



# The Stater's Union

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## Proclaiming Pujay

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Janssen, MacArthur

Pujay has been a cause of a lot of controversy here at Boys' State. He has insulted, misinformed, and caused a general mistrust between many Staters. He openly voiced his opinion while even at the risk of offending others. He was an advocate for free speech. He was a good man who told everyone what he thought. Even when threats against him stated, he showed no fear and continued to show everyone his unique perspective. His name was Peter J. Orsi (McCoy, Patton). His bio is as follows:

- Peter J. Orsi (<http://www.wcsks.com/orsip>)
- Wichita, KS
- Patton County/City of McCoy
- Highway Patrol
- AOL Instant Messenger – Prometheus 4485
- Email – [Johndoe04@anywhereUSA.com](mailto:Johndoe04@anywhereUSA.com) (for real)
- Departed – Friday, June 06, 2003 at 7:00am

Pujay had this to say: "I won. I wrote the first letter in the hopes of pissing a few people off, and it worked. I have worked as a file runner in a law office, and I know how things work. I broke no laws and made many of you look ridiculous for trying to bring charges against me. I had to leave



early to go on a missions trip (with girls), sorry guys. I enjoyed my time at Boys' State and in my time here I learned a lot about government and myself. I hope to hear from some of you in the future. Oh, and by the way, Pujay means P.J. and those are my initials. The Attorney General bribed a member of the newspaper staff for my identity. I'm flattered. Thank you."

There you have it. The true identity of the infamous Pujay has been revealed. How many of you knew who he was? If you did, I congratulate you on your skill and cunning in the detective line of work.

On a final note, I would like to address the Attorney General, Mr. Keithley Lake, on behalf of the newspaper staff. Mr. Lake, you got played like a fiddle. There was not one single staff member that did not know the true identity of Pujay. The fact that you bought all of our stories hook, line, and sinker shows how incredibly gullible you really are. Way to make your office and position proud, sir.

## Governor Ends Term

Brady Blevins  
Whorley, Seitz County

On Tuesday night, the Governor of Kansas for Boys' State 2003 was announced. On that same evening, Nationalist Mardell Maxwell was sworn in. Over the next day or two he got acquainted with his office, and started balancing the budget. With the budget balanced he proudly proclaimed, "The state of the state is strong!" Not only was he pleased with this, but as majority of the Staters were as well. Now with the budget approved, he finally gets to see his work in action.

In somewhat of a bittersweet ending, Maxwell was excited to see the culmination of all his work here at Boys' State, even though it's ending. One of the primary concerns of the Governor over the last few days was giving them the essential funding they required. As of yesterday, the counties each received \$200.

His staff has been excited about this accomplishment, as well as all the accomplishments of the Governor. Andrew Winetroub, Lieutenant Governor, said, "Mardell's tenure has been simply superlative. The administration in its entirety worked together in a gorgeous fashion."

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# AWOL Emblems

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Janssen, MacArthur

Yesterday, after the eventful morning assembly in which every county dressed up in the most outrageous outfits they could, a very deceitful thing happened. An act that is so horrendous was committed. This act is unforgivable, and the perpetrators will be dealt with in a quick and harsh manner.

This horrible crime was committed in the building of Marlatt. It went down, according to a very reliable source, as soon as everyone else in the building had left to go to breakfast. One county decided to steal the flag and banners of one of the other counties. They started with Marshall County's flag. After this, they realized how easy it was to commit this crime. They then proceeded to take the flags and banners of every other county in the building.

Emotions, upon the realization of the other counties that their flags are gone, promise to be high. Therefore, the repercussions from the robbed counties will be harsh. Assuming of course that the other counties can figure out which county committed this act of larceny.

A quote from one of the members of the robber county really sums it all up. "They are gonna be so pissed." Yes. They will be very angry. This reporter cannot wait to hear what the other counties do to get them back.

## Good Morning, State

Andy Boyd  
Hiatt, King County

The unique, individual, approach to the morning roll call on a very chilly Friday morning brought out some of the best, and some of the most God-awful disgusting, outfits that have forever blinded the eyes of many staters, scarring them for life.

A perfect example of this is the county formerly known as Marshall. Inspiration from some unknown source made them change into "Morning Wood County." I guess despite the attempts of Boys' State Officials, and the salt-pewter in the food, Marshall county still proved "excited" about spending the morning with 600 other males, with this destroying any thread of proof of their heterosexuality.



To contour this extremely homosexual act, the citizens of Eisenhower County enjoyed themselves in a hearty morning game of "Nutball". Nutball is a game where two people sit down opposite of each other, with their twig and berries in full target view, and proceed to loft a ball through the air with it's objective to land south of the border on your opponent. This game requires much skill, practice, and, well balls. Congratulations Eisenhower County on a game well played. Cody Osborn aka "Stevo" says, "Nutball is for me, dude!"

Pershing County decided to grace us all with their presence, while sporting boxers. We just thank the man above that they decided to come out in boxers instead of tighty-whities. It takes some amount of bravery, to show the world your under garments, and their effort is commendable.

Sikes County and their bizarre sense of humor thought it would be hilarious to do everything backwards. Their humor was lost on all but themselves. As much as we hate to break it to you Sikes County, "You're not funny!" Please if any of your citizens exclude their weak attempts at humor for the rest of the camp,

we will all leave a little bit happier.

Taking the gold along with Eisenhower County are the Kings of King County. Sporting the crowns they deserve, all of Boys' State was in awe of their mighty power. The makers of the Whopper had their own rowdy stater who to point out the homosexuality of Marshall County, dropped his own drawers to reveal a neon pink thong. He then proceed to dance in front of the "Morning Wood" County, as their pocket rockets remained at full thrust. They must have enjoyed the performance greatly.

## Parting Ways

Brady Blevins  
Whorley, Seitz County

We've heard the endless turnaround stories from Stater after Stater. "At first I hated this, but then it all started to come together." Well, as cheesy as this all might sound, it's true for many. Granted, the marching was rough and the schedule was rigid, but I think we all have to admit, most of us had fun.

There are times I sat in the newspaper room for endless hours of the wee hours of the morning. That wasn't always the best thing I could think of doing. At times sleep actually sounded like a good idea. But the next morning when everyone woke up eagerly anticipating the paper, it was worth it.

At the begging of the week I printed a quote that said this week would be "a little about government, and a lot about life." Without a doubt this is true. And not only about life, but about the people. The councilors and the Staters are what made this experience fun for everyone.

Now I know that it will be nice for everyone to go home and see their families. To sleep in their own beds and to hang out with their friends. But we will miss the fun we had here. We will recall the memories of the week with strangers that turned into friends. And, hopefully, we will all look back fondly on Boys' State.

# It's Not What You Know, It's Who You Know

Andrew Cott

McCoy, Patton County

For the last six days, I have been under constant supervision of the seal. That Boys' State of Kansas seal is plastered on every notebook, every t-shirt, every sign, every official piece of stationery and every souvenir. That seal represents everything we've been told this is for: God and country, liberty, democracy. In terms of a more immediate effect for the Staters themselves: leadership, responsibility, work ethic, and the components and lessons that are promised to change your life. Relegated as I have been to (not to say I haven't enjoyed myself) this computer lab beneath the room where we eat our meals, I think it's either far too early to tell or highly unlikely that I will be a different person because of what occurred here this week. Certainly, I am leaving with a better understanding of our system of government (though not as good as someone who served in a county or state office) and a fuller respect for what it means to wear a gold shirt than I had when I came in here. For me though, a humble newspaper reporter, this is not the most memorable thing I think I'll take out of these seven days. As mushy, corny, sentimental, and generally stomach turning as it may and does sound, I believe it will be the people I met that will stick with me. Relatively isolated as I am in my corner of northeast Kansas, I met and like to think I made at least mild friends with people from Kansas City, Wichita, the far desolate reaches of western Kansas, and the vast majority of places in between. And what an amazing situation this is that sixty people who have never met, never come together in any significant form,

and have no previous attachment to the floor on which they sleep, cheer like madmen when banners and general congratulations are extended. Is it the marching, or more simply maybe just the fact that I've spent the better part of seven days with these people, that can contribute to such a sense of pride and camaraderie? I don't really know. And for the sake of avoiding over analysis, I don't really care. I guess that what I really am is thankful for the opportunity to even be able to write a full column on this topic.

Whether this crippling outpouring of mistiness and sentimentality can be attributed to myself trying to fill the abyssal void of estrogen or the startlingly cold shower I took this morning, this is what I'm taking out of here at 11:30 Saturday morning. The best of luck to each and every one of you in your future endeavors, and please don't make fun of me the next time you see me.

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He also wanted to add, "I love big (Secretary of State Bradley) Cox!"

As for the massive tornado that hit Thursday night and destroyed six cities, Maxwell assured the Staters this could be overcome. This is thanks to over 1.5 million dollars in coverage. Eric Buell is partially to thank for this due to his insurance plan for the state. While the initial ideas arose early in the week, the final plans were signed off Thursday night, just in time for the tragedy.

When summing up his entire tenure in office, the Governor claimed that it's been "fun, but more importantly I have been surrounded by awesome people." He claims his last thing to do is to thank everyone who "helped and busted butt. Whether you were the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, a mayor, or part of the highway patrol, thank you." Making his list of esteemed thanks included the Stater's Union. "You've done an awesome job," he told the staff. "There's never been a lack of interest. It's been great waking up to you."

# A Fond Farewell

Your American Legion Advisor hosts would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the boys who took the time to participate in the 2003 Boys' State program. We know that each of you look forward during the summer and all of its activities and are especially heartened when we see the number of boys that take the time to further their education by attending this event. A special thanks to the office staff working behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly that made for a successful week. And a formal salute to the Staff, Counselors and Coordinators that have volunteered their valuable time away from family and professions to make Kansas Boys State the premier program in the country.

We sincerely hope that all of you took advantage of the curricula, classes and facilities made available to you during this brief stay. If history is any measure, many of you have formed relationships that will carry on well beyond Saturday's closing ceremonies. These relationships may continue on a social basis or, just as important, in the business fields you select following your formal education. For some, a career in the military may be in the future. Others may follow past Staters's into education or business. Still others may find their calling in the sciences, sports or even politics. Whatever your chosen direction, we sincerely hope that some of the concepts presented, discussed and employed during this week will be of value to you in planning and reaching the goals you have set in your life.

It has been our great pleasure to have spent this week with you. This experience, working with the leaders of tomorrow in our great country, is one we will not soon forget. We have seen many boys attend Boy's State and can truly say we now see each of you as Young Men.

God Bless each of you.



# Sports

Cody Osborn  
Crum, Eisenhower County

## Devils Take Game Five

Three unconventional goals in Game 5 put the New Jersey Devils in a familiar position -- up 3-2 in the Stanley Cup finals. Brian Gionta scored a goal and set up Jay Pandolfo for the go-ahead score -- neither of which went off the Devils' sticks -- in a decisive second period as New Jersey beat the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 6-3 in Game 5 Thursday night. "We knew the pressure was on us tonight, and I think now we've put a little bit on them," Devils coach Pat Burns said. "The team rallied around each other, pushing each other and giving hell to each other, which made my job easier. I could see that on the bench." Teams winning Game 5 have taken 13 of the 17 finals that were tied after four games. However, the Devils blew that 3-2 series lead with successive losses to the Avalanche two years ago. This game is still anybody's. Game 6 is traveling back to Anaheim, which could determine the winner of the Stanley Cup, or it could tie the series once more.



## Sosa Out for Eight

Sammy Sosa was suspended for eight games by Major League Baseball Friday for using a corked bat, and he immediately appealed the decision. The appeal had to be filed before Friday's game -- the first of a three-game series against the New York Yankees -- to make Sosa available to play.

## Coach Fights to Keep Job



*Rick Neuheisel of Washington*

Rick Neuheisel's four-year run at Washington might be in jeopardy, but the coach said he will fight to keep it. Neuheisel admitted he participated in an NCAA basketball tournament gambling pool, violating an NCAA rule that forbids gambling on college sports by athletes and coaches.

## Schools Sue

Five schools filed a lawsuit Friday to try to prevent Miami and Boston College from jumping to the Atlantic Coast Conference, accusing them of secretly taking part in an expansion plan that could ruin the Big East.

## Campers Go Nuts Over Nut Ball

Nut Ball surpasses every sport here at Boys' State and reigns as the all time most popular. It doesn't take athleticism, it doesn't take smarts, and it doesn't take money. This sport is virtually open to anyone with a ball. It can be a tennis ball, a tape ball, or even a baseball.

You can also use unconventional objects such as a dog bone or anything that can fit between the groin region. This sport was first started on MTV and has grown every since. Here at Boys' State, a group of counselors started the NBA, Nut Ball Association, and set up brackets to determine the true champion. One game consists of 3 OUCHIES, or vital hits. Two participants will sit about 20 to 30 feet away from each other and toss any kind of ball back and forth trying to score an OUCHIE. Nut Ball is all about the OUCHIES.

Also, you can't be basketing, which means that your pants have to be tight around the groin area. Thanks to the wonderful counselors here at Boys' State, many Staters have had the opportunity to participate in recreational activities other than the regular sports. Nut Ball could soon move its way up to be an Olympic Sport. Have a BALL with Nut Ball!

## Farewell Manhattan, I Have Loved You More Than You Will Ever Know



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Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Gerald L. Muminschantz, but you can call me Gerry L. Muminschantz. Nearly one week ago I, like the most of you, arrived in the busy city of Manhattan. Having never been to such a teeming metropolis before, I had to check and recheck that I had the necessities. My high-powered, high durability spectacles – check. My trusty, ever-ready inhaler to fight the scourge of my life, asthma – check. My best friend, confidant and oft-times lover, Mr. TI-95 Limited Edition PowerCalculator X – check. My 44-ounce bottle of Brill Cream to keep my near-always unruly moustache in line – check. A significant quantity Vic's Vapo-Rub to promote good respiratory health and a pleasant femme-attracting aroma – check. With that, I piled into my 1976 Dodge Dart with a collection of 8-track cassettes and set out for a week of adventure, sweat and learning.

After arrival, I soon found my way to Birk city in the county of Bradley. Here, perched high atop the tallest building I'd ever seen, let alone been in, I found my home. A modest room with comfortable furnishings, a fantastic view of Dara's Grocery Emporium, and a seemingly nice enough roommate, a gent named Butch. Boy was I wrong. Apparently Butch is not a big fan of some of the greatest bands of all time. Even after I had taken all the time to set up my phonograph table and moved my fairly extensive vinyl collection from the Dart to our room, Butch had no intention of letting me listen to my Mungo Jerry album. He even threatened to break my Starland

Vocal Band LP! But all's well that ends well, right? Butch told me we could listen to his new Mudvayne CD as much as he wanted. It was nice of him to share.

As the week went on I became more able to march with my county, often in time, and even found myself writing my own little marching jodies. As a caveat, my jodies are far less smutty than those of say Powell or King counties, but I think they can hold their own.

*I don't know, but I've been told,  
Stocks get bought and stocks get sold.  
Soon I'll be a CPA  
Trading shares everyday.  
Got my slide rule in my hand,  
Getting old folks' retirement planned.  
Now I say and you should hear,  
I really'd like to drink some  
Ginger ale.*

Now, some of you may be asking yourself 'Why haven't I seen this guy around state? He sounds like a decent fellow. What panache, what class he has!' Well, there's a perfectly good explanation for all that. You see, I have a problem that affects my sinuses – it's called 'Allergies.' Before you go running to get your SARS mask, don't worry, Allergies is not contagious. Unfortunately, Allergies does prevent me from doing pretty much anything that would put me into contact with pollen, dust, penicillin, cats, dogs, most barnyard animals, mustard, Lysol, paraffin wax, carrots, watercolor paints, methamphetamines, linoleum, Flock of Seagulls, saline solutions, chinchilla furs, and Alaskan King Crab. But, don't fret over ol' Gerry, I've made great friends with County Counselor Josh... He and I have had a number of rousing games of pinochle while most of you go to play softball or jai alai.

So, this afternoon as I take off and return home, I will remember all the fun I had, all the new things I learned, and all the people I met. But more than anything else, I will always remember what an impact we can all have on our cities, counties, state and country even if we are saddled with a debilitating dependence on inhalers and legally blind in 48 states.

## Opinion & Editorial

### Anarchist Activities

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Janssen, MacArthur

Yesterday, at approximately 9:30am, the MacArthur County Commissioner signed a document declaring that the County of MacArthur was seceding from the State and becoming its own state. The new Governor for the State of MacArthur would have been Robert Rielly. Mr. Rielly had the succession very well planned out. However, the computer simulation does not allow for successions, so the new state cannot be officially recognized. The MacArthur County Commission still considers themselves and independent state in the role-playing sense though. Now if only everyone else will recognize their State.

Other anarchist activities have also been going on. People have been kidnapped, robbed, and slandered. One instance was even the imbezement of about \$6000. Some have even been removed from their offices.

The reason that nearly all of the people behind these different activities give for doing those things is that they simply wanted something to do.

Ladies and gentlemen, we have just seen the power of bored people in large numbers. Fantastic work.

# KENNEDY COUNTY

**The Best County**

Special thanks to Robert Collins for his service as our leader. Congratulations and good luck on your new job and marriage.



Haney, Finley and Gardner: Great Job!  
The memories we made on the fourth floor of Goodnow will never be forgotten.  
Especially the nutball/nuttape games.

We had the greatest city counselors at  
Boys' State.

Thanks to Matt, Joe, KC, and Danny.

# **Congratulations!**

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