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Band & Chorus rock Boys State



photos by Martin Cram

Chorus and Band performed Thursday night. Boys Nation candidates spoke after the performance.

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Staff Writer

Thursday, staters were treated to the annual Boys State band and choir performance. Choir was first on stage and performed five songs. First on schedule was "Brothers Sing On," which Nolan O'Toole of Patton County called "beautiful." Two traditional American folk songs followed, "Little Eliza Jane" and "The Water is Wide." "Jane" was a more fast-paced song, while the director used "Water" to "slow it down." Next up was "There is Nothing like a Dame," a song that tells the story of lonely sailors getting desperate for the opposite gender. The choir director intentionally connected the sailors in the song to the woman-less Staters in the audience. The choir's grand finale was the Boys State anthem, "Boys State USA," which is performed every year.

Once the choir had exited, program coordinator Jake Ellis introduced the Boys State band. The band started off its six-song set with "Free Ride," followed by the classic rock anthem "Smoke on the Water." The band, complete with snow white sousaphones, then played "Proud Mary." "The Final Countdown," which riled up the crowd, was cut short at only 19 seconds, as the Boys State band only had K-State pep band music available. Ozzy Osborne's "Crazy Train" then blared from the stage, quickly succeeded by "Hey Baby" for the final song. The grand finale got every Stater out of his seat, singing the chorus that everyone knows.

The performances by band and chorus were a great testament to how much the musicians have worked the past four days.



District courts hear pollution case

Andrew O'Malley

Staff Writer

On Thursday, June 4th, the Eisenhower County cities of Crum and Chastain entered district court to settle a dispute over the pollution levels produced by Chastain. The industrial and agricultural sectors in Chastain have been moving downwind and downriver into Crum and other counties. The Crum city prosecution presented the statute BSSA 92-5260, a bill designed to limit the pollutants a particular city can emit. Presiding over the case were Judges Josh Aksamit, Ethan Thomas and Justin Bridger.

The prosecution's case primarily focused on the affects to the property values and tax rates of the people of Crum. They believe that the lowered living conditions due to the pollutants would lower property values and at the same time increase the taxes the people would need to pay due to the necessary health care.

Their witness, Dr. Trevor Graff, stood to inform on the health effects of the pollutants. He informed the court how the twelve microns

of pollutants per cubic ton of air were three times the amount allowed by the BSSA 92-5260 statute. Also, the water pollutants exceeded the eight microns per cubic ton allowed. Dr. Graff testified on the potential respiratory diseases and disorders caused by the air pollution as well as the potential for birth defects from water contamination.

The city of Chastain stated that they found the suit hypocritical, as Crum itself houses the county oil refinery, providing huge potential for pollution. Also, they cited their newly instated initiative to recycle Arizona Tea cans to help keep the environment clean. Chastain also stated that they have seen no data supporting the health problems apparently experienced by the city of Crum.

However, the defense failed to find any relevant law to back their innocent plea. Water and wind have moved pollution in the direction of Crum from Chastain, and the pollution figures are correct. After a short deliberation, the judges ruled

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Martin Cram

The District Courts have been busy deciding cases for counties all across Boys State.



PACs & commissioners meet with Governor

Rob Williams

Staff Writer

Governor Kyle Maddox met with county commissioners and PAC leaders in his Marlatt office basement on Thursday. Many of his guests were handed a copy of Maddox's address to Boys State regarding budget changes, which explained most of their complaints. While most of the PAC leaders had reasonable requests, the League of Industrial workers wanted a whopping \$10,000 from the treasury fund; they were denied. County commissioners reminded the governor of his cabinet's many campaign promises, such as an airport and water treatment facility in Patton, but many commissioners came to the realization that some promises won't be met.

Common issues brought up by county commissioners involved hospitals and state employees. Many counties don't have the funding to support high technology hospitals, so doctors move away and leave health facilities understaffed. Also, state employees in the counties have

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C.J. Harries,
You are a great counselor
and an even better friend.

Happy Birthday
from everyone
at Boys State!



Department of Environment discusses various alternative energy methods, sources

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Staff Writer

Trey Stafford is the head of the Department of Environment and he has many strong opinions and fresh ideas to make Boys State the best that it can be. He discussed many topics such as the development of a hydroelectric dam. Also there has been discussion of building a state-wide water treatment plant. Another important discussion amongst the Department of Environment is the protection of endangered species. "We believe that all wildlife is inversely related and that have an adverse affect on the ecosystem." This quote was in response to that of the topic of protecting the native carp that live in the River of Democracy. Alternative energy was also another very large topic discussed by the Department of Environment.

When asked about the policy on the legalization of marijuana and hemp, Stafford responded that the main use of Hemp would be to create an alternative energy source by manufacturing bio-fuels from the plants oils. This and other plans for alternative energy, such as the development of solar and wind energy plants, will be used thoroughly by the Nationalist Party to decrease dependence on imported oil from other states and to increase revenue by exporting the state's green energy. This green energy will also help to set regulations and reduce pollution.

This pollution is one of the main reasons for the decline of the population of carp throughout the state. "If the carp do become extinct I believe that the large predatory birds population of Boys State will also suffer adversely thus causing a disastrous chain of events in which the ecosystem of the state will be

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Beards demand respect

Jordan Watson
Counselor

Iain Blair, Wiles city counselor, and Tyler Sharp, legislative counselor, have magnificent facial hair. Their beards, or half-beards, have always attracted a lot of attention, but until recently have never been styled to form one "wonder beard." In the past, Blair's mustache may have been the perfect addition to Sharp's mutton chops, creating a sweet handlebar mustache. Blair decided to complete the beard by growing a grizzly neckbeard to compliment Sharp's mutton chops. Ever since, staters and counselors alike have started to notice a change in Boys State, and possibly the world.

Rumors and legends are now flying all over state about how these beards came to influence so much. Some are saying that as a result of the beards finally coming together as a full beard, they have discovered the capability to morph into different shapes. Many say that the beards quite often take the shape of the bald eagle. Even more are saying that sometimes they can

see parts of the U.S. Constitution in the beards. The beards have become a symbol of democracy.

"It inspires democracy, look at how free Iain's beard is," Kevin McCollam, Wiles, Seitz said.

Louis Holt and McCollam both live in Blair's city and say that his beard has actually made them more productive. They also said that they have actually

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Colleges recruit staters

Dustin Rhoads
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From KU to Bethel, the Kramer bottom floor was filled with colleges and soon to be seniors looking for a higher education. Some colleges used candy to lure prospective students; others used interactive programs such as the National Air Guard. All of the colleges provided information and provided a friendly and informative staff. Although all of these colleges were in attendance, there were a few non college organizations who also decided to pay Boys State a visit.

The Air National Guard had a huge display with three representatives (most stations only had two), and they had a bird's eye view of many cities, along with the objective of spotting certain buildings, like the Washington Monument. The purpose was to show an example of what a person employed by the

Air National Guard intelligence unit might do. Several staters searched successfully for these buildings and many took the informational packets. The second major non-college association was a non-profit organization whose goal was to get younger people into the voting process by registering to vote. Any stater who was 18 or older could register right then and there, but all others had to wait.

The staters enjoyed the event for many reasons. Kyle Malone from Kennedy County enjoyed the convenience, and the free popcorn, but the most outstanding thing there was the Emporia State representative. Many staters commented on the representative's good looks, and "great personality". But there were also some tweaks to be made, there were complaints about the crowds becoming too large, especially with other counties going to the dining facilities, and some staters were dissatisfied with the amount of Big 12 schools absent.

Wanting a more experienced viewpoint, I interviewed counselor Curtis Concannon. He thought the facility hadn't changed too much from the time that he was a stater, and that during his Boys State, this college meeting led him on the path to K-State. He also stated that there were more colleges available for students to look into a few years ago, and that Bethany had the best presentation booth-wise. I also asked him what advice he would give to staters about college, in return he said "Give yourself options and to do what suits you, not anyone else".

Regardless of the small problems, the college meeting was a huge success in the eyes of staters, and it gave them much needed information. Whether advancing into higher education, or going immediately into the workforce, this fair has the potential to change the lives of these staters and to help them reach their dreams.

Spigarelli proposes city space station

Ben Hundley
Publicity Manager

The city of Spigarelli, with the support of the Philanthropic Entrepreneurs for Education, the Oil & Gas PAC & the National Rifle Association, the city has decided to purchase a space station.

Original estimated costs on this sort of a buy are around 5,000 dollars. The members of PEE decided to donate \$750 so long as they could receive 25% of the original donation back after profits come in from the buy.

Members of PEE, in their memo

to the governor, called for the re-introduction of Pluto as a planet, the elimination of standardized testing and the removal of ACT scores as a requirement for college admissions. The memo was quoted as saying, "We have recently funded a space station, what have you done?" and something that told the governor to remember that when you look up at the stars for help on your budget, that miles and miles above there is a space station, and we are watching you."

Spigarelli decides to recognize Pluto again

Tevin Pratt
Publicity Manager

After the decision to create a space station was made by the Spigarelli city council, the Philanthropic Entrepreneurs for Education (PEE) decided to help fund the station. PEE also decided they would recognize Pluto as a planet once again. I asked why they believed this was important to them and Morefield from PEE responded "The education of young minds about the galaxy may increase chances of possible human

expansion, which can cause humanity betterment. Another reason is if we could find natural resources on other planets such as Pluto they could help us boost our economy". I also asked representative of PEE, Alex Orel why he was so passionate about reintroducing Pluto as a planet and he said "as a child Pluto was my favorite planet, and I feel the time and dedication I spent on learning and increasing my knowledge about the planet".

**Congratulations to all
Boys Nation
candidates!**

**Your dedication to this program is
essential to our success.**

Best of luck to everyone!

The city of Harris finds success

Samuel Cott
Design Editor

As the week progresses and cities make their best attempt to be a success, Harris—of King County—is finally finding their stride. After a bumpy first few days and near-bankruptcy, careful accounting and budget division have helped Harris finally start to profit.

In Wednesday's meeting, they resolved several ways to help continue the trend of economic success within their city. Harris' main goals in the upcoming days in Boys State are to lower the cost of living, provide more jobs and try and get all citizens off of welfare. As revenue is scarce, most monetary backing Harris hopes

to have will come from donations from various PACs. Harris has already requested donations from a number of PACs, but a lack of funds has put the city on the waiting list.

There is, however, one bright spot on the horizon for Harris. Lately, many counties and cities have been legalizing gambling and constructing casinos to help create revenue and lower crime rates. A number of counties, Bradley for example, have seen success from this policy. Following the trend, Harris plans to build a casino, though as mentioned before, funds are scarce. Luckily, there is the possibility of the Boys State of Kansas funding the project, which will cost a grand total of \$875.

Staters fall victim to incurable disease

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Staff Writer

While attending Boys State many staters fall victim to a sickness that is incurable by medical means. This disease threatens all staters mental health and reduces them into irrational, unpleasant and overall rude people. This is known as Puellal Pheromonal Secedis, dubbed "stater vision." Caused by lack of available females that are in their "league", this disease makes staters see all women as extremely attractive. This is not an understatement, for example, if one was to put a female garment of the variety that most societies qualify as a standard of public decency, (in layman's terms a dress) on a female primate, many staters would rate it as a "5" on the 1-10 attraction scale.

The first signs of this disease

are general discussion of the female gender between the staters on a more than three times a day basis exceeding, and talking about their female relations at their place of residence. At this point the disease is still treatable by such means as going to an enjoyable action-based and violent cinematic adventure, telling humorous riddles that require little refined thought to understand and engaging in vigorous physical activity. However this only delays the inevitable second, third and fourth stages of the disease.

The second and third stages of this health impediment happens when the separation from one's female companion for more than a week, but can be accelerated when said treatments aren't

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House of reps provides funding for departments

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Design Editor

Yesterday, the Boys State House of Representatives met to continue and finish legislation over the budget. Since no other legislation can proceed until the budget had been determined, the meeting was especial to prevent the shutdown of the government. The main bills on the floor were those pertaining to a fund raising concert and the Department of Wildlife and Parks, and another which gave money to the State Board of Education.

The first bill that was brought to the floor involved giving \$600 to the creation of a music concert, and \$1000 to the Department of Wildlife and Parks to improve parks

around the state. Legislation began with various speeches given over various opinions in both support and opposition of the bill. Winning by an overwhelming majority, the bill was quickly brought to a vote. Unfortunately, only a handful of Representatives voted to approve the bill, and it quickly died on the floor.

Next, a bill was brought to the floor proposing an increase in B.O.E. funding for the use of grants to students applying to colleges. The bill was for an increase in Board of Education funding from just \$4000 to \$8755. All new money provided to the B.O.E. would be used exclusively in providing scholarships, and none would go to the improvement or creation of new educational facilities. Shortly after the bill was brought into

legislation, a major motion was made to strike the amount of money needed. "The extra money is unnecessary at this point," said one Representative, "they [the Board of Education] already have plenty of money for this purpose." At this point in time however, instead of the bill being brought to a vote, confusion over the next step to take ensued. It seems as though most members of the House of Representatives couldn't properly apply parliamentary procedure to the meeting to effectively amend the bill. The meeting was abruptly brought to halt while the confusion was cleared up. Until the problem is resolved, the budget will remain undecided, and any further legislation will be delayed.

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Senate addresses budget issues

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Staff Writer

In the Senate yesterday, the budget dominated the floor. Since Governor Maddox drafted his budget proposal many have found issues with some of his ideas, despite his attempts on Wednesday to explain why he allocated money where he did. The Senate proposed and passed bill KSBS-SB61 with an overwhelming majority at their 1:00 p.m. meeting yesterday. The bill addressed many of the issues they found contention with in the budget. Firstly, a flat 1% increase to the commerce tax was suggested to help bring in money for allocation elsewhere. Secondly, the Department of Insurance and the Office of the Secretary of Commerce had their budgets docked by \$5000 and \$2000 respectively.

Next, the Board of Education was to be allocated \$2500 to help the universal cause for the furthering of education in Kansas. Also, workers that make more than \$100 had their tax rates increased slightly, and the severance tax was raised to \$550.

Many of the questions raised at the meeting had to do with the increasing number of workers on welfare in some counties, despite the new budget. Next, many questioned the cuts to education and sought to provide more funding to that sector, both in the Board of Education and Board of Regents. Lastly, many Senators saw problem with what appears to be the exact opposite of the graduated income tax that the Nationalist party ran on.

The next bill presented to the Senate was bill KSBS-SB1.2. This

bill proposed, again, budget changes to Governor Maddox's submitted budget plan. In this plan, the Senate intelligently noticed that, since the duration of Boys State that all state workers will be paid during is less than a week, all their salaries should be cut to only fund the days they will be here. This means that each department head's salary could be cut by \$225 for the three days they will not be working. Next, a \$550 budget cut was proposed to the Secretary of State's office. Finally, a staggeringly large \$19,875 budget cut was sought to the Department of the Treasury.

In Maddox's plan, the Treasury received a lump sum of money to be allocated wherever the legislature saw fit. However, according to the Senate, the Treasurer also

holds the power to manipulate that money. This last issue seeks to move that lump sum to a different location, only for direct manipulation and allocation by the legislative branch. However, this bill's provisions dictated that it was to be used primarily, or even entirely, for the Board of Education and Board of Regents. However, due to what can almost be considered a clerical error, the bill was proposed to be amended by Senator Thaddius Tuck.

However, Senator Tuck's amendment to the bill was willingly stopped by him when it was realized that the bill was too erroneous to consider implementing. Instead, the Senate Majority Leader Matthew Bevins suggested simply revising the bill entirely and proposing it another time.

Address from the Secretary of State

It has been brought to my attention that issues with the current election process have been causing complications for the citizens of our Boys State of Kansas. As Secretary of State, it is my responsibility to inform you of these problems and present you with the necessary plan of action to combat this difficulty.

There are two major complications with the current election system. The first has to deal with the voting conditions in the counties themselves. Several voters have been complaining that there are no booths in the counties for people to vote. The voters complain because they have to sit next to others while they vote. They feel that they are not receiving the privacy that they need to make their

honest choices without being pressured. Another problem was the fact that campaign material was in plain sight of the voters during the elections. This and the distracting conversations by other voters have caused unneeded strain on the election process. The second major complaint is in regards to the actual ballots and how they are counted. Many voters complained that the ballots were confusing and that they need to be simplified. Other people claimed that the ballots were being unfairly counted. No evidence, however, has been found to support any vote tampering.

These problems are of great concern to all voters in our state. Without the proper right and process of voting, our democracy does not operate properly.

Voting is an extremely valuable freedom for all of the citizens in our state. It is our responsibility to efficiently and effectively provide the basic rights to all of our staters.

As Secretary of State, I have created a plan to aid in the streamlining of the election process. First, I believe that voter privacy can be assured by opening a single room in each of the two hallways of each county to serve as a voting booth. This will allow voters to cast their own vote without feeling pressured by those around them. In the voting process. The election officials in each county will pass out the ballots to all the people first. They will instruct the voters to fill out their information correctly and then the officials will check to make sure that this

is done properly. The voters will then be able to enter the voting rooms one by one.

My duty as Secretary of State is to enforce this. I will go to each of the election officials and make sure that they understand the procedure that I have set forward. I will also put out information for the election in the newspaper in order to inform the people. Above all, I will ensure that all of the election ballots are legitimate and filled out properly in order to have a valid election.

Schuyler Stump

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that Chastain must follow new ordinances to reduce pollutant emissions. The court also awarded Crum \$300 in compensation for miscellaneous problems caused by the pollution.

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seen Blair's beard take the shape of a bald eagle flying over a snowy mountaintop.

"The beard demands respect. When you walk in with a beard it brings a new level of maturity to the group," Holt said.

However, McCollam thought the beard could be improved.

"The only thing you could do better would be to grease the tips and make it a handlebar moustache," McCollam said. "I think he has a lot of potential as a lumberjack."

Sharp has not changed his mutton chops throughout the years and he said that it has proven to be an effective leadership technique. His staters in legislature take a deep respect to his beard and have also said that his beard has proven to be quite mystical. In one story recounted by staters close to Sharp, his beard took the shape of the founding fathers signing the constitution. According to Sharp, the beard has left many staters puzzled at its powers.

When Sharp and Blair saw each other for the first time, this year at state, they knew their beards would more influential than ever before.

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Supreme court holds its first delegate-involved hearing

Rob Williams

Staff Writer

Thursday afternoon, the Supreme Court held its first delegate-involved hearing. Led by Gavin Koester, the Court ordered subpoenas for Kyle Maddox, Boys State governor, Garrick Mallery, the People for the American Way member involved in the PAW-Federalist scandal, Phil Kroh, leader of PAW, and Jake Wilson, one of the Federalists unofficially charged with fraud in the scandal. Governor Maddox was subpoenaed for incorrectly pardoning Mallery; he verbally pardoned him, but his paperwork was interrupted by lunch. It's because of the incomplete paperwork that Governor Maddox was subpoenaed. Chief Justice Koester and Justice Brandon Katt discussed the hearings before Maddox was brought before the Supreme Court at 1:30 p.m., and even brought up the idea of impeachment; however, the counselor supervising the Court reminded Koester and Katt that only the legislative branch has the right to remove Maddox from office.

When the Governor entered the Court at 1:30, he told newspa-

per staff that he wished to clear his name, keeping his sense of humor throughout his discussions with the press. After the courtroom rose for the justices, the hearing began. The Court told Governor Maddox that Mallery is being charged with fraud, attempted theft by deception, evasion of arrest, and the assault of an officer; Maddox explained that he had based his pardon on the basis that Mallery was not read his rights at the time of his arrest. The Court reminded Governor Maddox that the Miranda Rights are not part of the Boys State Handbook and are technically federal laws, and that he can't base a pardon off of a precedent that doesn't exist in Boys State. The governor and the press were sent outside for deliberation, and when called back, the Court announced that if Mallery was not read his rights at the time of arrest, they would try to set a Boys State precedent for Miranda Rights and drop the charge of evasion of arrest. The governor was then excused and Garrick Mallery and his council were brought in.

Mallery sat in front of the justices and explained that the two Federalists that visited the PAW of-

fice were members of the Heritage Foundation and that they explicitly called themselves Nationalists. Mallery admitted to not checking the Federalists' nametags, saying that it was the first day and PAW members were unprepared. After PAW president Phil Kroh learned of the scam, he and Mallery wanted to push for legal action, but a Boys State counselor advised against it, saying "go do what you can" to get the money back. According to Mallery, Kroh then ordered him to take his nametag and go to the Heritage office. After Mallery was removed from the Heritage office, Kroh went in and apologized to the Heritage Foundation, noticing that the two Federalists who had lied to him were sitting in the office.

Mallery then described his arrest experience. The highway patrol kicked in his door and, without reciting Mallery's rights or announcing who they were, forcefully arrested him. Mallery says that Attorney General Michael Mohan "yelled at [him] and ordered handcuffs to be used" even though Mallery was doing nothing to resist the arrest process. Mohan and the highway patrol then placed Mallery in pris-

on, not allowing him legal counsel. Current Secretary of State Schyler Stump reportedly witnessed Mallery's placement in prison.

Mallery and his counsel requested that all arrest-related charges be dropped since Mallery was denied due process. The Supreme Court responded to Mallery's request by stating that the highway patrol, since they are untrained, "cannot be held to every law of Boys State." A member of Mallery's counsel, Justin Briner, then asked how Mallery, a simple citizen, can be held accountable for his offenses when "the people to enforce those laws" aren't held to the same standard. The Supreme Court had no response.

The Attorney General then read Mallery the official charges against him, which included only fraud and attempted theft by deception; the arrest-related charges were dropped. Mallery was asked to compose a written statement saying that he will appear in court June 5 at 9:15 a.m. on his own will. Mallery wrote and signed the document. The maximum punishment for his misdemeanor offenses is \$2,500 or one year in prison.

Both Phil Kroh and Jake Wilson

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extremely low salaries, so commissioners are suggesting firing them from state work and putting them to use in the counties. Overall, it was useful for PAC leaders and county commissioners to talk face-to-face with Governor Maddox.

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severely affected."

All of these new adjustments will be paid for with the doubled budget that the governor has given the Department of Environment. This increase in budget, however, will be used sparingly because even though there is an increased budget there is still not enough money to do everything that the Department wishes.

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used to their full potential and/or a stater is accompanied by one or more male companions at all times during the day. When in second stage, the symptoms stated in state one are intensified, treatment becomes less than 50% effective and all females jump 2-3 levels on the attraction scale stated in paragraph one. Stage three, often called stage two on crack, makes females begin to jump uncontrollably up on the attraction scale, treatment has a less than 2% success rate, and females start to be regarded

as an endangered species to the Department of Wildlife.

Stage four is the rarest of all said stages, and only two cases have ever been recorded. In this stage, treatments are somehow enjoyable to said stater once again, and all symptoms tend to disappear. This is due to the fact that their female companions are thought to be figments of the infected victim's imagination. The subject's behavior becomes very drone like, although very efficient, there is no real passion behind his work. He stops questioning why he works and only performs the activities needed to make the homosapiens's body function normally. When introduced back into healthy conditions, many staters lose their composition of this and begin

to perform in a very primal and illogical manner. When needing anything necessary, they will often seek companionship of the female race within their courting range, in fact this will be their priority and "fuel" behind their lives.

As all can observe, this disease is rapidly spreading among staters, and without a cure it will continue spreading, as it is a disease of the mind, and behaves like a genetic mutation within the majority of the male race. There are few theories behind curing this disease, and none of them had made any progress. But the disease is always moving forward, and unless a breakthrough is made, this disease could threaten all of humanity.

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Pierron explains U.S. Supreme Court

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Staff Writer

As many people know, there have been a multitude of judicial problems in Boy's State Kansas, and there are severe doubts to what is and what is not constitutional. Joseph Pierron, a judge on the Court of Appeals since 1990, came to Boy's State to show how exactly the judicial system worked, and see how Boy's State would respond to a court case.

First of all, he explained why the founding fathers made the Supreme Court hold the powers that it does today. He stated that, "The Founding Fathers didn't trust gov-

ernment..." and thus they wanted something and/or someone to keep the other powers in check. Some of these powers were life time appointments, ability to determine what is constitutional, and to take on cases of the highest levels.

He then went into the more interesting part of the speech; the court case that staters were to decide upon. This case was based on The Fourth Amendment: The prevention of unwarranted searches without probable cause. The Indianapolis police conducted checkpoint searches on the highway to find illegal drugs that was a rampant issue in the city. Law-

yers on their way to an important meeting were stopped and made late because of this. Wanting to protect their constitutional rights, they took the police all the way to the Supreme Court. In this case, the Boy's State staters voted in favor of the lawyers over the Indianapolis police department; this was also the case in the Supreme Court.

At the end of this judicial expedition, Judge Pierron was awarded with the Kansas Boy's State Governor award, and was renamed the Judge Joe Pierron award, and he received, of course, a Boy's State clock.

Storms ravage Boys State



Storm clouds came rolling through tornado alley last night knocking down everything in their path including parts of southeast Boys State. Several tornadoes touched down in Powell and Seitz counties causing severe damage to residential and corporate property. No one was injured, but property damage was severe. The heavy rains that accompanied the storm caused extensive flooding to property along the River of Democracy. Government experts estimate that over \$12,000 in property was damaged by the storm. The Governor acted swiftly and declared the cities of Newman, Mantles, Schulz, Spigarelli, Wiles and Sullivan disaster areas. The Department of Environment has emergency funds available for disaster relief. Cities struck by the severe weather need to apply for funds to repair property damage. This is for Boys State simulation only. No real damage occurred.