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The Statesman

State Officers NOW

NBS14 Governor Debate Before Elections.



One of the highlights of day five at Nevada Boys' State was the gubernatorial debate. The Nationalist Party had previously decided on Matthew Manno as their candidate and Joseph Schultz represented the Federalist Party well. The questions ranged from abortion to fairness, bi-partisan ship to immigration, and the responses were well-voiced. However, the responses were very by the book and did not really produce a super entertaining debate. Unlike the original party debate between the counselors helping with the

Federalist and Nationalist party caucuses, this debate was more a series of speeches rather than a back and forth turn of events which would have proved more revitalizing. This being said though, both debaters followed their party platforms to a T and set the stage for a tight state race. The governor race was won by Matthew Manno who delivered a stirring speech and gathered lots of support for the Nationalist party. The Lieutenant Governor is Manoj Matthew, and the...

The Sports Corner!



Whichever way you perceive it, today was either a sad day, happy day, or a mixture of both. Today we drew our athletics here at Boys State to a close with a very intense all-star game between the councilors and the select few all-star delegates. The councilors started off strong looking to put their delegates out of the game early, but just when it looked like that the delegates were going to make an amazing comeback, they fell short by two scores in Ultimate Frisbee. There were tons of great catches, defense, and even a little bit of contact. All in All- it was a game to remember.

Pull...Pull...Pull. Out on the field today you could hear echo throughout the crowd, as everyone participated in Tug-Of-War. Teams competed against each other to test which team could out man each other in a game of technique and brawns. The teams were eliminated one by one, until we came to the final game. Osgood vs. Broton. It looked like a pretty even match, until Osgood pulled through with the victory. Then Osgood got man handled by the staff but all in all it was a great game. Personally I will say that I will miss all off you and thank you.

– Chase Wetherington, *Osgood*.

...Attorney General is Amar Williams, Trevor west, Azriel Shah. The seven Court Justices Morales, Eyasu Kebede. The are Nick Turner, Kevin Pu, stage is set for a massive Oscar Torres, Deshawn legislation day today! [In other news, the counselors continue to show their superiority over the delegates, having won both Ultimate and All-Stars Trivia.]

– Parker Johnson, *Anderson*.

Crazy City Crises

Today for the improbable crisis conundrums we've got some b-movie staples: zombies and aliens!

A popular subject nowadays, the zombie apocalypse is an inevitable event for which provisions must be made. To clarify, the zombies we are talking about are the dumb and slow ones. Representing Jaytown, Jordan explains what he would do if the dead begin to rise. At the first sightings, public service announcements would be aired, warning citizens to stay inside, and the CDC would be contacted. He would place a quarantine on the city and encourage the able-bodied men and women to kill all the zombies they can, while staying as safe as possible. When all the zombies are eliminated, the quarantine would be lifted, and disposal of the bodies would commence. From then on, it would be life as normal.

Tag-teaming the alien crisis, Javier, of Howard, and Christian, from Las Craigas, formed a plan to combat the extraterrestrial menace. They advise their cities to get away from abduction sites, out of the cities, and find shelter. A forest is suggested as a hiding place, as the aliens may not be able to see through the cover the trees provide. When safety is assured, citizens should regroup. It is recommended groups of individuals with long-range weapons attack the spacecraft, if at all possible. Assistance from the military would also be requested.

– Joseph Flory, *Martie*.

Powerful PSAs

One of the most exciting parts of the entire day was the public service announcement presentations. The cities were assigned to cover their respective cities industries and city profile and did so hilariously. Fake live birth was demonstrated in at least 3 different ways, while gangsters mugged people in just about every single announcement. Osgood's child experiment was really funny while Las Craigas' video cast grabbed a lot of laughs. The ratchet lady from Anderson and the Wild Wild West in Martie will also stick forever in my memory of boys' state. The counselors also did okay.

– Parker Johnson, *Anderson*.

The advertising season of *The Statesman* is over! The Newspaper Staff and NBS & Associates thank you for your enthusiasm and interest!

Ben Kieckhefer



Throughout this entire program, we have heard from some amazing speakers. We heard from Ross Miller who informed us about the duties of Secretary of State. He is only one of the amazing speakers who touched on topics such as a worldwide education, information on journalism and other very important aspects pertaining to the focus of Nevada Boys' State. Tomorrow, we have the pleasure of hearing another great speaker.

Ben Kieckhefer is a member in the state senate, elected in 2010. Prior to this, he was involved in politics through journalism and other important positions. As we are attending Carson City day today, we will get to run a mock political session. It will be extremely beneficial to us to have an actual member of the state senate, hopefully taking notes about leadership and possibly getting inspiration to have a career in the state senate. Please welcome Ben Kieckhefer today and have open minds to his advice, giving him the same respect that has been given to previous speakers.

– Nikos Staffa, *Howard*.

Assembly On-The-Move

This is the legislation debated in the assembly yesterday. Following is a summary of the legislation that was passed and failed during the assembly meeting.

Passed legislation

AB 120 create a state lottery system which will create revenue used to improve the learning environments of Nevada students.

Failed legislation

AB 097 create an Excise Tax on Addictive Substances
 AB 128 permanently close nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain

And then there's the bill that was left unfinished was AB150, AN ACT to legalize the recreational use of cannabis.

– Joseph Flory, *Martie*.

THE GREAT DEBATE

One of our counselors, Steven, has a hobby. He asks a simple question, and then revels in the stupidity of the young-uns who choose the wrong answer. If you haven't already become a part of it, welcome to the great Shark vs. Bear Debate! So here's the situation; you're in your underwear, and you have to choose to fight either a great white shark in the open ocean, or a grizzly bear in an open field. There is no running or playing dead. You have no weapons. You must fight. Choose wisely.

– Joseph Flory, *Martie*.

HOROSCOPE

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) – Vetoing a bill may, or may not, hurt your chances of becoming a teenage mutant ninja turtle.

Aquarius: (January 20- February 18) – Seeing ninjas once in a week are becoming associated with good luck.

Pisces: (February 19- March 20) – One counselor has had food poisoning from the pizza. Be wary.

Aries: (March 21- April 19) – The wind from Reno has the power to chill out a high strung individual like the hot, Vegas winds.

Taurus (April 20- May 20) – If you can find the wolf pack mascot in the pavement, your guardian angel will give you a pat on the back.

Gemini: (May 21-June 20) – Red cell phone cases show a person's tendency to become enraged.

Cancer: (June 21-July 22)- – If you give out 5 compliments good fate will flow your way.

Leo: (July 23-August 22) – If you don't get sunburnt, you are albino

Virgo: (August 23-September 22) – Eating only cereal today ensures your city's legislation will be passed

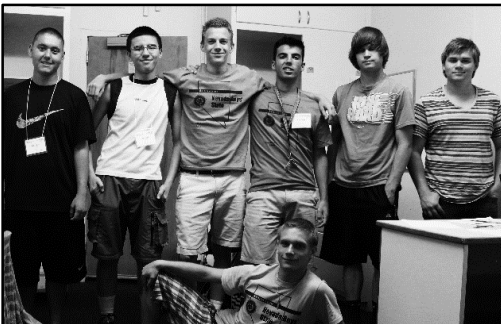
Libra: (September 23- October 22) – Don't drink the Kool-aid

Scorpio: (October 23- November 21) – Keep an eye out for flying pigs. You might finally get that girl's number.

Sagittarius: (November 22- December 21) – Straighten your tie, and make sure you keep it classy. You will be noticed if you do.

– Chase Wetherington, *Osgood*.

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Quote of the Day:

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