



### FIRE ALARM FIASCO

Matthew Walsh

If your dinner was cut short by a loud, shrieking sound, you are definitely not alone. The fire alarm positioned in the cafeteria decided that dinner time was to end abruptly with an amazing arrangement of high-pitched noises. Many took to Snapchat and voiced their complaints about the very annoying fire alarm that decided to wake from its mechanical slumber. Statesmen from all around campus were left stranded on the sidewalk with empty stomachs, which led to the expression of some colorful and slightly vulgar words. Despite popular opinion, neither the Illuminati nor the religion of the Flying Spaghetti Monster were the instigators of the attack. Rumors quickly spread that an individual with malicious intent did it, but no suspect was found. The only information that we collected from the event was that the alarm sounded, then was silent for around twenty seconds. Twenty seconds was just long enough for the entirety of the mealtime refugees to return to their plates and nearly resume eating. The alarm sounded again signaling another interruption. Finally, the statesmen returned at 9 pm to finish their cheese quesadillas, hold the alarm.

### Today's Weather

Low of 61  
High of 85  
Rain: 20%  
Wind: 11-19mph  
Partly cloudy

### REMINDER

Remember to wear sunblock despite the cloudy weather!

### American Legion Jersey Boys State Social Media



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### FURTHER TENSIONS IN THE LAND OF KIM JONG UN

Matthew Walsh

Otto Warmbier, an American citizen who visited North Korea has recently passed away. The Chinese touring agency that led Warmbier into North Korea has now come forth with an important announcement. Young Pioneer Tours has now stated that Americans should not visit North Korea because the risk of persecution or punishment "has become too high." Warmbier was detained in North Korea because he allegedly stole a wall decoration with the hope that he could take a souvenir home to America. Warmbier was in a coma when North Korea finally handed him over. He was in critical condition, but finally died on Monday a week after returning from North Korea. This event highlights the current tension between the United States and North Korea. Heightened tensions may lead to a conflict between the two nations, and maybe even a war.

### RETRACTION - TACTICAL RETREAT

Chris Melillo

I would like to apologize that in the previous issue of The Jersey Statesman, I, as an editor made a mistake. I labeled the song played at retreat as "Taps". I would like to retract that statement and say that the correct title of the song played is called "Retreat" and "To The Colors". Sorry for the mistake, and thank you for understanding.

The Quote of the day is...

**"I hope the ambitious realize that they are more likely to succeed with success as opposed to failure."**

- George W. Bush

# Boys State News

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## WOT IN TARNATION ABOUT THIS GENTRICATION SITUATION?

Dermot Curtain

Gentrification is typically a problem faced by urban centers, but Pierce City is proof that rural communities face these situations as well. A recent influence of young professionals has led to demographic changes in this traditionally agricultural community. The Federalist Party, in its platform meeting two nights ago, decided to strike up a tone of compromise while siding with the traditional farming section of the community over the newly arriving young and wealthy professionals. The Federalist Party sided with the town's agriculture industry on most issues, but was unwilling to take up the mantle of "party of the farmers" in fear of scaring new arrivals away from the polls.

A key issue in Pierce City politics is what to do about the many undocumented immigrants who work on Pierce's farms. The Federalist Party voted to push for a measure to allow these workers to remain and work in Pierce City, as forcing them to leave could jeopardize the agricultural industry's labor supply. The party also addressed the issue of insurance-less undocumented immigrants who are forced to go to hospital emergency rooms for even the most basic care, as they cannot pay for doctors. The party favored a "prevention" approach by increasing regulation of farm safety to mitigate the problem rather than eliminating it, which was considered to be too much of a strain on the budget.

Standing against one of the most overt symbols of gentrification, the party took a strong stand against the gating of the community, reasoning that gating a rural community would be inefficient and ineffective. Equally strong was the position the party took on the side of gun owners suing a local publication for releasing a map of the many gun owners in the city. The Federalists unanimously agreed with the plaintiffs that the release of this information violated the constitutional privacy rights of legal gun owners who had done nothing wrong. The Federalist Party of Pierce City created a party platform that leans heavily towards the traditional farming segments of the population, but still strives to present itself as a "coalition" between the new class of young professionals and longtime residents. It has yet to be seen whether voters will see the party as a strong coalition, a party of farmers, or a weak organization unable to determine its own base of support.

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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Patrick Cao

Boys State statesmen have had the pleasure of learning about what it takes to strive in the world of entertaining others in the Careers in Entertainment seminar.

The statesmen were presented the seminar by experienced actors James Bracchitta and Malcolm Ali-Davis, along with professional stand-up comedian and author Chris McDevitt. The three speakers discussed the qualifications and the courage required to become an entertainer and the careers that span from it.

As an actor, Bracchitta had mentioned that hard work is the essential element needed to be a successful individual in the entertainment industry. He stated to, "always keep working. It's the only way to be successful in this industry. It may not be glamorous, but it's hard work that gets you there."

Coming from the stage of Broadway, Ali-Davis, who performed in *The Lion King*, explained to the statesmen that an entertainer's schedule is quite unpredictable "Even when you're not working, you're still busy. For me, one minute I'll be rehearsing and next I'll be trying to record my upcoming album," Al-Davis claims.

Taking a more comedic turn, McDevitt explains the harsh world of being a stand-up comedian and how to cope with it. He then goes further into detail by saying, "comedy is like a fighter. You have to be confident and almost act delirious to the hits you will take while you're up on that stage."

# Opinion

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## HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE

Brogan Collins

On Tuesday night, the Boys State delegation filed into the Yvonne Theater to watch a presentation on one of the most significant invasions throughout the history of war: D-day. The statesmen watched "Turning Point at Normandy: The Soldiers' Story", a very informative movie that recounted the attack on Normandy as well as the events that led up to and followed it. Code named "Operation Overlord", this surprise attack consisted of 85,000 Allied soldiers who were sent to begin the process of reclaiming Europe from Hitler.

The invasion took place onto June 6, 1944, and served as the largest military operation ever attempted. The movie utilized actual pictures and videos from the day of the attack to educate the statesmen about the harsh reality of this brutal attack. Former French resistance members, Allied soldiers, and Nazi fighters also recounted specific war memories to enhance the film's emotional power. D-Day was an exceptionally violent invasion, resulting in 200,000 Allied casualties and 400,000 Nazi casualties.

The movie also shed light on a clever American tactic, which was to convince the German forces that the Allies were going to attack farther up the French coast on the beach of Calais. The American Army, led by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, created a fictitious invasion led by General Patton and placed inflatable vehicles around Northern France to make the false attack appear more convincing.

Upon the film's conclusion, active soldiers and veterans took the stage in front of the statesmen to talk about their careers in the service. Many unique stories were told, offering different perspectives on what time in the armed forces can be like. The soldiers received an enthusiastic standing ovation for the sacrifices they made and the knowledge they shared with the statesmen.

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## REMINDER

Please remember to contribute to your city and county's manual. By writing a brief summary of your position in your city, be it appointed, elected, or self made, you can be a contributing factor to your city's and county's success in regards to best city and best county.

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### TUESDAY SPORTS IN REVIEW

Noah Roselli

After Monday's sudden outburst of storms that caused all sports to be canceled and all of the statesmen to shelter in place, the much brighter Tuesday forecast allowed all statesmen to truly enjoy sports for the day.

From speaking with many of the sportsmen, I believe the most accurate representation of what we saw Tuesday is reflected in Halsey County's response to one sports team's events. For example, when asked, one Halsey player responded, "Good," while another added, "But different than anything I have done at my school. The field is small but it requires all of the boys to work hard and fast. Everyone is playing to the best of their ability. We are all truly enjoying it."



# City News

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## MAYORS AND COUNCILMEN SEMINAR RECAP

Jared Fisch

Delegates appointed to either Mayor or Councilman of their City took to the Cavalla Room at the BLC on a stormy Monday night. The seminar began at 6:30 and aimed to teach the newly appointed Mayors and Councilmen about local government, and how to run their own.

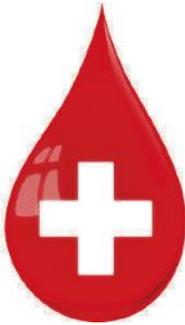
Ordinances, laws, and more were covered throughout the discussion. Delegates were invited to ask questions and join the conversation to better understand local government.

Finance was a big topic covered during the seminar. Taxes, including income and property taxes, as well as laws regarding taxes were presented to add to the overall finance understanding amongst Delegates.

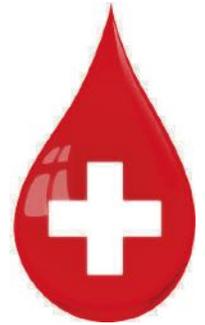
The thunder and lightning stormed on outside while a new storm brewed inside the minds of Delegates. These young men are now ready to work on their Boys State Manuals to be submitted Thursday accounting for 40 percent of the Walter & Evelyn Howell Outstanding City Award as well as 35 percent of the Harold & Lillian Eaton Outstanding County Award.

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### ATTENTION!



Do you have blood? Are you willing to support the thousands of people who need transfusions? If so, please go to the blood drive on Thursday, June 22nd. Please go to the Bart Luedeke Student Center to sign up! Tell your friends, the more the merrier!



Rider University, Bart Luedeke Student Center  
Donate from 12 - 6 on Thursday  
Remember, one donation can save up to three lives!

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## GOVERNOR STRUGGLES EXPLAINED

Angelo Facciponti-Mennella

The morning of Wednesday, June 21st will potentially be the most intense segment of the ALJBS gubernatorial election. All candidates of all counties will have two hours to run (yes, literally run) around campus convincing as many delegates as possible to sign their names to his campaign. Whoever does not have at least 45 signatures by 8:15 am is out of the race. Each delegate may only sign once for their respective party, meaning there will be many candidates left in the dust.

Andrew Fabiano, Nationalist EBO of Jefferson City, has set himself out as an outspoken petitioner for this position. "Responsibility, leadership, and patriotism" are all words Fabiano uses to describe his character. He promotes leadership in daily life by aiding the people of inner city Camden, New Jersey, through local organizations such as "Students for Change" and "Life Camp". These programs focus on service for the betterment of the community, which entails being "in charge of about 100 campers at any given time" who would otherwise "not have meals or a place to go during the summer."

Andrew's primary objective following high school is to join the United States Naval Academy, which demands of its applicants to fill leadership positions. Unquestionably, winning the ALJBS governor's seat would be highly conducive to his acceptance at the Academy. Says Fabiano, "I think it's something I can do, something I do have a shot at."

Andrew stands among many ambitious contenders for one of Boys State's most prestigious positions, all of whom will pose fierce competition. Even still, he remains confident in his ability to lead and can lean soundly against his Nationalist-heavy city.