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WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

Everybody's favorite nanny stars in a Lifetime Christmas movie, *The Christmas Setup* (Dec. 12). Drescher, 63, plays Kate, who can't resist

matchmaking when her New York lawyer son, Hugo (Ben Lewis), comes home to Milwaukee for the holidays, setting him up with Patrick (Blake Lee), his secret high school crush.

What drew you to *The Christmas Setup*? I love that it's Lifetime's first LGBTQ holiday rom-com. I always go to the mat for gay civil liberties and any marginalized group. The more we can normalize it by showing it in stories like this, the better it's going to be for society as a whole.

Tell us about your character, Kate. She's very positive; she's a force. She's very into her community and is unconditionally accepting of her children. She gives for the greater good, and I like that.

You were diagnosed with uterine cancer 20 years ago, and Cancer Schmancer is your advocacy passion

What's happening next for The Nanny? Go to **Parade.com/drescher** to find out. project. How have you worked on that during the pandemic? We immediately shifted gears and said, "Let's do a Zoom interview series called *Corona Care 4 You.*" We interviewed outside-of-the-box medical

doctors from all over the world who offered advice for people on how to help support your immune system, what you might do should you test positive and things to do to support your body to fight the virus.

What's the happiest you've been this year? I celebrated my 20-year anniversary of wellness on June 21. I always thought I was going to have a major bash, but we were in lockdown. I was one of eight girlfriends that all socially distanced on my deck. We ate and laughed and were all together, and that was a very joyful experience.

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Rachel Brosnahan's New Life of Crime

Brosnahan moves from the '60s of The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel to the '70s for the gritty crime drama I'm Your Woman (Dec. 11 on Amazon Prime Video). She stars as Jean, a suburban housewife who's forced to go on the run with her baby when her thief husband (Bill Heck) betrays his shady partners. "This character is so far away from Midge Maisel," Brosnahan, 30, says. "She learns she is capable of far more than she ever could have dreamed."



MERYL STREEP Goes to The Prom

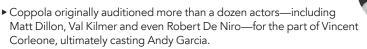
Imagine your prom crashed by Nicole Kidman, Kerry Washington, Meryl Streep, Keegan-Michael Key and James Corden. That's what happens in The Prom, (Dec. 11 on Netflix), adapted from the Broadway hit about a troupe of theater stars who swarm into a small conservative town in support of a high school girl who wants to take her girlfriend to the dance. "This is based on a real thing that happened in Indiana, and has a happy ending," says Streep, 71, who recalls her own high school memories. "My mother made all my prom dresses, and I thought I looked great. That's what it's all about-how you look, or looked, at least at the beginning of the evening."



Godfather III Turns 30

Director Francis Ford Coppola, 81, has re-edited the final film in his epic *Godfather* trilogy and given it a new title, *Mario Puzo's The Godfather, Coda: The Death of Michael Corleone* (Dec. 8 on Blu-ray and digital). Here's some inside scoop on the new release.

- ► The musical term "coda" was added to The Death of Michael Corleone to connote that this is the epilogue to the first two Godfather films.
- ► Sofia Coppola and Talia Shire recorded new lines of dialogue remotely.
- ► The restoration involved searching through more than 300 cartons of film, looking for alternate takes for some shots.



► There is a new surprise ending. The original had Michael (Al Pacino) and Kay (Diane Keaton) reconciling, only to have their daughter, Mary (Sofia Coppola), killed during an assassination attempt on Michael.



 Doze off with ThisWorks' Deep Sleep Pillow Spray, a blend of lavender, vetiver and chamomile that might help reduce sleep-associated anxiety.
 \$29, nordstrom.com

2. This **Pro Facial Steamer** from Dr. Dennis Gross provides a next-level at-home spa experience to hydrate and clarify your complexion. **\$149**, **dermstore.com**

3. A wireless charging station and UV sanitizer in one, the Lexon Oblio kills germs and keeps you "plugged in." \$80, store.moma.org

4. Known for its health benefits (helping blood circulation and reducing inflammation), chai is made from a blend of black tea, ginger and spices like cardamom and cinnamon. **The Chai Box** includes all

of the ingredients (sourced from India) needed for the traditional tea beverage—just add milk or your favorite milk substitute. **\$75, thechaibox.com**

5. Once reserved for lazy days, slippers have become a work-fromhome essential—they just might top banana bread and TikTok for trend of the year. Tie-dyed EMU Australia Mayberry Slippers have nonslip soles.
\$70, anthropologie.com

6. America's most prominent infectious disease expert is not only the face of the pandemic, he's also the face of this Dr. Anthony Fauci Mug by artist Justin Rothshank. **\$52, cainsloan.com**

7. Be kind to your hair with hand-sewn Silk Scrunchies, hair-tie alternatives that can prevent damage and breakage. (The fabric is thought to reduce friction on your locks.) **\$12, thesilklabs.com**

8. Dry brushing, which uses a stiff-bristle tool to massage the body, exfoliates skin and is thought to boost circulation and promote lymphatic drainage. Gift the ancient healing practice with the Marble Body Brush. \$88, gildedbody.com

9. Go to your Zen place with 300-piece Calm Puzzles, which pair soothing audio (via a free 30-day trial of the Calm app) with the tranquil practice of assembling jigsaw puzzles. \$15 each, calmpuzzles.com

10. Though not everything useful needs to be beautiful, these **Bala Bangles** (½-, 1- and 2-pound wrist and ankle weights) have plenty of style. **\$40–\$65**, **shopbala.com**

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aced with a pandemic, Americans do what we always do: We make the best of it. The past nine months have been far from normal, but these trends demonstrate how resilient and clever we can be—even in a year like 2020. -Kristin Luna

WE MADE SILLY VIDEOS If you watched from behind the curtains as your neighbor teetered down the street on a skateboard while filming herself, you're not alone. By April, video social network TikTok had been downloaded more than 2 billion times globally. A meteoric rise in viewership brought about silly challenges and dance-offs (think "Savage" by Megan Thee Stallion and "Blinding Lights" by The Weeknd) and

breakout stars like Idaho potato factory worker Nathan Apodaca, 37, whose viral skateboarding video put Fleetwood Mac's "Dreams" back on the Billboard charts for the first time in more than 40 years.



WE BAKED SOURDOUGH BREAD It didn't take long for us to revive our

rusty home-ec skills as a way to keep busy. Sourdough starters were all the rage, and at-home bakers like Bay Area resident Christine Marie, 37

(@maidintheshade83), even added stenciled decorations—from Star Wars characters to political candidates—to her bread.

WE WENT GREEN Americans flocked to the outdoors in 2020, embracing their green thumbs and hearts—in a year where many sought therapy and community through nature. "I bartered with a neighbor," says Washington, D.C.-based Pamela Welliver, 50, of her "quarantine garden." "I traded green bean seeds for basil." Those without a yard went green indoors; sales of monsteras, fiddle leaf figs, succulents and other ornamental house plants boomed.



WE WORKED OUT Gym memberships declined, but fitness app subscriptions went way up. Jen Tully, a 38-year-old New Jersey resident, was a SoulCycle

enthusiast prior to social distancing; now she gets her fix via the Peloton bike she purchased in March. "I knew my sanity was on the

line if I couldn't keep my workouts going, and it didn't seem like enclosed rooms full of panting people were

going to be back on the menu anytime soon," Tully says, adding that she has worked out far more in the months since making the purchase than she did prior.

WE CREATED ELABORATE

CHEESE BOARDS As we explored new ways to safely assemble, picnics and casual outdoor dining experiences became the go-to way to socially distance together. Enter the cheese board. Dozens of home entrepreneurs shared their boards, but leading the way was Cortney LaCorte, 31, whose nearly two-yearold Cheese Gal has thrived on Instagram and

now has a celebrity clientele and a brand-new brick-andmortar location in downtowr Nashville.



WE SEWED Never was an aptitude for sewing more needed than when we were faced with a shortage in personal protective equipment. Seattlebased Kate Dávila, 43, was working at Microsoft when her contract ended mid-pandemic. She first busted out her sewing machine to make masks for herself and her family, then launched the handmade textiles business Two Annas. She has sold more than

1,500 masks since June.



WE FOUND SMARTER WAYS TO CLEAN Faced with

being inside for the foreseeable future, Americans stress-cleaned their homes to maintain some semblance of control. Even more fun than making your own hand sanitizer? The robot vacuum. Sales of the popular **Roomba** vacuums and Braava robot mops soared.



WE DRANK ... A LOT Packaged alcohol sales rose as people retreated into their homes, with one

standout: hard seltzer. At the height of summer, the alcoholic seltzer market drove upward of \$100 million in sales for many weeks in a row, more than tripling



sales from the same period the previous year. Positive reviews of the bubbly drink also skyrocketed on Yelp.

WE WATCHED A LOT OF TV

Streaming services are the real winners of 2020; for the week of April 6, a month into lockdown, Nielsen reported that Americans spent nearly 170 billion minutes streaming content. (For perspective, that's almost 323,440 years!) Among the year's top shows:

■ The season-three finale of Paramount Network's Yellowstone drew 7.6 million viewers on one August day, making it the mostwatched cable telecast of the year, according to Nielsen.

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 Sleeper hit Schitt's Creek became the top streamed show among the major four channels (Amazon Prime, Disney+, Hulu, Netflix) this fall after sweeping the Emmys in September.
 The *Tiger King* docuseries may have been the most unexpected hit, breaking records for holding the top spot on Netflix for the longest period of time.



WE LEARNED We fine-tuned piano skills, tackled jigsaw puzzles and learned new languages with the

help of software such as Rosetta Stone, Duolingo or Babbel. In Texas, 55-yearold **Julie Ford Rothermund** and her husband, who had



dreamed about retiring to Italy, decided to improve their Italian. "Michael is now able to understand and converse pretty well and even writes emails in Italian to a friend who lives there," says Rothermund.

WE BECAME ROAD-TRIPPERS

With most air travel and business travel a thing of the past, Americans set out to safely adventure by car in their own hometowns or neighboring states. A recent AAA survey reports that 80 percent of upcoming U.S. travel will be road trips, with a fifth of travelers planning to book last-minute within a week of depar-



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PARADE SALUTES THE STARS WHO MADE OUR LIVES MORE INTERESTING

By Dillon Dodson

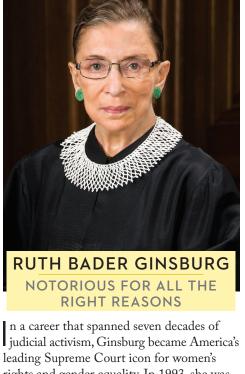
e used to laugh when Charlie Brown would mutter "Good grief," his iconic line expressing confusion and sorrow. But in a year filled with loss, "Good grief" is all many of us have to say. Mourning and celebrating people we knew intimately from film, TV, books, songs, sports and politics is one way to heal,

says Robert Neimeyer, Ph.D., director of the Portland Institute for Loss and Transition. "Our own grief can be made lighter by the recognition that this loss impacts many others." Here we remember-and salute-some of the people we lost who made such a difference in our lives, making us laugh, cry, think and dream. Go to Parade.com/remember for more memories.



THE BLACK PANTHER ICON LEFT A LEGACY OF HOPE ▲ fter portraying iconic Black cultural Afigures—Jackie Robinson in 42, James Brown in Get On Up and Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall in Marshall-the actor secured his legacy as the star of Black Panther, playing the African prince-cum-superhero T'Challa, and in Spike Lee's Da Five Bloods and Ma Rainey's Bottom with Viola Davis. He died Aug. 28 at 43 from colon cancer.

CHARLIE DANIELS died on July 6 of a stroke at the age of 83. His 1979 Charlie Daniels Band hit "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" was a No. 1 crossover smash that won a Grammy. Daniels began his career as a Nashville session quitarist on albums for Bob Dylan and former Beatle Ringo Starr.



RUTH BADER GINSBURG NOTORIOUS FOR ALL THE

judicial activism, Ginsburg became America's leading Supreme Court icon for women's rights and gender equality. In 1993, she was nominated to the Supreme Court by President Bill Clinton, becoming the second woman (the first was Sandra Day O'Connor) to hold the position. Ginsburg was heralded in the hit 2018 documentary film RBG and a biopic, On the Basis of Sex, in which she was portrayed by actress Felicity Jones. She died of complications from cancer Sept. 18 at the age of 87.



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DIANA RIGG, the actress behind Game of Thrones' Olenna Tyrell, Tracy Bond

in On Her Majesty's

OFF THE COURT An 18-time NBA All-Star, Bryant won five NBA championships with the Los Angeles Lakers and two Olympic Gold medals, but he wasn't just a star athlete. He received an Oscar in 2018 for the animated short film Dear Basketball and co-created several young adult novels. On Jan. 26 at age 41, the loving father of four and his 13-year-old daughter Gianna died in a helicopter crash in Calabasas, Calif., along with seven others.



007s died Oct. 31 at age 90. In addition to playing James Bond seven times, Connery also starred in Alfred Hitchcock's Marnie, The Untouchables, Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade and The Hunt for Red October. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 2000.



Maguire, Twins, and The Cat in the Hat, KELLY **PRESTON** died of breast cancer on July 12 at the age

of 57. She also appeared in Gotti and Battlefield Earth alongside her husband, actor John Travolta.

OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND 'GONE' BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN

he last living lead from 1939's Gone With the Wind, the British-American actress-who played Scarlett O'Hara's sister-in-law. Melanie Wilkes—was nominated

for five Academy Awards during her 50-year career. (She won two.) In 2008, President George W. Bush presented her with a National Medal of Arts. She died July 26 at age 104.

ALEX TREBEK

WHO IS AMERICA'S ALL-TIME **FAVORITE GAME-SHOW HOST?**

As the longtime host of *Jeopardy*!, Trebek

pop culture's most recognizable and well-respected TV personalities. On March 6, 2019, he announced to the world his stage 4 pancreatic cancer diagnosis, and he succumbed to the disease on Nov. 8 at age 80. Born in On-



tario, Canada, Trebek began hosting Jeopardy! in 1984. His final episode will air Christmas day.



Former NFL running back GALE SAYERS Sept. 23, age 77

Disabilities advocate **ANNIE GLENN** May 19, age 100

LITTLE RICHARD

WE WOULDN'T HAVE ROCK 'N' **ROLL WITHOUT HIM**

One of pop music's first successful Black crossover artists—with hits including "Tutti Frutti," "Long Tall Sally" and "Good Golly Miss Molly"—"Little Richard" Wayne Penniman succumbed to bone cancer May 9 at his home in Tullahoma, Tenn., at 87. Beloved by critics, musicians and fans alike, after Little Richard's death, Elton John said, "Without a doubt, musically, vocally and visually, he was my biggest influence."



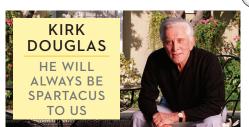


Beloved chef FLOYD CARDOZ March 25, age 59

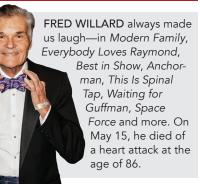


Soul man **BILL WITHERS** March 30, age 81





One of the last remaining stars of Hol-lywood's golden age, Douglas died on Feb. 5 at the age of 103. In addition to playing the title role in *Spartacus*, he was Vincent van Gogh in *Lust for Life*, starred in 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea and had dozens of other memorable roles across six decades. His many accolades include a Kennedy Center Honor in 1994, an Honorary Academy Award and a Screen Actors Guild Lifetime Achievement Award.



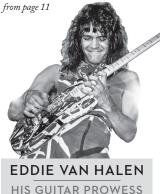
HELEN REDDY WE STILL HEAR HER ROAR

Though her other hits include "Leave Me Alone," "Delta Dawn" and "Angie Baby," her 1972 smash "I Am Woman" found the

most success, as it came the same year the Equal Rights Amendment passed in the Senate. During her acceptance speech for the Grammy Award for



Best Female Pop Vocal Performance, she thanked God "because She makes everything possible." Reddy, who had dementia for several years, died Sept. 29 at age 78. continued on page 14



MEANT WOW-NESS • he lead guitarist for the band Van Halen, which he started in the 1970s with his drummer brother Alex, Eddie helped rock the band to stardom with hits including "Jump," "Panama"

and "Hot for Teacher." His personal life included a high-profile marriage to TV star Valerie Bertinelli (1981-2007) and another to stuntwoman Janie Liszewski from 2009 until his death, from cancer, on Oct. 6 at age 65.



TRINI LOPEZ, the singer known for his cover of "If I Had a Hammer." died of COVID-19 Aug. 21 at 83.



BRIAN DENNEHY

FROM THE TRADING FLOOR TO ACTING

 $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ ith more than 180 acting credits, the former stockbroker was a prolific theater, television and film performer with two Tony Awards and a Golden Globe. Lauded for roles as diverse as Willy Loman in Death of a Salesman and the murderous John Wayne Gacy, he was also the voice of Django the rat in Ratatouille. He died April 15 of cardiac arrest at 81.

ATRICIA EVA "BONNIE" **POINTER** was a member of and songwriter for the Pointer Sisters, the three-time Grammy winning R&B group behind the hits "Fairytale," "Fire," "I'm So Excited" and

My Love)." She pursued a solo career in the late 1970s. On June 8, she died at 69 of cardiac arrest.





Before his roles in Life of Pi. Slumdog Millionaire, The Amazing Spider-Man and Jurassic World, IRRFAN KHAN was already an international movie star in Bollywood films. He died of a colon infection April 29 at 53.

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Author ELIZABETH WURTZEL

will be remembered for opening

the door to dialogue about mental health with her memoir Prozac

Nation: Young and Depressed in

America. She died of metastatic

breast cancer Jan. 7 at 52.

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A REAL-LIFE COWBOY

A n actor recognized by his thick mustache and down-home drawl, Brimley was known for his appearances in movies including *The China Syndrome, Cocoon, Absence of Malice, The Natural* and *The Firm,* and as Horace Brimley on TV's *The Waltons* and Gus Witherspoon on *Our House.* Before acting, he was a real-life cowboy in the American West, a Marine, ranch hand and even a bodyguard for Howard Hughes. He died of a kidney ailment Aug. 1 at 85.



Forever famous for playing Eddie Haskell, the wily best friend to Wally Cleaver on *Leave It to Beaver*, KEN OSMOND died May 18 at 76.

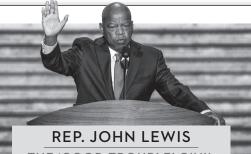
JA'NET DUBOIS

SHE HAD US ALL DREAMING OF 'MOVIN' ON UP'

The actress known for playing neighbor Willona Woods on Good Times, as well as co-writing and singing "Movin' On Up," the theme song for The Jeffersons.



died of cardiac arrest on Feb. 17 at the age of 74. DuBois began her career performing on Broadway and had movie roles in *I'm Gonna Git You Sucka* and *Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle.*



THE 'GOOD TROUBLE' CIVIL RIGHTS CRUSADER

"G et in good trouble, necessary trouble and help redeem the soul of America," said Lewis, the famed civil rights activist and member of the U.S. House of Representatives, representing his home state of Georgia. Early in his career, Lewis organized lunch counter sit-ins, rode buses as one of the 13 original Freedom Riders and led the "Bloody Sunday" march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., across the Edmund Pettus Bridge. In 2011, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by Barack Obama. He died at the age of 80, from pancreatic cancer, on July 17.

REGIS PHILBIN HE'S CAMERA-READY

The legendary television maestro, who started his career as a *Tonight Show* page in 1955, died July 24 of a heart attack at the age of 88. Best known as the host of *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire, Live! With Regis and Kathie Lee* and *Live! With Regis and Kelly*, Philbin set a Guinness World Record for "most hours on camera" in 2004.





CARL REINER

LEGENDARY TV HALL OF FAMER WON 12 EMMYS

fter making us Alaugh for decades, the creator of The Dick Van Dyke Show died on June 29 at the age of 98. He laid the building blocks of TV comedy in the 1950s and '60s and later directed films (four for Steve Martin, including The Jerk), appeared in hit movies (the Ocean's Eleven franchise) and returned to TV (guest-starring on Hot in Cleveland and Two and a Half Men).

KENNY ROGERS

A CROSSOVER SUPERSTAR WHO WON OUR HEARTS

The artist behind "The Gambler," "Islands in the Stream," "We've Got Tonight" and many more hits, Rogers died March 20 at age 81. He gained notice in the 1960s with pop group the First



Edition and the hit "Just Dropped In (to See What Condition My Condition Was In)," but he found his true niche as a country-pop crossover titan and superstar collaborator with Dolly Parton, Sheena Easton and others.



Italian composer ENNIO MORRI-CONE orchestrated more than 500 movies, including A Fistful of Dollars and The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

plus Quentin Tarantino's *The Hateful Eight*, which won him an Oscar. He died July 6 at the age of 91.

JERRY STILLER

FROM SEINFELD'S FATHER TO THE KING OF QUEENS

T he veteran comedian and actor, part of the comedy duo Stiller

and Meara with his late wife, Anne Meara, died May 11 at the age of 92. Stiller and Meara performed throughout the '60s, and later, Stiller found success portraying



George Costanza's father on Seinfeld, then as father to Carrie Heffernan (Leah Remini) on The King of Queens. He also appeared in the Zoolander movies, Heavyweights, Hot Pursuit and The Heartbreak Kid with his son, actor Ben Stiller.

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he same year JOHN PRINE was honored with a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, the beloved Illinois-born



singer-songwriter, who began recording in the 1970s, died of COVID-19. He passed on April 7 in Nashville at the age of 73.



MAC DAVIS WE WERE DEFINITELY HOOKED ON HIM

The country music singersongwriter wrote Elvis hits including "In the Ghetto" and "Don't Cry Daddy," as well as his own, such as "Baby, Don't Get Hooked on Me" and "I Believe in Music."He starred on TV's *The Mac Davis Show* in the '70s and in movies—*North Dallas Forty, Cheaper to Keep Her* and *Possums*—and on Broadway in *The Will Rogers Follies.* He died Sept. 29 at age 78 following heart surgery.

AN HOLM,

who won a Tony in 1967 for his role as Lenny in *The Homecoming*, died of Parkinson's disease June 19 at age



88. Holm, remembered as Bilbo Baggins in the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, was nominated for an Oscar for *Chariots of Fire*.



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- * 3 oz half-and-half
- * 1¹/₂ oz Irish cream liqueur
- * ½ oz crème de menthe
- * Ground cinnamon, for garnish

Fill an old-fashioned glass halfway with ice. Combine half-and-half, Irish cream liqueur and crème de menthe in an ice-filled shaker. Shake until cold; strain into prepared glass. Dust with ground cinnamon. Serves 1.

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Pour Chambord into a Champagne flute or other tall glass; add Champagne. Drop seeds into cocktail. Serves 1.

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seeds



APPLE PIE

- ★ 3 oz whiskey
- * 2 oz Honey Syrup (recipe follows)
- * 1 drop vanilla extract
- * Sparkling apple cider
- * 1 apple round, for garnish
- * 1 cinnamon stick, for garnish (optional)

Fill a tumbler or mason jar with a handful of ice. Combine whiskey, syrup and vanilla into an ice-filled shaker. Shake vigorously; strain into prepared glass. Top off with sparkling apple cider. Garnish with apple and, if desired, cinnamon stick. Serves 1.

HONEY SYRUP

Combine 1 cup **honey** (such as wildflower or orange blossom) and 1 cup water in a medium saucepan over medium-high. Bring to a rapid boil, stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat; let cool. Strain and store in an airtight container; refrigerate up to 1 week. Makes 3/4 cup.