

## ROOT BEER GROWS UP

Root beer is going back to its... well, roots. Born more than a century ago as fermented sassafras, the drink you've known as safe for work (and kids' birthday parties) is suddenly turning up spiked. Lagers and ales should watch their backs: "Hard root beer is fast becoming the most popular style of beer we sell," says Brian Bowden, a senior vice president at the giant booze retail chain BevMo. And drinks such as Mission Brewery Hard Root Beer, almost unheard of in grocery stores a year ago, are flying off shelves. With bars and brewery tasting rooms tapping into the trend, too, adult root beer floats may soon be the craft cocktail du jour.

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## Get your Fanny Slater in the kitchen

The Rachael Ray show's "The Great Cookbook Competition"—co-judged by her own editor-in-chief, Lauren Purcell—has crowned Fanny Slater's *Orange, Lavender, & Figs* as the winner in this month's debut of the winning recipes. The competition-winning recipe is a Breakfast Sandwich, a remake of a dish she made to calm her nerves on her first day of school. For other *aww*-inducing recipes, check out the cookbook.



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**CALLING ALL PEEPS PEEPS!** Your beloved Peeps are the basis of a new book: *Peeps-a-licious!* 50 Marshmallow Creations. And as much as we love the whole thing, we're extra psyched to see you from Rachael Ray Every Day contributor (also the woman behind *sweetandsavory.com* and *Peeps Candy*).