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## HOW TO MAKE A LIVING NEWSPAPER

CHICAGO — Pick and prod through current events from around the country, choose six. Pair stellar playwrights and directors and assign each pairing an article. Let sit for one week, let a 20-minute play bake. Cast from Chicago's talented actor pool. Rehearse for two weeks. Meet at The Armory to share our stories.

**MAY 27-29, 2022**

## DOUG

*By Paloma Nozicka\**

*Directed by Kaiser Ahmed\**

*Featuring:*

Andrew Burden Swanson\*

Sahar Dika

Joanne Dubach

## CHILD PROTECTION

*By Jesse Alana Robkin*

*Directed by Carter Caldwell*

*Featuring:*

Tina El Gamal\*

Caleb Fullen

**JUNE 3-5, 2022**

## UNTIL THE SUN DIES

*By Katherine Gwynn*

*Directed by Monét Felton\**

*Featuring:*

Jalyn Greene

Jessica Love

Ari Meixner

## VIRGINS

*By Jasmine Sharma*

*Directed by*

Laura Alcala Baker

*Featuring:*

Jalbelly Guzman

Anastacia Narrajos

Jocelyn Zamudio

**JUNE 10-12, 2022**

## THE CURRENT STATE OF SUNSHINE

*By Ike Holter*

*Directed by Shade Murray*

*Featuring:*

Aurora Adachi-Winter

Patty Corcoran

## TRAIN TO ZANZIBAR

*By Omer Abbas Salem\**

*Directed by Arti Ishak*

*Featuring:*

Christine Chang

Eric Gerard

Marcus D. Moore

Stephanie Shum

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FOLLOW:*



## DOUG

*It Could've Been the World's Largest Potato, if Only It Were a Potato*

MARCH 17, 2022  
NEW YORK TIMES

A couple in New Zealand found a giant growth in their garden, named it Doug and applied to Guinness World Records. Then the results of a DNA analysis came in.

In August last year, while weeding a patch of garden behind their home in New Zealand, Colin and Donna Craig-Brown struck gold, or what seemed like the world's largest potato.

"I had a big hoe in my hand, and it went, 'clonk,'" said Mr. Craig-Brown, speaking by phone on Thursday from his farm near Hamilton, where a cow could be heard in the background. "I said to my wife, 'What the hell's that?'"

Then, he said: "I got a great big four-pronged garden fork and laid into it, like an over-excited Viking warrior. I thrust my foot deep into the earth, dragged this thing out, kicking and screaming. It was the size of a rubbish bin lid."

They called it Doug.

## CHILD PROTECTION

*Dreading the knock at the door: Parents of trans kids in Texas are terrified for their families*

MARCH 17, 2022  
WASHINGTON POST

A judge halted a Feb. 22 directive that authorized child abuse investigations of parents who let their children medically transition genders. But Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton says they can continue.

The sticky note left on Amber Briggie's desk was scrawled with a name, a phone number and the words urgent and private.

When Briggie, a mother of two and a small-business owner in Texas, arrived at her office on Feb. 28, she felt sure she knew what the note meant: Another parent of a transgender child — perhaps

one who was under investigation by the state's protective services agency — was calling for guidance; Briggie has long been a prominent advocate for the rights of transgender children and their families. Briggie dialed the number, prepared to hear about a family in trouble. Then an investigator from Child Protective Services (CPS) answered, and she realized the family in trouble was her own.

## VIRGINS

*Actresses up for Madonna biopic must do 'grueling' boot camp: report*

MARCH 3, 2022  
NEW YORK POST

The search for Madonna is on.

A biopic based on the Queen of Pop's life is currently in pre-pre-production, with a slew of young stars reportedly gunning for the coveted role.

The women at the top of the shortlist include "Inventing Anna" star Julia Garner, "Black Widow" star Florence Pugh, "Euphoria" breakout Alexa Demie, indie queen Odessa Young, singers Bebe Rexha and Sky Ferreira and "Mayor of Kingstown" actress Emma Laird, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

## UNTIL THE SUN DIES

*Did scientists really quantum entangle tardigrades?*

JANUARY 5, 2022  
COSMOS MAGAZINE

Physicists dismiss claim that the first multicellular organism has been entangled with a qubit. But what was the weird experiment?

In a pre-peer-reviewed paper recently released on ArXiv, a team of physicists claims to have done something extraordinary: place a tardigrade in a state of quantum entanglement with a pair of qubits.

According to the mind-bending weirdness of quantum physics, quantum entanglement means that two things or systems cannot be described separately.

**TRAIN TO ZANZIBAR**  
*Pete Davidson will escape the Kanye drama for 11 whole minutes when he heads to space*

MARCH 14, 2022  
L.A. TIMES

First it was William Shatner. Then Michael Strahan. Now, comedian Pete Davidson is going to go up on one of Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin space flights.

Kanye West is not gonna like this at all.

The "Saturday Night Live" star will shoot into orbit for about 11 minutes on March 23 in the New Shepard space capsule, named for Alan Shepard, who was the first American to go into space. It will be the capsule's fourth manned flight — Bezos himself rode in the first one — and its 20th sojourn overall.

## THE CURRENT STATE OF SUNSHINE

*How We Make Sense of Time*

JANUARY 1, 2022  
NEW YORK TIMES

January 2022 arrives as our methods of keeping time feel like they are breaking. Calendar pages turn, yet time feels lost. In this year of all years, what does it mean for a year to be new?

Deep inside a mountain in West Texas, Alexander Rose has been working to build a clock with a pendulum that will tick for 10,000 years.

It is hundreds of feet tall, powered by the temperature difference between day and night, and synchronized by the solstice. The idea, said Mr. Rose, the executive director of the foundation behind it, is to help humans think about time well beyond our own lives. They call it the Clock of the Long Now.

The coronavirus pandemic has slowed installation, and it has also made time itself feel strange, going by both in a blur and horrifically slowly, he said.



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