



Boys State Talent Show

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Last night was the famous Boys State talent show, with acts ranging from pianists, to a forensics performance, to rapping, and more. Staters heard the inaugural performance of Nathan Harkins' lyrical re-write of "Memory," and Rex Gardner said "Yo Yo Homey;" indeed this was a banner night. One particular act involving a fiddle and streamers had many laughs coming from viewers.



Staters, and even staff who had heard him play before, were amazed by Chuck Shoemaker's performance on the piano. Even Governor Connor England graced the stage with his presence to perform "No Handlebars." Performances brought applause, whistles, and even a chant of "USA!"

The mood had been set with cheer and pride in the air, staff and Stater alike gathered close to hear the final performance. Mike Zimmer returned to the stage once again for his annual performance of "American Pie," ending the Boys State 2011 Talent Show on a golden note.

E3 Conference

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Starting on June seventh, this year's annual E3 has revealed more than a handful of surprises. Two new consoles and several original title reboots have reared their beautiful heads for all of us to see, and it's not even over yet.

E3, or Electronic Entertainment Expo, is an annual video games trade show in which developers from all around the world get together at the Los Angeles Convention Center to show off upcoming releases, technologies, or other developments in the video game industry. This year's E3 has seen a large amount of handheld releases, tying in directly with Nintendo's recently released 3DS and Sony's announced Vita console.

The Vita is, as its name suggests, something of a revitalization of the PSP. Sporting a 5-inch screen with multi-touch controls as well as the standard Playstation array of buttons, the Vita will ditch the PSP's method of storing games, the Universal Media Disc (UMD), in favor of flash memory cards and on-board storage. It will also add wireless function, allowing games and other content to be downloaded directly to the system. The handheld will cost \$249 for the Wi-fi version and \$299 for the 3G version and has received substantial anticipation.

Nintendo, on the other hand, has received mixed criticism so far from attendees at E3. Their new console, the Wii U, has been announced. Along with backwards compatibility with the classic Wiimote and other accessories, the Wii U will use a new controller that looks like a combination of a standard DS and a Clas-

NBA FINALS

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Many Boys Staters have been working so hard on their jobs that sports have seemed to be less important in our lives. Before we arrived here the NBA Finals had just started. The Miami Heat faced the Dallas Mavericks in a re-match of the 2006 Finals. Many picked the Heat to win the series in four games, but it has not been a cake walk for them.

The Mavericks have been making an amazing run and have seem to have gained the favor of basketball nation. The main reason being not that they are underdogs, but because opinions towards Heat seem to be negative.

There was almost no question for many that Heat would be in the Finals, but it was a surprise that the Mavericks breezed by the stacked Western conference. Dallas has one of the oldest rosters in the league, but it is almost like hidden treasure, a plethora of ex all-stars. Hiding behind Dirk Nowitzki are Jason Kidd, Peja Stojakovic, Shawn

Marion, and Tyson Chandler to name a few. All of these men have been All-Stars or have represented their country in the Olympics. The talent is there, it is just a little rusty. It seems as if these players are hungry though, and are having a new birth in the playoffs.

Now for Miami. They have the players, a young, promising coach, and a ridiculous amount of hype. There has been more publicity directed at this team than any other in the history of sports. The Heat are somewhat of a tragic hero. Their weakness is the pressure they put on themselves, yet they have the talent and ability to destroy any team they face.

This has been a funny series. Basically, if you have the lead going into the fourth quarter, then you might as well kiss winning goodbye. This series has become a tortoise and rabbit match. One team sprints ahead only to get beat in the last few seconds by the other. In game one, the Heat had an outstand-

ing run in the final eight minutes of the game, and in game two the Mavericks came back from a deficit of ten points in under two minutes to win the game at the buzzer. Game three the Mavericks lead with thirty seconds remaining but threw the ball away and watched their win slip away. In game four, the Heat let the game slip away. LeBron James was certainly less than spectacular in the fourth quarter while the flu-stricken Nowitzki lead Dallas to victory.

No team has ever come back after being down 3-1 in the Finals, so it was pivotal that Dallas was able to tie the series up 2-2 before heading back to Miami. Winning on the road is tough, but if anyone could do it, the experience laden Mavs can. The key for the Heat is not being cocky. The two games that they lost, they started showboating during the third quarter, and looked like a circus by the fourth. By the time they realized that they were in trouble it was too late to turn the serious

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Outside News

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In national news, the US economy has begun to somewhat lose the momentum it's been gaining in the past couple of years. This has been a cause of concern for many Americans who see it as a sign that we may be entering a "double-dip" recession; according to the Associated Press, there were 4.6 unemployed Americans for each available job in the month of April. In a healthy economy, there should be around 2. President Obama has said that yes, the economy is slowing down, but that this is no reason to worry; he believes that this is merely a product of "uneven recovery."

In Arizona, a massive wildfire began to spread towards Eagar, a small town in which around 4,000 citizens reside. The fire, which has spread to over 468 square miles of forest, put Eagar and the nearby town of Springerville in serious danger. As of Tuesday, the government has been attempting to evacuate residents of each town in order to protect lives.

On Wednesday, Ayman al-Zawahri, Osama bin Laden's right-hand-man, issued a eulogy for bin Laden. He criticized the US for burying bin Laden at sea and said that Osama, "terrified America," and would continue to do so even in death. In the video eulogy the 28 year-old al-Zawahri appeared with an AK-47 rifle at his side.

Fun Facts

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Over ten people a year are killed by vending machines, usually due to the fact that their snack got stuck and they pulled the machine over on top of themselves trying to rescue it.

One pinhead of the sun's energy is enough to kill a person at a distance of 160 kilometers. The conclusion? Wear sunscreen.

Wearing headphones for an hour increases the bacteria in your ear 700 times normal. Also, your ears secrete more earwax when you are afraid.

Did you know that if you yell for 8 years, 7 months, and 6 days, you will have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee? Note to self: yelling is not a solution to the energy crisis.

Cherophobia is a fear of fun. Not a good condition to have during Boys State.

Right-handed people reportedly live approximately 9 years longer than left-handed people. Not only that, but over 2,500 left-handed people are killed annually from trying to use products designed for right-handed people.

Each year, approximately 250,000 American husbands are physically attacked and beaten by their wives. Treat women with respect, or you may end up a part of that statistic...

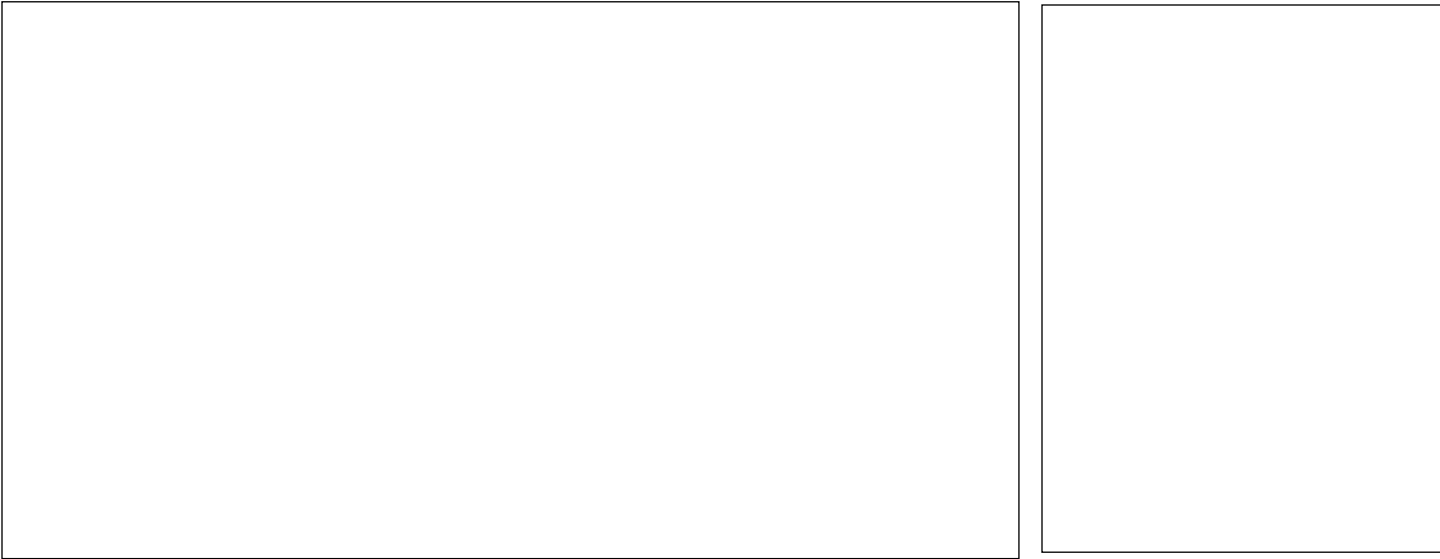
Public Service Announcement

Attention Staters: The National Weather Service has issued a tornado and severe thunderstorm watch for the state of Kansas. Seek shelter, particularly from 8pm to approximately 11pm.

RECREATION TIME



THE DAY IN PHOTOS



Question Of The Day

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While sitting down in the basement of Marlatt, talking with others of the media staff, it occurred to us that many of us are gamers. Following this train of thought I decided to make the question of the day about one of the most popular games to come out in the last year. So without further ado today's question is:

What is the coolest thing you have made in Minecraft?

Noah Easterling, of Marshall County, said "Definitely the time I made Pikachu."
Alex Poulouse, of King County, had no idea what

Minecraft was. He responded with, "In what?"
Conner Haarhuis, of MacArthur County, also didn't know what Minecraft was. "Minecraft? What's Minecraft?"

Justin Nguyen, of Powell County, said, "Probably a freaking huge pyramid with alternating grass and rock."

Austin Dickley, of Eisenhower County, had a rather unique piece. "I made the Sprite of Ash from Pokemon," he said.

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sic controller. Because of the confusion surrounding the price, specs, and design of the actual console, Nintendo's unveiling of the new piece of hardware has been criticized. However, the numerous new releases announced for the 3DS, including Super Mario 3D, Legend of

Zelda: Skyward Sword, and the long awaited sequel to Luigi's Mansion.
Microsoft, while not announcing a new system, still had a variety of new releases in store. Minecraft is now scheduled to be released on the XBox 360, as well as mobile devices come December. New Halo and Call of Duty: Modern Warfare games

have also been announced. A handful of Kinect-based games have also been revealed for the 360.
Ending on the ninth, E3 still has much to offer in the way of new releases. Who knows, there may be another major surprise in the vein of Gabe Newell's appearance at the Sony conference last year.

Boys Nation

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Last night Staters learned about their chance to be apart of what is known as Boys Nation.
Boys Nation is a program similar to Boys State, except it involves all 49 states that operate Boys State programs.
Two delegates are chosen from each state to attend Boys Nation in Washington D.C. at the end of June.

Last night two representatives from each city were elected and today they will be narrowed down to one per county.
These ten delegates will then spend time with Thane learning more about Boys Nation and what will be expected of them should they be the ones chosen to attend.

Tonight these ten delegates will give two minute explanations about why they believe that they should be elected to go to Boys Nation.
Then each delegate will asked a question in front of their peers.

Elections will be held, and during Friday evening's retreat the two 2011 Kansas Boys State Senators will be revealed along with the two secondaries.

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mindset back on.
It would be really cool to see the Heat pull off a championship, because, if they do, then it will prove that they are for real and all of the hype will die down. They could win five or six in the next several years if they can get this one under their belt. On the other hand, there are a whole lot of veterans on the Mavericks who have no titles. It would be nice to see guys like Kidd and Nowitzki get one because this is most likely their last chance. No matter how you view it, this has been one of the most entertaining and exciting Finals match ups in the last decade. So who will it be, David or Goliath?

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THE NEWSPAPER

All stories pertaining to Boys State within these pages refer to a simulated society, and editorial license may have been used to report the "facts" of such stories.

Letters to the editor are encouraged and accepted. Letters must be signed and the writer's county indicated to be considered for publication. We reserve the right to edit letters for length, grammar, and legality. Letters should be taken to the Staters Union office in the basement of Marlatt Hall (room 20).

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In Honor of Les Paul

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Today is Les Paul's birthday. Who was Les Paul? Les Paul pioneered the solid-body electric guitar. Paul also invented multitrack recording, the process of playing and recording multiple tracks at once. This led to incredible – and decidedly mechanical – effects like echo and pitch shifting.

Paul built his first electric, the "Log," in 1941. He added wings to it later to make it look less like a piece of wood and more like a guitar. In 1952 Gibson began selling the Les Paul guitar. The guitar has been used by rock legends such as Jimmy Page.



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