear crazy socks to this event. The excitement starts at 5:45, call Stephanie Ortman for details.

14 Top 10 Cafe
The Top 10 Cafe at the Brick House reopens for the year on Thursday. The directors are planning theme nights and hope to add a new espresso machine. Also debuting, stamp cards. This Thursday is double stamp night. The fun starts at 9pm and lasts until 12 every Thursday.

15 Ides in Clydes
Come to Clydes for live music, cheap coffee drinks, and coloring by candlelight.

21 Rook Tournament at the Brick House
This Top 10 features a double elimination Rook tournament. Pick your partner and come for a great night of fun. Watch for sign-ups outside of Marriott next week.

22 March of Dimes Plane Toss
As part of the annual March

of Dimes fundraising effort, the freshman class counsel is sponsoring a plane toss. Buy a paper airplane at the basketball game for a chance to win prizes.

28 Top 10 Cafe @ the Brick House
Bring your stamp cards, friends, and music for karaoke.

31 All school super-bowl party
If you enjoy fun and football with your friends you won't want to miss the big-screen, all school super-bowl party in Marriott. If you hate football, come see the real entertainment: commercials.

February

4 Top 10 Cafe @ the Brick House

6 Crusader Choir Italian Opera Dinner

Starting at 5pm the Crusader Choir will entertain with solos and group numbers as their audience dines on fine Italian food. Support the choir as they raise money for their tour through England and Ireland.

6 Mr. NNC
Another part of the March of Dimes fundraising is the Mr. NNC Pageant. Nomination voting will be held on January 15. Come see last year's winner, Dave Coles host a cast of 1999 hopefuls.

The theme is the Wild, Wild, West, so dress accordingly. Pageant starts after the basketball game in

the Science Lecture Hall. The cost is \$2, tickets will be sold outside of Marriott February 1-5.

9, 11-13 Jr. Class Play
Rumors, is a comedy purely for entertainment. "It's a farce--there is nothing remotely serious about it, nada. It's not really about anything," said Jennifer Hill who plays Chris.

11 Top 10 Cafe
Come for a special Valentines Top 10.

13 Valentines Extravaganza
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Discover Bogus Basin and Pine Flats hot springs

by Monica Olson

Cover Story Editor

Hot Springs are a relaxing place for students to escape from the stress of school, and there are several locations to try in Idaho.

"I've been to Pine Flats outside McCall," said Cherie Ketchum. According to Ketchum, "You go into a campground and there is a trail off to the right. This mountain trail opens up to a hill. On the cliff they've built pools."

"It's amazing, the best I've ever been to," said Ketchum as she described Pine Flats. One of the best features is a beautiful waterfall. "A long side the river at the bottom of the cliff is a water fall and they've built a big pool there," she said.

An adventure to the hot springs is always worth the drive. Although, Ketchum adds, "there're a lot of naked people."

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U.S. running towards mistaken confrontation

by Kadee Wirick
Copy Editor

Deadly stupidity. That is the best description for our country's actions in the most recent months in attempting to combat the threat of terrorism in both Iraq and other areas of the Middle East. The air strikes launched during December, only days before the holy month of Ramadan were but the final act in the drama that has plunged us into a precarious position on the world stage.

Since the air strikes against Iraq were launched by the United States and Great Britain, many countries including France, Russia and China have lodged formal protests against the U.S. for this seemingly unprovoked attack. More dangerously, Arab nations formerly at odds with each other, have rallied around Iraq. Even Iran, with whom Iraq was involved in a bloody civil war for over a decade, has sided with Saddam against the United States. It doesn't take a genius to

figure out that uniting one's enemies is a mistake our nation can't afford to make.

The United States has never been beloved by the militant Islamic nations that make up the majority of the population in the Middle East. Cries of "Death to America" resounded throughout the 80s and into the 90s as that area of the world was plunged into a state of Muslim fanaticism. This was encouraged by leaders such as the late Ayatollah Khomeini and Saddam Hussein. The fanaticism reared its ugly head in the form of terrorist bombings, kidnappings and hijackings.

This hostility has its roots only slightly in the Koran, the holy book of Islam, where holy war, or *Jihad* is recognized as an undesirable, but necessary thing. Dying for the sake of *Jihad* is considered an honorable death, and the millions of Muslims now rallying around such leaders as Saddam and Osama bin Ladin are motivated by a much deeper call

than most Americans can lay claim to.

The passionate ends to which these masses would carry out

their cause should frighten us. In fact, it should really scare us. How many of us, if we were to actually go to war, would rather lay down our lives for our good old American values than settle for a diplomatic compromise? Probably not many of us. Like it or not, our generation and the one before has become desensitized to the seriousness of war, and hold very few things to be sacred, save our own self-preservation. Our parents, the baby boomers, handed us the value of

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looking out for our own best interests as most important. With such an attitude, how would we expect to be an effective force

against a people willing to die with little concern for their own lives?

Granted, the age-old argument that the United States has far better technology than these countries is a valid one. However, the fact remains that as the U.S. continues in uniting its enemies and giving the world a reason to have sympathy for the plight of the Islamic nations, the more

dangerous it will be for Americans to travel and live in other parts of the world. Our advanced communication and transportation sys-

tems are making the world smaller every day.

Do we really want to make so many enemies that it is no longer safe to leave our little bubble? Can we afford to do that, economically, as the world advances towards a more open global market?

The face of the world is rapidly changing. And, as the world is changing, the face of war is also changing. We no longer live in a Cold War society where we can send spies and scare each other with our nuclear warheads. Terrorism, the new kind of war, is the favorite practice of the nations now so deadly pitted against us, and terrorism directly affects the average American citizen. As we continue to plunge deeper and deeper into the conflict with Muslim nations, we need to examine our own values and beliefs and make a real decision about whether or not they are worth preserving. The time is coming when this decision will be put to the test.

Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues

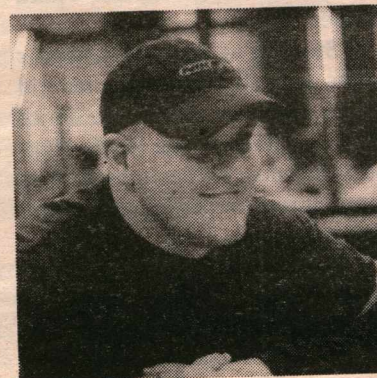
What is the worst thing you have ever gotten for Christmas?



Chad Cray Junior
"A 'What Would Jesus Drink' breathalyzer test."



Nikolai Yunge Freshman
"It was a black and orange dress that my grandma made me when I was five. It made me look like a nun, but I had to wear it anyway."



Brandon Kahler Junior
"Panda bear ear muffs."



Michelle Fender Freshman
"A bright green sweatshirt with a hand-painted snowman on it. It was too small too. But it's the thought that counts."

Crusaders trash #2 Albertson by over 34 points

'Saders beat rival ACI in an intense blowout

by Craig Craker
Crusader Staff Writer

In one complete and total dominating force, the NNC basketball team ripped their #2 in the nation arch rival Albertson (or is it Safeway?) in a way that was hugely embarrassing. It was the one of the worst, or as I see it, best game these two have ever played.

NNC started and finished the game hitting dropping bombs on their

moms (3-pointers), in fact, they hit six out of 12 in the first half and finished with eight for 19. The game started with a 10-4 run in which Jeremy Stockett scored six points. Stockett came back off of the injured list in December, and ever since he has been back, things have started to turn around.

Paul's Market, I mean Albertson, then went on an 11 to five run to tie it at 15. Over the next 2:48 we actually had a close game, but following a 3-pointer by Josh Coopriider, NNC found itself up by 10. Albertson answered with a three of their own, but that was about all of the fun they would enjoy because NNC promptly went on a 17-5 run capped by yet another Coop-there-it-is three-pointer. NNC rolled into halftime with a standing ovation from the crowd with a 53 to 36 lead.

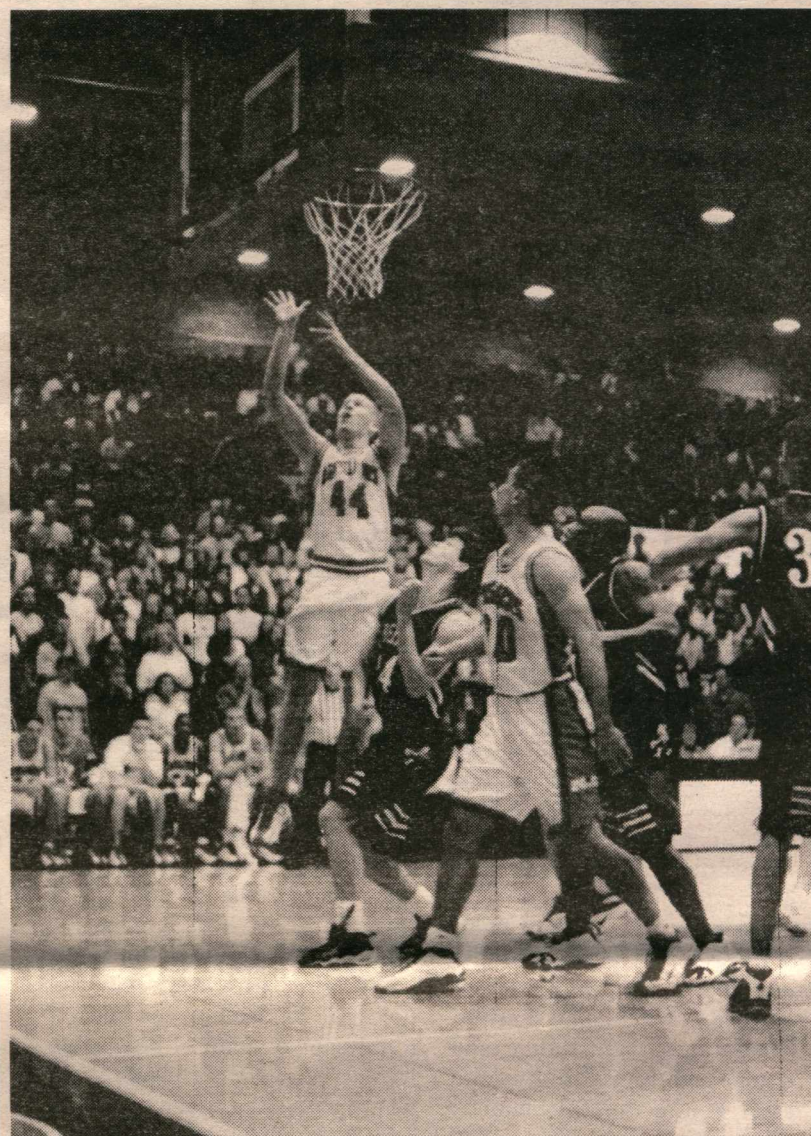
The halftime show was something to remember. Am I the only one that thought the kid that sang looked like that kid from the Microsoft commercials that saves his dad's ranch? The first line of his second song summed it up nicely I think, it went: "People see me and say I look a little strange." Next time I think they should steer clear of the country theme.

Coming into the second half, I was thinking to myself, "All we have to do is stop the run that Albertson will surely make and then we can hopefully hang on." But we did not need to stop the run because the only running the Coyotes were doing was away from our team.

Every player contributed, it seemed that every move Coach Sanders did was a good one. Lamark Judkins scored four straight points coming out of the gate to give us a 57-38 lead. Following a thunderous block by Scott Bishop, which sent the 'Yote player to the floor, Coop hit yet another 3-pointer to make it 62 to 40 and pretty much wrap it up.

For the last 15 minutes of the game, NNC basically just played with their minds as they continued to pour it on and never let up. Coach Sanders summed it up well, "I knew we had a chance to win, but for our guys to come out and play with that much emotion for the whole game and then to beat the #2 team in the nation by 34 points, wow. That was an amazing sight, and now we just need to come out with that much emotion and intensity for the rest of the season."

Josh Coopriider ended up with 19 points including three for five from downtown. He said, "We all just went into this game putting our personal feelings aside and played as a team.



Sophomore Kelly Heron soars above the competition and puts in another two points. Heron was responsible for nine points in Friday night's game.

This game is a big turning point in our season and hopefully will put us back on track." Chad Mitchell and Elijah Effinger each scored 12, Bishop added ten and Lamark Judkins and Kelly Herron each added

nine. The team is now 8-13, 4-3 in the conference and 4-0 in 1999. They have won 5 of 7, and now head on the road to Evergreen State and Eastern Oregon.



Freshman Josh Coopriider pulls up and looks for the open man. He hit three three-pointers and scored 19 points.

Lady 'Saders defeat #1 Southern Oregon

Eastern Oregon also falls to Crusaders

by Dave Stillman
Crusader Staff Writer

The NNC Lady Crusaders defeated top ranked Southern Oregon on Friday in an ugly game that featured 54 turnovers by both teams (that's one every forty five seconds) by a score of 67-62.

However, it was rebounds, not turnovers, that were the deciding factor of the game. The Crusaders outrebounded Southern Oregon 48-24.

The Lady Crusaders were frustrated early on as Southern Oregon

scored its first four points off a fast break and an inbounds steal.

During the first fifteen minutes of the game, the lead changed hands ten times. Play was sloppy at times, but the Crusaders stayed close behind strong play by Anna Allen and Alison Kirk. Allen nailed a three-pointer off an inbounds play to give NNC a 11-ten lead six minutes into the quarter, and orchestrated a spectacular fast break minutes later with the 'Saders down by three.

That pulled them within one, and Allison Kirk by scoring, stealing the inbounds pass, and scoring again several seconds later.

NNC closed out the half with an 18-6 run. "We started taking the ball toward the middle (on the press) and making better passes," said Staci Wilson, "We got some easy shots and good steals."

Some of the most dramatic of these occurred in the waning seconds of the half, when Mary Glaze scored on an assist from Chelsea Hall, and Heather Doncaster stole the inbounds pass and scored again, giving the 'Saders a 41-31 halftime lead.

NNC's lead slowly slipped away in the second half, and they found themselves up 54-51 with six minutes left after a fast break score by Southern Oregon. Baskets by Amber Hellberg and Staci Kirk kept the Crusaders ahead, barely.

With four minutes left, 'Saders were ahead 59-56, and the Crusader defense stepped up. The Raiders would not score again until the final minute, while two baskets by Staci Wilson and one by Glaze put the 'Saders up by nine.

The Raiders scored a three-pointer to pull within six with 20 sec-

onds left, but it was too late. Staci Kirk made both her free throws, and a buzzer three-pointer by Southern Oregon made little difference. The final score ended up at 69-62 in favor of NNC.

Staci Wilson led scoring with 15 points, while Staci Kirk had 14 and Mary Glaze had 12.

Saturday evening, the 'Saders took on unranked Eastern Oregon, winning 67-60 in a game that was much closer than the Crusaders would have liked.

"We were mentally and physically tired after last night's game" said Staci Wilson, who picked up 15 rebounds and 16 points. "Their coach said they played their best game of the year." Staci Kirk led all scorers with 5 three-pointers and a total of 18 points.

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Laughter really is the best medicine

Patch Adams has been in theaters since Christmas day, yet it is still the top grossing movie in America. There's a very good explanation for this. It's a good movie. *Patch Adams* has just about all the good ingredients that a movie can have. It's emotional, funny, thought-provoking, and most importantly, entertaining.

Patch Adams is the story of a man in his early 30s who admits himself to a mental hospital when he has a bout with depression and a suicide attempt. It didn't take long for Patch to realize that the doctors at the mental hospital were calloused, rude and pretty much unhelpful. After Patch convinces his roommate to get over his fear of squirrels, he realizes that he has a gift. He can help people. So Patch leaves the hospital against doctor's orders and goes to college in hopes of being a doctor.

During medical school, Patch meets the very beautiful Carin (played by Monica Potter), a snobby young woman who isn't impressed by Patch's crazy antics or his apparent disregard for authority. But lo and behold, thanks to a Hollywood script and someone's imagination, this gorgeous medical student falls for Patch anyway, a 30ish somewhat chubby and grotesquely hairy man. This movie was based on a true story, but sometimes you have to wonder how much of it is actually based on fact. It's more likely that Carin was a 4'11" paraplegic medical student flunkie who suffered from piles.

Nevertheless, Patch, Carin and Patch's friend Truman, open up the first free hospital. It's also the first hospital to heal people with laughter, practical jokes and bad puns instead of using those pesky biopsies, blood transplants

and anesthesia.

Despite the fact that that I'm poking fun at the movie, I really did enjoy it. Robin Williams delivered with another great performance. Williams is a funny guy, but even more impressive, he is one of the best actors of our time. *Patch Adams* was probably the best role for Williams' ability. With this character, he could be his funny self without going overboard, which he is very capable of doing (if you want to see him get totally out of control, just watch him on any late night talk show where it's a one-on-one conversation. It usually ends up with Williams giving a frantic comedic monologue while the interviewer makes a few failing attempts to interject a word here and there). Fortunately, this movie is a drama just as much as it is a comedy, so Williams couldn't get too nuts.

Even though *Patch Adams* has received overwhelming support from people around the country, the critics are having a field day ripping it apart. I read one review which stated that Robin Williams was in a funk that he couldn't seem to get out of. Apparently, the writer thought that Williams was taking too many roles where he played a silly and funny guy. Where's the logic in this? Robin Williams is first and foremost, a comedian; that's what he is best known for. I've never heard anyone complaining this way about other actors. For example, I've never heard anyone say, "That Jackie Chan is in way too many action movies. He should try a romantic comedy. Wouldn't he be great with Meg Ryan?" Personally, I don't think the critics can stand to see a comedy doing so well at the box office. They prefer boring dramas that rehash old boring stories like *Shakespeare in Love* and the like.

Patch Adams

Starring
Robin Williams

Reviewed by
Nathan Hydes



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Shelter Me

by
Nikki Leonti

Reviewed by
Scott Timm



Leonti misses mark

Nikki Leonti is the latest in the line of new Christian recording artists. The number of artists is increasing, but not all the newcomers are worthy of being heard.

Leonti was born and raised in a Christian home in California, where she started singing at her local church at the age of seven. When Leonti was 13, she won first prize in a talent contest. Shortly after she recorded her first album on a small label owned by one of the judges from a contest. That first album was seldom heard outside of family and friends.

Time has past, and she is now 16. *Shelter Me* is her debut from the Pamplin music label.

I bought the album early Christmas break. At first I did not like it at all, but now it is starting to grow on me. *Shelter Me* has a mix of rock, pop, and dance music (heaven forbid). There is the positive sound of her youthful voice, and the energy in her voice keeps the album from being a drag. In fact the first song, "It'll be Alright," sounds like a young Micheal Jackson during the Jackson 5 days of old.

Most of the songs are written by people I have never heard of. The name John Elefante kept coming up on almost all the songs. He co-wrote the one song Leonti helped write, "One World." The song is the last on the album, and is an anthem to motivate us to save the world. I am well aware that we are called to spread the good news and harvest the fields, but Leonti's message comes across very weakly. It is as though she were a feel good liberal

with no plan in mind. The idea of the song is that we can just all sit together and sing a song, and everyone will hold hands and play nicely together. That is the problem with this album. The lyrics are cheesy. I, of no lyrical talent, could have written most of the songs on this album.

There are however, two exceptions to this. Both track five and six are worthy of being heard. It is just too bad that neither of those songs can be heard on the Pamplin web page. Track five, "Now I Believe in Miracles," talks about God being all around us. All we have to do is open our eyes and we will see God in everything we see and do. The other song worth your time is "Shoelaces." It talks about how we tend to fall over our own two feet. We tend to be selfish and take care of our own wants instead of putting others first.

Other than these two songs, the album makes little more than good background music. As stated, she has a beautiful voice and the music has enough variety to entertain when you are bumming around the dorm room. However, chances are this album is not going to be the best choice out there for your money now. The better choices are the latest from Newsboys, Rebecca St. James, Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith, and D.C.Talk. And who knows, maybe like Rebecca St. James, Leonti will mature and have a second album that is much better and worthy of purchase. Until then there are better choices out there.



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A blatant case of slanted journalism (Who, us?)

The time has come for us, as a nation, to resolve this wrenching issue, so that we can move on. This issue has been with us for far too long, weighing on our minds, sitting heavy on our hearts, bloating the intestines of our national consciousness with the twin gases of partisanship and hate.

I am referring, as you have no doubt gathered, to the bitter controversy concerning the location of the Leaning Tower of Pisa. This controversy got started last summer when I wrote a column in which I stated that the Leaning Tower of Pisa is located in Paris, France. I received several dozen letters from readers, many of them quite angry, stating that the Leaning Tower of Pisa is in fact located in an Italian city called "Pisa."

Now, I happen to be known in journalism circles as a big stickler for accuracy. I have a stickle the size of a fire hydrant. So when I got these critical letters, I felt that I had no choice but to swallow my pride and send these readers individual notes informing them that they were mistaken, because the Leaning Tower of Pisa had been moved to Paris in 1994. At that point, I assumed that the matter

Dave Barry

Syndicated humor columnist



was settled. But then I got ANOTHER letter from one of my original critics, Mrs. Herbert H. Harder of Benton, Kansas. Mrs. Harder's letter, which I am not making up, stated:

"I still don't believe the real original Leaning Tower of Pisa was or ever will be moved to Paris. First of all, I think Pisa, Italy, would never, never allow such a thing to happen. ... To move the Pisa, Italy, real Tower of Pisa would require a cost that would be prohibitive."

To clinch her argument, Mrs. Harder cited the ultimate authority:

"I stopped at a Travel Agency and asked if they had heard anything about the Leaning Tower of Pisa having been moved. Of course they hadn't."

When you have been in journalism as long as I have (6,000 years), you get used to members of the public making all kinds of wacky claims, such as that the CIA

has placed radio receivers in their teeth, or aliens have invaded Earth, or the Leaning Tower of Pisa is located in Italy. So I was frankly inclined to simply ignore Mrs. Harder's letter. But then I got to thinking about a recent public survey about journalism credibility, conducted by the American Society of Newspaper Editors (motto: "Proudly Maintaining the (Motto Continued on Page A-34)"). The ASNE did the survey to find out why the public does not trust us in the news media. The survey showed that you, the public, think that we:

1. Is guilty of many grammar and spelling errores.
2. Rely on what one highly placed ASNE executive described as "too many unnamed sources."
3. Use any excuse to print sensationalistic trash, such as the rumor that reportedly might be printed in an upcoming issue of Hustler magazine concerning an allegation that Kenneth Starr got at least 60 percent of the current Spice Girls pregnant.
4. Allow our news judgment to be affected by big advertisers such as General Motors, whose cars are not only fun and reliable, but also prevent cancer.

7. Are just generally careless and sloppy.

The survey also showed that the public thinks these problems have worsened in recent years. I can explain this. In the old days, newspaper stories were checked by editors before being printed; today, editors are busy doing surveys on declining journalism credibility, so they have no time to look at the actual newspaper. (For example, if the phrase "stickle the size of a fire hydrant" appeared in this column, no editor has read it.)

The point is that we have big problems in the news business. But we also have a proud tradition of righting wrongs, expressed in the old saying: "When you make a mistake, have the courage to print a correction that is too small to locate without an electron microscope."

And that is why, when I received the letter from Mrs. Herbert H. Harder of Benton, Kansas, claiming that the Leaning Tower of Pisa is located in Italy, rather than simply tearing it into tiny pieces and feeding them to a hamster, I said to myself, "What if maybe - just maybe - Mrs. Herbert H. Harder of Benton, Kan., is cor-

rect?" And so, after some "nosing around," I uncovered the following information:

The Leaning Tower of Pisa is, in fact, located in Italy. However, under the Treaty of Ghent, which was signed by Charles "D" Gaulle and Henry VI, Italy is, legally, part of Paris, France.

The "Leaning" Tower of Pisa is in fact perfectly vertical. All the OTHER buildings in Pisa are leaning, and the residents walk around on special shoes with one heel way higher than another.

According to a very highly placed source, both Charles "D" Gaulle and Henry VI got Spice Girls pregnant.

I hope this clears everything up. If you have any questions about this, or any other article in today's newspaper, please do not hesitate to check with your travel agent. Or, if you prefer, you can contact us here at the newspaper directly, via the receivers in our teeth.

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A plea for help

It all started Sunday afternoon. I decided to convince one Amy Crane to insert a foil gum wrapper into an electrical socket.

Let me explain here the entertainment of such a feat. Watching sparks fly from an electrical socket so close to one's hand without those sparks harming that hand awakes an exhilaration comparable only to childhood days.

Amy, though, was not so excited. After offering the above explanation to her, emphasizing the part about the process not being harmful, she still would not budge. A demonstration was in order. I took a gum wrapper, folded it in the manner one folds gum wrappers when wanting to stick one in an electrical socket and promptly inserted in into the nearest available outlet I could find. It was marvelous, but Amy had not been convinced.

That evening at church I spied Amy with a gum wrapper folded in the same fashion as I had folded mine earlier that same day. Curious, I approached her and asked, "Does this mean what I think it means?" She assured me she would; her specific words escape me—I never expected her to mislead me.

In the cafeteria this same evening I urged her to fulfill her promise to me, to insert the aforementioned wrapper in the socket we were sitting beside. It was my turn to be shocked, however, as she adamantly refused this simple task. I reminded her of the oath she took in the Holy sanctuary of our Lord and still, she would not.

In order to have Amy fulfill her promise it has fallen to this. Please compel her to redeem herself in the eyes of her peers.

-Eric Emmert

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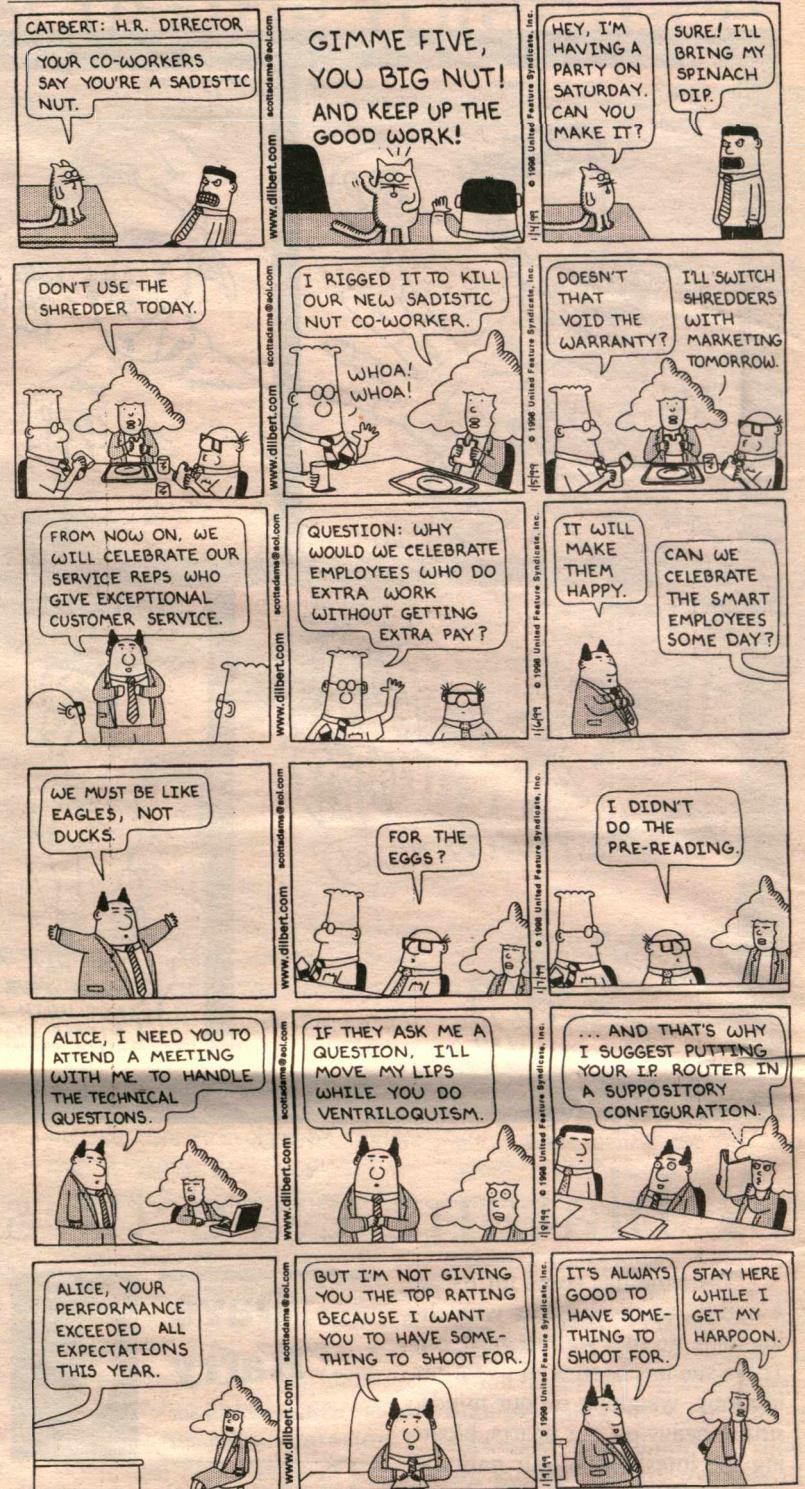
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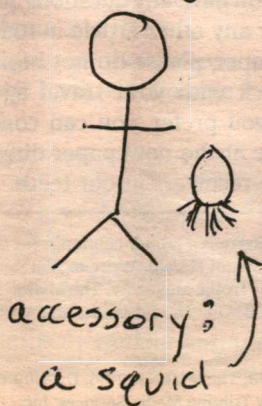


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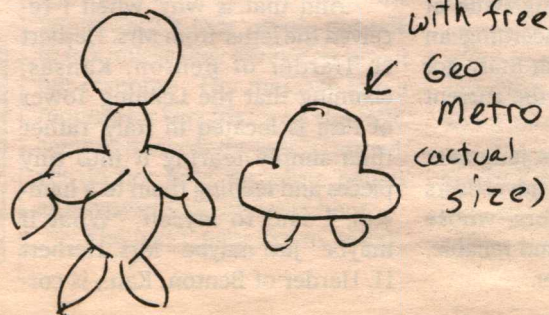
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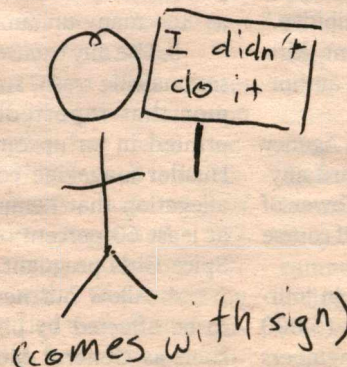
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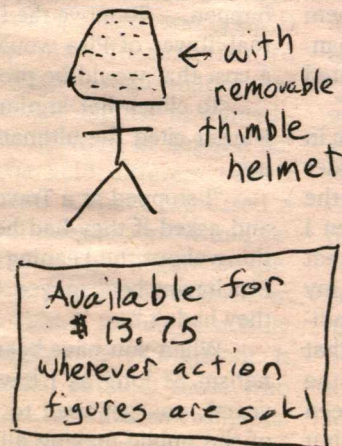
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