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2020 AND 2021 YEARS IN REVIEW

PHOTOS COURTESY OF TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE AS COVID-19 CONTINUED TO SPREAD ACROSS THE METRO **DENVER AREA**, Littleton Public Schools (LPS) implemented hybrid learning for all middle schools and high schools. "I like that we had days off to do our distance learning because I could get it done by noon," Kinnan Helm, 07, said.



AS OF AUGUST 19, 2020, THE **CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES CONTINUED** TO BURN. Thousands of acres across the state had burned. At one point the fires could be seen from space. Firefighters continued to fight these fires. photo by m. mcilan, courtesy of Tribune News Service

# **GLOBAL PANDEMIC AND THE AFTERMATH OF**

A CONTENTIOUS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

the events of 2020 and 2021 also witnessed stories of resilience, hope and strength as citizens banded together to help each other in the face of raging wildfires in California and freezing temperatures in Texas. While we mourned the passing of notable celebrities and political dignitaries, we celebrated as the Buccaneers won the Super Bowl for the second time in the franchise's history.

SCHOOL YEAR MOVES FROM HYBRID TO A FULL REMOTE LEARNING

MODEL. As COVID positivity rates surged in Arapahoe County, LPS Superintendent Brian Ewert made the decision to move the district online beginning November 17th. "It just didn't feel right to me being all online like that. It really changed my school experience," Oliver Henson, 08, said.

## **AUGUST**



A beloved actor and husband Boseman was most recognized for his role in the blockbuster film Black Panther, Boseman had been fighting cancer for several years, but chose to keep his health condition private. photo by j. clendenin, courtesy of Tribune News Service



ON JANUARY 6TH, 2021, as Trump supporters attended a 'Stop the Steal' rally, dozens of rioters marched to the Capitol, breached security, entered the building and forced lawmakers to go into lockdown. Certification of the electors was temporarily halted. Five people died, including a woman who was shot attempting to enter the House chamber and a Capitol Police officer. The FBI is investigating the attack. photo by samuel corum, courtesy of Tribune News Service

## **NOVEMBER**

## **DECEMBER**

## **JANUARY**



#### ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 30, 2020, both

Xbox and PlayStation released their new consoles. The Xbox Series X and S, which comes with HDMI cables and storage cards, has sold 2.8 million units since November. Sony's PlayStation 5 has sold 4.5 million units so far. Faster and with a smoother frame, it is now compatible with virtual reality. photo courtesy of Tribune News Service

### ON CHRISTMAS MORNING,

Anthony Quinn Warner detonated a car bomb in Nashville, Tennessee. Before the bomb went off, an audio broadcast warned those in the vicinity to make their escape. In the bombing, Warner was killed, eight people were injured and 40 buildings were damaged. The FBI continues to investigate Warner's motivation for the bombing.

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#### 20TH, 2021, JOSEPH R. **BIDEN AND KAMALA HARRIS** WERE SWORN INTO OFFICE.

ON JANUARY

Several former presidents attended



the inauguration, including President Barack Obama, President Bill Clinton and Vice President Mike Pence. Lady Gaga, Jennifer Lopez and other celebrities performed at the inauguration's festivities.

Within his first three days in office, President Biden signed 30 executive orders, reversing the previous administration's policies. photo by al drago/pool, courtesy of Tribune News Service



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ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2020, RUTH BADER GINSBURG (RBG) DIED AT THE AGE OF 87. Ginsberg served 27 years on the Supreme Court. During her years of service, Ginsberg fought for women's rights including the SBD (Sex Based Discrimination Act), RBG was a beloved member of the Supreme Court and will be remembered for her service. photo by o. douliery, courtesy of Tribune News Service

HURRICANE TEDDY HIT THE EAST COAST OF THE US, NOVA SCOTIA AND BERMUDA IN LATE SEPTEMBER. Up to 65 miles per hour, the winds caused heavy rain in Nova Scotia. By its end, three were dead and millions of dollars were needed for repair.



PROTESTS ERUPT IN POLAND AFTER ABORTION BAN. As of October 22, 2020, the Women's Strike began. Women and allies protested for days against the ban, photo by o, margues, courtesy of Tribune News Service



ON OCTOBER 31, 2020, THE FIRST **BLUE MOON IN THREE YEARS** OCCURRED, lighting up the streets on Halloween. The rare blue moon occurs when there are two full moons in a single calender month. photo courtesy of wikipedia commons

## **SEPTEMBER**



**ELECTED STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT**, Isabella Brandberg, 08, has been an active member of student government for the duration of her middle school years. Despite COVID-19 restrictions mandating that all Student Council meetings be held virtually via Google Meets, Brandberg was ecstatic to be president. "Student Council has been a really great experience and I am honored to be its president," Brandberg said. photo courtesy of i. brandberg

## **OCTOBER**

ON OCTOBER 2, 2020, PRESIDENT TRUMP ANNOUNCED HE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19. After both President Trump and First Lady Melania tested positive, Trump spent several days at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. President Trump continued his recovery at the White House and both the president and first lady recovered.



ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2ND, 2021, the beloved groundhog Phil left the burrow and saw his shadow, an indication that there would be six more weeks of winter. As the global pandemic continued, Groundhog's Day festivities were viewed virtual. photo by margo reed, courtesy of Tribune News Service

FOR THE SECOND TIME IN 13 MONTHS, the Senate voted to acquit former President Trump after the House voted for Articles of Impeachment. The two-thirds vote required for conviction fell short with a 57-43 margin.

SNOW DAY! On February 25, 2021, Littleton Public Schools announced a snow day. Littleton received 15.2 inches of snow over night. Students and staff took advantage of the rare day off and spent it with friends and family. "When I hang out with my two older brothers, it's always fun because we usually go down the hills with the bumps," Avery Lockard, 07, said. photo courtesy of a. lockard



### **FEBRUARY**



**UNITED STATES EXPERIENCED FREEZING TEMPERATURES**, likely caused by a polar vortex. A polar vortex occurs when high winds from the North Pole travel down, creating freezing temperatures. Texas experienced temperatures below freezing causing power to go out, roads to close and pipes to freeze. Texans banded together to assist their neighbors. A state of emergency was declared.



THE 2021 SUPER BOWL BETWEEN THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS AND THE TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS occurred in Tampa Bay, Florida. The Buccaneers came off the field with a victory of 31-9. Tom Brady was awarded the MVP after the win. The Weeknd performed at halftime and sang "Blinded by the Lights" and other popular songs. photo by ivy ceballo/Times, courtesy of Tribune News Service

## **MARCH**

**AS OF MARCH 16, 2021, middle** schools and high schools in Littleton Public Schools returned to full in-person learning for the first time since Colorado's initial lockdown in March of 2020 halted in-person learning in schools. "I think you'll get a lot more teacher help and get to be in class more often, which will help with academics," Carsen Rector, 08, said. photo by k. meyers



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