

## Primary Election Results

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The primary results are in, and the party nominees of Boys State 2012 are now in their respective positions.

The Governor and Secretary of State were interviewed to give insight to some of the new ideas and leadership positions held by the officials. Jesse Porter, the new Governor nominee of the Nationalist party said that he felt great about his win, but it was not only about his attaining the position, "it was only half the battle."

The competition was a, "little daunting," to him but he came out on top. It is his first time holding an official office, and his first order of business as governor will be looking at the state deficit and fixing the

education system should he win.

The new federalist governor, Cole Feldman had a few words to say on his win as well.

He said, "This is not a win for me, its a win for the people."

He also said that he was not phased during the election, but again was doing it for the people.

The main points he wanted to address for his first orders of business were to bring a , "Voice to the people" and to decrease taxes.

Cole said that he felt that his officials are a good team and are all respectful of each other.

He mentioned that his running felt like a head to head with one of his fiercest opponents Cain Mathis. Cain mathis is now going to be appointed the lieutenant governor of the federalist party.

## State Triplets

By **Matt Rogers**  
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This year, there is a rare occurrence at State which many of us are unaware. For the 75th anniversary of Boy's State, one can observe triplets in attendance. Jacob, Michael and Joshua Stukel are surely some of the first triplets to be seen here at state, and they have all been enjoying their time here with their fellow brothers.

"It's really awesome to see them here", said Michael Stukel of King county while describing his experience with his brothers.

However, as there are over over 500 attendees at state this year, these brothers get separated by county and their communication is severed.

"I don't really see them much here, being in different buildings and all," said Michael about the unfortunate scattering of his brothers.

They are barely in contact, the exceptions being lunch and marches. Though they are scattered throughout the state in different counties and different buildings, the Stukel triplets continue to enjoy the week individually.



# Plane Crash Kills 163

By Harrison Lamp  
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A passenger plane carrying more than 160 people crashed in Nigeria's largest city Lagos, Nigeria today, killing all passengers and crew aboard.

An emergency official said, "Several charred corpses could be seen in the rubble of a building damaged by the crash as firefighters searched for survivors and pulled a dead body from the wreckage." The plane did not nosedive in its crash, but crash-landed on the belly of the plane. It first crashed through a furniture shop and then some residential buildings before halting in a

well-populated neighborhood. 163 Passengers were aboard the flight headed from Abuja to Lagos.

Nigeria's Civil Aviation Authority, Harold Demuren, said that all onboard the Dana Air Flight had died. Praise Richard, a witness present near the crash site, said he was watching a film when he heard a loud explosion that sounded like a bomb.

He ran outside and saw massive smoke clouds and flames rising from the crash site around 3:45 p.m.

The model of plane that went down was a Boeing MD83 aircraft, used by the company for their Lagos to Abuja flights.

Two fire trucks and fifty emergency personnel as well as the Nigerian Red Cross arrived at the crash site. The Nigerian government claims it now has full radar coverage of the entire nation.

However, in a nation where the state-run electricity company is in shambles, state power and diesel generators occasionally fail at airports, making radar screens go blank.

The presidency said in a statement, the crash "has sadly plunged the nation into further sorrow on a day when Nigerians were already in grief over the loss of many other innocent lives in the church bombing in Bauchi State."

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## Party Conventions Take Place *Nationalist Party*

**By William Englander**  
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The atmosphere upon entering the Nationalist Party Convention can only be accurately described with one word: electric.

One is immediately consumed by the contagious excitement and optimism of the delegates filling the room, anxiously awaiting the beginning of the ceremony and swapping opinions on the candidates running in the general election.

Soon enough, Nationalist Commissioner of Insurance nominee David Kroll took to the microphone and introduced the gentlemen behind him: Master of Ceremonies James Kor, Nationalist State Treasurer nominee Bumjin Jung, and Nationalist Attorney General nominee Rico Suave.

James, Bumjin, and Rico had the privilege of providing humorous interpretations in different languages of David's opening speech.

Nationalist Secretary of State nominee Drew Broeckelman then proceeded to communicate to the delegates the gravity of the election they are participating in-- an appropriate reminder given Drew's brief lesson on gravitational energy directly prior.

Following additional remarks from Rico and Bumjin, Nationalist Governor nominee Jesse Porter took to the stage with Tymon Wall, the Nationalist Party's Lieutenant Governor nominee, and this is where the assemblage really set its sights on policy and victory.

The two main issues the Nationalist Party is focusing on this year are the legalization of marijuana and the conversion of oil and gas companies into wind and solar companies through the implementation of tax incentives.

In chanting their support, delegates' pride in being Nationalists was evident.

"The Nationalist Party really came together as a team tonight," hopeful Governor Jesse Porter said, "and I hope that we can carry that unity into the election."

## *Federalist Party*

**By Morgan Faulkner**  
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The Federalist Party is most definitely fired up and ready to begin the general election process.

Federalist Malachi Cousin kicked off the event with an entertaining lead-in, inviting other Federalists to come join him in the "Dougie" - the signature dance popularized by Cali Swag District's hit song, "Teach Me How To Dougie".

Of course, the event was not comprised of pure tomfoolery.

Cole Feldman, the Federalist Party's nominee for governor, outlined the party platform in a concise manner.

Brandishing the slogan, "The Voice of The People", Feldman and his counterparts vowed to represent the wishes of the majority, identifying with the most fun-

damental of democratic sentiments.

All issues - whether economic, financial, moral, or legal, will be handled in a way that best suits the majority under Federalist leadership.

However, we must ask ourselves - where do we draw the line on issues of right and wrong?

In the words of the great Optimus Prime, "Freedom is the right of all sentient beings", but where does this group of Federalist nominees intend to draw the line on morality?

The simple fact is, a government that does not take a definite stand on key moral issues is not worthy of the people's trust.

While Feldman and the rest of the Federalist nominees hold to most core party values, they must consider that issues of morality are of key importance to their constituents.



## Celtics/Heat

By Caleb Hecker

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Boston has dominated Heat inside the last three games but only won two of them thanks to strong performances from MVP LeBron James. Heat have been lacking a real post threat thus far in the Eastern Conference Finals, but Tuesday Heat may get some much needed help with the return of All-Star forward Chris Bosh.

Bosh's injuries have been moved to day-to-day, and with the series tied, expect him to play. Since Bosh arrived with James to play alongside Wade in Miami in July 2010, Heat have won 72 percent (116-45) of their games with him in the lineup. Without Bosh Miami has won only 52 percent of the time going 12-11.

Still, Celtics look to take game five and home court advantage from Heat. Celtics have found themselves in a 2-2 series eight times in the past and all eight times they won the next game. Seven of those eight times Boston was at home, and Tuesday they will have to play a tough road game in Miami.

## Rec Sports Reactions

By Drew Smith, Bryan Courtney

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Staters yesterday not only played with their arms and legs but also with their hearts.

The competition was not easy, but most Staters had a good time.

"I had fun. I liked how organized and diverse the activities were," said Cale Benne from Eisenhower County.

Tanner Craig also enjoyed the activities because of their organization: "Yes, I enjoyed the recreations today; they were very organized and had very friendly competitions," he said.

From volleyball to tennis, Staters competed against each other to win points for their counties.

When asked how competitive do you get in sports, and is competition always a good

thing, Trevor Kress from Bradley County said, "I get pretty competitive, but not taking competitiveness too far is good. I'd rather play for competition."

"Basketball requires the most effort and determination because of all the running and skills involved," said Colin Clark from Pershing County.

Today, Staters will compete again at 3:30 p.m. to try to be the best county. So, best of luck to all competitors, and remember: be safe and have fun!



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## Staters Enjoy Kramer Dining Cuisine

By Matt Rogers  
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When hundreds of Staters gathered in Kramer Hall and filed into the cafeteria, many did not know what to expect.

Some may have imagined the tuna “surprise” or the sloppy joes made with a variety of mystery meat; all meals they have become accustomed to in their gruesome high school cafeterias. What they actually tasted turned out to be an incredible surprise.

When the counties filed in one by one, they discovered a scrumptious feast awaiting them. Said feast far surpassed their expectations of typical cafeteria food.

“It was great. I wasn’t expecting it to be this good here, but apparently they really know how to cook,” said Luke Kicklighter from Pershing

County.

Kicklighter wasn’t the only one who experienced it this way.

“It was great. The nacho cheese was amazing,” said Dustin Reed from Marshall County.

“The french fries were cooked to perfection,” said Cameron Reynolds with a grin on his face as he tastefully remembered the cuisine.

When the brownie sundaes were unveiled, more Staters rushed out frantically with drooling mouths.

“It was amazing,” said Kicklighter, who partook in enjoying the desert.

These responses did not appear to be out of the ordinary at all as the majority of Staters savored the meal from start to finish.

While everyone looks forward to the events of the week unfolding with fiery politics and life-changing experiences, we now have a shocking and new aspect of Boys’ State to



look forward to -- the cuisine.

## The Whistle Stop Tour

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### Nationalist Party

The Nationalist Party Whistle Stop Tour took place in the Marlatt Facility. Each candidate gave a timed speech followed with a few quick questions. When asked about the tour Stater Cale Benne, from Crum City in Eisenhower County, said “I thought we had a lot of candidates that showed good potential, and they seemed dedicated to attaining their office”.



### Federalist Party

Today’s whistle stop tour was a very informative and interesting experience.

Candidates competing for the positions inside the Federalist Party were given the chance to state their platforms and convince their constituents from each county and city

to vote for them.

Some candidates chose to diverge from their party’s core values and take other paths.

An example of one of these candidates is Luke Craghead, a candidate for Governor who ran on the platform of heightened environmental sensitivity.

Overall the candidates were informative, persuasive, and very well-presented.

With that said, the Nationalist Party can expect fierce competition from the Federalists this year.

## Community Bathrooms

By J.T. Hager, Kyle Hallinan  
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Wading through the thick mist you could cut with a knife, a Stater pulls back the dingy white curtain to reveal the community bathrooms. After interviewing Staters from around the campus, these reporters have compiled mind boggling results.

"The bathrooms seemed very sanitary, but I would prefer not as many people in one area," said Christopher Shinn.

Many other Staters agree with Christopher's opinion that though the bathrooms are sanitary, they are severely lacking in organization as Joshua Gage states "Organization is a big thing, without organization it could get really hectic." Not every stater agrees.

Stater Tyler Metcalf argues "Why waste all of that pipe when we could have just one big shower head in the middle." These reporters have also accumulated some revealing statistics. It appears that the federalists are against the community showers/bathrooms whereas the Nationalists do not mind the openness of the showers.

One camp counselor expressed his thoughts on having his own bathroom, "Well I have my own bathroom, and it's pretty nice." said counselor Alex Jones. So while the students may cram into the bathrooms, we can sleep happily knowing that the staters' beloved counselors have this greatest of luxuries.

## U.S. to build destroyer with railguns

By Kyle Hallinan  
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"Beep, beep, beep..." the sonar of a foreign defense system starts to pick up what appears to be a small fishing boat entering dangerous waters, except this fishing boat is a bit more than the average trawler. What is actually entering the foreign waters is freedom.

Freedom doesn't always come in conventional means which is why America is cashing out three billion dollars for the new super stealth DDG-1000 destroyer warship. This destroyer is being equipped with technology straight out of science fiction. America is asserting its authority

on the open seas by furnishing the destroyer with giant electromagnetic "railguns."

These guns use an electric current and magnetic fields to launch a projectile faster than the speed of light. When these cannons go off, a missile of freedom screams across the water and completely destroys anything in its path.

Railguns are not just all these destroyers are decked out with. Coming along with the whole package is a full fledged stealth system that can allow the ship to appear as only a small fishing boat to foreign sonars. Although the technology is still being worked on, the ships are expected to come out by 2014 to defend America.

## Zimbabwe Officials to visit about Blood Diamonds

By J.T. Hager  
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President Obama has granted visitation for two senior Zimbabwe Officials for a meeting on the prevention of buying and selling Blood Diamonds in Africa. They are Attorney General Johannes Tomana and Minister of Mines Obert Mpofu. There is some controversy because there are some human rights concerns and sanctions against the two. Both men hold high positions in President Robert Mugabe's cabinet, who has been accused of many human rights abuses.

Hillary Renner Fuller, a spokes-

woman for the State Department's Bureau of African Affairs, said the participation of the officials, "Is in no way indicative of an easing of U.S. concerns about the human rights situation in Zimbabwe, nor a change in our sanctions policy."

Human Rights watch has accused Zimbabwean troops of killing over 200 people. In February, global witnesses cited fears that Zimbabwe was using their diamond revenue as an "off-budget cash cow" instead of rebuilding the economy. There is also a fear that diamonds are being hoarded in a tax-free haven to be used to fund violence and rigging elections.