

# CAMP HISTORY DAY DAILY BULLETIN

## Minnesotans travel east to battle heat, rest of country

**St. Paul, MN** - Yes, it's that time of year again. It's time for the Minnesota Delegation to travel east to bask in the sauna that is College Park, MD in June. Oh yeah, there is that History Day thing again as well. 51 students from Minnesota will migrate east this week to compete in 4 categories and 2 divisions at the National History Day competition and battle the heat of the unfamiliar region. When asked, crack History Day staffer James Hanneman said, "Yeah, ya know, we have global warming in Minnesota, but it is nothing like this." Hanneman went on to express concern about Ultra Violet something or other. Boy is he smart.

The timeless motto of the Minnesota delegation "the hotter it is, the better we like it" may be put to the test this week. Arriving a day earlier, staffer Mr. 7 was in danger of drowning in his own sweat. When asked, Mr. 7 admitted that "I sweat standing still in a snowstorm in January, but this is ridiculous." Nevertheless, students will fearlessly tour the various sites offered by our nations capital. Hopefully, the group will have an entrepreneurial bus driver like one group last year. As we stopped near the FDR memorial, he spryly jumped off the bus and opened the luggage compartment revealing a cache of lukewarm water, which he proceeded to sell at inflated prices.

Students will spend a week in College park, ferociously competing against delegations from most of the other 50 states, American Samoa, and the Department of Defense schools around the world. While Minnesotans will battle the heat, the other states have to contend with not only the heat, but they will have to find a way to try and top the fantastic projects the delegation is bringing with them this year. Good luck Minnesota Delegation.



**CHOF teacher, Dennis Simonson, demonstrates the stealthy camouflage skills that he will be using to sneak up on other states. He also is an expert at finding shady spots as he waits for his prey.**

## CHOF Bus Departs Despite Seat Shortage

**St. Paul, MN** -

With a record number of students going to nationals, CHOF ran out of seats on their blue and gold cruiser. Fortunately for Adam Rohlf and Tory Sacarelos, the History Day staff was able to come up with the \$75 fee to allow them to ride with the exhibits and props. CHOF teacher, Pam Alsbury was kind enough to provide the trailer travelers with a bag of trail mix, some juice boxes and an orange Home Depot bucket, for, well, you know...



## Where's Mr. History?

By N. L. Jaws

As the Minnesota delegation boards their planes at Minneapolis International Airport this morning, they may notice that Tim "Mr. History" Hoogland is staying behind. An ongoing investigation is underway to find out why. Upon his arrival to Washington late Saturday night, Mr. History will be preparing to face a congressional hearing regarding his activities of the past few weeks.

"We have every confidence that Mr. History's long standing reputation as the leader of Minnesota History Day will go unscathed from this ludicrous investigation," said Jessica Ellison of the History Day Staff. But when questioned about the reason for his absence, she had no comment.

The students have their own ideas about Mr. History's unexplained absence. "An unnamed source told me that he is taking the day to lounge by the pool," said Mikhail Mack. Ryan Solomon reported that Mr. History might be driving in a NASCAR race in Alexandria. Elliot Altbaum was told that Mr. History was having his wisdom teeth removed. "I thought it sounded strange," said Elliot, "but I suppose it is an important procedure to ensure a healthy smile."

Mr. History was unavailable to comment on his whereabouts but assures the students they will be in good hands with the History Day Staff. "Hopefully we will have a more clear understanding after the hearings," said James Hanneman. "His devotion to the Minnesota delegation has never wavered, even in these challenging times."

Despite the absence of their fearless leader, the History Day staff will be making a valiant effort to support the students, parents, and teacher as they venture through the nation's capitol. As congress gears up for the investigation, the staff will be working over time to make sure that Mr. History is fully prepared.



Could Mr. History be off hanging out with his buddy Goldy Gopher? Congress will investigate to find out.

## *The Grapevine*

**The college years are the best years of your life...**

Jacob Nelson achieved something that no other History Day student has ever achieved this year. He became the first National History Day finalist from Minnesota to be chosen to go to nationals as a college student... er well a PSEO student. This news prompted several HD staffers currently seeking undergraduate degrees to dream of entering their own HD entries into National History Day.

### **Bibliography perfection**

Sources tell us that Breck student Kayla Mork has been obsessively refining her bibliography over the last few days. Several dozen e-mails to History Day staffers and multiple rounds of revisions have gone by and Mork still isn't satisfied with her bibliography. Her family reports that she is even mumbling the words "primary source" and "secondary source" in her sleep.

### **Write on!**

The staff has learned that a number of students want to be contributing writers to this year's CHDDB. If this describes you, see Hanneman. He has openings for columnists, illustrators and propagandists.

## History Day Scouting Party Sent East; Prime Seating at Awards Ceremony Sought

By Mr. 7 and Hanneman

An advance team of two History Day staffers was sent east on Wednesday in an effort to return the Minnesota delegation to a position of glory at the National History Day awards ceremony. "Over the years, we've become a little lax in staking out the prime real estate at the awards ceremony," Mr. History said. "Even our good neighbors to the east, Wisconsin, have been stealing our secret spots in recent years. Despite all the help we've given them over the years, it's a classic case of the grasshopper stealing the pebble from the master's hand."

In order to prevent that from happening, Mr. History ordered his two top deputies – Mr. 7 and Hanneman – on a dangerous mission to stake claim to the most sought-after seats in Cole Field House.

The intrepid explorers encountered monsoon-like rains and the temptations of dozens of fireworks/cheese shops in Wisconsin, thousands of Chicagoans blocking the most direct path to the University of Maryland, a lack of exit ramps to hotels in Indianapolis, and a lack of hotels entirely in Maryland. Undaunted, the staffers have persevered and are roping off a section of prime seats in Cole Field House and are preparing to welcome the Minnesota delegation to La Plata Hall Saturday evening. (See columns from Mr 7 and Hanneman about their travels on pg. 4)



Mr. 7 gives a thumbs down to the Budget Inn East, \$150/week.



Traveling essentials:  
atlas, gas station  
cappuccino, seeds.



Mr. 7 at the NFL Hall of Fame.



Another police car, one of several dozen the HD staffers narrowly avoided



Hanneman standing guard over a cannon at Antietam battlefield.



## Mr. 7's Neighborhood

### Views from Our Fine Countryside

As James and I left the History Center on Wednesday, we left under a blanket of grey skies and pounding raindrops. We knew that we needed to keep a mental log of what we encountered along the way. Here are some of the things we saw:

**Best Cops:** Scennie wins the prize for most vigorously patrolled highways; Illinois has the coolest state trooper cars

**Best Town Name:** Paw Paw, Yes, it is a real town in Illinois

**Reminders of home:** Minnesota Avenue, Illinois; Vandalia Street, Ohio; Colerain, Pennsylvania; St. Paul Street, Pennsylvania

**Best Quote:** James Hanneman (somewhere in Ohio or Indiana) - "This is why I like to drive. If you were flying over all of this, you wouldn't know that the Waffle House was the restaurant of choice in these parts."

**Most Relevant Mountain Names (Relevant to Travelers):** Negro Mountain and Polish Mountain  
**Busiest Gas Station on the Face of this Earth:** Pilot near Granville, OH—so busy, they won't let you leave your car at the pump if you need to purchase anything else in the store

**Safest Hotel in the Country?** The Holiday Inn that we stayed at in Indianapolis has its very own sheriff for a security guard

**Best Cuisine Combination:** We did not eat there, but we stayed near a restaurant that served Mexican-Italian food. How about your lasagna on a tortilla? Spaghetti with tamales?

Needless to say, we are having a good time. We'll see you in College Park!!!



## Ask Hanneman

### Answers from the Road

I'll never forget the day that Mr. History me and Mr. 7 to lead his Lewis & Clark expedition to the University of Maryland. We knew what was at stake. Delivering all the critical materials for every contingency at nationals is crucial. Sticky stuff, moose costume, banana masks, CHDDDB printing press – its all gotta be there.

So we decided we needed to learn from the past. You see, last year Tim selected two female staffers, Mollie and Natalie, to make the trip. They did okay. But some crucial mistakes were made. This time Mr. History needed this mission to be flawless, so he chose us, the male staffers. Here's how we did:

#### Girls

- Left on time
- Packed the van so you can see out the back
- Made it past Madison the first day
- Paid virtually no tolls
- Avoided major traffic/construction delays
- Successfully found the destination
- Actually roped off seats@awards ceremony instead of just talking about it

#### Guys

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So kids, if you need some sticky stuff for your exhibit or you're really looking forward to seeing Mooster History, never fear, the guys were in charge this year.

**History Day Wordfind**

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 HOLLIE  
 NATTY  
 TRAGEDY  
 TRIUMPH

**Road Trip Super Quiz**

These questions were developed by Mr. 7 and Hanneman based on our historical travels of the last couple of days. Answer the following questions and submit your answers to the History Day staff by the end of the state meeting on Sunday. Whoever earns the most points wins a prize.

**College Level (1 point each)**

- 1.) True or False The Battle at Antietam Creek was the bloodiest single day of battle in America's history, with over 23,000 soldiers killed, wounded, or missing.
- 2.) In 1859, who led a raid on the arsenal at Harper's Ferry?
- 3.) What year did the Battle of Antietam take place?

**Graduate Level (2 points each)**

- 4.) Name the state that each of the following is in:
  - a.) Antietam Battlefield
  - b.) Harper's Ferry National Park
- 5.) Name the commanding General for the Union and Confederacy.
- 6.) What international aid organization did Clara Barton organize?

**Doctorate Level (3 points each)**

- 7.) Name one of the two Armies that participated in Antietam? (Clue: It is more specific than Union and Confederate)
- 8.) Harper's Ferry is bordered on two sides by rivers. Can you name one of them?
- 9.) What is the historical link between the stories of Harper's Ferry and the Battle of Antietam?

**Cryptogram: The Minnesota History Day Motto**

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## CHDDB EXCLUSIVE: USO GROUP REDIRECTED TO IRAQ

WASHINGTON D.C. – En route to National History Day at the University of Maryland on Saturday, a Minnesota History Day group on the History of the USO was summarily commandeered for service in the Middle East. The irrepressibly cheerful group—made up of Christ Household of Faith students Kelsey Geerdes, Hilary Geerdes, Georgia Simonson, Iris Fricke and Callie Sacarelos—are said to be in high spirits as they prepare to entertain U.S. and British troops in locations Baghdad and Mosul. “The conditions are not ideal,” said Iris Fricke, “but we are very happy to help our nation in its time of need just like earlier generations of U.S.O. performers who risked their lives helping give back to our soldiers.”

Group member Hilary Simonson, along with Kelsey and Hilary Geerdes, seconded this excitement: “yeah, actually, we’re pretty stoked! We get to meet Jack Black, and we get to sing back up with Toby Keith, Gwen Stefani, and Ben Vereen on their ‘All-Star Salute to Floppy Camouflaged Hats!’” Special guests will be Kid Rock and Laura Bush.

However, though the enlisted men are excited to see the group’s famous USO performance project *Over Here Over There: the USO Always a Home Away from Home*, according to Brig. General Mina Meinhof, the girls are not stuck on themselves. “We’re performers, but we’re trying to help out in other ways, as well,” Callie Sacarelos said. “Georgia is working the camel ride booth at the Green Zone Bazaar on Sundays; and we all are pulling shifts down at the Peter Pace Yourself PX Lounge picking up used pull-tabs from between booth cushions and doing the “funky chicken.”

*“...yeah, we’re pretty stoked...we get to meet Jack Black...”*



Above: the Christ Household of Faith students Kelsey Geerdes, Hilary Geerdes, Georgia Simonson, Iris Fricke, and Callie Sacarelos show the bulging muscles they’ve developed lifting soda canisters at concerts in the Green Zone.

## OPINION: Gender Tiff Rips Thru CHDDB Editor Room

In response to yesterday’s “Ask Hanneman” column, gender-based pandemonium has broken out in the Editorial boardroom of this paper, both among writers and in letters to the editor. We here at the paper apologize for the rank misogyny of the column. Local pop psychology buff and History Day student **Elliot Altbaum** has asked us to remind readers that “women are like flowers, men are like cavemen, History Day Students are from Jupiter, and automobiles are like fast animals made of metal that drink gasoline.” True! Thanks, Elliot, and good luck at History Day!



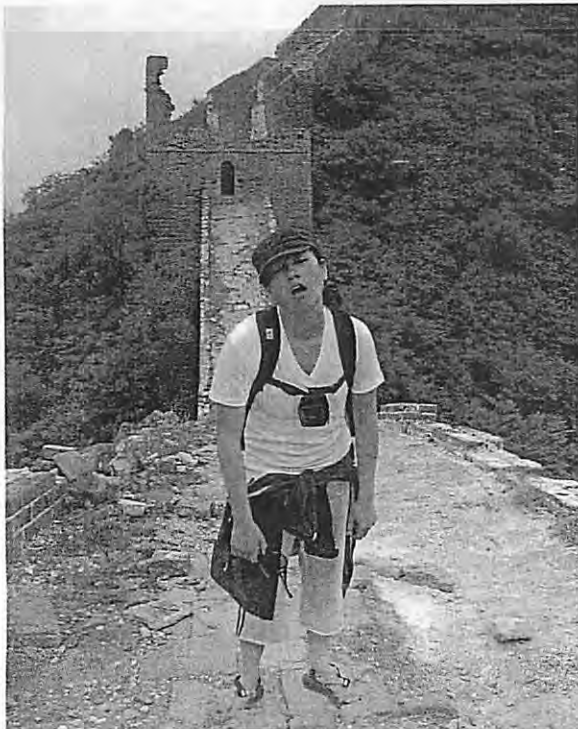
## History Day Hits the Far East

By N. L. Jaws

History Day Staffer Michelle Kwan recently returned from China, where she was recently appointed "History Day Good Will Ambassador to China" by the US government. After a long trip all the way from Shanghai to meet the Minnesota delegation at the Minneapolis airport, she is still excited about her meetings in the communist nation.

"I met with the party leaders on the Great Wall, and we had an enlightening conversation about the importance of history. I feel like I made a real breakthrough," Kwan reported. "They may even give up communism completely!"

All of the History Day staff is thrilled that she made such progress with the Chinese leaders. "We are very proud of her accomplishments," commented Mr. History after hearing the news of her successful trip. "We always said we could count on Kwan to bring History Day abroad – or at least pack a t-shirt." Next year Chinese students may even compete here at National History Day and Kwan hopes to offer her services as a highly paid button-trading advisor.



Kwan is exhausted after endless talks with the Chinese government on the Great Wall of China!

## *The Grapevine*

### Eerdmans Take Control

Due to the unbelievable persuasion skills of Andy and Billy Eerdmans, the rule-abiding driver Hank agreed to stop at the Iwo Jima Memorial. Due to their undying love of history, all of those on the first tour got to see the breath-taking statue to our nation's Marines. Way to go Eerdmans, we all appreciate it!

### WOW! She's Fabulous, She's Amazing, She's *BELVA!*

In the tradition of Cher, Madonna, and Tiny Tim, the lovely Rebekah Nelson is debuting at Palace Theater as Belva, Queen of Funny Hearts. Her website, [Belvadelight.net](http://Belvadelight.net), mentions that her show will run the gamut from a medley of Stephen Foster tunes to a duet with Kermit the Frog on the Tom Petty song "Good To Be King." Canned donations can be brought for local food shelves for half-price tickets.

### Beware the Killer Peanut!

All of Flight 1 pulled together early Saturday morning to stop Gracie White from being attacked by killer peanuts. "Stop right there," said staffer Joey to a man with a Snickers bar who was about to board the plane. Gracie, who may not survive a peanut attack, is forever thankful.

## Mr. History to HD'er Adam Rohlf: Drop the Funk...Carefully!



FUNKYTOWN— In a stunning speech before the History Day Supreme Council, Mr. History demanded that Minnesota's Adam Rohlf, owner of the storied History Day "Funk Hammer," exercise due restraint when tempted to drop the fabled Funk Hammer on other History Day groups in his category at nationals. Illustrated by the picture above, Tate Piepkorn is already feeling the Hammer's effects. A select few Minnesota History Day heroes can drop the Hammer, the history of which is obscure and shrouded in runic mystery. Rohlf's team is a little nervous about the Hammer's potentially lethal funkadelic effects in the hands of young Adam. Said concerned teammate Simonson, "he's a great guy, but can he really "bring the funk" decisively, and without actually injuring the totally funkless? Is he, in a word, 'funky' enough?"



Left: Christ Household of Faith team, from Right to Left: Camara Butler, Erin Piepkorn, Tate Piepkorn, Adam Rohlf (brandishing the legendary Funk Hammer), and Sam Simonson. Above: Mr. History holding the offending "Funk Hammer."

## Douglass to Otopalik: Your Documentary Mojo is Stank, Whack

Sarah Douglass  
*The Great Escape from  
Stalag Luft III: It's  
Tragic Ending and  
Triumphant Reform*



COLLEGE PARK, MD—The Senior Individual Documentary has just become the game to watch as Sarah Douglass today ratcheted up the rhetorical heat on long-time friend and competitor. The fact that both have produced documentaries about the triumphs and tragedies of WWII has only fed the enmity and the harsh words.

"You may think your doc is 'all that' with fudge syrup on top, but I'm here to say that I'm the queen of documentaries around here," Douglass said. "Yeah, well," Otopalik replied, "I think my performance in the judging room will show that I am the best, and that you wouldn't know an iMovie format if it bit you on your editing seat." We at CHDDB look forward to the competition, and hope that neither side will be "illin'" in the final round!

Adriane Otopalik  
*The Tragedy of Post-WII  
Displaced Persons and the  
Triumph of Resettlement*







## Mr. 7's Neighborhood

### Sneaky 7 Swipes Seats

In a daring cloak and dagger mission, Minnesota History Day staffer, Mr. 7, completed a covert mission to rope off seats in the Cole Field house. An early attempt by Hanneman and Mr. 7 proved unfruitful after trying several doors. A twist of fate brought Mr. 7 to the right place at the right time. In order to avoid a parking ticket, I left Hanneman at Stamp Student Union to be one of the first in line for check-in. I went to plug the parking meter, and decided to check a few more doors. My keen sense for danger brought the side of Cole by the tennis courts. There, I found a door accidentally left ajar. Seeing my opportunity, I stealthily entered the building. I had to pause for a second as my eyes adjusted to the dark. I scanned the arena for any campus personnel, none in site. I made my move. I walked down the aisle and roped-off 1124 seats for the Minnesota Delegation. In the infamous words of Bob Ueker, "We must be in the front row." We have prime seats. The Lewis and Clark Expedition's main objective was obtained. In an attempt to foil other states' attempts to rope-off seats, we closed the door that was ajar. Afterwards, Mr. 7 remarked, "I'm not proud that I broke into Cole, but I don't fancy myself a role model." Kids, don't try this at home, but it was all for the good of the delegation.



### What up, Crazy Guy?

Questions of the Day:

Q: Crazy Guy, Are you Crazy?

A: Yes. Look at me.

Q: Crazy Guy, why are you so sweaty?

A: Genetics and Onions.

## SPECIAL Report: No Love from Connecticut

by: Callie Sacaleros  
and Kelsey Geerdes



Sometime last night these two vindictive notes were found taped to a MN student's door. This desperate attempt from these Connecticut students to entertain themselves is quite shocking, considering the relatively tame life they would normally lead. This is a big step considering that their Thanksgiving football game was probably the highlight of their school year, and the after-party involved cow-tipping and a midnight trip in the pickup to Denny's Diner. Maybe they're feeling a little bit gutsy now that they've made it to the "Big City". Maybe they think they're better than us because they don't have an accent. We know what they're up to, but we feel that we're completely above these childish games. We'll show them who's *Minnesota nice*. We'll make an effort to befriend them – after all, half of their friends are from another town because their's is so small and they don't get many chances to meet new people.

In case you don't know where Connecticut is, just ask one of them. I'm sure they'd tell you it's "just outside of New York" or "between both Boston and New York."



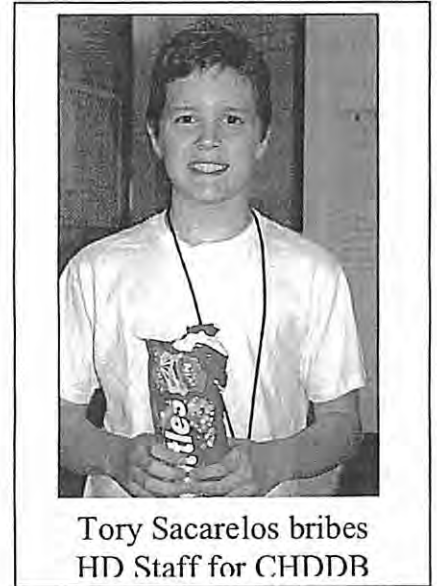
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## Paper-Writers Form Secret Superhero Team, Kick Predicate Nominative Butt

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Eccentric billionaire and avid essay writer Grantham Bookish has assembled a secret foursome of highly trained “super-writers” to foil the forces of bad writing. The Essay Brigade will make their debut fighting inferior academic writing at today’s History Day competition.

The junior members are the promising up-and-comers apprenticing in the ways of defeating mediocre syntax. First up is scrappy Nico Dregni, with his “fighting dragon” editing style, learned on the streets of Hong Kong. Then there’s Jared “Little Demon” Burseth, suave with the ladies and with his heavy-artillery history research alike.

Mark Ulrich, senior historical scholar of international repute, is a master of the participial Kung Fu and has fleeced his share of sheiks at the baccarat table. Big Jake Nelson, a brusque but largely misunderstood giant of hand-to-hand essay composition, anchors the team with intensity and heart. We here at the CHDDB look forward to seeing the fast-paced expository action—see that you do not incur their written wrath!



Tory Sacarelos bribes  
HD Staff for CHDDB

For a full listing of the junior  
division judge times turn to  
page 3!

## Jake “College Boy” Nelson Stumped by Times Crossword



Jake Nelson tries to hold in the squishy façade of his crumbling cranium after the Times Crossword put the smackdown on his puzzling powers.

### Somewhere over Ohio,

Jake Nelson’s college student credentials were put to the test on the late flight from Minnesota. After making quick work of the STRIB crossword and CHDDB Cryptoquip (especially since the answer was on the first page), Nelson turned his attention to the Holy Grail of crossword enthusiasts; the New York Times puzzle. Mr. History watched in amusement as he plucked the low hanging fruit, like “Viking” (one on a long ship) and “Fillthebill” (Be just right for), but it wasn’t long until he hit the wall. After agonizing over “Cry of facetious innocence” for ten minutes, his brain overheated in a stunning display of cranial meltdown. It is hoped that a little JUMBLE therapy and a few Sudokos will get him back on the path of puzzling prowess.

## Summer Fashion Hits College Park

By Ali Cat

Many of you may be surprised to know that in our very midst, here at National History Day, we have a trend setting fashion guru on staff. James Hanneman, from little ol' White Bear Lake, MN, has taken the initiative to set himself up on the fashion pedestal for all of us to admire. Before deciding his wardrobe for the week James rigorously researches all the new fashions coming out of Paris, Milan, and New York in all the top fashion magazines. Having approved the very flattering blue staff bowling shirts, James continues to lend his fashion sense to other hopeless History Day staff and students. "I always look to James for fashion advice," said Justin Buhl. "It saves me so much money on *Vogue* subscriptions!"



This season James is suggesting two very chic new looks that he swears are summer's hottest must-wears. Around campus you may catch James sporting the newest trend of wearing socks with any type of sandal. "Tan lines are so in this summer," says James, adding, "It is a combination of comfort and style." He does warn against wearing green socks with flip-flops though, as it may result in the dreaded Ninja Turtle look.

James's second fashion tip of the season will block your eyes from those bothersome UV rays while reminiscing about New Kids on the Block. As you have probably already noticed James has been wearing specially made 'American Idol' sunglasses that closely resemble those giant dark shades with neon sides for the 80's. "They are making a come back here at History Day, so watch out!" screamed James. So there you go, keep these tips in mind and don't get caught on Camp History Day's Worst Dressed list.

## History Day Staffers Pose as Human Pretzels

By Sue DeNio

In order to accommodate two guest teachers, staffers Mollie, Ali, and Hanneman twisted themselves to fit in the back end of the HD van for a day trip to Gettysburg. The trip started as a relatively spacious trip, as Mollie and Ali laid down and got some much-needed rest. However, after nearly reaching the Pennsylvania border, we got called back to pick up Franz. Jessica took over driving, and Hanneman scrunched into the middle seat.

The visit to the battlefield was wonderful, as we all enjoyed the historical aspect of it without anyone complaining about reading the display boards, and Jessica and Hanneman argued about who knew the Gettysburg Address better (Jessica carries a copy of it in her purse, and has for about 5 years.)

Hanneman purchased his second Gettysburg Auto Tour CD, and we crowded into the van for the driving tour, which was slightly off because Jessica drove faster than the CD was timed for, so we learned all about Little Round Top while we were at the next part of the drive. At the Minnesota monument, the staffers battled wits with some PA know-it-alls, who, it turned out, didn't quite know as much about the MN regiment as Hanneman, who did a History Day project on it.

Pam ("Newbie") had her heart set on a Gettysburg sweatshirt, so we perused several souvenir shops where we found Christmas ornaments with bayonets on them, lovely blankets with images of Picketts Charge, and shot glasses with all kinds of ugly scenes. At that point, we headed back, with Hanneman joining Mollie and Ali scrunched in the back, doing their best pretzel imitation.

## **Get ready to support our students!!!**

Thus it begins, the very reason we are out here. The junior division shows the National History Day judges why they are the best of the best from Minnesota. Best of luck to all of our junior students tomorrow!

### **JUNIOR DIVISION SCHEDULE – MONDAY 6/11/07**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Location</u>
10:20	Ind. Documentary	Luke Balhorn	<i>The Doolittle Raid</i>	2212 Jimenez
10:20	Ind. Performance	Tory Sacarelos	<i>The Potato Famine</i>	Nanticoke – SSU
10:20	Gr. Performance	Sally Caruso Gracie White	<i>Love Canal Tragedy</i>	Margaret Brent 2112 –SSU
10:20	Paper	Nico Dregni	<i>The Stone Arch Bridge</i>	1103 Jimenez
11:30	Gr. Exhibit	Eerdmans Boys	<i>Battle of Trafalgar</i>	SSU – Ballroom
1:00	Paper	Jared Burseth	<i>America's 15<sup>th</sup> State</i>	112 Jimenez
1:20	Ind. Performnace	Bryn Wilken-Resman	<i>Tokyo Rose</i>	1205 Cambridge Community Center
1:40	Ind. Exhibit	Josh Luger	<i>Camp David Accords</i>	SSU – Ballroom
1:40	Ind. Documentary	Stephanie Noonan	<i>442<sup>nd</sup> Regiment</i>	1025 Jimenez
1:40	Gr. Documentary	Ryan Soloman Justin Buhl	<i>The Doolittle Raid</i>	0112 Armory
1:40	Gr. Performance	Theresa Sarbacker Darian Warneke Kirstin Geerdes Celeste Johnston Mackenzie Shuett	<i>Triangle Factory Fire</i>	3109 Cole
2:00	Ind. Exhibit	Addison Weiler	<i>The Washburn "A" Mill</i>	SSU – Ballroom
2:15	Gr. Exhibit	Paige Burgeson Kayla Mork	<i>1888 Blizzard</i>	SSU – Ballroom
3:00	Gr. Documentary	Tate Piepkorn Samantha Simonson Adam Rohlf Camara Butler	<i>Hinckley Fire</i>	Armory



## Mr. 7's Neighborhood

### Heavy Button Trading Action at Welcome Ceremony

During Ken Burns fabulous speech, the History Day students were fervently engaging in bartering buttons with other states. No less than 4 states approached the small group of Minnesotans clustered together. New York and Tennessee were among them. Rumors are flying that West Virginia and Montana have proven extremely elusive, even to the point that some think those states are not here. If they are here, the value of their buttons will be sky high when they hit the open market. See, it's simple economics. If you have a button, say a "Learn Fresh" button, and you control the amount available to the open market, you create. We staffers are hoping that you are obtaining the utmost value for your "Learn Fresh" buttons. With only two to start with, you must demand market value. "Girl Squad" and "Minnesoda" bottle caps should garner a respectable value, but come at a price that everyone can afford. The "Camp History Day" buttons are the ones you use to make other states think they are getting a great deal. Try offering two of these and see what you get in return. We here at the "Bulletin" love to hear stories about button-savvy traders, maximizing the return on their initial supply of buttons.

## Homeschoolers reveal HD Staffer's true identity

By JP11 Press



When we embarked on this trip, our parents and loved ones gave us many parting words of advice. "Don't walk alone at night." "Zip your money in an inside pocket." "Be careful when you flush the airplane toilet." Unfortunately, they were probably unaware that the greatest danger of all met us at the airport, traveled with us, and is staying in the same dorm as us. However, in what may have been a crisis of conscience, this danger revealed itself on Sunday. "I'm a vampire; I sleep standing up," was the revelation that came from none other than Minnesota History Day's own Franz Young. This came as a shock to those who have gotten to know Franz during this trip, including Jenni Klejeski. "I was very disturbed to find out that our own Franzibear is a vampire. However, I am happy to see that Mr. History has hired such a diverse staff." Others weren't so surprised: "Whenever he smiled at me," said Belvah Nelson, "I could see his fangs, and I knew he was a vampire." For your own safety we urge students to take this threat seriously and travel in groups.

### GIRL SQUAD Notice

**Calling all girls!** Tuesday, the Minnesota Girl Squad will be reconvening for our second annual talent audition. Other states have already begun forming their own Girl Squads and we need to strut our Minnesota stuff. Becoming a member of the Girl Squad has two requirements:

- 1) You must be a girl
- 2) You must be fun

In order to determine your fun-ness quotient, we ask that you come prepared to show your own unique talent. Regardless of what it is, we want to see what you got (and there will be extra points for props usage)! Please also come with your own snazzy Girl Squad nickname. After membership has been determined, official Girl Squad goodies will be distributed. The meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, after the state delegation meeting, in the second floor lounge.

# CAMP HISTORY DAY DAILY BULLETIN

## Juniors Rock First Day of Judging

After a harrowing day of junior division judging, three Minnesota entries have made the great leap from first round to second round. Breck students Gracie White and Paige Burgeson will be returning to Stamp Student Union to reprise their performance on the Love Canal tragedy. "Oh, our research was fantastic and all that, but I really think it was Gracie's seventies-style pants that upped our authenticity. I mean, people really used to wear those in public," Burgeson said. Also representing from the performance category is Brynna Wilken-Resman. Wilken-Resman's victory, with her performance on Iva Toguri, is made all the more impressive considering her recent bout with a rare form of rhino virus. "There's nothing that can't be cured by orange juice and a bottle of over-the-counter drugs, purchased in small, legal quantities of course," she said. Bears Justin Buhl and Ryan Solomon will be presenting their documentary on the Doolittle Raid again tonight. "I put in a call to Ben Affleck and Josh Hartnett today," Buhl said. "I thought they'd want to come and see a movie that got the facts straight on the Doolittle Raid." Congratulations to all of our junior division kids; we are proud of all of you!



**Gracie White and Sally Caruso perform well, give a thumbs-up, and save the environment.**

### Junior Division Final Round, Tuesday night

- Brynna Wilken-Resman, Ind. Performance  
SSU Atrium, 5:45 p.m.
- Gracie White & Sally Caruso, Grp. Performance  
SSU Hoff Theater, 6:15 p.m.
- Justin Buhl & Ryan Solomon, Grp. Documentary  
SSU Benjamin Banneker, 6:30 p.m.

## Minnesotans Cool as Cucumbers Amid Intense Questioning

With the day filled with waiting, being judged, and answering tough questions, the Minnesota Junior Division competitors showed no signs of nervousness. "Another day, another dollar," Breck competitor Addison Weiler was heard saying. "It's just another day at the office for me." Addison prefers to lull his competitors into a false sense of security with his relaxed attitude before attacking like a jungle cat. As other participants nervously paced and conversed with their instructors, Minnesota competitors relaxed and joked. "To tell you the truth, I could be golfing right now. That's how relaxed I am," junior documentarian Luke Balhorn stated, as he was caught performing magic tricks for the parents of other competitors. This is, quite obviously, a direct result of the preparedness with which the junior division entered the DC area. As the Eerdmans boys put it, "we worked our butts off for five months on this project. This trip to the capital is about one thing for us: Button trading."

## MN Button Moguls Wield Power in Expanding Button Markets

COLLEGE PARK, MD — Flush with a wealth of buttons from new stockpiles in Mr. History's backpack, a number of young button entrepreneurs have made a fortune in button markets campus-wide. The fervent culture of "button mania," originally a novel social activity, has become a big and often overwhelming sideshow to the main event.

Once modest HD'ers, Sunrise Park students Justin Buhl and Ryan Solomon have leveraged a small pile of MN buttons into a number of obscure buttons and high-profile trades. "We traded three 'Minne Sodas' and two Subway buttons for 26 Alaskas, 11 rare misprinted 'Wisconsin is Cheesey' buttons, and a 1984 Volvo," Justin said. Added Ryan, "We can't even drive, but I told two Hawaiian high school girls we'd take them to Rally's—Sweet!"

For young Tory Sacarelos, who started off with a single "Girls Squad" button losing its laminate, well-placed "turnaround" trades and bulk button buys have turned life into a spectacle of platinum-plated History Day bling and luxurious dorm rooms. "Sometimes I pay MN History Day staffers to sort and peel my green skittles," he admitted, shining his big "H" medallion.

Not everyone is so pleased about its popularity. "Yeah," says reformed button addict Michelle Kwan, "I remember staying up all night trying to find that one last American Samoa or Arkansas pin. I'd wake up in the morning, my fingers sore from the pins; it's a rough life."



Addison Weiler completes a shrewd button trade.

## *The Grapevine*

### **Does anyone have an American Samoa button?**

Despite asking every single person he comes across, CHOF student Tory Sacarelos has so far struck out when it comes to obtaining the coveted American Samoa button. If anyone comes across the elusive flare, please give it to Tory.

### **Beach trip cancelled; Southwest students forced to see boring museums and stuff**

Threatening-looking clouds forced the cancellation of the annual Southwest trip to the beach on Sunday. Instead of chilling on the beach, the Minneapolis students had to go into D.C. and see sights of actual historical significance. They planned to rest and recover all day Monday.

### **Staff forgets Erin Piepkorn; parents threaten action against editors**

In the Monday edition of the CHDDB, Erin Piepkorn was excluded from her group's list in the day's schedule. The editorial staff has no excuse for this omission and kind of regrets the error.

### **MN students have spirit, yes we do**

In a marvelous display of team support, Minnesota senior division students Elliot Altbaum, Kiehlor Mack and Mikhail Mack attended several junior division judgments Monday afternoon. Junior division students were much appreciative of the extra applause and cheering and will hopefully return the favor for senior judging today.

## **Get ready to support our students!!!**

Day Two of History Day judging begins today. Be sure to get out and support our senior division competitors! Best of luck to all of our senior students!

### **SENIOR DIVISION SCHEDULE – TUESDAY 6/12/07**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Location</u>
10:20	Ind. Documentary	Adriane Otopalik	<i>WWII Displaced Persons</i>	2117 Jimenez
10:20	Gr. Performance	Iris Fricke Hilary Geerdes Kelsey Geerdes Callie Sacarelos Georgia Simonson	<i>USO</i>	Banneker – SSU
10:40	Gr. Documentary	Grace Bratzel Irena Bratzel	<i>Radium Dial Workers</i>	0110 Armory
11:30	Ind. Exhibit	Scout Allendorf	<i>The Stonewall Riots</i>	SSU – Ballroom
1:00	Paper	Mark Ulrich	<i>Norman Borlaug</i>	1124 Jimenez
1:00	Paper	Jacob Nelson	<i>Stained by the Blood</i>	1117 Jimenez
1:00	Ind. Performance	Sierra Piepkorn	<i>Aletta Sullivan</i>	1100 Cambridge Comm. Center
1:00	Ind. Performance	Elliot Altbaum	<i>Eugene Debs</i>	1205 Cambridge Comm. Center
1:20	Gr. Performance	Joe Gifford Jenny Klejeski Bekah Nelson	<i>Washburn Mill</i>	0130 Nyumburu
1:20	Ind. Documentary	Sarah Douglass	<i>The Great Escape</i>	0125 Jimenez
1:40	Gr. Documentary	Rose Milavitz Rachel Richman	<i>Mt. Sinai Hospital</i>	0131 Armory
1:45	Ind. Exhibit	Ashley Bielinski	<i>Tuskegee Syphilis Study</i>	SSU – Ballroom
2:00	Gr. Exhibit	Kiehlor Mack Mikhail Mack	<i>Reserve Mining</i>	SSU – Ballroom
2:15	Gr. Exhibit	Preterra Ferguson Annie Murphy Olivia Spitz	<i>Josephine Baker</i>	SSU – Ballroom





## Mr. 7's Neighborhood

### Attempted Sabotage Narrowly Averted

The Eerdmans<sup>2</sup> narrowly averted disaster with their exhibit this morning. After one look at their Minnesota competition, one of the neighboring exhibitors decided they needed some extra special effects. In an attempt to distract the judges, an exhibit near the Eerdmans<sup>2</sup> mysteriously had a steam effect added to it by using a humidifier. Here, in Minnesota, we know that it's more about the content than the bells and whistles, or in this case steam. Although realizing their exhibit was superior in content, Billy and Andy were a bit nervous that the extra humidity near their board would begin to erode the adhesive bond between board and content. Andy was overheard saying, "I don't think our board will be as effective if there are no words or pictures." Sharp guy, a board with nothing more than the remnants of adhesive products would not make the finals. A simple adjustment in the direction the humidifier was blowing saved the day. The Eerdmans<sup>2</sup> went on to compete valiantly, answering the judges' questions very well. "It was probably those knuckleheads from Connecticut who couldn't even write the 'e' in Minnesota correctly. That's what happens when you have a silent 'c' in your state's name," remarked Andy. Way to go boys, and all of the rest of the junior division. Next up, the seniors.

### Dorm Decorating Reminder

Wednesday, the day that all dorm-decorating fates will be determined, is rapidly approaching. The staff is developing a series of stringent criteria upon which to judge these rooms, including quality and quantity of contributions to combat staff hunger. Be prepared to impress us with your creativity in both room and bribes.

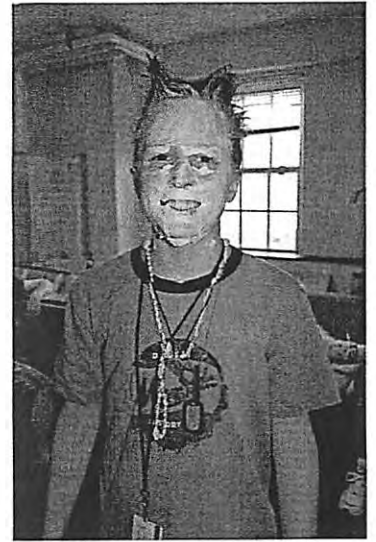
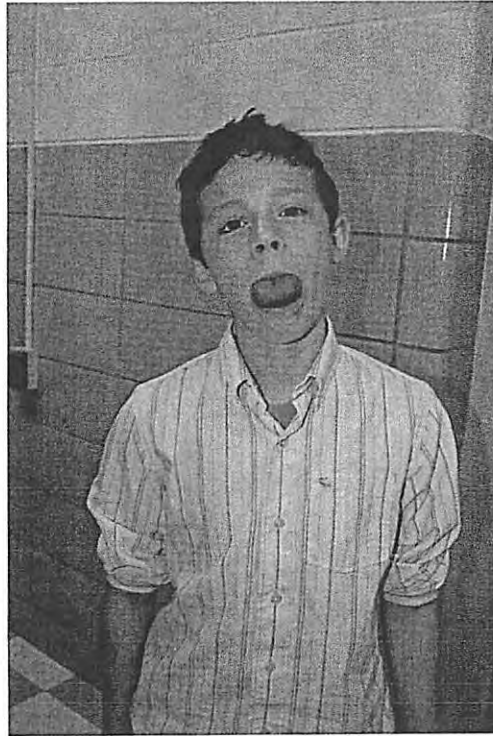
## Minnesota Students Develop First Dorm Mass Transit System



Inspired by the convenience of the Washington DC Metro system, enterprising students from Minnesota have created the first-ever mass transit system for a History Day dorm. This transportation marvel was also developed as part of a stunning display of category cooperation by the Sr. Group Exhibit entries. Preterra Ferguson, Annie Murphy and Olivia Spitz (the Josephine Baker girls) teamed up with Mikhail and Kiehlor Mack (the Reserve Mining boys) to put the La Plata Express into service. The single passenger vehicle has cut the commute time between the north and south wing of the second floor by at least three seconds. "We haven't figured out the fare structure for the system, yet," commented test rider Preterra Ferguson, "But I think we will allow kids to ride for buttons, M&Ms, or euros."

### Girl Squad Meets Tonight!

Calling all girls! Don't forget to attend the Minnesota Girl Squad meeting tonight after the state delegation meeting, in the second floor lounge. Be ready to show your talents to the group and entertain the staff. Treats will be distributed to all participants.



# CAMP HISTORY DAY DAILY BULLETIN

## Seniors Wow Judges in First Round

COLLEGE PARK, MD - Minnesota's senior division swung into action on Tuesday, giving their first round judges all the historical analysis and interpretation they could handle and leaving their spectators amazed.

"I knew that my performance was packed with emotion, but when I looked up and saw all those tear-filled eyes during my performance I knew I hit a home run," said CHOF senior performer Sierra Piepkorn.

Two Minnesota senior division projects will move on to the final round tomorrow morning. Adriane Otopalik from Mankato West High School is moving on in the Senior Individual Documentary category and the CHOF group performance comprised of Iris Fricke, Hillary Geerdes, Kelsey Geerdes, Callie Sacarelos and Georgia Simonson on the U.S.O. will also present in the morning. Both Adriane and the USO girls are veterans of nationals, and both are reveling in their first trip to the final round.

CHOFster Iris Fricke up her feelings by saying, "For most of us this is our last year with History Day, and it feels so great to finally make it to the final round," said CHOFster Iris Fricke.



Sarah Douglass receives  
congratulations from Fergie

## Senior Division Final Round, Wednesday morning

- Adriane Otopalik, *Jewish Displaced Persons*  
9:15am- Brent Room, Student Union
- Iris Fricke, Hillary Geerdes, Kelsey Geerdes,  
Callie Sacarelos, Georgia Simonson, *USO*  
9:45am- Hoff Theater, Student Union

## Juniors Take Runoffs by Storm

The Minnesota Delegation was represented in the Junior Run-Offs with three projects. Brynna Wilken-Resman started us off wither Tokyo Rose Project. Despite a small snag, Brynna showed a tremendous amount of poise and courage, and gave a strong performance, garnering a standing "O" from the Minnesotans in the audience. Gracie White and Sally Caruso were next up. Veterans by now, the girls gave a very polished performance in Hoff Theater, making the rest of the delegation proud. Justin Buhl and Ryan Solomon showed their documentary to a packed house. The boys were awesome, and their movie was extremely entertaining. Good luck juniors, we're proud of all of you. Seniors, your next up.



Go Bears!!

## CHDDB Exclusive! Mister History Scandal Widens!

By Hanneman

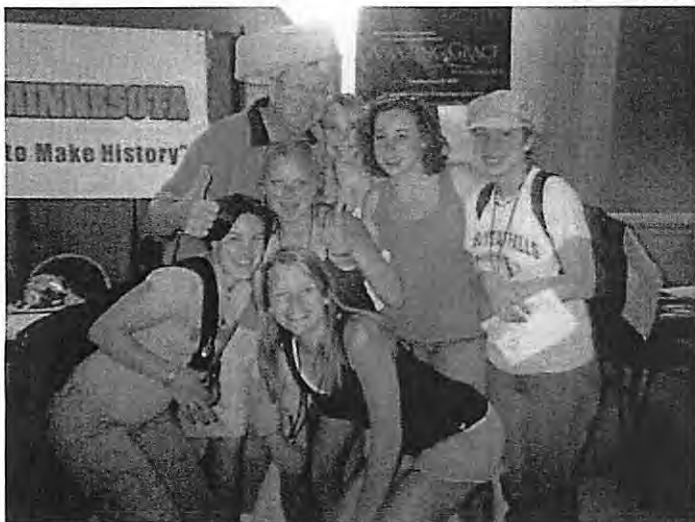
COLLEGE PARK, MD

Congressional staffers investigating Mr. History's mysterious absence from the Minnesota delegation on Saturday uncovered a bombshell photograph that has blown the investigation wide open and has introduced the possibility that Mr. History may be subpoenaed to appear before Congress to explain his whereabouts on Saturday.

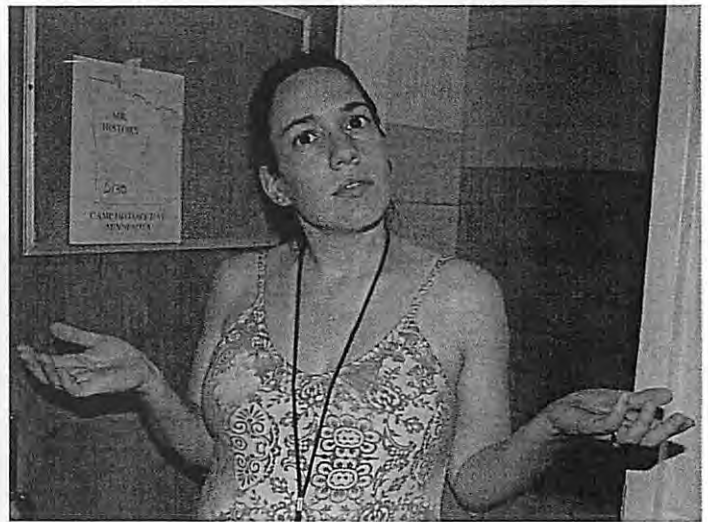
The photograph, depicting Mr. History wearing a large block of cheese on his head with a group of Wisconsin students was described by one Capitol staffer as "clear evidence that Mr. History was unable to travel with the Minnesota herd because he was hanging out with a bunch of cheddarheads instead." Sources tell the CHDDB that while the rest of the herd was flying to Washington and touring the city, Mr. History and his badger buddies were eating brats and watching NASCAR.

News of the scandalous photograph prompted several members of the Minnesota congressional delegation to back away from earlier commitments to meet with Minnesota History Day students for fear of being associated with any negative fallout from Cheddar-gate, as its come to be known. Representative Keith Ellison (D-MN) released a statement saying, "At this time it would be inappropriate for me to meet with the Minnesotans until we know more about the circumstances involved. I definitely don't want to meet with a 'Sconnie-lover like Mr. History. Go Vikings!"

The CHDDB's political commentator, Andy Luger, speculated that this revelation will likely force Congress to issue subpoenas for Mr. History's testimony in front of the House Select Committee on Packer-loving Traitors. Mr. History's spokeswoman, Jessica Ellison, responded to the photograph by urging the public not to rush to judgment. "I'm sure there's a good explanation for why he's wearing a hunk of Brie on his head. I mean I'd sure like to hear what it is."



Mr. History, pictured here with his new Wisconsin friends.



Mr. History spokeswoman Jessica Ellison can't fathom why time would ditch his gophers for badgers.

## **Minnesota Delegation to March on the Capitol!!!**

### **Capitol Security to be on High Alert**

After senior round runoffs, Minnesotans will make their way to Capitol Hill to meet Minnesota's congressional delegation. Tours of the Capitol and gallery passes are available with most of the House representatives, and we'll cap things off with an unprecedented meeting with BOTH the Minnesota Senators, Amy Klobuchar and Norm Coleman.

Anyone who is interested can leave with the Minnesota HD staff from the dorms to the House office buildings at 12:00pm, or you can meet us at the meeting location.

#### **CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE – WEDNESDAY 6/13/07**

- Congressman Tim Walz - 2:00pm meeting with a 3:00pm tour of the Capitol  
1529 Longworth House Office Building
- Congressman John Kline - Can not meet with Rep. Kline, but can get gallery passes at his office or take a guided tour of the Capitol with Sen. Klobuchar's office at 3pm.  
1429 Longworth House Office Building
- Congressman Jim Ramstad - 1:30pm tour of Capitol, 3:00pm meeting  
103 Cannon House Office Building
- Congresswoman Betty McCollum - 2:30pm tour of Capitol, Betty may meet us along the way if she can get out of committee.  
1714 Longworth House Office Building
- Congressman Keith Ellison - 2:00pm (most likely) brief meeting with staff followed by tour.  
1130 Longworth House Office Building
- Congresswoman Michelle Bachmann – 2:00pm tour of Capitol, 3:15 meeting  
412 Cannon House Office Building
- Congressman Collin Peterson - 2:00pm meeting w/ staff (Sara Kloek) followed by tour.  
2211 Rayburn House Office Building

#### **Congressional Meeting Tips**

- Leave early. It usually takes us an hour or an hour and a half to get to there from the dorm.
- Pack light and go easy on the metal. We'll have to go through security stations with metal detectors several times.
- Don't confuse congressional meetings with room judging, leave the bribes at home.

#### **How to get there:**

For meetings in House office buildings, take the Metro to the Capitol South stop. When you exit the metro station you'll be facing the Cannon building. Take a left on C Street to get to the other buildings.

For the Senate meeting take the Metro to Union Station and walk south two blocks on either Delaware Ave. or 1<sup>st</sup> Street.



## Mr. 7's Neighborhood

Added Benefit of the Bowling Shirts  
Over the last few days, I have become aware of another, indirect function of the bowling shirts we wear. Sunday, in the cafeteria, an adult from another state approached Mollie and I and asked us what we do at our "History Day Bowl-A-Rama". Mollie intelligently replied, "What?" We explained to her that we really don't bowl. Tuesday, I was approached again in the cafeteria, this time by a student from another state. He asked, "Can you tell me where the bowling alley is?" I told him, but he kept looking at my shirt and trying to figure out what it had to do with Stamp Student Union. Each time I walk across campus, I hear people talking, whispering or commenting on our shirts. Our shirts keep other states so mentally occupied, that they are not focusing on their projects as much as they should. When we sit in the rooms, other states are mesmerized by the stylish design, and dashing turquoise blue. Rumor has it that one student from Connecticut was asked a question by a judge, and he replied, "Do you know where I can get one of those fantastic blue bowling shirts." We know you don't need the help, but we want to support you anyway we can. So see guys, we wear these shirts not only so you can recognize us in a crowd from a thousand miles away, but the shirts also run a little interference during the competition as well.

## Cute Kid of the Day



## The Grapevine

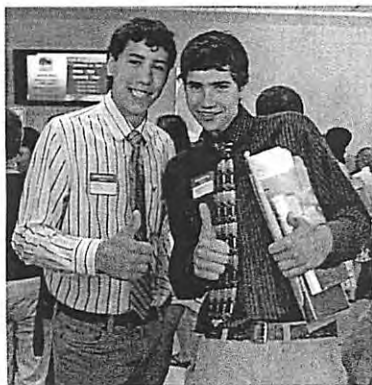
### Editors screw up again

Page 1 of the Tuesday edition listed Paige Burgeson as the second half of the Love Canal performance, instead of Sally Caruso. Staffer Jessica Ellison has been ordered to give her journalism degree back to Drake University, with apologies for such incompetence.

### Rachel and Rose Knock it Out of the Park

Tuesday belongs to the seniors, and two of Minnesota's finest, Rose Milavitz and Rachel Richman, aired their documentary in the Armory. Despite ancient technology, R and R's movie went off without a hitch. The judges seemed engaged, and the students seemed semi-relaxed. The National Contest could benefit from elevated security in the Armory. During the interview, no less than seven people entered the room. If you think that is bad, one of people who entered during the interview sat down, and her cell phone promptly rang (she's probably from Connecticut). You would think that these types of distractions would throw-off a couple of normal students, but we are from Minnesota. Rose and Rachel continued to answer the questions in front of the judges. According to Rose, "The judges or the audience couldn't throw anything at us that we couldn't handle." Rachel, showing no signs that she was bothered, just broke out into an inspiring rendition of the University of Minnesota rouser. At the end of the song, when she spelled out M-I-N-N-E-S-O-T-A, she glared menacingly and pointed at each one of the rude people that walked in during the interview. Way to go girls, you did a great job!!!





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## We Got Talent, Yes We Do

COLLEGE PARK, MD – Late this past Tuesday, the girls from the Minnesota delegation crept up to the abandoned fourth floor lounge to participate in the second annual Girls Squad talent auditions. In a hush, hush meeting—all boys barred—the girls each auditioned for a spot on the prestigious and highly envied Minnesota Girls Squad.

“Wisconsin was bragging about their girls squad far outranking ours this year, but little did they know. If Mr. History had been allowed in, he would have forever regretted standing under the suspicion of associating with ‘Sconnies,” Kayla Mork observed. The theme for this year’s talents was definitely body contortion. Scout started the night off by demonstrating her disturbing double-jointed fingers and thumb. Videographer Mandy Kritzeck almost fainted at the sight. The theme continued as Gracie White demonstrated exactly why she’s in the circus with a remarkable over-split. Finally, Camara Butler finished off the evening with a human backbend stacker.

In other shocking news, it was revealed that staffer Mandy Kritzeck is musically about twelve years old. As her iTunes playlist (dominated by Disney pop) provided the atmosphere necessary for girly giggles and fun, Sally Caruso commented wryly, “I appreciate the music, but I would have never expected someone as sophisticated as Mandy to be so young in her downloading heart.” Although Mr. History tried to suggest *Wayne’s World’s* “Party Time” tagline as the theme song, this was quickly vetoed as far too “boy-ish” and KT Tunstall’s “Suddenly I See” was selected instead.

The night took on a mysterious element when the gorgeous Missy Elliot entered the room, wowed the crowd with her graceful model walk and soft, face-framing curls, and then disappeared into the night. We mourn her loss, but wish her well, wherever she is.

The true distinguishing feature of the Minnesota Girls Squad is without a doubt the sweet swag scored by all the members. All members received a tiara, lei, bling, and sparkly tattoos. Remember girls – come to the awards ceremony all decked in your swag! Let’s put those other girl squads to shame!



Mollie and Natty model the staff swag



Missy Elliot sways



Gracie flips out



## Investigation Clears Mr. History Accused Traitor Now Praised as National Hero

In a stunning turn of events, the results of an internal investigation have totally cleared Mr. History of any wrongdoing in the so-called "Cheddar-gate" scandal. A report by the History Day Bureau of Investigation (HDBI) revealed that Mr. History was actually engaged in a covert "maroon" operations mission designed to subvert the evil schemes of Bucky Badger and his minions.

"I knew that it was all nothing more than a tissue of lies that would crumble like blue cheese on a day-old Caesar salad," commented Mr. History. "Unfortunately, certain reporters on the Daily Bulletin swallowed Bucky's misinformation campaign hook, line and sinker." The HDBI report describes in detail how the leader of Minnesota History Day risked his life on several occasions by venturing over to the east side of the St. Croix during deer hunting season without a blaze orange snowmobile suit for protection. It also documents how three years of stealthy infiltration into teacher workshops, Wisconsin Dells water parks and the State Historical Society netted a treasure trove of intelligence that will set back the Bucky Liberation Front (BLF) at least a decade.

In addition to the Green Bay Packer playbook, Mr. History was able to acquire documents that reveal how the current tuition reciprocity imbalance was intentionally created by Wisconsin officials to sap the strength of the Minnesota economy. "The establishment of sleeper cells made up of former Minnesota History Day kids on the UW Madison campus was critical to this effort," said Mr. History. "I caught most of those kids sneaking around the Maryland dorms at one time or another, so I knew they had the skills to nab Bucky's secrets."

Mr. History also relied on the efforts of junior agents Bill and Andrew Eerdmans to put an exclamation point on the Bucky sting. Senior BLF operative, Sarah "Big Cheese" Clement was speechless as the Eerdmans turned the table on the Sconnie honcho by plunking Goldy Gopher on her noodle. "Rah, Rah, Rah for Ski U Mah," squealed the twins as they scampered back to their safe house in La Plata.

In recognition of his stellar efforts to preserve the good life in Minnesota, Governor Tim Pawlenty presented Mr. History with the Wendell Anderson Medal of Freedom



## Medical Tests Reveal that Josh Luger has Left Thumb



COLLEGE PARK, MD— The History Day staff is pleased to report that x-rays have revealed that Breck exhibit ace, Josh Luger, has his left thumb after all. Staffer Natalie Jaworski expressed concern when Josh showed up at the airport with a cast. “I knew that he had gone over to build a new board at the Historical Society exhibit shop, but I forgot to ask whether he made it through the experience with all of his fingers.” Luger himself was fuzzy about the details of his injury. “I’ve been kind of pre-occupied with my project, but I think it was either the power tools or mafia loan sharks that got me.”



Luger has gamely presented the right thumb in a variety of photographs, but still sought to confirm the existence of the matching digit. “I’ve always been a left thumb guy,” he explained, “and I just needed to know the truth.”

Upper left: Questions regarding Luger’s thumb began popping up when this picture was mysteriously leaked to History Day Staffers.

Left: Mystery solved, thumbs up for having thumbs.



### CHDDB EXCLUSIVE:

## Ukulele Hero takes History Day By Storm

BASEMENT— The 2007 National History Day competition was supposed to be about fun, sun, and Guitar Hero. That notion came crashing down Wednesday night after PSEO History Dayer Jacob Nelson shocked audiences with his profound ukulele skills. In an expose of funkyness, Nelson wowed a packed house with renditions of several History Day classics including, “Sweet Child O’ Mine,” “Stairway to Heaven,” and the timeless classic “I’m a Little Teapot.”



## Mr. 7's Neighborhood

### Senator Coleman Feels Heat, Turns Tail

In a scheduled meeting with Senator Norm Coleman this afternoon, the Minnesota delegation held his feet to the fire concerning education issues. The crowd began to get restless when the Senator showed up late to the meeting. Jared Burseth was overheard saying, "Yeah, like he has anything important to do, like make laws or something." He was supposed to be there at 4:30, but showed up about 10 minutes late. If that was his only offense, "Minnesota Nice" would have let him off the hook, but he proceeded to stick his foot in his mouth. As he addressed a group of history buffs, and was going on and on about his love of history, he began a story about a desk somewhere in the Capitol. He said it belonged to Andrew Johnson, the President of the Confederacy. I was waiting for a rim shot from one of his aides, but one was not forthcoming. Funny, last year I went to Gettysburg, and they have it all wrong. They say that Jefferson Davis was the President of the Confederacy. Anywho, when the Senator finished his remarks, he fielded some questions. The first, from Rachel Richman, asked Coleman what he has done for education. His answer apparently did not satisfy Elliot Altbaum, who followed up with a question, and I paraphrase: How come all of the rich schools get all of the resources? Shouldn't they go to schools that don't have them? He agreed. Coleman was trying to get out of the room, but Rachel was not satisfied. She asked about rewarding teachers for good work. At this point, he was probably thinking that the Democrats set him up, but this goes to show how intelligent, issue-oriented, and civic-minded Minnesota History Day students are. Feeling the heat, Coleman needed to get out of the kitchen. Amy Klobuchar had shown up, and he turned the show over to her and left. Before he did, he leaned over and whispered something to Senator Klobuchar. I bet that he said something like "tough crowd" or something to that effect. Way to go Minnesota. Not "way to stick it to Coleman" but way to take advantage of a great opportunity. Nice job!!!!

## The Grapevine

### "Bad Twin" Insults Staffer, Hilarity Ensues

Andy "Bad Twin" Eerdmans was overheard poking fun with Minnesota History Day Staffer Franz Young. According to eye-witness accounts, (\*cough\* Mr. 7 \*cough\*), young Eerdmans was heard calling Franzibear "horizontally challenged". Insulting a staffer of Franz's magnitude is not a good idea for a small boy like Andy, but he went for the good dig anyway. He was later heard gloating in the dining hall. "I just saw an opening for a good one-liner, and I went for it. It was gold."

### Stilted at Congress?

Today much of the Minnesota contingent, breathless with excitement, joined the staff at various Minnesota offices in Congress. But after waiting countless hours at the offices of Senator Klobuchar and Representative Ellison with no sign of the promised, excited Minnesotans, the staffers felt stood up. It only brought back memories of prom night for Michelle, Mollie, and Natty.



## Altbaum's Anecdotes

(Opinion)

Returning pop psychologist/History Day ninja Elliot Altbaum here to bring to you a few observations that have inspired me to share my commentary on society. I have experienced many crazy things here in Washington DC, such as politicians not truly understanding history, male competitors willingly crimping and curling their hair, and Mr. History holding back none of his wrath as he dominated student after student in medium level Guitar Hero. The craziest of all have been the History Day Staffers. They stay up twenty hours a day mumbling to themselves about random dates in history. I walked into the bathroom and caught Mr. 7 hitting himself repeatedly in the head! "What's wrong, Mr. 7?" I asked. "Natalie asked me what year John F. Kennedy was shot and I guessed 1927! What's wrong with me?!" They also allow students to stay up way past their 9:00 PM bedtime. It's a disgrace. These sorts of things happen daily in the beautiful halls of La Plata Dormitory. I am certain society will fall in the next five years if nothing is done. I recommend they take two bottles of tonic, three large puffs of an inhaler, and spend five years locked up in some sort of institution. May God have mercy on their souls.



## The Absence of Mrs. Ferguson

(Opinion)



Breck students, (Sally, Cayla, Gracie, and Paige), recently discovered the real reason one Robin Ferguson has been absent from this year's National History Day competition. It has come to our attention that Mrs. Ferguson is currently spending some time in jail, having allegedly illegally trespassed and attempted abduction of members of the Rhode Island competition's exhibits. Officers at the scene reported, "Mrs. Ferguson showed no remorse for her actions. In fact, as we put her in the back of the cop car I think I heard her laughing to her self, muttering 'My work here is done'." Even though she is currently behind bars, her husband Mr. Ferguson is extremely proud of her actions and hopes Minnesota will stand behind her as well. It should be known that her cover story is that she is having surgery during the week and is unable to travel.



## Scandals and Shenanigans!

### Room Judging Drama Rocks La Plata

Judges Slow in Recovering From  
Sugar High Fall –

Guitar Hero Escapades  
Threatened



The results are in and one thing is clear – room decorating this year was at an all-time high. Hanneman was blown away at the quality, “It’s been a long time since we’ve seen this kind of creativity. Even the moms got involved, blowing the adult category wide open. We’re happy to report, that despite rumors of a ‘harm the judges’ room, all the judges made it through with no more than a sugar high and a mild stomach ache.” Good job guys!

#### Results:

- Best Incorporation of History Day Topic –
- Best Dance – Hawaii Room (Anne, Olivia, and Preterra)
- Most “Therapeutic” – Peace Out Room (Jenny and Bekah)
- Best Bribe – Flamingo Paradise with hot pizza (Gracie and Sally)
- Most Dangerous – Doolittle Raid (Ryan, Justin, and Luke)
- Cleanest Room – U of M (Mack Brothers)
- Most Secure Room – Avant Garde Dorm Room (Niko and Jared)
- Tried Our Best – July 4<sup>th</sup> (Addison and Josh)
- Most Inviting – Mom Room (Sue and Marjorie)
- Best Overall Room – Snow Room (Paige and Kayla)**



# CAMP HISTORY DAY DAILY BULLETIN

## Minnesota Students Take Home the Gold, Other Hardware

College Park, MD - Minnesota students packed Cole Field House on Thursday to learn their fate and the fate of their fellow Gophers at the National History Day award ceremony. They were not disappointed.

Fridley High School students Kiehlor and Mikhail Mack were awarded first place in the Senior Group Exhibit category for their project about the Reserve Mining controversy.

CHOF students Iris Fricke, Kelsey Geerdes, Hillary Geerdes, Georgia Simonson and Callie Sacarelos took home the silver medal for their Senior Group Performance about the USO.

Two Minnesota students were also recognized as Outstanding State Entries. Adriane Otopalik was the Outstanding State Entry in the senior division for her documentary about jewish displaced persons after World War II, and Brynna Wilken-Resmen received the Outstanding State Entry award in the junior division for her performance on Tokyo Rose.

Other Minnesota students advancing to the final round included Jake Nelson (7<sup>th</sup> Place- Senior Paper), Ryan Solomon and Justin Buhl (5<sup>th</sup> Place- Junior Group Documentary), Sally Caruso and Gracie White (10<sup>th</sup> Place- Junior Group Performance), and Paige Burgeson and Kayla Mork (9<sup>th</sup> Place- Junior Group Exhibit).



Dennis Simonson skillfully uses the "thumbs up" technique as he seeks alternative transportation for CHOF to get back to Minnesota.

## CHOF Bus Engine Finally Gives Out, CHOFsters Stranded in Maryland

St. Paul- In what has become an annual rite of summer, the CHOF bus broke down just hours after leaving La Plata Hall on Thursday. Matters were complicated this time, however, when they could not get the engine to respond to the usual begging and pleading. "Dennis Bluhm did his usual banging and tinkering, but for some reason nothing worked," reported Tory Sacarelos. The CHOFsters were forced to abandon the bus in Maryland and hitchhike back to St. Paul. The return trip wasn't a total disaster, though. CHOF students were relieved to be able to stop in Mackinaw on their way home as planned.

## Mack Brothers Win Big at History Day, Treat State to Party Bus for Ride to Airport

COLLEGE PARK, MD - As the Minnesota delegation moved from the exhilaration of the award ceremony to the drudgery of packing and dorm check-out, the lobby of LaPlata Hall was transformed into a sullen scene of luggage and despair. The gloominess of it all was interrupted by the buzz of a rumor that shot through the dorm with electric intrigue. Hanneman squealed with astonished wonderment as he reported his encounter with Cesar the bus driver and the chariot that would be airport transportation for group number one. "Mr. History," he blurted, "You've got to see this!"

A skeptical Mr. History, who has seen his share of deluxe coaches, was dubious of the hype. "Settle down Hanneman - it's just a bus." The last word was barely out of his mouth when the Minnesota coordinator entered a state of mute stupefaction, for he was suddenly surrounded by a dizzying array of laser lights, plasma screens and crystal stemware. Who could have arranged such a magical coach? It wasn't long before the smirks and giggles of the high-flying Mack brothers revealed the source. "After we won those medals, we weren't going home in some chump wagon," explained Keillor. "Word, bro'," chimed in Mikhail, "That's how we roll."

Unfortunately, the brothers were more focused on the capacity of the mini-fridge than the cargo bay. It seemed that a few bags or people would need to be left behind until the decision was made to sacrifice the deluxe on-board restroom for overflow luggage storage. The group one party bus departed LaPlata with the thumping bass of *Funky Town* surging through the sound system. It seems that Kwan brought along the CD of disco hits that helped Bekah and Jenny bring the funk in room judging. "Sit back and relax people," advised Mikhail. "Cesar is taking the long way to the airport and we have 14 tracks to go." From their perch in the back of the bus, the Mack brothers surveyed their rolling disco kingdom and toasted their good fortune. "We are just a couple of Fridley boys who figured out how to turn low-grade iron ore into History Day gold, but we do feel kinda bad for group two," lamented Kiehlor.



Minnesotans were packed in a little tight, but really enjoyed the disco music and laser light show.



## The Grapevine

### Dennis Bluhm Caught Red-Handed

Thanks to a timely tip from Minnesota History Day informants, Dennis Bluhm was caught in the middle of a brazen daytime raid on Minnesota History Day headquarters. It seems Mr. Bluhm (pictured with a guilty look on his face at right) was looking to steal a cache of buttons for trading purposes. According to CHDDB sources, Bluhm was frustrated at his inability to secure the sought-after American Samoa button, and thought he could offer some kid "like really a lot" of buttons for it. Bluhm has been convicted and sentenced to ten hours of banana dancing for his crime.



### Has anyone seen Joseph Gifford's Murse?

Word on the street is that Joe Gifford's man bag has gone missing. Gifford (pictured at left with the stylish purse) lost his man purse some time after visiting with Congresswoman Bachmann. He claims that the purse contained nothing more than some metro maps and a cell-phone, but other JPII students tell us that he actually keeps a "significant amount" of moisturizing lotion, lip balm and other product in the murse. A spokesperson for Congresswoman Bachmann's office denied reports that Bachmann snatched the bag when she learned of its contents.

### Student Journals Incomplete!

Of the 37 students who did as instructed and handed in their journals, several students neglected to complete their journals to the staff's satisfaction, often leaving several pages blank. Because of their disregard for instructions, we are printing their names here to humiliate them: Josh Luger, Scout Allendorf, Nico Dregni and Olivia Spitz. For those students who didn't even hand in their journals, be prepared to be pestered at length by the staff. (Maybe Scout – pictured at right – was too busy Banana Dancing to fill it out completely...)



### Those crazy runners

Sarah Douglass is apparently not content just to spend six long days away from home, away from the comforts of real food and real mattresses. A true glutton for punishment, Douglass left early Friday morning to join a running group in Colorado that intends to run up a mountain ... voluntarily.

### Tour Tagalongs

The White Bear Lake contingent was startled to discover that a couple of people from Alaska (Alaska!) had decided to attach themselves to the private tour of the Capitol that Congresswoman McCollum's office was providing for them. The two offending Alaskans (see arrows at right) tried to pass themselves off as hard-working, blue-collar folk with the hope of blending in with the Bears, but they weren't fooling Stephanie Noonan. "They didn't even say 'Go Bears' when we took that group picture. That was a dead giveaway!"





## More Grapevine



### The most dangerous shoes since Richard Reid

Justin Buhl, to the great embarrassment of the History Day staff, was arrested at the Washington National Airport and dragged to a high-security room in the Northwest Terminal. He appeared two hours later, unharmed but missing his trademark Heely shoes. Buhl seemed unwilling to speak about this situation, except to mutter something about being a "danger to pedestrians everywhere."

### The Multifaceted Mr. Ferguson

According to several Southwest journals, teacher Bob Ferguson used to teach math. The word is that next year at Southwest High School, Ferguson will offer a joint math/history class, allowing students to use algebraic equations to predict the number of incorrect historical facts that Norm Coleman will attempt to "teach" unsympathetic students throughout the rest of his term.



### Ask Hanneman Answers from the Dart

Yep, it happened again.

For the third year in a row, vandals struck my dorm room at National History Day.

Someone snuck into my dorm room and put a whole bunch of Skittles on my mattress and into my pillow case and blankets. Pretty clever little maneuver there. You don't realize how difficult it is to clean up those Skittles until they're rolling around on the floor and all over the place. So kudos to you, Madam Vandalizer.



**It wasn't the best prank ever pulled on me, but you can tell from the picture that those Skittles weren't easy to purge from my bed.**

I really believed that this year would be different. I made the announcement at the reception that any would-be pranksters should think twice about targeting one of the rank-and-file staffers. I even offered to actively participate in any scheme that would target Mr. History, just so they would avoid targeting me. Now, some would say, "Wouldn't a guy learn his lesson after the first time he gets vandalized and start locking his dorm room door?!" Well, let me tell you something, I DID learn my lesson, that dorm room door was LOCKED! This one was an inside job. I was set up by one of my own people, one of my fellow staffers. Fortunately, the staffer was persuaded to divulge the identity of the vandal. Adriane, you're going down.

### Pictures of the Day!!!



In a new twist, Congressman Walz offers a bribe to Adriane. Forgive the freshman congressman for not realizing that he's supposed to receive the bribes, not give them...



So sleepy...

### Cute Kid of the Day



## Mr. History Announces first ever Minnesota History Day Golf Tournament Fundraiser

ST. PAUL, MN – As part of his ongoing efforts to support Minnesota History Day's operations – and get in as much golf as possible this summer – Mr. History is announcing the first ever Minnesota History Day Parent and Alumni Golf Tournament.

The tournament is scheduled to take place on August 13<sup>th</sup> at noon at the University of Minnesota golf course. Mr. History expects that the entry fee will be about \$100 per player. "That amount will cover greens fees, cart, food and prizes. Plus it's a round number and that makes the math easier when we deposit the checks."

The tournament will include several fun challenges that revolve around besting Mr. History.

In order to help make this tournament a successful fundraiser for Minnesota History Day, we need your help! We're looking for a few good parents or alums to help us organize the event. We also are looking for companies or individuals to sponsor holes. Interested parties can contact James Hanneman at (651) 259-3428 or by e-mail at [james.hanneman@mnhs.org](mailto:james.hanneman@mnhs.org).

And of course, we need some golfers to participate in the tournament! All alums and parents whose current address we have will be getting a registration form in the mail or via e-mail. The registration information will include complete details about our tee times, scramble format and prizes. Guest golfers are also invited, so recruit your friends!



The History Day Open could become the 5<sup>th</sup> major.