

PRESS REVIEW

SCIENCE

THE WEBB TELESCOPE BACK ON TRACK

The project dates back to 1996 with a cost amounting to \$500 million (originally) but was delayed many times thus delaying other projects too.

The technologically ambitious telescope that is supposed to surpass the Hubble telescope will allow scientists to see infrared colors of worlds at great distances from our solar system and thus study exoplanets.

The main challenge is to keep the telescope cold enough so that the inner heat doesn't swamp the heat from outer space.

“The last time NASA did something this big astronomically, in 1990, things didn't quite work”

In the weeks to come, the telescope is going to be assembled, final-tested and launched into space from French Guiana.

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NEW ASTRONAUT ON THE ISS

The European Space Agency (ESA) is raising funds to finance the [ExoMars](#) project and the International Space Station (ISS) while the French astronaut Thomas Pesquet is stepping into the ISS. He is the last of the 1st generation of European astronauts and the embodiment of ESA's success.

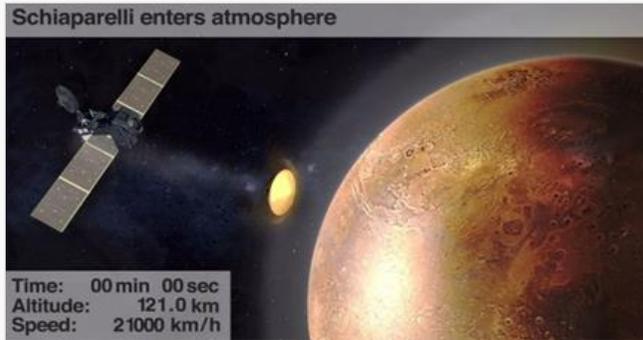
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ZIKA VIRUS IN TEXAS

The first case of local transmission of the Zika virus was reported in Texas at the end of November. The virus, well-known in South America, spread across America last year.

The Texas Department of State Health Services said the patient was a non-pregnant woman living near the Mexican border.



SCHIAPARELLI CRASHED ON MARS

The Schiaparelli lander crashed on the ground of Mars on 11/18/16. The failed crash-test will however help improve the approach of ESA in the making of new landers.

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LAMBOURDIÈRE David

SPORT

THE NBA ON FIRE

It has been only 1 month since the beginning of the NBA season but what a month! Some incredible performances from incredible players. Let's begin with some records. Stephen Curry the 2-time KIA Most Valuable Player broke a significant record by scoring 13 three- pointers in a single game. However, this may seem nothing compared to Kevin LOVE's and RUSSEL WESTBROOK's performances, with the former scoring 34 points only in the first quarter and the latter (NBA player of the month together with and LeBron JAMES) with an average of one triple-double per game in his last 6 games.

A few words about team performances now, some source of joy and others of disappointment. Of course unsurprisingly the Golden States Warriors and the Cleveland Cavaliers both rank first in their conferences, respectively West and East. Despite a very difficult beginning, the Warriors managed to secure 13 victories in a row.

The Los Angeles Clippers and the New York Knicks have both attracted the attention of the public. The Knicks, by managing to be in the 7th place of the conferences even with the arrival of Derrick ROSE, a former KIA MVP. As for the LA Clippers, they ranked 3rd behind Golden STATE and the San Antonio.

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CLASH OF THE TITANS AND FOOTBALL FOR THANKSGIVING

One of the most anticipated games of the season took place on November 6th. The Giants hosted the Philadelphia Eagles at the MetLife Stadium. A game marked with some offensive plays, 2 touchdowns by Odell BECKAM Jr. after Manning's passes, added to points marked by Lewis and Shepard.

The long rivals gave a great show with six touchdowns of more than 30 yards in the first half alone. The Eagles fought well, but faced with their adversaries' strong defense (Landon Collins with his third interception in 2 games), they lost 23 to 28, giving the Giants their third straight victory.

As usual, NFL games were part of the Thanksgiving dinner. On that day, the Dallas Cowboys were facing the Washington Redskins. Even with 3 touchdowns from the quarterback Cousins the Cowboys managed to win thanks to an incredible game by the rookie D. Prescott, unstoppable so far. Also to be noticed is the overwhelming defeat of Indianapolis against Pittsburgh, 28-7, and the victory of the Lions against the Vikings, 16-13.

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THE REST OF THE WORLD

One the 6th also occurred the 46th edition of the TCS New York city marathon. This competition is part of the "World marathon majors" together with the Boston, Chicago, Berlin, London and Tokyo ones. This year 49,595 people ran the 42,195-km-long marathon. Most of the race, as for men, was between Ghebreslassie, Kenya's Lucas Rotich and Ethiopia's Lelisa Desisa. But Ghebreslassie asserted his status as a world champion, becoming at the same time the youngest male winner in New York.

As for women, Mary Jepkosgei Keitany made a name for herself, running the marathon in 2h 24min 26s. A great example of fair-play shows in the competition when Ghebreslassie at the end came back to give a hug to Lucas Rotich who finished 2nd.

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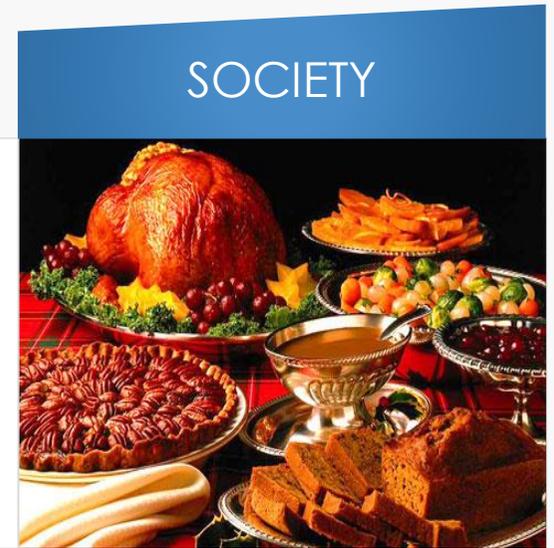


THANKSGIVING: OLD OR NEW STYLE?

Thanksgiving is a public holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the US. Thanksgiving is by definition a family celebration. At the beginning, families followed the traditional way but with time each family has found their own way to celebrated it. The most important thing is to be with your family.

The tradition is to have families gathered around a table to eat turkey with stuffing and gravy, sweet and mashed potatoes, cornbread and cranberry sauce. But in today’s society some people choose to travel, by car with their families or by train or plane with their loved ones.

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BLACK FRIDAY

Black Friday is the day after Thanksgiving. It’s a “crazy” day when many stores run very big sales promotions with ‘early bird sales’ to attract consumers to their stores. This is made by big-name brands such as Forever 21, H&M or Foot Lockers. Indeed, Friday November 23 was the beginning of the Christmas shopping season in the US. People can buy goods in stores and online but mostly spend all the day in front of their computer looking for the best bargain!



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GUNS

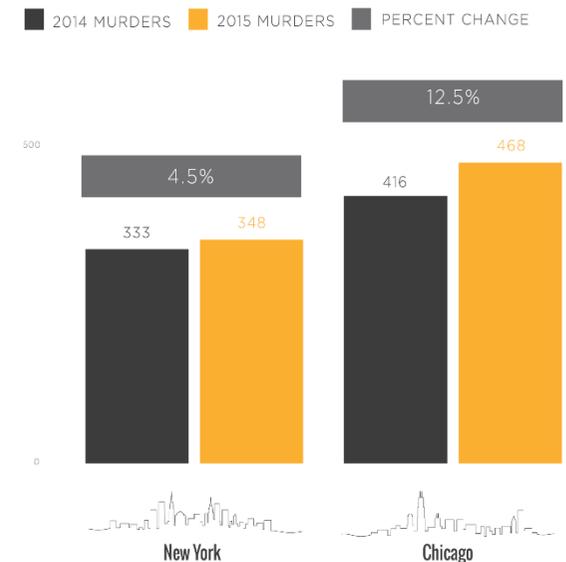
In November 2016, Chicago had the highest murder rate ever with a total of 77 homicides, 316 shooting incidents and 389 shooting victims. Violence has torn the state. According to the Police, the city noticed the big rates of 4,048 shooting victims in 3,315 shooting incidents since the beginning of the year.

‘The levels of violence we have seen this year in some of our communities is absolutely unacceptable’

Eddie Johnson (Police Supt).

These records can be accounted for by the 20% increase in gun ownership guns in 2015, although Chicago is the city with the strictest gun regulation. Now, Chicago counts 8,000 guns. [Find out more](#)

Murder in U.S. Cities



SOURCE: NEW YORK, CHICAGO, BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENTS



ACCESSION OF TURKEY TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

On 24 November 2016, the European Parliament voted to suspend accession negotiations with Turkey.

After the coup d'état that took place in 2016 in Turkey, the European parliament decided to stop the admission procedure of the country in the European Union. Indeed, the President Erdogan has indicated his approval of reinstating the death penalty to punish those involved in the coup (some political opponents and a part of the army), what risks to end his European ambitions.

It is necessary to underline that it has been almost 30 years that Turkey applied to be part of the EU and that in order to be eligible to this function, the country and to make big efforts in term of economy, politic, and human right; it would be a backward step after so many efforts. [Find out more](#)

FIDEL CASTRO, AN ICON OF THE XXTH CENTURY, IS DEAD

Castro had brought the shadow of the Cold War to America's shores, and with his death a major figure of the past century has gone. Fidel Castro proved as divisive in death as he was in life, with enemies and admirers agreed only on his place in the history books, as a towering figure who transformed a small Caribbean island into a major force in world affairs.

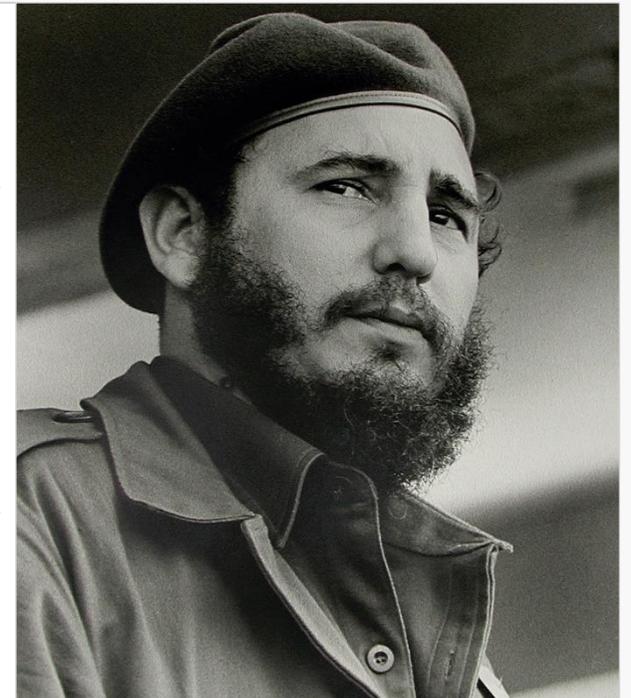
After six decades dominating his country, and often the world stage, Fidel Castro was both feted around the world as icon, hero and inspiration, and condemned as tyrant and autocrat.

US President Barack Obama was one of the few to respond to Castro's passing with little emotion. A thawing of relations with Cuba was one of the landmark foreign policy achievements of his presidency, and his cautious, lawyerly statement devoid of criticism or praise seemed focused on the same goal, of burying the two nations' bitter past so they can focus on their common future.

"History will record and judge the enormous impact of this singular figure on the people and world around him," he said maybe in reference of Castro's famous quote: "Condemn me it does not matter; History will absolve me"

The future will tell us if he was right.

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UNITED STATE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

The United States presidential election of 2016 was the 58th and most recent quadrennial American presidential election, held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016

After month and month of Electoral Campaign, the 2016 presidential election campaign in the United States has ended. After their last meeting in which Donald Trump said he was “offering a once-in-lifetime political change and would restore honesty to the US government”, and Hillary Clinton’ who was on that time leading in the opinion polls by a few percentage points, declared “America needs to build bridges, not walls” -a reference to Mr. Trump’s plan for a wall along the border with Mexico.

Three fierce debates, scandals of all types and a divided country are what the most characterized this campaign. Finally, by early morning November 9, 2016, initial vote counts indicated that Trump was projected to obtain over 270 electoral votes, a majority of the 538 electors in the electoral college required to make him the president-elect of the United States. A very surprising result (choking for some, when we know the hate speech he had against some community, notably the Latino-Americans) regarding the relative lead of Hillary Clinton all along the Campaign.

Actually, she leads the popular vote by more than 2.6 million votes, 1.9% of all votes cast, -in spite of what- is projected to lose the Electoral College by 74 votes, with 30 states and Maine's 2nd congressional district going to Trump, and 20 states and the District of Columbia going to her.

After the announcement of Trump’s victory some demonstrations took place all around the country to protest Trump election under the slogan “Not my president”; even if they almost disappeared a while ago, they show how America stays divided about identity issues and maybe a will of change from the American people.

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