#### **PRACTICAL MATTERS**

# **Take Your Own Passport Pic**

So many passports have expired during COVID. Rather than risk an awkward pose from a testy postal employee or Walgreens clerk, you can now take (and retake to your heart's delight) your own. The website of the U.S. State Department offers a free photo cropping tool and instructions for printing at home. Or you can upload the snap onto one of the following websites that will print it on regulation paper stock and mail it to you: 123PassportPhoto.com, epassportphoto.com, targetphoto.com/passportphoto.html.

The criteria for snapping your photo are specific, but nothing you can't handle: **1**. The image must be 2 inches by 2 inches, with a plain white background, and feature a centered, 1-x-1.4-inch close-up of your head. **2**. The snap should exhibit a full-face view, with a natural expression or smile, both eyes open, no hair covering your face, and no hats. **3**. No selfies are accepted, so use a tripod or have a friend take the photo. **4**. It must be in color, include no photo touch-ups, and be less than 6 months old. **5**. No shadows may be present, so either stand near a window or use a flash.

### Post-Its

#### TRAVEL

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#### THIS JUST IN

## TUNING IN AROUND THE WORLD

\_\_xperience the local music scene making the airwaves in remote places, like Samarinda (Borneo) or Lillehammer (Norway), or catch the current newscast in Mumbai or Moscow. The Radio Garden (radio.garden/ live/toulouse/ radiopresence) website serves as your armchair-traveler earbud, displaying gaggles of green dots on a world map that, when clicked, take you into the livestream radio broadcast of a radio station in that locale. You can even bookmark your faves. Warning — This is totally addictive: Once you start, you kinda can't stop.

### Book IT NOW Boat-BnB

Billing itself "the Airbnb of the waterways," the app and website BoatSetter (boatsetter.com) offers an array of experiences, including spur-of-the-moment instant-book capabilities for rentals from independent boat owners to tours with captains in waterways in over 600 locations around the world. Users can select their preference by activity — sailing, powerboating, fishing, or watersports — with customizing options like pet-friendly accommodations and including a wakeboard dock. Each rental includes insurance, 24-hour onwater support, and a flexible cancellation policy.

