



# The Stater's Union

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## Lights, Camera, WOW! Highway Patrol

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Last night was what many may consider the highlight of Boys' State. Last night was the talent show, which was artfully titled, *Gangster Piece Theater*. The narrator for the evening was the honorable Ben Procter. Mr. Procter was quite the crowd pleaser. While he was performing his pieces, the crowd could not contain the laughter. One viewer of the evenings performance was quoted saying, "Ben's performance was expletive awesome."

Another well accepted part of the show was the "father and son" bit. The father was quit funny and mirrored many of our own fathers. The son was also quite funny. He was the perfect example for how most people our age would act. In short, the "father and son" bit was a beer chuggin' good time.

The two afore mentioned acts were good. However, judging by crowd response and a very brief poll, they were not the absolute best performances. Three other performances were.

The first performance that was one of the best was that of Nick Weiser (Spigarelli, Powell) who played the piano like no one else could. Everything he played he owned. He took the simple Peanuts song and turned it into a Weiser song. That boy should be playing the piano professionally.



The second performance that was one of the best was that of Brian Walden (Newman, Patton) accompanied by Benet Braun (Birk, Bradley) who performed the song "Lost in the Darkness." Mr. Walden could sing! I don't know why he isn't on tour right now with a record deal. He should be in the big times.

The last performance that was of Mike Zimmers (Marlatt Hall Coordinator) who sang "American Pie." Though it was one of the best songs, there is not much I can say. The standing, swaying, and clapping along to music spoke for itself.

Finally, I would like to close by giving a hop and a skip and quoting our friendly fairy friend, "The end."

Hale Sloan

Aylward, Bradley County

You have the right to. This statement rings with a humongous amount of truth. Although when you hear these lines you might not be having the best day, you are protected by these rights. Highway patrol training started on Wednesday with some excellent adventures.

If you were one of the chosen, you would have been able to tear around the assembly parking lot in a John Deere gator. The first time was a joy ride around the course but the second time the gloves come off. If you have ever worn intoxication glasses, you might have an idea. These glasses have the effect of .15-.20 blood alcohol content. Whoa!

The main focus was safety, making sure that all procedures would ensure public as well as professional well-being. Education of the public is a growing practice -- prevention instead of detention. A quick note from the highway patrol officers when you see an emergency vehicle remember to move over and keep emergency situations safe.

Most delegates felt lucky and were enthused about selection for the highway patrol. Charles Collins McCoy, Patton County "Awesome, the coolest job around, I am looking forward to after lunch." The delegates drove the highway patrol cars around the parking lot during the traffic stop simulation. From the views of the participants it is clear that these government positions are exciting and eventful.

# Bringing It All Together

Brady Blevins  
Whorley, Seitz County

If you see Mardell Maxwell walking through the Boys' State campus, a congratulations is definitely in order. Not only did Maxwell win the highest office at Boys' State in a landslide vote, he did so by uniting two polar opposite parties. Now that he has been sworn in, it's his job to do our state justice.

His first order of business on his first day in office was tackling the budget. This was time consuming ordeal that stole most of his time yesterday. A few key staffers assisting Maxwell include Dusty Johnson, his Chief Advisor, Wade Walker, the State Treasurer, and Andrew Winetroub, the Lieutenant Governor.

So far Maxwell claims to be having a blast. His description of office: "fun." Johnson says that Maxwell has formed a "Great team that has really been cooperating." Winetroub, who's is on that team, describes his office so far as "jovial."

Not only have they been cooperating, they've really been busily on task. They have turned a deficit of \$24,500 into a high surplus. While this is quite a task, it was about all that was accomplished. More work will surely follow tomorrow. And what does this consist of? According to Maxwell he will "begin helping cities and counties and improving the state."

The anticipated success in such a job will come from Maxwell and his crew. Walker thinks it'll be possible because Maxwell "brings it all together." Throughout the week we will find if he has what it takes to bring our state together.

# Budget Hearings

Adam Deines  
Kyle, Marshall County

A sense of cooperation and a lack of real conflict ruled the Joint Committee meetings yesterday morning. All eight committees met yesterday and prospective budgets were tweaked and/or passed with little difficulty, leaving some Joint Committee's with extra time to look ahead to the coming legislature sessions.

The day started with a budget briefing from Governor, Mardell Maxwell, Lieutenant Governor, Andrew Winetroub, and Chief Advisor to the Governor, Dusty Johnson. After a question and answer period, the Legislature members were dismissed to their respective rooms. Upon arriving at their meeting rooms, each committee listened to different associations lobby for their own budget recommendations. The Governor and his entourage also visited the committee's, in order to give a more detailed report on their specific section of the budget.

The Governor's budget proposal was met with extreme

approval from almost all of the Joint Committees. Every group that I talked to said they only made minor adjustments to their prospective budgets. Many had nothing but praises for Governor Maxwell. Adam Hilley, the Senate Committee Chair for the Crime and Judiciary Committee said, "Especially for the time he was given, he did an amazing job." Stephen Smith from McCoy in Patton County said, "He knows what the people want already."

There were, however, some who did not agree with what the Governor was trying to do. Kelly King from King County, had this to say about the higher taxes for the wealthy. "I don't want them to pay that much (in taxes)."

After his trip to all of the Committees, Maxwell was confident in his effort to keep his budget mostly unchanged. "I think we have a really good plan and we are working hard with everyone, so I think it is being accepted pretty well," he said.

The next legislative session will be the real determining factor in how much of the proposed budget is unchanged. Each committee will present their version of their budget and the legislature will vote on it as a whole. Feel free to talk to your local committee man and maybe even lobby for you own personal interests.

## Pujay Raps At Ya Again

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Our founding fathers decided that the first Amendment to the Constitution should be the freedom of speech. I have used this freedom in my evaluations of the political scheme. The now-out-of-work Federalist precinct leaders have launched a personal vendetta against me in which they plan to sue The Pujay without knowing who I am. I have used intermediaries to recruit supporters of the First Amendment as my lawyers, and if the issue is pushed further I also plan to press charges against anyone who tries to infringe on our right to speak. Their reasons for suing include slander and degrading character. I spoke to an associate and we struck a deal to reveal my identity. I never spoke to anyone of you, and I don't have respect for people who spread gossip. I understand that the Attorney General is offering "complete immunity" for turning myself in now . . . right. Being the logical person that you must be, you must realize that this, in conjunction with the founding of the KBI for the sole purpose of finding me really only makes you look weak. I am now offering a fifty Boys' State dollar reward if anyone can find an Attorney General who would concern himself with his own responsibilities, rather than silly deals and rumors. Peace out!

-- Pujay -- (Pronounce the "j" as an "h" . . . It's Columbian.)

# Opinions & Editorials

## The Notorious Pujay

By Mitch Evans

Opinions on the infamous Pujay vary as much as, if not more, than Pujay's ever-changing views on the political parties of our Boys' State government. In the past two editions of the Stater's Union a mystery writer going by the alias "Pujay" has voiced his thoughts on political parties and candidates. Through interviews with everyday Staters on top of discussions with red, blue and yellow shirts, I feel as if I have a decent grasp upon what this camp thinks of Pujay.

The greater half of the Federalist party seem to have strong views of Pujay, seeing him as a misinformed, self-destructing member of the Federalist party himself. A great part of the Nationalist party also has strong views on Pujay, most notably because of the correlation he produced between Nationalists and a fascist party in the world wars. Whether Federalist or Nationalist, both parties' extremists want more than just to sit down and chat with the notorious Pujay. The spectrum of shirts officials are oftentimes not displeased with Pujay's writing. Again the correlation between Nationalists and the fascist party that Pujay had published was going too far. The KBI is also on the search for the man hiding behind the alias "Pujay" and were interviewing many 'Stater's on Wednesday.

Many boys have different opinions than that of extreme federalists and/or nationalists. They say things such as, "Everyone should just leave him alone, he has a right to his own opinions," and even, "Pujay's an entertaining guy. While

I feel a little guilty about it, I'd like to hear more from him." The group with thoughts such as these primarily consists of Staters that are either tired of hearing people cry about him, or cannot get enough of him. They feel that he corrected his error with the correlation of Nationalists to fascists with his second Stater's Views column. Many of them think that Pujay's main objective is to stir up controversy, which very well might be true. If so, it worked. Through two columns in two days, Pujay has caught the interest, if only for a minute, of everyone at Boys' State. His controversial columns have created lawsuits, investigations, countless conversations, references in speeches, and this article.

## Staters' Views

I, Mark Nelson, aka "Big Daddy," am greatly disappointed in the actions of "Pujay." Pujay has called me an ogre and a coward. Well Staters, and Pujay, it takes a coward and a bully to attack a person or a party under the protection policy of the newspaper. Despite me being disappointed in the actions of Pujay, I am not; however, angry because Pujay must feel pretty low about himself for him to downsize people under a nickname. Pujay attempts to make the state ignorant of his identity. Well I say, Pujay I will sincerely pray for you and your character. Childish bickering and name-calling is very unprofessional. Pujay attacked me under his own freedom of speech; however, he

broke the U.S. Constitution by attacking me as a person, which is illegal under law, which is stated in the First Amendment under slander. Pujay, you are a law-breaking citizen of Boys' State and this should not be tolerated. I am a law-abiding citizen and will not stand for slander against any person at Boys' State.

Mark Nelson aka Big Daddy  
Pershing County

To the Nationalist Party, and especially governor elect Mardell Maxwell, congratulations! Your campaign was well run, and your candidates were well prepared and actually educated on the issues. As to most of the Federalist Party candidates, I cannot say the same. We were definitely not united as a party the way we should have been. I commend Mardell for uniting many people across party lines, showing that being an enthusiastic leader and motivator of people is perhaps the most important aspect of being a politician. Perhaps even more important than the issues at hand. I look forward to working with the Nationalist Party from my position on the Supreme Court, and I wish Mardell Maxwell and his administration continued success.

Casey Bleeker

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# Insanely Involved or Devastatingly Detached

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TODD: I have a question. Does anyone here know what the term “mock” means? It sure doesn’t seem like it. After all, this is a **mock** state. And since “mock” means pretend, a mock state is a pretend state. When you pretend, it isn’t real. I think there are a few people at this event that need to realize this. Whether it is a counselor or a Stater, there are some goof balls that are taking this whole thing *way* to seriously. Some people are becoming fanatics! Give me a break! It is pretend for goodness sake! People are going to end up making themselves sick over this stuff if they don’t just cool down a little. I mean, really think about it. I thought that the people that were chosen for this event were chosen because they were responsible and mature young adults. If some people cannot even see the line between pretend and real, how mature can they be?

BRADY: Granted that some people are just about ready to go off the deep end, the majority of us here DO realize that this is a mock state. However, we also realize that this is a simulation that we should be committed to. If you don’t go about things within Boy’s State as you would in real life, it’s pointless. The entire purpose of the mock state is the experience we get out of it, and that’s exactly what we signed up for. If you didn’t want to “play pretend”, as you might say, then you should have stayed home. I’m not commending the lunatics who are playing the political game 24/7; I’m just saying that the Staters, as a whole, want to act within this simulation.

TODD: I agree. If they didn’t want to “play pretend,” they shouldn’t have come. However, when it is spoke of being committed to the simulation I

believe it is being looked at all wrong. They should be committed to the *job*, not the simulation. Being committed to the job will make the whole point of this simulation make sense. However, every person that is here is here to learn. It is ludicrous and asinine to believe we can automatically, like “robots,” if you will, act as we would in real life because we simply don’t know how a person in our position would act. We are still learning. In fact, since this is a mock, or metaphorical, state, all of the robot-type people need to have metaphorical “on/off” switch for the politician mode in them all. When they are actually working on something for their position then the switch can be turned “on,” but if they are not working on something specifically for their job the switch needs to be turned “off.” There is no need to be in politician mode constantly. I think the robot-type people need to power down.

BRADY: Of course there will be extremes in every situation. Some people are consuming themselves with the politics. But those are the people that thrive in such a simulation. I disagree that we don’t know how a person in our position should act. That’s why we’re doing this, to feel what it’s like to be in the position. If people get into their position, it will aid them throughout the week. While we’d all like to go back to our bed and sleep, it’s not helpful to the simulation, plain and simple. So basically we see two types of Boys’ Staters: the freakishly committed and the people who don’t care enough to do anything useful. As for me, I’d probably fall somewhere in the middle. And that’s not a bad place to be.

# World News

President Bush met Wednesday with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas. The summit was held in the city of Aqaba, Jordan where the alleged road map for peace was discussed. Each side supported the fact that peace in the region would not come from military conflict. Israel agreed to the removal of unauthorized settlements, while Palestine stated that terrorism must be addressed. However, the Islamic fundamentalist organization Hamas was still undecided if it would cooperate with any calls for a cease-fire.

Suspect of the Olympic bombing in 1996, Eric Rudolph pled not guilty to a Birmingham abortion clinic bombing in which a police officer was killed. Rudolph is also linked to three other bombings in Georgia. Trial date is set for August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Martha Stewart was indicted Wednesday on charges of insider trading. Her affiliation with ImClone Systems Inc co-founder Samuel Waksal has created many questions of her credibility. Martha Stewart Living can still be viewed during the noon hour on local PBS stations.

Holy cow! Early Wednesday morning Barry Manilow awoke and stumbled from his bed. He had just returned from a vacation and was apparently disoriented because he took a wrong turn in his bedroom and ran into a wall. He hit the wall with such force he broke his nose. Unconscious for four hours he was taken to a nearby hospital and treated for his injuries.



# Sports & Etc.

## Rec Time

Cody Osborn  
Crum, Eisenhower

### Say it Ain't So-sa

Rule 6.06, Section D: "A batter is out for illegal action when ... he uses or attempts to use a bat that, in the umpire's judgment, has been altered or tampered with ... No advancement on the bases will be allowed and any out or outs made during a play shall stand."

Once Sammy Sosa was caught using a corked bat, there was one big question: Was he cheating when he hit any of those 505 home runs?

The Chicago Cubs' star slugger, 17th on the career home-run list, was ejected in the first inning of Tuesday night's 3-2 win over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, after umpires found cork in his shattered bat.

"I use that bat for batting practice," Sosa said. "It's something that I take the blame for. It's a mistake, I know that. I feel sorry. I just apologize to everybody that are embarrassed." Sosa apologized to fans, his teammates and the commissioner of baseball. His bats were confiscated by security personnel.

Cork inside a wooden bat is thought to help players hit the ball farther and is against baseball rules. Several players have been caught using altered bats in the past, including Albert Belle, Wilton Guerrero, Chris Sabo, Billy Hatcher and Graig Nettles. All were suspended.



Recreation time has been going better for most campers for a couple of reasons. First of all, all of the sports were offered that Staters signed up for, such as soccer, softball, and volleyball. Since campers were more dispersed throughout the different teams, it gave many more Staters the opportunity to play on smaller teams and for a longer period of time. Some still complain that their basketball team is still too large. Lucas Short from the city of Bramlage, Bradely County said, "It was a good experience with the exception of having 28 people on one team." Another Stater quoted, "I had a good time but some of the players need to tone down the hostility, we are playing for fun."

### They Meet Again

They've already hooked up twice, and we saw the 2002 Fight of the Year. So now that Arturo Gatti and Micky Ward meet for one final time, will it be as great as the first two? Ward says he'll give it all he has in this, his final career bout, while Max Kellerman makes his prediction in his Tuesday chat with the press.



### Weather

Spurs win 101-89



#### Thursday

Cool. Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 70. South winds 5 to 15 mph.



#### Thursday Night

Cool. Partly cloudy with chance of thunderstorms in the evening then a slight chance of thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the mid 50s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

# City News

## Kansas' Never Bitter Beer

Jake Rudisill  
Raymond, Pershing County

Ahhh... What's smooth, tasteful, and refreshing? Most everyone knows the answer to this question, and that answer is, of course, beer. As each and every city starts to build up from nothing to a metropolis, they have to start with the basic general buildings along with a few profitable organizations. Well, that's just what the city of Raymond in Pershing county did. They confronted the Association of Farmers asking for help getting farmers in their city jobs, the association agreed to build the brewery in the city of Raymond and receive 85% of the profit, while Raymond agreed to hire their farmers and receive 15% of the profit. Jason Watt of Gardner,

The Beer pipes



The Fans



The Keg Tap



The Can



### Raymond City Council

Kenedy County stated, "Most of the profit from the brewery goes into the farming or agricultural counties, and the brewery buys up the surplus of the crops to make the drinks."

As for the city of Raymond they had to think of another way to bring in some extra cash from this project. They had already decided to use the slogan "Drink til she's cute!" as you have seen on their flyers showing a before and after picture of a woman, on the effects of drinking Raymond beer. After a while they realized these girls can help bring in some extra money, and that's where "The more money, the more honey's" campaign came into place. They contended that if any other counties, or cites would donate even just a few dollars for this campaign, every day there will be another hottie added to their flyer.

The city has also named some alternate slogans for their flyer such as "Raymond Beer, helping people get laid since yesterday." And also, "Raymond Beer, helping

white guys dance since yesterday." After confronting the city council of Raymond they would like to state that they are exporting this beer not only nationally but also internationally. And of course it is Americas' never bitter beer, along with Kansas'. Raymond city councilmen Lars Nordgran said "All the other beer companies like Budwiser, Busche, and Coors said 'ahh.. we suck lets all sell Raymond's Beer.'" Mike Cuevas, also a city councilmen stated that "I think it will bring in good money, and help tourism. Also it's the first major industry in the city of Raymond."

So as I leave you for today I would like to end this article with the statement: "Drink proud, drink loud, drink Raymond!"

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