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FEATURE: A RECAP OF 2020: THE YEAR THAT FELT LIKE A CENTURY

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The relentless stream of back-to-back, momentous events around the world caused everyone to feel as if 2020 would never end. From natural disasters to a global pandemic, the world was repeatedly struck with new battles as never before. Below is a list of 12 of the events that made 2020 so extraordinary.

Australian Bush Fires: Fall 2019—Spring 2020

While bush fires are common in Australia, the 2019- 2020 bush fire season was unusually intense and destructive and thus earned the name, “The Black Summer.” The fires burned more than 46 million acres, displaced or killed nearly three billion animals, and destroyed 3,500 homes and thousands of other buildings. Between September 2019 and March 2020, at least 34 people died—nine of those being firefighters.

The Death of Qasem Soleimani: January 3rd

Only a few days into 2020, people were already beginning to worry that a World War might start. On January 3rd, a drone strike ordered by U.S. President Donald Trump killed Qasem Soleimani, the commander of the Quds Force sector of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard. Iran retaliated to this attack by firing more than a dozen ballistic missiles on two U.S. military bases in Iraq.

Death of Kobe and Gianna Bryant: January 26th

On the morning of January 26, Kobe Bryant, the famous basketball player; his daughter, Gianna; her coach; and two teammates were flying by helicopter to a tournament in Thousand Oaks, California. They encountered thick fog that made it impossible to see and led to the helicopter plummeting to the ground at a rate of 4,000 ft. per minute. Everyone on board died instantly. Fans all over the world deeply mourned this tragic accident and will forever miss Kobe and Gianna.

Coronavirus Outbreak: March

COVID-19, a coronavirus, did not impact the U.S. dramatically until early March 2020. In this month, the country ordered a national lockdown that banned all non-essential travel. For months, Americans were stuck in quarantine and had to determine new ways to go about their daily lives and invent a “new normal.” People responded differently to this disaster; some used this time to work on becoming the best version of themselves, while others found it very difficult to cope. Suicide numbers and unemployment rates sky-rocketed while the economy plunged: The Dow Jones Industrial average, an index that tracks big companies of the stock market, had its worst single day drop EVER on March 9, 2020.

BLM Movement Protests Erupt: May

The murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and many others shed light on the police brutality that Black men and women often suffer in modern-day America. Floyd’s death in particular on May 25th caused a major resurgence of the Black Lives Matter movement, which seeks to bring attention to the systemic racism engrained in this country and demand justice and equality for people of color. People internationally have expressed support for this cause by participating in protests and voicing their opinions over social media.

West Coast Wildfires: July 24th

Fires burned out of control from Washington State to California, destroying more than 10.3 million acres of land and leaving thousands of people displaced. These fires on July 24th were the worst in the state’s history because they were so vast. In addition to these, there were many other extremely damaging wildfires during the same year. In fact, 5 of the 20 largest California wildfires occurred in 2020.

Death of Chadwick Boseman: August 28th

Fans of the famous Black Panther actor were shocked on August 28th when Chadwick Boseman died at the age of 43 of colon cancer. He acted in several hit movies while battling cancer and kept his diagnosis private, thus making the tragic news hit fans ten times harder.

Death of RBG: September 18th

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was the second woman to serve on the U.S Supreme Court. She was beloved by many for being a strong advocate for women's rights and gender discrimination and has become the subject of several great books and films. Sadly, she passed away on September 18 at the age of 87. Her spot on the Supreme Court was filled in late October by Amy Coney Barrett.

Presidential Election: November 3rd

The 2020 election was unprecedented. After an extremely long and tumultuous campaign, Joe Biden was elected the 46th President of the United States, but the results were much closer than the polls had predicted. Allegations of voter fraud led to a recount of votes in several states and President Trump refused to concede, although these recounts made no difference in the election results. Strong pushback such as that exhibited by Trump's team has never occurred in the history of U.S. presidential elections, making this one particularly stand out.

Election of Kamala Harris: November 3rd

Kamala Harris, the daughter of an Indian mother and a Jamaican father, and U.S. Senator from California, makes history as the first woman and person of color to be elected as Vice President of the United States. She and President Biden were inaugurated on January 20.

Death of Alex Trebek: November 8th

Alex Trebek, the beloved host of the quiz show, "Jeopardy," died of pancreatic cancer on November 9th. Trek hosted this popular show for 36 years!

Holiday Season, Covid Style – December

Around the globe, this holiday season was quieter and different than past years due to the global pandemic. Far fewer people traveled than in years past. Many had small gatherings with just their immediate family, virtual dinners, or Zoom gatherings in place of their formal traditions.



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16 THOUGHTS ON “FEATURE: A RECAP OF 2020: THE YEAR THAT FELT LIKE A CENTURY”



Chloe

MAY 25, 2022 AT 11:13 AM

Why is it I always really feel like you do?



Fleta

JUNE 1, 2022 AT 9:01 AM

Howdy would you mind sharing which blog platform you're using?
I'm going to start my own blog soon but I'm having
a hard time choosing between BlogEngine/Wordpress/B2evolution and Drupal.
The reason I ask is because your design seems different then most
blogs and I'm looking for something unique.
P.S My apologies for being off-topic but I had to
ask!



Fidel

JUNE 2, 2022 AT 4:57 AM

Hey there! I know this is kind of off topic but I was wondering if you knew where I could locate a captcha plugin for my comment form?

I'm using the same blog platform as yours and I'm having difficulty finding one?

Thanks a lot!



Celinda

JUNE 4, 2022 AT 4:28 PM

Thanks a lot for sharing this with all people you actually recognize what you are speaking approximately! Bookmarked.

Please additionally visit my web site =).

We will have a link alternate contract between us



Aimee

JULY 1, 2022 AT 12:07 PM

My brother recommended I would possibly like this web site.

He was totally right. This put up truly made

my day. You can't imagine just how so much time I had spent for this info!

Thanks!



Latisha

JULY 1, 2022 AT 12:16 PM

Hello, its good paragraph on the topic of media print, we all be familiar with media is a enormous source of information.



Esmeralda

JULY 1, 2022 AT 1:55 PM

This is a really good tip especially to those new to the blogosphere.

Simple but very precise information... Thanks for sharing this one.

A must read article!



Eve

JULY 1, 2022 AT 2:55 PM

Does your blog have a contact page? I'm having a tough time locating it but, I'd like to shoot you an email. I've got some ideas for your blog you might be

interested in hearing. Either way, great site and I look forward to seeing it improve over time.



Sammie

JULY 1, 2022 AT 3:41 PM

Heya this is kind of off topic but I was wanting to know if blogs use WYSIWYG editors or if you have to manually code with HTML.

I'm starting a blog soon but have no coding know-how so I wanted to get guidance from someone with experience. Any help would be greatly appreciated!



Avis

JULY 1, 2022 AT 4:18 PM

I blog often and I genuinely appreciate your information. Your article has really peaked my interest.

I will bookmark your site and keep checking for new details about once a week.
I opted in for your RSS feed as well.



Maple

JULY 1, 2022 AT 4:29 PM

Oh my goodness! Impressive article dude! Thank you, However I am having issues with your RSS. I don't understand the reason why I am unable to join it.

Is there anybody else getting identical RSS issues?
Anybody who knows the answer will you kindly respond?
Thanx!!



Horacio

JULY 1, 2022 AT 4:33 PM

Hmm it looks like your blog ate my first comment (it was super long) so I guess I'll just sum it up what I submitted and say, I'm thoroughly enjoying your blog.
I as well am an aspiring blog writer but I'm still new to the whole thing. Do you have any points for first-time blog writers?

I'd definitely appreciate it.

**Sean**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 4:37 PM

Your style is so unique in comparison to other people I have read stuff from. I appreciate you for posting when you have the opportunity, Guess I'll just bookmark this web site.

**Julio**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 5:33 PM

Hi, I think your website might be having browser compatibility issues. When I look at your blog in Firefox, it looks fine but when opening in Internet Explorer, it has some overlapping. I just wanted to give you a quick heads up! Other than that, amazing blog!

**Emilia Matzinger**

AUGUST 11, 2022 AT 7:25 PM

Excellent blog post. I absolutely appreciate this site. Thanks!

**샌즈카지노**

AUGUST 15, 2022 AT 4:30 PM

I really liked your blog post. Much thanks again. Really Great.