

# HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED IN 23-24

On October 14th, 2023, a captivating solar eclipse graced the sky. The moon covered the face of the sun, creating a mesmerizing "ring of fire" phenomenon, only visible to the Western and Southwestern United States.



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## King Charles's Coronation

After the death of Queen Elizabeth, her son Charles Philip Arthur George was formally crowned in a grand ceremony on May 6, 2023 at Westminster Abbey. Leaders and dignitaries from around the world assembled for this historic coronation.



## Barbie Movie

The highly anticipated Barbie movie took theaters by storm, released on July 21, 2023. The film featured Barbie in an exciting new light, touching on topics such as mental health and women's experiences, while keeping themes of friendship and stunning fashion. Definitely a must-see!



## Non-Invasive Mind Reader

In May 2023, researchers at the University of Texas at Austin achieved a groundbreaking feat by developing the world's first non-invasive mind reader (also known as a semantic decoder). This revolutionary machine employs artificial intelligence technology to translate brain activity into a stable stream of text!



## Canadian Wildfires

Canada faced a devastating wildfire season, prompting evacuations, straining firefighting resources, and causing many air pollution issues. Efforts to manage the fires have brought awareness to the risks of wildfires and other environmental conflicts.



## Israel-Hamas Conflict

In 2023, the Israel-Hamas conflict escalated into a full-scale war with global repercussions. Efforts for a lasting peace solution persisted, but remained unresolved into 2024, drawing international attention and concerns for stability in the region.

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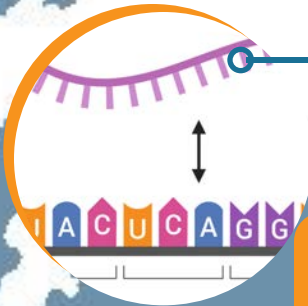
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On October 6th, 2023, it was announced that new fossilized human footprints were discovered in White Sands National Park, New Mexico. They were estimated to be around 21,000-23,000 years old. This brought upon a lot of speculation because of the drastic difference of when we originally thought humans arrived in America (14,000 years ago). If accurate, this analysis could change everything we knew about how humans arrived in the Americas and our coexistence with other species.



Fossil Footprints



Nobel Prize for mRNA Research

Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman were jointly awarded the 2023 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their discoveries about nucleoside base modifications and how cells respond to different types of mRNA. This enabled the process of developing effective mRNA vaccines against COVID-19.



Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

The 38th Annual Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony took place Friday, November 3rd, 2023, at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York. Kate Bush, Sheryl Crow, Missy Elliot, George Michael, Willie Nelson, Rage Against the Machine, and The Spinners were inducted into the Performer category. DJ Kool Herc and Link Wray obtained the Musical Influence Award. Chaka Khan, Al Kooper, and Bernie Taupin earned the Musical Excellence Award. Don Cornelius won the Ahmet Ertegun Award.



Earth's Hottest Day

2023 was Earth's hottest year ever recorded. July 3rd reached an average global temperature of up to 63.62°F. We suffered intense heat waves across the globe along with severe rainfall and snowy conditions. These extreme weather patterns would continue to raise awareness and concern about the effects of climate change and what we could do to stop it.



Person of The Year

On December 6th, 2023, Taylor Swift was named Person of The Year by TIME Magazine, becoming the first entertainer to ever earn this title. "In a divided world, where too many institutions are failing, Taylor Swift found a way to transcend borders and be a source of light. No one else on the planet today can move so many people so well," explained the TIME editor-in-chief.



New Utah Bills

In January 2024, Utah passed a bill that restricted transgender individuals from using public bathrooms and locker rooms that aligned with their gender identity. Utah also passed a bill banning all D.E.I. (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) programs in schools. Similar bills continued to pass in a number of states, causing intense controversy across the nation.

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