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Friday's Menu

Breakfast:

Scrambled Eggs
Biscuits and Sausage Gravy
Hash Browned Potatoes
Biscuits and Honey
Donuts
Cranberry Cocktail
Banana Nut Bread Multi Grain
Cereal

Lunch:

Grilled Chicken, Leaf Lettuce,
and Tomato on a Bun
Macaroni and Cheese
Green Peas
Chips
White Rice

Dinner:

Smoked Whole Pig
BBQ Beef on Bun
Grilled Brats and Kraut
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Coleslaw
Chips and Onion Dip
White, Wheat, and Coney Buns
Bottled Water
Canned Soda

SIXERS WIN!

It seems that the Sixers have defied all odds and stopped the Lakers chance to have a perfect record through the whole playoffs.

An NBA Finals sweep is still possible, but it would be the 76ers making history if it becomes reality. Allen Iverson shook off a fourth-quarter shooting slump in overtime, scoring seven straight points to rally Philadelphia to a 107-101 victory in game one on Wednesday. Iverson scored 48 points as the Sixers ended L.A.'s playoff-winning streak at 11 games.

Ryan Hawks,
Bradley County



Church Takes on the Devils

Dodge City has found itself in a difficult controversy. A local church has challenged the high school's mascot, the red devil. "I don't like my kids saying 'I'm a Red Demon,'" said George Lopez. "I just don't like that influence. It doesn't glorify God." Lopez and several members of Iglesia La Mision El Camino church in Dodge City held a protest march Sunday. High school junior Karina Sanchez said she thought the Red Demon offends Christian students and their parents and should be changed.

"I think they should take it off because for me, they're not respecting the Christian students who go to the high school," she said. "They say they care about us, but if they would respect our faith, they would listen to us and consider our faith."

However, the mascot does have many open-minded supporters.

Several members of the class of 1945 wrote to the Dodge City Globe in April, saying, "The Red Demon is our mascot

and we never considered it anything but a mascot and certainly nothing satanic." Many of them shared the opinion that it was not related to anything evil. School district spokeswoman Dana Stanton said there's been a debate periodically about whether the mascot is appropriate. But the issue hasn't gone before the school board in recent years. Stanton said there are no plans to change the mascot.

Andrew Horner,
Marshall County

Cellular is Taking Over the World!

Army Major Gen. James David Bryan stood before a Washington audience Tuesday and bet \$10 that no one had more wireless devices than he had. One person had two gadgets. Another who raised his hand had four.

Bryan had seven, and entertained the attendees at the AFCEA TechNet International 2001 conference by pulling out an array of wireless contraptions from his uniform pockets, including a cell phone, pager, personal digital assistant and garage and car door openers.

"When did all this happen?"

Bryan asked the group, referring to the 115 million - and counting - cellular subscribers in the United States. "If we're not real careful, we face chaos in the wireless environment." Bryan, vice director of the Defense Information Systems Agency, called for regulation of the wireless spectrum and a set of standards to emphasize

security, research and development.

"This is a global problem," Bryan said. "The stress this is putting on the spectrum is enormous. Spectrum is a shared national and international commodity. There is just not enough to go around."

In recent months, the Defense Department has come under increased pressure from Congress and private cellular companies to relinquish or share some of its valuable wireless spectrum. This has prompted a report by DOD arguing that preserving its limited spectrum is crucial to national defense missions.

With the growing use of wireless technologies, the United States is unique in that there is no spectrum policy in place to balance national security with commercial uses of frequency spectrum.

This puts the DOD in a vulnerable position, said Rear Adm. Robert Nutwell, deputy assistant secretary of Defense for command, control, communications and information, surveillance, and reconnaissance. Nutwell said the DOD spectrum allocation is being viewed as "beachfront property" by the cellular telephone industry.

He said full-band sharing is not feasible, but DOD could vacate some parts of the spectrum under conditions that would include reimbursement for the space and finding comparable spectrum for the DOD.

DJ Soper
Kennedy

M's Win Again

The Mariners stretched their winning streak to 14, the longest in the American League in seven years, by beating the Texas Rangers 7-3 Wednesday night. The Mariners, now 46-12, haven't lost since a 12-11 defeat at Minnesota on May 22.

"We don't talk about records and stuff like that," said Edgar Martinez, whose homer in the first gave the Mariners a 1-0 lead that stood up for seven innings.

"We're just having a lot of fun showing up to the ballpark and playing." Jamie Moyer (8-1) allowed three hits in seven shutout innings.

"You know we're only two months into the season," Moyer said. "There's still a lot of baseball to be played."

The Mariners are too busy making history to spend time thinking about it.

Ryan Hawks,
Bradley County

THE TALENTED COUNTY OF PERSHING

The talent show performed on Wednesday night appeared to be a success. The audience viewed an array of skill on behalf of both counselors and delegates. Setting itself apart from other counties, the county of Pershing displayed a variety of acts, entertaining the crowd from start to finish.

As expected, Pershing County ended up with the most acts in the talent show (having four acts). What makes this accomplishment so impressive

is the fact that the county was able to provide four different styles of talent, none of the acts resembling another. The show began as Pershing County delegate Jeff Coverdale teamed up with the talented Staff Johnson (of Patton County, who also put a number of delegates in the Talent Show) to perform a freestyle (rap), setting the tone for the whole event. Eric Benavidez continued the Pershing talent with his unique violin solo, followed immediately by fellow county member Joey Ernst, who astounded the audience with a sensational piano solo. Jonny Forschler ended the streak of serious acts, as the crowd laughed continuously to his "Matt Foley, motivational speaker" sketch.

Overall, there was no doubt of Pershing's superiority in the category of talent. So the next time we hear the counselor's blurt out the all-famous question of "Who's The Best County," we'll know that question has already been answered. Great job Pershing, in fact "Out-Standing"

Jeff Coverdale
Pershing County

As Long as You're Rich, Come on in!

Foreign celebrities, athletes, executives and some other types of workers will be able to pay \$1,000 to get work visa applications processed within 15 days instead of waiting the usual three months or more, under a new program by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

INS officials said the Premium Processing Program, beginning Friday, would generate \$80 million a year, The Washington Post reported Wednesday.

In the process, INS officials said, businesses that have long complained about delays in the immigration process will be able to be more competitive by paying extra for faster service.

Some immigration experts said the program would create an unfair system that caters to wealthy foreigners and large corporations. Critics also said that by focusing resources on those applicants, the INS might end up imposing even longer waits on petitioners of more modest means.

The \$1,000 fee would be paid on top of the normal \$110 processing charge.

The new money will allow the INS to hire 450 new employees in fiscal 2002 that will work on processing all types of petitions, INS officials said.

DJ Soper
Kennedy

Manhattan Day a Success

"Everyone is so busy with their lives they don't take time to get acquainted with their neighbors," said Cecil Eyestone, who has lived with his wife, Phyllis, on the same street for more than 40 years.

Last Saturday, Manhattan decided to do something about this problem by celebrating the first-ever Manhattan Day.

Neighbors from over twenty neighborhoods celebrated the

day by sitting out in their lawns talking and eating while their children played in the police-blocked streets.

Meeting their neighbors helped some residents feel safer. Marci Spaw moved into her home just over a year ago. Since then she had met only a handful of her more outgoing neighbors.

"Now I know everyone that lives all around me and I feel like they are watching out for me," Spaw said.

Sarah Miller of Flush, a few miles outside Manhattan, joined friends on Colorado Street.

"I don't think people are as involved in their neighborhoods and their communities as they used to be," Miller said. "We are more likely to sit inside and watch television than to sit on our porch."

Manhattan Day got started thanks to Edward Seaton, the editor in chief of The Manhattan Mercury, and his son, Ned Seaton, who is the newspaper's general manager.

Andrew Horner,
Marshall County

***A Letter to the Editor:* Budget Carnage**

As cases such as the Parkinson and Day scandals have shown this year's government is not above corruption and intrigue. However, it seems that another one of our candidates has crossed the line, none other than our popular governor Nick Carnes. After viewing the Governor's budget proposal, I was angered at the details of his proposal.

Among the planned fund allocations were \$1000 for the oil industry and \$5000 for the Association of the Cities and Counties. He claimed to give funding to these sources in order to reach the people that need it most. However, these groups are private lobbyists, given their funds (originally) for free. Now Carnes wants to give taxpayer money to lobbyists? I don't think so! Another amusing item on the budget was his "tripartisanship," supported by agreements between Agriculture, Industry, and Oil & Gas. Several thousand dollars were given to agriculture. No the Department, but the Association! Taxpayers would be getting the infamous "shaft" indeed. These agreements between Carnes and lobbyist groups were actually signed contracts designed to pay back lobbyist groups for lending their support to Mr. Carnes. Just consider that the ethanol grant is about the same as what Oil & Gas gave Nick Carnes in campaign finance.

Mr. Carnes cries for a tax cut. He does this by redirecting pre-appropriated funds from other sections of government, already allotted, and calls them a "surplus." IN reality, Nick Carnes first budget proposal left the state about \$1000 away from bankruptcy, or as MR. Carnes amusingly calls it, the break-even point. He then championed a tax cut that would have led the state into bankruptcy, even before the current flood situation! Furthermore, current strikes threatened by agriculturalists and some Senators are nothing more than a reaction to

the over-inflated finance promises of Mr. Carnes. These promise were mad with the intention of having them reduced by a reasonable Legislature (who he blames for the current strike thereat). These riots were created to distract the public at large from his shady under dealings, misleadingly advertised as progress. If Legislature members did walk out as suggested by certain party members, the Legislature who be brought to its knees, unable to pass bill. A crippled Legislature cannot impeach a corrupt Governor, now can it? Clearly any astute citizen can see the corruption of Nick Carnes for what it really is: the infamous "shaft".

*Ramone Rodriguez, of Human
Launching Machines, a
concerned Federalist group
Marshall County*

Bike Across Kansas

This weekend the BAK (Bike Across Kansas) tour will be starting. Consisting of three parts with each leg of the trip being about 520 miles long the tour will take the bikers through mostly southern Kansas. Overnight, the cyclists will be sleeping in high school gyms or if the weather prevails in tents pitched outside. The ride will start near the Colorado border sometime Saturday morning. As part of the bicentennial celebration of Route 66, the cyclists will follow the highway eventually ending their 1560-mile trip in Galena, Kansas.

Jason Adkins
Eisenhower County



Riots Continue in England

In Leeds, England early Tuesday morning, Asian youth gangs incited the UK's second set of riots in 10 days. There were 25 cars burnt out, two officers were injured, and a shop was fire bombed. All of this happened in 9 hours. At one point, 300 Asian youths lined up and pelted the police with rocks, bottles, and gas bombs.

It is believed that this was sparked by the arrest of a local man two days ago. The violence started at 8:15 p.m. with a fire-bomb in the Harehills area of Leeds. "This appears to be the start of a pre-meditated attack on the police who were drawn into the city," said Assistant Chief Constable Graham Maxwell. By Wednesday everything had calmed down after all of the chaos.

The disturbances come just over a week after racial violence flared in Oldham, Greater Manchester. Riots flared in Oldham for three nights following weeks of simmering tensions between the town's Asian and white youths. About 50 people were arrested as police struggled to restore order. Assistant Chief Constable Graham Maxwell told a press briefing: "The events overnight were criminal activity, pure and simple." Four people have been arrested, with police saying more will follow as they launch an investigation into violence, the cause of which is not known.

Aaron Norton
Seitz County

'Moulin' director sings a song of 'spectacular'

"Moulin Rouge," the new musical from writer-director Baz Luhrmann, might be a wild ride that mixes a plot set in the famed 1890s Paris nightclub with a soundtrack of pop music culled from the 1970s, '80s and '90s.

But Luhrmann says the film is a reflection on our modern techno-revolutionary times. "We set it in 1899 to reflect where we are," Luhrmann says in a conversation at CNN Center. "In fact, I'm not that interested in 1899. I'm interested in using that moment to reflect where we are now.

"(In 1899), the world was moving forward into the 20th century," he says. "Simultaneously, the world was pulling back into the 19th century. So you have a wave of people who are retreating and a wave of people moving forward.

"And we're going through that now. You can see it. You can see there's a leap forward. And a lot of people are too tired. They want to pull back into the 20th century."

Kevin Shelton
King County

HBO boasts record numbers for 'Sex,' 'Six'

"Six Feet Under" is alive and kicking.

The HBO drama from the writer of "American Beauty" debuted Sunday night as the most watched original premiere in the cable channel's history. According to Variety, 3.8 million

households tuned in.

"Sex and the City"'s season premiere that same night did well, too. The two original half-hour episodes from 9 to 10 p.m. were watched by 4.4 million households, a record rating for the series.

The "Sex" hour ended up surpassing the Big Four broadcast networks in women aged 18-34 during the hour, even though HBO gets into only about 32 million homes compared to the 100 million or so that receive the broadcasters, Variety says.

Kevin Shelton
King County

Letter to the editor...

I feel that the appointed positions were unjust. This isn't a letter to put down the Federalist Party winners in any way. In fact, I want to congratulate the winners in their victory; however, the federalist mantra of "no one will get the 'shaft'" wasn't taken to heart. Tuesday night I became the runner-up to one of the highest positions in boys' state. Wednesday morning I was a low level member of the department of health. In this position I discovered that a semi-finalist was appointed as chairman of this department. In past boys' state years it has been a tradition to appoint the runner up to either the Supreme Court or the attorney generals office. This promotes me to believe that the Federalist Party promotes bipartisan ship and minority equality as only a clever way to get votes. Don't worry about any loss that I may have suf -

ferred, that's not important, what is important is the loss that Boy's State suffered. YOU GOT THE SHAFT!

Staff Johnson IV

High Sprints coming from the Department of Revenue

At my interview with this department every one of the members were view positive and high in spirit. As soon as I walked in the door I was bombarded with a fuselage of their own questions. It was almost as if they had written questions or proposals on pieces of paper waded up into little balls that they threw at me the minute I walked into the door. I just want to say thanks for the wonderful welcome you gave me and the experience.

The group did feel a little left out. The believed they had gotten the "shaft". One point they commented strongly on is that they were supposed to be in charge of the budget but Nick Carnes paid no intention and came up with his own. They think that what he is doing is all right but it would be more effective if everyone were included.

Mike Schlotterbeck
Powell County

Letter to the Editor:

Due to Governor Carnes desire to unify the counties, The Department of Commerce would like to encourage trade relations with counties and cities. To this end, the department has requested an enlarged budget to go towards

industry and trade development, along with small businesses. Our goal is to promote competition, thereby causing prices to drop and lowering the cost of living.

Our goal is to give families more buying power and, with the extra money, availability of better schools. We at the Department of Commerce are working toward the betterment of citizens cities and counties. Wile would be glad to hear about any requests cities and counties may have regarding funding for projects that will aid us in our goals.

Department of Commerce

A note from the Secretary of State

Recently it has been brought to the Secretary of State's attention that voting conditions within the various counties are inadequate. The first complaint that was presented to the Secretary of State was that voters were looking at other people's ballot sheets, or discussing the issue itself while voting. The second complaint

was citizens felt that their votes were not being counted accurately. Secretary of State Jason Trimble and his staff have developed an updated voting system. This system will provide funding to the counties of Boys State to purchase bubble sheets, as well as provide the computerized count of the ballots. They have also developed a system to increase secrecy in the voting process. They have discussed this plan with an official from each county. For further information on the process, refer to your county commission. This new system will be tested tomorrow, Friday June 8th, on the upcoming vote on the proposed Concealed Weapon Bill.

The Boys' State Fight Club

On the 6th floor in Klassen City, a secret competition is held every night. The greatest warriors from all over the state compete in a fierce struggle of glory, honor and pride.

The battles began on Tuesday when counselor Steven Pierce challenged Mayor Josh Stirling to a wrestling match. Surrounded by a crowd of chanting spectators, the two squared off.

"I was a little surprised at how good Josh was. I thought I could use my size against him, but he had a lot more moves as well as experience. We went back and forth until we both were too exhausted and had to stop," said Steven.

John Roe also had the opportunity to wrestle with Steven on Wednesday night.

"Steven is a big boy. For not being a wrestler, he is pretty good. I was surprised that I held my own against him, even taking him down twice. He tried to use his weight a lot. Eventually, he got me down, but not before I put him through hell," said John.

In the end, the match between Steven and Josh will always be remembered because it is what started it all.

Josh had this to say, "I wasn't sure how serious he would get, but I figured it would be all in fun. The cheering city members pumped me up, so I decided to slam him onto his back.

Andrew Horner,
Marshall County

Our "Beloved" Governor

Yesterday I had an interview with the governor to ask him about the allegations that he had nearly driven our state to

bankruptcy, and this is how the interview went....

Upon entering the Governors office I noticed that C.W and the Governor were drawing pictures on the blackboard. Correct me if I'm wrong, but isn't our state trying to recover out of a disaster, and they have time to draw little pictures on the blackboard? I guess that the state must be in a state of perfect running order, for them to have all of this free time to draw funny little pictures on a wall. But hey, I'm just a reporter, what do I know about politics?

So once they decided to try and look busy, we got to business. I asked the Governor about the allegations that he is driving our state into a bankruptcy and he stated that the budget was no longer in his hands and that they didn't make any cuts. Well, wasn't the basis of the federal party, to make budget cuts across the board? He also pointed out that several organizations and people have volunteered money to the budget, SRS volunteered 5,000 dollars and our very own treasurer volunteered 8,000 dollars to the cause. Where was this money at during the disaster and the welfare problems? Does the SRS have that few people on welfare to be giving all of the money away? If so, why are there lines in the hall of the newspaper office asking us for money?

I also asked the governor about the charges that he was giving the money to the people that sponsored him in the election. To me this situation

sounds fishy, almost like he is paying for votes... but he just explained to me that people didn't understand the budget and that he was giving the cities and counties association money to help out the counties that needed money, wouldn't the state department be best for that? They would get all of the surplus out of the budget to disperse to the cities. He had originally promised them about 5,000 dollars but they expect to only receive around 2,000 - 3,000. Maybe it's me, but I don't think that this will cover the charges for the cities.

And much like Staff I think that perhaps the ag. Strike is just a ploy to distract us from finding the whole truth about our "beloved" governor. I get the feeling that when he addresses us in meetings, we aren't getting the whole truth. And have a nice day.

DJ Soper
Kennedy

**Put your
Supreme
Court to
Work**

**File
Appeals!!**

Influence). He was released on bail.

- Mr. Jeff Krafels was stopped for vehicular coneslaughter. Upon inspection, he was arrested for 0.16 blood-alcohol content. He was released on an executive pardon.

- <Name Removed> was arrested for conspiring to assassinate Gov. Nick Carnes. After a psychological inspection, he was released on a confirmed plea of insanity.

- Patton County Counselor Berthot was arrested for disturbing the peace Wednesday night after his county won the Best County banner. He was released after he returned the banner.

Supreme Court Justice Goldman was arrested for instigating a brawl in the Supreme Court Chambers over the case State v. Hughes. The ruling was unanimous (1-0) after Justice Goldman beat into submission the entire Supreme Court.

The authors of this report mean for this article to be purely a comical work of fiction. *Highway Patrolmen*

HIGHWAY PATROL LEARNS THROUGH ACTION

The people in charge of the Highway Patrol group don't just talk about what their job entails, they actually put delegates out in the work force. Throughout the week, I have had the pleasure of being able to observe the activities of the group. Without a doubt, any delegate going through this process will be much better acquainted with the different aspects of the job.

The group has completed many tasks during its previous

days. "We gave a history of jobs included with the highway patrol on the first day," says highway patrolman and Boys' State instructor Joe Ziegler. "Since then, we have given the delegates a series of events to show what it is like to be as a trooper. We have let the participants drive patrol cars and experience a mock stop, make D.U.I. stops, experience what it feels like to be a drunk driver (by using special goggles), and we plan to bring in "bomb dogs" in order to explain how they sniff out drugs/bomb materials." Delegate Robert Cornett expressed his appreciation for the hands-on experience. "The counselors have helped us understand the real importance of patrolmen. These tactics really do give you a better respect for the law."

Wes Wheeler, also a highway patrol officer himself, believes in doing so much "hands-on" activities because it gives each delegate a "real life" exposure. "You can talk about things, and that is important, but there's only so much talking can do. The words/information don't actually click in the delegates' minds until they actually experience them." Wheeler was happy about the groups' current progress, and expressed his goals for the remainder of the week. "Our main purpose here is to develop a relationship of understanding between staters and officers. If nothing else, I'm confident that this week has opened communication lines, and that is always important."

Jeff Coverdale
Pershing County



Highway Patrol Crime Report For Thursday, June 07, 2001

- Gov. Nick Carnes was stopped in Eisenhower County for a speeding infraction. Upon inspection, he was arrested for CUI (Campaigning Under the

This week's sports in pictures



Allen Iverson drives past Kobe Bryant in Game 1 of the NBA Finals. The 76ers shocked the basketball world, defeating the Lakers 107-101 in overtime and handing them their first loss of the playoffs.



A.J. Hinch of the Royals receives a high-five from teammate Luis Alicea after a home run. The Royals ended a four-game losing streak on Wednesday, defeating the White Sox 12-6.



Oakland A's outfielder Terrence Long bangs into the wall while tracking down a fly ball against the Anaheim Angels. Long ended up making the catch for the out.



Eighteen-year-old Joe Mauer puts on a Twins' uniform after being selected by Minnesota as the first player in the MLB Draft. Mauer, who is a three-sport star, says he will focus on baseball despite being offered a scholarship to play quarterback at Florida State.



Seattle Mariner Bret Boone is congratulated by teammate Ichiro Suzuki after hitting a home run in Tuesday's game against Texas. Boone had two home runs and 7 RBI's in the game as the Mariners beat the Rangers 11-6 for their 12th straight victory. Their win streak is currently at 14 games.



Milwaukee Brewers' outfielder Jeromy Burnitz jumps up but is unable to catch a ball hit by Matt Stairs of the Cubs on Sunday. The Brewers went on to win the game 4-2, snapping the Cubs' winning streak of 12 games.



Jerry Rice runs a pass route in his first practice with the Oakland Raiders. Rice, a 12-time Pro Bowler, was signed by Oakland after playing 16 years in San Francisco.



Colorado Avalanche player Greg De Vries gets checked into the glass by New Jersey Devil Turner Stevenson while teammate John Klemm attempts to pry Stevenson off. The New Jersey Devils went on to win Game 5 of the Stanley Cup Finals 4-1 to take a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Jesse Newell,
Patton County

Interview With Oil & Gas Association Representative

In an interview with Luke Meinzen, representing the Oil & Gas Association, I learned of a few of their plans and ideas of what might be happening in the near Boy's State Future.

When asked about what he thought the gas prices might be doing, he expressed that he thought the prices should be going down. This should be helped in part with some legislation they're trying to pass to completely cut off revenue taxes from our gas prices. Currently, they're trying to maintain keeping up presentations. They've tried to maintain contact with all branches of the government including talking with our Governor Nick Carnes to discussing issues with the Dept. of Environment. One of the major points of the association is to make sure that their plans are and will agree with other's opinions. The Association is trying to put a bill through the house that will first of all cut the Revenue taxes from gas. The other bill being possibly tried is on to change or modify the ways waste from oil drilling is being performed currently.

Jason Adkins
Eisenhower County

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