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## QUOTES OF THE WEEK

**"This team, as far as I'm concerned, at the moment, is the best basketball team that I've ever coached."**

— Nebraska basketball coach Danny Nee, after the Cornhuskers beat Oklahoma State to win their first Big Eight tournament championship.

**"Our team plays on the edge. Unfortunately we reacted the wrong way."**

— Nee, after Nebraska's 90-80 first-round loss to Penn.

**"I'm not begging for mercy. I personally will be paying the fines — not VISION. Please try and be lenient."**

— Andrew Loudon, ASUN president-elect, asking for leniency from ASUN's electoral commission for campaign violations by his VISION party.

**"I guess Loudon whined enough that he wasn't responsible and screamed ignorance. That's never been an excuse, but I guess they bought it tonight."**

— J.B. Howell, one of Loudon's opponents in the election.

**"The joke is on you. Stop causing a problem at UNL or we're going to boot you out. HA HA."**

— Part of an anonymous letter delivered to women faculty members in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Business Administration.

**"There's nothing in the hazing law that will induce prosecutors to go soft on college boys."**

— Sen. Gerald Matzke of Sidney, sponsor of LB1129, a bill that would make hazing illegal. Sen. Ernie Chambers opposed parts of the bill because he said they favored rich people over poor people.

**"I don't know."**

— Olympic figure skater Tonya Harding, after a judge asked her if she suffered from any emotional or psychological problems. Harding pled guilty Wednesday to conspiring to hinder prosecution in the attack on Olympic figure skater Nancy Kerrigan.

**"Tonya was made to be a pro wrestler. She's about as tough as they come, and she'll last a lot longer in our sport than she will in figure skating."**

— Takashi Matsunaga, chairman of the All Women's Wrestling Association, talking about his intention to sign Tonya Harding to a professional wrestling contract with his Japanese league.

**"I know my kids. I know the things that went on around there. I feel very sure it happened."**

— Vada Bjorklund, mother of convicted murderer Roger Bjorklund, testifying he was sexually abused by his stepfather.

**"It is a shame polar bears can't hunt, so we could have a reciprocal agreement to have them come to America and shoot at wealthy Americans just for sport."**

— Rep. Arthur Ravenal, R-S.C., opposing a bill that would allow American hunters to return home with the hides of polar bears bagged in Canada.

**"I want to urge my Republican friends, and those Democrats who are participating, to get off his back and let him be president."**

— Barry Goldwater, 1964 Republican nominee for president, encouraging the country to let Whitewater be.

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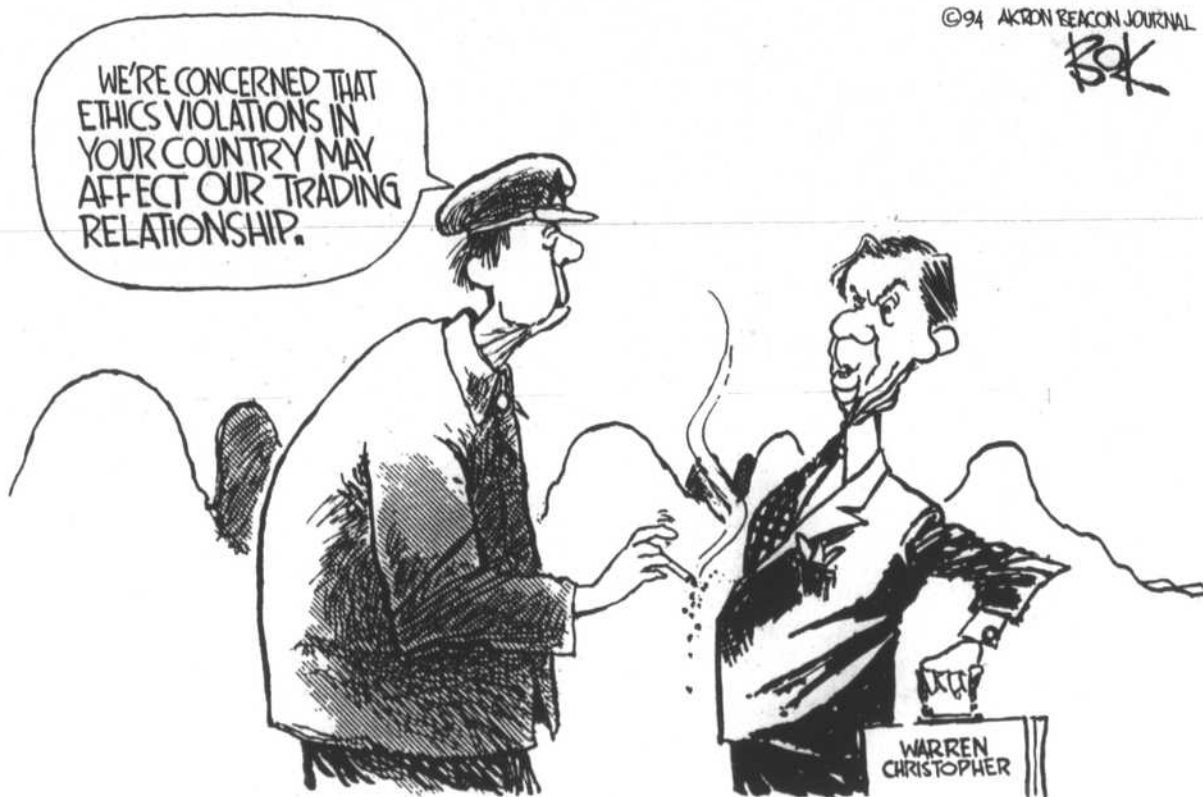
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## Weathermen hog tornado fun

The back of my hand was really itchy the other day, so I scratched it. I discovered the itch was caused by an insect bite. I'm not sure what kind of insect it was that bit me, but I'm positive this bite was the first of the year for me. The only way to interpret this insect bite is to see it as the coming of spring.

Yes, an insect bite and a look at my calendar tells me that spring has finally arrived. Birds are singing, trees are blooming, and snow is nowhere to be found. Yet nothing quite typifies what spring means to me more than thunderstorms and tornadoes.

Did you know more tornadoes are spawned in "tornado alley" than in any other place in the world? Did you know that Lincoln is smack-dab in the middle of "tornado alley?" Well, now you know.

While tornado season is the most exciting time of the year, weathermen keep insisting that danger lurks every time a storm cell develops. Just when Oprah begins to get interesting, they interrupt her with a high-pitched alarm and say, "HEAD FOR SHELTER IMMEDIATELY."

After they warn you about the tornado approaching, they leave the studio and chase after it in their little "weatherman vans" so they can have footage for their safety-tip films. They tell everyone to head for shelter because they don't want any traffic on the streets while they race at break-neck speeds to find the tornado.

They also remind everyone that cars can't outrun tornadoes, so people had better pull off to the side of the road and hide in ditches. Again, the weathermen say this because they're chasing the tornadoes and they don't want any cars in their way.

Why else would they say that a car can't outrun a tornado and then go chasing after one? It's obvious they're lying, or else they'd never have footage of any tornadoes for their safety-



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During the time weathermen are out chasing tornadoes, we poor simple folk are hanging out in dark ditches or bleak basements until the weathermen give us the all-clear signal to leave our shelters. I ask, why should we let the weathermen make this life-and-death decision for us when they often don't even get the next day's forecast right? Plus, they don't even know which basement or ditch you're in, so how can they be sure your particular house is safe from the tornado?

Another thing weathermen do that bothers me is flash the Doppler radar on my television. This in and of itself isn't what bothers me; it's the way Lincoln is abbreviated on the radar screen.

I'm not sure who decides this, but for some strange reason the city of Lincoln is abbreviated "LNK." Did some Grand Pooh-bah Weatherman in the sky get appointed the task of abbreviating cities however he saw fit? When I saw "LNK," I didn't know if it stood for "link" or "lank." Maybe it stands for "lunkhead," the person in charge of radar abbreviations.

Where do they teach this method of abbreviation anyway? They most likely teach abbreviating in a special weatherman class abbreviated "MEAT 101" for "Meteorology 101." There's probably a prerequisite course that teaches you to be a bad comedian when you're giving forecasts.

Now that I've gotten that off my

chest, it's time for some tornado tips I have for you to remember during the next tornado warning.

First, when you hear the warning announcement, leave your house and get into your car. There shouldn't be too much traffic, so you can go ahead and speed until you find a "weatherman van." Then follow him until he finds the tornado, get some film footage of it and sell it to CNN. You can make much more money when you're outside chasing tornadoes than when you're inside waiting for the all-clear signal to be given.

Second, if you're on foot in a park when the warning is announced, there are a few places where you shouldn't go for shelter. Don't seek shelter in a zoo, a mental hospital, a nuclear power plant, a chemical factory, a cemetery, a natural gas mine, or the natural tornado magnet, a trailer park. If you seek shelter in any of these places, you're in real danger if a tornado does hit.

Third, if you're an amateur knife thrower, a tornado warning is not the time for practice. As a matter of fact, it's a pretty good rule of thumb to not practice whenever there's any high gust of wind whatsoever.

Finally, don't listen to those weathermen. When you're chasing after the tornadoes with them, make sure to cut them off. You may not be able to outrun a tornado, but at least you can outrun the weathermen.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Farrakhan

There are a few things Kimberly Spurlock should know about Louis Farrakhan before she supports him as a great leader. In her column (DN, March 10, 1994), she acknowledged Farrakhan was under attack for making bigoted comments. These comments come straight from his ideology.

Farrakhan believes in the teachings of Elijah Muhammad, who prophesied that a giant flying saucer would

swoop down on the earth and destroy all whites as a sort of Armageddon.

Farrakhan also has close ties with Moammar Gadhafi, who supposedly gave the Nation of Islam a \$5 million loan. In 1985, Farrakhan arranged for Gadhafi to speak in Chicago to a gathering of Nation of Islam members. In his speech, Gadhafi offered to provide weapons to any blacks who would participate in a revolt against the U.S. government.

It seems to me that Farrakhan is more of a religious zealot who could

be compared to the likes of David Koresh than he is a concerned leader of the black community. Islam is a fine religion, and it should not be tarnished by radical factions who believe in flying saucers and the destruction of another race.

Though, as Spurlock said, Farrakhan does have many respectable qualities, she should realize where he stands.

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