

## Boys' State Get 'Schooled'

Gregory Chen

Education, education, education. Probably the single thing that all of the seminars stressed. During my attendance of several seminars, I encountered incredibly diverse areas of expertise where the one aspect that the speakers all stressed was that of education. The similarities beyond that were few, which gave the audience a great opportunity to glean a plethora of descriptions and experiences they would otherwise never encounter.

Morgan Jolley, a former ALJBS delegate and optical engineer of BAE Systems Inc, spent the first several minutes alone on the importance of education. He himself majored in optics and received a minor in probability mathematics. In his experience, the main factor in securing a position in the engineering world is directly related to the amount of effort put into furthering and completing one's education. Furthermore, due to the diverse nature of engineering, where one can pursue careers from those in aerospace to these in nanotechnology, a strong foundation of knowledge in maths and sciences is integral. The main purpose of becoming an engineer is to fabricate solutions through inventions and ideas, and Jolley emphasizes that these solutions can only be concluded with the prior necessary knowledge of the fundamentals.

Rand Pear, senior VP of Colliers International, added more advice to our prospective minds. In addition to the importance of education, he further expanded by including the importance of education and by including the necessity of experience. Carrying 18 years of experience under his own belt, he stressed this to the point where he discouraged the concept of formulating an independent real-estate business. In fact, he advised the pursuit of employment in a financially strong real-estate company to maintain stability and allow vertical movement. The main factors that can further one's position in real-estate are observation of more experienced mentors, as well as refining the skills of sociability, creativity, and mathematics. Furthermore, Pear included the appeal of the real estate business by clarifying it, which was the unique opportunity to attain hard assets such as various properties.

## The Most Interesting Assemblywoman

Gregory Zach Bourgeois

Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi has lived an extremely interesting life. All her internships and jobs allowed her to gain valuable life lessons. When asked what the most valuable lesson she learned throughout her life was, Schepisi said, "Even if you fail something, go forward with it... If you feel passionate about something, go out and pursue it." Schepisi also had a very long time away from politics, and when asked if she regretted this decision, she blatantly said "No, I don't regret my step away from politics. My life experiences make me a more effective leader." Schepisi explained. "It's a great opportunity" said Assemblywoman Schepisi. "I've practiced in plenty of mock governments and felt I should come voice my points to help, and I'm extremely glad I did."

## Tuesday Schedule Highlights

- 1) County Meeting 8:30 – 10:20
- 2) College and Career Fair; 12:30 – 2:30
- 3) Federal Party Convention; 7:10 – 9:00
- 4) National Party Conventio 9:10 –10:00
- 5) D-Day Presentations

## Forecast

Today: High-83° F  
Low-63° F  
40% Chance of  
Thunderstorms

Tonight: 63° F  
Early Chance of  
Thunderstorms  
30% Chance of  
Rain



# Boys' State News

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## Oops!

Cheryl "Kit" Turner

At about 7:45, Boys' State had its first fatal accident. Our second year female legionnaire fell while coming into the door, tripped hitting the doorway step, and broke the side of her knee. She was not the only person who hit that same step. I watched as seven other people hit it. One dad hit it so hard he also fell, and I guess he was so funny about it that he crossed his legs and just sat there for about five minutes.

What could I do or say but are you okay! As for Mureen Tice, I had to take her to the hospital, drop her off, and run back to do the lunch count since they had no idea how long it would take. I left her with a very sweet lady, but not before testing her a bit just to make her laugh.

Wow! It is so hard to believe after riding two and a half hours to get here this morning, it was all over in fifteen minutes. In fact, she spent more time in the car and in the hospital waiting room than she spent at Boys' State this year.

I told her that she just did it to get away from me after spending a whole week together down in Wildwood at the American Legion Convention.

Just kidding! Her and I are very close friends!

She broke her kneecap, and they will operate this Friday.



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## A Side-Step to Wall Street

Sean Gunther

Corrupted by corporate greed and the failures of Bear Sterns, Lehman Brothers, and Freddy Mac, Wall Street's reputation has tanked since the 2008 financial crisis. However, with the market in a steady incline, new job opportunities and stock options allow for the rebirth and invigoration of the U.S. Financial system.

As such, a large proportion of American youth both here and across the country look to the lure of Wall Street for careers in marketing and finance. To answer any potential questions about careers in the stock market, three representatives from the nation's largest companies shared their advice and experiences.

Peter Crivelli, the Director of Business Development at GaveKal, Inc. Challenged the statesmen to identify the level of employment they wish to achieve and devote their full energy into reaching their goal. He stressed the importance of networking: a trait that most statesmen are already practicing. To him, the most important trait for any Wall Street Executive is their ability to deal with people.

Senior Vice President Borough Manager at Fidelity Investments Bob Taylor echoed Mr. Crivelli's statements, "I measure success by the amount of people who I help achieve their goals. You need to have people as your first priority, not money. It's people who make the job worth it." For the sake of our economy, let us hope all Wall Street executives are so people-centered.

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## Johnson City: A Town With Issues

Adam Taylor

After electing its mayor and town councilmen, Johnson City is struggling to end union protests against a new highway that would disturb its farmland. Some officials believe that the highway would promote the tourism industry; farmers, however, are striking the eminent domain of their property, which would, in turn, limit the city's blueberry industry. Johnson City Mayor Shivram (insert name here) is in favor of the new highway, although he is also willing to negotiate with the union members.

Mayor (insert name here) is also focussing on limiting racial profiling in his city. Many minorities, including African and Arab Americans, have been targeted with speeding tickets. The mayor is ashamed of this discrimination, stating definitively "It will not be tolerated."

Johnson City has taken a step in the right direction to face its problems. The town council and mayor have been busy appointing officials in order to establish a stable government. In the coming days, Johnson City will have to partner with its neighboring township, Lincoln City, in order to confront the pressing issues of Bradley County.

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## Bipartisanship at Boys' State

Connor McNabe

Following party primary elections for municipal positions on the evening of Sunday June 16th, the voters of Polk City convened to elect the mayor and council. As per the form of municipal government selected at large (Mayor-Council-Administration), the voters were charged with electing six councilmen and one mayor (who would function as municipal executive). From the twelve candidates for city council (six Federalists and six Nationalists). Two federalists and four nationalists were elected with all councilmen showing genuine interest in bipartisan politics. To even further this bipartisan spirit, the city government was set even y the election of a Federalist maor. Shortly after his election, Polk City's new mayor commenced making appointments from both the Federal and National Parties, setting the city on a path to smooth cooperative fair bipartisan governance.

## Third Political Party: And It's No Bull

Nicholas Gabuzda

Though the American Legion had intended there to only be two active political parties (the Nationalists and Federalists) at Boys' State, one city has taken the situation into its own hands to create a third party. A group of young men in Jackson City has established the Bull-Moose Party, further projecting their political voice.

The party's namesake was inspired by third party founded by Theodore Roosevelt, and apparently because the founding statesmen "were not that creative."

According to Jackson Bull-Moose Joe Greco, the party was formed while representatives from both the Nationalist (Nat) and Federalists (Fed) were discussing policy together and realized that they had many common ideas that neither the Nat nor Fed platforms accommodated. The Bull-Moose (BM) statesmen claim they represent a "newer perspective on things," with refreshing and unique ideas. While there is no party leader, BM councilman Joe Greco claims there are three BM councilmen (including himself) and an estimated ten to fifteen additional BM statesmen in Jackson City.

Though Bull-Moose boys are excited about their new party, Greco admits that BMs still mainly identify with their original political parties (Nats and Feds), so the influence/longevity of the party is far from secure.

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## Goals, Touchdowns, and Thunder

Kamoya Ikhofua



Yesterday marked the start of inter-county sports and it is safe to say that the heat is on. Hundreds of us proudly wore our county colors, braved the heat, and went to our respective sports or Marine Corps P.T.

Nearly all the statesmen I observed had fun and, by the look of things, there is more excitement, intensity, and competition to come as the week progresses. I also noticed a strong spirit of camaraderie among teammates. Statesmen who were once unfamiliar with one another were able to become trusting and supportive of their teammates in order to achieve a common goal: victory. This is a testament to the power of the Boys' State program to foster lasting friendships and lasting senses of unity and cooperation among the young men in attendance this week.

That said, after day one of competitive sports, Bradley county tops the rankings. But with Nimitz and Bridgeway tied for second place and the other counties separated by only small margins, we can all expect a fight to the finish. Also, keep in mind that a number of games were ended abruptly due to an intimidating clap of thunder followed by rain showers.

I encourage everyone to give their full support and effort in sports this week because, at the moment, none of the ranks are set in stone. Keep playing everyone.

# Opinion

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## Awe In Debate

Jimi Stine

American politics is not something that most Americans are proud of. The approval rating of Congress is at an all time low, and it seems as if our legislature is at a standstill; that said, after one day spent with my fellow delegates, the future looks promising. Sitting with my fellow statesmen late Sunday evening, I felt a sudden swell of excitement. We were discussing the some pros and cons of our nation's most pressing issues, issues that have stumped our federal representatives for longer than many care to remember. Gun control, organized crime, drug trade, a tuberculosis outbreak and even how to best control a rise in prostitution, all among many other difficult topics such as a rise in HIV and AIDs. The level of organization and respect among those speaking had for one another was astounding.

I highly doubt that any other assembled group of rising senior guys would be able to articulate such comprehensive, original, and logical arguments to solve issues that have so long plagued our nation's legislature than at Boys' State.

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## Why Should Statesmen Purchase Alumni Pins and Cards?

1. All proceeds from the purchasing of the pins and cards are given back to the Boys' State Association to help fund next year's session.
2. This lets people know of the prestigious association you belong to.
3. It looks great on job and/or college applications.
4. If everyone in your city purchases a pin and card, it will better your chances of winning the honor of best city.

Head over to the sales table during lunch near the entrance of the cafeteria to purchase your card and pin today!

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## Managing Editor's Note

Matt Reper

Fellow Statesman: welcome to the 68th Annual Session of the American Legion Boys' State. I speak on behalf of all of us when I say that we, The Jersey Statesman staff, are overjoyed and eager to have the opportunity to report on the happenings this week. The four issues we publish will encompass the widest spectrum of events – from articles concerning sports to articles concerning opinions – we can possibly attain while still producing quality and enjoyable articles. Ultimately, our goal as the staff of The Statesman is to produce a paper worthy of reading to make that paper as informative as possible. We will achieve this goal, even if we must sacrifice our meals, our sports, our down time, and if it comes down to it: our sanity.

One of the most notable correspondents for Rolling Stone was Hunter S. Thompson and one of his most famous quotes was, "Buy the ticket; take the ride." As staff of this paper, we have bought our tickets, and are now embarking on the anxiety-ridden, caffeine-driven ride into the late hours of the night and wee hours of the morning to bring to you, the Statesmen, the most stellar paper we possibly can. In doing this, we will be exhausted, we will be hungry, we will be delirious, and we will love every single minute of it.

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