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The Truth Behind Halloween

When we think of Halloween we usually think of a spooky night filled with kids, candy, and costumes. But the true origins of this eerie October holiday is believed to date back to ancient Celtic traditions. The roots of Halloween go back to before the Europeans even arrived in North America. Halloween is believed to have started off as the ancient Celtic tradition of Samhain (sow-in), the three-day harvest festival which marked the end of the harvest season and the beginning of the darker half of the year in Gaelic culture. People used the time to harvest as many crops as they could to prepare for the winter. These ancient people also believed that October 31st was the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead. It was a night in which these two realms were believed to overlap and the deceased would come back to life and cause havoc such as sickness or dying crops.

On the day of the Samhain, young people would go from house to house asking for offerings of food and fire kindling for the festival. This is was one of the earliest forms of what would become trick-or-treating. The next day they would extinguish the hearth fires in their homes, and gather together on hilltops to create huge bonfires. These bonfires burned offerings, such as crops and animal bones, to the gods. In fact, the word bonfire comes from the words bone and fire. Other offerings were personal and symbolic items. It was believed that when these were burnt, they would revive that person from illness and bad fortune. The sacred bonfires were believed to chase bad spirits away from the people close to them.

In addition to the ancient Samhain traditions, the Gaels also wore costumes. They were made of animal heads and skins and were believed to scare the evil spirits so they would not be harmed. Others wore disguises such as ghosts so they could blend in with the deceased spirits and not be noticed.

Another major Halloween tradition in America today is carving pumpkins. This tradition was brought to the U.S. by the Irish. However, the Irish did not carve pumpkins, but instead carved turnips and rutabagas. We do not use turnips today because back in the new world, gourds and turnips were very scarce, thus the preferred vegetable was the pumpkin. The reason people started carving vegetables was because of the story of Stingy Jack.

In short, Stingy Jack was a drunkard and manipulator who was known for his horrible deeds. As

the ancient story goes, Jack was at a bar and encountered the devil. Jack knew the devil was there to claim his soul for his many sins. Jack tricked the devil and stalled his inevitable trip to hell. When Jack eventually died he was not let into heaven because of these deeds. He was also denied entrance to hell because of what he did to the devil. The devil tossed him a candle in pity to find his way back to the living world. Because it was hot, Stingy Jack put the flame inside a stolen turnip that he carried with him. According to legend, Stingy Jack will eternally roam the earth without a resting place, with only his lit turnip to light his way in the darkness.

The Evolution of Halloween

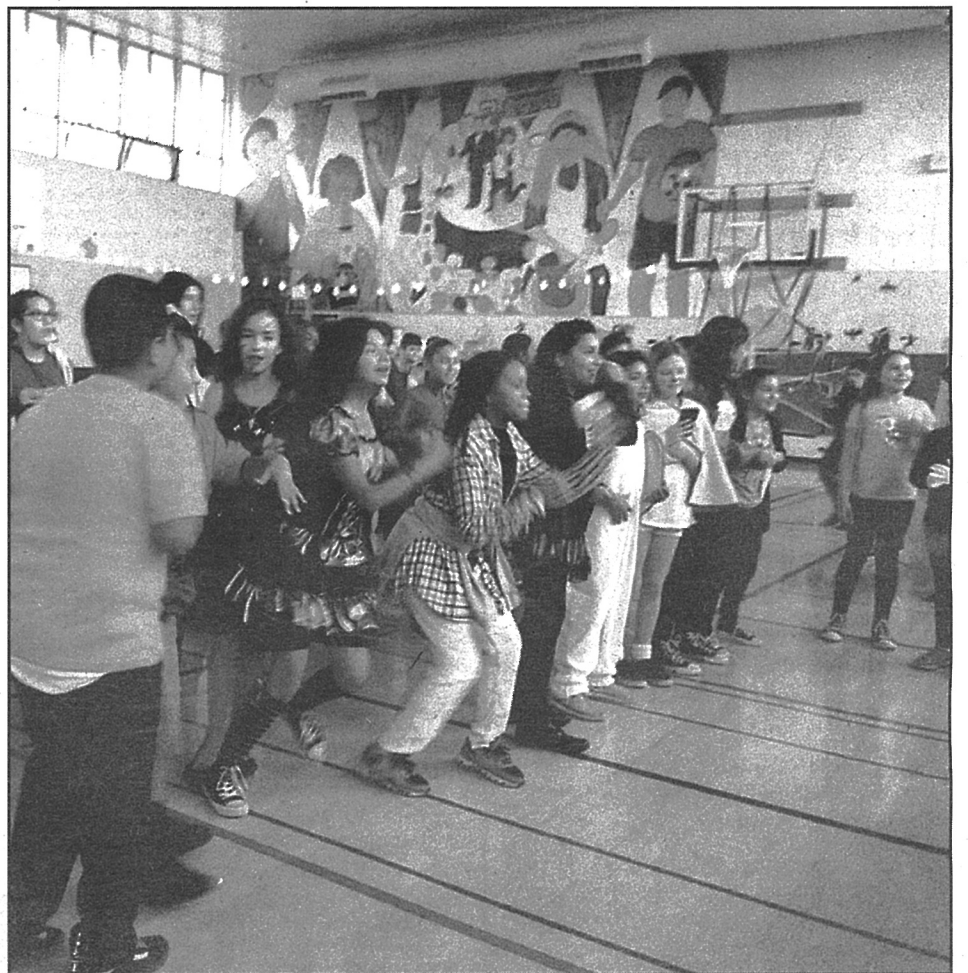
In 43 AD the Romans conquered the majority of Celtic territory. There, the traditions evolved and so did the name. The Roman Catholic church co-opted the tradition of Samhain. By now, it was know as "All Hallows Day." The day before "All Hallows Day" was known as "Hallows Eve." This was eventually shortened into Halloween.

The tradition of trick or treating dates back to medieval British practices known as souling and guising. The "tricks," a lesser part of Halloween today, comes from the tradition of guising. When guising, children would dress up in costumes and go to people's houses and offer dancing, singing, or jokes in return for food, money, and wine.

The treat part of trick or treating comes from souling. On All Souls Day on Nov. 2 the needy would beg for small cakes called soul cakes. In return, they would pray for other people's dead relatives. Today, trick or treating is a combination of the two.

Halloween Comes to America

In early American history Halloween was not a very common tradition. It wasn't until the the 19th century when there was a mass amount of Irish immigrants due to the devastating consequences of the Irish Potato Famine, that the tradition became popular. Scottish immigrants also brought their traditions of bobbing for apples and pumpkin carving. In these early days, Halloween was far more "trick" than "treat" oriented. Children would play tricks and pranks on people. In the 1910s, the first Halloween costumes were made. They were made out of paper, so they could be easily disposed. Pranks continued to get worse. In the 1920s people were flipping cars and setting fires. The paper costumes also evolved and were upgraded with cheap cloth costumes. It wasn't until the mid-twentieth century that people began giving out goodies to



Taken by: Rista White

The Hoover dance is very exciting and fun with a lot of great recent tunes to dance to. Everyone is enjoying the company of their friends.

prevent falling victim to tricks. After this, Halloween only grew and grew. Better quality costumes began being sold; and because of a couple incidents that caused distrust in homemade treats, commercial packaged candy became a common Halloween hand out.

Today, halloween has become less about ancient traditions and spooky spirits and more about kids, candy, and most of all huge business. This year alone,

more than 171 million Americans celebrated Halloween. The total spending expected this year was \$8.4 billion and the average person is predicted to have spent over \$80. Think back to the beginning of the article- how Halloween started out as a serious and not-so-bubbly-and-fun holiday. First it was a Celtic harvest festival, then a day of pranks and begging for food, and now one of kids' favorite holidays, Halloween.

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Halloween Dance!

Insider:

Friday, October 28th, our school hosted our annual Halloween Dance. The dance had such a magnificent turnout. There was great music, awesome decorations, and lots of people to pump up the liveliness of the night.

For planning, supporting, and hosting this successful event, we would like to acknowledge the hard work of the Leadership class

for such great decorations. We would also like to thank Mrs.Rejbrand, Ms. Hochman, and Ms. Dimas for organizing the dance, as well as DJ Donnie D for playing fabulous music at the dance- it sure got everyone dancing and on their feet! Don't forget, we also owe a big thank you to Mr.McCloskey, Mr.Bell, Mr.Correa, and all the teachers and staff that came and helped out that night.

Lots of people were swaying to

the music and having a good time. Adding to the festive environment were the marvelous costumes many students were sporting, and the glow sticks and great food.

If you have any thoughts or opinions on how the Halloween Dance went, or have any ideas on how we can improve, feel free and please do share them by writing a note and depositing in the Dear Herbie box, located in the Media Center/Library.



Yamilka Frometa: We asked Yamilka what she thought was one thing good about the dance. She stated that she loved the dancing. We also asked her what she thought could be improved for the next dance. She responded, saying that everything was great, and that she wouldn't change a thing. She also added that she liked how everyone danced and was active.



Yazmin Garcia: We asked Yazmin what was one thing that she enjoyed at the dance. She said that she loved dancing with her friends. We also asked what was one thing that could be improved for the next time we have a dance. Yazmin replied that we needed plates for the pizza which was delicious anyway. We asked her if there was anything that she would add anything to the dance. Yazmin said that since she already loved the playlists that the DJ played, there could've been more songs played.



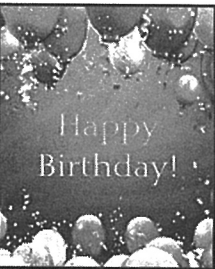
Sophia Ica: We asked Sophia what was one thing that she enjoyed about the dance, she replied that there were no profanities in the music. She wanted to improve the dance by making it go on for a longer time. Sophia had a lot of fun at the dance. She said that she wanted to have an official pick-up station.

Happy

B-day!

Dear Herbie

Please help me. I need advice...



November Birthdays

- 7 Torres, James 11/1
- 7 Bailey, Lily 11/1
- 7 Grouev, Nikole 11/1
- 6 Bravo, Anthony 11/1
- 6 Villalobos, Christian 11/1
- 6 Cuadros, Angle 11/2
- 7 Young, Elena 11/2
- 8 Morales, Cesar 11/3
- 8 Valtierra Lule, Bianca 11/3
- 7 Ochoa, Julian 11/4
- 8 Wirth, Galilee 11/4
- 7 Leal, Ian 11/5
- 6 Young, Jolee 11/5
- 7 Soriano, Isac 11/6
- 8 Campos Bonilla, Denise 11/7
- 8 Zamora Matadamas, Ariana 11/8
- 7 Reyes Alvarado, Miranda 11/8
- 7 Garcia Arellano, Michelle 11/9
- 8 Dominguez, Esther 11/9
- 6 Reglado Rodríguez ,Chelsea 11/9
- 6 Zamora, David 11/10
- 7 Noriega, Xavier 11/11
- 8 Cruz Medrano, Jacquelin 11/11
- 6 Quanz, Graciela 11/12
- 8 Million Robles, Lieth 11/13
- 6 Nava, Leslie 11/13
- 7 Hernandez Martinez, Caroline 11/14
- 7 G Michael, Natnael 11/14
- 7 Serna Rodriguez, Jennifer 11/16
- 6 Wiens, Jacob 11/18
- 7 Gonzalez Itrubide, Jade 11/18
- 6 Vasquez ,Carlos 11/18
- 7 Tzul Luevano, Christian 11/18
- 7 Vargas, Emiliano 11/19
- 8 Alonso-Nunez, Jonathan 11/19
- 8 Guda, Yosef 11/19
- 7 Melendrez Jimenez, Eduardo 11/19
- 6 Thomas, America 11/19
- 7Hernandez Mendoza, Stephanie 11/20
- 6 Tillman, Lillith 11/21
- 6 Van Bennett, Madeleine 11/22
- 7 Haythorpe, Joyous 11/23
- 8 Zamora Loya Luis, Pablo 11/23
- 7 Wolf, Angelina 11/23
- 6 Ramirez Jose, Alfredo 11/23
- 7 Majors, Darwin 11/24
- 8 Lima Romero, Jairo 11/24
- 8 Ramirez Jose, Mireya 11/24
- 8 Keeney, Noah 11/24
- 8 Martinez, Adulfo 11/25
- 8 Panganiban, Mason 11/25
- 7 Galvan, Valerie 11/24
- 7 de Leon Alvarez, Vivian 11/25
- 6 Moisa, Aliya 11/25
- 6 Floriani, Devin 11/25
- 7 Escobar Gonzalez ,Adalberto 11/29
- 6 Hewitson, Alexandra 11/29
- 7 Vander Zee, Anja 11/29
- 6 Ruiz, Brenna 11/30
- 6 Varelas Nieves, Alexis 11/30

Dear Herbie,

My best friend and I got into a big fight. We've been friends for four years. Our fight been going on for two weeks and every time I say hi or anything she says she is busy. I miss her so much and I just want to be friends again because I don't know what I'd do without her. Please help me!

Signed,
Best Friendless and Sad

Dear Best Friendless and Sad,

We should always apologize for our part in a disagreement, despite which end of the argument we believe was ours. I think you should tell your friend exactly what you told me. You have been friends for four years and you don't know what you would do without her. Explain to her how important her friendship is to you and how much it means to you that you fix this problem together. Ask her for her point of view and explain yours so that you two can compromise and go back to being the great friends that you are.

Dear Herbie,

My mom yells at me more than she talks to me. I have tried to talk to her about this many times, however, each time she just yells more. She says that I deserve it and I used to believe that, but I don't think so anymore. She does the guilt trip thing a lot too, about doing so much for me and I am not doing anything for her, etc. If I do clean the closet, she'll respond with, "You won't ever do it again" and I get no appreciation whatsoever for all the things I do. I am not rude, I don't talk back even when she is yelling. I have awesome grades. I do not make a mess, and I have never been in trouble at school. I can't even talk to her about things I am going through anymore because all she does is yell, yell, yell. She is fifty percent of the reason that I am sinking into depression again, and when I told her this (about three times) she knocked me completely aside. Please help me!

Signed,
Mommy Issues

Dear Mommy Issues,

It sounds like you and your mom are both going through hard times. These situations can be difficult because each person doesn't or can't see the other person's side of the story completely. I think you should do



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Fun Fact: Hawks have eight times better eyesight than humans.

something with your mom that you can both enjoy. Maybe offer her some tea or go for a walk. Whatever it is, along the way try to create a compromise with your mom. Perhaps, you can make a weekly to-do list to make sure you are helping out as much as possible. This can help take some of the pressure off your mom. If after your compromise your mom still seems stressed, it's a good idea to talk to other people you trust. Family, a close friend, or your school's counselor can be a good start.

Hawks, if you have any problems or concerns, don't hesitate to ask me! I'm always ready to give advice to those who need it. I'm always here for you. You can drop off your Dear Herbie questions and concerns in the box in the library. :-)

-Herbie

Sports Update

One spirit, One team, One win

Sports Update

Fellow Hoover Hawks, this is the sports column where you can find all the sports information you need!

Hoover Sports Teams:

Wrestling Team- The wrestling team, coached by John Soto, has been practicing daily. The meets have been occasionally on weekdays and the tournaments on the weekends.

Baseball Team- The baseball team has had their practices on Wednesdays and their games on Saturdays at Herman Middle School. Mr. Lilly, Hoover's athletic director and one of Hoover's P.E. teachers, coaches the baseball team.

Basketball Teams- The 6th/7th grade boys and girls basketball teams have been holding their practices Mondays and Wednesdays. They're playing their games right now on Tuesdays and Thursdays against Burnett Middle School, Willow Glen Middle School and River Glen Middle School basketball teams. The 8th grade girls basketball team has tryouts December 7th.

Boys Soccer Team- The boy's soccer team's season started the 17th of October- Dec. 2

Upcoming Events:

Soccer Teams- The girls soccer teams have their tryouts on December 5th and 6th. Make sure to turn in your physical packet as soon as possible. It has to be turned in before tryouts.

Basketball Teams-The 8th grade boys and girls basketball teams have their tryouts on December 7th; the season ends February 5th. All girls basketball teams will be coached by Mr. Galicia, one of Hoover's P.E. teachers. All boys basketball teams will be coached by Eric Cordova.

Don't be afraid to try out, and have fun! For any information about any sport you can go see Mr. Lilly.

Are you interested in being on the wrestling team? If you are and have questions get all information from John Soto.

If you have any questions contact the Athletic Director, and P.E. Coach, Mr. Lilly, at alilly@sjusd.org.

Teacher Spotlight

Mr. Lilly was Leadership's first lucky teacher to get interviewed. We asked him, "How did you feel about being teacher of the year?" His response was, he was shocked and surprised and that there was so many deserving teachers that could have earned that award. The next question we asked him was, "What sports did you coach?" "I coached cross country, baseball track and field. I really enjoyed it," he replied. We were also wondering more about sports. We asked him, "What new sports do you think we should add to Hoover?" Mr. Lilly said,

that he would add tennis and lacrosse. We also wanted to know if he enjoyed being a P.E. teacher and why. Mr. Lilly said that he enjoys the staff and interacting with students. After telling him the last question we asked him if he was proud to be a coach of so many teams. His response was, "Yes I was, I am proud of coaching so many teams and it's something I feel is very important." "What is your favorite sport?" We asked him. "What's my favorite sport, I enjoy all sports but if I had to choose one, I would choose baseball. Since we were curious we asked him why he was coaching so many sports. "Good question, I feel like I wanted to help out the teams and it is something I enjoy doing" he responded. Another thing we wondered about is why did Mr. Lily decide to be a PE coach? His response was, "I think the Hoover sports program have given students an opportunity to play different sports that we have to offer." Something we all were wondering was what sports was Mr. Lily planning on teaching this year. The answer he gave us was, "I am doing cross country, baseball, track and field." Last but not least, the question we all needed to know was what is one of the things Mr. Lily liked doing for his students? He told us, "My favorite thing to do for students at Hoover is dancing for them".

In the Major Leagues...

-See what's going on around you-

On Wednesday, November 2, 2016, the Chicago Cubs ended the longest World Series drought in Baseball history. It was 108 years ago, back in 1908, that the Cubs last won. Now they have come back to write a new World Series into their history.

They won the game 8-7, beating the Cleveland Indians in the 10th inning.

Meanwhile, 49ers fans despair as they see another loss, losing to the New Orleans Saints 41-23. However, Raiders won 30-20 over the Denver Broncos.

In Hockey news, the Sharks are currently 6-6 and 3rd in the Pacific division. They recently lost to the Pittsburgh Penguins, 5-0.

Also in Hockey news, the San Jose Barracuda are 3-2 and 4th in their division. They recently beat the San Antonio Rampage 3-1.

Student Story Featuring: The Alley

By: Ava K Samatua

He crept along the brick walls of the alley off 6th street, hidden by his black trench coat and the shadows that cast down upon him. His footsteps were the only sounds to be heard, pattering in the shallow puddles from the rain, echoing off the walls.

The alley was narrow and long, the grey walls beginning to rust red. Running through the walls were cracks, some meeting each other, some leading to dead ends. Tall buildings beside him seemed never ending and distant. Surprisingly they still stood, considering they'd been vacant for a couple decades. But the cracks suggested that they wouldn't stay that way for long.

His feet stopped before the camouflaged door hidden in the wall. His hand slipped out of his pocket and reached for the door handle. Grasping it, he pulled it upwards to reveal a keypad. He punched in the code, and the door slowly creaked open.

He stepped through the door frame to see a dimly lit room. A couch decorated the inside, along with a fridge filled with beer. On the couch was the man he was looking for. He walked over to the fridge and got himself a beer, not bothering to get one for the man.

Sitting on the torn leather couch, he took a sip of his bitter beer and set it on the poker table behind him.

"Did you do it?" He asked the man.

A nervous aura soon settled around him and he slowly shook his head no and started to fiddle with his hands. Beads of sweat fell from his forehead, dripping onto his nose.

"Ah, and you know what that means," He said. Then, he pulled out a sharp dagger and slowly twirled it between his fingers.

"P-please don't do this," The man pleaded. But he wouldn't have it.

"You knew what the consequences would be if you didn't complete your mission. Now you shall go on no more."

To be continued...

Horoscopes: a diagram of the heavens

Here are horoscopes, just in case you were wondering :)

Horoscopes are very interesting! Do you know yours? The Aries sign is for people who have a birthday between March 21- April 19. If this is yours, you look more at the big picture of long term goals. If your b-day is from April 20 - May 20, your sign is Taurus. A piece of advice is don't be too rigid in your thinking or planning because you might want to make changes later. The Gemini sign is for those who have a birthday from May 21- Jun. 20. Here's some advice, you can speak first, but let yourself be pursued. Another sign is a Cancer. If your birthday is from Jun. 21- Jul. 22: relax, be more comfortable with new contact, and surround yourself with a few more favorite things. Your birthday's from Jul. 23rd- Aug. 22nd? You're a Leo! Professional interests should be going well, as well as any personal projects. A Virgo sign represents people who have birthdays from Aug. 23rd- Sep. 22nd. You could possibly feel especially passionate during your birthday, so a romantic evening with that special someone would be particularly enjoyable. A Libra has their birthday from Sep. 23- Oct. 22. Libra, some insider about you is that your intuition is particularly strong right now, and you could pick up too much of the thoughts and feelings of others, even strangers. A Scorpio has birthdays from Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Scorpions finalize everything which could involve a lot of running around in the car and meeting with other people. A Sagittarius has birthday's from Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You have events that happen to you which would seem you have no control over. It seems as if events seem to be coming together to make things happen for you. Is your birthday from Dec. 22 - Jan. 19? You're a Capricorn! Your energy is probably high today, almost to the point where you feel you might be able to run a marathon! Exercising or participating in sports could also be appealing. Aquarius is interesting, your birthday is between January 20 and February 18. You should be feeling especially confident. You're likely to have a stronger influence on others than usual. The last sign is the Pisces. This sign represents people who have a birthday in between February 19 and March 20. You have both the physical energy and the inner power to make things happen, so you should make the most of it. We hope that you were able to find your horoscope!

Puns, Jokes, and Riddles!

Ha Ha Ha!!

Riddles:
I'm tall when I'm young, I'm short when I'm old. What am I?
Candle / Pencil

A girl was ten on her last birthday, and will be twelve on her next birthday. How is this possible?
Today is her eleventh birthday

Punny Jokes:
I used to hate math, but then I realized decimals have a point.

What do you get when you cross a bird with a comedian? JAY LENO!

Why do hummingbirds hum? Because they don't know the words.

Two vultures were in the desert eating a dead clown. The first vulture asks the second vulture: "Does this taste funny to you?"

I was struggling to figure out how lightning works, then it struck me.

I wondered why my geometry class was always tired. They were all out of shape. (It's 4n to me)

How do crazy people go through the forest? They take the psycho path.

What did the fish say when he hit a concrete wall? 'Dam'.

Q: Why didn't the skeleton go to the ball?
A: Because he had no BODY to go with.

Q: What's a room a ghost doesn't need?
A: A living room!

"Mommy, everyone says I look like a werewolf." "Please be quiet and comb your face."

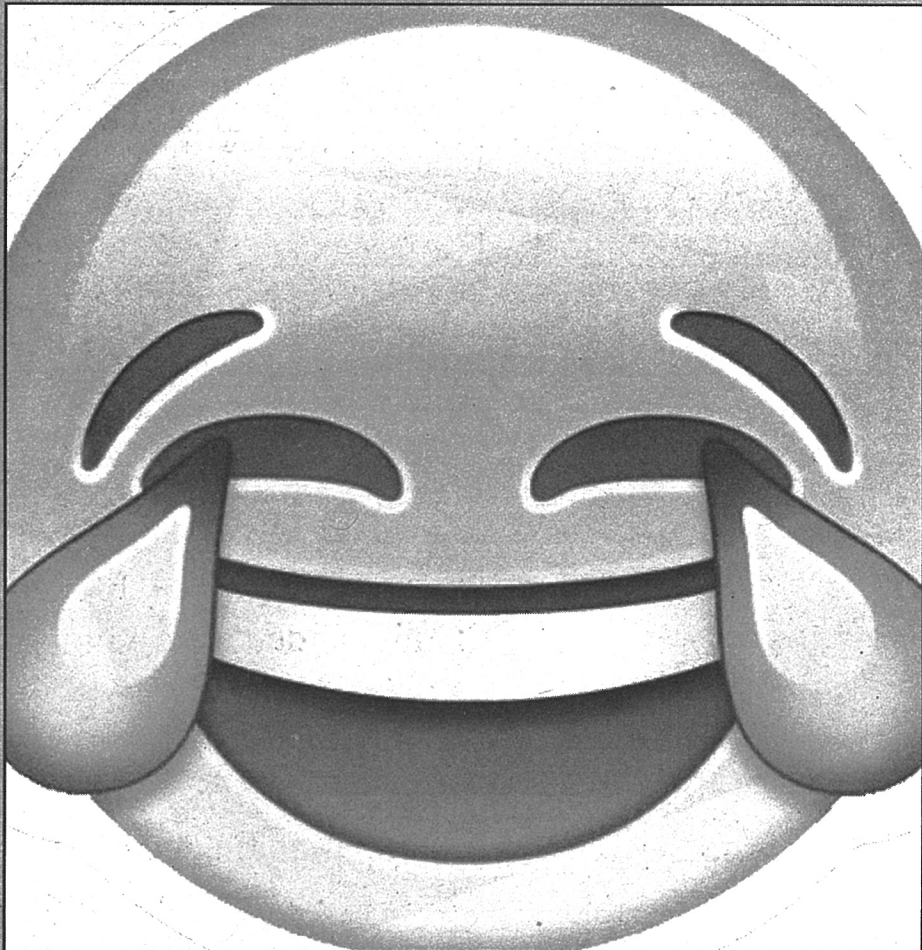
Which vehicle is spelled the same forwards and backwards? Racecar

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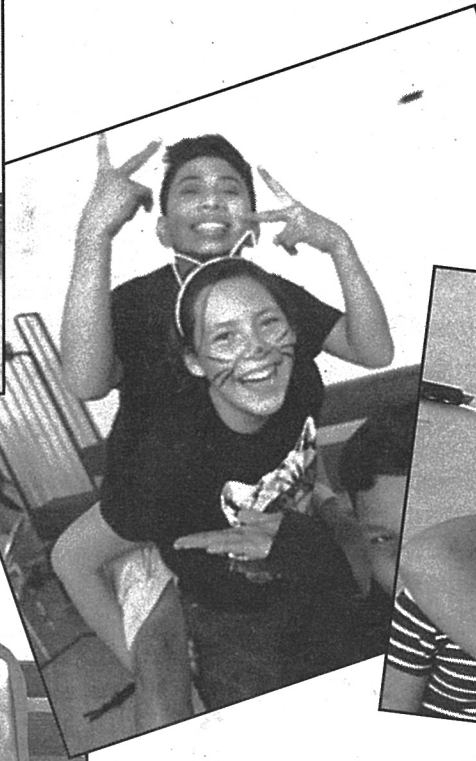
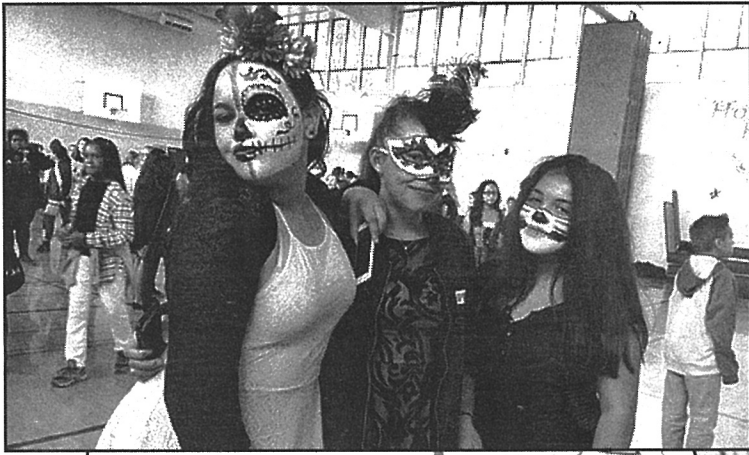
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laughing uncontrollably hard, bursting into laughter, having a great deal of happiness

Crack up:



Hoover Memories: First dance of the 2016-17 School Year
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