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Mahoney and Griffo address Boys' State Citizens

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Amongst the guest speakers of Boys' State 2016 was Jan Mahoney who came to visit us yesterday. Mahoney is president of the New York Legion Auxillary. She gave a great speech and commenced it by taking a selfie with all the Citizens here at Boys' State.

Visiting every post there is, Mahoney takes pride in her organization, Girls State (which is the same as Boys' State but for females). Mahoney also spoke about the history of the American Legion, stating it was established for former veterans to have a "home" and let them remain in contact with one another.

According to Mahoney, both Boys' State and Girls' State are very beneficial programs to be a part of and will help teach us things we will remember forever. State Senator Joseph Griffo gave a humorous speech Wednesday, June 29. All jokes aside, the senator touched on a few serious topics while giving his speech.

Griffo mentioned the rising death rate in teens going after prom and graduation, the effects of distractions while driving and the outrageous prices of college books in New York.

One subject that seemed to spark



Girls state representative Janet Mahoney speaking about the similarities between Boys and Girls State. Photo by Cole Strong, 0388.

excitement amongst the citizens was his objection to the Safe ACT, he was more focused on treating the mental disabilities that would cause a person to do such atrocities but that being said he finds it unlikely that the government will get the 2/3 votes needed to veto it.

He seemed to be a hit with Boys' Staters, Senator Joseph Griffo is always welcome back at Boys' State and will always have that cooler to remember us by.

Stember v.

Kirkland

Hunter Radesi 0515

Stember's Federalist County Party Chairman, Bobby Kirkland, was arrested on Wednesday afternoon for violating penal codes 7 and 15 in the Boys' State Bible during the Federalist Party Caucus on Tuesday night. The court case was overseen by Judge Peyton Morse, who sentenced Kirkland to personally apologize to all those he offended after he was found guilty by his peers. Judge Morse said, "I thought the case went very smoothly, and the county presented itself in a professional manner." Kirkland had different thoughts regarding the afternoon's events, saying, "It was definitely a frustrating court case. I felt that my views weren't represented fairly, and I wish that the jury had a clearer head in deciding."

BOYS' STATE MENU

Lunch

Barbecue Pulled Pork
Macaroni and Cheese
Steamed Broccoli
Tossed Salad
Smores Bars

Dinner

Roast Turkey/ Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Tossed Salad
Dinner Rolls
Cheesecake Cups
Open Faced Soy Chicken Salad

Breakfast (Friday)

Scrambled Eggs
Assorted Meats
Pancakes
Homefries
Fresh Fruit
Canned Pineapple
Cold Cereal
Combined Pastries

A Dependent United States



Alex Alessi 0759

What do you call the man who paints his boat whilst it sinks? Oblivious? Nearsighted? Doomed? I would. Here at Boys' State we're doing exactly that.

Although not tomorrow, the gas in our tanks, the water in our bottles and hundreds of other natural resources we rely upon daily, will disappear. We are exponentially depleting our natural resources faster than they are being replenished. Maximum oil production in the US was achieved in 1970, since that year US oil production has been in constant decline. We are quickly heading towards an oil depleted United States. As a result, the United States continues to develop a larger dependence upon foreign oil imports, making us more vulnerable to foreign conflict and reducing our overall independence as a nation. The statues of our economy, society, government and quality of life all depend upon

our ability to produce energy using oil. Thus all of those things will inevitable become dependent upon the state of foreign nations. We are heading towards a dependent United States.

However, we are not doomed. The solution to our oil crisis lies in our ability to produce energy utilizing alternative, renewable fuels. Despite this fact research, in these areas continue to lack funding and often becomes overshadowed by more popular issues. Here at Boy's State we poses some of the brightest and most motivated minds in the nation. Yet much of this potential is not utilized, as many overly competent individuals continue to hold superficial positions.

When Should The Lights Go Out?



Hunter Radesi 0515

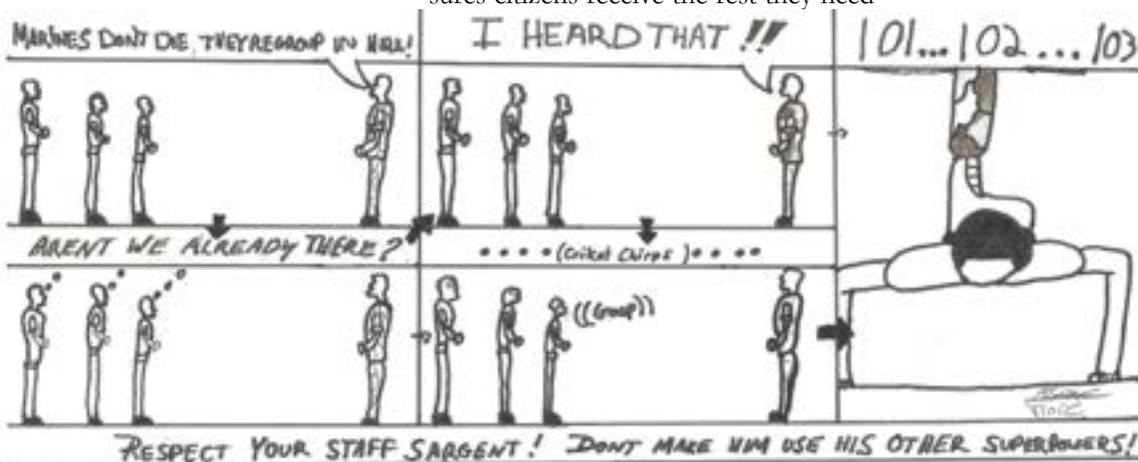
The mandatory Boys' State "lights out" time is inconvenient to many members, who believe that it restricts free time allowing for valuable work to be done. With the program's busy schedule, most of the elected officials do not have time

to work on their speeches and campaigns during the day. This means that they must rely upon the dwindling minutes of night to get their goals accomplished. The situation is made especially difficult when citizens don't get home until 10:00 pm or later on most nights. The argument that can be made here is that eliminating a "lights out" time would give those involved with Boys' State an opportunity to do more politically, and would allow them to spend more time bonding and creating friendships with other members of their cities.

The opposition to this comes straight from the mouth of a counselor, who stated that a "lights out" time assures citizens receive the rest they need

to make it through each 17-hour day. This is certainly not wrong. While a set bed time makes it harder to fit everything into one day, it's also what helps citizens survive the week without a mental break down. If there were no time set to sleep, citizens could damage themselves by staying up too late every night. On top of that, "lights out" keeps citizens on a tight schedule, and prevents them from breaking their disciplined routines.

With all that in mind, the question as to whether "lights out" is the best idea remains unanswered. It lies with you to decide on that as a unified Boys' State.



**Cartoon by
Alex Fiore
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Federalist Party Caucus Part Two

Matthew Levensgood 0336

Tuesday night saw the second round of the Federalist Party caucuses for their state office candidates.

Beginning the night was the position of Comptroller. Citizens, Franklin Leicht (1066), Samuel Godfrey (0784), Josiah Dahar (0720), Dominic Magistro (0044), Thomas Jaworowicz (0964), Ryan Hayes (0316), Daniel Ogden (0158), Jared Yaggie (0340), and Minh Chau (0500) presented themselves, with Scheiberling abstaining. When all was settled, citizen Samuel Godfrey (0784) of Pedro won the nomination.

Next up was Attorney General, with citizens Franklin Leicht (1066),

Jeffrey Gabnel (0792), Dominic Pascucci (0714), Mario Bencivenga (0020), William Gregory (0942), Zachary Orzell (0606), Carl Neff (0272), Diego Colonna (0168), Max Ratelle (0382), and Francisco Rilloraza (0488) running. After three rounds of eliminative elections, citizen Diego Colonna (0168) of Helm won the nomination. The election for Lieutenant Governor saw citizens Jin Lee (1028), Mark Kopp (0940), Alexander Piedra (0548), Cole Strong (0338), Robert Gansrow (0834), Seth Chittum (0282), Eric Kulkarni (0676), James Tierney (0190), Mason Trowbridge (0658), Alexander Swanson (0056) contending. Citizen Alexander Peidra (0548) of Stember

secured the position after garnering a majority after only two rounds.

For the coveted governorship, citizens Cooper Young (1054), Justin Chase (0350), Tanner Probst (0732), David Sandvik (0102), Joshua Ferreira (0560), Vincent Gullo III (0894), Paul Zheleznov (0324), Sean Bentley (0152), Matthew Pickett (0860) and Samuel Petkovsky (0510) cast out speeches in hopes of having a shot as the foremost citizen of Boys' State. The vote came to a showdown between citizens Vincent Gullo III (0894) and Joshua Ferreira (0560), but in the end citizen Ferreira (0560) of Scheiberling secured the will of the majority.

Nationalist Party Candidates

James Hunter 0607

The Nationalist party caucus conducted on Tuesday night ended in record fashion. Ending around 9:30 citizens of the Nationalist party were sent back to their counties with about an hour before lights out. Now for the results.

With the positions for the comptroller and judges already chosen, Tuesday evening was dedicated to electing the best candidates for Attorney General, Lieutenant Governor, and Governor. With the majority set at 241 votes...the night began.

After only two rounds, Justin Kiste (1027) of Helm County won Attorney General by a landslide! The rest were plagued with scattered support, securing an easy win for Justin.

Next on the ticket was Lieutenant Governor. After much deliberation, stemming from Stember County, Krystofer Mosher (549) succeeded in becoming the party candidate for Lieutenant Governor with Samuel Margolis (215) finishing close behind.

Finally, the position for Governor. Each of the ten candidates were well versed in their politics – leading to a

very interesting election. We witnessed: talk of tragedy, a bald eagle t-shirt (and socks), talk of brotherhood, a John Cena look-alike, and even a sincere moment of silence for those lost in yesterday's suicide bombings.

I applaud all of the candidates for their passion and determination. They are all highly motivated individuals. However, seizing the day from Helm County was none other than Brandon Cea (1019).

After hearing their speeches, please vote for who you know will be the best.



Boys' State Weather

Thursday, June 30

Sunny

High 76

Low 56

Precipitation 10%

Winds 4 mph

Cartoon by Joseph Ortiz 0475



If You Can Dodge a Wrench...

Patrick Busche 0863

The county of Fish won by forfeit against Roosevelt in dodgeball, only because they did not show up. What resulted was a good spirited game of cracker-barrel between seven players that became almost dangerous for a counselor and I, having to watch out for unwieldy throws narrowly missing both of our heads. To fill in for the absence of Roosevelt county, Pedro came to the gymnasium to play Fish. With a lot of sweat and testosterone, they pelted each other with balls as hard as they possibly could. Trying to inflict as much damage as humanly possible. As a reminder, show up to the games scheduled for your team. Don't be the people that just don't show up.



Fish County starts off their dodgeball game on Wednesday night. Photo by Joe Cavataio 0078

Pat Summitt

Patrick Busche 0863

Pat Summitt, the winningest coach in Division I NCAA College Basketball, passed away on Tuesday at the age of 64. Her battle against dementia started in 2011, a year before she retired from coaching at the University of Tennessee. She won 8 NCAA championships over the course of her 38 season career and maintained a record of 1098-208. Summitt only coached Tennessee, and had a full commitment to the University.



Cartoon by Matthew Smart 0819