



SHOW SYNOPSES - week of 3/15/21

MONDAY 3/15:

VACCINATED CAN GATHER WITHOUT MASKS:

FULLY-VACCINATED AMERICANS CAN GATHER WITH OTHER VACCINATED PEOPLE INDOORS WITHOUT WEARING A MASK OR SOCIAL DISTANCING, ACCORDING TO LONG-AWAITED GUIDANCE FROM FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICIALS.

GENDER-NEUTRAL STORES:

A NEW BILL WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE LATE LAST MONTH AND AIMS TO DO AWAY WITH GENDERED SIGNAGE IN BIG DEPARTMENT STORES WITH FIVE-HUNDRED OR MORE EMPLOYEES.

FRATERNITY HAZING ALCOHOL DEATH:

A BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY SOPHOMORE DIED AFTER DRINKING AT A FRATERNITY EVENT.

SPACEX ROCKET LANDS, THEN EXPLODES:

SPACEX'S LATEST PROTOTYPE ROCKET LANDED IN ONE PIECE, FOLLOWING TWO RECENT TEST FLIGHTS THAT ENDED IN HUGE EXPLOSIONS.

BUT MINUTES AFTER NAILING THE TOUCHDOWN, THE TEST ROCKET BLEW UP INTO A GIANT FIREBALL.

MARTHA STEWART'S DOGS DIAMOND DRIP:

MARTHA STEWART SURE LIKES TO PAMPER HER PUPS.

THE 79-YEAR-OLD DOMESTIC DIVA TOOK TO INSTAGRAM TO SHARE SOME PRECIOUS PHOTOS OF HER POOCHES ENJOYING HER BRAND'S NEW CBD DOG TREATS -- BUT ONE FAN COULDN'T HELP BUT ASK ABOUT THE BLINGED-OUT COLLARS ON HER FRENCH BULLDOGS, CRÈME BRÛLÉE AND BÊTE NOIRE (BET-IN-WAH).

TUESDAY 3/16:

RENTE DISCOVERS HIDDEN APARTMENT:

A NEW YORK CITY WOMAN WAS IN FOR A DISTURBING SURPRISE AFTER SHE DISCOVERED WHAT TURNED OUT TO BE A HIDDEN ROOM ON THE OTHER SIDE OF HER BATHROOM MIRROR.

IDAHO PROTESTERS BURN MASKS:

ABOUT 100 DEMONSTRATORS BURNED MASKS OUTSIDE IDAHO'S CAPITOL IN BOISE AS A STATEMENT AGAINST PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS.

NO ONE WAS ARRESTED, AND ORGANIZERS HAD PERMITS, BUT THE RALLY WAS UNDER REVIEW BECAUSE A FIRE WAS STARTED.

WILLY WONKA OF SPACE TRAVELERS:

HE'S THE WILLY WONKA OF SPACE TRAVELERS.

THE JAPANESE BILLIONAIRE WHO'S SIGNED UP FOR THE FIRST PRIVATE FLIGHT TO THE MOON WANTS EIGHT STRANGERS TO JOIN HIM ON THE LANDMARK VOYAGE.

YUSAKU MAEZAWA PUT OUT AN OPEN CALL FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN BOARDING THE SPACEX ROCKET THAT WILL LOOP AROUND THE MOON IN 2023.

MYSTERY FLIGHTS:

WITH AUSTRALIANS STILL UNABLE TO TRAVEL ABROAD DUE TO PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS, FLAG CARRIER QANTAS IS LAUNCHING A SERIES OF "MYSTERY FLIGHTS" TO ENCOURAGE DOMESTIC TRAVEL.

BRUNO MARS ACCUSED OF CULTURAL APPROPRIATION:

BRUNO MARS HAS RESPONDED TO ACCUSATIONS THAT HE APPROPRIATES BLACK CULTURE IN HIS MUSICAL WORK.

GABRIELLE UNION TALKS MENTAL HEALTH:

GABRIELLE UNION IS OPENING UP ABOUT HER MENTAL HEALTH.

IN A CANDID CONVERSATION WITH GWYNETH PALTROW, THE 48-YEAR-OLD UNION SPOKE ABOUT HER MENTAL HEALTH STRUGGLES OVER THE YEARS AND HOW SHE RECENTLY BATTLED SUICIDAL IDEATION.

WEDNESDAY 3/17:**STUDENT DETONATES EXPLOSIVE:**

A MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ACCIDENTALLY DETONATED A HOMEMADE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. POLICE OFFICERS RESPONDED TO NEWAYGO HIGH SCHOOL AFTER A REPORT OF AN EXPLOSION INSIDE A CLASSROOM. A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION DETERMINED A 16-YEAR-OLD STUDENT HAD ACCIDENTALLY DETONATED A HOMEMADE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE HE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL.

NYPD LAUNCHES ONLINE COP RECORDS:

THE NYPD RELEASED ITS OWN SEARCHABLE ONLINE DATABASE OF UNIFORMED COPS, INCLUDING THEIR TRAINING HISTORIES, DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS AND DISCIPLINARY RECORDS.

WOMAN'S DAD WANTED BY FBI:

A WOMAN WHO WAS ADOPTED AS AN INFANT HAS DISCOVERED THAT HER BIOLOGICAL FATHER IS ONE OF THE FBI'S MOST WANTED FUGITIVES.

CHRIS CUOMO BLACK COMMENT BACKLASH:

CNN'S CHRIS CUOMO HAS COME UNDER FIRE FOR SAYING HE'S "BLACK ON THE INSIDE" DURING AN EXCHANGE WITH HIS COLLEAGUE DON LEMON.

THURSDAY 3/18:**SUSPECT IN VIRTUAL TRAIL FROM VICTIM'S HOME:**

A MICHIGAN ASSAULT CASE DESCENDED INTO CHAOS AFTER AN EAGLE-EYED PROSECUTOR REALIZED SOMETHING WAS NOT RIGHT.

21-YEAR-OLD COBY HARRIS WAS CHARGED WITH BEATING HIS GIRLFRIEND MARY LINDSEY DURING AN ARGUMENT INSIDE HER HOME.

PURSUIT ENDS WITH YOUNG GIRL IN CAR:

A 30-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AFTER AN HOURS-LONG STANDOFF FOLLOWING A WILD AND DANGEROUS PURSUIT.

DURING THE CHASE, THE WOMAN INJURED SEVERAL PEOPLE AND SLAMMED INTO MORE THAN FIVE CARS BEFORE COMING TO A STOP AFTER HER CAR BECAME DISABLED.

TWITTER EXPLORES UNDO FEATURE:

TWITTER IS TESTING AN "UNDO SEND" FUNCTION THAT WOULD GIVE USERS A SHORT TIME TO WITHDRAW A TWEET BEFORE IT IS POSTED.

A TWITTER SPOKESPERSON SAID THE FEATURE WAS BEING TESTED AS PART OF THE COMPANY'S EXPLORATION OF HOW SUBSCRIPTIONS MIGHT WORK ON THE PLATFORM.

PIERS MORGAN EXITS MORNING SHOW:

PIERS MORGAN'S TIME AT GOOD MORNING BRITAIN HAS COME TO AN END.

THE 55-YEAR-OLD MORGAN HAS LEFT THE NEWS SHOW ON THE U.K. NETWORK.

ITV SAID IN A STATEMENT THEY'VE ACCEPTED HIS DECISION TO LEAVE AND HAS NOTHING FURTHER TO ADD.

FRIDAY 3/19:**GOOGLE BLOCKS THIRD PARTY TRACKING:**

GOOGLE IS PLANNING ON BLOCKING THIRD-PARTY COOKIES BY DEFAULT. THEY WILL STOP TRACKING INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE'S WEB BROWSING ALTOGETHER.

IPHONE STALKING FEATURE ALERT:

A NEW FEATURE, DISCOVERED IN THE IOS 14-POINT-5 BETA, WILL WARN APPLE USERS WHEN AN UNKNOWN ITEM TRAVELING WITH THEM IS BEING TRACKED THROUGH THE FIND MY APP.

SCHOOL PAYS STUDENTS NOT TO SPRING BREAK:

STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, CAN EARN A \$75 GRANT IF THEY AGREE TO STAY IN TOWN FOR SPRING BREAK.

ALBATROSS FACE-PLANT LANDING:

A NORTHERN ROYAL ALBATROSS IN NEW ZEALAND MANAGED TO FACE-PLANT SPECTACULARLY UPON LANDING -- AND THE ANIMAL'S UNCOORDINATED DESCENT HAS BROUGHT JOY TO THOUSANDS OF VIEWERS.

THE SURFING GOATS:

A COUPLE OF GOATS ENJOYED THE CALIFORNIA SURF AND SUN, AND IT WAS ALL IN A DAY'S WORK. THE GOATS BELONG TO DANA MCGREGOR, WHO OWNS "THE SURFING GOATS" -- AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES SURFING LESSONS TO HUMANS AND CRITTERS IN PISMO BEACH.

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