

Group of 213 leaves waitress stained, tipless

My name is T. Marni Vos and I'll be your columnist and experienced adviser this afternoon. Nancy, Tim, Chrissy, Moon-doggy, Biff; you'll be my readers.

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If I could be so bold, I'd like to recommend some of the specials we're offering this semester. First, we have the pass-no pass option, as well as everyone's favorite, the incomplete due to the 23rd death in the family this semester . . . waitressing . . .

"How happy is he born and taught that serveth not another's will." — Watton

Last Friday, as I was leaving my apartment building, compassion filled my heart

Moving slowly down the street toward me was my waitress friend, Beth Marie.

Her head bowed down, her orthopedic shoes covered with scuff marks, dragged along the sidewalk. Her white apron was spotted with shrimp cocktail sauce and gravy and her brown-blond ponytail, which hung over her right shoulder, had been dipped into the house dressing more than once.

She carried an arm full of books and a blue jacket.

"Beth Marie," I lifted her chin to make eye contact, "Beth Marie, you ol' stick of dynamite, you vivacious ball of fire, you walking amphetamine, how the heck are you?"

I dropped her chin, for a moment it bounced from her right shoulder to her left. She began, "I had a table of 213 and they didn't leave a tip."

"You're kidding?"

"No. Ninety-seven of them wanted ex-

tra tarter sauce, 23 of them wanted their food reheated, 34 of them changed their mind — seven of them changed their mind twice, 164 of them wanted doggy bags, 11 of them spilled their drinks, one lady broke her plate on my new orthopedic shoes, and all of them wanted separate checks."

"And they didn't leave a tip?"

"Not a cent. One of 'em left this blue jacket. I'll sell it to you for five bucks."

"I'll buy it for \$3.50."

"Here, it's yours, thanks . . . I mean, \$2.10 plus tips. It's not like I'm buying Calvin Klein underwear, ya know? I have 14 brothers and sisters at home, my father left 10 months before I was born, tuition went up (once more with feeling), my wis-

dom teeth are coming in, books are expensive and Harris Lab doesn't have any studies unless you have three kazobbas or you're 40 years old and sterile. I mean it's like what they say, "Tipping is not a place in China," ya know?"

"I know Beth Marie. Here, here's 50 cents extra for the jacket."

"Thanks, would you like your jacket zipped or left open?"

"I'll wear it open thanks."

"Anything else?"

"No, I don't believe so. Thank you."

Beth Marie turned and walked away . . . a person "born and taught to serveth another's will . . ." until she saves enough for those Calvin Kleins.

entertainment notes

For the 27th consecutive year, a weekly review and preview of Nebraska football games will be presented on *Cornhusker Football* by the Nebraska Educational Television Network.

The series premieres Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. with a special pre-season call-in program which will enable viewers to comment or ask questions.

Lincoln sportscaster Don Gill, now in his third year as the series host, is joined this season by John Melton, Cornhusker linebacker coach.

Beginning on Monday, Sept. 7, at 8 p.m., NETV will kick off seven days of State Fair coverage with the first of five horse shows. This year the live horse show coverage will be interspersed with NETV's "Highlights" program — videotaped reports on a variety of State Fair activities from livestock competition to agricultural products, arts and crafts, concessions and the Midway.

The horse show coverage will include the Appaloosa horse show on Monday, Morgan on Tuesday, Arabian on Wednesday, Pinto on Thursday, and Quarter Horse on Friday.

Coverage of the 1981 Ne-

braska State Fair is a production of the special projects unit of University of Nebraska Television, and is funded in part by the Nebraska State Fair Board.

The lost but still vivid world of the Norsemen returns for examination when *Vikings!* is rebroadcast on NETV beginning Monday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m.

Hosted, written and narrated by Icelandic historian and author, Magnus Magnusson, the series explores the character of the early Scandinavians. *Vikings!* demonstrates there was much in the Norse civilization which

was beautiful, constructive and heroic, even though history generally has reported the Vikings as violent barbarians.

The ten-part series explores Viking art and mythology through museum treasures, Icelandic sagas and other contemporary records. The popular image of the Vikings as murderous marauders is disputed by the revelations of archaeology and modern scholarship which place them in the realm of early cultures in the Northern world, visualizing the hardy Norsemen as emotionally and economically driven to world-wide commercial expansion.

Correction

In a story headlined "Video's popularity blitzing out pinball-managers," in the Monday, Aug. 31 edition of the *Daily Nebraskan*, Mark Rupp was incorrectly quoted as saying, "Changing to five balls for a dollar pinball and giving players an extra game for their quarter."

The quote should have read, "Changing to five balls for a quarter and giving players an extra game for their Susan B. Anthony dollar."

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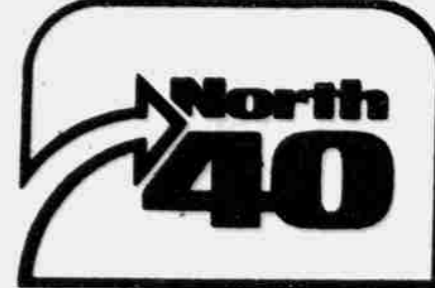
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