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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"If they want them, they will get them."

— Vending machine company owner Art Neppi, testifying to the Legislature that eliminating cigarette vending machines would not reduce sales to youth.

"We're just going to go back to the drawing board."

— Nebraska basketball coach Danny Nee, following Sunday's 80-76 overtime loss to Oklahoma, the team's eighth straight.

"It can't get any lower."

— Nee, after the Huskers' ninth-straight loss Wednesday against Colorado.

"We have a lot of bullets to fire."

— Nebraska track coach Gary Peplin, on his talent-rich men's and women's teams.

"People don't like negative campaigns, but they work."

— Gov. Ben Nelson, in a speech to UNL students Monday.

"We don't allow children to walk into adult bookstores, and shouldn't allow them to freely browse the red light districts of the Internet either."

— Sen. J. James Exon (D-Neb.), in support of the Internet indecency law written into the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

"This is not a game. We're not electing a talk show host. We're electing the president of the United States."

— Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, on the Republican presidential primaries.

"It doesn't matter whether he was guilty or innocent. What mattered was the fact that it formed opinions of race that divided America."

— DMI Industries media coordinator Phoebe Eng, on the effects of the O.J. Simpson trial on American society.

"As long as I am in the Legislature, Nebraska is going to be brought face-to-face with the issues, and they will be discussed."

— State Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, during debate on same-sex marriages.

"Propitiate? Bestiality? Necrophilia? To what depths will we sanction our national descent into deviancy?"

— Doug Patton, executive director of the Nebraska Christian Coalition, also on the issue of same-sex marriages.

"I got a bloody nose within five minutes in the mosh pit. This is the toughest show I've ever been to, and I've been to Metallica, Pantera. These guys rule."

— UNO student Greg Seher, on Tuesday's White Zombie concert.

"We'll just start here. Everyone should forget their classes today. Don't go to work."

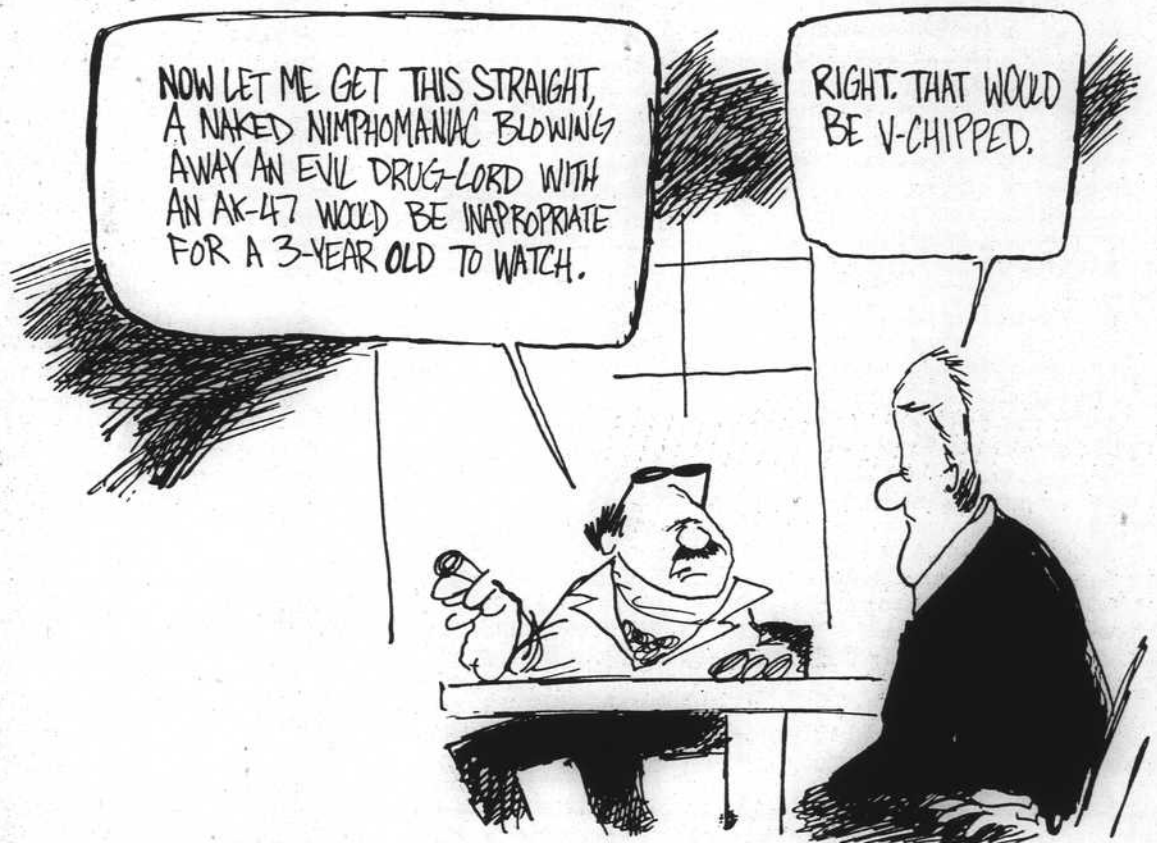
— DN Associate News Editor Sarah Scalet, in a Feb. 29 column concerning what to do on Leap Day.

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AND THE HOLLYWOOD DEBATE CONTINUES

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's what's for dinner

Kelly Johnson is campaigning to turn the world into a vegetarian society (Feb. 29) and cites many religious and cultural examples to make her point.

While the health benefits of becoming a vegetarian is debatable, and I find her morality arguments about eating meat absurd, I respect her opinion and will not argue her convictions at this time.

I do, however, post a challenge to Ms. Johnson to do a little more research and find an answer to the following question. If the entire world were to become "enlightened" and turn to vegetarianism, would there be enough food for everyone?

How many billions of pounds of food does the human population consume in a year? What percentage of this barbaric magnitude is living animal? Now I agree, much of the world's food production is centered on providing what people want, which is a good hearty T-bone, but if the demand of the population were to change to lettuce and carrots only, could the world's farmers produce it?

For example, think of how many pounds of beef are produced for consumption in Nebraska alone. What alternative could produce such a quantity of food? If you stick your head out your window, you will notice the sub-freezing weather. While the vegetable fields lie dormant, the next generation of prime rib is being born and raised to supply the world's population with sustenance.

Dig a little deeper. Prove to me that promoting vegetarianism is not



promoting world hunger. Are we more civilized if our masses go hungry?

Gene Paulsen
graduate student
mechanical engineering

Proud to be a carnivore

I would like to respond to Kelly Johnson's article about vegetarianism. Does she realize that she lives in one of the top beef-producing states in the country? I would just like to say that I am proud my father is a cattle producer, I am proud to eat beef. I am proud that I am part of the wonderful agricultural community in rural Nebraska.

My body craves meat, and I do not feel bad or immoral for partaking in a nice, juicy steak. Many people can have a very balanced diet that includes meat, they just need to

control portions. I also may note that I am a Christian and I follow Jesus' teachings, but I do believe that animals were put on earth for man's survival.

Heather Stewart
senior
elementary education

Note of thanks

The African Students Association (ASA) wishes to thank all of our contributors and supporters for the first Afro Unity Festac, last Sunday, Feb. 25. ASA does not in any way endorse acts that are offensive to anyone. We apologize for any misgivings, and we hope to see continued participation in our future events.

Fred Afuh
president, ASA



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