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"You Know You're at Boys' State When..."

- 1....a girl walks by and, regardless of attractiveness, an entire city turns their heads.
- 2....sausage = hamburger = salisbury steak.
- 3....every idiot with a microphone makes a Chuck Norris joke.
- 4....someone can wake you up at five in the morning to ask you to sign their petition without being severely beaten...sometimes
- 5....solving a Rubik's cube in under 30 seconds is a campaign strategy.
- 6....there are only 2 kinds of people in this world: Nationalists and Federalists
- 7....Harry Potter tried to run for governor
- 8....make a monkey mayor, and he'll become the dictator
- 9.Markers: \$500
Posters: \$200
Photocopies: \$300
Using monopoly money to fund your campaign: Priceless
10. ...David Hasselhoff hates Muslims, Blacks, and Jews...come to think of it, that could be true in the real world, too.
11. ...ripping off Jeff Foxworthy can get you published in a state newspaper

Chris Castro , Adams City

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Screeching Toward Elections

We at Boys' State have a very important election coming up. This election is one of only two statewide elections that we will be holding. This election is for the senators that we will be sending to represent the state of New Jersey at Boys' Nation this July. Obviously, all candidates, Federalist and Nationalist alike, are extremely qualified. They all have experience as student council presidents, have attended leadership conferences, and are, of course, extremely knowledgeable about the issues that face our cities, our counties, our state, and our country.

However, to me, one candidate has stood out from the pack. I held a conversation with Matt "Screech" Orchant about the issues that plague our government. This wasn't an attempt to persuade me; rather, this was just an informal chat that left me astounded by the depth of knowledge and passion that Matt had for issues ranging from the death penalty to the War in Iraq. Every candidate in this race is qualified and will deserve their votes, but I know that one of my two votes will be going to "Screech."

Polk City

Fillmore Emerging as a Federalist Powerhouse

During the municipal elections of June 20, the Federalist party emerged as the dominant political force in Fillmore. They captured the position of mayor in addition to three of the five city council spots. Newly elected Mayor Anthony Rittwager commented on the fact that he is “very eager to represent [his] party” and hopes that he can “open up more doors” for the people of Fillmore.

Indeed, Fillmore needs a mayor with such conviction to lead its Strong-Mayor form of government and resurrect the municipality from its recent decay. One of the most significant issues that arose during this recent election was unemployment. Following the departure of a major textile corporation from the city, well over a thousand long time residents found themselves facing poverty and joblessness. The Federalist Party resolved to get these indigent people back on their feet through a comprehensive welfare program. Party Chairman Zach Roche asserted that the Federalists “are looking toward the past in order to create job opportunities.” The past that he is referring to is that of Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal.

During the Great Depression, when many Americans were unemployed and unable to support their families, Franklin Roosevelt came into his office, ushering in a program of relief, recovery, and reform. Instead of waiting for the economy to

recover by itself, he wanted to devise a welfare system that would return confidence and a sense of opportunity to the American psyche. Through government programs such as the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Worker's Progress Administration, many Americans were able to obtain government jobs and once again receive income. However, the crucial element to Roosevelt's form of welfare was that the people had to work extremely hard on public works projects to earn money; no one was paid without proving their dedication to the community.

Similarly, the federalists of Fillmore envision a form of welfare in which unemployed citizens can earn a living by working on projects to enhance life in the city. One popular idea among party members is to use the labor to construct a new freeway for use by trucks only.

Trucks have become one of the primary sources of noxious fumes and pollution due to Fillmore's status as a transportation center. Diverting trucks to a separate freeway will increase toll revenues, divert toxic emissions from the currently concentrated highways, and provide a source of work for the welfare laborers. Federalists have clearly looked at the triumphs of the past to create a platform for future success in Fillmore.

Daniel Salvato, Fillmore City

Harrison City

Top 10 Tips...For Public Speaking

By: Mitch Lowenthal

1. Make eye contact
2. Avoid pacing
3. Avoid the words: like, um, so, anyway, uh...
4. Do not say the phrase “you know”
5. Speak clearly and loudly
6. Have confidence and be genuine
7. Be knowledgeable
8. Do not slander the opposing candidate
9. Never criticize your audience
10. When you tell jokes, make sure they are funny