

CHOOSING OUR LEADERS: DO WE NEED A NEW WAY?

Insider on Electoral Votes

The Electoral College: Is it Time For a Change?

As most people know, the 2016 election was a roller coaster that ended in a way many did not predict. You have probably heard people referring to the past election as "rigged" or unfair. Most of these accusations are aimed at the Electoral College, or the system we use to elect the president and vice president of the United States. To understand the controversy of the Electoral College we must understand how the system works.

The Electoral College, surprisingly, is an odd topic because many Americans, especially minors, do not understand it. This is an epidemic because it's the way we decide the fate of our country. But, do we really decide it? The answer is: kind of. When you or your parents go to the polls every four years to vote, you are not voting for the next president or vice president of the United States. You are voting for the person you want your state's electors to vote for.

How Does it Work?

Essentially, the Electoral College is a process of voting by state electors. When you or your parents go to the polls to vote, it is to many people's surprise, that you are not voting for the next president. You are actually voting for how electors should use your state's electoral votes. This is the beginning of the process known as the Electoral College.

The Electoral College was adopted in 1787. Its purpose was and still is to give smaller states an advantage and make sure all citizens' voices are heard. It also serves as a compromise between the congress and the citizens' popular vote in electing the president. In short, the Electoral College is a collection of 538 votes that determine the next president. These 538 votes are divided among the states. Each state receives a certain number of votes based on population. The number of votes each state receives is the number of representatives they have in Congress. The Congress is comprised of the senate and the house of representatives. Each state receives 2 Senators and the number of representatives proportional to their population. Each state is guaranteed at least one representative, regardless of its size. This and the fact that the Electoral College is a winner takes all system contributes to its controversy. Take California for example- we have 55 electoral votes, the most in the nation. If a candidate receives the majority of electoral votes, he or she receives all 55 electoral votes. On election night you may often hear the phrase "the race to 270". This means that the first candidate to get 270 or just over half of 538 electoral votes will be the next president.

The Controversy

The turnout of our latest election has induced disputes concerning whether or not the system should be abolished. There are citizens who believe the Electoral College does not function correctly, and some say that occasionally the process may not work at all; they have reasons for this. One of them is the risk of having a complete tie in both candidates' votes.

On March 29, 1961, the states Ohio and Kansas deemed their approval of the 23rd Amendment, the change stating that the District of Columbia would be allowed 3 Electoral College votes. The District of Columbia is an area in between Maryland and Virginia that serves as the country's capital. It is not considered a state to protect the capital from local political opinions. The previous total number of votes had been 535, and granting the District of Columbia 3 votes raised that number to 538. As you can see, 538 is an even number, and that means that there is the possibility of a tie during an election. It may seem like it would not happen in a million years, but it has occurred twice in the history of America's elections. The first time was the 1800 election between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr; the second took place with John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson in 1824.

The next reason is regarding another probability of no individual winning in an election because the electoral votes could be evenly divided among all the states so that no candidate is able to reach the 270 mark. It also has happened before, believe it or not, just as unpredictable as the ties. Such situations occur when an individual from a

third party gains some of the electoral votes.

When none of the candidates are able to receive the majority of 270 votes, the decision will be passed to the House of Representatives. There, each state delegation, a group of representatives in each state, is allowed one vote; one vote per group, not per person. Note that there is one delegation for every state, making a total of 50 votes. The candidate who receives the majority of the votes will become the president-elect. Essentially, this is the Electoral College's Plan B. At this point the citizens no longer have a voice in the outcome of the election. It is part of the reason why many people are against the Electoral College.

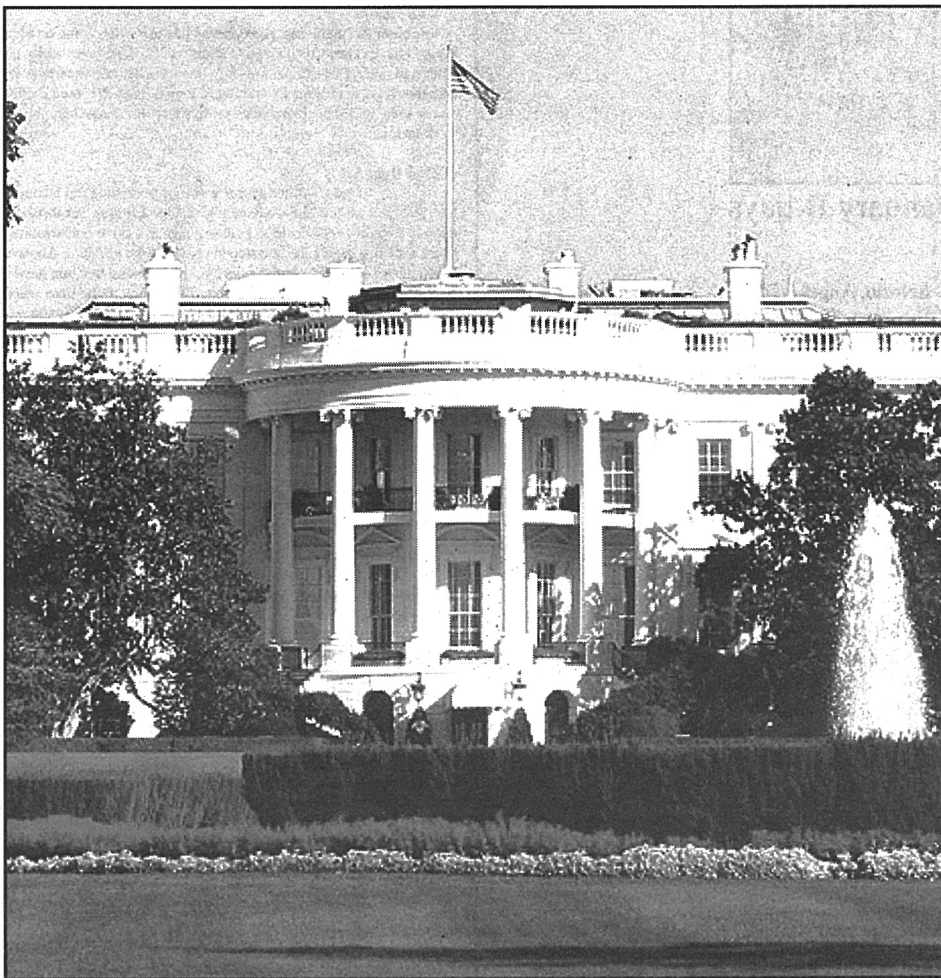
Another controversial aspect of the Electoral College is the number of votes each state receives. States with small populations like Wyoming receive three electoral votes automatically. (2 senators and 1 representative) This gives small states an unfair advantage. Because of this, one individual vote in Wyoming is more powerful than one individual vote in California; the value of the votes in both states are not equivalent. This unfair distribution of votes can lead the electoral votes to be unaligned with the popular vote. Since the day the United States was founded, five candidates have won the popular vote, but failed to win the presidency. In 1824, Andrew Jackson won the popular vote, yet lost to John Quincy Adams. The same thing happened in 1876, when Samuel Tilden won the popular vote, but lost to Rutherford B. Hayes. Eight years later, Grover Cleveland won the popular vote, but lost to Benjamin Harrison. More recently, in 2000, Al Gore lost to George W. Bush, due to the Supreme Court's decision to prevent Florida from recounting its ballots. The recount would have been enough to turn around the election. Now, as you have just witnessed, Donald Trump won the election over Hillary Clinton, even though Clinton had 2.9 million more votes than Donald Trump.

The Federal Government's definition of the Electoral College is, "The Electoral College is a process, not a place. The founding fathers established it in the Constitution as a compromise between election of the President by a vote in Congress and election of the President by a popular vote of qualified citizens." (www.archives.com, paragraph 1) Despite being the beginning of the official definition, it highlights one of the major flaws of the Electoral College: it does not allow all qualified citizens to vote. The Electoral College cares about fairness among the states, but does not give attention to US-held Territories. That includes more than 4 million qualified citizens that live in Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands. These people are U.S. citizens, and yet do not get the right to vote. This may not seem like a lot of people, but that is more than the populations of Vermont, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Delaware, and Alaska combined. This is another reason that many Americans believe that the Electoral College is an unfair system.

Perhaps the most disputable characteristic of the Electoral College is that neither the Constitution or Federal election laws require electors to vote for the candidate who won the state's popular vote. In only 27 states there are laws saying that electors must vote for their party's candidate if they get the majority of the state's popular vote. This fact is undoubtedly the most tendentious flaw of the Electoral College.

At this point you must be thinking, "if this system is of no use why do we use it?" This system was much more logical when it was founded. Back in 1787 when the system was founded, transporting information across the country was not an easy task. Because information moved so slowly and the nation was so large, the idea was to have a group of electors meet in Washington to make decisions for the citizens. In Washington the political news was relevant and the citizens allowed the electors to make an educated choice for them. People argue that today there are many faster ways to transport information and that the system is outdated. Regardless, some people still believe the Electoral College is a trustworthy and reliable system. They believe that we should maintain the political traditions of our country and that the Electoral College provides a sense of unity across the country. Julia Shaw from the Heritage Foundation states, "The Electoral College preserves federalism, encourages candidates to build nationwide coalitions, and grants definitive electoral outcomes. It requires a presidential candidate to win simultaneous elections across the fifty states and the district of Columbia."

Some citizens who support the Electoral College also argue



White House

Definition: The mansion of the President of the United States in Washington D.C.

that The United States of America is a country based on checks and balances. Our democracy's key goal is to ensure that no one person or party has all the power. The Electoral College serves as a compromise between the citizens and the Congress. The Congress chose the system, and the citizens partake in it.

Our country is full of diversity, leading it to be full of people who have different thoughts and ideas on just about everything. We can all learn and improve a little something here and there from each other, because nothing in this world is perfect. Whether you believe the Electoral College is unjust and outdated or provides checks and balances for our country, is your decision. If you side with the people who think the Electoral College can be improved upon, there are many who support you.

On the other hand, if you believe that our current system works well the way it already is, there are also a vast amount of people who share the same beliefs. There is no right or wrong side, and no one will withhold you from supporting either side of the argument. As we said before, America holds people varying in race, nationality, sexuality, and religion, and we should take advantage of that. The best way our country can get closest to perfect is by listening to each other's thoughts and ideas, taking it into consideration, and then using it to improve on ourselves and the community.

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Teacher Spotlight

How well do you really know Mr. Pierce?

In this edition of Hawk Central, our teacher spotlight is on Mr. Pierce. Mr. Pierce is one of the 8th grade science teachers. It is his first teaching at Hoover. When we interviewed him about our school, students and staff he said "I really liked the energy and enjoy teaching." He also

stated " The students here at Hoover are very creative." Another question we asked him was what made him choose Hoover. He said " I really liked the staff and and the feeling he got when he came to observe. Mr. Pierce attended CAL Poly San Luis Obispo for college and Alliant for his teaching cred. Some of Mr. Pierce's hobbies are hiking, fishing and cooking. One weakness that

Mr. Pierce encounters is not having enough experience and a strength he undergoes is his knowledge in science. Some other facts about Mr .Pierce his that he has 2 daughters and one son and is married. He also grew up in Lompoc, CA, near an air force base and many family members that were also teachers. Lastly, Mr. Pierce is excited to to work with the students and staff at Hoover.



We asked Melissa what changes she hoped that her selected candidate would make for the US. She said, "Since I selected Hillary I thought that it would help the U.S be open to women's rights and women leaders." We also asked her what she thought would happen when Donald Trump becomes president. Melissa responded, "I think it would be something different but we will have to see." The last question we asked her was, what do you hope doesn't change when he takes his place? She told us that "I hope that our rights don't change."



The first question we asked Michelle Ledezma what changes would be made for the US with the candidate she selected for president. She replied, "I would want them to make better lunches for school. I feel like they give processed food which sometimes doesn't taste good and some foods are unhealthy like pizza and they should make them healthy." We also asked her for her honest opinion of what would happen when Donald Trump becomes president. Michelle said, "I think many people are going to be upset including me. But honestly, I don't think we need to worry that much because if he makes an unfair law congress and senate could veto his law." The last question we asked her was, what do you hope doesn't change when he takes his place? Michelle said, "I hope that people won't stop trying to pursue their dreams no matter what race they are, they should keep trying to reach their goals no matter what Donald Trump says."



We asked Jimena Perez, what changes would be made for the US with the candidate she selected for president. She said, "More women rights." The next question we asked Jimena for her opinion on what would happen when Donald Trump becomes president. She replied, "He'll probably take down DACA. (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)" The last question that we asked Jimena about the presidential election was what do you hope doesn't change when he takes his place? She said, "I hope that he doesn't take down the DACA."

Happy Birthday!



January B-days

- Solorio, Angel 1/1/03
- Burciaga, Jesus 1/1/03
- Soto, Alondra 1/2/04
- Galvan, David 1/2/04
- Jimenez, Itzel 1/3/04
- Everett, John 1/3/05
- Salas, Christopher 1/4/03
- Gonzalez, Araceli 1/4/04
- Ramos Castrejon, Julianna 1/4/04
- Alexander-Bentley, Scarlett 1/5/04
- Medina Feliciano, Alberto 1/6/03
- Miranda, Elijah 1/6/04
- Ramirez, Kenneth1/6/04
- Ricardez,Nicolas 1/6/04
- Fernandez Villa, Arturo 1/6/05
- Gutierrez Mendez, Francisco 1/6/05
- Haertel, Jared 1/6/05
- Miller, Genevieve 1/7/04
- Ruiz, Jacob 1/7/04
- Cardenas-Gonzalez, Thalia /7/04
- Villegas, Orion 1/7/05
- Orendain, Jose 1/8/04
- Smith, Seth 1/9/03
- Licea, Alejandra 1/10/03
- Diaz, Marlon 1/10/03
- Fajardo Vasquez, Nilson 1/10/03
- Alfaro, Enrique 1/10/04
- Mercado Lopez, Emily 1/11/04
- Gaspar, Kaitlyn 1/11/04
- Barcenas, Samantha 1/11/05
- Perez, Emma 1/12/04
- Mendoza, Karina 1/12/04
- Santana, Beth-Sabe 1/12/05
- Rojas Mendez, Brian 1/12/05
- Marquez Ruiz, Andrea 1/13/03
- Martinez, Lauren 1/14/03
- Palomo Ramirez, Miroslava 1/14/03
- Urbina, David 1/14/04
- Acosta Ruiz, Ruby 1/14/05
- Dominguez, Marisol 1/15/04
- Tyner, Diego 1/15/04
- Suarez Perez, Jacqueline 1/15/05
- Rivera Calva, Angel 1/16/03
- Ramirez, Gabriel 1/16/03
- Sanchez Garcia, Jesus 1/16/03
- Melendez Menendez, Daniel 1/16/05
- Soto De La Cruz, Giovanna 1/17/03
- Guidry, Reginald 1/17/03
- Batres, Aryiana 1/17/04
- Cabrera, Alexander 1/18/03
- Delgado, Michael 1/18/04
- Bernwanger, Nicholas 1/18/04
- Romero, Josue 1/18/05
- Saldana, Omar 1/18/05
- Guillen Garcia, Christina 1/19/03
- Saldana, Kaitlyn 1/19/05
- Mao, Zhenzhen 1/19/05
- Denetclaw, Destiny 1/20/02
- Martinez Pando, Anthony 1/20/04
- Mayagoitia Rodriguez, Melissa 1/20/05
- Flores, Jovani 1/21/04
- Gonzalez, Fabian 1/23/05
- Gudino, Kassandra 1/24/04
- Rodriguez, Valentina 1/24/04
- Carnalla Legorreta, Erick 1/24/05
- Balbuena, Levi 1/24/05
- Crawley, Riley 1/25/03
- Chica Garcia, Rosario 1/25/05
- Perez Hernandez, Henry 1/26/04
- Morales Ovando, Isaac 1/26/04
- Piccolo, Arianna 1/26/04
- Hernandez, Samara 1/26/05
- Ordonez Hernandez, Arzel 1/27/04
- Ramos Diaz, Samuel 1/27/04
- Grantham, Sophie 1/27/06
- White, Rista 1/28/04
- Garcia, Michaela 1/29/04
- Coffaro, Juliana 1/29/05
- Usmani, Daniyal 1/30/04
- Martinez Aguilar, Jose 1/30/04
- Castaneda, Stephanie 1/31/03
- Crawford, Cody 1/31/04
- Crawford, Thomas 1/31/04
- Ramirez Romero, Francisco 1/31/05
- Gonzales, Gianna 1/31/05

Dear Herbie...

You can drop off your Dear Herbie questions and concerns in the box in the library. -Herbie

Need advice? Ask Me!

Dear Herbie,
I've bitten off more than I can chew. I have so much going on after school I haven't been keeping up with my studies. I've fallen really far behind in math. I fear that if I ask my math teacher or my parents for help they'll get mad at me for waiting so long. I thought I could fix this on my own but I don't know what to do anymore. Please help me.
-hopeless

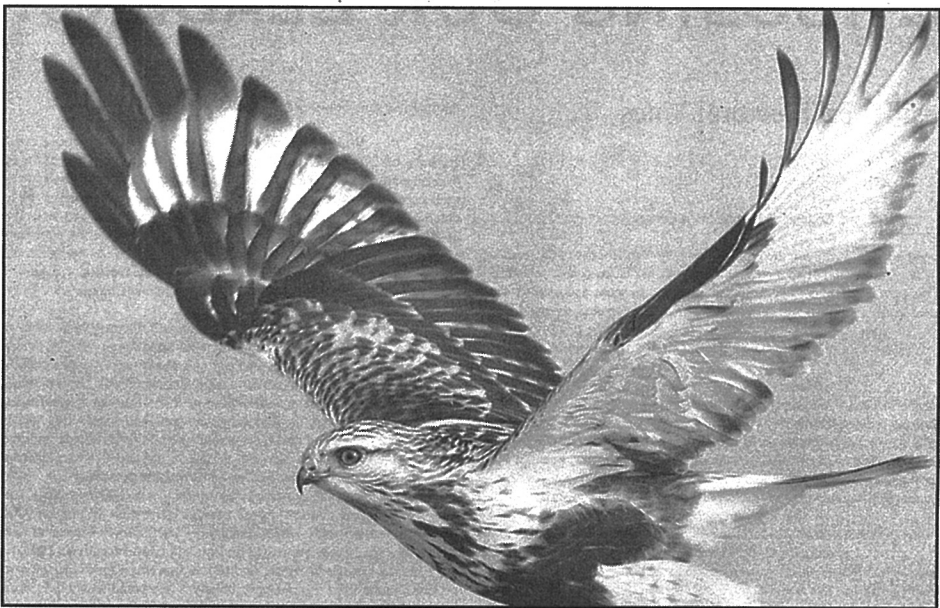
Dear Hopeless,
Please do not describe you or your situation as hopeless. We have all felt like we have lost control at times, but this situation is certainly not hopeless. I know it can be hard or embarrassing to ask for help, but it's the first step in resolving the problem. We have to remember school is our top priority. I recommend that you have a long heart to heart with your parents. Find some alone time when they're in a relatively good mood and explain everything you explained to me. After, it's important to apologize and explain ways you think you could resolve the problem. Listen to your parent's thoughts open mindedly. Some good options may be to drop one of your after school activities or get a tutor. As for asking your math teacher for help, it's better late than never. Look at it this way, coming to school earlier or going to their classroom after school and confronting the situation is better than letting it worsen. I know you can do it. :-)

-Herbie

Dear Herbie,
I'm so excited because I got two tickets to Hamilton!!! My parents said I can bring a friend, but... All my friends are begging me to take them!

-Drama in Drama

Dear Drama in Drama,
How exciting! Problems like this can be difficult. But, we have all had a similar situation in our life. There are several ways to approach this. My advice to you would be to write the names of all



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Need some advice? Ask Herbie!

your friends you told in a hat and choose one randomly. This is a fair way to choose a friend without personally hurting someone's feelings. It's important that you inform your friends that you are doing this. Or, you could also not choose one of your friends. Instead of choosing one of the friends you already told about the play, you could choose a friend outside of school or a family member to bring along. This way, no one is left out that knows each other. You could also choose no one so that no one is upset. For the future, I would recom-

mend not telling all your friends about the extra ticket. Perhaps choosing a friend and telling them privately would be a better approach next time. Whichever method you choose I hope you have drama free fun at your play! :-)

-Herbie

Sports Update

If you have any questions contact the Athletic Director, and P.E.

This is an update on Hoover sports; The girl's soccer team held tryouts on December 5th, 6th, and 7th. The season ends on January 27th. This year, we have a junior varsity team with 6th and 7th graders and a varsity team for 7th and 8th graders. The games are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These are the girls that made the Varsity team: Christine Barragan, Caila Bigelman, Arrie Bowlsby, Ziana Brito, Amethyst Burgos, Samantha

Espinosa, Vanessa Gutierrez, Kailee Kauai, Chloe Ligsay, Karina Meraz, Brenna Ruiz, Hailey Stagi, Isabelle Valdez, Emilia Valdez and Lucinda Wolcott. These are the girls that made the Junior Varsity: Renka Bigelman, Sophia Ice, Al-lahna Levias, Nicole Mansfield, Haliya Martinez, Milan Mok, Claudia Nelson, Scarlett Nishihura, Emma Perrez, Gracie Quanz, Madeleine VanBebber, Jasmine Velasquez, and Jolee Young.

The boy's basketball season starts on December 5th and ends the 17th of January. So go watch

them play before their season ends!

The Girls and Boys Volleyball season starts on the 30th of January and ends on the 24th of March.

The Girls and Boys Track team season is from the 20th of March to the 19th of May.

Come tryout if you haven't already!

Interested in volleyball? Mrs. Veach is holding tryouts for the volleyball team January 30th or girls and boys.

The Alley Sequel

By: Ava K. Samatua

Without hesitation or much thought, he catapulted the dagger straight at the man's heart. In horror, the man slowly looked down at the knife lodged in his chest. Then, he collapsed; first hitting the arm of the couch and then the cold cement floor. The man was probably already dead, but if he wasn't then he'd die a painful, excruciating death. "You should have listened to me the first time," he said, crouched down near the dead man.

He got up and turned away from the corpse, acting like he did this for a living. But that's not a lie, because this is what he does everyday. He downed what was left in his beer bottle, and then tossed it into the cheap, plastic trash can in the corner of the room and took a seat on the couch.

He figured he should probably dispose of the body on his floor before it sat for too long and started to rot; he also supposed he could just pay someone to do it for him. He was, as they say, a man made of money. That should not be a huge problem, hopefully not a problem at all.

He spent a few more minutes relaxing into the couch's plush, leather cushions, texting one of his colleagues' to come get the body. Done with his work for the day, he reluctantly left the comfort of the couch and walked out the door. Checking to make sure it was secure and that no one could get in, he started to walk back the way he came.

Again, he studied the narrow alley, how its tall walls seemed to close in on him with each step he took. They seemed to be so tall that they reached the sky, but he knew it was just his imagination. The bricks were slightly crooked, some aligning with others when they in essence should not be. These walls were sturdy.

He reached the street, where people of different ages were milling about. It disgusted him. There were babies screaming and crying, teenagers being hypnotized by their phones, parents yelling at their children, and old folks just wandering around aimlessly. Again, he thought it was just plain disgusting.

As he was walking back to his car, a 1961 Lincoln Continental, a thought popped into his head. If the man he had killed did not complete his mission, which was to kill one of his fellow competitors, then that meant that his competitor was still alive.

He quickly pulled out his phone and texted his assistant, Scarlett, to find another one of his 'minions', as he like to call them, to finish the job. But the job had not even started, so the chosen person will have to do the whole job.

In his car, he quickly pulled out of his parking space and started down the road headed to his house. Though, it was more like a mansion. It had eight bedrooms (including two guest rooms), five bathrooms, two dining rooms, the kitchen, two living rooms, a basement/man-cave, and his personal favorite, a movie theatre that can sit up to 25 people.

Just then, his phone rang, and he hastily answered. "Hello?" He asked wearily into the speaker.

"Hello," a clear, feminine voice answered back. But you could detect a steely, grimness about it. "I've been watching you. I'm watching you right now, actually. I know you're onto me..... even tried to kill me with one of your puny employees. But I made sure he didn't, obviously, considering I am still alive. I called because I wanted to you know that I know your every move. And kill me? Ha!" she laughed. "Don't even try." Then, she hung up, leaving him speechless, trying to figure out what just happened.

Monthly Horo- scopes



2017 Signs

If your birthday is in January this 2017 school year, you will desire to move forward and knock down any obstacles that might come in your path. You should still rely more on dialog, and time, to get what you want, without trying to impose your personal beliefs on others. If your birthday is in February, you overflow with energy and the desire to push the boundaries of what is possible? Go for it, as long as you don't go too far! So, to make the most out of this powerful energy of yours, remember to speak with others before jumping the gun. Is your birthday in March? Well, You will have the flair, boldness, and willpower to move forward, but avoid forcing anyone's hand if you wish to close out this month in harmony with everyone around you and to continue being the powerful person that you are. You're in luck if your birthday is in April, do what's necessary and then get back to being happy at home. Also, you could make several new casual friends who introduce you to a much wider social circle. Let's say your birthday is in May, no matter what the world tosses at you, you can make it something beautiful. If the year started off a bit bumpy, things should smooth out now. If your birthday is in June, you're willing to make a sacrifice for love. You might discover a major new interest that holds your attention for a long time. Someone else might suggest it or already be engrossed in it. Explore it in depth! You'll be glad you did. Is your birthday in July? Well, be calm and confident. Don't let somebody else's nervousness rattle you. More affection and admiration wants to come your way. If your birthday is in August, the world might suddenly get much bigger and more patient. Be sensitive and willing to listen to everything. Is your birthday in September? Well if it is there's a whole world of social fun out there that you may have overlooked. Break free and have some fun. Feel a part of a bigger group without doing anything more than showing up and being there. If your birthday is in October, you could put in a few extra hours or make some other personal sacrifice, like agreeing to a short business trip. Love rarely gets easier or deeper than this. Be sincere. Some advice for people with a birthday in November is, a friend could have helpful observations. You may figure out the solution to a friend's problem or dilemma. Finally, if your birthday is in December, a lot of your friends will have great plans for how to spend your time. Feel secure in your private life and see if someone new has what it takes to be special. Your heart may be looking for something or someone fresh or different.

STOP! Fun Zone is near...

If you are having a bad day, read ahead. :-)

Our second round of happiness.

This article is egg-specially made for a grate time. You've cat to try to make a punny yolk sometime. You must be thinking "You have to be kitten me right meow". Well, I'm not kitten when I made this paragraph, this was made with grate intentions. Now you expect me to be done... Well no, i'm just going to crack a new one and lay it on you. It is my duty to write this and it is going to be messy and you'll be pulled right into it. I typed this with my bear hands and I should have worn gloves. I am

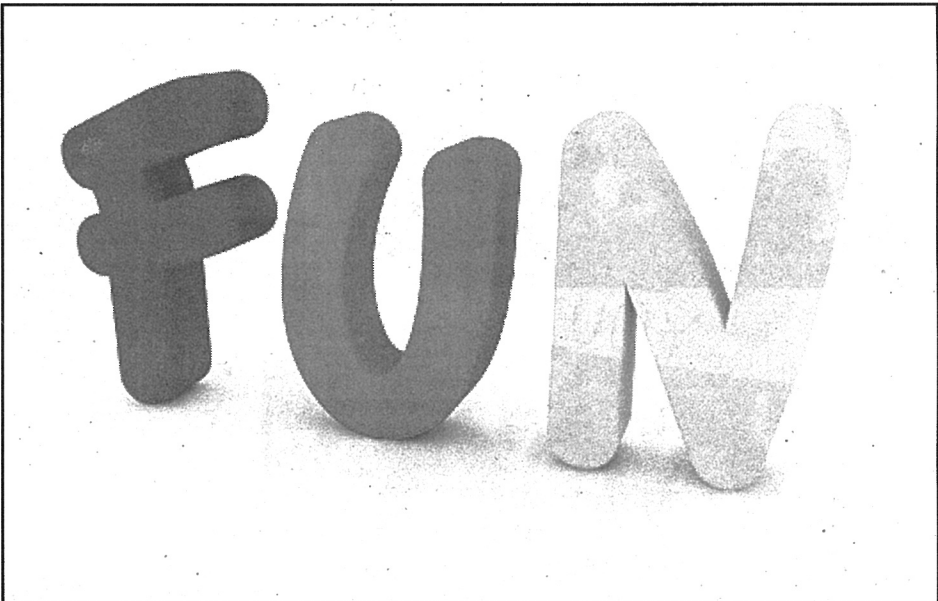


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Student Story

Christmas Chaos, by Kieran Turner

The morning was rainy and the ground was moist. 'Twas a normal Christmas near the ocean and all the townspeople were jolly and merry. But there was one house that was lacking cheer. It was dark and dreary for all the year. The townsfolk said it was haunted or cursed but I never trusted the locals when I first moved in. I started to decorate, It may have been too late but all the same it should have been done by midday today. I decorated room by room, but right the next minute 'twas dirty again in that said room.

My parents arrived a scream entered next. I entered to see my dad in a dress. "What foolishness is

this" he said with a shout. I was not concerned about his current predicament. For mother was frozen in cement. She was waist deep and crying at that but the door rang, so I left her like that.

My cousins arrived next and I welcomed them in, but a few minutes later they were trapped in a sack. I was stunned, I really was but I had to fix this. The one decoration that never disappeared was our Christmas tree. Suddenly, it started spinning faster and faster until it started to move. I thought it was moving randomly, just spinning violently. But I noticed that it was getting closer to me. It was chasing me! I ran through a couple doors but the tree kept coming closer and closer. I jumped through the window and sprinted for the woods and climbed a tree. From that higher ground I saw the chaos around me. My house was up in flames and

much of the town was in ruins. Everyone was gone and destruction was unfolding. I climbed down and accepted my fate.

I was the only person in the ruined town and walked straight towards a tree and it stopped spinning. Other trees appeared and did the same. I was completely surrounded and the ground turned to mud and then to water. I sank deeper and deeper into the darkness and the ground turned to normal.

Once I felt solid land I saw a light. The light was a small lamp and there was some food. There was no escape, the roof hardened to a material stronger than diamond. So I waited and waited till the end of time...

Fun Puns!

Use these puns to make your sad friend feel better!

Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.

I'd tell you a chemistry joke but I know I wouldn't get a reaction.

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.

The experienced carpenter really nailed it, but the new guy screwed everything up.

I don't trust these stairs because they're always up to something.

I'm glad I know sign language, it's pretty handy.

The girl quit her job at the doughnut factory because she was fed up with the hole business.

I relish the fact that you've mustard the strength to ketchup to me.

The tale of the haunted refrigerator was chilling.

Jokes and Riddles

Knock knock, who's there? Find out!

Q: You draw a line. Without touching it, how do you make the line longer?
A: You draw a shorter line next to it, and it becomes the longer line.

Q: You walk into a room with a match, a karosene lamp, a candle, and a fireplace. Which do you light first?
A: The match.

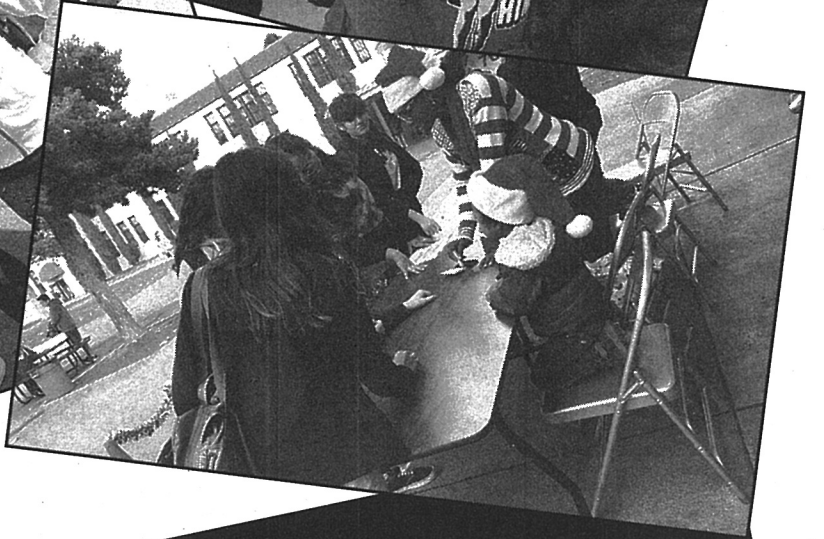
Q: What never asks questions but is often answered?
A: A doorbell.

Q: What two keys can't open any door?
A: A monkey and a donkey.

Q: A girl is sitting in a house at night that has no lights on at all. There is no lamp, no candle, nothing. Yet she is reading. How?
A: The woman is blind and is reading braille.

Q: Beth's mother has three daughters. One is called Lara, the other one is Sara. What is the name of the third daughter?
A: Beth.

Q: What belongs to you but other people use it more than you?
A: Your name.



Jingle Bell Walk

