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Bringing Style To Girls State

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Ocotillo Reporters

Tuesday night marked the beginning of Ocotillo's mission to bring sexy back. Dancing under the guidance of their beloved advisor, Ms. Johnson, the Ouchies performed for Girls State at dinner.

"I thought it was really fun because we were working on it together in our rooms and we got to show how much fun Ocotillo has," says Maggie McKeever from Ocotillo.

Ocotillo finished off the night by teach-

ing all of Cocopah the steps at the county rallies. In no time at all Cocopah was moving together.

The girls say they are more than willing to teach the dance to any Girls State citizen so sexy can truly return.

As intense campaigning rages on, the Ouchies want to exemplify the friendly atmosphere that Girls State is all about.

"I thought it was fantastic," says Jahveena Broadnax, Junior Counselor for Cocopah County, about Ocotillo's moves. "Who knew band-aids had rhythm?"

Though it is important to focus on the political aspects of Girls State, remember to have fun!



Party Is Not Everything

Adrianna Amato
& Kristen Matheson

Mesquite Reporters

Politics are fierce and competitive all across the country. In the city of Mesquite, Arizona Girls State, things are no different.

"Election season is nice because it gives me a chance to meet new people," says Chelsea Bergner, a current resident in Mesquite city.

All the cities in Arizona Girls State will complete their Primary and General Elections for the county and state governments today.

Although it appears that most parties will be promoting and voting for their

own party candidates, some citizens have decided to endorse the state candidates from their own city.

"The platforms are a lot alike and I will be voting for the best candidate, despite my party affiliation," says Mesquite resident Magen Hudson.

Mesquite City's own Margo Tangeman and Chelsea Pineda are running for the state government offices of Governor and Secretary of State.

Although both Tangeman and Pineda are Federalists, they have the support of several girls in their city from both sides.

"I am endorsing the girls running for county and state who are from my city. I

really know them and love them!" says Federalist Lexi Moody of Mesquite City.

"Tangeman and Pineda really are the best to me now," adds Bergner, who is a part of the Nationalist Party.

It is good to see both parties and cities supporting their candidates. All of Arizona Girls State candidates should remember to vote wisely for the people they believe will do the best job.

"I haven't gotten a chance to get to know all the other candidates yet," says Bergner. "But I really do know the girls from our city and they will do a great job."

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Meet The Mimosa/ Paiute Candidates

JamieNovotny

Mimosa Reporter

Jamie Novotny:
Senate/ Girls Nation

“Goals, Intelligence, Respect, Leadership, Success. You have redefined leadership by adding class, and unique talents—it’s a girl thing. My greatest strength is the ability to compromise. Elect the Pride of Paiute!”

Nancy Gov: Lobbyist

“You should vote for me because I’m friendly, opinionated, and—oh ya—amazing! If you don’t already know me, come and meet me! Have love, vote for Nancy Gov for lobbyist.”

Gabriele Ramirez:
State Representative

“I would love to be your state representative in order to represent you, the people, to the best of my ability. I’ll listen to your ideas and opinions with an unbiased ear.”

Samantha Babicky: Senator

“I want to be Senator because I’m excited to work with girls from all cities. I want to work together, nationalists and federalists to get things done, and pass laws.”

Danya Anouti:
State Superintendent of
Public Instruction/ Girls Nation

“To be educated is to open up amazing doors of life. I believe in proper representation and am open-minded. Educate yourself for a worldly tomorrow!”

Alexandria Unkefer: Governor

“I would love to be your Governor because I am a strong leader who’s passionate about coming back next year. I’ll be Alexandria the Great—a realistic Governor who doesn’t rely on posters and bribes but, instead on ideals and character.”

Jordan McAlpin: Governor

“Everyone needs a shirt-off-your back kind of gal. I will go out of my way to make sure your voices are heard. Help me help you! You won’t regret making me your Governor because I get the job done.”

Sycamore S’mores Experience Exploding Mallow

EmilyRader

Sycamore Reporters

Sycamore city has a new mascot: the S’more! The heated race between trees and s’mores finally ended with the reason that “We’re all stuck here together anyway!” According to Dove Luidhardt.

To celebrate the new good luck charm, the citizens of Sycamore decided to fluff it up and have an extravagant mallow-roasting fest in their city. Daniella Amavisca says that she loves S’mores because “They bring people together and taste really good!”

The roast went on until the crack of dawn, when the citizens decided to finally pack it in and go to sleep. Even with all safety precautions, the girls of Sycamore awoke the next morning to find a fresh blanket of what can only be described as “gooey snow” covering their city. Apparently, stray marshmallows managed to clump together, expand in the heat and explode all over Sycamore City!

Instead of mopping, the ladies of Sycamore decided to rejoice and celebrate the now-dubbed Fluffernutter Day. Newly-elected Mayor Michelle Schmoker brought the chocolate bars and City Clerk Sarah Lindberg brought the graham crackers.

The new city council declared a city-wide holiday, and all citizens gathered at Graham Canyon to feast upon s’mores!

Those injured in the marshmallow explosions were admitted to the Syc-No-More City Hospital. Postmistress/Reporter Emily Rader says “It was pretty much the best day ever here in Sycamore City!”

Up and Coming Cholla

LaurenMurphy & KaraPeirce

Cholla Reporters

Cholla’s greatest economic boom has been the train. Everything in Cholla is starting to revolve around its latest industry. Railroad tracks are being built everywhere and new jobs are being appointed to meet the needs of this new industry in Cholla. It is safe to say that Cholla is a thriving metropolis that has a bright future ahead.

It is primary and general election time and Cholla is hustling and bustling with girls rushing to get their petitions signed. Spirits are high and you can hear the yells of girls as they search for support on our city’s hallway.

The primary and general elections will be held on June 6, 2007. We will report on our local winners when the results are announced.

Meet the New Saguaro Mayor

RaineyWalker
& MargaretGoldberg

Saguaro Reporters

On Monday, the city of Saguaro met up to decided who our very own mayor would be. After her speech, it was clear that Claire Avery-Page was the worthiest candidate for our city.

Claire will soon be a senior at Mountain Ridge High school in Glendale, where she enjoys learning as much as she can about her favorite subject, history. Other than the color guard and winter guard, Claire's other hobbies include reading books, hanging with friends, playing with her new puppy, and watching her favorite movies such as 'Kiss Kiss Bang Bang'.

While cruising in her car on the way to the local steak house, Claire enjoys listening

to songs by Marvin Gaye much like, "I heard it through the Grapevine".

Other than those surprising facts, Claire Rose Avery-Page even admits that her initials spell CRAP!

Although we only know a few of her outstanding quirks, it is now time to share the things we definitely could have foretold. Claire plans to further her education after high school and is currently thinking about attending the University of Denver with the initiative to study in international relations.

Claire had her mind in the right place when she signed up for Girls State. Claire admits that when she heard what the girls who attended previous years had to say, it sounded like a good time.

From everyone in Saguaro, we wish you the best of luck with being Girls State Mayor!

Just Remember To Be Yourself

SarahAhmed
& LorenaValle

Juniper Reporters

Girls, Girls, Girls, campaigning is a very important part of Girls State. Not only will it help provide you with the position you seek, but it will also prepare you for Girls Nation and "the real world"

While campaigning make sure to be your self, meet people, make life long friends, and try your best. Regardless of what the outcome is remember that everyone is a winner.

As you begin to run for county and state positions keep in mind your party's platform and act according to their best interests. This doesn't mean it can't be fun!

Use your creativity to stand out from the crowd and be noticed. Just go out there and let your true personality shine and get to know your fellow Girls Staters. So put your best foot forward, hold your head up high, smile and let everyone know the real you beyond your party and position.

As we draw closer toward the end of this week-long journey, we should grow more and more aware of what lies ahead of us after Girls State ends. This is a once in a lifetime experience so make the most of this week! The future holds great things for all of you. With the knowledge and experience we gain from Girls State, even more doors will open.

Good luck to all those campaigning, and remember "B U!"

Manzanita's "Pop, Lock & Drop It"

YuryBencomo

Manzanita Reporter

Now that elections are just around the corner, the Manzanita girls have been campaigning tirelessly to have their voice carried. Yesterday was an especially great day for our girls. They made posters, cards, name tags, pins and basically anything that would help everyone and anyone remember the position they were running for. One of these ladies was the charismatic Katrina from Manzanita.

Katrina is running for Governor and all the ladies in Manzanita (Capital City) have contributed incessantly for her recog-

inition. Many girls helped her make cards to help pass out.

One fortunate event came when Katrina misplaced her city book! Governor Emily then made Katrina perform an embarrassing act in front of all Girls Staters at lunch time in order to retrieve it. She had to "pop, lock and drop it". Coincidentally, this was her campaign slogan for Governor, so it will lend her an extra hand towards that much wanted position of Governor. Go Katrina!

Ironwood City Freezes Over!

KristinDitsch
& VictoriaBalogh

Ironwood Reporters

"We are Ironwood, Twenty-one Ice Queens in the 'hood! We are Ironwood, you would join us if you could!"

Take one look at our incredible Arctic-themed hallways filled with penguins, igloos and snowflakes, lot of snowflakes.

Led by Kristen Cuzzolina, the Ice Queens have decided to take on the challenge of filling the hallways with snowflakes,

top to bottom. Thus far, it has been time consuming but check out room 504 to see the color that will consume Ironwood.

Girls had a snowflake making party including snacks, jammin' tunes and a messy floor. "The scraps on the floor leave more color and our floor looks awesome!" said Cuzzolina.

Stop by our icy floor and snowflake making party today during break and you'll quickly see that we may not be the loudest but we're definitely the most congenial!

REMEMBER TO DRINK LOTS OF WATER!!

The Viking Diaries

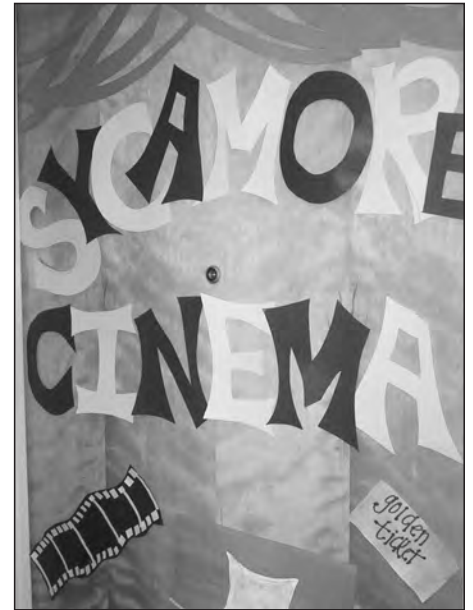
Courtney Noble

Palo Verde Reporter

Girls State! Bringing girls together for 60 years, and in some cases reuniting old childhood friends, such as my roommate experienced. I myself have seen someone I have met before.

At a gathering this large it is inevitable that girls are going to know one another, but it is nice to know that the world really is as small as they say.

So as you are campaigning, earning the right to hang posters, and other things this week be sure to keep an eye out for old friends. You just might be surprised who you see!



We Are All In The Same Boat

Amy Renteria

Mimosa Reporter

Like people psyched! All of us are in the same boat. Going through all of the same things. Meeting all the same people. But, as we go on throughout our Girls State Journey, everybody encounters everything differently.

Working our brains, all of us are made of something distinct. Something that no one else has. This is the reason why Girls State has been successful. The young women that come here is what makes Girls State. Without us it would have no existence.

It would just be a great idea written on paper, a learning experience without the experience, a new beginning that hasn't started yet. We are strong and we have proud voices. We will be heard but we cannot do it alone. We must stick together. We must all stay in the same boat.

