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Joe's Story

For those of you who would question my citizenship:

Let me explain where I come from. The Gardenhires landed in the U.S. in 1763. They left Germany in search of a better life.

While in the U.S., the Gardenhires have fought in every war, starting with the Revolutionary War. We have given a lot to preserve the freedoms of this country, and I am proud to be a Gardenhire. We have fought very hard to uphold the Constitution and I should never have to prove my citizenship.

My father has served in the military for more years than I have been alive. He served in the Navy for four years and currently serves in the Kansas Air National Guard. While he served in the Navy, he met my mother in the Philippines. They fell in love and got married.

My mother came from a very poor family. She dropped out of school when she was in the sixth grade. The sixth grade in the Philippines is equivalent to the third grade in the U.S. My father is also a dropout. He dropped out in the tenth grade. I am proud of my parents and all that they have taught me.

After getting married in the Philippines, my father was having trouble cutting through red tape to get my mother here. He wrote several letters to Bob Dole asking for his help. Dole responded to the letters and helped get my mother to the U.S. Dole has been one of my role models in life. After all, I'm here partly because of him.

I feel that the Gardenhires have contributed a lot to this country and an attack on my citizenship is a direct attack on my ancestors who loved this country. I feel that my ancestors and I have been spit upon by those who wish to question my merit on whether I belong in my position. I do not appreciate that.

Governor
Joe Gardenhire

Apology to Joe From Chief Justice

Dear Boys' State:

I personally apologize for what happened. What happened was a complete misunderstanding and we are very sorry. What happened was that a citizen brought forth a concern that a comment was made about the citizenship of our governor. We took into account the comment and believed we should set our personal feelings aside and rule on the legality of the issue. We felt in this instance we could simply clear this up by having Joe discuss the matter with the court. We were wrong.

By the way in which the matter was handled we deeply wounded Joe and hurt Boy's State as a whole. We should have spent more time with the issue and used our moral judgement to end the situation before it started.

The Supreme Court of the State of Kansas would ask you to forgive us for what we did. I pray that we can put this behind us and carry home the positive aspects of this great program. Thank you.

Michael Fry
Chief Justice
Supreme Court

From our Governor

The Gardenhires have been in this county from 1773. How dare anyone question my citizenship and to the people who take this too far, don't!

-Joe Gardenhire

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Everything has its time and place. On Sunday, when I got here and met some of my counselors, I would have to say that I was ready to go home. But I stayed, and its a good thing I did. From Boys' State this week, I've learned so much that I don't think anything else would have mattered. There are many things to be learned from this experience: Leadership and organization are just to name a few. But later in life, we'll look back and remember the experiences that we had and everyone that touched our lives and think to ourselves what we've accomplished now.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Thomas Ryun, my city counselor for all he's done and I would like to thank Chris, Justin, Sean, and Tanner Lucas for all the have done. They taught me to believe in myself and how to be a team player. I would also like to thank the medical office and especially Steve Peterson.

Thanks,
Dennis W. Bohnert
Wiles--Seitz

Met-Journal Staff

To whom it may concern:

A letter of apology was requested from me by the Met-Journal. Here is my letter, yet it will not be an apology. Freedom of the press is an issue that will always be present in a democracy. Yet, slander and libel are illegal. The newspapers must not be allowed to control any aspect of government, including setting their sights on keeping a candidate from winning. Many people have felt my cases against the Met-Journal were frivolous, however in all three cases the court found either joint-fault, which did occur in one instance, or complete fault of the newspaper's. The few major points:

1) Newspapers cannot commit slander and libel and hide behind freedom of the press laws.

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2) Newspapers should have no political control whatsoever.

3) Newspapers will be held accountable for their actions.

The media is not god!! I am who I want to be, and I want to be a model citizen fighting for his beliefs in true-to-life political situations for the common good of Boys' State. Thanks goes out for support to my county, Marshall, and my city, Klassen, as well as Boys' State as a whole. And a special thanks to David Geier, the editor of the Met-Journal, for his straightforward and sympathetic apology, you are the very type of man who we need to have reporting the news.

Thank you all,
Joshua Burnett

Matts Response to Letter

I would like to formally apologize to Josh Burnett for my editorial, "Tired and Apathetic." I meant no harm by writing the article. The truth is that I was bored on Thursday when I wrote it and needed something to do (like have somebody sue me).

Lawsuits between the afore mentioned person and the Met-Journal have been taking place all week. This entire ordeal has served as an excellent example during this governmental simulation of the power of the media in the real world. In other words, don't piss the media off.

Matt Hess
Janssen--MacArthur

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Letter From Sec. of State

To whom it may concern:

To begin with I would like to say that Boys' State has been an enjoyable experience for me and the others in my cabinet. I realize that because there are no real world consequences, lawsuits can run rampant. I think this is all fun and games and part of the simulation, but there come a time and a point when the simulation must be kept apart from the real world.

Today (Friday) Leo Khayet brought forth a question to the Supreme Court. Now we all know that Leo ran for governor and lost. He then filed a suit of conspiracy against the Federal cabinet. Now whether or not he did this because he was angry at losing the race or purely for giggles does not matter. What matters is that today Leo Khayet brought forth a question of Governor Joe Gardenhire's citizenship.

The reasons for doing this are unknown to me, but whatever the reasons are, he could have brought forth his problems in a different manner.

This act was a blatant act of racism that far surpasses any beaurocratic differences between Joe and Leo. I have lost all respect for Leo, and what's more, I have lost all respect for the Supreme Court who let this issue actually be heard before them. The simulation should have been stopped here and something should have been said by a justice. Joe's family has lived in the United States for over two centuries, and calling the issue of his citizenship up is not only disrespectful to Joe, it is disrespectful to the whole Kasas Boys' State. Please do not let your lawsuits get personal, because you might overstep somebody's personal boundaries. The fact that Joe is not white does not, and should not call any question of his citizenship. Both Leo and the Supreme Court should be ashamed, Boys' State should be about fun and learning, but for Joe and some others, that fun and learning experience has been ruined.

Sec. of State Travis Coberly

Dear Boys' State Delagates,

I sincerely appoligize to the Association of Farmers for the use of their name within the debates on Tuesday. If any harm was caused, I am very sorry. I will take the situation into thought next time I am placed in that position. Rock Kansas!

-Nick Migliazzo

Dorms Trashed

As I entered my county area after lunch yesterday, I was greeted by an awful sight. Every trash can in the room had been overturned and there were papers, cups and various other pieces of trash everywhere.

We were first instructed to go back to our rooms to make sure nothing was missing. Then we reassembled in the county area to talk with our counselors. We were told by all five of the floor counselors, as well as Executive Director Thane Chastain that the pranks had gotten out of hand.

Pranks are a way to keep things light-hearted here at Boys' State. An occasional chair bomb or a chant insulting another county are good for cheap laughs and create a bond in the county.

But going to someone's floor and desecrating their property is unacceptable. A chair bomb has never, to my knowledge, caused any more damage than a little start when it hits. However, "pranks" such as the one pulled against my floor, and as I understand, other floors as well, cause the custodial staff to take extra time to vacuum what the Staters couldn't clean up themselves. In addition, Thane Chastain has a very busy schedule. For him to have to go to each county and talk to them about what this sort of childish behavior can result in, surely disrupts his schedule.

As the counselors and Thane told my group, we shouldn't ruin such a wonderful week on the last day. We should move on from this and remember the fun we had in the days previous so that this is not the impression we bring home from Boys' State.

James Hurla
Haney--Kennedy

Quotes of the day!!

I hope you all had a good week and made many new friends. I hope all of you have a safe trip home and a great summer. I would like to say goodbye to all of the Powell County people that I got to know. You guys were a great county. I hope you all have enjoyed my quotes of the day here is the last one.

"In a world where you can be anything, be yourself!!"

-Jessica Sis Lucas

Brandon Wilmoth
Seymour--Powell

Truckload of Mail Stolen From McDonald's

A truckload of mail was stolen from the U.S. Postal Service while a driver ate dinner at McDonald's. Inspectors from the U.S. Mail and police were searching Friday for the 48-foot trailer. The trailer contained mainly packages and envelopes. The cab of the 18-wheeler was found abandoned Wednesday afternoon, a day after the theft. The U.S. Mail rig, was taken from in front of a McDonald's restaurant along the interstate about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. The driver had left it running while he ate inside, according to postal inspectors and police. The trucker returned after 15 or 20 minutes to find his rig gone and missing along with all its cargo. He told investigators he could not remember whether he had locked the tractor, which was 40 percent full of mail. It seems as if he didn't know that someone stole it. Postal Inspector Adam Thomas said the missing mail was to have been flown to other parts of Texas and other states. Senders will be notified if the mail is recovered, he said. The Postal Service is offering up to \$10,000 for information leading to the arrests of the individuals responsible.

Jared Soares
Whorley--Seitz

Porta-Pottie

Ryan Gentry from Seymour in Powell county magnanimously purchased two porta potties for this newspaper on Friday. The generous gift had a total value of twenty dollars, and Mr. Gentry paid for it with money out of his own dwindling bank account.

Mr. Gentry proposed the idea on Thursday to me. I told him that the newspaper would appreciate it very much (which we obviously do because there is a story about it in the paper). Yesterday Mr. Gentry's dream became a reality. His kind and warm heart has certainly helped bring this week to a fitting close for those on the newspaper staff.

Honestly, this newspaper has never recieved such a wonderful gift before and does not have the capacity to give Mr. Gentry the thanks that he deserves. We, the newspaper staff, are very gracious for the generous gift, especially since we have not had access to restrooms since Sunday. We truly cannot express our immense gratitude in words. Mr. Gentry is certainly the epitome of an ideal Boys' State delegate and an upstanding American citizen. We wish him luck in his future philanthropic ventures.

Matt Hess
MacArthur

Joe is a Citizen!

This has to be the low point in history of Boys' State. Leo Khayet was trying impeach Joe on the basis that Joe was not a citizen of the United States which he is. Also Leo has already tried to impeach Joe by saying he was not of legal age. By the way, the legal age is 18 and few of us are. I feel that this Leo is a sore loser and can't take defeat like a real American or even a man. I'm thinking that Leo is just trying to find any way to get back out Joe for beating him in the governor's race. Also what was the Surpreme Court thinking when they decided to go through with this whole thing? Do they not know when to draw the line? I have talked to some membbbers of the Surpreme Court and the vote was four to two, to go with this Inquiry of Citizenship against Joe. Micheal Fry did come to the paper and talk, and he had talk to Joe and they have got it worked out. So this next part does not included Micheal Fry or the people who voted no. I would like to tell the rest of the Surpreme Court that you need to know when to draw the line. By voting yes, you show you have no class and you definty should not have been on the Surpreme Court. That is just plain cold! Now back to Leo, I tried to get a comment about these but he was just planing stupid and was acting like there was nothing going on. After I told him that the Surpreme Court had already spilled the beans he said that "they can not tell you that because it was a closed trial." Leo left because the smell of him was starting to get to me. I also talked to Joe about this, he was royally steamed about these whole ordeal. Joe has made ammends with most of the Surpreme Court and feels that they are not responsible for these. I personally feel that Joe was a great Governor and could have done more, but too many people wanted to take him to court for stupid stuff. I'm very proud that I voted for Joe for Governor and I always will be. On one last note this was Boys' State not the real world, some of you took it a little to seriously. The Counselor of the Surpreme Court would like me to print this. "I mess up and I made a mistake I should have stopped in the begining."

Brandon Wilmoth
Powell County

Tyson's Drugs Raise Controversy

Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson is taking a medically prescribed drug to balance chemicals in his brain, according to Tyson's co-trainer Jay Bright.

Tyson began taking the medication at the advice of doctors associated with the Nevada State Boxing Commission.

Adrian Whiteson, the British Boxing Board of Control's chief medical officer, recently expressed concern that Tyson possibly has been taking tranquilizers.

"The doctors in Nevada felt it might help," said Bright. "It was a doctor who suggested it-- and it's funny that people over there say they don't want him to take it.

"What happens is the medication balances the chemicals out, and when something happens, he reacts properly and doesn't lose his temper."

Dustin Fox
Hiatt--King

Cunningham to be a Cowboy

Randall Cunningham has become the backup quarterback the Dallas Cowboys had been looking for. Cunningham signed a three year deal that will pay him around one million dollars this season as Troy Aikmans backup.

Cunningham was cut by the Minnesota Viking last week for salary cap reasons. After taking the Vikings to the NFC championship in 1998, he lost his starting job to Jeff George last season.

"We're very happy to have Randall Cunningham on our football team," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "We feel he certainly is a high-caliber quarterback, and has been for many years in this league.

The longtime Eagle quarterback will fill a valuable role for Dallas, who has seen Aikman out for extended periods of time due to concussions.

Dustin Fox
Hiatt--King

Thanx K-State

McGrady says return to Toronto unlikely

Free agent Tracy McGrady appears to be set to leave the Toronto Raptors.

McGrady, speaking in Los Angeles before helping out with the NBA's 2ball Finals, said Thursday it would be "real tough" for Toronto to re-sign him. He could get as much as \$84 million over seven years with Toronto.

"You have these veteran guys on the team that don't want to be there; those are the guys I want to play with," McGrady said, referring to Charles Oakley, Doug Christie, and Antonio Davis. "It's going to be real tight for me to consider Toronto. There's just a lot of stuff that's not right.

"It's going to be real tough to sign me back. It's going to be real tough."

McGrady averaged 15.4 points and 6.3 boards last season, emerging in the second half of the season as one of the leagues most dynamic talents and a highly sought-after free agent.

Asked if Vince Carter's recent talk about staying Toronto for the long haul made any impression on him, McGrady said, "Yeah, it helped."

"But verbally, it's just hard to go by that word, because things can change," McGrady said. "I really don't know as far as me and Vince's situation if he stays, will he be willing to stay if I re-sign with Toronto?"

Raptor general manager Glen Grunwald said he was surprised by McGrady's comments and could call him as soon as possible.

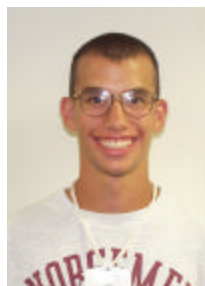
The free-agent market opens July 1, with clubs able to sign players starting August 1.

Dustin Fox
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**SPECIAL THANKS
TO MARSHALL COUNTY
COUNSELORS!
ESPECIALLY DAN!
DAN, YOU ARE THE MAN!
KEEP IT UP, WE'LL BE
BACK
TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR

-MARSHALL COUNTY
STATERS**

Horoscopes **(or just advice, whatever)**

For delegates

You get to go home in just a few hours, don't make anyone mad.

For counselors

You get to go home in just a few hours, make anyone mad you want to now.

From Pershing to Seitz

"Who's your daddy?"

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Join an activity. Oh, never mind there aren't anymore.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Overcoming an obstacle is difficult, especially for the short people.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Show you family you care, don't tell them what really happened at Boys' State.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Hernias are bad.

Leo (July 23-August 22)

Boys' State is almost over. "What the heck happened?"

Virgo (August 23-September 22)

Undermining people is a good hobby.

Libra (September 23-October 23)

Remember, Boys' State owns you. At least until you parents show up.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21)

No, shutting down the government is not a part of Boys' State. We are just a simulation.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-December 21)

Everyone likes beef. (Don't ask, I don't know where this one came from either.)

Capricorn (December 22-Jan. 19)

Thank you Kansas State University, you have a great campus and wonderful staff.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

Thanks, legionnaires it was an enjoyable experience.

Pisces (February 19-March 20)

You know your newspaper staff is ready to go home when the horoscopes get worse than the top ten lists.

Jeff Pommier
Perrills--Pershing

Top Ten Worst Pick Up Lines

10. All those curves, and me with no brakes.
9. My love for you is like diarrhea. I can't hold it in.
8. My name isn't Elmo, but you can tickle me any time you want to.
7. The only thing your eyes haven't told me is your name.
6. Baby, I'm no Fred Flintstone, but I can make your Bedrock!
5. If I told you that you had a nice body, would you hold it against me.
4. Hi, will you help me find my lost puppy? I think he went into this cheap motel room across the street.
3. Girl are you an angel, because you've been floating through my mind all day.
2. Are you free tonight or will it cost me?
1. I'm not trying anything, I always put my hands there.

Day In History June 10, 2000

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| 1682 | First Tornado On Record |
| 1692 | First Salem Witch Hanging |
| 1935 | Alcoholics Anonymous Founded |
| 1940 | Norway Surrenders To Nazi Germany |
| 1980 | Mandela Writes From Prison |

Birthday's June 10, 2000

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| 1921 | Prince Phillip (married to Queen Elizabeth II) |
| 1922 | Judy Garland |
| 1933 | F. Lee Bailey |

Blake Huff
Schmitt--Pershing

Saturday's Schedule

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| 7:15 - 8:30 am | Breakfast (clean city and county areas) |
| 8:00 am | Technical Run Through of Closing Ceremonies |
| 8:45 am | Assemble to Go to McCain Auditorium Parking Lot |
| 9:00 - 10:30 am | Assembly and Closing Ceremonies McCain Auditorium |
| 11:00 - 11:15 am | Final County Meeting City Area |
| 11:30 am | Delegates Dismissed |
| 12:00- 12:30 pm | Counselor/ Advisor checkout Office |
| 1:00 pm | All delegates out of residence halls |

Blake Huff
Schmitt--Pershing