

## JANUARY

**1** After **Boris Johnson's** election victory, and two missed deadlines in 2019, Britain is set to exit the EU on January 31 after 47 years in the club

**2** **Tsai Ing-wen**, who takes a hard line against China, is bidding for a second term as president of Taiwan

**3** China marks the **Year of the Rat**. People born in rat years are said to be quick-witted and resourceful

## FEBRUARY

**4** Iran holds its 11th parliamentary election under the eye of the 12-member Guardian Council, which vets all candidates

**5** The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences awards the **Oscars** in Los Angeles

**6** 2020 is a leap year, ending the four-year wait for a birthday for people born on Feb 29

## MARCH

**7** The race for the White House heats up on **Super Tuesday**, with 14 states voting for their preferred nominee on Mar 3

**8** Israel holds its third general election in a year after senior party leaders failed to form a majority coalition

**9** Nepal conducts a census of **greater one-horned rhino**. The previous count in 2015 identified 654 animals

## APRIL

**10** South Korea, struggling with a flagging economy, holds parliamentary elections

**11** The latest James Bond movie, **No Time to Die**, is released. **Daniel Craig** stars as 007 for the last time

**12** Artist **Christo** wraps the **Arc de Triomphe** in Paris in 25,000 square metres of blue fabric



## MAY

**13** **World Bee Day** highlights the need to save the threatened pollinators. A third of the world's food production depends on bees

**14** The **Eurovision Song Contest** takes place in Rotterdam, the first time the Netherlands has hosted the competition since 1975

**15** The **Cannes Film Festival** opens at the Palais des Festivals, which has undergone a major makeover

## JUNE

**16** **UEFA EURO 2020** is held across the continent for the first time, with 12 host cities in all

**17** U.S. President **Donald Trump** hosts **G7** leaders with the global economy as the most pressing concern

**18** Diplomats mark the 75th anniversary of the signing of the **UN Charter** in 1945



# WORLD AGENDA 2020



## SEPTEMBER

**25** **Hong Kong** is scheduled to elect the city's Legislative Council, a 70-seat mini-parliament dominated by pro-Beijing political groups

**26** The **Mayflower** set sail 400 years ago, carrying the Pilgrim Fathers to what would become the U.S.

**27** **Global Goal Live**, a 10-hour concert across five continents, aims to promote the UN's Global Goals to end poverty by 2030

## OCTOBER

**28** Guitarists and rock music fans mark the 50th anniversary of the death of **Jimi Hendrix**

**29** Dubai hosts **Expo 2020**, with pavilions from 180 countries

**30** Leaders from Latin America, Spain and Portugal gather in Andorra for the **XXVII Ibero-American Summit**

## NOVEMBER

**31** The U.S. holds presidential and congressional elections



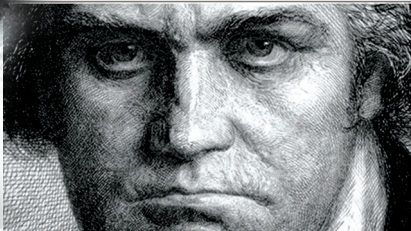
**32** Saudi Arabia hosts G20 leaders as it seeks to bounce back after an uproar over its human rights record

**33** New Zealand holds a referendum on whether to legalise cannabis for recreational use

## DECEMBER

**34** A total solar eclipse is visible from parts of Chile and Argentina

**35** Japan's **Hayabusa-2** craft is due to deliver precious asteroid samples back to Earth



**36** Concerts and celebrations around the world will mark the 250th anniversary of the birth of **Ludwig Van Beethoven**