



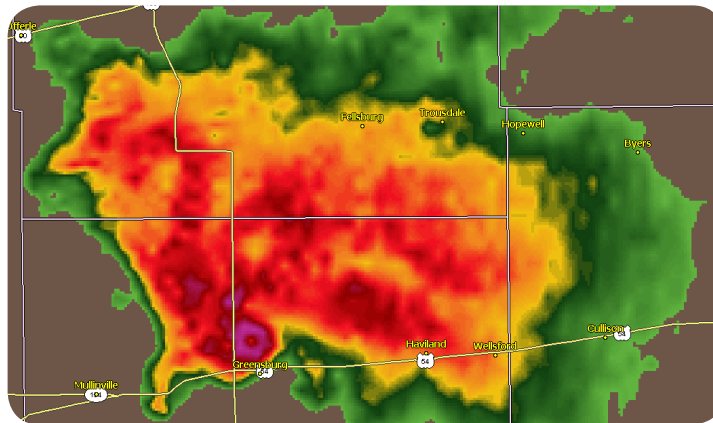
## Storms Strike Kansas Counties

Last night, fearsome weather ravaged the Southeastern portion of the Boys State of Kansas. A severe thunderstorm watch slowly evolved into a thunderstorm warning, which in turn transformed into a tornado warning. Tornadoes touched down in both Powell and Seitz Counties. It is reported that over \$8,000 in property damages were caused by these savage cyclones.

"Powell was already in a bad enough situation as it is," said Shane Fonyi of Powell County. "I don't know how we're going to get out of this."

Along with the tornadoes, the River of Democracy was reported to have flooded, causing additional damages in both Powell and Seitz Counties.

According to a study at the National Center of Atmospheric Research, more and more severe weather should come to be expected in the next few years due to climate change. "There is a systematic influence on all of these weather events now-a-days because of the fact that there



is this extra water vapor lurking around in the atmosphere than there used to be say 30 years ago," said Dr. Kevin Trenberth, head of the Climate Analysis section at the NCAR. "It invigorates the storms, and provides plenty of moisture for these storms."

Unfortunately, these counties were not the only ones affected by unexpected anomalies. Eisenhower County, an oil-based economy, was the recipient of a severe oil leak caused by excessive drilling and lack of precautionary procedures. This is speculated to have cost the county anywhere between \$1,000 and \$10,000. This echoes the BP oil spill.

On a similar note, while this weather was causing its own simulated destruction, several tornado watches were issued in the real state of Kansas. Thunderstorms and other severe weather were reported in Lawrence, with tornado watches being issued in Douglas, Jefferson, Leavenworth, Franklin and Johnson Counties.

## E3 - Nintendo Reveals the WiiU

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The long-rumored new Nintendo console has finally been announced: called the WiiU, the game system seems to be a combination of the current Wii and DS. It will have the ability to stream games to a large controller with a 6.2 inch touchscreen smack down in the middle. Reactions are quite mixed, the big, strange and unexpected release has stirred up even long-time fans, and especially investors.

Electricpig tells us that you can, "...fit seven Wii Remotes across the WiiU Controller's face, and that it's 10 percent longer than the Wii console and 24 percent wider than it." That is quite large, but being big isn't always bad. Unfortunately in this case, being different is bad. Nintendo stock has dropped to levels that have

not been seen since 2006, before the first Wii came out.

The WiiU has faced positive and negative feedback. Many are excited for this new shift in gaming and are withholding their judgement, while other popular opinions seem to bash the unique WiiU. Some feel that Nintendo's new product lacked progression, they believe that Nintendo didn't live up to the expectations.

Time and retail sales will show us what consumers really think about the WiiU, but most industry response at the moment seems positive. Fans of Nintendo are known to be loyal, so we shall see how they respond to this new console.

## Question of the Day

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Google had another of their famous custom graphis yesterday. That is where I got my inspiration for today's Question of the Day. Today's question is:

**If you could control the Google homepage for one day, what would you do?**

"The picture of Kansas Boys State 2011 as the background and something about Kansas being the best state in the United States of America." -Adam Ronnebaum, Powell County

"Inside the words there would be little pics that would represent me that nobody would get unless they knew me. An example would be a pic of Doctor Who." -David Laurence, King County

"Baby monkey backwards on a pig. It's a video." -Tyler Haynes, Macarthur County

## Heat Wave

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The sweltering heat at Boys State is not just exclusive to Kansas. A massive heat wave is currently gripping the nation and shows no sign of retreating.

The Climate Prediction Center is reporting record-breaking temperatures all across the nation and is predicting continued above-average weather in the South and East, even as far as New Jersey.

In an interview with the Associated Press, 84-year-old Harvey Milliman of Manchester, New Jersey, said that "I'm staying in my house. I'm going to watch TV and have a cold beer. You got a better idea than that, I'd love to hear it."

The crippling heat, which has buckled interstate highways in Michigan, is a result of global climate change, according to a new study from Stanford University.

## Three, Six... Mafia?

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The Mafia is an organization devoted to political manipulation to the benefit of the Heritage Foundation. Using legal items in a legal manner, the Mafia will bolster the state's income. The Mafia will perform this action through sales from legitimate business practices. The unfortunate side effect of the Mafia would be a slight increase in the crime rate in the location of said Mafia. This would occur due to unfortunate misunderstandings within the organization. The Heritage Foundation, having believed this organization to be a legitimate business, assumes all liability for the actions of the Mafia. The Mafia, under the Heritage Foundation, will obey all laws passed by the state, senate, and Governor.

They will purchase one building for their headquarters, a second for revenue armored



vehicles and weapons. The host county and state will be notified of the existence of the Mafia and its doings, such as higher crime rate or higher revenue through sales taxes. Funds will be coming from various donations and the funds of the Heritage Foundation. All actions performed by the Mafia will be non-violent in nature.

## To Protect and To Serve

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The highway patrol has been very busy since it started. There are eleven members, and the highway patrol's job is to provide protection and safety to all the cities and counties in Boys State. On Wednesday, the highway patrol learned how to issue a field sobriety test and drive with beer goggles. Yesterday they were instructed on defensive fighting techniques, like taking a knife from an assailant and taking an assailant down using pressure points, headlocks, and handcuffs. Trooper Noah Miller, of MacArthur county, is the superintendent of the highway patrol and is in charge of all the troopers and assigning body guards to protect the governor from threats. Trooper Dallas Rhoads, of MacArthur county, said that he enjoyed the highway patrol, that the experience he was getting from the highway patrol was both incredible and eye-opening. Trooper Cesar Luna, of Kennedy county, said, "I was



not glad that I lost my election for secretary of state, and my first backup choice was the supreme court. However, I am really happy that I am in the highway patrol now." Trooper Spencer Salmans, of Bradley county, said that he likes the highway patrol a lot because he got to drive a Gator with beer goggles on and learn how to use pressure points to take down suspects and perpetrators. He also said that he was happy that he lost his election and was put into the highway patrol. The highway patrol's elite group of troopers will do their best to protect and serve Boys State for the rest of the week.

## College Hunting

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We Staters are all juniors here, with only one full year of high school left before heading off to college. Unfortunately,



picking the right college isn't as simple as choosing an ice cream flavor, so the organizers of Boys State did us all a favor and set up a college fair. With choices laid before us in tables covered with pamphlets and university paraphernalia, it becomes easier to examine the positives and negatives of each college.

Representatives from University of Kansas, Ottawa University, Butler, Bethel, McPherson, Emporia State University, Wichita State University, Bethany, Hesston, Kansas State University, and Wabash lined the main

area of the Kramer building Thursday morning, enthusiastically giving their spiel to any Stater who wandered by. The largest clusters of Staters surrounded the classic KU and K-State tables, with several more adventurous others inspected Bethel, Ottawa, and Wichita State.

Not only were there colleges present, two tables were set up for U.S. Armed Forces recruitment, and many Staters were interested in these. Being in the army is a highly respected position and beneficial when apply-



ing for scholarships.

We asked a few Staters which colleges interested them. "I like K-State," said Chris Davis

of Eisenhower, "in food quality, they're ranked number one in the nation." That's definitely an excellent reason - no one wants to suffer through miserable meals for two to four years straight! Phillip Ruther of Patton County also found K-State to be appealing. "It's a good school for me," he said.

Leif Nelson of Bradley County remarked on his interest in McPherson College. He mentioned he would prefer a smaller college as compared to a bigger one like K-State or KU.

Whatever our college choices may be, one fact remains - we only have one year left to choose. However, that doesn't mean we need to rush. Many of us have been told countless times to not worry too much; so many people change their minds about their future and career even during their first college semester. So choose what is best for you.



## Welcome to the Tweet-ernet

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In light of the recent events concerning congressman Anthony Weiner posting lude photos on Twitter, it is necessary to talk about being careful on the Internet. You hear it from your counselors and other adults all of the time. "Don't post bad pictures or messages online." You might say "So what is a picture here and there going to do? I can always untag or delete it." It is not quite that way. There is a lot more going on than you think on the Internet.

It is important to stay clean, because even if you hide the evidence of what you have done, the Internet still keeps track of it, plus there are lots of hidden tricks that are not known to your everyday user. Metadata and geotagging are two such things. A document might log the location in which it was first created, and if you do not delete all of the behind-the-scenes information then you might be out of luck. Geotagging is a common feature smart phones in addition to most digital cameras; the longitude and latitude of where a picture is taken are stored with other data such as on what kind of camera the photo was taken, the date on which it was taken, and the time. Sites like icanstalku.com can give a direct location of where someone is, which is extremely dangerous.

Other websites, like the Wayback Machine, keeps archives of what websites looked like, so nothing is ever hidden. You can delete the history on your computer too if you want, but it does



not delete it from everywhere, just from your computer. Google is able to see what you view and place ads based on your searches, or even the content of your emails if you use GMail. This may seem like an invasion of privacy, but really it is not. The Internet is fair game because it is not owned by one person, but by everyone.

We should be able to learn that no matter what, it is nearly impossible to completely protect yourself while online. Weiner's situation is just one of many. Twitter, as well as other social media websites such as Facebook, YouTube, and StumbleUpon, are prime catalysts for news discussion. Fewer people are caught in the physical act of infidelity or malfeasance anymore since it is much easier to search online for such information. So just know that even though you may think you have everything figured out, hidden, and clean, that is only the tip of the iceberg. Much more goes on in the invisible world of the web than our minds can even grasp.



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