



SHOW SYNOPSES - week of 3/22/21

MONDAY 3/22:

DOCTORS SURGERY GAME

A MICHIGAN HOSPITAL SYSTEM HAS LAUNCHED AN INVESTIGATION AFTER A PHOTO WAS POSTED ONLINE DESCRIBING A "PRICE IS RIGHT"-STYLE GAME DURING OPERATIONS. PHOTOS OF DOCTORS POSING IN THE OPERATING ROOM WERE SHARED TO AN INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT, WHICH DESCRIBED ITSELF AS BEING RUN BY 35 OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY RESIDENTS TRAINING AT SPECTRUM HEALTH IN GRAND RAPIDS. IN ONE OF THE POSTS, ONE OF THE DOCTORS WAS SEEN WITH AN ORGAN REMOVED IN A CANCER OPERATION.

FAKE PLASTIC SURGEON ARRESTED

A FLORIDA WOMAN WAS ARRESTED FOR ALLEGEDLY POSING AS A LICENSED PLASTIC SURGEON AFTER SHE BOTCHED A MAN'S NOSE JOB. 56-YEAR-OLD ALCALIRA JIMENEZ DE RODRIGUEZ WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF PERFORMING ANOTHER PROCEDURE WHEN POLICE OFFICERS NABBED HER MID-SURGERY. INVESTIGATORS BEGAN PROBING JIMENEZ DE RODRIGUEZ LAST MONTH AFTER A FORMER PATIENT CONTACTED THEM ABOUT HIS MESSED UP RHINOPLASTY.

DREW BREES RETIRES FROM NFL

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS QUARTERBACK DREW BREES HAS ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE NFL. BREES PLAYED 20 SEASONS IN THE NFL, 15 OF THOSE WITH THE SAINTS. THE 42-YEAR OLD RETIRES AS THE NFL'S ALL-TIME LEADER IN PASSING YARDS, WITH 80-THOUSAND-358 YARDS. BREES IS SECOND IN THE NFL RECORD BOOK WITH 571 PASSING TOUCHDOWNS.

TEEN GETS A MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS

ONE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR HAS BEEN OFFERED A TOTAL OF OVER \$1-MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIP MONEY. 17-YEAR-OLD SHANYA ROBINSON-OWENS APPLIED TO SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 25 TO 30 DIFFERENT COLLEGES, HOPING TO FIND THE SCHOOL BEST SUITED FOR HER. AS HER ACCEPTANCE LETTERS CAME ROLLING IN, HER FAMILY QUICKLY REALIZED SHE WAS BEING OFFERED JUST OVER \$1-MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIP MONEY.

SHARON OSBOURNE DEFENDS PIERS MORGAN

SHARON OSBOURNE DEFENDED PIERS MORGAN'S CRITICISM OF MEGHAN MARKLE'S BOMBSHELL INTERVIEW WITH OPRAH WINFREY AFTER HE QUIT "GOOD MORNING BRITAIN." THE 68-YEAR-OLD OSBOURNE TWEETED, "PIERS MORGAN I AM WITH YOU. I STAND BY YOU. PEOPLE FORGET THAT YOU'RE PAID FOR YOUR OPINION AND THAT YOU'RE JUST SPEAKING YOUR TRUTH."

TUESDAY 3/23:

U.S. TRAVEL HOTS PANDEMIC HIGH

THE U.S. LAST WEEKEND SAW THE HIGHEST AMOUNT OF AIR TRAVELERS SINCE THE PANDEMIC BEGAN - AS THROGS OF SPRING BREAKERS FLEW TO SUNNY BEACHES FOR THE ANNUAL PARTY. MORE THAN 1-POINT-3 MILLION PEOPLE WERE SCREENED AT AIRPORTS BY THE TSA -- THE MOST SINCE THE CORONAVIRUS PUT A DENT IN TRAVEL A YEAR AGO. THE INCREASE IN FLIERS COINCIDES WITH REVELERS HEADING SOUTH FOR SPRING BREAK.

12-YR-OLD HELPS SENIORS GET VACCINE

12-YEAR-OLD SAM KEUSCH AND HIS DAD NOTICED A GROWING NUMBER OF OLDER PEOPLE WHO NEEDED A LITTLE HELP NAVIGATING THE INTERNET TO SIGN UP FOR VACCINES. KEUSCH INITIALLY STARTED HELPING FAMILY FRIENDS AND THEN HIS NEIGHBORS STARTED TO SPREAD THE WORD. THIS LED KEUSCH TO START A WEBSITE CALLED 'VACCINE HELPER.'

102-YR-OLD JOINS VIRTUAL GYM CLASS

AN ARIZONA CENTENARIAN VISITING WITH HER GREAT-GRANDSON FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A YEAR -- BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC -- SET FOLKS AROUND THE WORLD GIGGLING WITH VIDEO OF HER JOINING THE KID'S VIRTUAL GYM CLASS. IN THE NOW-VIRAL CLIP, THE 102-YEAR-OLD LEAPS UP, ENERGETICALLY MARCHES IN PLACE AND PUMPS HER ARMS WHILE 6-YEAR-OLD BRODY APPEARS TO HOP AROUND A BIT AND FALL DOWN GIGGLING.

WOMAN MAD KFC HAS NO MEAT-FREE OPTIONS

A WOMAN FEELS DISCRIMINATED BY KFC OVER ITS LACK OF MEAT-FREE OPTIONS. VANESSA HENSLEY AND HER PARTNER AARON SAINI VISITED THEIR LOCAL FAST FOOD CHICKEN BRANCH FOR A TAKEAWAY TREAT BUT STAFF TOLD THEM THERE WERE NO VEGAN OR VEGETARIAN OPTIONS AVAILABLE.

KIRK FRANKLIN APOLOGIZES TO HIS SON

GRAMMY-WINNING GOSPEL PERFORMER KIRK FRANKLIN IS APOLOGIZING AFTER HIS ADULT SON POSTED AUDIO ON SOCIAL MEDIA OF THE FAMED SONGWRITER AND CHOIR DIRECTOR SPEWING PROFANITIES DURING AN ARGUMENT.

WEDNESDAY 3/24:

EUROPE STPS ASTRAZENECA SHOT

A GROWING NUMBER OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE HALTED ASTRAZENECA VACCINATIONS OVER REPORTS OF A SMALL NUMBER OF PATIENTS DEVELOPING BLOOD CLOTS AFTER RECEIVING THE SHOT.

SUPERHERO PHARMACIST

36-YEAR-OLD DR. MAYANK AMIN IS THE OWNER OF SKIPPACK PHARMACY IN PENNSYLVANIA. THE 50-YEAR-OLD INDEPENDENT PHARMACY IN AMIN'S COMMUNITY WAS SHUT DOWN WHILE HE TOOK A BREAK FROM BEING A PHARMACIST TO CHANGE CAREERS. BUT WHEN HE SAW THE CONCERN AMONG ELDERLY NEIGHBORS ABOUT GETTING THEIR MEDICATIONS AFTER THE LOCAL PHARMACY CLOSED, HE DECIDED TO STEP IN AND BUILD HIS OWN IN THE SAME SPACE. HE WAS ABLE TO HELP QUICKLY, AS HIS PHARMACY RECEIVED 12-HUNDRED VACCINES. THE NEXT DAY, WITH TWO VOLUNTEERS, HE PUT ON HIS SUPERMAN SUIT AND VENTURED OUT TO VACCINATE THE COMMUNITY.

NETFLIX PASSWORD SHARING CRACKDOWN

NETFLIX IS LOOKING TO CRACK DOWN ON PASSWORD SHARING WITH A NEW TEST. SOME USERS HAVE ENCOUNTERED AN INQUIRY WHEN THEY LOG ON ASKING FOR VERIFICATION THAT THEY ARE THE OWNER OF THE NETFLIX ACCOUNT. A WARNING MESSAGE READS: "IF YOU DON'T LIVE WITH THE OWNER OF THIS ACCOUNT, YOU NEED YOUR OWN ACCOUNT TO KEEP WATCHING." A SPOKESPERSON FOR NETFLIX CONFIRMED THE TEST, NOTING IT IS DESIGNED TO HELP ENSURE THAT PEOPLE USING NETFLIX ACCOUNTS ARE AUTHORIZED TO DO SO.

TIFFANY HADDISH SHADES NICKI MINAJ

TIFFANY HADDISH SHADED NICKI MINAJ IN A RECENT APPEARANCE IN A CLUBHOUSE CHAT, SAYING THAT "UNLIKE" THE HIP-HOP STAR, SHE TREATS EVERYBODY WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY. THE 41-YEAR-OLD HADDISH WAS CALLED THE NICKI MINAJ OF COMEDY RIGHT NOW DURING A TALK IN THE POPULAR INVITATION-ONLY AUDIO-CHAT APP BY A FAN. MINAJ HASN'T YET RESPONDED TO HADDISH'S DISS, BUT SHE'S NEVER BEEN ONE TO BACK DOWN FROM A FIGHT, SO STAY TUNED.

THURSDAY 3/25:

PLANE CRASHES INTO SUV

HORRIFYING VIDEO CAPTURED THE MOMENT A SINGLE-ENGINE PLANE SLAMMED INTO AN SUV ON A RESIDENTIAL BLOCK IN FLORIDA. GRAPHIC FOOTAGE CAUGHT BY A NEIGHBOR'S DOORBELL CAMERA SHOWS THE AIRCRAFT PLUNGING NOSE-FIRST INTO THE VEHICLE AND ERUPTING IN FLAMES THAT SPREAD ACROSS THE STREET. THE PILOT AND A PASSENGER ABOARD THE PLANE WERE KILLED WHILE A WOMAN AND HER BOY IN THE SUV WERE LEFT SERIOUSLY INJURED. THE CHILD LATER DIED FROM HIS INJURIES AT THE HOSPITAL.

WOMEN PUNCHING & ROBBING AT POPEYE'S

A WILD VIDEO -- SHOT BY A CUSTOMER -- SHOWS THE VIOLENT STRONG-ARM ROBBERY AS IT UNFOLDED IN THE DRIVE-THRU LANE OF THE POPULAR CHAIN. ACCORDING TO THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, IT BEGAN WHEN ONE OF THE PASSENGERS STARTED ARGUING WITH THE CASHIER, PROMPTING HER TO SPIT AT AND ASSAULT THE WORKER.

JFK SWEATER AUCTIONED FOR \$85K

JOHN F. KENNEDY'S HARVARD SWEATER WAS SOLD AT AUCTION FOR MORE THAN \$85-THOUSAND-DOLLARS, SOME 60 YEARS AFTER IT WAS GIVEN AWAY TO A TV CAMERAMAN.

TINA TURNER BIDS FAREWELL

TINA TURNER BIDS A FINAL FAREWELL TO HER FANS. IN A TOUCHING FEATURE-LENGTH DOCUMENTARY, SIMPLY TITLED "TINA," THE SINGER LOOKS BACK AT HER YOUNGER YEARS FILLED WITH STRUGGLE AND PAIN, THEN THE TRUE LOVE AND GLOBAL FAME SHE FOUND AS A MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN. NOW 81 AND PLAGUED BY ILL HEALTH, INCLUDING A STROKE AND CANCER, THE SOUL AND ROCK MUS

FRIDAY 3/26:

TESLA CRASHES INTO COP CAR TESLA ON AUTOPILOT MODE CRASHED INTO A MICHIGAN STATE TROOPER'S PATROL CAR.

THE CAR, DRIVEN BY A 22-YEAR-OLD MAN, HIT THE POLICE VEHICLE AS THE TROOPER WAS RESPONDING TO ANOTHER CAR THAT STRUCK A DEER.

NOBODY WAS INJURED IN THE CRASH. THE TESLA DRIVER WAS ISSUED TWO CITATIONS FOR DRIVING WITH A SUSPENDED LICENSE AND FAILURE TO MOVE OVER.

THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION SENT A TEAM TO MICHIGAN TO INVESTIGATE.

TINDER BACKGROUND CHECKS

TINDER WILL SOON ALLOW EVERYDAY USERS TO CONDUCT BACKGROUND CHECKS ON THEIR MATCHES,. THE TECHNOLOGY WILL COME COURTESY OF MATCH'S UNDISCLOSED INVESTMENT IN GARBO, A NONPROFIT THAT SEEKS TO PERMIT EVERYDAY CITIZENS TO VET PEOPLE BASED ON BASIC INFO SUCH AS THEIR FIRST NAME AND PHONE NUMBER.

USING THESE CURSORY DETAILS, TINDER TRUSTEES WILL REPORTEDLY BE ABLE TO DETERMINE IF SOMEONE THEY'RE COURTING ONLINE HAS A CRIMINAL RECORD, OR OTHER COURT DESIGNATIONS LIKE A RESTRAINING ORDER.

CONTROVERSIAL POLAR BEAR HOTEL

A CHINESE HOTEL WITH A POLAR BEAR VIEWING AREA HAS BEEN SLAMMED BY CONSERVATIONISTS, WHO'VE ACCUSED THE CONTROVERSIAL ATTRACTION OF ANIMAL CRUELTY.

POLAR BEARS ARE NEIGHBORS 24 HOURS A DAY AT NORTHEASTERN CHINA'S HARBIN POLARLAND, WHOSE PANORAMIC ACCOMMODATIONS OVERLOOK A CRAMPED BEAR ENCLOSURE IN A SETUP TOO OUTLANDISH FOR EVEN A JAMES BOND VILLAIN.

TIGER WOODS RETURNS TO GOLF VIDEO GAMES

IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHEN, OR IF, TIGER WOODS WILL PLAY PROFESSIONAL GOLF AGAIN AFTER HE INJURED HIS LEG IN A CAR ACCIDENT LAST MONTH, BUT THAT ISN'T STOPPING A NEW GOLF VIDEO GAME FEATURING THE SPORTS LEGEND.

YO-YO MA COVID VACCINE CONCERT

GIVING BACK IS ALWAYS A KIND GESTURE TO SAY THANK YOU, AND AFTER RECEIVING HIS SECOND COVID VACCINE SHOT, ACCLAIMED MUSICIAN, YO-YO MA DECIDED TO GIVE BACK TO THOSE IN THE BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE GYMNASIUM WITH AN IMPROMPTU CONCERT.

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