



## **Terrorize This!**

During our first night here, endless speakers presented different views about government on the federal level. As the long night dragged on, an honorable man caught our attention with a grand powerpoint. He propounded pictures of public enemies, such as Osama Bin Laden, Fidel Castro, Hugo Chavez, the Times Square bomber and the Al Queda attackers of 9/11. His purpose was to represent the threat of said terrorists, how immediate and close to home they can actually strike, and how we, as American citizens, must hate these rebels with unheeded vigor.

Although this hatred of terrorists is well deserved, we as open-minded democratic individuals must see the issue from all possible perspectives. We must comprehend all angles before we can judge the situation. Did the speaker ever explain, during his direct presentation, why these terrorists are attacking us and our allies? No, he simply mentioned that we must object to all forms of it and fight it head on. But will that solve anything? Does fighting terrorists head on promote positive change? In order to effectively combat opposition on any level, one needs to understand why they are attacking us.

There are numerous reasons why foreign nations have a general dislike for the United States. To start, at the end of WWI in 1918, President Woodrow Wilson, along with the leaders of England and France, agreed to cut the once united Ottoman Empire into separate, small nations without any regard to ethnicity or political culture. This is the origin of the hatred that is so violently thrown at Americans from the Middle East. There was no ethical reason to break this empire up; they did not take any lethal action against the Middle East. However, Wilson, France and England decided to break the Ottoman Empire into "free" nations like Iraq, Iran, Lebanon, Syria, Armenia, Turkey and the zone of straits. This dissolution was only the start of a long history of unnecessary abuse from the United States against the Middle East.

Later on, in 1951, Iran was in economic turmoil. They needed change, much like how the U.S. did during the Great Depression. They had a problem: they could not industrialize without access to oil refineries. British Petroleum (BP) owned all of the oil refineries in Iran, and would not allow free Iranian people access to the millions of gallons of crude oil they owned. Without refineries, the Iranian government could not refine their crude oil in order to industrialize. Mossadeq, the democratically elected leader of Iran at that time, pleaded with BP to allow his people access to the refineries. But BP refused, and in an act of survival, Mossadeq nationalized said refineries. Britain was outraged, and harked on President Eisenhower to take control of Mossadeq. So, our president ordered the CIA to overthrow Mossadeq, a democratically elected leader. After Mossadeq was removed, the CIA gave Iran a brutal dictator, the Shah Faziollah Zahedi. He was so unjust and violent, that he was exiled within three years of being placed in by the United States.

## **Thursday Schedule Highlights**

**8:30-9:15**  
General Assembly

**9:30-10:20**  
Impromptu  
Campaign By  
gubernatorial & Lt.  
Governor  
Candidates

**12:00-1:30**  
Gubernatorial  
Election

**12:00-6:00**  
Jersey Boys' State  
Blood Drive

**2:45-3:00**  
General Assembly

**3:00-5:00**  
Final Sports

**7:30-8:15**  
General Assembly

**8:30-9:30**  
State Party  
Conventions

**9:40-11:00**  
City Meetings

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# SPORTS

## America!!!!!!!

Fellow statesmen, forget party lines, differences, and other things that normally break unity. The United States Men's national team brought down all these barriers in one fell swoop with a Landon Donovan goal in the 91st minute to land America the championship in group C of World Cup Qualifying. It looked like our team was going to be shafted by the horrible referees when they disallowed Clint Dempsey's seemingly perfect goal by incorrectly calling him offsides. Instead we scored on a beautiful counter attack and went the entire length of the field in less than 11 seconds to get the victory. In other less meaningful World Cup games, our allies across the pond defeated Slovenia 1-0 on a Jermaine Defoe headball to send them into the Round of 16. They will take on the champions of Group D, Germany, who defeated Ghana 1-0 on a wonderful goal by Mesut Ozil on a half-volley into the upper 90 of the goal. Despite Australia's 2-1 victory over Serbia, Ghana's goal differential was good enough for them to advance to play the greatest nation on earth on Saturday at 2:30 PM. The game is set to be a classic as the US looks to avenge their 2006 loss to Ghana when they were eliminated.

## More Epic Than The Illiad

I'm going to be honest with you I have never covered a tennis article in any capacity, but the match between John Isner and Nicolas Mahut has made history in so many ways this article will do it no justice simply because of a lack of space. The most obvious and prominent way the match made its way into the record books is about its duration. It began on Tuesday afternoon and won't end until Thursday for starters. At 5:15 British time on Wednesday the match had already surpassed the previous longest match ever. These gentlemen played for another four hours. The fifth set is currently tied at 59-59. John Isner has also set the record for most aces with 98 but almost ironically Nicolas Mahut would have set the record if not for his opponent's serving mastery. A video of Mr. Isner walking from the court to the locker room portrayed a man who was completely drained of every ounce of energy in his body. He looked as though this would be his last tennis match ever. If I were the director of Wimbledon, I would end the tournament now and just give the winner of this match the trophy and forget the rest of the matches. It would be quite ironic if when the issue is published the match has ended, but this seems highly unlikely as it feels this match will never end.

## Sports Scores

### World Cup

SVN:0-ENG:1  
USA:1-ALG:0  
AUS:2-SRB:1  
GHA:0-GER:1

### MLB

Boston:6-Colorado:8  
Detroit:0-NY Mets:5  
NY Yankees:6-Arizona:5  
Cincinnati:3-Oakland:0  
Chicago Cubs:1-Seattle:8  
LA Dodgers:1-LA Angels:2  
Florida:7-Baltimore:5  
Kansas:1-Washington:0  
Cleveland:6-Philadelphia:7  
St. Louis:1-Toronto:0  
Pittsburgh:3-Texas:13  
Minnesota:5-Milwaukee:7  
San Diego:5-Tampa:4  
San Francisco:3-Houston:6  
Atlanta:2-White Sox:4

### TENNIS

1 Federer defeats Bozoljac  
3 Djokovic defeats Dent  
5 Roddick defeats Llodra

## Ike Like Sports

The overall sports competition seemed to be anyone's championship to win going into Wednesday's game but one country took control. Eisenhower county has been the dominant force of the boys' state sports competition. They have come in first or tied for first place on all three days and look poised to take the crown barring a collapse and a poor showing in the marathon. This 2.5 K will have a major weight in who will win best sports county. Any runners who wish to represent are highly encouraged to do so and will be greatly appreciated by your county.

# Political Divisions

Boys' State has done a wonderful job of creating the general feeling of actually being involved directly in politics, long working hours, furious debates, hastily-made speeches and all. As seventeen-year-olds, rarely have we ever been allowed to vote for something more important than a member of our own school's class council. Here, we are electing people who will control of our very (fictional) lives. Even if not running for office, every member of Boys' State can be directly involved in the government, becoming more active than any member has been allowed to before.

There is a very obvious thing that differentiates this from the real world: political parties. Party lines these days are seemingly all we ever hear about outside of the campus of our mythical fifty-first state. Democrats this, Republicans that; seemingly everywhere a person wanders, the news of political differentiation is blared in the form of radio, newspaper, and television. On and on the news continues, each declaring that each political party is far more correct in their opinions than the other. And that is certainly not meant as a slight to any other political party, be it Bull Moose, Know-Nothing, Dixiecrats, Whig, or otherwise; but really, what the media traditionally loves to broadcast are the issues between the Democrats and Republicans.

Not that we can blame these parties for contesting with each other on nearly every given occasion. After all, the two groups do have reasons to disagree: each party tends to have divergent opinions on many key issues facing our nation at the municipal, county, state, and federal levels; each is very self assured that their way of handling the issue is the far more correct way; and each group tends to attract people of a certain mindset, and those in the "other mindset," or other party as it were, would be less likely to agree with those of a different mindset even if political parties did not exist. But therein lies the key: each of these groups was created from similar ideas. The political parties present at Boys' State, Nationalist and Federalist, were created arbitrarily, and thus they have no real problem with one another.

In fact, if anything, there should (in theory) be more of a schism within counties than within cities. The reason for this is the cities, having been together for a greater amount of time, start to form individual opinions that may not necessarily agree with the other groups. In addition to that, there is a far more basic reason: members of the same city know each other better than members of the same county. But this, though conceivably able to be present, is really very minuscule.

Boys' State is a very idealist place; but it really stands for something attainable. Here, in this very newspaper, we offer unbiased information to the masses. All of our political candidates running for office have clean political records. Everything that we do here is representative of how the government could work, without any monetary influence or influence of superiority. The political parties are necessary for organizational purposes, both in our marvelous fifty-first state and in the rest of our great nation. But animosity between the parties is unneeded and, as shown here through interactions between political and organized factions, unnecessary.

## Weather



Today:  
High 93°  
Low: 67°



Scattered Thunderstorms

Tomorrow  
High: 90°  
Low: 68°  
Sunny



Happy Birthday this week to:  
Robert Lasky  
Mike Kallimanis  
Berley Hanna  
and anybody we missed!

## How'd You Get Here?

Over 800 young men across New Jersey have been accepted into ALJBS this year, but how did all of them actually get to be here? I've talked to lots of statesmen, and so many of them have had different acceptance experiences. While everyone has met the same criteria with their impressive records, not everyone was accepted in the same way.

Jamison White, from Delaware Valley Regional High School, had to appeal to his peers for them to nominate him. He then had to be interviewed by his school. Millville Senior High School student Seth Van Embden underwent a similar procedure, where his teachers nominated him and he was interviewed at his local American Legion post.

Alternately, Cinnaminson High School student, Owen Vandergrift was accepted just through being chosen by his school. John Wingate II, from Keyport High School, was also pleasantly surprised when he was accepted just by being elected by his teachers.

No matter how each statesman got here, it is clear every single one contributes something essential to Boys' State and is extremely qualified to be part of the program.

## To All Veterans

On behalf of all of Boys' State, we would like to thank each and every veteran for their dedicated service to our great nation. You have sacrificed so much just so we can have the rights we hold so dearly. Thank you very much.

## Voting Stats

Cities 8,14,9 achieved 100% voter  
turn out in yesterdays primaries  
A total of 383 federalists voted  
salong with 392 nationalists voted

## Terrorize

Lastly, one has to realize that terrorists are trying to send a message to us, the citizens of America, through their drastic actions. They are on their last limb trying to tell us their distress. Do you remember the American Revolution? Do you remember the Sons of Liberty? They were a terrorist group who sabotaged the British Empire in order to lead America to victory. However, we as Americans do not call them "terrorists", we call them "freedom fighters". With all respect, some terrorist groups are freedom fighters for their own people. But who are they struggling to get freedom from? The United States.

Just like how the British Empire was once a vast imperialistic force, the United States is an empire today. And the abuses made by the U.S. which the public do not always hear about are felt by nations world wide.

Now, I do not advocate people to start blowing up innocent people for the sake of freedom, but when we as American citizens refuse to see all angles of the situation, these dominated people either fight or die. If we want to stop terrorism once and for all, we must understand the roots of the terrorists' cause and make changes in our own governmental system to be less abusive on fellow democratic nations.



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