

Youth Genius

By **J.T. Hager**
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For most of us, college is coming up quickly. For one Chicago youth, he is about to become the youngest person ever to earn an M.D. Sho Yano, 21, who has lived in the Chicago area all his life actually began going to college at the age of nine.

He enrolled in Loyola University, and actually graduated with honors after only three years. He then enrolled into Medical School at the age of twelve. Some schools were actually afraid to admit Yano, for fear that such a rigorous schedule could interfere with his adolescent development.

It doesn't appear that any effect has taken place, for Yano is set to graduate from the Pritzker School of Medicine, where he previously earned a Ph.D. in molecular genetics and cell biology. Yano will become the youngest person in history to earn his M.D. from the University of Chicago. Yano is also preparing to begin his residency training in pediatric neurology.

Musicians Receive Standing Ovation

By **DREW SMITH**
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Whether you are singing along to your favorite tune or improvising your own music on an instrument, music is an essential part of life in various ways. How people express music is always going to be different than from the guy standing next to them, its feel is different for everyone.

Yesterday evening the chorus and the band put on a spectacular performance for the state. The night was loaded with wondrous talent that rang through the auditorium.

Band and chorus members alike had a significant impact upon the audience, receiving a hearty round of applause and occasional appreciative hollers after each piece was performed.

"I have enjoyed the people in band. We sound professional and full," said Jordan Strickler of Patton County.

When asked what it was like to

meet all of the chorus members from across Kansas, Andrew Shermoen of Marshall County said, "I think it's cool. It was a big gathering with a bunch of guys who love to sing. We're all so good!"

Among the many members of the band and chorus, a few soloists took the initiative to prove their true talent, which received an extra dose of excited applause.

Considering that the band and chorus had such little time to put together their performances, they did an outstanding job. And let us not forget the ones who took charge and lead the chorus and band to perfection--the directors.

Michael Begley from King County said it all when he stated, "I enjoyed the concert. How everyone came together in such a short time did very well!"



City Sues Stater

By HARRISON LAMP

Media Staff Writer

A hot case has found its way into the courts at Boys State. In this particularly case, Powell County is attempting to sue King County on behalf of Frank Depenbush, and his claims that his rights were ignored in his unlawful arrest.

The jury ruled guilty to contempt of court and fined him \$500. The lawyer for King County, Chase Pumford, said after the court had adjourned that, "i think that the proceedings went well, it reminded

me of debate. I felt that today was a good way to explore the justice system."

The lawyer for Powell County is Joshua Schwab, and he said, "Today affirmed every statement made in court today, and I am excited about an appeal with a fairer court." He then said he wanted to add no further comments. Chase ended with a thank you to Frank Depenbush for, "Being such a good sport about all this." King county offered to drop all fines if Powell dropped all charges. The appeal is planned

for tomorrow if things do not go as planned. There will be a very interesting turnout to this case, as it has grown to one of the largest controversial cases of boys state 2012. King County and Powell county have proved themselves as worthy opponents to each other. The final outcome of the King County vs. Depenbush case will be one of much prestige throughout the counties of boys state. Well done to all those involved in all aspects of the case, and the proceedings so far.

Sleepwalking Robbery

By HARRISON LAMP

Media Staff Writer

Have you ever been so tired that you felt you could rob a person?

If you are like most people in this country, the answer is very obvious but for this queer case the answer is not what you would expect.

Winston Riley, a Connecticut

man was arrested on March 18, for an attempted robbery of a woman in a parking garage elevator. Attorney Nicholas D'Amato told judges yesterday they would use medical defense to prove Winston innocent.

The woman told prosecutors that Winston unsheathed a large knife and reached for her purse.

Apparently after the screaming

Winston was awakened.

He later confessed to police and told them in a confused state that he just needed some money.

Winston is a married man and has had a clean record.

Could it be possible that his sleepwalking is the cause of the crime?

The verdict of Winston will be decided on July 17th.

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Questions? Comments? Ideas for State?

Text 91286 followed by your comments to 22333, and it may be printed in the paper!

The College Fair

By **LOGAN GIDEON**
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The 2012 annual Boys State College Fair was held in the Kramer Lobby Thursday morning.

Thane Chastain, when asked why Boys State has a College Fair, said, "There was a counselor many years ago, Kristofer Bain, and one of his ideas was that since we promote people going to college, and the vast amount of people are college bound, it could be a good idea to have a college fair," he also continued to say, "We appreciate Kansas States flexibility in helping us provide this opportunity." During the fair 16 colleges came, including Butler Community College, Washburn University, Bethany College, Kansas State University, University

of Kansas, and many others.

Stater Henry Moore of Bradley county said, "Everyone is here checking out different choices seeing what they are doing with their lives and taking the next big step in their career and education."

Stater Luke Kicklighter of Persh-

ing county said, "I think it would be really cool if they had more colleges out of state. I think that a lot of people that attend boys state have the opportunity to attend schools out of state, opening the door to various things."



Possible New Triple Crown Winner

By **BRYAN COURTNEY**
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Since 1978, no horse has ever become a Triple Crown winner. This may soon change because of the horse by the name of I'll Have Another. I'll Have Another's grand-sire Funny Cide was once in I'll Have Another's position. Funny Cide was the first New York bred horse to win the Kentucky Derby and was very popular with fans. It all started when Mayor J.P.

Constance purchased Funny Cide. Mayor Constance then pooled money together with some of his fellow citizens and purchased a stable. Somehow Funny Cide made it all the way to the Kentucky Derby and won.

They traveled to the Preakness and received another victory to make it one race away from winning the Triple Crown. Then, when they got to the Belmont the weather had another plan and decided to rain

that day.

The race went on as planned. Funny Cide only placed third as a result of the racing conditions and did not receive the Triple Crown award.

Now we all just have to wait and watch to see if I'll Have Another will follow in his sire's footsteps or persevere and become the 12th Triple Crown winner in history.

State of the Departments

By MATT ROGERS

Media Staff Writer

At noon Thursday the media held interviews of departments to hear about their recent activity. In doing so we obtained a better view of the collective workings of the state.

Dept of Agriculture

Recently, the Department of Agriculture has been working to give money for grain elevators and other equipment to boost the farming economy. The department will also be distributing general grants for rural problems which are faced by farmers; meetings are currently being set up in order to determine who receives these grants.

Dept of Commerce

The Department of Commerce is partnering with the Department of Transportation in order to construct an eight-lane highway system which would connect the counties. Additionally, Congress is passing a bill which would require Commerce to check any expenditures greater than \$4000. The department is also building a tourist center in

the state; the final location remains undetermined, but cities are competing for its placement.

Dept of Education

Just recently, the Department of Education has increased the standards for attending the University of Boys State and Boys State University. This will decrease the drop-out rate and save money as a result. In addition, the new budget has been approved by the joint committee of education.

Dept of Energy

The Department of Energy is currently dealing with the energy budget being cut. Also, it has decided to build a power plant in MacArthur county to supply energy to industrial counties. Positive incentives are being proposed to oil and gas departments, pushing them towards the use of renewable energy.

Dept of Health

At the moment the Department of Health is greatly focused on health care. The department is

tasked with providing a landfill in order to dispose the State's waste. Counties are meeting to decide where the landfill is dug, and the department will be completely covering the cost of the landfill.

Dept of SRS

The Department of SRS is highly focused on getting welfare out and trying to identify those in need. The department is also working with the Dept of Education to improve the system.

Dept of Transportation

The Department of Transportation first took the initiative to start a "super highway" project which would connect the counties and run laterally to the river of democracy. It is also spending time on local projects, but with only limited success because of the nonexistence of the budget. As Calvin Cochran says, "Not having a budget makes it very difficult to actually execute our ideas".

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Boys Nation Inspires Staters To Lead

By **MORGAN FAULKNER**
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Over the course of this week we have grown together as compatriots, brothers, and men. We have elected our officials, played the simulation, and made the best of what we were given.

However, this experience does not end with Boys State. On the evening of June 7, 2012, a pivotal decision was placed before us all - which two outstanding Staters will we send to Boys Nation to represent us?

Ten candidates were placed before us Thursday night. These candidates included Cain



Mathis, Seth Penney, Robert Egan, Kharon Brown, Joshua Schwab, Dustin Reed, Cody

Christensen, Audie Monroe, Logan Gideon, and Trevor Richardson. From all across State, these ten men will represent what matters most to each and every one of us - our values. Since these values are what brought us together, it is best that the two candidates that we send to Boys Nation earnestly embody these values.

Although there can only be two delegates sent to Boys Nation, there is something we must remember. No matter which two delegates are selected, we can be certain of this: they will undoubtedly make us proud.

Thunder headed to NBA Finals

By **CALEB HECKER**
Media Staff Writer

One year ago the Oklahoma City Thunder were heading home after being eliminated by the Dallas Mavericks. Now the Thunder are on their way to the NBA Finals after eliminating the San Antonio Spurs Wednesday night in Oklahoma.

Thunder fans were waiting nervously after they saw their team down 15 at half,

but the young Thunder players were able to rally back and beat the Spurs 107-99 behind 34 points and 14 rebounds from small forward Kevin Durant.

Oklahoma City is only the fourth team to ever overcome a halftime deficit of at least 15 points in NBA playoff history, but the first to ever do it after the first round.

San Antonio let the Thunder back in the game in the third quarter. The Spurs

shot just 31.8 percent from the field in the period, and that paired with the Thunder shooting 63.2 percent spelled disaster for the Spurs.

Durant never left the court. With help from point guard Russell Westbrook, 28 points and 8 rebounds, the Thunder showed their tenacity and were able to come back and defeat the much more experienced Spurs.

Voting Reform

Media Staff Reports

Today, the office of the Secretary of State moved that, in accordance with complaints of the Kansas population, elections must be reformed at the city and county levels to better accommodate the needs of the people. This change must be presented in three parts.

The first is the need for places of voting in every city, so driving to a place of voting would be less problematic for those previously required to drive further. The second piece is the requirement to provide booths at places of voting so that all voting can be done in private.

The third and final reform is the switch from the current widely used system of hand counted ballots to the use of bubble sheets that would count ballots by computer. This new system would drop the current margin of error to 1/7th of its current state.

This transition would likely cost \$300 to implement throughout the state, and cities unable to fund their portion would be allowed to apply for a grant from the Secretary of State to help with the transition. If the cities of the state choose not to comply with the new regulations, the Attorney General has agreed to prosecute that entity with charges per ballot tampering.

How big is YOUR Package

Media Staff Reports

Upon coming into my office, I found an absolutely HUGE surprise waiting on my desk. I knew, examining its enormous stature, it was going to take all night for me to finish. It was

going to stretch me to my limits and push me as far as I could go. However, I knew the end

result would be oh-so-amazing- economically speaking, of course!

My first project as State Treasurer was to investigate unclaimed property for residents of Kansas. This could range from unspent Victoria's Secret Gift cards to unclaimed stock dividends. You probably don't know what you are missing; which is why these funds are

left alone and forgotten.

Today, I am proposing a plan to provide private corporations with incentives to perform state-wide audits to find these lost funds. Once found I want to return these funds to you but I need your help. These corporations will seek out funds but we will still necessitate your inquiry. Step into my office to see what kind of package I have in store for you.

For a slight finder's fee, you can be presented with hundreds of forgotten family dollars. Once you come in, my staff will assist you in finding the size of your package and rescue your forgotten treasure.

Homosexual Marriages

Media Staff Reports

Recently, an issue was brought up through the necessary legal means to be voted on. This issue was the allowing or disallowing homosexual marriage.

This issue will be voted upon tomorrow between the hours of 10:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M. Voting will be done by bubble card ballot and counted by computer.