

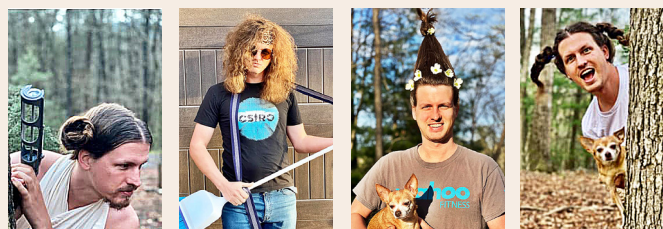
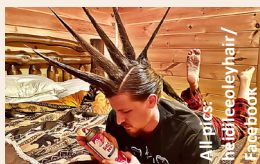
HAPPY NEWS



# HAIR-LARIOUS HAIRDOS

**A HAIRDRESSER in America has found a way to keep up-to-date with her skills while her salon is closed.**

While Geoff Clark works from home on his computer, his girlfriend Heidi Lee Oley styles his long hair in a variety of ways, often mimicking famous characters from popular culture.



Geoff's hair has been styled to look like Princess Leia from *Star Wars*, Poppy from *Trolls* and children's book icon Pippi Longstocking.

Heidi said of the hairdressing industry: "We don't have clients, we don't get paid, many are self-employed. I wanted to be a glimmer of light during the shadows of the uncertainty of our industry."

Heidi added that Geoff "has a heart of gold for letting me do this and post it".

## KEEPING YOUR DISTANCE

**A FATHER and son duo have invented a funny way to make sure people are keeping 2m apart from each other – the Social Distancing Circle!**

The son, who goes by the name *impatman* on video-sharing site TikTok, shared footage of their exploits. The pair linked together pipes to make the circle, then covered it with a tarpaulin. A video of them wearing the device and taking a wander in the park has been viewed millions of times.

"There were a few confused people," admitted *impatman*. His dad added: "Some of them thought we were flying a big kite, others thought it was a trampoline."



## SELF-ISOLATE!

**FANS of *Doctor Who* will be familiar with the terrifying Daleks and their famous catchphrase, "EXTERMINATE!"**

Now they're taking to the streets of Whitby! A Dalek was spotted patrolling the local area, warning: "All humans must self-isolate by order of the Daleks!"

The dustbin-shaped robots first appeared on TV way back in 1963. Many people still remember being scared of them when they were little.

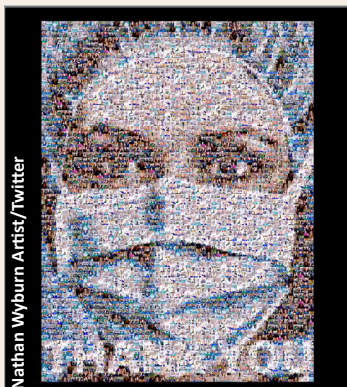
One person online wrote: "Am I the only one to feel a shiver of fear watching this? As a child I would most certainly have been hiding behind the sofa." Another user agreed: "I'm not going to argue with a Dalek!"



THE Taylor family spent hours colouring every brick of their terraced house in chalk to create a rainbow effect to "lift people's spirits" during the coronavirus lockdown.

## CARDIFF, UK

ARTIST and former *Britain's Got Talent* semi-finalist Nathan Wyburn has created a collage tribute to NHS workers, using photos of more than 200 NHS staff who are working on the frontline of the coronavirus battle.



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