

# The Gentlemen's Gazette



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## Stay Up-to-Date

### Today's Forecast

High – 86°

Low – 65°

Isolated Thunderstorms

30% of Precipitation

61% Humidity



Courtesy of weather.com

### Twitter

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### Special Events!

**-9:40 am** Presentation of Campaign Rallies  
@ The Vines Center

**-2:45 pm** Inauguration & Cabinet Appointments  
@ The Vines Center

**-8:00 pm** Oratorical Winner & Talent Show  
@ The Vines Center

## Feds Explode in Convention

By Kyle West

Layout Manager – Puller City

The Federalist Party Convention was riddled with accusations and assumptions based around a controversial misunderstanding involving Jackson, and the rest of the city.

"Nimitz made a deal with Jackson which stated that if Jackson voted their attorney general, which they did, they would vote for their governor. Nimitz stabbed them and the back and they left," said John Morteuson of Marshall.

All Federalist bystanders in this controversy quickly came to similar conclusion without further investigation. After further digging, a much different story appeared.

"Stonewall was mad because we tried to make a notion to speak after the 1<sup>st</sup> round and we're never heard," said Kendall Kennedy of Stonewall, "Our reason for protesting was because we were denied the right to make this motion."

When Jackson City left, their

Governor, Aaron Gibbs, was left confused. Before he was able to be informed of his cities action, he was called up to the podium to vote, even though he was not his city's party chairman.

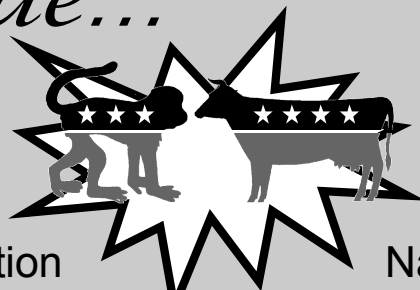
"I went up and told the speaker my city had left the convention and I was the only one left. He asked if I was going to vote so I thought, when he asked, I was casting my single personal vote and when I went to confirm at the table he put down 18 instead of 1," said Gibbs.

There was no time to clarify this turn of events. When the second round of voting came around for the Federalist's governor nominee, the same misunderstanding occurred with Jackson's votes.

Regarding the claims that Nimitz was the original backstabbers, they claimed a different point of view.

"We never went out of our way to make deals. Other cities' came to make deals with us and we just told them all 'okay' without and official shake or action," said Thomas Dibble of Nibitz.

## What's Inside...



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# *Staff Spotlight:*

## *Dan Dellinger*

### **Boys State Duties:**

- Compiled by Kyle West

*Master of Ceremonies*

### **American Legion Experience:**

*30 year member*

### **Service in Armed Forces:**

*Infantry Captain with the U.S. Army*

### **Hometown:**

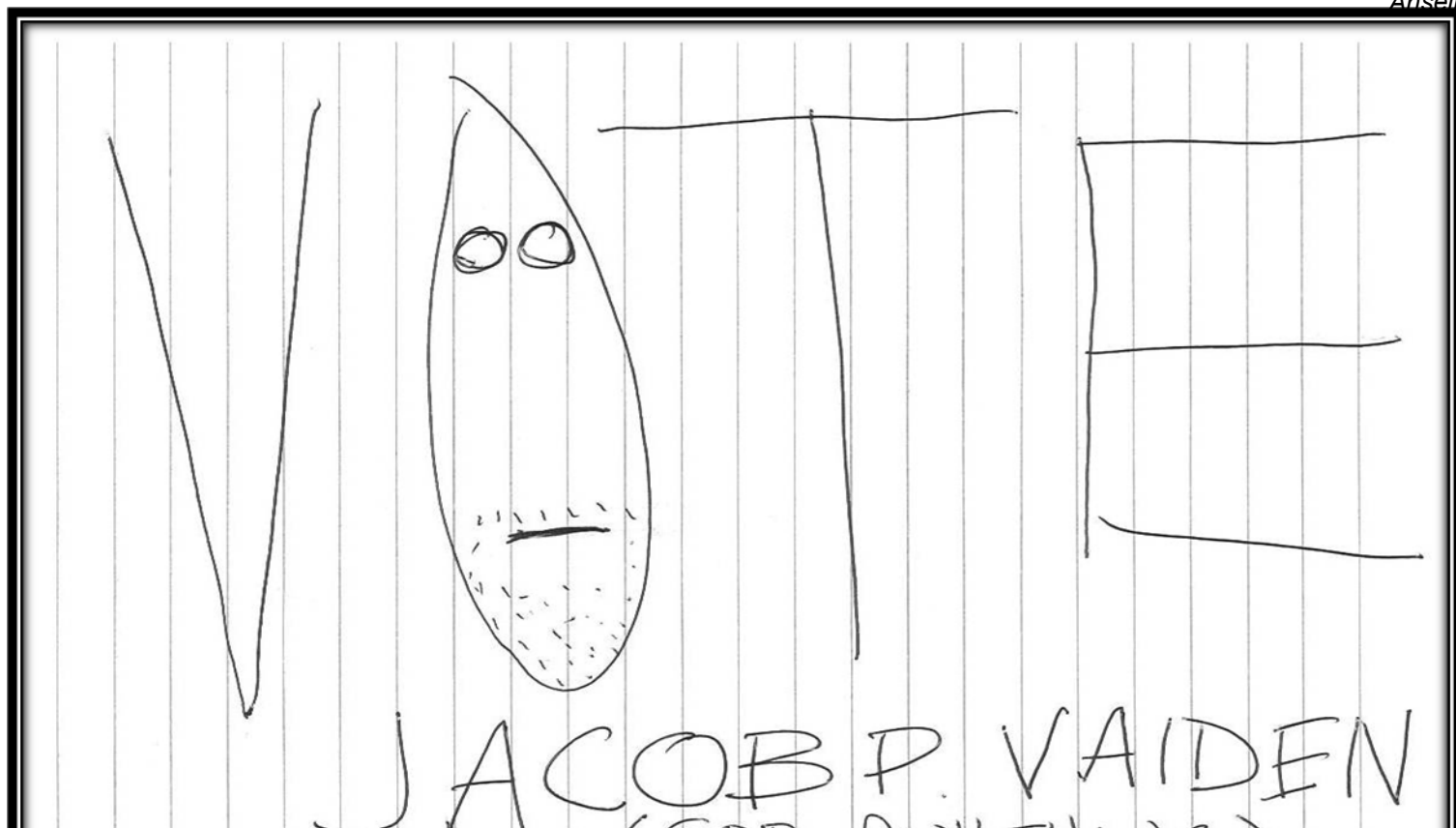
*Vienna, Virginia*

### **Hobbies:**

*Enjoys boating and fishing in Northern Virginia where he can also bird watch for Bald Eagles and Ospreys*



*Photo taken by Forrest Ansell*







# Girls State Update: Conventions

**By Kyle West**  
Layout Manager –  
Puller City

Boys State's party conventions had numerous twists and turns this year, but at Girls State, their conventions experienced a similar madness

"Our party conventions went from 7:30 pm to midnight yesterday," said Winchester Girl State representative, Carter Black.

The party convention at Girls State met once, and only once after their dinner on Tuesday to determine all nominations. Their near five hour conventions experienced all the madness of the Boys State's conventions, but packed in one sitting.

"All the speeches were serious. It was hectic during the recess, people got up and just started trading, but they won that way," said Black.

Similarly to Boys State, the conventions of Girls State experienced vote trading and promises of deals.

conventions, city mayors and delegates acted quickly to try and gain upper hands.

"The convention was fun because I was a delegate and I could vote. My city was worried

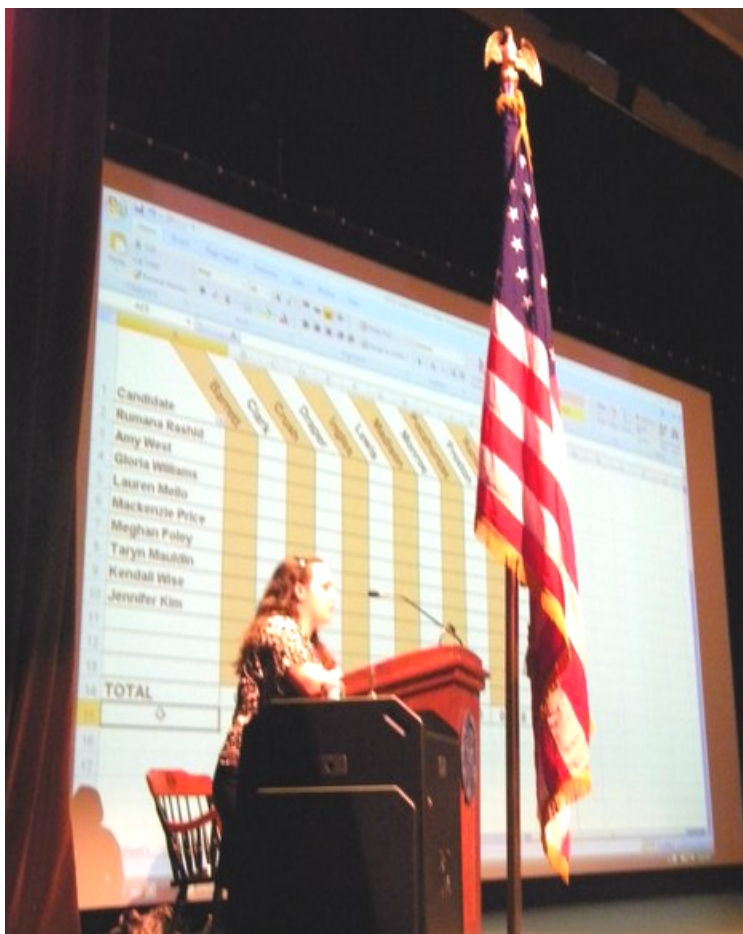
decided, Girls State's delegates woke up and went to hear the final speeches from both parties' candidates.

"After the big three nominations from each party gave their

States. After the allotted time for the open forum, Girls State citizens proceeded to voting to conclude the official Girls State campaign of the state positions.

"We got to vote today with official ballot machines," Black said, "It was pretty cool."

As the final elections for State positions in the 69<sup>th</sup> annual Boys State, delegates can only guess the results. Hopefully, the insight provided by Girls State representatives will be a useful forewarning in the campaign rallies that all attendees will be partaking in tomorrow.



*Photo courtesy of Girls State Facebook page*

that one city did not return the favor, but they did in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. Other than that there was no major backstabbing that I heard of," Black said.

Following these predetermined questions the floor was open to all

Look in the ads for a letter  
from **Girls State!**



# Federalist Animal House



Photo taken by Forrest Ansell

**By Vincent Polcyn**  
Staff Writer - Eisenhower

The Federalist Party convention was far from an organized nomination process. After sifting through the shady deals and secret bribes, it was revealed that nearly all, if not every single city, were involved in some form of corruption. Trading votes for cabinet positions and encouraging the opposition to step down became a commonly used practice in the room. Cities did not even attempt to hide their political dealings from one another, and some chairpersons were seen standing up as votes were being cast to work out deals.

In a matter of time, certain cities were made notorious by their wild dealings, and some even attempted to trade all of their votes to multiple cities *for the same positions*. You read that right folks, cities were found trading votes that they did not have, and they stabbed the alliances they made moments before in the back. A certain gubernatorial candidate's platform was specifically over the deal that another candidate offered him personally. Allegedly, the candidate from James City offered a cabinet position to another candidate

While American presidents in history have offered their enemies a chance to improve their administration, this candidate assured the entire Federalist Party that this was done with only ill and underhanded intent.

As things began to heat up in the conference room, Jackson City grew tired of the scandal. In demonstration of peaceful protest, Jackson walked out of the conference room, along with their city chairman. The only member of Jackson City remaining did not have the authority over any votes other than his own, but he took it upon himself to cast his entire city's seventeen votes to the candidate of his choice. Ultimately, the final decision for the Federalist representative came down to a meager two votes. Without the votes cast by Jackson City, the winning candidate would not have had the majority, and thus, could not accept his position as the gubernatorial candidate for the Federalist Party.

No city was completely innocent of partaking in these deals, making Wednesday a dark day for the Federalist Party. All that any citizen can hope is that none of the treachery has managed to choke off the tree of democracy in the Nationalist





# Stand-Up at the Nat. Convention



*Photo taken by Forrest Ansell*

**By Brandon Trainor**  
Political Editor – Marshall City

When one thinks of a political party convention, what usually comes to mind is a somewhat civilized and stuffy affair, a meeting of like-minded, sharply dressed politicians seeking nomination. Thankfully, what those in the Nationalist Party experienced Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon was everything but this ordinary affair.

Beginning with the standard role-call of each city, the convention quickly went underway, transforming into an unholy union of campaigning and absurdism. After remaining somewhat serious during the vote on the first two aspects of the party platform, the hyena was let out of the bag with the third vote. The proposed third plank of the platform was to simplify the Boys State uniforms, but the boys of the Nationalist Party had other things on their minds.

One citizen after another came forth to combat the plank, each providing the same alternate proposal, bring girls to Boys State. Their combined efforts seemed fruitful, shooting down the plank with only one vote, but ultimately

the Nationalist Party with only a two plank platform. This theme of desire lingered throughout the rest of the convention, occasionally appearing within the speeches of nominees.

But this unrequited need for women was not the only humorous aspect of the convention over the past few days. Practically every speech made contained at least one joke.

"I want to go to Africa to make a school to teach children how to Dougie," said Daniel Park, Nationalist nominee for Lieutenant Governor.

And then there were the purely comically nominees from cities. One person running for the gubernatorial nomination was put forth because of a bet involving two of his roommates and an energy drink. Another citizen, Jacob Vaiden of Marshall City, ran for the nomination of each office, giving a slightly altered variation of the same speech each time and only earning only 2 votes.

"I'll make all your wildest dreams come true," said Vaiden.

With all the humor and light-hearted fun, these candidates more than surpassed our wildest dreams of what the Nationalist Party





# Sport Scores: Day 3

Soccer		
Winner	Score	Loser
Patton	6– 0	Maury
Eisenhower	6– 1	Washington
James	7 – 2	Pershing
Stuart	6– 1	MacArthur
Puller	Forfeit	Jackson

Basketball		
Winner	Score	Loser
Henry	40 – 25	Burke
Puller	2– 0	Patton
Eisenhower	46– 43	Marshall
Bradley	32 – 31	Pershing
Stuart	40 – 30	MacArthur

Soccer Championship		
Lee	Vs.	Henry
Nimitz	Vs.	Patton

Basketball		
James	Vs.	TBA
Jackson	Vs.	Nimitz

Tennis		
Winner	Score	Loser
<i>Arries-Henry</i>	5 – 3	<i>Pauley-Lee</i>
<i>Dulay-Patton</i>	5 – 0	<i>Bayless-MacArthur</i>
<i>Arries-Henry</i>	5 – 1	<i>Dulay-Patton</i>
<i>Obrian-Stuart</i>	5 – 2	<i>Lee-Eisenhower</i>



Football		
Winner	Score	Loser
Nimitz	20– 6	Eisenhower
Jackson	22– 6	Patton
Stuart	28 – 13	MacArthur
Lee	21 – 7	Pershing
Marshall	6– 0	Washington

Football Championship		
Bradley	Vs.	Nimitz
Burke	Vs.	Maury

Volleyball		
Winner	Score	Loser
Pershing	2– 1	Lee
Patton	Forfeit	Jackson
Nimitz	Forfeit	Eisenhower
Burke	2– 0	Stuart
James	2 – 0	Bradley

Volleyball Championship		
Pershing	Vs.	Maury
MacArthur	Vs.	Marshall



Photo taken by Charles Stolze

Ping Pong	
Winner	Loser
<i>Lu-Washington</i>	<i>Gloffetty-Stuart</i>
<i>Brown-Washington</i>	<i>Yim-Stuart</i>
<i>Mcaden-James</i>	<i>Tong-Nimitz</i>
<i>Selpn-Henry</i>	<i>Davis-Bradley</i>
<i>Stolze-MacAurthur</i>	<i>Gammarino-Patton</i>
<i>Mcaden-James</i>	<i>Dixon-Burke</i>
<i>Selpn-Henry</i>	<i>Jackson-Marshall</i>
<i>Stolz-MacArthur</i>	<i>Mettenburg-Henry</i>



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# CITIZEN on the street

←  
**How do you feel about your party's  
progress?** →



**Satoshi Rowland**

**LEE | NATIONALIST PARTY**

**"I feel we have gotten  
some progress in  
voting our officers."**

**Tevris Fitzgerald**

**STUART | FEDERALIST PARTY**

**"We are on our  
way to being more  
unified as a party."**



*Photos by Forrest Ansell*





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# CITIZEN on the street

How do you feel about your legislature's  
progress?



**Graham Young**  
PERSHING | SENATE

"We are really learning a lot.  
I really enjoyed it, and it  
is pretty awesome."



*Photos by Forrest Ansell*



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# The Idiot's Guide to Current Events

By **Benjamin Proffitt**

Events Editor - Washington City

Outside of wonderful, peaceful, Boy's State, all is not well in the world. Not that it ever has been, but it's been worse than normal lately.

The reason for this observation comes from recent news from Yemen, an area of much recent turmoil and embarrassing security issues.

The story goes that in the southern port city of Mukalla,

20 gunmen allegedly coordinated a 30-minute attack during which about 40 prisoners escaped into the untamed terrain of the Yemen countryside.

Note that this escape took place inside the main prison in Mukalla. Ergo, it should have had the best security. The reality is that they had the WORST security. Fort Knox security guards actually cried when they heard the news (which has never, EVER

happened before).

This editor can only hope that Yemen (or their security forces) looks for more effective ways of securing the bad guys. Because, unlike the now worthless comic book industry, the good guys rarely ever put the bad guys back in jail once they've escaped – Unless you're in the U.S.A. In that case, they don't escape to begin with.



*Photo taken from the internet*



# Who's The Best City?

By **Daniel Park**  
Managing Editor – Bradley City

Clad in your white shirt and navy shorts uniform, you walk through the streets of Liberty University. As you walk, synchronized, within the ranks of your city, you greet other cities, as everyone bakes under the hot Virginia sun. You try to get away from the boisterous shouts, the blistering heat, the chafe of your spiffy navy shorts, when it happens;

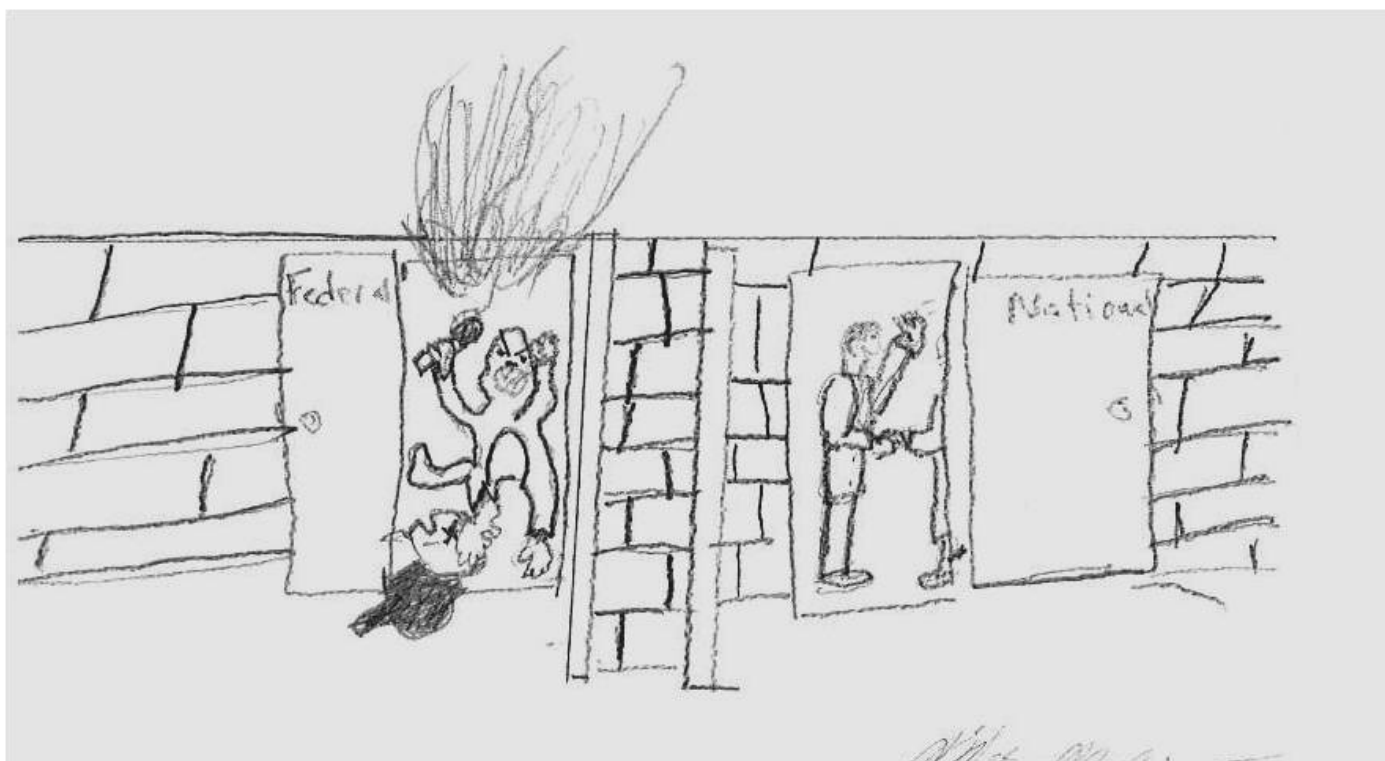
"WHO IS THE BEST CITY?"

What occurs next is a garbled disarray of voices that would make America's finest generals roll in their graves. People rise up and bang their hands together in attempts to create as much noise as possible. You are not at a football stadium, you are at a dome-shaped convention center, listening to a professor give a session. Each city will have to deal with certain pressures and obstacles on its way to the "Best City Award." Only time will tell the victor.

Every citizen of Boys State belongs to a certain city, and each city is encouraged to pit their finest men against each other in battle over debate, sports, and overall leadership. Cities start off with 1000 points, losing points through demerits and gaining points through achievements. At the end of the Boys State session, the city with the most points gains the coveted "Best City Award."

Each city has developed its own personal battle cry, from "We like Ike" to "Swool!" It is clear that the citizens of Boys State are very nationalistic and proud of their city, and will do everything they can to ensure that their city is crowned the victor.

Some mishaps have already occurred. Patton City had the pleasure of breaking the Best City Award Trophy during the pictures session. Each city will have to deal with certain pressures and obstacles on its way to the "Best City Award."







## *DeShawn Stewart - Gives Advice -*



Photo taken by Forrest  
Ansell

DeShawn *really* gets people. Send in any questions, problems, or curiosities you may have. This guy has all the solutions. Please do not hesitate to give your city reporter your anonymous entries and DeShawn might just answer you in tomorrow's *Gentlemen's Gazette*.

*Q: How do you make it as a black guy here with all these white people?*

*A: I'm not going to lie when I stepped off the bus I felt outnumbered, but there are a lot of people here so I don't see color any more.*

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# And now the ads begin...

## **Dickson Barry's Independent Governor Campaign Platform**

- Work hard, party harder.**
- Make the last days fun**
- Have a real legion toast**



**Vote Dickson! He's independent, but depends on you!**



# The Jam Is On

Gerry Jamison  
for Attorney  
General

“Democracy is worth dying for, because it's the most deeply honorable form of government ever devised by man”

-Ronald Reagan

“There is not a liberal America and a conservative America - there is the United States of America. There is not a black America and a white America and Latino America and Asian America - there's the United States of America.”

-Barack Obama

“Don’t mess with my cereal.”

-Ben Shwartz



**1<sup>st</sup> Place- Most under slept**



**By: [Name] | Date: [Date]**



# Daniel Park for Lieutenant Governor

*Funny!*

*Hard-working!*



*Smart!*

*Generous!*

*Asian!*

Daniel Park teaching a class at the Chikumbuso Orphanage in  
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to what you have to say. If you want to know  
about me or highlight an issue you are passionate  
in, hit me with your best ideas by texting me at  
703-347-1111.

# Karsten Coates

for  
Governor



## **Karsten Coates**

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# We all love Dickson Barry's Independent Governor Campaign.



**Put 'em in office!**

its punny!



# Tevris Fitzgerald for Lt. Governor



“Lets us all join together  
and Make this 69<sup>th</sup>  
session a  
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EUGENE COLEMAN III  
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- HE HAS A PILOT LICENSE
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- Vote Barry for Governor, its good for your health!
  - And they taste good.



*Vote for Dickson, he likes bears.*



# Karsten Coates

## For Governor



Karsten Coates needs your votes!  
I want your ideas.

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*A special letter to the Editor...*

KYLE

I hope you are having fun at Boys State. I can't believe we have to go an entire week without seeing each other. I'm going to miss your ~~to~~ rosey cheeks soooo much. I hope you win senator and even govenor! maybe your good looks and fresh style will win you some extra votes. I can't wait to see you on saturday so we can spend all day erreday together. This summer will be great once we both get back from this camp. I hope you are making some new friends, thankfully there are not any girls there because I know how big of a flirt you can be!

love,  
milo