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## BREAKING NEWS - CATASTROPHE IN NBS

Planet Earth is an absurd world. Being isolated in a single location prevents having a full familiarity of the events that occur elsewhere on this planet. Although it may seem as if other areas compared to where we live in this world appear much more compelling, this is not the case all of the time.

Recently, it has come into view that all 6 cities in the Nevada Boys' State dominion have been engulfed with a monstrous account of tragedy. This uncovers the fact that us humans have absolutely no clue what may occur on a daily basis – whether it's a miracle or a catastrophe – in literally any second, and we have no control of that. We must plan for the worst, yet hope for the best at all times. Ranging from the evil monopoly "Goober" stealing our low supply of water, to the tragic disease entitled "MERS" being spread by large dust storms, it seems as if our luck could not have been any more abysmal that it has been.

We talked to Kobe, the mayor of Las Craigas, about how he feels about the city crises. First off, he likes the idea of these challenges and how they promote teamwork and problem solving. He also said in order to solve the latest crisis dealing with MERS, rapid depletion of water, and Goober Energy, the council will have to think outside the box in order to stand out, and ultimately stand above the other cities.

## NAP TIME = FINES

As many of you discovered yesterday, the chairs in the Ansari 106 lecture room are very comfy—especially when you are tired. Many of you may have also discovered that it is hard to to keep your eyes open with less than 4 hours of sleep. Due to this seemingly mutual lack of sleep, many delegates missed out on a great speech. However... The Director of Military and Veterans Policy, Caleb Cage, got the brunt of it. For some of the delegates, part of Caleb's speech went in one ear and out the other as they tried to resist their droopy eyelids.

Luckily, most of you were able to stay awake, but... a few of you were caught. Those of you delegates who were caught you may have been given a citation from one of the six City Police Chiefs. These citations might seem harmless... but if you receive one you have to pay a fine. If you disagree with the citation, or can't pay the fine (for whatever reason), you must go to court. I don't mean any regular court — I mean night court. This means that at 11:30 PM court is in session, and although this fate may not seem bad, this means you lose valuable sleep (which although not stated in the NBS Creed, some delegates believe that sleep is their 2nd most precious possession)

So... for you busy delegates, I have but one piece of advice. DON'T FALL ASLEEP DURING DAILY HONORS!!!

## CAUCUS REPORTS

#### The Nationalists

Today was the caucus for both parties. I'm very pleased to say that the Nationalist Caucus was a success. We selected the cream of the crop from many well qualified delegates to lead our fantastic party.

Chosen as the Chairman of the Nationalist party, from Martie, was Don Fagan. The secretary position will be filled by, Michael Gallagher, from the city of Jaytown. The Nationalists picked Frankie Cheung of Martie, as their Sergeant at Arms. He faced some stiff competition from Devine Burke of Howard, and his "well qualified arms." Last but certainly not least Nick Lara, of Howard, was appointed by the caucus, as the Secretary of State Nominee. He will be competing with Ryan Becker, the Federalist nominee. With these leaders at the helm the Nationalists simply cannot go wrong.

I asked Brendan Staples, who hails from Martie, how he felt about the Nationalist Caucus and he had this to say, "Although at times it may be a bit chaotic, everyone is working well together and producing some remarkable work. Overall I'm pleased with how well things are going with the party and these fantastic delegates."

#### The Federalists

The second Federalist caucus meeting of the week went off without a hitch yesterday. The party began by electing the chairman for the state: Jaeger Perkins, of the City of Osgood. Next was the election of the party secretary, out of which emerged Howard's Brian Johnson. The final group decision for organizing purposes was the election of the Sergeant-at-Arms. This was the most hotly contested race, and by a slim margin from the other candidates, John Lidang from Osgood emerged as the victor.

The next order of business for the party was the primary election for Secretary of State. The four candidates were: Ryan Baker of Osgood, Troy Gingerich of Howard, Parker Randall of Las Craigas, and Damon Smith of Anderson. Of these four very qualified and worthy candidates, Ryan Becker was selected to be the Federalist candidate for Secretary of State.

Continuing on with business, Chairman Perkins split the caucus into two committees to tackle the areas of legislative policy and communications. Dustin Hall of Martie was named as the communications chairman, and Liam Duffy, the mayor of Howard, was named to be the legislative policy chairman. The committees worked together, taking advantage of deals with NBS and Associates offered through Counselor Max.

Many of the mayors followed in the example of Mayor Tristan Martel of Anderson, who took advantage of the time as an opportunity to garner support for and to strengthen relations with his city among the other five. The Federalist Mayors Caucus said they have been working hard for their four cities thus far, and that they will continue to do so to ensure that their cities emerge on top this year.



Caleb Cage addressing the Boys' State Session on Monday morning







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## THANK YOU CALEB CAGE!!!

Caleb Cage came to speak to all of us delegates today and it was an enlightening and motivating experience. He is not only a boys state graduate (1997), but he credits Nevada Boys State for not only his career choice, but his success in his career as well. Not to mention he is also a legionnaire. Cage grew up near where boys state is held, in the Truckee River area. Boys state was the start of his love to serve and passion for serving and success in government.

Following boys state, Cage attended and graduated from the prestigious West Point University, then went on to serve 5 years in the military including being a platoon leader. He made a big life decision after that and came home, in turn taking a 50% pay cut, and losing his car and eventually his house as well. This is all for his passion and love of service, and it paid off.

He was offered his first big government job when he was only 30 years old. He was appointed the executive director of the Nevada Office of Veteran services and did quite well. He now presides as Director of Military and Veterans Policy and was appointed to this position by Governor Brian Sandoval. He also runs two veteran memorial cemeteries in Fernley and Boulder City and runs a veteran program to assist veterans in finding help for their problems in their local communities.

Basically what he talked to us about is how important and influential this experience not only was for him, but how it potentially can be for us. He discussed how important and sacred the creed is and how seriously we should take it. We should also take a hold of life and go after the things we want, and fulfill the duty we have been given as the future leaders of Nevada to serve this great country of ours. He also wowed us with his stories of success, failure, and endearment. It was a great discussion and I was honored to witness it.

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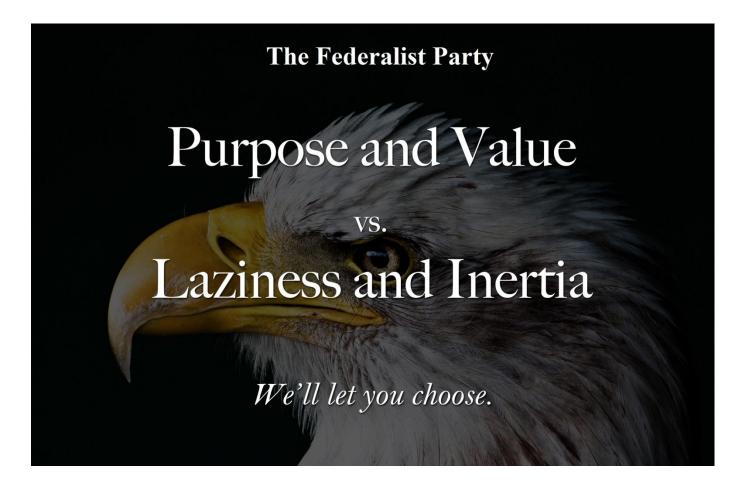
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# **SPORTS**

Well folks, finally the activity in which I can say at least I personally have been most excited for, sports, has happened! It was a blast, and definitely the activity that has beat contributed to the chemistry of the delegates of each city, and the best team building exercise. And I think we can all agree that with men, the place where we really can most easily see leaders shine, and teams come together, is sports. Testosterone levels running high, competitive juices

flowing, everything popping off on all cylinders, it's great to watch. I'd like to personally give credit to one I've really seen take charge, Parker of Osgood, you are doing great my friend.

Now what you've all been waiting for, the results. Now Anderson was the top team, with a record of 2 wins and one tie, then in second was Las Craigas with two wins and a loss, following with a three way tie for third place with a record of one win, one tie and one loss with Osgood/Martie/Howard, and the ultimate losers were Jaytown. First to worst.



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