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“Word” is on the Street

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The first few days of any new experience are always nerve racking, intimidating and exhausting. Girls State is no exception to this rule. As heard through the Sycamore Superheroes anonymously recorded, hushed whispers floating through the condors:

“Look at my iguana! “That’s disgusting. Poke that”. “Is it chicken or fish? It’s kinda got a fishy thing going on.” “I wish I could just hide under the bed and sleep for two hours”. “Yee-haw, yee-haw, the polls are now open!” “Ehluvium...doesn’t that sound like the squishy think in the back of your throat?”

Although these memorable words may strike one as peculiar, they create a single facet of the many that contribute to the Girls State adventure.



Starting the day with flag advancement.....Monday was the combined cities of Ironwood and Juniper hosting Monday flag ceremonies and what a great job they did.



Dancing for your dinner? Not in this case - Ocotillo City Advisor, Cathy Cosgrove, is dancing for her recovered GS Handbook – losing items at GS can be costly!

Sizzlin’ Cholla Chicas rock.....

Rachel Corbin
Cholla City Reporter

The amazing girls or should I say “chicas” of Cholla City are living it to the fullest here at Girls State. The theme of C’s by the sea was decided upon as well as a “chica” for the mascot.

The girls have decorated their halls and doors with all things that start with the letter C, ranging from a cosmetics store to a cheese factory. The girls of Cholla used their creative side and turned the boring beige walls of Coronado Hall into a wild laugh-out-loud experience.

Under the leadership of Mayor Katy Martin and the help from all the Cholla girls, Cholla will be a city to watch out for! This is only the beginning of the week, but the Cholla girls have formed tight bonds. So, the question we ask them - “having the time of your life” and followed by the Cholla girl’s response. “YOU BET!!”

Cities rival for GS 2010 Capital City

Choosing a city theme, mascot and decorating to reflect the city's character is just one facet of the fun had by GS residents.

These activities not only make your city a fun place to live, but add to your points toward selection as Girls States next year's Capital City.

Unfortunately, if your city did not decorate prior to 8am this morning, now is too late to worry about it. In the meantime, if you're one of those girls who hasn't had enough time to get out and see some of the "cool" stuff other cities have done, then checkout the artwork shown here and think you'll find them creative and fun!



Ironwood Dragons (these are real leaves attached to a paper tree)



Sycamore Superheroes



Palo Verde Penguins



Juniper Giraffes



Heartfelt thanks....

GS Director, Penny Maklary's, office door as decorated by the residents of Saguaro City – from the looks of all those hearts, the message is that you're a real "sweetheart" and that's a message shared by all the GS residents and staff!

Thanks for all you do!

Ironwood Dragons love their Mamasitas

*Eileen Leaser and Carolyn Gatti
Ironwood City Reporters*

As planned, Monday night, the Dragons met up with their Sister City, the Manzanita Mamasitas!

It was an exiting and fun filled night where we talked, exchanged cards and candy, plus played games with our sisters on the grass near Coronado Hall.

We began with a round of Sally Walker where the girls showed off their "sweet" dance moves and followed with signs and a game of intense tag.

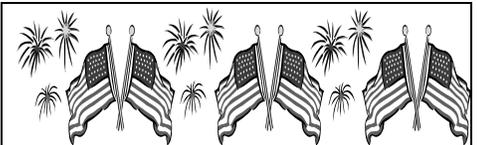
Even though some of us are running against our sisters for state positions, we couldn't help, but to laugh and bond in our short time together. The Mamasitas are awesome:

If you love Manzanita clap
your hands

If you love Manzanita clap
your hands

If you love Manzanita
Those lovely Mamasitas

If you love Manzanita clap your
hands!



What Is A Veteran?

A "Veteran" -- whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve – is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to, and including his or her life." That is honor, and there are way too many people in this country today, who no longer understand that fact.
Author unknown

Spirited Soles

Annika Huish, Rachel Hiser and Lauren Keen
Mesquite City Reporters

I'm no math whiz, but 24 girls in the city of Mesquite times two pairs of white socks per girl should come out to about 48 pairs, correct? But of course, Mesquite Monarchs couldn't just settle for average! Bringing in an astounding 97 pairs of socks for the community service sock drive, Monarchs are already standing out from the crowd and claiming their throne of excellence.

Many girls from Mesquite City are running for offices at the county and state levels. For instance: Valerie Phillips is running for the county attorney.

Additionally, she is running for house of representative along with Amanda Borque and Claudia Castro. Emma Mendenhall, Jessica Matteson and Claire Duckworth are all going for election as senator, while Czarina Balderrama is fighting for attorney general.

Mesquite also has Lucy Shi running for justice of the Supreme Court; Jessie Buler is running for justice of the peace.

Mesquite also has 6 marvelous Monarchs going for a spot at Girls Nation; Lucy Shi, Sherin Bellas, Jessica Matteson, Jessie Butler, Rachel Hiser and Czarina Balderrama.

And last but not least, Mesquite voters support Annika Huish as she runs for governor, because "it's time for a change", according to Annika.

The Monarchs of Mesquite are enthused for the elections and stoked for the opportunity to go above and beyond expectations this week at Girl State!



Attitude is everything

Food for thought!!!!!!

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only three hairs on her head.

Well," she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today." So she did and she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head. "H-M-M," she said, "I think I'll part my hair down the middle today." So she did and she had a grand day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that she had only one hair on her head.

"Well," she said, "today I'm going to wear my hair in a pony tail." So she did and she had a fun, fun day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that there wasn't a single hair on her head.

"YEA!" she exclaimed, "I don't have to fix my hair today!

"Attitude is everything."

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

Live simply, love generously,

The GS race is on

It was just 3 (long) days ago that approximately 280 young ladies arrived at the U of A campus for GS. Most of them were uncertain what the week would bring. Most of them, completely void of any of the political procedures in running for any public office and today, these same 280 girls are busy making posters, dressing in funny



Love that multi-colored head tulip..

clothes and working very diligently to meet every voter eligible to vote for **her**.

And meeting the candidates was the purpose of the annual GS "Meet the Candidates" gathering held last night on the front lawn.

In an effort to get the attention of potential supporters, there were candidates dressed in baby diapers, under garments on the outside of clothing and a girl with a flower growing out of her head, just to mention a few!

Girl State— where else are young women of all races, creeds and colors afforded an opportunity to come together and share ideas and learn about our form of government.

With over 100 positions to run for, every girl is encouraged to "step out of her comfort zone" and run for some position.

Learning the "how to" rules *now* about obtaining a position in local government gives each girl an insight into what elected and appointed officials do.

End result - knowledge is a wonderful tool – the more you know the better person you are, the better decisions you make. So come on girls.....take a chance and throw your name in the pot!

I AM YOUR FLAG

I was born June 14, 1777.
I am more than just cloth shaped into a design.
I am the refuge of the world's oppressed people.
I am the silent sentinel of Freedom.
I am the emblem of the greatest sovereign nation on earth.
I am the inspiration for which American patriots gave their lives and fortunes.
I have led your sons into battle from Valley Forge to the jungles of Vietnam.
I walk in silence with each of your Honored Dead to their final resting place beneath the silent white crosses, row upon row.
I have flown through peace and war, strife and prosperity, and amidst it all I have been respected.
My Red Stripes symbolize the blood spilled in defense of this glorious nation.
My White Stripes signify the burning tears shed by Americans who lost their sons.
My Blue Field is indicative of God's heaven, under which I fly.
My Stars, clustered together, unify 50 states as one, for God and Country.
'Old Glory' is my nickname, and proudly I wave on high.
Honor me, respect me, defend me with your lives and your fortunes.
Never let my enemies tear me down from my lofty position, lest I never return.
Keep alight the fires of patriotism; strive earnestly for the spirit of democracy.
Worship Eternal God and keep His commandments and I shall remain the bulwark of peace and freedom for all mankind.

I Am Your Flag.

Mimosa City enters tabloid scene

*Regina Cho
Alisha Chavez
Mimosa City Reporters*

The Mimosa Mermaids finally makes their debut in the fabulous Girls State newspaper.

Our whole city has been working on various ocean-themed businesses and facilities as decorations for our under water capital city of Mimosa.

Our own Savannah Martin (N) and Alisha Chevez (F) are throwing their names in for the governorship, as well as Megan Day (N) for secretary of state.

Jaime Zoto (N) and Regina Cho (N) are running for the Paiute County Senator positions, while Jaime Zoto (N), Regina Cho (N) and Ariana Quyni (N) are bidding for Girls Nation senatorship.

We wish good luck to everyone who is running!

Yucca uses symbolism to choose mascot

*Lauren Thomlinson
Yucca City Reporter*

Yoshi's, Yogi's and yo yos, are all part of the Yuccans mascot.

This year, Yucca was faced with a difficult decision – should the mascot be the yin yangs, yoda or yetis. After much discussion the people of Yucca chose yin yungs.

The reason behind the choice was simple – our goal was to bring the Nationalist and Federalists together as one.

Representing the balance – a goal that governments at any level should strive to achieve.



Hard to believe....."baby giraffes are 6 feet tall when they're born!"

Juniper Jubilee: Downtime

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Emily Tangeman
Juniper City Reporters*

After the morning meeting rush, the Juniper Giraffes retreated to the dorms to relax. Every citizen has her own way to unwind and prepare for the busy evening.

A mid-afternoon snack with friends is a popular way to relax. Food includes Hollie Mills' fettuccine, Erika Pfaff's hot wings pretzels and Christina Hawbaker's trail mix.

Music can be heard from almost every room. Playlists include Kelly Clarkson, Creed and many, many others.

Of course, the Giraffes also use their free time to design campaign materials and catch up on much needed sleep!

What is a committee? A group of the unwilling, picked from the unfit, to do the unnecessary.
(Richard Harkness, The New York Times, 1960)