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Tuesday's Menu

Breakfast:

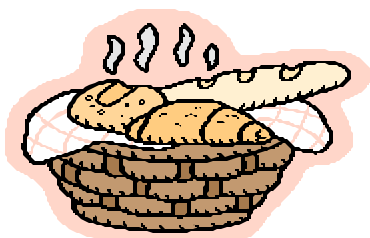
French Toast and Syrup
Bacon
Breakfast Potato
Blueberry Buckle
Donuts
Cranberry Cocktail
Oatmeal

Lunch:

Breaded Chicken on a Kaiser
Bun
Pepperoni Pizza
Triple Cheese Pizza
Cut Green Beans
French-Fried Potatoes
Chips

Dinner:

Carved Ham
Beef and Bean Burritos
Cheese Enchiladas
Scalloped Potatoes
Spicy Country Rice
Tortilla Chips
Refried Beans
Vegetable Dinner Blend
White Wheat Rolls



Interview with Thane Chastain

Q: How do you think things are going thus far?

A: Well, I feel very good about the first 24 hours of Boys' State. Registration, which is a complex process, went well. After walking around and seeing everyone involved, I felt really good.

Q: What do you think is the biggest change at Boys' State since you were a stater?

A: The computerized economy is certainly the biggest change. When I was a stater we spent the whole week in the election process and only a day acting out the elected offices. For that time it was okay. Not everyone had something to do as opposed to now. Now it is more educational.

Q: Some staters have been complaining about this program being boring. Is there any particular event that will take place this week that will be more fun or interesting than all the rest?

A: I think that following the general election the orientations on Tuesday evening ensure that everyone has something to do. With everyone doing something it will get more interesting. The first few days are difficult. Don't sit on the sidelines and watch things happen. Get your "feet wet" and experience this first hand.

Q: What is your favorite part of Boys' State?

A: Coming back each year and renewing old friendships. Many of us work together in the "off-season" allowing our friendships to grow.

Q: Should everyone try to go to Boys' Nation or just "die-hard" government fans?

A: I think anyone who has an interest in the federal government and representing Kansas should try to go.

Q: How are Boys' State and Boys' Nation Alike?

A: They both revolve around

A: They both revolve around the Nationalist and Federalist parties. Both focus on the Senate.

Q: How are they different?

A: Very little time is spent on elections (at Boy's Nation). It focuses on the activity of debating bills and resolutions.

Q: Do you think the American Legion should team up with other democratic nations around the world and produce Boys' World?

A: There has been discussion about that. I would be in favor of that, yes.

Mike Schlotterbeck
Powell County

OOPS! She did it Again!

Well, it appears that presidential scandals are in the news once again, only this time its not just daddy Bush being harassed about his history with alcohol. No, this time his daughter Jenna Bush is under the knife. While at a local Mexican restaurant in Texas, Jenna was busted for trying to buy margaritas with a fake ID that was supposedly an African American identity. Ha! Jenna, as a black girl! (it appears that she has W's brains).

Meanwhile, Secret Service agents guarding the first family have been ordered not to directly interfere with President Bush's daughters, according to insiders, unless their direct safety is at risk. "Their father

promised they could lead as much of a normal life as possible," a family source told reporters. "The agents were driving," said the family source. "There was no drinking and driving concerns." This run-in with the law comes less than two weeks after Ms. Bush pleaded no contest to charges of underage drinking.

However, the story for Jenna's alcohol escapades doesn't end there; it appears that recently she was video-taped while partying in an emaciated state, and the students are threatening to publicly release the tape! "It was a wild night, and she was feeling no pain," said a campus source.

"If the tape finds its way into the wrong hands, the White House is going to turn every shade of red," predicted 'Frat-Rat' who demanded anonymity. "Jenna should get the message, and get it fast. There are a few troublemakers on campus who are rooting for her to fall on her face. She is making it too easy for them."

Soon it appears that Jenna will be spending time in jail, six months, under her own father's three-strikes-and-you're-out rule that he enacted while governor of Texas. But, as we all know she is the president's daughter, and I'm sure that she won't actually do time, daddy will just pardon her or give her a fine (which I'm sure he'll pay) and send her back on her way (drunken partying trends suggest), just like dear old dad. So, the moral of the story today is that as long as you're in the first family, a normal life consists of being busted for alcohol

on a bi-weekly basis. Oh it brings a tear to my eye with pride.

DJ Soper
Kennedy County

Real Senators Setting Poor Example for Staters

Senator Trent Lott sounded a call to arms last Friday, urging all Republicans to "begin to wage the war today for the election in 2002." This came as a result of Sen. James Jeffords - a former Republican from Vermont - switched his affiliation to become an Independent. His change resulted in a Democratic majority in the Senate 50-49 with one Independent.

However, not all Republicans are preparing for battle as Lott has suggested.

"I think what we've got to do is try and work out an organization resolution that both sides can be happy with, both sides think is fair, and one that'll work," said Utah Republican Orin Hatch.

With the control of the Senate in the hands of Democrats, a new push will be made for a Patient's Bill of Rights, along with an increase in minimum wage. The White House has opposed the Bill of Rights, while the increase in wages faces strong criticism from business and industries.

Despite the potential conflict on these issues and others, many senators feel this is a time for bipartisan cooperation.

"We'll be at least as cooperative with the Democrats as they

were with us last January in (post-election) reorganization," Sen. Don Nickles, the assistant Republican Leader from Oklahoma said. "I expect (the transition) will be orderly, but they're going to have to listen to us too. We have to listen to each other."

Zach Fridell
MacArthur County

Stormy Conditions Threaten Kansas Towns

As spring presses on, changing weather conditions continue to occur. With such huge changes every day the threat of tornadoes becomes much more real. With cities expanding rapidly, it's becoming harder to provide sirens that will warn the residents of an oncoming tornado or severe storm. In Wichita, it wouldn't be odd to see brand new houses with beautiful landscaping and decorations dotting the outskirts of town. It is this type of suburb that faces problems acquiring warnings of ominous weather. If many conditions are right, including humidity, temperature, and wind direction, then it may be possible for citizens to hear the sirens over a mile away. Otherwise many are left without warning when working outside. The main purpose of the sirens is warn those who aren't near some sort of electronic warnings. These include radios, cable TV, and even specialty radios only meant for storm and weather warnings.

With each tower costing approximately \$15,000 to buy, budgets only allow for Wichita

to place two new towers per year. In addition to buying the sirens, maintenance must also be paid. This usually runs between \$25,000 and \$30,000 a year for all of Sedgwick County, which currently encompasses 90 sirens. Along with Wichita, many other Kansas towns and cities hope to have increased budget for more sirens in order to promote the safety of their citizens.

Jason Adkins
Eisenhower County

Veterans Honored in Ellis County

"You were America's finest heroes." These are the words of Larry Good before he read the names of the men from Ellis County who had given their lives fighting for our country in WWII.

The 13th annual ceremony at the Ellis County Veterans Memorial was held on May 29th. Among the speakers was Lt. Col. Robert Bollig, a serviceman who began his military career in the Kansas National Guard in Hays and now is an executive officer for the U.S. Department of Defense in Washington.

"Americans gather on Memorial Day to recognize the unselfish acts, dogged determination and American values that the country's servicemen and women have shown. We will never have the chance to look these heroic citizens in the eye and say thanks. We are making a difference honoring them today. We are honor bound to use the lesson of their

blood and sweat for the betterment of tomorrow," said Lt. Col. Robert Bollig.

Another speaker, Bob Maxwell, had the honor of naming the casualties of the Korean War. As their names were read, small U.S. flags were risen. He believed the reason they fought was for love and loyalty to our country.

Charlie Staab Jr., the welcoming speaker, said, "When we leave here today, know that we honor those who made the supreme sacrifice."

Andrew Horner,
Marshall County



Michael "Air" Jordan's Second Return?

PRO- Many news articles and reports have said that Michael Jordan has been contemplating returning to the game of basketball for the second time. The Washington Wizards, which Jordan partly owns, are among 10 teams planning to send a squad to the eight-day workout league that starts July 16th at the University of Massachusetts-Boston campus. If this comeback of Jordan happens at all it will happen on July 16th in Massachusetts. Michael has to see if he is in the type of shape that it takes to endure an 82-game schedule like that of the NBA. Rumors of

Michael's return have been circulating throughout the media for months now.

Personally, I believe that it would be a good thing for Michael and the league if he came back to the NBA. Ticket prices would rise for all cities that his team plays in. As for himself, if you want to play the game that you love and are good at then do it! Nike's old slogan, "JUST DO IT!" will hopefully come into Jordan's mind here as he ponders his return to basketball.

Ryan Hawks,
Bradley County

CON- When he made his retirement announcement in 1999, at first I believed Michael Jordan had made the wrong choice. "His Airness" was still on top of his game, and was still clearly the best player in the NBA. I respected his choice, though, because he did retire on top, leading the Bulls to their sixth championship in the decade of the '90s.

Now that talk has come of him returning to the NBA, I believe it would be best for him to stay out of the game. Jordan needs to realize the only thing that will happen if he comes back is that his legacy will be damaged. Instead of remembering the great Jordan, the one who scored 69 points against the Cavaliers in 1990 and sank the game-winning shot over Bryon Russell in the 1998 Finals, people will remember the aging Jordan, who will fall behind the younger, faster players of the NBA. Also, even if Jordan is in shape and ready to play, I don't envision the

Wizards getting anywhere close to the Finals even if Charles Barkley returns with Jordan. The Wizards, who finished 19-63-37 games back of the 76ers- are more than just two players away from a championship.

Michael Jordan simply has nothing to prove. He has proved time and again to his teammates, coaches, fans, opponents, and critics that he is the greatest basketball player who has ever lived. Maybe the only person he has yet to convince is himself. Until Jordan feels fulfilled in his NBA career, he could end up doing about anything. I just hope it's not ruining the legacy he spent 15 long years to build.

Jesse Newell,
Patton County

Special Athlete Shines Through Troubled Times

Theresa Patry, 25, is a tough competitor in the Special Olympics. A member of the Wichita Independents, Theresa joined about 1,300 other athletes from across Kansas who competed this weekend in aquatics, cycling, gymnastics, tennis, power lifting, and track and field events.

Wearing a navy wind suit, she competed in four events Saturday: softball throw, 50-meter dash, 100-meter dash and standing long jump. By twelve o'clock, she had already won medals in three events.

This was the 15th time that Theresa had competed in the Olympics, but it was the first time her mother had not been with her.

Kathy Patry first noticed an aneurysm when it had ruptured, leading her to a hospital visit. Later that same week, Theresa had a basketball tournament she was participating in. She decided to attend and ended up scoring a basket, which she dedicated to her mother. Because of this, she was selected Most Inspirational Athlete at the Hays tournament. Theresa and her mother had been very close friends and did everything together. When Kathy died from two aneurysms in April, Theresa used sports to deal with her loss.

"I liked to be with her all the time," Theresa said. "I miss her very much. I wish she was still with me."

Andrew Horner,
Marshall County

New World Record In Salami-Making Celebration

As a part of International Children's Day celebrations, local authorities in Lisbon, Portugal made a full run at the attempt to hold the world record for the largest salami cake in the world.

While over 1000 salivating children looked on, the half-ton cake was produced by sections brought in from a local catering college. For the final 10 meters of the goliath-sized salami, children were able to help finish the product, adding the final touches to the favorite traditional dessert - chocolate salami.

Speaking to Reuters, Guinness judge Louise Whetter said that "It qualifies as a record because it's quantifiable,

breakable, a fact and it's interesting."

Zach Fridell
MacArthur County

Hydroelectric Dam on Drawing Board

Members of Bradley County are proposing a plan so that only one county in the state has to build an electric power source. To do this they are looking for some financial help from the other nine counties in the state of Kansas. Representatives and Councilmen from Bradley County say that this hydroelectric dam, similar to that of the Hoover dam in Nevada, will provide power to the entire state of Kansas. The estimated cost of this project is around \$1500. They're working to get started as soon as possible. If you'd like to contribute to the funding for the Hydroelectric Dam, contact one of the Bradley County councilmen.

Ryan Hawks
Bradley County

Iraq Cuts Oil Exports in Response to UN Sanctions

Oil prices jumped to a four-month high Monday after Iraq followed through on a promise to cut all oil exports - except to neighboring Jordan and Turkey. The move was in protest to a UN decision to extend Iraq's oil-for-food program for one month instead of the usual six-month extension.

Iraq provides five percent of the world market for crude oil.

To fill in the gap caused by this sudden stoppage, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) vowed to cover the production loss by a small increase around the world.

The U.N. currently has several sanctions on Iraq stemming from the invasion of Kuwait in 1990. Subsequently, the economy of Iraq has plummeted and now depends on the food rations provided by the Iraqi government through the oil-for-food program with the U.N.

The decision to extend the program for one month was to enable the U.N. Council to examine a plan proposed by Britain, and supported by the U.S., to lift many of the sanctions on Iraq, only leaving sanctions on products that could be made into weapons. The plan would also increase security around the Iraqi border to stop oil smuggling and illegal surcharges on the oil.

Iraq does not approve of this plan and official statements made clear that the only solution they would deem reasonable would be a complete lift of all sanctions.

Zach Fridell
MacArthur County

McVeigh Files for a Stay of Execution

On Wednesday Federal Judge Richard Matsch will hear arguments from the government concerning a new hearing for Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh. McVeigh's defense would like to overturn the decision of the death penal-

ty because of anything contained in the 4,400 new pages of material turned over to the defense by the FBI. McVeigh's defense team is arguing that they could not properly defend their client because they did not have access to all of the pre-trial discovery materials. In their petition for a stay of execution, McVeigh's lawyers state that the government failed to turn over all of the materials to them, thus committing a fraud on the court.

In the newly uncovered documents there is an interview with Indiana seed dealer David Schafer who says he remembers discussions of a "super bomb" while on the farm of Terry Nichols in Michigan. Schafer also says he saw a diagram of what he later thought was the Oklahoma City Federal Building. Although, Schafer claims all of this, he is said to have "credibility" problems. Other documents include letters McVeigh wrote to his sister while serving in the Gulf War.

Another document is an interview between an Oklahoma City newspaper reporter and an FBI agent that says Dennis Mahon was involved in the bombing. The interview was done in connection with an FBI investigation of Mahon. The Justice Department says the interview had nothing to do with the bombing and was not filed with other Oklahoma City bombing documents. The defense claims that the government deliberately filed the interview separately to keep it from the defense. Judge Matsch has since had the materials turned

turned over to the defense, and will be hearing arguments 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Aaron Norton
Seitz County

Tianamen Square Massacre Remembered

Thousands of Hong Kong rights activists are preparing for a candlelight vigil to commemorate the 12 anniversary of Beijing's June 4, 1989 crack-down on demonstrators in Tiananmen Square. The vigil is intended to remember the thousands of pro-democracy protesters killed when Chinese tanks and soldiers charged into Tiananmen Square and opened fire. The government feared that the protests would bring about social upheaval, and since the protestors would not give up, the government brought in the military. The attack, considered by many to be one of the darkest moments in Beijing history, was implemented by then Premier Li Peng, now China's parliament chief and number two in the Communist Party hierarchy.

Beijing is very eager to keep its clouded record of human rights off of the front page as it bids for the 2008 Olympics. To ensure that no attention is brought to the situation, Hong Kong authorities are detaining those they feel would participate in the commemorative activities to warn them against doing so. The authorities are also warning foreign news organizations against "illegal reporting"-which covers visits to Tiananmen Square and unap-

proved interviews. The authorities are even arresting certain dissidents and putting them under house arrest.

For years groups have protested to all of the details of the massacre revealed to the public. One of the most vocal groups has been the Tiananmen Mothers, a group comprised of 100 mothers of Square victims. In an open letter the Tiananmen mothers said, "The identity of those who bear criminal responsibility for the bloody massacre has been revealed to the public eye: their names will live forever as symbols of infamy in the annals of history." But, even after all these years and protests there has been no official inquiry into the massacre. As for the vigil itself, its attendance had dwindled in the last few years. Last years attendance was a mere 40,000 compared to the million that showed up to the first vigil. "The feelings of a lot of people have changed in 12 years and they are no longer as passionate," Leung Yiu-chung of the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements in China, which is organizing the vigil, told Reuters. His colleague Lee Cheuk-yan was reported saying: "Many schools now avoid sensitive issues and many adults don't talk about it any more, so we hope to get young people to understand the tragedy better."

Aaron Norton
Seitz County

***Be Sure & Watch for the
Belly Bumping
Contest?!***

Fake Hollywood Critic Exposed by Newsweek

Over the weekend, Newsweek magazine exposed David Manning, the obliging Hollywood critic, as a hoax created by Columbia Pictures advertising representatives.

Manning gave a string of Columbia pictures rave reviews. These included calling Heath Ledger, the star in "A Night's Tale," "this year's hottest new star!" He also described Rob Schneider's comedy "The Animal" as "another winner!"

Columbia Pictures, a part of the Sony Picture Company, announced that a full-scale investigation would be launched and "appropriate action" would be taken.

Manning was reported to work for The Ridgefield Press in southwestern Connecticut, a real-life newspaper who was unaware of the prank. The paper has no regular movie critics and a circulation of 6,500 people.

Columbia is planning on pulling all advertisements containing Manning's statements from the public.

Zach Fridell
MacArthur County

WHO WANTS CANDY?!

Boy's State it appears has become more like real politics than we thought. Not even two days into the exercise and we have a true scandal, illegal campaign spending. It is stipulated in the rules that candidates are only allowed to spend money that is in their

bank accounts for the town, but one candidate, David Parkinson (yes, like the disease), was spending his own money to entice voters to vote for him. During David's speech he passed out granola bars, is this wrong? I mean after all, he was only handing out candy, but, the key to this argument lies in his speech. If you were in the room you noticed that David's speech wasn't that strong, it mostly consisted of "DO YOU WANT CANDY? SO WHO ARE YOU GOING TO VOTE FOR?! etc. etc." Not exactly the best campaign platform. I think that it becomes an issue of how strong his speech was; if it had been a strong speech then one could say that he was still a strong speaker and it was only a supplement to his speaking, which would still be kind of wrong, but the fact still remains that David's speech wasn't that strong, and his whole platform was "who wants candy?"

So we should ask ourselves, do the other candidates for treasurer get a fair chance? If we ignore this is it an obstruction of justice if we simply ignore it? YES! YES IT IS! This David Parkinson did not follow the rules and he should be penalized for it! All of the other candidates played by the rules, so why should a black sheep get to win for breaking the rules? I think that as leaders in our respective communities we should cry out for justice! Take this David Parkinson and string him up by his gizzards! No, don't do that, we don't actually want anyone hurt, but tell your counselors that this is wrong

and you want justice. To really see what Mr. Parkinson is about, go up to him and ask him and see if he says, "who wants candy?", and ask yourself, "is this who I want to represent me?"

Much the dismay of this writer, Mr. Parkinson, upon finding out that an article was being written about him attempted to bribe me not to write the article. Tsk, Tsk, Tsk, Mr. Parkinson, and now for your illegal actions you have joined the likes of Nixon and Clinton, because now you have a lawsuit pending. Enjoy your day.

DJ Soper
Kennedy County

Association of Minorities Expose The Weak

Kenneth Roraback, former Eisenhower County candidate for State Treasurer, had a simple strategy prior to campaigning to the Association of Minorities: he would hold what

he planned to be a harmless conversation with association reps to inquire what type of qualities they would like to see in their State Treasurer. How complicated could it be?

All plans for the "simple campaigning conversation" were demolished less than 10 seconds after Roraback entered began his discussion. Following his experience (and quite and experience it was) with the minority reps, Kenneth described his reaction to the encounter. "It was a bit intimidating to say the least," says Roraback. "All I wanted to do was try and create a good impression. I felt more pressure talking to those few boys than I would imagine I would in front of a couple hundred men!" Though extremely uncomfortable throughout the majority of the meeting, the delegate admitted the positive aspects of the ordeal. "I can see what they're attempting to accomplish. I think future speeches



will really be easier after this experience."

So who is behind the group that has undoubtedly become the most feared campaign stop at Boys' State? The association appears to be the product of counselors Austin Wells and Preston Stewart. While these counselors are responsible for this "great creation," they give the credit to the delegates. Wells admits, "I just want to make sure that our kids are in control, and get what they deserve. I guide them on important issues, and they determine amongst themselves how they will get it."

The group puts campaigners through various pressures to test the delegate's "credibility." Led by Tyler Dieker, the group insists that each person can handle diverse situations and is well prepared. On numerous occasions, candidates have been kicked out for coming unprepared or being disrespectful. Some have even been removed for not bringing a pen/notepad to their campaign meeting. "People who come unprepared to formal meetings display irresponsibility," quotes association member Marc Gibbens. "If we're giving them money, they should at least be prepared." Fellow minority member Ryan Colett agrees. "Education is a big thing," says Colett. "We have to have education to achieve anything."

As a note to candidates who plan to acquire anything from the Association of Minorities, have your plans intact, take your campaign meeting seriously, take notes, and be prepared for the PRESSURE.

Jeff Coverdale
Pershing County

Letter to the Editor... **Who Is For Real?**

This article is coming from two federalist precinct members who strongly disagree with the party's platforms. The Fed Party, led by Jesus and his disciples, Heavy F, Dungeons & Dragons, Twin, Stalker 1, Stalker 2, Rapist, Backstreet, Bullfrog, Dirty South and .com have corrupted the Fed. Party beyond it's worth with their narrow minded and radically conservative views. The platform is just a ploy to get money. The Fed. Platform just mirrors the real life Republic platform, and we all know how far that's gotten our nation. A warning to the Nationalist Party, you have a spy in your midst. Cooper Martin came to the Federalists President committee meeting. Yes, that's rights old Cooper works for Governor candidate. Elvis and his lieutenant governor, little red, Mr. Martin showed up at the meeting openly saying he was the federalist "Tokyo Rose." He is planning to expose the Nationalist campaign plans. Take this from two Feds. Vote Nationalists in the end because the Feds will give you the shaft.

The Skaters

Low-Down at the Nationalist Whistle Stop Tour

Sitting in a room for a little over two hours can prove to be very boring, but if you happen to be

on the Nationalists tour things were quite different. There was everything from freestyle rap and dance to throwing out candy. These are a few exceptions to the mainly serious speeches made by candidates. Most candidates from the positions wanted the same things, those things were. The Commissioner of Insurance wanted lower insurance rates for teenage males. The Treasurer candidates wanted more funding for schools, and cuts in inheritance and marriage taxes. The Secretary of State candidates were primarily concerned with the well being of the cities. The main concern for Attorney Generals was for minorities to gain equal rights. As for governors stressing the importance of farmers and labor unions was their goal.

Kevin Shelton
King County

Political Fair

Between 11:30am and 12:45pm association and political party candidates were able to present their views by means of booths, posters, and candidate presentations. After listening to some members of a few of the associations speak I found out the main for their main goals. The Association of Industrial Workers and The Association Oil and Gas Workers are trying to think of ways to safely dispose of their wastes. The Association of Farmers is looking for way to conserve the land. The Association of Minorities is unsurprisingly pushing for the rights of the minority reds. In

my opinion these associations
should try and work together so
they can get things done faster.
Kevin Shelton
King County

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DEVILS TAKE COMMAND

MLB SCOREBOARD



The Avalanche had never trailed by two goals in these playoffs, but Monday night things went astray for the Avs on their home ice. Patrik Elias scored his first goal of the series and Alexander Mogilny had a goal and an assist as the Devils cruised to a 4-1 victory in Game 5. Now, the Devils go home leading 3-2 with a chance to close the series.

Ryan Hawks,
Bradley County

American League

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New York 7*

Cleveland 4*
NY Yankees 3

Boston 5*
Toronto 4

Detroit 6
Chicago WS 9*

Minnesota 6*
Texas 3

Kansas City 2
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Letter to the Editor...
**Day's Illegal
 Campaigning**

Boys' Staters, we write to you today concerning a serious election fraud involving Paul Day, your glorified Nationalist Candidate for Governor. Being Nationalist ourselves, we would be rather perturbed. We want our fellow Nationalists to not only understand what this deals with, but to sympathize with all people involved in the ethical violation. We do not want Paul Day to create a scandalous image for Boys' State. Basically what we have to understand is that while we are down to two candidates there is only one true viable option, this man being the Federalist representative in the Governor's race. We simply cannot stand

for anything less than a no vote for Paul Day. The vandalism imposed upon our friend Jason Lindshield and violation of Boys' State law must not be tolerated. Tell Paul Day we will not stand beside him and support his unethical acts of atrocity. This we tell you not as Federalists, and not as Nationalists, but as men of morals and convictions. Fire down your voting wrath and let no crime go unpunished. We leave you with one parting thought. When seeking judgment, judge not through the courts for they are slow and strenuous; instead, the vigilante approach is not only more intimidating, but it also gets more accomplished.

Concerned Citizens

**Parkinson is Not a
 Disease**

By Alexander Johnson

Recently, our faithful candidate for treasurer, David Parkinson, has been called into question for his underhanded campaigning tactics. Party affiliations aside, he acted on his own accord and likewise his party neither condones nor condemns his actions. David Parkinson's actions, while well intended, might have violated the rules of conduct for this election and, as such, should be reviewed.

Parkinson, however, did not act out of malicious intent toward his opponents. He is, however, a strong Federalist candidate who fully supports his party's ideals. His actions

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Pat Bengtson

Daniel Shumate

Secretary of State

Eisenhower County

Federalist

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though, should not poison anyone's conception of the Federalist Party. We, the Federalist Precinct Commission, do not feel that these doings can or should inhibit this ability to represent the Federalist Party as treasurer.

In conclusion, David Parkinson should assume the rightful consequences for his mistakes, but he is still a man of consciousness who expresses a definite amount of regret over the past. More importantly, however, he looks to the future for an opportunity to make amends through actions rather than words.

The Federalist Precinct Committee

Governor Glance

It has become evident that the position of governor is the most prestigious and most "valuable" position to the Boys' State community. Thus said, it is the responsibility of every delegate to become acquainted with the candidates choosing to run for the position. After Monday, the field has been narrowed to an elite two who both undoubtedly have outstanding credentials and viewpoints in regards to government.

I first came across the Nationalist delegate by the name of Paul Day. At first glance, I immediately detected the determination in both his eyes and voice. Paul is a very social person, a young boy currently living in Leawood, Kansas. The country music fan admits to having a sensitive side, often appearing in his

debate and poetry. A poetry fan myself, Paul was already swaying my vote to one side.

Paul discussed his journey before his Kansas' days. Nationalist delegates are probably familiar with the story from yesterday's campaign, but many Federalist still have no clue about the candidate. Paul formerly resided in a rough neighborhood in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Unlike the state of Kansas, Paul found himself the minority in a predominately Latin American community. He soon became accustomed to the sound of gunshots, which rang out throughout the school day. "Nobody can learn in those conditions," says Day.

After moving to Blue Valley, Paul has apparently found his "nitch". He has debated on the multi-state championship debate team. He was part of the 2001 6A state championship team, and recently finished second at the L.D. debate national qualifier.

Day's standpoints are simple: he's big on rights, equality (both racially and politically), considering everybody's opinions before making a decision, and most of all, he's big on education. While he would like to acquire the Governor position, he admits that he will undoubtedly make everyone an active part in the government. "I can't do it all by myself; no one can, but I know that together, with everyone's help, we can make this week an event that not just delegates, but all people involved will remember," says Day.

While Federalist candidate Nathan Carnes was unavailable

for discussion, it does not go without reason. Carnes was heavily occupied by county and party events, and could not break away for an interview. To all delegates, think carefully before you vote, and as a final note from Paul, go "ALL THE WAY WITH PAUL DAY."

Jeff Coverdale
Pershing County

Candidates

Attorney General:

Staff Johnson, IV, Patton, McCoy, Nationalist
Patrick Bengston, Kennedy, Gardner, Federalist

State Treasurer:

Austin Boller, King, Hasler, Nationalist
David C. Parkinson, Eisenhower, Coss, Federalist

Secretary of State:

Jason Trimble, King, Hasler, Nationalist
Daniel Shumate, Eisenhower, Coss, Federalist

Commissioner of Insurance:

Travis Clark, Patton, Mantey, Nationalist
Phil Burrows, Powell, Seymour, Federalist

Q: What do you believe in?

Staff: "I want to end discrimination, and I am pro-minority. I'm wanting to fight against those who label people by race or party instead of the content of their character."

Patrick: "I believe in conservative beliefs. I am pro-life for relaxed gun control and strict, conservative, constructionist interpretations of laws. I approve of the views of Ronald Reagan, Robert Bork, Antonin Scalia, and Clarence Thomas."

Austin: "I believe that

that Federalist and Nationalist don't have to go against each other . . . I believe that we should not be separate peoples but all equal, all the same, yet each of us unique in our own ways."

David: "I believe in a square deal for farmers, oil and gas, and industrial workers . . . There have been obstacles in my path including a suit by those who I have beaten for Treasurer in the primaries. I will overcome with your help."

Jason: "I believe that the people's voice comes first. If I'm elected, I will represent the people to the best of my abilities and will run the state the way they want."

Daniel: "I want an increase in education, an increase in health care, and a decrease in taxes statewide. I would deduct from

personal income tax and business income tax."

Travis: "I believe in fair insurance rates and a perfect balance between premiums and coverage."

Phil: "My major concern is car insurance rates for teenagers and crop insurance for farmers."

Q: Why should the people vote for you?

Staff: "I'm not the type of person to take any garbage from people. I'm going to defend the rights and make sure things are justified."

Patrick: "I am the better choice for Attorney General because I offer a fair, balanced, and conservative perspective."

Austin: I consider myself organized and very generous. I love being a leader, and hard work

David

"The Disease" Parkinson

Qualifications

-Calc II/III student; earned KU credit

-Enrolling in Differential Equations at KU next year

-Run my own business
-I know finance!

-I will work for you in office!

As some of you know, I'm being sued by those I've beaten in the primaries. That is their choice. Your choice is to look beyond these

allegations and realize that I'm an honest guy.
Thanks.

is the only thing that matters in everything you do."

David: "I have the math requirements, I have made \$1500 on my website business, and I gave away free candy."

Jason: "I'm a people person, I like a challenge, and I would like to see how much we can accomplish as Boys' Staters and see how far we can progress as a society."

Daniel: "I am an honest Federalist who is conservative and not afraid of compromise."

Travis: "I'm extremely open-minded, non-partisan, unbiased, and here for the people."

Phil: "I will offer the conservative approach to the office of Commissioner of Insurance."

Q: Which is the better cereal: Lucky Charms or Cocoa Puffs?

The Square Deal

Farmers

-Free use of dyed fuels
-Responsible oil drilling helps your environment

Industrialists

-Less government interaction in your businesses
-Responsible control of environment

Oil & Gas

-Increased drilling in low population areas
-Less government interaction in your business

What Benefits All of You

-Lessened government control
-No more gas tax
-Increased education funding

Staff: "Lucky Charms. I'm down with the 'mallows!"

Patrick: "Lucky Charms. I'm one-fourth Irish."

Austin: "Cocoa Puffs."

David: "Lucky Charms, because they're darn good."

Jason: "Both, because both have been good to me throughout the years and helped me become the person I am today."

Daniel: "Lucky Charms. They just taste better."

Travis: "Cocoa Puffs. They're a more uniform flavor and shape, plus, they make your milk chocolate."

Phil: "Cocoa Puffs all the way! The chocolate at the end is the best!"

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A Message From the Editor!

"I hope you guys got a lot of sleep, because nobody on the newspaper staff did."

Mike Schlotterbeck
Powell County