

Readers respond to vandalism, Shepherd, Presley

Letters

'Shepherd against beef'

Scott Harrah's sarcastic column (Daily Nebraskan, Oct. 19) points to the lack of knowledge of the real issue concerning Cybill Shepherd and beef promotion.

From the time Shepherd was given \$1 million to promote beef, she has stuck her foot in her mouth numerous times. Early last spring, her publicist said Shepherd didn't eat meat. That tidbit appeared in Family Circle magazine. She later said that she ate meat once a week in another magazine.

Ranchers are being forced to pay \$1 a head check-off for beef promotion. This tax was unjustly placed on the cattle producers, and I believe that since we pay this tax we should at least have our comments heard. Harrah's comment, "Red meat isn't always the most healthy thing to chow down on," rates right up there with having your head stuck where the sun doesn't shine. Red meat is lean and nutritious, and evidently Shepherd hasn't done a very good job of getting this point across. Wendy's "Where's the beef?" ad campaign did more for beef promotion than Shepherd has done.

I don't think ranchers are as upset about Shepherd's premarital trysts as they are about the fact that she is working against the cattlemen who

are paying her.

The lack of values in this era are not something that I or many people are particularly proud of. The modern world has many problems that are attributed to this decline. Maybe if you tried to be a rancher and raise a family as I am doing, you would realize that a strong foundation of moral teachings is what is going to make my children feel self-worth and confidence in dealing with the "real world" and surviving in it.

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Shame on Harrah

In reference to Scott Harrah's column about Elvis (Daily Nebraskan, Oct. 27), let me say that I am not now and never have been a member of the Elvis Presley Fan Club. But shame on you, Harrah, for attacking someone simply because he had the bad taste to allow himself to "turn into a bloated... whale."

Does this mean I can never again enjoy viewing "Citizen Kane" because Orson Welles turned into a gargantuan wine-pusher? Or that reading Truman Capote will be a terrible experience for me because he turned into a soft and pudgy little queen? Or even worse (be still my beating heart) that I can never listen to Peter, Paul and Mary without revulsion because Mary looks like she went back to the all-you-can-eat buffet and

salad bar a few too many times?

OK, all right, I will never again watch Elizabeth Taylor. But wait, yes I can, because she obviously has the moral superiority to overcome her wicked eating ways, and now she is acceptably thin and working for politically correct causes.

Oh, to be pompous and righteous like Harrah. In answer to his deep and meaningful questions about why Elvis lost his voice and became constipated, well, to paraphrase a currently popular saying: It's because stuff happens, Harrah, stuff happens.

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Vandalism act not issue

Has the University of Nebraska-Lincoln become fixated with the end result, perhaps our entire society? The recent act of vandalism by a NU football player has led me to conclude that this theory may hold some merit.

I have no great misgivings about the act itself; young and old alike have been known to participate in wanton acts of vandalism. Who knows, perhaps where this young man hails from this is an acceptable manner in which to react to a situation. After all, everything is relative.

No, the problem I have with the incident is that in the course of events, apparently Neil Smith's case was an untruth. However, we must remember the context that the events took place in. The team was facing what was being advertised as a "close" game

and a key player was facing an assured suspension.

So it would appear that when faced with this difficult choice, Smith chose the course that would further the end result, winning. Perhaps I have been wrong in the impression that one of the justifications for competition brings to the participants. Well, if this argument is still valid, then perhaps it's time we step back and take a look at what we're building.

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Reader: Harrah hip

Scott Harrah is soooo hip. Isn't it nifty to make fun of dead musicians and their unfortunate downfalls? I found his column (Daily Nebraskan, Oct. 27) distasteful, distorted and unworthy of print. He calls his version of the last years of Elvis Presley's life "the slanted, subjective truth." The truth is that Elvis didn't lose his "mellifluous voice" in his last years, as videotaped performances can attest. Polls from as late as six months before his death showed that he was still one of the top 10 entertainers in the country. He needed no career boost. References to his daughter, Lisa Marie, were equally unfair.

Grow up, Harrah. The world doesn't revolve around your "worldly hip-synthesized-pop-eight-bucks-a-gaudy-shirt-name-dropping-I've-got-the-right-haircut" scene.

Elvis was a pioneer of rock 'n' roll. It's true that drugs destroyed his life. In the future, I hope that you leave your personal views of people's appearances out of the DN. Remember, beauty is in the eye of the beholder — a fact that I'm sure life will cruelly demonstrate to Harrah.

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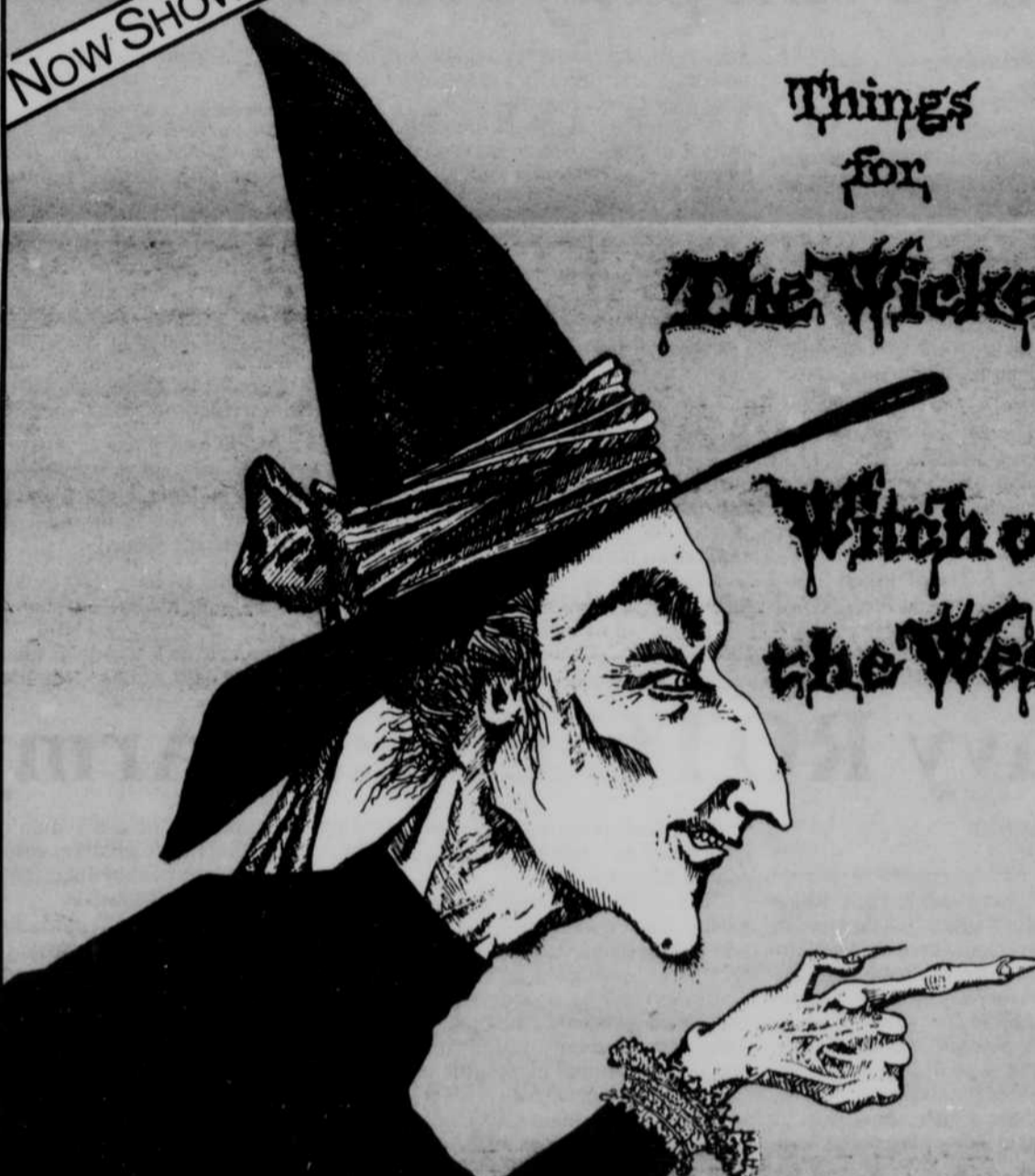


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