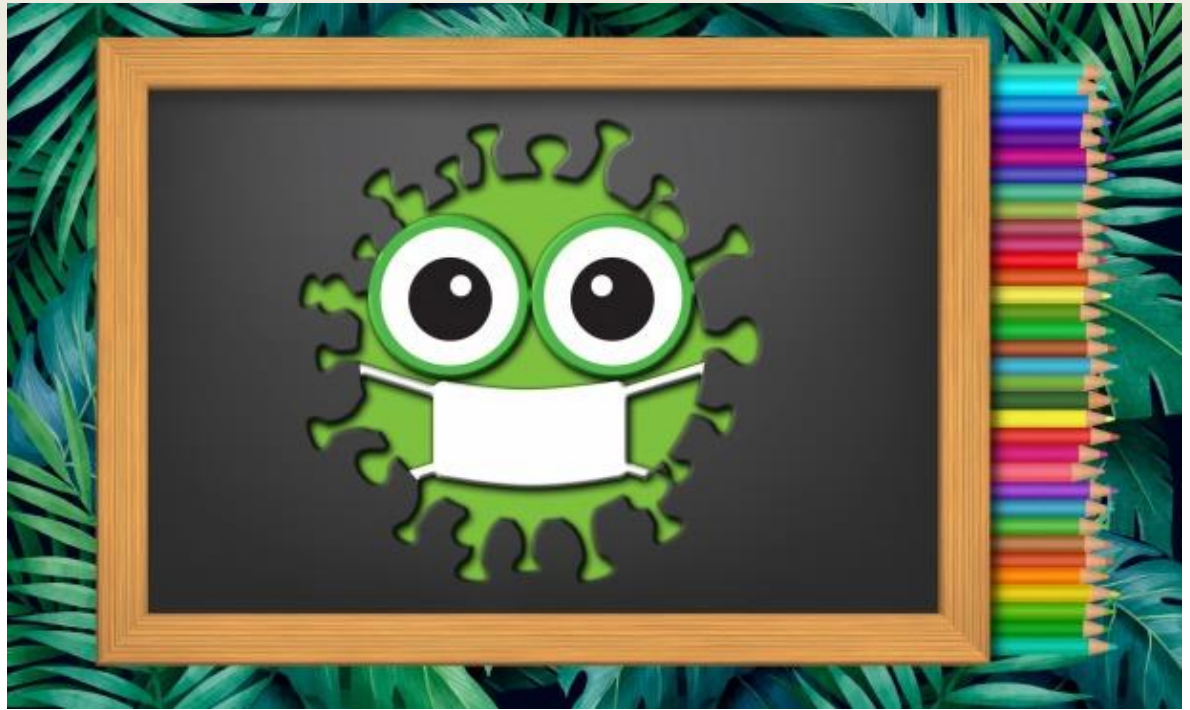


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PANDEMIC PAWSITIVE

Throughout all the chaos in the world from the pandemic, there were some positives that came out of it. First of all, my cat Cheddar is happy that I'm home more often, meaning I can pet her more. She can hang with me because she doesn't sit on my keyboard. Second of all, we adopted a kitten and a dog. We pulled our kitten (who we named Peanut) off the streets. She was born on my soon-to-be-stepdad Jim's mail route. She is living a great life now. My mom adopted Fiona, a Chiweenie, as a sibling to our other dog. We are now a household five content critters. Being home during the day, I also get to see deer beyond our backyard more often. I don't hear any of the animals complaining about this pandemic. Now pardon me while I pet Cheddar.



Covid Perspectives

Life in Quarantine
Carmella Grandinetti

As a teenage in the year of 2020, we are experiencing a very different type of teen years. Instead of going to football games, having homecomings, going to school or hanging out with our friends, we are adapting to home life, social distancing and wearing a mask. Throughout this global pandemic, it has been very hard to adapt to staying home, staying away from family and friends, and even not going to school. One way I learned to adapt was by keeping an open mind and trying to keep a positive mindset. This sounds very hard but it became easier over time. Ways I did this was finding different things to keep me busy and keep my mind away from covid-19, such as movie marathons, new television shows, finding new music, and finding a new hobby. If two years ago, you told me I would be locked home for most of my high school years, I would never have believed you but now that we are living in it, it is time we stay positive, and wear a mask.



Wake Up Call

By. David D'Amato

This pandemic and the circumstances should be a wake up call for many Americans regarding politics, how they function, and what their true goals have evolved into. Now to be clear, corruption has and always will be in the world and especially in politics, but the kind of corruption and the way it is perceived has changed as of the 21st century. I believe that the kinds of corruption and manipulation that is now used by the political and economic elite, has reached a point when it is even more unethical. The politicians themselves don't even have to widen the gap between the media and the population do this on their own. Look at recent events such as the stimulus bill that was just recently passed the amount of pettiness and manipulation that both sides used should be frowned upon. When the country is in a time of need, neither side should use it to further their own agenda. It has shown how little the ruling class in America has evolved to not align with most Americans. They simply are our only options so you either pick either side or not have your opinion heard.



COVID-19 Vaccine

By: Aidan Kehr

COVID-19 has obviously been a big deal throughout 2020. It has affected many people's lives. It has made it so that students can't go to school, many adults have lost jobs, and unfortunately, many have lost loved ones to it. But throughout the whole pandemic, a vaccine has been talked about but never had actually been developed or ready for use. The past few weeks, the vaccine has been cleared for usage, shipped to America, and has been given to healthcare workers and others. According to the CDC, their main focus with the vaccine is to make sure that it is safe enough to give to people without causing harm to them or having side effects along with it. Also, when you get the vaccine, that won't be your only time. It is required that you have to have two doses of the vaccine three weeks apart. Just because you have the vaccine, does not mean that everybody else is immune to the virus. So if you get the vaccine, you still should social distance and wear masks for the safety of others. There are possible side effects upon getting the vaccine though. You could have flu symptoms like sore arms, fever, muscle aches, etc. As of right now, there is only one recommended and authorized vaccine which is the Pfizer-BioNTECH COVID-19 vaccine, while there are three ongoing Phase 3 Clinical Trials. Results of the Pfizer-BioNTECH vaccine will not start to show until about a week after the second dose and you must be at least 12 years old to get it. There have not been any approved vaccines for anybody under the age of 12 yet because vaccines are usually

