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Before March, January 25, 2020, *Pandemic coming*

Personal events: Chinese Spring Festival, there is a huge shortage of medical masks in China.

My friends and I in Vermont bought lots of masks and sent them back to China.

March 11, 2020, *The Definitive Day*

International events: The World Health Organization declares the novel coronavirus a pandemic.

Now it seems like I haven't even been to a college cafeteria in a year and a half.

March 13, 2020, *Reflection*

Local events : Vermont Governor declared a state of emergency to help ensure Vermont has all the necessary resources to respond to the COVID-19.

First positive case in Vermont.

March 14, 2020, *Discrimination and ignorance*

Personal events: College closed and all classes turned to online. My Chinese friends were discriminated against and laughed by some locals when they wore masks and bought instant food. Optimistically, Chinese and even Asian people discriminate, and finally no longer only say "squint" such a monotonous discriminatory statement.

March 22, 2020, *Shortage*

National events: Health authorities have recommended stopping testing of non-hospitalized patients because of a lack of protective equipment among medical staff in New York. In those days, I could always find conspiracy theories online, such as that New York City had completely fallen and that the dead were being taken away in military trucks every night and centralized.

This narrative terrified me just as much as the concentration camps once did, and perhaps at the time I thought I would be part of the bus.

April 1, 2020, *Turmoil*

International event:

Tokyo, Japan will close schools until early May.

Zhong Nanshan, the "supreme commander" in a war against the coronavirus, mentioned The outbreak in China will be completely controlled by the end of April. I was also surprised to learn that Japan will close its schools. After all, August 2020 is the Japanese Olympics, which means that the August Olympics may be postponed.

April 3, 2020, *5G and Covid-19*

'Conspiracy theorists BURN 5G masts' as UK mobile network providers are forced to deny 'baseless' claims that 'radiation sparked coronavirus' as they spread online

By Joe Pinkstone For Mailonline
15:49 03 Apr 2020, updated 18:24 03 Apr 2020



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April 28, 2020, *Population*

More than 1 million people have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the United States

The state of emergency for Vermont COVID-19 has been extended until May 15, 2020.

May 12, 2020, *Farewell*

Personal event: International students have to leave before summer break, and I am ready to transfer to Columbia College. I searched for the number of infections in cook county at the time and didn't realize that the total number of infections in China was about the same. My friend handed me a cigarette, and he said, be sure to survive.

May 25, 2020, *BLM*

The number of confirmed cases is expected to rise after protests over the death of George Floyd, a black American, who was violently killed by a white police officer, Derek Chauvin, sparked the biggest unrest in America for 30 years. The victim lost his job because of the epidemic and was later confirmed in an autopsy report.

May 27, 2020, *Huge*

On May 27, the US passed 100,000 deaths from the 2019 coronavirus disease, becoming the first country in the world to have more than 100,000 deaths

June 11, 2020, *Increasing*

More than 2 million people in the United States have been diagnosed with COVID-19

The state of emergency for Vermont COVID-19 has been extended until July 15, 2020

Flights from US to China are expensive not marketable

June 19, 2020, *Keeping Increasing.*

The number of people diagnosed with the 2019 coronavirus passed 1 million in Brazil on June 19, making it the second country in the world after the United States to have more than 1 million confirmed cases,

More than 8,385,440 cases worldwide

Due June 30, 2020, *The way of becoming a chef*

I've been home isolated for more than three months, where my friends and I spent three months in a mountain cabin in Vermont. I learn to cook, and they're good experimental mice for me. The reason I was afraid to do Chinese food at school was actually because of the sensitive smoke alarms. There were always a few days a month when the school fire alarm would come to the school to deal with excessive smoke in the kitchen.

July 17, 2020, *Incredible*

National event: The U.S. set a record on July 16 and 17, when nearly 150,000 new infections were recorded in 48 hours.

Brazil and India have more than 2 million and 1 million cases of coronavirus disease confirmed in 2019, respectively. When I see the number of infections jumping up and down every day, I find that these numbers eventually become just cold numbers. It seems that only alcohol can numb my nerves.

Personal event: It was the first time I found Chinese beer and Baijiu in a liquor store in America

July 25, 2020, *Beer*

CDC reported the data hospitalization rates by race and ethnicity, compared with non-Hispanic white persons in the same age group, crude hospitalization rates were 7.8 times higher among Hispanic or Latino persons aged 0-17 years; 9.8 times higher among non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native persons aged 18-49 years;

My birthday, happy beers, happy isolation.

July 31, 2020, *Turning points*

The governor of Vermont is requiring all Vermonters to wear a face mask or cloth mask if they are unable to stay at least six feet away from someone other than their home. It was rare to see

everyone on the street with masks on. Although still far from Asians, the locals are finally thinking about living.

I bought a ticket from Burlington to Chicago.

August 07 2020, *Hopeless*

India has reported 2,027,000 confirmed cases, including 41,585 deaths. India, China's neighbor and the second most populous country in the world. I never dared to imagine what it would be like when the epidemic broke out in the slums of India in places like New Delhi and Mumbai. Ganges water won't save the virus-damaged lungs.

August 13, 2020, *Obesity and deaths*

Severe obesity increases the risk of COVID-19 death. Investigators from Kaiser Permanente publish their findings showing that patients with a body mass index (BMI) of 40 to 44 kg/m² have a risk of death from COVID-19 that is more than twice that of individuals whose BMI is 18.5 to 24 mg/m².

August 17, 2020, *The Third leading cause of death*

The number of COVID-19-related deaths increased 3.2 percent to 170,434, putting the disease in third place after heart disease and cancer in second place. There are now more than 1,000 deaths a day and more than 5.4 million cases nationwide. Even though the death rate in the U.S. is eight times higher than in Europe, the number of tests performed per day has dropped by an average of 68,000.

Personal event: I rented a studio in Chicago, lived off campus for safety.

September 9, 2020, *BLM, 100 nights*

At least 50 demonstrators were arrested in Portland as the city entered its 100th consecutive night of protests. The protests began after the death of George Floyd.

Northeastern University announced it was expelling 11 students who were found to have violated health rules because their line was longer than 10 people. I always wondered if the marchers were wearing masks. I still remember the 2019 Hong Kong march when the government mandated no masks for the march, was that for the freedom to march without masks or with masks to save their lives?

September 28, 2020, *Cross*

The number of coronavirus deaths has officially crossed the one million mark. CDC reports that the cumulative deaths are expected to exceed one million in the coming week.

According to The New York Times, surpassing the deaths caused by HIV, dysentery, malaria, influenza, cholera, and measles combined in 2020.

September 18, 2020, *Justice gone by*

The Supreme Court says Ruth Bader Ginsburg has died of cancer at the age of 87. Ginsburg is best known for her feminist views and her fight for women's rights. She died at her home in Washington, DC, surrounded by loved ones. The last time I knew about this celebrity was a documentary about her a few years ago, and I always thought documentaries were about great people who had died, but I never thought she was still alive at the time. RIP.

October 08, 2020, *Hope*

More Americans trust Biden to lead the health care system. A growing number of Americans trust Biden to lead the nation's health care system in the face of a pandemic. The poll showed

that Mr. Biden had the support of 52 percent of voters on that question, compared with 39 percent for Mr. Trump,

October 15, 2020, *10 shots*

Ten people were shot dead in Chicago on Wednesday, including a 45-year-old man. Earlier in the evening, a person was wounded in a shooting in Bronzeville on the South Side.

October 26, 2020, *Boom!*

Azerbaijani missile strikes. At least 21 civilians were killed and dozens wounded. As tensions rose, Azerbaijan accused Armenia of carrying out the attack, but Armenia denied it.

November 02, 2020, *Reborn and shooting*

People in Vienna were enjoying the last night before a coronavirus curfew went into effect when gunmen opened fire near bars and restaurants. The attack killed at least four people and wounded 22 others. Police have identified a 20-year-old Austrian national as one of the attackers

November 16, 2020, *The result of Moderna*

Moderna announced that its experimental vaccine reduced the risk of COVID-19 infection by 94.5% in vaccinated participants, and the positive vaccine news continues. Like Pfizer's vaccine, Moderna vaccines use mRNA,

As Thanksgiving approaches, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot has announced new restrictions for city residents. The home advisory will last for 30 days, a curfew will close non-essential businesses indefinitely from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., and indoor service at restaurants and bars has also been suspended.

November 18, 2020, *Militarized constitutional monarchy*

Protests have broken out in Bangkok after Thai officials moved two amendments to the constitution. Many protesters believe the country is becoming too militarized and they want less government power. Protesters are also battling Thailand's long-standing monarchy.

December 23, 2020, *The Last Continent*

A team of 36 people in Chile based in Antarctica confirmed COVID-19, representing cases on every continent on Earth.

December 27, 2020, *Daily shooting case*

A gunman has entered an Illinois bowling alley, killing three people and injuring three others. Police later charged an active special forces soldier with murder

December 29, 2020, *Variant*

The recently discovered novel variant found a week prior in the United Kingdom is detected in a Colorado man in his 20s with no travel history. Scientists say they are concerned, but not surprised, since viruses are known to mutate.

More than 20 million people have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the United States

January 6, 2021, *Protest & Riot*

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January 10, 2021, *Break the rumor*

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January 13, 2021 *"Anti-Human Right Xinjiang Cotton"*

The U.S. banned all cotton and tomato products from China's Xinjiang region. Because CBD and BBC found segregation, withholding of wages, and forced labor in the region. I went to ask my relatives in Xinjiang, and then they gave me a picture. I went to ask my relatives in Xinjiang, and then they gave me a picture. He asked me rhetorically, was America so backward? Don't they pick cotton by hand instead of by machinery?



February 15, 2021, *Storm is coming*

According to the National Weather Service, February 2021 was the ninth snowiest February on record for the city. I went to the ground and smoked after I took a shower. My hair frozen,

February 18, 2021 *Hello, Mars*

Mars 2020 mission Mars rover Perseverance and the unmanned helicopter it carried, Ingenuity, successfully landed on the surface of Mars. I feel that in the future we can really grow potatoes on Mars.

February 22, 2021 *Get Lucky*

Daft Punk, the Parisian duo responsible for some of the most popular dance and pop songs ever made, broken up. I remember when I was child, my parents had a fight when we had dinner and television was playing this song, and I turned the voice up to cover their argument.

March 16, 2021, *“Yoo! Yellow Skin”*

Three massage parlors in downtown Atlanta, U.S., erupted in a series of shootings, leaving eight people dead and one injured; six of the dead women were Asian-Americans. The Trump administration's practice of referring to the COVID-19 virus as the "Wuhan virus" has escalated the threat to Asian-Americans. I think it's not just about Stop Asian Hate, Chinese Americans and Chinese people in the United States should unite.

March 17, 2021, *Green Chicago River*

Saint Patrick's Day. After receiving authorization from Mayor Lori Lightfoot, crews began dumping the dye into the river by boat at 7 a.m. Saturday. It was the first time I had seen this old tradition, which has been going on since 1962.

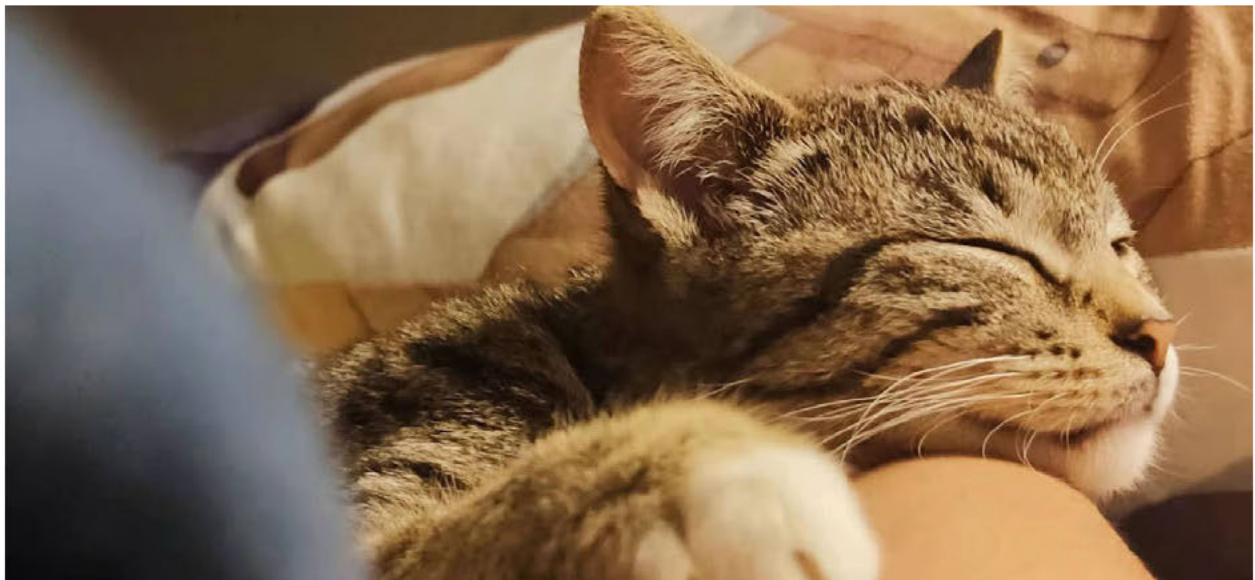
March 23, 2021, *Lifeline*

Suez Canal Authority's daily revenue from canal operations decreased by approximately \$14-15 million during the period of channel blockage caused by the grounding of a 400-meter-long cargo ship in the Suez Canal, Egypt.

April 2, 2021, *Attack*

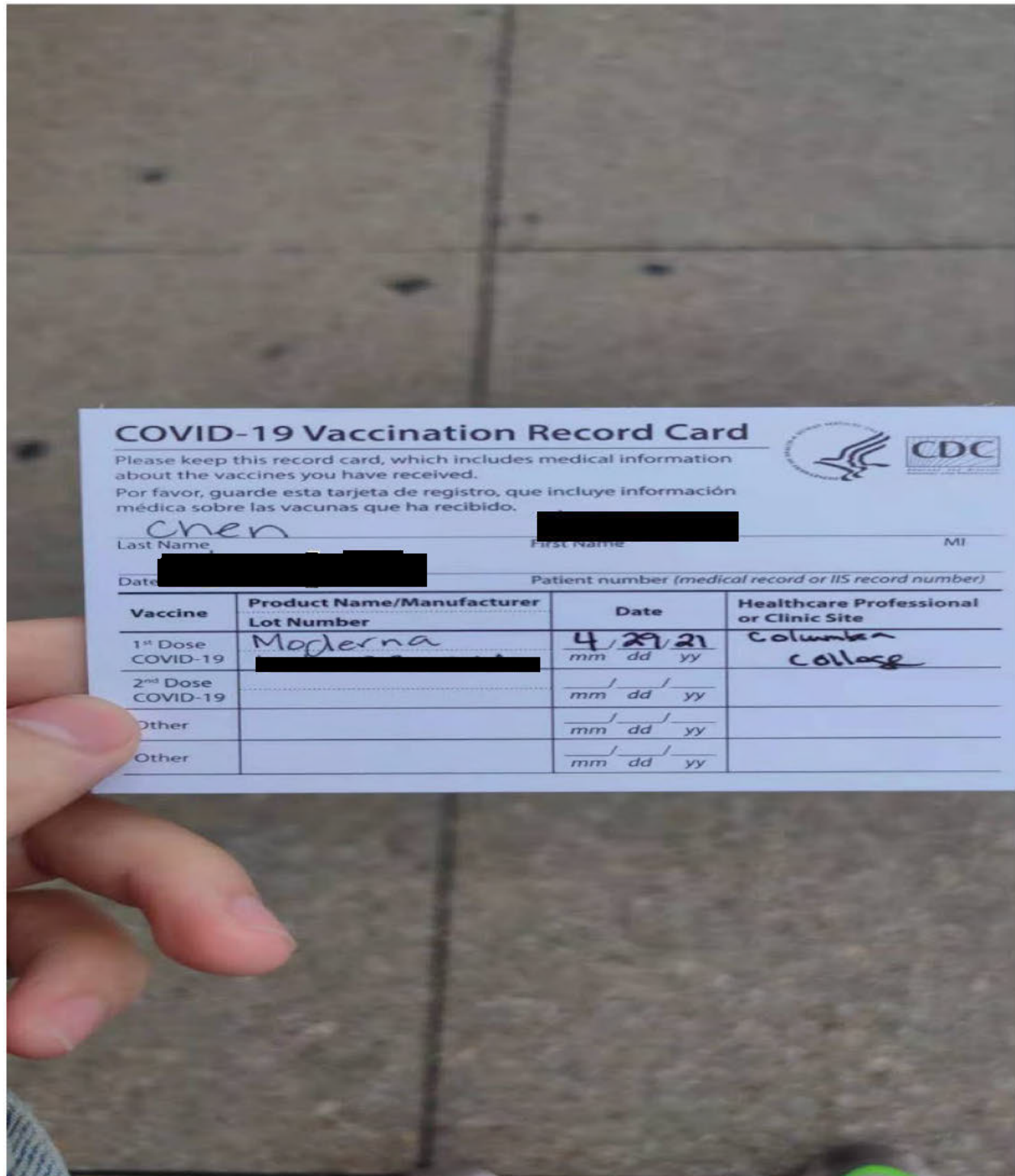
A car rammed a barricade along Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C., on the north side of the U.S. Capitol building, killing a U.S. Capitol Police officer that day. The suspect, a 25-year-old African-American man from Indiana, has said that the U.S. government is black public enemy number one. I found that the conflicts and differences between races in the United States are getting bigger and bigger, whether they are Asian or local African-Americans.

April 12, 2021, *Golden Slumber*



I adopted a kitten from a Chicago animal shelter. I found it boring to be home in quarantine because of the epidemic and it seemed like the world was in turmoil. Might as well take care of a cat to forget about time.

April 29, 2021, Vaccinated



I took a Mordona in Columbia College. I finally believe that I will not die in a foreign land.

May 01, 2021, *The Devil Descends*

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May 15, 2021, *Myth and Science*

CNSA's Tianwen-1 lander and Zhu Rong Mars rover successfully landed in the pre-selected landing zone in the southern part of the Martian Utopia Planitia. Zhu Rong is revered in traditional Chinese culture as the earliest god of fire, symbolizing the use of fire to illuminate the earth and bring light. I still wonder if we could plant potatoes on Mars in the future.

May 26, 2021, *Legends never die*

U.S. e-commerce company Amazon.com, Inc. announced the acquisition of film production company MGM for \$8.45 billion. I guess the traditional movie industry has been gradually replaced by the Internet, which has led to the rise of online platforms such as Hulu and Netflix.

June 06, 2021, *Reborn*

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July 04, 2021 *The shots at independence day*

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July 15, 2021 *Viva La Boston*

Life is all about being on the road all the time and never stopping. I took Greyhound to Boston to find my friends as well as visit the city. This time was important to me because, for the first time, I observed the monuments and statues hidden in the streets of Boston and learn about the human history of Boston.

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