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Health Care Heroes 'donned' against COVID-19

Covid-19 gives earth a long break.

ABDUL HAWWAS

A few months ago a virus called Corona started spreading all over the world causing major disruption to all humankind on this planet and that restored many of the wildlife of many places.

The nature of this virus is highly contagious and spreads quickly on the human population, so this forced many countries to shut down their borders and authorities asked people to stay in their houses.

By people staying home, many animals could start their new life, the damaged food chains are healing and animals have lost their fears of humans. This excludes city animals like cockroaches and rats which still have a hard time to survive. They die easily because they need people's food leftovers to survive, and when these city animals go into houses they get exterminated.

Every day Covid-19 claims many human lives and we still can't know when it will go away but the wildlife of this planet is making the most of this precious time to flourish.



Lions nap on the road during South African lockdown.

Susy Sob Suffers

CRAIG PELLICANO

On the 20th of April 2020 Susy Sob visited some of the patients who had contracted COVID-19. Susy's first patient was Robert, who was sleeping under the careful watch of his nurse. Susy asked the nurse if she could pay him a visit and the nurse said, "Yes you can, but be very careful." Though Susy was careful, the patient accidentally coughed on her. Susy was scared and thought to herself, "Oh no I am going to get COVID-19!"

Susy quarantined at the hospital just in case she was infected. Her family was worried and on the 21st of April, on the news, it came up that a 10-year-old girl had tested positive to COVID-19. Susy was very sad and she longed to be cured. One night Susy was having a hard time breathing, so she called a doctor to check her out. The doctor said that the virus was flourishing inside her and her immune system was getting low.

Every month, frontline health responders around the world need these supplies (and more) to protect themselves and others from #COVID19

89 million masks

30 million gowns

1.59 million goggles

76 million gloves

2.9 million liters hand sanitizer

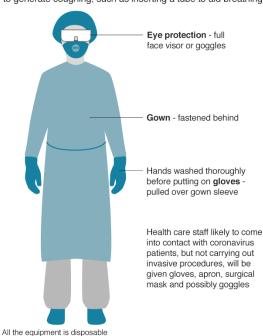
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World Health Organization Matters were not simple or uncomplicated, but after 3 weeks her immune system showed signs of improvement. The doctor came to check her out and he said that she was almost fully cured. Both Susy and her family were extremely happy and they were counting the minutes until they could meet again.

They had all learnt their lesson. They would never knowingly go next to somebody who was infected unless fully protected!

Personal protective equipment for health staff handling coronavirus patients

Full protective gear given to staff carrying out procedures likely to generate coughing, such as inserting a tube to aid breathing



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FORTUNATE DOUBLE-EDGED PHARMACISTS

ELIJAH ZAMMIT

Pharmacy staff are currently working in a sharp, double-edged sector, one edge is remunerative, the other edge is high-risk due to Covid-19.

Pharmacies have to stay open during the Covid -19 pandemic because individuals still need medicines, antibiotics and doctor consultations.

A well-known pharmacist said, "As a leading pharmacy owner on the island, it is my responsibility to stay safe and keep our staff and clients safe during these difficult and uncertain times where we have found an increase in demand for over-the-counter medicines requests. This may be because clients fear not finding their medicines and panic-buying has increased with painkillers, antibiotics and children's medicines like Calpol flying off the shelves. As a result, this causes tremendous pressure on us pharmacists, we have to be on top of our game all the time."

Some of the safety precautions are:

- Ensuring social distancing by placing barriers in doorways and acrylic glass barriers on pharmacy counters to prevent clients getting close,
- Making sure to serve one client at a time,
- Ensuring the use of face masks and face shields and hand sanitisers,
- Encouraging contactless payments,
- Encouraging online consultations and online services.
- Offering home deliveries for medicines.

Most goods in Malta are imported from Italy, Spain, France, England, China and America meaning that local supply must rely on transportation and custom borders which are currently closed. The pandemic is affecting the whole world as most countries are on lock down and many medicines and safety wear equipment are low in

stock. Luckily, Maltese factories are producing face masks and face shields as well as hand sanitizers which are already on pharmacy shelves.

"Even though our business has remained constant, as a pharmacy owner, it is still a very worrying situation as the pharmacists are working hard and are at risk of catching Covid-19 on a daily basis," concluded our spokesman.

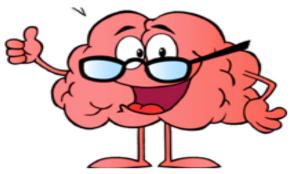
Maltese pharmacies revise opening hours after employee resulted positive to COVID-19





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Covid-19 in Cowland Highteen

LUCA AGIUS

Yesterday at 10:00 a.m. in the vicinity of Malta's main hospital, a nasty virus called Covid-19 struck the tiny, clean city seeking revenge for long-standing environmental abuse. All the innocent people of Malta went crazy as soon as the green, small, slimy virus turned the city upside down.



CORONAVIRUS CREATES MAYHEM.

EVERYONE IS WORRIED AND SCARED.

This insanely savage Covid-19 virus turned a peaceful country into a war zone. People went ballistic, bonkers and bananas because of this chaotic virus.

An old man who witnessed this unprecedented event explained what he is going through. "We need to stay inside and fight this disgusting, nasty virus. It cannot take over our city and our lives."

Scorching fires have already covered half of the city and more small blobs of viruses keep growing out of the bigger ones. Urbanised areas are covered in flames, buildings are being zapped before they collapse. The devestation is almost complete.

Aghast residents can only pray while keeping their fingers crossed that scientists will find a solution for this nasty virus.

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VACCINE VERIFICATION!

MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU - SUPER VACCINE FOUND

SOLOMON SEABERG

The village of Qrendi is full of excitement this morning because of a young Scientist called Edward, his last name is not known yet.

Edward is said to be a mad Scientist who has been working in his garage which he has converted into a Science laboratory since the outbreak of Covid-19. His family have said, "We have not seen him for months, he eats, sleeps and works in our garage, only coming out to collect deliveries from the postman."

Edward is believed to be a young Science student, studying at St Edward's College, Malta. When the outbreak took place he hid himself away in his garage and began working on a vaccine.

After making an appeal on GoFundMe.com Edward received a very generous donation from a billionaire who wanted to remain anonymous. He said, "I believe this young man can save the world. I have seen his research and the effects of his vaccine. It worked for me!"

The streets of Qrendi are jam packed as people line up to receive the vaccine, young and old people have turned up in their thousands.

A spokesman for the Maltese Government has said the vaccine is in trial stage but the general public are putting are their trust in Edward, with the vaccine being named Edward-19. A local resident said, 'Edward and his team of volunteers are injecting people this very minute." It has been said that no one has suffered any adverse side-effects; only good things have resulted from this vaccine.

Edward told our reporter, "I could not watch any more innocent people die, if my work can save people I do not want a reward, just knowing I helped will be the best reward for me!"

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WHY IT'S MUCK TO BE STRUCK

The first person who caught coronavirus

LAITH SOLA reporting from Ashton Village, China

His name is Mr Chang, a normal man destined to overnight notoriety. His life changed the moment he received that ill-fated phone call from the doctors who confirmed that he had been struck by an unknown, mysterious virus and that he was forced to stay inside his home.

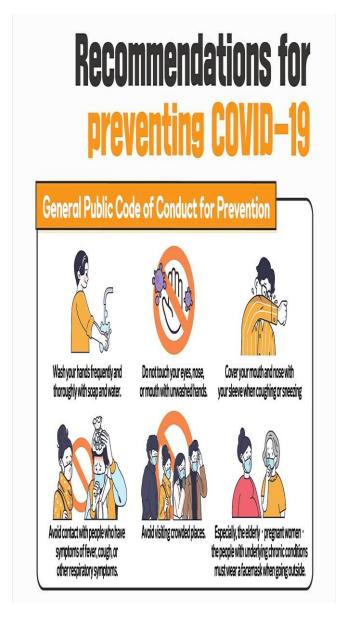
Even though he had nothing to do and nothing to eat, Chang sat obediently on his sofa, waiting for the unknown to happen. He sometimes nibbled on some cookies which he happened to have in the house. He looked outside his window and watched the kids playing outside.

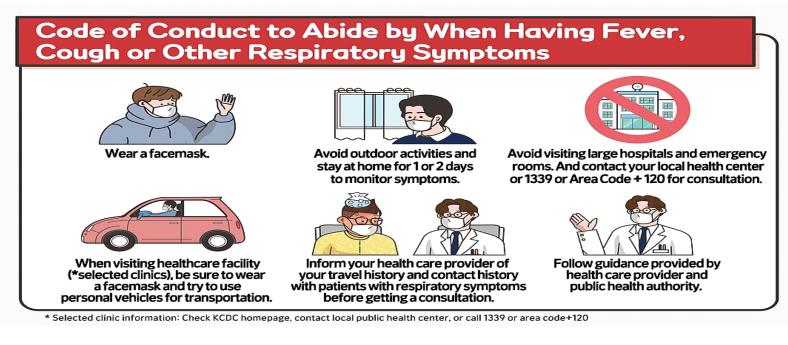
One morning he coudn't breathe properly so he called the doctors but, sadly, they didn't answer. He didn't know what to do. Chang felt desperately sick and deeply sad.

Every now and then he dozed off but, each time, he woke up feeling slimy with perspiration. His skin was turning mouldy with all the layers of sweat. He was growing weaker by the minute, until, BOOM! Chang fell and fainted!

He woke up at the hospital, where he was told that he had coronavirus because he never cleaned his house, so they sent him out to buy some detergents and to clean up. When Chang was walking to the supermarket people started to cough, but he didn't realise that he was spreading the disease.

By the time Mr. Chang passed away, the pandemic was crippling the whole world.





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COVID-19'S FIRST MALTESE VICTIM

Dreaded Development

LUIGI SMITH LA ROSA

Professor Matthias Smith, a well-known Maltese judge, died suddenly on Tuesday the 23rd of March, at the age of 86 years. Shockingly, he passed away after catching the latest virus some time ago. After battling the illness for two long weeks, he died peacefully at Mater Dei Hospital in room 20.

Sources say that Profs Smith caught the virus while visiting a dental clinic in Sliema after having broken a tooth on the hard crust of a cheap egg sandwich. Unfortunately, he was already suffering from several physical weaknesses which rendered him defenceless against this deadly Covid killer.

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It is reported that his family, friends and neighbours were freaked out with this reality; they were not only upset about his loss but they are all worried about the possibility of having contracted the virus. Contact tracing has begun and social distancing is mandatory around the area where he lived. The Health Authorities are taking precautions and the general public has been warned to be cautious.

His funeral will be held tomorrow at 5pm, and it will be limited to family members only, due to the Covid-19 restrictions. However, it will be screened live on Zoom for his numerous friends to pay their last respects. The password is 1919191919191919



Coronavirus Come and Gone? LUKE GRECH

The world-famous Swiss Professor Ratling has discovered a cure for COVID – 19. He's been working on this project endlessly ever since its outbreak in China. After months of testing, he claims to have developed the long-awaited vaccine.

Lisa from Malta said, "I am so relieved that everybody suffering from COVID 19 will be cured." An old man in Italy said, "I could have died but thanks to the professor's discovery I will continue to enjoy life."

Meanwhile, Health Organisations are cautiously testing the vaccine before launching it on the market.

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Magnificent Messi Madly Missing Marvelous Matches

ZAC BIANCO

With matches being cancelled after Spain's lockdown because of COVID-19, Lionel Messi had to stop playing football. Though bored because he had nothing to do, he soon started thinking of different ways to be useful.

He started by donating a lot of money to Barcelona Hospital so it could become fully-equipped against this deadly virus. Patients in hospital, and their relatives, thanked Messi because this gesture saved many lives.

Lionel Messi is also publishing pictures of his training regime to encourage others to emulate him. Together with his team mates, he agreed to cut his wages by 70% to make sure that other team employees will still be paid.

In the meantime, Messi is having fun with his sons, stressing the importance of staying indoors and enjoying loved ones. In fact, he said, "This is the perfect opportunity to spend time with those close to you. A pleasure which hasn't always been an option."

Messi said, "Though these are difficult days for everyone, you don't need to be scared or worried. I want to send strength to all, especially to our brave front liners."

The superhero ended by saying, "Stay safe and stay at home".

STAY HOME, SAVE LIVES!

LUCA MANICARO

"Covid-19 is a war without bombs! It can catch you within the blink of an eye, so STAY HOME AND STAY SAFE!" said Lionel Messi.

The Covid-19 pandemic made a stop to normal life. Overnight, going to school, shopping, travelling, going out to enjoy ourselves and even sports came to an abrupt end.

Thousands of people all over the world have lost their jobs, others had to leave their homes to take care of infected patients and like many other people, the brave and professional football player Lionel Messi had to put everything on hold,including football which is where he earns his money from.

To try and avoid this deadly virus we must practice social distancing and only go out of the house if we really need to.

