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## THE RACE IS ON

Carrick Perlinger, Brent Comstock vie for Governor



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# WE APOLOGIZE...

As the editor of the Cornhusker Boys' State Newspaper, I strive to make the newspaper as diverse in opinion as possible. We live in a society where people have different opinions, and I want all opinions represented in "The Bulletin." However, as an editor, I failed to fulfill one of my duties to impartiality. In yesterday's edition of the "Bulletin" two articles were published supporting Jane Kleeb in the Keystone XL Pipeline debate. Although "The Bulletin" supports different opinions, articles representing the opposition side should have printed in the same edition, and such articles were not written in favor. I cannot apologize fully enough to make up for my error.

*-Trevor Sorensen, Editor of "The Bulletin"*

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## CAUCUSES

### NATIONALIST

*By: Joshua Johnson*

Yesterday, the Nationalist Party nominated Carrick Perlinger as their candidate for the upcoming Boys State Gubernatorial election. He will face off against the Federalist Candidate Brent Comstock in the general election. Perlinger is currently the Mayor of Valley Forge and will no doubt use his position as Mayor to bolster his campaign. Mayor Perlinger announced his opposition to the legalization of marijuana during the Nationalist Caucus but also stated that he is in favor of Civil Unions for Same-Sex couples.

### FEDERALISTS

*By: Joshua Johnson*

Yesterday, the Federalist Party nominated Brent Comstock as their candidate for Governor in the upcoming Gubernatorial election. Mr. Comstock is currently the Mayor of Batan and will surely use this fact to boost his campaign. But that isn't all the experience Mayor Comstock has; he is also a successful entrepreneur. On the issues Mayor Comstock has proven to be a moderate and has said that he can appeal to both sides of an issue.

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## JUSTICE AT BOYS STATE

*By: Alex Varon*

After a tedious selection process Tuesday night, the Judicial positions for the 72nd session of Boys' State has been determined; Here are your 2012 Boys' State judicial members:



Chief Justice of the Supreme Court:

Alex Varon – Valley Forge

Associate Justices of the Supreme Court:

Alex Brechbill – Valley Forge

Benjamin Burmester – Belleau Wood

Spencer Creal – Manila Bay

Jared Knust – Bunker Hill

Jacob Tierra – Gettysburg

Austin Wendt – Manila Bay

Trial Judges:

Lincoln County:

District Ct. Judge, Seth Hunt – Manila Bay

District Ct. Judge, Skyler Teten – Alamo

County Judge, Thomas Sandoz – Alamo

County Judge, Anthony Weber - Bataan

Washington County:

County Judge, Mitch Kampschneider – V. Forge

County Judge, Aaron Weisman – Yorktown

District Ct. Judge, Ethan Cox – Valley Forge

# SLEDDING TO THE GOLD

By: *Alex VanAckeren and Zach Miller*

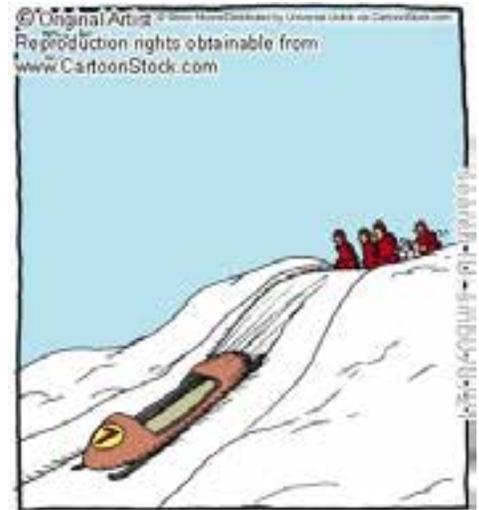
It's not too often a person can be in the presence of someone who has competed in the Olympics, let alone someone who has won a gold medal in the Olympics. Thursday, United States Olympic Bobsled Gold-Medalist Curt Tomasevicz spoke the Boys' and Girls' Staters in Kimball Hall. Growing up in Shelby, Nebraska, Tomasevicz was involved in several activities. He played sports and was even in speech (only because he wanted to meet girls, mind you). He had to find things he enjoyed, as his mother wouldn't allow him to have a Nintendo, as most kids his age did. He was an advocate of the small town living and its positive effects on the youth growing

up in those areas.

Tomasevicz came to the University of Nebraska to study electrical engineering. He originally had a strong interest in playing football at UNL. He was successful in tryouts, beating 117 other hopefuls to join the team along with two others. He played scout running back, which he was a little disappointed about because he wanted to be a starting running back. Later he went on to graduate school for electrical engineering. One day, he was working out and ran into a young woman who was on the US Women's Olympic Bobsled Team. He thought it sounded interesting, and wanted to learn more. In fact, it wasn't until he was twenty-three when he saw his first bobsled. He flew up to Calgary, Canada for time trials, where he made the USA #2 team and traveled the world representing our great country. He quickly became a natural at "sled pushing".

As an Olympian, he doesn't receive pay. As a result, he and his teammates must have several

fundraisers. Being the fantastic town it is, Shelby really helped them out. They held a golf tournament, a steak feed, as well as a street dance. Together, they raised an outstanding \$25,000. He gave the message that there are several ways to be a leader. Of those, two of his favorites are leading through words and leading through example. Even though he came from a relatively small town in Nebraska, Curt Tomasevicz persevered, took charge of his destiny, and became an excellent Olympic Bobsledder.



"... 'Step 2: Get a running start.' ... Oh, here we go! ... 'Step 3: Jump into the bobsled.'"

# OSBORNE SHOCKS WITH APPEARANCE

By: *Jacob Greenough and Coleman Baker*

Yesterday after the speaker Dr. Sara Imhof, Boys' State was given a special surprise. As Mr. Zabawa introduced our guest, the applause began. Then with an uproar of applause and photos Tom Osborne took the stage. Tom Osborne is one of the most known Nebraska's of all time. He has his time in Husker Football and also in politics. But to day he

was a speaker. Mr. Osborne talks to us about being leaders. He gave us examples of not giving up, and refusing to let your fire die. One of those examples was one of his former players. He was a 190-pound lineman and was from a small high school. They sent him footage that wasn't good because of the lights, so they told the player that he could walk on. The player did amazing. He actually ended up playing 12 years in the NFL and now is coaching a football team. Mr. Osborne also talked about character. Say you find a wallet on the ground with money in it. Whether you take the money insider or if you search for the person, it reveals your character. He just wanted to show us what kind of people we should be. It was an invigorating experience to have Mr. Osborne to take time out of his busy schedule to talk to us.

# LEGISLATURE GETS NEGATIVE RATING

By: Nick Oivatt

As a lobbyist for my PAC, I got to see first-hand how the legislature works. Although no lobbying was going on, there were a number of opportunities to “examine” the Boys’ State Legislature. It was quite impressive to see how everything was organized and run by the Legislature. There wasn’t much oversight from the counselors. From the start, the first bill on bullying passed unanimously. However, the second bill did not fare so well. Bob Leddy’s proposed environmental bill wanted to create an agency to explore new energy options ranging from nuclear to hydrogen fuel cells. It was postponed indefinitely. After that the majority wanted to eliminate the whole second section due to its massive length and informative nature; the whole process was a mess. Amendments were added to it as well as shot down. In the end, it was voted upon as is and passed with a 24-21 vote. Four abstained and, in theory, could have had a huge impact on the decision. The bill was barely passed and was highly controversial. One huge challenge for the bill was the belief that it was suited for the federal level, not the state level. It also proved unpopular for farmers, and required an enormous amount of time. Some legislators argued that it would have a negative impact, due entirely to the fact that less bills could be looked at. Of course, many Legislators also argued that it was a very important bill that couldn’t be scraped just because it was lengthy and required a long debate.

It seemed that from then on every bill was a total mess that brought a sense of confusion. The marijuana bill that proposed legalizing cannabis also had a lengthy debate. Often, there was talking from all over the room and it was difficult to keep order. The legalized cannabis bill was shot down, but only barely. In addition, the flat tax bill was also shot down after much confusion and heated debate. The bottom line for this legislature is that it got a negative rating from spectators. It was total confusion, a total mess, and a total waste of time in some cases. Hopefully Friday’s session proves much better.

# OF THE CHARACTER OF A MAN

By: Coleman Baker

So Tom Osborne came here today, no big deal.

The man was a beacon on the stage, and from the second Mr. Zabawa called him to the stage, he had each and every one of our individual attentions. We all expected him to talk about football, or something similar, but instead he caught us all off guard when he veered to a deeper subject: Character. The character of a man, he said, is the one thing you can never lose. Your popularity may wane, as may your wealth, but as for the character of a man, it will never leave him.

He spoke of integrity; the fortifying of truth and honor within our minds, and then acting upon them. You do this, he said, by being honest, and by keeping your promises. He also proceeded to speak of the Greeks. Great, astounding people. He told about how they stressed the importance of balance in our lives between three types of strengths: Physical, Mental, and Spiritual. One may be have mastered his body and be a phenomenal athlete, and can even be an all A student, but when his youth leaves him, and his academics no longer matter, all he is left with is an underdeveloped spirituality. And with that comes a loss of meaning in ones life. So there must be balance. And from what I can tell, Tom Osborne is the embodiment of balance, and we should all strive to follow his lead and live a life worthy of our potential.



# TOWN REPORTS

## MANILA BAY

*By: Thomas Rezac*

Rumor has it that Manila Bay is in contention to win the championship this year at Boys State, and for good reason. Manila Bay had two very good candidates running for the Lincoln county nomination for governor. Although neither of them got the nomination, they put together a very good campaign and had the full support of not just the rest of Manila Bay, but from other towns as well. Despite this, Manila Bay

did have some victories in Thursday's election. Trent Richardson got elected as the attorney general for the federalist party. Manila Bay also had two people win an Associate Justice position. In the end, win or loss, Manila has and always will support their great candidates.

Besides success in the election, a few issues were discussed on the Manila Bay floor meeting Wednesday evening. Not political issues, but a few problems that have been encountered at Boys State this week. A few of the things

discussed were texting while people are speaking, falling asleep during speeches, and overloading the elevators. "If we are going to win this year's championship, I'd hate to see Manila Bay blow their chances because of something stupid," said counselor Zach Parshall. I think these issues were discussed properly, and shouldn't be a problem for the rest of the week. At least for Manila Bay. As for Belleau Wood? As long as they keep on walking those ten flights of stairs, they should be just fine.

## VALLEY FORGE

*By: Zach Miller*

Valley Forge is doing well so far! We have a Gubernatorial Candidate facing off for the top spot. Carrick Perlinger has done well throughout his campaign process. He has good morals, great people skills, a just beliefs, and awesome socks. Obviously everyone in

the Forge has immense support for our brother in his running for Governor. We had success in other areas of the elections also. Nolan Schroeder was victorious in his campaign for Public Service Commissioner. The valley had multiple others win at the county level and the elects are glad that they have represented Valley Forge in a positive manor. Go VF Black!

## BUNKER HILL

*By: Flint Mitchell*

Bunker Hill had some disappointment today when their governor candidate Riley Wipf didn't make the cut. Bunker Hill has had a difficult run for political positions. On a more positive note, they are doing very well in sports! All of their sports have had numerous successes, and are having fun at the same time!

## BELLEAU WOOD

*By: Josh Johnson*

Bellau Wood has recently hit an obstacle.... stairs. On a much more optimistic tone for Bellau Wood their Mayor Charles Bogatz has been nominated as the Nationalist candidate for Secretary of State. Much of the town supports Mayor Bogatz and he is determined to push on to victory.

## BATAAN

*By: Steven Towne*

Bataan's determination has paid off. The town of Bataan has claimed nine offices. They have also claimed one of the final two gubernatorial candidate positions. Brent Comstock of the Federalist Party claimed that po-

sition. Phillip Sweet won State Auditor and Dakota Schroeder claimed the spot of a Public Service Commissioner. Sage Gideon will be the Lincoln County Sheriff, Jacob Bliss is the County Clerk, and Nicholas Flamme won the position for Clerk of the District Court. Jarod Ahmann and Cody Engleman both hold a position in

the State Board of Education. The final two county positions won are Anthony Weber is now the County Judge and Luke Johnson achieved the place of County Superintendent of Public Education. With these offices being held, it shows that Bataan has a good chance of winning Boys' State.

# TOWN REPORTS

## YORKTOWN

*By: Carl Meyer*

The best town on the campus showed more of its dominance, in sports, the concerts, and elections. The sports of Yorktown, once again, went two and two in all four sports. The softball team was simply outplayed by Valley Forge. Although their record doesn't show it, they have played very well. In basketball, the Yorktown team had another dominating win and finished with a 2 and 1 record. The volley-

ball team fell just short, so their record is still 1 and 2. The Yorktown football team ran their way to the championship game, with a 3 and 0 record.

Yorktown was well represented in both the band and choir concerts, as well as the general elections. Even those candidates that didn't win, they campaigned really hard and competed very well. Abe Dush was defeated in his campaign for governor, but he still is the mayor of Yorktown and he's proud of it.

## GETTYSBURG

*By: Jack Thompson*

Gettysburg is very happy about the success of Henry Hawbaker becoming the Lieutenant Governor for Boy's State. Although we were unable to vote either Bob Leddy (Federalist) or Braxton Cunningham (Nationalist) into the Gubernatorial position for their parties, we have won several other positions in the mock government.

We have control over most of the legislature, due to our candidate's seizure of the two most important positions. Bob Leddy is speaker for the house, representing and influencing its actions. Jonny California is Clerk of the Legislation, technically the second most powerful position.

Gettysburg is admittedly the worst at chanting songs as they march. We have a new strategy to raise our moral which involves yelling "Todd" loudly and randomly every time our boss counselor comes into view, or when someone mentions his beloved name. In addition, we do the same thing with the word Gettysburg when other towns chant something, in an attempt to drown them out. Sort of an odd way to raise our moral, but we make due.

## A BIG NIGHT

*By: Cort Goffena*

After a long day at Boys' State, the hard work of the choir and the band were shown off. For only three days of hard work, the choir and the band did an exceptional job. I swelled with pride for Boys and Girls State as I heard them. After the band and choir were finished, we had a number of speakers, including a few surprise speakers. The most memorable of them was Dave Heineman, our Governor. Everyone had great questions for Heineman and he answered them all in a very straightforward manner. Seeing our Governor evoked cheers from the

crowd and pride for our great state. Overall the night was an amazing finish to another great day in Boy's State.



# Thanks!

Thanks to everyone who supported my campaign!

# Phil Sweet

2012 Boys' State  
State Auditor

# STATERS GO TO TRIAL

*By: Jake Weskamp*

The judicial system here at Boys' State has been hard at work since Wednesday. The main idea is that our elected judicial officials, appointed judges, and anyone else who wants to take a case will take two sides of a case and then argue it in an appeals system. There are several cases that are assigned to different attorneys and judges. Each attorney looks for information online to help with his case. The judges also look for information to make sure that they are able to ask good questions. The first people to hear the case are

the county judges who will try the case. In the trial the attorneys each give their side of the case and then they can come back at the other side and give rebuttals. When the case is all presented the judges have time to ask any questions that they see fit. During the trial the Supreme Court Judges can sit in on the case and choose what cases they want to hear later. While the Supreme Court Judges cannot rule on a county case they do decide who goes on and tries the case again. They generally pick the most controversial and exciting cases. If the case is requested to come to the Supreme Court it is

tried at a later time.

Today there were five new cases along with the several continued from yesterday. The five new cases are a case of legality of GPS tracking without a warrant, a case of immigration regulation by states, a case of stolen Valor, a case of planned parenthood funding, and a case of life without parole for a minor convicted of murder.

All of the people who work on these cases do a good job of presetting both sides of the case. The judges also do a good job of making a fair decision regarding the case.

# LEGISLATURE BUSY

*By: Nicholas Flamme*

At 12:45 yesterday afternoon the Boy's State legislature hit a couple snags in their meeting, as some of the issues caused a lot of controversy. Although there were some hectic moments in yesterday's meeting our officials were able to decide on quite a few bills. They started out with moving a bill concerning the age of consent to 18 to selective file. This bill entails things such as age it takes to enter a legally binding contract. Next a bill was introduced that would make it mandatory for a felon to have to have a GPS tracking device entered into their vehicle for a predetermined period of time. After only a short debate the bill was postponed indefinitely. The next bill that was passed to selective file entailed more security for schools to help prevent and cease bullying. It started as having government funded cameras but was later decided that funding would not be provided but, schools will start a hall monitor program in which the teachers and a teacher selected teenagers would take a special class where they would

learn to prevent and stop bullying. This issue was debated for some time before the legislature decided this was the best course of action for the state. Next the bill that introduced the most controversy was introduced by Bob Leddy. This bill was for the avocation of alternative energy forms and using America's supply of oil. First the bill was divided into many parts just to return to its original format several minutes later. After what seemed like forever the bill was finally passed. A bill for a flat tax was decided to be taxing on the poor and failed. A bill detailing information on MIPs and how people with no alcohol in the same area should not get them was sent back its committee for its lack of detail and wording. A bill for off-road vehicles to remain in Chadron such as ATV's and dirt bikes was passed after minimal review. Next the bill concerning the maintenance and safety of gravel roads was postponed indefinitely. As the session came to a close a bill for the legalization of cannabis was failed. This concluded a very productive and crazy day in the legislature.

# LOBBYISTS SUCCESSFUL

*By: Chris Navrkal*

Unlike most legislature meetings, where lobbyists wait outside the doors, Thursday's legislature meeting of Boys' State. Lobbyists sat in the back of the room as the legislative procedures began. After,

the senate began to debate on bills brought up. For several minutes of heated debating and close votes on bills, the legislature called for a break. During the five minutes given to the legislators, lobbyist talked amongst those in the room on the

support of up coming bills and bills passed during the session.

Once returning, the debates and voting continued. Lobbyists sat again on the session hoping that bills they supported were passed. Overall, having the lobbyists in on the procedures opened many eyes to how the legislature works.

# ECONOMICS TODAY; YOUR PROBLEM TOMORROW?

*By: Micheal Petska*

Are today's economic policies generating a problem which will be left squarely in laps of tomorrow's Americans? Good question, the short answer is; Yes.

However, it doesn't have to be that way. Session Six in Kimball Recital Hall began yesterday at 1:00 pm. It opened with a video conference with American senator Adrian Smith (see page ), and when all the tech-stuff was cleared away, Chief Counselor Zabawa introduced Dr. Sara Imhof. Most people would not consider economics, statistics, or the national debt a 'fun' topic, but Imhof was certainly not daunted by this, and certainly did. First things first she introduced an organization, the Concord Coalition (of which she is the Midwest Director). The CC (Concord Coalition) was founded in 1992, and is dedicated to educating people all over the country

about economics, the nature of the political economic machine, and fiscal responsibility. The guiding moral principal of the CC is that some day, someone else is going to inherit the situation we create in the economy now, and it's our responsibility to make sure we're passing on a situation that's at \*least\* as good as the one before, preferably better. After Imhof's opening remarks, she proceeded to demonstrate a slideshow of factoids and statistics about the U.S. economy, government budget, and national debt. Some of it was pretty scary, for instance, did you know that in 2050, we have the potential to have a national debt that's more than 250% greater than the GDP (gross domestic product)! Imhof also talked a lot about where the money in the economy was going (apparently, it's primarily Medicare and Medicaid), and how eventually, somebody was going to have to decide

to either raise taxes, or cut some funding, or something in the middle, because if things continue the way they're currently going, we're not going to ever make it out of debt as a country. Imhof stopped speaking after about 45 minutes, even though she wasn't really done, to allow for a Q & A. The questions Imhof got were largely about what we could \*do\* to fix the economy, as well as what her organization was doing, and her response was that they weren't doing anything to help the economy (legally, they're a certain class of not-for-profit organization, and aren't allowed to do anything like lobby for bills or endorse political candidates), what they're doing is educating people, their job is get people informed so that they can make informed decision, vote, write and call their senators and representatives, in short, get involved, which seems to be a de-developing them this year at Boys'

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## LOBBYISTS PERSUADE FOR BILLS IN LEGISLATURE

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# Comstock

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## Featuring: Brent Comstock

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# VIDEO CHAT WITH REP. SMITH

By: Carl Meyer

What started out as a near tragedy, turned out to be perfect for Boys' State. An impromptu meeting in the House of Representatives, due to a meeting with Nancy Pelosi, left the whole interview for a delay of about 20 minutes. This may not seem like a lot, but with most of Boys' State very anxious, this short time felt like an eternity. Finally, Adrian Smith arrived, and hit it off with a bang.

He faced many tough questions, and he responded very well to the task. He faced questions that ranged from a controversial bill that allows for the imprisonment of citizens without trial to

a discussion on the humanity of rodeos. He was very thorough with his answers, and this was an amazing experience for the Boys' State.

The first question was about why he voted for a bill that allows for the imprisonment of citizens without a trial. This bill was very controversial, but his response was very interesting. He said that we as Americans should receive as much information as possible, even if there is no trial. The next question was whether he thought that democracies will fall, just as communism fell after the Cold War. He responded that he is positive that democracies will still be around in the future.

The most interesting question of the day was if he thought that rodeos were inhumane. He not only said that rodeos were humane, but he also supported the manufacturing and consumption of horse meat. He said that it is up to the owners of the horses

whether or not to send the horses to be processed. The next question was a follow-up question about the rodeos. The question asked what Rep. Smith thought of the HSUS law. HSUS, for those of you do not know is the Humane Society of the United States. He said that it should be up to the states, and that in all states, due to the California law of the size of the area for chickens, it drove up egg prices tremendously.

The next question was about the school systems in D.C. compared to Nebraska. He truly believes that Nebraska is lucky and has one of the best school systems in the country, and he believes we take it for granted. He also believes that the Keystone XL pipeline should not be decided by elected officials.

This was very informational and interesting. No matter if you support him or not, it was a very influential speech and interview

## DR. SARA IMHOF

By: Cody McBride

Dr. Sara Imhof is the Midwest director of the Concord Coalition, founded in 1992. Dr. Imhof's stated in her speech to the representatives of Boys State that the "mission of the Concord Coalition is to educate on issues about National Debt." She went on to say that in WWII that America had the largest Public Debt, in recorded history. However, we may soon surpass this because from 2008-2011 the debt jumped from 49% to 69%. Dr. Imhof continued onto another slide saying that if America continues to spend at its current rate that interest rates will have to increase and as a result education and roads will suffer. Along with higher interest rates America will have less ability to react to crises such as the Euro-Zone problem. The reason we are in debt according to the Concord Coalition is because of our current economic crisis, the failed stimulus, tax cuts, and spending money on the two current

wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. In the 2011 Fiscal Year the United States government spent 1.4 trillion dollars more than it brought in. As Dr. Imhof said if America continues to spend at this rate we will no longer be able to provide a future for our children.

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