

DF SHOW SYNOPSIS WEEK OF 8/2

MONDAY 8/2

MAN SHOOTS HIMSELF WHILE SHOWING OFF GUN

A MAN SHOWING OFF HIS NEW GUN TO PATRONS IN A FLORIDA BAR ENDED UP SHOOTING HIMSELF WITH THE WEAPON INSTEAD.

THE UNIDENTIFIED KNUCKLEHEAD WAS INSIDE A BAR IN PENSACOLA WHEN HE PULLED OUT THE GUN TO SHOW IT TO A MAN AND A WOMAN AT THE BAR. THE MAN THEN MADE A QUICK MOTION TO PUT THE GUN INTO AN IMAGINARY HOLSTER UNDER HIS SHOULDER WHEN THE GUN WENT OFF AND A BULLET STRUCK HIS TORSO.

INFLUENCER FALLS TO DEATH WHILE RECORDING

A 23-YEAR-OLD WOMAN HAS APPARENTLY BECOME THE SECOND SOCIAL MEDIA STAR IN CHINA TO PLUNGE TO HER DEATH IN RECENT WEEKS WHILE RECORDING HERSELF ON CAMERA.

SHE WAS A CRANE OPERATOR WHO SHARED VIDEOS OF HER CAREER ON CHINESE TIK TOK TO AN AUDIENCE OF 100-THOUSAND FOLLOWERS.

IN HER FINAL VIDEO, SHE IS SPEAKING INTO A CAMERA IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE A CRANE CABIN WHEN THE CAMERA SUDDENLY SWITCHES TO IMAGES OF BLURRY EQUIPMENT WHIZZING PAST THE LENS

GYMNAST DBUNKS OLYMPIC ANTI-SEX BED MYTH

IRISH GYMNAST RHYS MCCLENAGHAN TOOK TO TWITTER TO DEBUNK THE TOUTED THEORY THAT THE 100-PERCENT RECYCLABLE CARDBOARD BEDS CAN'T WITHSTAND SEXUAL ACTIVITIES BETWEEN ATHLETES.

WHILE JUMPING UP AND DOWN ON THE BED HE SAID, "IT'S FAKE, FAKE NEWS!" NEWS OF THE "ANTI-SEX" BEDS IN THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE IN TOKYO SPARKED REACTIONS FROM A NUMBER OF ATHLETES.

BABY HOME AFTER 136 DAYS IN THE NICU

AFTER MORE THAN 4 MONTHS AT A HOSPITAL, AUSTIN MIRAMONTEZ IS FINALLY HOME! ABIGAIL AND DOMINIC MIRAMONTEZ'S SON, AUSTIN, WAS BORN AT 24 WEEKS GESTATION AND WEIGHED ONLY 2 POUNDS AND 2 OUNCES.

THE BABY BOY WAS TAKEN INTO THE LEVEL 4 NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AT PROVIDENCE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WHERE HE SPENT HIS TIME BUILDING HIS STRENGTH AND GETTING BIGGER.

PASSPORT POWER 2021

THE HENLEY PASSPORT INDEX, WHICH HAS BEEN REGULARLY MONITORING THE WORLD'S MOST TRAVEL-FRIENDLY PASSPORTS SINCE 2006, HAS RELEASED ITS LATEST RANKINGS AND ANALYSIS.

JAPAN IS ONCE AGAIN TOP OF THE LEADERBOARD, WITH ITS PASSPORT OFFERING VISA-FREE OR VISA-ON-ARRIVAL ACCESS TO 193 DESTINATIONS AROUND THE WORLD.

VEGAS GOT IT BAD FOR USHER

USHER IS OFFICIALLY PLAYING VEGAS -- AND THE ONE THING HIS TEAM IS PROBABLY THINKING IS ... WHY THE HELL DIDN'T WE DO THIS SOONER?

THE SINGER'S DEBUT RESIDENCY SHOW AT CAESAR'S PALACE TURNED OUT TO BE EVERYTHING ANYONE COULD'VE EXPECTED ... AND PERHAPS MORE. BASED ON THE FOOTAGE THAT'S SURFACED FROM THE PERFORMANCE ... FANS SEEM TO BE GUARANTEED TO WALK AWAY SATISFIED.

THERE WERE A REPORTED 43-HUNDRED SPECTATORS AT THE FIRST SHOW -- SELLING THE PLACE OUT TO THE LAST SEAT.

TUESDAY 8/3

FLORIDA LEADS NATION IN COVID CASES

FLORIDA ONCE AGAIN LEADS THE NATION IN THE NUMBER OF SOARING CASES OF COVID-19 AS THE DANGEROUS DELTA VARIANT SWEEPS THROUGH THE COUNTRY. HOSPITALIZATIONS IN SOME AREAS INCREASED AT THE FASTEST RATE SINCE THE START OF THE PANDEMIC.

FLORIDA WAS STILL RACKING UP ONE OF EVERY FIVE CASES IN THE COUNTRY -- JUST AS IT DID THE PREVIOUS WEEKS WHEN THE DIRECTOR OF THE CDC WARNED OF THE RISING PANDEMIC OF THE UNVACCINATED.

CDC SAYS VAXXED SHOULD WEAR MASKS

THE CDC HAS ISSUED NEW GUIDELINES THAT RECOMMEND FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE WEAR FACE MASKS AGAIN IN SOME INDOOR SETTINGS.

THE NEW GUIDANCE MARKS A CHANGE OF COURSE FOR THE AGENCY AFTER IT GAVE THE GREEN LIGHT IN MAY FOR VACCINATED PEOPLE TO DITCH THEIR MASKS.

FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICIALS STILL BELIEVE FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS REPRESENT A VERY SMALL AMOUNT OF TRANSMISSION. STILL, SOME VACCINATED PEOPLE COULD BE CARRYING HIGHER LEVELS OF THE VIRUS THAN PREVIOUSLY UNDERSTOOD AND POTENTIALLY TRANSMIT IT TO OTHERS.

FINES FOR UNVAXXED NFL PLAYERS

THE NFL WILL FINE UNVACCINATED PLAYERS \$14-THOUSAND-650-DOLLARS FOR VIOLATIONS OF ITS COVID-19 PROTOCOLS DURING THE 2021 SEASON.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS HEAD COACH BRUCE ARIANS SAID IT WAS "LEAGUE POLICY," WHILE NFL SPOKESPERSON BRIAN MCCARTHY CONFIRMED AS MUCH.

WHETHER TEAMS ARE VACCINATED WILL BE A MAJOR STORYLINE THIS SEASON.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FACIAL RECOGNITION

MILLIONS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES ARE BEING INSTRUCTED TO USE ID-DOT-ME, ALONG WITH ITS FACIAL RECOGNITION SOFTWARE, TO GET THEIR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. A RAPIDLY GROWING NUMBER OF U.S. STATES, INCLUDING COLORADO, CALIFORNIA AND NEW YORK, TURNED TO THE APP IN HOPES OF CUTTING DOWN ON A SURGE OF FRAUDULENT CLAIMS FOR STATE AND FEDERAL BENEFITS THAT CROPPED UP DURING THE PANDEMIC ALONGSIDE A TIDAL WAVE OF AUTHENTIC UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS.

BEST U.S. PIZZA

THE HONOR OF BEST PIZZA CITY IN THE UNITED STATES GOES NOT TO THOSE TRADITIONAL STANDARD BEARERS OF PIZZA, BUT INSTEAD TO THE INNOVATIVE WEST COAST UPSTART OF PORTLAND, OREGON.

AT LEAST THAT'S THE RULING ACCORDING TO THE AUTHORS OF THE UPCOMING ENCYCLOPEDIA "MODERNIST PIZZA," SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED IN OCTOBER.

KANYE IS BACK WITH NEW MUSIC

KANYE WEST IS BACK WITH NEW MUSIC.

THE 44-YEAR-OLD RAPPER DEBUTED HIS TENTH STUDIO ALBUM TITLED DONDA DURING A LISTENING EVENT IN ATLANTA.

DONDA, WHICH IS NAMED AFTER WEST'S LATE MOTHER DONDA WEST, WHO DIED IN 2007 FOLLOWING PLASTIC SURGERY COMPLICATIONS, WAS REPORTEDLY PREVIEWED TO CLOSE FRIENDS.

WEDNESDAY 8/4

VACCINE MANDATE FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

AS THE NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES SURGES IN THE UNITED STATES, MORE THAN 50 HEALTH CARE GROUPS ISSUED A JOINT STATEMENT CALLING FOR ALL HEALTH CARE AND LONG-TERM CARE EMPLOYERS TO MANDATE EMPLOYEES BE VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19.

THE STATEMENT SAID THAT BECAUSE OF HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS VARIANTS, INCLUDING THE DELTA VARIANT, AND SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF UNVACCINATED PEOPLE, COVID-19 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS AND DEATHS ARE ONCE AGAIN RISING THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.

U.S. KEEPING EXISTING COVID TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

THE WHITE HOUSE HAS DECIDED TO MAINTAIN EXISTING CORONAVIRUS TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AMID SURGING CASES TRIGGERED BY THE DELTA VARIANT.

THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN UNDER GROWING PRESSURE FROM THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY AND U.S. ALLIES TO LIFT PANDEMIC-ERA RESTRICTIONS LIMITING WHO CAN TRAVEL TO THE U.S.

FITO-LAY WORKERS END STRIKE

UNION MEMBERS AT THE FRITO-LAY PLANT IN TOPEKA HAVE APPROVED A NEW CONTRACT AND WILL RETURN TO WORK, ENDING A NEARLY THREE-WEEK STRIKE AT THE PLANT.

THE APPROVED CONTRACT GIVES ALL UNION MEMBERS A 4-PERCENT PAY RAISE OVER TWO YEARS AND GUARANTEES WORKERS AT LEAST ONE DAY OFF EACH WEEK. MORE THAN 500 OF THE 850 EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE UNION WENT ON STRIKE ON JULY 5, COMPLAINING OF A TOXIC WORK ENVIRONMENT, FORCED OVERTIME AND A LACK OF PAY RAISES.

CLEVELAND INDIANS ARE NOW THE GUARDIANS

KNOWN AS THE INDIANS SINCE 1915, CLEVELAND'S MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM WILL SOON BE CALLED THE GUARDIANS.

THE BALLCLUB ANNOUNCED THE NAME CHANGE WITH A VIDEO ON TWITTER NARRATED BY ACTOR TOM HANKS WHICH ENDED MONTHS OF INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS TRIGGERED BY A NATIONAL RECKONING BY INSTITUTIONS AND TEAMS TO PERMANENTLY DROP LOGOS AND NAMES CONSIDERED RACIST.

THE CHOICE OF GUARDIANS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE CRITICIZED BY MANY OF THE CLUB'S DIE-HARD FANS.

TOMMY DORFMAN COMES OUT AS TRANS WOMAN

TOMMY DORFMAN HAS REINTRODUCED HERSELF AS A TRANS WOMAN, TAKING TO SOCIAL MEDIA TO SAY "MY PRONOUNS ARE SHE/HER."
DORFMAN, WHO PLAYED RYAN SHAVER ON "13 REASONS WHY," SAYS THAT FOR A YEAR NOW, THERE'S BEEN A PRIVATE IDENTIFYING AND LIVING AS A TRANS WOMAN. DORFMAN ADDED THAT SHE WANTED TO LET THE WORLD SEE WHAT TRANSITIONING LOOKS LIKE, AND SAYS OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, SHE HAS BEEN DOCUMENTING HER TRANSITION ON INSTAGRAM.

JOE EXOTIC CANNABIS

JOE EXOTIC HAS DUBBED HIMSELF "THE NEW KING OF CANNABIS."
THE COLORFUL PACKET FOR HIS NEW CANNABIS LINE, JOE EXOTIC CANNABIS, WILL BE UNVEILED AT THE CANNABIS CHAMPS TRADE SHOW IN LAS VEGAS.
THE PACKAGING'S GOT JOE'S TOUCHES ALL OVER IT ... FROM PAYING HOMAGE TO HIS MONIKER AS THE SO-CALLED "TIGER KING" ... TO CELEBRATING HIS SEXUAL ORIENTATION WITH A DISPLAY OF THE PRIDE FLAG AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PACKAGE.

THURSDAY 8/5

BABY SAVED FORM UNDER CAR

POLICE OFFICERS AND BYSTANDERS SAVED AN 8-MONTH-OLD BABY WHO BECAME TRAPPED UNDERNEATH A CAR AFTER A DRIVER HIT A MOTHER AND BABY. WE MUST WARN YOU, THE VIDEO IS DISTURBING.
THE DRIVER SWERVED AROUND A CORNER, STRUCK A CURB AND HIT A PARKED CAR BEFORE HITTING THE 36-YEAR-OLD MOTHER. VIDEO FROM THE SCENE SHOWS SHE WAS CROSSING THE STREET WITH HER BABY WHEN SHE WAS HIT.
THE CAR THEN CRASHED INTO A BARBER SHOP, PINNING THE BABY UNDERNEATH THE CAR.

COCAINE DISGUISED AS CAKE

A NEW YORK MAN AND A MAINE WOMAN ARE FACING CHARGES OVER COCAINE DISGUISED AS A CAKE THAT WAS SEIZED FROM THEIR VEHICLE.
25-YEAR-OLD JOHN CEDENO AND 33-YEAR-OLD CHELSY COCHRAN WERE EACH ARRESTED ON A CHARGE OF AGGRAVATED TRAFFICKING OF A DRUG.
ACTING ON A TIP, POLICE STOPPED THE CAR AND A DRUG-SNIFFING DOG FOUND 4 POUNDS OF COCAINE WORTH \$200-THOUSAND ON THE STREET. THEY ALSO SEIZED \$19-HUNDRED IN CASH.

AMAZON INVESTIGATES WORK HARRASSMENT

AMAZON HAS HIRED OUTSIDE INVESTIGATORS TO PROBE THE INTERNAL CULTURE AFTER EMPLOYEES CIRCULATED A PETITION ALLEGING SYSTEMIC DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, BULLYING AND BIAS AGAINST WOMEN AND UNDER-REPRESENTED GROUPS.
THE PETITION SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSES CONCERNS AMONG STAFFERS WITHIN AN AMAZON WEB SERVICES UNIT KNOWN AS PROSERVE, WHICH ASSISTS ENTERPRISE CUSTOMERS WITH ADOPTING ITS CLOUD COMPUTING PRODUCTS.
IT ALLEGES THAT MANY STAFFERS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERNS THAT THE SYSTEM IS SET UP TO PROTECT THE COMPANY AND THE STATUS QUO, RATHER THAN THE EMPLOYEES FILING THE COMPLAINTS.

ITALIAN TOWN SELLING MORE CHEAP HOMES

OF THE COUNTLESS DWINDLING ITALIAN TOWNS THAT HAVE OPTED TO SELL DILAPIDATED HOMES FOR JUST ONE-DOLLAR AND 18-CENTS, SAMBUCA DI SICILIA HAS UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN THE MOST SUCCESSFUL. APPROXIMATELY 16 PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN SNAPPED UP FOR THE PRICE SINCE THE SCHEME WAS FIRST ANNOUNCED IN 2019, AND SAMBUCA HAS BEEN IN THE SPOTLIGHT EVER SINCE.

MAN USES AI TO CHAT WITH DEA GIRLFRIEND

A GRIEVING MAN USED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO HAVE LIFE-LIKE ONLINE "CHATS" WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND -- EIGHT YEARS AFTER SHE DIED. 33-YEAR-OLD JOSHUA BARBEAU PAID \$5-DOLLARS TO USE A BETA TEST A-I SOFTWARE DEVELOPED BY A RESEARCH GROUP CO-FOUNDED BY ELON MUSK. STILL OVERWHELMED BY GRIEF AFTER LOSING HIS 23-YEAR-OLD GIRLFRIEND IN 2012, JOSHUA SAID HE USED HER OLD TEXT MESSAGES AND FACEBOOK POSTS TO HELP THE CHATBOT MIMIC HIS LATE LOVER'S WRITING VOICE.

DABABY DEFENDS HOMOPHOBIC REMARKS

DABABY ISN'T BACKING DOWN AFTER MAKING REMARKS MANY PEGGED AS HOMOPHOBIC DURING HIS SET AT ROLLING LOUD MIAMI. DABABY, WHOSE REAL NAME IS JONATHAN KIRK, SAID: "IF YOU DIDN'T SHOW UP TODAY WITH HIV, AIDS, OR ANY OF THEM DEADLY SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES, THAT'LL MAKE YOU DIE IN TWO TO THREE WEEKS, THEN PUT YOUR CELLPHONE LIGHTER UP."

FRIDAY 8/6

WOMAN ACCUSED OF CHILD NEGLECT

A FLORIDA WOMAN WAS ARRESTED FOR ALLEGEDLY KEEPING AN AUTISTIC CHILD UNDER HER CARE LOCKED INSIDE A WOOD AND METAL CAGE. 43-YEAR-OLD MELISSA DOSS WAS BUSTED AFTER POLICE AND A FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WORKER DISCOVERED THE HOMEMADE ENCLOSURE INSIDE HER BEDROOM.

TV COMMENTATOR FIRED FOR RACIST REMARK

A GREEK SPORTS TV COMMENTATOR WAS FIRED AFTER MAKING A SHOCKING ON-AIR COMMENT ABOUT THE SHAPE OF A SOUTH KOREAN OLYMPIC ATHLETES EYES. THE REMARK BY DIMOSTHENIS KARMIRIS, IN REFERENCE TO TABLE TENNIS PLAYER JEOUNG YOUNG-SIK, WERE DEEMED RACIST BY E-R-T TELEVISION, WHO SUBSEQUENTLY CUT TIES WITH THE VETERAN JOURNALIST. "THEIR EYES ARE NARROW SO I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW THEY CAN SEE THE BALL MOVING BACK AND FORTH," KARMIRIS SAID WITH A LAUGH WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE SKILL OF SOUTH KOREAN TABLE TENNIS PLAYERS.

CLARK UNIVERSITY CLEARING STUDENT BALANCE

AN ATLANTA UNIVERSITY SAYS IT IS CLEARING STUDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR SPRING 2020 THROUGH SUMMER 2021 TO HELP STUDENTS CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION THROUGH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY SAID IN A NEWS RELEASE THAT IT HAD RECEIVED A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF SUPPORT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE CARES ACT HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND, WHICH HAD ALLOWED IT TO HELP STUDENTS.

2022 SUPER BOWL TV ADS SELLING OUT

ADVERTISERS ARE CLAMORING FOR NEXT YEAR'S SUPER BOWL TV SPOTS -- AND THERE AREN'T MANY LEFT UP FOR GRABS.

NBC SAID THAT IT HAS ALREADY SOLD OUT 85 PERCENT OF ITS INVENTORY FOR THE BIG GAME, WHICH IS SLATED TO AIR ON FEBRUARY 13, 2022.

THE NEWS COMES AS NBC HAS SET A SKY-HIGH PRICE FOR SUPER BOWL ADS, ASKING FOR BETWEEN \$5-POINT-8 MILLION AND \$6-POINT-2 MILLION FOR A 30-SECOND SPOT.

SEAN PENN DEMANDS ENTIRE CREW GET VAXXED

SEAN PENN WON'T CONTINUE TO WORK ON HIS LATEST PROJECT UNLESS THE ENTIRE CAST AND CREW ARE VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19.

THE 60-YEAR-OLD OSCAR WINNER HAS REFUSED TO SHOW UP TO FILM THE UPCOMING STARZ LIMITED SERIES GASLIT AND WILL ONLY CONTINUE IF THE PRODUCTION TEAM GETS THE VACCINE.

PENN HAS ALSO REPORTEDLY OFFERED TO HAVE HIS NONPROFIT COMMUNITY ORGANIZED RELIEF EFFORT TO ADMINISTER THE VACCINATIONS.

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