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Looting Spree Plagues Grant City

Tyler Ways

The attack last night was very sudden. The woman claims that she was alone, and that she heard nothing beforehand. She was simply approaching her house when she suddenly woke up in a hospital bed in extreme pain. Sightings by the citizens of Grant City seem to confirm that this was another attack by looters, most likely attempting to take advantage of the young woman. They were scared away by County Sheriff, Lonnie Celbuski. The woman is still in the hospital, although she only suffers a minor head wound. Sheriff Celbuski had this to say: "We are calling in the state police to handle the situation without using lethal force. Anyone who is caught looting will be arrested and will be charged with assault, battery, and disorderly conduct."

Citizens of Grant are concerned about their safety, and have brought these complaints to the sheriff and other government officials. Sheriff Celbuski assured them that they had nothing to fear and promised that the problem will be taken care of.

Weather

Today's low temperature is 68 degrees and the high temperature is 85 degrees. There is a chance of thunderstorms all day.

Schedule

6:45 AM - 8:10 AM: Breakfast
8:20 AM - 9:30 AM: General Assembly
9:40 AM - 10:20 AM: Work on City/County Manuals
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM: Seminaras
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM: Work on City/County Manuals
11:45 AM - 1:10 PM: Lunch
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM: Gubernatorial Election
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Red Cross Blood Drive
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM: General Assembly
3:15 PM - 5:15 PM: Sports
5:35 PM: Retreat
5:45 PM - 7:10 PM: Dinner
7:15 PM: City and County Manuals Due
7:20 PM - 8:50 PM: General Assembly
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: State Party Conventions
10:10 PM - 11:30 PM: ALJBS Evaluations, City Meetings

Note: Check your personal schedule for more specific logistics and events!



Don't forget to visit the ALJBS Store during meal time and recreational periods! Also, you can purchase Family Day Tickets in the ALJBS Store.

LOCAL POLITICS

City And County Manuals Due

As most Statesmen already know, every city and every county must write a manual, detailing everything they have done and how they intend to address the problems they were presented with. These are essential to the awards for Best County and Best City; in fact, they are the single largest component, making up 35 and 40 percent respectively of the grades, matched only by the Boy's State Final Exam. Given their importance, it is absolutely vital that every city and county in the 51st state complete theirs by the due date and time, which is 7:15 tonight. If your city or county has not started their manual, now is the time. If you have not finished your manual, now is the time. Do not give up a chance at winning an award! Finish your manuals as soon as possible.

The Red Cross Jersey Boys State Blood Drive is TODAY between 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM in the Seminar Room of the SRC building! Come and donate!



American Red Cross

Nationalist Gubernatorial Primary Overview

Zohair Najam

On the morning of Wednesday, June 19, many Nationalists witnessed quite the gubernatorial primary. Many topics were discussed, ranging from prostitution to marijuana legalization in the debates. However, the most interesting aspect of the debates were quite possibly the speeches themselves.

The speeches were quite interesting, with various candidates experimenting on various ideas to gain support. Some candidates capitalized on the love for socks in boys state, with one candidate throwing a pair into the excited crowd. Other candidates capitalized on the opportunity by making a promise to end a streak of federalist governors if they were voted for.

Some speeches however were far from conventional. One candidate went as far as saying “f*** Thomas Jefferson”, which brought confusion as well as uproar to the crowd. To clarify, the candidate was dismissing a point that Thomas Jefferson made in support of Federalists; however the crowd clearly had mixed opinions on this topic. Other candidates relied on comedy to get their speeches across as this seemed to be their most effective way of getting through to their constituents.

Perhaps the winner of the entire debate was someone who was not only not running, but also not even present at this debate: Albert. Chants of Albert can be heard throughout the gymnasium with some gubernatorial candidates even expressing their admiration and support for Albert. Despite not being present and not even belonging to the same political party as those in the debate, support for Albert could be heard in chants throughout the room.

As the saying goes, the nationalist candidate may have won the fight but it is Albert who has indeed won the night.

LOCAL POLITICS

Legalizing Marijuana at Boys State

Zohair Najam

Legal Marijuana? It may seem like a bold and crazy idea but it may become a reality for MacArthur county. Originally proposed by Nationalist state senator candidate, Thomas Colitsas, a Van Buren native, this idea spread like wildfire through the nationalist party, with many primary candidates adopting the idea as their own. From sheriff candidate Ali to County Supervisor candidate Dennis, many nationalists recognized the idea and attempted to improve upon it to gain votes. Perhaps the most extensive plan for its legalization comes from the idea's originator, Thomas Colitsas, who explained various methods of taxes on sellers and buyers to generate funding for the county.

One Harrison City statesman questioned the feasibility of marijuana legalization to one candidate who unfortunately was not able to adequately answer the question. Thomas later addressed this in his "3 part plan" when he explained the various sources of funding, long and short term, that marijuana would provide. For the most part, statesmen seem to be for the legalization of marijuana as it seems to hold more benefit than harm.

MacArthur county has been going through lots of budget cuts and monetary issues, with Harrison City even going as far as proposing fracking, which many residents have claimed to be too costly monetarily and environmentally. What many hope to do with Marijuana legalization is to bring back MacArthur county from its slump and lack of funds to the flourishing beautiful historical area it should be and has always been.

EVENTS

Flying into the Military

Jamarc Simon

On the fourth day of the seventy-fourth annual session of American Legion Boys State, roughly sixty delegates packed into Bart Luedeke Center to hear from Captain Justin Frankel in the U.S. Marines speak about military aviation. He talked about import pre-pilot programs, flight school, and the benefits of being an active member in the Marines.

To begin, he stressed the lengthy process that it takes to become a Marine pilot. Because there is a long line up before training begins, the Marines strives to keep its privates busy and encourages them to get involved in different programs while they wait. Some of these programs include the MAT Program, the MCMAP challenge, EWS/Area Orientation, and AMO school. Captain Frankel believes getting involving in these programs is very beneficial because it sets recruits apart and gives them an advantage once they enter pilot school.

While in flight school, in order to graduate one must complete a maximum of fifteen hours of flying in thirty-five days. Courses that they must take include meteorology, aerodynamics, aviation physiology, land survival, and safety. Recruits must also complete a solo flight and accomplish all of their tasks while in the air. If one does not successfully complete their Introductory Flight Screening they may either be dismissed from the flight training program or reassigned to another Military Occupational Specialty.

With hard work comes many rewards. Active Marines members are allowed to retire after twenty years, receive full medical and dental insurance, and can receive bonuses up to \$35,000 per year. In addition, while in flight school, there is no commitment until graduation, recruits receive a flight pay up to \$1,000 per month, and are granted a basic allowance for housing.

To close out the seminar, Captain Frankel explained to delegates how they could become better leaders. Captain Frankel stated that successful leaders read often to expand their knowledge and are also humble.

EVENTS

What is Leadership?

Jared Zornitzer

Yesterday, on Wednesday, June 19th, Dr. Greg Wilson delivered a speech to attendees covering the ins and outs of leadership. He began his seminar by demonstrating the need to continue our studies of leadership, since the world is constantly changing due to the advancement of technology. Therefore, Dr. Wilson believes that with constantly changing societal norms, we must adapt our leadership styles and systems in order to flourish in modern situations.

To help us better understand the traits of leaders, Dr. Wilson first defined the word leader. He presented several definitions for the word, including “someone who takes you to a place that you would not otherwise go on your own,” “the process of moving a group in some direction through mostly noncoercive means,” and “the process of influencing individual and group activities toward goal setting and goal achievement.” Despite this, his very own definition goes, “the process of influencing and inspiring people to work toward organizational and personal objectives and goals.” Effectively, by introducing us to several definitions of the word “leader,” Dr. Wilson revealed how many people can qualify as a leader if their behavior is similar to the actions described in the definitions.

Next, Dr. Wilson covered some general abilities that leaders exhibit, specifically abilities to influence, persuade, motivate and inspire followers. Dr. Wilson stressed the fact that leaders must influence their followers by stimulating them to move from, in slightly scientific terms, potential to kinetic activity. In other words, leaders must spark a change in behavior of their followers by exposing potential changes to them. Also, persuasiveness is an essential skill for leaders to have because they must convince their followers to change their practices or beliefs and adopt new ones. On top of that, Dr. Wilson suggested that successful leaders

motivate their followers by aiding them in changing their way of life. Finally, inspiring others is vital towards being considered a leader because people in this position must be able to provoke followers to follow them.

Dr. Wilson concluded his seminar with an analogy between leaders and batteries, since both contain a vast amount of power. Leaders’ influence is derived from their tendency to control and define the beliefs and actions of their followers. Likewise, batteries are powerful because they provide the energy necessary for electronic devices to function.

Delegates Get Certified

Philip Brendel

On Wednesday morning, during the designated seminar period, an estimated one hundred and fifty statesmen arrived to get their CPR certifications at the Student Recreation Center. The boys quickly signed in with the American Safety and Health Institute instructors and were brought to the dummies. The boys sat down in groups of two to five around the featureless dummies. The instructors explained the proper form, technique, and protocol when dealing with a dead body.

The delegates were all able to practice resuscitating the dummies using mouth to mouth and chest compression. To conclude their training, the instructors showed the young men how to operate an AED (Automated External Defibrillators). Once the training period was completed, all boys were officially certified in CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation). Now, when these boys return to their respective hometowns, not only will they bring back valuable knowledge of the workings of their government, but also a life saving skill. The education of CPR during the boy state program is only one of the many ways that ALJBS provides delegates with the education necessary to help their communities.

EVENTS

Public v. Private

Andrew Yuen

On Wednesday, two guest speakers reflected on their experiences in the business sector, sparking discussions of the relationship between the public and private sector. Jun Choi, a renowned politician and businessman who revitalized Edison's infrastructure, spoke of the importance of networking and getting into politics. He explained that campaigning for Bill Bradley opened his eyes to the problems that plague our country. Businessman Matthew Vamvakis, who represented New Jersey as Boys Nation Senator in '96, discussed his tumultuous career that included both hardships and successes. He answered questions about his four month stint as a car salesman and how it led to his lucrative career as an executive director at J.P. Morgan; his overall message to the Statesmen was to strive for success no matter the failures we may encounter. As leaders of the community, we must discover our passions and work towards them no matter the obstacles that we may face, a message that embodies the process we enact here at Boys State.

Sports Results as of 6/17:

100 Halsey - 4 wins and 3 losses
200 Marshall - 3 wins and 4 losses
300 Nimitz - 6 wins and 2 losses
400 MacArthur - 2 wins and 6 losses
500 Ridgeway - 3 wins and 5 losses
600 Vandenburg - 6 wins and 2 losses
700 Eisenhower - 7 wins and 2 losses
800 Bradley - 2 wins and 7 losses
900 Schwarzkopf - 3 wins and 5 losses



The Vast World of Business: Wednesday's Seminar

Phalgun Garimella

The "Careers in Business" Seminar held in the Cavalla Room at the Bart Luedeke Center on Wednesday morning stood out from the rest: it had highly qualified individuals that had a plethora of experience in the business field.

The seminar was spearheaded by Jasdeep Singh, the Assistant Dean of Politics here at American Legion Jersey Boys State. He was a graduate of Georgetown University and The University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business, and then moved on to becoming an associate at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. He went on to describe his extensive experience in the mergers and acquisitions field in particular under investment banking. He described his resilience to hardship helped him rise through the ranks of his company; although he stated that his profession was difficult and tedious work sometimes, it was ultimately rewarding. He was joined by Matthew Vamvakis, a former Boys Nation Senator and a graduate of both the University of Pennsylvania and the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. He expanded on Mr. Singh's ideologies, talking about the various fields that business has to offer. Mr. Vamvakis utilized his experience as a private banker at the investment bank J.P. Morgan to motivate the crowd to consider the field of business. These two men were also joined by another business specialist - a graduate of MIT and a proponent of the technology.

The general consensus of the audience was that the presentation and the Q&A period were extremely engaging and useful; the resourcefulness of this seminar, among all of the other seminars, are the exact reason why seminars at Boys State are extremely vital to learn more about potential career paths.

OPINION PIECES

An Opinion Editorial on the Supreme Court: An American Failure

Sean Pergola

With the death of Supreme Court Justice Anthony Scalia in 2016, national mourning was permeated by a very different mood: celebration from the Democratic party. Scalia's death would have provided President Obama with an appointment to the Supreme Court, permitting a staunchly conservative position to shift into the liberal corner. Almost immediately however, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, on the behalf of Republicans, announced that he would lead his party to block any nomination proposed by Obama. And he kept his word, tenaciously obstructing the appointment of Merrick Garland.

And thus the Supreme Court seat fell into the hands of President Donald Trump. The Republicans had wrested control of another government body from the Democrats, who previously drooled over the opportunity to gain power. The whole situation reeks of political motivation. It's especially poignant when considering that the Supreme Court was intended to be an impartial and non-partisan check on the other branches. Alexander Hamilton wrote in "Federalist No. 76", Justices must be "...free from State prejudice, from family connection, from personal attachment, or from a view to popularity." Perhaps this is a perfect reflection of the naivety of the Founding Fathers: the appointment of Justices seems like a perfectly reasonable idea, based on the assumption that such appointments would not be tainted with political motivation. Sure, George



Washington selected his Justices purely based on merit, but neither Obama nor Trump was free of partisan bias. In fact, 15 of the last 18 Supreme Court nominees had eminent political affiliations to the party of the president at the time of their appointment.

If the mere presence of partisan bias isn't enough to invalidate the Supreme Court, then the unequal application of this bias demolishes all balance within the system. Justices do not serve terms, but are rather replaced as they resign or die. This means that, hypothetically, one president could appoint 5 justices, whereas another appoints none. Such an imbalance is not a reflection of the popularity of these presidents or their policies, but merely a product of fate. These 5 justices could then stay on the Supreme Court for an indefinite amount of time, long outliving the citizens' conviction in their ideas. Thus, the entire system is decidedly un-democratic in a country that prides itself on democracy.

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TONIGHT at 7:15
PM!**

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