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"What Does the Lord Require of You?"

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Murder in Henry City

By Adam DePolo, Layout Editor & Reporter of Coca-Cola Corruption Crackdown

Sheriff Austin Cole awoke yesterday day morning face to face with multiple assassins. A blood-curdling scream shattered the silence of Henry City as an attempt on the Sheriff's life took underway. Citizen Gene Maslink rushed out of his room to aide his commander. The Sheriff, cornered by the murderers, caught sight of Mr. Maslink and pleaded for his assistance. Mr. Maslink dove at the nearest attacker without hesitation, stomping the attacker and crushing his body entirely. The other nearby beetles began to run, but were not quick enough for the heel of Mr. Maslink. Mr. Maslink quickly disposed of 10 black beetles, effectively saving the Sheriff's life and quite possibly the rest of the city. Citizens began to clean up the carcasses and treat the Mayor for shock.

Shortly thereafter, Mayor David Becher made a statement to the city: "I have just appointed Ian Howdyshell to City Bug Killer and Stephen Bendele to Animal Control and Insect Warden." The citizens applauded the new appointees and their respective roles, but Austin Cole, the sheriff, expressed concern with the possibility that this attack was planned. "This problem is getting out of control. I actually found myself surrounded by black beetles, and if it were not for Gene Maslink's bug stomping abilities I would not be making this quote."

Ian Howdyshell gave his input on the matter. "All I have to say is that the bugs have to watch out because I will not stop until all of the insects are dead. But first I am going to bed; I'm tired."

Stephen Bendele offered reassurance on the matter stating, "As Animal Control and Insect

Warden I will not rest until this problem is solved. Our two main suspects are Harry the Hawk and Henry City Citizen Cory Doswell. Cory Doswell had threatened the entire City of Henry with murder."

I risked my own life to interview the madman and he restrained his bloodlust for mere moments to tell me his plans: "Yeah, Imma kill'em all. No Citizen is safe! My beetles are making, 10 down, 3,000 to go. Had it not been for the meddling kid, my children would have finished the job."

Austin Cole recovered swiftly and lunged to offer reassurance to Henry City's Citizens. "As a man of the law it is my duty to protect the citizens of Henry. Those bugs nearly took my life, it's personal now. I will stop at nothing to halt his communist or KGB connections. It frightens the everyone that his party alignment is not Nationalist or Federalist. Oh, and he wants to kill everyone."

This ordeal has taken its toll, and Henry City's plans may not be enough to reassure the citizens are safe from oppression. Some citizens are still extremely confused from the intense assault, but others are unaffected. Citizen Thomas Fox said, "I for one am not scared. We have a powerful sheriff and shoes. They're just bugs." Citizen Patrick Gough remains delusional in the aftermath. "The sheriff was a good man. I miss him."

Will Cory Doswell strike again before the conclusion of Boys State? Is Doswell creating a ploy to cover Harry the Hawk? How many people might get close to dying?

We're Bringing Holy Back

By Thomas Le, Editorial Writer

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But not all is bright and cheery about this song. "It's getting repetitive... It was okay the first day, and [the choir] is singing well, but their lyrics are repetitive," said Alex Amico (Macarthur). It seems that the song has blown the receptor cells in our brains to bits, breaking our ability to withstand further musical assault.

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Just Good Politics

By Connor Currie, Senior Editor

The speeches for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General held many surprises for the citizens of Boys State. First among these surprises was the dramatic shift of all the candidates from their strong partisan positions earlier in the week to claims of bipartisanship during the election. All of the candidates, who had sworn party affiliation and unity above all else only the day before, now asserted that this election was not, in fact, about parties at all but about the best man for the job. Now obviously this is what is referred to as “just good politics” but it is still a jolt to the system to actually see this turn-about. The two-faced nature of the political system was clearly shown and the word “political” gave weight to its true meaning.

Also among the surprises at the election was the candidates’ failure to satisfactorily answer the questions posed to them. It immediately became apparent that all the candidates were more interested in equivocating and generally blowing hot air than they were in honestly answering the very simple and direct questions from the citizens of Boys State. Once again, this is “just good politics” but is nevertheless disappointing to any hoping for something different than the standard, hollow politics seen in the news every day.

The candidates also neglected to address the most controversial aspects of their platforms. The Federalists declined to say where all the money for their programs to “improve quality of life” was going to come from and merely stated that by increasing spending, they would increase “quality of life” in the state of Virginia and thusly increase revenue for the state.

For those of you paying attention, something doesn’t follow here. In order for the government to have money to spend, it needs to get them one of two ways: taxes or borrowing. The candidate clearly stated that he would not raise taxes so we can only assume he intends to borrow the money. Borrowing more money? Isn’t that why the federal government is in the toilet right now? Borrowing money in order to make money is a logical fallacy in the Federalist platform that the candidates utterly failed to address, simply making pie-in-the-sky promises about somehow improving “quality of life” (whatever that is) with money we don’t have.

Finally, the repetition of the gubernatorial speeches confused many in the audience. Citizens were baffled when Federalist James Payne II took the stand a second time and delivered, almost verbatim, the same speech he had delivered several minutes before. Payne’s second address took place directly following the Nationalist Attorney General candidate’s speech, prompting further confusion as to why the Federalist Attorney General was not speaking. After Payne’s second speech, the Nationalist candidate for governor, Caleb Johnson, also took the stand to repeat his original speech, leaving the onlookers to wonder as to whether this was all a mistake or some obscure governmental procedure that no one knew about. Or maybe it was, somehow, following the trend of the day and catering to “just good politics.” Whatever the case, any idealists attending the election were thoroughly let down as far as hope for an election without real-world political bull.

The CamPayne to End All CamPaynes

By Henry Hoffman, Reporter

James Payne took the stage yesterday as our governor, capping an arduous journey to the most exalted position at Boys State. He and his campaign team were often seen moving throughout the cafeteria team. This conglomerate was able to capitalize on Payne's charisma and likeability, but the road to the governorship was not an easy one.

Initially, Payne was not even considering the position. It took the convincing of John Franklin, who would eventually rise to the occasion as one of Payne's two campaign managers, to get James Payne to even cast his hat in the ring at all. Franklin, along with Puller City Federalist chair Steven Pitts, ran the campaign to capitalize on Payne's outgoing personality. Calling themselves the camPayne team, the duo and other members of Puller City approached tables of strangers, talking of Payne and his personal attributes. This, along with the election season high \$14.40 they spent on a poster and the voting bloc they formed in the Federalist party between Pershing, Puller and Patton (eventually called the triple P), carried Payne to the Federalist nomination.

After a successful run in the Federalist convention, the team spent late nights planning Payne's general election speech. They felt it important to discuss bipartisanship and to emphasize the similarities between all citizens here at Boys State. The camPayne team's successes provide a model of outreach and approachability that can be looked to by all of Boys State.



Case Closed...

By Stephen Lewis, Reporter

For those interested in the ongoing investigative case into the murder of Larry the Lizard, the case has finally been resolved. The sheriff of Puller, Royce Pinner, spotted Nelson Nutcracker yesterday at the flag raising and attempted a shot at him with an RPG before he disappeared. Though Pinner missed, flying shrapnel caught Nelson and gave him a flesh wound. Sheriff Pinner followed the blood trail and captured the squirrel gangster, who vehemently denied his guilt. After intense examination, however, Larry's DNA was found on Nelson's teeth. Nelson was quickly tried, found guilty, and sentenced to life in prison. Without nuts.



Delinquent Pranksters Discovered

By Stephen Lewis, Reporter

Yesterday, the culprits behind a string of recent pranks were discovered. Within the last few days, several cities have been pranked, in simple, harmless, yet clever ways. Pranksters apparently broke into James City and Puller City to raise blinds at random and turn AC units off and heat units on, resulting in temperatures in the high eighties in the rooms pranked. In addition to this, a piece of paper labeled "Patton was Here" was pasted on the door. This clumsy attempt at incriminating the city of Patton did the exact opposite: only a complete moron would actually leave his name at the scene of the crime, and I am more than willing to give Patton the benefit of the doubt in that matter.

The culprit was in fact the city of Jackson. In one of the first newspaper issues, Jack Kolb, a feature editor from Patton, called Jackson City citizens "no-good ruffians". Jacksonians were outraged and planned revenge through a mostly fabricated return story in the newspaper that told a facetious story of Patton. The story was not printed however, and Jackson devised a new way to retaliate against Patton. The plan was not well thought out, however. Earlier on in the week, Patton and Jackson had a standoff just after a basketball game, and tensions were high.

Thus, they had perfect reason to try to implicate Patton, and the finger of suspicion pointed directly at them. After pointed questioning, it was divulged by an anonymous source that it was indeed Jackson that had pranked the rooms. After talking to both city sheriffs, it seemed that from the Jackson side it was a harmless competition whereas Patton was a little more serious about it. The Sheriff Ravenscroft from Jackson referred to it simply as "a friendly rivalry to keep it [Boys State] light." Patton's sheriff, however, seemed to take the matter more seriously, but the two sheriffs reconciled during lunch and appear to have reached a common ground.

This questionable behavior is nothing new for Jackson. As one Jackson citizen put it, "It's not that we're trying to be the worst city. We just do whatever we want." Even though Jackson is admittedly rowdy, with the sheriff and junior counselor joining and even instigating some of the fun, a case could be made that Jackson is just that: fun. They might not get the Best City Award, but they are the frontrunners for the Funnest City Award.

Counselor Spotlight

By Henry Hoffman, Reporter

"If the Dos Equis man passed away, Mr. Bowe would be the replacement," said Brady Ronza of Puller City. Adding to the praise, John Franklin stated, "Mr. Bowe is a volcanic explosion of leadership and swag."

These are praises of citizens for Mr. Bowe, a revered figure and former member of the National Guard. "Being a medic in the 1960's was just like M*A*S*H," Mr. Bowe professed. He claims his favorite part of Boys State is working with the young leaders of tomorrow. On an unrelated but still interesting note, Mr. Bowe is an avowed cat lover whose past companions have been named Flashlight (his favorite) and Womsley. "They just come to me," he says of his connection to the animals. His ideal day is on a sailboat with twenty mile an hour winds, and we here at the Righteous Review find him to be an ideal counselor.



Boys State Got Talent!

By Ian Sayers

Last night's talent show was an amazing display of the varied talents possessed by members of the Virginia Boys State. All of the talents displayed were greatly enjoyed by the crowd but a few stood out from the rest, and I'm reporting on the top six (in no particular order) as talked about by various members of Boys State.

First on that list is the guitar ensemble, consisting of Forrest Link (Patton), Abner Castillas- Colon (Patton), and Garrett Doughton (MacArthur). These three musicians captivated the audience with their incredible, cello, guitar, and ukulele combination. Another awesome act was Drew Dickerson's (Burke) recreation of the inside his rendition of Chamber of Secrets scene. His photographic memory allowed him to play all of the parts in the scene, and he played them well. Whether or not he meant for it to be his scene was a hit with the audience who ate it up as a comedy.

The third on the list was the second Dubstep-Dancer Xavier Freeman (Marshall). He claimed he was a little rusty but the general consensus of Stuart city was that he was "SUPER NASTY!" Fourth was Reid Koutstaal (Pershing) who amazingly managed to get the crowd going with his rendition of "Chicken Fried" by *The Zac Brown Band*.

Many people were grumbling before his act about how they didn't like the genre, but by the end he had almost everyone singing along. Fifth was the incredible slap guitarist Sam Gray (Jackson) who played the song "Drifting" by *Andy Mickey*. This act was not only original, but also incredible. I stared in disbelief as he went from simple guitarist to one man band. Last but not least was bagpiper Logan Beveridge (Jackson) who played "Scotland the Brave", and "Soldier's Return". These songs were both excellently done, and many people were greatly impressed with his mastery over his instrument.

All in all the participants were talented all the way across the board. Every member of the show engaged the crowd, and got them on their feet, which made it a great deal more interesting than I was originally prepared for it to be. All around the board, it was a brilliant display of talent that was an outstanding representation of the quality Boys State citizens.



And the Elected Positions Are...

By Alec Kaloudis, Layout Editor

The votes are in, and positions for Boys State 2012 have been decided. Congratulations to the winners and appointed cabinet members, and thanks to all who contributed in the campaign, whether running for a spot, voting, or organizing events. Below is a list of all the elected spots:

Governor: James Payne II

Lt. Governor: Zachary Sprinkle

Attorney General: Chris Aguemon

Supreme Court Justices:

- Brent Harrell
- Calvin Pollard
- Todd Miller
- John Roddy
- Nicholas Ball
- Mujtaba Wani
- Joshua Copeland



Governor's Cabinet:

- Chief of Staff: Steven Pitts
- Secretary of Administration: JC LaRiviere
- Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry: Thomas Fox
- Secretary of Commerce and Trade: Sam Yoseph
- Secretary of Commonwealth: Ryan Koontz
- Secretary of Education: Josh Wallis
- Secretary of Finance: Zac Smith
- Secretary of Health and Human Resources: Youn Choi
- Secretary of Natural Resources: Hunter Morton
- Secretary of Public Safety: Dean Landes
- Secretary of Technology: Andrew Crider
- Secretary of Transportation: Tommy Dorsey
- Secretary of Veteran Affairs and Homeland Security: Jackson Nell



Sports



Table Tennis

<u>Competitors</u>	<u>Victors</u>
Bradley v. Maury	Bradley
Lee v. Marshall	Lee
Bradley v. Patton	Bradley (2 nd Place)
Henry v. Lee	Lee (Champions)



Basketball

<u>Competitors</u>	<u>Victors</u>
Patton v. Puller	Patton (15-10)
Lee v. James	Lee (24-19)
Burke v. MacArthur	Burke by Forfeit
Eisenhower v. Washington	Eisenhower (23-13)

Soccer

<u>Competitors</u>	<u>Victors</u>
Marshall v. Nimitz	Marshall (5-4)
Pershing v. James	Pershing (2-1)
Burke v. MacArthur	Burke (1-0)
Puller v. Jackson	Patton (5-3)

Volleyball

<u>Competitors</u>	<u>Victors</u>
Jackson v. Maury	Jackson by Forfeit
Eisenhower v. Marshall	Eisenhower (2-0)
James v. Lee	James (2-0)
Stuart v. Burke	Stuart by Forfeit

Football

<u>Competitors</u>	<u>Victors</u>
Puller v. Jackson	Puller by Forfeit
MacArthur v. Stuart	MacArthur (14-0)
Pershing v. Lee	Pershing by Forfeit
Eisenhower v. Wash	Eisenhower (26-0)

Euro 2012 Schedule

Portugal wins over Czech Republic 1-0

Major League Baseball Results:

Washington Nationals beat Tampa Bay Rays 5-2

NBA Finals:

Miami Heat (4-1) over Oklahoma City Thunder 121-106

Miami Heat are the NBA Champions!

P.S. LeBron James scored 26 points, had 13 assists, and 11 rebounds for a triple double performance.



Meet The Team

By The Righteous Review Staff

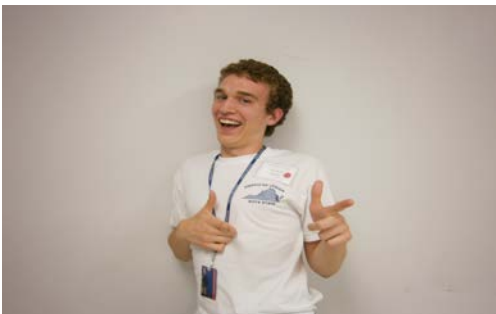
Name: Ian Sayers
Newspaper position: Staff Writer
City: Stuart
Party: Federalist
Hometown: Cleveland, OH
High School: Hargrave Military Academy
Hobbies: Swimming, writing, and sleeping.



Name: Conner Currie
Newspaper position: Senior Editor
City: Eisenhower
Party: Independent
Hometown: Arlington, VA
High School: Yorktown High School
Hobbies: Musical activities



Name: Kwaku Ofori-Atta
Newspaper position: Editor in Chief
City: Pershing
Party: Federalist
Hometown: Hernbon, VA
High School: Oakton High School
Hobbies: Cross-country, listening to music



Name: Henry Hoffman
Newspaper position: Sports Reporter
City: Puller
Party: Federalist
Hometown: Fredericksburg, VA
High School: James Monroe High School
Hobbies: Feeding birds, croquet, cow tipping



Name: Cody Fite
Newspaper position: Photo Journalist
City: Maury
Party: Federalist
Hometown: Newport News
High School: Woodside School of the Arts
Hobbies: Long boarding, painting, photography



Name: Alec Kaloudis
Newspaper position: Layout Editor
City: Marshall
Party: Federalist
Hometown: Fairfax, VA
High School: Hayfield High School
Hobbies: Guitar, debate

Meet The Team Cont.

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Name: Stephen Lewis
Newspaper position: News Reporter
City: James
Party: Nationalist
Hometown: Chesapeake, VA
High School: Atlantic Shores Christian School
Hobbies: Baseball, cross-country



Name: Alex Amico
Newspaper position: Sports Editor
City: MacArthur
Party: Federalist
Hometown: Alexandria, VA
High School: West Potomac High School
Hobbies: Football, rugby, movies, weight lifting.



Name: Thomas Guss
Newspaper position: Ads Manager
City: Washington
Party: Federalist
Hometown: Hampton, VA
High School: Hampton Roads Academy
Hobbies: Sailing, Eagle Scout



Name: William Dickerson
Newspaper position: News Reporter
City: Burke
Party: Federalist
Hometown: Coral Springs, FL
High School: Holy Cross Regional Catholic School
Hobbies: Writing, guitar, fishing



Name: Adam DePolo
Newspaper position: Layout Editor
City: Henry
Party: Nationalist
Hometown: Springfield, VA
High School: Fork Union Military Academy
Hobbies: Track/Field: Javelin throwing, Football, Enjoys disregarding females to acquire currency.



Name: Nicholas Leonard
Newspaper position: Cartoonist
City: Bradley
Party: Nationalist
Hometown: Richmond, VA
High School: Thomas Jefferson High School

Meet The Team Cont. Again...

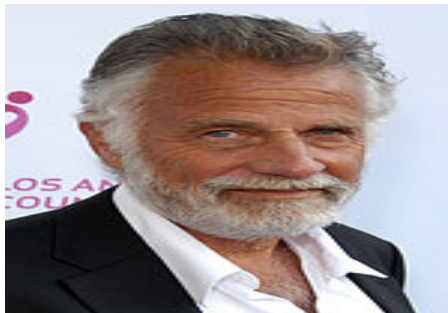
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Name: Jack Kolb
Newspaper position: Feature Editor
City: Patton
Party: Federalist
Hometown: Manassas, VA
High School: Brooke Point High School
Hobbies: Free styling, ultimate Frisbee, fine cheese tasting



Name: Pryce Fortune
Newspaper position: Layout Editor
City: Nimitz
Party: Federalist
Hometown: Chesterfield, VA
High School: Matoaca High School
Hobbies: Video Games



Name: John Sylvester
Newspaper position: Political Reporter
City: Jackson
Party: Independent
Hometown: Fredericksburg, VA
High School: Stafford Senior High School
Hobbies: Black and white photography, Tea Party Activist, enjoys country music, collecting vinyl records, hunting in skinny jeans, NASCAR fan, WWE wrestling



Name: Thomas Le
Newspaper position: Editorial Writer
City: Bradley
Party: Federalist
Hometown: Clifton, VA
High School: Centreville High School
Hobbies: Reading, writing, pretending to have friends



Name: Jake Jackson
Newspaper position: Sports Reporter
City: Lee
Party: Federalist
Hometown: Farmville
High School: Flugua High School
Hobbies: Sports reporting



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Farewell and Thanks for All the Fish

As this is our last issue it's time for us to say our farewells to our readers. From all of us at the newspaper team we would like to say how honored we were to have you read our articles, and how privileged we felt that you would allow us to stay up until 3am writing for you.



Check Us Out On
Facebook!

3 A.M. Club (People stayed up till 3 am)
-**Kwaku Ofori-atta** (Pershing) (3 times)
-**Adam DePolo** (Henry) (3 times)
-**Pryce Fortune** (Nimitz) (1 time)



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Boys State graduate in 1965, for
modeling the shirt



Missing:

Bradley Jackson

Height: unknown

Weight: unknown

Eye color: unknown

Race: unknown

Bradley was last seen never, which raises questions about his existence. Supposedly knows how to play “Danny Boy.” Since no one has ever seen him we have no idea what he was wearing, but we hope it’s not jean-shorts. If you have any leads or info please contact your local sheriff, but most likely you’re wasting your time.

