From the devastating fires in Australia, to Kobe Bryant's death, the year 2020 had a rough start. However, the tragedy that surpasses all of these has to be the pandemic, the CoronaVirus. This virus, starting in China, has reached every continent, almost every country in the world. Just weeks after this was declared a pandemic, Italy, Spain, France, and Greece have declared country-wide shut downs. The United States was not far behind. As of March 13, La Jolla Country Day declared online school indefinitely. On March 19, the San Diego mayor declared a city shut down. California was the first state to issue a stay-at-home order, followed by New York. People haven't left their houses in weeks, and in other countries, months.

In the United States, there has been a lack of supplies to our hospitals and to staff. This virus affects every single person differently. The most susceptible people to this virus are people over 65 and those with compromised immune systems. However, many teenagers have gotten it as well due to the abnormal way that this virus survives, being able to live on surfaces for days. Some people who have Covid-19, show no symptoms, and therefore go about living their daily life, not being aware of the fact that they have transmitted it to thousands of others. As a result, The United States's numbers are currently low due to lack of tests.

**2020 Reality... COVID-19**

Fuel analyst: San Diego gas prices may drop to $2 a gallon ... but nobody's driving

... analyst from GasBuddy.com says the trend will likely accelerate to where the average price in San Diego could sink to around $2 a gallon.
The Corona Virus impacted every single person. On March 19th, the Governor of California, Gavin Newsom, issued a stay-at-home order. This caused millions of people to stay in their home which caused businesses to lose customers. These businesses were unable to pay their employers, which led to them being temporarily laid off. Those who were laid off then had trouble paying rent and even being able to afford food. Public schools nationwide were shut down completely while most private schools had online learning. This dramatic change led to the format of AP exams being altered, ACT/SAT being cancelled, and even some colleges making a statement that they will be considering different criteria for the class of 2021.