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Jayden Kennedy



Austin Mills



Aidan Harder



Alex Soyer



Redek Born



Will Patterson

NORWALK WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY HIGH 26 | LOW 15
Cold, a little afternoon snow



FRIDAY HIGH 28 | LOW 5
Partly sunny, cold



SATURDAY HIGH 31 | LOW 26
Mostly sunny and cold



SUNDAY HIGH 55 | LOW 33
Warmer with plenty of sun



MONDAY HIGH 53 | LOW 30
Mostly cloudy



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

LET'S FORGET ABOUT THIS CALL

Jim Croce asked for help from a telephone operator to place a call in his 1972 hit song "Operator (That's Not the Way It Feels)." And in 1972, using a telephone operator for assistance was common. But what about today? When was the last time you spoke with an operator? Even the term operator seems antiquated now. Sounds more like a surgeon.

Do you remember when 1-800 numbers became mainstream? They launched in 1967, according to ringcentral.com, with a goal to cut down on labor-intensive collect calls that often required live operators. By the 1980s, every company seemingly had a 1-800 number, and my childhood buddies and I enjoyed dialing as many of them as we possibly could. We spent countless hours searching for and calling the 1-800 numbers on household products and telling the company representatives that we were doing a science fair project and were wondering if they would

send us some free samples. We then provided our friend Dave's name and address. His parents' mailbox overflowed with samples and promotional materials every day, leaving his mother to wonder what in the world was going on. I can't remember my own zip code today, but I can tell you Dave's exact and complete home mailing address.

The practical jokes intensified. Most every TV infomercial back then had a heavily promoted 1-800 number to call and order products and have them shipped COD (cash on delivery). No pre-payment or credit cards were required, and there was no ability (that we knew of then) to track where the orders came from. So, the orders to Dave's home started. Ginsu knives. Armourcote pots and pans. The Pocket Fisherman. Chia Pet. Mr. Microphone. But wait, there's more. The Egg Scrambler. Time Life books. The Abdominizer. The Thighmaster. And a wide



assortment of feminine hygiene products, gold coin collections and K-tel Records. We thought it was funny. Dave's mother didn't.

I realize now that ordering these types of products under another person's name is illegal, immoral and some other things that start with an "i." I am also not sure if a statute of limitations applies, so let me be clear: I was appalled that my friends Ian, Tommy and Mark would engage in such activity.

With that in mind, I close this column with the words of Jim Croce: "Oh, operator, let's forget about this call. There's no one there I really wanted to talk to. Thank you for your time. Oh, you've been so much more than kind. You can keep the dime."

Have a great week, and thanks for reading.

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COFFEE & CHAT

The public is invited to the weekly Coffee & Chat at the Library Meeting Room on March 11 from 10-11 a.m. This free, drop-in event is geared for adults, but all library visitors are welcome to attend. Coffee & Chat is a safe, welcome space for members of the community to connect with others while enjoying a hot beverage. This program was designed with these visitors in mind: new Norwalk residents, a seniors social hour, new/growing Norwalk businesses, parents and caregivers, English language learners, and any individual of any age seeking connection.

A variety of beverages will be served, including coffee, hot tea and seasonal options of hot cocoa or cider, purchased locally. Stay for a few minutes, the whole hour, or until the coffee gets cold — while supplies last. The library will also have on hand adult coloring, brain games, cards and board games, and brochures/handouts of local businesses and organizations. ■

WOMEN'S FIGHT TO VOTE IS TOPIC OF PROGRAM

The Norwalk Easter Public Library will present the program, "The Vote is the Emblem of Our Equality" by Kathy Wilson on March 15, 6:30-8 p.m. at the library meeting room. On Aug. 26, 2020, Americans marked the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. In this program, historian Kathy Wilson investigates why women had to fight for decades to get the right to vote, why Black and minority women were excluded from the national suffrage movement, and why we still struggle with women's rights today. ■

EASTER AT FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Community Church invites you to join its Easter at Fellowship to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The church will hold three identical Easter services Friday, April 15 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 17 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Fellowship is located at 225 North Ave. in Norwalk. A free continental breakfast will be available before the Sunday morning services. There will be special Easter activities during the service for K-fifth grade, and quality childcare for pre-K and younger will be available. For more information, visit their website at www.fellowshipnorwalk.org/easter or call their office at 515-981-0699. Connect with them on their social sites at @fellowshipnorwalk on Facebook and Instagram and @fellowshipnrwlk on Twitter. ■

NHS SPORTS SCHEDULES

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

3:30 P.M.

**TRACK & FIELD:
BOYS VARSITY
MEET**

VS. AMES @ IOWA STATE

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

8 A.M.

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NORWALK POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

DISCLAIMER: All defendants are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Feb. 25: Vehicle crash, County Line Road and Highway 28. Vehicle driven by Dane Van Brocklin of Des Moines collided with a vehicle driven by Jeremy Juull of Norwalk. A report was made and information forwarded to the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Feb. 26: Impaired driver, Highway 28. Andrew Mellencamp of Prole was arrested and charged with Operating While Intoxicated. Subject was processed and transported to the Warren County Jail.

March 1: Revoked driver. Jeremy Harr of Carlisle was arrested and charged with Driving While Revoked. Subject was processed and transported to the Warren County Jail.

March 3: Vehicle crash, Beardsley Street and Clearwater Drive. Vehicle driven by Larry Newberg of Norwalk collided with a vehicle driven by Jennifer Doerfler of West Des Moines. A report was made and information forwarded to the Iowa Department of Transportation. ■

FILM REVIEWS By Michael C. Woody

'MOONFALL'

This is a dreadful film, starring Halle Berry and Patrick Wilson, about an issue with our moon and how, or if, it can be fixed. I found myself wishing that it couldn't so I could leave the theater sooner. This one will end up as one of the worst movies of 2022.

Grade: D



"Moonfall"

'HOME TEAM'

Kevin James plays real-life NFL head coach Sean Payton who was suspended by the NFL. He ended up home and helping to coach his son's football team. Crazy hijinks follow. It is stupid and silly but still has a certain harmless charm.

Grade: B-



"Home Team"

'BLACKLIGHT'

The annual shoot 'em up, beat 'em up from Liam Neeson, this time about a former FBI agent trying to track down bad guys inside the agency. If you like these types of movies, this one is slightly above average.

Grade: B



"Blacklight"

'DEATH ON THE NILE'

I'm on record for not being a fan of the type of mysteries where anyone and everyone could be guilty. I find them to be manipulative. Like the 1978 version, this has an all-star cast led by Kenneth Branagh (who also directs), Annette Bening, Armie Hammer and Gal Godot. If you are a fan of Agatha Christie, you will like it.

Grade: B ■

Michael C. Woody has been reviewing movies on radio and television since 1986 and can be heard talking movies every Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. on KXnD 106.3 with Keith Murphy and Andy Fales. You can also follow him on Twitter at MrMovieDSM.



"Death on the Nile"

INDY VENDOR FAIR

The Indy Vendor Fair is held March 19, 9 a.m. to noon at the Odd Fellows Hall, 1202 S. Jefferson Way, Indianola. Hosted by Whip It Good Catering, the fair features a variety of vendors offering crafts, freezer meals, soups, baked goods, candles, fresh-baked breads, gifts, clothing and much more. For more information, email whipitgood515@gmail.com. ■

COMMUNITY CHAT

The next monthly Community Chat is March 12, 9-10:30 a.m. It is held the second Saturday of the month at City Hall for Norwalk residents to visit informally with city representatives. ■

LIBRARY OFFERS ART EXPLORERS FOR KIDS

Norwalk Easter Public Library will hold Art Explorers March 19, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Library's meeting room. This series of programs is dedicated to fun, open-ended art experiences for young children. Each month, staff will offer a different variety of art stations especially designed for children ages 1-4 (but open to children of all ages and their caregivers). Dress for mess — there will be paint and other potentially messy activities. ■

OPALS SENIOR LUNCHEON

Everyone age 55 and older is welcome to OPALS Senior Luncheon April 1, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Luana Savings Bank, 9321 Market Place Drive, Norwalk. Come and socialize with the Parks and Recreation staff and enjoy a potluck-style lunch. Water is provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Each event will have a different speaker. Speakers will be announced prior to the event. Pre-registration is required. Call 515-981-9206. ■

HIRTA NOW SERVING NORWALK

HIRTA began operating a vehicle exclusively in Norwalk on March 1. Initially, HIRTA will provide transportation on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. A one-way trip in town is \$2.50.

To guarantee a ride, schedule at least 24 hours in advance. Rides can be scheduled by calling 1 (877) 686-0029 or by emailing erides@ridehirta.com. Riders can also contact HIRTA to set up the Amble App to schedule, pay or cancel their trips on their smartphone.

For instruction on how to use the service, visit www.RideHIRTA.com/TravelTraining.

The Transportation Security Administration federal mask mandate for public transit requires riders and drivers to wear a mask through March 18. Failure to comply will result in denial of boarding or removal, and may result in penalties. ■

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Des Moines Civic Center/Cowles Commons/Stoner

Theater – 221 Walnut St.

Temple Theater – 1011 Locust St.

www.desmoinesperformingarts.org

- **March 4-13:** “Anon(ymous)” at the Stoner Theater.

- **March 11-12:** “Rent”

at the Des Moines Civic Center - Willis Broadway Series.



- **Saturday, March 12:**

“Baby Boomer Comedy Show” at the Temple Theater.

- **Tuesday, March 15:** “Disney Princess - The

Concert” at the Des Moines Civic Center.

- **Friday-Saturday, March 18-19:** Comedy

XPeriment at the Stoner Theater.

- **March 22-27:** “Hadestown” at the Des Moines Civic

Center - Willis Broadway Series.

- **Saturday, March 26:** “Doodle POP” at the Temple

Theater - Wellmark Family Series.

- **Tuesday, March 29:** “Madagascar The Musical

Live!” at the Des Moines Civic Center.

COMEDY

- **Thursday, March 10:** Mick Foley

at Funny Bone, 560 S. Prairie View Drive, Suite 100, Des Moines; www.desmoines.funnybone.com.

**MANDALAS & HENNA ART CLASS**

Sunday, March 13, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Principal Studio 5, Des Moines Art Center, 5700 Grand Ave.

Explore traditional mandala and henna patterns while learning about the history of art in India. From medieval times to the present day, students will be exposed to examples of traditional mandala and henna patterns, rangoli, lettering and paintings. Tuition is \$30 (\$24 for members), and the material fee is \$25. To register, visit <https://my.desmoinesartcenter.org/12466/12468>.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE

Thursday, March 17, noon

Downtown Des Moines

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick are staging their annual parade in downtown Des Moines, beginning at noon, starting at 15th Street and Grand Avenue, heading east to Eighth Street. New this year is a Block Party at 13th and Grand, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Your \$5 admission gets you access to watch the parade, food trucks, live music, a beer tent and more. More information is available at www.friendlysonsiowa.com.

AN EVENING OF CELTIC MUSIC

March 12, 7 p.m.

Windsor Presbyterian Church, 6301 University Ave., Windsor Heights

Crossroads of Iowa presents “ClearJoy Music: An Evening of Celtic Music.” Admission is free. A freewill offering will be accepted to support Crossroads of Iowa programs. ClearJoy is a musical collaboration of two sisters specializing in Celtic and Scottish music. Crossroads is a not-for-profit organization offering programs for women, including those in jail or prison, with a focus on mental wellness using a holistic approach.

JURASSIC QUEST

Friday and Saturday, March 11-12, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.;

Sunday, March 13, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Iowa Events Center, 730 Third St., Des Moines

Tickets are available online at <https://www.jurassicquest.com/events/des-moines-ia> and cost \$22 for kids and adults and \$19 for seniors. Ticket for unlimited rides for kids is \$36, which includes entry. General admission includes live shows, arts and crafts activities, dinosaur and marine exhibits. Tickets for individual and premium activities will be available on-site (from \$6). Off peak hours are weekdays (all day) and weekends after 3 p.m. Free entry for children younger than 2. ■

RECIPE

STEP INTO SPRING WITH A SWEET, FRESH MEAL



(Family Features) As the weather turns the corner and temperatures rise, opportunities for dining outdoors and soaking up the sunshine abound. Patio meals often mean fresh flavors, making spring a perfect time for heading outside with your favorite seasonal dishes.

The freshness of Texas 1015 Sweet Onions is an ideal starting point for recipes that heighten the enjoyment of al fresco dining. As the first spring sweet onion of the season, they're harvested and packed fresh, meaning they're never stored. Plus, with no burning sensation when you cut them, you can skip the tears for more enjoyable meal prep.

It's a versatile veggie that can be grilled, roasted, eaten fresh or caramelized for delightful recipes like this Flatbread with Caramelized Onions, Bacon and Arugula. Find more recipes to celebrate spring at tx1015.com. ■

FLATBREAD WITH CARAMELIZED ONIONS, BACON AND ARUGULA

Recipe courtesy of South Texas Onions

Servings: 2-3

1 tablespoon butter
1/2 tablespoon olive oil
1 large sweet onion, sliced
1/2 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
1 naan flatbread (rectangular shape)
1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
1 cup fontina cheese, shredded
4 slices bacon
arugula
olive oil (optional)
lemon juice (optional)

To make caramelized onions: In pan over medium-high heat, heat butter and olive oil. Add onions and let sit about five minutes. Once onions start sweating, turn heat to low and cover pan. Cook onions to deep golden brown, stirring every 10-15 minutes. With 10 minutes left, stir in balsamic vinegar.

To make flatbread: Preheat oven to 425 F.

On flatbread, layer cheese, bacon and caramelized onions. Bake 13-15 minutes, or until cheese is bubbly and edges are golden brown.

Toss arugula with olive oil and lemon juice, if desired, before placing on flatbread.

TOBEY NAMED ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR AT NORWALK

The Norwalk Community School District announced Josh Tobey has been hired as the district's new activities director and will assume duties on July 1. He is currently serving as the activities/athletic director for Johnston Community Schools and prior to that was the assistant athletic director at Johnston from July 2012 - July 2020. Before joining Johnston, he was the Norwalk Middle School athletic director from August 2008 - June 2012. During his time at Norwalk, he coached several middle school athletic teams including baseball and basketball and taught science.



He is a member of the Iowa High School Athletic Directors Association, was named the Middle School Central District AD of the Year in 2015, and served on the Iowa High School Athletic Association Junior High Advisory Committee. He has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Iowa State University and a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He holds endorsements in coaching, evaluator approval, and PK-12 principal/PK-12 special ed supervisor.

"I am honored to accept the role of activities director in Norwalk. I am appreciative of the opportunity and look forward to serving the Norwalk schools and community," Tobey said.

"We are excited to welcome Mr. Tobey back to Norwalk Schools," said NCSD Superintendent D.T. Magee. "Josh brings with him extensive leadership experiences and a unique connection to Norwalk Schools that will serve him well in his role as AD. Coming from a large 4A school district, he will help lead our district growth opportunities, build culture and identity in our community and work to ensure that all students have the ability to participate in programs outside of the classroom."

Norwalk's current activities director, Al Lammers, is retiring in September after serving Norwalk Schools in a variety capacities the last 33 years — including 17 as the activities director. ■

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