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State elections underway *Shakespear wins Secretary of State*



McLane Shakespear won Nevada Boys' State Secretary of State election by a very slim margin.

Written by Shaun Power

Photo by Steven Blair

The Election for Nevada Boys' State Secretary of State was held yesterday after lunch. McLane Shakespear (F-Jaytown) took the most votes in this first statewide election and will assume the position of Secretary of State for the rest of the week. Other candidates who ran included: Tim Idekar (F-Las Craigas), Jerome Liao (N-Anderson), and Habum Song (N-Howard).

Being the first

statewide election, the process was not without flaw. The first ballots were printed erroneously resulting in votes being counted on lined pieces of paper. Despite this setback, Election Officials were able to quickly collect the votes and tally the winner. All candidates filed a processing fee of \$150 and deliver a two minute speech in front of the entire delegation before the vote was taken.

This election sets a

precedent throughout the rest of the week for statewide electoral procedures, and the newly elected Secretary of State looks forward to overseeing those elections.

"I feel it will be a difficult, long-hour, working job; however, I believe it will be very rewarding," McClane said, "I plan to supervise the elections to the fullest extent of my ability."

Upcoming statewide

elections include: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and seven seats on the Supreme Court, all will take place on Thursday evening under the supervision of Secretary of State Shakespear.

The Federalists take an early lead in State government numbers, but the Nationalists aren't too concerned about their agenda or the days to come. "It's only one election," said James Moschella.

Nationalists elect House, Bailey



Photo by James Moschella

Gary House and Shawn Bailey won the Nationalist chairman and secretary elections Monday.

BY SHAUN POWER

held party elections during the caucus hours.

Yesterday the Nationalists

After a run-off ballot,

Gary House (N-Las Craigas) was elected Party Chairman. Shawn

Bailey (N-Jaytown) was elected to the very influential position of Party Secretary.

In case of Federalist attack TWO Party Sergeant-at-Arms were appointed, Christian Guzman (N-Jaytown) and Elliott Malin (N-Howard).

With all their party positions in place, the Nationalists look forward to the upcoming battles in the Senate and Assembly during which they will attempt to push through their legislation despite being the minority here at Nevada Boys' State.

Federalists elect Kelly, Holdin

BY KYLE CLARK

Earlier this morning the Nationalist and Federalist parties broke up and chose party leadership. A number of people stepped up the calling in the Federalist Party by running for leadership positions. The results are as follows. Damon Kelly was elected as the State Chairman, while Michael Holden took second in command as the State Secretary. The Steering Committee

organized by the City Party Chairmen, Spencer Norm, Ed Bylina, Kirk Phillips, Mclane Shakespeare, Kyle Clark, and Paul Fromherz. The Communications Community, which promotes the party message through advertisement and rallies is chaired by Zach Boring, while the Braden Taylor will take charge of written media and Chris Anderson will direct video media. Last but not least, the Legislation Committee, headed by Josh Burns



Photo by James Moschella

Damond Kelly and Michael Holdin won Federalist elections.

and Taran Santiago, will promote party bills in committees and at Carson City on Friday.

Mayors highlight speaking day



**BOB
CASHELL**

BY ZACH BORING

Bob Cashell was elected Mayor of the City of Reno in November 2002 and re-elected in November 2006. Bob began his public life in 1979 when he was elected to the University Of Nevada System Board Of Regents and was immediately elected Chairman by his peers. He is the first freshman Regent to be elected Chairman and served in that position throughout his term. He was elected Lt. Governor for the State of Nevada in 1982. Working together with then Governor Richard Bryan, they created both the Nevada Commission on Economic Development and the Nevada Commission on Tourism.

Cashell currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Cashell Enterprises, a hotel/casino/resort management company. Throughout his tenure as a gaming executive, he has been associated with some of the leading resorts in Nevada and in other legalized states.

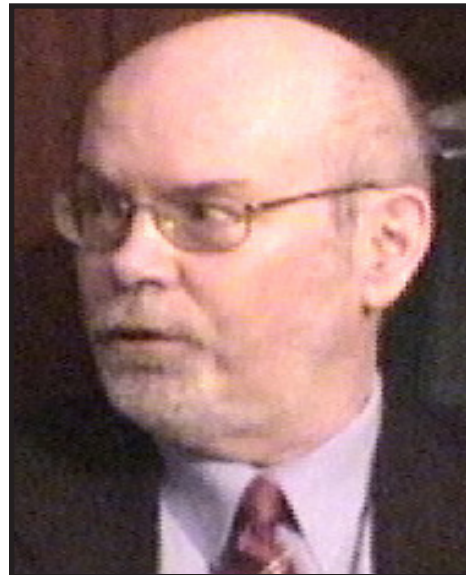


**GENO
MARTINI**

BY ZACH BORING

Geno Martini has served as Spark's 24th Mayor since February, 2005. Mr. Martini was appointed to the Sparks City Council representing Ward 3 in July, 1999 to complete an unexpired term. He was re-elected in June, 2001 and again in November, 2004. He was elected Mayor Pro Tem by the City Council in July, 2003 and served in that capacity until February 22, 2005 when he was sworn in as Mayor. As Mayor, Mr. Martini is currently presiding over unprecedented growth in the City of Sparks.

Mayor Martini currently serves on the Regional Planning Governing Board, Truckee Meadows Water Authority, and the Debt Management Commission. He is active in a number of civic organizations, including serving as the past president of the Sparks Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors of the American Heart Association, and Board of Governors of the Northern Nevada Medical Center.



**HUGH
ANDERSON**

BY ZACH BORING

Hugh Anderson is the Chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) for the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce. The GAC volunteer committee of various business leaders in the community who meet monthly to guide the Chamber in its political endeavors such as in the selection of those who represent the best interests of business through candidate endorsements, contributions and grassroots campaign support. Anderson is involved in the Chamber and is the Vice President of a Las Vegas Merrill Lynch branch.

Please give him the utmost respect and make sure to prepare questions for after his talk, and make sure to give him a warm Boys' State Welcome!

Letter to the Editor:

BY NICK TSCHEEKAR

What Do You Know
Do the ends justify the means? Is it ok to steal a loaf a bread to feed your starving family? Does the road your on matter as long as you get where you're going? And is consequentialism really the way to go? Well we are not only asking you, we took some opinions from our very own NBS

delegates.
Jay Myers from Las Craigas says, "I believe that people do what they think will make better for themselves. Whether it is ethic or not."
Christian Guzman from Jaytown, "I believe that the ends don't always justify the means necessarily, other people influence their peers 85% of the

time.
Rarely is it true that ends justify the means."
Sebastian Hamilton from Howard thinks, "In order to accomplish what you may need to step on some toes on the way. But you have

The Statesman encourages

YOU to send in your letters to the editor.

Death penalty poll results:

Majority of delegates support the use of death penalty

BY KYLE CLARK

The air is tense and the lights are piercing, as the convict is slowly strapped onto a padded table. The priest arrives and says some final words before the initial injection begins. Within a number of minutes the convict drifts into an anesthetic sleep. The second injection is administered through an IV tube. The small dosage swims into the convict's blood. The drop in heart rate is paralleled by the creeping breathing. The

EGC goes flat and the climax ends as the convicted murder now lies in a cold lifeless sleep. To some this scene is a necessary punishment reserved for the worst of criminals, while others view this scene as a barbaric and archaic practice that has no place in our modern democracy.

Proponents of the death penalty believe it deters crimes and serves justices. Critics often cite the high costs of death penalty cases, its disproportion use of minorities, reliance on the eye-for-an-

eye ideology, which gives criminals no chance to reform, and believe that any killing is wrong. Well you came to NBS to speak about the laws of the land, and this topic brought some interesting results.

Overall 98 delegates support the use of the death penalty, while only 27 delegates stood in opposition. A clear majority favored capital punishment, but some urged that it only be used in the most extreme conditions. The state results mirrored those of every city except Jay

town, which walked the line and had a majority against capital punishment. Anderson demonstrated a unity in opinion by having all of its respondents in favor of the penalty. Another interesting trend can be seen in a lack of party division on this matter. This poll could spell disaster for Citizen Ken Kowalski's bill to end the death penalty in Nevada.

We would once again like to thank everybody for their participation and invite our readers to submit letter to the editor to defend their opinion.

Information overload: too much? *Buying own information from infotech, illegal?*

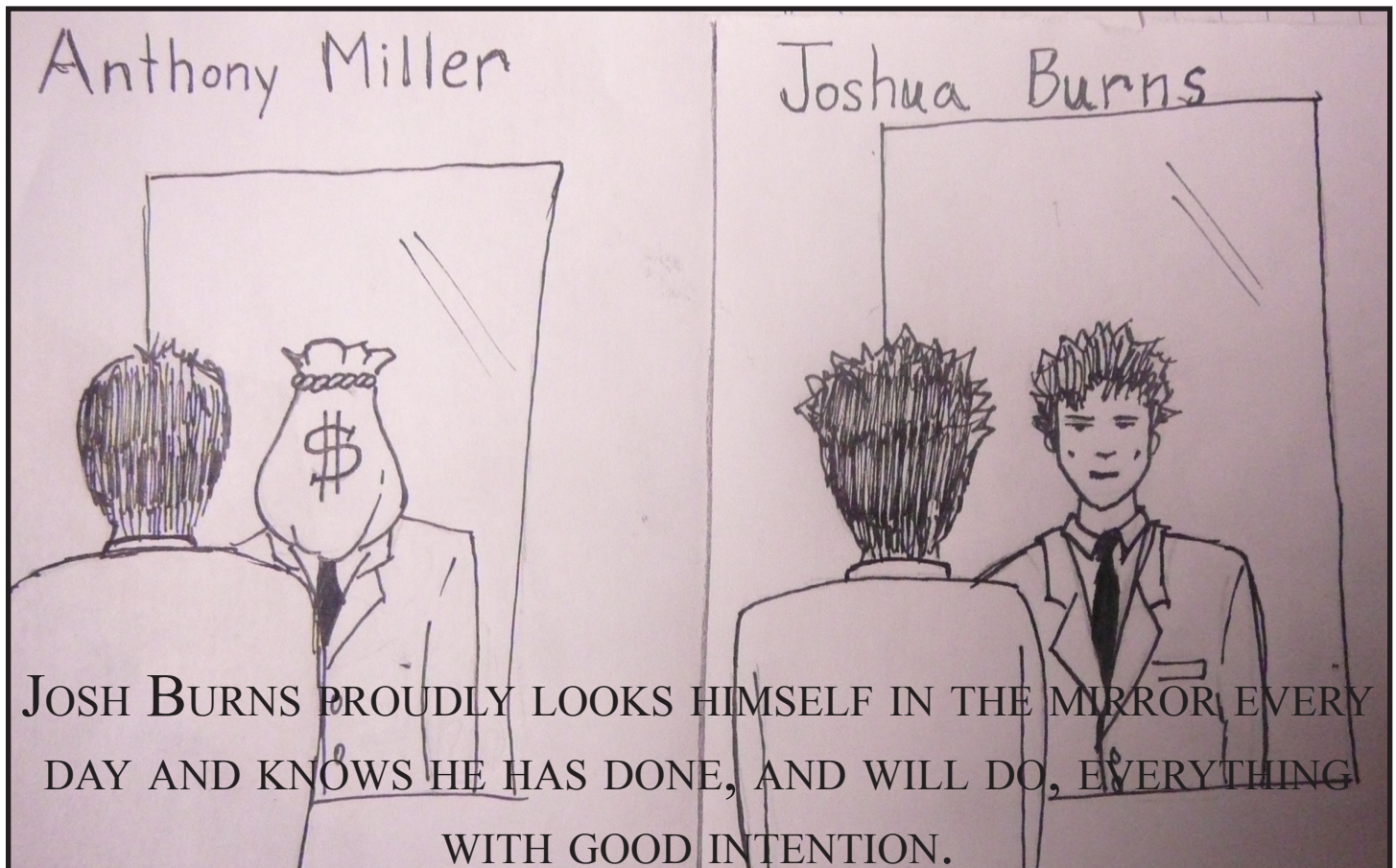
BY SHAUN POWER

With the revelation of Info-Tech to the Nevada Boys' State Program, delegates are now able to gather research information and data on an unprecedented scale—for a price. Every delegate has filled out a survey sheet outlining their beliefs and thoughts regardless of party affiliation. If there is a difference between the stated beliefs and party platforms of a particular

candidate and their party, that could seriously affect their chances at winning a statewide election or even make it past the primaries. This raises an interesting question as to the ethics of being able to exclusively purchase information, whether it be your own or another's. It is in a politician's best interest to keep as little "negative" information known to the public as is possible. Theoretically, though, as politicians

we are working for the people! While purchasing exclusive rights to their "own information", candidates should keep in mind that if they have deceptions on their record, maybe they should examine their own actions before running for office. More importantly, the delegates need to recognize that if someone has something to hide before running for office, and they have no objection to people knowing that they have

something to hide, they will have no objection in making their decisions and actions without public consultation if elected to an official position. I am not currently for or against any candidate or another, but what I am for is every delegate being as informed in possible so that they will be able to vote for candidates that best represent their views. Keep that in mind in the upcoming elections—regardless of position.



Day one of sports, four tied for first

By KYLE CLARK

Soccer: Anderson, Bill Valley, and Jay town came out on top, while Las Craigas, Howard, and Martie earned second.

Football: All games came down to a single touchdown, but Jaytown, Martie, and Las Craigas dominated the competition consisting of Bill Valley, Anderson, and Howard.

Volleyball: Martie, Las Craigas, and Anderson volleyed on the field of victory, while Howard, Jaytown, and Bill Valley went home with their tails between their legs.



Photo by Steven Blair

Las Craigas competes in a volleyball match on the first day of activities.

Overview: As of today Anderson, Jaytown, Martie,

and Las Craigas have slight leads with two victories each. They are followed by

Bill Valley with one victory, and Howard hides its face in shame with a record of 0-3.

Howard, Martie dominate quiz bowl

By KYLE CLARK

If a quiz is quizzical, then what is a test? Well, our delegates didn't stay long enough to find out, but they all performed well in last night's first quiz bowl.

The questions ranged from Nevada history to international affairs and everything in between. The competitors were Martie and Las Craigas,

Anderson and Jaytown, and Howard and Bill Valley.

The victories were Martie with a 33-14 lead, Jaytown with a 25-12 victory, and Howard with a 35-20 kill. The quiz bowl is still young and we are expecting great things from our teams.

We certainly haven't found a clear-cut winner, but Martie and Howard have made an

