



# THE BOYS STATEMENT

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## Mac Attack!

### Feds get clocks cleaned

By Matt Sills

The electricity in the atmosphere was palpable last night as the Federalists and the Nationalists geared up for their rallies and ultimately the election. With a hushed silence the evening's proceedings began. First came the Nationalists with an inspiring performance to pump up their supporters and win over the opposition. Apparently it worked as their Gubernatorial candidate, Ryan McCarthy, won the office by a bare seven- vote margin. The Nationalists also won nine more out of the twelve other spots up for grabs.

The new party has a hefty platform dealing with many current issues and the foresight to plan for future ones. The agenda will be difficult to cover, but shows maturity and a true depth of understanding on the issues troubling this state. First, they deal with the energy needs of the population giving nuclear energy as an example, citing it as inexpensive, safe, and clean. This ties in to their dedication to provide affordable housing for incoming immigrants. The Nationalists are taking the stance against gay marriages and for capital punishment. They also stand for organized gambling off the coast. A major part of the party's platform has to do with education. Standardized testing was offered as a means to evaluate students and school performance along with reducing class sizes and giving the superintendent more operational authority within his county. Caring for the old folks of this state, they are pro- Medicare, but realize that it is often taken advantage of and recognize its need for reform. To deal with the ever-present threat of hurricanes, a party policy has been adopted of swift response and relief. The gun- control laws of the state will undergo a new modification with the addition of a mental stability test, but do not be concerned, Nationalists side with the NRA in that it is the right of Americans to own firearms. In their minds, stem- cells should only be used if already available, and abortion is opposed except for the rare situations in which the mother's life is threatened.

with an interview of the new Governor.

BS: "Governor McCarthy, what singular issue do you plan to place priority on and why?"

BigMac: "Tomorrow we will be meeting in the E.O.C. Currently hurricanes plague Florida on all sides, and so that will be the issue taking precedence in the cabinet."

BS: "How are you going to juggle your personal convictions, party platform, and the wishes of the citizens of Boys State now that you're in office?"

BigMac: "When I ran my campaign, my party platform was to satisfy the other Nationalist candidates, so obviously my ideas will have to change."

BS: "Can you elaborate on which ideas, specifically?"

BigMac: "There are going to be key areas in the platform that will have to change, Lots of legislation will be coming in on Friday to be vetoed or signed, so I think I'll let the legislature dictate what needs to change. I will have to focus on education, healthcare, and city violence, though."

BS: "Are you going to appoint a bipartisan cabinet? Do you want an equal party representation or to have a "tiny cabinet" more cooperative to your ideas?"

BigMac: "I don't know if it will have equal representation but it will be bipartisan and it will be the best of both parties."

BS: "Thank you, and congratulations."

BigMac: "You're absolutely welcome, have a nice night."

So after a long but eventually successful campaign and an exciting night, the Nationalists have emerged on top. The new administration is moving in and unpacking their boxes at the capital. This morning we will see the newly elected leaders for the first time since the election rally. What the following days will hold is up in the air, but whatever happens will be done with a unified purpose and strong, qualified leaders.



# Blood in the Streets: Warfare Strikes Army County

*By Jeff Grosholz*

As I am still reeling from the devastating Federalist loss (congrats Greenwood, you beat me), I decided that I am not going to focus on politics, but rather on other matters happening around Boys State. It's ok Nats, you're safe for tonight.

Last night, as I returned to my floor from a long night in the pressroom, I heard a raucous commotion coming down the hall. When I arrived I was greeted by loud noises coming from up and down the hall. Apparently members from Air Force County had snuck into Army County and stolen certain items from Shannondale, namely their shower curtains and their guide-on. In an attempt to seek out the truth, I interviewed eyewitnesses from Seitzinger, as the members of Shannondale were unable to comment. After some searching, I found a reliable source, who has wished to remain anonymous. I will refer to him merely as The Human Citadel. After some prodding, The Human Citadel agreed to recap the whole story. This is for you Brian.

Apparently, The Citadel was just chilling there with the boys of Seitzinger, when all of the sudden banshees from Air Force County came flying down Shannondale Hall. The lead guy had Shannondale's guide-on in his hand, and as he attempted to round the corner to go downstairs, his sandal flew off due to its poor traction. As he started to fall, The Citadel clotheslined him with a trademark Seitzinger Slam, knocking him into the ground. As he threw the guide-on into the air, another member from Air Force County came barreling behind his leader, and using a Superman dive, went parallel to the ground and grasped the guide-on with his fingertips. Crazy. As he took off running, my good friend Brian Green showed up, and with his bulging muscles scared the Air Force thief into turning around. Suddenly, from out of a "glowing mist," the nine foot, six and a half inch Jonathon "the giant" Brewer appeared, and with his humongous arms, lifted the two boys off the ground and stared them down with his laser eyes. The thieves then proceeded to defecate on themselves, successfully soiling their pants. Jonathon let them go, they left with their tails between their legs, and as TAPS played, everyone went to bed. The events spoken of here happened exactly as reported, or something like that.

So, as you can see, a spree of petty crimes has broken out through Boys State. This situation begs me ask the question why. Why steal from our brothers? Rather than steal, let us unite under our new Governor, the esteemed Ryan McCarthy.

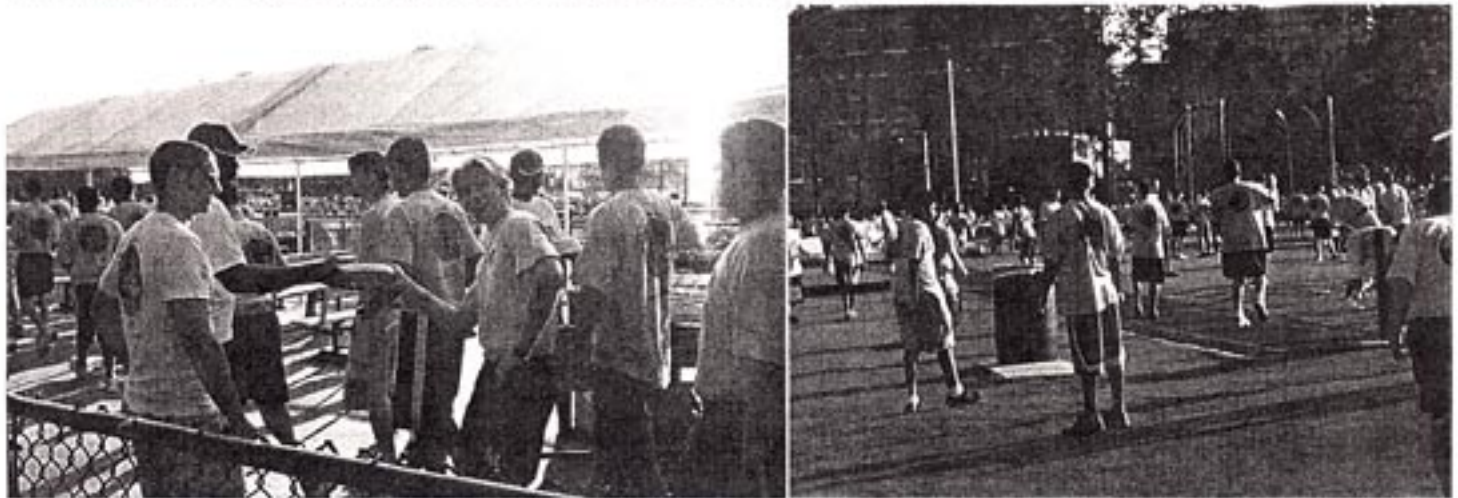
## Boys State sets world record!

*By Cody Streveler*

What an awesome day to set a world record of the largest simultaneous Frisbee toss in the world! Okay, some people were complaining that it was a bit hot and humid out this morning, but it was a great day nonetheless.

Each Boys State citizen and numerous visitors were issued one "regulation sized flying disk". Excitement was felt throughout the field, and for many this was their first world record. They were allotted an hour to practice their Frisbee skills and get all warmed up to throw for the record. Tom Seitzinger initiated the countdown, and 655 flying disks were tossed out onto the FSU track infield. 582 of those made the qualifications for the world record. Aside from the Capital Press Corps, there were personnel from various newspapers and TV stations from around the area.

It seemed that there was more anticipation for the dodge ball tournament than the Frisbee toss. The games were exciting, and they were also quite competitive. The tournament wound down to having Knight's Station and Hendry Place in the finals. After quite a match, Knight's Station won the title. Congratulations Knight's Station on the great win.



# Arias vs. McCarthy

By Jesse Dillon

Sitting in the crowd during the party rallies, this reporter (who carries a yellow federalist tag) couldn't help but feel completely overwhelmed by just how brutally defeated we were by the Nationalists in terms of energy, support, and success. As the governor's debate was being set up, I couldn't help but feel that without a strong showing by Federalist candidate Danny Arias, us "Feds" were in trouble. The Nationalists remarked, "besides being biased" (A paraphrase, I could be mistaken), they still love the press? Well, we were never bias, we just report the facts. Facts are facts. Here you go.

Hosting the debate was Boys Statement Editor-in-Chief Frank Martinez. The debate began with words from Ryan McCarthy, supplying generic, half-inspiring quotes expected from a high school student. Danny Arias was then able to speak a few words, but his pacing and particularities seem to alienate the reckless, still reeling crowd.

What transpired next was certainly anti-climatic. A good, but somewhat lacking performance by Danny Arias left me wondering how he'd look in the eyes of the voters. What's worse is that McCarthy's performance, though perhaps on the safe side, seemed to have immediate and positive response from the audience. It would come to no surprise to me if the word of the day for Ryan was "simplicity", to not intimidate the audience with details and to just say what's on his mind in a clear and focused manner.

When it was all said and done, I felt a bit melancholy. Taking nothing away from Danny or his Federalist partners, Ryan McCarthy and the "Nats" provided a better platform, a clear and concise vision of who they were and what they were about, and definitely captured unity and support from the audience.

The Nationalists fought dirty from the crowd, that's no argument, and probably a statement they'd appreciate. At every opportunity it seemed, the Nationalist members (and some now-defunct Feds) pressed their opinions onto us all with shouts and energy. Whether the ruckus provided a mental block for the Fed's or not, is debatable.

The Federalist platform, as best outlined by Governor Nominee Danny Arias, was at best broad and unfocused. Danny decided to think and construct his thoughts before speaking, while Ryan McCarthy appeared especially prepared, quick, and poised.

Let it be no mistake, the Nationalists and Federalists both supplied two VERY GOOD and VERY QUALIFIED candidates, both of which could easily enter office and do a wonderful job. The entire Boys State commends both of these great candidates and competitors for their hard work and recognizes the bright futures both have. Ryan McCarthy most definitely is the victor of the debate.

## Outrageously Severe Weather Report!

By Jesse Dillon

In a disastrous chain of events, Hurricane Rachel is on a direct collision course with Florida Boys State. The tropical storm reached Hurricane level earlier this afternoon, with the following results: A Hurricane Watch has now been issued for all southern Florida Boys State areas, with a Tropical Storm Watch in effect for all remaining regions.

We urge you to immediately contact your elected officials and start constructing evacuation plans. How you plan on dealing with this storm is VERY important and VERY urgent. Maximum sustained winds have reached 96 mph, and [www.weatherchannel.com](http://www.weatherchannel.com) confidently predicts winds will continue to increase.



All southern Florida Boys State areas are to experience higher tides of 14-18 feet above normal and rainfall amounts of 10 to 15 inches.

**IMPORTANT:** Hurricane Rachel is expected to reach the **SOUTHEAST FLORIDA BOYS STATE COAST** no later than **THURSDAY**. Take the appropriate precautions, and **BE CAREFUL**.

## The Big Cheese

By Frank Martinez

State elections have ended with quite a bang, and the only the best of the best have prevailed. Everybody should congratulate those who have won state positions for their effort and persistent campaigning. The following are the winners of each State position:

- Governor-Elect:** Ryan McCarthy (N)
- Lieutenant Governor:** John Zajicek (N)
- Attorney General:** Frank Sardinah III (F)
- Chief Financial Officer:** Tahir Jolly (N)
- Commissioner of Agriculture:** Justin Moses (N)
- Chief Justice:** Alex Wang (N)
- Justices:** Joe Herro (N)
  - Raymond Clay III (N)
  - George Burnas (N)
  - Kirby Ryan III (N)
  - Anthony Jean III (N)
  - Steven Crudele (N)
- Clerk of the Court:** Alan Baker, Jr. (F)
- Marshall of the Court:** William Elliot (F)

# Boys State Top Ten

By Chase Eveleth

This week, many of the citizens have experienced some moments that have made their trip to Florida Boys State a worthwhile experience. Here are some of the interesting answers:

10. Learning a.k.a. Nap Time
9. Jeb Bush a.k.a. The Gvnuh
8. Sleep (I'm talking about the time for this written on the schedules)
7. Witnessing the ignorance of some people..... (no comment)
6. Remembering what girls look like. The walking paths chosen seem to be utilized to tease all of the guys here. Some here, however, have felt the sting of wrath from the females in the dorms across from the Ruby Diamond.
5. Free time. Along with sleep, this is used to accomplish #6.
4. Florida is spelled wrong on the majority of ribbons awarded.
3. "Victory. Victory at all costs."
2. "Grits and Cookies."
1. The strongest and closest Boys State election in recent years

This picture shows Adam Shores "talking" with Eva Baxter who is with the Governor's Office. Just what are his intentions?



## The Dirt

### Walker City and a bit of Mimbs Creek v. Glover City

By Frank Martinez

There is some great dirt this time around, but before that here is an update on the Mimbs Creek v. Glover City issue. Mayor Miller Townsend of Mimbs Creek states, "We are definitely still pursuing the case against Glover City, but as of right now we have more important things to attend to like the party rally. Hopefully, we will have some time Thursday or Friday to have a fair and speedy trial to bring them to justice." If this case takes place, then it will most definitely be interesting to watch.

Now for the information everyone has been waiting for. An anonymous birdie was questioned about Walker City and the recent crimes that have happened around Boys State. Here is what he had to say:

Q: Has Walker City been committing all of the crimes like stealing shower curtains and guide-ons that the other Boys State Citizens have been hearing about?

A: There have been crimes committed by Walker City, but not all of them were. I do not know about the shower curtains.

Q: Was it Walker City that caused all of the Boys State citizens to wake up at 11:00 PM because of stealing?

A: It was presumed that Walker City was the culprit of stealing the laundry bags of Wehrli City because we had a reputation of stealing. We were yelled at, but the laundry bag was found outside of Walker City. We were apologized to, though.

It seems that Walker City is innocent in this case, but will all of this stealing stop? Is the birdie lying? Why was the laundry bag outside of Wehrli City? Stay tuned for more articles!