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DN Quotes OF THE WEEK

"Today's race wars are genocide through neglect. They are a matter of acting too late."

— Ali Mazrui, director of the Institute for Global Cultural Studies at Binghamton University in New York

"Have you really looked at a Joe Camel billboard? He almost oozes testosterone."

— Sherry Miller, president of the Nebraska Parent Teacher Association

"I feel like I'm in Elvis' secret love den. I walked in feeling like Pricilla's peacock, the bee's knees, the cat's meow."

— Matt Lux, Main St. Café customer

"Now that I'm not coming, the bills move a lot faster."

— Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, who has stated his intention to miss Judiciary Committee hearings for the rest of the session

"In trying to get high-level students, we shouldn't exclude our service to the state of Nebraska by recruiting normal students. Every student should have a chance to get an education."

— Curt Ruwe, ASUN presidential candidate for the ADVANCE party

"Somebody is going to have to poison Oklahoma State's water."

— Nebraska Coach Tim Neumann on the OSU wrestlers as the undisputed favorite at the Big 12 Championship

"I don't know why we have to fund addicted gamblers any more than addicted credit-card users."

— Sen. Jennie Robak of Columbus on compulsive gambling assistance programs

"If you exploded every nuclear device on Earth at once, the force of the asteroid's impact would be 10 times more intense. It would have been hellacious."

— David Watkins, UNL geology professor on finding evidence of an impact site from an asteroid proposed to have obliterated dinosaurs 65 million years ago

"We feel that Missouri and Kansas are the toughest teams to draw here (Kansas City). The only advantage is that the Antlers won't be sitting behind me calling me an asshole."

— Coach Danny Nee on the Huskers' first-round match with Missouri at the Big 12 Conference basketball tournament

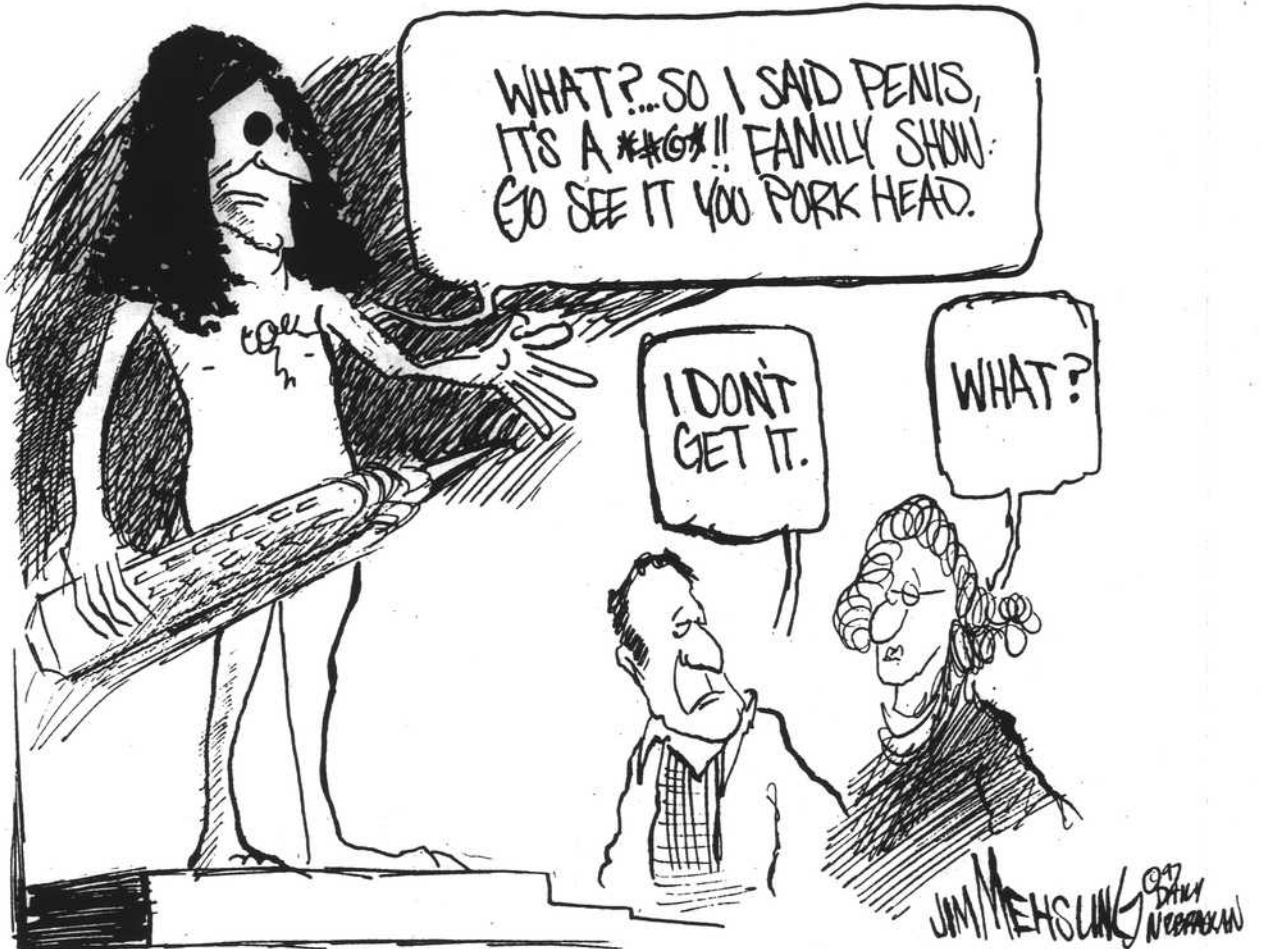
"Any discovery that touches upon human creation is not simply a matter of scientific inquiry. It is a matter of morality and spirituality as well."

— President Clinton, barring federal money from being used on human cloning

"Size matters not. Judge me by my size do you?"

— Yoda

Mehsling's VIEW



Heather LAMPE

Maybe she's born with it ... Spending life looking like someone else



Hold out those hands boys and push back those cuticles. Your day of reckoning has finally arrived. The cosmetics manufacturers have developed a nail polish for men.

I haven't actually seen the product for myself. But according to friends who've seen the ad, the polish is available in a bounty of many colors — brown, green, blue. Men will now be able to color coordinate their nails with their outfits. A little green for the Packers jersey, a lovely shade of brown to accentuate that beer-stained T-shirt. Fabulous!

OK, welcome back to reality. Let's face it, no man (except RuPaul) will ever paint his finger nails, just like men will never apply makeup. Gloria Steinem will pummel me for saying this, but when it comes to primping and preening, men are smarter than women.

I spend approximately an hour every morning trying to make myself presentable to society. My husband spends ten minutes. In my lifetime, I have already wasted half a year putting on makeup and I don't wear that much.

Men also spend less money than women on self-beautification. Most men (RuPaul not included) use an average of five cosmetic products: soap, a comb, deodorant, cologne and mousse (but none of them will admit to it.)

Women, on the other hand, spend thousands of dollars to coat their

faces: lipstick, concealer, foundation, power, eyeliner, lipliner, eye shadow, mascara, blush, lotion. I'm ashamed to admit it, but I own a bottle of foundation that cost \$30. I know that I could feed 12 starving orphans in Guatemala for my \$30 war paint. But if you could only see the smooth, satiny coverage I get, you would forget little Hector and Juanita.

If you think about it, makeup is actually sacrilege. (Dust off my soapbox please.) God created us, but instead of being happy with what we look like we smear crap on our cheeks and noses. We attempt to go for that natural look, as if we were all born with blue eyelids and fuchsia lips.

Men have the right idea. Let people see you for what you are, zits, dark eye circles, stubble and all. No man would ever apply mascara. Who in their right mind would take a wand covered with black sludge and put it one centimeter from their eyeball?

I have spent days where I was completely blind in one eye, because a chunk of mascara was stuck to my contact lens. This is not to mention the many times I have severely maimed myself with the eyelash curler. If you ever see me and it looks like I have a jawbreaker stuck under my eyelid, do not turn my husband in for spousal abuse.

Max Factor and his cohorts have ruined any chances of me enjoying a day without powdering my nose. I don't think our culture could handle a world in which women don't wear makeup. Men would be running around, screaming in terror at the horrific sights around them.

"She's pale! There's a pimple on her nose! I can see the veins in her eyelids!! Oh, the horror, the horror. Let me die!"

Imagine Cindy Crawford on the



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front of Vogue with a hair growing out of her mole. A world without makeup would be very disturbing for supermodels.

I give men credit for outwitting us without makeup. But let's face it, men are the reason most women wear makeup. We don't care if our best girlfriends think we're atrocious, but if we want Mr. Right we'll go in debt for the perfect shade of lipstick. Sorry Gloria, but it's true.

I don't think I remember what I look like without makeup. There's a brief period every morning and evening when I'm au natural, but I try to block it from my mind. My husband doesn't know it, but he's living with another woman. She has short eyelashes, unruly eyebrows, pale lips and white, pasty skin.

So tomorrow morning I'll cake it on again, because I'm worth it and if we don't look good, you don't look good — and all that other crap.

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