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Housebound Living

Jennifer's Top 10 timely options to watch free on Netflix



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Educational: Pandemic

This very timely multi-part documentary helps explain how and why pandemics occur.

For a good laugh: Murder Mystery

Its goofy, its cheesy, and it has Adam Sandler paired with Jennifer Aniston.

Best Netflix Original Series: Stranger Things

Good characters, great plot, ET meets Freaks and Geeks. Set in the 80s. Need I say more?

Family friendly: Stuart Little

A heart-warming tale kids will like and parents can tolerate.

Drama: Outbreak

The name really says it all.

For music lovers: ZZ Top:

That Little Ol' Band From Texas To be fair, Netflix has a very strong music doc game going. But this new release takes the cakes.

80s throwback: Everything Indiana Jones

Nothing gets your mind off of troubles like a good 1980's action adventure series.

For the kids: What's New Scooby-Doo?

Nothing says comfort for stressed out kids like a classic, good, old-fashioned cartoon.

Drama: Shawshank Redemption

A modern classic, with equally strong characters and actors.

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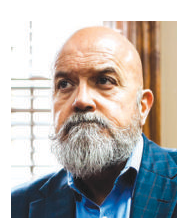
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Our community newspapers across south central Kentucky from Morgantown to Jamestown have committed to working in unison and sharing up-to-date news associated with how the Coronavirus is affecting our lives here at home.

We have also committed to looking for positive stories and examples of how our communities are surviving. All Jobe Newspapers have removed our paywall for online readers to access our newspapers for free until the pandemic status has been removed.

As President of the Kentucky Press Association, I am seeing the same cooperation from our statewide members as well. The state's largest newspapers are out front covering news conferences with the Governor and officials in their markets and sharing virus updates with our members.

Governor Andy Beshear has referenced the work of our association several times and stood with County Judge-Executives in complimenting efforts of local newspapers in saying, "The absolute best way to reach our communities is through our local newspapers."

All this has created a demand for our newspapers that I haven't seen in years as publisher, and it is an honor to be appreciated.

With the increase in readership comes unique demands that I have been forced to acknowledge. It wouldn't

surprise anyone that many of our community readers are elderly, and this week I received several calls requesting that we increase the font size. This issue will reflect those calls.

If it wasn't bad enough that private business and industry was struggling to honor payrolls and built in expenses, the Governor chose to issue directives for several of us to close our operations.

It is important to know that with every business there are a multitude of others that will be affected. In Yancey's Gastropub and Brewery alone, a small downtown location I own, there are 13 families directly affected. There are also another 7 distributors from bread to cleaning supplies each week and thousands of tax dollars that will be removed from city and state budgets.

It is important for government employees and businesses that remain open to keep an eye out for opportunities to support locally owned and operated businesses, and I am asking a personal favor to support the advertisers in this issue and let them know our community appreciates them helping your hometown newspaper make news available.

I have loved the media industry my entire adult life, and with many stories come positive memories. But I give you my word: the absolute biggest headline and the one I look forward to the most will be, "Pandemic is Over!"

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Be Grateful



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The coronavirus pandemic has taken us all by storm. It has disrupted our daily lives and activities in a variety of ways.

While some have no choice but to continue working, there are those of us, like myself, who are choosing to work from home to keep our families safe and to help "flatten the curve". There are others who have no choice but to stay home because of underlying health conditions or because of layoffs.

This is certainly not what we had in mind for 2020, and it is certainly not what we want to experience.

But honestly, even in these difficulties, is being "stuck" at home such a bad thing?

Yes, the pandemic is absolutely horrible. And yes, for those not being able to work is a horrible predicament.

But how privileged are so many of us that, during a global pandemic, we actually have a warm home in which to stay?

We can work from home if necessary. We can read books and watch our favorite shows on TV. Our children are still being educated, and we can still speak with our loved ones even if we can't be near them physically.

The situation may not be ideal, but we all need to be reminded of how blessed we truly are even during difficult times.

Take time to be grateful today in the midst of it all.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

America, and the World, is presently shaken by a tiny virus, so tiny that it is invisible to Man's naked eye.

Fear of contracting an infection from such a small living creature, and facing sickness, and possibly death, is shaking mighty Man around the world!

It is quite possible that God, the creator of Earth and the entire universe, is trying to get Man's attention!

According to the Word of God, He tells us that in the beginning He created Heaven and Earth and everything in them, visible and invisible, and that we all belong to Him.

In the same "Word of God" He told us how in Noah's time, he destroyed most of His living creation by the "Great Flood" because they became so WICK-ED.

Since then, He has judged and destroyed many nations. God also punished many nations, in the hope they would return to Him, and follow his ways, including Israel, his chosen nation.

This present world has become exceedingly WICKED! God predicted this would happen, and that at His "appointed time" he will judge and destroy the wicked.

Our extremely patient Creator is still trying to save us all. He loves us, and He is real, not a myth!

His Word must be taught to all. Faith comes by hearing the Word, reading the Word, and following his Word. Jesus is, "the way, the truth, and the life."

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