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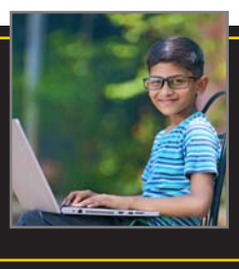

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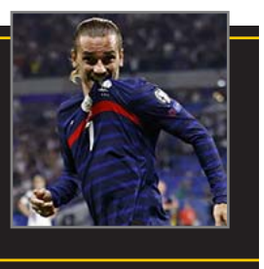

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Spotlight

Justin Bieber

Life of the music sensation to be screened worldwide

Justin Bieber: Our World, a documentary on the life of the Canadian singer, directed by award-winning filmmaker Michael D Ratner, will be released globally on Amazon Prime Video on October 8. The streaming platform announced on Wednesday that the documentary is a "revealing and exhilarating" look into Bieber's inner circle and his first full concert in three years.

The 27-year-old singer, who was discovered by American record executive Scooter Braun in 2008 via YouTube, said the upcoming film documents an intense and exciting time, preparing for a return to the stage during this season of real uncertainty amid the coronavirus pandemic

'JustinBieber: Our World' takes viewers backstage, onstage, and into the private world of the teen idol-turned-musical icon as he prepares for his unprecedented concert, 'T-Mobile Presents New Year's Eve Live with Justin Bieber'. The film follows Bieber and his close-knit team in the month leading up to the show, as they rehearse and construct a monumental stage while adhering to strict health and safety protocols.

BIEBER MANIA

■ The Canadian singer and teen idol sparked a global craze beginning in 2009 ■ As a child, he learned to play the drums, the piano, the guitar, and the trumpet ■ In 2007, he participated in a local singing competition, ranking second, and his mother posted a video of his performance on the YouTube for friends and family, who were unable to attend. She later uploaded other homemade videos, in which Bieber sang popular rhythm-and-blues (R&B) songs

■ Impressed by Bieber's natural confidence and vocal talent, R&B singer Usher helped sign him to a recording contract in late 2008 ■ In May 2009, Bieber unveiled his first single, the buoyant puppy-love song 'One Time' and rest as they say is histry

BITCOIN BECOMES A LEGAL TENDER

El Salvador adopts it as formal currency

El Salvador on Tuesday became the first country in the world to adopt bitcoin as an official currency. The central American nation announced that it plans to buy "a lot more" bitcoins soon. It purchased 200 tokens earlier and another 200 more recently, ahead of its rollout as an official currency.

The country will accept payment in bitcoin alongside the US dollar, which has been El Salvador's official currency since 2001

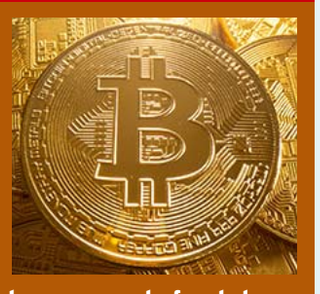
BIT BY BIT ABOUT THIS COIN

1 Bitcoin cryptocurrency is a virtual money. In other words, it is a computer programme that enables people to exchange the value of money directly with each other

2 Since it is digital money, you don't physically own it like cash. You own it through the means of a private key

3 Transactions are formed through a process called Bitcoin mining, and as they say, mining is an extraction method

4 In this extraction method, computational algorithms become a part of a challenging mathematical puzzle. So when one puzzle is solved, one mining block is mined and the user or programmer receives a reward. That reward is a Bitcoin



5 To collect the Bitcoins users mine, the user has to create a Bitcoin account, which is like a computer email having 27-34 letters and words

India to host G20 summit in 2023 for the first time

The government on Tuesday appointed commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal as India's Sherpa for the G20.

G20 is a major international grouping that brings together 19 of the world's major economies and the European Union, with its members accounting for more than 80% of the global GDP, 75% of global trade and 60% of global population

■ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been leading India's representation at G20 Summits since 2014

■ India has been a member of the G20 since its inception in 1999. India will be holding the G20 Presidency from December 1, 2022 and will convene the G20 Leaders' Summit in 2023 for the first time

India's economic growth will remain strong in coming quarters: S&P

India is expected to post strong economic growth in the coming quarters, even as inflation, led by food prices, is likely to remain elevated, S&P Global Ratings said on Wednesday.

■ The economy is expected to clock 9.5 per cent growth in the current fiscal year, followed by 7 per cent expansion in the next year, it said, adding that high nominal GDP growth would be important for ensuring fiscal consolidation going forward

■ The Indian economy grew at 20.1 per cent in April-June helped by a lower base, vis-a-vis 1.6 per cent in March quarter.

Kohli 'blows a trumpet'... stirs a 'Virat' controversy

Several England fans have termed Kohli's gesture of using his hands to mimic a trumpet, an instrument associated with the Barmy Army, to mock the England fans as 'unsportsman-like behaviour'. Seeing Kohli celebrate England's downfall by targeting the Barmy Army in the fourth Test at Oval, a number of English journalists, fans and even pundits took to Twitter labelling the act as 'classless'. Even Barmy Army took to Twitter and posted a picture of Kohli doing the trumpet gesture, saying: "Yes we know you want to be in the army, Virat. We get the hint". However, he got support from former English player Michael Vaughan. "He's an amazing character and he gave a tactical masterclass on how to win a Test match," said Vaughan.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Barmy Army, registered as a company in England and Wales, provides tickets and arranges touring parties for some of its members to follow the English cricket team in the UK and overseas. The name is also applied to followers of the team, who join in with match day activities in the crowd, but do not necessarily travel as part of an organised tour

Q What are your views on Kohli's gesture? Do you think it was unsportsman-like behaviour? Share your views at TOINIE175@GMAIL.COM

Salman Rushdie's next book likely to be set entirely in India

BOOK

After having spent years away from the country, British-American author Salman Rushdie finally plans to return to India for his next book. The Booker prize winner, who was speaking at a session of the ongoing Times Litfest, said his next novel is likely to be set in India for which he will have to come back. "The last 10 years I have mostly written these western-based novels, these novels mostly based in America, a little bit of England, I think it might be time to come back to India. I think the next book appears to be an Indian novel. "It's in a very early stage, so let me get a little further. But it looks like it'll be entirely set in India, which means I have to come to India. It's been very long," Rushdie said.

The author last came to India for the promotion of Deepa Mehta's 2013 film 'Midnight's Children', which was based on Rushdie's Booker winning book of the same name

Apple makes it official, to launch its new iPhone 13 series on September 14

Tech giant Apple on Tuesday made it official by announcing that it will be launching its new iPhone 13 series on September 14. The special event will be held virtually due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The event will unfold the new models of iPhone 13 such as iPhone13 Pro, iPhone 13 Pro Max and the iPhone 13 Mini at the event.

BIOPIC 'BANGABANDHU' TO RELEASE IN MARCH 2022

The Covid pandemic having delayed its shooting, India and Bangladesh now hope to release the biopic on Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by eminent filmmaker Shyam Benegal in March 2022, around the time when Bangladesh will celebrate the 102nd birth anniversary of its founding father.

MOVIES

5 WAYS TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM ONLINE RISKS

Positive parenting

Online trends can often mislead children. Here are some tips for parents to keep their kids safe

HAVE OPEN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE ONLINE WORLD

1 Discuss with your children online trends and find what games their friends are talking about. It is important you understand what websites, apps and social media platforms they are using to help minimise potential risks.

TELL THEM ABOUT RISKS INVOLVED

2 Hold regular conversations with your kids about risks they may be exposed to and how to deal with them, such as cyberbullying, peer pressure and grooming. Ensure they feel able to talk to you if they see anything upsetting.

MAKE THEM TECHNOLOGY FRIENDLY FOR SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORKS

3 Make sure they know when and how to report and block any malicious or inappropriate posts or messages on the online platforms they use.

TALK TO THEM ABOUT NEED FOR ONLINE PRIVACY

4 Ensure they know how to make their profiles private so that they are not sharing personal information with strangers.

NO DIVULGING OF PERSONAL INFO

5 Advise them to be careful about sharing personal details such as school, phone number or address. Consider telling them not to use their full name for their profile.

It's important to know about the online footprints of your kids: websites they visit, social media platforms they use and the content they post

DAILY MIRROR

Heard of 'Mushroom Festival'?

The Telluride Mushroom Festival is all about celebrating the healthy 'fungi'

The Telluride Mushroom Festival, also popular as Shroomfest, is one of the most unique festivals celebrated in the town of Telluride in Colorado, USA. The annual mushroom celebration draws tourists from around the world and this year too, the state is expecting the same. This year will see the 41st edition of the festival – from August 18 to 22. For details on this interesting festival, read on

Telluride is a former Victorian mining town in Colorado's rocky mountains. The town is close to the Grand Canyon!

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE FESTIVAL...

- During this festival, mushrooms are discussed elaborately as a food and medicine.
- The prime motive of organising the fest is to educate the world about mushrooms and their many health benefits. Visitors and mushroom lovers reach Colorado from across the globe to be a part of this unique celebration.
- People wander through picturesque mountain meadows in search of fungi in the forest – to collect and identify different varieties of mushrooms. Apparently, Colorado mountains are extremely rich in mushrooms and one can find more than a dozen varieties of mushroom.
- At the end of the fest, a parade is organised through downtown Telluride, where people wear mycologically (branch of biology that deals with fungi)-inspired fun costumes.

GARDENING IS COOL AMONG YOUNGSTERS: STUDY

Eight in ten people think gardening is cool – and 54 per cent would rather hit a garden club than a nightclub, suggests a poll of 2000 people conducted by Kev Smith of a tools company based in the UK. The poll found the hobby has enjoyed a renaissance among 18 to 34-year-olds during Covid-19 induced lockdowns.

REVELATION

The study says...

Participants cited benefits to mental health and a desire to make their gardens a place they can escape to. They listed daffodils, roses, lavender, tulips and mint as their top five plants. And 72 per cent said they intended to continue investing time and money in their new passion, even as life returns to normal. Smith, who conducted the poll, said, "There's a tendency to think of gardening as an activity for older people. But this proves gardening really is for everyone, whatever your age." AGENCIES

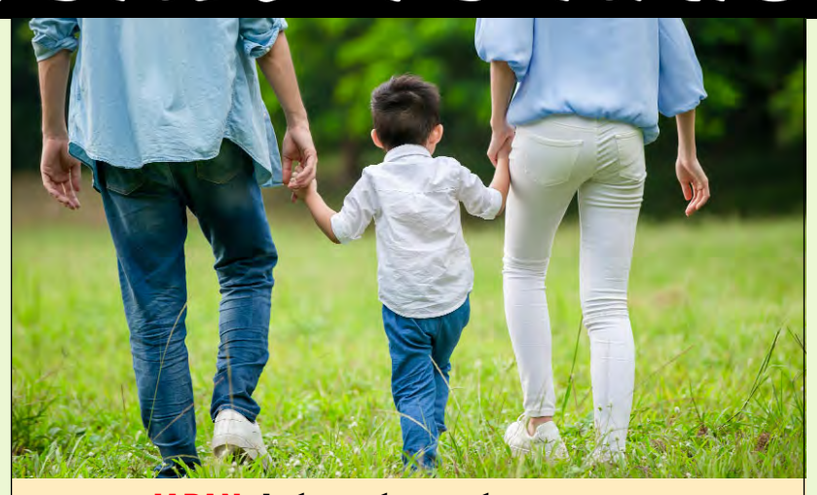
5 PARENTING TIPS TO LEARN FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO RAISE INDEPENDENT KIDS

The right way to raise kids

There is no rule book to good parenting, nor is every kid the same. We adapt some things from observing our parents and grandparents, while others from observing our surroundings. Even then, not all methods of parenting work for all kids. That compels us to evolve our own style as per the requirement of our kids. Basically, parenting is about experimenting and learning from the mistakes we make on our way.

What we can learn from other cultures

If you look beyond your circle, you might find some interesting parenting ideas. These unofficial parenting guidelines among different cultures will give you helpful tips to include in your parenting style.



JAPAN: Independence at a young age

1 In this culturally rich East Asian country, kids as young as 6-year-olds walk to school and run errands on their own, without the supervision of adults. It is common in all parts of the country, even the bustling cities. Japanese parents believe that it is vital to teaching young kids to find their way on their own to make them independent.

FINLAND: Child begins schooling quite late

2 While there is always a rush in India to enroll kids in school as soon they turn 2, Finnish parents like to take things slow. Kids in Finland do not begin formal schooling until they turn 7. Even then they are given long breaks during school time to play outside. Moreover, kids are given far less homework as compared to other countries and are not required to take standardised tests. Interestingly, Finnish children often rank among the highest in the world when it comes to academics.

CHINA: Toilet training from birth

3 Chinese parents train their kids to relieve themselves into the toilet from an early age, sometimes as soon as kids start walking. That means by the time they are 2 years old, they are mostly fully toilet trained. Parents hardly use diapers due to environmental concerns, instead they make kids wear split-crotch pants and encourage them to squat down

SWEDEN: No spanking

4 Spanking has never been considered an ideal method to discipline a child. Sweden was the first country to ban spanking in 1979 as this form of punishment is considered harmful for kids' overall development and increases the risk of developing mental health issues. Following Sweden's footsteps, about 52 countries have prohibited parents from spanking their children.

ITALY: No tolerance for bad behaviour

5 When kids throw tantrums, most parents usually give in to their demands to calm them down. Italian parents do not entertain such bad behaviour. If their kids throw tantrums, they let them do it freely. They believe that it sends a message that screaming, crying won't help them get what they want.

Food facts

Know your KOMBUCHA

Given the wellness trends in food recently, it comes as no surprise that Kombucha – a fizzy, sweetened black or green fermented tea – is gaining popularity. The beverage packed with natural probiotics is considered to be great for gut health and digestion

MORE ABOUT THIS TEA...

Kombucha originated in Northeast China and was valued for its healing properties. It's name is derived from a Korean physician, Dr Komu, who took the tea to Japan as a curative for emperor Inkyo. Eventually, the tea was taken to Europe as a result of trade route expansions in the early 20th century. In Russia, it is called kombucha and in Germany, it's known as Kombuchaschwamm. Despite a dip in popularity during WWII due to the shortage of tea and sugar supplies, kombucha regained popularity for its purported health benefits. Kombucha contains small amounts of vitamins (C and B) and minerals, is known to help in digestion and is good for skin as well.

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QUIZ TIME (GENERAL KNOWLEDGE)

Q.1) What does XML stand for?
A. Excellent markup language
B. Extensive markup language
C. Easy markup language
D. Extensible markup language

Q.2) What frequency range is the High Frequency Band?
A. 100KHz
B. 1GHz
C. 30 to 300MHz
D. 3 to 30 MHz

Q.3) Where is the headquarter of Intel located?
A. Redmond, Washington
B. Santa Clara, California
C. Tucson, Arizona
D. Richmond, Virginian

Q.4) Average power (in Watts) used by 20 to 25 inch colour television is?
A. 70-100
B. 25-50
C. 500-800 D. over 1000

Q.5) Who created Pretty Good Privacy?
A. Tim Berners Lee
B. Phil Zimmermann
C. Made Andressen
D. Ken Thompson

ANSWERS

1. B) Extensive markup language **2.** D) 3 to 30MHz **3.** B) Santa Clara, California **4.** A) 70-100 **5.** B) Phil Zimmermann