

FOUR THINGS

WORD OF THE WEEK

Vinaceous
What it is: adjective
What it means: The word refers to the color of red wine
Where it comes from: In 1688, Queen Mary II used it to describe the deep, red color of the flowers in her gardens. It is also used in zoology to describe the dark red coloring of some birds.

How to use it: "The vinaceous dress she was wearing last night was absolutely gorgeous."
SOURCE: M.W.COM

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"In the depths of winter, I finally learned there was in me an invincible summer."
 Albert Camus (1913-1960)

Albert Camus was a Algerian-born French author, philosopher and journalist who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in Literature in 1957.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

In 1839 the initials "O.K." were first published in the Boston Morning Post as an abbreviation for "oll correct", otherwise known as "all correct" and became a popular word in everyday uses.

The worst oil spill in history happened this week in 1989. The Exxon Valdez, a supertanker filled with oil, ran into a reef and spilled an estimated 11 million gallons of oil onto more than 700 miles of coastline.

Viagra, an oral medication that treats erectile dysfunction, was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 1998. An estimated 30 million men in the United States suffer from erectile dysfunction.
SOURCE: HISTORY.COM

DID YOU KNOW?

The U.S. government will not allow portraits of living persons to appear on stamps.
SOURCE: RANDOMFACTS.COM, AU

The word "companion" is derived from the Latin com, or together, and panis, or bread. The sharing of bread has often been used as a symbolic gesture of togetherness and nourishment.
SOURCE: FACTS, RANDOMHISTORY.COM

The Pony Express, a mail system in the U.S. during 1860-61, did not actually use only ponies to deliver mail. Mail carriers rode on horses also. The difference between ponies and horses is that ponies are smaller than horses and are generally smarter.
SOURCE: RANDOMHISTORY.COM

GOT YOUR EYE on someone special? Find out the tips and tricks for becoming a star flirter and you just might end up with more than just friendship, page 3B.



Elementary education freshman Jackie Charbeneau said she wears floral patterns often so she can see pretty flowers no matter the weather.
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HEALTH CARE HURDLES

Students face financial challenges when it comes to covering medical costs



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Ericka Jackson, 31-year-old linguistics senior, places a breathing treatment mask on her 3-year-old son Eric Irving. Both of Jackson's sons, Eric and Derrick King, 17 months, have extensive medical costs that Medicaid mostly covers. Derrick's prescription bills along with specialist visits total close to \$5,000 monthly.

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Once a week, humanities and linguistics senior Ericka Jackson has a routine. Jackson picks her sons up from day care and goes to the pharmacy to refill yet another prescription. Most of the time, the pharmacist tells her the refills aren't filled and have to be re-approved — yet again — by her sons' nurses and doctors. Then she drives to a local medical supply company to buy special formula for her baby boy. It costs her \$67 a box.

Jackson is a single mother of two boys, Eric, 3, and Derrick, 17 months. She's just one of the many students on campus for whom health insurance is a front-and-center issue. Without insurance, students can face crippling bills in the event that they become sick or injured.

As the graduation date nears for 2000 graduates and their time in the real world will soon begin, many students need to consider how they will provide themselves with health coverage. For Jackson, being responsible for her children meant turning to Medicaid.

Health care costs
 Jackson said she had to "fight hard" to get Medicaid coverage for her children.

"If they're your birth kids, it's easy to get them put under your insurance," said Jackson, who is the boys' adoptive mother. "But since they aren't my birth kids, I had to go to court and get guardianship for them and then get them Medicaid."

Her stress didn't end there, though, even with insurance. Eric and Derrick's birth mother was addicted to



Derrick King drinks his special formula while crying after being woken up from his nap as his mother, Ericka Jackson, a 31-year-old linguistics senior, walks into their living space. Jackson said Derrick's prescriptions and specialist visits would cost close to \$5,000 per month. Medicaid covers most of the costs.

To hear what students have to say about health insurance, visit to statenews.com.

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