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U.S. leans eastward
New York not as hot as media thinks it is

I don't know if you have noticed it, but this nation is lopsided. It leans heavily to the East. At least, this is the impression I get from the national news media, particularly from network television.

Sometimes it comes out in the most annoyingly petty ways. Whenever Joe Witte or Willard Scott gives the national weather on NBC's "Today" show, the concerns of the East are the concerns of the broadcast.

A couple of weeks ago, while we were enjoying early spring and temperatures above 75 degrees, dear old Joe spoke of the cold snap that "has the nation in its icy grasp."

What is generally an Eastern bias actually works its way specifically to a New York bias — whether city or state. (What's wrong with this line: "New York, New York?" Give up? I said the state first.)

This was never more evident to me than it was this week. You may not have realized or cared, but the New York primary was this week.

before the primary, except that Dukakis is a little closer to the inevitable than he was before.

But that is not the impression one gets from the New York-based news media. On the aforementioned "Today" show Wednesday morning, Jane Pauley spent the first 10 minutes of the show talking about the primary and interviewing Michael Dukakis and Jesse Jackson, breaking with the regular routine of going straight to the news desk after preliminary introductions.

For National Public Radio's "Morning Edition" program (which originates in Washington, D.C.), the New York primary was only Wednesday's third lead story — behind the freed hostages and the funeral of assassinated PLO leader Khalil al-Wazir.

The fact of the matter is that Iowa, New Hampshire, Super Tuesday, Illinois and even Wisconsin were all much more decisive and important in the development of the presidential race than the New York primary.

Most people are pretty tired of the

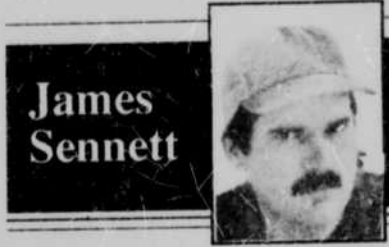
whole affair and are ready for a little break before the conventions this summer heat the whole thing up again in a mad dash for November.

New York — city or state — is big. It is really big. There are more people in that one city than in most of the states surrounding Nebraska combined.

I have never been to New York. I have also never played golf or had an ingrown toenail. I will not consider myself particularly impoverished if I reach my grave having accomplished none of these feats.

So we don't control the dinosaur TV networks. Atlanta is the production center for cable television, Omaha is the telecommunications capital of the country, and Indianapolis is the world headquarters for amateur sports.

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Letters

Member of community liked DN joke issue, looks forward to more

Every story has two sides, and I would like to say how much my husband and I laughed over your parody issue of the Daily Nebraskan.

J.D. Heinzmann Lincoln

Reader says friends attending other schools liked the April 1 issue

I have seen a few letters published recently condemning the Daily Nebraskan staff for the April 1 joke issue, the Daily Half-asskin.

I would like to go on, but I have to get Mr. Falwell's copy in the mail now so he can add it to his list.

Small Minds for a Clean Country

Abortion not best way to find the solution for unwanted pregnancies

In response to Jolene Shumake's letter (Daily Nebraskan, April 18), there are people who protest abortion who have been faced with an unwanted pregnancy.

The little girl I kissed good bye is

now 11 years old. Twice, through the adoption agency, I have exchanged letters with her parents — I am told by them that she is a happy, generous and intelligent child.

The argument that abortion is an answer to "unwanted" children is a fallacy. Furthermore, abortion gives no more of a "second chance" than does adoption.

No one will ever convince me that Karen would have been better off in

the bottom of a garbage can in some abortion clinic. I doubt anyone could convince her parents either.

Sally Buscher junior law

Readers: Joke issue combination of satire, mockery and vulgarity

Congratulations to J.B. McCombs, (Daily Nebraskan, April 20) on admitting to having a sense of humor. We also thought the Daily Nebraskan's April Fool's issue was a masterful combination of satire, mockery and, yes, vulgarity.

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