

Global look: The world’s top stories during the last decade

2015 “JE SUIS CHARLIE”

Two gunmen on Jan. 7 attacked the Paris offices of the French satirical weekly magazine Charlie Hebdo, killing 12. The violence stemmed from the magazine’s depiction of the Prophet Mohammed. Another man, who pledged allegiance to ISIS, carried out a second series of attacks. But that did not stop thousands of Parisians from publicly demonstrating their support and solidarity with Charlie Hebdo with signs displaying “Je suis Charlie” (I am Charlie).

GAY MARRIAGE IN U.S. LEGALIZED

The U.S. Supreme Court in a 5-4 decision in June ruled the Constitution guarantees marriage equality to gay and lesbian couples

TERRORISTS STRIKE AGAIN IN PARIS

Suicide bombers and shooters on Nov. 13 targeted six Paris locations. The Bataclan theater was the scene of the deadliest attack, which resulted in 89 dead and more than 100 injured. The death toll from the coordinated slaughter rose to 130 with nearly 500 more wounded. ISIS claimed responsibility for the violence.

OPIOID EPIDEMIC DEVASTATES COMMUNITIES

More than 47,000 Americans died in 2015 as result of an opioid overdose. The crisis stemmed from the over-prescription and abuse of the highly addictive drugs. The crisis continues.

REFUGEE CRISIS

The UN Refugee Agency in December reported the number of refugees and migrants to Europe reached “staggering new levels.” Nearly 1 million people — most fleeing war and persecution from Middle East countries — landed on Europe’s shores. Thousands more died at sea trying to get there.

2016 PULSE NIGHTCLUB SHOOTING

A gunman in the early hours of June 12 killed 49 people and wounded more than 50 others at the Pulse nightclub — a gay bar in Orlando, Florida.

BREXIT EDGES OUT

Britain in a referendum on June 23 voted to leave the European Union. “Brexit,” however, has yet to occur.

POKÉMON GOTAKES TOLL

The Pokémon Go app in June sent youth and adults on the hunt to capture virtual monsters. The game also resulted in real-world injuries and damaged phones as well as water-cooler conversations and friendships.

TRUMP WINS

U.S. voters on Nov. 8 pushed back against leftist politics and elected developer and popular reality TV



Observer file photo

About 100 La Grande High School students participate in a walkout in March 2018 to protest gun violence.

star Donald Trump as president. MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION CONTINUES

Voters in California, Maine, Massachusetts and Nevada legalized recreational marijuana, and three other states approved medical marijuana.

PANAMA PAPERS

An anonymous source provided German journalist Bastian Obermayer with 11.5 million files from Mossack Fonseca, one of the largest offshore law firms in the world. A coalition of news organizations worked through the documents to reveal how the rich use offshore tax havens to duck out of paying taxes. The news reports exposed heads of state, other government officials, celebrities and more.

2017 TRUMP DUMPS PARIS ACCORDS

President Donald Trump in June announced the U.S. will withdraw from the Paris Climate Accords or start a new deal.

GRENFELL TOWER FIRE

Fire broke out on June 14 in a fourth-floor apartment in the 23-story high-rise in West London. Flames spread in moments to the exterior of the building and to all sides. Grenfell Tower had a “stay-put” policy, meaning residents were to stay put until help arrived. The fire killed 72 people.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN

Millions looked to the sky Aug. 21 to watch the total solar eclipse, and Oregon becomes prime viewing territory. The event may have been the most-observed solar eclipse in history.

HURRICANES STIRK THE U.S.

Hurricane Harvey on Aug. 25 slammed into Texas with winds exceeding 100 mph and days later hit Louisiana. The hurricane submerged a third of Houston and caused \$125 billion in damage, second only to Hurricane Katrina



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Kierstyn Gooch looks for Pokemon on her phone in July 2016 at Max Square, La Grande. The app sent children and adults throughout the nation on the hunt for virtual monsters. Kierstyn’s mother, Amberlee Harder, drove her daughter to make sure she was safe.

in costs. Hurricane Harvey also claimed 88 lives.

Category 4 Hurricane Maria less than a month later landed on Puerto Rico, resulting in the death of almost 3,000 people due to the lack of power, clean water and health care services.

MUGABE FALLS FROM POWER

President Robert Mugabe ruled Zimbabwe for 37 years, but a coup d’état ousted the dictator from power. Tens of thousands of anti-Mugabe demonstrators celebrated in the streets.

METOO MOVEMENT BEGINS

Several women came forward and accused Hollywood movie producer Harvey Weinstein of mistreatment. The trickle of stories became a fire hose as more than 80 women eventually accused Weinstein of wrongdoing ranging from harassment to rape over a span of

decades. The MeToo hashtag went viral as women around the world took to social media and shared their stories of sexual harassment and assault.

VENEZUELA IN CRISIS

Venezuela’s faltering economy, food shortages, blackouts and ever-increasing inflation set the stage for violent protests against President Nicolas Maduro. The crisis continues.

2018 STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING

A former student armed with a semiautomatic rifle on Feb. 14 attacked Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. He killed 17 and injured 17 more, making it the deadliest school shooting in United States history. Afterward, survivors of the attack

and high school students nationwide participated in marches and advocated for stricter gun control laws.

MURDER OF JAMAL KHASHOGGI

Jamal Khashoggi was a Saudi citizen and U.S.-based journalist critical of the Saudi Arabian government. On Oct. 2, he went to the Saudi consulate in Istanbul to deal with paperwork to marry his fiancée. She waited outside for him, but he never returned.

Al Jazeera reported his murder, which resulted in public outcries for justice and a United Nations investigation that revealed Khashoggi was the victim of a “deliberate, premeditated execution.” The report also found credible evidence linking Saudi Arabia’s crown prince to his murder.

OREGON’S WALDEN HEADS FIGHT AGAINST OPIOID CRISIS

Oregon U.S. Rep. Greg Walden pushed the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, a comprehensive approach to combat with nationwide opioid crisis. The bill cruised through the House and Senate with nary any opposition. Walden on Oct. 24 announced President Trump signed the bill into law.

2019 CLIMATE CRISIS HEATS UP

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a report in October stating the world may have only 12 years to stop irreversible damage from climate change. Greta Thunberg, a Swedish teenager, began a school strike for climate action in August outside the Swedish parliament. That resulted in major climate strikes around the world with calls to leaders to seek solutions to slow climate change.

HONG KONG PROTESTS

Massive protests began in June in Hong Kong against a proposal to allow the extradition of criminal fugitives to mainland China. Demonstrations grew in scope to demand real democracy and police accountability. The protests also grew in size, with perhaps a million or more participating.

DEATH OF ISIS LEADER

U.S. Special Forces on Oct. 27 raided a safehouse in northwest Syria and killed ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

IMPEACHMENT OF TRUMP

The U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee on Dec. 13 voted along party lines to approve two articles of impeachment: abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. Those went to the full House, which again voted along party lines and impeached Trump on both articles on Dec. 18.

Annual winners of North America’s four professional sports

NFL SUPER BOWLS

- 2010 — New Orleans Saints 31, Indianapolis Colts 17
- 2011 — Green Bay Packers 31, Pittsburgh Steelers 25
- 2012 — New York Giants 21, New England Patriots 17
- 2013 — Baltimore Ravens, 34 San Francisco 49ers 31
- 2014 — Seattle Seahawks, 43 Denver Broncos 8
- 2015 — New England Patriots, 28 Seattle Seahawks 24
- 2016 — Denver Bronco, 24 Carolina Panthers 10
- 2017 — New England Patriots, 34 Atlanta Falcons 28
- 2018 — Philadelphia Eagles, 41 New England Patriots 33
- 2019 — New England Patriots, 13 Los Angeles Rams 3

MLB WORLD SERIES

- 2010 — San Francisco Giants four games to one over Texas Rangers
- 2011 — St. Louis Cardinals four games to three over Texas Rangers
- 2012 — San Francisco Giants four games to none over Detroit Tigers
- 2013 — Boston Red Sox four games to two over St. Louis Cardinals
- 2014 — San Francisco Giants four games to three over Kansas City Royals
- 2015 — Kansas City Royals four games to one over New York Mets
- 2016 — Chicago Cubs four games to three over Cleveland Indians
- 2017 — Houston Astros four games to three over Los Angeles Dodgers
- 2018 — Boston Red Sox four games to one over Los Angeles Dodgers
- 2019 — Washington Nationals four games to three over Houston Astros

NBA FINALS

- 2010 — Los Angeles Lakers four games to three over Boston Celtics
- 2011 — Dallas Mavericks four games to two over Miami Heat
- 2012 — Miami Heat four games to one over Oklahoma City Thunder
- 2013 — Miami Heat four games to three over San Antonio Spurs
- 2014 — San Antonio Spurs four games to one over Miami Heat
- 2015 — Golden State Warriors four games to two over Cleveland Cavaliers
- 2016 — Cleveland Cavaliers four games to three over Golden State Warriors
- 2017 — Golden State Warriors four games to one over Cleveland Cavaliers
- 2018 — Golden State Warriors four games to none over Cleveland Cavaliers
- 2019 — Toronto Raptors four to two Golden State Warriors

NHL STANLEY CUP FINAL

- 2010 — Chicago Blackhawks four games to two over Philadelphia Flyers
- 2011 — Boston Bruins four games to three over Vancouver Canucks
- 2012 — Los Angeles Kings four games to one over New Jersey Devils
- 2013 — Chicago Blackhawks four games to two over Boston Bruins
- 2014 — Los Angeles Kings four games to one over New York Rangers
- 2015 — Chicago Blackhawks four games to two over Tampa Bay Lightning
- 2016 — Pittsburgh Penguins four games to two over San Jose Sharks
- 2017 — Pittsburgh Penguins four games to two over Nashville Predators
- 2018 — Washington Capitals four games to one over Vegas Golden Knights
- 2019 — St. Louis Blues four games to three over Boston Bruins

Merry Christmas!

Thank you for another great year!

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