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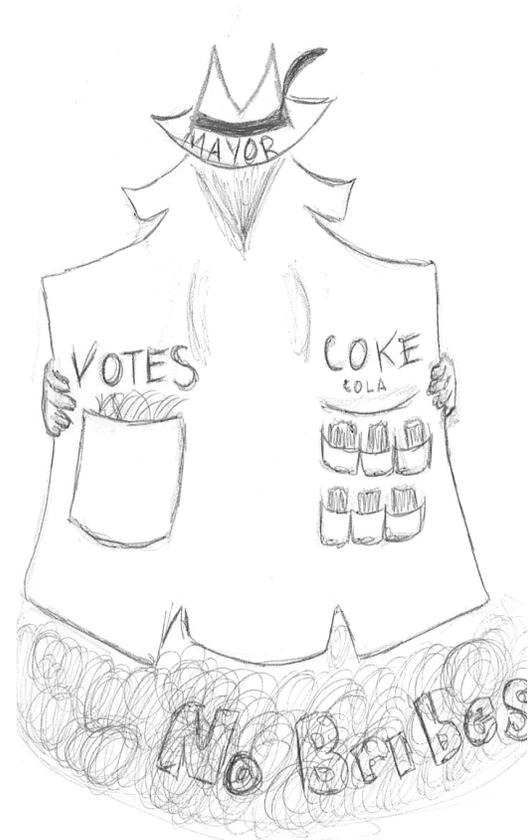
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Coca-Cola Corruption Crackdown

Henry City erupted last night at the emergence of a bribery scandal. Henry City's Nationalist mayoral candidate, Alex Lawson, corrupted the election process when the using Coca-Cola to bribe Nationalist citizens. During his speech to become the Nationalist mayor candidate, Lawson's supporters were guzzling Coca-Cola from plastic red cups completely aware of the fact that their vote had already been bought. Lawson referenced the Coca-Cola, or generosity, as a reason to elect him Mayor during his speech. Lawson's victory came in a landslide soon after each candidate finished his speech. Following the elections for each party in the city, three anonymous citizens from the Nationalist Party sought the assistance of the Henry City Counselors to oust Alex Lawson from his post as Henry City's Nationalist mayoral candidate. These men proclaimed that they not only viewed the bribery as intolerable, but pronounced their dislike for the mayoral candidate.

Given the opportunity to remove Mr. Lawson from office, Lawson's accusers used his charitable gift against him in order to eliminate him from office. When revealing the scandal their intent was to remove Alex Lawson as mayoral candidate and bring another Nationalist Party member to power.

Alerted of the situation, the Counselors interrogated Lawson about the charges. Reasons for why the meeting was taking place began to reach everyone. All Henry City residents expressed their shock at a scandal developing within the first 20 minutes of Lawson being elected a mayoral candidate. Timothy Gill, a resident of Henry City and Attorney General hopeful, conveyed his opinion on the situation, "I didn't think the Coke was for vote-garnering or ill intent." While many removed themselves from the situation, a small group of citizens disagreed hinting that Lawson brought the Coke to use as bribes for the citizens during elections.



The tension between the parties increased when the Federalist party members learned of the Nationalist's willingness to overlook the rules and give support to the highest bidder. Arguments emanated through doors about reelection. Mr. Lawson's position remains safe for now and brings up the point of future fraud, swindling, or dishonesty within other cities. Is he fit to stay in office? Is anyone in your city capable of this?

Counselor Spotlight 2

By Thomas Guss



Phil Leonard

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Phil Leonard, a Washington city counselor, first learned of Boys State while he was the sixteenth District Commander of the Northern Virginia American Legion. Over the past seven years, Phil has enjoyed his time serving as a counselor at Boys State. "Working with the youth is definitely my favorite part," Phil said, then added, "It is inspiring to see some of the top students from the school gather from across the state here." He recounted several stories about previous Boys State cities (not his of course), including one in which a participant hoisted himself into his dormitory ceiling and began climbing around until he accidentally fell through the ceiling into one of his counselors' rooms. "It is one of the craziest things that has ever happened here," he said, chuckling. He looks forward to the rest of his eighth year as a counselor at Boys State.

Superstar Sheriff

By Jack Kolb

As the 2012 session of Boys State kicks off, it seems that everyone is in a mad scramble to find out what position is right for them and where they will fit best. But for Patton City citizen Mahmoud Gamil of Egypt, it was a no-brainer that sheriff was the position for him. "I pretty much did the same thing in my school, so I thought I would be a good sheriff," said Gamil. Winning in a landslide election from his peers in the glorious Patton City, Gamil popped on the badge and shirt and began his reign as sheriff. Being a sheriff isn't all fun and games though; it's a lot of work waking up about 50 cranky citizens at six in the morning. As well as doing wake up, duty sheriffs must make sure every room is neat and tidy for inspection. So far, Gamil has been doing a superb job keeping the demerit count low for Patton City-- the city of wonder has accumulated an amazing 0 demerits.

The same cannot be said for the no-good ruffians over at Jackson. Gamil wasn't always destined to be Sheriff though; it was through a long, strange journey that Gamil ended up at Boys State. "I was at a conference in my school and I signed up for something I thought was NJORTC related," said Gamil. "Then in the summer my parents called me and said I had to go to Boys State." At first Gamil wasn't all too excited about attending Boys State: "I really didn't want to go," he said. But now after a taste of the action and being placed in the great city of Patton, Gamil couldn't feel more at home. "It's the best experience I've had in the summer so far."



"Shenanigans" Approved In James City

By Stephen Lewis, News Reporter

On only the second day of Boys State, the City of James has developed an unofficial law that allows for "shenanigans". Since city council members are not elected until Tuesday night, it cannot become an official law. However, it can be assumed that without counselor intervention, "shenanigans" will be allowed in the city after the elections. This decision was sparked by Thomas Locks; a Boys State citizen from Fredericksburg, VA, who opted to campaign for the position of James City sheriff on a "no shenanigans" policy. Locks lost the city sheriff election along with the city commissioner of revenue election on this strategy which, due to its ineffective nature, began to have a reverse effect on the citizens of the city.

Opponents of Locks began using a pro-shenanigans policy and experienced success. Popularity of the shenanigans law spread until it became nearly unanimous; even though Locks eventually was appointed to the city electoral board, he lost a fourth election, the Nationalist Party chairman election due mostly to his "no shenanigans" platform. The sheriff of James City, Hunter Guill, will certainly have his hands full trying to curb the onslaught of shenanigans. Many of these could possibly contradict the rules and regulations of Boys State. While no pranks have occurred to date, James City must be careful to keep any pranks or mischief within the rules of Boys State.



A Christian, Conservative, Republican

By Ian Sayers

This morning we were visited by a number of Virginia State delegates, one being Delegate Donald W Merriks. Merriks represents Virginia's 16th district and was first elected in 2008, replacing Robert Hurt. His district presides over most of south-side Virginia including Pittsylvania County where he was born and raised alongside his twin brother, Ron and older brother, Jay. Delegate Merriks graduated with honors from Tunstall High School, and he earned an Associate Degree in Business from Danville Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Averett University. In 1991, he received an MBA from Averett and also completed the School for Bank Administration through the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin.

Merriks serves on four committees in the house: the police and public safety committee, the counties, cities and towns committee, the health welfare and institutions committee, and the commerce and labor committee. He told the class that he had been brought into the political world by his friend who told him he had a "civic duty" to serve his community as a delegate. Merriks said that he is a Christian first, a conservative second, and a Republican third. To back up his statement he told us that he does what he thinks is best for the citizens of his state and district, and he votes on their behalf-- not always in favor of the Republican Party. He finished by saying that he is very open minded about most things and will remain so unless those things "fly in the face of the Bible."

Sports Break!

By Alexander Amico

Euro 2012 scores:

Sunday, June 17 – Group B: Portugal 2, Holland 1
Germany 2, Denmark 1
Monday, June 18 – Group C: Italy 2, Ireland 0
Spain 1, Croatia 0

Euro 2012 Upcoming Games:

Tuesday, June 19 – Group D: England v. Ukraine
Sweden v. France

NBA Finals Scores:

Sunday, June 17 – Miami Heat 91, Oklahoma City Thunder 85
Heat lead series 2-1

NBA Finals Upcoming Games:

Tuesday, June 19 – Miami Heat v. Oklahoma City Thunder

Major League Baseball Scores:

Sunday, June 17 – Baltimore Orioles 2, Atlanta Braves 0
New York Yankees 4, Washington Nationals 1

Monday, June 18 – New York Mets 5, Baltimore Orioles 0

MLB Upcoming Games:

Tuesday, June 19 – Baltimore Orioles @ New York Mets
Washington Nationals @ Tampa Bay Rays

Weather for the Week **4**

Tuesday	Hi: 88° Low: 66°
Wednesday	Hi: 93° Low: 68°
Thursday	Hi: 94° Low: 70°
Friday	Hi: 92° Low: 68°
Saturday	Hi: 87° Low: 66°
Sunday	Hi: 90° Low: 69°



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