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High – 83°

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10% chance of Precipitation

56% Humidity



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Special Events!

-9:50 pm Legislation Signed into Law
@ Vines Center

-10:30 pm Farewell
@ Vines Center

-11:30 pm Session Closed
@ Vines Center

-2:00 pm All Areas Closed

Battle of Moot Court Review

By Alpha Mansaray
Staff Writer – Maury City

The Moot Court Competition between cities had boiled down to the two last standing cities; Washington and Jackson successfully weaved through the heavy competition lasting three rounds to be named the final teams who went head-to-head in front of the Boys State Supreme Court yesterday.

The earlier rounds of the Moot Court trials took place in the Lynchburg School of Law. The judges consisted of local attorneys, prosecutors, public defenders and criminal defenders.

"The importance of Boys State was to give the full extent of the government by introducing a key component of the government. This key component is law and Moot Court shows how the law protects society and its citizens," stated Pat O' Brian, head judge of the Moot Court trials.

Each city was given a side in the historic *Swift vs. Commonwealth*

case. In the final round, the defendant appealed the verdict that he was found guilty of the possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute marijuana, claiming that there was not enough evidence. The Commonwealth, or the state, tried to prove that there was enough evidence to convict Swift of the possession and distribution.

Washington defeated Macarthur on Thursday and advanced to the final round and took the position of the defendant in *Swift vs. Commonwealth*.

"We felt like we just won the World Cup in Africa," said Jack Melhon of Washington after winning the semi-final round.

Jackson proved victorious over Bradley and advanced representing Swift in the final. The criteria that was used to decide the final Moot Court case was based on whichever team made the best presentation of the case, how well the team knew the facts and how well each team provided evidence.

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The Idiot's Guide to Current Events

By **Benjamin Proffit**
Events Editor - Washington

Gentlemen of Boys State, if you were hoping for a solution to the 14.3 trillion dollar debt and the "ominous" debt ceiling sometime in the near future, you might as well crawl back under your warm rock and vegetate until Christmas. One would immediately assume that the Republicans and Democrats had sunk to the point of insult contests and making faces at one another.

In fact, the actual problem lies with Eric Cantor. Personally, I have nothing against the man. Decent, he's from Virginia, good with kids (maybe), and he's the House Majority Leader, who obviously holds the respect of politicians from all over the country.

At least he used to before he ABANDONED (worse than deserting

or ditching) the budget negotiations and left the fate of the American budget on the "brink of collapse."

Apparently, due to an extremely misguided attempt by Democrats to propose a tax increase to balance the budget, the wily Mr. Cantor subtly hinted at his disgust for the lack of compromise on the tax debate by telling the press, "Regardless of the progress that has been made, the tax issue must be resolved before discussions can continue."

House leaders are some sneaky devils, let me tell you now. One moment, they're present – the next, they turn tail at the slightest inevitable threat.

But let's be fair. If you had to preside over a bunch of politicians acting like teenage girls fighting over a guy, would YOU want to stick around?

In a much fresher part of the

country, the infamous South Boston crime boss/modern day Robin Hood/Sly Cooper videogame expert (it seems logical), Whitey Bulger, was finally captured today after a 16-year manhunt.

While this "Modern-day Robin Hood" may not play by the book, he DID get the job done. As a matter of fact, he built a hospital, baby beds, and a huge sign outside of New York that says "Yankees get drunk in a pool, Red Sox are uber cool!" As much as Boston appreciates this, New York does not.

In fact, the only reason Bulger was arrested in the first place was because some nerdy, vengeful Yankees ticket-holder managed to spot Bulger as he was having an intelligent conversation with the Godfather.

A Haircut of Justice

By **John Maggi**
Political Reporter - Burke

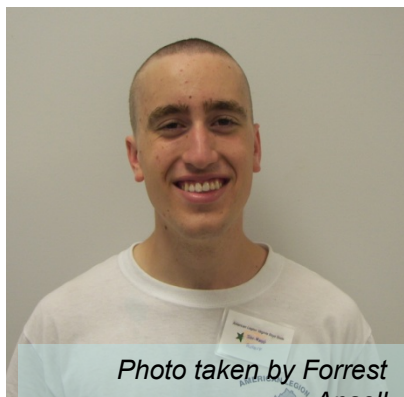


Photo taken by Forrest Ansell

Maggi, lost the Federalist Party's respectfully.

nomination for Lieutenant Governor. Why this tragedy has come to pass remains an unsolvable puzzle for the citizens of Boys State?

Over the course of Boys State, Maggi became known for abandoning justice, not those who shaving half of his head in order

to show his passion for the program. Symbolized by one half of the haircut is the prestige of Boys State, and the other half summoned the spirit of the Federalist Party. Women of Liberty University swooned and

However, city politics and corrupt deals clogged up the election, spoiling the vote and removing the best candidates from the race. The nomination for Lt. Governor went to those who abandoned justice, not those who defended it.

Maggi will continue to attract females and will continue to command respect. Wish him the best, for his haircut brought the best to the program.

But remember, John Maggi is not an egotist.

A historic loss for the Boys State program came crashing into Liberty University midday on Thursday, June 23, 2011. A well-respected businessman and



The Unofficial Boys State Song



Photo taken by Forrest Ansell

By **Brandon Trainor**
Political Editor - Marshall

On Thursday night, the citizens of Boys State were treated to a beautiful original song by Cody Ardec and Michael Shield from Marshall at the talent show. The song was so stupefying, so brilliant, and so revolutionary that it could easily be forever cemented in the lore and tradition of the American Legion Boys State of Virginia. Its lyrics are not merely some trite exploration of the Boys State experience, but instead dig deep within the subconscious of every citizen here, down to the metaphysical core of the mater at hand. For those of you who did not have the pleasure of hearing this masterpiece, the Gentlemen's Gazette will

now humbly provide you with a sample of the song.

"Boys State. Boys State.

CENSORED

Lots of lectures that I hate,
These guys keep me up too late.

Boys State, Boys State,
No girls here that I can date,
These boys make me speculate.
I really hope these guys are straight."

In the end, what can one take home from this wonderful song? Can it show the truth of what Boys State is or could it even help reveal which city is in fact the best? One thing is for sure, it definitely isn't Nimitz.

CITIZEN in the newsroom



Miles 'Chef of Propaganda' Manley

EDITOR IN CHIEF | PERSHING

"I'm going to throw up!"

The first time I met Miles, he took me under his wing. He guided me in his ways of fostering international acceptance between all peoples and informing the public of society's underground threats. Miles taught me not to trust anyone, especially those who trust you. You may not know that Miles is actually a citizen of the great state of Texas. And like everything from the Longhorn State, he was made bigger than life. Miles can power clean 400 pounds and bench press 95 pounds. But let's be honest, he's a teddy bear. When he was 4 years old he worked at PetSmart where a customer once asked, "How big will he get?" I may not be able to bring the Chef home with me, but I know his memory will endure for all of eternity. Without Sir Miles Manley, this year's Red Scare would have destroyed everything that his newspaper had worked to defend.

—By Jack Conroy

Daniel Park

**MANAGING EDITOR |
BRADLEY**

*"I'm fresher than
febreze!"*



Benjamin Proffitt

**EVENTS EDITOR |
WASHINGTON**

*"When Bear Grylls
calls me for help, it's
usually an
emergency."*



Cody Cleaver

**NEWS EDITOR |
PATTON**

*"Where are the
ladies?"*

Alpha Mansaray

**SPORTS REPORTER |
MAURY**

"hi"



CITIZEN in the newsroom

Deshawn Stewart

SECTIONS EDITOR | JAMES

"If you want to survive, use your hands. Take Action"

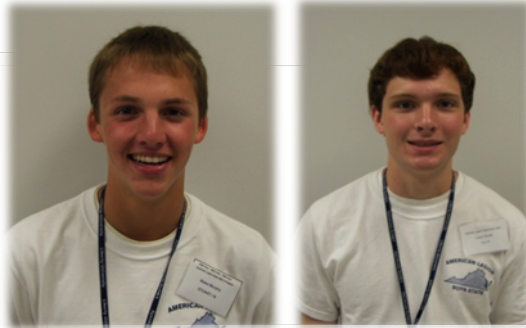
HAM does not exist. He is unreal, like the square root of negative one. He is the good-natured spirit found in children and the valor that causes men to go war. HAM is often consulted by all the big wigs from Wiener to Boehner, so he's huge. HAM also likes to help the little guy. His presence is felt throughout the world's soup kitchens and brothels alike. If we want to have a chance at a happy life, we all must go HAM.



Blake Murphy

EVENTS REPORTER |
STUART

*"What does the Lord
require of you?"*



Joseph Berselli

NEWS REPORTER | LEE

*"I don't hunt, I don't
fish; the only time I go
outside is to walk to the
car to go to competitive
cheerleading practice".*



Brandon Trainor

POLITICAL EDITOR | MARSHALL

"I have more swagger than a drunken pirate."

Brandon Trainor is from Marshall City, the dankest city on the planet. In the times he is safe at home in his bed, he spends days sleeping and traveling into space. He has discovered 12 new galaxies and 52 alternate universes, all in his mind. Mr. Trainor pales in comparison to no one, except for the mighty Jacob P. Vaiden, President of Boys State.

Charles Stolze

NEWS REPORTER | MACARTHUR

*"You don't have to like me,
I'm not a Facebook status."*

-- quote assigned by News Staff



in the CITIZEN newsroom

Vincet Polcyn

SPORTS EDITOR | EISENHOWER

"Sometimes it's just better to not take things seriously. When everyone gets caught up in the rat race, you can sit back and just laugh."

The only thing that surpasses Vince's kindness is his rage. He is a true gentleman. Mark your calendars for his canonization on September 31, 2011. But he also is a hard drinking man's man who would shoot a puppy if it crossed him. I often have nightmares involving his wonderfully permed patch of hair. When I heard that Vince was released from prison, I knew I had to have him for my paper. He is as skilled with the pen as he is with the blade, and his blade skills are legendary. But don't let me steer you wrong - he is great with the ladies, the women call him "tree-top lover." The men? They call him "sir." To be honest, Vincent "Vince" Polcyn has not done as much work as I would like, but I'm too afraid to say anything. He can't read so please tell him you like his bio, for my safety.



Jack 'That Guy' Conroy

OFFICIAL PROOFREADER | NIMITZ

"Have I said anything funny this week?"

That guy grew up hard, he went to the school of hard knocks. With his shady past of illegal activities that include but are not limited to pimping, dealing, and jay walking. Every one wrote him off from day one, they'd say "he will never show up on time" or "his facial hair is weird", but he is on a fast track straight to the top. While he spirals to success leaving nothing but a trail of envy for others behind, he turns and gives a metaphoric middle finger to those who doubted him. – (read in a Cpt. Kirk accent) By his loving boss Miles Manley, god speed and good luck Mr. Conroy

-- By Miles Manley

in the CITIZEN newsroom

Forrest Ansell

PHOTOGRAPHER | JACKSON

"Life is like a box of chocolates"

Fellow Boys' State Citizens - my name is Forrest Ansell, a loyal nationalist of Jackson City, a dedicated photographer of The Gentlemen's Gazette (notice my name at the bottom?), and the honorable Commonwealth Attorney for my city. Despite how fun it may be, I have not dedicated my life to news photography at Liberty U. Outside of this week, I live in Richmond, Virginia, where I attend Deep Run High School, and serve as the Student Council President and Fellowship of Christian Athletes Captain. I have also had the opportunity to serve as a news anchor for my school's daily announcements, the Wildcat News 7. I am very involved in my church as well as my community. My week at Boy's State is beyond words. I know for sure, this week will be a foundational experience that will go beyond getting an A in government class. After High School, I plan on attending Liberty University, however I have no clue in what to major, but hey, I'm only a senior, right? Hit me up, find me on Facebook. Im cool. I think.



John Maggi

POLITICAL REPORTER | BURKE

"The only way for evil to triumph is for Warren Nooger to remain silent."

John Maggi hails from many villages and cultures, but has brought his experience and business acumen to put the newspaper on his back. Through his selfless dedication and endless hours, The Gentleman's Gazette grew from a haphazard, poorly edited bundle of articles to the #2 newspaper in the nation. He shaved half of his head in order to add to the Gazette's special appeal, and ultimately will leave a lasting, personal legacy on all of Boys State.



Josiah Routhier

BIO CENSORED
by Staff Advisor

Gibson Hawk

CARTOONIST |
HENRY

"Your censorship is stifling my creativity."



CITIZEN in the newsroom



Photo Credit: Forrest Ansell

kyle west

LAYOUT MANAGER | PULLER

"I just want friends... maybe even on Facebook."

My Boys State experience could best be described by comparing it to being small duck, lost in a mystical magical forest where the only way to escape its treacherous gnarls of vegetation, singing animals, and devilish communism, is to run deeper and deeper into the center until nothing but bleak darkness surrounds you. Then, and only then, will the light at the end of the tunnel begin to appear accompanied by the smell of sweet freedom giving you one last push of motivation. Run to it.

If you are one of the chosen few who survives this perilous journey through the enchanted forest your life is changed forever. No matter where life takes you, there will be always be a calling locked deep within the recesses of your mind. This call is simply known as, "The Call of the Wild." May life give you lemons or Liberty food, the "Wild" will restructure your conscious and guide you in all decisions that will come later in life. No matter if it's a lifelong career orientated decision or simply whether or not you want to punch Nibitz in the jaw, the experiences gained this week will become the voices in your head.

Listen to these voices. They are full of wisdom. They are full of love. And most importantly, they are the sounds of the greatest small army of boys you will (most likely) ever meet. So, even if you are one of those who did not survive this adventure, I am sorry. May your mind peacefully float in limbo for the rest of your life. If you survived, congratulations. Hopefully, the knowledge gained will be applied successfully and not corruptly on the streets to deal dope or smack hookers since the state troopers at this institution believe, "That's bad."

Lastly, I pray that all the other enchanted creatures that step into Boys State will form the bonds we've made amongst ourselves. I've never felt so loved. I thought that the rape dungeon of a newspaper room would forever hold me in its grasp forever and never allow me to see the beauty of freedom again.

Stuart Declaration of Sovereignty

I. Preamble

We The People

of Stuart wish to formally recognize and record our grievances against the State of Boys, and also seek recognition. as a separate and sovereign nation of Stuart.

II. Greivances

Mankind must never succumb to the oppressions of an unjust government. The following list illustrates our grievances against a tyrannical and corrupt system:

- The existence of a City known as "Puller"
- The City of Puller
- The undeserved and abusive restraint of our people within the confines of the Vines Center (henceforth referred to as "Vines-tonomo Bay"), long after the release of other, lesser cities
- The lack of style, class (henceforth referred to as "swag") in the city of Puller.
- The forced cardio workouts put upon by the inappropriate and increasingly meaningless spontaneous standing ovation of the "citizens" of Nimitz
- P-U-L-L-E-R
- The obnoxious mealtime exclamations, like that one time that kid dropped that thing.
- The robbery, abuse, and mistreatment of our flag by the City of Bradley. They have stolen our flag, they have stolen our speeches, but they will no longer steal our liberty.
- The lack of creativity, integrity, or any sort of human-like intelligence from the citizens of Puller.
- The inappropriate treatment of our honored, disabled heroes by the unruly sheriff of Lee.
- The use of tacky, uncomfortable blue shorts in an attempt to embarrass.

III. Declaration

People of Boys State, we have yet to have the sleep to dream of the days we are the leaders of America. With this proclamation, we declare an end to the oppression of our citizens by establishing our own sovereign country of Stuart Nation. We will defend our principles and property with our lives and sacred honor.

Signed, Citizens of a Sovereign Stuart.

Farewell Boys State!