



THE MUSTANG MONTHLY



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Full Court Press

It's been a tough season as EHS has moved up to B-School status, but the Mustangs have shown an indomitable spirit this year in basketball. This month, they've already gone up against Three Forks, Whitehall, Townsend, Boulder, and Lone Peak—and there's still more to come. Here are the respective scores for January thus far:

SCHOOL	BOYS	GIRLS
Three Forks	40 - 52	60 - 44
Whitehall	56 - 62	60 - 38
Townsend	65 - 57	54 - 44
Boulder	56 - 62	49 - 59
Lone Peak	45 - 52	63 - 36

The members of each team are optimistic. Senior Kaleb Rice said about the season so far, "I feel like we can be really good; we just need to finish out games, and I think by districts, we'll be ready to go." He said that two professional players he looks up to are Larry Bird and Jayson Tatum.

Fellow senior Grace Stecker is similarly hopeful for the season ahead. She said they have a great team and it's been a great season so far, especially with losing so many good senior players from last year. There's been a lot of growth and experience, and they're definitely a better team from the first game of the season. Stecker also described that she looks up to her dad as a basketball player; he was an avid athlete during his high school career, balancing both academics and sports while he played.

Here's to finishing out the basketball season strong this year. Go Mustangs!

Asking the REAL Questions

“Which member of your team smells the nicest?”

Kaleb Rice: Malachi. He always smells like vanilla.

Grace Stecker: Keira and Kayzli. They’re always putting on perfume before and after the games.

Clinton Buyan: Malachi.

Mr. Boling: I don’t sniff children.

Sarah Fouraker: Keira. She smells like if you walked into a French bakery on a summer morning and they just pulled out the cinnamon rolls.

“If you had to be stranded on a desert island with one member of your team, who would it be?”

Justin Kloote: Jerry, because he’s the GOAT.

Vance Wingard: KK.

Ella Rolfe: Reese; she could take care of me.

Kaleb Rice: Wyatt “Watty” Williams, because I’ll need entertainment and he knows what he’s doing.

Sarah Fouraker: Marisa, so she can fight off the animals.

Clinton Buyan: Caden Lovett

Grace: Megan, since we’ve known each other for a while and we’d figure out a way to survive.

Wrestling

By Ava Brown

The Mustangs are co-oping with Three Forks for wrestling this year. Tatum Todd (8th grade), Emery Veland (freshman), Michael Plocek (freshman), Brummie Boggus (sophomore), Brock Sneed (sophomore), and Brody Meyer (junior), are all participating. The season has been going strong, and the team is ready to head to Divisionals this weekend (February 2-3).

This is Brock Sneed's first year participating in wrestling, and he says that it is going well and that he loves the sport. Sneed's main focus is learning the sport and also having fun. Sneed thinks one thing he has to improve on is getting more experience with different wrestlers. Sneed says that what he lacks in experience he makes up for in strength. He thinks that one of the team's strongest competitors is Manhattan, even though they don't have a very big team, but Sneed thinks the closeness of them makes them good rivals. Sneed also said that East Helena and Ronan are also great competition. Sneed has only wrestled folk style (American folk style is a style of wrestling that rewards control), but he likes watching Greco (which is a form of wrestling where wrestling the legs may not be used in any way to obtain a fall, and no holds may be taken below the waist), and he would like to try it one day. As much as Sneed loves winning matches, his goals for this year are to learn from matches and just get experience.

Good luck at Divisionals!



BPA Takes a Trip to Bozeman

By Elizabeth Olson

The Ennis BPA chapter took a trip to the MSU Campus in December to compete at Regionals. All but one of the team members are advancing to State. Megan Knack placed first in Presentation (individual) and third in Podcast Production Team. Zach Foss placed third in Human Resource Management and third in Broadcast Team. Liz Olson placed second in Prepared Speech and third in Podcast Production Team. Izzy Haas placed first in Human Resource Management and second in Interview Skills. Aidan Kramer placed first in Interview Skills and second in Extemporaneous Speech. Brock Sneed placed third in Broadcast Team. Wyatt Dotty placed third in Broadcast Team. Shaylee Klasna placed seventh in Graphic Design. The top 4 individuals and the top 3 teams advanced to State. State will be held on the MSUB campus on March 10-12.

State Speech and Drama

By Elizabeth Olson

The Speech and Drama team had an impressive showing at Divisionals, where the team took 2nd place in Drama and 3rd place in Speech. Five of the team's competitors placed in the Top 8 advanced to State. On January 26-27, they competed at the State tournament in Choteau. Every single one of them made it to the final round at State, thus placing in the top 8 in State. Congratulations on a very impressive performance, and way to compete!

Here are the individual results:

Izzy Haas (sophomore): 3rd place, Original Oratory

Olivia Benson (senior): 4th place, Original Oratory

Liz Olson and Ruby Blazer (seniors): 7th place, Humorous Theater

Levi Whitehurst (senior): 2nd place, Humorous Solo.

Speech and Drama

By Addi Rowe and Olivia Benson



Ruby Blazer Interview

Ruby competes in Drama, and her favorite part of her event is watching other people's pieces in Humorous Theater. She has made lots of friends and says "They are all funny people... probably why they do Humorous Theater." Humorous Theater is a drama event that has a max time of 10 minutes. She competes with a partner (Elizabeth Olson) on a self-written humorous skit. Their piece is a satirical look at Hallmark movies. Her favorite meet was the Ennis meet because of the great concessions, especially the donuts. Her highlight was perfecting her "annoying" voice and having no more nervousness. Ruby says being a Senior in Drama is a lot of work, but it is always so fun to be a theater kid for a season. She is very excited to be moving on to State.

Sam Benson Interview

Sam participates in Speech. Sam says he loved his team (espically Zane), and the season has gone well for him. He is in Informative Speaking and doing his topic on Food Safety. His favorite things about Informative are Zane (P.S.- Zane isn't in Informative). His favorite meet was Divisionals because he had his speech completely memorized. Informative is a 10-minute speech about a topic of choice that must be strictly informative, and you are also allowed visual aids such as posters. The most difficult part of his event is the competition. Sam didn't make it to State but did an amazing job this season. His highlight was his judge expressing their admiration for his speech.

Olivia Benson Interview

Olivia Benson participates in Speech. She thinks this season has been going well for her, and she likes her event, Original Oratory, because she likes hearing about other people's topics. Benson said that the Billings meet was the biggest school she had ever attended. She said it reminded her of an airport for how large it was. She stated that she had a lot of competition during this two-day meet and was very excited about it. Original Oratory is a self-written persuasive speech, and it has to be 10-minutes long. You are judged by both your speech, and presentation. Benson stated that the most difficult part of her event is the competition because most people talk about things they have experienced, and it is very heartfelt and touching. The best part, on the other hand, is hearing all the different views and keeping a positive attitude about everything even when you lose.



Senior Spotlight!

By Morgan Kloote

Megan Knack is ready to be out in the world and is feeling good about being a senior in high school. Knack's future plans are to attend college with a degree in nursing and marry a rich doctor. Her favorite school memories are bus rides and sports. She is most proud of accomplishing a 4.0 GPA throughout her high school years. Knack's unusual talent is she can run in a back bend. If she was famous, it would be for her singing. Knack would rather be the funniest person in the room because she could then figure out how to be funny.



As Ruby Blazer is going through her senior year, she is realizing that it is not as hard as people made it seem. She is ready for graduation and is interested in making/seeing the senior video. Blazer's future plans are to attend MSU and study either Environmental and Horticulture Science or Graphic Design. Her favorite memories from school are all of the sports and Ms. Steffen's classes. She is most proud of accomplishing not getting below a B or B+ on her report card. If she could be any animal she would choose a bird, so she could hop around people's yards. Blazer has made it very clear that she is more of a SWEATER girl in the cold weather type of person. Her go-to "good vibes" song is either "Betty" by Taylor Swift, or any Conan Gray song.

Jodie Bittick is feeling good about being a senior in high school. Her future plans are to attend college, maybe in Arizona. Bittick's favorite memories from school are talking to all of her friends. She is most proud of herself for taking college courses. If Bittick could only eat one food for the rest of her life she would choose Mac-n-Cheese. Her celebrity crush is Matt Rife.



Checking in with Ms. Newman

Valentine's Day Edition

I interviewed Ms. Newman to see how the school year has been going for her so far, and she thinks the school year has gone really well and fast. She has mixed feelings about Valentine's Day, but the best part, in her opinion, is chocolate. Her favorite part about being principal is interacting with the students and being able to go into the classrooms and see what interesting things they are doing. Sadly, Ms. Newman does not have a favorite student because she said she likes all of her students equally. As everyone knows, Ms. Newman does not like getting hugs, so I asked her on a scale of 1-10 how much she likes hugs, and she said she only likes getting hugs from her loved ones (not her students.) Last year Ms. Newman taught Chemistry due to a teacher shortage, so I asked how much she misses it, and she said she misses how much time she got to spend with the students, and she loves chemistry.

By Addison Rowe

EHHS Welcomes a New Foreign Exchange Student!

By Morgan Kloote

Sadaf is Ennis's new foreign exchange student, and she feels very special about that. She feels good about being the only girl from Germany in the school and knows that it's a different mindset from Germany to Montana. She is having a fun time so far, and says it helps that she is able to get comfortable faster and talk to people. She feels special about being a senior in a different school and likes being the oldest student. Sadaf's first reaction of being an exchange student in Ennis was she felt separated, but then made friends and talked to people pretty fast. She wanted to become an exchange student so she could have new experiences, be independent, and improve her English.



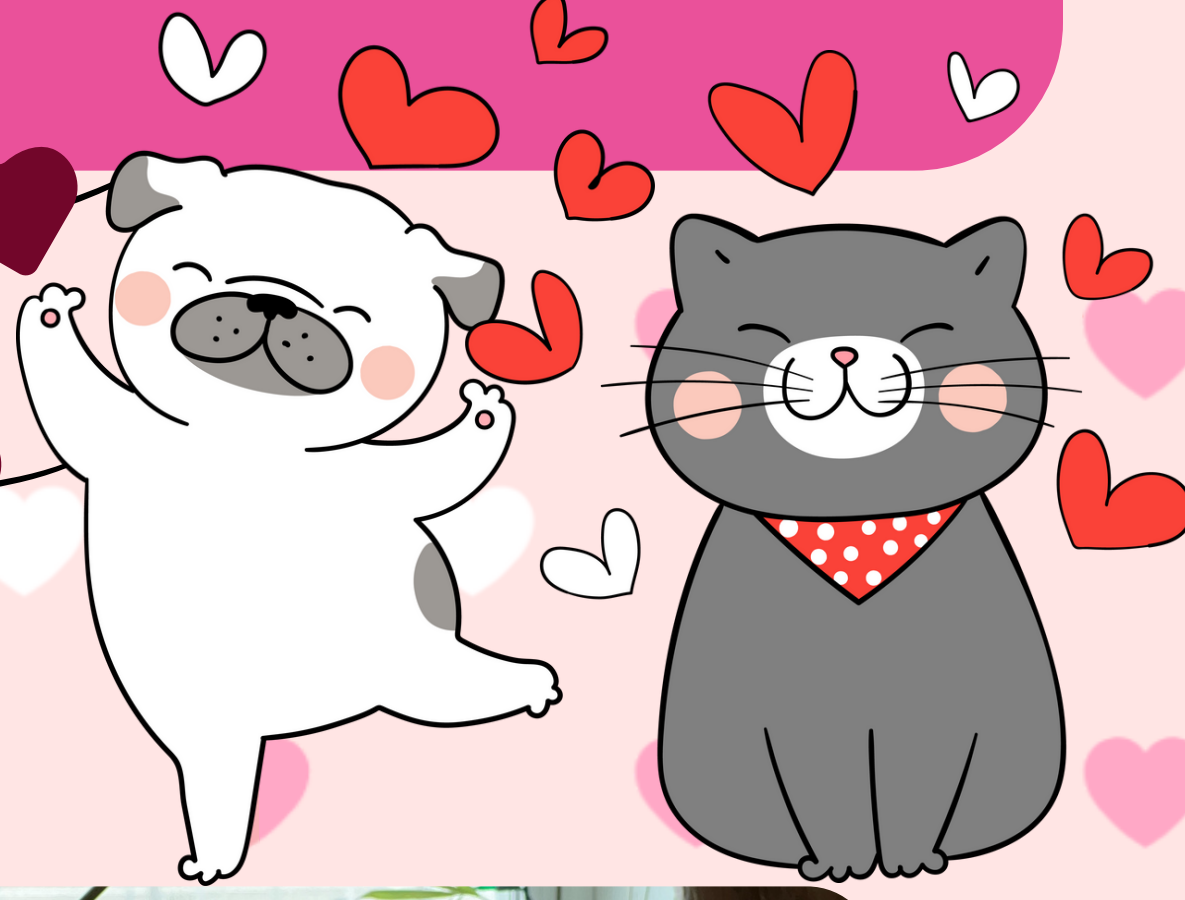
Field Trips With Freddie!



MEET JAMIE GREENE, OUR
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST!!



Guess the Teacher Based on Their Pets!



Awns: Ms. Steffen & Mr. Boling



Awns: Ms. Channel



Awns: Mr. Mullener



Awns: Mr. Gossack



By Olivia Benson

Liz, Laugh, LOVE

What is Your Ideal Meet-Cute?

Bailey F: Both in 7-11, hands full of hot dogs with condiments spilling off of them, run into each other, spill the hot dogs then help each other clean up.

Seeley: Both watching Supermega at the same time

Sage: Getting off the subway in New York City

Noni: Meeting in a college library

Camden: Meeting at a Waffle House

Zane: Getting seated together on a plane

Ruby: Painting pottery at the same time and then painting together

John: At a basketball game, when I fall into the stands, I want to be caught by a woman, and then we lock eyes and fall in love

Addy: Both running late, run into each other, and he gives me his number

Megan: I'm working at a coffee shop and an attractive man leaves his number for me on a napkin.

Sadaf: We're at the beach at sunset in the summer, and we share a romantic moment on the sand while music plays in the background

Jeremy: I'm running late and I run into a brick wall. It's a six-foot three Latina woman. Then we fall in love

Caden: At Cross Fit dripping sweat, screaming from the intense workout, and I fail a deadlift and can't pick up the bar. Then a six-foot three Latina woman picks up the bar for me with one hand like it weighs nothing. Then we fall in love.

Zach: I'm the best man at Caden's wedding, and I see his bride for the first time. She's a six-foot three Latina woman. We lock eyes as she walks down the aisle and then she leaves Caden at the altar and we run away together. Then we fall in love.

How to Propose

By Elizabeth Olson

Show up at their house in the middle of the night with a poster and knock on their window

Paint a rock with the words “Will you go to prom with me?” and throw it through their window

Get a tattoo of their name with the words “Will you go to prom with me?”

Send a carrier pigeon with a scroll clutched in its feet asking them to prom

Spray paint “Prom?” on the side of their vehicle.

If you're desperate...

Give them money

Beg on your knees

Stalk them

Sabotage any other possible dates

Devise scenario in which you are the hero

Valentines

We're all familiar with the concept of a valentine, a sweet note you send to a friend or a crush during the romantic Valentine's Day season. This year, students at Ennis were given the opportunity to profess their affection for others -- anonymously or not -- and have it put in *The Mustang Monthly* for everyone to see. Some of the answers were sweet, some were downright creepy, and some were somewhere in-between. These valentines are interesting, if anything, and a lot of them are guaranteed to make you laugh. Without further ado, let's see what the brave students of EHS had to say about their loved ones.

From: Secret

To: Kenzie

"Hey Pookie, you look so peaceful through your bedroom window at night. The way you smile sometimes when you sleep is so cute. Your locks of hair are perfect when you brush them when you wake up. The way you sit so close to the steering wheel is so cute. P.S. Start closing your windows."

From: Secret Admirer

To: Evelyn Jensen

"I love you, cutie pie."

From: John

To: Mrs. Rice

"Mrs. Rice, you are my favorite mom/teacher. You are way cooler than KK and Keira. You're the best."

From: Ava

To: Ashley

“Are you Google? Because you’re everything I’m searching for.”

From: Anonymous

To: Ava Brown

Mmm. That stench you got is perfect and just to my liking. Mmmm. Lolz! I live for you. I would die without you. Perchance.”

From: Secret Admirer

To: Sarah Belle

“Dear Sarah Belle, you are so amazing and beautiful. I love you so much and when I see you I drop on the floor because you’re drop-dead gorgeous. I love you!”

From: Anonymous

To: My Future Hubby

“Dear hubby, I pray you’re 6’5 and a professional athlete and make a lot of money. He needs to be crazy tall and athletic so we can have D1 babies and be happy forever. Or you’re Drake and a rapper; then it’s okay. We can still have D1 babies.”

From: Secret Admirer

To: Cooper

“I love your bright red hair, I just want to play with it. I just want to eat it up like a bag of HOT Cheetos. Rawr!!”

From: NPC

To: Michael

“You are the LOML. I want to marry you one day. I think you are cute. UWU. Every time I see you I smile. #staycute - UWU”

From: Pookie

To: Justin

“Justin, the way your hair curls sends chills down my spine. The reflection of your beautiful blue eyes sends me. I love watching you at the gym lift heavy weights with those big, strong muscular arms. I just wanna squeeze those pecs. Love, your Pookie.”

From: Raul

To: Jeremy

“You rule.

You make me a fool,

And you don’t even drool,

You are the reason I come to school,

You are SO cool,

Your eyes are *azul*,

The color of a pool,

Bye bye

- Raul”

From: Anonymous

To: Wylie

“Hi,

You look so fly,

Can’t even lie,

You’re quite the guy,

But I am far too shy,

You’re so sly,

It makes me sigh,

I’ll make you a chicken-thigh-pot-pie

Bye bye”

From: M

To: Taya

“I love you, pookie pie.”

From: Secret

To: Sprite

“You are constantly on my mind. No one can come in between our love.”

From: Jazzmin

To: May & Lily

I love you. Your hair smells nice. Smells even better when you’re asleep.”

From: Lily

To: Jazz

“I’m gonna give you a wet kiss, pookie.”

From: Anonymous

To: Lily

“I love you so much, Pookie. You always look so nice. Your eyes shine like the stars, but you are the star.”

From: Secret Admirer

To: Barrett Garland

“Dear my tall curly hair boy,
When I walk into the gym and see you playing basketball, I just get so excited. The way your muscles bulge in your jersey makes me want to massage them. I just want us to be together, big boy.”

From: Anonymous

To: Seeley Jo

“Squirming contest champion.”

From: Secret Admirer

To: Peter

“Dear Peter, your presence is my sanctuary, your warmth is the embrace my soul craves. Watching you play basketball is like watching a tiger hunt a gazelle. When I see you in the halls I get so anxious, your brown hair with the smell of lime Tostitos gives me chills. Watching you Tech Deck in the lobby is like watching a dolphin swim with grace and pride. Love, your secret admirer.”

From: Secret Admirer

To: Dr Pepper (Cream Soda)

“Dear Dr Pepper, you are the best thing that has happened in my life. I love you, Dr Pepper. So good. Yummy.”

From: Noah

To: Aaliyah

“I think I have a crush on you.”

From: Anonymous

To: Taya

“Roses are red
Violets are blue
My mom’s jokes
Are funnier than you!”

From: Anonymous

To: Mr. Malby

“You’re a pretty swaggy dude! Keep being swaggy!”

From: Pooks

To: Brummie

“Dear James, every day you tear my heart in two just as you tore your ACL. I quiver every time I think about you manhandling every bull you cover and it makes me want to show you my inner wild animal. I want you to take me across the world (specifically the Amazon rain forest). *wink*

From: Secret Admirer

To: Jerry

“Dear Jerry, I love the way you’re so soft and cuddly. Your hands are as soft as a baby’s bottom. Will you be my valentine?”

From: Secret Admirer

To: Clinton

“The way you handle footballs make me want to snap and go crazy. When I watch you, it makes my vision go hazy.”

From: Anonymous

To: Janessa Miller

“You are an amazing person with a funny attitude. Keep being you and never give up on your dreams. YOU GOT THIS!

Written by Bailey Fouraker

Ava Brown - Vince Dunn



You Seeley Driskill - Matt Watson



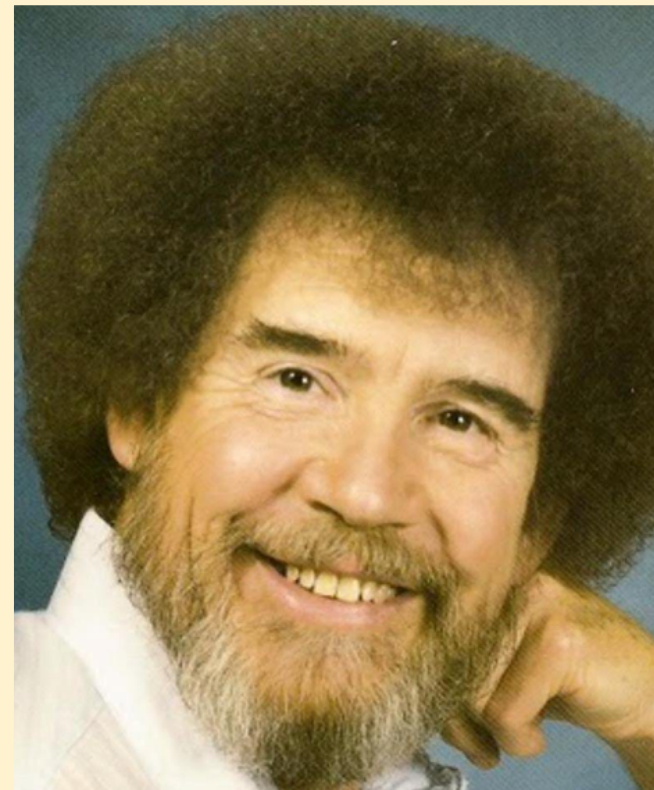
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Reese Dickinson - Micheal B. Jordan



Sarah Fouraker - Bob Ross



Booke Hoyer - Jacob Elordi/Megan Fox



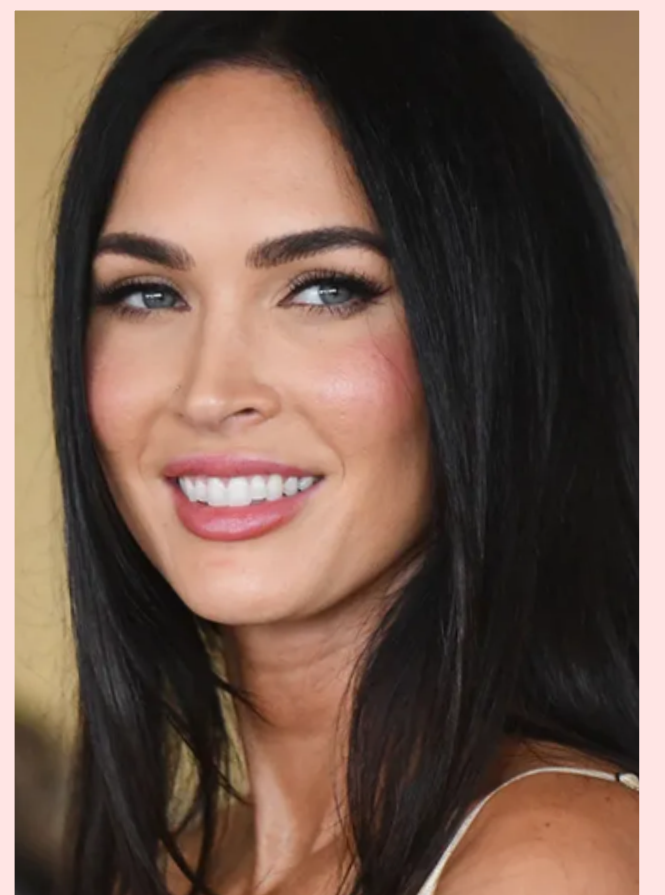
Malachi Lewis - LeBron James



Jack Melugin - Mrs. Incredible



Booke Hoyer - Jacob Elordi/Megan Fox



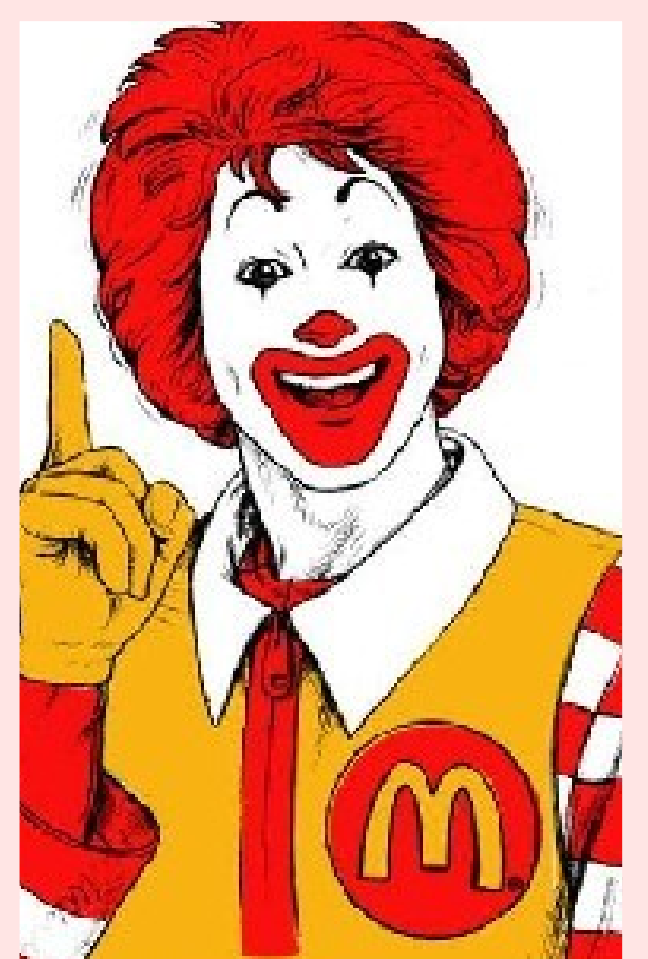
Gia Fanelli - Drew Starky



Addi Rowe - Walker Scobell



Bailey Fouraker - Ronald McDonald



Dating Advice From an Aggressively Single Female (and Seventh Graders)

By Elizabeth Olson

- ♥ Say I love you on the first date
- ♥ Cheat on them
- ♥ Ignore them
- ♥ Compare them to your ex
- ♥ Get with your best friend's ex
- ♥ Order for them like "Actually, they'll have a salad instead"
- ♥ Tell them to stop hanging out with their friends
- ♥ Ghost them and then show up out of nowhere
- ♥ Do lots of gas-lighting
- ♥ Ask them on a date and don't show up
- ♥ Be rude and act like you don't care
- ♥ Leave them for someone better, then go back
- ♥ Don't tell your friends about them at all
- ♥ Be dry and mean over text
- ♥ Flirt with everyone you meet
- ♥ Hide your phone from them
- ♥ Talk to as many people as you want at the same time
- ♥ Be a playa (contributed by Anna Kelly)
- ♥ Don't tell them when they look pretty, but tell them when they look bad

Valentine's Day: A History of Fainting, Bees, & Epilepsy

There's no denying that Valentine's Day is a commercialized holiday, involving everything from chalky candy hearts stamped with declarations of love to the pressure of making it a special "date night" for your significant other. The Valentine's Day we celebrate today is eons away from the holiday it originated as, but for centuries, it's been a day of romance and love. It all traces back to a man—or three—named St. Valentine. And trust us: he never had anything to do with the cutout cardboard valentines you can get at the dollar store.

At least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus are recognized in the Catholic church. The St. Valentine we recognize the most widely, who has a feast on February 14th, is often attributed with courtly love. He is also the patron saint of beekeeping, mental illnesses, epilepsy, and fainting. A commonly reported legend is that he was a priest in ancient Rome during a time when it was illegal for young men to get married. Emperor Claudius II banned these men from being wed, believing that single men made better soldiers than husbands with wives and children. Supposedly, Valentine married couples in private secretly. Claudius II put Valentine to death for his actions, painting the tragically perfect ending to a story about a vigilante justice of love.

The motif of Cupid himself has origins in ancient Rome as well. Cupid was a figure in Roman mythology based directly on the Greek deity Eros, the god of love. He even used a bow and arrow to inflict people with lovesickness. According to History.com, "Eros was a handsome immortal [who] played with the emotions of Gods and men, using golden arrows to incite love and leaden ones to sow aversion" (History Channel, 2009).



It was commonplace in the mid-1700s for people to send handwritten valentines to each other, after thousands of years of the holiday evolving from a saint's feast to a day for expressing one's affection for another. By the 1800s, a woman by the name of Esther Howland started making and selling printed valentines with ribbons, bows, and lace, the entire nine yards—the original design for the classic valentine card. Now, Hallmark reports that 145 million valentine's cards are sent each year (Hallmark, n.d.).

We might roll our eyes at chocolate-scented teddy bears or corny declarations of love on mass-produced valentine cards, but there is no denying that Valentine's Day is one of the holidays that shapes American culture. History can often put things into perspective for us, and the story behind February 14th is no exception. The next time you get tired of seeing pink, red, lace, and roses everywhere you go, think about the tale of the original St. Valentine. At least you're not having to get married in secret because you're about to be drafted into the army—and at least you're not the guy who was beheaded for performing the ceremony.

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A History of the Robber Barons

By Elizabeth Olson

The phrase robber barons is a derogatory term used to describe America's most successful industrialists who monopolized huge industries through the formation of trusts, engaging in unethical business practices, exploiting workers, and paying little heed to their customers (Schneider). The term was most used during the late 19th century, better known as the gilded age. The chief complaint during the gilded age was that they were monopolists. Fear of the robber barons and what they were doing to the economy eventually led to the support of their gradual defamation. It has been argued that these capitalist pioneers were the “antecedents” of organized crime that emerged in the United States during the Prohibition era (1920-33), but altogether they transformed the wealth of the American frontier.

Among the earliest robber barons, John Jacob Astor assumed his wealth from the monopoly he held over the American Fur Company during the first thirty years of the 19th century (Lang). He achieved this monopoly by crushing rivals and cheating native Americans out of fur pelts. When his competitors complained to the government, Astor’s agents resorted to violence. Using his wealth, Astor routinely paid off politicians to protect his businesses interests and when he died, Astor was considered the wealthiest person in the country (Schneider). Although he is not the most famous robber baron, Astor was the first of a long history of innovators.

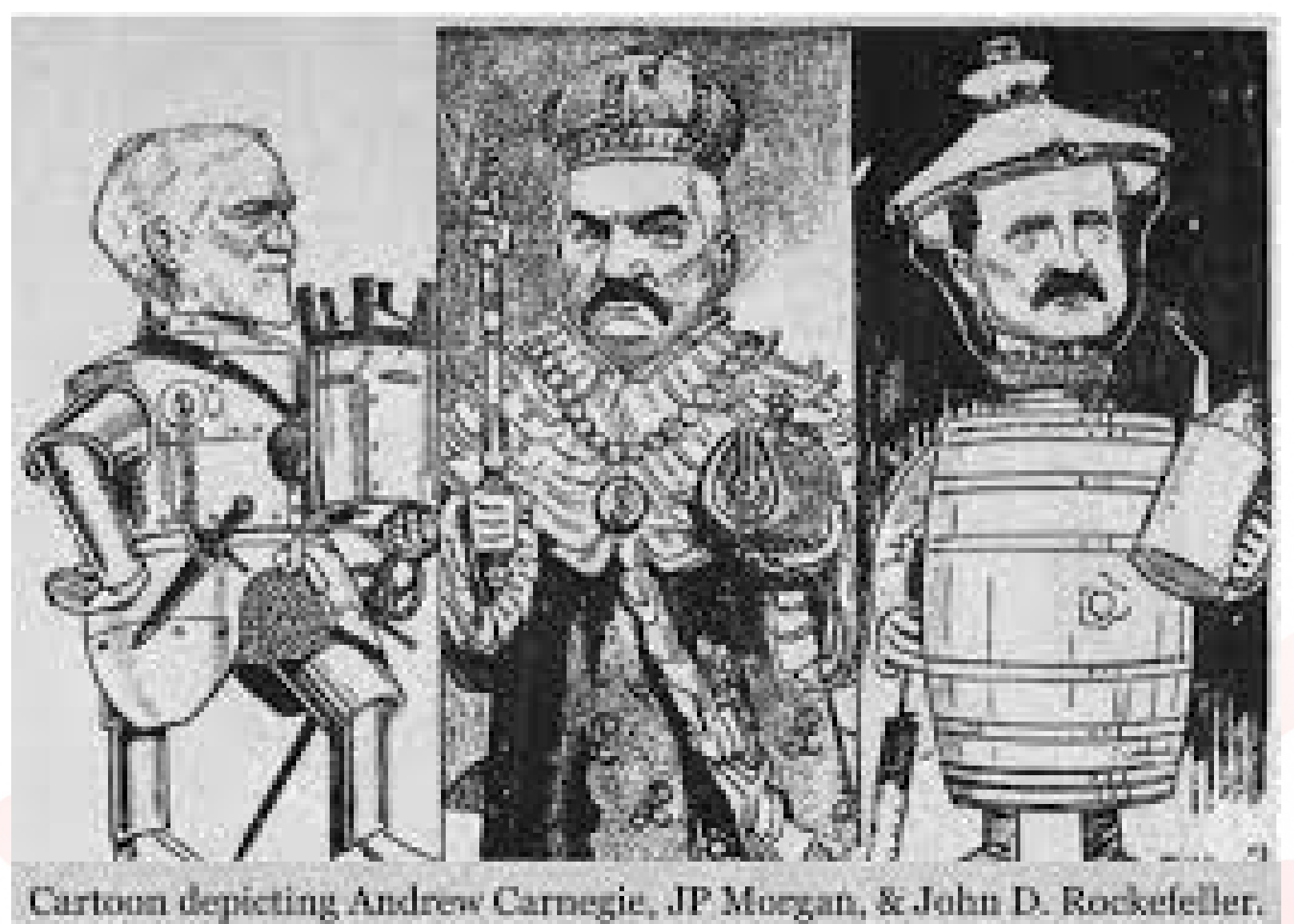
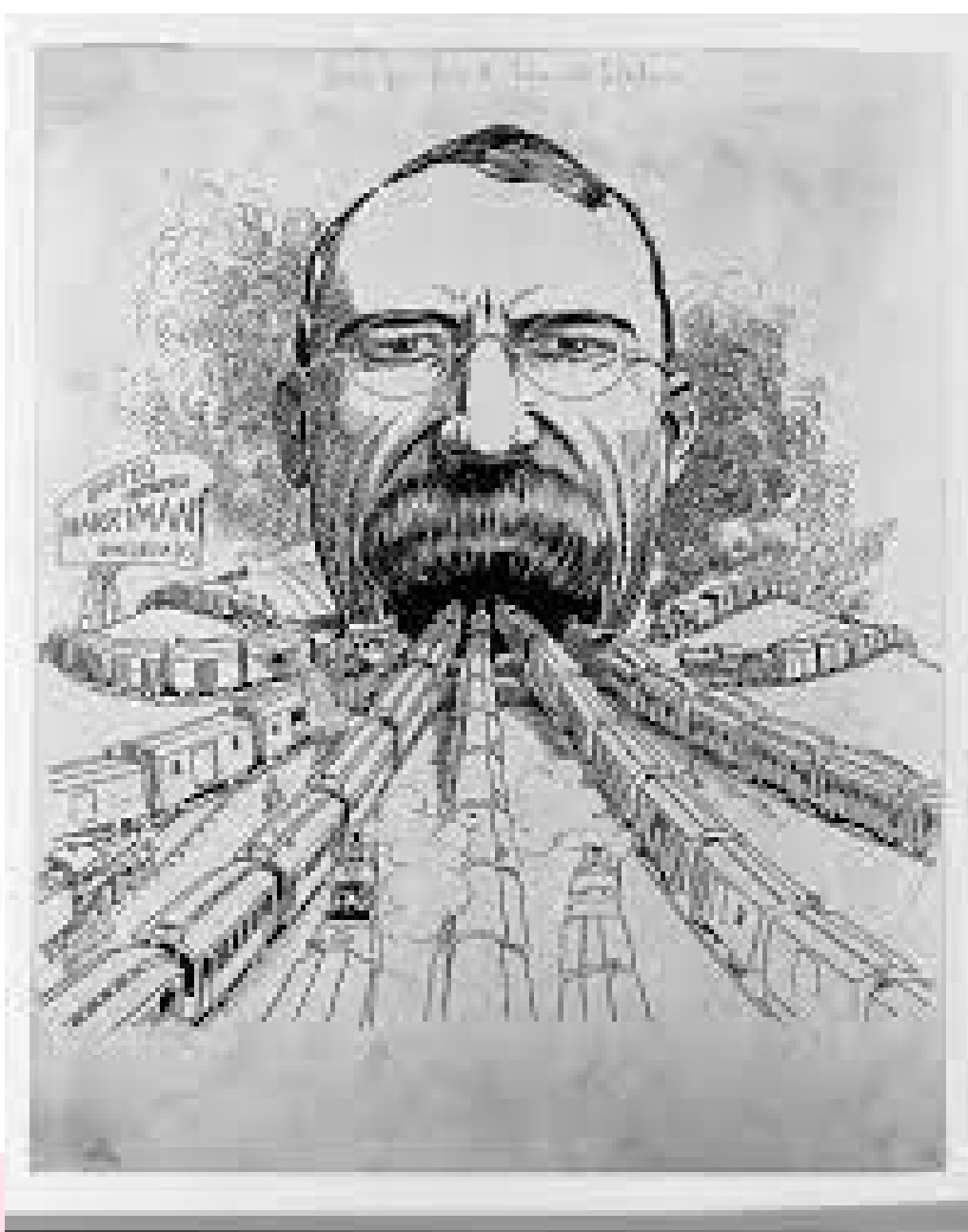
Following John Jacob Astor, John D Rockefeller made his immense riches by monopolizing America's oil industry, founding what came to be known as Standard Oil. The consortium colluded with the railroads to monopolize oil delivery which prompted competitors to allow themselves to be bought by Standard Oil or forced to pay outrageous shipping costs that would drive them out of business (“John D. Rockefeller | Biography, Industry, Philanthropy, Facts, & Death”). By 1880, the Rockefeller trust controlled 90 percent of petroleum production in the United States, a situation that led to the passage of the Sherman Antitrust act that same year that outlawed monopolistic business practices (“Sherman Anti-Trust Act (1890) | National Archives”).

Andrew Carnegie saw great potential in the steel industry. Unlike the other industrialists, Carnegie wasn’t born into wealth, he built his empire using shrewd business tactics, similar to Rockefeller. Both men used a tactic called horizontal integration, which meant buying out their competitors, but Carnegie was unique. In the making of his monopoly, he integrated a tactic called vertical combination, which meant buying railroad companies and iron mines to lessen the cost of his overall production (“The New Tycoons: Andrew Carnegie [ushistory.org]”). This helped make Carnegie Steel a multi-million dollar corporation, but in 1901, he sold J.P. Morgan for 500 million dollars to create U.S. Steel.



When J.P. Morgan reached adulthood, he already had connections with the banking industry in London, therefore during the 1870's, he was able to provide the rapidly growing industrial corporations of the United States with capital from British bankers (Schneider). He began reorganizing railroads in 1855 when he arranged an agreement between two of the largest railroads in the world, the New York Central railroad, and the Pennsylvania railroad, minimizing the rail-line competition between them (Kuiper). He soon became one of the world's most powerful magnates, controlling about 5,000 miles of tracks by 1902 (Kuiper). During the depression that followed the panic of 1893, Morgan formed a syndicate that resupplied the government's depleting gold reserve with \$62 million in gold to retrieve the treasury crisis. Later, he invested with the International Mercantile Marine, a collaboration of major shipping lines, and had a booking on the Titanic and was later forced to cancel, reportedly due to an illness. Morgan continued to lead the financial community, supporting the stock market collapse of 1907, as well as taking control of various other banks and insurance companies. He remained a dominant figure in American capitalism until his death in 1913 (Kuiper).

Altogether, John D Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie, and JP Morgan formed the titans of the gilded age and are credited with inventing the American super economy. Though opinions may vary, they were revolutionaries in the most profound sense, for they overturned old orders and utterly changed how millions of people lived their lives ("Titans of the Gilded Age: Rockefeller, Carnegie, and Morgan").



WHICH ROBBER BARON *are you?*

Take this funky quiz to find out which one of these capitalist titans you are!

What's your ideal way to spend an evening?

- A. Curled up at home with a good novel
- B. An extravagant night on the town
- C. Spending time with family
- D. Probably staying home and working; the grind never stops

What's your elemental sign?

- A. Air
- B. Fire
- C. Water
- D. Earth

If you acquired one million dollars, what would you do with it?

- A. Build a library
- B. Invest
- C. Donate it to charity
- D. Use it to better my company

What's your go-to Monopoly piece?

- A. The Scottie dog
- B. The top hat, and I'm going to volunteer as the banker
- C. The shoe
- D. The iron

What's your favorite movie genre?

- A. Anything adapted from a classic book
- B. Rom-coms
- C. Whatever's playing in the theaters at the time
- D. Old westerns

RESULTS:

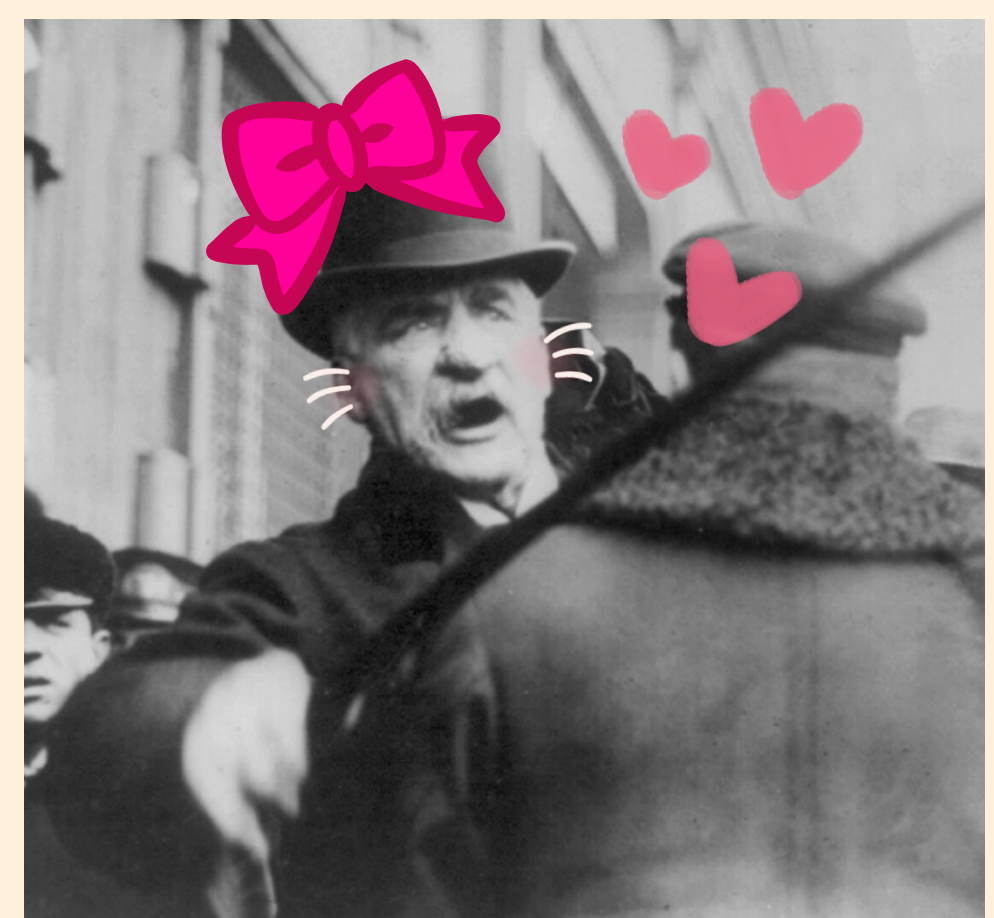
Mostly A's: Andrew Carnegie, the Steel Baron

You're a gentle old soul and you have a love of reading, but there's a spunky side to you. You're a generous and charitable person, too, and always willing to take on a challenge. You normally have a mischievous smile on your face.



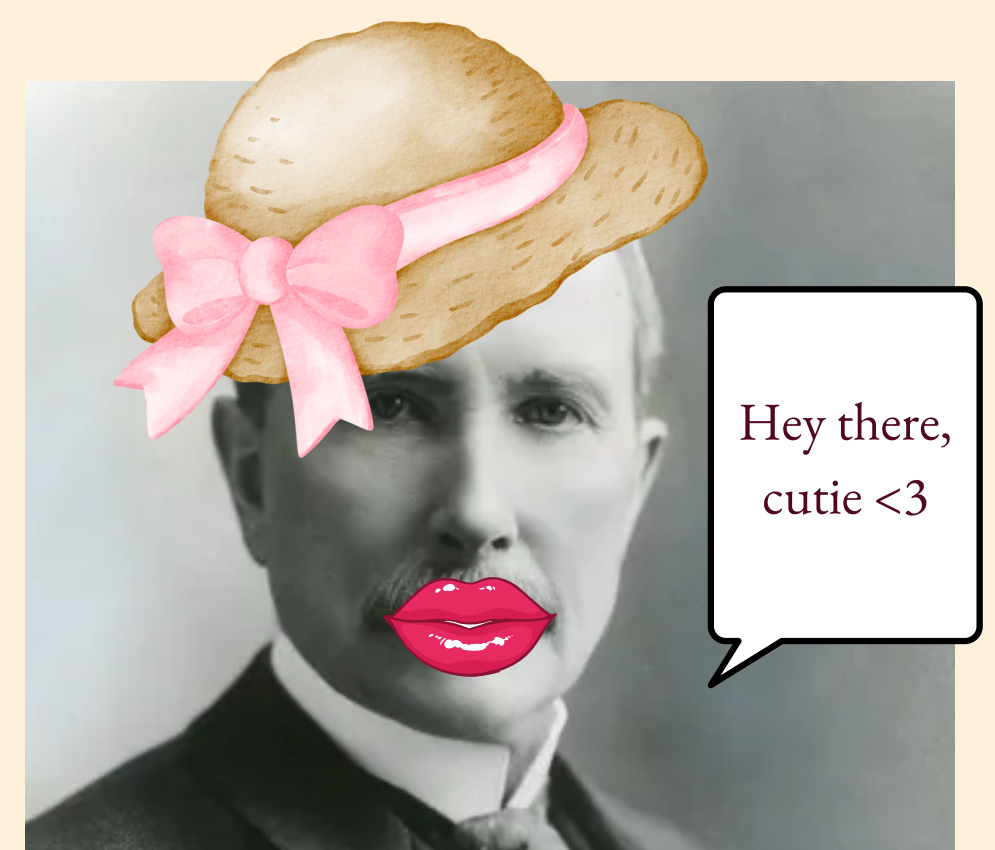
Mostly B's: J.P. Morgan, the Banking & Electricity Baron

You've got a bit of an attitude, to be completely honest, but we never said that's a bad thing. You tend to be very particular and you know what you like -- a diva, if you will. But this means you're always willing to stand up for yourself and the people you care about. Just don't go around hitting people with canes.



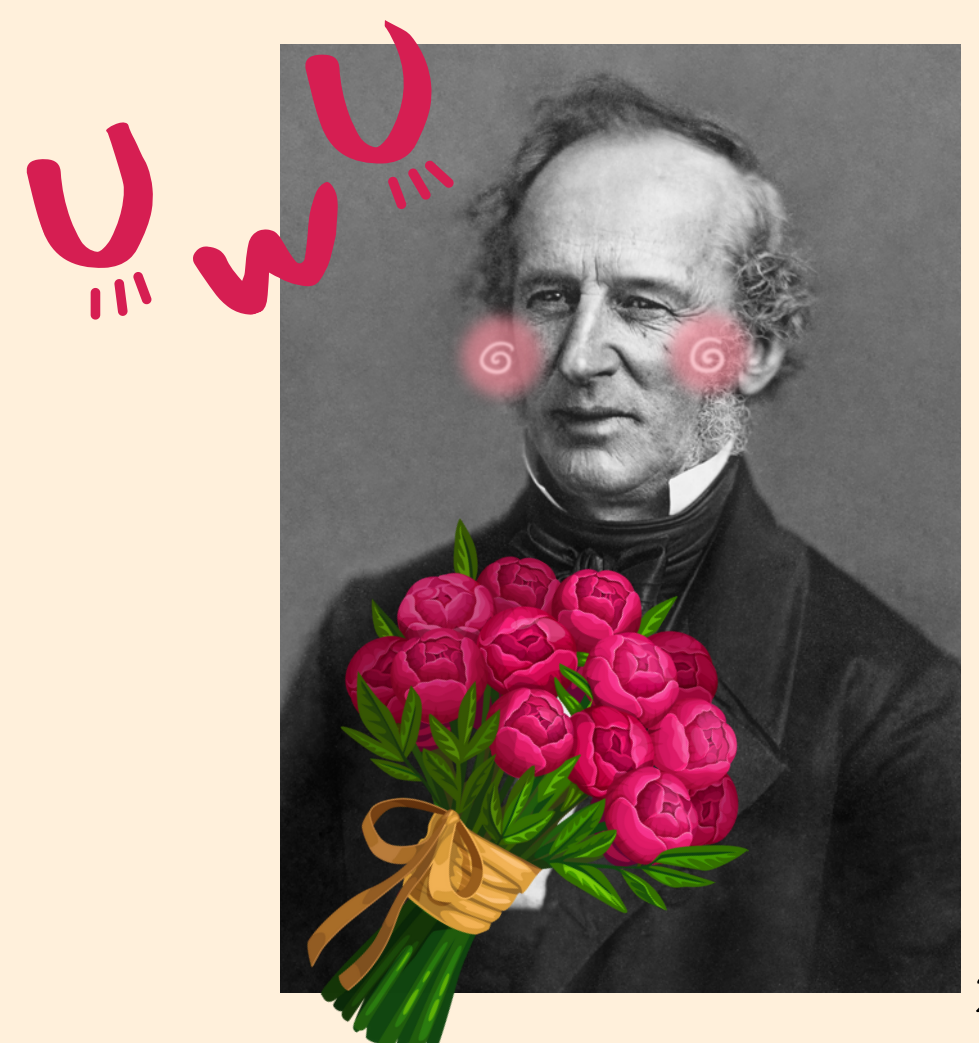
Mostly C's: John D. Rockefeller, the Oil Baron

You're sweet and gentle, and you love your family more than anything. Just like Andrew, you're a charitable person and you tend to be laid-back, but you're firm when you need to be. You're very agreeable and it's easy for you to be friends with anyone.



Mostly D's: Cornelius Vanderbilt, the Railway Baron

You're quiet, stern, and practical. You know what needs to happen and you'll get the job done, no matter what. You'd be a good person to have in a survival situation, with your rational and even-tempered personality. Just remember to relax your shoulders and have fun every once in a while -- after all, if anyone deserves a break, it's probably you.





HERSHEY'S

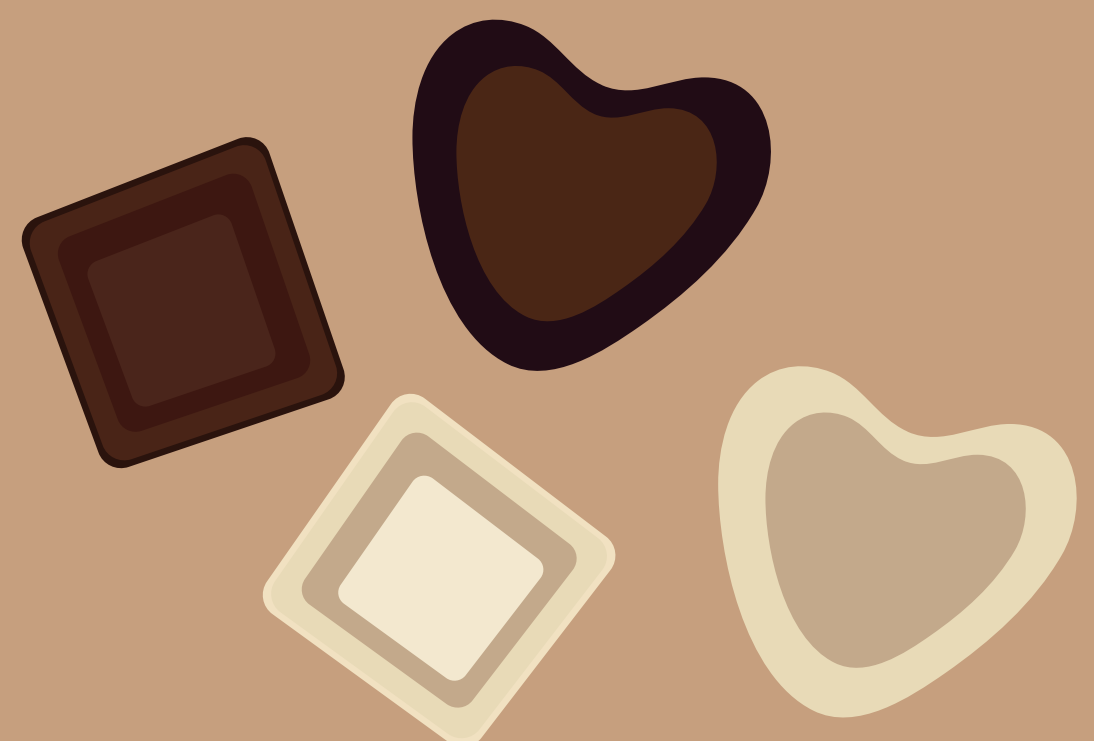


In the little town of Hershey, Pennsylvania, there is a sweet scent in the air. Founded by Milton S. Hershey in 1894, the small town became home to the Hershey's Chocolate Company and began a revolution that would forever change the confectionery business.

Milton Hershey was the first to make milk chocolate accessible to everyone, as it was only a luxury for the rich beforehand. He made his chocolate using fresh milk produced by the cows in nearby farms, which was something new since milk chocolate had only been made using powdered milk prior. During the Great Depression, Hershey's was been the main company to provide chocolate for consumers, and during World War 2, they made "an emergency nutrition bar that did not melt in tropical heat and was intentionally not tasty enough to tempt soldiers to eat it as a snack." The bars could survive heat up to 120 degrees Fahrenheit and had made more than 3 billion bars by the time the war was over. Today, Hershey's is worth \$38.98 billion USD



By Seeley Driskill



History of the Filibuster

In the beautiful states of the United, there is a known parliamentary tradition to delay the decision regarding a bill and prolong debate - the filibuster. While supporters of the filibuster argue it's a form of freedom of speech, opposers believe it's a way to obstruct progress.

The filibuster dates back to the early dates of the Senate. It was known as a tool for individual senators to express their viewpoints regarding different bills but has since been changed into a process that requires 60 percent of the supermajority to be put into action. Supporters of the filibuster claim it is an essential process that checks the majority's power and avoids hasty decisions being made. On the other hand, many view the filibuster as pointless simply because senators abuse the power. For example, Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina talked for 24 hours and 18 minutes straight in 1957 simply to prevent a bill from being passed. He read passages from Dr. Sues books and phonebooks, and even went so far as to set up a bucket beside him and keep his foot on the Senate floor while relieving himself. Is the filibuster a waste of time, or is it an essential part of the freedom of speech and rights?

By Seeley Driskill

7-Eleven



7-Eleven. The gas station popular amongst the younger generation. From Bladee to Lana Del Ray, 7-Eleven makes many appearances in today's culture. I love 7-Eleven. Matt Watson has a 7-Eleven tattoo. What is the history behind this lovely place? 7-Eleven originated in 1927 when several icehouse companies decided to merge and form an icehouse storefront in Dallas, Texas.

Unlike traditional stores that have fixed hours, 7-Eleven is open 24/7, catering to the needs of customers around the clock. One time I bought wings from 7-Eleven at 2 in the morning. This store has continuously pushed the boundaries of what a seemingly simple gas station can offer, from the iconic slurpees to experimenting with different kinds of snacks. 7-Eleven is always releasing new editions of products to keep their customers intrigued and content.

With a presence in over 20 countries, 7-Eleven has adapted to many different cultures and is known for its diversity around the world. This gas station has had more positive influence on me than anybody in my entire life. I will devote my entire being to this wonderful world of goodies. There is nothing I love more in this world than 7-Eleven. Next time you see a 7-Eleven, will you go in...?



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Sports:

2/1 BB vs. Boulder

2/2 BB @ Lone Peak

2/2-2/3 Wrestling Divisionals @ Hardin

2/9 BB @ Townsend

2/10 BB vs. Lima

2/10 GBB vs. Manhattan Christian

2/15-17 BB Districts @ Belgrade

2/29-3/2 BB Divisionals @ Billings

Other:

2/5 Science Fair

2/19-24 Missoula Children's
Theatre week