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Dear 2020, Thank you, NEXT!

EARTH - 2020 was a year nobody will forget, a year of history. A global pandemic took over the world, fires raged across Australia and North-Western Colorado, a historical election, and so much more. A year of tragedy and glee. Here's a look back:

January

- Fires raged across Australia burning for 79 days straight
- World War III trending after a US drone strikes and kills an Iranian commander
- NBA star Kobe Bryant and his daughter, Gianna Bryant, were killed in helicopter crash
- Prince Harry and Meghan Markle announced they want an independent life away from the royal family
- President Trump's impeachment trials began in the Senate
- China shut down in an attempt to control Covid-19

February

- First death from Covid-19 in the U.S.
- Europe shut down Italy because of Covid
- Heavy rains put out about 30 bushfires in Australia
- African American Ahmaud Arbery was chased down and shot after going for a run in his neighborhood in a racially motivated kill

March

- Multiple tornadoes ripped through central Tennessee killing 25
- The US had 521 Covid cases and 21 deaths across 33 states
- Vladimir Putin was granted permission to be in position of President of Russia for life
- President Trump bans travel to 26 European countries
- African American Breonna Taylor was shot and killed after police invaded her home without a warrant and shot her
- The US went into a national lock down, for what Americans thought was gonna last 2 weeks, then lasted 6 months

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April

- Number of Covid cases surpasses 1 million cases worldwide
- A tiger by the name of Nadia from the Bronx Zoo tested positive for Covid
- China's lock down ends after 3 months and reports no new deaths
- 2,752 deaths were recorded on April 15th making it one of the deadliest Covid days
- Trump suggests injecting disinfectant into body to cure Covid-19

May

- Brazil the ninth country to surpass 100,000 active Covid-19 cases and 7,025 deaths
- World leaders pledge \$8 billion dollars for Covid-19 research, US and Russia do not participate
- Militants storm a hospital and a funeral in Afghanistan, shooting an estimated 40 people, including new mothers and their babies
- Greenhouse gas emissions dropped 17% worldwide during Covid-19 lockdown
- Video of arrest and murder of Minneapolis citizen George Floyd leaks onto the internet and goes viral, launching protests all over the US

June

- President Trump threatens to employ military to handle Black Lives Matter protest
- Police officers involved in the murder of George Floyd were charged
- African American Rayshard Brooks was shot and killed in drive through
- President Trump gets trolled by thousands of teens on TikTok who had bought tickets to his rally in Oklahoma but never showed up
- 50th anniversary of first Gay Pride march in New York
- Ebola outbreak in Democratic Republic of Congo was found and controlled

July

- America confirms more than 50,000 new cases in one day
- Scientists find evidence of volcanoes on Venus
- India becomes the third country to record 1 million cases of coronavirus
- US confirmed cases of coronavirus pass 4 million with death toll over 143,000
- Cargo ship MV Wakashio runs aground off the coast of Mauritius and leaks oil

August

- Hurricane Isaias makes landfall in the US as a category 1 hurricane near North Carolina
- Rare windstorm hits the Midwest US destroying cornfields that left hundreds without power

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August cont.

- At least 17 people killed in attack on a beach resort in Mogadishu, Somalia
- University of Carolina is the first college to send students home from COVID-19.

September

- Former Italian PM Silvio Berlusconi tests positive for COVID-19 and is hospitalized
- MacKenzie Scott, philanthropist and ex-wife of Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, becomes worlds richest woman worth \$68 billion
- Wildfires have burnt a record 2 million acres in California 2020 fire season, more than the state of Delaware .
- Donald Trump purposely downplayed the pandemic in early 2020 to avoid panic according to Bob Woodward's new book
- Astronomers report possible sign of life on Venus.

October

- President Trump contracts Covid-19
- Hurricane Delta makes landfall
- More water discovered on moon
- 7.0 magnitude earthquake in the Aegean Sea, kills at least 64
- Chile scraps there constitution

November

- New vaccine trial for COVID-19
- Covid cases surge averaging 175,00 cases per day
- Covid cases pass 10 million making it 1 million cases in 10 days
- Gunmen kill at least 32 people along setting fire to their homes
- Joe Biden hurts his foot while playing with his dog Major

December

- At&t Inc.'s Warner Bros studio announced that all 2021 movies will stream online because theaters are shut down because of Covid-19
- Monolith found in Utah dessert
- most of California begins second lockdown because they average about 21,000 Covid-19 cases a day
- The UK begins vaccinating for Covid-19 using the new vaccine
- United Arab Emirates is the first country to authorize China's Sinopharm vaccine and saying its 86% effective

Covid

by Mason Sprague

Holyoke, CO- Do you want Covid-19 to end? Well, Covid-19 has caused a lot of bad things for us. It started with people eating a bat. Sports were canceled or pushed back farther into the year and even to summer break. We also had a quarantine where students would have to go online and attend out classes on Chromebooks. Wearing masks is one of the big things for Covid-19. Masks can cause breathing problems and especially for people with asthma, but there are also face shields. In Phillips County on Dec 8 there are 42 active cases. In Colorado, there have been 267K cases. In quarantine people could get bored really fast, and since you're at home, parents had to buy more food. The school provided lunch for kids so parents would not have to spend so much. Covid-19 is dangerous for people with weak immune systems or bad lungs. Covid-19 can cause a fever, coughing, loss of taste or smell, and more. You want to seek medical care if you are having trouble breathing, pain in the chest, or confusion. We are able to go to school, but we have to wear masks and be socially distanced. If you want to slow the spread of Covid-19 you need social distance, and try to wear a mask in public places and wash your hands. Covid-19 has caused a lot of problems this year and can cause stress to someone so be careful on what you're doing.



<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/need-to-know.html>

Zoom

By Layna Wear

United States- Zoom became a way for teachers and students to still have class, just not in person when Covid hit. When Covid cases climbed, many schools sent their students home and began online learning for the rest of the year. Businesses laid off employees and many were sent home, but still worked. Zoom became a way for them to have meetings and discuss what their next move would be during the pandemic. Zoom was originally servicing mostly businesses and universities before the pandemic hit. Then, it was being used for almost everything. Weddings were being broadcasted on Zoom, birthday parties were being held, even family meetings became virtual. Life happened over Zoom during quarantine, but privacy became a concern as well. Zoom spoofers became common. Zoom spoofers are people who go from one Zoom call to another.

They joined the Zoom calls, caused problems, then left and repeated the process. Zoom-bombing also started up. Zoom-bombing is when a user joins the meeting and shows explicit or disturbing images. Some people were being sent fake emails inviting them to Zoom meetings where they would have to sign in with their account and password, but their information was being stolen. After several incidents, the staff fixed the issues, updating the app's code as well as the privacy policy and other aspects.



Black Lives Matter

By Roz Doorn

UNITED STATES - This year we have had multiple protests, most of these happening after the death of George Floyd, on May 25, 2020. These protests started in Minneapolis, and quickly spread across the United States to multiple cities. Tens of thousands people joined these protests demonstrating their outrage. Some of these protests were extremely violent and consisted of vandalism, shootings, and even looting. Twenty-one states and more than 140 cities had some sort of protest. Some were destructive and violent and others were peaceful. Murals of victims of police brutality were painted across the US. These protests would sometimes get to the point where police had to use tear gas to break some of the protesters up. These events had all began with the tragic death of George Floyd. George Floyd was a 46 year old man, who had been handcuffed and pinned to the ground by police officer Derek Chauvin. After pinning Mr Floyd to the ground by his knee behind a police car, in the captured video you can hear George Floyd repeating " I cant breath" multiple times. After this video was released to the public it started to get lots of attention and re-posts. Derek Chauvin eventually was fired from the police department and had gotten fired from his job and charged with murder and manslaughter. Racial injustice was highlighted in this event and it



exploded among Americans who took to the streets to voice their opinions. During the time that we were all stuck in the house with nothing to do, thanks to covid, this became the most intense issue of our time. Some social change has begun because of the protests and the concept of racial injustice has been brought into the light for everyone to see. Hopefully our country will see some real change in race relations because of these protests.



Global Wildfires

By: Teagan Martin

HOLYOKE, CO - This year, there were many global fires. The first fire that happened this year was the Australian Bush Fire. It started in September last year. The fire started to get worse in November and finally, in January, there was a heavy rain that put out the majority of the fires. The few other fires in Australia that were still burning were getting larger and larger by that point. In February, it started to rain more. By March 4th, all the fires were out. This had been after a long, excruciating 8 month wait. According to ABC News, the Australian Fires burnt more than 12.6 million hectares of land. During the late summer months, many fires started in the United States. The states that had the most fires where: Washington, California, Oregon, and Colorado. In Washington, more than 715,000 thousand acres were burnt. 13,452 fires started this year in Washington. 8,200 wildfires happened in California in 2020. This was a new record for this hot Southern state. Some of the fires are called Holser and North Complex. Oregon was also a state that had many fires. There were 1.07 million acres that burnt. This was the second highest record for acres burnt. The cost of the land that burned was 609 million dollars. Over 4,000 homes were destroyed. Colorado had record breaking fires. There were 2 fires that broke the old record for acres burnt. According to The Guardian, the estimated cost is 195 million dollars. The main fires are called Cameron Peak, Pine Gulch, Grizzly Creek, and many more. For this year's fires in Colorado, there were over 620,000 acres burnt.



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Murder Hornets

By Emma Sprague

UNITED STATES- Murder Hornets were a big thing just as Covid had started to come around, although murder hornets prefer hot weather and states, the first sighting in December of 2019. As everyone knew murder hornets were abnormally large making a queen bee 2 inches long with the wingspan of 2.8 inches long, and as usual the workers are smaller. A murder hornet sting can deliver at least 1,100 micro grams of venom. A sting from a murder hornet could kill a full sized rodent like a rat! Even though their given name, "Murder Hornet" a bull ant sting is estimated to be 10 times as painful as the hornets. As any other species of wasp the females wasps can sting but only will if they feel threatened. There are about 22 species of wasps, the murder hornet is one of them. Unlike other wasps their stingers don't get ripped out and they are able to sting over and over again. The death amount from the murder hornets sting is 40-70 people per year, and yes this does include people who originally had an allergy to bees or an insects.



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Great golden digger wasp



Vespa crabro Missouri
European hornet



Cimbex sp.
Elm sawfly



Vespa mandarinia
Asian giant hornet



Apis mellifera
Western honey bee

Hurricanes!

By Ben Kleve

FL, USA- With many terrible things happening this year, hurricanes are one of the dangerous things glossed over by other events. With 29 named storms, 2020 was the second highest number in reported hurricanes since 2005. With hurricanes such as Hurricane Hanna, Hurricane Isaias, Hurricane Laura, Hurricane Marco, Hurricane Paulette, Hurricane Sally, Hurricane Teddy, Hurricane Delta, Hurricane Epsilon, Hurricane Zeta, and Hurricane Eta. The names of the hurricanes are on a 6 year rotation and are controlled by the World Meteorological Organization. The only time that there is a change is if a storm is so deadly or costly that the future use of its name on a different storm would be inappropriate. In the event that more than 21 named tropical cyclones occur in a season, any additional storms will take names from the Greek alphabet. One of these retired names is hurricane Katrina. Hurricane Katrina made landfall on August 29, 2005, and caused 125 billion dollars of damage, which is tied with 2017's hurricane Harvey. Hurricane Katrina Took over 1,800 lives. The total cost for the 2020 hurricane season is 41 billion Dollars. 25,000 people were evacuated from their homes and had to flee.



<https://medlineplus.gov/hurricanes.html>

Online Shopping

Kenzie Rau

HOLYOKE CO- While I live in Holyoke this happened all over the world. A lot of people have been shopping online either because they don't have access to many stores, or because of COVID-19 shutting down many store. While shopping online you can get groceries,clothes, shoes, accessories,daily necessities, and basically anything else that you would need. I think that online shopping is a great way to shop, but it can be convenient and inconvenient at times. Sometimes when it's convenient is when you want to get new clothes but you don't want to drive three hours to go shopping. Another time it can be convenient is that all of the packages are shipped right to your home. Sometimes it's inconvenient when you need something that day but can't get it right away. Another way is when you need it at a certain time but it doesn't come back in stock until later. So I believe that there are ups and downs to online shopping, but personally I prefer to go shopping in store. Digitalcommerce360 says " Online sales will comprise 32.1% of retail sales Thanksgiving through Cyber Monday, up from 23.8% web penetration. Plus, online sales on Black Friday will surge 38.5% year over year and hit \$10.23 billion." Because of Black Friday and Cyber Monday rates have gone up a lot for online shopping. Black friday was mostly online this year because of COVID-19.



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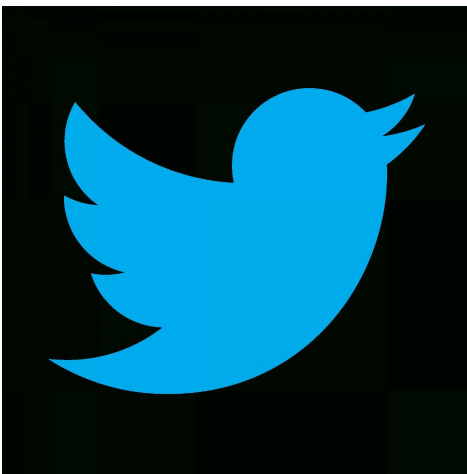
Electronic Effect on 2020

By Grace Whisenhunt

EARTH - 2020 has been very eventful for us all. While there were some great technological advancements, there were quite a few struggles throughout the year, and it may have been the worst time for it, given we were all online for a long period of time. Drones flew over a few western states. This was a concern for citizens' privacy because the drones were flying up to windows, possibly getting the layout of the household or a look at the homeowner's life.



These drones were causing quite a bit of turmoil, making citizens feel unsafe in their own homes. Some people started getting angry with the drones, shooting them down or just destroying the drones in general. Twitter also got hacked by a 17 year old boy from Florida and his "helpers". They had hacked and taken over several high-profile accounts on



Twitter. They cyber-attacked users for Bitcoin. In all, they seized over \$118,000 in Bitcoin. For hours, Twitter was unable to stop the hack from happening. Twitter having over 186 million daily users, the information was easily spread around that there had been a hack, and to exercise caution while on the app. Twitter has since solved the problem, and Twitter is safe to use for the time being. Speaking of hacks, the newly popular game Among Us had been hacked nearing the election. Among Us has been hacked several other times, but it was mostly just used to cheat in the game. The common hackers would get costumes for themselves, make themselves the Impostor, finish all of their tasks quicker than usual, and even make the other players unable to kick them out of the

game if they were being unsportsmanlike. While this was aggravating to the other participants, the cheating hacks were not as bad as this hack. These hackers would completely shut down the game room that they entered, and spam the chat box with messages promoting a specific candidate.

Occasionally, there would be demeaning messages as well. The other players were unable to play the game as usual, and were forced to leave the room all together. The company that runs Among Us, Innersloth, had to take preventative measures to try and stop the hacking. This put the production of Among Us 2 on hold for quite some time. This caused some anger with the fans of the game since there had been quite a bit of excitement for the game's sequel. Innersloth had promoted their new project a lot, so the players and fans of Among Us were severely disappointed that the new version wouldn't be put out as scheduled.



Celebrities' Death

By Anessa Colglazier

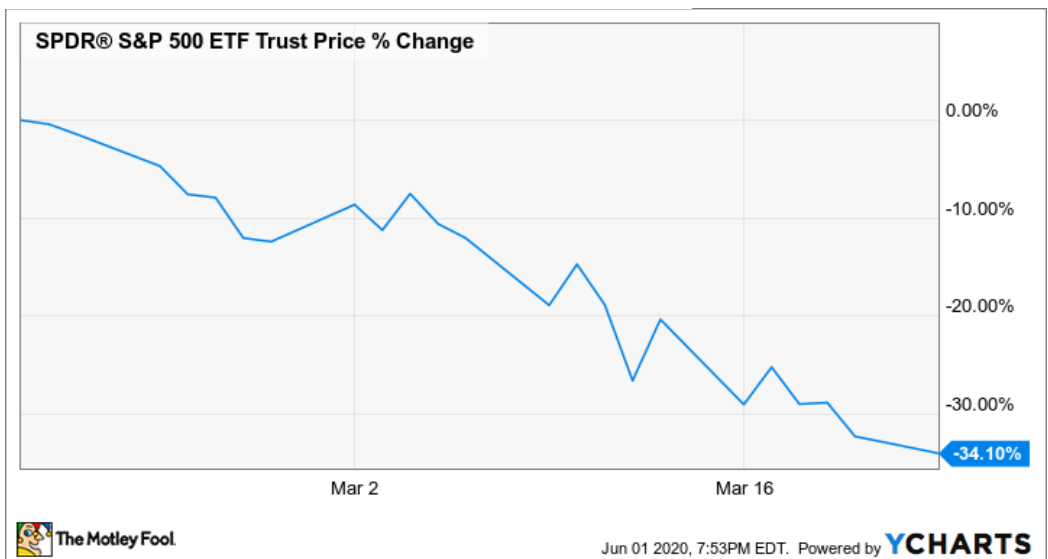
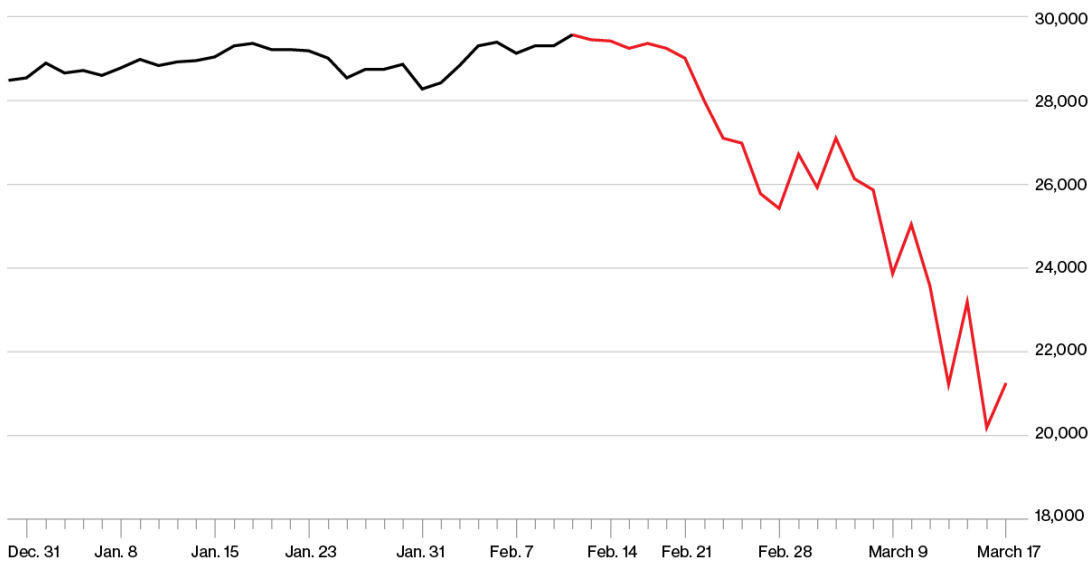
USA-This 2020 year many celebrities have died. Some of our favorite people. These deaths have a time span all year. LA Laker player Kobe Bryant died January 26, 2020 due to a helicopter crash. Kobe was 41 and had his 13 year old daughter, Gianna Bryant, who had always looked up to him. Actor Chadwick Boseman has played in many movies, well known for his role in Black Panther. Chadwick Boseman died on August 28, 2020 due to colon cancer that he had been fighting for the past four-years. Actress and model Naya Rivera died due to drowning while on a boat ride with four year old son. Naya Rivera died on July 8, 2020. It is believed that Naya and her son were swimming near the boat and her son made it back to the boat, but she didn't return. On July 24 Regis Philbin died of age 88 due to age. The original Third Eye Blind bassist Jason Slater was 49. Died because of liver failure. Arnie Robinson Jr. a Olympian who won a gold medal in long jump. Died on December 1st due to COVID-19. He was 73 years old. Natalie Desselle Reid, known for her roles in movies, died on December 7th at the age of 53 because of colon cancer. Actor, David Lander, died on December 4th at the age of 73 because of sclerosis that he kept a secret for 15 years. David Prowse (Darth Vader) died on November 28 after a short illness. Sean Connery died October 31 due to heart failure. Mr. Ginapp was one of the English teachers at Holyoke High School who died on November 9, 2020 due to ammonia and lung cancer.



Stock Market Crash

By Layna Wear

USA - This past year has been chaotic, and we have no idea what the next will bring. We do know though, that when the stock market crashed February 20, 2020, it affected everyone. This crash is also referred to as the Coronavirus Crash, and is currently one of the most devastating stock market crashes since the Wall Street Crash of 1929. The crash lasted 47 days, having begun February 20, and ending April 7. Investors began to worry about the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic and in turn, took out what they had invested, causing the cash that had been building for a long time according to The Balance. When the stock market crashes, the worth of the funds invested in it are lowered, and many peoples' reaction to this is to sell their stock to avoid losing more. The only problem with doing so is that it is difficult to know when to re-enter the market and buy again. During the crash, cattle prices dropped, making meat more expensive, and forcing cattle ranchers to either sell more cattle to make more money or to hold their stock and wait. Covid didn't help matters. When it hit, animal prices dropped and no one was buying meat. Many people would slaughter their livestock and leave them for dead, eventually the government had to step in and pay farmers and ranchers subsidies for the profit they lost.



Most Popular Meme of 2020



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Me in the corner watching my family argue



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