

Letters To The Editor

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Response to Marshall letter

In response to Ray Marshall's April 3, 2024 letter. So well put. Sign me up for the move to Mars, if it comes to that. Let's hope it does not.

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The Electoral College

As so many have said "It needs to go away." I have completed an analysis of the actual minutes of the Federal Constitutional Convention of May 25, 1787 through September 17 1787, which set out the arguments for and against the Electoral College.

The following arguments, which can quickly be identified as no longer valid, pertain to the establishment of the Electors: Argument #1: James Madison-pg. 57, July 19, 1787 "There was one difficulty however of a serious nature attending an immediate choice by the people. The right of suffrage was much more diffusive in the Northern than the Southern States; and the latter could have no influence in the election on the score of

the Negroes. The substitution of electors obviated this difficulty and seemed on the whole to be liable to the fewest objections.” Since the institution of the 3/5ths compromise, the Representatives could now count 3/5ths of their slaves.

Argument #2: Mr. Gerry: - pg. 57, July 19, 1787 “He was agst. a popular election. The people are uninformed and would be misled by a few designing men.” As we know - with the advent of radio, television, and the internet, “the people are now informed.”

Arguments #1 and #2 were the major issues that decided our current Electoral system. Since those arguments are no longer legitimate and as we have seen from the January 6, 2021, fiasco what can happen regarding the Electoral College, it is time to put an end to this archaic method and “let the people choose their President and Vice President directly.

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Exciting Days are Here

A pack of activities come for Juniors and Seniors now. For instance, Del Norte High School will have prom on April 20. I missed many teenage joys, like prom, because a drunken driver hit me when I was 16 in 1992.

I graduated in 1993 in a wheelchair with hearing difficulties. After 32 years, my hearing is still damaged, and I can walk as best as I can. I am used to my daily challenges, but I am trying to prevent others from facing this.

No one wants to live with these difficulties: I guarantee that. Believing you can drive like a pro after a beer or two is foolish. I’ve been trying to make that clear for 15+ years. Unforeseen injuries or death can come to yourself and others if you are not sober when driving. I know.

Teenagers have a long road ahead of them. If drinking, please designate a sober driver first. It is the best choice for all. Drinking and driving can bring a dead end to their future, as well as others.

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