



#2020: ENOUGH!

COVID-19 Update:

By Megan Husby

How has the Coronavirus affected New Mexico and how serious do we need to be about the virus? Currently in New Mexico (10/29), we have 44,904 cases and we are almost reaching the 1,000-death mark, as well. For Roswell and Chavez County, there have been 2,066 cases. Though that might not seem like a lot of people, considering we only have 2 million people living in New Mexico, it remains extremely alarming. According to an article from the New York Times, reportedly there have been about 500 new cases every day within New Mexico and approximately 200 new cases in Chaves County since last week. Today New Mexico crossed the frightening 1000 daily case threshold with 1082 new cases. With these new rates having more than a 100% increase from past weeks, we need to be especially careful by always wearing masks out in public, properly washing hands, and maintaining social distancing to help slow the spread!



Halloween During a Global Epidemic: What You Should Know

By Siana Garcia, Editor/CCO

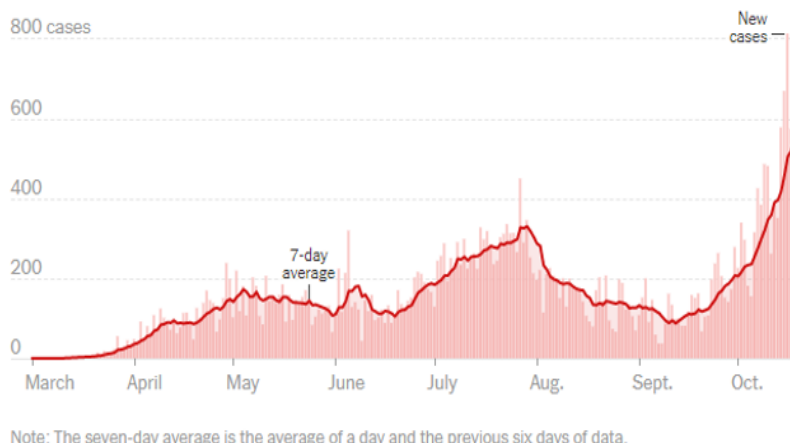
Currently throughout the United States, there are millions of individuals who are dealing with the effects of the Coronavirus. With the outbreak, people are having to make alternatives to continue living their daily lives in the way that they love. During the holidays, most individuals work extremely hard to put together a function for their town and/or city.

During the pandemic, it has made it very difficult to do this in the way that they normally do. This has forced thousands of individuals to think outside of the box in order to give people what they are wishing for during the holiday seasons. Currently, as Halloween approaches, there have been many alternatives throughout New Mexico in order to potentially give people an activity to take part of, without risking their lives during the Coronavirus pandemic. To better eliminate the spread of the virus, small towns and large cities are beginning to do Trick-Or-Treat drive-thrus. This enables children to dress in their costumes and get snacks, candy, and other seasonal goodies during Halloween. While this is an outstanding alternative for the small children, it will not entertain all ages, due to the fact that Halloween is a well-known holiday for all ages.

Many take part in scary corn mazes, haunted houses, Halloween parties and gatherings, and so much more. Why not give older individuals the opportunity to celebrate Halloween in the way that they would like? Thankfully, individuals have also created ways to continue doing these activities without the risks of receiving or giving the virus to others. This alternative is quite similar to the Trick-or-Treat drive-thru. Individuals all over the United States, but most importantly, New Mexico, have decided to begin opening drive-thru haunted houses.



New reported cases by day in New Mexico



*This is a graph from the New York Times with the new COVID-19 cases.

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The NBA Finals 2020

By Lei Carradine Maslian

The NBA was suspended on March 11, 2020 due to Covid-19. After a few months, the NBA have allowed for the season to continue in Orlando, Miami at Disneyland, Here they will be isolated and will train and play the remaining games. They envisioned and played with only essential personnel, for example, there and no fans in-attendance, although they had offered fans to pay for seats to be shown in the sideline in the cameras.

With 22 teams in the bubble, 16 teams in the playoffs, and six teams that were six games off playoff positions, battled it out to see who would face off in the playoffs. The final two teams that made it to the finals were the Miami Heat and the Los Angeles Lakers. The Miami Heat were considered the underdogs in comparison to the Los Angeles Lakers, led by LeBron James and Anthony Davis, but little does Miami know that they will be washed out by the Los Angeles Lakers.

In Games 1 and 2 of the NBA Finals, the Los Angeles Lakers showed that they dominated the Heat as they led at least 10 points in both games. With the Heat losing to the Lakers in the one-sided games, the viewership of the Finals, with 5.6million viewers, was considered to be the lowest-rated Finals viewership. In game 3, Jimmy Butler's leadership led the Heat to win their first game of the series, putting up a 40-point triple double, overall showing everyone that the Miami Heat was truly capable of winning the NBA championship. The next game, Anthony Davis put on a show to lead the Lakers to win game 5 and were one more game away from winning the Finals. In game 6, the Heat showed that they were not done just yet.



The Los Angeles Lakers celebrate as 2020 NBA Champions

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Video Games: What's New for 2020

By Megan Husby

The Video Game Community is booming right now with all the new great games becoming popular, big new updates for many individual's favorite games, and the esports awards coming up. The game everyone knows and loves, Minecraft, is going to have a very big update later this year that many people have been hoping would happen for years. There are going to be new mobs, building items, and the part I'm most excited about is the cliffs and caves update, which will make Minecraft mountains and caves more realistic and overall way cooler. One of the most popular games right now, Among Us, has taken the world by storm. Many people are playing this game, from everyday Youtubers and streamers like Pewdiepie and Pokimane, to people we wouldn't think of as "gamers" like American Congresswomen AOC and even your family.

Many different updates are being talked about for the game Among Us, for example, a 12-15-person game, more game modes, and new roles. Hopefully this year they will be released. There are some new upcoming games like Phasmophobia and Genshin Impact as

well. Both games have been seen from famous youtubers and streamers like Markiplier, Jacksepticeye, and Genshin Impact has even been sponsoring many youtubers like Offline TV which has spread the popularity even more. Most of the games that I have mentioned have cost some money, but there are some very good games that are free like League of Legends and Valorant. Both of these games are from Riot Games, League of Legends is a MOBA 5v5 game, and Valorant is a fps 5v5 game. League is having a world championship currently and has countries all over the world participating. Valorant had just come out with a very big update with a new map, new agent, and a new battle pass with skins for guns.

Lastly, I would like to mention the 2020 Esports Awards. The Esports Awards have many different categories to vote from like Steamer of the Year and Best Rookie Player of the Year, so if any influencers you watch have been nominated for an award make sure to go vote for them before November 9th to help support them!

Music in Review: Lifting Spirits During COVID-19

By Michelle Perozek

As we all know, 2020 has been a rough year. Luckily, music is something that we don't have to go out looking for. Musical artists have gone out of their way to write music that has the goal to lift people up during these hard times. One of the first songs I heard that was pandemic related was "Six Feet Apart" by Alec Benjamin. In the song, he talks about the loneliness he began to feel once quarantined began. A song by Luke Combs also called "Six Feet Apart" talks about that even though it is hard right now, with time it will be better. Another song to listen to is "Better Days" by OneRepublic that's message is to give hope to people. While some artists wrote about the virus, COVID-19 and life in quarantine, other artists wrote music specifically to cheer people up and definitely succeeded. BTS released their single "Dynamite" which was written to bring hope and bring happiness to others. Along with the song "Savage Love" by Jason Derulo, both songs became a worldwide hit, both charted on the Billboard Top 100. So whenever you need to cheer up, or just need a good song to listen to, these and many more songs will do just the trick!



More Music with BTS



By Michelle Perozek

On February 21, 2020, BTS released their full-length album *Map of the soul: 7*, which is a follow up to their 2019 hit mini album, *Map of the soul: Persona*. This album broke the record held by Michael Jackson's *Thriller* for the past 36 years. This became the first album from a foreign artist to top the charts in Japan since *Thriller* based on a South Korean entertainment report. *Map of the soul: 7* was ranked 4th in U.S. Billboard main album chart 200 and 1st in the U.K. top 100 album chart. *Map of the soul: 7* earned 3.42 million dollars on pre-orders alone, in the first week of availability. The album includes their title track "ON" along with 19 other tracks including some from *Map of the soul: Persona*. ON charted on the Billboard hot 100 at number 4, the highest position ever for a K-pop group. The last track also features Sia on a remix of ON which is not much different from the original but still had a good impact. This album is also a gift towards their fans as the album represented their 7-year anniversary of becoming a group.

Is TikTok Staying or Gone for Good?

By Taryn Davis

What?

On August 6th, 2020 Trump published an executive order banning the download of TikTok in 45 days (20th of September) because of security concerns. A couple days later (August 14th) Trump said in a separate executive order that TikTok would face a complete ban if it did not sell to a US company by the 14th of November. Well this news certainly caused an uproar on the TikTok community. I remember scrolling through TikTok and seeing people bash Trump and say their last goodbyes to their TikTok followers and fans.

Why?

Trump, his administration, and a few lawyers believed that China was stealing large amounts of data and information from TikTok users. They could be right because the owners of TikTok, ByteDance, are centered in China. This could be a threat to national security for the United States.



Reactions?

As a member of the TikTok community myself, I was very angry with Trump at the announcement of the ban. Most of my time spent of my phone is on TikTok. Many members of the community said that President Trump was just being "salty" because many teens (and adults) signed up for the President Trump Tulsa rally, which most of them didn't attend. These actions were organized on TikTok, and the huge turnout expected for the rally was disappointing. The ban was announced days after which made users very suspicious that Trump was just throwing a fit.

Reactions also came from companies. Microsoft offered to take over and buy TikTok so it wouldn't get banned, but for some reason that idea got shut down and replaced with another proposition!

Currently?

Currently TikTok hasn't been banned and there is a proposed deal, Oracle and Walmart say they will own 20% of TikTok and ByteDance says it will own 80% while trying to have greater security measures. As for President Trump we haven't really heard anything else about him trying to ban TikTok as he has been currently focusing on his campaign for the upcoming election in November. Make sure to tell your parents to register and go out to vote! So have no fear for TikTok is still here!

Mulan: A Beautiful Disappointment

By Taryn Davis

Disney's *Mulan* live action remake, released for premier streaming on Disney + for \$29.99 on September 4th, tells the classic story of a young woman who disguises herself as a man to go to battle against northern invaders in China. The announcement of this live-action remake stirred a lot of excitement into movie watchers as they fondly remembered the old animated *Mulan* with Eddie Murphy's comedic dragon, epic story, and thrilling musical numbers, but I feel like this movie did disappoint those viewers.

Going into watching this movie I was expecting the same comedic magic that I saw in the first *Mulan*. Boy, that was not the case. If I'm being completely honest the new *Mulan* was rigid and flat. The musical elements were missing and so was the comedy. It was an extremely different *Mulan* than the one for which I was accustomed.

However, the directors and writers of this film did try to make the movie closer to the original tale of *Mulan*, but it was not what I was looking for. The writers did leave out many things on purpose. For example, the character Mushu, in today's world could be considered racist. Another example could be Captain Li Shang the main love interest of the 1998 *Mulan*. The relationship between *Mulan* and Li Shang can be considered as inappropriate today because a captain to fell in love with a lower-ranking soldier. So, the writers did leave things out on purpose that to my dismay changed the movie entirely. Though the parts of *Mulan* that I know, and love are gone, *Mulan* still has excellent action scenes, and graphic effects.

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There was an interesting storyline that though different, I could still follow along. Because the movie makers didn't have to spend as much money on music and animating characters such as Mushu, the makers could spend the money on action scenes, and I must say they did use it well.

In conclusion I would rate Disney's Mulan a 2.5 out of 5 stars. This movie didn't have all the elements I was looking for that were shown in the original 1998 movie, but it did have epic graphics, action scenes, and it was very empowering. I would say that it isn't worth the money to watch it early with premier access unless

you are in the mood for a feminist warrior movie. Just wait until it is streaming on Disney + and watch 1998's Mulan in the meantime.



Halloween During a Pandemic

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Simply, you grab a few friends or family and purchase a car ticket, which then allows those who are in the vehicle to drive through a haunted house, overall creating a similar effect as something they would normally attend. Although the current pandemic has affected everyone's life greatly, there are still many efforts being made in order to allow individuals to continue doing the things they love to do.



2020 Houston International Livestock show

By Colby Prince

This past year when the coronavirus was just introduced into the United States, I was fortunate enough to be able to travel to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. In this show they have you show up for a few days depending upon the breed of cow that you are showing. I was one of the first breeds to show this last year with my American Aberdeen heifer. We showed up to the "staging" area the night before and spent the night in the pickup. The next morning, we woke up early and made our way from the staging area over to the actual area that livestock is kept at during the show. Once there we unloaded the cows and started the fight to get a tie out spot among the Brahma cattle. Houston is the largest Brahma cattle show in the world is as such, cattle from all over the world are brought to this show. Once we had our tie out we had to rush to get our tack trailer unloaded in a hurry because we only had thirty minutes to get unloaded, this is because of the amount of people that are at this show and there would be too many people and trailers there. We then

had that day to get everything settled and the next day after a short night, was the Junior show. To get the cows prepared for the show we used shaving cream in order to make their legs fluffier and give them a more defined tailhead along with a product called Flare on the body which adds volume to the hair. Once I arrived at the show ring we waited for the full-blood Aberdeen show to conclude and then my class was up. I was first in the lineup out of five other heifer calves which the judge only had about two minutes to look at. At the end, the judge grabbed a microphone and pointed my heifer (MaryAnn) out first which I thought meant that I had lost the class but instead it turned out that I got first of the class. When you get first in a class then you have stay around until it is the first-place calves only and you go back into the ring to get a champion heifer. After this then you compete with all the champions in order to get your overall grand Champion heifer. So, I made it to the heifer champion class and ended up

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NBA Finals

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The Heat hung on to win their second game of the series, as the Lakers had missed a game winning shot which led to a turnover, where the Heat won and forced a game 6. Game 6 of the NBA Finals was the deciding factor. The Lakers led by as much as 30-points in the first half, making it very clear who the dominant team was. After a long-fought game, the Lakers won the NBA championship with LeBron grabbing himself his 4th NBA title, along with his 4th NBA Finals MVP and Anthony Davis' first title. The Lakers worked extremely hard, as they dedicated this championship to the Laker Legend, Kobe Bryant, who passed away in a Helicopter crash earlier this year. They showed their "Mamba Mentality" in honor of Kobe and worked hard to beat every team they had faced, then becoming the 2020 NBA Champions.



Human Trafficking: An Epidemic of a Different Kind

By Emily Jay

If you haven't been watching the news, you might not know about the serious problem that is human trafficking. Now, what is human trafficking? "Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to control victims for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or labor services against his/her will." In other words, its where people trade and use people to profit or get what they want, and recently it has been a huge problem. In 2019, there was a 19% increase in reported trafficking cases than the previous year. Along with this, as far as we know the most people that are trafficked are females and children. Even with this information, most of the statistics are still unknown. The places that are the most trafficked is the western part of the USA, with the most trafficked state being Florida.

With knowing all of this information you might want to know a way to prevent yourself and your loved ones from being trafficked. Here are some ways to help prevent yourself from being trafficked.

1. Be very aware of your surroundings. Most people tend to constantly be looking down at their phone and other small things when walking. Always be aware of your surroundings so if you notice something off, like a person or a car following you, you can let someone know immediately. Along with this, if you do notice some suspicious activity go to the nearest building and let someone know what is going on, and wait for the person to leave.
2. Never walk alone. People, especially women are forcefully kidnapped. As much of a hassle it is to always be on the lookout and have to have someone to go out with, it's only for your own safety.
3. Don't trust easily. A lot of traffickers offer jobs such as modeling and singing careers to lure people in, whether that be in person or on social media. Traffickers will try to form a bond with you so that you can trust them more. As well as traffickers can often be women since they are more trusting than men and can lure a victim more easily.
4. Always be ready. Carry pepper spray on you, maybe on a keychain if possible. Along with this, you need to be mentally prepared to fight, make a scene, and yell for help. You need to be prepared because your life will depend on it.
5. Use your phone. Yes, in the first point it was made clear to be aware of your surroundings, but this means to make sure you can share your location at all times with at least 3 family members/ friends. This is so they can know about your whereabouts at all times and can see anything that is suspicious about where you are.
6. Always trust your instinct. If that little voice in your head is telling you that something is off about someone around you listen to it, and try and find a safer more public spot. That way there are more people around to see if something happens and they can call authorities if needed.
7. Always meet in public areas. If you're going on a date with someone you met online, whether they are a new friend or someone you're interested in, never let them know where you live. As obvious as it may seem sometimes you may be oblivious to what may seem obvious.
8. Seek help from reliable organizations. Quite a few of the times, human traffickers will prey on kids that have run away from home. Instead of running away call a crisis hotline (some listed below).

Suicide prevention hotline: 1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433)

Child abuse national hotline: 1-800-4-A-CHILD (422-4453)

LGBTQIA+: 1-800-398-GAYS (398-4297)

Online Learning Adds Flexibility

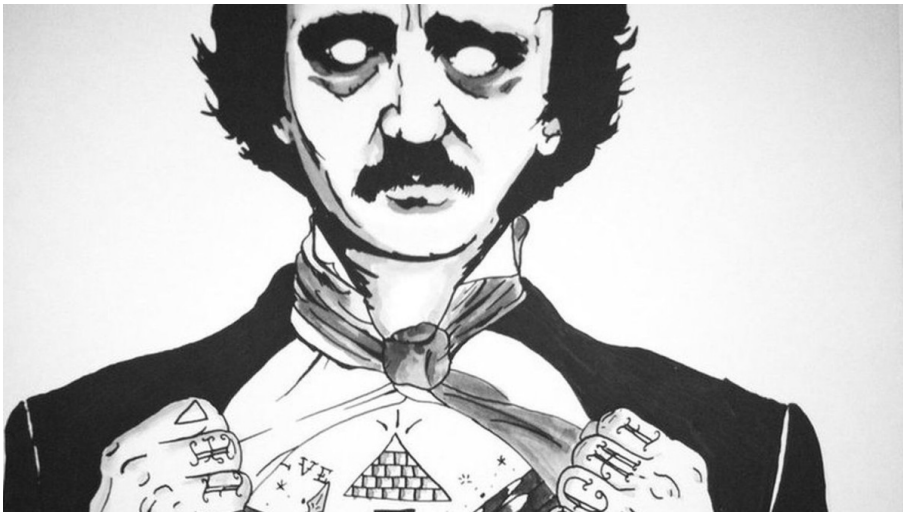
By Joshua Petersen, News Editor

This year, many things have changed because of the coronavirus. Schooling is one of them. Most schools have made the transitions from in-person classes to online classes. How has education been affected by this change? All of the classes are performed over a video conference, the students do all of their work from home, and almost everything is done virtually now. What are some pros and cons of how school is done now?

Let's make a list of the pros first. Online learning allows for more flexibility in our learning. This means that you can do your work when you want. This can help students who like to review notes and study as it gives them more time to take in the material. Another pro is that online learning allows students access to more learning aids, such as khan academy, videos



provided by the teacher, or online articles about a given subject. Now, let's list some of the cons of online school. Online school requires more determination and dedication from the students, as they do not have a teacher to keep them on track. Having limited access to the teacher is also a big con because a lot of times, the student depends on clarification and feedback from the instructor. The sudden transition from traditional to online learning has been difficult for many students, including myself. Online learning is now the main form of education in many schools and is the future of learning.



"Eldorado" by Edgar Allan Poe

* Contemporary Rewording by Taryn Davis

Gaily bedight,	Equipped with cheerfulness,
A gallant knight,	A brave knight,
In sunshine and in shadow,	In sunshine and in shadow,
Had journeyed long,	Had journeyed long,
Singing a song,	Singing a song,
In search of Eldorado.	In search of Eldorado.
But he grew old --	But he grew old --
This knight so bold --	This knight so brave --
And o'er his heart a shadow	And o'er his heart a shadow
Fell as he found	Fell as he found
No spot of ground	No spot of ground
That looked like Eldorado.	That looked like Eldorado.
And, as his strength	And, as his strength
Failed him at length,	Failed him at last,
He met a pilgrim shadow --	He met death--
"Shadow," said he,	"Death," said he,
"Where can it be --	"Where can it be --
This land of Eldorado?"	This land of Eldorado?"
"Over the Mountains	"Over the Mountains
Of the Moon,	Of the Moon,
Down the Valley of the Shadow,	Down the Valley of Death,
Ride, boldly ride,"	Ride, boldly ride,"
The shade replied, --	Death replied, --
"If you seek for Eldorado!"	"If you seek for Eldorado!"

Halloween Restrictions for NM

The Office of the Governor of New Mexico, Michelle Lujan Grisham has published the following restrictions and safety suggestions for the Halloween holiday on Saturday, October 31, 2020 here in New Mexico. All New Mexicans are asked to follow this advisory and stay safe! We are all in this together, and as much as Halloween is enjoyed by our children, young adults, and families, these times call for safety first.

Office of the Governor
MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

COVID-19 UPDATE

CDC GUIDELINES FOR A COVID-SAFE HALLOWEEN

HIGH-RISK ACTIVITIES TO AVOID:

- Traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating
- "Trunk-or-treat" events from trunks of cars
- Attending crowded indoor parties
- Indoor haunted houses
- Hayrides or tractor rides with people from outside your household
- Traveling to another community for Halloween events

LOW-RISK ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE A COVID-SAFE HALLOWEEN:

- Carve or decorate pumpkins with members of your household, or with neighbors and friends outside, at a safe distance
- Decorating your house, apartment, or living space
- Doing a Halloween scavenger hunt
- Having a virtual Halloween costume contest
- Having a Halloween movie night with people you live with

Don't forget to wear a face mask!

Hurricane Laura Devastates the South



By Gia Ruizesparza
August 20th of 2020 marks the day when Hurricane Laura struck Louisiana and destroyed people's homes, cars, and lives. Hurricane Laura was a category 4 hurricane that had high wind speeds at 150 mph. The natural disaster caused twenty-six innocent people from Louisiana to die; ranging from a fourteen-year-old girl to an eighty-four-year-old man. Most of the victims died from carbon monoxide poisoning or heat related illnesses. It was the most powerful hurricane to hit Louisiana, which even surpassed Hurricane Katrina. Louisiana wasn't the only place to get hit. It struck Texas, Florida, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic as well.

The hurricane lasted for nine days until August 29th. The aftermath of Hurricane Laura was horrendous. More than two hundred thousand people were left without clean water. That's four times more than Roswell's own population! Windows were broken, streets were flooded, electricity was out, and the weather was very intense. But thanks to the Red Cross, they served more than 1.2 million meals and distributed more than 168,600 cleaning supplies to help people affected by the hurricane. Although people are still doing their best to help the cities, it would make months or even years to rebuild what was lost.



A True Fighter

By Gia Ruizesparza

On August 28, 2020 famous actor Chadwick Boseman was confirmed dead. At the age of thirty-nine, Chadwick was diagnosed with colon cancer. He chose to hide his diagnoses in order to keep fans from being worried, and to continue his acting career. Sources have stated he was not alone at the timing of his death. His wife and family were by his side when he passed away. In 2016 when Chadwick was first diagnosed, he had Stage 3 colon cancer, and it had moved onto Stage 4 in 2020. His funeral was held on September 3rd, 2020 at Welfare Baptist Church Cemetery in Belton, South Carolina. Chadwick filmed his most famous movie "The Black Panther" two years after being diagnosed with colon cancer. Many famous celebrities and fans around the globe shared their reactions all over social media about his sudden death.

During his lifetime, Chadwick played many inspiring roles such as Jackie Robinson and James Brown. He also worked hard to win amazing awards like the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Actor in a Motion Picture. His brother recalled Boseman telling him he was exhausted before his death. Chadwick told him "Man, I'm in the fourth quarter, and I need you to get me out of the game." Kevin Boseman knew then that his brother was ready to move on. Their childhood pastor told the news, "When he told me that, I changed my prayer from, 'God heal him, God save him,' to 'God, let your will be done,'". The very next day American favorite Chadwick Aaron Boseman passed away surrounded by his family's love.



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pulling my heifer forward to face the crowd, and yet again I was optimistic because when you get pulled forward first it is often just to get the cow out of the way for the judge to get a better look at others in the lineup. The judge gets the microphone again and starts with last place cows giving his opinion and he gets to me and the other top three and starts down the line until finally it is just MaryAnn that gets first place. After the show we went to do photos with the banners. My family was fortunate for this but

was also fortunate because the week after we got back, the livestock show and rodeo was cancelled because of COVID-19.



The Roswell Blizzard of 2020: Why Not, Right?

By Siana Garcia, Editor/CCO

As if this year has not been crazy enough, we were blessed with nearly three days of torrential snow fall here in Roswell (and over most of New Mexico) from October 27th through October 29th. Some areas received upwards of eight to ten inches of the gorgeous, white, fluffy stuff.

(Photos by Siana Garcia and Evelyn Alvarez)



The 2020-21 ECHS Newspaper Staff

The dedicated staff of The Griffin Gazette, the high school newspaper published by students of Early College High School in Roswell, New Mexico, would like to thank all of the students, teachers, and administrators for their support and encouragement.

In our third year of publishing, The Griffin Gazette, we have incurred numerous new challenges that we have faced head-on as a team. We appreciate all of the hard work by everyone who made it possible to publish our first issue of the 2020-21 school year.

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Alien Hibernation Casts Troubling Doubt on Our Safety

by Joshua Probablynot, Investigative Reporter



The picture shown here is indeed troubling on many levels. Taken of SOMEONE and sent to us by an anonymous source, it depicts SOMEONE supposedly sleeping. It is, however, humanly impossible to fall asleep in that position. We should know. We tried it.

We showed the picture to some experts on alien physiology in an effort to determine what the alien is really doing. Dr. Amanda Trustme said, "How should I know what it's doing? I've never seen an alien before!" This only confirmed our convictions. If the expert had no clue, then clearly the behavior is truly alien.

Still, others were more emphatic as to the nature of the behavior depicted in the picture. Dr. Gerry Cheatings of Roswell, laughed when he saw the picture. "Oh I've seen this before. This is what I call 'erratic hibernation.' It is the ability to fall asleep anywhere with anything going on around you. Just like in this picture." He tapped his forehead, musing. "I once fell asleep hanging from a rafter." That made us nervous. Cheatings continued, "This phenomenon can happen even in the harshest of circumstances. It is often accompanied by drool and odd sounding snorts."

Excited by these revelations, and feeling we were close to exposing an alien conspiracy, we decided to take the picture to one more expert. Dr. Fred DeBunk of Artesia, a renowned expert on erratic hibernation, said, "Yes, yes, this is a classic example of erratic hibernation." He was clearly excited for he pulled the picture as close to his face as he could. "As you can see, the individual in question is not sleeping, but was forced to undergo an impromptu hibernation." We asked why this would occur. He said, "My belief is that change in weather or even what it last ate could randomly trigger such a hibernation. The hibernation itself serves a vital function, allowing the alien to store up energy. This is how they can sometimes stay up all night watching TV or playing video games. I could tell you more, if I can find my glasses. I can't see a thing without them." Still, we were happy with the expert opinion.

Clash of the Fashions--More Proof of Alien Life Among

by Siana Gotchagirl, Senior Investigative Reporter



With the evidence piling in, it seems there is little more we can add to prove that aliens do in fact live among us. But for the skeptic, we provide a final piece of evidence. The picture provided above was sent in by a concerned citizen. It shows SOMEONE dressed in the most hideous and bizarre way. If you ever needed proof that SOMEONE was in fact an alien, just look at this individual's fashion choices.

To actually think that such a dress style is "in" is stark evidence of alien thinking. No human would consider being caught dead in an outfit like that. Despite that, aliens of such ilk blatantly flaunt their "true colors," thinking they are fitting in somehow. If fashion is real evidence of aliens living among us, then there are more than we believed.

Although it is possible--and even likely--that normal humans have been brainwashed to accept such fashion as acceptable, aliens clearly have an ulterior motive for such a clash in fashion. We wonder if this is not some form of subtle attack on our society, an attempt to disturb our eyes into distraction and thus miss what they are really up to.

With such a terrifying scenario likely, we appealed to the government for help. It took time, but we got someone from the major security agencies. Robert Bland of the CIA explained, "We have built a watch list--that we

List' or CCWL for short. When we receive report of a fashion flop, we investigate and add the 'person' to the list. Our greatest concern is when such individuals congregate together. We ask you and any other concerned citizen to keep an eye out for these dangerous individuals."

Kate Blunt, spokesperson for the Roswell Field office of the FBI, gave us this statement: "At the moment, we can neither confirm nor deny the existence of aliens at all." When asked why, she hedged, "Our lead investigator into such matters, Fox, has retired."

Thomas Aware of the NSA seemed completely surprised. "This is the first I've heard of it," he said over the phone. "What do you think we should do?" Honored to be consulted, *The Halloween Examiner* detailed a plan for dealing with these insidious aliens. We were gratified when Aware agreed. "Excellent. The Nation of Sentient Aliens thanks you."

See? Aliens have already penetrated the highest levels of our government. There is no stronger proof than this. Aliens live among us. They are everywhere. They are in the government, our cities, our homes. We know how disturbing this information is, but we feel strongly that the truth, told in a factual manner, is a vital public service.