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THE MOST UNUSUAL SUMMER BREAK

~ *Twisha Chauhan*



Who doesn't love relaxing in a place surrounded by the lush green environment during summer vacations, far from the hustle and bustle of the city? That was exactly what I had planned to do. However, COVID-19 changed the whole plan locking-up everyone inside their own homes. Everyone was too afraid to come out as it is unsafe to do so.

This, however, did not stop me from having one of the best summer vacations of my life. The weather has improved so much due to lockdown, and the air feels so pleasant and pollution-free. As for the fun part, each day I made some new recipes and also discovered my hidden passion, cooking! I made 3-4 dishes during the whole vacation, each one of them taking 2-3 days and several attempts to perfect.

The recipes I made were: chocolate cake with filling, doughnuts and chocolate pudding. Most things I made were chocolaty and that is because my love for chocolates is immeasurable.

Not to leave out the exciting HealthSetGo classes I attended every day. I did not only learn about cooking but also learnt how to draw, dance, sing, and improved my grammar and logical skills.

Overall, I think this summer vacation had been a very educational, fun, interactive, and productive one. And I am looking forward to resuming classes from Tuesday revitalised and energised.

A LETTER TO THE ANTI-FEMINIST

~ *Vanshika Choudhary*

Dear girl who is against feminism,
I am sorry that the world has made you negative enough to forget to see the good in it. When you thought of putting the video out there we are sure you thought of putting justice and humanity in the world. However, privilege and entitlement often render one blind to the good work that feminism has done for society. There are many things you have missed. This is an attempt to open your eyes to that. Before feminism, women had no rights, not even voting rights. Slowly, all of that became possible with feminism.

The statement regarding boys being raped. Yes, boys get raped but that should be a sentence on its own. Please understand that when you state boys get raped, the whole argument becomes a stance against the female survivors. To use the trauma suffered by men to hush the trauma faced by women for decades on a much larger level is not fair but rather cruel.

Bra straps, they are called bra straps, are worn by women because well they are blessed with bosoms. When the adults or friends (both male or female) say, "hide your bra strap", it showcases how the women's body is sexualised. An article of clothing which honestly is known by everyone should not be that big of a deal.

Feminism, femme, it's called feminism. Is it so wrong to have one thing in the world named after women? Our entire race can be named after men, "human", but a movement named for uplifting women can not be called after them? It is about equality, yes, but equality for WOMEN. When they couldn't have land under their name or any other possession, why is a movement for uplifting women named after them is that so wrong?

Feminism is not about degrading men, you are right. No true feminist would stand by that. Some people are not practising their feminism correctly and that's true. We are all learning here. We were not born into a world that knew how to be fair to women. To figure that out will take some time and some mistakes.

Lastly, as a budding lawyer I want to ask you, why now? Why is your conscience buzzing now about how men were being attacked by #metoo? Where is it when the police fail to help the women who are molested or harassed? When the women are instead blamed for going out, drinking or dressing a certain way? When plenty of judges ruled in favour of rapists? We know feminism is flawed on some days but do you think it is more flawed than the way society has treated women through history?

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PIPED PLAY OF POLAROIDS

~ Melonee Maibam

The pocket of my dead, beaten, vintage, obsidian bomber jacket, which I arbitrated with after 20 years, still has my jewelled possessions created with my friends; few I flourish with an augmenting simper, remnant by masquerading pugnacity and gallantry over my face of trepidation. The silky, yet prickling satin cloth of the jacket glided across my wrinkled fingers as I examined it with clogged vision. The pocket bursting at the seams with the items packed, highlighted at the spiky edges, were zipped. As it unravelled, my eyes projected towards the scintillating polaroid of my friends and me, wearing our iconic velvet dresses, among the threads of aged denim jeans and blue butterfly hair clips. The heat of the moment vignettted our poignancy as my clips beguiled the limelight. The cheesy whiff of Cheeto dust intensified due to the Polaroid, which transported me to that day.

Our joint brimming with the empty Cheetos packs and breezers had the extraneous aura of dysphoria as it was my last day before I left for my anew school, miles away from them. The bewildered, outlandish youth spirits we had were bouncing inside, fur wraps tingling on our necks when that seamless picture was snapped. Flash punched my eyes as the tang of lime proliferated across my tongue. Distorted from the temperature, it

veiled the effervescence of the moment yet, was entrancing as ever. Denim threads were the ones I grabbed subsequently.

The tarnished, smouldering air of the metropolis, sniffing it on the 34th floor, as Kodee scuttled with me, without any roof confiding us, the panorama is meticulous in my head; the beautiful blending of burgundy, candy pink and lilac in the sky, paving their path to partnership, with the tempting clouds coalescing, but suppressing their relation, unknown to the naked eye. His fingers laced onto mine as we decisively sat on the periphery and scrutinised the hysteria lying within. His baffling green eyes pierced their trail into my soul as the constant, delicate fingers laid on my knee, tugging onto the guitar strings of my jeans. Goaled towards my tucked hair, his right hand clipped out the butterfly hairpins as he compassionately planted them on my damp palms. His eyes obligated me to embrace them as he whispered away through the Vegas air.

My quivering hands were about to plunge the possessions, but my face, exceedingly euphoric in the photo had turned into a chaos of tears, importuning me with innocence, striving to camouflage the malevolence behind as my sight moulded jet-black.

SOLAR ECLIPSE

A solar eclipse occurs when the Sun is partly or wholly concealed by the moon, giving rise to partial or total Solar Eclipse respectively. The occurrence takes place because the Sun, the Moon and the Earth are nearly aligned in a straight line during the New Moon time or also known as 'Pournima'. As per the Hindu mythology or notions, the solar eclipse occurs when a demon named Rahu and his detached body known as Ketu catch up with the sun and moon to swallow them. The demon started chasing the sun and moon after Lord Vishnu cut off Rahu-Ketu's head before the concoction meant for the gods could slide past his throat. There is a conspiracy surrounding this eclipse according to the Mayan calendar which deciphers the year 2020 as 2012 and hence concluding the world might end on 21 June 2020. There are different superstitions in many other religions. For general information, there is a solar eclipse which would be occurring on the 21 June 2020, Sunday, and will be best witnessed in Dehradun, as compared to other parts of the country.

~ Sriya Japala

JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

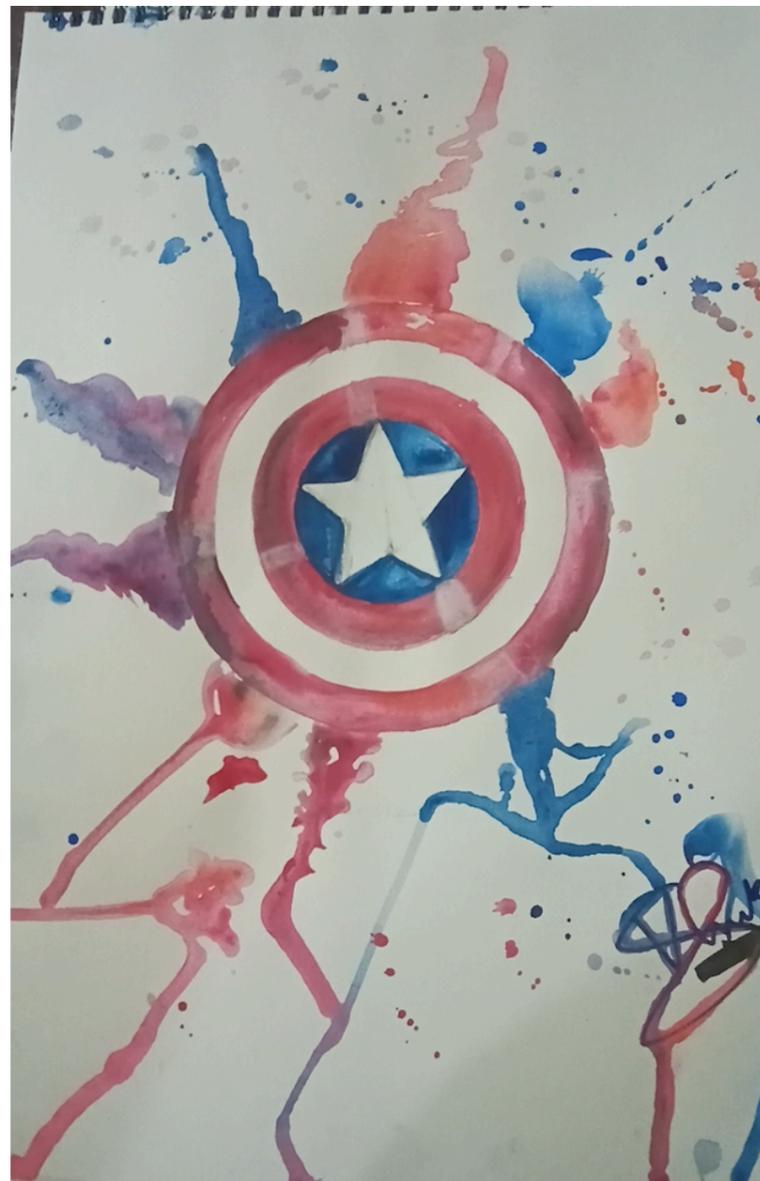
- Nepalese parliament amends constitution to include disputed territory between India and Nepal.
- Indian Intel agencies want people to flush out Chinese apps, example - Shein, Tiktok, We Chat, UC . Browser, Club factory, Clash of Kings.
- India reaffirms commitment to 'reformed multilateralism' after winning UNSC seat.
- Habeas Corpus is being violated in New York, where those arrested may be held beyond 24 Hours, experts say.
- Pakistan detains 2 Indian Embassy officials for over 10 hours, releases after warning.
- India moves warships and fighter jets into striking distance of China.
- Yemen is facing the worst humanitarian crisis. It is getting wiped off because of the Pandemic.
- Rath yatra stays cancelled for the first time in 284 years, devotees upset over Supreme court ruling.

CHINA'S SECOND GIFT AFTER CORONA

~ Riddhima Agarwal

On the 15th of June, 20 Indian personnel lost their lives battling for us in a violent face-off with China in the Galwan Valley. However, the exact number of Chinese casualties remains unclear as China allows zero freedom of speech. China can hide numbers well as there is no update on whether their stated data on the coronavirus was factual or not. China recently stated that it does not wish to have a war with India but their aggressive actions give us a different idea. Both countries hold a different perception when it comes to LAC, and therefore it results in a conflict. India has been building boarder roads which will allow the country a greater sense of power faster than ever. The roads can be closely supervised from the Galwan valley and China appears to have a major problem with it. With the coronavirus and cyclones going alongside, our country is not in its best health and a war with a powerful country like China, a bearer of nuclear weapons, seems unhealthy for the future of India. China's ally, Pakistan, could also be willing to open a second front of the war. India is currently not in the position to afford this and should come to an early settlement as if this war takes an uglier turn it will be heavier on India's side.

QUARANTINE GALLERY



~ Vaishnavi Shukla

ALL LIVES CAN'T MATTER, UNTIL BLACK LIVES MATTER

It has been three months since Breonna Taylor was shot down by Louisville officers who were executing a no-knock warrant. No-knock warrants which allow police to access a home without revealing themselves or their intent must be signed off by a judge and the chief of police, or his officer, before they can be served by the police, Mayor Greg Fischer said at a Monday news conference. Previously, the warrant for Taylor only

included a sign-off from a judge. At least three different enforcement agencies within the state have launched parallel investigations into Taylor's death. The unjust death of the 26-year-old black woman has only fuelled the anger of the people over the corrupt administration of the United States. Protests are happening every day in different countries all across the globe. The black lives matter movement is receiving support not only from

Gen-Z, who are not afraid to put themselves in the face of danger, but also the witches, Amish, the lgbtqaip+ community, and even the Anonymous organisation, who have been dormant since 2017. The investigation of Breonna Taylor's case is still ongoing, but we will not rest until justice is served, and bunker-boy President Trump learns to lead his country.

~ Samaira Dua

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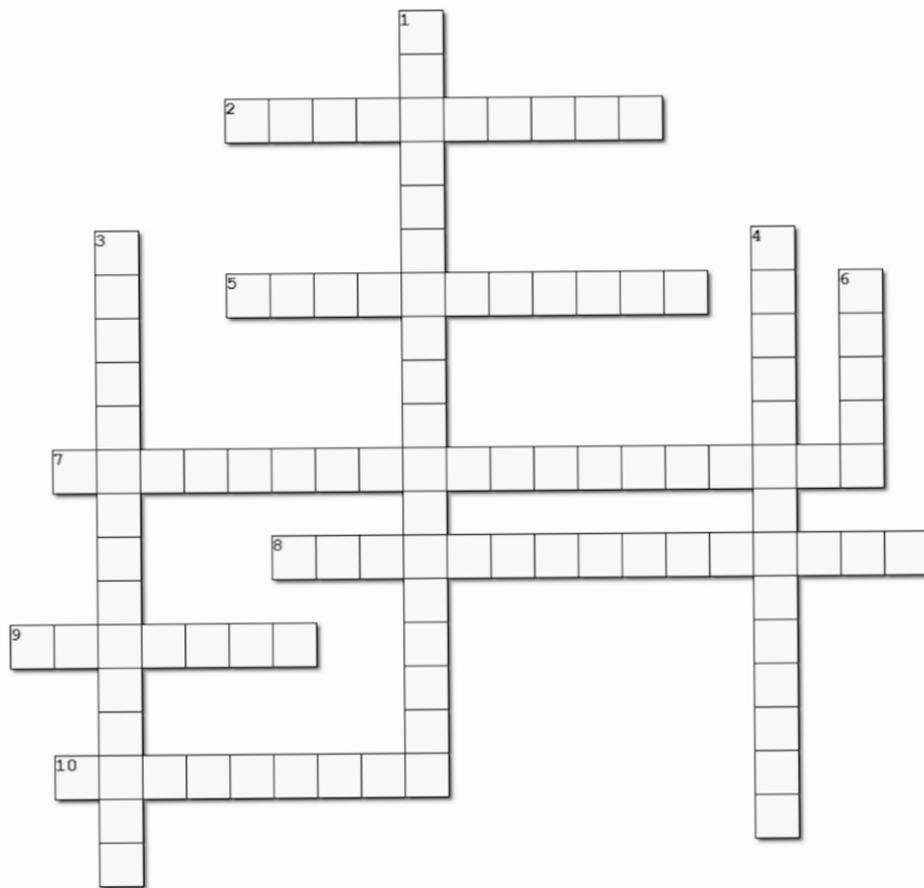
“I get mails from a racoon, so nothing sounds crazy anymore.”

~ Mood of 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE ORIGINALS TEAM

Welcome back to the Zoom classes after the quick vacations! Kudos to the Class of 2021 for hosting the first-ever Senior Leads Junior Program which focused on diversifying our thought process and enhancing our hidden skills. Now that you have all attended the program we hope to hear a lot more from you, expressing your views on all the unexpected events taking place in 2020. This is your platform to express and we will be happy to publish your opinions on the incidents taking place. Write to us at themisoriginalsteam@gmail.com! We are looking forward to receiving your mails!

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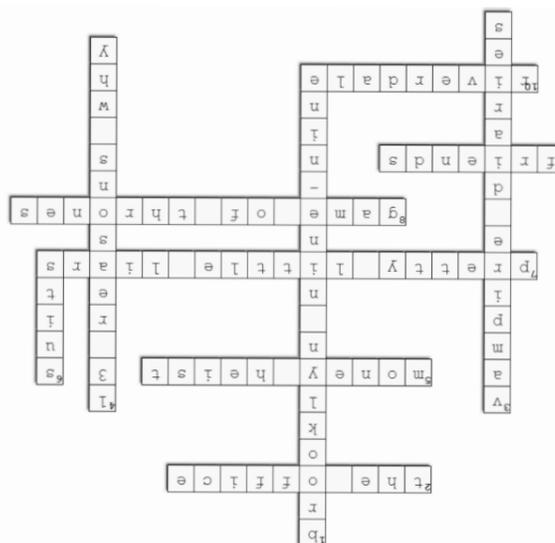


Across

- 2. 'I want people to be afraid of how much they love me'
- 5. 'Sometimes, a truce is the most important part of the war'
- 7. 'Is it terrible that I still care about him?'
- 8. 'Yes. All men must die, but we are not men.'
- 9. 'No, i am not so good with the advice can i interest you in a sarcastic comment'
- 10. 'Have you ever seen me without this stupid hat on'

Down

- 1. 'Sarge, with all due respect, I am gonna completely ignore everything you just said'
- 3. 'I am not sorry that I met you'
- 4. 'And you, lucky number thirteen, you can take the tapes straight to hell. Depending on your religion, maybe I'll see you ther
- 6. 'I don't play the odds I play the man"



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