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Debate gets heated

Hansen, Hamilton divide parties on first day



Ryan Hamilton prepares a response to a question from the moderator in Sunday's debate.

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Photo by Myers Paulsen

It was reminiscent of the epic fight between Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield.

The highly anticipated match up was introduced by an ecstatic Tim Taycher, who did the honors, ecstatically hailed the two "all-Americans". From the right wing, "the heavyweight champion of the neo-conservatives", Ryan Hamilton, powered onto the scene to represent the Federalists.

From the left wing, "the BFF of Michael Moore,

Nancy Pelosi, and Hillary Clinton", Jay Hansen, strutted with supreme confidence into the ring to represent the Nationalists.

This time, the hype was "for real".

The topics were all standard fare for the average political bear: the financial crisis, the minimum wage, the government's role in health care, alternative vs. conventional energy, and universal marriage rights.

The responses, however, were highly

entertaining, and more closely resembled the scrumptious selections offered at the Down Under Café.

The entire debate hit the floor like a firestorm, starting with the opening question. Both representatives delivered crushing blows.

Ryan Hamilton often highlighted failures brought about by the current, primarily "nationalist" government. Jay Hansen came right back, citing the "close-mindedness" and the ideology of "living in the past"

embraced by the federalists. At one point, the debate heated up to the point where both sides made no effort to restrain any ad hominem attacks directly against the other. (from Hansen citing an intelligence study between federalists and nationalists, to Hamilton making the claim that Hansen believed that money grew on trees)

The decibels climbed high, and Nevada Boys' State was ushered in stunning fashion.

City Mayors get elected



HOWARD
Alvin Kang, *Nationalists*



ANDERSON
Daniel Edmondson, *Nationalists*



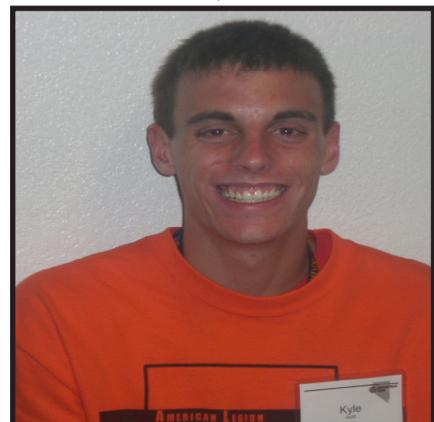
JAYTOWN
Joshua Chandler, *Federalists*



LAS CRAIGS
Josh Rivera, *Federalists*



BILL VALLEY
Jayden Gubler, *Federalists*



MARTIE
Kyle Anld, *Federalists*

Speakers highlight NBS Day 2



**JAMES
SETTLEMAYER**

BY KYLE CLARK

State Assemblymen James Settlemyer's might not arrive tomorrow on horseback, but his past experience in ranching has had an important impact on his political career. Born in 1971, Settlemyer now represents District 39. His success as a political leader can be attributed to his recent reelection.

Farming and ranching have always been important to James Settlemyer. In high school he was a member of the Future Farmer's of America and this interests remained with him in during college. He attended California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo where he major in agucultural studies.



**JAY
HANSEN**

BY DAMOND KELLY

It's a bird, it's a plane, It's a nationalist;

It's Jayyyyyyyyy Hansen

Alright Jaytown, go ahead, cheer on the man who your city is named after. Tommorrow Jay Hansen shall be speaking of tommorrow. Unfortunately the whereabouts on what Jay will be saying is unkown, but hey who doesn't love a good surprise? Remember to smile, keep your eyes open, and ask a lot of questions. Too bad Jay's city had to be the green lantern and friends. I'm joking guys. Jay has been in Boys' State for a long time and is the Endowment Fund Director. A little guess, the speech will be great.



**JUSTICE
JAMES HARDESTY**

BY SEAN POWER

Chief Justice James W. Hardesty is a native Nevadan born and raised in Reno, Nevada. Chief Justice Hardesty attended the University of Nevada, Reno where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting in May 1970.

He was elected President of the Student Body and was named outstanding senior graduate. Chief Justice Hardesty was elected District Court Judge for the Second Judicial District Court of Washoe County, Reno, Nevada. In November 2004, Chief Justice Hardesty was elected a Supreme Court Justice for the Nevada Supreme Court. He was sworn in on January 3, 2005.

Delegates get wacky at Olympics



PHOTO BY MYERS PAULSEN

Left: A delegate from Jaytown falls during the dizzy race. Right: Delegates from Anderson race around the cones.

BY KYLE CLARK

Every once in a while we hear about obscure sporting competitions, such as tractor throwing and female athletics, which lead us to wonder, what is the point?

Well yesterday Boy's State

Competitors from the six cities, gave it their all in an event crowned "the Wacky Olympics."

Although it was nontraditional, it was far from pointless.

Much like the opening games of the real deal, the fields slowly

began to fill with anxious competitors.

Although most citizens wore smiles, they were hiding a much more aggressive determination underneath.

Coming from every corner of this great State of Nevada, delegates had

travelled for untold hours to compete in this Zenith of sports contest known as the "Wacky Olympics," and a lesser-known event, NBS.

No one wanted to go home empty handed and each team had one thing on their mind, victory!

Afternoon activity shows cities true colors

Howard, Jaytown lose out on honor city points from Federalists and Nationalists

BY DAMOND KELLY

With hearts pounding and blood pumping both nationalists and federalists were split up by party and were asked to come together and exclude team up against two other cities.

The delegates were challenged to convince three other cities to team up with their

cities and create a coalition.

After the coalition was made they were asked to decide amongst themselves on who would be given the honor points.

One group would get the most, being 9 points, the next would get 7, after would be 5, and whoever would settle for the least would get 3. The catch is..... The group of

cities would only have seven minutes.

After seven minutes the points would all be dropped by one.

Long story short, after 21 minutes noon would get anything. This was a game of pride and persuasion (and no that's not a movie).

Both parties were a little unhappy with the results. The most common complaint

being that the event was too fast and should have been controlled by parliamentary procedure. Jealousy I say.

All in all the delegates who were residents of said winning cities came to the conclusion that "Drastic times call for drastic measures", and of course it was better to settle for three points than to stand by nine points and be left zero.