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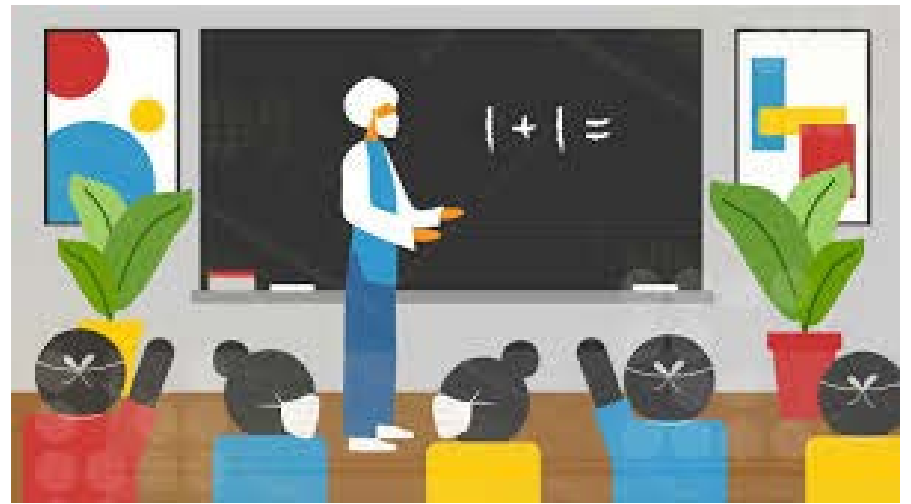
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As of March of 2020, Clovis High School switched from in-class learning to virtual. It was an adjustment for all. Teachers who taught socially now teach distanced from their students. The students who got to school and socialized with friends and faculty now access that type of interaction through a screen. Soon, there's going to be a change.

On the 26th of January, 2021, New Mexico State Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham announced that in-person schooling would be allowed. "We will get this right, and we will move forward, and every school district in the state will be able to welcome all ages of students safely back to the classroom on February 8," she stated in

cases, Clovis is no longer in the 'red zone' but in the 'yellow zone'. Cases have decreased to 3.99%, approaching a percentage that shows improvement and hopefully becoming 'green'. However, this does not mean that schools will become fully live in classrooms as we still try to stay safe and create a routine that is easy to adapt to for the remainder of the semester.

Clovis High School will begin using a hybrid model, consisting of Cohort A, Cohort B, and Cohort C. Cohort A will go on Monday and Tuesday, while Wednesday is a day used to clean the schools. Then, Cohort B will go on Thursday and Friday. Lastly, Cohort C will be 100% online. Clovis High School began the hybrid model on February 8th, allowing only Sophomores to go to the school first, in hopes that they will have fewer troubles finding their classes. Any



Returning back to school means that there are specific guidelines that need to be followed. CHS underwent an inspection that allowed certification that the school's regulations would be met when the doors open to students. Our CHS principal, Mr. Brady, made the following announcement regarding safety guidelines that are expected to be followed: "Covid Safe Practices: these must be followed at all times.

1. Masks must be worn at all times.
2. Social Distancing will be enforced at all times. Classrooms are designed to ensure social distancing is in place each period.
3. Handwashing with soap and water or hand sanitizer is highly recommended. Hand sanitizer has been provided in all classrooms for

student use."

This, along with arrival/dismissal, lunch, communications, and expectation information, has all been sent out to faculty and staff along with parents and students. For a successful re-opening, these guidelines will be enforced for everyone's safety.

Despite another learning process we must take for going into a hybrid model, it is refreshing to get a glimpse of normality and have the opportunity to make connections and learn in a classroom. However, we must do our part to follow guidelines and practice washing our hands, wearing our masks, and watching our distance. *Purple Press* wishes CHS a warm welcome back to school.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
In-School Instruction	Student Cohort A	Student Cohort A	All Virtual Students learn from home. No students in schools. Thorough cleaning of classrooms.	Student Cohort B	Student Cohort B
Virtual Instruction	Student Cohort B	Student Cohort B		Student Cohort A	Student Cohort A

the virtual state address. This is good news for all of us as this pandemic and virtual schooling have taken a toll on everyone of all ages. Regarding COVID

student in Cohort A or B is allowed to switch to Cohort C if needed. However, once in Cohort C, you may not transfer back to the A and B Cohorts.

A Yearbook Treasure: 1943

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A few months ago, it was brought to my advisor's attention that a Clovis High School yearbook had been discovered. Now, as the overseer of the CHS yearbook, that would seem unimportant enough, but what was so interesting about this yearbook, in particular, was that it was from the year 1943. Due to America's involvement in World War II, CHS had previously been under the impression that there was no funding to put towards a yearbook that year. However, Clovis High School's very own librarian, Ms. Jeffery, recovered

living in a "geographically separated unit" in West Germany during the Cold War (homeschooling two of my children part of the time). On another tour of duty, we were in England, where I gave birth to two of my children in two different foreign hospitals. While they speak English, they don't speak the same English as we do! My time in Germany was the hardest! Everything I did for four years was in German, metric, and Deutsch Marks. A short trip to the local grocery had me translating many things every time! It was sixty-five miles from anything American, and my children were young at the time. We had only four TV

channels--two in German, one in French, one in Italian. Other than some video cassettes, we didn't watch much TV. We lived in a village of about 1,000 people who treated us like family. I still correspond with my good friend and former neighbor Andrea, even though my

German is "schlecht" (bad). I enjoy reading, going up to the mountains, researching my family tree, and especially spending time with family. My three children live in Minnesota with my three grandchildren. I miss them terribly, and I absolutely love being able to video chat with them! My mom and three sisters live mainly in the Dallas area or northern Utah. I've been blessed to see many beautiful sites in the world, including some of the most beautiful waterfalls in the USA and Europe. While we could see the Swiss Alps on a clear day from our balcony in Germany, I loved going to Switzerland, where

my grandfather's family came from. **What is your occupation at CHS, and how long have you been with us?**

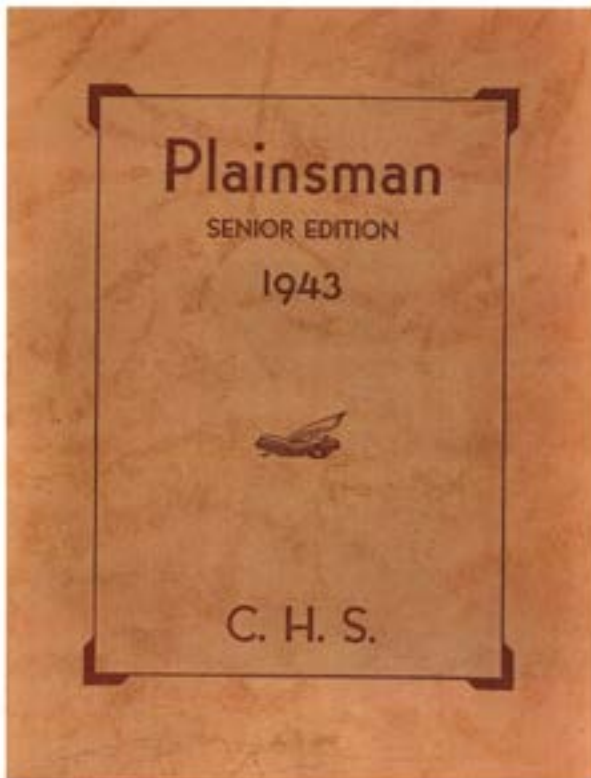
I've been a librarian for about twenty-four years. That doesn't count the two years I spent going weekly to Lindsay Middle School in Portales, entering the library books into the computer--getting the card catalog records in a digital format. After two years of volunteering, I knew that was the career for me! I've since completed library science and instructional technology coursework, finishing my master's degree in 2012 and getting state licensure to teach here at CHS. I've worked in both public libraries and school libraries in Clovis and Portales, and I've worked at elementary, middle, and high schools here in Clovis. This is my 10th year as the Teacher Librarian at Clovis High School. I'm certainly not bored as there are so many fantastic books being published every year, and especially, students coming into the library finding that certain book they want to read next.

What are some of the responsibilities your job entails?

My responsibilities in the library are both teaching library science, information science, and reference and research but also organizing and managing the library for everyone to use. Maintaining several digital platforms has been a challenging part of my job. As we all know, companies update their platform but don't always inform us of all of the changes. I am a resource for all teachers and students at our CHS



Ms. Jenny Jeffery and the 1943 Yearbook



a Plainsman yearbook and graciously shares her story now.

Ms. Jeffery, you've recently unearthed a Clovis High School yearbook from the 1940s, an object the community wasn't sure existed until now. Before we dig into the story, though, would you please tell us about yourself?

I'm the third of four girls in my family. I'm originally from Ohio, but I've lived in or traveled in seven countries and about thirty states. The USAF brought me to New Mexico. Some of my overseas experience includes

campus. I love getting to collaborate with teachers all over campus and being in numerous classrooms. The most fun part of my job is students who tell me about a book they read. Some students get really invested in the story, and we talk about the characters we like or dislike, or we try to predict what will happen next in the book. I also provide professional development for all of the library staff for Clovis Municipal Schools and am the Destiny administrator, our library management software.

Now, how did you come about this yearbook?

Browsing in antique and junk stores is another favorite pastime, hoping I'll find a rare treasure at a great price. I've collected over twenty pocket Bibles, with the oldest one published in 1861. I stopped by Lavender & Rust on Mitchell St. last summer when the owner told me she had a pop-up vendor outside selling some Clovis memorabilia. She had already donated a couple of duplicate yearbooks to the library, so I'm so glad I stopped by on that day, which is when I saw the "Plainsman Senior Edition 1943". I've never seen one before. I've only heard that they exist. I had to buy it for our library, for Clovis High School.

Why is this yearbook so fascinating and significant to the community?

During World War II, citizens around our country made many sacrifices to aid our allies in Europe and defend our liberty here at home. The same was true in Clovis, NM. During WWII, my understanding is that the only yearbooks created in those years were 1942 Senior and Junior edition only, 1943 and 1944 Senior edition only, due to war efforts.

Could you describe the yearbook to us?

The 1943 CHS yearbook is a senior class only yearbook. It includes a wonderful dedication: "Because our country is at war, the seniors of 1942-43 have been forced to give up many of the pleasurable activities which usually are a part of senior year. Because you have so cheerfully and willingly given up these pleasures, and because you have so wholeheartedly entered into all of our school's war efforts, the Public Relations Staff is happy to dedicate this little

magazine to the Senior Class of 1942-43". Interspersed with pages of class pictures (all in black and white) are pages of Class History, Class Prophecy, Senior Will, and the ever-popular Senior Favorites, and much more. Most pages are similar to the yearbooks we create today. Our country was in an era of rations. So CHS students and staff stepped up to help in the "war effort" with things like book drives, scrap metal drives, plus contributions to the Junior Red Cross, USO (United Services Organization), and raised approximately \$20,000.00 in war bonds and stamps!

And finally, Ms. Jeffery, what do you think the discovery of this yearbook means for Clovis both now and then, particularly in regards to our history?

Our history informs us of where we came from and guides us to where we are headed in the future. As Edmund Burke said: "those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it." We have a rich history of education and culture in Clovis. When we read history, we

see both how much things change and yet how much things stay the same. Our forebears showed courage in the face of sacrifice here in our small corner of the globe. I've seen the same thing recently as people in Clovis serve and support one another in our current trials. I loved reading the section of the 1943 yearbook sharing the service given by Clovis High School students with a book drive, scrap metal drive, etc. The yearbook shares some familiar high school activities, such as the senior play "An American Is Born." I believe that learning about our past experiences shows the strength and resiliency of our CHS Alumni. As we move forward this year, I see students, our future alumni, creating memories by working together, learning, and growing. I can't wait to see our yearbook for the 2020-2021 school year. What are you doing to build memories and history?

Some of the seniors of the graduating class of 1943



It is a remarkable thing to find something so extraordinary and rare, and it is a noble thing to share that something with others. To Ms. Jeffery, we thank you sincerely for sharing your story with us and telling us about yourself, your involvement with the school and community, and sharing just how historically significant this yearbook is to Clovis. We thank you for unearthing a piece of history and explaining just how important it is to our town.

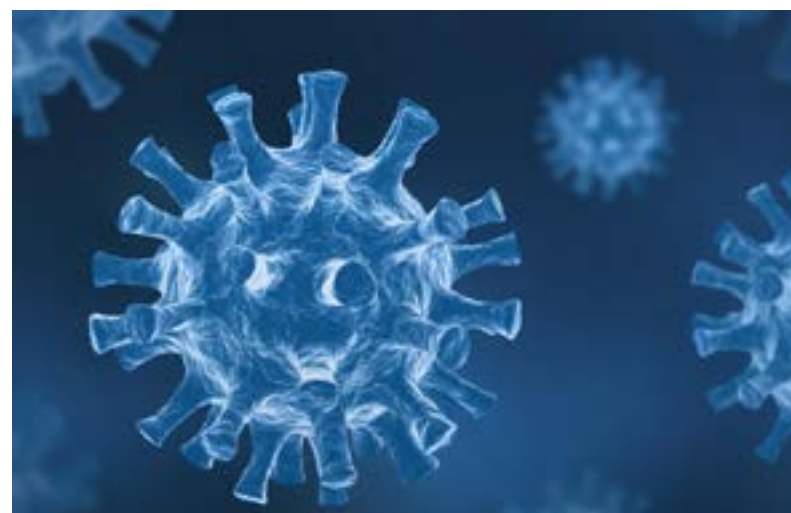


A Pandemic Year

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As we approach the month of March, we are forced to reflect upon the drastic changes America, as well as the world, has undergone. On March 13, 2020, former President Donald J. Trump issued a national state of emergency. Around this time and beyond, the world has seen staggering death tolls and been in intermittent periods of lockdown, quarantine, and re-opening. And although the world has struggled just as much as the United States, our death rates and rates of infection have been overwhelmingly tragic and difficult to handle.

What we've seen and experienced as a country has been devastating. The loss of family members and loved ones is too high of a price for anyone to pay. And the financial burdens that this pandemic has caused have left many families to go hungry at night and forced many to rely heavily on stimulus checks from our government just to feed themselves or afford rent. In fact, some families have been torn between deciding whether or not to pay their overdue bills or buy desperately needed groceries. Truly, this pandemic has been a disaster for the world, and we've suffered greatly for almost an entire year. However, although a



national state of emergency was issued on March 13, scientists can speculate COVID-19 has been an increasing issue since nearly December of 2019. Former President Trump had also admitted to knowing about COVID-19 months before he came forward with his

plan to combat the outbreak, which wasn't much of a plan at all.

According to the CDC, the "Coronavirus disease 2019 is caused by a new coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, China, in December 2019." The general public was briefly notified around

January of 2020 when some health professionals were alerted to the virus's potential seriousness. Still, many Americans either did not know or did not care. We did not see this as a serious threat. And unfortunately, that was still the case even after the state of emergency. Small clumps of protesters came forward, shouting that they would not wear a mask and that they would not have their freedoms stripped from them. Their shouting was only amplified when the former president— still in office at the time— supported them and refused to wear a

affected by the outbreak and following all of the newly implemented regulations not to get themselves or others sick. On another, you had those who were blatantly apathetic. Among the latter group was America's own president.

It was a dark time for America. That spring and summer saw many people die because of other people's neglect to follow necessary procedures that would keep people safe. We lost a lot of people in the United States that summer.

And then August rolled around, and schools began

ated by their state governments and then sometimes opened or closed at the behest of their individual districts as well. And though the virus does not affect children, teenagers, or young adults in such a drastic way, the concern for loved ones and family members the students would come home to was also growing. As the casualty rate increased, more and more schools opened. Still, there seemed to be a disconnect about the severity of the issue within the White House. And former President Trump paid dearly for that. His wife, son, and himself became dangerously ill. In fact, even now, we are receiving reports that the severity of his illness, as well as his wife's, was hidden from the public and that the former president's health advisors seriously considered putting him on a ventilator, which would have engaged the 25th amendment. He did get better eventually and, to our knowledge, without the use of a ventilator.

Despite his own experience with the illness, however, he continued to hold rallies for his presidential campaign, and they were soon known as "super spreader events." And when the votes were counted, Donald J. Trump lost the electoral votes and the

popular vote. And those who had caught COVID at his rallies and passed away were casualties in a fruitless race.

It hasn't been all horrible, though. This summer, we saw protesters all around the world standing in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement. People came together to celebrate our unity as human beings around the globe. We celebrated health care workers who bravely sacrificed their own health and wellbeing to tend to the needs of those who were ill. We came together to watch events online and took the time to FaceTime long-lost friends and close family members alike. We learned about independence, love, closeness, and kindness. Neighbors reached out to neighbors, teachers went above and beyond for their students, and families found ways to connect with each other from halfway across the world. Despite staying apart, we found ways to connect with one another virtually, and it made us better because of it.

We have made it through one year of COVID in America. No matter how much longer we have to go, let's remember to stay kind, compassionate, informed, and full of love.

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mask himself. So the country was astronomically divided. On one side, you had a large majority of people greatly

to contemplate whether or not they should open up. Schools that did open were subject to regulations cre-

Biden Won, Now What?

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Every four years, there is another US presidential election, in which the public decides whether the current president will serve another term in office (if they are on their first term and seek re-election) or if another candidate will be elected and sworn in. In the 2020 presidential election, this was what happened. The president at that time was Donald Trump, his opponent in the election was Joe Biden. After several long days of waiting for the results of the election, we got them. From November third to November

seventh, the counters for each state counted up the votes, and as the possibilities slid back and forth, Biden won the election. With his 306 votes and Trump having 232 votes, Biden beat Trump by 74 votes and won with 36 votes over the needed amount to become president (which is 270).

After Biden was elected, Trump wasn't pleased with it. So naturally, he did what most of us seem to do, and he went to Twitter. On Twitter, he claimed that he had, in fact, won the election when several news sources said otherwise. He demanded a recount of the ballots, claiming that every-



one was lying about his loss and that they were all wrong. Trump continued to be angry about this, and his anger bled through onto his already

upset supporters. He urged his supporters to stop the certification of Biden becoming president at the Capitol. And they certainly tried.

On January sixth of 2021, for the first time since 1814, the US Capitol was attacked. It started with rallies, and they quickly evolved into a riot that left five dead and several injured. Some groups involved in the storming of the Capitol include The Proud Boys and Trump Supporters. The supporters pushed back against the police, physi-



cally fought those in their way, stealing government property, and attacked with one goal in sight. Stop Joe Biden from becoming the president. They were angry, and they thought that this was the way to fix things. As videos were posted online, which were followed by the arrest of many rioters, things seemed to look brighter as we came to the new hope of what was to come as Biden was to be sworn into office.

The inauguration of Joe Biden was a breath of fresh air for a lot of Americans. As luck had it, nobody died, and everyone was safe. Beautiful poetry by Amanda Gorman was presented, Lady Gaga sang the national anthem, and different bands played throughout the day. A long but amazing speech was given by Biden. Fireworks ended the day, and America seemed in a very peaceful state compared to what it had been only a couple of months ear-

lier. We were presented with our new president and our new vice president Kamala Harris, the first woman of color to be given the title.

As Biden becomes president, there are several new firsts in the US government, such as The first woman of color vice president, first woman as Treasury Secretary, first woman of color to chair the Council of Economic Advisers, first woman of color as US Trade Representative, first woman of color and first South Asian American as Director of the Office of Management and Budget, first woman to lead the US intelligence community, first woman deputy defense secretary, first black Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, first black Secretary of Defense, first Latino to lead the Department of Health and Human Services, first open LGBTQ+ Cabinet secretary approved by Senate, first

Hispanic American White House Social Secretary, first Native American Cabinet secretary, first Latino and immigrant as Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, and first black man to lead the EPA. That is 15 people who are the first of their group to be in the part of government they're in, which is extraordinary. On his first three days, Biden signed around 30 executive orders on some of the most prioritized political things: the economy, the Coronavirus pandemic, the environment, equity, immigration, and more. Biden has also made plans for a 2021stimulus check to support the people. Biden has been extremely productive in the office, and it has only been 22 days, and as shown on his former campaign forms on his website, he still has big plans for America. As a new hope is on the horizon of a truly better America, we can look forward to what is to come.

Love Is Not A Four-Letter Word

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What is love? The dictionary definition is "a feeling of strong or constant affection for a person," but does that really show the passion and soul behind this word? No, it doesn't; words cannot explain love, but we can explain the meaning behind it. There are different types of love, such as love for your mother, love for your partner, love for your children, and we all experience some kind of love in our lifetimes. But the love we will be talking about today is the love that you experience with your partner; whether it be your husband, wife, or boyfriend, or girlfriend, the intent is always to find true love. But what is true love?

Many are skeptical; they say that true love doesn't exist, they don't believe in it. I'm here to tell you that it is real, but the word love is used carelessly. It is used irrationally. The word is simply thrown around as if it's any

other word. People do not see this word has meaning, and the meaning is not insignificant; it is not slight. I see kids in Middle School or even Elementary using this word even though they aren't even capable of taking care of themselves yet. You do not find love, real love, if you are not living right. You can't find real love if you aren't in a stable place, you can not find love if you do not love yourself. The best known holiday about true love is Valentine's Day. Love is promoted for this day and is put up everywhere. You can buy little chocolates and balloons and teddy bears and all kinds of gifts to give to someone, and I find nothing wrong with that, but you must make sure that love is not based on material objects. Love is based on emotion, through words, expressions, and actions, not through gifts and things. Valentine's Day is not the only day you should be showing your love, and your gestures of true love do not need only one day; true



love is expressed every day by all the little things you do and say for one another. My opinion is love is a connection, commitment, and a struggle. Love is not easy. Love does not come without difficulties, and you do not always agree with one another. You don't always have the same opinions or thoughts. You have to learn to overcome the struggles and understand and accept one another's thoughts and opinions. Your interests may be similar but not exactly the same. You have to find ways to meet both people's needs and wants. Most of all, you

have to be there for one another to show each other that you are committed to them, committed to helping them, talking to them, and getting through life with them. In conclusion, yes, love is a word, but it is not an insignifi-

cant word. There is no full definition for it, the scientific description can only go so far, but when you go into true meaning, it can't be expressed with words. Love is strong, love is complex, love is really what you make it, and you choose what part it is going to play in your life. It's that something that you don't find easily and quickly. It takes time, it takes commitment, it takes failure, and it produces acceptance and comfort. True love is real; it is your choice whether or not you're willing to work for it.

Notable Dates In February

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After the holidays and New Year's, we often overlook all the special days in February worth noting. We're going to be looking into February and all of its big holidays, as well as a few national days. You may want to pull out your calendars to mark a few of these down.

Starting with the month-long holiday, all of February is Black History Month. According to history.com, this observance began in 1915. It was to celebrate the achievements of African Americans and

recognize their role in U.S. history. We celebrate Black History Month by sharing our appreciation on social media, holding parades, supporting black-owned businesses, and remembering historical figures.

Valentine's Day is one of if not the most notable holiday of February. Every year, on February 14th, we celebrate our loved ones by gifting them flowers, chocolates, stuffed animals, and more. This day of love is celebrated all across America and in other parts of the world.

Next up is Presidents Day. Most students and



workers tend not to have work on this day and can enjoy a three day weekend. We hold this day on the third Monday of the month. It was only celebrated in the District of Columbia and was originally to celebrate George Washington's birthday after his death in 1799, but was later changed to create more three-day weekends for workers.

There is still a lot to celebrate in the month of February, and just because of COVID-19 being around, these holidays didn't go anywhere. Still celebrate these holidays but try to stay safe while doing so. Happy February and all of its celebrations.

"Isn't it Romantic..."

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Where does the word "romance" originate? Well, even though you would think it's from Rome, that is not the case. The romance was originally from France, and it was used to describe books and poetry. The word "romance" didn't have the same definition we use today until the nineteenth century. Before then, it dealt with describing chivalrous adventures rather than love or the romance we know today. Of course, there was love

before then, but the romance was a genre. Romance existed in books more than in real life.

In ancient Greece, they worshipped gods. They had a god or goddess for everything. Aphrodite was the goddess of love, beauty, and fertility. She's one of the best known goddesses. Cupid or otherwise known as Eros, was a massive part of what we know as Valentine's day. He is known as our figure of love with his arrows that will make two people fall in love.



In some countries, love isn't very prosperous due to strict rules. Like in Japan, most marriages were arranged by the family, so there really wasn't much love there. The reason for marriage in Japanese and other Asian cultures was to have children, not to love. At the time, women were also seen to be made to serve their husbands. Some marriages ended badly as some women were neglected as well as the child they conceived. Women were to be married before they were 25. The marriage between families was extremely strict, and if you broke any of the rules, you were shunned.

Shakespeare. You probably guessed it was Romeo and Juliet, probably one of the most famous plays in history. The play tells the story of the Capulet family and the Montague family. The enemies of a long-going family feud have their children fall in love. They marry behind their parents' back and plan to run away when Romeo kills Juliet's cousin. Juliet makes a plan, but Romeo doesn't get the letter that Juliet sent explaining the plan. He thinks she had died, so in the place, he took his own life and following when Juliet wakes up and finds her Romeo is deceased, she takes her own life as well.

One of the most romantic stories we know is one by

There was a true romance between 2 women. Their story was in a docu-



mentary on Netflix. The documentary is called 'A Secret Love'. In a time when it was utterly unacceptable to love the same sex. In this time, if the police found out about anyone who was considered LGBT+, he or she was arrested. Their names are Pat Henschel and Terry Donahue. Sadly Terry passed away on March 14, 2019. Pat would write poetry to Terry; they were together for 72 years, and they ended up getting married when they were in their 90's. It's such an amazing story of true romance that took so many risks.

Most people have seen the picture from World War II of a sailor kissing a nurse. It became a huge story that we know to this day. The man was on a date with another woman and had figured out about Japan surrendering. The woman he was on the date with had felt so moved by it. They married after a while, showing that romance can have a spark even when things are bad.

The history of romance comes from many different places and in different ways.

We know back in the day, there were a lot of arranged marriages. The high were to stay with the high, the low with the low, and the middle class with the middle class. If you did not, you would join the lower class. If you were high and were with the middle class, you would join them. It didn't matter to some people because they loved the person, but it was always a big deal. It was seen as a disgrace to the families with these children who would join a lower class.

Romance has come through

the years and made it possible for us to love who we love today. There are so many points in history when people were not allowed to marry for love. Some places today don't let you marry for love but for money or power. But in America, we have allowed gay marriage, and we are getting an equality bill passed some day. Know you can love who you are and who you will love, and don't be ashamed. Be glad that you have the freedom to marry who you would like.

Covid Update Part.5

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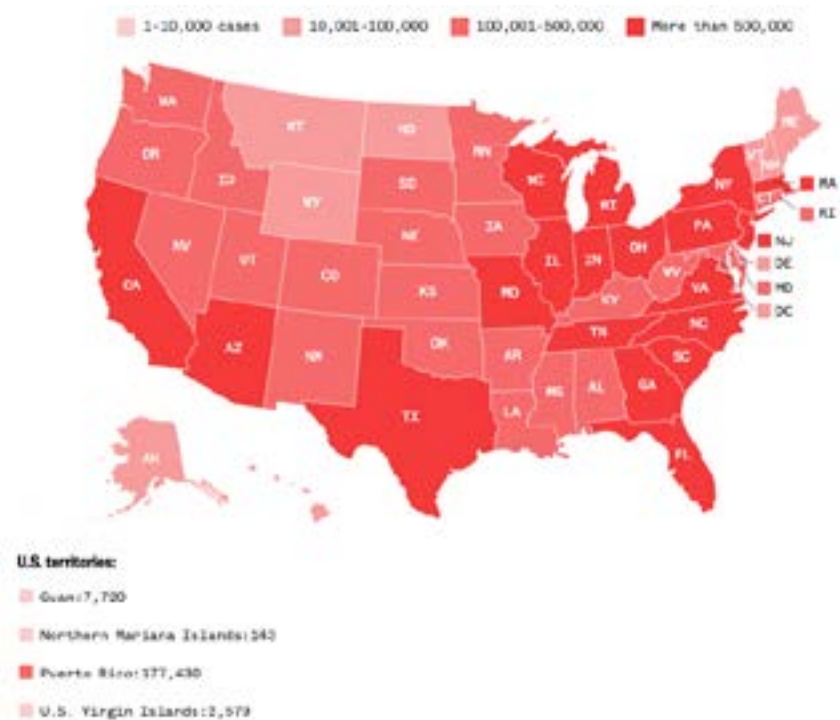
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<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

As of February 11th, there have been roughly 107,615,269 confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally. Of that number, approximately 27,340,882 of those cases were American. By time the article is published, cases could surpass 29,000,000. America is currently the number one coun-

try in the world for COVID-19 cases. In second and third place: India, with roughly 10,871,294 cases, and Brazil with 9,659,167 cases respectively. The United Kingdom has risen to fourth with about 4,010,333, placing just above Russia, which holds approximately 3,983,031 cases.

The United States is also the country with the highest death toll. As of February 22nd, the death count in the US roughly 500,000. There have been about 2,362,410 deaths globally. The US,



Brazil, Mexico, India, and the United Kingdom are the top five nations with the highest death counts in order. The COVID-19-related deaths of the UK stand at about 115,748.

In the United States, California, New York, Texas, Florida, and Pennsylvania are the five highest-ranking states/areas regarding the death toll. California stands at 45,506 deaths, New York with a confirmed 45,450 deaths, Texas holding 40,200 confirmed deaths, Florida standing at 28,382, and Pennsylvania stands at approximately 22,835 deaths.

New Mexico stands at approximately 3,463 deaths and about 179,000 cases. The state's response regarding COVID-19 has since changed, and our rates of cases are slowly going down, meaning re-opening in schools.

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