



STANDLEY Spectrum



Teacher of the Year

Mr. Hartin

Maryam Najj
Staff

Why did you choose to teach PE?
"I love to work outside and work with students to help them with their exercise and sports."
How does it feel to be Teacher of the Year?
"It feels great."
What other things do you do at Standley Middle school?
"I coach the Middle school boys' volleyball team and the boys and girls indoor volleyball at UCHS. I used to also teach the boys soccer team."



New Year, New You

Interviews about 2025

Elisa Ko, Mia White & Chloe Weng
Staff

Q: What is your New Year's Resolution?

A: "My New Year's resolution is to read more." -Giulia Borgonovi



A: "I want to be more athletic and play more sports next year."
- Ava Cordova

Q: "What are you looking forward to next year?"



A: "I'm looking forward to becoming an 8th grader and writing 2025 as the date on my papers."
- Kyle Loren

A: "I'm looking forward to seeing my younger friends from elementary school come into middle school." - Evelyn Gagne



Favorite Music Artist

Peri Tart
Staff

The most popular music genres of 2024 are R&B, Pop, and rap. Of the people I interviewed, one student likes a pop artist, and another likes an R&B artist.

Q: Who is your favorite music artist and why?

A: "I like Frank Ocean because his songs are relatable."-Taylor Macloney



Q: Who is your favorite music artist and why?

A: "Darius Rucker because he sings the song Wagon Wheel."-Ava Kachkovsky



Q: Who is your favorite music artist and why?

A: "Eminem because he helps his daughter and speaks the truth in his music."-Khalia Ali

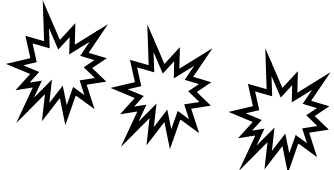
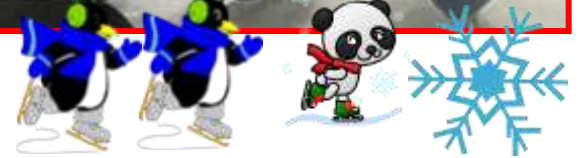


Ice Skating and Warm Coats

Staff

The ice skating trip hosted by Mrs. Botts and Mrs. Juergens was definitely a cool experience. People got into the winter spirit as others fell on their skates. It is no doubt that ice skating is definitely more difficult than what the Disney animations make it seem like. Students said that ice skating was fun and exciting since they got to experience something new and thrilling or perhaps a hobby from when they were younger. When you can skate one minute and eat delicious food at the food court the next, you are sure to have a good time. Thank you Mrs. Botts and Mrs. Juergens for letting us have this fun time at UTC Ice Skating.

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The Recycling Fair

Tessa Magnuson
Staff

The recycling fair, hosted by Green Team, consists of stands where you can trade recycling to participate in games. Games such as fishing and cornhole are entertaining. By winning these games you can collect cool prizes like hacky sacks, sunglasses, and slime. The recycling fair is a great way to promote recycling. People were ecstatic to participate in the event.



1st place Evan Luhrs (center), 2nd place Matthew (rt) and 3rd place, Aanshi Pundhir.

School Spelling Bee Winner

Sean Teisan

Staff
Q: "How long did you study for the Spelling Bee?"
A: "I studied occasionally for the Spelling Bee in class and I spent one full day studying for the school Spelling Bee."

Q: "What words on the Spelling Bee list were hard for you to learn?"
A: "None of them."

Q: "During the School Spelling Bee, what was the hardest word for you to spell?"
A: "Censure"



How to Become a Better Version of Yourself in 2025

5 Healthy Habits to follow this New Year!
Cammie Pearce
Staff

Eat Healthy Food

This might sound obvious, but a key to a happy healthy life is fueling your body. Substitute potato chips with frozen grapes to get that same crunch! Or, a personal favorite is chocolate covered yogurt strawberry bites! There are so many amazing and healthy options to choose from, eliminating junk food can help with so many things. According to the LIMPAC (International Center of Excellence for Obesity), "Eating foods that are high in sugars, fats, calories and sodium lead to a higher risk of developing hypertension, heart diseases, diabetes, certain types of cancers, obesity, even asthma."

Stop Procrastination

Procrastination is one of the hardest things to overcome. Especially with the distractions of cell phones it can be really hard to sit down and do homework or study. But when you turn off your phone and study for around an hour, reward yourself with a snack or a little 10 minute break. There are so many different studying tactics that you can personalize to work for you! The only way to be more successful is holding yourself accountable to become a better person and student.

Move Your Body Daily

Exercising regularly is a beneficial way to boost your physical and mental health. Exercising helps dopamine levels rise and cause to make you feel happy and become more calm. If you don't like sports, or vigorous exercise, there are more slow paced activities, like yoga, or going on a brisk walk. There are also many videos online that you can work out from in the comfort of your home.

Prioritize Sleep

Sleep is arguably the most important way to fuel and restore your body. The average teenager needs around 8-10 hours of sleep a night. We are all guilty of staying up way too late doing whatever it is, scrolling, playing video games or some of us cleaning. According to hopkinsmedicine.org "Sleep is important for teens because it is how our bodies repair themselves! Sleeping can help us prevent infections, rebuild our muscles and can even help our brains work better so that we can focus, prevent mood problems, and help our bodies function better." So, this year try to focus on quality sleep and rest.

Following Through

None of these habits will work if you don't follow through. Keeping healthy habits up will help you stay focused on your goals. Studies show that it takes around 21 days to form a new habit and make a routine, and 90 days to build a lifestyle around it. There are many helpful online prompts and calendars to help you keep track of your healthy habits and help you reach your goals and become a better and more successful person in 2025.



Memories

Kayra Atalay, Ava Demille
Staff

Congratulations to all of the 8th graders for making it this far! Most of you have been here for almost 3 years! Through all these years we have had many teachers, we have made friends, and lots of memories here at Standley middle school. This has been a blast with all of you guys. We all can't wait to make more memories with our 8th grade year. There are lots of adventures in front of us. We are so excited for you guys to make even more memories going into high school.

Book Recommendations

Grace Lai
Staff

Are you bored and want to read, but don't know what book to read? Here are three captivating books to read this winter.

One for the Murphys by Linda Mullaly Hunt
Lexile: 520L

First, I highly recommend *One for the Murphys* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. I really like this book because it is heartwarming and has many emotions. It starts with Carley, who was trained to be tough by her mother. However, a betrayal lands her with the Murphys. The Murphys are the opposite of Carley's tough mother and Carley feels like a loving family is too good to be true. Will Carley's tough shell break with the Murphys?



Wonder by R.J. Palacio
Lexile: 790L

Second, I would recommend *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. *Wonder* is an intriguing, inspirational story about a 5th-grade kid named August (nicknamed Auggie) with facial differences who starts school after being homeschooled. Sadly, Auggie gets bullied by a popular group in school. Being judged by others because of his facial differences, Auggie wants to go back to homeschooling. *Wonder* is also a book that has multiple perspectives like Auggie's sister (Olivia), Auggie's friends, and others. Read the book to find out about Auggie's adventure in 5th grade.



The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
Lexile: 940L

Lastly, you should read *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis, this is an imaginative fantasy book that is perfect for winter. The book starts with Lucy stumbling into a wardrobe that leads to a fantasy land called Narnia. Convincing her siblings (Edmund, Peter, and Susan) to join her, they find out that Narnia is under an evil spell from the White Witch. Trying to help the animals and creatures that live there, they look for their only hope, Aslan, a lion who created Narnia. Read the book to find out if they can help free Narnia from the White Witch's spell.



These books are found at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Target.

Lunar New Year

Staff

Lunar New Year begins on Jan. 29, it kicks off the Year of the Snake in the Chinese and Vietnamese zodiac calendars. The snake represents intuition, creativity, intelligence, wisdom, creativity and knowledge. A Lunar New Year Eve dinner with family and friends is a popular occasion. Noodles, dumplings, spring rolls, a rice cake and a whole fish may be served for dinner for good luck throughout the year. Another tradition is cleaning one's home right before the Lunar New Year and decorating it with red paper because the color red is associated with good luck in most Asian cultures.

Some family members also pass out red envelopes filled with money. This represents good fortune, prosperity and well wishes for the upcoming year.



The Invention of Boba

Carrie Hsu
Staff

Boba, tapioca, pearls. With a beverage of your choice, they make up the delicious drink that is enjoyed and loved world-wide. There are lots of names for this lovable drink, and it all started in the 1980's when a Taiwanese tea stand owner started adding flavorings to her tea. But the drink that we know now is a result of the works of Liu Han-Chieh.



In the 1980's, this man started serving tea cold after he noticed that people in Japan serve coffee cold. He started a new style of tea, which propelled his business. He also added the boba we know to the tea. His product development manager, Lin Hsiu-Hui, came up with the idea of combining the tea with a Taiwanese dessert called *fen yuan*, or *sweetened tapioca pudding*.

The amazing boba (tea), also known as pearl milk (tea), boba milk (tea), bubble milk (tea), tapioca milk (tea), and multiple other names, originated from Taiwan, but is now popular all over the world.

A Simple Cookie Recipe

For the record, I said **simple**, not easy. They are not the same.

Agnes Guan
Staff

Have you ever been to your grandparents' house, and the scent of freshly baked cookies swarms into the room when you walk in? Cookie season is right around the corner. During the holidays, such as Christmas, people who still believe in "Santa Claus" set out a tray of fresh cookies and a warm glass of milk for him. Of course, not everyone believes in him nor do they celebrate Christmas. I certainly don't, but I like to bake cookies on Christmas and eat them once they pop out of the oven.

A really simple recipe for baking cookies could bring up the mood, bring families and friends together, or just be made to have fun. If you would like to bake cookies, here is a recipe I think is absolutely delicious.

Note: I do suggest doing this with a family member or someone who can operate an oven because ovens are dangerous, so be careful!

Instructions:

-Preheat the oven to 410°F (210°C), adjusting according to your oven.

Ingredients:

- 80g (2.8 oz) browned butter
- 80g (2.8 oz) sugar
- 120g (4.2 oz) brown sugar
- 1 egg
- vanilla essence
- 155g (5.5 oz) all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- Salt
- Chocolate chip



-In a medium bowl, combine the butter and sugars until the mixture resembles wet sand. -Crack an egg into the mixture and add some vanilla essence, then mix until well combined.

-Next, add in the flour, baking soda, and a pinch of salt, and mix until a dough forms.

-Add in the chocolate.

-It's optional but you can chill the dough for 30 minutes.

-Throw them in the oven for 15 minutes at 210°C

-Once your timer goes; **Ding!** Let them cool for a few minutes before plating them, do not eat them once they pop out of the oven, because it will be piping hot.

This nostalgic feeling of the smell of freshly baked cookies usually brings joy into your life. Of course, your first attempt might not be perfect, but if you like to perfect a cookie recipe, go ahead! Adjust it to your preference. There are many other ways to make cookies taste good. But be careful because not all cookie recipes are the same. But no matter how you bake them, remember, as once said, **"Cookies are made of butter and love."** — Norwegian Proverb.

New Year's Resolutions

Stella Duong
Staff

What is your New Year's resolution?



"I want to get better at Spanish."
-Julia Salgado (7th)



"To make the football team this year." -Trey Parker (6th)



"To get good grades." -Zachary Preston (7th)





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New 2025 accessories

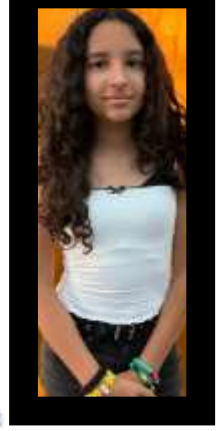
2025 Fashion
Emely Gomez
Staff

The New Year is coming closer, which means New Year Fashion. The new 2025 fashion includes claw clips, clips, charm bracelets, and so much more. This new fashion can include a cheetah print or bows on it. Cheetah prints and bows are trending right now, if it's not in cheetah print or bows, they can be in different colors like most specifically in pink, brown, blue or in red. New accessories may contain neutral colors as well, colors can change to keep you warm when it's cold.



Accessories Staff

Create your own design and style of clothes and jewelry with colorful designs and handcrafted beads.



Carolina Nogueira
Staff

Recently in girls bottoms, we see baggy jeans, sweatpants, jorts, and fold over pants. Colors we see in bottoms this new year are grey, black, and dark wash, such as in jeans. As for shoes, we are seeing many Uggs, Converse, Adidas, and Nikes. Low top Uggs, and Adidas are especially popular. This weather emphasizes warmer, and more comfortable clothing.



New Year's Fashion
Sophia Medeiros
Staff



Slowly but surely the Winter Season has arrived! With many holidays to celebrate, people also have many outfits to show off. The Winter season encourages us to explore a variety of styles, just walking around you can see the more popular styles are comfy, streetwear, and casual (obviously there is much more but these are more common). Hoodies, sweaters, and larger/puffer jackets are popular to keep warm and fashionable at the same time. Jeans, sweatpants, and leggings are always good basics incorporated into these outfits. Winter is the coldest but comfiest season of the year which shows off our winter apparel.





What do you like about volleyball?

"I like spiking the ball." Reese

What do you like about volleyball?

"It's fun and challenging and I get to meet new people."-Brady



Standley Boys' Volleyball Team: Bradley Brignac, James Dennis, Grady Elgan, Aidan Elliott, Thomas Good, Maxwell Levine, Duncan Macleod, Brady McDonald, Marcelo Nogueira, Douglas Ojiri, Reece Park, Zachary Preston, Omer Scott, Conner Zygmunt,



What do you like about volleyball?

"I like to throw myself on the floor."-Jessica

What do you like about volleyball?

"Me too. I like to throw myself on the floor."-Juju



Standley Girls' Volleyball Team: Josephine Adamson, Kayra Atalay, Emily Cheng, Riley Cross, Victoria Forsythe, Madison Galeana, Charlee Gauci, Ella Jorissen, Sarah Mohsenian, Julia Pellegrino, Veronica Puentes, Jessica Stallings, Madison Ward, Joelle Yee, Maryn Yu



Boys Soccer Team Interviews

Sean Teisan
Staff

Alejandro Juarez 6th grade
Q: "How do you think the soccer team is going to do this season?"
A: "Pretty good."
Q: "What position do you play?"
A: "Left-wing"

Adrian Contreras 8th grade
Q: "How many goals are you going to score this season?"
A: "20"
Q: "What position do you play?"
A: "Striker"

Dylan Spuris 7th grade
Q: "Who is your favorite soccer player?"
A: "Nicolas Jackson"
Q: "What position do you play?"
A: "Left-wing"



Standley Boys' Soccer Team: Hamza Ali, Siwakorn Chaiyakhun, Adrian Contreas, Vincent Filippone, William Forde, Hudson Hastings, Alejandro Juarez, Daniel King, Richard Lin, Boris Mechkarov, Rober Piatchuk, Alessandro Serriteno, Dylan Spuris, Alexandre Svarovskiy, Sean Teisan, Casey Thibodeau, William Toller, Suhas Velaga, Adi Zhampeisso, Dault Zhuztaye.



Standley Girls' Soccer Team: Charlotte Aranha, Rafaela Baleto, Nila Bejar, Maria-Fernanda Cervantes, Reese Conklin, Ava Cordova, Allie DeVoss, Maria Fries, Eliana Gonzalez, Natalia Gutierrez, Madison Hanson, McKayla Harrison, Georgia Hewitt, Cianna Johnstone, Anya Lather, Taylor Macaloney, Darcy Munak, Caeron Pearce, Ulma rouse, Taylor Sauvajot

Why did you decide to try out for the team?
"I wanted to meet new people and prove myself."

What is your position?
"Left-wing"

Favorite memory on the team so far?
"When I scored in our 12-0 victory!"

How many years have you been on the team?
"I have been on the team all 3 years"

What have you accomplished in the past 3 years on the team?

"I got captain this really exciting year. My favorite part is playing with my club teammates, and I love playing with the 6th and 7th graders, they're all so sweet. - Maddie Han-

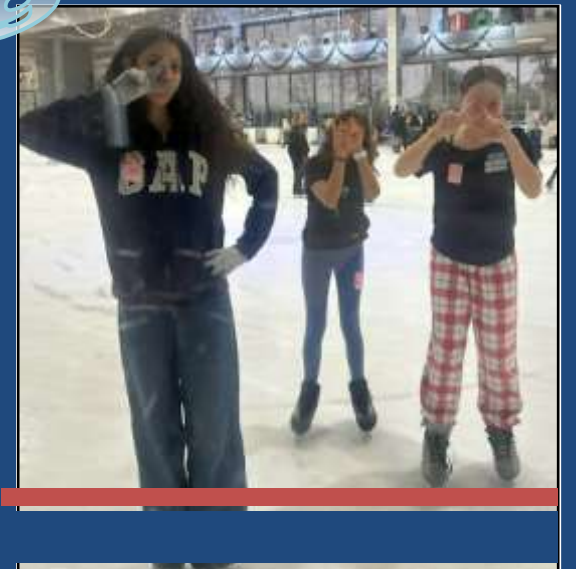
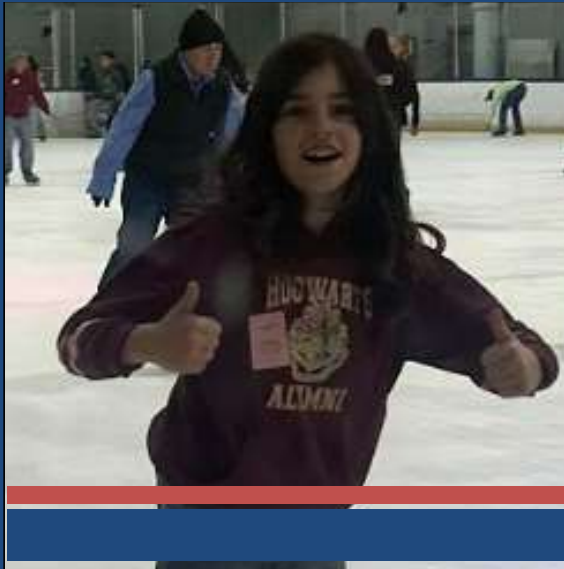
Favorite player? "Steven Gerard" - Cammie Pearce 8th grade

What is your favorite part about playing soccer?
"Playing with my friends"

What is your position?
"I play center midfielder."

What has been your favorite memory this season so far?
"Scoring and when we won by a lot this past weekend." - Reese Conklin 7th

Ice Skating



Drama Club

Zachary Clauss
Staff



Our Standley Drama Club fosters community and acceptance through acting. Our members build friendships, enhance self-esteem, and gain confidence speaking to audiences. Everyone is welcome, and we hope to build a strong club with impressive performances!



Q: Do you have any new plans for Drama Club this year?

A: We are performing our first original musical for our Spring Play!
-Mr. Carroll, Advisor

Q: What have you learned in Drama Club after two years?

A: I have gained a better sense of community and improved my public speaking skills
-Bethany Kearns, President, 8th Grade

Q: Do you have advice for any new 6th graders coming to Drama Club?

A: Even if you are initially nervous, you will gain confidence and grow into a fantastic actor!
-Saanvi Penmetsa, 8th Grade

Q: What do you hope to achieve in Drama Club?

A: Confidence in front of large crowds, meeting new people, and gaining confidence.
-Farah Shelton, 6th Grade

Q: Why did you join the Drama Club?

A: I joined Drama to hang out with my friends and improve my performance skills
-Ana, 8th Grade



Interview with Bird Games Winner

How did you manage the win?

“Luck mostly, and skill on hopscotch. I was just sigma.” -Ryan Wheeler

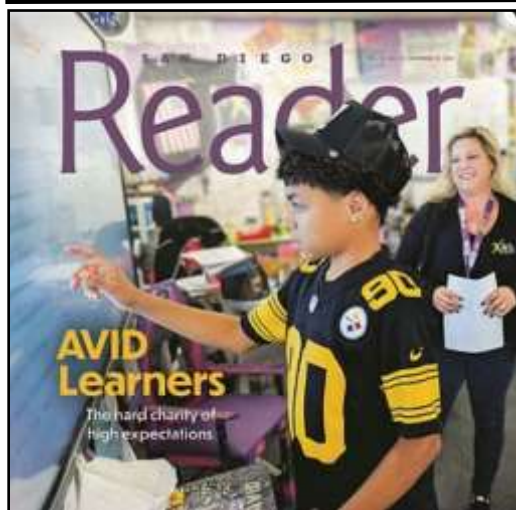


Bird Game!

Bethel Tadesse
Mr. Carroll



ASB’s amazing event, Bird Game, has returned this year! Starting with the game 12 Corners as the first challenge, it slashed off about half of the people signed up, and it was all based on your luck. On Tuesday, a crossword was played that eliminated only a couple of people. A game called Besties, where you were divided into groups of three and raced through obstacles, was played on Thursday. The top two groups moved on to the Monday after Thanksgiving Break, where they played a game called Shattered Alliances. The remaining people came into groups, created a game with dice, and had to eliminate the person who lost. On Tuesday, the old-fashioned yet popular game of hopscotch was played, hopping their way closer and closer to the finish line and possibly the win. The game called Sticks was the semi-finals, and it left two people- Ryan and Sebastian. The last game was Wordle, and the word was “story,” which was correctly guessed by Ryan, making him the winner of Bird Game!



A.I or A.I not?
Find out exactly how AI is powered
Sophie Malabry and Ella Schroff
Staff



AI, or artificial intelligence is now a common term in our communities. To start, AI is a set of technologies on computers that allow computers to perform advanced tasks. Furthermore, AI is designed to display human-like intelligence such as reasoning and learning which are some of the abilities that AI can manipulate. However, the outcome of artificial intelligence may be the peril to the future of humans.

AI shares both positive and negative consequences that impact our society today and for years to come. Major disadvantages that are appearing daily in the world include loss of jobs and job displacement; AI is able to perform jobs more efficiently and accurately than humans. This may seem beneficial to our society at a first glance, having a seemingly better system of work, but the reality is that as it takes over jobs, workers have to improve their skill sets in order to remain competitive in workplaces. Additionally, AI is holding back the amount of times people use critical thinking skills daily. People are starting to operate AI for decision making, problem solving, etc. which hampers our ability to solve through challenges. While I will agree that setting a reminder on your phone for an event, or keeping a schedule to stay organized is not hazardous, this changes drastically when people become over dependent and start to constantly use AI instead of relying on their own intelligence and intuition.

Shifting over to positive outcomes when using AI, the ability that AI holds is beneficial. Humans are bound to make a mistake once or twice, which is perfectly normal, and not necessarily bad. However, it can be when a major mistake is made. Using AI to complete repetitive tasks that we usually have errors with can be of great assistance to research. In addition, AI can complete dangerous tasks that put us at risk to conclude on. Staying on the topic of repetitive tasks, if AI does these jobs that humans would be otherwise bored with (which would increase the chance of making mistakes), it would allow us to set our minds and save our energy on something more creative, which AI is unable to do. Creative thinking is only enabled to humans and cannot be replicated by computers, which is why it is imperative to leave the creative thinking jobs to people instead of AI.

AI also affects kids in school now. Some colleges and schools have started to use AI in their classrooms to help kids learn, study, or just to make it easier for the students. AI can help kids do problems and answer questions when there aren't teachers available or when the work is repetitive or hard to do on its own. AI can help teachers grade and make learning plans more thoroughly so students can get a better understanding of concepts. AI can also help personalize learning to help kids understand and be engaged.

On the other hand, AI can be disruptive to students' learning experience. One big problem with AI in education is the privacy concerns. AI needs a lot of personal information to help personalize a student's learning. Another issue is kids using AI to write essays for them. When students use AI, they are not actually learning anything. A lot of times AI generators make up facts and use fake sources. AI can have bias and it dehumanizes learning. Social interaction is a key part of learning.

We have looked at some examples of the positive and negative advantages of AI and how they affect students in school, so now the question is: AI or AI not?

AVID Profile

Peri Tart and Stella Duong
Staff

Q: How do you feel about the Reader being published?

A: I was very honored and excited to share the program I love teaching to kids and future college students. -Mrs. Botts
(Avid teacher)

Why the Electoral College should be Abolished!

Why does it still exist?
Evan Lopez
Staff



The Electoral college should be abolished. It completely undermines democracy in the United States. How? Why? Let's take a look at the most drastic example. California, a state of more than 39 million people, gets 54 electoral votes. Wyoming, a state with about 600 thousand people, gets 3 electoral votes. In California there is one electoral vote per 722 thousand people, while in Wyoming there is one per 200000. That means one person in Wyoming has the voting power of more than 3 Californians.

So why does this undemocratic system exist? It was created by the founding fathers as a compromise between larger and smaller states. However, this ignores the mathematical aspect of the election, and can and has failed before. It has failed in 5 separate elections: 1824, 1876, 1888, 2000, and, most recently, 2016. This system ensures that candidates really only campaign in key swing states, which usually there are less than 8 of. People in states that are almost confirmed like New York or Oklahoma will almost never get to see candidates campaign in their home states (with a few exceptions).

So what do I suggest? In my opinion, there are two good options: One, make the states votes proportional to population so each state is evenly represented based on population; Two, popular vote could also be a viable option for electing the president. This is much more accurate and usually is easier to calculate a nationwide winner than 50 (technically 56 with districts and other complicated rules) separate ones. And it also makes it so all people's voices are heard more.

Assuming you are currently too young to vote, when you can, make your voice heard, and be proud we can live in a nation where the people pick our leaders.

Why The Electoral College Is A Good System

A Rebuttal To Evan Lopez's Article
Isaac Luhrs
Staff



Evan Lopez wrote an article on why the electoral college should be abolished, and I'm here to refute that claim. Our Founding Fathers created the electoral college for a reason. First of all, Evan provided his opinion that the United States presidential elections should be run only on the popular vote, an idea that, just like communism, sounds good in theory but simply wouldn't work. In any democracy, it is highly likely that at least one of its elections will result in a failure of the popular vote (for example, take the 2000 election, in which the popular vote in Florida was so close and so disputed that the election nearly failed). So, in case of an event like this, the electoral college is the safeguard that can be turned to if the popular vote fails. Second, in an example, Lopez pointed out that, while California does still have more electors than Wyoming (because of California's higher population), the vote of a Wyoming elector is worth 4 votes from a California elector. Despite the fact that this may seem bad, it actually isn't, because it prevents presidential candidates from focusing only on highly populated areas. In the popular vote, large urban areas, such as Los Angeles and New York City, have more influence. However, because these areas are more densely populated, they are most likely to have a very high concentration of one certain type of voter. The electoral college guarantees that larger areas that aren't as densely populated have the influence that they deserve, so that the election isn't a landslide every year. Thank you for reading, and I hope you consider what you have read here today.

REPUBLICANS GET A SENATE MAJORITY!

What Will This Mean?
Evan Lopez
Staff

As Donald Trump is elected president of the USA, the republican party has also gained a majority in the senate, securing it. This comes as a surprise, as this means many right-wing and conservative bills will be easier to pass through legislation, including bills on issues like immigration and tariffs on foreign nations.

What is the senate? In case you do not know, the senate is a legislative body in the US capitol building which helps pass laws with the house of representatives. Both make up the legislative branch, but while the house of representatives has representatives from the states based on population, in the senate, each state gets 2 senators regardless of population or size.

This year, elections occurred for the senate along with the president, house of representatives, and governor elections in some states. The GOP (Grand Old Party is another name of the republican party) got a majority of senators, and can now easily pass more bills. With Donald Trump as president, right leaning laws will now be passed easier. Here is an interview with student Kentaro Tachibana.

Q: How much do you know about the senate:

A: I think I know a normal amount about it.

Q: Do you think this will be easier for right leaning bills to pass?

A: Yes, this is very concerning.

Q: Is this a sign that the Republican party will get more powerful in the future?

A: It's too early to tell, but all signs point to it.

Lesser Known/Interesting Music Genres

Christos Koletsou
Staff

Vaporwave

Vaporwave is a subgenre of electronic music that features heavy sampling of smooth jazz and lounge music from the 80's. The genre features artists like Telepath and Cat System Corp. The aesthetic incorporates glitch art, anime, Greco-Roman statues, and 3D-rendered objects.

Kawaii Metal

Kawaii, which means "cute" in Japanese perfectly describes the genre, which combines heavy metal music with J-pop melodies and Japanese idol aesthetic. Some popular Kawaii Metal bands include BABYMETAL, Passcode, and Hanabie.



Breakcore

Breakcore is a chaotic, high-energy experimental genre of music that emerged from hardcore, jungle, and drum and bass. Breakcore artists include hkmori and dsstveself.

Crust Punk

Crust punk was originally a fusion genre of anarcho-punk and extreme metal that originated in the early 1980s in England. Later bands pushed the genre to be faster or more melodic.

Some of my favorite older crust punk bands are His Hero is Gone and From Ashes Rise, while I love some more modern melodic crust bands like Habak and Lagrimas.

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New Year's Jokes



Some astronauts wanted to have a New Year's party on the moon, but they didn't planet in time.

My New Year's resolution is to procrastinate. I'll start tomorrow.

Where do you go to do your math homework on New Year's Eve? Times Square

What should you never eat on New Year's Eve? Firecrackers.

Why was 6 afraid of 9 on New Year's Eve? Because 9, 8, 7....



Allison Spencer
Staff

NEW YEAR'S EVE WORD SCRAMBLE

- JYRUAAAN _____
- ANLAREDC _____
- BRCLEAEET _____
- NOTCUDONW _____
- HDNITGIM _____
- TNORIUSOEL _____
- OLCKC _____
- OGALS _____
- ETFCIOTN _____
- SEENMAORK _____

New Year's Crossword Puzzle

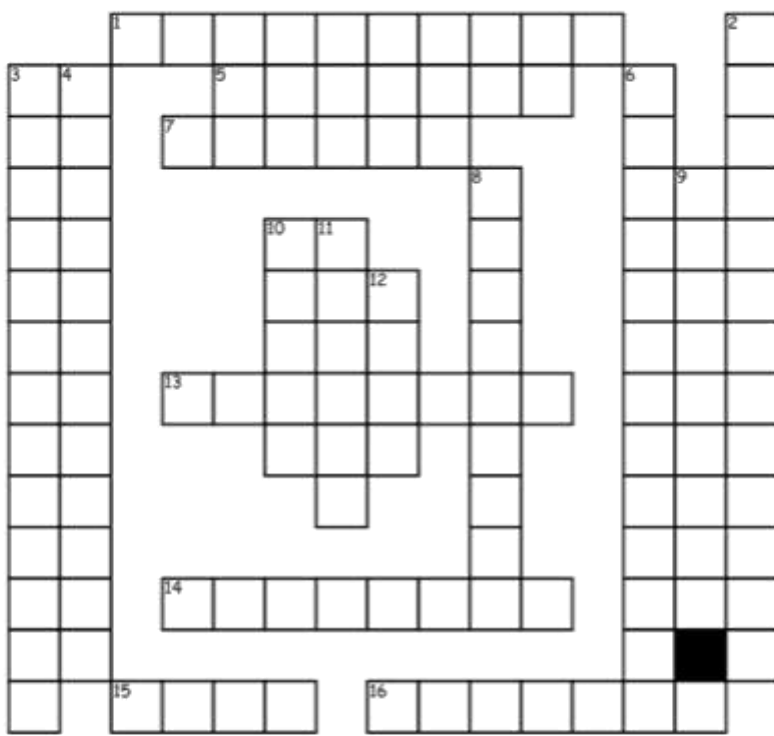
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| GLASS | BALLOONS | CONFETTI | HAPPY |
| FIREWORKS | GOALS | CHEERS | CHAMPAGNE |
| MIRROR BALL | BEGINNING | CELEBRATION | NEW |
| TIME | YEAR | BABY NEW YEAR | FIRST |
| HOURGLASS | PARTY | COUNTDOWN | MIDNIGHT |
| RESOLUTIONS | JANUARY | CLOCK | CALENDAR |

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New Year's Resolution



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| <p>Across</p> <p>1. A rate of progress ...</p> <p>5. Please and thank you</p> <p>7. energetic</p> <p>13. Reaching a goal takes ...</p> <p>14. learning activities NOT completed at school</p> | <p>15. The opposite of "bad"</p> <p>16. a declaration that one will do or refrain from doing something specified</p> <p>Down</p> <p>2. Giving a little more</p> <p>3. Good food</p> <p>4. The year after this is ...</p> | <p>6. to give assistance</p> <p>8. Doing a service</p> <p>9. When you begin something different?</p> <p>10. What is a "RESOLUTION"?</p> <p>11. When you do something new and different is ...?</p> <p>12. Nice</p> |
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