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Meet the Supreme Court Justice's & their opinion on why they voted to <u>end</u> Roe

AMY CONEY BARRETT

In 2020 she stated the Roe would not be viewed as a super-precedent, then voted against it.



BRETT KAVANAUGH

Thought the states should not block people from traveling to get an abortion (right to interstate travel)



It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives

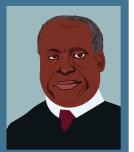


Called to the court to revisit ideals of same-sex marriage & the right to contraceptives



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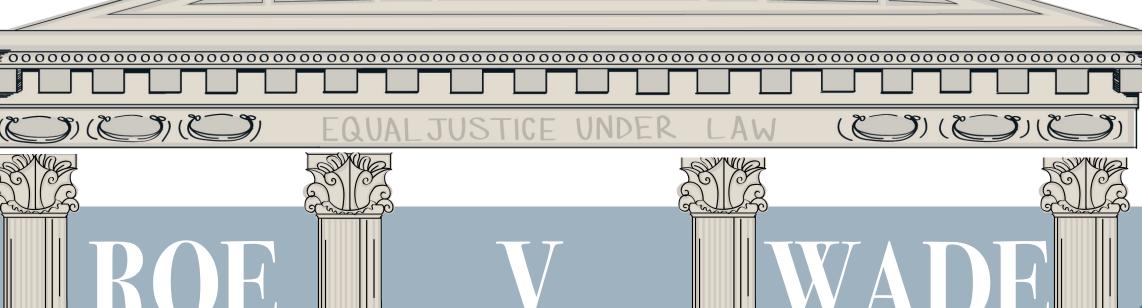












As soon as you turn 18, vote. Educate yourself and

stay informed. Don't settle for social media to teach

you. Vote in any election you can.

Chelsea McCaffrey

Dobbs v. Jackson's Womens Health Organization takes down five decade old court case

Isabella **del Nido** Editor-in-Chief

In a 5-4 majority, Roe v. Wade came to a screeching stop on June 24, 2022. 49 years later, women are now dealing with the repercussions of living in a post-Roe world.

This opinion was leaked in May, 2022 by Samuel A. Alito, writing for the majority, ruled in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization that the decision about abortion would return to the state level. For all purposes, abortion would not be equally accessible across the country. Alito argued that the right to an abortion was not guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

The end to Roe was determined by Dobbs v. Jackson. This ruling has caused a split in public opinion, and with mid-terms approaching draft these laws. in November, abortion rights could be at the forefront.

UNDERSTANDING ROE

The Supreme Court that instituted Roe v. Wade in the 70's held that criminalizing abortion violated a womans' constitutional right to privacy. They ruled, in a 7-2 decision, that restrictive state regulation was unwarranted. AP United States Government and Politics teacher, Dalton Pool shares the logistics around how this court ruling has changed as of this year.

"Overturning a precedent that has stood for 50 plus years is very radical and has only happened a few times in the Court's history,"

Dobbs v. Jackson split the Supreme Court and one vote determined the future of Roe. Five justices voted to overturn Roe: Amy Coney Barrett, Samuel A. Alito Jr., Brett Kavanaugh, Neil M. Gorsuch, and Clarence Thomas. Three of those Justices were recently appointed by former president Donald Trump. However, these justices did not vote cies. With that, the advantages of taking birth control are known to to end abortion directly. "The decision by the Supreme

Court to undo Roe v. Wade does iot ban abortion," Pool said. "Instead it returns the power to regulate abortion back to the state." This clarification sets up the

states to create its own standards for abortion, shaping a possibly disproportionate view on womens access to equal healthcare.

"Some states will continue to allow abortion providers the ability to operate," Pool said. "But others will create [or have already created] laws making abortion illegal."

Some argue that allowing the states to make this decision and the people of each state have their own views represented. For example, if 90% of Californians want no bans on abortion and they vote for the representatives that want that same thing, they would get it and vice versa. According to New York Times, as of September 23, 14 states have already enacted laws that ban abortions at about six weeks. This includes Texas which has banned abortion with no exceptions for rape

"It feels like a step back in women's ability to make choices about you just have to carry that burden," Ybarra said. "You carry it for the their own bodies, and how it could affect me in the future," sophomore Neela Lerma said. "It's a lot scarier for me if I end up getting pregnant down the line.'

According to English teacher Chelsea McCaffrey, this ruling is affecting female identifying students and students that could get preg-

"It really sends a message to them," McCaffrey said. "And the message is that they don't have the same rights as the other half of the population. It's also putting them in a place where they have to make some really important choices. I feel like no teenager should have to."

abortion is a felony punishable by up to life in prison.

"I feel like this case could lead to other court decisions being overturned, like the rights to birth control," senior Annika Ybarra said. "That's not fair. If something were to ever happen to me in the future, I would want the option to make a choice that's best for me."

TRIGGER LAWS

"Trigger laws" only go into effect once something happens. In this, that specific event will "trigger" it into becoming an enforceable law. In this circumstance, the leak of Roe v. Wade decision gave state legislatures the opportunity to

The threat of trigger laws doesn't only reside with Roe; according to Stat News, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas cited that "In future cases, we should reconsider all of this Court's substantive due process precedents, including Griswold, Lawrence, and Obergefell," touching on the right

to contraception and same sex marriage. This could open the door to state lawmakers imposing trigger laws against these two things. "I know that there were some discussions on access to birth control," McCaffrey said. "It's really unfortunate since you know, birth

control can help regulate things like your period." Although people may choose to use contraceptives for a variety of reasons (like a period) the purpose has remained the same since the 1950's. Birth control has been used to prevent unwanted pregnan-

help with menstrual cramps, hormone imbalance, and preventing the

chance for ectopic pregnancy. a teenager, it was to help with my heavy periods," McCaffrey said. "No one wants to feel miserable, and not be able to perform at school. Because of that, it shouldn't be something that is inaccessible."

In a study done by CalMatters, vounger women expressed that getting pregnant early on in college would put them at risk for poverty,

housing instability, and unachieved career goals. "I am worried that something could happen to me and I wouldn't be protected," Ybarra said. "Rape is very high in Texas and they're doing nothing about it to protect women.

In 2020, Statistica documented the highest number of forcible rape cases to Texas, with 13,509 cases. Roe gave women the right to choose. Without that, they are instead given the choice to have a child they may not be able to support or die trying "If you were to be impregnated by a rapist, you have no options;

rest of your life. Especially when you don't even know if you're pregnant at six weeks." According to ANSIRH (Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health) two-thirds of women in America find out they are pregnant

before six weeks. In their findings, they indicated that younger people could not find out sooner because of accessibility. Since June, natural miscarriages have been deemed criminal offens-

es by three states, including Texas. "I've seen women who have had miscarriages not by choice getting arrested for no reason because these trigger laws make any woman

Here at home, Texas trigger laws have already gone into effect. Who was originally pregnant then no longer pregnant face penalties," Abortion clinics have closed their doors. And now, performing an Ybarra said. "It makes me upset because it's like we can't control what happens to our bodies and how it processes pregnancy."

STUDENTS PROTEST

to represent the 49 years of Roe. Sophomore Neven Mulhall-Sviglin describes his first protest.

"The day we went to protest was when I realized these rights were no longer protected," Mulhall-Sviglin said. "I had heard about the decision earlier but I fully understood it the day of the protest."

The protest started at the end of second lunch and pushed through seventh period. Students from all classes came to support.

"There were so many people and it definitely proved a point," Mulhall-Sviglin said. "It proved that the number of people against it was a lot higher than the people who stood for it, I could tell that people

According to Mulhall-Sviglin, Even though he was a freshman during the protest he learned a lot about how much people cared, leading to an awakening of his own.

"I learned that no matter how many people were going to be against Roe, it was still going to be changed," Mulhall-Sviglin said. "It was a lot for me but I learned the importance of rights. But now, If something else were to happen in the future, I feel helpless against it." In a poll done by the Pew Research Center, a majority of Ameri-

cans (61%) still believe that abortion should continue to be legal. The dobbs decision is not reflected in this. "I think that it would have been different if they had jurors that

understood the youth generation," Mulhall-Sviglin said. "I think abortions should be restricted after a reasonable put into consideration the womans background."

CREATING CHANGE

Changing this decision is not impossible. It may take time but instituting a federal law to protect abortion rights could happen. "Passing a federal law would require both chambers to approve a

bill on abortion and then the President would have to sign it," Pool

With midterms coming up on November 8, it has the power to reshape Biden's second term as president but also shift the houses. All 435 seats in the house of representatives and 34 seats in the senate will be up for grabs. 34 of the 50 states will elect new governors including Texas. What all of this means is that if all stars are aligned, new members of congress could come together to approve a federal law that makes all states share the same regulations for abortion.

"If someone doesn't like what their state is doing, then they should get more involved with state politics or pressure their state representatives to act in a certain way," Pool said. "Voting is super, super important and has major consequences."

Roe's reversal has shaken ground and will most likely leave a mark on American history. In a future of uncertainty, each state has a choice to make. Future voters can be a part of that choice.

"After seeing everything that has transpired in the last few years, it's hard to be hopeful," McCaffrey said. "But, my hope is that there is enough movement to codify it into law," I do hope that laws can be put into place and something changes."

Meet the Supreme Court Justice's & their The leaked opinion on Roe hit student advocacy hard. So much so that on May 12 students held a 49 minute protest in the courtyard to represent the 49 years of Roe. Sophomore Never Mall. 11.0 in

AGAINST



MY BODY

MYCHOICE

STEPHEN G. BREYER

Agreed with Sotomayor that the end of Roe could mean the end to other landmark cases.

SONIA SOTOMAYOR

Warned overturning Roe would threaten other court cases in favor of gay rights and contraception.



It breaches an important rule-of law principle that is designed to promote constancy in the law



JOHN G. ROBERTS JR.

Urged the court not to overturn the decision and that we should stick to principles of judicial restraint

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THE FETAL DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE:

It's not fair that lawmakers in Texas think they can

restrict people's bodily autonomy just because they

don't agree with it.

Annika Ybarra

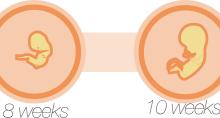


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Gov. Abbott signs HB128('nto law; a trigger law that oans abortion completly



September 1, 2021 Senate Bill 8 (SB8) goes into effect. Banning abortion after six weeks of gestation.



December 10, 2021 SCOTUS rules against Dobbs v. Jackson, which attempted to challenge



July 24, 2022 Roe v. Wade effectively ends and trigger law HB1280 goes into effect.

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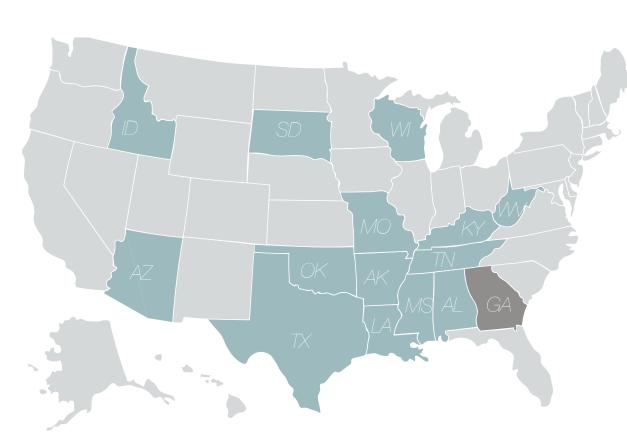
EACH STATES LEGISLATION ON ABORTION RIGHTS

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Full ban

6 weeks ban

other/ personalized law



IN-DEPTH 9



Aries // I think it helps me when it comes to leadership positions and being more confident in my life.



aurus I think that being a Taurus makes me super talkative and just a more cheerful person



I think Geminis tend to have very high highs and very low



Lancer I relate to being a Cancer a lot because I am a very emotional person sometimes



I consider myself an extrovert and people would describe me as crazy, but I'm just a Leo



Being a Virgo corresponds with my personality by making me a thoughtful person

I feel like Libras are super inde-

cisive and I think I can be super

indecisive sometimes



Scorpio-

Scorpios are very passionate, adventurous and mysterious and I relate to being passionate



Sagittarius 🕡 I'm very optimistic and I like to be very positive about things whenever I can



Capricorn // Being a Capricorn makes me feel that I am determined and also organized Laine Butterfield 12



Aquarius Aquarius' are very independent and I think that I am a very independent person



Pisces are supposed to act very creatively and I think I can also be that way

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STUDENTS & TOTAL STAR SIGNS

The ins and outs of western astrology and its interpretation in teenage culture

Isabella **del Nido** Editor-in-Chief

Twinkling, shimmering stars shine down as rays of guidance coming from the cosmos, giving a new definition to reaching for the stars. After all, it's not rocket science.

For some, Western astrology is just a pastime or entertaining hobby, but for seniors Bella Colunga and Amara Lopez, it is so much more.

Colunga reflects on the moment she knew astrology would be a part of her life.

"My godmother owns a crystal shop," Colunga said. "For my 16th birthday, she gifted me a bunch of crystals with little papers that explained what each one meant and that sparked my interest in learning about the spirituality of astrology."

According to Energy Muse, crystals have energetic properties that can amplify positive energy, correspond to a healthy balance, and increase self-connection. Astrology has many facets

of spirituality, including tarot reading. "My friend gifted me this

tarot deck and I started learning about it and understanding how it corresponds with zodiac signs," Col-

unga said. "I have this medium, and she charges me for readings. Sometimes I get my cards read by her over text. She's really good at what she does." Those interested in astrology but don't know where to start

may initially shy away from tarot readings at first. For Lopez, her interest in tarot sparked at 16 years old. "I've had my cards read by my friends and one of them got me into it," Lopez said. "I started

doing my own tarot cards, but According to Cafe Astrology, a website dedicated to educating

people can look at birth charts to learn more about themselves and the signs that correspond to

"It's always been something that has been ingrained into my family, especially on my dad's side," Lopez said. "My Abuela made me a birth chart the second I was born.

By entering a birth date, place of birth and time, practitioners can find information about how they interact with their psyche and its impact on the world around them.

"I think that it's just something that I like to look at to guide me," Lopez said. "I feel like it's not something that I rely on for every single thing, but when I do, I listen to it fully. It's nice to have something to look out for to help me learn more about myself."

In addition to reading birth charts, Lopez dives deep into her favorite part about the

process, reading houses. "I think that reading houses is most interesting for me behave that sign which is your sun sign but I think looking deeper into your chart like your Mercury, Venus,

Mars and all

that it tells you

the most about

Catherine Gonzalez how you deal with issues or how

There are tons of

stars but this is a

foundation. You can

take the themes of

each constellation

what the season will

be like.

Lopez said. Catherine Gonzalez, a digital reporter, and long time astrology lover provides excellent insight to understanding how to read houses in your birth chart. Gonzalez began her journey with astrology the minute her kindergarten teacher grouped her students up by star sign. Since then, she has been involved with traditional

you look at areas of your life,"

archetypes of tropical western "When you look at your chart, notice that it is divided into 12 houses," Gonzalez said. "You are the 'x' in the center of the 'map.' Each zodiac constellation sign is designated in a house.

Each house can be described as a department of life. It's like a big map of you based on the locations and influences of the planets and stars."

According to Gonzalez, she enjoys teaching people the "whole sign" system first because it is the oldest form of western

"The system teaches us that life is a circle and time is non-linear," Gonzalez said. "It's the 'mundane' practice base of astrology. Houses are divided cleaner, each planetary body falls in a single house. The rising sign always falls in the first house. Each house picks up after the

On the birth chart each house is laid out in a circle. Gonzalez explains why house placements are so influential in reading one's

"Opposite houses are yinyang, providing what the other lacks," Gonzalez said. "For example, if the 3rd house represents early education, then the 9th house represents higher education. If the 1st house represents the self, then the 7th house represents our relationships with other people. Houses 1-6 are the cause yes, we all personal houses. Houses 7-12 are the interpersonal houses. The everyone knows 4th, 8th, and 12th houses are privacy houses.'

As part of a chart, the Midheaven (or the Medium Coeli) is the highest point the chart and is located in the 10th house.

"Your mid-heaven determines your work ethic and how you will succeed in your career, not necessarily what you will be doing for your entire life," Colunga said. "It has a big influence on the things that you work best with and what can make you more successful in your own career."

Each part of a birth chart is personalized. But, there are aspects of astrology that can impact the collective. "A lot of people hear about

mercury being in retrograde but what it means is that there is a block in communication," Colunga said. "'Retrograde' means that the planets are moving backward, which creates a lock in whatever planet it rules. Mercury rules communication and when it retrogrades it can affect your real life and how to communicate with those around you."

Expanding a person's horizon past the sun sign can further insight on their character. According to Lopez, she enjoys providing a new form of thinking

to personal identity. 'We aren't just one sign," Gonzalez said. "We have personal inner planets (Sun, Moon, Venus, Mercury, and Mars) and the other outer planets (Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto). These planetary placements fall into the twelve houses. There are tons of asteroids and stars but this is the foundation."

According to Colunga, Generation Z has a more substantial interest in astrology, mostly because it's a large topic on popular

social media apps like TikTok. "When people ask you what your sign is, you might automatically think and say your sun sign," Gonzalez said. "But we have many different departments of life and ourselves. Humans are complex.

multi-faceted, and multi-dimen-I think that with social sional." media talking more in western about astrology and astrology is it becoming more a renaissance popular, there will be fueled by a bigger spotlight on accounts and TikToks Amara Lopez

ly engage viewers. This introduces a generation of a diverse

younger population to the language of the zodiac. "Personally, I think a won-

derful thing about teens nowadays is your Pluto placement," Gonzalez said. "Pluto marks our generations. Think about how far out there Pluto is. The U.S. is currently experiencing our first Pluto return. It is going to last until 2023-2024. Pluto will finally be leaving Capricorn and the last time Pluto moved like this was during the French and American Revolution.

According to Gonzalez, Gen Z is filled with adventurous, free-thinkers who are interested in world affairs and philosophy. In this day and age, ideas are spread all over the world faster

than ever with technology, catering to Gen Z's charisma.

"If millennial's brought an idea to change the world, Gen Z, who has Pluto in Sagittarius, would take that idea, draw its bow and arrow and shoot it all over the world," Gonzalez said. "With your generation, Pluto transforms religions, philosophy, world affairs, higher education.

As a young enthusiast, Lopez illustrates how she plays into the aspects of her friends' lives through reading their charts. Bringing light to those who may not believe in astrology to the same extent as her.

"I've had certain people doubt astrology, and I like showing peo ple when they are open to it that it's not something that is very broad and can apply to everyone but it's really like honing in on certain aspects of people's lives and helping them figure things out," Lopez said. "I like enlight

ening them on ideas they have about friendships and relationships that might lead them to look at things in a new perspective." Many people

use astrology as a sort of compass to guide how they should live their daily lives. Each part of a chart describes a facet of life. One of those parts is your north node

As reported by EliteDaily, the north node represents the moon's orbit at the time you were born. The zodiac associated with a north node shows how someone will grow

throughout life. "Lead your life through your north node," Gonzalez said. "A lot of people say that your rising sign is what 'people see you as' or 'the mask you wear,' but it's much more than that. It's your true essence, our body's ego, the costume we wear in society. Arguably as important as our sun sign it reveals our natural, defense, and coping mechanisms. Our essence. Also, our projections, attitudes, and impressions of the world. Embrace it."

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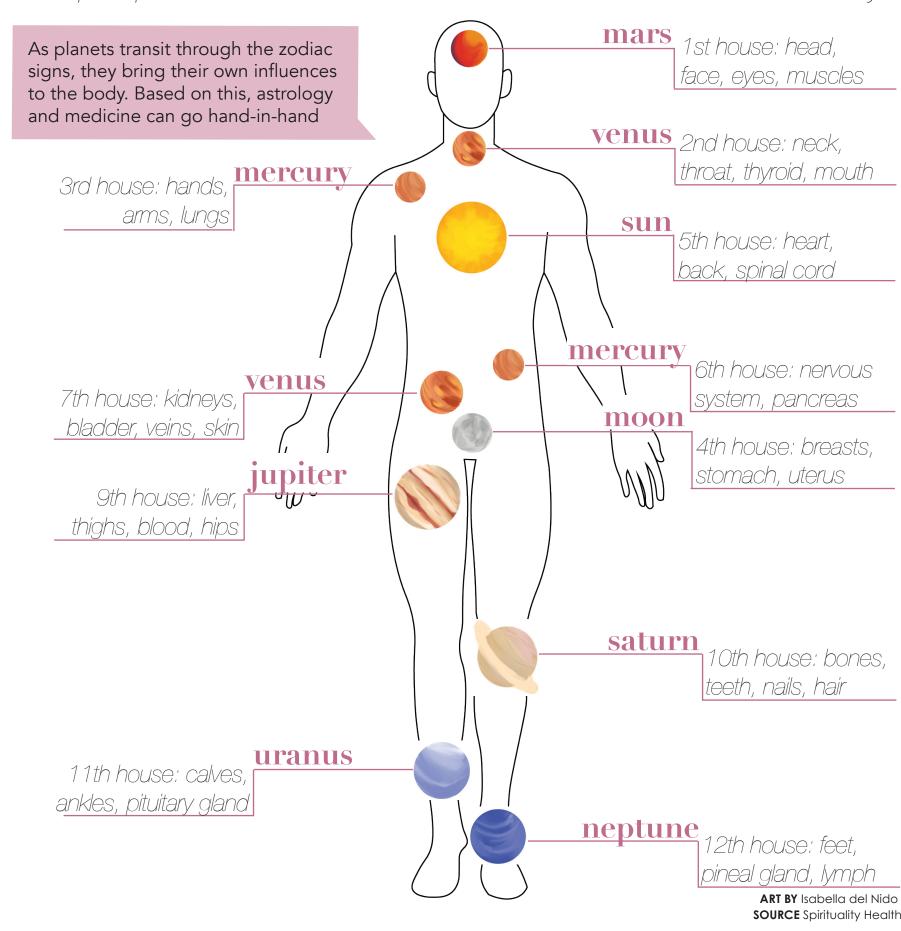
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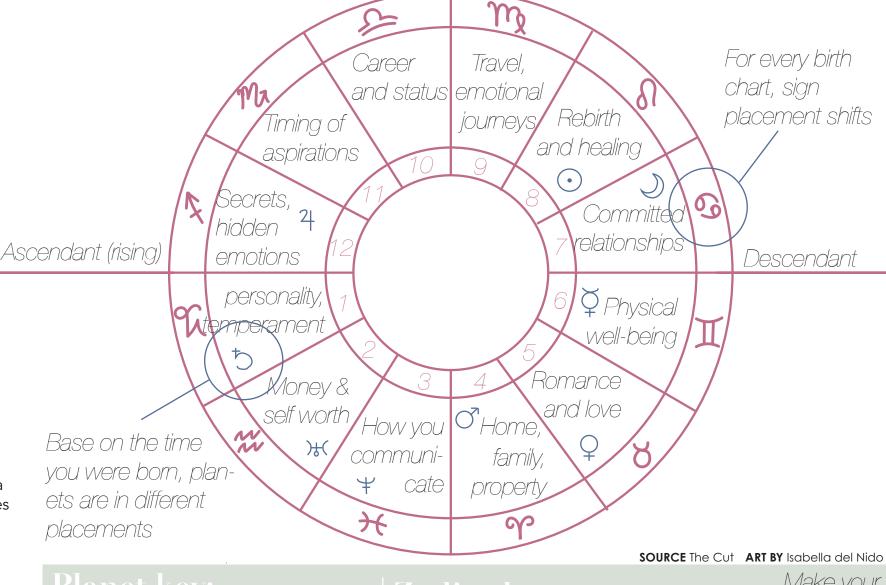
us. Jupiter represents

planets and your person-

A map of planets and their houses in relation to its effects to the body



birth charts for beginners





The Sun

Rules over Leo. The Sun represents the way we shine light in the world. Leo emphasizes creativity.



The Moon Rules over Cancer. Gives Cancers a nurtur-

ing essence. Moods are skewed like the tides.

Mercury Rules over Geminis and Virgos. Mercury retrograde creates lapses conversation.



Mars

Venus

Rules over Taurus and

Libra. Taurus rules over

ulates feminine energy.

money and luxury and em-

Rules over Aries. Mars is the God of War, so it represents drive,

action, and leadership.

Rules over Capricorn.

Saturn represents dis-

cipline, structure, and



very blue planet, Pisces is a strong water sign with a lot of empathy.

Uranus Rules over Aquarius. represents forward thinking and humanitarian beliefs.

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Aries Cancer Libra Capricorn
Taurus OGemini Scorpio Aquarius
TGemini Virgo Sagittarius Pisces



THE DISPATCH FRIDAY, DEC. 16, 2022 FRIDAY, DEC. 16, 2022 THE DISPATCH

A constitutional right is tested when rap music star Kanye West makes racist remarks, questioning the validity of speech on the Internet

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A student just got home from school, they finally throw their backpack off after a long day and decide to open their favorite app, Twitter and the first thing they see is a tweet from Kanye "Ye" West. The student wonders to themselves: "What will he say this time?"

Recent activity from celebrities across all platforms on the web are sparking a star, West who has been under fire for antisemitic comments new debate on what people can and can't say to millions through a screen.

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

In today's world, communication is not limited to the words spoken to one another or the papers stamped in ink, it's digital. A place where talking to someone without even knowing who they are, or where they are in the world is common. AP World History teacher Carrie Hoffman-Howell reflects on what the First Amendment means in her classroom.

"The First Amendment grants everyone in the United States the basic human rights, such as speech, religion, press, etc, that should be basic rights for all humans on the Earth," Hoffman-Howell said. "We are fortunate to live in a country that recognizes basic human rights."

Freedom of speech has been held as a pillar to fostering a fair and equal Democracy. English teacher Jacob Morgan shares how this right has changed since

"Especially today, freedom of speech has grown to be a hot issue because of the online climate and the way people are utilizing their rights," Morgan said. "The amount of information we are spreading plays a part in what qualifies as

According to Morgan, teachers listen to what words students say to one another and analyze them to create new ideas based on them. To Morgan, The freedom of speech is the ability to be free from those words being taken away.

"The way people's biases can build up hysteria is kind of a scary thing as someone who studies the power of language everyday," Morgan said. "It's really upsetting and unsettling the way antisemitism and antisemetic language is being shared. We need to right the words that are being used."

When a person attends a protest or writes to their representatives about any issue, that is an example of them exercising their First Amendment rights. Similarly, sharing a post on social media made by your favorite news outlet is

"I think that in the media it is definitely easier to speak out online because it is less scary." sophomore Audrey Nixon said. "In real life people aren't really as confrontational. When you are speaking out online it's easy to hide behind a screen and say what you want to without any repercussions.

In such an instantaneous environment, like the Internet with over 198.4 mil-

"I think social media should be monitored to a certain extent because minors lion active websites and over 5.47 billion users according to First Site Guide, have access to these, and many young people/minors might misinterit can be an intimidating and lawless place. pret things being said on social media," Hoffman-Howell said. "The media has the power to reach everyone quickly and if not careful, they could start a global panic," Hoffman-Howell not harm anyone. said. "For safety reasons, I believe the media needs to report the facts, but not start a widespread "Right now, there's this could lead

to more violence."

saging. This can lead to interesting conversations that may or may not be accepted by the masses. Sagebiel walks through one of the most recent societal rejections with a popular music

"The posts he has made are insane," Sagebiel said. "He's gone off the rails, and it's sad because he wasn't always like this. During Hurricane Katrina, he did say the 'Bush doesn't care about Black people' statements, which was a very left leaning ideal at the time. Yes, I think he has been polarized to the right but I also think that he's doing all these statements On December 2, West was suspended, for the second time.

The first being back on October 9. He was then reinstated by new CEO Elon Musk. Most recently, after posting a design of a swastika inside the Star of David, Musk resuspended West and the post was removed, stating the post violated the app's rule against inciting violence.

"Right now, I think the media has caught that if your headline mentions Kanye at all, you're going to get clicks," Morgan said. "He's been given a whole lot of attention. As someone who listened to Kanye 10 years ago, I can say that I'm sad to see the way he's deteriorated and the views that he's started to adopt."

ACCOUNTABILITY

In the past month, West's anti-black and antisemitic comments on multiple television shows, podcasts, and social media platforms have cost him his partnerships with Adidas, Gap, and Balenciaga. The responses from these corporations beg the question: Is this holding him accountable? Where is the line

"If it gets excessive, rude, derogatory, and it's anything that could seriously offend someone I think you shouldn't say that online," Nixon said. "With social media platforms, I think they can do what they want with what they say because it's freedom of speech. Everyone has the right to say what they want but it's difficult to find a line when it's derogatory.'

Since West's crusade on Twitter began, he has gained 180,925 new followers since Saturday, December 3, according to Newsweek. Content on his account has ranged from racist comments to music promotion, and with a target audience of 18-24 year-olds, this exposure is questioned.

> "If something is harmful to anyone, then it shouldn't be published on social media. Or, if you want full freedom of speech, keep your social media private to As CEO of Twitter, Musk has gotten the final say by suspending West from post-

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ing, effectively ending the antisemitic comments on his platform while also removing his right to speak out on Twitter.

Freedom of speech is being free from government interference, and most people mistake that for freedom from

Jacob Morgan

repercussions.

more violence." mob mentality of when someone does something that the majority disagrees have reflected very, very badly on him and he deserves to be called out and pun-Freedom of speech has been tested by the seemingly limitless social media with then everyone should attack that one person," Sagebiel said. "I think that's ished for what he's been saying." apps like Facebook and Twitter. Both apps are used for quick exchanges of mes- wrong but there's definitely a way of going around this. So, if someone like sages, which may contain photos, videos, links, and to no surprise, instant mes-

> against it and educate him on how those things are wrong." Apps like Pinterest and Etsy are publicly owned domains, which means that they are owned by the government. According to Hoffman-Howell, private social media apps get a say as to what goes on their app because they own it.

> community, then you should have those people speak out

"I think that companies which are, like, private businesses have the right to refuse service to anyone," Sagebiel said. "So, if they think that this person is someone that they don't want on their platform, they should be allowed to censor it. But in public spaces, I think they shouldn't be allowed to do that.'

According to Sagebiel, if someone is in a private space, and the owner doesn't want them there, the owner should be able to exercise that right. On the other hand, if they are in the crowded square and they are shouting something they should be able to say what they want regardless of the content. On apps like Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, society has taken it upon themselves to "cancel" those who say inappropriate things outcasting them without the aid of suspension.

"Cancel culture mainly lives in social media and I don't think it really helps anything," Nixon said. "It's like saying 'Oh this person is bad because of this on the Internet' It doesn't help and I don't think it can really change how a person behaves in the real world if it's just Online."

Merriam Webster's dictionary defines cancel culture as the practice or tendency of engaging in a mass canceling as a way of expressing disapproval and exerting societal pressure. Some forms of cancel culture are conveyed by not purchasing products that the person may be selling, or not streaming their music. "Honestly, I think its pretty stupid because when we cancel

things were are just bringing more attention by highlighting and echoing how bad that person is or what they did or said," One example of this was on January 6, 2021, when former President Donald Trump was taken off of Twitter and Facebook following the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol building. This

event inspired Trump to create True Social, a Facebook alternative where his Republican following trailed behind him. It just keeps those people who have these ideals find different, more extreme platforms and more extreme leaning areas to spread their thoughts," Sagebiel said. "So, if anything, I think if they stayed on Twitter and were exposed to more mixed opinions, Twitter would be better off. Canceling people with

these opinions only makes those people who agree with these AP World History opinions disagree with those who continue to cancel others." With free speech being such a huge part of social media antics, it asks society to analyze the actions of others. With the possibility that Trump or West could join Twitter again and violate guidelines again, it could put

"I think it's perfectly fair that he's getting canceled because I think everyone has freedom to speak out against others' actions," Nixon said. "And I think with that, you don't want to say anything too bad about anyone especially when that thing you said is inherently discriminatory. The things that he's been saving

PUSHING FOR CLARITY

In the words of Sagebiel, West's antisemitic and sexist comments are crazy, but canceling someone for stating their opinion is wrong. Sagebiel believes West should be educated. With a celebrity as big as he is, he still maintains a

"I don't think it's fair for someone to automatically assume that someone else is a bad person because they like Kanye's music," Sagebiel said. "I think there's definitely a way to separate art from the artist."

Target audiences on social media have shifted, and with that liability may have shifted with it. According to Nixon, decisions made when people are young shouldn't be held against them later in life, because people have different mindsets in their youth..

"I think people under 18 have less developed minds," Nixon said. "I don't think you can have something held against you if it happened a long time ago. You don't know what situation they are in. If they were super young, maybe his parents were making them do it and you don't know if they still have that mindset today unless they tell you."

Age and censorship go hand-in-hand within apps' terms of service. The terms of service is what people agree to when they first join privately owned apps. According to Facebook's terms of service, a user must be at least 13 years old before joining the app. Censorship on private apps is based on the terms of service set in place by the owner, but is their judgment valid?

"I don't think that we should censor people because we disagree with them," Sagebiel said. "If we do that, it becomes more of an echo chamber of us just saying the same things over and over again. That's how people become more polarized. I think that the solution is talking more, not less. Hoffman-Howell provides another way students can avoid over-dramatizing

if you can't say

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Carrie Hoffman-

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celebrity statements and actions in the future. "Many people treat celebrities as experts to the world,

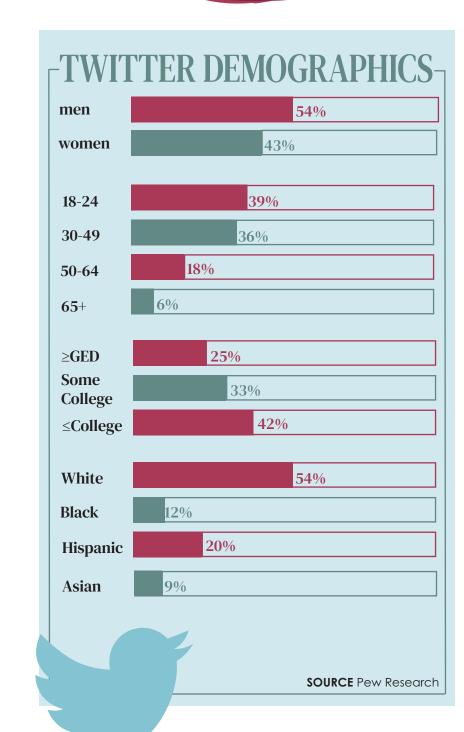
when they are not," Hoffman-Howell said. "I think it is great when celebrities try to do good things to help people y using their celebrity influence, but we do not need to believe everything that is said." According to Sagebiel, cancel culture is creating a space

where no one wants to talk about what is really happening or what people are saying. But with censorship, people aren't allowed to talk about the things they want. With that in mind, Sagebiel reflects on open communication over media platforms.

"In the worst case scenario, they just disagree with them. Best case scenario, our country becomes less polarized than it is now," Sagebiel said." Censorship in the media has become a double-edged sword. One side of this sword is that people aren't discriminatory and racist and on the other, people can freely express their beliefs. It's up to the person reading that tweet or post to determine how they want to react. After all, it's a First Amendment right.

Navigating a digital world where discrimination and expression can share the same tweet, its up to the reader or the writer to use their best judgment.

"Maybe people would learn things if they just had an open and honest conversation," Sagebiel said. "I think censorship in the media is only going to help these people with their opinions find a new place to talk about their beliefs and find a group of people who will listen to them."



Musk in a tight position.

SOURCE Pew Research

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SOURCE Council on Foreign Relations

SOURCE Pew Research

FACEBOOK'S HATE SPEECH **CENSORSHIP** Content reported and flagged by Meta containing hate speech show a downward trend 31.5 m 26.9 m 25.2 m 22.1 m 22.3 m 17.4 m 15.1 m

SOURCE Statista

ART BY Isabella del Nido

THE DISPATCH FRIDAY, FEB. 17, 2023 words added to the dictionary in 2022: Antiwork

Galentine's Day Hard pass Cringe Yeet TBH LewkJanky Vax to be honest SIMP

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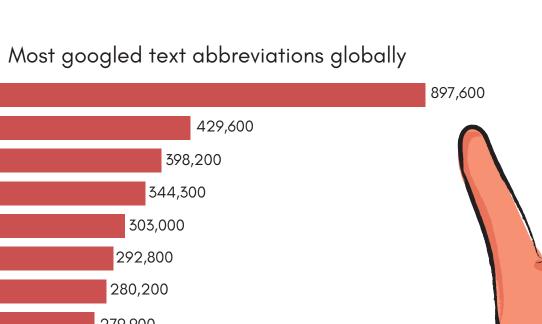
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SOURCE Dictionary.com



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Modern dating terms

Situationship

SMH (shaking my head)

TBH (to be honest

HMU (hit me up)

LOL (laugh out loud

LMAO (laughing my ass off

A relationship where both partners do not establish or communicate clearly to define status. Neither party in the relationship is certain of what the other is to

Soft-launch

Posting a discrete video or photo of a new partner with the intent to announce your relationship while also keeping the identity a secret. One example would be sharing a photo of your clasped

Love Bombing

Lavishing a new romantic partner with grand gestures while isolating them from their friends and family in order to gain control in the relationship. Not every gesture is a red flag so this can be hard to spot

"Rizz"

Short for "charisma" the phrase is commonly used by Gen Z after being popularized on TikTok. This refers to someone's ability to flirt and attract a potential love interest.

day on their smartphones

Of Gen Z watching videos

SOURCE 99Firms

Of Gen Z spends 5 or more hours a

spends 3 or more hours online

Jen 7 eration Accompanied by technology, Gen Z is setting new standards and altering the English language, flipping the script on communication

sabella **del Nido**

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Editor-in-Chief Gonzalez said. "We want people Carving out their own vocabto have good opinions about us ulary and bypassing outdated and we want to fit in rather than means of communication, Genstand out. So, I feel like whateveration Z fosters change through er's on TikTok and whatever's technology adding one new word to the dictionary at a time. thing they can to fit in." Over time, the internet has

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Wiedmeyer." The turnover of popular phrases as older generations try to understand could cause a miscommunication and lack of understanding between all age "We have to try our best to

communicate," AP literature teacher Judd Pfeiffer said. "We need patience, empathy, and understanding. My parents and their friends use the internet, and certainly use social media, way more than I do, so it's not always about younger people communicating differently because of the internet. Maybe we can avoid person more. So much of in-person communication is non-verbal a lot is lost when the majority of our communication is online." Online communication and

overall writing on the internet has become its own distinct genre with its own rules and mannerisms. According to, The Guardian, understanding emotion through writing is becoming a fundamental skill

"I think that's really interesting because I often feel that kids know all caps mean screaming, but my mom doesn't," Wiedmeyer said. "When she texts in all caps I'm

like are you yelling at

me mom? So I don't know if these rules are universal yet. And the other thing that I often think about is like, and I've read articles about having a font for sarcasm because how do you connote that and oftentimes this is lost in text messages. It's an interesting thing to think about, like should we teach text to speak over something like cursive which is now As an English

teacher, Pfeiffer sees the repercussions of this new way of talking online with his students. "I have no

problem with this when we are writing direct messages, texts, or informal emails, but my students sometimes struggle to turn this off when they are writing formal essays,

assessments, or letters," Pfeiffer said. "We have to remember that punctuation and grammatical rules still matter when it's formal writing and during standardized testing. That being said, it's often hard to express tone when typing, so people try to express tone by

manipulating punctuation." According to Rhetorikos, many worry that the internet may have an unnatural effect on English. Nontradition-

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Some words that are unique to my generation that I use on a day to day basis are LMAO, OML, L, and bet.

Daniel Cardenas

struggle with apostrophes, laughed at me," Wiedmeyer said. subject-verb agreement, pronoun "They're like, 'nobody says that case, and idioms involving prepoanymore, stop saying that Mrs. sitions more than ever before. It's frustrating, because I truly believe my current students are incredibly intelligent; we just have to learn to make the switch when we are

groups. This could lead to further resentment between generations.

"I feel like Gen Z is wrapped

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Many linguists believe that

others online, the range of textual innovation and expression that someone can find on Tumblr, Twitter, or even TikTok brings a loaded meaning to three dots ellipsis, at the end of a statement or a question without a question "idk lol." "I feel like tone is very important be-

cause there's certain ways that people can say things ceived differently," Gonzalez said. "For example, someone could be like, 'What are you doing,' or 'hey

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what are you doing?" According to Gonzalez, when it comes to communicating over social media students can say whatever they want to say, even harmful things that a person would never say to someone's

the generation is so wrapped around technology it gives people the power to hide behind a screen. "I think we have to be more careful than ever before," Wiedmeyer

that sometimes words that we want to claim as our own to use, we

are checked more about "Well should we be saying that? Why do I need to say that word and claim it as my own? And we talked about that in Rhetoric classes, especially in words regarding your identity and how you can say it and who should say it. Why do I feel the need to say it? I think all those things are much more pronounced than they used to be 10, 20, or 30 years ago."

What's said online has become its own category of communication. As generation Z grew up with the rise of the internet, its imprint could have lasting effects on the way we traditionally use vocabulary.

"I'm not sure how much the internet is changing the rules, but they are certainly changing, Pfeiffer said. "For example, it is now acceptable to use the word 'literally' to emphasize an exaggeration. That used to be the literal opposite of how this word should be used. 'That soccer player is always injured. He is literally made of glass.' This is now okay. That's crazy to me. Is the internet to blame? Maybe. I saw 'literally' used in this manner more on the internet than I ever did before. Whatever the cause, our grammatical rules are certain

relaxed and informal." Gonzalez reflects on how she talks to others is different to how she talks to them on the internet. "It's mainly just abbreviations and shortening things," Gonzalez said. "You would never say

ly changing and becoming more

"OMG" in person. If anything I mainly use slang over text." According to Rhetorikos, In order for English to remain useful and help communication, it needs to adapt to its current speakers' habits. Pfeiffer explains how he's since a shift from his generation

to Gen Z. "We didn't use as many conventions and acronyms to shorten what we were saying, like "FYI" replacing "for your information," Pfeiffer said. "We just said the actual words. But we had our own way of speaking that was influenced by music, film, and other media forms just like y'all."

Historically, shifts in language can happen over time. While the

internet has sped up these shifts, it's not necessarily new. According to Tone is more Pfeiffer, modimportant than ern English was becoming less grammar because your tone is wrong the internet people could take most aspects of a compliment as an our lives. Reading letters from insult. the 19th century can show how **Daniel Cardenas**

> speech was. "I do think the internet has made our speech more casual and economical," Pfeiffer said. "But English is always changing, and that's not a bad thing. Now, we (usually) no longer use dehumanizing language to describe groups of people. In that way, our language changing is a good thing. I think the internet has helped

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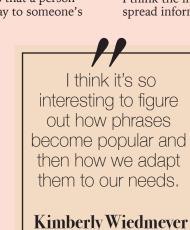
spread information that has made our language more inclusive For example, we now use gender neutral pronouns more often. Instead of saying "he or she"/ "his or her", we say "they"/ "their even when the antecedent is singular. That's a great thing." Gen Z and the power of the

hand creating change, for better or for worse. New words enter our dictionary and the generation takes previous words and creates a whole new

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"I think we're realizing that as long as you can understand what's being said, contractions, leaving letters out are going to continue happening," Wiedmeyer said. "I think there are some English teachers that are horrified by that I think there are some teachers that are looking at English as something that is living and breathing and changing to meet our needs. But at the end of the day we are all still reading and we are still writing. The venue is just different."



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COMBATING

Ruth Widner

Ruth Ann WIdner, who is in charge of campus improvement, walks through three policies pertaining to keeping Bowie a more equitable place for all

-Speak up

- Is a strategy that gives ber ways to respond to bias or hateful language

- We've also created Speak Up classroom postparticipants four easy-to-rememers as a cue to students to "interrupt, question, educate, or echo" when they hear hurtful words or observe hurtful actions on campus

Bowie Equity Council

- Empowers students to develop a campus vision for promoting inclusivity. They serve as liaisons to the district, review campus policies for equity concern.

- Assistant Principal Hector Munoz and Lead Counselor Nicole Hepburn are working to reignite this group in light of Covid-19

- Students Organized for Anti-Racism (SOAR) invites students to join a student cohort that meets weekly to discuss issues related to cultur- on how to Wake Up, Take Action, and al proficiency and inclusivity

- Participating students use the book This Book Is Anti-Racist: 20 Lessons Do the Work to guide their talks.

INTERVIEW BY Isabella del Nido



2,123 students & staff were surveyed in 2022 about AISD's climate here are some of the results:

of staff members believe district eaders solve problems

of staff members believe the school helps staff speak out against racism

-Free for parents

-Should meet the

-Requires a disabil-

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SOURCE A Day in Our Shoes

student

child's needs

of students think the behaviour of other students affects their learning

of students feel like they matter to others at

of students feel like they belong at Bowie

of staff members are optimistic that Bowie will improve in the future

SOURCE Panorama Surveys

- Any disability -Focused on how a child learns - Limited rights and recourse if parent is unsatisfied - No goals or progress monitoring

- Not a special education program -Overseen by OCR and HSS -School does not have to seek parental input

-School can change plan at any time without parental approval -Applies to any school that has public funding

- Must have one of the 13 specific disabilities outlined the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

-Must be created by an IEP team, which includes specific school staff and parents

-Has goals and progress monitor-

-Procedural safeguards for parents -School is required to include

-All public schools must make this available to students

-Annual meeting with overseers

Combating discrimination, Bowie initiatives form to promote community

Isabella **del Nido** Editor-in-Chief

In one conversation, a student now has the ability to catalyze

Empowered to promote inclusivity, students can use school extracurriculars and resources to amplify their voices. Protecting individual student rights and campus wide policies has become more accessible to any student

SOAR, or Students Organized for Anti-Racism sponsor Masie Martin, who has been a teacher at Bowie for seven years, was in charge of a SOAR group last year. According to Martin, there were students in her group who had faced discrimination at some

point in their time at Bowie. "SOAR groups are a way to facilitate conversations about discrimination, especially about race." Martin

said. "These conversations are hard to have in big groups, so SOAR groups typically have around eight-10 student members and two or three faculty sponsors."

Addressing

Ruth Widner School Improvement

The Policies page

about how they must

respond to reported

incidents of racism

bias, discrimination, equity and identity in an after school organization can give students a space to open up about their personal experiences and work towards a place of understanding, growth and action.

"SOAR groups meet weekly or every other week and have either a book or other resources to help guide the conversation," Martin said. "This gives students a chance to reflect on their own practices as well as what happens at Bowie and talk about how we can make Bowie a more welcoming place for all."

The implementation of SOAR opens the conversation for students to actively fight for issues regarding racism and inequality in and out of Bowie. As part of SOAR's curriculum, all members get access to "This Book is Anti-Racist" by Tiffany Jewell.

"I've appreciated that there has been more of a push to talk about this stuff with staff and students in the past couple of years," Martin said. "I think we need to keep talking about discrimination, both in general and specifically what it looks like at Bowie. I also think it's important to have a way for students to talk about the difficulties that they

are facing."

Sophomore Bubba Infante has been a part of SOAR for one year. Infante shares how his involvement with the program has

"Being a part of SOAR has definitely benefited me in the sense that it has put me on a platform to openly speak about racism/ discrimination within our community," Infante said. "With all honesty, I am lucky enough to say that Bowie's anti-discriminatory policies are effective for me."

According to DoSomething. org, 15.8% of students in America reported experiencing racebased bullying or harassment, and in that survey it found a correlation between racial bullying and negative mental and physical health among students.

"I think one way discrimination can affect students' education is their sense of belonging,' Martin said. campus administrators

here for about 30 years, I can research out Bowie has increased its efforts to systematically address and there showing that when stem racism and other forms of harassment," Widner said. "The students feel a sense of ago was the catalyst for this and belong-In the letter, Robinson and ing they are the other principles explain that each campus will do its part in to do well

in school; their brains actually process information better. Obviously overt discriminatory behaviors are a problem, but even small microaggressions over time send the message that students aren't welcome and safe."

AISD's "Respect for All" page includes a resource for students and parents to see how all kinds of racism and discrimination are being handled across the district. According to Ruth Widner, who is in charge of campus improvement, the Policies and Research section of this web-page carefully outlines the Austin Independent School District's Board policies related to all types of discrimi-

"I've noticed that anytime I've had problems arise, my teachers have enforced these policies very heavily," Infante said. "SOAR is helping students who don't normally speak up get the chance. We've built a community where it's ok to speak your mind and wonder, while also educating and informing one another."

According to Martin, discrimination often takes the form of students making inappropriate jokes and they believe that as long as they're joking, it doesn't

matter what they say. "I have experienced being

discriminated against unfortunately, it was handled quickly and consequences were brought on the other student and I am overly thankful for how it was handled," Infante said. Infante details how he was

discriminated against. "A certain type of picture of me had been going around and I didn't know about it until a number of people had already seen it," Infante said. "It affected me the day I found out considering I did have a minor panic attack but afterwards I went to

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"Bowie has done a great job

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In addition to making sure

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disabilities receive guidance

by AISD. For example, 504's.

my wonderful AP Ms. Black and abilities. she helped me take care of it." In 2020, Principal Robinson, along with the elementary and middle school principals in AISD expressed their collective commitment to promoting equity on their campuses. They drafted and modation published an open letter on Bowmakes me ie's website displaying a pledge

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order to determine for 504 opening the conversation on race and provide trusted sources on services,

students, parents, or administrators can initiate a 504 referral if they suspect that they have a disability, then their referral will be reviewed by a campus level 504 coordinator.

through one of these programs would have an individualized

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Widener said. "All of this is out-

lined in federal and state law, so

learning plan that includes

"Some of my teachers felt like campus leadership team to devel-I didn't need the accommodaop an action plan to improve the tion, so I would have to message overall campus climate," Widner my assistant principal about it," said. "Various unfortunate events Sagebiel said. "But honestly as long as you stand up for yourself and your rights it's fine." In addition to Bowie's mission

to provide equal learning, a team of over 40 faculty and staff are many ways Bowie is promotmembers titled "Bowie's Equity ing inclusivity and kindness. This Committee" meet to examine policies and practices throughout the campus.

"The Equity Council was a said. "Lots of the staff are familreally cool opportunity," 2021-22 iar with who I am and the situa-Bowie Equity Committee Chair tions I have been involved with Whitney Shumate said. "Last and they have provided me with year we had four students who came pretty consistently and the goal was to try to find students every student receives the same who have a lot of leadership quality of education regardless potential, but might not always get the opportunity like students who are involved with extracurriculars get. These students through standards put in place are involved in the same way as

things about the **Equality Council is** that they have a lot of opportunities to advocate for student rights and for marginalized communities." According to

Bowie is required to follow the laws just like any other school." Shumate, last year, Senior Sami Sagebiel has a students on the Bowie 504 related to her dyslexia and **Equity Committee got** dysgraphia. Her disabilities affect to speak before the her ability to read and write. school board and talk According to the Yale Center about issues that really for Dyslexia, while people with matter to them. dyslexia are slow readers, they "The man at the disoften are very fast and creative trict level, who was overseeing

it, left last year for a job opportuthinkers with strong reasoning nity at UT," Shumate said. "The "My disability makes it diffivision we had for this program was really great, with the shiftcult for me to complete quality work in a short amount of time,' ing of positions at the district, Sagebiel said. "My 504 lets me the consistency of leadership has made it more challenging to keep turn in assignments a day late with no penalty. This accomthe program going and that's really unfortu-

> It was really cool to year speaking straight to the school board about issues that really matter to them.

Whitney Shumate Bowie Equity Committee

> really seek out," Shumate said. "I think that a lot of the structures of our organizations don't necessarily make room for students and so I think the cool thing about Equity Council is that it has that structure built in that specifically seeks out students who get knocked over and so then you give them opportunities to really

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shine and grow." Shumate now runs the SOAR program. In reflecting on SOAR's ability to make students passionate about inclusivity, Shumate describes her hopes for the program.
"I think if we can get

students who are really passionate about anti-racism and like being a part of the equity at our school in the way we do and the way that teachers are trained, if we have a group of students who are willing to put in the time, more than a fit session, we can make change," Shumate said."

1 Get a complaint form from your counselor or administrator if you feel you are being bullied (including cyberbullied), experiencing sexual harassment or dating violence

2. The complaint form will be reviewed by the principle or designee

3. To ensure confidentiality, the school will only disclose information on a need-to-know basis

SOURCE Austin ISD

BY THE NUMBERS:

58%

26%

White

How Bowie's demographics compare to Texas' average

30% Hispanic 53%

2%

Asian 5%

54%

46% Female 49%

ART BY Isabella del Nido SOURCE Public School Review

In my years as a designer, I have had the privilege of creating the double page spread for the entirety of my senior year. With that, I have gone through many struggles and had many triumphs over getting my story across expertly with my designs. As I'm reflecting on my senior year, I have witnessed the growth I have had in my abilities. When I fell into my role as the Editor-in-Chief, "Creative," and "Driven," were words used to describe me by my peers. I believe that.

As the previous Arts & Graphics editor, I fell in love with designing infographics and making meaningful art. This eventually blossomed into a love for folio design, page design, and packaging innovative themes for each of my double-trucks. Gaining motivation from the previous leadership team, I felt ready to take on such an intimidating space such as the double truck.

In the process of making each of my pages, I would first thumbnail possible concepts on graph paper. When I felt like I had a strong idea, I would draw it out to the scale of our broadsheet paper and hang it up. Drawing out my page beforehand gave me a space to work freely and narrow down my ideas and refine my concept before opening up InDesign. I learned that research also played a major part in my designs. When I would be stuck, my advisor would always remind me that "content drives design." I've carried this with me throughout the year and I believe that is what has helped me create the content that I've made this year. One thing I loved about having this page was space, I had the space I needed to tell my story to its fullest potential. I was able to use art and statistics to drive my point across in a way that draws in readers, and I loved it.

One of my favorite designs I made was my Issue 3 "Free to Speak" page. After stumbling through two publication cycles, I was beginning to feel confident in my abilities and the story I decided to tell was about free speech in the media, which was something a lot of students were interested in. When I was doing my research, I knew I wanted to incorporate how students felt about what they were seeing and hearing on social media. And after a few short interviews, I made a piece of art of a student going through a content "overload." I'm really proud of how well I told my story through my design.

I've always had a keen interest in the arts and I've been drawing and painting since I was a kid. Using newspaper and graphic design, I was able to hone in on attaching my art to something people would be able to read and perceive as something of their own. I have enjoyed driving this paper to new, creative heights.

1st thing: This double truck was about the Roe v. Wade decision that occurred over the summer. I loved the use of colors and the way I displayed the judges reasoning for why they voted for and against Roe.

2nd thing: For this double truck, I wanted to write about something light hearted but still peak student interests. I think this page was pretty infographic heavy and I'm proud of how I made all the planets look consistent throughout the spread.

3rd thing: In Issue 3 I felt my most confident. I wanted to convey how students felt about people using free speech on the internet and how that can affect other people. I think that the way the artwork and title wraps around the story looks nice.

4th thing: Issue 4's double truck was a little bit of a challenge for me. I think the concept behind how words and phrases have changed and will change over time is very compelling and the dominant art on my page really draws in readers.

5th thing: This double truck was the funnest to design. Once I had the title, "the road to inclusivity, I ran with it. I think the road helps keep readers in the flow of the story and the infographics act as pit-stops of education along the way.