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Service in focus: Jack Ford



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Photo by James Moschella

Reporter's Note: On Monday, I got the chance to sit down with Jack Ford to learn more about his motivation in helping to sponsor Nevada Boys' State.

After you read this interview, you may find just how committed he and other legionnaires are to you.

1. What war did you serve in?

I did not actually serve in any war. [However] I did serve during the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War era.

2. What was your retiring rank and grade? week.

Chief Petty Officer and Chief Air Traffic Controller

3. What impresses you most about Boys' State?

When I come up in the buses from Las Vegas every year, I come in the presence of two busloads of boys. When I return every year, I return with two busloads of men.

It always amazes how these young men mature so quickly by the end of the

4. What are you least impressed so far?

Not much. But, I wish we could include every Junior Boy in the state.

5. What advice would you give to current delegates?

Get involved, stay involved, and believe that what you do is worthwhile. Just as JFK said, "ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country."

Many people wonder what they can do to thank us [the American Legion]. If you really want to thank us, get two more delegates from your school next year. We will be happy the day we can load 3 buses [from the Las Vegas area].

This is the condensed version of Jack Ford's interview. His long track record of service and dedication, all without any expectation of return from any of the delegates, all serve to inspire everyone involved at Nevada Boys' State.

Senate, assembly decided



Newly elected Senate and Assemblymen work together during the party caucus establishing agendas. *Photo by Myers Paulsen*

BY SEAN POWER

City elections for Assemblymen and Senators were held yesterday morning before Daily Honors.

All cities received five assembly seats and three senate seats with the exception of Anderson which received four

senate seats.

In a preliminary tally, the Senate contains 11 Federalists and eight Nationalists. The Assembly contains 13 Federalists and 17 Nationalists.

These results provide create an interesting prospectus for Carson City Day as the

Federalists control the Senate and the Nationalists control the Assembly. Both parties have declared legislation that is important to be passed for the betterment of the parties.

Every city elected a majority of Nationalists in the Assembly, except for Bill Valley who was one of only two

cities that elected a majority of Nationalists in the Senate.

Every position was eventually filled, but most parties reported a difficult time finding enough candidates for elections, which could eventually pose a problem to both parties and their specific affiliations.

City, party crisis solved successfully

BY SEAN POWER

The results from the city crisis are in and Jaytown has won first place.

Anderson came in second, Bill Valley came in third, Las Craigas came

in fourth, Howard came in fifth, and Martie came in last.

This was the first actual crisis facing our Mayors and City Councils and each city took drastically different approaches to tackling the issue of an

imminent fire.

This of course is only the first crisis of many to come, so the cities who placed low still have a chance to redeem themselves and the cities who placed high must continue to work effec-

tively in order to maintain their positions.

If you wish to become more involved the handling of your city crises, please contact your mayor or city council in order to have your opinion heard.

Election controversy sparks state-wide scandal

By *THE STATESMAN*

As the statewide elections draw closer, the campaign process is beginning to get complicated and heated. Multiple sources claim that current Federalist Governor candidate Josh Burns of Anderson approached another current Federalist Governor candidate Anthony Miller of Martie and requested 250\$NBS

as well as an undisclosed amount of airtime in return for Josh dropping out of the race. Josh Burns confirmed that this story is true. According to the form for Primary Election Declaration of Candidacy, a candidate will not “violate any election law or any law defining and prohibiting corrupt and fraudulent practices in campaigns and elections.” Upon asking Secretary of State McLane Shake-

spear of this issue, it is his opinion that this practice should not be legal.

According to Counselor Kirk Bullock, this practice is completely legal by the standards of Nevada Boys’ State, but we are posing the question to you, the delegation, to decide whether or not for yourselves whether this practice is moral and ethical. And if this practice is unethical, what should be done to combat it? In-

terestingly enough, Josh published a campaign advertisement in yesterday’s Statesmen calling into question Anthony Miller’s practices in his pursuit of money. It explicitly states “Josh Burns proudly looks himself in the mirror every day and knows he has done, and will do, everything with good intention.” We will let you, the delegation, whether his words are congruent with actions.

ABIMAEEL DURAN

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

Hello my name is Abimael Duran and I am running for the Supreme Court Justice position. There are many reasons why I’m ready for this challenge not only because I have been a supreme court justice before, back in my home town Las Vegas, but because I know how to interpret and translate the constitution the way our founding fathers intended us to do so . My background is very simple I currently attend the Canyon springs high school and leadership and law preparatory academy, where I have taken two years of law classes and one year of constitutional law. The way that I’m going to rule my cases are not going to be based on my political party views nor my own personal philosophy and opinions but simply on the law, the laws have been established and it is my duty as a jury to find them and reinstitute the law. I strongly believe on a diverse court and am willing to compromise with all members of the court. When a court is diverse each judge does his job and reminds the rest of the jury of what they believe in and what they stand for. Please come to me with any questions you have. I am always available at room 4012. Thank you.

Day four speakers preview

Boyd Spratling:

BY ZACH BORING

Boyd Spratling, a rancher near Deeth, Nevada [between Wells and Elko] is president of the Nevada Cattlemen's Association.

Spratling says there are some government programs to give assistance to ranch families who have been burned out.

"When you hear a description of the programs, they sound very encouraging, but like any bureaucratic program, the devil's in the details-to find out if you really

qualify (regarding number of acres of public and private grazing, etc.) and you wonder if it's worth trying to apply.

Many people that you'd assume could get help don't qualify, just because of some little detail or formula in the application."

Financial help from some of these programs is appreciated, but it's not the answer to what these families are facing," Spratling said.

He is a true Nevadan and should be revered by all.

While his topic of speech is unknown, it is sure to be captivating and a learning experience for all.



Travis Buck

BY ZACH BORING

Travis Brock was the political director for the Iowa Democratic Party.

In Fall 2004 Brock served as state director of the Kerry-Edwards '04 Kentucky campaign (he started Aug. 1, 2004 and the campaign stayed there for about 6 weeks); he then returned to Iowa, where he served as Johnson County GOTV director for the coordinated campaign.

Brock's earlier experience includes being midwest political director at the DNC, deputy communications director for Vilsack/Pederson 2002, field director for the 2000 Wisconsin Democratic Coordinated Campaign, field staff for Gore 2000 and field staff

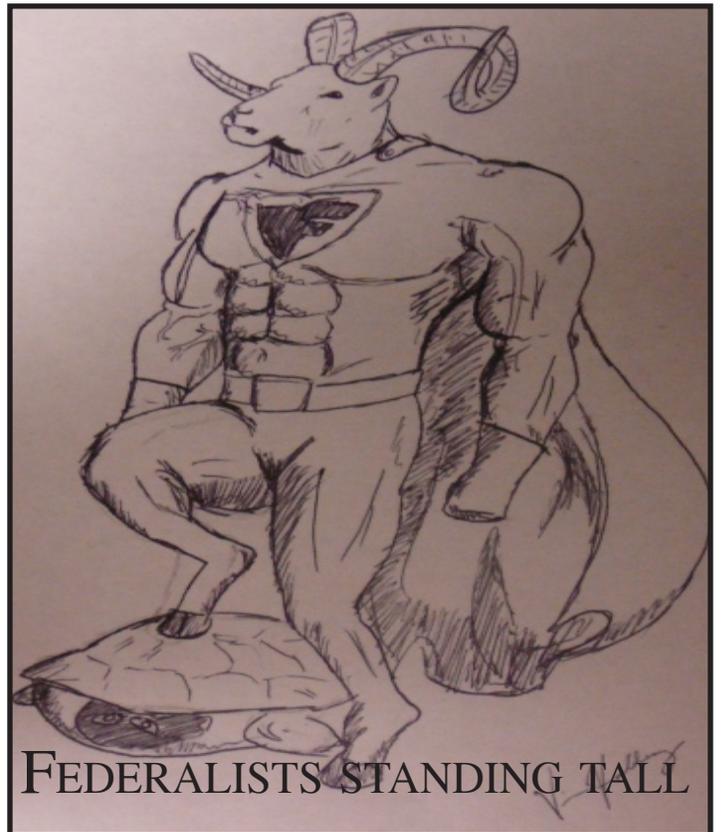
for the 1998 Iowa Democratic Party Coordinated Campaign. Travis Brock graduated with a B.A. in communications from University of Wisconsin at Madison, 1993.

Now, Buck is the Executive Director of the Nevada Democratic Party. Respect Brock when he is speaking to the entire delegation, even if you do not support his views.

Buck provides a positive outlook on modern politics and how they function.

Buck has played an integral role many Democratic Campaigns across the nation.

His knowledge is only rivaled by Buck's talk promises to be both politically engaging and appealing to both respective parties. Buck is a truly idealistic man.



FEDERALISTS STANDING TALL

It's All About You!

Do you want your voice to be heard? The Nationalist party is the answer to that. We care about our citizens and what's best for each and every one of you! By joining the Nationalist Party, you too can have your voice heard. We are all about helping out our community and knowing/doing what is best for them.

We are not known as "states of America," but as the "United States of America" and being "united" is what we are all about. We are not only here to help just you, but also your surroundings. You heard the debate between Jay Hansen and Ryan Hamilton. Hamilton didn't want "new" but wants to stay with the old.

As Hansen (a great man himself) stated during the debate, "new" is good path to pursue in all issues. Obama says "CHANGE" while change means the "new," so why not try something "new" instead of staying with the old.

FDR didn't come up with "The New Deal" for just any reason. He wanted change, and it was CHANGE that helped combat the economic depression, high unemployment and change the morale of the nation from fearful to hopeful. We as Nationalists stand by our platform in order to better people and communities of all economic levels rather than special interests and wealthy individuals.

Joining the Nationalist party will make you a better leader by helping you reach out to a greater spectrum of people. In correlation, YOU will make the Nationalist party stronger with your support. We

Nationalists know what it means to take action. By taking action, the Nationalists are able to represent all the people, and we would be honored to represent you.

Cell phones and the staff:

Is the use of cell phones by staff hypocritical

BY BEN SYENG

On the outside, it would seem that the Nevada Boys' State staff would be a pillar of absolute morality.

In fact, they even went through growing pains to give the delegates a lecture on "ethics and government".

Turns out, the staff has also become a model hypocrisy.

I first observed this phenomenon with the counselors at city council meetings.

Every day, these

counselors find it absolutely necessary to make sure that all the delegates leave their cell phones in their dorms until after hours.

In addition, they also emphasize that delegates should call their mothers every night.

Noah Wheatley is a perfect example of such atrocious behavior. While he was giving his "verbal beatings", he was, simultaneously, charging his iPhone.

Ridiculously, unless the delegate in question has absolutely no staff positions, he will probably only get a chance to call his mother

after 2:00 AM...as if every delegate has a psychotic mother that will stay up that late to wait for a phone call from the insignificant son that she doesn't like anyway.

In contrast, some staff members have gone far beyond. In fact, Anthony Graham has not only been infamous for non-stop texting during the program, he has also gone on to share gossip with his mother and grandmother during daylight hours.

In fact, his relationship has grown to such an extent that his mother "com-

plained that she was not included in Anthony's graduation pictures on Facebook".

Ryan Hamilton also showcased similar behavior, walking out of a lecture hall in order to take a phone call, completely halting the forward progress of the Boys' State schedule.

If he had not stolen those precious moments, more time could have been allotted for the ridiculously short dinner on Monday night.

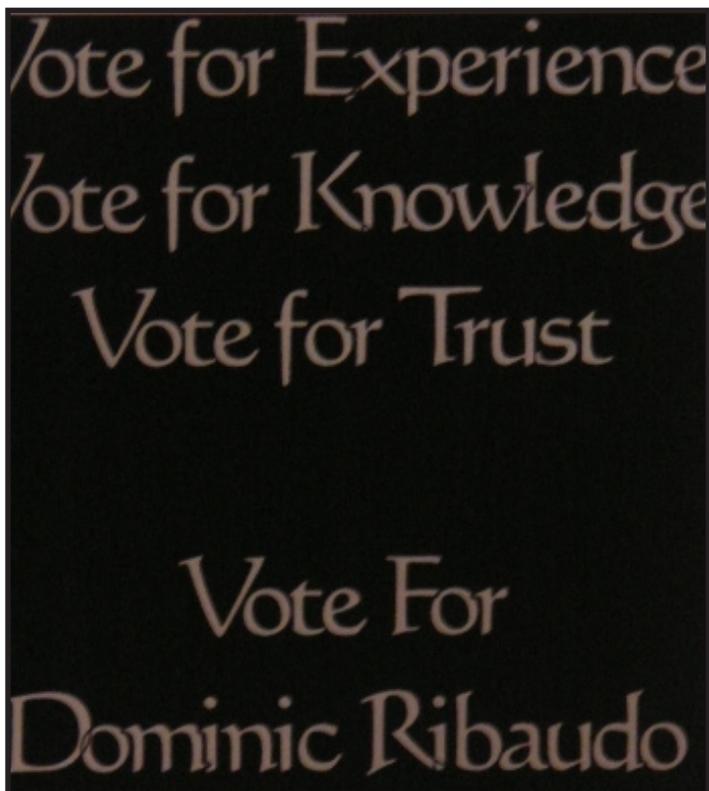
And of course, Miguel Dorado can often be seen fingering his keypad at great length.

What is leadership to you?

BY DAMOND KELLY

What is Leadership To You? A question asked many times and always answered, but answered correctly? Well since I believe everyone is entitled to their opinion I went ahead and asked Joshua (Chavez) Rivera what he thought.

"To me leadership is straight courage, and commitment. Leadership is the action a person takes that puts them in a position to do something to inspire people which means these people are not limited to those who had positions of power. It could be as the child in the sand box being the first one to make a sand angel. He is now



Letter to the Editor,

I am thrilled to see the amount of team building that has been accomplished in merely two days. The parties, committees, and cities have made significant progress, and, most importantly, the entire delegation as a whole. However, I have noticed that there have been several members from various cities who have not given our speakers their full attention. One of the first things we learned about were several questions one should consider while publicly speaking; for example, who I am addressing? Is my audience interested? Responsibility does not rely solely on the speaker. We as an audience must give them the respect they deserve. I have had a great time already, and I hope that future generations of NV Boy's State can experience the same benefits the rest of us have. Let us serve and represent the program; take notes, maintain posture, whatever it takes to stay completely alert to respect our speakers.

- Nick Tscheeker from Bill Valley

Letter to the Editor,

"Money talks" so he says after I asked him why he switched parties more than 12 hours after the deadline was posted. Timothy Ulrich, a lobbyist from Martie, who was originally a Nationalist, was asked at lunch about his position. He said, "I have some Federalist views that I may lobby for, but I am a Nationalist." But if he's such a Nationalist, why did he switch? In my opinion, if he switched primarily on the basis of money, then where does the interest of his city, which by the way is a wonderful city and nothing is to be taken away from them, lay? If all this flip-flopping is going on between parties, then where do we know where his loyalty lies? I'd like to compare him, for all of those who follow football, to Terrell Owens. Terrell Owens has outstanding talent.

But he is notorious for lack of loyalty to his team. Even with all his talent and on-field performance, has been part of four different teams for a reason: a lack of trust and loyalty. One moment, he may be in tears saying "That's my quarterback or that is my party" and the next moment he's saying they didn't give me the ball enough or they didn't give me enough money.

- by Anonymous

Athletic Results



BY KYLE CLARK

Football: Jaytown and Las Craigas fought hard but neither side could get the edge on the other as the two cities ended in a tie. Howard exter-

minated Anderson and Martie tore Bill Valley to shreds.

Volleyball: Howard, Anderson, and Bill Valley ate Martie, Las Craigas, and Jaytown for breakfast.

Soccer: Martie and An-

derson remained neck and neck with Las Craigas and Bill Valley as none of these teams tasted victory.

Overview: Today Howard made up lost ground being the only team to win two events.

They can stand up with their heads held high. Anderson, Bill Valley, Martie, and Jaytown faltered no one with only one victory apiece. Las Craigias hit a bump in the road, but anticipates victory

Quiz Bowl displays intellectual ability of cities

BY KYLE CLARK

It was another competitive night during the quiz bowl.

The best and brightest showed up to duke it.

Howard came in a close second when competing against Martie (23-29).

Las Craigas put up a hell of a fight, but couldn't stand the mastery of history and global affairs demon-

strated by Jaytown.

Anderson Dairy and Bill Valley cursed, fought, and bickered, but Anderson came out with a decisive victory (28-18).

Congratulations to Martie and Jaytown

who have maintained their winning streaks.

The competitors will gear for one final round, before going up against the staff.