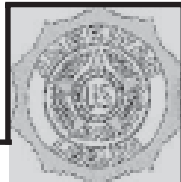


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Smith, Corrigan win candidacy for governor

Joe Zigtema

Raymond, Pershing

Yesterday afternoon, candidates from both the Federalist and Nationalist parties went to each floor to present their campaign speeches. They gave their credentials, stated what they would do to make their states successful, and hoped they would be chosen in Primary Election. From there, each county voted within their party for who they believed would bring them success. Party Candidates elected were Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Commissioner of Insurance, and State Treasurer. Thanks to all of the candidates for giving it their best in the campaign. However, only one person was chosen to fill each of these positions and represent their party.

The Nationalist Party Primary election for Commissioner of Insurance was a landslide victory for

Jarrold Ryan, Gardner, Kennedy, who received 100 percent of the vote. Spencer King, Finley, Kennedy, who took the victory over Josh Lykes, Patrick Hamlin, and Matt Blake, won the Attorney General position. King was a member of the Precinct Committee. Phillip Rich, Hiatt, King, captured State Treasurer over Matt Gee. Fransisco Vierya, from Paroll of the county of the day winning Pershing, won Secretary of State by defeating Gary Gardner. Troy Smith, Haney, Kennedy, took the Nationalist Governor Primary in a landslide victory. Smith strongly believes in education reform, is pro-life, and supports the second amendment. "Education is very important. We need to focus on giving our youngsters the very best education possible so they can take over our jobs for us."

The Federalist Party had a few more candidates than the Nationalist Party,

which led to a great race. Rob Dellinger, McCoy, Patton, defeated several State Treasurer candidates to capture the Primary and run against Phillip Rich in the general election. Matthew Aelmore, Seymour, Powell, captured



Federalist and Nationalist candidates, respectively, pose for pictures following their victories in party primaries Monday. photo courtesy of John Moeder

Commissioner of Insurance by defeating David Lachut and Kyle Boomer. Precinct Committee Chairman Tyler Bolton won Attorney General against a utopia of candidates. David Huther of Birk, Bradley triumphed over Matt Meinig, Scott A. Johnson, Jason Lacer, Colin Kriszcziokaitis, Charles Rombold, and Alex Wise to win

Secretary of State. Finally, Christian Corrigan, Gardener, Kennedy, will be pitted against Troy Smith for the Governor of Boys' State Kansas. Corrigan said, "My main view as a conservative is to reduce the size of government and leave more things up to the local level."

Corrigan supports the second amendment, but is against abortion.

He also feels strongly about education reform. "Right now our education plan is to create more responsibility within the school system."

The race for Boys' State governor promises be a good one, and will live up to the hype and expectations

of all the Boys' Staters.

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Nats rally late Monday to prepare for today's state elections

Joe Zigtema
Raymond, Pershing

The Nationalists met in Cardwell Hall last night for its annual party convention. Preston Schraeder was announced as Lieutenant governor, who, if elected, may compete in Boys' Nation at the end of July in Washington D.C.

The platform of the Nationalist party greatly contrasts the Federalist Party. On the issue of Social Welfare, the Nats will try to fill in the gaps left by the national system. They want to increase the availability of welfare to people in need. They support funding for the research and development of renewable energy, which will encourage

new businesses to spring up, creating jobs, while decreasing pollution. Peter McGah, Kyle, Marshall, commented, "We want to increase research in things like ethanol and wind power,

"Education is our top priority. We want to invest in our kids now, so that today's students make tomorrow's leaders"

because that will reduce power cost, stimulating corporate growth."

They proposed to reform education by increasing the public school budget by at

least 344 percent and improve the all around quality of education. Josh Lykes, Raymond, Pershing, said, "Education is our top priority. We want to invest in our kids now, so that today's students

make tomorrow's leaders."

Agriculturally, the Nationalists are promoting what's best for small business farming. "We want to make it possible for the

average farmer to live financially sound and stable in this feast or famine business, because the majority of agriculture in Kansas is small business farming," said

Ian Reel, Sullivan, Seitz.

On the issue of transportation, the Nats are promoting maintenance over new construction. Robert Pfeiffer, McCoy, Patton, said, "Maintenance needs to be taken care of first, before we start new construction. We can't build new roads without fixing our old ones."

On allocating the budget, the Nationalist Party has a surplus of over \$10,000, which could lead to tax bracket altering.

The Nationalists have come up with solutions that could solve many of the problems we face today. Boys' State is in for a showdown when the Federalists and Nationalists clash in the general election on Tuesday.

Political process takes off

Feds push conservatives candidates toward state seats

Joe Zigtema
Raymond, Pershing

The Federalist Party met for the annual 2004 Party convention last night, meeting in Umberger Hall. Zach Oswald, Icenogle, MacArthur, was announced as the Lieutenant Governor candidate, who may have the opportunity to participate in Boys' Nation in Washington, D.C. at the end of July.

The Federalist Party platform is based on a Laissez-Faire conservative strategy, emphasizing the need for strong business in Kansas. The Feds agreed to modernize affirmative action, based on a

vote of the people. On the issue of minimum wage, they decided to leave decisions to the employer, based on quality of work and skill of the worker.

Precinct Committeeman Zach Oswald, Icenogle, MacArthur, called it, "Rugged individualism at its best."

Further promoting business, the conservatives said they were willing to put aside some environmental issues to create a strong economy in Kansas. They voted to reform education by making internal improvements to increase the efficiency of the public school system, and to evenly distribute funding throughout

the state. The Feds propose to preserve the breadbasket of America and aid Agriculture to battle the drought in western Kansas, since it is heavily relied on throughout the state. After all, Kansas's farmers do feed 128 people in addition to you each year. On gun control, the Federalist Party is strongly supportive of the right to bear arms. Oswald commented, "How much more American can you get than our constitutional rights? It's part of our heritage."

On abortion and gay marriage, the conservatives chose to keep the status quo by not allowing or banning

them. They proposed a vote in the future, approximately five years down the road. On the issue of tax reform, the Feds wanted to give businesses tax breaks to encourage the start and growth of more businesses throughout the state, while also keeping in mind the common man.

The Conservatives are all about creating a small, efficient government, and getting rid of all the clutter that clouds our state legislature and offices. They have created a strong, definite running platform that is sure to guide them through the week here at Boys' State.

Thank You I.T. Staff

The Stater's Union would like to extend our thanks to the I.T. staff for its hard work in printing our first issue. Unfortunately, staff had to stay up until the wee hours of Monday morning to get the first issue of volume 67 to the staters of Boys' State '04. Thanks again, and we apologize for the inconveniences.

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Mafia corruption takes root at Boys' State '04

Jarrold Holiday
McCoy, Patton

Many of you have heard of an illustrious group known only as 'The Mafia', who's dark hand has been, if not successfully then at least silently, gently pulling on the strings of the candidate elections here at Boys State.

Little is known about this group, and it is unlikely that its members will ever let the truth be *fully* exposed. This group is dark, secretive, and while not necessarily dangerous in a physical sense, it is quite possible that they will make someone cry by the end of the week. We have only been here for a day and a half, and already their following is growing.

I happened upon their lair by chance; the rumors given to me by a series of frightened staters led me to a closed door in the farthest wing of the highest floor, where only the brave and physically fit dare venture. Inside was a scene seemingly spliced straight from a...well...*mafia* movie.

A group of figures leaned casually against the walls of

the shabby dorm room, the dim lighting concealing all features but their eyes, of which every pair was focused upon my person.

"Who are you? What do you want?" a voice from the corner said. They waited impatiently, expectantly.

"I've come to see *The Mafia*. I'm with...the paper." I said. My mouth was dry; suddenly this didn't seem like such a great idea.

"Mafia? There is no mafia here." Said a voice to my right. "We, you see, are the *H-SevN*."

Affirmative nods all around, confirming the new name.

"So then, are you with us? Or against us?" a voice growled directly across from me.

What choice did I have?

"I'm with you." I said, my voice wavering.

"That's good," the voice nearest to my left said. "You can call me 'Clutch.'"

This just got better and better.

"(Obscenity) Everyone needs

a mafia." 'Clutch' began, "Ever since America was born it was run by the mafia. They get you cool stuff, good prices, and protection." His eye had taken a maniacal glint, "The government can't even do that." -This of course is in the eye of the beholder.

'Clutch' then stood up and addressed me, indicating the assembled with sweeping gestures. "If you're not for us,

you're against us. We will give you protection. We will give you money.

*"If you're not for us,
you're against us"*
-Clutch

We do have a lot of money right now."

However, this is Boys State, so he added "Oh, and we have pounds of candy for our biggest supporters- your choice. We've got eight different flavors."

'Clutch' then proceeded to explain the process. "[Our money comes from several sources. Big organizations, personal funds, and groups involved with the maintenance of funds. We

have about eighty supporters, so there is a lot of money here. The people who give big, get big. Through insurance and judges, the money is returned to the organizations, and more importantly, to elected offices. And of course, there are pounds of candy floating around.]"

All of this planning seemed to revolve around a mysterious Bubba 'The Godfather', whose ascension in power appeared to be a prominent goal for the *SevN*. 'The Godfather' confronted me soon after 'Clutch's' oratory.

"If they're not with me, they're against me. And I'm going to the top, which leaves them at the bottom." 'The Godfather' said.

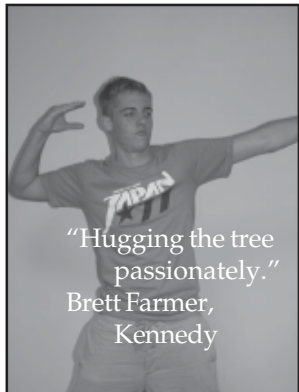
He then offered me some candy, which I politely declined.

Another member of *H-SevN* named 'Cash' turned to me, his tone resolute. "People are against us. They think we don't know what we're doing. But they're going to go down big in the long run. There is no way they can handle it."

"Is that a threat?" I asked.

"No," 'Cash' said quietly. "That's a promise."

Staterwalking: What will you miss during Boys' State?



"Hugging the tree passionately."
Brett Farmer,
Kennedy

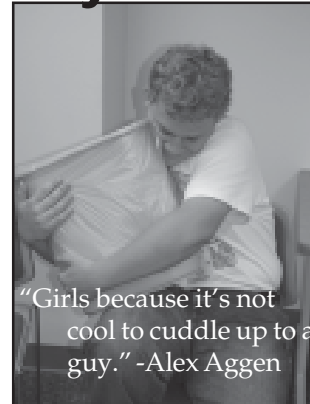
"The way the sun slightly warms my cheeks when I wake up in the morning."

"Patting my emu."



"Morning hugs from my mother."

"Sitting around playing my PS2."



"Girls because it's not cool to cuddle up to a guy." -Alex Aggen

Clemens loses first game of season

Joe Zigtema
Raymond, Pershing

Roger Clemens lost his first game Monday night, dropping his record to 9-1 in a 7-2 loss to the Chicago Cubs. Clemens went six innings, giving up five earned runs on ten hits, including two solo home runs by All-Star candidate Aramis Ramirez and Todd Walker. Mark Prior picked up his first win on the season and improved to 1-1 after a dismal start last week against Cardinals. Prior threw five innings of scoreless baseball, giving up only five hits while striking out eight. Lefty Jimmy Andersen came in after Prior and threw four innings,

giving up only two earned runs on five hits. The win brings Chicago to within one and a half games of the first place St. Louis Cardinals in the NL Central. Houston drops to fourth place in the NL Central, three games out of first.

Beltran's knee okay

Quintin Kahmeyer
Aylward, Bradley County

Carlos Beltran, at present the Royals most important trade bait, said yesterday his knee is simply bruised and that he expects to play in tonight's match-up with the Braves. The injury came in Sunday's loss to the Mets as Beltran

rammed into the center-field wall attempting to track down a Mike Piazza home-run. Beltran attributed his collision to the rather unnoticeable crushed-gravel warning track, a by-product of elongated fences at Kauffman this year. Courtesy of www.kansascity.royals.mlb.com.

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What we miss during Boys' State

Lawsuit over Pledge of Allegiance thrown out due to technicality

Marty Boeschling
Coss, Eisenhower County

Among the many traditions held at each Boys' State throughout the United States each summer is the practice of reciting the Pledge of Allegiance every morning at the Flag Raising Ceremony. As that tradition does not look to be scrapped any time soon (and rightly so), it also appears that the wording of the Pledge will also be preserved, at least for a

little while longer.

The Supreme Court yesterday ruled that Michael Newdow, claiming to speak for his 10-year-old daughter, did not have the proper legal custody needed to speak on her behalf. Thus the high Court avoided what almost certainly been a bloody continuance of battles.

"When hard questions of domestic relations are sure to affect the outcome, the prudent course is for the federal court to stay its hand rather than

reach out to resolve a weighty question of federal constitutional law," Justice John Paul Stevens said.

The high court's lengthy opinion overturns a ruling two years ago that the teacher-led pledge was unconstitutional in public schools. That appeals court decision set off a national uproar and would have stripped the reference to God from the version of the pledge said by about 9.6 million schoolchildren in

California and other western states.

Newdow's battle with the Pledge started over 2 years ago in Florida where he sued the school district, lost and then moved to California and sued the Elk Grove Unified School District almost upon arrival to the state. Newdow is an outspoken atheist, holds both medical and legal degrees, and argued that forcing his daughter to say "under God" should not be legal. Interestingly

enough, Newdow's daughter and his estranged wife are both Christians.

The Supreme Court did not rule whether the phrase "one nation, under God" was constitutional or not, so a solid end to the question has not been met, and is almost certainly a matter of time until another case is worked up against a school district somewhere and, eventually, making it's way once again to the Supreme Court.

More Bombs explode over Baghdad

Yet another car bomb exploded in Baghdad today, killing at least 13 and wounding at least 60 others. This is the second bombing in Baghdad in two days.

Brawling and gunfire involving a militia loyal to a radical cleric flared in the south-central Iraqi city of Najaf, and a Baghdad

neighborhood. The scuffle led to an undisclosed number of casualties and the cancellation of Friday prayers.

A grenade attack on a busy restaurant in Indian-controlled Kashmir killed four people, including two tourists and a young child, and wounded at least twenty-five others.

World News Today
As reported by CNN

Shane Chrisman
Sullivan, Seitz

Officials question presidential policies

Several former presidential diplomatic and military officials have signed a statement condemning the Bush administration's foreign policy, saying that it has harmed national security.

Insurance bill dies

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Thornburgh urges staters to make most of time at Boys' State

Clint Wiseman

Kyle, Marshall

Why are you really here? What influences have you made on people? If you're here at Boys' State, it's almost guaranteed that someone has seen leadership potential and wants to encourage it," Kansas Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh challenged Staters during the Whistle-Stop tour yesterday during his speech. Taking time out of his hectic schedule to visit Boys' State was a sacrifice for Thornburgh, and he made sure he spent his time well, challenging Staters to step up to leadership positions and take action.

Taking action is something Thornburgh is very

familiar with. "If you condense my department down, we have three basic tasks. First and foremost, we're the department in charge of all elections in Kansas, from the city and county level all the way up to the state government. Second, we work with banks to guarantee loans and make sure no one gets cheated, and we also regulate businesses and corporations."

Finally, he made sure to leave Staters with a final declaration.

"The greatest potential is from the people who might be unsure of themselves. If you decide to step up and lead, to give it your all, then you have the greatest opportunity to make a difference in your life."



Thornburgh addresses Staters during The Whistle Stop Tour yesterday. photo courtesy of John Moeder

County Fact File

SEITZ

Building: Marlatt, 2nd floor

Cities: Sullivan, Whorley, and Wiles.

Leaders: Jared Meitler (County Counselor), Danny Owens (Assistant County Counselor), Scot Rodgers (Sullivan), Adam Keesling (Whorley), and Alan de Rochefort (Wiles)

Commissioners: Chris Dreiling, Taylor Carlton, Kitt Lee

Fact: Seitz is currently working to build up their city by constructing police departments, fire stations, schools, hospitals, etc.

"I'm really impressed by our marching chants." –Andrew Vance

POWELL

Building: Marlatt, 3rd floor

Cities: Schulz, Seymour, and Spigarelli.

Leaders: Paul Day (County Counselor), Andrew Roozeboom (Assistant County Counselor), Adam VanHorn (Schulz), Taron Davis (Seymour), and Rick Parsons (Spigarelli).

Commissioners: Jeff Hornberger, Ryan Wallace, Michael Blair

Fact: Powell County takes pride in their 100% participation. Every member has been elected or is currently running for a position.

"Our crime rate is 9 out of 10, our education is –12, but we are working to build police offices and schools that stop this problem." –Ryan Wallace

Today's Menu

Breakfast

- French Toast
- Bacon
- Breakfast Potato
- Blueberry Buckle
- Donuts
- Apple Juice
- Oatmeal

Lunch

- Breaded Chicken on a Kaiser Bun
- Pepperoni Pizza
- Triple Cheese Pizza
- Cut Green Beans
- French Fried Potatoes
- Chips
- Beef Noodle Soup
- Sugar Cookies
- Ice Cream
- Novelty
- Fresh Fruit

Dinner

- Tortilla Chips
- Refried Beans
- Vegetable Dinner Blend
- Wheat Rolls
- Carrot Cake & Cream Cheese Frosting
- Ice Cream
- Chilled Fruit
- Carved Ham
- Beef & Bean Burritos
- Cheese Enchiladas
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Spicy County Rice
- White Rice

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For Attorney General.....	Spencer King
For Secretary of State.....	Francisco Vieyra
For State Treasurer.....	Philip Rich
For Commissioner of Insurance.....	Matt Aelmore

Guitar battle highlights yesterday's political fair

Lucas Heinrich

Hasler, King

It was hot. Really, really hot. The sun beat down on the crowd that had gathered at the tennis courts for the political fair. Various associations advertised for membership while political hopefuls cried out for attention and votes. One of them was Nationalist governor candidate Robert "Bubba" Anderson Jr. Bubba, along with ten members of his Mafia (see story on page 4), stood watching other candidates speak while occasionally chanting "Bubba! Bubba! Bubba!"

Suddenly, the faint sound of a guitar broke through the stifling air. People turned to see the brash figure of Federalist governor candidate Aaron Bingham striding toward them, guitar in hand. His

song of choice: "I Believe in a Thing Called Love." Bubba, however, saw little to love about Bingham's performance. "I can play that," he smirked in the guitarist's direction, "*and* the solo in the middle!" "Well," shot back Bingham without hesitation, "you need a haircut!" Bubba was temporarily stunned by this crushing blow, but, noticing Bingham's equally long hair, quickly retorted, "You need one more!"

The assembly had little time to catch their collective breath from this clever exchange before Bingham walked up to the front podium to perform the Darkness' hit song once again. It may have been an un-orthodox campaign speech, but Bingham's sincerity was never in question. You had only to listen to the rhythm of his heart. Bubba, however, had heard enough, and pushed

past security to take his place alongside Bingham. He seized the guitar and, to the delight of his posse, began ripping into the chords of his own rendition of "I Believe in a Thing Called Love." After finishing, he headed back toward his rowdy fans, leaving Bingham to finish. Aaron started to play a couple more songs, but the crowd had lost interest and the fair was winding down.

When looking back on this musical mêlée, history will show it was the turning point of the election. Well, actually both candidates lost their respective primaries, but that's beside the point. The point is that there never has and never will be a showdown like the one we saw yesterday afternoon. Both guitar duelists were more than capable of rockin' till the sun goes down.

Top ten reasons to come to Boys' State

10. The free T-Shirt

9. The other free T-Shirt

8. You don't have to put up with your girlfriend for a week

7. Learning great marching steps

6. You get paid without actually working, even if it is in Boys' State dollars

5. Free guitar concerts/battles (see above story)

4. A chance to take in the wonderful morning air, and realizing the day starts before noon

3. Experiencing *The Godfather* in person

2. All you can eat ice cream

1. The GIRLS