Polital Parties *Divided* on Variety of Issues

By Jessica Riddle

When it comes to abortion I feel:

A)that the child has done nothing. It is WRONG.

B)the woman has the right to choose. It's none of my business.

C)nothing. I do not have an opinion on this subject.

When you answer this question think about the political party that your answer corresponds with. If you answered B then you may be likely to consider youself a Democrat. This means you are pro choice. If you selected A, then your answer reflects the views of a Republican, which in turn means that you are pro-life. As for the answer of C, you really follow no one particular party.

Abortion is just one hot button issue in politics. There are two other issues that separate these political parties; the environment which includes the preservation of our forests and natural resources, and capitalism, which is our free market system including corporate and private owned businesses.

Democrats take pride in their national parks, where they fight for preservation of all natural resources and against air pollution and nuclear waste dumping.

"I have always felt like it is the responsibility of every human being to work to preserve our limited natural resources and to protect our environment," says Ms. English teacher Jennifer Mattingly, a Democrat.

"My husband and I are trying to teach our three children to recycle and not to pollute. We think it's important so that our grandchildren and future generation will be able to enjoy the same resources for years to come."

Republicans aren't as concerned with environmental issues as Democrats are, which is reflected from their past actions and campaigns. They focus more on the issue of capitalism or money and the systems used to make it. The Republicans support our large corporations and the large private businesses such as Enron, Microsoft, and WorldCom.

"I think that it is important to have large corporations because it [mass production] gives us lower prices, giving the consumer the best possible deal," says Republican Mr. Travis Brenda.

Democrats support more of a small, family-oriented busineis, for example *The Mt. Vernon Signal*, Cox's Hardware, and Hiatt's 5 and 10 Store. They like the idea of a small business economy with fewer large corporations.

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Most Embarrassing Moments
Teacher Edition

By Kyla French

Who Is That??

"I played a joke on two students once. Here I was thinking I had gotten them good when I saw a print-out of my face superimposed on Jennifer Aniston's naked body! The students had passed them around the entire school!"
Jennifer Mattingly

Falling Up

"I was having a very serious conversation with a prospective employer as we were walking up the stairs. On the way, I actually fell up the stairs in my heels and skirt! He didn't laugh though."
Burdine

Take the Stairs in Reverse

"I was walking backwards down the hallway of the old high school one day talking to someone. In the middle of our conversation I ran into the stairs and fell all the way down."
Polly Abney

Teachers always seem so serious, never wanting to let their vulnerable side show, but we've uncovered some embarrassing moments that prove teachers aren't perfect.

Am I My Brother's Keeper?

"I was supposed to fill in for a pastor who was out-of-town. Somehow we got our wires crossed and I showed up 40 minutes late. They just had to sing until I got there. I gave my apologies and had to give my shortened message anyway."
Rick Barnett

If you wanted to open the blinds that badly...

"I was working to get my masters, and I was late to class. I decided I would slide down the side of the hallway. However, they had these long blind cords draped down the wall. I got my foot tangled in the mess and fell in the middle of the hallway."
Debbie Cash

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