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Coronavirus in Italy

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What a strange period that we are living in! We want to explain what the Christmas holiday will be like in Italy and we think that strange is the perfect word to describe all of 2020. There will be no Christmas Eve dinners with relatives to share all of the happiness and the gratitude. There will be no Christmas lunch with family to share one of the most beautiful and magical periods of the year. There will be no normal New Year's Eve; no friends, no family, no normality.

We know this because, on 3 December, the new DPCM by the Prime Minister, Giuseppe Conte, came out. The government wants to counter the spread of the virus on the national territory and for this reason the ministers have divided Italy in 3 areas, based on the contagion of every single region: red zone (high contagion), orange zone (medium contagion), yellow zone (low contagion). The provisions of the decree came into force on 4 December and will be in force until 15 January 2021.

In summary, this decree takes us again in a situation like that of Spring 2020. During that period, we had to stay at home or went out only for few necessities. The schools were closed and for this reason the students started online lessons, but this situation changed for the summer because the government decided to give us some freedom, so people started to live and to enjoy their holidays. During the summer the Coronavirus cases were less because most people weren't doing swabs anymore. However, we do have to tell you also some positive news about the vaccine research.



One of the most famous Italian virologists, Franco Locatelli, has said that the anti-coronavirus vaccination programme will start in Italy by the end of January 2021. We are in front of the biggest mass vaccination campaign in history.

In his opinion the vaccination programme will conclude in autumn 2021.

The programme will start vaccinations in this order

- 1) health workers in hospital and in RSA
- 2) people over 80 years old
- 3) people over 70/60 years old

We hope that this situation will be resolved soon because in this moment normality seems so far away! If the vaccination programme concludes in autumn 2021, when will normality return? We've waited and we are still waiting for it.

USA Election

by Giorgia Perego, Sophie Seraj and Lorenzo Indorato

How do the elections work?

First of all, the candidates must be born in the USA, must be 35 years old and must be living in America for 14 years before the elections.

Elections in the USA are indirect, which means that, on 3 November, people vote for the Big Voters who will assemble as the Electoral College on 14 December to elect the new president and his/her Vice President. The new president will enter the White House on 21 January 2021.

After citizens vote in each state for their preferred candidate for President, their votes are given to the Electoral College, which was created to be sure that every citizen from any state, big or small, would be represented. The Electoral College has 538 votes which are divided in the states according to the number of citizens that there are in each state. To win, a candidate has to get 270 votes and in case of a tie the US Congress will decide.

The election is not based on the popular vote which is the total number or percentage of votes for a candidate by voters in the 50 states and Washington D.C. The person who gets the most votes nationally is said to have won the popular vote, but for example in 2016, Donald Trump won the election even if Hilary Clinton had the popular vote. This year the popular vote was the same as the elector college vote.

Who is the new President of the United States? JOE BIDEN and his goals.

- 1) COVID Emergency: Discovery of an effective vaccine that will be free for everyone, and to collaborate with OMS
- 2) Work: Increase minimum pay to \$15 an hour
- 3) Foreign policy: Withdraw troops from Afghanistan, agreements between Israel and the Arab Emirates, move away from Putin, no wall with Mexico. He also wants to create new relations with EU to create connections with all democracies.
- 4) Environmental: America will be back in the pact with Paris for environmental protection.
- 5) Racism: Biden want to create an organization for African Americans and black people to guarantee them the same opportunity in the field of work and instruction.
- 6) Health care: He wants to bring back the Obamacare but with more options, for examples people will be able to choose a public assistance.



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When Using Social Media Well

by Alice Alfano, Ludmilla DeCosta, and Pietro Radaelli

This year Ferragnez (Chiara and Fedez), two great influencers, will receive the Ambrogino d'Oro.

But what is the Ambrogino d'Oro?

The name Ambrogino d'Oro comes from the patron saint of Milan, Saint Ambrogio and it refers to honors awarded by the municipality of Milan. The Bureau of the city Council of Milan chooses the people who deserve this award, and the ceremony is on 7 of December because it's Saint Ambrogio Day. The people that receive this prize are those that have demonstrated during the year solidarity and commitment to the community.



The wonderful couple

Federico Leonardo Lucia known as Fedez, was born on 15 October 1989 and he grew up in Buccinasco, a small town near Milan. Federico is an Italian rapper raised by humble parents in a very small and poor neighborhood and because of this situation he didn't know how to pass the time and so he decided to start with music. He created his stage-name Fedez and he began to produce music as a hobby. Fedez released his first project in 2007, he made 6 albums from 2011 to 2019 and the most listened to was "Comunisti col Rolex" with J-ax, this made 4 platinum records. Fedez also became famous thanks to clashes on social networks with various public figures.

Chiara Ferragni was born on 7 May 1987 in Cremona in a large family. Her father is a dentist, her mother is a writer, and she has got three sisters. She became a famous Italian blogger thanks to her mother's passion for photography.

She started to post her routine on social networks and later Chiara became a fashion blogger with many followers on Instagram. When they got married, the couple bought a house with a large terrace and with a wide view over the whole of Milan, in a modern district, City Life.

Their initiatives

On 7 December Chiara and Fedez received this prize for the commitment that they have demonstrated during the pandemic. Since they got married, they've started many new initiatives together, especially during COVID 19. They created an association called "The Ferragnez" to organize a fundraising to create a new intensive therapy department at San Raffaele hospital, but they have been criticized by Codacons for the way they raised funds because the fundraising had violated "antitrust" laws, but the couple on Instagram explained in detail the procedure for the campaign in support of the hospital San Raffaele. This was only the beginning as Fedez made an important initiative "Scena Unita", because he realized that during the pandemic many actors no longer had a place to stay or no longer had food, so he created a fund with over 70 colleagues. The rapper after an interview said that there was the desire to do something beautiful to lend a hand to this sector because not only the actors, but also restaurateurs and shopkeepers were the most affected categories.

He said also that there was a lot to do and that things were not so simple.

So, at the end of April, they joined the initiative "Milano Help", so with their bicycles they delivered food to families that were in trouble.

During the summer Chiara Ferragni promoted the beauty of Italian museums by inviting visitors to visit them and also, she created masks with her brand "Chiara Ferragni". Finally, Conte, the Republic President, asked the couple to explain to people on Instagram the importance of masks.

A great victory

With Chiara and Fedez, we can understand that they are not simple influencers that sponsor a brand and post stories about every moment of their day, but their good use of social media has made a difference and has helped the community, especially in this difficult period, so the victory of the "Ambrogino d'Oro" is more than deserved!

Coral Reef

by Greta Torelli, Filippo Grazioli and Letizia Berno

When you look at our planet, it's unique because we have got an ocean that is the source of life and it controls everything. One of the principal sources of life in the world is the coral reef that however, if man won't change their attitude, will disappear: in the last 30 years we have already lost 50% of the world's corals.

The coral reef is one of the most beautiful natural riches in the world. It is formed by the deposit of coral skeletons. This formation is typical of tropical seas, in fact, the largest is the most famous in front of the coast of Australia and it's called "The Great Barrier Reef" and it's 2,300 kilometers long. It's the only one in the world that's that big, so it's in everyone's interest, or at least almost, to protect it. Otherwise, its colorful fish and extraordinary marine creatures will disappear forever.

But why is that?

Despite their importance, there are many local and global risks that are **killing coral reefs** around the world.

Local risks

Coral reefs face many threats from local sources, including:

- **Physical damage or destruction** corals have been damaged by fishing, boat anchors and touching or removing.
- **Pollution** the principal sources of pollution are forestry and agriculture.
- **Overfishing** can cause bad effects such as killing fish that keep corals clean and blast fishing can damage corals.
- **Coral harvesting** for the aquarium trade, jewelry, and curios can lead to over harvesting of specific species, destruction of reef habitat, and reduced biodiversity.

Global risks

- **Coral bleaching** because the loss of algae reveals the white color of the calcium carbonate structure underlying the polyps. Severe or prolonged bleaching can kill coral colonies or leave them more vulnerable to other threats such as infectious disease. Corals become white when the temperature of the sea raises by two degrees, that are fatal for the corals. The first Mass Bleaching of the corals was in 1997, the second Mass Bleaching was in 2010 and the last one was in 2015.
- **Ocean acidification**, Carbon dioxide entering seawater reacts to form carbonic acid, causing an increase in acidity.



Consequences for humans

The disappearance of coral reef will cause really big problems to human lives, starting with the economy.

In many countries fishing is connected to coral reefs because corals are considered the home of many species, so with the phenomenon of coral bleaching, countries like Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Mexico, Australia, Japan, and Saudi Arabia will suffer a serious blow, because we are talking about countries that base their economy on fishing.

Another big consequence on humans is that corals are essential for life in many countries because they are just like "natural dams" and thanks to them the land is protected from raising sea levels and waves, but without corals sea storms and strong waves will arrive to the coast, destroying everything and, as a consequence killing millions of people that live only one meter above the sea level. Sea life has the most to lose. Without reefs, billions of sea life species would suffer, millions of people would lose their most significant food source, and economies would take a major hit.

Water Pollution

by Andrea Molina, Caterina Gregori and Federico Pace

Water is essential for life and should not be wasted. Yet water pollution is one of the most serious ecological threats we face today. It happens when toxic substances enter in lakes, rivers, and oceans, lying suspended in the water or depositing on the bed and this causes a decline in water quality. The pollutants reach the groundwater, even in our household, and from the atmosphere via rain. Soils and groundwaters contain the residue of human agricultural practice and also improperly disposed industrial wastes. Pollution is horrible and the thing is that we are the ones creating it and it is getting worse and nobody will be able to fix it if we keep doing it; nothing will get better until we stop.

First of all, knowing better what pollutes water can help us in order to form new lifestyle. Often simple gestures can directly reduce water pollution caused by humans; the important thing is to start now!

These are 4 simple examples of what we could do to help this situation

- You can replace plastic wrappers with paper ones.
- You can select bulk products and not those packaged in individual plastic wrappers or containers.
- You can eliminate or reduce the consumption of disposable plastic cups, plates, cutlery and straws.
- When you go shopping you can bring fabric bags with you.

Even the governments must undertake to safeguard nature and enhance water as a resource by imposing countries and industries to properly recycle waste.

Especially the industries that will not invest in the management of the waste they produce because it is too expensive.

Since all of us are a part of the problem we should be part of the solution; plastic in water is both dangerous for animals and humans and that's why, by following these little tricks, we can reduce this risk!

The Bloody Trail of Terrorism in Europe

By Chiara Cavalli, Giulio Savini and Andrea Clericetti

Last month, within two weeks, two terrorist attacks in Europe and a third one in Afghanistan on Kabul University have caused dozens of deaths and as many injured. ISIS claimed responsibility for all attacks and it's celebrating while the country shows all its limitations in the migrant management. Here's what we know so far.

Terrorism never stops, it may not strike but it is always working, and the two reported attacks are proof of this.

On Thursday, 29 October 2020 three people were killed with a knife in Nice, France, inside Notre-Dame Cathedral. The killer arrived on Thursday morning in Nice by train, then, after changing his clothes, he entered in the church at around 8:29 a.m. While inside, he stabbed mortally three people. The police, after the killer came up to them shouting "Allahu Akbar (God is the greatest)", hit him with several gunshots. The terrorist was then taken to the hospital, where he was even admitted. He also had two telephones with him, thanks to which it was possible to arrest two other accomplices. The terrorist attack in Nice occurred two weeks after a French teacher, Samuel Paty, in the north of Paris, was beheaded outside school by an 18-year-old Islamist extremist, just for having shown some of Mohammed's satirical cartoons to his students. This terrorist was later killed by police. But all this was not enough for the Islamic extremists, who organised another attack in the city of Vienna less than a week later.

It was around 8 p.m. on Monday, 2 November, and in Vienna, near a synagogue, an armed man started shooting at everyone. Four people were killed and 22 were injured (there was also a police officer). The special forces arrived almost immediately on the scene, and the shooter was killed around 8:09p.m. near St Rupert's church. The killer had a mobile phone with him, thanks to which 20 other people, possibly involved in the crime, were captured.

A curious fact was that there were two citizens of the same Islamic faith as the terrorists on the scene, but they helped saving some victims of the incident. Later on, both declared: "We are Muslims of Turkish origins, we hate any kind of terrorism. We are with Austria, with Vienna, we respect Austria". That's a clear sign which shows that nothing can tear apart the cohesion of the Austrian community and divide it.

In such a difficult and complex moment for Europe, in the midst of the



second pandemic wave, the comeback of the terrorism nightmare represents a serious threat to EU countries. So, collaboration between states is fundamental, not overlooking intelligence, rather sharing it.

Europe is really struggling to react to the new attacks together and the latest events just showed us that especially France is losing its sight on the huge terrorism issue. Clearly it has become necessary to reform their security agencies in a way they can effectively respond to any terrorist threat.

Thanks to different surveys, it has become evident how most of the citizens aren't always enough aware of the situation and this could be solved by providing an appropriate education.

In this way it's clear that the government and authorities are taking responsibility to act. The risk of letting another era of terror and insecurity pass by must be prevented before it causes more victims.

We shouldn't be afraid to be who we are, to hang a crucifix at the wall in a school, to show satirical cartoons in public places without being killed. For us, it would be useful to have more courage in Italy and in Europe, the determination needed to act and not to stay apart. As experts have confirmed, indeed, they continue hitting us because they have well understood our weaknesses.

Genovese, Renowned Entrepreneur Shows Dark Side Of His Life To Italy

by Benedetta Pellegrini, Martina Hu and Angie Caciagli

Violence against woman, rape, blood and tears are the things that have happened to women throughout history that are not always told. They must be exposed and not only on 25 November; the national day to fight violence against women.

In the following article we will tell you a story that surprised many people because the protagonist is a successful businessman for "facile.it": Alberto Genovese, arrested Saturday, 7 November in Milan accused of sexual assault of an 18-year-old girl.

Everything started on 10 October during a party organized by Genovese on the "Sentimento" Terrace of a penthouse in the Center of Milan. The 18-year-old girl arrived at the party with a group of friends greeted by a buffet with narcotics (2CB, Ketamine and cocaine) and the pick-up of phones.

The young woman took illegal substances of her own free will and then experienced the nightmare that will haunt her for life: she told of having been on drugs and tied up by Genovese, then raped and abused, and not receiving the help of those present because of the guards present in front of Genovese's bedroom door. The next day, the girl ran away from the structure in very bad condition to ask for help and only later she was taken to the Mangiagalli Clinic where she was treated for 25 days.

After the report made by the girl, the police closed the penthouse to make checks and found images that the entrepreneur had previously asked a technician to delete.



“The Italian Golden Boy”

by Luca Durante, Luca Colombaretti and Alessandro Demme



Recently we lost one of the best footballers in the world, Diego Armando Maradona, this news shocked all the world and with him the past football also died. Diego was born on 30 October 1960 in Lanús, Argentina, and died in Tigre on 25 November 2020. He was a football midfielder, coach, and sports manager. He won the world champions in 1986, and vice-world champion in 1990 as a player. He was nicknamed ‘el Pibe de Oro’ (Golden Boy), and he is considered one of the greatest football players of all time because of his abilities like passing accurately the ball and dribbling. In his professional career Maradona played in Boca Juniors, Barcelona, Naples and Sevilla. He participated with Argentina in 4 world cups and he scored 34 goals in 91 matches played. In the national team Maradona constituted 2 records against England in 1986, at quarter finals he scored a goal which is considered the goal of the century and 3 minutes after scored a goal using his hand (The hand of God), another goal which is remembered.

He was never able to enter into the golden ball rankings, because until 1994 the award was reserved for European players, however in 1995 he won the golden ball for his career. Among the most controversial and iconic figures in football history, he was suspended twice from playing football for different reasons: the first time for use of cocaine in 1991, and a second time for a positive doping test (he wanted to lose weight) in 1994.

He was an Argentinian coach for a short time in the late 2000s after his official retirement from football in 1997, he suffered excessive weight gain and consequences of cocaine addiction, from which he fried himself after long stays in detox centres. On 2 November 2020 a few days after having turned 60, he was rushed to a clinic for an emotional breakdown and on 4 November in Buenos Aires he underwent a dedicate brain operation for the removal of a subdural hematoma of traumatic origin. Returning to his home in Tigre for a long period of convalescence and rehabilitation after the successful operation. He died suddenly on 25 November of acute pulmonary disease and cardiac arrest.



The police went looking for the man who was trying to escape when they managed to intercept a call between the businessman and his mother in which he said he was going to fly to South America in his private jet and they managed to arrest him.

Even though Genovese was to blame, many journalists wrote that it was the girl’s fault but luckily now Genovese is in San Vittore penitentiary accused of sexual assault, injury and kidnapping while the girl is undergoing psychological and psychopathic treatment.

It was wrong to put the fault only on the woman because she decided to participate in a party that appeared innocent in the eyes of everyone and that it is not right to defend the man like “Sole 24 Ore” did by saying that he was passing a difficult period of his life and that it wasn’t his fault but of the drugs taken. Also claiming that the businessman is a good person and that he would never do something like this to a woman.

He shouldn’t be defended for the evil he has done just because he is an important person in society and those who participated in the event should be punished also; not only Alberto Genovese.

Tile: The Intelligent Keychain

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In the field of technological inventions, we’ve decided to advise you about an invention from Tile an American consumer electronics company, that will change your life and that will save you so much time; we are talking about the intelligent keychain.



It is a very simple accessory and, in a few steps, we will explain how it works:

It has the shape of a pendant or a key ring; is small, light and battery-operated. Inside the plate there is a Bluetooth receiver/ transmitter. By simply downloading an app, both with android operating system and iOS, to your phone and connecting it to the Bluetooth, you’ll never lose the object to which you attached the pendant because it will be traceable from the phone. In fact, it is possible to see the position of the lost object thanks to the application.

There are various models ranging from 25€ to 125€, depending on the size, the number of Tiles you buy and the range of Bluetooth available.

We hope that you have been helped by our article and that Tile will help you if you should lose something!