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FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

TOP NEWS STORIES
FOR THE WEEK
FOR KIDS AROUND THE WORLD

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ONE-HOUR GAMING LIMIT



THE Chinese government is limiting games to one hour a day on weekends.

They will make sure gaming firms are sticking to the rules, which have been brought in due to worries of excessive gaming by young people.

Many gamers are shocked at the new time limits. What do you think? Is it good to set limits, or is it a bit too much?



SCIENTISTS have discovered that the venom of a pit viper called *Bothrops jararacussu* contains a molecule that can slow down the effects of COVID-19. Initial experiments suggest that it decreases the virus's ability to spread by an impressive 75%.

HURRICANE'S TRAIL OF DAMAGE



FLASH floods, caused by Hurricane Ida, have created huge amounts of damage in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maryland and Louisiana.

More than 60 people died, 600,000 homes lost power, and many homes and businesses were destroyed.

New York mayor Bill de Blasio faced criticism for not warning people how bad the storm was going to be. He said that from now on he'd tell New Yorkers to "expect the very, very worst. Extreme weather has become the norm, and we need to respond to it differently".

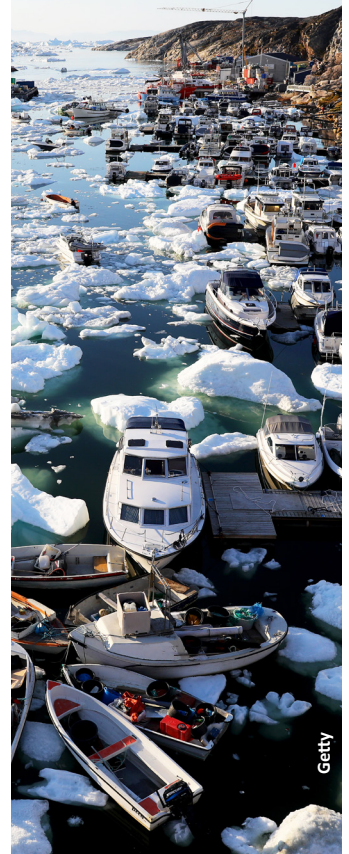
ELEPHANT NUMBERS UP IN KENYA



A SURVEY of Kenya's elephant population has shown a 12% rise in their numbers since 2014, when poaching was widespread.

Cracking down on poaching (illegal hunting) of the endangered species has been credited with the increase. There were 36,280 elephants counted in the survey, while the numbers of lions, zebras and giraffes also rose.

ICE MELTING IN GREENLAND



GREENLAND in 2021 is experiencing one of its biggest ice-melt years in recorded history.

Researchers from Denmark estimated that in July of this year, enough ice melted on the Greenland ice sheet to cover the entire state of Florida with two inches (5cm) of water.



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