

## Getting Involved

Matt Reper

Congressman Frank Pallone addressed statesmen at a surprise General Assembly yesterday morning following State Party Conventions. Congressman Pallone was first elected to Long Branch City Council and then elected to the State Senate. There he championed protecting New Jersey's coastlines and the environment. However, his most significant achievement was expanding the state health care system which gave six million underprivileged children access to affordable health care.

Throughout his speech, Pallone stressed one piece of advice to statesmen: get involved and continue to be involved in government. Statesmen would then have the opportunity to disprove the notion that Congress and State Legislatures do nothing. Pallone also refuted this notion, "Every aspect of your life is influenced by what we do." An example of this is the "Affordable Care Act," which gave forty-million people previously without health insurance access to affordable health insurance, covering every aspect of insurance. The ACA also ended discrimination for provision insurance.

Luckily, I was able to approach Congressman Pallone after his speech and ask him a few questions. When asked about the importance of bipartisanship and compromise, Congressman Pallone passionately declared, "Government has to solve problems and, ultimately, has to work toward a compromise for a solution." Regarding statesmen affairs, I asked Congressman Pallone about his opinion on the most important quality of a Gubernatorial candidate, to which he replied, "The skill to bring people together; to work together to bring parties together to grow the government." His speech was persuasive and effective, and it definitely sparked an overwhelming interest among statesmen.

## Thursday Schedule Highlights

- 1) Senatorial Candidates Begin Petitioning 6:30
- 2) Gubernational Candidate Debate 8:30 – 9:15
- 3) Blood Drive 12:00 –6:00
- 4) Gubernational Winner Announced 3:00
- 5) State Party Conventions 8:30 – 9:30

## Forecast

Today: High - 81° F

Low - 55° F

0% Chance of Rain

Tonight: 55° F

0% Chance of Rain

Clear Skies

## Storming the Minds of Statesmen

James McAuley

On the night of June 18th, delegates stepped into the shoes of those brave souls who journeyed onto the beaches of Normandy, France, in 1944, in one of the most successful and costly operations of World War II. Also known as Operation Overlord, D-Day was a the turning point of WWII. The first American troops overseas were used in the Mediterranean, along the coast of Northern Africa and Italy, pushing the Axis forces away from the Suez Canal, and the fascists out of Italy. However, the most important campaign of all was D-Day, which allowed mixed forces of Canadians, British, and Americans to push into and liberate France, eventually pushing into Germany and defeating the Nazis.

Many statesmen had interesting reactions to the video, such as Polk City FEBO Nick Lurie, saying it was "outstanding and inspiring." Statesman Ian McKee believed that it "really put things into perspective for us." Retired active-duty marine and respected senior counselor Chuck Smith said that the video was "...a good way for us to understand the value of our freedoms." Many of the statesmen also enjoyed the beginning of the video, which was a scene from the award-winning movie *Saving Private Ryan*. Statesman Daniel Mayer believes that it was "quite intense, but an accurate portrayal." Many also enjoyed the documentary, as it provided insight on the battle's importance in the war. Federalist Assemblyman from Ridgeway County Matt Martinez said he "learned a lot of valuable information about both the battle and the war." I believe I speak for all of us here when I say thank you to the American Legion for showing us this film.

# Boys' State News

## Extending a Thank You

Eric Doran

As Boys' State progresses, we should all remember why we've come here. We all need to take a moment and extend a thank you to the American Legion, who in the past protected our freedoms and continue today to support our future by extending such an amazing opportunity to us: Boys' State. Though we have already been told this many times, the profound effect of a simple thank you may not be something we delegates can understand with our life experiences, but the future will tell a different story. When that time comes and we are standing in their shoes as the new leaders of our beautiful country, tasked with guiding the next generation to prosperity, then we too will understand the true significance of this simple act and be glad that when we were young, we said thank you.

## Sleep Eyes and the Excitement

Conor O'Leary

A unique energy stirred Rider Campus this morning as potential gubernational candidates buzzed around seeking signatures for their petitions. The cities were booming with the sounds of knocking doors and sights of determined faces. In regards to the tough road of the governorship, Matthew Owitz said, "Candidates need to give their speech before they begin campaigning." It is this confusion combined with the petitions and voting process that caused many hopeful statesmen to back off from the governorship.

Candidates needed to rise to the challenge – literally. Some statesmen woke up around 5:30AM to prepare speeches and be in line for gubernational petitions. The candidates, much like Girls Scouts selling cookies, used the door-to-door method of spreading the word. This was received with some slight backlash, as the hopeful candidates encountered droopy-eyed and cranky statesmen.

Congratulations to those statesmen who got their petitions in. It certainly was a daunting task.

## I'm With the Band

Stephen Vocaturo



Yesterday, the Boys' State Band brought the house down at its concert. The program began with each party's newly elected gubernational candidates announcing their running mates. After a few speeches from both Lieutenant Governor candidates, the show was underway.

The band warmed up with a medley of patriotic songs, including "America the Beautiful" and "You're a Grand Old Flag." Suddenly, the band members kicked things up a notch, jamming out to Lady Gaga's "Poker Face", and Bon Jovi's "Livin' on a Prayer."

Statesmen were enthusiastic at the concert, to say the least. The crowd was roaring, belting out the lyrics to all the songs, with special emphasis on "Don't Stop Belivin'."

Many spectators just couldn't help but "get down with their bad selves," grooving up and down the aisles to "Gangnam Style." A surprise visit from two bag piping statesmen finally put the boys over the edge, screaming for more in the pandemonium and excitement. Finally, the Boys' State Choir jumped in on the action, leading the Statesmen in "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The funniest moment of the night was a toss-up between a dance-off amongst a few brave statesmen and a joke by Music Director Mike Kallimanis, who claimed that Carly Rae Jepsen was in the building. Unfortunately, she was not. Sorry boys, better luck next time. Regardless, a job well done to the Boys' State Band.

## Sports Overview

Kamoya Ikhofua

Yes folks the rain went away and happy Boys' Staters got to play! Day three of competitive inter-county sports was as thrilling as could be. As a result, we saw the biggest changes in the rankings since the start of this year's competition. The new order is as follows:

- 1st - Ridgeway County
- 2nd - MacArthur County
- 3rd - Marshall County
- 4th - Nimitz County
- 5th - Schwarzkopf County
- 6th - Bradley County
- 7th - Vandenburg County
- 8th - Eisenhower County
- 9th - Halsey County



The new rankings underscore the fact that no position is set in stone. Every county still has a chance to improve its position provided it at least sends out a team. Unfortunately, as I walked around the softball field taking pictures, the referees spoke with me and expressed their discontent with the fact that one of the teams could not get enough players so they were automatically disqualified.



# Boys' State News

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## REMINDER: Manuals are Due Online Today at 7:25PM!

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### **Newspapers, Kim Kardashian, and a Notion of Integrity**

Lucas Cuatrecasas

"The job of a journalist is to give you what you want but don't need, and what you need but don't want," says Ron Martin, one of three journalists who spoke at the "Careers in Journalism" seminar and a former editor at The Burlington Country Times. He provides Kim Kardashian (whom no one really needs to know about, but who unfortunately tends to sell magazines), as a prime example of the former. Concerning the latter, he stresses that while people certainly need to hear about a genocide in an underdeveloped country, many of them might not want to.

Furthering the discussion on the link between journalism and civil responsibility, Jim McQueeney, the president of Winning Strategies Inc. and a former head editor, shared a story of a young journalist he had hired. This journalist had been slotted to interview citizens whose neighborhood had been the scene of a stadium collapse. This journalist had purportedly conducted interviews at the scene at 7 a.m., however, McQueeney later discovered that the article in question had been written several hours before at 12:30 a.m. All quotations and references in the article had been falsified.

McQueeney immediately dismissed this journalist from his staff, without compensation. "Integrity and journalism are synonymous," he stresses.

As for choosing journalism as a profession, all three speakers agree: it's not for everyone. Nevertheless, there is no job they would rather have. Charles Wiley recalls seeing men with nine-to-five jobs celebrate having worked for twenty-five years "moving paper from the inbox to the outbox," a job of which he can't even imagine the tedium. "What the hell are you celebrating?" he asks.

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### **Money On the Mind**

Greg Chen

Interests and passions are all good and fun when considering jobs, but at the end of the day the main concern is the salary. Today, many delegates discovered truths about the monetary satisfaction behind certain professions, and many found the facts to be surprising. All of us at Boys' State aspire to be billionaire playboy philanthropists, but as the seminars went on we realized that the path to luxury is not an easy one. Dr. Britcher, MD, James Bracchitta, and Chris McDevitt, all provided their personal experiences in their professions, which enlightened the rest of Boys' State on both the highlights and downsides of careers in medicine and entertainment.

Dr. McCabe, MD, soft-spoken graduate of Jefferson Medical College, crushes the romanticized notion of a career in medicine and relays the laborious efforts that must be undertaken to pursue said career. First and foremost, a strong background in science is required with at least 3 years of sciences. He notes that the subject you major in is irrelevant! In fact, he advises to get a marketable major, unlike one such as biology, where there's more flexibility in case medical school proves to not be an option. Because of the new reforms in the private sector of health and medicine, doctor's salaries are no longer as generous as they once were. Though the title of MD does come with an unquestionable amount of respect, the amount of schooling and effort may not equal with the reward as many delegates found out today.

The entertainment seminar was the polar opposite to Dr. McCabe's talk. Both Chris McDevitt and James Bracchitta, both former delegates, provided a more informal talk with a satirical viewpoint on the entertainment career. While they both enjoyed their profession, they did not hesitate to talk about its difficulties. If anything, the main problem with professions in popular media is its risk. The concept of job security in the entertainment industry is certainly not favorable. The only advice Mr. Bracchitta had was to audition for as many as gigs as possible, since it is the only way to improve your chances of maintaining a somewhat stable salary. However, with risk comes great reward, and the reward in entertainment is indeed great. On the minute chance that both talent and luck is on your side, then you have the opportunity to truly make an impact. During these rare opportunities, not only do you have the chance to work with an amazing cast but you can also make millions. While both careers have their individual problems, they also offer personal reward for those who dare undertake the challenge.

# Opinion

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## On Potential

Jimi Stine

The question of what we delegates will accomplish in life has been brought up many times. It almost feels like the theme of our time spent here. Across the board there has always been a question as to what we will accomplish, never if we will accomplish it. While this is largely due to the quality of the young men here and the drive each of us possesses, I feel that the same optimism can be extended to any individual. We all have the potential to do anything we set our minds to. This does not mean that everyone has equal opportunities or equal natural abilities, but that with determination and patience our options in life are limitless. While one man may be able to pick up any instrument and play it well but be unable to make sense of a math equation, another may be just the opposite. In both of these cases, the troubling skills causing the difficulty may still be learned, but doing so would take time, and even then the most dedicated artist may very well never get to the level of mastery possessed by Picasso or Van Gogh.

After a week at Boys' State we will have attended four, hour-long career orientation seminars and more than ten hours of general assemblies. The speakers at these events range from congressmen to comedians and their wisdom has a common thread: a mention of how much we can change world. We will change the world: that is guaranteed.

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## Private of Idaho

Nicholas Gabuzda

Fighting is no easy sacrifice, especially when it runs the risk of tragedy. Possibly the most terrifying of these threats is becoming a prisoner of war. *The Jersey Statesman* would like to take a moment to reflect upon one prisoner of war: Bowe Bergdahl. In 10 days, he will have spent four years as the only American taken prisoner during "Operation Enduring Freedom."

Bergdahl was captured on January 30 2009. Through ample contact, Bergdahl claims he was kidnapped while he lagged behind his others on patrol in Afghanistan. He was kidnapped by the Haqqani Network, a group connected with the Taliban. Since his capture, he had honorably been promoted to specialist and most recently Buck Sergeant. Bergdahl has gained much attention in the press and consequently, many support groups have formed to raise awareness of the Bergdahl family's struggle. One Specific group supportbergdahl.org Please keep Bergdahl in our prayers as we wait for him to return home safely.

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## How to Make it in Comedy

Sean Gunther

Today delegates were treated with the delightful comedy of staff-by-day, stand-up-comedian-by-night Chris McDevitt. McDevitt was graduated from Monmouth University and received a degree in English. He has a wife and an eighteen-month-old son; both of whom require a tremendous amount of his time.

When he's not taking care of his family, he's off patrolling at the nearby comedy club. His life is like a struggle, his life is marked by minimal pay coupled with maximum work. A year ago, he opened for notable comedian Louis C.K. at a comedy club in Philadelphia. One would expect with such a huge headliner, an equally huge paycheck would be included. However, this is not the case; McDevitt only made about two hundred dollars for seven days of shows.

Even though he calls his life "miserable," McDevitt offered advice to his audience, "In a life like mine, you have to work. You have to deal with adversity. You have to stop people from screwing you over." He said that if you keep that advice in mind, you could make your own success.

"It's a hell of a business. You have to be strong."

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