

## 2017-A Year in Review.

Several monumental events have occurred in the past year. Donald Trump was inaugurated as the 45th President of the United States. Stephen Paddock aimed his automatic weapons towards a Las Vegas country concert, from his hotel window. The fatality rate was in the hundreds, leaving it the deadliest mass shooting in recent US history. Rohingya is in a crisis-like state after the government brutality worsens. With a death count said to be over 400,000, a quiet genocide is happening across the world with little media coverage. The Deferred Act for Childhood Arrivals, put in place by President Obama was not renewed, leaving thousands of immigrants to go back to their homelands if action against the repeal is not taken. Mosul is take back from the reign of ISIS but with only after it was ripped away with bloody hands. 40,000 civilians lost their lives before they were freed. The United States is the only civilized country to not sign the Paris Climate Change agreement. 2017 was the second warmest year on record, with 2016 being the first. Ocean temperatures have led to bigger storms which could include the several massive hurricanes the US and surrounding areas saw. Hurricane Harvey, Maria, and Irma reached category 4- leaving hundreds of thousands dead or homeless. Puerto Rico still suffers immensely with much of it lacking power, months after Hurricanes devastated it. North Korea has had several nuclear weapons tests, with President Trump promising retaliation, via Twitter. The United states named Jerusalem the new capital of Israel. In our own corner of the world, the new Deming High School has been nearly completed after months long construction. Several employees from the School have been under investigation after discovering embezzlement from an employee as well as the oversight of discipline when it was uncovered.

While the future may seem bleak after several of the worlds climax events were negative, several positive things happened as well. Women and minorities marched for social justice, in the face of adversity. People went above and beyond to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey, saving animals and people alike. Award shows like the Oscars and the Emmys gave homage to several minority actors after a history of awarding caucasian men and women. Peggy Whitson set the record for most days in space by a US astronaut. Malala Yousafazi stated college at Oxford after being shot in the face a few years prior, because she fought for her right to be educated in the occupied Middle East. Danica Roem became the first transgender women to win office. The US economy grew 3 percent. Australia voted in favor of same sex marriage, legalizing it across their continent. Overall, 2018 is a year to look out for. Social Activism is a new wave, leading many young people to be politically active than they have been in decades. Critical decisions will be made and it is absolutely necessary to stay informed, as well as optimistic as the new year dawns.