

# Pandemic Issue #6

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**-Orlando and nation on lockdown-**

**No meetings until future notice**

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**As you may know, I was a morning radio newsman in Virginia for 5 years and still have connections to the station and news sources there in The Old Dominion.**

**Nationwide , now that cases of COVID-19 are declining, there is a popular mood to immediately relax our lockdowns and social distancing, in spite of the second wave that epidemiologists predict.**

**The latest medical modeling is saying that a Second Virginia Peak of cases is coming mid-August. Yes, here it comes again.**

**There is no reason to not believe that we will see this same pattern here in Florida.**

[https://www.richmond.com/special-report/coronavirus/uva-researchers-project-mid-august-peak-for-new-covid-19-cases-in-virginia/article\\_c4e2c008-1617-52d8-ad08-706abfb3d696.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_campaign=user-share&fbclid=IwAR1DXjl-Cipvl1LO2EX9Wr63m6FH6Z5NixWuvMZ6OFYoG124njh2p8JfTLY](https://www.richmond.com/special-report/coronavirus/uva-researchers-project-mid-august-peak-for-new-covid-19-cases-in-virginia/article_c4e2c008-1617-52d8-ad08-706abfb3d696.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=user-share&fbclid=IwAR1DXjl-Cipvl1LO2EX9Wr63m6FH6Z5NixWuvMZ6OFYoG124njh2p8JfTLY)

**This is consistent with the original Imperial College modeling in England. It said that there would be a wave of secondary peaks until either a**

**vaccine or “herd immunity” develops. The less deadly way would be for there to be a vaccine, but that is at least 18 months away.**

**It is apparent that any business (restaurant, attractions, banquets, fairs, theater, lodging, travel) or system (schools) that require close proximity will not return to**

normal for many months. There are an antiviral that may soon be proven to alleviate the severity in many cases but only immunity will stop this pandemic. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Remdesivir>

This is still going to be a long haul and tough time for us in the performing arts.

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Barring a vaccine, a pharmaceutical intervention or herd immunity, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti said mass gatherings such as concerts and sporting events are unlikely until next year.

"The prospect of mass gatherings is negligible at best," Newsom said this week. New York Mayor Bill de Blasio said the return of such events could be far off.

The attractions in Orlando are of comparable density to New York and Los Angeles.

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It would be helpful to took at how the UK is thinking about the COVID-19 lockdown.

British Pubs are been closed

<https://www.dailystar.co.uk/news/latest-news/pubs-last-open-coronavirus-lockdown-21888601>



The UK has been on lockdown since March 23, and yesterday, with [coronavirus](#) deaths still increasing, the restrictions were extended for three more weeks.

But according to one government source, the restrictions won't be lifted all at once – with pubs and restaurants, for example, not opening until June or July.

There has been growing pressure on the government to reveal its exact plan. Many businesses are on the brink of collapse, and every extra day of lockdown pushes them closer to collapse.

Ministers are required by law to confirm whether the rules are working, based on expert advice, every three weeks.

Later in the Summer, we can hope to see bars, restaurants and possibly cinemas being allowed to open, the source told the Daily Mail.

Dominic Raab, when he announced the three-week lockdown extension, said five key conditions need to be met before the lockdown ends.

- The level of hospital admissions must be low enough that the NHS can cope.
- Health chiefs can identify a consistent fall in the daily death rates – evidence that the peak has passed
- The rate of infection falling to "manageable levels"
- Britain has enough testing capacity and PPE for healthcare professionals.
- The risk of a second peak of infections has been ruled out

But some political commentators say that the lockdown is set to continue until a vaccine can be found – and that could take up to a year.

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From the “Please Don’t Department”: Don’t dive into alcohol or become a Benzo Head. Try exercise, like walking and cut down on carbs and

add fats like Omega 3. There is some evidence that omega-3 fatty acids are related to mental health including that they may tentatively be useful as an add-on for the treatment of depression. Plant sources include flaxseed oil. Fish, such as salmon, is an animal source. Limit your intake of “News” and focus on your hobbies.

<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/anti-anxiety-medication-prescriptions-have-spiked-34-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic-2020-04-16>

# Anti-anxiety medication prescriptions have spiked 34% during the coronavirus pandemic

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By [Nicole Lyn Pesce](#)



Americans are also filling more prescriptions for antidepressants and anti-insomnia drugs



## **Carnivals, Fairs, Festivals, and Amusement Parks - Are we last to open and why?**

A Carnival Warehouse / Amusement Park Warehouse Exclusive Editorial



**Will large fairs, festivals, and amusement parks be last to open?**

Photo by Scooter Korek

[https://carnivalwarehouse.com/newsserver/carnivals-fairs-festivals-and-amusement-parks-are-we-last-to-open-and-why--1587254400?fbclid=IwAR3Efs-x6VbCanLrkYW0wzpBeaK-meaHk\\_PzufzsYK\\_p07aierO9Z2uD3w0](https://carnivalwarehouse.com/newsserver/carnivals-fairs-festivals-and-amusement-parks-are-we-last-to-open-and-why--1587254400?fbclid=IwAR3Efs-x6VbCanLrkYW0wzpBeaK-meaHk_PzufzsYK_p07aierO9Z2uD3w0)

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**Interesting revival of Drive-In movies!**

<https://www.movienewsnet.com/2020/04/15/the-return-of-drive-ins-could-be-the-theater-industrys-last-hope/?fbclid=IwAR0Dtuc3d6XGXycFdilA3LxEZrP2exac8kHesygcEmqBPZMayL3aCB77aU>



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## THE RETURN OF DRIVE-INS COULD BE THE THEATER INDUSTRY'S LAST HOPE



In case you hadn't noticed, things are not looking great for the movie industry. Yes, the big film studios should be okay in this time of economic pause, as people at home are streaming content at an unprecedented level. But most theater owners have closed their doors due to shelter-in-place orders to slow the spread of COVID-19, and right now they're running out of options.

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## **Dennis Deliberations ... Ring # 170, Assembly #99**

### **“The Bev Bergeron Ring”**

“Instead of worrying about what you cannot control, shift your energy to what you can create.”

— Roy T. Bennett-

Norm Nielsen passes...

I’m sorry to report that Norm passed away, suddenly, April 21, 2020.

Fortunately, he was at an excellent memory care facility, surrounded by a compassionate staff.

Norm Nielsen was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin on February 17, 1934 .

He became hooked on magic at age 10 when his father took him to see a barber who loved to perform magic.

Norm would go to his first magic convention where he met his idol, Neil Foster, who learned from and was a teacher at the Chavez School of Magic in California.

Imagine the disappointment of his father when Norm announced that he was moving to California to learn magic and become a magician! Like Neil, Norm learned his craft at Chavez and help teach there for a little while.

Eventually, he moved back to Kenosha, where he opened Nielsen Magic in 1956. At the time Norm was your regular 50 miler magician. Who performed in the area, owned his little magic shop, and would build magic tricks to sell to others. In the early sixties, he met Johnny Thompson, and through their collaboration, they came up with clever effects: Bottle through Table, Flower to Silk, and because they were both dove workers, they created the Nielsen Vanishing Dove Cage. One of his biggest clients was Magic, Inc., in Chicago, owned and operated by Jay and Frances Marshall.

Initially, Norm performed a manipulation and dove act, which including the Zombie Ball effect. Throughout the years in his effort to be different, his Ball became his famous and signature Floating Violin that we know of. The first attempts at the Floating Violin were made in 1966.

His big break was a few years later when Jay Marshall, arranged an audition with Mark Leddy – the booker for the Ed Sullivan Show. After his appearance in that show, the entire world opened to him. He had one of the most successful careers as a performing magician for the next three decades. He worked all over Europe, Asia, Latin American and South Africa. For nearly seven years, he worked at the Crazy Horse Saloon in Paris. He appeared in probably fifty different television programs around the world.

Norm has probably won every single award given in the magic world: He had all the major awards from the Academy of Magical Arts: Stage Magician of the Year, Magician of the Year and a Performing Fellowship; the Jack Gwynne Award, SAM Hall of Fame, Milbourne Christopher Awards, Chavez, and the list goes on and on.

During all this time in the 1970's he briefly sold his business to another builder and magic shop operator. It wasn't well managed, so he bought it back in the mid-1980s when he settled back in the United States.

In 1990, he started becoming a magic collector of vintage posters. At that time he still had an active performing career, but opted to take care of his business and the posters.

By now he had three careers: Performing magic; buying, selling and trading vintage magic posters; and manufacturing magic.



# NORM NIELSEN

## Musical Magic



"THE VIOLIN  
PLAYED BY A PHANTOM MAGICIAN  
WAS EERIE AND HYPNOTIC.  
RATHER LIKE A DALI CANVAS."  
VARIETY



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As bleak as it seems now, in the pandemic lockdown, having an Abbotts Magic Get Together would be a boost in magic spirits. If you have never been to one, it is a trip back in time and a touch of joyous magic community.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=63k3haFVGEY&fbclid=IwAR29jQNeZnTDrX4\\_Dto20ilvM4fKzXj4zS\\_0UhR3n9EWiHn\\_XD3URcFd2PY&app=desktop](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=63k3haFVGEY&fbclid=IwAR29jQNeZnTDrX4_Dto20ilvM4fKzXj4zS_0UhR3n9EWiHn_XD3URcFd2PY&app=desktop)





Abbott's Magic Get-Together - Colon, MI

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The late great Alan Shaxon in 1988 on Paul Daniel's UK TV Show

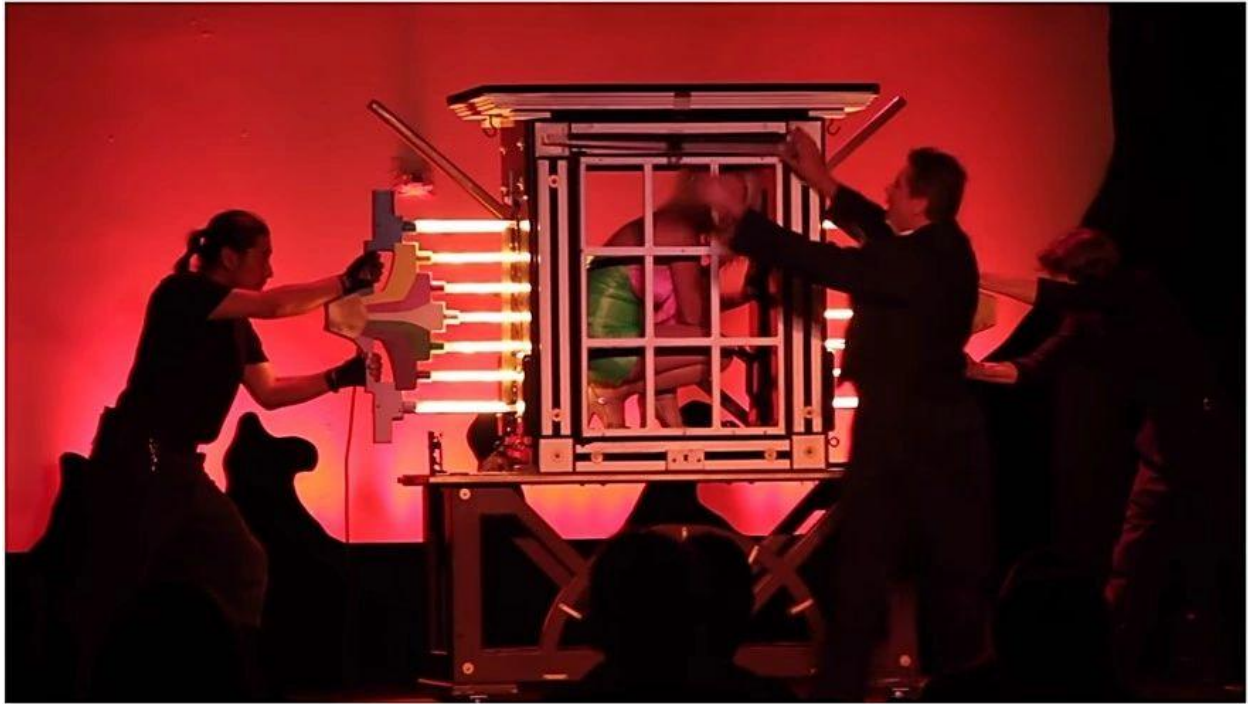
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I always like this effect... I knew that it was an original with Jody, because George Kimery (Chalet Magic) told me and when I saw a knock off, I called Jody and he explained the development of it with Roger Capps. Locally, Joe Constantine has performed it and owns one.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ooukKB2HTe0&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR3zcANEFqi5TbNeP-GJPNY-YqRE\\_Eyf0sueDYBx2qf6KubIJlJZSTNuqps](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ooukKB2HTe0&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR3zcANEFqi5TbNeP-GJPNY-YqRE_Eyf0sueDYBx2qf6KubIJlJZSTNuqps)



'The Lightbulb Trick' An Original- The Magic of Jody Baran & Kathleen

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Some people so not understand...





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**NEVER IN MY  
WILDEST DREAMS  
DID I IMAGINE  
I'D GO UP TO  
A BANK TELLER  
WITH A MASK ON  
ASKING FOR MONEY.**

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Stay well

Stay Safe

Dennis