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Looking Into The Hopeful New Year

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New Years has been a widely celebrated holiday for thousands of years, with various cultures exhibiting their own traditions to representing it. We love New Year's because it is a way to celebrate a fresh start in the new year. We make resolutions, and excite for what luck and happiness the year to come might bring.



The Origins of New Years

New Years has been celebrated for generations. In fact, the first recorded New Year's celebration dates back to Ancient Mesopotamia, in 2000 B.C.. Mesopotamians celebrated New Year's by performing rituals and celebrating the religious victory of the sky god, Marduk over the sea goddess, Timat. The holiday was celebrated in mid-march, until Julius Ceasar became the emperor of Rome. The New Year had changed dates on the calender to lie on January, the month of the Roman god, Janus, who was known to have the ability to both look back in the past, and forward to the future simultaneously. This seems to be perfect grounds for a month where we look back in the past, and make resolutions to help us become better in the future.

2020

A Joyous Holiday: How it is Celebrated Throughout the World

Hundreds of traditions for New Years, and New Years Eve marks how differing cultures view the new year, and the morals that mark its coming. In Denmark, plates are smashed on people's doorsteps to symbolize good luck for the year to come, and in South Africa, people get rid of old furniture. In Scotland, there is a tradition known as "first-footing" where people go around to others houses, trying to be the first to first set foot in friends and families houses in the new year. Finally, in New York City, there is a symbolic, dropping of the ball, where a huge, lit up ball is dropped from a large building. Millions come to see it and participate in extravagant celebrations hosted in the city.



Why Do We Celebrate It?

All around the world, New Years is celebrated as closure of a past, and incredible year, on to take a breath and brave though the next. Traditions are meant to suppose luck, or good-fortune throughout the uncertainty. We wish that with New Years just creeping up the corner, 2020 will be a year of hope, and 2019, one of satisfaction.

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SPORTS

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home run by third-baseman Alex Bregman, tying the game at 2. The score remained the same until the top of the seventh inning, when the bats finally woke up. Nats catcher Kurt Suzuki hit a home run, followed by RBI singles from Howie Kendrick, Asdrubal Cabrera, and Ryan Zimmerman to put the Nats up 8-2 at the seventh-inning stretch. In the eighth inning, the Nats struck again. Adam Eaton hit a home run to increase the lead to 10-2, while Asdrubal Cabrera hit another RBI single and Michael A. Taylor hit a home run of his own. That put the Nats up 12-2 heading into the ninth, but the Astros were not going down without a fight. A solo home run by catcher Martin Maldonado. But eventually the Nats held on to take a 2-0 series lead heading back to DC. But the 'Stros weren't finished. They took all three games in Washington, with clutch home runs by Robinson Chirinos, and Alex Bregman, who got out of a slump after going 0-5 in game 3. The pitching for the Astros in those three games was excellent, with great outings from Jose Urquidy and Gerrit Cole. So with them up 3-2 and series headed back to Houston, things were looking good for the Astros, but the Nats were planning to do what their motto had been all year: stay in the fight. And they did just that. Stephen Strasburg pitched a gem all the way into the ninth, while Anthony Rendon took care of business on offense. The Nats forced game 7 with a 7-2 win. There it was: one of the most enticing 2 words in sports: Game 7. Winner take all. The pitching matchup would be Max Scherzer, who was scratched for the Nats in game 5 due to a neck injury, against Zack

Greinke, a five time gold glove award winner. It wasn't looking good for the Nats, as Houston jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the second, and then 2-0 in the fifth. But their bats woke up later, as usual. In the top of the seventh, Anthony Rendon homered to cut the deficit in half for the Nats. Howie Kendrick then hit the second home run of the inning, bringing in Juan Soto to score as well, and the Nats took a 3-2 lead. The rest of the game was all Nats. They added on insurance runs in the top of the eighth, with clutch base hits by both Juan Soto and Adam Eaton. And piled it on in the ninth, with another RBI single by Adam Eaton. The Nats held on to win 6-2, giving Washington their first World Series title in 95 years.

Nats are Champs!

The 2019 World Series had the Washington Nationals face the Houston Astros. Both teams had what are considered some of the best starting pitcher rotations in baseball. For the Nats, they had the "Four Aces" With Max Scherzer, Stephen Strasburg, Patrick Corbin, and Anibal Sanchez. But the Astros also had a very good pitching staff, featuring Justin Verlander, Zack Greinke, and Gerrit Cole. Cole has been incredibly impressive this year for the Astros. As of October 21st, 2019, he had a 2.50 ERA this season, and is 19-0 in games since May 22nd. That's nothing short of dominant. But then game one happened. The Astros jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first thanks to a double by first baseman Yuli Gurriel. The Nationals answered with a Ryan Zimmerman home run in the top of the second. Zimmerman was the Nationals first ever draft pick back in 2005, and has played first base for the Nats ever since. The score stayed 2-1 until the top of the fourth inning, where Nats left fielder Juan Soto hit another solo home run to tie the game at 2 a piece. Soto is arguably considered the best under-21 hitter ever, with his 56 home runs and 180 RBIs in under two years. Washington added even more runs in the top of the fifth, with an Adam Eaton RBI single and a Juan Soto double to

make the score 5-2. Pitching took over the game until the bottom of the seventh inning, where Astros center fielder George Springer hit a home run to bring the Astros within two runs. Springer struck again in the bottom of the eighth, doubling to score another run to make it a one-run game. The Nationals held on to win 5-4 and took a 1-0 series lead. Washington ace Max Scherzer got the win, while Gerrit Cole was handed his first loss in 5 months. Game two of the series featured excellent pitching as well, with Stephen Strasburg getting the call for the Nats, and Justin Verlander on the mound for the Astros. This time it was the Nats getting the early lead. Trea Turner walked on four pitches to start the game, with Adam Eaton then singling to put runners on first and second. Anthony Rendon then doubled off the left field wall, bringing the two home, and giving the Nats a 2-0 lead. In the bottom of the first, the Astros answered with a moonshot



Yellowstone in Winter

By Nahomy F

Winter in Yellowstone means fewer crowds, frigid temperatures, and steaming geyser basins. Skis, snowshoes, snowcoaches, and snowmobiles become the primary modes of transportation as roads close, rivers and lakes freeze, and winter storms blanket the park with fluffy, white snow.

Restricted vehicle access and limited services make winter visits far different than the summer experience. Every year in early November, most park roads close to regular traffic to prepare for the winter season. The only exception is the road between Mammoth Hot Springs and the northeast entrance, which is open to regular traffic all year. Around mid-December, roads open to limited snowmobile and snowcoach travel. This means the only way to visit Old Faithful, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, and other popular destinations during winter is by guided snowmobile or snowcoach, or through the non-commercially guided snowmobile access program. Winter travel ends in mid-March, when plowing crews begin clearing a winter's worth of snow. Roads start re-opening to automobiles in mid-April.



Most stores, restaurants, campgrounds, and lodges are closed during winter. The Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Mammoth Hotel, and Canyon Yurt Camp are open. Some visitor centers and a series of warming huts are opened throughout the park. Ranger-led programs are offered at Old Faithful and Mammoth Hot Springs. Park partners and other businesses offer a variety of guided activities and trips during winter.

Winter temperatures are severe in Yellowstone, but you can be comfortable and confident if you are properly dressed. Prepare for changing conditions by wearing clothes in several adjustable layers. It is as important to prevent overheating/sweating as it is to prevent chilling.

Be sure your clothing includes a windproof, hooded outer layer with wool or other insulating garments underneath. Synthetic or wool pants and long underwear will help to keep your legs warm and dry in deep snow. Wind or rain-pants are lightweight and provide extra warmth on windy days. Do not wear cotton clothing since it

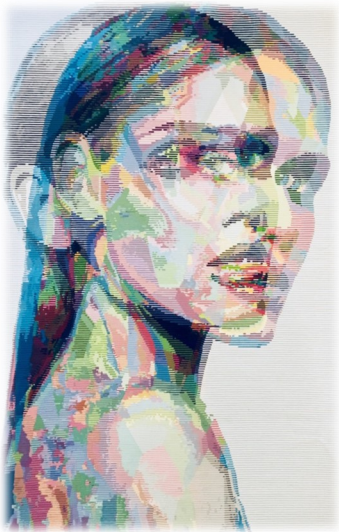
won't keep you warm if it gets wet. Synthetic or wool socks and gaiters over boots help to keep your feet warm and dry. Wear gloves or wool mittens with removable, breathable shells to allow moisture to escape from sweaty hands. Since you lose more heat through your head than any other part of your body, wear a balaclava or parka hood when you need maximum protection. Sunglasses are a must for sunny days. High altitude sunlight reflected from

snow is much more intense than at lower elevations; snow-blindness may occur if sunglasses are not worn. Apply sunscreen lotion to exposed skin to avoid sunburn.

For cross-country skiing, choose skis and boots made for touring or mountaineering. Narrow racing skis won't provide enough surface area to break trail. Low shoes won't give enough ankle support. Before you rent or borrow equipment, check for fit and suitability for wilderness use. Equipment that fits both you and park conditions can make or break your trip.

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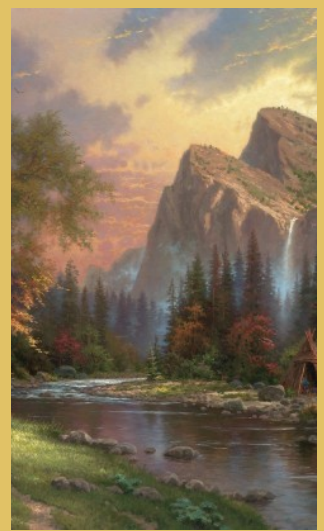
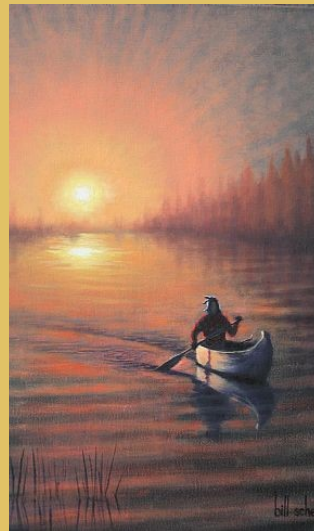
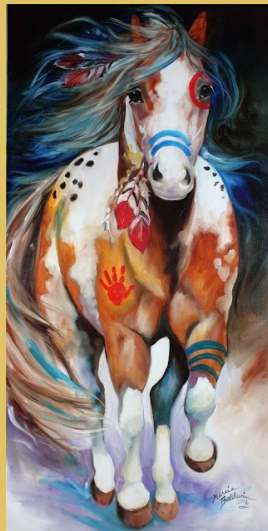


ART

By Bilen A

HISTORY OF NATIVE AMERICAN ART

Native American art history has developed over thousands of years and consists of several distinctive styles from the distinguishing cultures of diverse Indian tribes. Native American art history is strongly associated with symbols that were often linked with nature. Important symbols in most Native American art history include the sun, moon, bears, eagles or people. Statues were often created to symbolize and honor Mother Nature. Tall wooden sculptures were known as totem poles. Totem poles are one of the most elaborate forms of native American art. A lot of totem poles would include characteristics of animals, considered spirit animals, standing as a symbol of Native American heritage. Each people represent generation of family members. One of the more popular forms of Native American art is jewelry. Native American jewelry is one of the most sought after forms of Native American art.



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The History of Christmas Movies

By Madi L and Sidney I



The First Christmas movie

The first Christmas movie made was made in 1898. This was just 10 years after movie were invented, not only was this the first Christmas movie, but it was one of the first movies within the Christmas genre. George Albert Smith, a British pioneer of filmmaking, was the creator of the film Santa Claus. This movie talks about Christmas eve, children getting gifts and Santa coming into their house.

Christmas movies back then

Early Christmas movies were mostly black and white like the previous movie mentioned, other movies from the same time period include: its a wonderful life (1947), Rudolph the red-nose reindeer (1998), A charlie brown Christmas (1964) and a white Christmas (1954). These movies are all in the Christmas genre and have a common theme of helping someone, celebrating Christmas, a classic story made into a movie or some kind of miracle happening.

Christmas movies now

Christmas movies now are either animated and mainly targeted towards children or marketed as family-friendly, like Christmas Chronicles (2018), The Knight Before Christmas (2019), Last Christmas (2019), The Grinch (2018) and The Nutcracker And The Four Realms (2018) all have a common theme of comedy, fantasy or stories retold in movie form.





POLITICS

By Noah E

THE BOLIVIAN CRISIS

In 2005, Evo Morales was elected to be President of Bolivia with 53.7% of the votes, which instantly lead to a tumultuous reign. May 1st 2006 caused controversy by



Evo Morales

announcing his intent to naturalize Bolivia's hydrocarbon resources, on August 6th 2006 Morales fulfilled a campaign promise by assembling The Bolivian Constituent Assembly and began writing a new Constitution that would give more power to the indegiounos majority. In May of 2008 Mo-

rales signed UNASUR Constitutive Treaty of the Union of South American Nations. In 2009 Morales was reelected with 64.22% of the votes. In 2019 Morales was accused of rigging the general election and after nationwide protests of his ruling, The military then sided with the protesters and staged a coup which forced Morales out of office Jeanine Áñez has declared herself current President of Bolivia. This leaves people questioning, Is what's happening in Bolivia a coup or an uprising. President Morales says the coup could risk Democracy in Bolivia. Morales says "Our democracy is at risk due to the coup d'etat that violent groups have launched that undermine the constitutional order."



Map of Bolivia



Protestors on the streets

RUSSIA RECOGNIZES NEW LEADER

Russia has recognized violence-plagued Bolivia's interim president until the South American nation's next elections, the state-run RIA Novosti news agency quoted a senior diplomat as saying Thursday. Bolivia's pro-Russian President Evo Morales resigned and fled the country this week to ease the violence that has been ongoing since a disputed vote last month. Senate vice-president Jeanine Áñez assumed Bolivia's presidency as Morales, speaking from Mexico where he was granted asylum, accused the conservative opposition of staging a coup.

NEW ELECTIONS COMING?

Bolivia's interim President Jeanine Áñez has passed a law that limits presidents to two terms and appoints a new board that will set a date for a general election. Áñez pointed out her government's commitment to celebrate "fair elections," as opposed to the "fraud" of which she accuses Evo Morales in the October 20 vote. After weeks of violent protests, Bolivia's provisional government and the leftist party MAS — Movement for Socialism — are paving the way for a new vote, this time without former President Evo Morales. MAS party lawmakers, who hold a majority of seats in Congress, have agreed to find a new candidate.

World Languages by Adam K

The top 6 rarest languages still spoken today

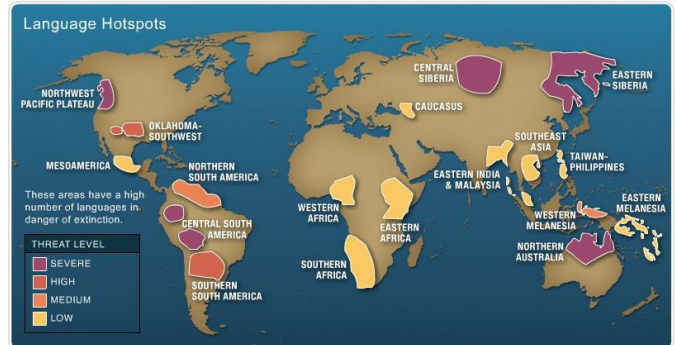
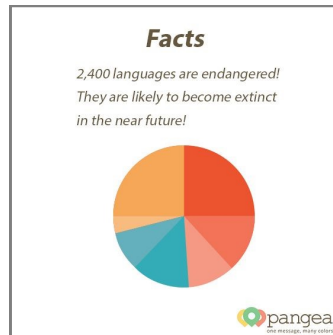
Every country or culture all around the world has their own language, some have vanished from the Earth, and most still spoken. These are the 6 rarest languages still spoken today according to www.pacsafe.com.

1. Njerep
2. Kawishana
3. Paakantyi
4. Liki
5. Sarcee
6. Chemehuevi

Njerep, already extinct in Cameroon, is only spoken by 4 people in the world in Nigeria. The youngest person speaking Njerep is 60 years old!

Kawishana, a language spoken near Japura River, Brazil was a popular language back in the days for some people. Now, only one documented person is still able to speak the ancient language.

Chemehuevi is a Colorado River Numic language on the verge of extinction. It is only spoken by a few people in the Midwestern United States.



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Welcome back to our music section! This time we have a lot of stuff to get into. Enjoy!

Musicians go off on Amazon!

A group of more than 380 musicians — including well-known indie artists like Ted Leo, Deerhoof, Damon & Naomi, Zola Jesus, Downtown Boys and Sheer Mag — pledged in an open letter on Thursday to cut all business ties with Amazon over the work of Amazon Web Services subsidiary. The letter, organized in part by the activist group Fight for the future and the public introduction to No Music for ICE, was spurred by AWS' plans for a music festival called Intersect. The letter demands that AWS cancel all contracts with independent businesses and government agencies, such as Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection, over human rights abuses it alleges they have committed. It also demands that Amazon end work on "projects that encourage racial profiling and discrimination," such as facial recognition technology.



Downtown Boys

ARIANA GRANDE CANCELS CONCERTS

Singer Ariana Grande is telling her fans that she has a bad sinus condition that has made her "very sick" — and it forced her to cancel her Sunday show in Lexington, Kentucky. The 26-year-old pop star from Boca Raton said in videos posted Saturday on Instagram that "my throat and head are still in so much pain." She posted another video Sunday telling fans that she was feeling even worse and had to cancel her show. Grande did buy lunch for a group of fans who had traveled to Kentucky to see her show, according to the Lexington Herald-Leader. Grande said she plans to see a doctor soon. "I'm scared that I might have to cancel some things, so this is kind just a heads up of like I don't know what's happening with my body, and I'm really disappointed and freaked out of why I can't get better because it's been over three weeks at this point," she said in one of the videos.

LATIN GRAMMYS

The Biggest Night in Latin Music proved to be exactly that last November 14, as the Latin GRAMMYS celebrated 20 years of Latin music excellence at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas and brought together musical stars from all over the world and of many genres. Ricky Martin, Roselyn Sanchez and Paz Vega hosted the night that saw 26-year-old Spanish superstar and flamenco ambassador Rosalia take the coveted Album Of The Year



Juanes

award, a Metaltica surprise for Latin GRAMMY Person Of The Year honoree Juanes and performances that included something for every generation.

GAMING

By Ben F



WHO'S #1

Minecraft is the most popular game right now. One of the reasons it's more popular than ever is because of the constant updates.

Another is fortnite is slowly dying and the leftover kids are going to minecraft. Some of the new updates is the bee update. With the new change that honey blocks don't stick to slime blocks. Beehives and Bee nests are the main source of honey. It should come out December 10th, and more updates yet to come in the future.

Minecraft Earth!

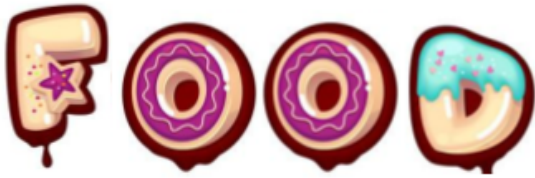
The new release of Minecraft Earth, an augmented reality game where you collect blocks scattered around the world. Then after you collect some resources you can spawn a build plate and place the blocks. The build plate is pretty small but you can fit a lot in. You can scan a code on your friends device to play with them. Minecraft earth is getting more updates soon.



17-YEAR OLD BANNED FROM FORTNITE FOR CHEATING

FaZe Jarvis won fame for his skill at Fortnite, an online battle royale computer game in which players fight against each other to the last person standing. But then the 17-year-old got caught openly playing with cheat codes called aimbots, used to help shoot down enemies, in a video of his play posted to YouTube, CNN reports. Now Jarvis has been banned for life from the game by Fortnite makers Epic Games. He revealed the ban and confessed to cheating in a tearful YouTube video posted Sunday. FaZe Jarvis won fame for his skill at Fortnite, an online battle royale computer game in which players fight against each other to the last person standing. But then the 17-year-old got caught openly playing with

cheat codes called aimbots, used to help shoot down enemies, in a video of his play posted to YouTube, CNN reports. "It's obvious that I made a massive mistake. And, of course, I would never think about doing anything like this again," Jarvis says in the video, breaking down in tears. "You know, when I was making those videos, I never thought about the consequences that could happen from me making those videos. I just thought about entertaining you guys." Jarvis said he only used the aimbots in solo play and training modes, not in competitive play, in the video, which has more than 7 million views. I am so, so sorry," Jarvis told fans in the video, urging them not to follow in his footsteps by cheating.



By Harper F, Makenzie P, Maggie L, Daniel S

Traditional Christmas dinner

Traditional Christmas dinner features turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, and vegetables such as carrots, turnip, parsnips, etc. Other types of poultry, roast beef, or ham are also used.

The Definitive Ranking of All the Classic Christmas Foods

1. Peppermint bark.
2. Roasted potatoes. ...
3. Mashed potatoes. ...
4. Gravy. ...
5. Pecan pie. ...



Semi Sweet Triple Chocolate Cookie

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter margarine, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 2 1/4 cup flour
- 1/3 cup cocoa
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 bag Hershey's Kisses



Instructions

1. Beat butter, sugar, brown sugar, and vanilla until blended.
2. Add eggs and milk; beat well.
3. Stir together flour, cocoa, baking soda, and salt; gradually add to butter mixture, blending well.
4. Stir in chocolate chips.
5. Shape dough into 1-inch balls.
6. Place on ungreased cookie sheet.
7. Bake 10-11 minutes at 350.
8. Cool 1 minute, remove to wire rack.
9. Press Kisses in center of each cookie.
10. Makes about 4 dozen cookies.

These amazing triple chocolate cookies are so delicious. With semi-sweet chocolate chips, Hershey Kisses and cocoa, you can make a great batch of cookies. This recipe makes about 4 dozen cookies.

Traditional Hanukkah Dinners

Fried potato pancakes, called latkes in Yiddish and levivot in Hebrew, are the most popular **Hanukkah food**. They are shredded potatoes mixed with onion, egg, flour and seasonings. The crispy latkes are served with sour cream and applesauce on the side.



Traditional Dinners :

1. Potato Latkes. (This is a traditional latkes recipe using grated potatoes, flour, eggs, salt, and grated onion.) ...
2. Spiced Slow Cooker Applesauce. ...
3. Most Amazing Challah. ...
4. Wine-Braised Beef Brisket. ...
5. Salmon with Lemon and Dill. ...
6. Crispy Rosemary Chicken and Fries. ...

WINTER TRADITIONS

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They vary from country to country. Christmas celebrations for many nations include the installing and lighting of Christmas trees, the hanging of Advent wreaths, Christmas stockings, candy canes, setting out cookies and milk, and the creation of Nativity scenes depicting the birth of Jesus Christ. Christmas carols may be sung and stories told about such figures as the Baby Jesus, St

Nicholas, Santa Claus, Father Christmas, Christkind or Grandfather Frost. The sending and exchange of Christmas card greetings, observance of fasting and special religious observances such as a midnight Mass or Vespers on Christmas



Eve, the burning of a Yule log, and the giving and receiving of presents. Along with Easter, Christmas is one of the most important periods on the Christian

calendar, and is often closely connected to other holidays at this time of year, such as Advent, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, St Nicholas Day, St. Stephen's Day, New Year's, and the Feast of the Epiphany.

