

## **WHDO-CD**

### **Most Significant Issues Programs List**

**January February March 2021**

During the first quarter of 2021, WHDO-CD broadcast the following Issue Responsive programming:

#### **American Roundtable WHDO .1 & WHDO .4**

American Roundtable, with host Al Spry, features weekly, half hour, in-depth roundtable-style discussion of state, national, and international issues and events affecting country. “Roundtable” features the sharpest minds in the political, historical and cultural spheres, as well as world-famous authors, political and business leaders from around the state.

WHDO .1: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am/30 minutes

WHDO .4: Monday 12:30pm/30 minutes

#### **Daily Flash**

Daily Flash offers a fresh look at today's news, entertainment and lifestyle trends, keeping viewers informed and entertained. Hosts DeAnn MacCloskey and Mitch English offer a daily look at what audiences need to know. Monday to Friday, 8:30am/30 minutes

#### **Coffee With America WHDO .4**

Coffee With America is a weekly half-hour series that will bring you up to speed on “what’s brewing” in news, social media and pop culture. Monday 12:00pm/30 minutes.

#### **Hiring America WHDO .4**

Hiring America is a weekly 30 minute series that features several U.S. companies offering real jobs to America's veterans. Career counselors and HR specialists share uniquely tailored insights on how to find suitable employment, as well as valuable PTSD information to help vets and their families ease their transition on to civilian life. Monday 1:00pm/30 minutes

**More Than the Music WHDO .4** is a weekly half-hour musical series featuring revealing interviews with the legends, rising stars and aspiring artists of country, bluegrass and more. Monday, 1:30pm/30 minutes;

**Community Calendar** is a 1 minute feature broadcast throughout the week highlighting and publicizing events in the City of License, Orlando, as well as the surrounding areas. Daily, 4:28am – 3:58pm, 1-3 minutes each

**Public Service Announcements** which address issues, needs, and interests facing the community.

Complete program descriptions follow.

**American Roundtable**  
**WHDO .1**  
**Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am**  
**30 minutes**

**Roundtable**

Spry and Strickler: We are soon to be on locast.org. Blitz of Biden orders rolls back Trump's legacy.

5 minutes

w/Spry and Strickler – Biden wore mask when signing the orders. No more border wall or Keystone XL Pipeline.

10 minutes

w/Spry and Strickler – Most GOP senators vote to dismiss Trump trial.

10 minutes

w/Spry and Strickler – Biden won't be renewing fed gov't contracts to private prison operators. Goya's censures its CEO after incendiary remarks.

Fri, Feb 12, 2021 09:00:00

Fri, Mar 5, 2021 09:00:00

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Mon, Feb 15, 2021 09:00:00

Mon, Mar 8, 2021 09:00:00

Mon, Mar 22, 2021 09:00:00

## **Roundtable**

Spry and Strickler: Trump digs in on no concession. Rebuked by Biden. Trump refuses to concede.

w/Spry and Strickler – Fraud happened but not on a wide enough scale to alter the result.

w/Spry and Strickler – Pompeo: only transition will be to another Trump term.

w/Spry and Strickler – Gov. Cuomo on Trump: “I would have decked him”. Trump post-election influence: will create a PAC called Save America PAC.

Wed, Jan 6, 2021 09:00:00

Mon, Jan 25, 2021 09:00:00

## **Roundtable**

Spry and Strickler: US surpasses 1 Million virus cases in Nov. Fauci thinks new Pfizer vaccine is “extraordinary”.

w/Spry and Strickler – Obamacare - third challenge before Supreme Court.

w/Spry and Strickler – Utah Governor now has a mask mandate

w/Spry and Strickler – #1 downloaded app is a snub to Twitter. It's called Parler.

Fri, Jan 8, 2021 09:00:00

Wed, Jan 27, 2021 09:00:00

## **Roundtable**

Spry and Strickler: Ride was sometimes bumpy for the late Limo Bob, the limo king, a past guest on American Roundtable.

w/Spry and Strickler – More on Limo Bob and his charity work. He would give rides and meals to the sick and homeless. He worked to end bullying.

w/Spry and Strickler – COVID vaccine being rolled out.

w/Spry and Strickler – TIME magazine's person of the year is Biden-Harris.

Mon, Jan 11, 2021 09:00:00

Fri, Jan 29, 2021 09:00:00

## **Roundtable**

Spry and Strickler: Biden wins Electoral College vote 306-232. No defections.

w/Spry and Strickler – President-Elect Joe Biden delivers second acceptance speech.

w/Spry and Strickler – COVID-19 vaccine finally being distributed to healthcare workers.

w/Spry and Strickler – Bob Dylan reveals “Lay Lady Lay”. Detail: it was written for Barbra Streisand.

Wed, Jan 13, 2021 09:00:00

Mon, Feb 1, 2021 09:00:00

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w/Spry and Strickler – Sisters who never knew each other reunite with long lost father.

w/Spry and Strickler – 18 year old Dalton Shaffer from Steve’s Pizza drives 225 miles to deliver pizzas to dying man’s family.

Fri, Jan 15, 2021 09:00:00

Wed, Feb 3, 2021 09:00:00

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w/Spry and Strickler – Customer to Coaches Bar in Columbus OH leaves a \$2,500 tip to the staff.

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w/Spry and Strickler – Teacher donates her kidney to her custodian friend. Longtime sewer plant operator busted for a hidden winery.

Mon, Jan 18, 2021 09:00:00

Fri, Feb 5, 2021 09:00:00

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Wed, Jan 20, 2021 09:00:00

Mon, Feb 8, 2021 09:00:00

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Fri, Jan 22, 2021 09:00:00

Wed, Feb 10, 2021 09:00:00

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Fri, Mar 12, 2021 09:00:00

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w/Spry and Strickler – Volunteers needed to be exposed to COVID-19. Don’t be a “fauci-ing” victim. Mardi Gras not cancelled.

5 minutes

Mon, Feb 22, 2021 09:00:00

Fri, Feb 26, 2021 09:00:00

### **Roundtable**

Spry and Strickler: Most Republicans think A third party is needed.

5 minutes

w/Spry and Strickler – Lawmaker got a nastygram from family after ditching Trump.

10 minutes

w/Spry and Strickler – MO wants its money back after overpaying the unemployed.

10 minutes

w/Spry and Strickler – Tribune deal alarms journalists.

5 minutes

Wed, Feb 24, 2021 09:00:00

Mon, Mar 1, 2021 09:00:00

### **Roundtable**

Spry and Strickler: Highlights from Joe Biden town hall.

w/Spry and Strickler – Highlights from Donald Trump town hall.

w/Spry and Strickler – More on the Trump town hall. Crazy voting numbers may yield a US first - majority cast before election day.

w/Spry and Strickler – Twitter blocks mask tweet from Trump science advisor. MI Gov Whitmer feels threatened by language at Trump rally.

Mon, Jan 4, 2021 09:00:00

### **Roundtable**

Spry and Strickler: Dr. Fauci cancels Thanksgiving. MO and VT are doing better with COVID-19.

w/Spry and Strickler – AMC and other theaters renting out their spaces. China ready to start detaining Americans.

w/Spry and Strickler – Exorcism performed where Catholic statute came down in CA.

w/Spry and Strickler – Stimulus bill has a lot of “pork”. Man’s crusade: Don’t call them boneless wings.

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**MONDAY 12/28:**

**SpaceX Landing Crash:**

spacex's starship rocket, a test flight for a vehicle expected to eventually carry passengers to the moon and mars, exploded after launch, making impact with the ground while trying to land. the ship had no one aboard. the launch and ascent were successful, but as the engines appeared to reignite for landing, the vehicle flipped back to vertical and then slammed into the ground. the vehicle exploded on ground impact.

**Twitter CEO Donates Millions::**

twitter ceo jack dorsey has donated \$15-million to help u.s. cities send their residents regular checks as they navigate the coronavirus pandemic. it's the tech tycoon's second gift to mayors for a guaranteed income. it's part of an initiative started in june by a nationwide network of local leaders to help provide americans in need with income.

dorsey's grant will offer each city in the network up to \$500-thousand dollars to put toward guaranteed income pilot programs, which have already been set up in cities such as pittsburgh, st. paul, minnesota and compton, california.

**man reunited with lost jacket:**

a 92-year-old man used the power of social media to find a letterman jacket he had been wearing for nearly 70 years. imal osborn accidentally drove off with his jacket from the university of maine on the roof of his car.

osborn was on the track team at the school, which he attended from 1949 to 1952. after retracing her dad's steps didn't reveal its location, his daughter posted a photo to facebook with an appeal for help in finding the jacket.

**mullets are back!:**

love them or hate them, mullets have become a part of hairdo history. but one texas boy was praised for his good looks and took the top prize in mullet champ usa's 2020 kids mullet championship. at 8 years old, jax received over 20-thousand votes and over 50-thousand social media reactions, winning first place for his curly mullet. he also won a \$500 cash prize.

**billie eilish's mom wins peta award:**

actress and screenwriter maggie baird has won an award from a prominent animal- rights group for her vegan-inspired nonprofit. the mother of grammy award-winning songstress billie eilish launched the organization support and feed during the pandemic. it provides a platform for people to buy gift cards from plant-based restaurants and connects them with organizations that feed people in need as well as first responders.

in response, people for the ethical treatment of animals also handed baird the group's 2020 company of the year award.

**madonna gets inked:**

madonna is unveiling a new piece of body art that will always remind her of her children. the 62-year-old musician revealed that she got her first tattoo, sharing a series of photos to instagram that documented her inking experience.

the "vogue" artist posted pictures from her visit to a tattoo parlor in hollywood. madonna got the letters "l r d m s e" tattooed in a typewriter-style font on the inside of her wrist as a tribute to her six children.

**that jlo glow:**

according to jennifer lopez, beauty has no expiration date and that's one reason she's introducing her first skincare collection. under her jlo beauty brand, the global superstar is debuting eight products to help everyone achieve an ageless glow.

this new line has been in-the-making for decades and is inspired by lopez's beauty mantra under "the five s's" which are: sleep, sunscreen, serum, supplements and sano.

**tuesday 12/29:****rats at nyc chipotle:**

workers at an upper manhattan chipotle restaurant say they've been fighting a losing battle against hordes of hungry rats -- and a management team that let the infestation get so bad that four staffers have been bitten by the massive rodents. the besieged fast-casual mexican joint on broadway closed to customers indefinitely, but only after rats chewed through the wiring of a computer system that handled orders.

**library sterilized books:**

libraries in japan are hoping a machine that sterilizes books with ultraviolet light will reassure visitors that it's safe to check out publications during the coronavirus pandemic. libraries across the country are installing the machine, which takes 30 seconds to sterilize a book using uv light and flutter the pages to clear out dust.

the library had the machine installed in 2018 but the facility's manager said that it is now being used three times as much.

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**scotland names its snowplows:**

"snow-be-gone kenobi, reporting for duty." imagine hearing that over a dispatch radio. guess what? it's a real name, for a real snow plow in scotland. social media began picking up on the fact scotland names its whole snow plow fleet and a map of the current active plows began pushing into viral status. the country calls these vehicles "gritters." that makes "gritney spears" make much more sense.

imagine being on that scottish gritter crew, when your pals get to plow through the dreaded snow in machines named "han snow-lo" and "ready spready go."

**900 customers pay it forward:**

it was an especially great day to go out for ice cream. the staff of a minnesota dairy queen was stunned when a drive-thru customer paid for the vehicle behind him, only to set off a chain

reaction that inspired over 900 others to do the same. the d-q general manager said the second customer was taken aback by the sweet surprise, and asked to do the same. from there, the small act of kindness just kept getting bigger, as each subsequent customer wanted to pay it forward, too. after about 125 cars, one woman threw them a 20 dollar bill, almost in tears over the fact that the chain had continued for so long.

### **george clooney hospitalized**

george clooney was hospitalized with pancreatitis after dropping nearly 28 pounds for his forthcoming film, "the midnight sky." the 59-year-old clooney shed the weight for his role in the film as an astronomer who survives an apocalyptic event, but four days before he was due to report to set, he was rushed to the hospital with stomach pains, eventually diagnosed as pancreatitis, and spent weeks recovering.

clooney said he was trying too hard to lose the weight quickly and probably wasn't taking care of himself.

### **ellen losing sponsors:**

it's been just over two months since ellen degeneres returned to her daytime talk show following several accusations of workplace misconduct, and according to a new report, it appears the emmy-winning series still hasn't recovered from the scandal. staffers recently dished to buzzfeed claiming that the show has lost advertisers, is now struggling to book a-list guests and has seen a significant dip in ratings.

two employees claim that the production of digital content has taken a nosedive due to a lack of advertiser funds, resulting in the series re-airing old bits. the loss of sponsors can be blamed on both the covid-19 pandemic and months of bad publicity..

### **wednesday 12/30:**

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#### **rabbit disease:**

rabbits in utah are being ravaged by a highly contagious hemorrhagic disease that is spreading across the state, as well as other parts of the u.s. the disease is caused by a calici-virus that affects both wild and domesticated rabbits. the disease -- which the u.s. department of agriculture said does not affect humans -- was first detected in china in 1984 but is thought to have originated in europe.

in the u.s., outbreaks also have been reported in new york, the southwest and the pacific northwest.

#### **u.s. treasury hacked:**

russia-backed hackers infiltrated internal email systems at the u.s. treasury and commerce departments, spying on communications for months. in addition to the treasury and the commerce department's national telecommunications and information administration, government intelligence officials fear the hackers may have gotten into the records of other federal agencies.

#### **waist-ing away:**

an instagrammer has documented her tortuous, years-long struggle to get a perfect hourglass figure using waist-trainer corsets -- and now has a tiny 16-inch waist. on her account, curvaceous sammm shows photos of herself in and out of corsets, and claims that her waist, uncorseted, is

now 22 inches, down from the original 30.

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**fka twigs alleges shia labeouf abuse:**

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**tyler perry donates to legal fund:**

tyler perry donated a total of \$100-thousand-dollars to the gofundme page to support kenneth walker. the 51-year-old perry helped walker and his legal team exceed their goal by making two donations.

walker is the boyfriend of breonna taylor, the 26-year-old black woman who was killed after officers executed a no-knock search warrant at her apartment.

**cody simpson qualifies for olympics:**

cody simpson is one step closer to the olympics. the 23-year-old australian singer -- who is also an avid swimmer -- revealed that he had qualified for his first olympic trials. although simpson was dedicated to swimming as a young child -- even winning two gold medals at the queensland swimming championships when he was 13 -- he said his career was cut short when he was given an opportunity in music that he couldn't refuse.

**thursday 12/31:**

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**disney's mask-querade:**

they're ending the mask-uerade. disney world will stop doctoring on-ride photos to make maskless guests appear masked after getting busted by sharp-eyed parkgoers. disney world had reportedly been digitally "enhancing" on-ride photos by superimposing facewear onto visitors without masks, which park-goers are required to wear, in line with anti-covid mandates. the charade came to light after disney world visitor tony townsend posted on-ride photos to the group disney world junkies on facebook. they showed that the masks in the photos were too large for the faces,

**cleveland mlb name change:**

the major league baseball team in cleveland, ohio, will drop "indians" from its name. the team declined to comment on the situation. the "indians" name dates back to 1915, when it was chosen by the team and a group of baseball newspaper writers. though its exact origin story is unclear, the name was partly based on the contemporary success of the boston braves, who won the 1914 world series, as well as on louis sockalexis, a former native american baseball star in cleveland who died in 1913.

**emily skye talks nasty body comments:**

emily skye has an appreciation for her postpartum body -- no matter what her followers say. in a candid social media post, the 35-year-old australian fitness trainer opened up about some of the terrible and nasty comments she has received about her body since welcoming her second child.

"rest-in-peace fit body," read one comment, while a second said, "your body is ruined."

#### **cameron mathison post cancer:**

fighting hard -- and feeling better than ever. cameron mathison is reminding fans just how important it is to stay vigilant about their health. the 51-year-old canadian actor spoke about his health journey almost exactly one year after he had part of his right kidney removed during surgery.

before he received his life-altering diagnosis in 2019, mathison noticed that he was showing some secondary symptoms of the illness. renal cell carcinoma doesn't typically have a lot of obvious symptoms, but the all my children alum had a feeling that something wasn't quite right.

#### **rats on a leash:**

a man in southern china was recently spotted walking two very common animals, but the thing is, these animals aren't often kept as pets and certainly not taken for walks. a man and his two rats were seen walking the streets and this bizarre scenario is one that has a lot of us puzzled. raising questions like, "why is this man walking rats?

#### **friday 1/1:**

#### **fda approves at-home covid test:**

the fda approved the first over-the-counter covid-19 test involving a nasal swab -- and near-instant results. we're talking results in as little as 20 minutes. this is a major milestone in diagnostic testing for covid-19.

the fda has already approved more than 25 at-home consumer coronavirus tests -- but until now, the collected samples had to be sent away to a lab for results.

#### **man arrested for fake covid test:**

a georgia man who faked a covid-19 diagnosis to get out of work has pleaded guilty to the scheme. 35-year-old santwon antonio davis pleaded guilty to wire fraud for sending his employer a bogus medical excuse letter about a covid-19 diagnosis in may.

upon learning of his supposed test results, his atlanta-based employer shut down its plant for sanitizing and placed several other employees on paid leave -- resulting in a more-than \$100-thousand blow to the business.

#### **jailed for lock-down jet ski ride:**

a love-struck british romeo has been jailed for breaking strict lockdown rules and all he wanted to do was visit his new girlfriend. despite never having ridden a water scooter before, 28-year-old scotsman dale mclaughlan bought one just for the trip to visit a woman whom he met on a previous work trip there.

mclaughlan -- who arrived unlawfully on the island after he was denied permission to go back -- later said he expected his 25-mile trip to take about 40 minutes.

### **incestuous matchmaking:**

how bro-mantic! a tiktok star's hunt for love backfired hilariously when she was matched with her younger brother. "we will be suing hinge," joked 24-year-old brooke averick who received the incestuous recommendation while spending a week with her family. the preschool teacher explains that the hookup app recommended, "most compatible: brooke & noah, we think you two should meet." she then drops the bombshell: "and here he is and the fact of the matter is: this is my brother."

### **bud light decot:**

lord have mercy on this mans liver. i mean, i know a lot of people that love an ice cold bud light, but i think we can all agree, this is probably a bit much. although, it's actually almost impressive how he managed to store up that many bottles. and the real bummer here is that it happened in texas. in michigan, you can get 10 cents a bottle. how about bud light turn this disaster into a publicity stunt? maybe pay to fix the place up, make it into a commercial, do a psa on being a degenerate drunk, make fun of miller lite, i don't know.... there's something here.

### **the kardashians are back!:**

it seems the kardashians' small-screen run has been extended. the family has inked a multi-year deal with the walt disney company, and are set to create global content exclusively for hulu. kim, kourtney, and khloé kardashian reportedly agreed to the deal along with their mom, kris jenner, and younger half-sisters, kendall and kylie jenner. it's unclear what kind of programming the family will bring to hulu, but deadline reports the streamer's highlight reel included a teaser of a kardashian series, which is expected to premiere late next year.

### **lizzo having negative body issue:**

lizzo, a champion of self-love and a proud curvy girl, got real about her struggle with maintaining a positive body image. the "truth hurts" singer explained that she was having negative thoughts about herself.

the 32-year-old twerking flutist explained that while most days she loves herself, some days she can't help but feel down.

### **monday 1/4:**

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### **nyc restaurants protest:**

new york's world-famous restaurant industry is facing death by a thousand bureaucratic cuts -- but they're not going down without a fight. hundreds of restaurant owners, workers and industry leaders held a rally in times square to protest governor andrew cuomo's closure of indoor dining and demand a bailout that'll save their livelihoods.

the protest comes after big apple eateries were forced to suspend indoor dining even though the state's own contact tracing data shows restaurants and bars account for a mere 1-point-43 percent of recent known covid-19 exposures.

### **nyc not voting on mta cuts:**

new york's mta won't decide on proposed "doomsday" staff and service cuts as originally planned. the cash-strapped transit agency has proposed slashing subway service in half and axing over 9-thousand workers if congress doesn't come through with billions in aid. but instead

of voting on those cuts at its monthly board meeting, the agency plans to put forward a budget with a \$4-point-7 billion hole.

**covid vaccine not mandated for nypd:**

the covid-19 vaccine will not be mandatory for nypd members. the first shipment of vaccines for the department is expected to arrive but the shot will not be obligatory because the approach is to focus on education and getting people to buy into this vaccine voluntarily. the police benevolent association, the city's largest officers union, is opposed to mandatory vaccination. the first federally approved covid-19 vaccine has already arrived across the u.s., including the big apple.

**forbes highest paid celebs 2020:**

celebs are still out here making bank. forbes revealed last years, you know, 2020's edition of its annual "the world's highest-paid celebrities" list, featuring some familiar faces. topping the list by a wide margin is kylie jenner, who earned approximately \$590 million, coming largely from selling a majority stake in her cosmetics firm to coty. jenner's brother-in-law kanye west came in at number 2 with \$170 million, thanks to his yeezy sneakers deal with adidas.

**blue ivy carter grammy nomination:**

blue ivy carter is officially a grammy-nominated artist. the 8-year-old daughter of beyoncé and jay-z was nominated for her role in the song "brown skin girl" alongside her mother and wizkid. "brown skin girl" is an anthem of positivity that heralds the natural beauty of black and brown girls. the nomination means blue, who turns 9 in january, will be one of the youngest nominees in history.

**tuesday 1/5:**

**california fines uber:**

california regulators hit uber with a \$59-million fine for allegedly refusing to provide more detailed information about sexual assault and harassment claims. an administrative judge upheld the fine, saying that uber's permits in california could be suspended if it failed to pay the fine and cooperate with the california public utilities commission.

the fines stemmed from information on sexual assault and harassment cases that uber self-reported in its 2019 u.s. safety report.

**fda blood donation restrictions:**

the fda is sharing new details on a study that could lead to the removal of longtime restrictions around blood donations by gay or bisexual men. the first-of-its-kind pilot study aims to gather and present data to the fda for review. a change in this fda policy would mean that more gay and bisexual men would be able to give blood in the u.s. and end what critics have called discriminatory federal guidelines.

**britney spears & dad don't speak:**

jamie spears says he and his daughter, pop star britney spears, haven't spoken in four months as a result of their ongoing conservatorship battle. the 68-year-old dad believes their estrangement is by the "toxic" singer's attorney's design and defended his role in controlling her finances.

britney's attorney claimed at a hearing that the singer had become afraid of her father and wanted him removed from her conservatorship entirely after he had allegedly hired a new manager

without consulting her.

**kelly ripa & mark consuelos true crime:**

from true love to true crime. kelly ripa and mark conseulos' are producing a new true crime series will help kick off oxygen's 2021 tv slate with a january premiere date. the network, best known for its chilling true crime shows, announced nine nights of twisted killers. exhumed, the series executive produced by husband-wife duo ripa and consuelos, will cap off the nine-night event.

**wednesday 1/6:**

**boy abandoned at goodwill:**

one suspect is in custody after a 2-year-old boy was dropped off at a goodwill store with nothing but a bag of clothes and a note. a bystander called the police to report that a man had dropped off a young boy at a goodwill store and left.

the child was too young to give his name or the names of his parents. nearby surveillance video captured images of both a male and female associated with the child and the vehicle they were driving when the child was abandoned.

**fined for hiring too many women:**

the mayor of paris has called a recent \$109-thousand-dollar fine imposed for appointing too many women to management positions absurd. eleven women and five men were promoted in city hall in 2018, breaching a national 2013 rule, known as the "sauvadet law," which was designed to bring about gender parity in employment.

**mayor resigns over mask mandate support:**

a kansas mayor has resigned after backlash to comments she made in support of a mask mandate in her city. dodge city mayor joyce warshaw submitted her letter of resignation which was effective immediately and it cited concerns for her safety.

the dodge city commission voted in favor of a mask mandate following a spike in coronavirus cases in the western kansas city, which has a population of nearly 30- thousand. warshaw expressed her support for the mandate and said that it wasn't until the threat of the flu season and the spike in national cases that city officials felt it was necessary to pass a mask mandate.

since her support of the mandate, warshaw has received threatening phone calls and emails from dodge city citizen.

**autocorrect emergency:**

tomato, tomahto... a wisconsin woman's text sparked a full-blown police response after it autocorrected to say she was being "stabbed" -- instead of "swabbed" for covid-19. the unidentified woman's frantic father called 911 after receiving the alarming message. at least eight cops rushed to the woman's apartment to check up on her.

**tom cruise yells at film crew:**

tom cruise, lead actor of the upcoming film "mission: impossible 7," was heard reprimanding crew members for reportedly not adhering to social distancing measures. the rant comes after two

crew members reportedly were standing less than 6 feet away from one another while on set for the film. "mission: impossible 7" had previously faced delays from the covid-19 pandemic. in february, a three-week shoot was set to take place in venice, italy, but the country had a surge of coronavirus cases, putting the production on hold.

#### **thursday 1/7:**

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##### **murder suspect escapes:**

a manhunt is underway for an indiana man charged with murder who authorities say escaped custody after a prisoner transport van stopped at a mcdonald's. an agent was transporting 22-year-old leon taylor when the prisoner jumped through the van's open window, despite wearing a chain around his waist, handcuffs, and a leg restraint.

while in line at the drive-thru, taylor requested that the agent roll down a window so he could remove his protective mask and "spit" out the window.

##### **woman dies trying to take selfie:**

a woman in australia fell off a cliff to her death after trying to take a photo at the precarious location. 38-year-old rosy loomba was with her husband and child when the accident occurred at grampians national park. they were at boroka lookout, an overhang by the side of the cliff that has a panoramic view of the mountains and town below.

police said loomba climbed past safety barriers and warning signs, to pose on a rock for a photo when she tripped over the edge, falling more than 262 feet down the cliff face.

##### **dog rescued from sea foam:**

a sea of brown foam created by torrential downpours that slammed australia's east coast swallowed up a dog until its owner miraculously found it. the pup's owner was caught on dramatic video wading through the muck desperately calling for her dog who'd gotten lost in the sea foam.

soon after, the pup emerged and was safely scooped up into his mom's arms and taken to safety.

##### **man finds fortune in scorpions:**

a young egyptian man abandoned his degree in archaeology to hunt scorpions in the country's deserts and shores, extracting their venom for medicinal use. at just 25 years old, mohamed hamdy is now the owner of the cairo venom company - a project housing 80-thousand scorpions in various farms across egypt as well as a range of snakes, also kept for their venom.

a gram of scorpion venom can fetch \$10-thousand-dollars as he also exports it to europe and the u.s.

##### **jameela jamil says celebs are useless:**

despite being a celebrity herself, jameela jamil can't stand them. "i think that celebrities have been exposed, we're useless," the good place star said. the 34-year-old activist says she plans to quit hollywood in six years and become a therapist. jamil, who began her career as a television correspondent in britain, described her career to "one giant f-it bucket," insisting that she never set out to become famous but accidentally ended up on a really massive show.

#### **friday 1/8:**

**fraternities drug ring bust:**

twenty-one current and former students from colleges including unc chapel hill and duke have been arrested in what police are calling a large-scale drug operation sting. the fraternities include chapters of phi gamma delta, kappa sigma and beta theta pi fraternities. the two colleges are around 10 miles apart in north carolina.

the alleged drug dealing went on between 2017 and 2020 but the investigation started in 2018 after people in a different investigation informed the police about drug dealing at unc.

**nyc hospitals nix elective surgery:**

new york city's public hospital system quietly suspended elective surgeries to free up ward space for coronavirus patients as testing positivity rates and the number of new cases continue to surge. the decision comes as the city's average positivity rate hit 6 percent and both mayor bill de blasio and governor andrew cuomo warned that they may order additional lockdown measures if the rush of new covid-19 cases doesn't slow down.

overall, roughly two-thirds of the intensive care and traditional hospital beds are currently full at hospitals.

**influencer dies after surgery:**

joselyn cano, an instagram influencer and swimwear designer, has reportedly died following a botched operation. the 30-year-old swimwear designer, dubbed the "mexican kim kardashian," had traveled to colombia for plastic surgery, it was a brazilian butt lift procedure.

cano boasted a following of more than 12 million, and a booming swim line. brazilian butt lifts, which involve grafting fat from one area of the body to the buttocks, have been at the center of a number of premature deaths in recent years, with many more reports of surgeries gone wrong.

**the mona lisa experience:**

an online bidder has paid \$98-thousand-dollars to get up close and personal with the mona lisa after the louvre museum in paris sold off a number of once-in-a-lifetime experiences via auction. the unidentified winner will attend the annual examination of leonardo da vinci's masterpiece, when one of the world's most famous paintings, the mona lisa, is taken out of its case for inspection.

**disney blocked johnny depp:**

disney reportedly blocked johnny depp from returning to the pirates of the caribbean franchise. disney apparently distanced itself from the 57-year-old actor even before his domestic abuse libel trial in the uk, despite never formally severing ties.

according to the hollywood reporter, disney thwarted executive producer jerry bruckheimer's idea of bringing back depp for a cameo in the female-centric spin-off of the franchise which is said to be led by margot robbie.

**monday 1/11****pharmacist destroys covid vaccine:**

a wisconsin pharmacist has been arrested after he deliberately spoiled hundreds of doses of a covid-19 vaccine, according to a report. while authorities haven't named the suspect, records show that the 46-year-old was taken into custody.

the preliminary charges include felony criminal damage to property and recklessly endangering safety.

**france frontline workers citizenship:**

the french government will fast-track citizenship for 700 foreign front-line workers for their sacrifices and the risks they took to help the country during the coronavirus pandemic. the french junior minister for citizenship announced the plans to naturalize health care workers, child care professionals, housekeepers and store clerks.

the program comes after the french interior ministry requested regional officials help find foreign workers who actively participated in the fight against the covid-19 pandemic and fast-track their application for naturalization.

**ten states sue google:**

what do you do when you want to look up literally anything. we google it. well google is about to face some legal issues in the coming months. google is lawyering up as ten states file suits against them for allegedly abusing power and illegally working with facebook to boost its already dominant online advertising business.

**guest: nurse gina timochko:**

we talk to a nurse based in new york about her experience getting the covid vaccine.

**pete davidson removing tats:**

nothing lasts forever -- not even pete davidson's tattoos. the 27-year-old "snl" star is in the process of removing all of his ink. while some were skeptical that the star would part with his extensive collection of body art, there is a reason for his decision. he said it takes 3 to 4 hours in the makeup chair to cover them, so he figured it would be easier to get them burned off.

**camel spotted at bath & body works:**

look out everyone, this camel is looking to sniff some candles, and soak in some bath bombs. a real life camel was captured on camera entering a bath and body works store and we're all trying to figure out why. the bizarre scene all happened in henderson, nevada where the camels owner made an attempt to bring the leashed camel inside the store.

**tuesday 1/12:**

**chicago police raid gone wrong:**

a police raid went seriously wrong when officers entered the home of an innocent woman who had just recently returned home from work and was undressed at the time of entry. officers broke into her home and began their search, all while ann-jeanette young was hand-cuffed and detained in front of a dozen male officers without being allowed to put clothes on. the raid was conducted on the wrong apartment and after the incident, ms. young filed a suit against the city of chicago

**chicago looks to erase drug charges:**

one of the chicago area's top prosecutors wants to expunge the records of thousands of people for drug-related offences in a controversial 'test balloon' for the country's drug laws. kim foxx, attorney general for cook county in illinois, said she wants to automatically wipe clean the records of people found selling cannabis in larger amounts, and potentially do the same for arrest records involving harder drugs like heroin and cocaine.

**permit approves whites-only church:**

when the church doors open, only white people will be allowed inside. that's the message the asatru folk assembly in murdock, minnesota, is sending after being granted a conditional use permit to open a church there and practice its pre- christian religion that originated in northern europe. despite a council vote officially approving the permit, residents are pushing back against the decision. opponents have collected over 50-thousand signatures on an online petition to stop the all-white church from making its home in the farming town of 280 people.

**airline offers mask-free seats:**

russian airline aeroflot announced it will designate specific seats on board its planes for passengers who refuse to wear masks. russia's largest airline and national flag carrier, has a policy that travelers must wear masks while boarding and while on the plane, unless they are eating, drinking or changing masks.

however, it seems that some passengers are not obeying these guidelines. and because a plane can't just stop in midair and kick out an offending passenger, aeroflot has designated certain seats on each flight for travelers who cannot or will not follow the mask policy.

**europe votes on veggie burgers:**

the european parliament came together to vote on whether a veggie burger is a burger. farmer lobbyists argued no. environmentalists said yes. the parliament said yes, too, in a decisive vote against a measure that would ban plant- based meat alternatives from being referred to by the names of their meat counterparts. this also includes terms like steak, sausage and burger.

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**john mulaney enters rehab:**

john mulaney has been spending the new year away from friends and family. he's checked into rehab to treat cocaine and alcohol abuse after relapsing. the comedian will spend the next 60 days at a facility in pennsylvania. john's reportedly not fighting rehab ... and his friends and family are happy that he's getting the help he needs.

**beyonce grants help:**

music superstar beyoncé is getting 100 checks in formation -- to help individuals and families impacted by the current pandemic induced housing crisis. the grammy-winner announced the extension of her beygood impact fund, which will grant \$5-thousand-dollars to 100 recipients who are facing foreclosures or evictions due to job loss, illness, and other challenges.

**wednesday 1/13:**

**employers can require covid vaccine:**

with the covid-19 vaccine now being administered in the u.s., the federal government is giving employers around the country the green light to require immunization for most workers. in general, companies have the legal right to mandate that employees get a covid-19 shot, the equal

employment opportunity commission said. more specifically, employers are entitled, and required, to ensure a safe workplace in which an individual shall not pose a direct threat to the health or safety of individuals in the workplace. that can mean a company requiring its workforce to be vaccinated.

**argentina legalizes abortion:**

argentina has become the largest latin american country to legalize abortion. elated pro-choice campaigners keeping vigil outside buenos aires' congressional palace erupted in celebration as the result was announced.

**pandemic drug overdose deaths spike:**

while deaths related to covid-19 reach record highs in the u.s., new data shows that drug overdoses are accelerating amid the pandemic. the cdc said that more than 81-thousand drug overdose fatalities occurred in the u.s. over the last 12 months. this is the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in a year-long period.

although the observed time frame encompasses months outside the covid-19 pandemic, experts believe the record-high numbers are linked to the onset of the pandemic.

**mt beautiful woman in the world:**

there's a new gen-z beauty on the block. meet yael shelbia, the israeli stunner has been crowned 2020's winner of tc candler's annual "100 most beautiful faces of the year" list. the hot model and fledgling actress is also number 1 in at least one other person's book: shelbia is reportedly dating 35-year-old brandon korff, grandson of the late cbs and viacom billionaire honcho sumner redstone.

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**kenya barris seeks restraining order:**

kenya barris -- the creator of "black-ish" and other spinoffs -- is asking a judge to step in to force his sister to keep her distance. the wildly successful writer, director, actor and tv producer just filed for a restraining order against colette barris.

**anthony hopkins 45-years sober:**

anthony hopkins marked 45 years of sobriety with an inspiring message to fans. the 83-year-old "silence of the lambs" actor shared a black-and-white video with gratitude for the decision he made in 1975 to give up drinking. despite his success, the oscar winner added that he has off days and sometimes little bits of doubt and all that.

**family raises money through movies:**

here's a story that will make it easier for you to sleep tonight. a family raised thousands of dollars for food banks during the pandemic by recreating famous scenes from well known movies. to entertain his two kids, dan presser downloaded a 7-day free trial of an editing app during the pandemic and started recreating the famous scenes with his two kids to raise money for local food banks and the videos really took off.

**thursday 1/14:**

**shortening the minute:**

"if only there were fewer hours in a day," ...said no one...ever. so, that might change. according to global time officials, earth is speeding up, prompting suggestions to shorten the minute by a second. data shows our former 24-hour daily rotation is down.

**pornhub cleans house:**

pornhub has removed a majority of its content as part of a series of changes following allegations that the site showed videos of child abuse and nonconsensual sexual behavior. the website said it had enacted the most comprehensive safeguards in user-generated platform history, including barring unverified uploaders from adding new content, eliminating the ability to download most videos and has removed all previously uploaded content that was not created by pornhub's verified content partners or members of its adult performer network.

**dipping sauce dispute:**

a wendy's employee was reportedly shot by a disgruntled customer over a dispute involving dipping sauce at a drive-thru in st. louis. the violence unfolded after a man is said to have ordered and asked for extra dipping sauce with his order and when he didn't get what he wanted, he shot into the restaurant.

**world's safest airline 2021:**

there may have been far fewer airplanes in the skies this past year, but if you're looking ahead to future travel, you might take heed of the latest rankings of the world's safest airline from airline ratings dot com. for 2021, the airline safety and product review website awarded aussie airline qantas the top spot.

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**mlb honors negro baseball stats:**

a major move was made by the m-l-b that will ratify statistics in major league baseball's records after this recent break through for the legacy of african-american baseball players. after years of wrongful oversight, major league baseball will now include statistics from black baseball players from 1920 to 1948 who were only allowed to play in a separate league after being forced out of the m-l-b due to racism and jim crow laws.

**james corden hints at show exit:**

"the late late show" host james corden says he is homesick for his native england -- so much so that he may head back there when his contract expires in 2022. corden and his wife have three children and relocated to l.a. when he nabbed the hosting gig after a successful, decades-long tv, film and theater career in the uk. and took over hosting "the late late show" from craig ferguson in march 2015.

**drones capture a close call:**

while capturing an suv rally car race using a drone, one drone operator managed to capture something even crazier. as one suv rally car was making a turn, the driver lost control and the drone footage captures a close look at the barreling truck rolling towards a crowd of people. one camera man was along side the track taking pictures of the event when he noticed the driver lose control.

**friday 1/15:**

**two men base jump from hotel:**

two men base jumped from the rooftop bar of the grand hyatt hotel in nashville, causing a mass panic among the bar's patrons. hotel security told police that the two men approached the ledge of the rooftop bar on the hotel's 25th floor and then jumped. patrons at the bar started screaming and witnesses looked over the edge of the building, and saw the two men parachuting across the road to an adjacent parking lot. once they were on the ground, they got into a parked car and drove off.

#### **los angeles county deemed dangerous:**

the federal emergency management agency has calculated that los angeles county is the most dangerous in the u.s.. fema determined the risk of every county in america based on 18 types of natural disasters, including earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, volcanoes, and tsunamis. the covid-19 pandemic wasn't considered, though los angeles has been dubbed ground zero for the virus.

#### **google workers form union:**

more than 200 google workers have formed a union that aims to press the tech titan to live up to its former motto: "don't be evil." the alphabet workers union, named for google's parent company, has so far attracted 226 card-carrying members who are fed up with bosses dismissing their concerns about discrimination, harassment and other workplace issues, the group's leaders say.

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#### **elon musk crowned richest man:**

for the first time in three years, there's a new person sitting on the throne of the world's richest man. tesla ceo elon musk beat out his space rival amazon founder jeff bezos for the crown, as the electric-car maker's stock price continued its staggering rally.

#### **the isolated cinema:**

aking social distancing to a whole new level, sweden's göteborg film festival is inviting one cinema fan to spend seven days on an isolated lighthouse island, with only movies and the north sea for company. dubbed the isolated cinema, the chosen fan will be transported by boat to the swedish island of pater noster. once there, they'll be set up in the former lighthouse keeper's house and spend a week from january 30 to february 6 watching göteborg's offerings.

#### **mediterranean diet named best diet 2021:**

the gold medal for best 2021 diet went to the mediterranean diet for the fourth year in a row. tied for silver was the dash diet, which stands for dietary approaches to stop hypertension, and the flexitarian diet, which encourages being a vegetarian most of the time, but is flexible enough to allow a burger now and again.

#### **kim & kanye divorcing:**

kim kardashian and kanye west are over. multiple sources say that "divorce is imminent" for the hollywood couple, with kardashian hiring divorce attorney to the stars laura wasser. kim hasn't been seen wearing her wedding ring, and kanye has remained at his \$14 million wyoming ranch over the holidays instead of spending it with the kardashian family.

#### **mr. céline dion:**

a céline dion superfan got drunk and legally changed his name to hers, and it's all coming back to him now. the 30-year-old céline dion -- formerly known as thomas dodd -- came up with the idea

while boozing it up and watching a tv concert by the 52-year-old canadian crooner. he says that the singer is his go-to person when he needs cheering up and during the pandemic, he's been watching concerts while at home and boozed.

## **monday 1/18**

### **south korea baby grant:**

south korea is now offering grants to couples who have at least three children. the city of changwon is combating the problem of a declining population with financial incentives. the new policy grants loans of \$92-thousand to all married couples residing in the city.

### **nyc bars make bitcoin history:**

a big apple bar owner is bowing out -- and banking on bitcoin with what could be the first cryptocurrency-only restaurant sale in the us. patrick hughes put his side-by-side hell's kitchen watering holes, hellcat annie's and scruffy duffy's, up for sale. the price tag: 25 bitcoins or 800 ethereum tokens for both, a value of about \$875-thousand by current cryptocurrency prices.

### **social media parler suspended:**

amazon joined tech giants apple and google in taking swift action against the social media platform parler. jeff bezos' company kicked parler off its web hosting services, meaning that if parler doesn't find another host, the social media platform will go offline.

### **coffee table text book:**

a photographer secretly snapped strangers' text messages and turned them into art. photographer jeff mermelstein has used this common impulse of catching a glimpse of someone's text messages to create a series of photos, surreptitiously taken over the shoulders of strangers.

now featured in a new book titled "hashtag nyc," the collection of conversations is a touching, funny and sometimes absurd look at how we communicate.

### **ssneaky massage therapists:**

people in desperate need of pain relief are willing to let carnivorous reptiles slither all over their bodies -- and faces -- at a small spa in cairo. as soothing music pumps through the sound system, masseurs rub oil on clients' backs -- before introducing a combination of pythons or around 28 different types of non- venomous snakes in the adrenaline-fueled 30-minute session.

### **grammys postponed:**

the 2021 grammy award ceremony, which was slated to be held january 31, has now been postponed due to covid-19 concerns. music's big night will now be held in march. the cbs telecast was, like most award shows last year, going to be a limited affair, with many celebrities accepting from home or performing remotely rather than the typical venue.

## **tuesday 1/19:**

### **"soho karen" is charged:**

a california woman faces multiple charges for allegedly falsely accusing a black teenager of stealing her cellphone and physically attacking. 22-year-old miya ponsetto was charged with two

counts of attempted assault, attempted robbery, grand larceny and endangering the welfare of a child.

**rescued after 10-hours in snowed-in car:**

a man who drove off the road in a snowstorm and spent 10 hours trapped in his car after a passing plow and rapidly accumulating snow buried it. 58-year-old kevin kresen drove into a ditch around midnight and called 911 but had trouble connecting. the vehicle became completely disabled, leaving kresen without heat.

**dolly parton recorded secret song:**

true dolly parton fans may think they have her music catalog, but it turns out no one will be able to hear all of the country music legend's tunes until ... 2045. t's because she wrote a brand-new song, recorded it and locked it away in a box left at dollywood -- with instructions not to open it for 30 years.

**broadway actors on law & order svu:**

law & order special victims unit is looking for broadway actors to cast in their show. the popular new york-based nbc show announced their cast for an upcoming episode, revealing that non-working broadway actors have been hired for episodes. when a fan commented on their broadway resumés, the show replied, "we are trying to hire every broadway actor we can while we and they wait for the curtains to rise again."

**confiscated sandwiches:**

if you're traveling into europe, be cautious of what you're bringing over the border, or you might end up forfeiting your lunch. since brexit, there have been strict rules placed at the borders that no longer allow certain foods into europe because of post-brexit import regulations. certain foods like meats, fruits and vegetables will be confiscated at the border and this man was forced to hand over his ham sandwiches.

**four finger push up record:**

a young man from manipur, india showed off his incredible strength and dexterity, and now he's even secured a world record for it. this former weightlifter, lai-thang-bam singh, has just done the most four-finger push- ups in one minute. with 85 push-ups on just his index finger and his thumb, this young man has just secured his second world record. 85 proper push-ups in one minute is impressive enough as it is, but to do them all with only four fingers is just insane.

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**wednesday 1/20:**

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**soho karen arrested:**

video has emerged of miya ponsetto fighting with cops during a dui bust in california -- weeks before she falsely accused a black teen of stealing her iphone in a manhattan hotel. the 22-year-old ponsetto can be seen outside a chevron gas station with her mom as an officer tries to place her in cuffs, she resists, and he is seen wrestling her to the ground. her mom is shown rushing toward her saying "no, that's my daughter" before an officer shoves her back.

**delayed stimulus checks:**

millions of americans whose stimulus checks got caught up in an internal revenue service snafu should receive them by early february if they haven't already. the irs is working to fix a mistake that caused it to send millions of \$600 coronavirus relief payments to closed or inactive bank accounts, forcing taxpayers to wait as the money bounced back to the feds.

those temporary accounts were set up for customers by tax preparers, who say they're working with the irs to get the money to the right place in the coming weeks.

**elon musk sends mixed signal:**

it's a case of mixed signals. confused traders sent an obscure medical-device company's stock price up more than 400 percent in one day after elon musk urged them to use a messaging app with the same name. the bizarre rally started after the billionaire tesla chief told his 42 million twitter followers to "use signal", apparently referring to the mobile app that lets users exchange encrypted messages. but investors instead bought up shares of signal advance inc, a small texas-based outfit that makes devices used to detect various health problems.

**dustin diamond hospitalized:**

dustin diamond of "saved by the bell" has been hospitalized -- and cancer seems to be the likely prognosis. dustin's team says he was hospitalized in florida after feeling pain all over his body and a general sense of unease. doctors are running a number of tests to figure out what exactly is wrong with him.

**sex & the city returns::**

fans of the beloved comedy series "sex and the city" started shaking up celebratory cosmos when it was confirmed that original cast members are returning. sarah jessica parker, cynthia nixon and kristin davis are returning for the 10-episode series, though kim catrall is not returning as samantha.

in case anyone couldn't help but wonder why the three stars were able to find time in their schedules for the project, there is now additional clarity. sarah, cynthia and kristin will all make north of \$1-million per episode

**thursday 1/21:**

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**woman attacked for puppy:**

a san francisco woman says she was violently attacked then robbed at gunpoint of her new puppy. 30-year-old sarah vorhaus said she had been walking her 5-month-old gray french bulldog, chloe, when she was assaulted by a man at gunpoint.

she said she had leaned down to clean up after chloe, when the man wearing a hoodie came up from behind and said, "give me your dog." vorhaus said the man waved his weapon before punching her in the face two times and snatching chloe.

**hawaiian roll lawsuit:**

a man in new york state is filing a class action lawsuit against the king's hawaiian company for deceiving him and the public into thinking the rolls are made in hawaii. the hawaiian style rolls are actually manufactured in torrance, california, and says so on the back of the packaging. nevertheless, robert galinsky of yonkers said that the packaging misled him to believing the rolls came from hawaii,

**police seek stolen plane:**

who the heck steals an airplane? police in arizona are looking for a plane that was stolen from the local airport as well as the people responsible for the theft. the thieves broke into the airport by disabling the main gate and forcing it open.

**python a la carte:**

anyone interested in frying up a little python? well, if you live in florida, you're in luck. turns out python may be the new chicken in the sunshine state. the department of health may give the green light to make the slithery creature a menu item in restaurants and at home.

the snakes are overtaking the everglades, creating risks to other wildlife.

**puppy bowl will go on:**

the most beloved and fur-ocious competition on tv will go forward as planned. even though the last few months have been ruff for special events, puppy bowl-17 will premiere on discovery plus and animal planet on february 7.

**friday 1/22:**

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**government must release ufo info:**

when president trump signed the \$2-point-3 trillion coronavirus relief and government funding bill into law in december, so began the 180-day countdown for u.s. intelligence agencies to tell congress what they know about ufo's. no, really. the director of national intelligence and the secretary of defense have a little less than six months now to provide the congressional intelligence and armed services committees with an unclassified report about ufo's.

**alexa saves man's life:**

a british bodybuilder says he owes his life to alexa. 40-year-old dante mcnulty slipped down a curved staircase at home and passed out in a kneeling position for six hours. the veins in the 230-pound man's legs burst due to the enormous pressure, which blocked the blood flow. after regaining consciousness, he couldn't feel his legs and was only able to shout to the amazon device to call a friend, who alerted rescuers.

**amazon cancels "the pack":**

these dogs may have to find adventure elsewhere. amazon prime video has reportedly canceled the dog-centric competition show "the pack" following condemnation of unaired footage by peta. the streamer canned the series, which depicts 12 teams of canines and their human companions on an epic adventure across multiple continents. the series, which premier

**"being the ricardos" cast:**

nicole kidman and javier bardem are in negotiations to play the iconic hollywood couple lucille ball and desi arnaz. the movie will take place during a production week on the set of "i love lucy," starting with a monday table read through an audience shoot on friday. ball and arnaz will face challenges that could end their careers and their marriage.

**gail king's anniversary dress:**

gayle king is celebrating her work anniversary in style! {take vo} in keeping with her annual tradition, the cbs this morning co-anchor celebrated her ninth year with the show by wearing a very special white and yellow dress, which she first wore when she made her debut when the show launched in 2012.

## **monday 1/25**

### **nra files bankruptcy:**

the national rifle association of america, the nation's foremost gun lobby, has filed for bankruptcy. the group said it plans to leave new york state, where it was founded in 1871, and reincorporate as a texas nonprofit in a move it is calling "project freedom."

### **carjacker scolds victim:**

oregon police are looking for a man who they say stole a car with a child in the backseat only to return and reprimand the mom about her parenting.

### **self-driving flying cadillac:**

general motors presented a futuristic flying cadillac -- a self-driving vehicle which takes off and lands vertically and carries the passenger above the streets and through the air. gm described the concept as "reimagining the future of personal transportation." the single-passenger cadillac -- technically, a vertical take-off and landing drone -- will be able to travel from urban rooftop to urban rooftop at speeds up to 55 miles per hour.

### **covid-19 dominates list of banished words:**

even as vaccines are being rolled out to battle the coronavirus, wordsmiths at lake superior state university say they want to kick any trace of it from the english language. "covid-19" and "social distancing" are thrown in with "we're all in this together," "in an abundance of caution" and "in these uncertain times" on the school's light-hearted list of banned words and phrases for 2021.

### **dr. dre released from hospital:**

dr. dre has been released from hospital after suffering a brain aneurysm earlier this month. the 55-year-old music producer was discharged and will be monitored 24 hours a day by medical professionals at his home.

it has been a tumultuous few months for dre, who has been in the midst of a bitter divorce with estranged wife nicole young. he agreed to pay young \$2-million in temporary spousal support.

### **bella thorne defends armie hammer:**

former disney darling bella thorne has taken it upon herself to come to armie hammer's defense amid allegations that he has cannibalistic sexual fantasies.

## **tuesday 1/26:**

### **waitress rescues abused boy:**

a waitress rescued an 11-year-old boy from being tortured by his parents. flaviane carvalho was working when she noticed that the boy's parents were banning him from eating his food. concerned there was something wrong with the child's dinner, she went over to the family to

ask if everything was ok. his mom told the waitress that he was going to eat dinner at home instead. it was then that she saw bruises and a large scratch on the child's face.

**arrested for living at airport:**

a man with a fear of covid-19 was arrested for living at a secure area of chicago's o'hare international airport for nearly three months. aditya singh was hiding out in the airport from october 19th -- when he arrived from los angeles -- until last week, when two airport workers confronted him.

**snowboarder survives avalanche:**

less than a minute after carving down the slopes of backcountry colorado, a snowboarder was swept up in an avalanche. maurice kervin was snowboarding at no name peak when he turned around to see snow coming for him. not only did the 25-year-old survive, but kervin managed to escape free of injury. he captured the adrenaline-pumping experience on video. avalanches are unpredictable and dangerous, and not every story has a good ending like kervin's did.

**crocs sales soar:**

crocs' bittersweet moment has arrived in the midst of a global pandemic. the foam clog, derided by many for being "ugly," expects 2020 to be a record sales year. crocs raised its fourth-quarter outlook and full-year outlook for 2021, now forecasting fourth quarter year-over-year revenue to have increased about 55% to between \$407 and \$410 million.

**dave bautista \$20k manatee reward:**

there is already a reward for information leading to the person or people responsible for writing "trump" on a manatee in florida, but actor dave bautista is taking it a step further. the "guardians of the galaxy" star announced an additional reward on his twitter account.

"if there's not already a reward for the arrest and conviction of the low life that did this i'll throw in \$20-thousand. and i promise there will be bonuses to that reward!" he said.

**steven spielberg fears stalker:**

steven spielberg can breathe a sigh of relief ... a judge granted a permanent restraining order against the woman who's been threatening to kill him. 48-year-old sarah char must stay 100 yards away from steven, his wife and his daughter for the next 3 years.

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**jlo claps back at botox accusation:**

jennifer lopez is setting the record straight about how she gets her "j. lo glow." the 51-year-old posted a video that showed her trying one of the products from her recently-launched skincare brand, jlo beauty, for the first time. after sharing the post, the star received a comment from one social media user who claimed lopez actually used botox to achieve her look. "you definitely have botox. and tons of it," the user wrote in the comments section. "and it's all good. just saying." lopez was quick to shut the commenter down and graciously shared an alternative "beauty secret" that's always worked for her. "lol that's just my face!!!" lopez wrote. "for the 500 millionth time...i have never done botox or any injectables or surgery!! just saying."

**wednesday 1/27:**

**passenger assists dying man:**

an emergency medical technician who administered cpr on a fellow passenger on a united airlines flight said that the \$200 voucher and phone call he received from the airline for the "inconvenience" felt like a slap in the face. the passenger later died of covid-19, causing tony aldapa to fear that he had contracted the virus after experiencing symptoms.

mr aldapa was one of three passengers who helped a man experiencing a medical emergency on the orlando to los angeles flight. the man was pronounced dead after the plane made an emergency landing in new orleans.

**thai court gives record sentence:**

a court in thailand sentenced a former civil servant to a record prison term of 43 years and six months for breaching the country's strict law on insulting or defaming the monarchy. the bangkok criminal court found the woman guilty on 29 counts of violating the country's lese majeste law for posting audio clips to facebook and youtube with comments deemed critical of the monarchy.

the court initially announced her sentence as 87 years, but reduced it by half because she pled guilty.

**police seize cocaine hidden in charcoal:**

spanish police have seized more than two tons of cocaine and arrested 12 people allegedly involved in a large scale drugs smuggling network with connections to paraguay and brazil. authorities investigated the network -- members of which had attempted to cover their tracks by setting up legitimate businesses -- for more than a year.

**clever dog tricks owner:**

a clever dog has gone viral on social media for outsmarting his owner. in the clip, a man places a treat in front of his adorable golden retriever and instructs him to wait while he steps out of the room. the dog watches his owner disappear before quickly eating the treat. then, in an ingenious move, he trots over to the drawer where the treats are kept, opens it and takes one out. the pooch then calmly walks back to the table and sets the treat down before shutting the drawer.

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**syringe shaped cakes:**

a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down at a bakery in the germany, which is celebrating the year of the coronavirus vaccine with syringe-shaped cakes. it is not the first time the baking paradise has sold coronavirus spin-offs. last year, as household essentials vanished from supermarket shelves in panic buying, they created cakes shaped like newly-scarce toilet-rolls.

**ben affleck & ana de armas split:**

ben affleck and ana de armas have split after nearly a year together. the 48-year-old oscar winner and the 32-year-old cuban actress quarantined together and seemed to be settled before de armas made a recent trip home to visit family over the holidays, sparking rumors they were on the rocks. the pair first met on the set of their thriller "deep water" and they were then seen enjoying a romantic trip to havana last march. sources close to affleck previously said de armas was a great influence on the star, who has openly talked of his battles with alcoholism.

**thursday 1/28:**

**joints for jabs:**

cannabis activist group dc marijuana justice plans to offer weed gift bags to those who get the covid-19 vaccine in the nation's capital. the group plans to hand out free ganja baggies at washington, dc, vaccination sites, both to commemorate what is hopefully the beginning of the end of the coronavirus pandemic and as advocacy for both reefer and getting vaccinated.

**no mta fare hikes...for now:**

new york's cash-strapped mta is putting the brakes on controversial plans to raise transit fares. agency board members had been scheduled to vote on fare and toll increases in line with the agency's policy since 2009 to enact increases every two years.

instead, proposed fare hikes of as much as four percent will be tabled for the time-being.

**no pants subway ride cancelled:**

the organizers of the no pants subway ride, an annual january event held on public transport in more than a dozen cities worldwide, announced the 2021 event has been canceled. improv everywhere, the performance art group that has organized the no pants subway ride since the first event was held in 2002 in new york city, said this year's sans-pants public transit trek has been canceled due to the covid-19 pandemic.

**scorned glitter lover:**

tiktok user holly got her revenge on a cheating boyfriend by coating his apartment in glitter, a substance notoriously difficult to clean – and posted it on the social media. in the video, holly is seen pouring piles of multi-colored glitter all over the apartment in the living room and bathroom to the soundtrack of carrie underwood's "before he cheats." in the video she notes: "it's not key his car in 2021... no, it's glitter his everything 2021."

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**k.i.t.t. knight rider car up for auction:**

the "k.i.t.t. knight rider" car is currently up for auction and bids have already reached over \$1 million dollars. the iconic car is from the 80's television show "knight rider" starring david hasselhoff and will be the main attraction at "the hoff's personal memorabilia auction".

**friday 1/29:**

**magic mushrooms grown in man's blood:**

kids, don't do drugs. otherwise you might get fungus growing in your veins. one man's attempt to get high earned him only a trip to the icu after injecting himself with a magic mushroom tea, which caused the fungus to start growing inside his circulatory system.

**couple buys every plane seat:**

wealthy indonesian man and his wife were the sole passengers on a flight after they purchased all available tickets to prevent exposure to covid-19 richard muljadi, a jakarta-based socialite famous for his extravagant lifestyle, posted a series of photos to his instagram story showing he and his wife traveling alone on a batik air flight from jakarta to bali.

they bought as many tickets as possible for the flight -- which boasted 12 business class seats and 150 economy class seats -- because he and his wife were super paranoid about being exposed to covid-19.

**no regrets for boris johnson tat:**

a man got a huge picture of boris johnson tattooed on his stomach and said he has no regrets about it.

**a boogie wit da hoodie is a crap tenant:**

a new lawsuit charges that rapper "a boogie wit da hoodie" is a crap tenant. the bronx-born rapper is being sued for allegedly causing more than \$250-thousand in damage to a new jersey rental mansion -- including by clogging its toilets so badly, sewage seeped through the floors. a boogie, who was busted on weapons and drug raps last month -- is accused of wreaking havoc on a \$3-point-3 million spread he was renting for \$10-thousand a month.

**netflix flex:**

netflix's latest film preview has already earned about 15 million views, and here's why. it's the reason why netflix fans are excited for 20-21. netflix has pledged to release a new movie every single week and most of them are blockbusters!

**monday 2/1:**

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**ny vaccine supply crisis:**

the new director of the cdc said the u.s. doesn't have as many covid-19 vaccines as they would like to send to new york. dr. rochelle walensky predicted that the inadequate vaccine supply will be one of the biggest challenges in january and february.

the state expects to receive another 250-thousand doses this coming week, in line with what it has been receiving in past weeks. each state's allotment is based on population.

**record breaking diamond ring:**

a jeweler in india broke records when he set 12-thousand-638 diamonds in a single ring. harshit bansal said he was studying jewelry design in surat in 2018 when he started considering attempting the record for most diamonds set in one ring.

**vegan restaurant gets michelin star:**

a vegan restaurant in south-west france has won a michelin star, the first for an establishment serving only animal-free products in france. claire vallée runs the restaurant ona – which stands for origine non animale – which she launched in 2016 thanks to crowdfunding from supporters and a loan from a green bank.

in addition to the award of the classic star, vallée also won a green star, which michelin introduced last year to reward establishments with a strong record for ethical practices.

**broadcast legend tom brokaw retires:**

tom brokaw is formally retiring from nbc news after an extraordinary 55 years with the network. the 80-year-old is best known for anchoring the "nbc nightly news" from 1982 through 2004. he has been the network's senior correspondent in recent years, enjoying a form of semi-retirement while contributing essays to nbc and msnbc programs.

**christina ricci alleged spousal abuse:**

christina ricci says quarantine's been a dangerous time in her household, because her husband's allegedly beaten her multiple times. the actress filed to get a restraining order against james heerdegen. christina claims he beat her, spit at her and made pig noises in her face. she says that incident, during which she suffered multiple bruises, convinced her she needed to leave him.

**johnson & johnson vaccine:**

johnson & johnson has just delivered the news that their vaccine could be ready by april. according to several sources and statements from johnson & johnson, their clinical vaccine trials have recently concluded and dr. anthony fauci has even mentioned that johnson & johnson is right around the corner from

seeking "emergency use authorization" from the us food and drug administration

**tuesday 2/2:**

**california home grown covid strain:**

scientists in california believe there is a homegrown coronavirus strain in the state that could be responsible for the dramatic rise in cases. two separate research groups have discovered the apparent california strain while looking for the new variant that is believed to have come from the united kingdom..

**travel mask mandate:**

federal transportation officials are considering a range of options to enforce a new face mask requirement for interstate travelers, including the possibility of fines in the thousands of dollars.

**superbowl advertisers bow out:**

the super bowl may be known for its commercials, but even the advertising world isn't expecting a lot of touchdowns this year. a startling number of brands known for showcasing new commercials during the big football season finale are bowing out of the big game this year as advertisers struggle to hit the right note in a country plagued by the coronavirus pandemic, social and political unrest and record unemployment. those that stay in the game are largely expected to play it safe.

**cleaning the tennessee river:**

in an epic cleanup effort, volunteers removed more than 9-thousand pounds of trash from the tennessee river, one of the dirtiest rivers in the country. over the course of three days this month, volunteers with keep the tennessee river beautiful and johnsonville state historic park rid the river of trash, using a 25-foot aluminum work boat to traverse the river and clean shorelines.

**american airlines wine delivery:**

airlines are still operating at only a fraction of their normal pre-pandemic business, and alcohol is banned in many cabins to help thwart the spread of covid-19. the good news? this is adding up to a lot of leftover booze.

**thumbs down:**

a 25-year-old professional video game player has been forced to log off for good due to a thumb injury.

**lili reinhart imposter:**

an imposter successfully posed as "riverdale" star lili reinhart in a magazine interview. seventeen magazine issued an apology saying it had briefly published a story with information believed to have come from the actress. the mag scrapped the article from its site and said it would be internally reviewing their editorial and fact-checking processes to ensure something like this does not happen again.

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**wednesday 2/3:**

**amazon driver saves abandoned baby:**

an amazon delivery driver discovered a five-month-old baby along a street after he was abandoned by a man who stole his mother's car in texas.

**food network winner murder charge:**

the food network has scrapped season 20 of worst cooks in america after the winner of the cooking competition was charged along with her husband with battering to death their adopted three-year-old daughter.

**ac knock firefighter unconscious:**

a new york firefighter was knocked unconscious when an air conditioner fell from a window and struck him in the head.

**godiva closing u.s. stores:**

luxury chocolatier godiva is getting out of the brick and mortar business. the company is closing or selling all 128 of its brick-and-mortar stores in north america, it announced in a statement. it plans to complete the closures and sales by the end of march. godiva will keep its stores open across europe, the middle east and china.

**rock resembles cookie monster:**

a photo of the inside of rock has gone viral after it undeniably resembles cookie monster from sesame street.

**fka twigs has shia labeouf ptsd:**

fka twigs says that she has been left suffering panic attacks following her allegedly abusive relationship with shia labeouf.

**thursday 2/4:**

**nevada surge in student suicide:**

the reminders of pandemic-driven suffering among students in nevada have come in droves. since schools shut their doors in march, an early-warning system that monitors students' mental health episodes has sent more than 31-hundred alerts to district officials, raising alarms about suicidal thoughts. by last december, 18 students had taken their own lives.

the spate of student suicides in and around las vegas has pushed the school district, the nation's fifth largest, toward bringing students back as quickly as possible.

**twitter's birdwatch:**

twitter said that it's officially rolling out birdwatch, a new feature designed to fight misinformation on its platform. the community-driven service will enlist the help of volunteer online users who will vet tweets that they see as containing misleading information. the participants will be able to provide annotations that provide informative context to tweets.

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**man's doll-wife broke:**

a bodybuilder who married a sex doll has revealed she tragically broke just before christmas. yuri tolochko, from kazakhstan, is now waiting to see if his wife – called margo – can be repaired, he did not explain how margo had broken. it comes after yuri married his fiancée margo in late november after a number of delays due to the coronavirus pandemic.

**rescued gold miners:**

striking gold in this eastern chinese city ended up being deadly and left almost a dozen miners trapped for weeks. 22 miners were trapped in the chinese gold mine for more than two weeks after an explosion blocked their exit back in january. as of now, most of the men have been rescued

**ellen could lose timeslot:**

ellen degeneres may not be dancing so hard amid rumors over the future of her show. the 62-year-old degeneres is struggling to hold on to her fan base following troubling accusations over her behavior. with just one more year left on her existing deal, the multi-millionaire host will enter talks about "the ellen degeneres show" next month.

**friday 2/5:****wealthy skip vaccine line:**

a new jersey hospital has been accused of allowing wealthy donors, executives and their relatives to skip the covid-19 vaccine line. the hunterdon medical center allegedly doled out shots to the privileged group at a time when only frontline healthcare workers and nursing home residents were eligible. a whistleblower showed how two longtime donors and the hunterdon healthcare ceo were vaccinated a day after the first shipment of 975 doses arrived at the hospital.

**bot selling facebook users phone numbers:**

a cybercriminal created a bot that sold access to millions of facebook users' cellphone numbers through the telegram messaging app. so here's how it worked, anyone who pulled up the bot's telegram profile could enter the facebook id of the person they're looking for and the bot would get that user's digits.

**iphones affect pacemakers:**

radio waves emanating from apple devices may disrupt the workings of implanted pacemakers and defibrillators. apple said iphones have magnets, components and radios that release electromagnetic fields, which can potentially interfere with sensors on the medical devices when brought in close contact.

**sweet tooth wanted:**

a canadian company is seeking full and part time peeps to serve as taste testers for the company. candy funhouse said the remote working positions offer \$47 an hour to sample and review some of the company's 3-thousand candy and chocolate treats.

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**new couple alert:**

there's a new couple alert to tell you about! travis barker apparently makes kourtney kardashian's heart beat like a drum. the longtime friends are dating, though the development is a recent one. barker and kardashian, shared similar photos from kris jenner's palm springs, california vacation home, alerting eagle-eyed fans to the fact that they were hanging out.

**glenn close talks never winning oscar:**

glenn close isn't desperate to win an oscar after seven nominations. the 73-year-old actress was asked about landing the elusive golden statue during an interview with pete davidson where he asked, "what can we do to get you an oscar? we have to get the internet to help because you deserve seven!" in response, close said, "is it better to be wheeled out in a wheelchair and get the lifetime achievement award? you don't have to make a speech."

**monday 2/8:**

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**storm brings unexpected vaccine doses:**

oregon health care workers stuck in a snowstorm with soon-to-expire doses of the covid-19 vaccine decided to set up an "mpromptu vaccine clinic" and inoculate the other stranded drivers.

**yelp virus safety measures:**

yelp is gonna help! customers on the lookout for coronavirus violations at businesses and restaurants can now complain on yelp.

**subway tuna lawsuit:**

subway is being accused of serving fake tuna in its sandwiches and wraps. two california residents filed a lawsuit alleging that the ingredient being touted as tuna within the chain's sandwiches and wraps actually contains no tuna at all.

**big foot hunting season:**

bigfoot may not be real, but one lawmaker in oklahoma wants to create a hunting season for him anyway. state rep. justin humphrey said in a statement, "we are going to trap a live bigfoot. we are not promoting killing bigfoot. we are promoting hunting bigfoot, trying to find evidence of bigfoot."

**kenya moore & marc daly split...again:**

"real housewives of atlanta" star kenya moore and husband marc daly are, once again, calling it quits after attempting to reconcile following their 2019 split.

**marilyn manson dropped by record label:**

marilyn manson's record label announced it was dropping him in response to abuse and sexual assault accusations from his ex-girlfriend evan rachel wood.

**tuesday 2/9:**

**tsa authorized to fine anti-maskers:**

the tsa has been authorized to fine passengers who fail to comply with the new mask requirements on public transportation systems. the tsa will require travelers to wear masks through airport screening checkpoints and throughout all public transportation systems. tsa workers are authorized to deny entry or boarding to passengers who refuse to wear masks, and those passengers could be subject to fines.

**man badly loses fight with police:**

some pictures are worth a thousand words -- but this mugshot only needs six: don't try to fight the police. a florida man was taken into custody after police said he kept attacking two sheriff's deputies and their k-9 despite losing and regaining consciousness twice -- and getting tased -- during the scuffle.

**mardi gras house floats:**

you just can't keep a good city down, especially during mardi gras. all around new orleans, thousands of houses are being decorated as floats because the coronavirus outbreak canceled the elaborate parades during the carnival season leading up to fat tuesday. pandemic replacements include scavenger hunts for signature trinkets that normally would be thrown from floats or handed out from a streetcar, as well as outdoor art and drive-thru or virtual parades. there's an app where people can catch and trade virtual trinkets during carnival and watch a virtual parade.

**cbs offers corden doble salary:**

james corden is reportedly set to be offered double his 7-million salary in a bid to stop him from quitting the u.s. the 42-year-old actor is hugely successful stateside having taken over the late-late show in 2015, however, he recently hinted he may head back to the uk after complaining he was 'homesick'.

in a bid to keep him in the u.s., cbs is said to be preparing to offer him a huge double your money deal to stay and they're pulling out all the stops.

**nene leakes wants bravo boycott:**

reality has gotten grim for one of reality tv's biggest stars. nene leakes appears to be biting the hand that fed her as she openly encouraged fans to boycott bravo – the network that has created a cottage industry out of its "real housewives" franchise. the 53-year-old former "real housewives of atlanta" star fired off a series of tweets hoping to get people on

**ridiculously expensive food:**

get your taste buds and your wallets ready, because here are some of the most expensive meals and deserts, recently eaten by youtube's "mrbeast". in this episode, he and his friends can be seen eating 1-hundred-thousand-dollar ice cream, 5-thousand-dollar mac and cheese, 30-thousand-dollar "bananas foster

**wednesday 2/10:**

**police pepper spray 9-year-old girl:**

police in rochester, new york, released body camera footage that shows a 9-year-old girl being handcuffed and pepper-sprayed by officers responding to a family disturbance call.

**woman sentenced for sexting teen:**

a connecticut mother-of-three who lured a 14-year-old boy into an ongoing sexually explicit exchange online, has been slapped with a 14-year prison sentence.

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**chucky doll amber alert:**

the texas department of public safety said an amber alert that was issued for the cursed doll chucky from the child's play horror films was a test that was accidentally sent out.

**boy befriends deer:**

a mother has shared her shock after her four year-old son made friends with a baby deer, bringing the cute creature home with him. stephanie brown was vacationing in virginia, when her son dominic turned up at their front door with the animal, who seemed completely comfortable in the boy's company. stephanie shared the photo on facebook with the caption 'dominic really went outside and brought a deer back.' her snap was liked and shared tens of thousands of times.

**elon musk monkey brain implant:**

elon musk claimed he has put a neuralink implant in a monkey's brain and that the animal can play video games with his mind. the ceo said the monkey is totally happy and the effort is part of his 'brain tech' start-up firm neuralink which he hopes will eventually be able to help humans with brain and spinal injuries.

**tony bennett battles alzheimer's:**

tony bennett revealed that he has been diagnosed with alzheimer's disease, he announced via an extensive article with aarp magazine. "life is a gift – even with alzheimer's. thank you to my wife susan and my family for their support, and aarp the magazine for telling my story," he wrote on social media.

**thursday 2/11:**

**jeff bezos steps down as amazon ceo:**

jeff bezos said that he will step down as chief executive of amazon, leaving the helm of the company he founded 27 years ago. bezos will transition to the role of executive chair. in a memo to employees, bezos said the transition will give him the time and energy he needs to focus on the day 1 fund, the bezos earth fund, blue origin, the washington post, and his other passions.

**another spacex prototype crash lands:**

spacex's latest prototype exploded in a massive fireball during a test flight crash landing meeting a similar fate as a previous test rocket. the steel starship prototype went up in flames at the end of an otherwise successful high-altitude test from boca chica, texas. a spacex announcer said during the online broadcast. "we've just got to work on that landing a little bit."

**florida man calls 911 for ride:**

a man with a florida tattoo on his forehead has been arrested for calling 911 twice to get a ride

home. 22-year-old matthew leatham dialed the emergency number to request a ride home after 4 a.m.

a deputy found leatham and offered to call him a cab, but he said he didn't have money. leatham then began walking in the direction he lives and again called 911 for a ride. the officer caught up to him and arrested him after a search found marijuana.

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**gamestop gaming frenzy movie:**

hollywood already has its sights set on the gamestop trading frenzy. mgm recently scored the rights to a book proposal about the wall street bets reddit forum tentatively titled "the antisocial network." the planned theme will explore how the group of rogue day traders shook wall street by boosting shares in gamestop and other companies in defiance of large hedge funds.

**mariah carey sued by sister:**

mariah carey's older sister has filed a lawsuit claiming she was publicly humiliated when carey revealed alleged family secrets in a memoir. the "always be my baby" singer published the book called "the meaning of mariah carey," alleging that older sister alison carey drugged her when she was a kid. mimi's older sister alison claims her crooner sister never gave her an opportunity to respond to the claims in the book, nor did she present evidence to substantiate the allegations, which alison disputes.

**friday 2/12:****peeping tom busted!:**

this guy literally fell into trouble. 41-year-old peeping tom, brian anthony joe was spying on the ladies through the ceiling of a locker room at a virginia gym, when he came crashing down through the ceiling.

**road safety mannequin officer kidnapped:**

road safety officer allan has been "kidnapped" from his post and residents of braemar are appealing for his return. the mannequin has been stationed here for two months reminding drivers to slow down.

**rapper silento charged with murder**

rapper silento charged with murdering his older cousin. the 23-year-old "watch me whip, nae nae" singer was charged with murder after surveillance footage obtained by investigators showed several cars fleeing the scene with silento in one of them. a motive for the fatal shooting remains unclear.

**sofia vergara embryo battle:**

nick loeb's never-ending legal war with "modern family" star sofia vergara over the exes' frozen embryos has ended. an appeals court has ruled that loeb's case should be tossed and that it made a "mockery of the louisiana legal system." the court also slammed loeb's filing in louisiana as "abhorrent."

loeb and vergara split in 2014. but a battle over two frozen embryos from the couple's 2013 ivf treatments has raged on for years after the split -- as loeb sought custody to bring them to term.

**blm nobel peace prize nomination:**

over the course of 20-20, the black lives matter movement became the largest social movement in u.s. history, now it has been nominated for a nobel peace prize.

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**monday 2/15:**

**deputy fakes ambush:**

a santa clara county deputy contacted dispatchers to claim he was ambushed and shot at, but evidence showed otherwise. a year long investigation has just disproved the story of deputy sukhdeep gill who claimed he had been walking back to his patrol car when a silver sedan pulled up and fired at him from the passenger window. when other officers arrived, gill appeared to have been shot in the chest where the bullet had been stopped by his body camera.

**warning: snapchat drug dealers:**

relationship expert dr. laura berman is sharing a warning to parents after announcing the overdose death of her son. berman began an emotional instagram post writing, "my beautiful boy is gone. 16 years old. sheltering at home. a drug dealer connected with him on snapchat and gave him fentanyl laced xanax and he overdosed in his room... my heart is completely shattered and i am not sure how to keep breathing."

**yale offers happy course:**

in order to help young people combat the growing mental health crisis brought on by the pandemic, yale university is now offering a variation of its most popular online course to high school students at no cost. yale psychology professor laurie santos created the online course -- called "the science of well being" -- in 2018. it was introduced the same year as her in-person version of the course,

**youtuber shot dead filming prank:**

sad news to report. 20-year-old youtuber timothy wilks was shot dead in the parking lot of a hermitage, tennessee trampoline park. police state that wilks and a friend allegedly approached a group of people with butcher knives in their hands. wilks and the other individual intended to stage a fake robbery as part of a youtube video. david starnes jr. then shot wilks.

**celebs show support for britney:**

celebrities began vocalizing their support for britney spears following a new documentary. the documentary is produced by the new york times and is called "framing britney spears." it follows spears' rise to fame and does a deep dive into her court-ordered conservatorship. spears is currently embroiled in a legal battle with her father, jamie spears, who has served as the conservatorship of her finances for more than a decade. spears says through her attorney, that she no longer wants her father in charge of her finances.

**tuesday 2/16:**

**kroger employees vaccine incentive:**

Kroger supermarket executives came up with an ingenious way to motivate employees to get the COVID-19 vaccine, offering any workers who get inoculated a \$100 bonus. All company employees, which include about 500-thousand people in 35 states, are eligible for the one-time offer.

**possible mix-and-match vaccine:**

The U.K. is launching a mix and match vaccine trial to test whether doses of the AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccines can be effectively combined. The trial will investigate the immune responses of an initial jab of the Pfizer vaccine followed by a booster of AstraZeneca's, as well as vice versa, with intervals of 4 and 12 weeks.

**Mississippi city pays you to move there:**

Are you ready for a change in scenery? One city in Mississippi is willing to pay you \$6-thousand-dollars to move there. That city, Natchez, is looking for remote workers who will relocate there and buy a home. The cash incentive includes up to \$25-hundred in moving expenses plus a \$300 monthly stipend for a year to offset living costs.

**Road safety mannequin kidnapped:**

Road safety officer Allan has been "kidnapped" from his post and residents of Braemar are appealing for his return. The mannequin has been stationed here for two months reminding drivers to slow down.

**Drake pays off fan's loans:**

A Toronto man is rejoicing for receiving support from fellow Toronto native, Drake, after he posted this video to social media. The Toronto man, who goes by the name of, "Bucks B," posted this video to Instagram, where he can be seen counting the money he has saved so far this year. Bucks B had made a New Year's resolution to not go broke, and after the video was posted, Drake saw it and left a comment asking for his PayPal, claiming that he would double it. Drake kept his word and even got in touch with the Toronto man.

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**Liam Neeson is done with action movies**

Liam Neeson has "taken" a permanent break from kicking bad guy butt. Putting his menacing "I will find you and I will kill you" threats to bed, the 68-year-old announced that he is taking his very particular set of skills and retiring from the action movie genre. Neeson said that there are a couple more movies to do this year and a couple in the pipeline and then he thinks that will probably be it.

**Wednesday 2/17:**

**Robinhood app death suit:**

The parents of a 20-year-old man who committed suicide after mistakenly believing he owed thousands to Robinhood plan to file a wrongful death suit against the stock-trading app. Alexander Kearns ran into problems when the app put a hold on his account showing that he was \$730-thousand in the red.

Kearns had been trading options, rather than stocks, so the negative balance was probably a temporary amount that showed until the options settled to his account. There was no customer service number for Kearn to call and while he did email Robinhood, he only received an automatic

response that app reps would get back to him when they could.

the next day, kearns killed himself by stepping in front of an oncoming train.

#### **spacex internet:**

more than 10-thousand people in the u.s. and abroad are getting their internet from a network of spacex satellites. the rocket-building firm touted the number in a filing with the federal communications commission as it looked to expand the starlink satellite internet service.

spacex aims to provide access to high-speed internet in rural areas with starlink, which costs \$99 a month plus \$499 for the equipment needed to connect to the network.

#### **gorilla glue head checks into hospital:**

a louisiana woman went viral for using gorilla glue in place of actual hairspray -- before finally checking into the hospital to get the hardened adhesive removed. tessica brown, posted that her hair had been stuck in place for a month after she ran out of her usual hair product and opted to use the extra-strong superglue instead. "look: my hair, it don't move. you hear what i'm telling you? it don't move. i've washed my hair 15 times and it don't move." she said in the original video.

#### **lapd stolen handcuffs returned:**

the los angeles police department said a pair of handcuffs taken from an officer more than 60 years ago arrived in a package along with a letter of apology. the lapd tweeted photos showing the handcuffs and letter that arrived along with a \$100 payment recently.

the letter was sent by a 74-year-old grandfather who wrote he had taken the handcuffs off the ground when an officer dropped them during an altercation at a local restaurant more than 60 years ago. "i have felt a little guilty each time i saw the handcuffs over the years, but did nothing about it," the man wrote.

#### **three's a crowd for suzanne somers:**

who knew that for suzanne somers, three actually was a crowd. the actress was confronted by an intruder while the "three's company" star was home with her husband -- and right in the middle of a facebook live session with her fans. luckily one of the fans watching the show called the cops after the trespasser could be heard telling the star he was being "followed by ghosts."

#### **thursday 2/18:**

##### **delta ceo against domestic flight covid test:**

the ceo of delta air lines blasted the biden administration for considering a proposal to require a negative coronavirus test for all domestic travelers, calling it a "horrible idea" that would fail to keep passengers safe and hamstring an already struggling industry.

ceo ed bastian said that airplanes have high-quality air filters that constantly refresh the air every few minutes to reduce the chance of transmitting the virus.

#### **woman kept dead mom in freezer:**

a woman has been arrested after a cleaner found her mother's body in the freezer of her tokyo apartment. the body had been bent to the fit in the freezer. the now 48-year-old yumi yoshino said

she hid the body 10 years ago after coming home and finding her 60-year-old mother dead because she didn't want to move out of their home.

**sued for feeding stray cat:**

a 78-year-old florida woman is being sued by a tampa bay condominium association because she fed a stray cat. joan hussey is accused of breaking the rules by attracting and feeding stray cats in and around the common areas of the tampa racquet club condominium.

**chris hemsworth stunt double weight gain:**

chris hemsworth's stunt double is tired of eating seven meals a day to try to keep up with the hollywood actor's ever-increasing size. bobby holland hanton, who is currently shooting "thor: love and thunder" in australia with hemsworth, admitted he is feeling the pressure as the action man bulks up to be, in hanton's words, "the biggest thor he's ever been."

hanton said that while hemsworth may have impressed fans with his body transformation for the forthcoming marvel movie, it was a grueling process behind the scenes.

**friday 2/19:**

**pick-up truck falls off overpass:**

a driver survived when his pickup truck plunged about 70 feet off a slippery interchange exit ramp in wisconsin. a wisconsin department of transportation camera captured the milwaukee-area crash. the video shows the pickup hit a snowbank on the right shoulder before flipping over the barrier wall and plummeting to the interstate below as cars pass by.

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**canada extends cruise ban:**

people who have been hoping to cruise the northern waters of north america this summer will have to place their travel dreams in dry dock for now. because of the worsening covid-19 pandemic, canada has extended its cruise ship ban until february 2022.

**casey anthony p.i. firm:**

casey anthony, who was famously acquitted in the murder of her daughter, is starting a private investigator firm in order to help other wrongfully accused women.

**toddler releasing womb album:**

a brooklyn toddler is releasing her first album -- recorded while still in the womb. luca yupanqui's first release, "sounds of the unborn," is the first album created by a person while they were still inside the womb, according to her brooklyn-based label, sacred bones records.

**golden globes goes bi-coastal:**

just like zoom meetings, the 2021 golden globes will be a remote, time zone-hopping affair. for the first time ever, the globes will be broadcast from both coasts on february 28th, with amy poehler and tina fey sharing hosting duties from california and new york.

**angelina jolie auctions famed painting:**

angelina jolie is selling the only painting created by british prime minister winston churchill during

world war 2. the art piece is expected to fetch up to \$3-point-4 million at auction. churchill painted "tower of the (ko-to-bee-ah) mosque" in marrakech, morocco, after attending the casablanca conference in january 1943, during which he and u.s. president franklin d. roosevelt formulated the next stage of their strategy to defeat nazi germany.

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**monday 2/22:**

**180-day cruise sells out:**

after oceania cruises's 180-day world cruise for 2023 became available for booking last month, the trip sold out in less than one day. the oceania world cruise will set sail from san francisco january 2023. passengers will begin a six-month adventure that will take them to 96 ports in 33 countries and four different continents. fares for the journey began at \$41-thousand per guest.

**90-yr-old sends \$10k to call out at&t:**

a 90-year-old man spent \$10-thousand-dollars on ads to tell at&t's ceo about his slow internet service aaron epstein has been a loyal at&t customer since 1960, but as his technology needs increased, his internet service just wasn't keeping up.

so he placed two ads in the wall street journal to vent his frustrations after he kept calling at&t asking them when his internet speed would be upgraded.

**man eats hottest chili pepper:**

mike jack has that burning desire. jack set a guinness world record speed mark by eating three carolina reaper peppers — the world's hottest chili pepper — in 9-point-72 seconds. he winced in pain, retched and required a bucket. "it feels so good but hurts so bad," jack said. the carolina reaper is about 200 times hotter than the relatively pedestrian jalapeño.

**boy purposely swallows magnets:**

a science-mad boy had to have six hours of life-saving surgery after he ingested dozens of magnets for an experiment. 12-year-old rhiley morrison swallowed 54 magnetic balls to see if he could get metal stick to his stomach and what they looked like when he went to the toilet. he swallowed one batch on january 1 and the second on january 4. when they failed to pass through his system, rhiley woke up his mom at 2am and told her that he had swallowed two by accident. an x-ray revealed that there were many more than that and, fearing that they could burn through his organs and kill him, he was rushed to surgery for a six-hour operation.

**nicki minaj dad dies in hit-and-run:**

rapper nicki minaj's father has died in a hit-and-run accident. 64-year-old robert maraj was walking in long island when he was struck by a car that left the scene of the accident.

**jt apologizes to britney & janet jackson:**

justin timberlake has issued an apology to ex-girlfriend britney spears and fellow super bowl performer janet jackson. the 40-year-old timberlake posted the lengthy message on instagram, owning up to his ignorance surrounding the media treatment of spears following his breakup with the toxic singer, after the release of the documentary "framing britney spears." he also addressed the coverage surrounding his 2004 super bowl performance with jackson in which she suffered a

nip slip.

**tuesday 2/23:**

**chicken & waffles thief:**

a gunman demanded a plate of fried chicken and waffles at a pasadena restaurant and left without taking any cash. the robbery was reported at roscoe's chicken and waffles. no injuries were reported, and the thief apparently did not take anything other than food.

**slowest police pursuit:**

video captured an unnamed woman wearing a bright pink bikini and a flannel shirt that lead cops on a slow-speed chase in southern california. the short pursuit started when the woman, was seen acting erratically outside of her car in the middle of a freeway.

when officers came to the scene, she took off in her pickup truck, driving for about 15 minutes.

**woman loses weight to look like barbie:**

an australian woman has lost just shy of 200 pounds in order to look like a barbie doll. ayla lavende says her parents would buy her a new barbie every time she lost weight and she has been a fan of the dolls ever since. she has more than 8-thousand followers on instagram, is 36 and said she committed to losing weight when she couldn't fit into her seat on a plane.

**crappy gift:**

two toronto university students have launched a company that allows people to send cow poop in the mail, but they say the gag gift is for friends, not enemies. one of the students, who prefers to stay anonymous, said the pair wanted to come up with a business that had shock value. they have enlisted the help of a local farm that supplies them with cow manure.

the two guys decided to sell 30-gram sachets for \$4.20.

**lizzie borden house for sale:**

massachusetts' lizzie borden bed and breakfast museum, the site of an infamous 1892 double murder, is now for sale. the fall river house, which operates as a bed and breakfast with six bedrooms as well as a museum with guided tours, is currently being listed online for \$2 million.

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**bachelor host stepping away:**

chris harrison announced that he is temporarily leaving "the bachelor" after an interview in which he defended the racist actions of a contestant. the longtime host declared his limited departure in a statement on instagram. the 49-year-old wrote "by excusing historical racism, i defended it. i invoked the term 'woke police,' which is unacceptable."

**wednesday 2/24:**

**andrew cuomo faces calls to resign:**

new york's governor andrew cuomo, who was once hailed the king of the covid-19 response, is facing calls for his removal from office. new allegations emerged that cuomo and senior staff covered up the extent of the virus deaths in the state's nursing homes.

**covid-19 cases declining:**

a grim new forecast confirms what experts have been warning us about, even as we see declining covid-19 cases and hospitalizations: when it comes to the pandemic, the u.s. is not yet out of the woods. another 130-thousand americans are projected to die of the virus over the next three and a half months, according to the latest model from the university of washington's institute for health metrics and evaluation.

**police horsing around:**

two nypd horses, named freedom and samson, had a brief taste of freedom when they hoofed it off from their humans. a sergeant and a police officer, both assigned to the nypd's mounted unit, were on routine patrol when the officer suffered a minor medical episode.

the two dismounted and one of the horses became startled. both ran away, galloping through the streets of brooklyn. the horses were captured 10 minutes later and placed back inside their trailer and returned to the mounted unit.

**jackass bam margera seeks treatment:**

"jackass" personality bam margera says he's getting mental health help. . the 41-year-old margera had fans worried after appearing in videos which detailed his grievances with a film, slated to come out in september. although he's still listed on the cast list for the movie, he claims he was shut out of the production and called for a boycott. in a follow-up video on his instagram, he said he would be getting treatment for bipolar disorder.

**chappelle show back on netflix:**

"chappelle's show" is back on netflix -- and this time it has dave chappelle's blessing. the comedian says he got millions of dollars after hard-knuckle contract negotiations with the streaming giant. in an instagram video clip, chappelle said the comedy central show he created and famously left was returning to netflix just over two months after it was yanked at his request.

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**thursday 2/25:****rise in attacks on asian americans:**

a reported string of nearly two dozen violent, unprovoked attacks against asians and asian americans in the bay area in recent weeks has left the community on edge. we must warn you, some of this content may be disturbing. while police say the motive for the attacks -- which include robberies and people being assaulted -- is unclear, it comes amid continued concern about anti-chinese and anti- asian sentiment surrounding the coronavirus pandemic and its origins in wuhan, china.

**deported for no snow chains:**

norwegian authorities deported a truck driver who was stopped by police twice within an hour for driving without mandatory snow chains near a city north of the arctic circle. police say that the man, who has been banned from returning to norway for two years, was being careless.

officers first stopped the driver as he headed downtown and ordered him to put chains on his tires. shortly after, officers pulled him over again on a nearby bridge.

### **jay-z & jack dorsey bitcoin partnership:**

rapper jay-z and tech mogul jack dorsey are launching a roughly \$24 million fund to help develop bitcoin. the brooklyn-born artist and the twitter ceo are putting 500 bitcoin into an endowment called "btrust." the fund's mission is to make bitcoin the internet's currency and it will initially focus on aiding efforts to develop the cryptocurrency in india and africa.

### **skinny house, fat price**

all of six feet wide, london's skinniest house is up for sale for about 1.3 million dollars. the skinny house surprisingly has over 1-thousand square feet, but with five stories, each floor is only about 200 square feet.

### **friday 2/26:**

#### **matrix device turns human s into batteries:**

a new wearable device seems to pull inspiration from the film 'the matrix' by transforming the human body into a biological battery. the stretchy device attaches to the skin like a ring sits on a finger and taps into the user's natural heat to convert the body's internal temperature into electricity.

#### **smallest reptile on earth:**

scientists believe they may have discovered the smallest reptile on earth - a chameleon subspecies that is the size of a seed. two of the tiny lizards were discovered by a german-madagascarian expedition team in madagascar.

the male brookesia nana, or nano-chameleon, has a body of just 13-millimeters. the female is far bigger at around 29-millimeters. this makes it the smallest of about 11-thousand known species of reptiles.

#### **ashley judd in icu with shattered leg:**

ashley judd is opening up about an accident she suffered in the congo region of africa. the 52-year-old actress said she is in an icu trauma unit in south africa, a country she deeply loves but is not equipped to deal with massive catastrophic injuries like hers. the divergent actress detailed how the accident occurred, explaining that a faulty head lamp made it difficult for her to see during one excursion and she tripped over a fallen tree, breaking her leg.

judd described the next 55 hours as incredibly harrowing, and said the ordeal started with five hours of lying on the forest floor with one of her colleagues until she was able to be evacuated.

#### **setting the bar high:**

the alcohol brands of ryan reynolds, sean "diddy" combs, and david beckham have joined together to donate \$1 million towards organizations that benefit bartenders. in a viral video, aviation american gin owner reynolds, deleón tequila owner diddy and haig whisky owner beckham are seen taking a sip of a cocktail made with each of their alcohol brands, only to spit it out in disgust.

### **monday 3/1:**

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**texans hot with massive power bills:**

electric bills in the lone star state skyrocketed to as high as \$17-thousand per month after a historic storm and power outage sparked a high demand for heat. the price of power in texas spiked from \$50-dollars to \$9-thousand dollars per megawatt in some cases due to the supply and demand disaster.

**teacher robber during zoom call:**

an ohio teacher is speaking out after a terrifying run-in with a man who broke into her home as she taught a remote lesson over zoom. amanda zupancic was talking with a student and his mother in her upstairs office when she heard glass shatter.

she was home alone with the doors locked when the break-in occurred. her husband and 1-year-old child had left the house just 20 minutes earlier and zupancic suspects the man saw them leave before breaking into her porch window. she brought the man downstairs and instead of leading him to her wallet and keys, she unlocked another baby gate to release her german shepherd and a great dane-boxer mix.

**professor is proud heroin user:**

a columbia university professor of psychology and neuroscience says he snorts heroin and takes other drugs to feel refreshed and prepared to face another day. 54-year-old carl hart details his drug use in his new book 'drug use for grown-ups: chasing liberty in the land of fear.'

he says he has particular attachment to heroin scholastically and as a substance for personal use.

**woman barters using bobby pin:**

a tiktok creator has shared an ongoing video series about her bartering adventures. demi skipper started her trade me project in may 2020 with a bobby pin. since then, skipper has gained more than 4-point-5 million followers while she shares video updates of all her various trades.

**oprah sitdown with harry & meghan:**

more than half of all brits polled say they'd change the channel rather than watch oprah's upcoming interview with prince harry, meghan markle . the big television interview is set to hit the u.s. airwaves on march 7th between the once- royal couple and america's royalty -- oprah. but a significant number of brits say the hotly anticipated sitdown is actually a huge turn off.

**tuesday 3/2:**

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**u.s. life expectancy declines:**

new data from the centers for disease control and prevention showed that life expectancy in the u.s. dropped by a full year in first half of 2020. the one-year drop in the average number of years an american can expect to live is 77 years, which is down from 78 years in 2019. this is the largest decline since world war 2. this data from the cdc, only accounts for the first six months of 2020, which means the decline in life expectancy, a measurement of the nation's health as a whole, will likely plummet even further, as the covid-19 pandemic turned more deadly as the year wore on.

**some new yorkers need revaccination:**

dozens of people in new york were asked to get revaccinated for covid-19 after their past dose was stored at an improper temperature. the error impacted 81 out of more than 12-hundred doses distributed at a vaccination site in long island.

state health officials said there are no health risks associated with receiving the affected doses, or from revaccination.

**mom tackles peeping tom:**

a police dashcam caught the moment mom phyllis pena tackled the man who was allegedly outside her home looking at her 15-year-old daughter. officers said a man matching the description tried to run away when he saw them. but the suspect, later identified as 19-year-old zane hawkins, was tackled by pena. her daughter then ran over and helped hold down the suspect until officers caught up.

**fined for singing:**

39-year-old angelo kelly was fined \$36-hundred-dollars for an appearance at an open air summer concert with his son william, who sang "what a wonderful world." the boy is the youngest of kelly's five children. children ages 3 to 6 can take part in musical performances under german law for up to two hours a day, but only with official approval and only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.. william, who is now 5, appeared on stage until 8:20 p.m..

**humanoid robotic bar:**

the future of bartending is coming to msc cruises' new flagship ship when the msc virtuosa launches later this year. the cruise line recently revealed details of its immersive, futuristic bar and entertainment experience – including a humanoid bartender.

virtuosa's bar, called the msc starship club, will be anchored by rob, who the company calls the first-ever humanoid, robotic bartender on the high seas.

**french can now eat at work:**

many french workers can now eat at their desks without breaking the law. to help curb the spread of covid-19, the country has suspended a longstanding prohibition on desk lunches. the lunch break has long been considered sacrosanct in france. until now, french labor code forbade employers from allowing workers to have their meals in the workplace, reflecting the importance of food and meals in the national culture.

**sia's music hits sour note:**

sia's "music" is hitting a very sour note with thousands of online social justice warriors. the singer-songwriter's feature directorial debut hasn't stopped the masses from rushing to sign a petition to have the film officially condemned by the industry -- by way of removing its two 2021 golden globe award nominations.

the change-dot-org campaign has already amassed 55-thousand signatures since the petition was launched by allies of the autism community.

**wednesday 3/3:**

**facebook restores news to australia:**

facebook removed news from its platform in australia last week, as legislation that would

effectively require facebook to pay traditional media companies for content worked its way through the country's high court. the legislation is being widely watched globally and could offer a model for other countries to compel tech giants to pay for content.

australia's treasurer said facebook chief executive mark zuckerberg told him that the company intends to strike commercial deals with australian media organizations to pay for content.

**american airlines & jetblue partner:**

american airlines and jetblue airways have just begun selling tickets on each other's airline, launching the partnership the two carriers announced last year. the companies are moving forward with the agreement as the u.s. justice department and attorneys general are investigating the partnership.

the airlines agreed to refrain from coordination on some routes, following a department of transportation review.

**el chapo's wife arrested:**

the beauty-queen wife of notorious drug kingpin joaquin "el chapo" guzman was arrested on international trafficking charges. 31-year-old emma coronel was busted in virginia on charges of participating in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine, meth, heroin and marijuana for importation into the us.

she's also accused of scheming to help orchestrate her hubby's elaborate 2015 escape from prison in mexico.

**james franco sex assault suit settled::**

a settlement agreement has been reached in a lawsuit that alleged james franco intimidated students at an acting and film school he founded into gratuitous and exploitative sexual situations. a status report jointly filed by the two sides in the class-action suit brought by former students at the now-defunct school, studio 4, though elements of the lawsuit may live on.

actresses and ex-students who first filed the lawsuit in 2019, have agreed to drop their individual claims under the agreement

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**thursday 3/4:**

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**san fran cancels renaming schools:**

san francisco has made a stunning about-face, walking back a controversial decision to scrub 44 "racist" names from its schools. in late january, the school board voted to rename schools honoring "racist" historical figures like george washington, thomas jefferson, abraham lincoln and paul revere and replace them with people who didn't aid or abet slavery, genocide or human rights abuses.

the move was widely criticized as a symptom of cancel culture and for being based on misinformation and casual google searches without the input of historians.

**7-year-old gets trashed:**

a florida boy's attempt to hide in a trash can almost turned tragic when it was picked up by a

garbage truck and nearly sent into the choppers as the blades turned on. 7-year-old elias quezada said, 'this might be the end for me, i almost thought i was gonna be a mashed potato."

but then, a sharp-eyed driver named waldo fidele spotted the boy in the truck's surveillance camera and rushed to turn the choppers off. luckily, he was able to act in time and call 911 for help.

#### **marines gory cobra gold experience:**

troops from around the world head to thailand every year to participate in the infamous cobra gold exercises, the largest event of its kind. first held in 1982, the drills see participants kill chickens with their bare hands and skin and eat live geckos as well as scorpions and tarantulas. soldiers have also reportedly been known to decapitate cobras and drink their blood in what they're told are training exercises to prepare them for jungle conditions.

#### **driver eats customers food:**

a student was left hungry after receiving a message from a food delivery driver. 21-year-old illy ilyas ordered nearly \$15 dollars worth of food on uber eats. she got a message saying her food was on her way but then as it got close another notification came through with the message from the courier. it said: 'sorry love, ate your food.'

#### **teresa giudice housewives rumor:**

real housewives of new jersey teresa giudice invented a rumor that her castmate's husband had cheated because she's terrified that she'll be fired if she doesn't come up with some grade-a drama for the bravo show. the 48-year-old kicked off the show's season 11 premiere spreading a rumor that she "heard" about jackie goldschneider's husband evan straying -- except sources tell us she didn't hear it at all.

#### **friday 3/5:**

#### **covid-19 test vending machines:**

new vending machines are selling do-it-yourself at-home covid tests instead of snacks or sodas. for \$149 -- credit or debit cards only, no cash -- you can pick up a pcr saliva test, use it at your leisure, mail it to one of the company's partner labs via fedex with a pre-printed label and get your results via text or email in 48 hours.

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#### **chicago teachers vote home school:**

chicago teachers are sounding off after voting to continue virtual teaching despite the district's order to resume in-person classroom instruction during the ongoing pandemic. the vote was announced on the chicago teacher's union website after chicago public schools, the nation's third-largest district serving 341-thousand students in 638 schools, wanted 10-thousand educators to return to school buildings in preparation for in-person learning.

#### **cherokee nations asks jeep to remove name:**

the cherokee nation said it has asked for its tribal name to be removed as a nameplate from jeep sport utility vehicles and called for a dialogue with the automaker on 'cultural appropriateness.' the news comes with growing momentum to remove native american names and images from sports teams in the united states, which many now see as demeaning to the indigenous peoples.

### **clive davis diagnosed with bell's palsy:**

clive davis has been diagnosed with bell's palsy and will postpone the second half of his annual pre-grammys party. the record industry legend was diagnosed a few weeks ago and is being treated with antibiotics and steroids and is expected to recover within six to eight weeks.

### **monday 3/8:**

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#### **woman flees car wreck:**

this is the moment a woman in six-inch heels crashed her sports car into a store before fleeing the scene in an uber. the crash happened in miami's south beach after the driver lost control of her dodge charger.

footage shows the front right wheel was completely dislodged after the car came to rest by a tree. the video then shows the driver taking out a suitcase from the trunk of her car. the woman started walking away from the car, getting into a car which is assumed to be an uber which she had ordered on her phone.

police then arrived and asked witnesses if they had any footage of the driver who had fled the scene.

#### **mexican police arrest gay couple:**

police officers in mexico attempted to arrest two men for kissing on a beach, but were forced to let them go after a furious crowd gathered in protest. a video shared on facebook shows at least three heavily armed officers leading the two men, who are in handcuffs, into the back of a pickup truck.

the men are seen being led into the patrol car, as people around them began to protest, some chanting "i'm gay, too!" in solidarity with the men.

#### **reddit can predict a breakup:**

an analysis of over a million reddit posts has shown that a user's language patterns change up to three months before a breakup. researchers took posts from over 68-hundred users who had posted in the subreddit breakups and ran them through a text processing program to analyze their linguistic patterns in the year before through the year after their breakups.

#### **dogs mysteriously turn blue & pink:**

packs of dogs in eastern russia are inexplicably turning up pink and blue. the bizarre phenomenon has occurred near an abandoned chemical plant that once manufactured highly toxic hydrocyanic acid. experts believe this detail may help explain why some pups are now blue through-and-through.

#### **pam anderson post wedding interview:**

in a new interview with british talk show "loose women," the 53-year-old former baywatch star and her new hubby are seen lying in bed together while divulging the deets of their nuptials. anderson revealed that she met her bodyguard, and now husband, dan hayhurst on her own property. saying, "this is like the magic place to live, i guess," she said. "he was working here, and i got stuck here during covid, and we stuck together, and we're still stuck together."

**tuesday 3/9:**

**golfer drowns retrieving ball:**

a florida golfer is believed to have drowned after falling into a golf club pond while looking for his lost ball. hermilo jazmines was playing golf with a friend when he teed off at hole number three and was last seen looking for his ball near the green. jazmines' golf cart was parked on the cart path and his putter was found lying on the ground near the water.

deputies were called after jazmines was reported missing and helped the fire department search the wooded area and the edge of the pond. investigators say the evidence suggests jazmines may have fallen into the water and drowned. deputies spoke with friends of jazmines who say he likes to search the course for lost golf balls.

**doc appears in court while in surgery:**

a california doctor's trial was delayed after he appeared for a virtual court hearing while simultaneously conducting a surgery. dr. scott green showed up to his virtual court hearing -- held over zoom -- to contest a traffic violation, wearing scrubs, gloves, a mask and surgical cap.

"are you available for trial? it kind of looks like you're in an operating room right now?" a court clerk asked green during the proceeding, which was live-streamed. "i'm in an operating room," he replied. "yes i'm available for trial. go right ahead," green said another surgeon was nearby to assist with the surgery while he appeared for court.

but after he confirmed he was operating on a patient, the judge rescheduled the trial.

**mom tackles peeping tom:**

a police dashcam caught the moment mom phyllis pena tackled the man who was allegedly outside her home looking at her 15-year-old daughter. officers said a man matching the description tried to run away when he saw them. but the suspect, later identified as 19-year-old zane hawkins, was tackled by pena. her daughter then ran over and helped hold down the suspect until officers caught up.

**demi lovato: dancing with the devil:**

demi lovato is now telling all. youtube premiered the trailer for demi lovato: dancing with the devil, a documentary series about her near-fatal drug overdose in 2018 and the effects it had on lovato's life. the trailer gives the first look into what the 28-year-old songstress faced after being hospitalized. she also reveals that she had three strokes and a heart attack in the hospital. lovato also talks about the effects the overdose had on her body physically and on her life, emotionally.

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**dolly parton doesn't want statue:**

dolly parton has asked tennessee legislators to not move forward with installing a statue in her honor on state capitol grounds. the country music legend posted a message on twitter asking her home state to stop the proposed bill even though she is honored and humbled by the gesture. her statement adds, "given all that is going on in the world, i don't think putting me on a pedestal is appropriate at this time. i hope, though, that somewhere down the road several years from now or perhaps after i'm gone if you still feel i deserve it, then i'm certain i will stand proud in our great state capitol as a grateful tennessean."

**wednesday 3/10:**

**bill makes it illegal to film police:**

oklahoma legislators passed the second of two bills that would criminalize anyone who films and publicly posts a photo of police officers. the legislation would make it more difficult to hold public servants accountable for their misconduct. it makes a criminal out of anyone who intentionally publishes personally identifiable information of a law enforcement officer, such as a photo or video, with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass or stalk.

**horse trainer sorry for dead horse pic:**

top racing trainer gordon elliott has apologized after a photo surfaced of him sitting on top of a dead horse. the image shows elliott astride the horse, which is lying on its side. he is making a peace sign with one hand and holding his phone to his face with the other, and a caption across the photo reads: "new work rider this morning."

elliott, who trains horses in ireland, has won a slew of major titles including two grand nationals in his statement elliott said he had received a phone call as he was standing over the horse, waiting to help with the removal of the body.

when the call came in he sat down without thinking

**space hotel:**

an out-of-this-world hotel is just a few years away from becoming a reality. this decade will see the start and completion of construction on humanity's first ever hotel in outer space. the interstellar resort may be operational as soon as 2027. guests won't be paying only for the novelty of the setting -- there will be a slew of onboard amenities, including themed restaurants, a health spa, a cinema, gyms, libraries, concert venues, earth-viewing lounges and bars, in addition to rooms for 400 people.

**t.i. and tiny accused of sexual assault:**

hip-hop couple t.i. and tameka "tiny" harris have been accused of horrifying crimes by more than 30 women. an attorney has called for a criminal investigation against the couple after dozens of women came forward accusing the pair of forced drugging, kidnapping, rape, and intimidation in at least two states.

an attorney for t.i. and tiny said they deny in the strongest possible terms these unsubstantiated and baseless allegations and called it a "shakedown."

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**thursday 3/11:**

**texas declared maskless & open**

with just over 7% of texans fully vaccinated and another covid-19 surge potentially imminent, texas is flinging open businesses to full capacity while simultaneously ending its highly politicized mask mandate. "it is now time to open texas 100%," a maskless texas state governor, greg abbott declared. texas will be the most populous state in the country that does not require residents to wear masks. restaurants and other businesses can choose to maintain their own mask policies, but without government backing to do so.

**governor cuomo will not resign:**

new york governor andrew cuomo said he feels "awful" and "embarrassed" about the multiple sexual harassment allegations against him -- but insists that he will not resign. cuomo vowed to remain in office despite mounting outrage from his fellow democrats. during a video news conference from the capitol in albany, cuomo insisted, "i never touched anyone inappropriately" and pledged to cooperate with an independent investigation by the state attorney general.

**monkey snags woman' wig:**

no, it's not a real housewives episode, this next story is about a tourist who gets her wig snatched by a monkey. the woman, known as ms xu, was visiting the wulongkou scenic area with friends in central china during the lunar new year holiday.

the video shows ms xu trying to feed a baby monkey some snacks. little did she know, an adult monkey was approaching at the same time and launching a sudden attack from behind.

**bomb squad gers purrfect surprise:**

the butler county bomb unit was pleasantly surprised when they heard purring instead of ticking. the sheriff's were called to a church responding to reports of a suspicious package, but instead, there was a momma cat and her 6 one day old babies in a bag with a note left stating 'sprinkles' went into labor yesterday.

sprinkles and her newborns were immediately brought to animal shelter for care.

**the real world revived:**

those same seven strangers living together are back. mtv's iconic show "the real world," which paved the way for reality television, has been revived, with the season 1 cast -- now no longer strangers -- returning to their former loft to stop acting polite and start getting real. the cast of the first season is at the soho loft where they first met. the 65-hundred- square-foot space on broadway.

**friday 3/12:**

**college railing collapse kills 7:**

seven college students died and four were injured during a tragic incident in bolivia when a railing collapsed, sending them falling from a fourth-floor balcony. we must warn you, the clip you are about to watch is disturbing. wild video of the incident showed a mass of students from the public university of el alto packed onto the balcony before the railing gave way.

**school slave writing assignment:**

a mississippi middle school is taking heat over a "slave letter writing" assignment. in a letter to parents, middle school principal frank bunnell acknowledged the assignment was part of an eighth grade history lesson and apologized for something like this happening under his watch, but he said the outrage took the assignment out of context.

"a person could read just the assignment and draw a very unrealistic view of the true tragedies that occurred," bunnell wrote. "that was not intended." he added that there is no excuse to downplay a practice that spurs unjust laws, unfair economic practices, inhumane treatment, and suppression of people.

**instagranny gandfluencers:**

social media is no longer just a young person's game. web-savvy seniors called granfluencers are racking up thousands, even millions, of instagram followers -- along with mountains of money -- by posting pics of themselves in scintillating outfits and other celeb-worthy snaps. "been stealing your man since 1928," reads the tag line for the instagram page of 92-year-old helen ruth elam of knoxville, kentucky -- known as baddiewinkle on the platform. in lieu of the usual knit sweaters and drab white skechers, this glamorous grandma rocks an arsenal of flamboyant feather boas, bombastic sunglasses and other couture too colorful for an andy warhol painting.

**dr. oz to the rescue:**

dr. oz is being hailed a hero after helping to save the life of a man who collapsed at the airport. the tv personality was arriving at newark international airport as a man, identified only as a 60-year-old new jersey resident, had stopped breathing and collapsed near the baggage claim area without a pulse.

port authority officer jeffrey croissant, who was on patrol when he witnessed the man falling to the floor, quickly rushed over and called for help. oz, who had just come off the same flight as the man and was waiting for his luggage by the carousel, sprang into action and began helping croissant, performing cpr until back up officers arrived with oxygen and a defibrillator.

**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.

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**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.

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**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.

**monday 3/22:**

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**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:**

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### **u.s. travel hots pandemic high**

the u.s. last weekend saw the highest amount of air travelers since the pandemic began -- as throngs 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 stops 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.

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### **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

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**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.

### **Coffee With America**

**WHDO .4**

**Mondays 12:00pm**

**30 minutes**

#### **Coffee With America**

Coming up this week on Coffee with America, Sasha Rionda tells you how tech can improve your relationships. Plus, a sneak peek at the latest debuts on the big and small screen.

Mon, 15 Mar 2021 12:00:00 PM

#### **Coffee With America**

This week on an all-new Coffee with America, host Sasha Rionda has tips for improving your financial in 2021. Plus, a how to plan a safe vacation in 2021.

Mon, 22 Mar 2021 12:00:00 PM

#### **Coffee With America**

This week on an all-new Coffee with America, host Sasha Rionda gets healthy eating tips for National Nutrition Month. Plus, crafting at home and easy frozen meals.

Mon, 29 Mar 2021 12:00:00 PM

#### **Coffee With America**

New this week on Coffee with America, Sasha Rionda has holiday entertaining hacks. Plus, the perfect gifts for the techies on your holiday shopping list. And, how to travel safely this holiday season.

Mon, 8 Mar 2021 12:00:00 PM

#### **Coffee With America**

Coming up this week on Coffee with America, Sasha Rionda has tips for holiday entertaining. Plus, gifts that will be hot this holiday season. And, a versatile food perfect for football tailgating.

Mon, 1 Mar 2021 12:00:00 PM

### **Coffee With America**

This week on an all-new Coffee with America, host Sasha Rionda has a look a Cyber Monday shopping preview. Plus, the coolest gifts and gadgets for the holidays.

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### **Coffee With America**

This week on an all-new Coffee with America, host Sasha Rionda tips for picking out the best real Christmas tree. Plus, a look at the toys kids want for this season. And, a sweet treat for your holiday gatherings.

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**Hiring America**  
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### **Hiring America**

This week on Hiring America, Army Veteran and Duke Coach Mike Krzyzewski talks about one of his proudest moments, and it may surprise you to learn it's not about winning a national or world championships. It's about when one of his players made Army Ranger.

Mon, 22 Mar 2021 1:00:00 PM

### **Hiring America**

This week on Hiring America, a visit to Bunker Labs "Muster Across America" event where veterans turned entrepreneurs are working together to help all of their companies succeed. And a school that can quickly turn a veteran's military skill set into a high paying manufacturing job.

Mon, 29 Mar 2021 1:00:00 PM

### **Hiring America**

This week on Hiring America, an online university that caters to veterans ramps up its web based teaching to respond to the Coronavirus.

And the story of how an elite U.S. special operations unit in Afghanistan came home and built a thriving business.

Mon, 15 Mar 2021 1:00:00 PM

### **Hiring America**

This week on Hiring America, a rehabilitation physician who founded a veteran focused foundation, says veterans are stepping up to help others in the midst of the coronavirus outbreak.

An energy company provides excellent job opportunities for veterans. And our Education Moment has tips on how to get your college education jump-started.

Mon, 8 Mar 2021 1:00:00 PM

### **Hiring America**

This week on Hiring America. A major employer from the energy sector says it has 3000 job openings perfectly suited for military veterans. A hiring manager for Koch Industries has some tips on how to land one of those jobs. And we'll learn why assistance dogs can be so beneficial to veterans, and the rigorous training the dogs go through to provide that help.

Mon, 1 Mar 2021 1:00:00 PM

### **Hiring America**

This week on Hiring America, one of college basketball's winningest coaches says everything he's accomplished is due to what he learned in the Army.

Duke University's Mike Krzyzewski, a five-time NCAA champion, says it all started with his education at West Point and his experience in the military.

This story plus tips for veteran entrepreneurs and an Education Moment focuses on how active duty service members should choose a college.

Mon, 22 Feb 2021 1:00:00 PM

### **Hiring America**

This week on Hiring America, military spouses storm capitol hill to fight for military spouse unemployment. The virtual event provides a rallying point for spouses to lobby congress.

This story plus an Education Moment about financial assistance for active duty service members.

Mon, 15 Feb 2021 1:00:00 PM

### **Hiring America**

This week on Hiring America, the inspiring story of how a national online university helped a veteran and military spouse find a career and fulfill her passion for serving others. And we'll feature a program designed to lower a military spouse unemployment rate of almost 20%.

Mon, 08 Feb 2021 1:00:00 PM

### **Hiring America**

This week on Hiring America, the CEO of the David Lynch Foundation talks about how veterans and transitioning service members can benefit from what he calls 'a warrior's meditation'.  
And a group called Hiring our Heroes takes its career fairs virtual during the pandemic.

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### **More Than the Music**

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**30 minutes**

### **More than the Music**

Randy Travis  
Stacy Newman sits down with Randy Travis, along with his wife Mary and author Ken Abraham, to discuss the country legend's new memoir,  
Forever and Ever Amen.  
Mon, 22 Mar 2021 1:30:00 PM

### **More than the Music**

Pilgrimage, Part 1  
Stacy Newman and the MTTM crew as they head to Franklin, TN for Pilgrimage Music Festival 2018 where they chat with Valerie June and Aaron Lee Tasjan.  
Mon, 29 Mar 2021 1:30:00 PM

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### **John Carter Cash**

Stacy Newman visits historic Cash Cabin Studio where she sits down with John Carter Cash to talk about his latest projects and the cabin's fascinating past.

Mon, 15 Mar 2021 1:30:00 PM

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#### **AmericanaFest Part 3**

In the conclusion of our AmericanFest coverage, Stacy Newman chats with Korby Lenker and Cereus Bright's Tyler Anthony.

Mon, 8 Mar 2021 1:30:00 PM

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#### **Kevin Costner Part 1**

Stacy visits Park City, UT, to chat with Kevin Costner about his music and Modern West.

Mon, 1 Mar 2021 1:30:00 PM

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#### **Kevin Costner Part 2**

Stacy visits Park City, UT, to chat with Kevin Costner about his music and Modern West.

Mon, 22 Feb 2021 1:30:00 PM

Mon, 08 Feb 2021 1:30:00 PM

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#### **McCreery-Atkins**

Scotty McCreery dropped by MTTM's studio to discuss his latest project and the #1 single "Five More Minutes." Plus, we'll chat with Nicole Atkins about her new album, "Goodnight Rhonda Lee."

Mon, 15 Feb 2021 1:30:00 PM

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## **Orlando, FL**

### **Community Calendar**

**Daily, 8:10am – 9:34am, 1-3 minutes each**

### **January**

#### **Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY IN THE GARDENS:** Start your New Year's resolutions with fresh air and a hike along the beautiful grounds of the Bok Tower Gardens. Enjoy carillon concerts featuring holiday classics at 1 and 3 p.m. Bok Tower Gardens, 1151 Tower Blvd., Lake Wales. 863-676-1408. [boktowersgardens.org](http://boktowersgardens.org)

#### **Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

**MECUM COLLECTOR CAR AUCTION:** Expect to see thousands of antique, muscle and exotic cars for sale, along with old auto signs, hood ornaments and other memorabilia. Osceola Heritage Park, 1875 Silver Spur Lane, Kissimmee. [mecum.com](http://mecum.com)

**Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

**ZORA! FESTIVAL:** This year the festival is a hybrid with virtual and in-person programming to celebrate the life of author and folklorist Zora Neale Hurston and her hometown of Eatonville. The 32nd annual festival offers arts, cultural and humanities programs, museum exhibits, panel discussions, music and tours of historic Eatonville. Zora Neale Hurston National Museum, 344 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville. [zorafestival.org](http://zorafestival.org)

**Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**AN EMPOWERING NIGHT OF LAUGHTER:** Nine of Orlando's fearlessly funny women step out of their comfort zones and take center stage to perform a comedic routine they've written themselves. Mixer begins at 6 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. Quantum Leap Winery, 1312 Wilfred Drive, Orlando. 407-730-3082. [empoweringnightoflaughter.com](http://empoweringnightoflaughter.com)

**Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> until Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

**ORANGE CITY BLUE SPRINGS MANATEE FESTIVAL:** Each winter, 100 or more manatees visit the warm waters of the springs. Celebrate this unique aquatic mammal and enjoy live music, crafts, face painting, dancing, rides and, of course, manatee viewing. Valentine Park, Orange City. [themanateefestival.com](http://themanateefestival.com)

**Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** and explore "Jurassic Gardens" by night and learn about some of the dinosaurs that once roamed the Earth. Exhibit features dinosaur figures ranging in size from 14-inches long to 33-feet tall. 6-9 p.m. Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando. 407-246-2620. [leugardens.org](http://leugardens.org)

## February

**Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**MARDI GRAS 2021: INTERNATIONAL FLAVORS OF CARNAVAL:** It's Mardi Gras served up a whole new way. Mardi Gras 2021: International Flavors of Carnaval is a global food fest with cuisine and entertainment inspired by Carnaval celebrations from around the world. Every day from February 6 through March 28, you can take a culinary journey around Universal Studios Florida. This is an all-new celebration of flavor and color from around the globe. Along with a Cajun Crawfish Boil and other New Orleans favorites you can purchase traditional Carnaval dishes such as Pernil and Mofongo from Puerto Rico, Pholourie from Trinidad and Tobago and Pork Schnitzel Sliders from Germany. There's Paella Mixto from Spain, Belgium Style Liege Waffles from Belgium and Jerk Chicken from the Bahamas. You can sample Moqueca de Camarao from Brazil, Beef Short Rib Poutine from Canada, Cannoli from Italy, Arepas from Colombia, Cuban Sandwiches from Cuba, and from France, Red Wine Poached Pear with Pastry Creme Brulee. And that's just a sampling of what Universal Orlando Resort's chefs have in store for you. A fleet of spectacular Pirate Treasure themed floats will be on display throughout the park along with a collection of Universal's classic Mardi Gras floats. Plus you'll enjoy street entertainment, roving musicians, beads and more. So spice it up with the food and fun of Mardi Gras 2021: International Flavors of Carnaval, only at Universal Orlando Resort. We continue to implement enhanced health and safety procedures and those practices will be applied to all experiences taking place during Universal Orlando's Mardi Gras celebration. Guests may remove their face covering while actively eating or drinking, but must be stationary and maintain appropriate social distancing. Otherwise, Guests must wear face coverings at all times. Inside restaurants and in outdoor dining areas we have arranged tables and seating so that guests can safely remove their face coverings while enjoying their dining experience.

**Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

**ADVENTHEALTH RUN 4 LOVE 4 MILES 2021:** 7:30am. Benefiting the Track Shack Youth Foundation. All participants are encouraged to review the new safety protocols prior to registering and attending the in-person events: <https://www.trackshack.com/event/2936/safety-policies>. To register or for more event information, please visit: <https://www.trackshack.com/event/2936> 250 Perth Lane Winter Park, FL 32792

**Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

**CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN ENCHANTMENT BALL:** Champions for Children is thrilled to announce the launch of their signature event, Kendrick Law Group's inaugural Enchantment Ball Daddy-Daughter Dance presented by Core Group Real Estate and Malik Law, to be held on February 20, 2021 from 6pm-9pm at Harriett's Orlando Ballet Centre. Dads will have the opportunity to treat their daughters to a magical night of dancing, princesses, carriage rides, performances and much more. Proceeds from the evening's events will benefit children being cared for at AdventHealth for Children located in the Walt Disney Pavilion. AdventHealth for Children is a nationally ranked children's hospital dedicated to providing world class healthcare to all families in Central Florida. Champions for Children is a volunteer group of young professionals passionate about raising funds to help support the sickest children in our community. Proceeds raised from Enchantment Ball will provide funding for patient support services such as Child Life and Patient Assistance. The Enchantment Ball will be following social distancing guidelines provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and local health authorities to ensure the health and well-being of all guests. "We are very excited to present this special opportunity for dads and daughters at the inaugural Enchantment Ball and support such a wonderful hospital as AdventHealth for Children," says Co-Event Directors Justin Core and JR Tanghal. "Even in today's still challenging climate, it's important to continue fundraising for deserving causes especially for our children, and we are so happy to do that through this cherished evening for fathers and daughters." Experience the inaugural Enchantment Ball Daddy-Daughter Dance benefiting AdventHealth for Children on Saturday, February 20 from 6pm-9pm at Harriett's Orlando Ballet Centre located at 600 North Lake Formosa Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. Tickets are \$150 per guest, which includes the evening's events and dinner (VIP and Hair/Makeup Experience adds on available). For event information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.EnchantmentBall.com](http://www.EnchantmentBall.com).

**Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**SPOTLIGHT CABARET SERIES FEATURING DUSTIN & COURTNEY CUNNINGHAM**

**VIRTUAL PERFORMANCE:** Married performers Dustin & Courtney Cunningham debut their latest cabaret in The Winter Park Playhouse Spotlight Cabaret Series. Join Dustin & Courtney for an evening of story and song! Playhouse Patrons will remember Mr. Cunningham from his Playhouse debut in Some Enchanted Evening - The Songs of Rodgers & Hammerstein and several shows in the Florida Festival of New Musicals. Mrs. Cunningham also appeared in several shows in the Festival, one opposite her husband. Musical Director Christopher Leavy will accompany on the piano. These popular cabarets sell out quickly so get your tickets today! This unique form of entertainment showcases a different professional singer each month up front in the beautiful lobby bar. A truly "New York-style" cabaret, each performance is approximately 55 minutes in length with no intermission. The Winter Park Playhouse 711 North Orange Avenue Winter Park, FL 32789

**March**

**Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

**ORLANDO BOAT SHOW:** Following a hiatus in 2020 due to coronavirus concerns, the Marine Industry Association of Central Florida (MIACF) announces the return of the Orlando Boat Show. Now in its 11th year, the highly anticipated show features 21 of Central Florida's top boat dealers representing more than 70 manufacturers during the three-day event March 5-7, 2021 at the Orange County Convention Center. 9800 International Dr Orlando, FL 32819

**Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

**FLORIDA FARM SHOW:** 2021 Florida Farm Show on Saturday, March 6 at the St Cloud Lakefront Park & Performance Pavilion. Estimated 20,000 to attend show through the day. Free event, free concerts! Bring your own blankets or lawn chair to enjoy the free concert series. Show opens at 9AM and the first entertainer will take the stage at 11:30AM, concert series ends at 9PM. Load up on your Official 2021 Florida Farm Show gear with our online store! See all the merchandise available for purchase NOW! <https://barkerstores.com/floridafarmshow/1104>

Lakeshore Blvd  
St Cloud, FL 34769

**Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

**ADVENTHEALTH WINTER PARK ROAD RACE 10K & 2 MILE 2021:** Benefiting the Meridian Club of Winter Park Scholarship Fund. All participants are encouraged to review the new safety protocols prior to registering and attending the in-person events: <https://www.trackshack.com/event/103/safety-policies>. To register or for more event information, please visit: <https://www.trackshack.com/event/103>. \*Please note that the 2 Mile will be virtual. Only the 10k will be an in-person event. This is to reduce the number of participants at the event site while we adhere to CDC guidelines. 251 Park Avenue N Winter Park, FL 32789

**Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**ST PATRICK'S DAY OUTDOOR STREET PARTY AND CELEBRATION:** On Wednesday, March 17 from 5-9 p.m., The Promenade at Sunset Walk is hosting an Outdoor Street Party and Celebration for St. Patrick's Day featuring live music by Herbie & The Gators. The band will be performing the best Irish, classic Dubliners, sea shanty music and more. Attendees can also enjoy street performers, lucky Leprechauns, traditional food and beverage specials from The Promenade's restaurants. Admission is FREE (Don't forget to wear green!) Promenade at Sunset Walk 3251 Margaritaville Boulevard Kissimmee, FL 34747

**Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**ART IN BLOOM: FESTIVAL OF FINE ARTS & FLOWERS:** Step into spring at Art in Bloom: Festival of Fine Arts and Flowers, benefiting the Orlando Museum of Art, March 25-28, 2021, with show hours 10 a.m. -5 p.m., Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This museum-wide event showcases a kaleidoscope of breathtaking fresh floral arrangements, inspired by works from the Orlando Museum of Art's permanent collection and current exhibitions. The event will also feature pop-up shops, curated antiques and an outdoor farmer's market stocked with Central Florida's freshest blooms. Presented by the Council of 101, this annual springtime fundraiser advances the many educational programs and exhibits of the Museum. This carefully planned show has been modified to safely welcome visitors and ensure safety protocols are observed throughout the museum. Learn more about safety protocols at the OMA here. Soak in the sights of spring as the Council of 101 brings visitors a museum-wide explosion of floral excellence, including breathtaking floral arrangements directly inspired by the Orlando Museum of Art's permanent collection and current exhibitions. 2416 North Mills Avenue Orlando, FL 32803

**Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**SMILE MILE VIRTUAL:** Smile Mile is a mile run just for elementary school kids ages 5-12. Track Shack encourages everyone to create your own at-home or at school running experience and share the fun with us. Young runners will receive a t-shirt, medal and bib! 1104 North Mills Avenue Orlando, FL

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**Public Service Announcements**  
**WHDO-CD .1**

	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>RUNS</b>
	Adoption from Foster Care	2-21-21 to 2-25-21	5
	Alzheimer's Awareness	3-9-21 to 3-13-21	5
	Breast Cancer Risk Education	2-11-21 to 2-20-21	9
	Bright Focus Foundation	3-25-21 to 3-29-21	5
	Center for Organizational Research & Education	3-21-21 to 3-24-21	4
	Child Car Safety	1-19-21 to 3-20-21	22
	End Drunk Driving	3-2-21 to 3-6-21	5
	News Literacy Project	1-4-21 TO 1-18-21	33
	Obesity Action Coalition	3-17-21 to 3-18-21	2
	Skin Cancer Foundation	3-14-21 to 3-16-21	3
	Suicide Prevention	3-7-21 to 3-8-21	2
	The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors	2-26-21 to 2-28-21	3
	U.S. Air Force	1-25-21 to 3-19-21	5

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**WHDO-CD .2**

	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>RUNS</b>
	Alzheimer's Awareness	1-11-21 to 2-1-21	3
	Bright Focus Foundation	2-1-21 to 2-8-21	5
	Center for Organizational Research & Education	2-1-21	1
	Child Car Safety	2-1-21	5
	Community Food Bank NJ	1-11-21 to 2-1-21	9
	Earth Justice	2-1-21 to 2-8-21	5
	Gun Safety-Kids Find Everything	10-12-20 to 11-23-20	4

	HRSA Poison Control	2-1-21	1
	Mothers Against Drunk Driving	2-1-21 to 2-8-21	2
	National Insurance Crime Bureau	2-1-21 to 2-8-21	2
	Obesity Action Coalition	2-1-21	6
	Suicide Prevention	1-11-21 to 2-1-21	5
	TEACH	2-1-21	5
	Texting & Driving Prevention	10-19-20 to 12-21-20	2
	The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors	1-11-21 to 2-1-21	5
	U.S. Air Force	2-1-21	1