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## Vote!

Make sure to vote for State and County positions today. Votes will be through an online form, so make sure you can access it. Remember, every vote matters.

GET INVOLVED!

## College Fair

The College Fair will be held from 12:00 to 2:30 pm. The fair will take place at the Student Recreation Center. Meet with admissions officers from top colleges!

Check Yapp!

## Sports:

1. Nimitz
2. MacArthur
3. Halsey
4. Marshall
5. Vandenburg
6. Eisenhower
7. Bradley
8. Ridgeway

## Political Chaos at City 15's First Debate

Luke Chai

As City 15 delegates returned back to their dorm from their lunches, the beginnings of a delicate political debate began to grow from the opinions of several different individuals. The political debate was on City 15's governmental structure, and particularly three stood out: an argument for the Mayor-Council-Administration, an argument for the Commission, and an argument for the Strong Mayor. The three arguments were not equal in size and power; Mayor-Council-Administration containing the majority of the room while the Commission and Strong Mayor consisted of merely one or two members.

However, though outnumbered, the lonely delegates stood strong. In particular, Ryan Blunt — supporter of a Strong Mayor government — stood in front of almost the entirety of the city continually arguing for his case. Every point Ryan would make was almost immediately answered by three or four delegates and soon it would appear as if the MCA were to be unstoppable in their goals.

Then a delegate stepped across the gap to stand next to Ryan's shoulder. Soon another, and eventually four more would come to stand with Ryan.

Furthermore, the switching of the sides convinced other members of the MCA that the MCA was becoming too unstable and chaotic to properly lead the City. These members would switch over to the Commission government and begin convincing other members while the main attention hovered over the MCA and

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Proponents of the MCA gathering and sharing their thoughts with the rest of the city

# Politics

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Strong Mayors arguments.

The MCA now had lost several members, and though it was still the largest party, it now had serious competitors from the two other parties that had gained new members. Ultimately, the MCA would win but the story shows us another meaning to the debate other than “winning” or “losing”.

The persistence of one man, against all odds, managed to completely upset the situation of the political landscape. In the beginning, the MCA was nearly unstoppable with almost every City 15 delegate being a member in the organization. Near the end, Strong Mayor and the Commission grew while the MCA lost the seemingly unstoppable power that it had. No matter the situation, the strength in one to continue is what seems to make all the difference in the end.

## CITY 14 Administrators and Elected Board Officials

Grant Choi

On June 15th of 2025, City 14 | Buchanan conducted their very first election. Blake Robinovitz was elected as Guidon Bearer; Joshua Kim as City Photographer; Will Long as Election Board Officer; Grant Choi as Newspaper Editor; Sam Fishkin as Athletic Director; Jeffrey Park as Postmaster; Aarav Motivala as Election Board Officer. Each person was asked about their new role from the election win.

Blake Robinovitz, the elected Guidon Bearer, stated, “I am proud to lead the way or make one for my city.” Joshua Kim, the elected City Photographer, explained, “I am fulfilling my duty in capturing the very close memories of my friends and other delegates. I hope

to continue this work.” Will Long, one of the elected Election Board Officers, expressed that, “voting transparency is very imperative. I will make sure everyone’s voices are heard.” Grant Choi, the elected Newspaper Editor, proclaimed, “No matter the background or skills of each statesmen, every story or accomplishment of each statesmen will be equally covered.” Sam Fisher, the elected Athletic Director answered, “I work with my sister city athletic director to ensure full teams are present in every sporting event. I want to see City 14 dominate this week’s events.” Jeffrey Park, the elected Postmaster, stated, “I am eager to foster effective communication from both in and out of Boys State.”



Statesmen from City 14

## Taco Tuesday!

**Lunch:** General Tso Chicken, Vegetable Fried Rice, Sesame Green Beans, Sesame Ginger Udon

**Dinner:** Beef Taco Meat, Cilantro Lime Rice, Steamed Corn Kernels, Cheese Sauce, Shredded Lettuce and Chopped Tomato, Macaroni and Cheese

**-Chicken Tenders, French Fries, and Flatbread Pizza served both meals-**

# Outside

## Tragedy in Minnesota: Lawmaker Killed, Senator Targeted in Political Attacks

Nico Cordova

Minnesota is left reeling after a deadly weekend that saw the murder of a respected lawmaker and an attempted assassination of a sitting state senator in what officials are calling politically motivated attacks.

On Saturday, State Representative Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, were shot and killed in their Brooklyn Park home. Police say the attacker posed as a law enforcement officer to gain access to the house before opening fire.

Shortly after, State Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, were attacked in their Champlin MN home. Both were shot multiple times but survived. They remain in the hospital in stable condition after undergoing emergency surgery.

The 57-year-old suspect, Vance Luther Boelter, was captured Sunday night after a statewide manhunt. Authorities say he used a fake police uniform and vehicle to carry out the shootings and was found with a detailed target list naming dozens of public officials, particularly those with pro-choice stances.

Boelter has been charged with two counts of second-degree murder and two counts of attempted murder. Officials also found a manifesto and evidence suggesting the attacks were ideologically driven.

Governor Tim Walz condemned the violence, calling it “an assault on democracy itself.” Security has accordingly been increased for public officials across the state, and leaders nationwide have expressed shock and grief.

In a statement delivered from the hospital, Yvette Hoffman thanked first responders and said, “We are lucky to be alive.”

This event marks one of the most serious acts of political violence in Minnesota’s recent history and has sparked calls for better protection of public officials. A memorial for the Hortmans is being planned at the State Capitol, St. Paul.

The tragedy has left the state shaken and determined to stand against political extremism and violence.

## AFTER 34 YEARS- United States Armed Forces Parade

Grant Choi

On June 14th, 2025, soldiers of the United States Army crossed the Arlington Memorial Bridge to make their way down Constitution Avenue. The crossing marked the beginning of a landmark military parade commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Army. Interestingly, this parade was actually the first hosted by the American Military since the 1991 Gulf War.

Specifically, the June 14th parade saw over six thousand soldiers marching. 150 military and 50 aircraft vehicles took part in as well: Abrams tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles, Sherman tanks, Apache and Chinook Helicopters.



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# Local

## A look Inside ALJBS 6/16/25

Luke Senzamici

The City 11 official Federalist primary shaped out to be very nice throughout Sunday with the decision to nominate current Taylor Township Athletic Director, Patrick Collins. The primary took a very successful, innovative turn on Sunday night when some of the group's more central players took control of the debate, calling on the official party platforms advocating for school safety, natural gas economic resources, and a stance against unsafe working regulations. These policies largely center around the issue of the new natural gas pipeline which Taylor federalists want to be located in city 12, Taylor's sister city in hopes that it can solve the city's unemployment issues, and bring city 12 residents to Taylor while they work on the pipeline. This benefits Taylor's economy, in turn putting more economic reliance on the power plant as opposed to a major economic source through city 14, which Taylor citizens have had an outstanding history of relying on.

Taylor federalists are looking to solve three issues at hand. They want to initiate the Natural Gas pipeline in city 12, avoiding all fracking, providing environmental sustainability. They also want to institute more school security in light of the recent bomb threats which have frightened many residents. This initiation will be done through reforming the city's public school pension and 401k system so that it can allocate increased public funds towards School Resource Officers (armed/unarmed), putting in metal detectors, and providing additional mental health screening to Taylor public schools. They want to have greater surveillance on potentially troubled students and hope that through a vo-technical program funded by the city, students can find work through the Natural gas pipeline. Lastly, they want all of

Taylor's employment/economic opportunity to center around the pipeline, which they have assured citizens is safe. In turn, they stop helping to fund City 14's Buchanan Industry after public health concerns over the new COVID strain, advising Taylor residents strongly against working there.

The Federalist Party of Taylor Township has truly put their best and brightest to the task under the leadership of Collins and counsel nominees, Aydan O'Halloran, Maxwell Na, Joon Lee, Nathan Misertino, Lennon Chrisman, and Dylan Aker. Nationalist officials haven't reported who their nominees are, making for a very interesting mayoral election Monday in Taylor.

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Public opinion of the grand parade was mixed. Critics claimed that the parade was a waste of taxpayers' money, as it was estimated that the 25 to 45 million dollars were budgeted. Others argued that the military was being used as a political weapon; A show of force to opponents of the current administration. Others thought that this show of military might was an authoritarian display. The prominent inclusion of ads for sponsors including Lockheed Martin, Coinbase, Oracle, Amazon, Coca-Cola, and UFC, prompted some to call the parade dystopian.

Supporters, however, praised the parade as being necessary to exhibit and celebrate America's strength and stability. President Trump vocally shared the same sentiment, commending the Army as being "the greatest, fiercest, and bravest force ever."

# Sports

## Panthers Lead Again

Abraham Pearlman

The 2025 Stanley Cup Final between the Edmonton Oilers and Florida Panthers has been electric. In game 4, the Oilers pulled off a stunning comeback, overcoming a 3-0 deficit to win 5-4 overtime. Leon Draisaitl scored the game-winner in overtime, making history as only the seventh team ever to come back from such a margin in the Finals and the first road team to do so in 106 years. This win tied the series 2-2 and had fans on the edge of their seats.

A big reason for the comeback was Edmonton's goalie change. Calvin Pickard replaced Stuart Skinner after the first period and made 22 saves, keeping the Panthers from pulling away. His saves along with big goals by Ryan Nugent-Hopkins and Vasily Podkolzin, powered the Oilers back into the game. However, the Panthers responded in game 5 with a 5-2 win, one victory away from repeating as Stanley Cup champions. Brad Marchand scored twice and now leads all active players with 13 finals goals. Sergei Bobrovsky, the goalie of the Panthers, made 19 crucial saves. Also, Sam Bennett was able to score his 15th playoff goal.

The Panthers now lead the series 3-2. Game 6 is set for Tuesday in Sunrise, Florida and if Florida wins they will repeat as Stanley Cup champions. However, if Edmonton bounces back, the series could reach a thrilling game 7. This matchup is turning into a classic battle between two talented and motivated teams.



## Bengals First-Round Pick Shemar Stewart Continues Holding Out Over Rookie Contract

Nolan Gabel

Shemar Stewart, the Cincinnati Bengals' first-round pick in the 2025 NFL Draft, is officially holding out of mini camp as contract negotiations have continued to stall. The defensive end is objecting to proposed language in the deal that could allow the Bengals to void future guarantees—an increasingly contentious sticking point. Stewart, the 17th overall pick out of Texas A&M, has not participated in any on-field drills during mandatory mini camp, though he is reportedly attending team meetings and staying engaged with the playbook. This situation has convinced NFL fans that the Bengals front office cares more about winning contract battles than winning games.



This standoff is unusual in today's rookie wage-scale era, where most contracts are boilerplate and rarely negotiable to this extent. However, the Bengals have been firm in negotiations, and Stewart's situation could set a new precedent for how the team structures rookie guarantees moving forward. With training camp approaching in late July and the season starting in September, pressure is building for both sides to reach an agreement. If a deal isn't struck by mid-November, Stewart could re-enter the 2026 draft—a scenario both the player and franchise likely want to avoid.

# Sports

## Panthers Showdown

Justin Yoo

2025 has been an outstanding year for hockey fans worldwide and for American patriots. To start the year off, the Four Nations tournament rocked the world with an innovative twist on an Olympic-style event featuring the United States, Canada, Sweden, and Finland. This brand-new style of game captivated audiences worldwide, bringing in new fans to the exciting sport of hockey. After a few days of exhilarating games, the final showdown was between the two North American giants: the USA and Canada. One thrilling game later, Canada raised the first-ever Four Nations trophy with a 3-2 overtime win.

This was a moment of pride for Canada - especially amidst burgeoning political pressure applied by President Trump. With his jokes of Canada becoming the "51st state" and his constant, almost nagging threats of a trade war, the age-old feud between the nations became only more pronounced. But instead of war or hate, the two nations resorted to hockey as their home ground. With Canada taking the victory, it managed to redeem the previous year's defeat of the Edmonton Oilers against the Florida Panthers in the National Hockey League final.

Once again, we find ourselves in a familiar scene. The Oilers and the Panthers face off once again in the Stanley Cup finals, and both have a great story to tell. The Oilers, starring Connor McDavid, are looking to prove themselves as a legitimate contender while the Panthers look to build a dynasty. While the Panthers have always seemed to have the upper hand, the same story that played out last year doesn't seem to apply this time around. The Oilers had a new drive to them that led to their deserved appearance in their finals and their contention to a 2-3 series. Emotions run high, as the next game decides whether or not the Oilers get one more chance.

But, this isn't only about hockey teams. It's about two nations in conflict proving which is better in the medium of a fast-paced, physical sport with - yes - fighting. Both nations have something to prove, and it shows when anyone watches the games. The crowds are sublime and the energy is exciting to an overwhelming degree. It isn't just a trophy that's on the line. It's a nation trying to prove itself in a sport it owns, versus a nation looking to establish dominance on the world stage once again. That's a lot to unpack in a simple game of hitting around a rubber disk. That being said, game on!

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