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So much has happened this year – the global pandemic, of course, but also political chaos, freak weather and wildfires, and protests everywhere.

So how do we capture 2020? @ReutersGraphics stitched together clippings from the longest year ■ <https://t.co/83ZgiqzV0W> 1/13



January

■ The world welcomed 2020 as wildfires and protests clouded celebrations. Cities close to Wuhan saw a rise in coronavirus cases 2/13

JAN. welcomed World welcomes 2020

but wildfires, protests cast a pall over some celebrations

SYDNEY/HONG KONG/LONDON (Reuters) -

The world celebrated Wednesday with fires in Sydney to London, all were clouded by death, protests in Hong Kong, nuclear tensions with



Hong Kong
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New York, U.S.
+13 h.



31 days later
in London...

A man infected with **mystery virus** in China dies after outbreak

Jan. 10, 2020
Wuhan, China

There's a **mystery virus** going around in **Wuhan, China**. The city's health officials said about 40 people have been diagnosed and that one of them, a 61-year-old man, has died.

For now, the officials are calling the virus an "unknown cause of viral pneumonia."

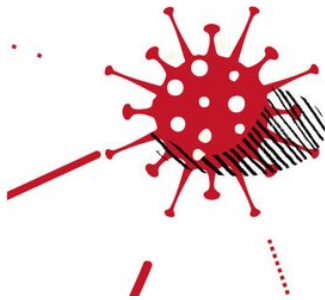
Most of the infected people are vendors and shoppers at the local seafood market. No clear evidence of human-to-human transmission so far, according to the officials.



CITIES CLOSE TO WUHAN SEE A RISE IN CORONAVIRUS CASES

'It's like a ghost town, barely any people and cars... I feel like I'm in an apocalypse somehow.'

- Nicholas Schneider, 21, American student at Wuhan University



February

The first coronavirus-related death occurred outside China.

■ One of the last soccer matches was played with fans in the stadium. One month later, Valencia said 35% of the squad tested positive for the virus 3/13

FEB.

3,700 passengers quarantined for nearly a month on a Diamond Princess cruise ship, off Japan. More than 700 people test positive and 14 die.



Death of Chinese doctor sparks mourning, anger

BEIJING, Feb. 6 (Reuters) - The death from coronavirus of a Chinese doctor who had been reprimanded for issuing an early warning about the disease triggered a wave of public mourning on Friday and rare expressions of anger against the government online.

First death outside China

Virus fears wipe China's stock market



Atalanta fairytale continues as Italians thrash Valencia

Five Italian Serie A matches postponed due to coronavirus

> 10 days later

Valencia say 35% of squad, staff tested positive for coronavirus

>> 1 month later

THE VIRUS SPREADS LIKE WILDFIRE AROUND THE WORLD

March

A deluge of death in northern Italy; Poor Indians flee to villages

'Some people will die of the virus. The rest of us will die of hunger,' said Sanjay Sharma, a Mumbai taxi driver 4/13

MARCH



"I believe a very deep scar will stay with us"

BRUNO BONASSI,
deputy editor of
L'Eco di Bergamo newspaper



March 22 & 28
Tokyo, Japan

A deluge of death in northern Italy



"Some people will die of the virus. The rest of us will die of hunger"

SANJAY SHARMA,
Mumbai taxi driver

April

China's Wuhan came out of lockdown; A bread making frenzy swept the UK ■

Spain lifted its lockdown for children. Below, Paolo drew himself in a farm.

He said he missed climbing, friends and his grandparents the most 5/13

APRIL



Great British lockdown:
bread-making frenzy
sweeps the UK



April 19, Brussels
Marie Lou, 4 &
Paolo Belenyesi, 9



Social distancing

Oslo, Norway
Family recipe for
sourdough bread

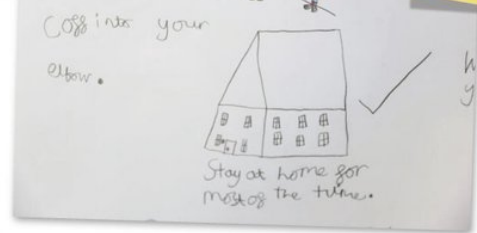


China's Wuhan ends its
coronavirus lockdown

WUHAN, China, April 7 (Reuters) - The Chinese city where the new coronavirus emerged ended its more-than-two-month lockdown on Wednesday.

"I'm going to see my parents," Wang Wenshu told Reuters as she waited to check in at Wuhan's Tianhe airport, which reopened on Wednesday. "Of course I miss them. Stop asking me about it or I'm going to cry."

Keep Safe



1 MILLION
GLOBAL
CASES

May

■ Unemployment skyrocketed globally.

'It took a month of pandemic to lose it all,' said Douglas Felipe Alves Nascimento, who lost his job in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Brazil jumped to having the second highest number of cases globally 6/13

MAY



Poverty set to rise as the pandemic
damages Latin America's economy

"I had a stable job. I lived pretty well - at least without too many worries. It's hard to see now where all this will end"

LORENA RODRIGUEZ
47-year-old nanny in Chile
who lost her job

ONE MONTH,
20.5 MILLION
U.S. JOBS LOST

"It took a month of
pandemic to
lose it all"

DOUGLAS FELIPE ALVES
NASCIMENTO, 21, a worker
in Sao Paulo who lost his job

Miles-long queue for
food aid in South Africa

People in queue to
receive food aid
at the Itireleng
informal settlement in
Pretoria, South Africa



Tangerang, Indonesia

Patients exercise on the balconies of a training center,
which has been converted into a quarantine house

Brazil jumps to world No. 2
in coronavirus cases,
behind the U.S.

June

Millions took to the streets globally to embrace the #BlackLivesMatter movement.

■ A historic Oakland Black book store sold out of books on racial discrimination 7/13

JUNE

**Protests worldwide embrace
Black Lives Matter movement**

**THE WORLD ADAPTS
TO STAYING AT HOME**



July

■ The Tokyo Olympics were postponed and the world of sports adapted.

England allowed pubs, restaurants and hair salons to reopen 8/13

JULY

July 24 - Aug 9 X Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics



New world of sports



Rearranged Games still s uncertainty

TOKYO, July 20 (Reuters) - E fireworks exploded over a gi Olympic rings in Tokyo Bay, bullish that their huge finan deliver an unforgettable Gar however, plans that had been making were shredded as th forced the IOC and Japanese unprecedented decision to p a year.



England allows pubs, restaurants and hair salons to reopen

LONDON, July 4 (Reuters) - England takes its biggest steps yet towards resumption of normal life on Saturday as people are finally allowed to drink in a pub, get a haircut or have a meal in a restaurant for the first time in over three months.

August

The WHO asked people to stop partying; Nintendo profits skyrocketed thanks to @animalcrossing; Thousands protested in Berlin against masks 9/13

AUG.



WHO says young people must curb their party instincts to help prevent new outbreaks



China state papers back Wuhan park after viral pool party

SHANGHAI, AUG. 19 (Reuters) - Videos and photos of an electronic music festival at the Wuhan Maya Beach Water Park on July 11 raised eyebrows overseas, but reflected life returning to normal in the city where the virus causing COVID-19 was first detected, the official English-language China Daily newspaper said in a front-page story.



Nintendo posts five-fold profit jump as Animal Crossing sales top 22 million

TOKYO, AUG. 6 (Reuters) - Japan's Nintendo Co Ltd on Thursday reported a more than five-fold jump in quarterly profit, driven by break-out demand for its Switch device and hit title "Animal Crossing: New Horizons" as the coronavirus lockdown lifts the games industry.

Thousands march in Berlin to protest coronavirus curbs



BIG BROTHER IS MASKING YOU

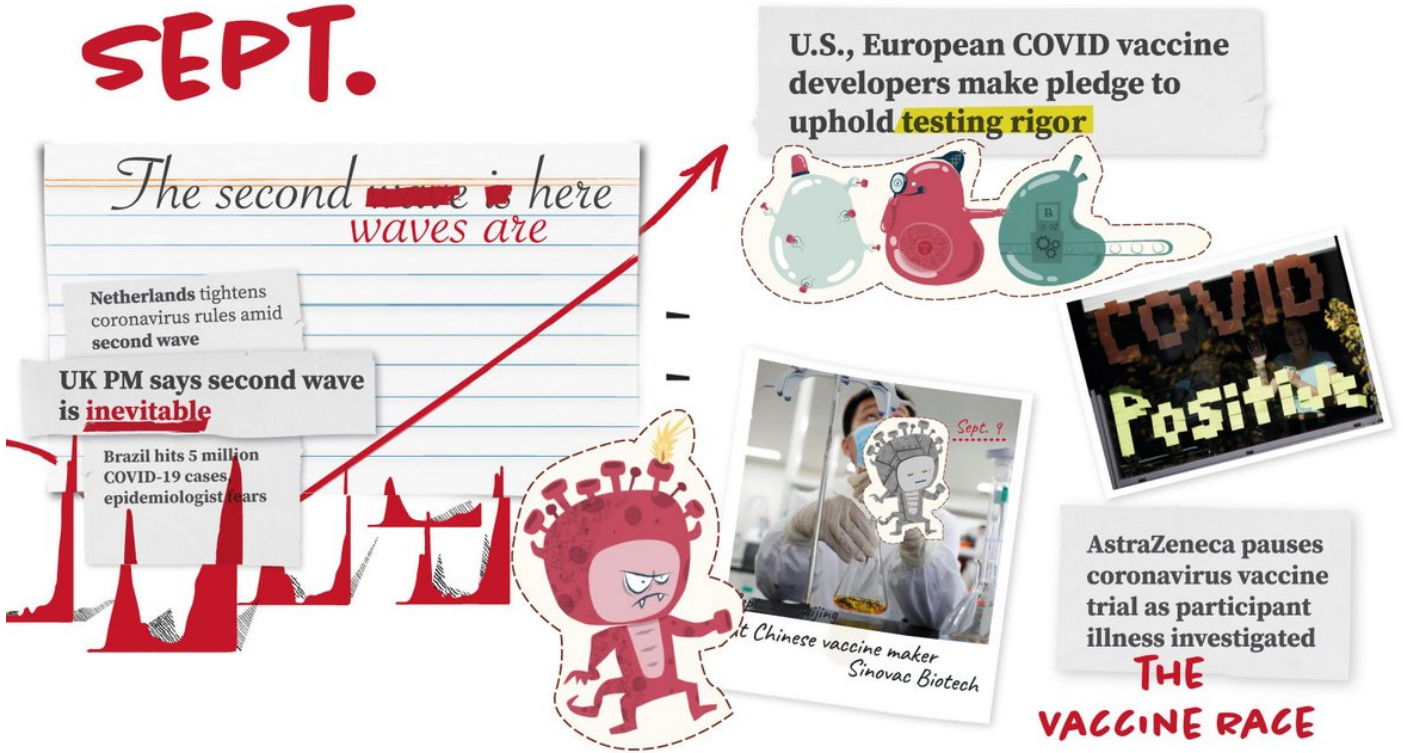
Berlin police arrest 300, disband protest against coronavirus curbs



September

The second waves arrived. Thai protesters challenged the monarchy at the biggest demonstration in years. Read our @specialreports: <https://t.co/tmOFMEFgd4> 10/13

SEPT.



October

Trump and Melania tested positive for the virus as Americans headed to the polls.

■■ Festivals continued in India with the help of disinfectant and essential workers 11/13

OCT.



November

Vaccine trials offered a glimmer of hope ... and then the world mourned soccer star Maradona 12/13

NOV.

Russia says its
Sputnik V COVID-19
vaccine is 92% effective

**Pfizer, BioNTech say their COVID-19
vaccine is more than 90% effective**

its vaccine
is 94.5% effective in
preventing COVID-19

AstraZeneca says its coronavirus
vaccine is around 90% effective



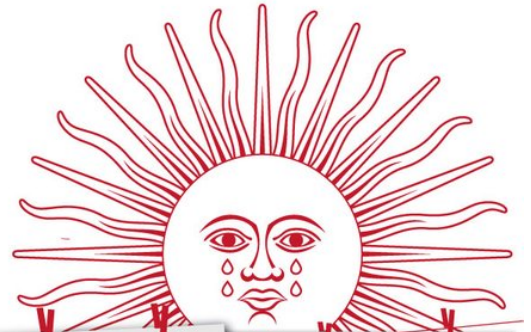
**America celebrates scaled-back
Thanksgiving as COVID-19 surges**

VACCINE TRIALS
OFFER GLIMMER
OF HOPE

**Soccer
World**

*"All of a sudden I feel
kind of lonely, I have
to admit"*

*Janis Segal, 72,
as she prepared for a
Zoom Thanksgiving*



MOURNS Maradona



**HOW DOES THE
WORLD MOURN
TOGETHER APART?**

December

■ Vaccines arrive, with Britain expecting to receive millions by year-end.

More than 1.6 million people have died from COVID-19 around the world.

See more from a year filled with sorrow <https://t.co/gZqo3O2fJq> 13/13

DEC.



"Go for it"

says grandmother who got
world's first Pfizer COVID
vaccine in Britain

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuters) - Margaret
Keenan, the 90-year-old grandmother
who became the first person in the
world to receive the Pfizer COVID-19
vaccine outside of a trial in Britain on
Tuesday, has a message for others:
"go for it" to beat the devastating
disease.



VACCINES, AT LAST

**Britain expects millions
to receive COVID vaccine
by year-end**

**Singapore approves Pfizer
COVID-19 vacciner**

**First Americans
are vaccinated**



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