

# The Lion's Roar

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Editor's Note: We began this issue back in February, when our school lives were ordinary, and our biggest decision was what snack we should have during our meetings. Our first "virtual" meeting on March 27 really showed how we can come together to continue our student newspaper. So many stories we had planned to cover back in February had to be scrapped and we had to be innovative. Here is what we were able to put together. Enjoy!

## Opinion Piece: Price Gouging During the CoronaVirus

By Kara Gallagher

**Is it immoral to increase the price of goods during a crisis?**



People are taking advantage of customers in

this time of high demand and are raising their prices and customers are being forced to pay more than the standard amount. The New York Times stated, "Mr. Colvin said he had posted 300 bottles of hand sanitizer and immediately sold them all for between \$8 and \$70 each, multiples higher than what he had bought them for." This shows that people are

## Things to do in Quarantine

By Jackie Fealy

I know you're bored, so why not learn something new? Trying out a new hobby or learning something impressive may just save you from dying of boredom! Here are some top things that you should try doing while in quarantine:

1. Painting: It's really not that hard, and it can be very calming to do even if it doesn't look too good
2. Sewing/Crocheting/Cross Stitching: You won't be an old grandma if you learn, it's fun for everyone!
3. Baking/Cooking: I know a lot of stuff is sold out in stores, but try making

## Audible

By: Gianna Valcarcel

Is listening to a book still reading? Audible is free now

because of this pandemic happening in the world. Audible has levels from



K-12 books! I checked Audible today and they added Harry Potter to the collection! So for all you Harry Potter fans I bet you're really happy because they added your books. So far I have listened to about 4 audio books. Right now I'm listening to a Harry Potter book right now. I think It's an amazing audio book so far. What are you going to listen to next?

desperate for hand sanitizer, and even if it is extremely expensive, people will buy it. This is quite cruel. I understand that people want to make a nice chunk of money, but I think they could think of another way to help the community and charge for their services, rather than being greedy! I think that it is immoral to increase the price of the goods during a crisis because everyone is going to need the same items, and raising the prices will prevent some people from buying what they need since they can't afford it. Increasing the price of goods will not help your community to become healthier and reduce the number of cases of the disease. Also, if people are caring for others who have the coronavirus, they could be experiencing major hospital bills, and by increasing these prices, this could be another financial hit so they also won't be able to afford something as simple and small as hand sanitizer. Lastly, during a crisis, people can be emotionally and possibly physically unstable or ill, so by increasing the prices, this can just make them more stressed.

**Do you think these companies (Amazon and eBay) did the right thing in restricting sales of any coronavirus-related products from certain sellers?** Online companies are trying to prevent certain sellers from taking advantage of people by charging outrageous prices for items needed during this health crisis. The New York Times stated, "Amazon said it had recently removed hundreds of

something for your family with things around the house. Maybe even follow a [Lion's Lunch Box tutorial](#):

4. Build a pillow fort: C'mon, you know you want to do it, so go have fun! PS, use bag clips as blanket clips!
5. Try taking care of a plant: I know, sounds boring, but I have three little plants that I'm taking care of, and it's really fun to watch them grow. Here's a picture of one of them (I added little clay bits to mine):



### **Music Will Get us Through!**

Here are some songs to listen to while in quarantine  
By: Gianna Valcarcel  
[Vote Here:](#) Which song was your favorite  
[Pitbull - I Believe That We Will Win \[World Anthem\] \(Lyric Video\)](#)

### **The Reality of Humanity** by Kyle Klinsky

Extinction or human domination? What's the difference? The truth is, they are the same exact thing; they are both huge problems on Earth that are out of control. Animals are becoming extinct due to the most dominant species on Earth...humans. We should care because all of these human actions are causing the extinction of so many animal species. Once an animal becomes extinct, not just the species are lost, but their history behind them. The evolution that occurred from when the animal first existed on Earth to now, just disappears. All their hard work of staying alive to live just another day is meaningless if people are just throwing it away. Animals are artifacts that go back millions and millions of years ago, and to not even preserve them is crazy. Each and every animal species is a document that can never be rewritten. No matter how many times you try to forge it to make it like the original, it will never be exact. "A species' genome is a sort of manual; when the species perishes, that manual is lost. We are, in this sense, plundering a library — the library of life"(Kolbert 1). This worldwide library of natural beauty is dying. Animals all over the world can no longer live a normal life in their natural habitats due to the threats of humans.



thousands of listings and suspended thousands of sellers' accounts for price gouging related to the coronavirus." This shows that Amazon understands the demand for certain supplies, and wants to try to give everyone equal access to these items. As much as I agree that Amazon and other online retailers had to prevent price gouging, I don't think that stopping the sales of these products from these sellers was necessary. For example, I think it is crazy that people were selling hand sanitizer for around \$70, and they should be taken off, however, now people cannot find certain products on Amazon and eBay. If Amazon or eBay just made these sellers reduce their prices to normal, there would be no price gouging and people can still get their supplies.

### **Should retailers place limits on how many items, like hand sanitizer, a person can buy?**

People have been stockpiling some of the necessary items including hand sanitizer, wipes, and masks, needed for this pandemic, leaving the shelves empty. As noted in the article, "...While millions of people across the country search in vain for hand sanitizer to protect themselves... Mr. Colvin is sitting on 17,700 bottles of the stuff..." This shows that some people are wasting the high-demand items, leaving others without a single bottle. I think that retailers should place limits on how many items people can buy, as well as having stores keep a couple of boxes aside for the elderly and people at

[Alec Benjamin - Six Feet Apart \(Quarantine Song\)](#)  
[WHAT DAY IS IT?!? \(the quarantine song\)](#)  
[Quarantine Remix with Justin Timberlake \(The Tonight Show: At Home Edition\)](#)  
[Here's a song that Charlie Puth made about quarantine yesterday \(lyric cover\)](#)

### **Quarantine Playlist by Juliette Decker**

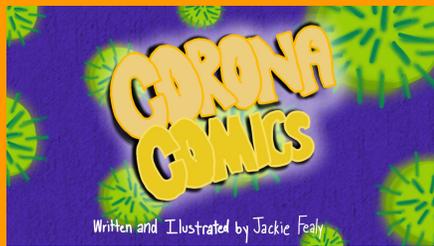
1. Billie Eilish - Bad Guy
2. Dua Lipa - Don't start now
3. AJR - 100 bad days
4. Powfu - Death Bed
5. Khalid & Normani - Love lies
6. Camila Cabello ft DaBaby - My Oh My
7. Cody Simpson - La Da Dee
8. Benny Blanco, Halsey & Khalid - Eastside
9. MKTO - Classic
10. Matthew Wilder - Break My Stride
11. Kelsea Ballerini - Miss Me more
12. Chainsmoker & Kelsea Ballerini - This Feeling
13. Kelsea Ballerini - Peter Pan
14. Lauv - I Like Me Better
15. Bebe Rexha - Last Hurrah

## **HEALTHY HABITS TO GET INTO IN QUARANTINE BY ATHENA TOBIA**

Many of us in quarantine are just sitting around not really doing much. Some of us are staying up until 1 a.m. because we can start school at any time. Some of us just sit and scroll through tik tok all afternoon. But when this is over, how will we be able to get back into our regular routine? Here are some healthy habits to start working on since some parts of the country are starting to open up.

1. Slowly get your sleep schedule back to normal. It may take some time and you might not want to do it, but it's for the best.
2. Start school at regular times you would if you were actually going to school.
3. Start working out or going on walks with your family. It doesn't even have to be with your family. Maybe you want to get away from your obnoxious family for a bit and have some alone time. Or maybe you want to spend more time with your family.

high-risk for the coronavirus. This will keep people from hoarding supplies and ensure that everyone can get at least one bottle of hand sanitizer or one case of toilet paper. Then, every once in a while, they can go back out and get one more of everything. Also, by saving boxes for the high-risk community, we can prevent the spread of the virus by giving more support to those who need it. If you have a large number of goods stocked up in your house, I would recommend donating them or sharing them with your community to help stop the outbreak.



[Corona Comics-Written and Illustrated by Jackie Fealy](#)  
Click on the link above!

**Calling All Poets! We would like our Summer Issue to showcase poetry from all of our students! Please submit your poems to [griffithsa@middletownk12.org](mailto:griffithsa@middletownk12.org) if you would like to be featured in our next issue! Scroll down to read a student sample.**

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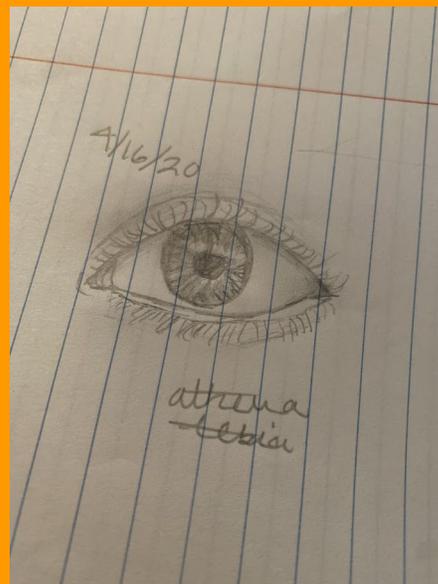
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4. If you play a sport, don't stop playing it. At least some part of your day should practice for a little bit. Some people have online practices which is perfect!
5. Finally, you should start eating a bit healthier. While potato chips taste good, organic tastes the same but healthier! Even organic ice cream (which I didn't know was a real thing until last year) tastes the same! Just eat healthier and stay strong!

I hope these 5 things might help you be a little healthier both physically and mentally.



Broken Words  
By Juliette Decker

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Sometimes what one sees in a person is happiness, when it's actually sorrow, what one thinks is beauty, is another's pain. "I'm fine" is a mask we all wear at some point. "I'm fine" is a lie we tell ourselves daily. We as a group, have to realize a cry for help can be a simple smile and a wave.

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I have a friend, who has guy friends. They treat her like an object, like most boys from my grade. They made her feel like she wasn't good enough and she needed to change. One day she walked into class in a dress and jewelry. Now we aren't friends because she traded everything for popularity.

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Have you ever seen a fake smile next to a real one? Or a fake giggle after a real one? People give themselves away to be noticed or be given a compliment. Or people are discriminated against for their feelings, that has to stop, if we are going to be the generation of tomorrow, we need to work together.

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Don't be afraid to try something new, or stop something you don't like. If you have someone special, a friend, a lover or love interest who makes you feel like you can be yourself around or lets you be yourself around them, don't let them go.

