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View of snow dusted mountains from the top of Red mountain with pine tree in view.

Some good news: a light in the darkness

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From hosting a virtual prom with celebrities such as Billie Eilish and the Jonas Brothers for the class of 2020 whose prom was canceled, showcasing displays of appreciation for healthcare workers, and even broadcasting from

The International Space Station, one news channel is showing everybody that there is still good in the world, even during these difficult and uncertain times.

This channel is Some Good News, aka SGN, and it is hosted by John Kra-

sinski. The channel showcases a variety of positive events that are happening across the globe, and it has been a hit, surpassing 1.5 million subscribers and 25 million views within its first week of broadcasting. SGN aims to show that even though the world is in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis, there are still countless uplifting stories going on everywhere.

With many overwhelming headlines dominating the news, it can be hard to see a light at the end of the tunnel.

But Krasinski has highlighted even the smallest good happenings to brighten people's day. In the first and second episodes of the show, he shows how people are coming together despite social distancing, such as a man who sings "Amazing Grace" to his wife, who

lose their lives and devastated the world, but in a time of isolation it has also brought people together. From coming together to salute the incredible work of the healthcare workers on the frontline, to the parade of cars welcoming a girl home from her last round of chemo-

therapy, Some Good News, as well as other news sites dedicated to sharing good news have proved that there is hope in the world. According to an article by the New York Times, there is a demand for positive news.

"It's not that people don't want news about the coronavirus, they just want news about it that's more positive or that are showing people come together and fight this and offering ways individuals can help," said Ms. Lori Lakin Hutcherson, the editor in chief and founder of Good

Black News, another news network dedicated to bring-

ing uplifting news to people around the world.

During this time, we can all use some good news, and that is just what SGN and other news channels such as Good Good Good, The Daily Break, and Global Positive News Network are dedicated to doing—sharing positivity and hope.

"I'm asking you to remember no matter how dark it gets, there's always good in the world," Krasinski said on his show.



Photo courtesy of Some Good News
The cast of Hamilton sings to Aubrey (pictured in 2nd column from left in 3rd row from top) whose Broadway show was cancelled due to Covid-19, on John Krasinski's show, Some Good News.

couldn't have visitors, through the window of her nursing home. Through all of the heartwarming stories, Krasinski creates a positive message that is refreshing to hear during a time of crisis.

"Yes, without question, we are all going through an incredibly trying time. But throughout all the anxiety, through all the confusion, all the isolation," Krasinski said. "Somehow the human spirit still found a way to break through and blow us all away."

The pandemic has caused many to

Impacts of COVID-19 on Asian-Americans

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In the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic, Asian-Americans are forced to grapple with growing racism and xenophobia, coupled with the threat of verbal and physical assault.

Many Americans associate COVID-19 with China and other parts of Asia, blaming them for the outbreak and spread of the virus. As a result, Asian-Americans have been physically and verbally assaulted throughout the United States on the basis of their ethnicity.

On March 19th, Russell Jeung, an Asian-American studies professor at San Francisco State University, helped create a website called Stop AAPI Hate, to gather firsthand accounts of discrimination, assault, and harassment. According to a press release from the site on April 3rd, over 1,110 cases have been reported. Stop AAPI Hate found that Asian-American women are harassed twice as much as men, 6.3% of the incidents involve the youth/children, and despite quarantine, the number of discriminatory incidents remains high.

"The flood of incidents related to anti-Asian hate reflects the hostile environment that Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders face during this pandemic. The data helps us respond to specific

community needs and make targeted policy recommendations. These include providing mental health resources to bullied youth and ensuring that stores provide safe access for AAPIs to their goods and services," stated Jeung on the press release.

Many believe that President Trump has incited hate crimes toward the Asian-Americans community by referring to COVID-19 as the "Chinese Virus." At the White House briefing on March 17th, Trump claimed that he uses the term "Chinese Virus" to combat misinformation spreading in Beijing about the American military being the source of COVID-19.

"I didn't appreciate the fact that China was saying that our military gave it to them," said Trump during the briefing. "I think saying that our military gave it to them creates a stigma."

However, at a press briefing on March 18th, President Trump discarded that narrative and instead stated he uses the phrasing "because it [Coronavirus] comes from China."

He was later asked by PBS White House correspondent, Yamiche Alcindo, to make a statement regarding a White House official using the term "Kung-Flu." In response, Trump disregarded the question. Alcindor proceeded to

ask whether the president felt his perpetual use of the "Chinese Virus" put Asian-Americans at risk.

"No, not at all. Not at all," Trump stated. "I think they probably would agree with it 100 percent. It comes from China. There's nothing not to agree with."

Despite Trump's justifications for using the term, the World Health Organization strongly advises against it. In 2015 the WHO released guidelines for naming diseases after the surge of several epidemics, pandemics, and infectious diseases. The reasoning behind this was to prevent unintentionally stigmatizing specific communities.

Dr. Keiji Fukuda, the Assistant Director-General for Health Security, spoke on the impacts of associating disease to a region.

"This may seem like a trivial issue to some, but disease names really do matter to the people who are directly affected. We've seen certain disease names provoke a backlash against members of particular religious or ethnic communities, create unjustified barriers to travel, commerce and trade, and trigger needless slaughtering of food animals. This can have serious consequences for peoples' lives and livelihood," Fukuda said.

The Pentagon released a UFO video.... and no one noticed

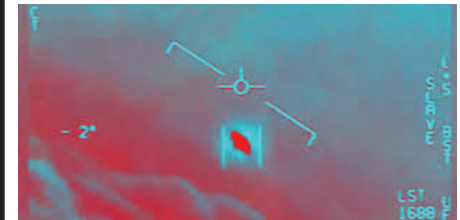


Photo courtesy of the United States Navy
An image from the footage taken by US Navy pilots, posted on futurism.com

Hannah Smith, News Editor

On Monday, April 27th, the US Department of Defense released three declassified videos of an "unidentified aerial phenomena." Avid seekers of astronomical life and the unexplained have found proof, UFOs actually exist. Or at least, the footage of unidentified, rapidly flying objects exists.

The videos released by the Pentagon were previously leaked in 2007 and 2017. However, they have now been officially released and presumed to be real. According to a statement by the Department of Defense, "DOD is releasing the videos in order to clear up any misconceptions on whether or not the footage that has been circulating was real, or whether or not there is more to the videos".

According to the New York Times, one of the videos was filmed in 2004 by Navy fighter pilots, and the two other videos, also captured by Navy pilots, were filmed in 2015. In the first video, there appears to be a round object hovering over the pacific ocean. In the other two videos, objects are shown moving in the air in unexplainable ways, and one of the objects is spinning.

In the set of videos filmed in 2015, the Navy members comment and react in astonishment at the rapid speed the objects appear to be traveling at.

"As I got close to it rapidly accelerated to the south, and disappeared in less than two seconds. This was extremely abrupt, like a ping pong ball, bouncing off a wall. It would hit and go the other way," recounted one of the Navy pilots who caught the footage.

Regardless of if the videos released by the Pentagon are genuine or not, they were put out to "clear up any misconceptions." These videos may be scratching the surface to the hunt for extraterrestrial life. The Navy coined the term "unidentified aerial phenomena," but could these really be UFOs?

*Officially released footage can be found through this link <https://www.navair.navy.mil/foia/documents>.

Why are people eating oranges in the shower?

Katelyn O'Callaghan, Editor-in-Chief

According to Reddit users, eating an orange in the shower is a liberating act of consumption that will bring unbridled joy. The phenomena quickly became a trend, and has made users jump into their showers with an orange in hand.

The internet craze began on Reddit, a social media site, in 2016 when Redditor PHOTO_BANDIT, who has since deleted their account, made a post claiming shower oranges are “the most liberating, carnal, and best feel-good thing you can ever experience.” The post garnered thousands of shares and gave birth to the sub-Reddit ShowerOrange, a community that has over 64.8 thousand members. Many have posted on the sub-Reddit about their enlightening experience accompanied by pictures of their peels in the shower.

Before deleting their account, PHOTO_BANDIT recounted

when their camp counselor praised the shower orange experience. The coun-



Photo courtesy of GuyFieriFanAccount
A photo posted by Reddit user, GuyFieriFanAccount, with the caption, “Embarking on a journey comparable to climbing Mt. Everest with Gandhi.”

selor claimed, “Tearing apart a cold

fresh orange with your bare hands, just letting the juices run over your body. Not worrying if you’re going to get sticky, or anything. Just ripping it in half and tearing into it with your teeth like a savage cannibal who hasn’t eaten in a week. Yes... this is the most carnal, ferocious, liberating thing a man can do.”

User MetalManII, a new member of the ShowerOrange community, posted a photo of orange peels on his shower drain after completing his first shower orange.

“I usually meditate in the shower each morning. Today, I ate my first shower orange. Got to say I feel pretty enlightened now,” MetalManII said.

Member, Dawn_Don, felt so enlightened by eating an orange in the shower that they felt compelled to share the life-changing event with their loved ones.

“My mind is clear, heightened to peak enlightenment. Connected to the source; a resolution dawned upon me. The ones I love must be saved as well. Chanting the esoteric hymns of the divine fruit. Opening the door and passing the baton. She has been saved. By the grace of Hesperides, SHE HAS BEEN

SAVED!” Dawn_Don stated, coupled

with a video of the user handing an orange to a woman in the bathroom.

While many doubt the claims of internet users, blaming the phenomena on the placebo effect, some argue that it has been scientifically proven that citrus has calming properties, and heat can amplify smell. In NPR’s investigation, Johan Lundström, an associate member of the Monell Chemical Sense Center in Philadelphia, backed up the argument.

“Heat makes the orange odors more volatile, and this, merged with the increase in mucosa humidity, makes the orange odor smell more in the mouth,” Lundström said.

For journalistic investigation purposes, I decided to put eating an orange in the shower to the test and see if my soul would transcend the physical world. The first thing I would like to note is that the sensation of digging into the cold orange under the scorching water felt refreshing. When I first bit into the orange, I was met with a hot water pooling into my mouth, which I did not enjoy. However, the orange itself was delicious, and the hot water in my mouth almost made me appreciate the taste more. I don’t know if it was the placebo effect or quarantine delirium, but my senses felt heightened, and that was honestly one of the best oranges I have ever eaten. While I may not have been enlightened, the hilarity of the situation definitely made me happier. So, to everyone wanting to try it, eat up because you’ll be orange you glad you did.

Blue light glasses: a fashion trend and health benefit

Stef Wojcik, News Editor

Blue light glasses have grown in popularity given peoples’ shift to remote living; however, because these glasses do not have a prescription, there is a controversy as to whether or not they are truly used for protection or if these glasses are the latest fashion trend.

COVID-19 has forced people from around the world to work from home and continue classes online. This change has only been possible, however, with one key component, technology. Given the increase in the use of technology, many people are also being affected by the blue light, experiencing headaches and tired eyes, from the light emitted from their computers and phones. The solution: blue light glasses.

College students are some of the people who spend the most amount of time on their devices. Three freshmen from Santa Clara University discuss how they came to buying blue light glasses and what effect COVID-19 has had on that decision.

Jessica Simms and Charlotte Holder got their blue light glasses when the shelter in place started. They were both concerned with the consequences of viewing a computer screen for too long and even started experiencing some of them, like migraines, when their online classes began.

“I decided to get them because I know too much light exposure from computers and phones is bad for your eyes. I’m also prone to get migraines/headaches so I was hoping the glasses would help prevent that,” Simms said.

These students also noticed a correlation between online classes and the increase in blue light glasses purchases. The longer people are required to attend classes online, the more students are buying these glasses.

“I definitely think a lot of people are starting to buy them now because of online classes. I know all my friends started to buy them within the same week I ordered mine,” Holder said.

Though many students have been benefiting from their protection, some students have also acquired these glasses for fashion. Juliet Kulusic, for example, didn’t actually know if the glasses would help and was motivated by the growing fashion trend instead.

“I got them because I had a strange superficial coveting for them. I guess I felt

I needed them for no real reason,” Kulusic said. “I think it is 90% fashion based with a small percent who may actually “need” them. Does anyone actually need them? Who knows!”

Simms and Holder agree that there is

more expensive brands. If the purchase were solely for the protection I think people would invest in the real-deals,” Simms said. “I think [the glasses] are trendy but for both reasons, fashion and protection.”

Holder more intensely believes that the glasses aren’t following any kind of fashion trend and are rather just a way for students to be protected from the hours they spend on their devices.

“I personally bought them because I wanted my migraines to go away, but I definitely also wanted to make sure they were going to be cute on me,” Holder said. “I don’t think people just buy them for the fashion aspect because you really can’t wear them unless you’re looking at a computer screen.”

No matter if people have discovered these newly popular glasses to be protective or not, Kulusic believes that there is a deeper meaning behind the people who own the glasses. She also noticed that because there was a shift in types of companies that were distributing these glasses, there was definitely a correlated interference between actual protection and the fashion component.

“I think the statement [of these glasses] is tied to wealth. I think they are a trend and a statement of status, as many things sadly are,” Kulusic said.



An example of Yaroce’s blue light glasses.

Photo by Stef Wojcik

a fashion aspect to the glasses, however, they believe that the purpose of protection outweighs the desire to follow fashion trends.

“Many people are buying the cheaper versions on Amazon that definitely do not protect your eyes as much as the

Vince Lahey profile on COVID-19

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In the wake of the Coronavirus pandemic, many members of the community have taken to developing their own opinions, be it strong, moderate, or indifferent regarding strict isolation and social-distancing related regulations. Many have chosen to express opinions of the subject using social media platforms.

Aspen citizen Vince Lahey conveys his distinct view on local handling of Covid-19. He has expressed many of his positions on Facebook sparking controversy from the community. Lahey has been transparent on his stance regarding how the local and national community has handled the Coronavirus outbreak since its initial appearance in late 2019. His beliefs have been prominent since the first positive case to have originated in Aspen. He used an analogy to explain how the government “handled the virus through the disregarding of protocol”.

“Imagine that a tsunami is coming and the lifeguard sees the water receding beyond anything he has ever seen before, but instead of shouting to people (per his training) that this means a tsunami is about to hit and blowing his whistle as loudly as possible, the lifeguard simply stands around, spinning his whistle on his finger, and encourages people to keep swimming. The lifeguard was trained to see that tsunami, and he did nothing,” Lahey said.

Vince Lahey is a television host with Aspen82, a charity auctioneer, a documentary filmmaker, and the children’s book author of the book *The Furry Mountain Monkeys of Aspen, CO*. As a public figure on Facebook, Lahey repeatedly refers to his statements as “speaking truth to power”; he believes that voicing true concerns for a community and advocating for certain beliefs is essential to educating, and thus enlightening, others on the issue of the pandemic. He has been straightforward in how the world is impacted if precautions and regulations are not strictly put into place.

Lahey has continued to reiterate the notion that pandemics have been a known threat to humanity since, “the beginning of man,” and that Aspen specifically was at risk, to begin with, due to the substantial amount of international travel to and from Aspen.

“By not shutting down the airport, they were responsible for continuing the spread of the coronavirus all over the planet, from Australia to Argentina to Mexico to Europe, and all parts of the United States,” Lahey said. Lahey’s disagreement with local handling of the situation has become a focal point for many of the arguments he makes as a now well-known Facebook presence. He also believes the situation should have been handled by “retracing the footsteps of all known contractors,

as well as the immediate closure of all non-essential businesses, schools, and ski resorts.”

“We have known that the faster we act, the more lives we save because the spread of a pandemic is exponential,” Lahey said.

Not only did Lahey express criticism on the regulation of prevention on a local level, but he also expressed disappointment in how the federal government took action, stating that there was a lack of effective leadership in many positions and outlining the reasons for these judgments, stating, in brief, that it was an “absolute complete failure.”

He addressed Aspen Skiing Company, along with County Commissioners, as being encouragers of the Aspen community to continue to ski and partake in outdoor activities in order to maintain good mental health.

“This runs counter to the hospital’s and the county health department’s message of ‘stay home, stay safe’,” Lahey said. “The message of skinning is even more dangerous when you consider that one single accident on the mountains will require a rescue operation that can involve upwards of forty emergency responders, who will all have to put aside their own attempts to maintain social distancing while they coordinate their efforts to save that one skier.”

Lahey identified how the virus moves

within different age groups: in younger kids, the virus is not consistently symptomatic as opposed to its deadly threat to those of older generations.

“For the virus, hitching a ride on a kids’ hands is exactly what it needs to spread itself to the more vulnerable older population. One hug from a grandchild can be the beginning of a tragic spread of the virus through an entire nursing home,” Lahey said.

As a result of his distinct and opinionated stances on this belief, there has been a backlash to Lahey’s viewpoint. Many Facebook users within the Aspen community became members of a Facebook group titled “Vince Lahey is a douche nozzle”. Lahey addressed this group as a “hate page”, stating that it is a “byproduct of saying true to a message”. He has since deleted his account on Facebook and has decided that it was “not worth his time anymore”.

“A unified message from our leaders is what is necessary. From all must come a message that if we want to re-open our economy sooner rather than later, we must all play by the same rules,” Lahey said. “We must understand that we are all in this together and that we are only as strong as our weakest link. A powerful marketing campaign is required to make the message clear.”

History has repeated itself in the form of pandemics

Hannah Smith News Editor

History repeating itself has been seen countless times within the past, and now with coronavirus, there is yet another time where events have unfolded in paralleled ways to events in human history.

Philosopher Geroge Santayana once said, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” In other words, “History repeats itself”. However, now we can see this historical repetition within pandemics and plagues.

There have been numerous pandemics and plagues in human history, such as the great plague of London in 1665, and the Swine Flu in 2009. However, there have been similar global pandemics and plagues, such as COVID-19, that have occurred approximately every 100 years. This connection is eerie and leaves many wondering how an event such as a pandemic can strike so consistently.

Here are some of the deadliest outbreaks that have appeared every century.

1720-1722: The Great Plague of Marseille. In the year 1720, a plague arrived in Marseille, France, and is recorded as the last of the severe European outbreak of Bubonic Plague. The disease killed 100,000 people in Marseille and the provinces that surrounded, but the city efficiently recovered with an effective three-tiered quarantine system. After only a few years, economic activity recovered, as well as the West Indies and

Latin America.

1817- 1820: The first Cholera outbreak. The first Cholera outbreak stemmed from contaminated rice and emerged from West Bengal India. In

1817, this disease spread rapidly throughout most of Indian, modern-day Myanmar, and modern-day Sri Lanka. In 1820 Cholera spread to Japan and China, and eventually reached European territory in 1821. This pandemic spread due to travel on ships and trading between countries and died out 6

years after it began. Cholera is believed to have died out from severe winter which killed the bacteria living in the water, but will definitely go down in history, as it affected almost every country in Asia and killed thousands.

1918-1919: The Spanish flu of 1918 is known as the deadliest pandemic in history, killing about one-third of the planet’s population and infecting roughly 500 million people globally. The Spanish flu was first observed in Europe, the United States, and in Asia before it spread rapid-

ly across the globe. This virus occurred during World War One and is known for the way it mostly killed previously young and healthy people. Another notable fact about this pandemic is that

was confirmed in the U.S on January 21st, 2019. Over 200,000 people have died globally, and there are still many unknowns about this virus as it has just recently surfaced. The Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, and numerous doctors around the globe are working hard to stop the spread of this virus.

What does this mean? The mystery as to why history reiteration has taken the form of pandemics has no answer; nonetheless, there are speculations and theories. This reoccurring pattern of viruses could be attributed to common themes, events, and issues throughout history that cause natural patterns to occur.

Another theory could be that influenza A viruses, also known as animal-derived viruses, are constantly changing, making it rare but possible for non-human influenzas, such as the avian bird flu, to form in such a way that they infect people and spread from person to person. Regardless of the existing theories, numerous pandemics and plagues have impacted the human race, and similar pandemics are occurring almost exactly every 100 years. What does this mean?



Photo courtesy of blogs.icrc.org

A photo taken during the 1918 pandemic of the Spanish Flu.

it did not actually originate in Spain, but was nicknamed as the “Spanish flu” from widespread misunderstanding and because the first reporting on it was in Madrid in late May 1918.

2019-2020: The Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, can first be traced to at least December 31st of 2019. In Wuhan, China, Chinese health authorities began treating many pneumonia cases and could not trace the cause. Just 8 days afterward, a new type of Coronavirus was identified, and the first case

How Aspen Valley Hospital is responding to COVID-19

Harper Axelman Staff Writer

The Aspen Valley Hospital has taken many steps to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as collaborating with the Pitkin County Incident Management Team, as well as developing plans to ensure that they are well prepared in the event of a surge in patients.

The Snowmass clinic, which is an outpatient branch of Aspen Valley Hospital that uses help from about 20 staff members to provide services such as physical therapy and acute illness and injury care, closed temporarily on March 28 so that the staff could be redeployed to the Respiratory Tent operation. The respiratory tent operation expanded its hours to be open on weekends to provide a place for patients who have a referral from their doctor to be assessed without risk of transmitting the virus. The hospital also postponed elective surgeries and procedures to protect staff and patients



A reassuring message regarding the global unity during this pandemic.

Photo courtesy of Amarillo Area Foundation

and conserve supplies. The staff at the hospital feel optimistic looking forward and notes that the community has helped to slow the spread of the virus

Jennifer Slaughter, the public information officer at AVH, feels that expanding the Respiratory Tent operation was an important step in responding to the pandemic.

“The tent fulfills a need for patients who need further assessment by a physician and who cannot be seen in a regular doctor’s office due to the risk of transmission of their illness,” Slaughter

said in an email. “Now, with extended hours of operation to seven days a week, Aspen Valley Hospital is able to see more patients who need help managing their symptoms.”

The hospital currently has 20 staff members who are showing COVID-19 like symptoms, but the staff have a “very positive” morale and are feeling optimistic.

“I am happy to say that many who have been out sick have already returned to work after following strict protocols set forth by our employee health practi-

tioner,” Slaughter said. The community is also helping the hospital by practicing social distancing and supporting health care workers. The hospital is currently accepting donations of N95 masks in their original factory sealed packaging from 9:00 am to 2:00 PM at their loading dock, as well as monetary donations to their Emergency fund or “Feeding the Frontlines” fund that provides meals to workers. More information can be found at aspenville-hospital.org.

“In the last few weeks, Aspen Valley Hospital staff have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from this extraordinary community,” Slaughter said. Slaughter also highlighted the importance of social distancing and how it is crucial in order to slow the spread of the virus.

“We ask the community to stay vigilant—you are ultimately saving lives by your everyday actions.” Slaughter said.

Perspectives of COVID-19 from all around the world

Hannah Smith News Editor

The Coronavirus is a global pandemic, meaning that it not only has impacted lives, but people all over the planet. While news stations may give overviews on current situations around the world, they often lack a personal perspective of what living in another country during these times is like.

Slovakia- Natalia Melova was an exchange student during the 2019-2020 school year at Aspen High School and had to travel back to her home country, Slovakia, due to the severity of COVID-19. Melova was unable to finish out her year in the US once the school district closed. She is under 18 and was able to go to her home immediately and begin quarantine for 14 days after returning to Slovakia. If she were an adult, Slovakian border police would have sent her directly to a special Slovakia adult quarantine for the two-week quarantine duration.

The rules put in place in Slovakia are similar to the United States and many other countries; however, the country has taken a slightly more strict and regulated approach to stop the spread of the virus.

“In Slovakia, everyone has to wear a mask everywhere. Our rules are very strict in this way, so don’t try to not wear it. When you break the rules you have to pay a lot of money. Police will take your ID number and send you the check which you have to fill,” Melova said.

It is important to remember that the stern rules in place are there to help people. Also, these strict rules are not just put in place in European countries, but all over the world.

Argentina - Belu Montenegro and Sol

Diluca are both high school students living in Bariloche, Argentina. Their school has also closed, and they are doing online school work. A few of the rules in Bariloche are no more than three people in the supermarket at a time, you must have permission from the municipality to circulate outside, and a mandatory shelter in place quarantine that began on March, 19th. The situation in Bariloche has thankfully not gotten to a very serious point, but the conditions are still rough for many residing in Argentina.

“It is also hard for lots of people because we don’t have the best economy, and there are lots of poor people (and also lots of people that live in the street),” Montenegro said.

This virus is threatening to economies like Bariloche, and the policies put in place are for the greater good, but can get a bit scary.

“The police are outside. It’s horrible, like a war. All of the country is like that. If you go out and the police see you or something like that, you go to prison or you have to pay a lot of money. It’s horrible. I want to see my friends, go outside, go to nature,” Diluca said.

Australia - Sarah Ward is an Aussie college student studying on the east coast of Australia. Ward was finishing her last semester of a Journalism degree and due to the virus, she had to change her subjects around to graduate on time. She also had to continue the year with online learning.

Like Slovakia and Argentina, COVID-19 has not spread to many people in Australia and the situation has not gotten severe. Stern rules have also been put in place in Australia. Howev-

er, the virus and regulations are not the only things impacting the east coast of Australia.

“I think, so far the economic impacts that we have faced from the virus are more worrying than the current health impacts. So many Australians have lost their jobs and their income which makes it stressful to pay for rent and groceries during these uncertain times. The government has been providing a lot of stimulus packages to try and help this, but it still has a major negative effect on the country, especially to workers and small businesses,” Ward remarked.

Like in most places around the world, panic arose in Ward’s area due to how rapid coronavirus began spreading. However, the strict rules seemed to have lessened panic and calmed people.

“There was a lot of panic buying a few weeks ago, and it was basically impossible to buy toilet paper or anything non-perishable, like canned veggies or pasta. Now, people have been told to settle down a bit, and everyone is a bit more civil about it. Since the new social distancing restrictions were introduced, our number of new cases is decreasing, and people are less panicked,” Ward said.

Norway - Frida Husabø resides in Norway. The Norwegian government has implemented some limitations on what you are allowed to do during these times; however, they are not as strict as some other European countries. Despite the less strict rules, Husabø feels the situation is still being handled very well.

“Even though we are not the country with the most deaths or cases of coronavirus, it is a serious situation. Everyone

is doing what they can to not continue spreading it. We have some limitations from the government and people seem to be taking it seriously. It is, of course, a strange situation to be in, but we see the degree of how important it is to stay at home and keep a distance from others,” Husabø said.

In Norway, if one assumes they have coronavirus, they are told they should quarantine, and if one has the virus, they are put in isolation and are fined if you break the solitude. Those who do not have the virus you may go to the store and outside if you maintain a group no larger than 5, similar to the United States.

The culture in Norway, as well as the remoteness of the country, are also beneficial to slowing the spread of this virus.

“Norwegians are known for keeping to themselves a lot. It’s a very different culture from the US. And the fact that Norwegians are more retracted than a lot of other countries may have been a factor [in slowing the spread],” Husabø said.

The silver lining - No one is going through these strange and difficult times alone. All over the world, people are impacted by this virus, and in some places, the circumstances are harder than in others. Despite the current severity, the silver lining is that this virus is global connects us all.

“I think one thing that this virus has shown us is how globally connected we are and how quickly the actions of one country can spread to the entire world. So, we are all in this together, and if everyone does their part, we can all get through it,” Ward said.

Hang in there, class of 2020

COVID-19 has stolen senior year from the class of 2020. Not knowing if senior prom, Senior Ditch Day, graduation, Project Graduation, or walking down the halls of AHS for the last time will happen adds to the disappointment and sadness many seniors might be feeling. However, despite everything that is happening in the world, this particular class will become stronger than most. After all, many of them were born in the aftermath of 9/11, and now, they are stepping into adulthood in the midst of a major crisis.

The class of 2020 may not remember 9/11 because they were so young, but they still felt the despair that was sweeping through the nation.

According to Healthy WA, an unborn child experiences all of the emotions that their mother is feeling during her pregnancy. If the mother is sad and anxious, the baby can feel those emotions too. These unborn babies felt the grief that America faced during this time, but as soon as they were born, these newborns symbolized hope and light at a time when everything felt dark and depressing. As a result, the class of 2020 may be more sensitive and in tune with the needs of other people.

No one can deny that the class of 2020 is missing out on important milestones that every other class had before them, but rest assured that many of them will get through these trying times with greater inner strength. Rather than focusing on what they're missing out on, students should try to focus on things they're grateful for. They can be thankful they are healthy, alive, have a roof over their heads, and that their futures will certainly be brighter than they seem in the moment. The more they are grateful, the more they will

have to be grateful for. One day in the distant future, when the class of 2020 has children of their own who don't want to go to school, they will share with them stories about how they were robbed of the final months of their senior year. They will teach their children to never take school or human connections for granted.

Through all the suffering and loss of important rituals they have been waiting for their whole lives, the class of 2020 can grow into more compassionate people in this world. Life isn't easy and will throw curveballs, but in the end, the class of 2020 can come out on the other side of this virus with a deeper appreciation of life.



Taylor Gurtman

Carol Baskin: killed her husband, whacked him?

Disclaimer: All theories discussed are not facts. This is my opinion. Please do not sue me for slander!

Since the debut of the popular Netflix documentary, Tiger King, fans are left to grapple with the burning question of if Carole Baskin killed her ex-husband Don Lewis. Well, buckle up all you cool cats and kittens for the ride of why people believe Carole Baskin killed her husband.

On August 19th, 1997, multimillionaire Jack Don Lewis was reported missing by his wife at the time, Carole Baskin, the co-founder and current CEO of Big Cats Rescue. The case remains open by investigators, as no one has been arrested or charged with his disappearance.

On August 20th, authorities found Lewis's white 1989 Dodge Ram Van at the Pilot Country Airport in Springhill, Florida. Inside the van were the keys and Lewis's briefcase. The only prints found were Dale Lively's, a mechanic who worked on the vehicle days before the disappearance. According to Lewis' handyman, Kenny Farr, the police did not look inside the van at the airport, and instead, let it be taken back to the sanctuary. They waited days before searching inside, which could have allowed Baskin the opportunity to remove any crucial evidence or wipe fingerprints. Investigators concluded that Lewis did not drive the van to the airport.

A theory detectives investigated was Lewis vanishing to Costa Rica. Baskin claimed that he told her he was leaving to Costa Rica early in the morning. Lewis owned several private planes and was known to fly them, despite losing his private pilot license. However, it was impossible to operate the aircrafts he owned over that long of a distance without making several fuel stops. Detectives spent five days in Costa Rica trying to determine if there was a link to Lewis and Costa Rica but found none.

The investigation team further spec-

ulated that Lewis crashed his plane in an attempt to vanish. But if one wanted to disappear truly, why would they leave a clue as obvious as a van behind?

John Marsicano, the lead homicide detective on the case, spoke about his beliefs on the investigation in the documentary.

"I don't believe that Jack Don Lewis flew to Costa Rica. There's nothing at all to indicate that Don left his van there, got in a plane and crashed it somewhere. There was no record of any take-off of an airplane. There was no flight filed. Nothing," Marsicano said.

Baskin mentioned in the documentary Lewis had been in multiple aircraft accidents. She insinuated that a severe crash potentially caused him to develop Alzheimer's or dementia.

In an interview with Hard Copy, she suggested that his disappearance could be related to his alleged Alzheimer's or dementia.

"Maybe he doesn't know where he is. Maybe he doesn't know where to call," Baskin said.

Lewis's attorney and long time friend, Joseph R. Fritz, countered Baskin's statement in Tiger King.

"He [Lewis] knew exactly what was going on. Who, what, where, when, why, he knew all of that," Fritz stated.

Two months before his sudden disappearance, Lewis filled a court document seeking protection against Baskin. In this document, he asserted, "This is the second time Carole has gotten angry enough to threaten to kill me."

According to his daughter Gale Rathbone, Lewis was resistant to handle matters with the police.

"For him to go down there and present it before a judge was major, in my

eyes. That is not something he would do unless he was at his wit's end with how to protect himself," Rathbone stated on the Netflix documentary.

Lewis confided in many of his desires to divorce Baskin and told Baskin of his wishes multiple times.

"If Don Lewis had gotten a divorce with Carole, the way he worked, she would've been left with nothing," Farr said. "She would've lost the cats. She would have everything down to the house and a car."

Many speculate that Baskin murdered Lewis to obtain his money and move their business in the direction she desired.

After Lewis's disappearance, Baskin and her father, Vernan, asked Farr to help them retrieve items from Anne Queen's office. Queen was Lewis's executive assistant, who also held the power of attorney. According to Queen, there were two wills and two power of attorney documents in her office. Fol-

lowing the break-in, both papers were missing. Baskin proceeded to create new documents with her attorney that granted her power of attorney to control Lewis's estate. Additionally, she took properties out of Lewis and his daughter's names and put them in her name, leaving his daughters with approximately 10 percent of his estate.

In the new power of attorney documents, the first line read: "Upon my death or disappearance." In the documentary, Fritz and many others were puzzled by its choice of words.

"In my 37 years, I have never seen 'or disappearance.' In that respect, this is terribly unusual. Everybody in the world anticipates their death, but who anticipates their disappearance?" Fritz commented.

Popular theories perpetuated by Joe Exotic included Baskin allegedly killing Lewis and feeding him to the

Tigers they owned, as well as dumping his body in a septic tank beneath a building. Lewis's daughters and ex-wife demanded that detectives test the meat grinder in Baskin's home for DNA of Lewis. The investigators denied the request, leaving theorists to embrace the claims further.

Psychologist and body language analyst, Bruce Durham, recently analyzed Baskin's body language during her interviews in Tiger King. Through his extensive investigation, he found that Baskin presses her lips together when asked about the rumors surrounding Lewis. Durham alleged that this is a sign of one hiding something that they are thinking about, but don't want to say.

Durham also observed when Baskin was asked why she never held a memorial service for her late husband; she did not look down and search for memories. According to him, people tend to look down when searching for memories or mulling over emotional moments in their lives.

"I'm looking for her to look down, and she looks straight ahead," Durham stated in the video, assessing her body language.

Baskin says that when she received the letter declaring Lewis dead, she blacked out.

"I remember looking out the window, and then the next time I remembered anything, it was pitch blackout. It was like I had completely zoned out," Baskin professed on Tiger King.

Durham found it specious that Baskin didn't seem to display much emotion on what would probably be an emotional memory and instead nervously laughed about the situation.

Whether one believes Carole Baskin fed her husband to the tigers or not, there is no denying that she had more involvement in his disappearance than she lets on. Maybe this cool cat and kitten should start doing some admittin'.



Katelyn O'Callahan

Misguidance during times of crisis

To slow the spread of COVID-19, the CDC strongly urges social distancing, meaning that people should stay at least 6 feet apart, avoid group gatherings, and stay out of crowded places. On April 15th, thousands of people defied the CDC's guidelines and gathered in close-knit crowds in Colorado, Michigan, and other states to protest social distancing restrictions. Some of the protesters were armed, others held Trump signs, along with American and confederate flags. One protestor held a sign with a swastika and the words "Heil Witemer," directly attacking Michigan's governor with an offensive symbol of hatred.

On April 17th, two days later, Donald Trump responded to the mass gatherings and rallies in a series of tweets advocating for the "liberation" of states with protests occurring, such as Michigan. Rather than address the unsafety that gathering in mass groups holds for spreading the virus,

the president posted tweets encouraging not only these recent protests but jabbing at the Democratic governors running these states. Intentional or not, Trump is suggesting a further division between these already tense political parties, which is not what is not necessary from a leader during times of crisis

That same day, Trump was asked by a reporter in a press conference if he was concerned that people coming out in protests would spread COVID-19. Trump answered with, "they seem to be very responsible to me".

It is a constitutional right to hold peaceful protests; however, over 41,000 people and counting have died in the United States due to COVID-19. Gathering in mass groups holds high risks for the potential spread of this virus, especial-

ly in Michigan, the state with the third-highest number of deaths in the United States.

The policy enacted by the White House dictates that states can reopen after 14 days of declining cases. Donald Trump's response to encouraging these mass gatherings is highly contradictory to his own policy urging social distancing. Larry Hogan, the Republican governor of Maryland, agrees that Trump's statements are misleading.



Hannah Smith

"To encourage people to go protest the plan [the 14-day policy] that you just made, it just doesn't make any sense. We're sending completely conflicting messages out to the governors and to the people as if we should ignore federal policy and federal recommendations," Hogan said in an

interview with CNN news.

This is one of many of Trump's responses about coronavirus that is misleading. On March 6th at a press conference at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Donald Trump stated, "Anyone who wants a test can get a test". According to health and services secretary, Mr. Azar, in The New York Times, "You may not get a test unless a doctor or public health official prescribes [it]."

Proper guidance and leadership is vital when steering people down the right path. Donald Trump's contradictory statements are creating confusion and leading people down unsafe paths of spreading and getting the virus. In situations of crisis, it is up to those in positions of leadership to communicate in a clear and concise way to keep people safe.

According to author and former presidential speechwriter, James Humes, "The art of communication is

Editorial: mental health

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, but mental health is an issue facing the valley every month of the year. According to Superintendent Tom Heald in an article by the Aspen Times, "Studies are showing that by sixth grade, 1 in 4 students suffer from depression or anxiety issues." This is a huge proportion of the student population, and it doesn't lessen as they become adults. The National Institute of Mental Health estimates that 1 in 5 adults live with a mental illness. Pitkin County has made considerable strides in helping people cope with these illnesses by cutting response times in mental health crises from 76 minutes in 2016 to 42 in 2018, as well as providing funding to bridge gaps in mental health services offered in the valley. But is this enough? In 2017, Pitkin County reported a suicide rate of 18.6 per 100,000 people, a rate higher than the national average of 14.0

per 100,000 people. There seems to be a disconnect here- we have some of the best mental health services in the world, but the rate of people who do not seek treatment and take drastic measures is higher than the rest of the US. The valley may be a paradise, but that doesn't mean that real-world issues, like mental health, don't exist here. As a community, it is up to us to come together and combat this stigma preventing people from sharing about and asking for help with mental health. We must normalize the fact that every day is not our best and allow for those struggling to feel comfortable enough to speak out and ask for help. Those seeking mental health services should be encouraged, not quieted. Mental health and struggles with it are something everyone has; why can't we accept this and be open about it?

Masks: healthy and trendy

The surgical face mask is now becoming a staple in everyday life. When history looks back on the pandemic of 2020, those white and blue rectangles that hide the mouth and nose is what they will see. The masks began appearing almost immediately after the start of the spread of COVID-19. Many Asian countries have already been wearing masks, as a fashion statement and to protect their health. These days, the masks are everywhere (and nowhere, as there is a serious supply shortage).

Now, photographs of people in masks appear on almost every news channel and social media site. People wore these masks, in various fabrics and colors, to London Fashion Week and other public events at the start of the spread. The mask has become the virus's avatar.

Since its creation in the mid-1890s,

the mask has become a staple in hospitals. When performing surgery, doctors and nurses always have one on. What used to be a foreign object in fashion may become a must-have in everyday society. During this quarantine time, people are taking the time to make cute masks for people in need. It's an amazing way to give back to our community.

Society attributes so much meaning to the human face and its expressions, to hide what is the most naked, accessible, part of yourself, can be deeply alienating to those around us. Many people say the eyes are the windows to the soul, which can be correct, but the mouth is an important guide to emotions. It's a part of how we understand each other's feelings. A mask creates a barrier between you and the world.



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Spring Sports Senior Recognition: Women's Lacrosse

Maeve McGuire, Editor-in-Chief

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Hannah Zanin:

Hi, I'm Hannah Zanin. I've been playing lacrosse since the 2nd grade and have loved everything about the sport. My favorite part has been playing with these girls

for that long and watching all of us grow as a team. I have loved all the time I've gotten to spend with my team from traveling to California to long bus rides, the time we got together was really special. Being apart of the Aspen Girls Lacrosse team is something I'll never forget and be very thankful to have had the opportunity to learn from such great women. I first want to thank Coach T for being such a great role model to all of us and setting the standard of what a great team and group of girls should be. She has shaped each one of us and I appreciate all she has done for us in the last three years. I also want to thank Larissa for playing such a positive role in my life. She is always there as someone to talk to or if you really need a laugh. I don't think I could have gotten through the last few years without her. Finally to all of the other coaches thank you for constantly showing up for us and giving us the best 4 years we could have ever asked for. Next year I will be attending Syracuse University and will be studying business, but I will definitely be back to come to see our girls play next year and see what Kylie Kenny has in store for us!

Taylor McKie:

I'd like to thank my parents and coach T for always supporting me and allowing me to grow both on and off the field. Without any of them, I would not be the person I am today. My favorite memories from lacrosse

over the past couple of years are having coach T join our team and really show us our true potential as a program and our team making it the quarter-finals (the farthest any ahs girls lax team has made it). As well as the fun and goofy times like on our 2019 spring break trip where we all had the opportunity to bond and grow closer off the field. Next year I will be attending the University of Richmond and hopefully continuing my love for lacrosse on their club team.

Sammi Jaworski:

I started lacrosse at the beginning of senior year, so I only

friends. Although this season ended too soon, I have many memories of our time together. I want to give a huge thank you to the entire coaching staff for their dedication to this program and knowledge of the game. I would like to thank Coach T for pushing us to be our best and being there for us on and off the field. I also want to thank Larissa for her constant support and for always making me laugh. Lastly, I owe a thank you to my parents for all of their support in my athletics throughout high school. My favorite memories include beat-

ing Air Academy in 2nd round of playoffs and our team breakfasts in Santa Barbara last year. Next year, I plan on attending the University of Michigan and hope to study either biology or biophysics.

Hayley Heinecken:

I have been playing lacrosse since I was 6 years old. My favorite memory

was last year's undefeated season

and playoff run and the team who has taught me so much about lacrosse. I'd like to thank my teammates and coaches for unconditional support and for always pushing me, my parents, and Lindz for helping me achieve my goals. I was very excited to be captain for the 2020 season but am beyond excited to be playing lacrosse and at Colorado College next year.

Charlotte Howie:

I've been playing since 4th grade and am going on to play in college at Bowdoin next year. My favorite memory was celebrating the undefeated regular-season last year. I would like to thank my family and coaches.

Bella Williams:

I would like to thank Coach T and the rest of the assistant coaches for always believing in me and pushing me to be my absolute best. I would also like to thank my teammates who I have played with since 2nd grade for creating amazing friendships and a family. My favorite memory from the past 4 years was our spring break trip to Santa Barbra because it felt like one big family vacation. To me being apart of this team means having each other's back in and out of the season and supporting and pushing each other to be our best even when things get tough. Next year I will be attending the University of Southern California to study biology on the pre-med track

got to play for a few weeks. But I would still like to thank the coaches for convincing me to play this year. My favorite memory was playing in my first game/scrimmage. I am attending Endicott College next year and I am going to be playing ice hockey but lacrosse has helped me stay athletic throughout the spring.

Lauren Fox:

I want to thank all of my teammates for always pushing each other to be out bests and building a family on and off the field. The last four (I guess 3 rip) seasons have been so incredible thanks to the amazing coaching staff, especially Coach T and Larry, who inspire every player and never fail to make everyone laugh. I wish I could finish off the last four seasons with the teammates that I've been playing with since fourth grade. My favorite memories have been traveling to Santa Barbra with the team and making sideline dances. This team has been a huge part of my high school experience on and off the field. My teammates have become friends that I know she will have for the years to come. Next year I will be attending Boston University and hoping to try out for the club lacrosse team.

Kat Goralka:

Being a part of this team the last four years has meant so much to me. From offseason lifts to long bus rides and weekend overnights, I am so grateful to have played with my best



Seniors, Charlotte Howie, Bella Williams, Hayley Heinecken, Lauren Fox, Kat Goralka (from left to right) and Sammi Jaworski (bottom row), watch an AHS Men's Lacrosse game last Spring. Photo courtesy of Leah Moriarty

Sledding: slide your way to fun

Stef Wojcik, News Editor

Colorado's current stay-at-home orders regulate that all people should remain indoors, except for making use of essential resources. Pitkin County, however, understands that our four ski mountains are Aspenites' essential resources. Though many were frustrated with Ski Co's closing of the resort, everybody adapted by doing the chairlift's work for themselves through skinning. Now, as much as this is a great way for Aspen to remain a ski town, not everybody has access to skinning gear, so what is the alternative? Sledding, though similar, is even more fun than skinning.

Hiking up and sledding down offers many similar aspects to skinning, just better. Hiking up with a sled is a slightly lighter version of skinning but is by no means easier, given the toe muscles needed for gripping. Hikers and skimmers can engage with the same trails on the same mountains (six feet apart, of course) and experience the same thrill of sliding through spring's buttery snow, but make sure you go in the afternoon to avoid any accidental bobsled courses. Any of the four mountains will do, but the steeper ones, like Highlands, are best for the speedy sledders. With any mountain that you choose, you can go to the top or stop after the first hill and still have a blast, but I highly suggest refraining from doing any backcountry sledding. Powder and trees don't really get along with sledding. Buttermilk is typically best for park rats, Ajax has the perfect sunbathing zone, and Snowmass is the family bonding mountain.

If you do consider yourself a speedy sledder, make sure you're extra prepared with expensive snow pants, unnecessary amounts of layers, goggles, a cute headband, some fur gloves plus extras, and a ridiculously cool backpack to stuff everything into. It would probably be smart to bring a buff – I think the newest versions are called 3M 8511 N95 Respirators. Oh and don't forget a sled!

Now, just to give you a heads up, the skimmers stare at you while you scooch your butt across the snow, but they're really just sad that they didn't think of it first. Just show them how it's done but keep in mind that it's pretty challenging to turn on the typical swiss bobsled. You're going to have to point your feet, hope the groomers did a good job, and pray that no skimmers, especially the one that you passed on the way up, are in your path.

Have fun, be safe, and I'll see you on the chair next year with sleds instead of skis!

Spring Sports Senior Recognition: Baseball

Lauren Fox, Staff Writer

Due to the cancellation of spring sports, seniors who participate in boy's and women's lacrosse, women's soccer, women's golf, track and field, baseball, and women's tennis are missing out on their Senior Night. During Senior Night, players, coaches, and parents come together to celebrate the accomplishments of those who, in some cases, have played on that team for the past four years. The Skier Scribbler, in collaboration with the spring sports coaches, is highlighting the seniors from each team in order to give them the proper recognition for their hard work and dedication over the years.

Jack Pevny:

Jack would like to thank Coach Dave Fuentes, Coach Brian Bradford, and Coach Joey Dzeidzic for sticking with his team the past four years through the really good and the really bad. He would also like to thank his parents for their unconditional support in his baseball career. His favorite memories were hanging out with the older kids and getting a chance to play freshman year, as well as playing with Jon because they grew up playing with each other every year, so Jack thought it was cool to see that go into high school. Being a part of the AHS baseball team means a lot to Jack because he grew up watching the high school baseball team, and he remembers his best friends being on his baseball team, so he automatically assumed that they would play all of high school, which they did. Next year, Jack will be attending the

University of Oklahoma next year to study international business and aeronautical engineering.

Ella Trane:

Ella would like to thank her parents for supporting her on this crazy decision to play baseball during her senior year. She would like to thank her teammates for letting her join the team, and she would also like to thank her new coaches that gave her a chance to play for them. Ella would especially like to thank Dave Fuentes for introducing her to softball and then baseball and believing that she could be as good as one of the boys! Ella would also like to thank Celty for getting her through all of her injuries. This was Ella's first year on the baseball team, and she is very sad that it had to end early, but so far her favorite memory was playing Basalt. Ella explained how she went up to bat and hit it, and when she was playing second base, she made a good play. For Ella, being a part of this team meant a lot because it's not normal to have a girl on the baseball team. The team made her feel welcomed and part of the team which she was really nervous about in the beginning. Next year, Ella will be attending the College of Wooster to major in chemistry while also playing basketball.

Conner Chesner:

Conner would like to thank his family, coaches, and teammates. His favorite memories from baseball have been having fun on bus rides, overnight trips, and having fun with the boys. Conner has always enjoyed playing baseball and he says that this

team and group of guys are some of the best people to be around. Next year, Conner is playing junior hockey in Minnesota and deferring from the College of the Holy Cross.

Tenjing Sherpa:

Tenjing would like to thank his parents and teammates for being very supportive of him and the team. Being on the team and playing for Aspen was Tenjing's favorite memory throughout the years. For Tenjing, being on this team represents that you show your full respect and love for the sport. Next year he plans on going to college and possibly playing for their baseball team.

Tatum Diemer:

Tatum would like to thank all the coaches and the effort they have put in over the years to make each season the best it could possibly be. Over the past four years, he has really enjoyed being part of the team, playing with a great group of guys, and simply playing. Tatum believes that overall, the team is really great and supportive and really fun to be a part of. He wishes that the season hadn't been cut short. Next year, Tatum will be attending Santa Clara University to study business and pre-med.

William Lanter:

Will wants to thank all of his coaches for making baseball the past four years possible. Will's favorite memory over the years was getting to the second round of playoffs in his sophomore year. Will believes that being a part of the Aspen baseball team gives everyone a team a second family and a fun sport to play with each other. Will

is attending Louisiana State University next year to study engineering.

Matthew Keating:

Matthew wants to thank all of his coaches for putting in the hard work to lead their team to success. He only played baseball this year, but Matthew had fun just being a part of the team and he really enjoyed playing baseball. For Matthew, being a part of the team felt like being a part of another family. He liked working hard to get better and better every practice. Next year, Matthew plans on taking a gap year to focus on working and a plan for his career.

Mac Lampe:

Mac would like to thank J Snigs. This year would've been his first year playing high school baseball. To him, being a part of this team meant contributing to the goal of the group in whatever way possible. Next year, Mac plans on entering the workforce.

Sloan Hamill:

This was Sloan's first year playing baseball. His favorite part was being able to hang out with his friends. Sloan said that this team gave him three more days of high school sports which was three days more than what he needed. Sloan will be attending Southern Methodist University next year.

*We reached out to all seniors on the team numerous times but were unable to get responses from George Ghalis, John Haisfeld, Cole Sauer, and Max Ufkes.

Spring Sports Senior Recognition: Women's Soccer

Emily Kinney, Editor-in-Chief

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Karen Galvan-Sanchez:

I want to thank my team throughout the last 4 years. It's changed throughout high school, but I think every single year I've been lucky enough to meet new people and build such strong bonds. Even though this season got cut short, I'm extremely thankful to have spent a week and a half with all the girls; I know it would have been the best season yet. Last

year was definitely jammed packed with memories; making it to states and bonding with the team during the overnights would probably have to be my favorite memory. I plan on attending Colorado State University and majoring in criminology and criminal law

Payton Curley:

I would like to thank Jon Gillies for making my Aspen High School soccer experience truly unforgettable, Chris Ellis because he was the first coach I had when I first moved to Aspen and has always encouraged me to be the best I can be, and all of our dedicated mothers for the endless amounts of hours and gas you spent driving to Denver and back for games, Glenwood and back for practices, Grand Junction, wherever it was. And of course, thank you for all of the endless love and support you

gave to all of us. My favorite memory was winning against Basalt in overtime last year, and celebrating with Chinese food, or scoring the first goal in our game against Steamboat. Being



Curley chases after ball during a game last spring. (Can someone

every bus ride, laughing until your stomach hurts, and playing your heart out for yourself, your team, and Haley Rinaldi. We skiin'! Next year, I will be attending the University of Washington in Seattle to study Public Health. Go Dawgs!

Maeve McGuire:

I want to thank my family and all the amazing coaches I've played for the past 12 years, especially John

Gilles and Michelle Gray, for helping shape me into the person I am today. I was also really looking forward to this season with our new coach, Chris Ellis, and am hoping we'll have the opportunity to play – even once – with him. I would also like to thank my teammates and best friends for making the soccer season the best time of year. Some of my favorite memories from the past three years were the overtime win against Vail last year when we came back from being down 3-0, beating Basalt as a freshman, and our state semi-final appearance my sophomore year. Also, Doodle-Bob, the most fun bus rides, mom squad, and the pre-game "Before He Cheats" and tattoos. Next year, I will be attending the University of Chicago to study Molecular Engineering. I can't imagine never playing soccer, let alone with this team (many of whom I've played with since kindergarten), again, but regardless, I am immensely thankful to soccer for a lifetime of friendships and memories. #Haylesyeah. WE SKIIN'!

The importance of staying on trail photo essay

Harper Alexman, Staff Writer and Photographer



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1. Plants such as sagebrush, Juniper trees, and hundreds of species of Lichen are native to the semi-deserts that can be found around the Roaring Fork valley. Dozens of species of lichen, which can be seen in this image on the rock to the right, can be found on a single boulder, and can take hundreds of years to grow. However, due to human activities, many species of lichen as well as many plants that grow in the local deserts are now endangered.

2. The Painted Lady butterfly is one species that migrates to Colorado in the spring. At first glance, it may be difficult to see life in the sandy environment, however, a closer look reveals hundreds of species concealed by camouflage that can be threatened by careless hikers.

3. Although the desert may appear dry and lifeless at first glance, a closer look reveals thousands of species flourishing in the harsh climate.

4. Staying on trail does not damage or destroy any of the species that inhabit the desert environment. Staying on trail allows people to observe and enjoy the desert without causing harm to the organisms that live in the harsh climate.

5. Species such as lizards can be observed from the trail without damaging their habitat.



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Urban beauty photo essay

Oliver Semple, Staff Photographer

1. Here we have a shot of the wheeler opera house with the wild fig and red mountain on a saturday afternoon.
2. A quiet and empty mountain chalet

with the majestic Aspen mountain in the background.

3. The new building were Boogies used to sit. Boogies was a recognisable landmark in our town and was knocked down last

fall and now the new building has been empty since christmas.

4. A now closed Bumps restaurant at the base of buttermilk mountain during a hot tuesday afternoon with two chairs blocking

the entrance of the restaurant and skiwear shop.

5. The Aspen Art Museum lit up near the middle of the building with a car passing by, creating beams of light on the concrete.

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The "Tiger King" show poster featuring Exotic's mugshot.

Tiger King: Murder, Mayhem and Madness review

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Netflix's "Tiger King: Murder, Mayhem, and Madness" is a recent staple of pop-culture and connection for those confined at home.

The show mainly follows the feuds between two exotic animal park owners, Joseph Maldonado, better known as Joe Exotic and Carole Baskins. Within the first episode, the viewer becomes aware Joe Exotic is accused of hiring a contract killer, but the relevance of this information does not surface until the final episodes. The scope of the seemingly fabricated drama and fast-pace plot quickly captivated American viewers in a matter of days.

As a documentary, the show's intent

is serious and its material is non-fiction, which only adds to its uniqueness. The subculture of those who own exotic animals lacks relatability, and to most viewers is far fetched. The subjects of the documentary are unintentionally entertaining, from Joe's unique and often inappropriate political campaign tactics to conspiracies about the missing Don Baskin, including the popular belief that his own wife fed him to the tigers.

By nature, the plot is also unorthodox as there are no given antagonists or protagonists, allowing viewers to form their own impressions. Although the documentary primarily focuses on Exotic, various plotlines paint him as having both good and ill intentions. It

is challenging for the viewer to choose a protagonist as the hypocrisy is vast. For example, while viewers may be inclined to choose Carole Baskins – who advocates for the fair treatment of exotic cats – as the hero, they see her treating big cats in the same fashion as those she criticizes online.

The timing of the show's release also accounts for its success. According to CNN Business, around 34 million people viewed "Tiger King" in the first ten days following its release. As most Americans have been urged to stay at home, movies and TV shows have become a means to connect from afar. As daily life has become increasingly dull, people needed an outrageous, distraction from the virus.

Too Hot To Handle Review

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Netflix's newest dating show, Too Hot to Handle missed the mark, as it strayed from its initial premise.

Too Hot to Handle aims to spice up the standard basic dating show algorithm. Similar to most other dating shows, a group of attractive singles are sent on a tropical getaway.

The contestants, however, are encouraged to restrain from sexual contact. Initially, the participants have the ability to split a \$100,000 prize, from which money is deducted each time they break the contact guidelines. To most people, remaining chaste for a month is quite an easy task, but this is not the case for the participants. It is evident that the show aimed to encourage emotional growth.

Although the show's premise seems new and exciting, the execution is poor. One of the show's biggest missteps is choosing a uniform cast of selfish, commitment-opposite, shallow individuals. The show prompts the characters to become introspective during workshops, yet the singles leave the island particularly the same as when they arrived. The characters are distasteful, unrelatable, and bitter, hindering the appeal of bingeing the show.

A few of the show's members break the rules just to stir the pot. Many of the characters lack common sense, one of whom even asked what the number for 9-1-1 was. The overall shallowness of the characters causes the prize money to dwindle. The casting appears to be problematic; however, if less sexually motivated people were cast, the show couldn't exist.

If Americans were not in quarantine, the show would have likely flopped. Or maybe the show plays to peoples egos, as the characters are far more selfish than most, as people tend to watch reality tv to feel better about themselves.

Outer Banks review: Netflix's new chart-topper

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The brand new Netflix series, "Outer Banks", has secured the third spot on Netflix's top ten list. The ten-episode show was released on April 15, 2020.

Many people binge-watched the series in one or two days, as they were continuously on the edge of their seats. The teen drama takes place in Outer Banks, North Carolina, and features, The Pogues, who are a group of teens in the working class of Outer Banks. John B. (Chase Stokes) is the protagonist of the series, leading his three best friends on an insane adventure while revealing many secrets along the way. JJ (Rudy Pankow) is John B's best friend, who has an abusive father. Despite JJ's lack of parental guidance, he is always there for his best friends. Pope (Jonathan Daviss) is considered the smart one, and Kiara (Madison Bailey) is the beautiful, environmental activist, that tags along with the group.

The antagonists are called The Kooks; they are the upper class of Outer Banks. Sarah Cameron



John B., Pope, Kiara, and Sarah hugging on the set of Outer Banks.

(Madelyn Cline) is referred to as the princess in the show and is one of the main Kooks. Her family creates a lot of roadblocks for The Pogues on their journey.

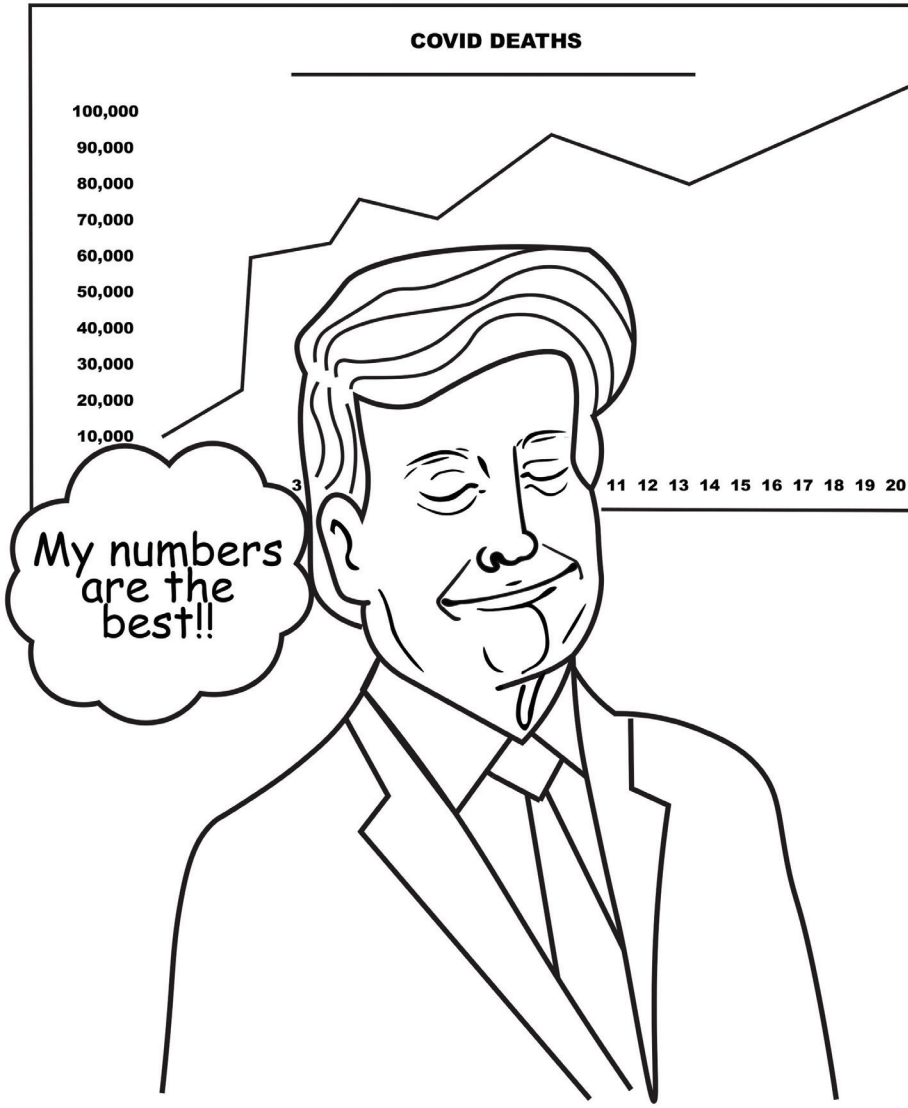
The Pogues are mainly on a treasure hunt throughout the series that takes a lot of twists and turns. Some people are saying this show has mastered the art of the cliff hanger since each episode leaves you wanting more in this crazy story. Netflix has not yet revealed if the show will have season two, although audiences are begging for more of the series that perfectly combined The Goonies and Riverdale.

One of the best parts of this short series is the unforeseen romantic relationships that pop up between many characters. Another fun part of the show is drooling over the beautiful setting of Outer Banks, North Carolina. The last reason, people need to watch Outer Banks ASAP is to live vicariously through the characters as they partake in their adventure while everyone is stuck at home due to the quarantine.

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Trump vs Corona political cartoon

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Expectation and reality of quarantine political cartoon

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