

10 interesting things that happened in 2020



Below is a summary of several interesting and strange things that happened this year.

1 Pandemic loo paper panic



Many items became sought-after 'panic buys' when the coronavirus took hold, among them toilet paper. In the USA, sales went up by a 84%, with double-ply leading the charge.

2 Star goes AWOL



For no apparent reason, a star suddenly winked out in a galaxy 75 million light-years away. Fun fact: while it lasted it shone a few million times brighter than the sun.

3 Poland 'invades' Czech republic



Polish troops guarding the frontier as part of coronavirus measures accidentally took up positions by a chapel on the Czech side of the border.

4 SpaceX goes all the way



SpaceX launched NASA astronauts Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley into space for the first time. By all accounts, they had a blast.

5 Britain bids the E.U. adieu



The U.K. formally left the E.U. on 31 January 2020. The terms of Brexit, however, will continue to be discussed, apparently forever.



6 South Koreans popularise sub-titles



For the first time in celluloid history, a non-English speaking film won the Academy Awards coveted Best Picture category. The film, entitled Parasite, was made in South Korea.

7 Wall Street gets that sinking feeling



The Dow plunged a sickening 2,997 points in the worst day on Wall Street since 1987 due to coronavirus fears.

8 Monkeys steal Covid-19 samples



An Indian healthworker was mobbed by a troop of monkeys who made off with some test tubes of blood samples. Reports that they were annoyed to find they weren't bananas couldn't be confirmed.

9 Royal no more



Harry and Meghan, formerly known as the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, formally stepped down from their royal duties in March and joined the ranks of regular people.

10 U.S. and China trade punches over trade



After America imposed tariffs on Chinese goods worth \$360bn, China punched back with tariffs on over \$110bn worth of U.S. products. The consumer was declared the overall loser.



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