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Boys Nation

As you probably already know, the winners for the US Senatorial election were Drew Beck (F) and Zack Brazão (F), but what exactly is Boys Nation, and what do they have to do there?

As Larry DiCara told us the other day, Boys Nation’s members are comprised of two boys selected from each of the 49 different Boys State programs (Hawaii does not have one due to the funding of flying people from the different islands). In addition to learning the process by which bills are passed and arguing like the men who are really there, these 98 boys from across the country will elect a President and Vice-President to be inaugurated. These representatives will also meet a clerk in the Supreme Court, and their state’s U.S. Senators; along with a Holocaust survivor, multiple alumni, and the National Commander of the American Legion, Jimmie L. Foster.

The boys have much more sight-seeing time than we did this week (probably because there’s a lot more to see out in Washington DC than there is here), including trips to the National Mall (Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Wall, Korean War Memorial), the Iwo Jima Memorial, the WWII Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian Museum and Natural History Museum, Capitol Hill, and the White House.

Yet between these incredible sounding visits, they will be doing a lot of work, having Senate Party meetings lasting about an hour, and Senate conventions that can last 3 hours or longer.

All in all, this sounds like a fantastic opportunity and experience for these two boys. Congratulations to Drew and Zack, and a shout out to all boys who vied for the position. Best of luck and let’s hope they represent Massachusetts well!

By Robert Hsu

Weather

Stonehill College, MA



Sunny

Today
High **81**
Low **62**



Showers

Friday
High **71**
Low **61**

The Baggage of Our Generation

How many times have you heard a respected adult comment on this generation’s ineptitude with personal interaction or our cultural-historical ignorance? They may say things like, “You kids have never seen a rotary-dialed telephone,” “You all don’t know real American culture”, or even “Teenagers these days don’t understand the rewards of hard work.” Why does this happen? Is our generation really so ignorant?

Sure, we all know that one kid that seems to symbolize everything wrong with our generation. But this person is not inherently bad; he or she is simply the loud antithesis to the new silent majority, exuding an aura that gives every adult the wrong impression of us. This impression is namely that we have a general lack of appreciation for everything any other generation has accomplished before us, and that we have substituted instant-gratification-style use of self-indulgent websites and technologies for tan-

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Election

U.S. Senator

Drew Beck
Zachary Brazão

Governor

Gregory Amato

Lieutenant Governor

Colton Williamson

Attorney General

Luis Cruz

Secretary of State

Darius Argentinis

Treasurer

Richard Megis

Auditor

Matthew Piana

Art Acceptance

On Wednesday, Girls Stater, Laura Fanning, drew a beautiful picture of an owl that received admiration from expert art critic and fellow Girls Stater, Madison Granger. Laura and many other artists that attend Boys and Girls State have a talent for creative expression. Cities and towns across the state and the nation are cutting their funds for art programs. The kids and adults that have this talent are not getting the proper opportunity to express themselves. If we allow athletes to play sports and writers to write, why can't we allow artists to draw, paint, or sketch? Funding should be given for art programs because everyone should have an outlet for expression. I encourage Boys and Girls Staters to express their creativity through art and share their artwork with anyone and everyone that will appreciate the true meaning of art. Without this art and creativity, we are a generation that will be remembered by the black and white words that have been written down and not by the color and creativity.

By Alex Patturelli

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- Across**
4. Name of Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor.
 6. Guest speaker last night.
 7. Where we're located.
 8. What came on during the flag day ceremony.
 9. Fifteenth state to join the Union.

- Down**
1. Party that won the majority of state seats.
 2. Stressful Assessment Test
 3. Name of Dorm where the cities are located
 5. The last name of our Treasurer.

Crossword

Today in History

1858- Abraham Lincoln, then a candidate for the U.S. Senate, gives his famous speech warning that the nation would soon become either all slave or all free, and that "a house divided against itself cannot stand." Lincoln lost the election, but the speech made him nationally famous, and two years later, he was elected the 16th President of the United States.

1884-America's first roller coaster opens at Coney Island in Brooklyn, NY.

1903-The Ford Motor Company is officially established in Detroit, Michigan.

By John Costello

The Baggage of Our Generation (con't)

gible, significant interactions .

Frankly, the stereotype of our generation seems too big of an umbrella. It fails to acknowledge that hundreds of responsible, conscientious young leaders are continually produced in this country despite of the many distractions of the digital age. The fact is, our generation's adulthood is quickly approaching, and programs like Boys State consistently prove that we are no less ready to take our place on the world stage than any generation previous. Our job here is to change the negative (and overly general) perception of our peers, and to understand that the troubles that the future will present to our generation are sure to be some of the toughest humanity has ever faced. In reality, we have grown up in the turmoil of the digital age, the Middle Eastern conflict, and all of the other plagues of the modern world. Our generation cannot be held responsible for this supposed downward spiral.

Yes, many of us do have the baggage of being distracted by FaceBook or not writing letters anymore, but I like to think that our best and brightest use the modern age to their advantage and absolutely make an effort to understand and appreciate the history that got us where we are today. So, fellow Boys Staters, let this be a call to action to be the best spokesmen we can be on the world stage in the future, be the solution that we so desperately need, and remove all doubt of our potential.

By Travis Roy

Our Inarticulate Generation

So, uhm, I was going to like talk about the speech of our, uhm, generation. Because its like deteriorating and stuff, like, you know? Because it like seems like people say like like and umm a lot...and yeah.

If you were able to even understand what I was trying to say in the above few sentences, I applaud you. It appears as if our generation is increasingly becoming the most inarticulate generation of all time. Our generation has become accustomed to speaking in a manner that not only makes our thoughts incomprehensible, but perhaps presents us as less intelligent than we really are.

Do you ever watch movies from the 50s or 40s and feel estranged from the concise and articulate manner in which they speak? In the days the legionnaires grew up, men and women would respond by saying "yes, " instead of "yeah." People used to talk without the addition of like and uhm in between every other word and spoke in manner that bespoke the determination of which they meant it. Now, I don't mean to rattle off in annoyance how "things used to be better back in the day," as many around this week might claim. Rather, I mean to say that our generation has taken to a speech trend in the wrong generation.

All of us here at Boys and Girls State are some of the truly best and brightest, so why do we choose to speak in a way that does not reflect that? That answer is probably difficult to identify and I certainly don't have the answers. However, we must be cognitive of the fact that our generation's speech habits are dwindling. If only only we could speak without like and umm in our speech, we could appear as more intelligent Boy Staters. The next time you find yourself excessively pausing in your speech to add a like or uhm, I encourage you to stop and think about what you could sound like if you just rephrased.

By Patrick Drown

Riot in Duffy Hall

As most Boys Staters know, the town of T-8, along with its counselors, was brought to court earlier this week. The charge brought against them was that of failure to appear at color duty. Their defense was that the Counselors were too busy to take us to the colors ceremony, due to the fact that new town members had just arrived and beds and keys had to be procured for them. They further claimed they could not send just the students because they did not know where the colors ceremony was taking place. Their trial date was set for earlier this week however neither the counselors nor the citizens were made aware of court date so it was skipped en masse. This latest offense against the court was closely followed by a warrant being placed for the entire town to be arraigned in front of the entire Boys State.

The citizens of T-8 were finally tried Wednesday afternoon during mini-course period. First was the trial of Boys State versus the citizens and counselors of T-8. The plaintiff was represented by Boys Stater, Josh Leviton; while the defendant was represented by Girls Stater, Addie Fleron. The court room of Duffy 201 was packed with the town along with many spectators who wanted to see the result of this controversial case. Miss Fleron's main argument was that A: The charges of "failure to appear at colors" and "failure to appear in court" should be tried separately and B: The citizens and counselors of T-8 should be tried separately due to the discrepancies between possible punishments for the two. Both of these pleas were granted, to the frustration of the prosecution. The presiding judge finally ruled that the citizens of T-8 were free to go, much to the satisfaction of the court room's crowd of Boys Staters.

Next was the case of Boys State versus the counselors of T-8. Still representing the plaintiff was Josh Leviton, while the defendant was represented by TJ Recupero himself. Even though he was oblivious as to the actual persons he was defending, Recupero made quick work of the case, more than proving his judicial finesse. His argument was that the entire basis of the case was flawed, and that the prosecution provided insufficient evidence. After several moving points, Recupero led the defense and its supporters out of the court room with a simple uttering to the court room: "Gentlemen." Just about the entire room, excluding the prosecution and the judge, followed Recupero out of the room and onto recreation period with chants of "USA!" and "FREE T-8!" After the riot died down, Recupero had this to say in an interview: "The prosecution should come prepared; the convicted have the right to face their accusers." When asked about the separation of the charges, Recupero responded: "Who's T-8? It sounds like some kind of foreign name; you cannot charge them in the same way that I cannot prosecute the City of Canton" While the riot was making its way out of the court room, Josh Leviton began filing a complaint against Recupero for disrupting court, also making claims that he is "an alien who is not a citizen with no proof of citizenship, and no right to practice in court." In response to this, Recupero stated that he is already 1-0 this year at Boys State, and that he will most likely face yet another "incompetent lawyer" and will represent himself.

By Casey Croteau

Interested In Writing For the Newspaper?

- Come by during the mini-course or the Rec period to Duffy, Room 214
- Submit articles to boysstatenewspaper@gmail.com

Flag Day Ceremony



Survey Results

	Favorable	Unfavorable	No Opinion	Never Heard Of
Barack Obama	153	63	47	0
Joe Biden	66	64	131	1
George W Bush	63	151	49	0
Dick Cheney	29	149	81	0
Al Gore	134	62	68	0
Hillary Clinton	100	80	81	1
Scott Brown	145	37	73	5
John Kerry	132	31	79	1
Mitt Romney	103	69	90	1
Bill Clinton	151	44	65	0
Deval Patrick	108	78	68	1
Tim Murray	29	24	111	98
Tom Menino	83	26	94	58
Sarah Palin	21	195	43	2
Martha Coakley	44	100	98	19
Arnold S.	68	110	84	1
Tiger Woods	86	114	61	0
David Petraeus	69	14	59	114
Michael Bloomberg	54	17	109	83

Student Issues

	Y	N
Should students be required to stand for the national anthem?	206	57
Should communities be allowed to enact a curfew for teenagers?	82	180
Should condoms be available in schools?	200	62
Should schools be able to ban potential gang symbols (like bandanas)?	162	99
Should public schools allow public student prayer in school?	162	101
Should school officials be able to search a student's locker for drug and/or alcohol?	217	43
Should Massachusetts legalize casino gambling?	182	79
Should a student be able to register to vote when obtaining a driver's license?	145	116

Personal Questions

Do you have a TV in your bedroom?	137	134
Are you a the child, grandchild, or a great-grandchild of a veteran?	223	40
Did your parents teach you Bucky Dent's middle name?	34	229
Are you registered on any social networking websites?	244	18
Have you ever purchased an item over the internet?	242	21
Do you eat dinner with a parent/guardian more than 3 times per week?	235	29
Do you go to church regularly?	88	175
Is there a piano in your home?	110	152
Is there a daily newspaper delivered to your home?	132	131

Interview with Chris "Rubik's" Anderson

Most of the people here have already heard about or seen your cubing skills. Are you used to having a lot of people being impressed with that, or is this a new feeling?

People at my high school, Hamilton Wenham, know that I can do it, so they are used to my cubing, but I get this kind of attention whenever I'm around people not at my school. Also, middle-schoolers are easily impressed.

Why do you think that so many people are enthralled by your cubing?

It's an unusual talent. Most people haven't seen a cube solved before, at least at this speed. But the cube is also part of our culture, something that people have tried and recognize as something really difficult.

Talk to me a little about your speed. Do you see speed as an integral part of cubing?

Yes, I would say that speed is integral to me because it is the only way to compare people who can solve it, and competition definitely part of cubing. There are other cubing events, like fewest moves or blindfolded, but those are not as popular as speed-solving.

How long did it take you to learn to speed-solve?

I got a cube the summer before 9th grade and started learning it. Within a few days, I was solving it, but I wouldn't have reached where I am now if my school didn't have an annual cube competition. I lost with a time of 1:40 to a sophomore's 1:25, and given my hypercompetitive mindset, I spent the next year practicing to win the rematch. After I reached 30 seconds, which ensured I would win, I basically stopped practicing until December 2010. Then I met someone who was faster, and I found out that Harvard and MIT held competitions. I've been working since then to beat him and have dropped my average time to just under 20 seconds.

Do you expect to get any faster, or is this your peak time?

I certainly have a lot of time to practice this summer, so I should be able to get faster, probably enough to break all my competition bests this fall, though with a load of 6 AP courses I won't have any time to practice once school starts.

How often do you have to practice to maintain your time?

As long as I do some solves every day, I'm fine—and I've always got at least a 3x3 with me at all times.

Speaking of different types of cubes, can you tell a little about the ones you have?

I have several standard 3x3 cubes, a 2x2, a 4x4, a 5x5, a 7x7 (commonly referred to as "the big one" or "oh my god what is that"), and the Megaminx, which is a dodecahedron.

A dodecahedron has twelve sides, for all our readers out there.

Which one is your favorite?

I practice 3x3 the most by far, but I would say I enjoy solving 5x5 the most. The solves aren't annoyingly long, but long enough to be satisfying from just doing one.

Do you have any advice for aspiring cubers who may be reading this?

First off, practice. A lot. There are many good websites where you can learn how to solve or get faster with advanced methods; I use speedsolving.com, cubefreak.net, and badmephisto.com. If you already cube and are trying to get faster, the overused advice I have for you is to go slow and look ahead. Looking ahead is more important than turn speed. Lastly, get a decent cube; trying to use the ones they sell at the dollar store (as I did) is a waste of time and will cause nothing but frustration. Also, practice.

Speeches



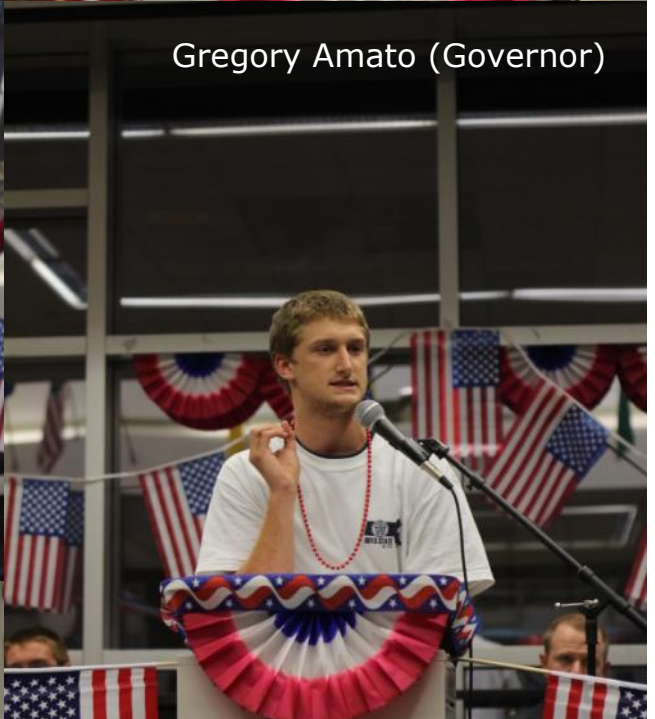
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A Theory Fact

Commentary by Sam Rossi

Today during the Gov elective I dropped my pen. It immediately fell to the ground. A thought struck me: how does the pen know when to fall?

Curious about this phenomenon, I went online and researched this. Turns out, there's actually some mysterious source of energy at the center of the planet. Scientists call it "soul juice." Every object on Earth is attracted to this giant, molten chunk of awesomeness. That's why when someone jumps, he always comes straight back down to the Earth towards the soul juice. The only problem is that the ground is in the way.

Centuries ago, various groups of humans began digging in order to get to the soul juice. In most countries, significant attempts to reach the soul juice have been made. However, progress slowed down in the last 150 or so years because of a thick, sticky black substance embedded in various pockets across the globe. Because the substance greatly increased the cost of the excavation, the mining executives decided to market it as a product, which both makes money and disposes of the substance. People commonly buy it to burn in various ways, often in cars. To give the illusion of reality, the prices constantly fluctuate; here in the Western hemisphere, the prices are said to rise because of wars on the other side of the globe, and on the other side they say the exact opposite.

More recently, a fringe religious group calling themselves the High-Bred Disciples of the Holy Fluid, abbreviated as "high-breds" or sometimes "hybrids." These hybrids believe that the soul juice is sacred and must not be defiled by humans. They have designed cars bearing their name that make the substance-disposal systems less efficient, which slows down the effort to reach the soul juice. Their long term plans include world domination, elimination of the world's gerbil population, and acquiring the Subway chain.

No one is sure what might happen if we were to reach the soul juice. One theory is that humans would be finally able to divide by zero without causing the universe to implode, although the evidence is questionable at best. Some think that the soul juice actually gains its power from "sub-existence," like that of Schrödinger's cat, and that discovering the soul juice would cause it to lose its power. In the event of such a disaster, everything would be violently flung from the Earth's surface. Nobody is completely sure what will happen, but most agree that almost anything might.

Sudoku

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9			5		1		3	7
	8	9						2
		7				1		
3						7	4	
7	1		9		5			3
2		6			3			1
				7		5		4

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