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Bonds is on a Tear

Avs Come Back!

Saturday's Menu

Breakfast:

French Toast
and Syrup
Bacon
Breakfast
Potato

Cinnamon Rolls
Glazed Donuts
Assorted Juices
Oatmeal

Bonds hit his 32nd homer, connecting in a losing cause as the San Diego Padres snapped an eight-game losing streak Thursday with a 10-7 victory over the Giants.

Bonds' 451-foot homer in the seventh inning against Brian Lawrence was the longest ever hit at Pacific Bell Park. After taking the day off Wednesday, Bonds remained on the quickest home run pace in history by homering in each of the three games he played in the four-game series.

With 32 homers in the Giants' first 60 games, he's well ahead of the pace set in 1998 by Mark McGwire, who hit 32 in the Cardinals' first 69 games.

Ryan Hawks,
Bradley County



Adam Foote had a goal and two assists and Patrick Roy turned aside a flurry of early New Jersey shots as the Avalanche prevented the Devils from clinching the Cup with a series-tying 4-0 victory Thursday night in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup finals. Just as Bourque predicted, the Avalanche rebounded from their worst game -- a 4-1 loss at home Monday in Game 5 -- with a determined, dominating effort to force the first Game 7 in the finals since the New York Rangers beat the Vancouver in 1994 and only the fourth since 1967.

"It's like the Super Bowl now -- one game takes all," Devils defenseman Ken Danyko said. The Devils, clearly frustrated by Roy's errorless play after they had a succession of good scoring chances in the first 10 minutes, still can win the Cup on the road for a second successive season despite failing to win it at home, just as they did last year.

Ryan Hawks,
Bradley County

'Pearl Harbor' holds off 'Shrek' at box office

After suffering a heavy artillery attack from critics, the World War Two epic romance "Pearl Harbor" clung to the No. 1 spot at the North American weekend box office, barely holding off the hit cartoon "Shrek," according to studio estimates issued Sunday.

"Pearl Harbor," released by Walt Disney Co.'s Touchstone Pictures, grossed about \$30 million for the Friday-to-Sunday period, followed by "Shrek" (DreamWorks) with \$28.4 million and the new Rob Schneider comedy "The Animal" (Columbia) with \$19.8 million.

After 10 days in release, "Pearl Harbor" has pulled in \$119.3 million, having cost a reported \$140 million to produce. The Michael Bay-directed film passed the century mark on Saturday, its ninth day and a company record for Disney, surpassing the 10-day record of both "Toy Story 2" (1999) and the "Lion King" (1994).

The wartime drama, which stars Ben Affleck and Kate Beckinsale, lost 49 percent of its audience from the equivalent three days of the Memorial Day holiday last weekend. While the fall seems steep, it was actually less than the 53 percent drops for previous Memorial Day holiday openers "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" (1997) and "Mission: Impossible 2" (2000), said Disney distribution president Chuck Viane.

Despite such attacks as "Snore-a! Snore-a! Snore-a!"

from the Wall Street Journal, audiences appeared more forgiving. Almost three-quarters of viewers said they would definitely recommend it, Viane said. The film would obviously reach \$200 million, he said, but he declined to give a more exact estimate.

Kevin Shelton
King County

Sony execs suspended over fake film critic

Sony Pictures Entertainment has disciplined two advertising executives for their roles in creating a fictional film critic whose ecstatic appraisals were used to promote films released by Sony's Columbia Pictures studio, Daily Variety reported in its Friday edition.

According to company insiders, Josh Goldstine, senior vice president of creative advertising, and Matthew Cramer, director of creative advertising, were rebuked and suspended without pay for 30 days, the entertainment trade paper said.

Meanwhile, Sony was hit Thursday with a class-action lawsuit brought by two moviegoers who claimed they were duped into seeing "A Knight's Tale" by the glowing review blurbs attributed to the bogus but obliging critic, David Manning, Variety reported.

Sony Pictures Entertainment and its Columbia Pictures studio are units of Japanese electronics giant Sony Corp.

Billed as a reviewer for The Ridgefield Press in Connecticut, Manning was exposed as a fabrication last weekend by

Newsweek magazine.

The two named plaintiffs in the lawsuit, Omar Rezek of Los Angeles and Ann Belknap of suburban Sierra Madre, California, accused Sony of deliberately deceiving consumers and violating the state Business and Profession Code, Variety said.

Damages were not specified, but the suit, filed in Los Angeles Superior Court, seeks repayment for the millions of U.S. moviegoers who bought tickets to four Columbia films on the basis of phony David Manning blurbs used to promote them.

According to Variety, Goldstine was promoted to his position only last November and oversaw all marketing efforts except publicity for Columbia. Cramer created the quotes attributed to Manning, which were used in numerous ads for Columbia's "Hollow Man," "Vertical Limit," "A Knight's Tale" and "The Animal."

Cramer is understood to have come up with the name as a sly wink to his old college chum, David Bradley Manning, who, like Cramer, graduated from the University of Southern California in 1992, Variety said. In a statement by the studio, worldwide marketing head Jeff Blake said that new "checks and balances" had been created to "ensure the accuracy of quotes contained in future advertising campaigns" and "to prevent this from happening again."

Martin Hersam, a managing partner at The Ridgefield Press, told Variety that unlike the irate moviegoers, his company has

no plans to pursue legal action against Sony for the fabrications.

Kevin Shelton
King County

THE LIFE OF A COUNSELOR

Everyone has come to realize that the events of this week would not be possible without our counselors. Strictly volunteering, the counselor staff of 2001 has proven themselves as proficient, unique men who have an exceptional grasp on the concept of leadership. It is only fair to take a closer look at a few of the men who have dedicated one week of their heavily occupied summer to monitor delegates from around the state.

Preston Stewart is a government counselor. This is his second year of counseling for Boys' State, and he went through the Boys' State program in 1999. Preston says he takes his job so seriously because, "I am given the opportunity to affect the lives of the staters at such an important point. This is why I love the challenge of counseling."

Preston plans to be back next year, in fact, he says he "wouldn't miss it for the world."

BJ Nevons, a counselor in his fourth year, is the counselor for the great county of Pershing. Nevons was a Boys' Stater in 1997, and immediately decided he would return to counsel for the next year. "I basically have the job of overseeing," says Nevons. "I am kind of like a phisilitator. I answer any questions that delegates have, and assist city counselors in their

duties." Nevons also plans to return next year.

Last but not least, there is Michael Beard. Michael has maybe the most "active" jobs of all of the counselors, the job of a city counselor. Like Stewart, Beard was a 1999 stater, and is in his second year of counselor. Beard described what his motivation was to become a counselor. "I had a great time at state, but I realized afterward how much better it could've been. I didn't put out my full effort, and my counselors encouraged all of us to come back. I looked at coming back just to fulfill my experience, and I hope to help delegates realize and use what is truly inside them."

On behalf of the delegates, to all of the counselors (and administrators) thanks for putting in the hard work. From the 6:00 am wake-ups to the 2:00am bedtimes, you have stayed dedicated. It is up to us to make the best of our experience, but at least we know that you took care of your part. 2001, we're out!

Jeff Covedale
Pershing County

Family Receives Compensation after Father Killed

The family of a man who was shot to death in a botched police raid have reached a \$3.5 million settlement with three Kansas counties.

Willie Heard's widow, three children and three grandchildren will receive \$2.4 million, after legal fees and expenses from Miami, Osawatomie and Paola counties, which did not

admit wrongdoing in the case. Heard, 46, was shot Feb. 13, 1999, hours after police told a judge that an informant had bought cocaine at a house on his block. In its lawsuit, the Heard family said police confused a neighbor's house with the one where Heard, his wife and their daughter were sleeping.

A joint task force of sheriff's deputies and officers set off a flash-bang device to distract their targets and rushed into the Heards' house about 1:25 a.m. Heard was shot in his bedroom 11 seconds into the raid after he grabbed an unloaded rifle, officials said. His family has said that Heard awoke when the officers ran into his house and that he grabbed the rifle before he knew what was happening. In the lawsuit, the family said officers did not agree whether Heard was pointing the rifle at anyone.

Police searched the house and found what appeared to be the residue of a burned plant - too little to test, the lawsuit said - but no cocaine.

The agreement was filed March 9 in U.S. District Court in Kansas City, Kan., said John Kurtz, the family's attorney. The settlement was reached shortly after someone who was involved in the raid apologized in a meeting with Heard's family, Kurtz said.

"It was very heartfelt and was received as heartfelt by the family," Kurtz said. "And it made a lot of difference. I mean a lot."

Andrew Horner
Marshall County



Eight Killed in Japanese Stabbing Spree

A man Japanese media reported as a mental patient killed eight students and injured 15 people during an attack Friday morning.

Most of those injured during the attack were seven and eight year-old students. There were also two teachers injured in the attack, one of which is in critical condition.

The attack occurred in the western city of Osaka Friday morning when the man walked into an elementary school and pulled an 11-inch knife and began stabbing students.

Violence of this nature is almost unprecedented in Japan, which has not been plagued by school shootings almost common in the US.

The man who committed the attack had been treated in several Japanese hospitals for schizophrenia. When arrested, he told police he had taken 10

times the normal amount of tranquilizers and was babbling. He had been arrested once before for poisoning a teacher at a school he worked at, but was never brought to trial due to his mental condition.

Zach Fridell
MacArthur County

Retraction: By DJ Soper

The Governor came into the office today and said that he was going to sue not only me, but the entire newspaper staff for the article that I wrote about him. Shouldn't he be fixing the government? And I've heard that "it's not his fault, it's the senate and the house," well, as an elected leader he should take responsibility and lead us to victory, but Mr. Carnes hasn't done that, he hasn't even come close. The only thing that Nick Carnes has done for us is try and pull the wool over our eyes. My example is the speech to the state that he gave us last night. He told us that the state was in excellent shape and we were in great shape. Where is Mr. Carnes staying at, Nebraska? We aren't stupid Carnes, we know what's going on. And we know that you aren't the governor for us. In MY OPINION if all that Mr. Carnes has time to do in a situation like ours is to run around and sue people when they say something bad about him, then perhaps we are in a worse state than we thought. It is a sad, sad day when people can't take criticism from a reporter, but what do I expect when we tell the truth. If a rep-

resentative is corrupt then we tell how he is corrupt. Yes, yes my articles have a lot of opinion in them, but I am not a real reporter. None of us are real anything, because this is an exercise! We are the watchdogs of boys state, we make sure that you guys don't "get the shaft". We tell you when people are lying and Mr. Carnes and his "flunkies" are lying to us.

So in response to your retraction, I say no, no, no, no, no, no and no. Sue me, sue me, sue me, sue me, sue me, I double dog dare you. And have a nice day.

*Retraction is not the real title to this editorial

So Much for Equality

Any successful democratic government is founded on a clear separation of Church and State. The packet we received indicating we had been accepted into Boys' State made nary a reference to any religious preference and Boys' State is supposed to be a simulation of Kansas's government. The American Legions is also a government related organization. These facts would seem to indicate that religion should (and would) remain separate from Boys' State activities. Attempts to emphasize one religion purport it to be superior to all others; it's as if non-Christian denominations are not worthy of representation. This is an act of pure discrimination. It would be absurd for me to call into question the 1st Amendment right of individuals to express their beliefs, such as the Staters' right to deliver an invocation and benediction. However, it must be questioned

Papers Cuts and Nuclear Carne

The underdealing of Gov. Carnes continue. His illegal funding proposals were stopped cold by Congress. However, Gov Carnes. now seeks to become nothing less than a full-fledged tyrant. Beginning his plan was the Directive our Governor issued permitting assassination via the use of paper weapons. This is merely a political tool created by the Governor to silence his opponents, and anyone he pleases with a simple piece of folded paper. Goups of individuals toting paper assault rifles have been seen by many on patrol. The Vice Governor, standing outside the Newspaper group held a small pistol, cheering on the "getting" of some individual unknown to this author.

While searching for Gov. Carnes this afternoon to deliver a legislative proposal, I walked into the Executive cabinet room in the basement of Goodnow hall. On the chalkboard in plain sight was the Executive Branch's primary goal, which was "nuclear weapons + militia A.S.A.P." This is only the beginning of the plot within our government. Continuing this swing into power are two bills in Congress. The first, introduced into the Senate, would give the Executive Branch unlimited power, instill martial law, dissolve the Legislature and County commissions, repeal all Constitutional rights. This resolution would reduce the power

of the elected County officials, and instead put the Senators in charge of their own "private serfdoms," in the words of one conspiracy member. To further his ends is the nuclear power plant in Eisenhower county. The House resolution, which passed the House and now moves into the Senate, declares Eisenhower County a disaster area, and puts the entire region under state control. This includes the nuclear power plant. One conspiracy member suggested to me that this plant could be used in the event of resistance on the part of the Legislature or other authorities to re-create the Chernobyl incident. This is the "shaft" at its ugly fullest. I came to expose the dealings of Gov. Carnes yesterday under the alias of one Mr. Rodriguez. Today, however, I have nothing to lose. I reveal my self, and I am the voice of truth! Men of Boys' State, do NOT settle for this seizure of your power. Live the core principles of democracy, and show Governor Carnes and his conspirators that the people are in charge!

Shaun Michael Cunningham,
Human Launching Machines
Marshall County

when these rights blatantly and obviously marginalize other groups. The second song the quartet sang Thursday night was a perfect example of such discrimination. While sung well, the entire message of the song ignored a percentage of the audience. Any individuals not sharing the traditional Christian belief, be it either Jewish,

Muslim, Hindu, or any other denomination, are excluded and silenced from the expression of their beliefs. The number of Staters who fall into this category is irrelevant. Praising Jesus for his salvation is fine, however, but should NOT be forced upon everyone, as it was Thursday night.

One goal of Boys' State is for us all to learn about equality, a lesson not evident in the events of the main assemblies. The demonstration didn't even make an attempt to recognize the existence of other beliefs, nor did it even acknowledge the possibility that other beliefs existed. It is time that we stop this discrimination, especially in an institution such as Boys' State.

Matt Reedy
Bradley County

A Balance of Power?

Many Staters have been wondering just what has been going on in the branches of the government of which they are not a part, namely the Supreme Court. Since Wednesday, all seven of us have been sitting in our chambers waiting for cases to hear. We didn't have any projects, only cases to practice on, so we had a chance to talk about many things.

Now, keep in mind that the way all of our state governments are set up, modeling the federal government, includes a balance of power between the judicial, legislative, and executive branches. The judicial branch is supposed to be above partisan politics because

they are appointed for life - in other words, it's so they don't have to appease any political factions or voters. That keeps the executive and legislative branches in check while at the same time upholding justice regardless of politics. Or at least, that's how it's supposed to work...

Since our first meeting on Wednesday, Chief Justice Adam Turk has expressed that he will rule for the Federalist Party regardless of the facts. His loyalty to our governor and his staff is admirable, but definitely in the wrong forum. As the Chief Justice appointed by his party, he was entrusted with upholding the law and maintaining the principles of justice in our state. Unfortunately, he willfully ignored his duty and blatantly disregarded the facts and the law at every opportunity.

On Friday the Court ruled on the case of The Office of the Governor and Lt. Governor v. The Staters' Union. Nick Carnes was suing the newspaper for libel, specifically DJ Soper, regarding comments made in his article, "Our 'Beloved' Governor." The vote was 6-1 in favor of the newspaper, with the only dissenting vote coming from Justice Turk. As Chief Justice, he is not supposed to be the only dissenting vote - he's supposed to be the leader, the most just, and the most impartial with regards to the law and the people on each side of the case. Instead, Justice Turk was the only partial and unjust member of the Court. He even announced before the trial that he had

made up his mind in favor of the Governor, simply because he was a Federalist. It didn't hurt that the other plaintiff was the Lt. Governor and the attorney was the Attorney General. The facts, as well as First Amendment law, never entered into the mind of the Chief Justice; he blinded himself with his party loyalties.

Clearly, the other six justices' decision reflects the facts of the case as well as the application of the law. Justice Turk has been nothing but antagonistic towards justice, as well as towards myself, throughout the week. Now he can finally be exposed for being appointed solely for the purpose of advancing party goals, and not for the purpose of justice. His time on the Court started out as an injustice to the people, and fittingly ends as an injustice to them as well.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Justice Danny Goldman*