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2023 Alabama Boys State Governor

By: Micah Adams



It is the first day of Governor Thomas Fleming's term at the 86th Alabama Boys State, and chaos has already erupted. This morning, panic arose when a category 4 hurricane caused a nuclear power plant to fail, sparking a full-fledged zombie apocalypse. Tom quickly mobilized Army and Air National Guard, and while US forces were setting a kill zone, Tom left to appeal to the Alabama House and Senate to enact an executive order. The House, however, was already in session when Tom and his cabinet marched in, and though he was given

the floor, his appeal did not go as planned. This was viewed as a major overstep beyond his authority. Speaker of the House Nicholas 'Lasagna' Lozano explains, "he wanted more power than originally granted], and after a while of him speaking...I kicked him out of the House because we were falling back behind on all the bills we needed to pass." Governor

Fleming then approached the Senate, but he was received in a similar manner. Rumors of impeachment flew through Troy's campus, and when asked about their validity,

Lasagna replied, "We're not going to impeach him. He worked hard for that position; he deserves it." However, Alabama Congress still plans to strip his power through passing a new bill, one that will limit his ability to enact executive orders by requiring congressional approval first. This new bill, presented by the attorney general and currently in limbo, states that in order to enact an executive order the governor must first acquire a 51% approval from the Senate and a 66%

approval from the House of Representatives. It is unclear whether the bill will be signed or vetoed by the governor, but many believe he is considering a "pocket veto", where he simply leaves the bill alone till his tenure as governor ends. Press Secretary Brody Mazingo emphasizes that most of the conflict can be chalked up as an "overall misunderstanding from miscommunication. The governor's office is working to resolve this issue in a timely manner."

Cats !!!

By: Micah Adams and Andrew Goodman

Many Boys Staters have noticed an assortment of cats making the Troy campus their home. Throughout the week, these cats have appeared in various locations at all times of the day. You may think the population consists of two mere tabbies. If you have

paid attention, you may have noted a distinction and recognized four separate cats. But what you definitely haven't realized is that these cats are the result of over population and there are in fact around forty-five living on Troy grounds.

While these cats may be homeless, they are not neglected. In an interview with our very own Herrington Hobbs, 5th year Troy student KayLeigh White ensures that each cat is identified and fed on a daily basis. Moreover,

she has initiated a TNR program, where all cats resident to the campus are trapped, vaccinated, and safely released. She testifies to the effectiveness of this program and happily states that "our last born kitten was September of last

year." KayLeigh goes on to explain the reasoning behind the birth of the program: "Our biggest goal is essentially to stop the population crisis." Additionally, she hopes that "the socialized cats will be put up for adoption." Through

KayLeigh's trap neuter release program, she has ended population concerns for cats on Troy's campus. Indeed, she plans to stay in Troy to continue caring for these felines indefinitely, or at least until all the cats are adopted.

Shadow Boxing

By: Mario Lindero Barrera

The "shadow boxing" game has taken Boys State completely by storm! The "shadow boxing" game is a game that has been trending all throughout social media, and it has made it all the way to Alabama Boys State. In the image you can see Paul Mercer, former

Federalist candidate for Governor, and Jonathan Jackson, the Chairman of the Federalist party dueling it out in a shadow boxing match.

For those of you who do not know what shadow boxing is, it is a game where two people stand facing each other,



and they take turns trying to make their opponent look in the same direction that they are pointing. To ultimately win, one must build up to a three point combo. Shadow boxing matches have popped up everywhere since the beginning of Boys

State. From friendly games between delegates during free time, to matches between candidates running for positions during party meetings, this game has been an integral part of the Boys State experience.



Sports

By: Xavier Henderson

Welcome back, Delegates! As we begin to wrap up activities and prepare for Montgomery, here's the latest update on the sports activities taking place around Troy. City 1 continued their strong performance with a record of 4-2. City 2 showcased their skills in Spikeball, securing impressive victories with scores of 11-2 and 11-5.

City 3 demonstrated their versatility, achieving a record of 3-3. They excelled in both Basketball and the Academic Bowl, going undefeated with a 3-0 record in each. City 4 and City 5 maintained balanced records, each concluding the day with a record of 3-3. In Ultimate Frisbee, City 5 secured an impressive 20-4 victory. City 7 also secured a convincing

15-4 win in Ultimate Frisbee, finishing the day 2-4. City 8 stole the show with a thrilling 5-4 victory in Ultimate Frisbee, securing the win with only 10 seconds left in the game. In Basketball, Jordan Moore has collected 111 points throughout the week. City 6 faced some challenges, ending the day 1-5. City 9's scores have not been reported at

this time, and we look forward to their upcoming updates. Lastly, City 10 displayed exceptional prowess, boasting an impressive record 5-1. We applaud the efforts and sportsmanship demonstrated by all the cities. Let's finish strong to support and cheer for each other as the Alabama Boys State sports events come to a close!



Race for Best City

By: Xavier Henderson

After much anticipation, the moment we've all been waiting for has arrived—the tentative city scores for the Best City race have finally been unveiled! Get ready for some explosive showdowns as cities battle it out for supremacy. Currently leading the pack is City 1 with a staggering 362 points, closely trailed by City 6 at 360. City 2 and City 7 aren't far behind, with scores of 344 and 346 respectively. The competition is fierce, with Cities 3, 4, 5, 8,

9 and 10 showcasing their determination to reach the top, with scores ranging from 334 to 360. The atmosphere is electric as participants and spectators alike soak up the excitement. Brace yourselves for the grand finale, where the Boys State champion will be crowned, and remember, it's still anyone's game. Stay tuned for more unforgettable moments and thrilling performances that will leave you on the edge of your seat!



The Music That Makes Us

By: Jackson Angiulli

Who are the people you know? I'm not talking about in your life. I'm talking about here at Boys State. It has been a CRAZY week to say the least. Through all of this madness, some famous, or infamous, names have come to light. These are the superstars of Boys State and their favorite songs. Enjoy, Boys State.



Thomas Fleming
Careless Whisper by George Michael



Paul Mercer
Love Bites by Judas Priest



Landon Bruski
Love Yourz by J. Cole



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