

SHOW SYNOPSIS WEEK OF 9/13

MONDAY 9/13:

DOWN SYNDROME STUDENT CUT OUT OF SCHOOL PIC

THE FAMILY OF A UTAH TEEN WITH DOWN SYNDROME SAYS THEY'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT SHE'S RECEIVED FROM FRIENDS AND THE COMMUNITY AFTER SHE WASN'T INCLUDED IN THE CHEERLEADING TEAM PHOTO USED IN HER SCHOOL'S YEARBOOK.

BUMBLE PUTS EMPLOYEES ON TIME OUT

BUMBLE IS DOING ITS PART TO ENSURE THEIR EMPLOYEES REMAIN HAPPY AND HEALTHY.

THE DATING APP HAS GIVEN ITS ENTIRE STAFF A FULL, PAID WEEK OFF TO REST AND RECHARGE AS COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS LOOSEN IN THE U.S. AND MORE AMERICANS BECOME VACCINATED.

BUMBLE'S NEW INITIATIVE WAS INTRODUCED AS A WAY TO HELP COMBAT BURNOUT FOR ITS 750 EMPLOYEES AROUND THE WORLD.

HANDCUFFED FOR LOVE

AFTER BEING HANDCUFFED TOGETHER FOR A STAGGERING 123 DAYS -- USING THE BATHROOM IN FRONT OF ONE ANOTHER AND TAKING TURNS SHOWERING MERE INCHES APART -- TROUBLED UKRAINIAN LOVERS ALEXANDR AND VIKTORIA HAVE TAKEN THEIR SHACKLES OFF AND ARE MOVING ON FROM ONE ANOTHER.

"I AM FINALLY FREE," VIKTORIA CLAIMED.

MN REFUSES HOME SALE TO DEVELOPMENT

ORLANDO CAPOTE SAYS HIS FATHER BOUGHT THE HUMBLE SINGLE-FAMILY HOME IN 1989, AFTER ESCAPING CUBA AND WORKING DOUBLE JOBS TO ACHIEVE HIS AMERICAN DREAM.

THE SURROUNDING CONSTRUCTION ZONE IS THE MOST MEGA COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN CORAL GABLES HISTORY, FEATURING SHOPS, RESTAURANTS, RESIDENCES, OFFICE SPACE AND EVEN A 242-ROOM LUXURY HOTEL.

CAPOTE HAS REFUSED OFFERS OF UP TO \$900-THOUSAND FOR THE TWO-BEDROOM, TWO-BATHROOM 13 HUNDRED- SQUARE-FOOT HOME . HE'S RECEIVED AS MANY AS 60 OFFERS OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS.

STEVEN SPIELBERG NETFLIX DEAL

SPIELBERG HAS STRUCK A MULTIYEAR DEAL WITH NETFLIX.

SPIELBERG'S AMBLIN PARTNERS AND NETFLIX ANNOUNCED AN AGREEMENT IN WHICH THE STUDIO WILL MAKE MULTIPLE NEW FILMS FOR THE STREAMING GIANT OVER THE COURSE OF THE AGREEMENT.

THE NETFLIX DEAL HAS NO RESTRICTIONS REGARDING BUDGET OR GENRE.

SPIELBERG'S PARTNERSHIP WITH NETFLIX DOES NOT IMPACT SPIELBERG'S RELATIONSHIP WITH UNIVERSAL PICTURES.

CONAN SAYS FAREWELL

THE TALK-SHOW HOST TOOK THE "CONAN" STAGE FOR THE FINAL TIME, MARKING THE END OF A STORIED LATE-NIGHT CAREER THAT SPANNED 28 YEARS. THE CHAT-FEST ICON MARKED THE EMOTIONAL OCCASION WITH A HEARTFELT FAREWELL.

TUESDAY 9/14:

PASSENGER JUMPS OUT OF MOVING PLANE

A PASSENGER JUMPED OUT OF A MOVING PLANE AT LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THE UNITED EXPRESS FLIGHT WAS PULLING AWAY FROM A GATE WHEN THE MAN UNSUCCESSFULLY TRIED TO BREACH THE COCKPIT, THEN MANAGED TO OPEN THE SERVICE DOOR AND JUMPED DOWN THE EMERGENCY SLIDE ONTO THE TARMAC.

GROCERY SAFETY BRACELETS

METCALFE'S MARKET IN MADISON BEGAN OFFERING FREE COLOR-CODED BRACELETS TO HELP PEOPLE NONVERBALLY COMMUNICATE WHAT THEY ARE COMFORTABLE WITH. THEY HAVE THREE LEVELS THAT MIMIC TRAFFIC LIGHTS, THE STORE EXPLAINS THAT RED MEANS SOMEONE WANTS TO STAY SIX FEET APART AND HAVE NO PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH OTHER PEOPLE. YELLOW IS LABELED "ELBOWS ONLY," FOR PEOPLE STILL BEING CAUTIOUS BUT NOT NECESSARILY NEEDING TO BE SIX FEET APART, AND GREEN WELCOMES HIGH FIVES AND HANDSHAKES.

VAX-A-MILLION WINNER

A HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN WILL HAVE HIS COLLEGE EDUCATION PAID FOR THANKS TO GETTING A COVID-19 VACCINE.

JOSEPH COSTELLO, OF ENGLEWOOD, OHIO, WAS ANNOUNCED AS THE WINNER OF A FULL-RIDE, FOUR-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP – WITH ROOM, BOARD TUITION AND BOOKS – IN OHIO'S VAX-A-MILLION LOTTERY.

HOUSE OF HORRORS UP FOR SALE

WHEN A REALTOR CALLS HER LISTING "A LITTLE SLICE OF HELL" AND SLAPS A \$590-THOUSAND-DOLLAR PRICE TAG ON IT, IT SOUNDS LIKE A TOUGH SELL, RIGHT?

BUT REALTOR MIMI FOSTER SAID THAT A DILAPIDATED FIVE-BEDROOM, FOUR-BATHROOM COLORADO SPRINGS HOME ADORNED IN SPRAY-PAINTED SAYINGS AND FECES STUFFED IN DRAWERS IS A PRETTY HOT COMMODITY.

FOSTER SAYS SHE HAS RECEIVED 16 WRITTEN CASH OFFERS IN THE FIRST 24 HOURS OF THE HOUSE BEING ON THE MARKET.

TRAVIS BARKER CONSIDERS AIR TRAVEL

AFTER 13 YEARS, TRAVIS BARKER IS RECONSIDERING A RETURN TO THE SKIES.

IT'S BEEN OVER A DECADE SINCE BARKER WAS INVOLVED IN A FIERY PLANE CRASH THAT KILLED FOUR OF SIX PASSENGERS ONBOARD, VOWING SOON AFTER TO NEVER SET FOOT ON A PLANE AGAIN.

SALMA HAYEK OWL MEDITATION

SALMA HAYEK LIKES TO DECOMPRESS FROM HER BUSY CAREER BY MEDITATING WITH HER RESCUED PET OWL NAMED KERING.

"YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS. I DO MEDITATE WITH THE OWL VERY, VERY OFTEN," THE 54-YEAR-OLD ACTRESS SAID.

AND IT SEEMS HAYEK'S FEATHERED FRIEND HAS A KNACK FOR FINDING HER CENTER. "THE MINUTE I GO DEEP INTO MEDITATION, SHE STAYS SUPER STILL," SHE SAID OF KERING.

WEDNESDAY 9/15:

INDIA FAKE COVID VACCINE SCAM

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN CORONAVIRUS-RAVAGED INDIA HAVE BEEN JABBED WITH FAKE COVID-19 VACCINES IN A SICKENING SCAM THAT CHARGED DESPERATE PEOPLE BETWEEN \$10 AND \$17 PER DOSE.

ABOUT 25-HUNDRED PEOPLE RECEIVED FAKE VACCINES AT 12 SITES OUTSIDE MUMBAI. THE ORGANIZERS, WHICH INCLUDED MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, EVEN ALLEGEDLY CHARGED PER DOSE.

AUSTRALIA MICE PLAGUE

JUST IN CASE THE ONGOING AUSTRALIAN RODENT PLAGUE WASN'T HORRIFYING ENOUGH, A FARMER'S WIFE WAS HOSPITALIZED AFTER SHE AWOKE TO A MOUSE EATING HER EYEBALL.

SHE IS ONE OF THE MANY VICTIMS OF THE UNPRECEDENTED PESTILENCE, WHICH HAS SEEN MILLIONS OF MICE WREAK HAVOC ON COMMUNITIES.

IN ANOTHER STOMACH-CHURNING INCIDENT LAST MONTH, A FARMER FELT A MOUSE SCURRY ACROSS HIS FACE AS HE SLEPT.

TYSON CHICKEN RECALL

TYSON FOODS IS RECALLING NEARLY 8-POINT-5 MILLION POUNDS OF FROZEN, FULLY COOKED CHICKEN OVER FEARS OF POSSIBLE EXPOSURE TO A HARMFUL BACTERIA. THE PRODUCTS WERE MADE AT A PLANT IN MISSOURI BETWEEN DECEMBER 26, 2020 AND APRIL 13, 2021.

CDC POOP-TASTIC PSA

THE CDC JUST GROSSED EVERYONE OUT WITH AN ABSOLUTELY POOP-TASTIC SUMMER GIF.

"DON'T SWIM OR LET YOUR KIDS SWIM IF SICK WITH DIARRHEA," THE AGENCY TWEETED ALONGSIDE THE GIF, WHICH SHOWS AN ANIMATED WOMAN SLIPPING DOWN A POOL SLIDE AS POOP TRAILS BEHIND HER. "ONE PERSON WITH DIARRHEA CAN CONTAMINATE THE ENTIRE POOL."

THE CDC NOTED ON ITS WEBSITE THAT DIARRHEA IS THE MOST COMMON ILLNESS SPREAD THROUGH RECREATIONAL WATER, ADDING THAT SOME OF THE GERMS BEHIND THE SQUIRT CAN SURVIVE IN CHLORINATED WATER FOR DAYS.

PHYLICIA RASHAD COSBY TWEET APOLOGY

ACTRESS PHYLICIA RASHAD -- WHO PLAYED CLAIR HUXTABLE ON "THE COSBY SHOW -- HAS APOLOGIZED FOR HER TWEET CELEBRATING THE OVERTURNING OF BILL COSBY'S SEXUAL-ASSAULT CONVICTION.

TYLER POSEY COMES OUT AS QUEER

TYLER POSEY HAS BEEN DOING A LOT OF EXPLORING WITH HIS NEW GIRLFRIEND, PHEM.

IN A RECENT INTERVIEW, THE "TEEN WOLF" STAR STATED THAT THE ALT-ROCK SINGER HE HAS BEEN DATING HELPED HIM REALIZE HE WAS QUEER. THE 29-YEAR-OLD POSEY ALSO SAID THAT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH PHEM IS THE BEST RELATIONSHIP HE'S EVER BEEN IN.

THURSDAY 9/16:

TECH GIANTS INVESTIGATED FOR FAKE REVIEWS

AMAZON AND GOOGLE ARE BEING INVESTIGATED FOR FAILING TO REMOVE FAKE PRODUCT REVIEWS.

THE PROBE IS THE LATEST IN A STRING OF INVESTIGATIONS PILING UP AGAINST TECH GIANTS AROUND THE WORLD, AS OFFICIALS AND POLICYMAKERS SCRUTINIZE CLAIMS OF ANTI-COMPETITIVE BEHAVIOR. THE INVESTIGATIONS COULD RESULT IN HEFTY FINES AND INCREASE PRESSURE ON COMPANIES INCLUDING FACEBOOK AND APPLE TO CHANGE THE WAY THEY DO BUSINESS.

E-CIG JUUL TO PAY \$40M SETTLEMENT

E-CIGARETTE MAKER JUUL LABS HAS AGREED TO PAY \$40-MILLION TO THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AS PART OF A LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT, WHICH ACCUSED THE COMPANY OF MARKETING ITS PRODUCTS TO MINORS.

THE SETTLEMENT IS THE FIRST REACHED BY THE COMPANY WITH A STATE GOVERNMENT. THE DEAL ALSO INCLUDES RESTRICTIONS ON SALES OF PRODUCTS THAT APPEAL TO MINORS AND REQUIRES JUUL TO PRODUCE YEARLY REPORTS DEMONSTRATING ITS COMPLIANCE.

NASA OFFICIAL HINTS AT ALIEN LIFE

NASA ADMINISTRATOR BILL NELSON SAYS THAT THE LAUNCH OF A NEW TELESCOPE LATER THIS YEAR COULD FIND MORE PLANETS POTENTIALLY HOME TO INTELLIGENT ALIEN LIFE.

AN UNCLASSIFIED COPY OF THE REPORT WAS RELEASED, WHICH CONFIRMED THERE HAVE BEEN MORE THAN 140 UAP SIGHTINGS, WITH SOME LAWMAKERS RAISING CONCERNS THAT THE OBJECTS COULD BE CONTROLLED BY FOREIGN ADVERSARIES POTENTIALLY POSING A NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT.

DIPPN' SAUCE PROBLEM

POLICE SAY AN IOWA MAN ATTEMPTED TO GET REVENGE ON HIS LOCAL MCDONALD'S, BUT THINGS BLEW UP IN HIS FACE.

POLICE ARRESTED ROBERT GOLWITZER JR. AFTER HE ALLEGEDLY THREATENED TO BLOW UP THE RESTAURANT AND PUNCH AN EMPLOYEE OVER MISSING CONDIMENTS. THE 42-YEAR-OLD SUSPECT CALLED THE FAST-FOOD CHAIN AFTER DISCOVERING HIS ORDER WAS INCORRECT.

LIL KIM VERZUZ NICKI MINAJ

LIL KIM, MUSIC'S VETERAN SELF-ANOINTED QUEEN BEE, IS READY TO GO CROWN-TO-CROWN IN A VERZUZ BATTLE WITH HERALDED "QUEEN" MC NICKI MINAJ.

46-YEAR-OLD KIM CHALLENGED 38-YEAR-OLD MINAJ TO A HIT-FOR-HIT DUEL IN ORDER TO FORMALLY DETERMINE WHOSE CHART-TOPPING SONGS REIGN SUPREME.

VERZUZ -- CREATED BY GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING PRODUCERS TIMBALAND AND SWIZZ BEATZ AMID THE PANDEMIC AS A FORM OF CONCERT-LIKE ENTERTAINMENT -- IS A LIVE-STREAMED MUSICAL BOXING RING OF SORTS.

JAMES CORDEN KEEPS SPILLING GUTS

"THE LATE-LATE SHOW" HOST JAMES CORDEN IS REPORTEDLY PLANNING TO REVISE THE SHOW'S "SPILL YOUR GUTS" SEGMENT AMID SKYROCKETING SUPPORT FOR A PETITION CALLING FOR THE PIECE'S CANCELLATION.

THE CONTROVERSY BEGAN EARLIER LAST MONTH AFTER TIKTOK STAR KIM SAIRA RELEASED A VIDEO CRITICIZING THE "SPILL YOUR GUTS" PIECE IN WHICH CORDEN FORCES CELEBRITIES TO ANSWER UNCOMFORTABLE QUESTIONS OR EAT GROSS

FOODS. SOME OF THE SO-CALLED DISGUSTING DISHES INCLUDED EMBRYONIC DUCK EGGS, CHICKEN FEET AND OTHER EATS THAT ARE "REGULARLY EATEN BY ASIAN PEOPLE," PER THE CLIP.

FRIDAY 9/17:

PARENTS SHOOT PEEPING TOM

A HUSBAND AND WIFE IN HOUSTON CHASED DOWN AN ALLEGED "PEEPING TOM" LURKING OUTSIDE THEIR 10-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER'S BEDROOM WINDOW -- AND SHOT HIM.

THE COUPLE SAID THEY HEARD THEIR DAUGHTER SCREAM WHEN SHE SPOTTED THE MAN TOUCHING HIMSELF.

ARMED WITH HANDGUNS, THE PARENTS RUSHED OUT OF THEIR HOUSE AND WENT AFTER THE CREEP, WHO WAS APPARENTLY INTOXICATED.

AMERICANS LOSE BILLIONS TO PHONE SCAMS

NEARLY ONE IN FOUR AMERICANS REPORTED LOSING MONEY TO A PHONE SCAM OVER THE PAST YEAR, THE SURVEY PUBLISHED BY TRUECALLER SAID, WHILE THE SIZE OF EACH VICTIM'S LOSS ROSE TO \$502 ON AVERAGE, UP FROM ABOUT \$350 A YEAR PRIOR. THE RESULTS SHOW THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND RELATED WORK-FROM-HOME POLICIES HAVE MADE AMERICANS MORE VULNERABLE TO VIRTUAL GRIFTERS.

ANONYMOUS \$16K TIP

A HUNGRY CUSTOMER WALKED INTO A RESTAURANT, ORDERED TWO HOT DOGS, SOME CHIPS, A COKE, A BEER AND A SHOT OF TEQUILA LATER, HE PAID HIS \$37-DOLLAR TAB AND LEFT -- BUT NOT BEFORE INCLUDING A \$16-THOUSAND-DOLLAR TIP.

"DON'T SPEND IT ALL IN ONE PLACE," THE CUSTOMER JOKED TO THE BARTENDER, WHO DIDN'T LOOK AT THE CHECK OR NOTICE THE TIP UNTIL THE CUSTOMER, WHO ASKED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS, GAVE HER ANOTHER TWO HINTS TO TAKE A LOOK.

TRICK DADDY SAYS BEYONCE CAN'T SING

MIAMI NATIVE AND RAPPER TRICK DADDY MADE SOME CONTROVERSIAL STATEMENTS ABOUT MUSICAL POWERHOUSE COUPLE BEYONCÉ AND JAY Z.

THE FLORIDA RAPPER CRITICIZES THE H-TOWN NATIVE FOR HER CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED ALBUM "LEMONADE" AND GOES ON TO HIS MOST CONTROVERSIAL TAKE. "BEYONCÉ DON'T WRITE MUSIC AND BARELY CAN SING HERSELF. BEYONCÉ CAN'T SING," HE SAYS.

SEXY BEASTS DATING

NETFLIX HAS A NEW DATING SERIES CALLED "SEXY BEASTS," AND IT'S ALL ABOUT PERSONALITY.

THE STREAMING SERVICE HAS ORDERED TWO SEASONS OF THE SHOW, IN WHICH SINGLE PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD COMPLETELY TRANSFORM THEIR LOOKS WITH ANIMAL MAKEUP AND PROSTHETICS, THEN HEAD OUT ON A BLIND DATE.

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