

SHOW SYNOPSIS WEEK OF 8/16

MONDAY 8/16

ITALY CABLE CAR ACCIDENT

A CABLE SNAPPED WHEN A GROUP WAS RIDING IN A CABLE CAR FROM THE LIDO DI STRESA PIAZZA ON LAKE MAGGIORE TO THE NEARBY MOTTARONE MOUNTAIN IN THE PIEDMONT REGION.

THE CAR WAS COMPLETING ITS 20-MINUTE VOYAGE, SOME 45-HUNDRED FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL AT THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN, WHEN THE CABLE BROKE 984 FEET FROM THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN. THE CAR THEN CRASHED INTO A WOODED AREA WITH NO DIRECT ROAD ACCESS.

MARATHON RUNNERS DIE FROM EXTREME WEATHER

TWENTY-ONE PEOPLE RUNNING A MOUNTAIN ULTRA-MARATHON HAVE DIED IN NORTHWESTERN CHINA AFTER HAIL, FREEZING RAIN AND GALE-FORCE WINDS HIT THE HIGH-ALTITUDE RACE.

AFTER AN ALL-NIGHT RESCUE OPERATION IN FREEZING TEMPERATURES INVOLVING MORE THAN 700 PERSONNEL, RESCUERS WERE ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT 151 PEOPLE WERE SAFE, OUT OF A TOTAL OF 172 PARTICIPANTS.

AIRLINES MAY SOON WEIGH PASSENGERS

AIRLINES COULD SOON REQUIRE PLUS-SIZED PASSENGERS TO STEP ON THE SCALE -- OR PROVIDE THEIR WEIGHT -- BEFORE BOARDING THE PLANE.

THIS WOULD HELP ENSURE AIRCRAFTS, ESPECIALLY THE SMALL ONES, DON'T EXCEED THEIR ALLOWABLE WEIGHT LIMIT.

PUERTO RICO INVESTIGATES JAKE PAUL

PUERTO RICO IS ACTING FAST TO PROTECT ITS TURTLES FROM JAKE PAUL AND FRIENDS.

THE 24-YEAR-OLD YOUTUBE STAR AND BOXER PUBLISHED TO INSTAGRAM A SINCE-DELETED VIDEO RIDING IN ONE OF TWO MOTORIZED VEHICLES ROLLING ALONG A SANDY BEACH, AND HE IDENTIFIED THE LOCATION AS PUERTO RICO.

THE VIDEO CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF PUERTO RICAN OFFICIALS AND COULD BE A PROBLEM GIVEN THE TIME OF YEAR: IT'S TURTLE-NESTING SEASON.

KEVIN SPACEY SEX ASSAULT SUIT DROPPED

A CIVIL LAWSUIT AGAINST KEVIN SPACEY IS SET TO BE DISMISSED BECAUSE THE ANONYMOUS ACCUSER HAS REFUSED TO REVEAL

TUESDAY 8/17

FBI HOLDING ILLEGALLY SEIZED ITEMS

THE FBI WANTS TO KEEP \$86 MILLION IN CASH AND MILLIONS MORE IN JEWELRY AND OTHER VALUABLES SEIZED IN A RAID ON A BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA, SAFE DEPOSIT BOX BUSINESS, EVEN THOUGH A JUDGE SPECIFICALLY SAID THE CONTENTS OF THE BOXES WASN'T UP FOR GRABS.

FATHER SUES POLICE FOR WRONGFUL STOP

A SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS MAN IS SUING THE CITY AND SIX OF ITS POLICE OFFICERS FOR OPENING A SMALL URN CONTAINING HIS DAUGHTER'S ASHES AND ALLEGEDLY DESECRATING IT DURING A TRAFFIC STOP.

BUS DRIVER SUES HEMP TEA COMPANY

A STATEN ISLANDER WENT FROM DRIVING AN MTA BUS TO CLEANING IT -- ALL BECAUSE OF FALSE ADVERTISING ON A WEIGHT LOSS TEA.

34-YEAR-OLD ROY HUNTER WAS TRYING TO GET HEALTHIER WHEN HE BEGAN DRINKING IASO INSTANT TEA, A BROAD-SPECTRUM HEMP EXTRACT DRINK WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO HELP PEOPLE SHED POUNDS.

HE HAD SCORED HIS DREAM JOB DRIVING A BUS FOR THE MTA IN NOVEMBER 2012, AND BY 2020 WAS LOOKING TO GET HEALTHIER AFTER YEARS OF THE MOSTLY SEDENTARY WORK.

THAT'S WHEN HE FOUND THE TEA, WHICH IS ADVERTISED AS HAVING 0-POINT-0% THC, THE COMPOUND IN MARIJUANA.

SHARK SEASON

PROFESSIONAL SHARK TAGGERS WARN THERE ARE AT LEAST FOUR GREAT WHITES LURKING OFF THE LONG ISLAND AND NEW JERSEY COAST EN ROUTE TO CAPE COD -- WITH A 600-POUNDER NAMED ROSE AND A MONSTER 16-FOOT, 3-THOUSAND-456-POUNDER CALLED MARY LEE RIGHT BEHIND THEM.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY 70 SHARKS TAGGED, BUT THEY REPRESENT A TINY PORTION OF THE MANEATERS OUT THERE. THE NUMBERS WILL PEAK IN LATE SUMMER NEAR CAPE COD, AND THEN THEY WILL TURN AROUND AND MIGRATE BACK TO THE CAROLINAS.

WHALE OF A TALE

AT LEAST ONE DOCTOR AT THE CAPE COD HOSPITAL THAT TREATED THE LOBSTERMAN WHO CLAIMS HE WAS NEARLY SWALLOWED BY A HUMPBACK EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM ABOUT THE WHALE OF A TALE.

\$28-MILLION TO FLY WITH JEFF BEZOS

AN UNIDENTIFIED WINNER GRABBED THE FIRST SEAT ON JEFF BEZOS' SPACECRAFT FOR AN OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD \$28-MILLION.

ADDING IN THE 6% BUYERS COMMISSION ADDED TO THE HIGHEST PRICED BID, THE WINNER WILL PAY \$2-POINT-7 MILLION PER MINUTE FOR THE 11-MINUTE FLIGHT SCHEDULED FOR JULY 20TH, WHICH FALLS ON THE 52ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOON LANDING.

CRAPPY SITUATION

PRODUCTION ON NBC'S UPCOMING COMPETITION SHOW "ULTIMATE SLIP 'N SLIDE" WAS HALTED AFTER MORE THAN THREE DOZEN CREW MEMBERS WERE SICKENED BY AN OUTBREAK OF AWFUL EXPLOSIVE DIARRHEA.

THE SICKENING CONDITIONS LEFT PEOPLE COLLAPSING ON SET AND BEING FORCED TO RUN INTO PORT-O-POTTIES.

WEDNESDAY 8/18

ISRAEL GETS NEW PRIME MINISTER

NAFTALI BENNETT WAS SWORN IN AS ISRAEL'S NEW PRIME MINISTER AFTER WINNING A CONFIDENCE VOTE WITH THE NARROWEST OF MARGINS, JUST 60 VOTES TO 59.

HIS VICTORY ENDS A 12-YEAR GRIP ON POWER BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU, THE COUNTRY'S LONGEST-SERVING LEADER.

JPMORGAN CHECKING EMPLOYEE TEXTS

BANKERS AT JP MORGAN ARE PANICKING OVER RECENT ORDERS FROM THE MEGABANK TO SAVE ALL OF THEIR WORK-RELATED TEXT MESSAGES -- EVEN IF THEY WERE TAPPED OUT ON PERSONAL DEVICES AND APPS.

66 POUNDS OF COCAINE WASH ASHORE

A FLORIDA WILDLIFE MANAGER SEARCHING FOR SEA TURTLES AT THE BEACH MADE ONE "SHELL" OF A DISCOVERY INSTEAD. \$1-POINT-2 MILLION IN COCAINE THAT WASHED ASHORE.

LADY LIBERTY HAS A LITTLE SISTER

NEW YORKERS HAVE A SURPRISE GIFT TO LOOK FORWARD TO FOR THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY: A SECOND STATUE OF LIBERTY SENT BY FRANCE. THIS NEW BRONZE STATUE, NICKNAMED THE "LITTLE SISTER," IS ONE-SIXTEENTH THE SIZE OF THE WORLD-FAMOUS ONE THAT STANDS ON LIBERTY ISLAND.

365 CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF LAKE JUMP

A CHICAGO MAN WHO JUMPED INTO LAKE MICHIGAN TO TREAT A HANGOVER IN JUNE 2020 HAS NOW JUMPED INTO THE LAKE FOR 365 CONSECUTIVE DAYS. DAN O'CONNOR TOOK A LEAP INTO THE WATER AT MONTROSE HARBOR, MARKING HIS 365TH CONSECUTIVE JUMP INTO LAKE MICHIGAN IN WHAT HAS BECOME HIS DAILY ROUTINE AMID THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

CHRISSY TEIGEN MEA CULPA

ALL OF CHRISSY TEIGEN IS SORRY. THE 35-YEAR-OLD MODEL RETURNED TO INSTAGRAM WITH A LENGTHY MESSAGE TO APOLOGIZE FOR HER PAST CYBERBULLYING OF COURTNEY STODDEN, AMONG OTHERS.

THURSDAY 8/19

GLASS BRIDGE CRACKS

HAIR-RAISING PHOTOS SHOW A TOURIST LEFT DANGLING FROM A GLASS BRIDGE IN CHINA -- AFTER IT WAS SHATTERED BY GALE-FORCE WINDS. THE MAN REMAINED STRANDED ON THE MORE THAN 300-FOOT-TALL SPAN ON PIYAN MOUNTAIN IN THE NORTHEASTERN CITY OF LONGJING. WINDS APPROACHING 100-MILES-PER-HOUR BROKE THE BRIDGE APART, SENDING LARGE SECTIONS OF ITS GLASS DECK PLUMMETING.

ARSON SUSPECTED IN L.A. BRUSHFIRE

LOS ANGELES AUTHORITIES BELIEVE AN ARSONIST IS BEHIND A MASSIVE BRUSHFIRE THAT TORCHED OVER 750 ACRES SINCE IT FLARED UP LAST WEEK. THE SUSPECT, A MAN WHO WAS SPOTTED BY POLICE HELICOPTERS SETTING FIRES IN THE AREA OF PACIFIC PALISADES, MAY BE HIDING OUT IN CAVES.

RUSSIA SHOOTING MOVIE IN SPACE

RUSSIA HAS PICKED FOUR PEOPLE TO SERVE AS NONPROFESSIONAL CREW MEMBERS AND ACTORS IN WHAT IS PLANNED TO BE THE FIRST MOVIE FILMED IN OUTER SPACE. SOME OF THEM ARE SCHEDULED TO TAKE OFF FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION ON OCTOBER 5. THE SPACE STATION, AS YOU'LL REMEMBER, ORBITS EARTH AT AN ALTITUDE OF AROUND 220 MILES.

CHRISSY TEIGEN CYBERBULLY BACKLASH

CHRISSY TEIGEN'S CRAVINGS KITCHEN LINE OF COOKWARE HAS BEEN DUMPED FROM RETAIL GIANT MACY'S WEBSITE AFTER SHE ADMITTED SHE BULLIED COURTNEY STODDEN WHEN SHE WAS JUST A TEEN.

THE 35-YEAR-OLD TEIGEN HAS COME UNDER FIRE OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS AFTER TWEETS IN WHICH SHE TOLD A THEN 16-YEAR-OLD STODDEN, NOW 26, TO TAKE THEIR OWN LIFE, RESURFACED.

RICKY SCHRODER MASK MANDATE RANT

ACTOR RICKY SCHRODER HARASSED A COSTCO EMPLOYEE WHO REFUSED TO LET HIM IN THE STORE WITHOUT A MASK.

THE 51-YEAR-OLD FORMER "SILVER SPOONS" STAR LAUNCHED INTO AN ANTI-MASK TIRADE OUTSIDE A COSTCO IN CALIFORNIA, WHERE A SUPERVISOR TOLD HIM THE STORE'S MASK POLICY REMAINED UNCHANGED DESPITE NEW FEDERAL GUIDANCE FOR FULLY VACCINATED AMERICANS.

FRIDAY 8/20

BLACK STUDENT FORCED TO CUT HAIR DURING GAME

A BLACK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IN NORTH CAROLINA WAS FORCED TO CUT HER HAIR DURING A SOFTBALL GAME AFTER UMPIRES SAID BEADS IN HER BRAIDS VIOLATED RULES SET BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS. RATHER THAN LEAVE THE GAME, NICOLE PYLES DECIDED TO LET TEAMMATES CUT HER HAIR. A VIDEO OF SOMEONE ASKING THE CROWD IF ANYONE HAD SCISSORS WAS WIDELY SHARED ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

BRIDGE INSPECTOR FIRE FOR UNNOTICED CRACK

THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEE WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR INSPECTING A KEY BRIDGE OVER THE MISSISSIPPI HAS BEEN FIRED AFTER AUTHORITIES DETERMINED THE PERSON FAILED TO NOTICE DAMAGE TO THE STRUCTURE TWO YEARS AGO.

RECYCLED BARBIE

GOOD NEWS FOR 90'S KIDS WHO HAVE LAUNDRY BASKETS FILLED WITH BARBIES IN THEIR PARENTS' BASEMENTS: MATTEL WANTS TO RECYCLE YOUR OLD TOYS. THE 76-YEAR-OLD TOY COMPANY IS LAUNCHING A PILOT PROGRAM CALLED "MATTEL PLAYBACK" THAT IS DESIGNED TO RECOVER AND REUSE MATERIALS IN OLD TOYS FOR FUTURE MATTEL PRODUCTS.

CHILDISH GAMBINO COPYRIGHT LAWSUIT

A RAPPER NAMED KIDD WES IS SUING CHILDISH GAMBINO FOR MILLIONS OVER THE 2018 HIT "THIS IS AMERICA." BUT WES SAYS IT'S NOT ABOUT THE MONEY. WES CLAIMS IN COURT DOCUMENTS THAT HE CREATED A TUNE CALLED "MADE IN AMERICA" IN 2016, AND THAT GAMBINO THEN INFRINGED ON HIS COPYRIGHT WITH THE SIMILAR "THIS IS AMERICA."

JOHN MULANEY SPLITS FROM WIFE

COMEDIAN JOHN MULANEY AND HIS ARTIST WIFE OF SIX YEARS, ANNA MARIE TENDLER, ARE DIVORCING FOLLOWING HIS STAY IN REHAB.

MULANEY, WHO CHECKED HIMSELF INTO REHAB FOR 60 DAYS LATE LAST YEAR AFTER STRUGGLING WITH ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE, ASKED FOR A DIVORCE FROM TENDLER THREE MONTHS AGO.