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WEB EDITION

RECOMMEND

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL - A MOVIE FOR ALL TIMES

Schools are closed, but so are theatres, malls and restaurants. If you think nothing could be worse than the lockdown, watch this movie. The Holocaust meant that Jews would be stripped of all resources, put to hard work with little food - or killed barbarically if found unworthy of labour. Enter a father who shows indomitable spirit in a concentration camp and, in the face of unspeakable horror, turns life into play for his little son. The film is autobiographical, fun, heartwarming, moving inspiring - and totally relevant today. It truly shows you the way. No better time than this for the movie!

SHALINI RAWAT, English teacher, Yadavindra Public School, Mohali

APPS TO HELP IMPROVE WRITING

If you're looking to improve your writing, you need to do four things:



- Write. Every day.
- Get feedback from better writers.
- Edit.
- Edit more.

1 GRAMMARLY; IS A WRITING ASSISTANT THAT PROVIDES CLEAR, CONSTRUCTIVE WRITING SUGGESTIONS

2 HEMINGWAY EDITOR: THE ULTIMATE EDITING TOOL You can write in Google Docs or Quip, then copy and paste content into Hemingway. Then Hemingway sweeps through the document, highlighting: ➤ Hard-to-read sentences, ➤ Instances of passive voice and more.

What the US FUNDS FREEZE could mean for WHO and its work

US President Donald Trump has told his administration to temporarily halt funding to the World Health Organisation (WHO) in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. Trump has taken an increasingly critical stance towards the WHO, accusing it of promoting China's "disinformation" about the virus and saying that likely led to a wider outbreak than otherwise would have occurred.

About WHO

Set up in 1948, the UN agency has a mandate to improve the standard of health worldwide. It is credited with leading a 10-year campaign to eliminate Smallpox in the 1970s and has coordinated the fight



against epidemics including Ebola. The WHO is currently leading the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, providing countries with advice on how to contain its spread. It is also coordinating global research into potential drugs and vaccines against coronavirus.

The WHO's budget is biennial, spanning a two-year period: The United States is the biggest overall donor to the WHO and had contributed more than \$800 million by the end of 2019. At this stage, it is not clear whether the US intends to halt its voluntary contributions, its assessed contributions, or both: The WHO's 2020-2021 budget, approved by health ministers last May, amounts to nearly \$4.85 billion in total and represents a 9 per cent rise from the previous two-year period. It is not clear whether the US has already made all or part of its payments.

ONE WORLD, ONE HOPE

Class XI boy develops touch-free doorbell

In a preventive measure against COVID-19, a 16-year-old Delhi boy has developed an automated touch-free doorbell with the objective of social distancing. Sarthak Jain from the Modern Public School, New Delhi has designed this doorbell project. According to Jain, it is an automated touchless doorbell with ultrasonic sensors. The sensor can detect the presence of a person or object within a distance of 30 to 50 cm and produce the 'beepsound' from the buzzer without touching the bell.

NEWS IN BRIEF

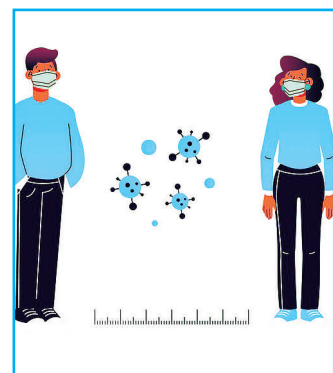
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WHO LAUNCHES INTERACTIVE CORONAVIRUS SERVICE ON FACEBOOK MESSENGER

WHO will leverage Messenger's reach to more than 1.3 billion monthly active users. They will now be able to ask questions and get quick answers from the WHO's "Health Alert" interactive service on Messenger, which is free to use. The WHO Health Alert service has already reached more than 12 million people through WhatsApp!



WITHOUT CURE, SOCIAL DISTANCING MAY BE HERE TO STAY TILL 2022: STUDY



A one-time lockdown, even in the severest form, like the one in India, may not be enough to defeat the coronavirus. A new study by Harvard University suggests some form of social distancing may be needed intermittently well into 2022, in the absence of vaccines, to prevent frequent coronavirus outbreaks.

ANITA DONGRE & MASABA GUPTA WILL MAKE MASKS

Top fashion designers - Anita Dongre and Masaba Gupta have announced that they will be manufacturing masks for needy people to fight Covid-19. Masaba Gupta said she will be producing non-surgical masks as her contribution.



RUSSIAN SPACE AGENCY SAYS TRUMP PAVING WAY TO SEIZE OTHER PLANETS

The Russian space agency, Roscosmos, accused Donald Trump of creating a basis to take over other planets by signing an executive order outlining the US policy on commercial mining in space. The executive order, which Roscosmos said damaged the scope for international cooperation in space, was signed recently. It said the United States would seek to negotiate "joint statements and bilateral and multilateral arrangements with foreign states regarding safe and sustainable operations for the public and private recovery and use of space resources". It said citizens should have the right to engage in such activity and that "outer space is a legally and physically unique domain of human activity, and the United States does not view it as a global commons".

ICMR STUDY FINDS CORONAVIRUS IN TWO SPECIES OF INDIAN BATS

A study by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and National Institute of Virology (NIV) has revealed that pathogenic coronaviruses have been found in two species of Indian bats. This is the first-time presence of coronavirus has been found in Indian bats. According to the study, the virus was found in the Indian Flying Fox and the Rousettus (old world fruit bats).



IPL 2020 SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY. NOW WHAT?

The 13th edition of the IPL has been suspended until further notice. And the BCCI has not set a new window yet for India's premier domestic tournament. According to media reports, IPL's chief operating officer Hemang Amin informed all eight franchises that there was no possibility of hosting the event in the regular summer window. The only window now in the current year would be between September and November, provided Cricket Australia and the ICC agree to reschedule the T20 World Cup.



PREPARE FOR EARTH DAY: THIS IS HOW

Even as millions of people stay at home, there are still important ways to help protect the environment, according to an environmental NGO. The group listed six ways that people can help the environment - recycling, composting, buying sustainable food products, supporting eco-friendly companies, staying informed, and donating to the right organisations.



We will be launching many activities around Earth Day. Rush in your ideas at timesnie175@gmail.com

YOUNG READERS WANT REAL V/S FANTASY

In these uncertain times, Lauren Wolk's novel "Echo Mountain" will soothe young readers like a healing balm. Plus a 90th-anniversary edition of the can-do classic "The Little Engine That Could." Children prefer books which explain how the world works says new study by Harvard University. The findings revealed that young readers want to know more than just fantasy.



Versatile turmeric

Daily consumption of turmeric helps in reducing the inflammation in the air passage. Moreover, the presence of a compound called curcumin in turmeric helps in cleansing the lungs. Eat raw turmeric or use the powdered form to your milk, herbal concoctions and warm water.

Go for green tea

Loaded with the goodness of polyphenols, green tea has anti-inflammatory properties that may help in reducing inflammation in the lungs. According to a report published in the Journal of Nutrition, it was observed that there was a strong link between green tea consumption and reduced risk of obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

Ginger is great

It contains many vitamins

FOODS THAT CLEAN YOUR LUNGS NATURALLY



and minerals including potassium, magnesium, beta-carotene and zinc. Add slices of ginger to warm water, tea and also consume it as paste in curries and stir-fries.

Antiviral Honey

A study published in the journal JAMA found that a teaspoon of pure honey given to children 30 minutes before bedtime reduce cold and cough, and respiratory tract infections.

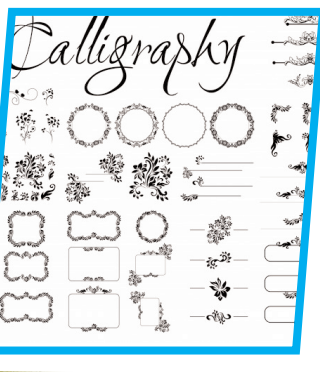
Goodness of garlic

Garlic contains a compound called allicin, which acts as a powerful antibiotic agent and helps overcome respiratory infections that clog our lungs and leads to breathlessness and congestion. Have garlic regularly in your food and even as raw pods to build your immunity.

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Create calligraphy

In today's time, many of us might go days without even picking up a pen. But why not go back to the old-fashioned way of writing a letter, instead of a text or email? And even better, learn calligraphy and make it into a work of art. All you need is a fountain pen and some practice. You can get quick tutorials on YouTube or take online classes if you really want to get the hang of it.



THIS WEEK...

Perform a play

Let out your inner Thespian and get some tips on how to act from the many online tutorials on YouTube. Let the whole family take part in making up a story and acting it out. They can dress up to be different characters and you can even record it! Video it and send it to any loved ones you might be missing at this time - it is guaranteed to put a smile on everyone's faces.



Make a time capsule

Put a drawing, a story or photo of the family in anything - an old metal biscuit tin would be perfect - and bury it in the garden. Make a plan to dig it up in a few years' time. Just like the old Blue Peter time capsules. You can all put something special in and it'll be great to revisit it in the future. Right now would be a great moment to do it.



