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Brotherly Schwarzkopf

Frank Stepnowski

As each city integrates with its sister city for the first time, conflicts have arisen all around Boy's State. There are multiple cities that are in disagreement in regards to council, governmental system, and plans of action regarding the economic and political crises that have stricken the communities.

Statewide, you have heard the debates between cities such as "we should have a Strong Mayor system," and rebuttals that offer, "no, we should have a Weak Mayor system," in comparison its very quiet over in Schwarzkopf's corner. The city of Hayes and the city of Grant have unified in their aspirations of becoming "best county".

In a very short amount of time, these members were able to decide what type of government they wanted, their views on helping one another, and their plans of action for combating the debt that has crushed the community. "We are in a state of surplus," announced one of the members from Hayes, "and being as that you are our sister city, we will undoubtedly assist you in your endeavor to climb out of deficit."

The two cities, regardless of party affiliation are in agreement that the primary concern at this hour is to establish an effective plan that will not only combat deficit, but that will better the community as a whole. Schwarzkopf County's goal is to make their community the best that American Legion Jersey Boy's State has ever seen.

This unity between Federalists and Nationalists, between city and city, and between statesman and statesman is something that all members of ALJBS should aim for. The position of governor is not about the title; it is about having the ability to help mold an exceptional 51st state, in which we are all unified together as one. We are Jersey Boys State!

Today's Weather

Low of 61

High of 81

Precipitation: 10%
Mostly sunny. Highs in the 80s.

Evening: Mostly clear.
Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph.



Important Events on Thursday

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Jersey Boys State Red
Cross Blood Drive
BLC, Room 245
(Fireside Lounge)

2:45 pm - 3:00 pm
General Assembly:
2016 Governor
The Quad

8:30 pm - 9:30 pm
State Party Conventions
City Meeting Locations

9:40 pm -
11:00 pm
City Meetings
City

Boys State News

Fighting For Our Freedom

Cole Grumbach

It's easy to take our freedom for granted. One small group of statesmen had the opportunity to understand the risks taken to protect this freedom as they visited the National Guard Militia Museum Wednesday afternoon. This museum, founded ten years ago, protects and preserves artifacts in order to help tell the stories of New Jersey soldiers.

As the statesmen wandered through the museum, joined by current Army soldiers, they passed by personal artifacts and munitions from various wartime eras. Many of these artifacts were picked up as war trophies by New Jersey soldiers and brought back home. A case of journals showed letters written home to families informing them of their arrival overseas. An old M109A3 Howitzer tank sat outside, a reminder of the bravery involved in tank missions. Seeing such important history was an emotional experience.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of the visit was the clear development of technology throughout history. From muskets used in World War I to tanks prepared for the Cold War, the mechanization of engines of war creates a clear contrast between time periods.

Curators at the museum stressed the importance of teamwork while at war. This message resonated with the statesmen, who learned the importance of cooperation here at Boys State. For these delegates, the trip renewed an appreciation for those who have fought for our freedom.



Sports Scores as of the night of
Wednesday, June 22nd

- 1) Bradley
- 2) Nimitz
- 3) Vandenburg, Ridgeway
- 5) Halsey
- 6) Marshall
- 7) Shwarzkopf
- 8) MacArthur
- 9) Eisenhower

Worldwide Sports News

- Argentina, lead by Lionel Messi,
defeat US 4-0 in Copa America
semifinal

- One person shot twice in leg after
Cleveland Cavaliers victory celebration
- Derrick Rose, traded to New York
Knicks

Did Lincoln Cause the Traffic Jams Purposely?

Jewel Holt City #16

There was major congestion on the Union Bridge between the sister cities, Johnson and Lincoln. Supposedly, a three day traffic study was conducted on the bridge according to Lincoln authorities. Others are opt to believing the previous mayor of Lincoln purposely caused this jam as reparation towards previous Johnson mayor refusing to endorse his campaign. Outsiders may view the effects of a three day traffic delay to be rather minor or have insignificant repercussions. However, the actual outcomes have well spiraled beyond speculations. For example, four injured school kids were unable to receive the necessary care they needed due to the major traffic. It is up to the elected mayors of both cities (Alexei Sepe for Johnson City and Alex Gomac for Lincoln City) to ease the tensions built up against each other. It is key that sister city statesmen work together and form compromises that are prone to reconciliation.

Opinion

The Bonds Built At Boys State

Thomas Abraham

“Oh god... I hope I have a good roommate,” was the sentiment that most of us here at New Jersey Boys State was feeling. Some lucked out (as I did) and others it could be said didn't as much. But what is uniform across all delegates is the bond that has been formed from just two days of being here at Boys State. Within the first meeting at the City level, you sat with certain people by chance, and now find yourself sitting with them at all the various meetings, whether that be the General Assembly, County Meetings, or even meals. Coming in from all different parts of this state, we cannot deny that we have all come from different walks of life. Each one of us stronger in a different area, whether that be for some in sports, in academics, or myself: in growing a beard.

We still have another 2 days to go, where after Friday, we will all part and go our separate ways and be reunited with the friends from back at home. But if the first couple of days are any indicator, it would be that us delegates are forming relationships at the City and County levels that will be sustained for a quite long period to come. All 986 of us has a different outlook on the program here and how each of us want to contribute to Boys State. However, what holds true over all of this is that the bonds formed between the 986 of us will in turn create a more cohesive and more unified New Jersey Boys State as a whole.

Dihydrogen Monoxide is Important

Jake Philhower

Three times a day at boy's state, delegates gather in the dining hall to relax and enjoy a fresh meal. From sweet waffles, to savory meats and hearty vegetables, the dining hall supplies a wide variety of food for the statesmen to enjoy. One of the most popular areas within the hall is the fountain drink station, stocked full with mouth watering soft drinks such as Mountain Dew soda, refreshing juices, rich milk and even coffee. However, there is one vital beverage that does not necessarily get enough attention. Water, the drink that many avoid because it's “boring” is listed as an alternate beverage under the/ water coolers. Though one may have to look carefully for the water, the importance of consuming the right amount of water must be taken seriously.

According to the Institute of Medication, the average adult male should consume 3.7 liters (15 cups) of water every day. Though some of this water may be consumed through eating different water rich foods such as watermelon and different vegetables, it is still important to maintain a steady rate of water consumption. Despite common belief, many soft drinks and sugary drinks do not hydrate you nearly as well as water due to their high amounts of sodium and sugar. Water is available in every city to ensure that in order to insure proper hydration.

REMINDER:

Don't forget to purchase Family Day Tickets!

City News

Liz Means Biz

By: Nick Sorantino

Upon the first day of arrival for all New Jersey Boys State delegates, the attendees were met by the maverick and individualistic presence of Liz Chadderdon. Chadderdon is the president and founder of the Chadderdon Group, a Democratic direct mail firm based in Alexandria, Virginia. The group develops strategy, messaging, and persuasion direct mail for municipal, congressional, and presidential races in over forty-three states and is one of the most recognized privately owned firms in the nation. As one of the top Democratic strategists nationwide, it was eminent that Chadderdon possessed no contrition in openly expressing her political opinions on topics like gun control and immigration. The University of Texas graduate articulated the origin of her political involvement, citing the sexual assaults of close friends during college as one of her primary motivators. Through these occurrences, Liz was able to increase campus safety through better lighting throughout the university, as well as requiring escorts for traveling students at later hours of the day. It is clear that through the success past of a college senior, Chadderdon was able to take her experiences further, politically, now running the first female owned and operated Democratic direct mail firms, as well as having won seventeen, "Pollie," awards for effective and creative direct mail from the AAPC and four Campaign and Elections magazine Reed Awards.

Voting Lines

Aditya Shah

Voting is not only one of our democratic rights that the United States was founded upon, but is also something that is heavily stressed and promoted at Boys State.

The ALJBS program prides itself on the fact that it gives 1,000 high-schoolers the chance to vote, an opportunity they wouldn't have otherwise have. How can we embrace this opportunity if the lines are *this* long? After the county officials and state officers compete for their respective offices, the citizens were asked to wait outside and vote. However, I, as well as many other frustrated statesmen, had to wait hours on end just to cast my vote. Something NEEDS to be done.

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