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## **\*RECORDS SHOW BLM CO-FOUNDER PATRISSE CULLORS' JAIL REFORM CAMPAIGN GAVE \$60K TO HER CONSULTANCY, THOUSANDS MORE FOR FRIENDS AND LUXURY MALIBU RESORT:**



According to campaign finance records, a **Los Angeles**-based jail reform group named “**Reform LA Jails**” founded and led by **Patrisse Cullors** — a co-founder of **Black Lives Matter** — made payments to multiple figures and organizations linked with Cullors herself — including her own consulting firm, as well as a luxury resort in Malibu. “**Janaya & Patrisse Consulting,**” a business Patrisse Cullors owns, received \$60,000, according to the records. The committee name, according to the submitted records for the statement dates of July 1 to September 30, 2019, is “Reform LA Jails, A Committee Supporting Jail Reform and Community Reinvestment, Sponsored by **Justice Team Network, A Project of Tides Advocacy.**”

In total, the committee listed \$903,003.26 in contributions received, \$381,822.09 in expenditures, and outstanding debts of \$49,540.13. Of these expenditures, \$44,313.74 went to “**Bowers Consulting Firm,**” whose founder and president, Shalomyah Bowers, appears to be a board member on another non-profit founded by Cullors, “Dignity & Power NOW.” According to campaign finance records, “Reform LA Jails” also spent nearly \$26,000 on “meetings” at a luxury resort in Malibu in 2019. “The payments were made on behalf of Reform LA Jails by a consulting firm owned by the co-author of Cullors’ 2018 biography, **Asha Bandele,** campaign finance records show,” according to the records. Reform LA Jails spent \$10,179 on “meetings and appearances” at the **Calamigos Guest Ranch and Beach Club** in **Malibu, California.** \$15,593 was spent at the Malibu Conference Center, a “corporate conference facility” owned by the Calamigos resort. “Guests at the 200-acre resort, where rooms start at \$600 a night, have exclusive access to a private five-acre strip of the Malibu coast,” noted media sources. Patrisse Cullors sparked a backlash earlier in April “After reportedly going on a “real-estate buying binge,” purchasing “four homes with a price tag totaling upwards of \$3 million.”

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# \*YIKES - ARE N.Y.P.D. OFFICERS RUSHING TO RETIRE AMID CITY'S ANTI-COP CLIMATE?



More than 5,300 **NYPD** uniformed officers retired or put in their papers to leave in 2020 — a 75 percent spike from the year before, department data show. The exodus — amid the pandemic, anti-cop hostility, riots and a skyrocketing number of NYC shootings — saw 2,600 officers say goodbye to the job and another 2,746 file for retirement, a combined 5,346. In 2019, the NYPD had 1,509 uniformed officers leave and 1,544 file for retirement, for a total of 3,053. The departures and planned departures of 5,300 officers represents about 15 percent of the force. Already, as of April 5, the NYPD headcount of uniformed officers has dropped to 34,974 from 36,900 in 2019.

Through April 21 of this year, 831 cops have retired or filed to leave — and many more are expected to follow suit in the current anti-cop climate, according to Joseph Giacalone, a

retired NYPD sergeant and adjunct professor at **John Jay College of Criminal Justice**. “Cops are forming a conga line down at the pension section and I don’t blame them,” Giacalone said. “NYPD cops are looking for better jobs with other departments or even embarking on new careers.” The flurry of Finest farewells began after the Minnesota police-involved killing of George Floyd on May 25, 2020, with 272 uniformed cops putting in retirement papers from then through June 24, the NYPD data show.

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## **\*MILLENNIALS ARE MOVING BACK INTO AWKWARD TEEN ROOMS IN RECORD NUMBERS:**



For millions of young Americans, the pandemic has been a time machine back to the early aughts. By July 2020, 52% of 18 to 29 years olds, or 26.6 million adults, were now residing with a parent, according to a new **Pew Research Center** analysis — the highest number since the Great Depression. In **New York**, some 300,000 left the city. Many of those people found

themselves living in time capsules: lovingly preserved childhood bedrooms, plastered in posters and magazine cut-outs of boy bands and **James Cameron** blockbusters, and tricked out with décor from the **Myspace** era. Many are still there. Jess Cohen, 39, was one of them. She left her Manhattan apartment during the pandemic to move back in with her family in **Fresh Meadows, Queens**. Her modest bedroom hadn't changed since high school, two decades ago. A "Titanic" poster, a Barbie-sized Kate Winslet doll, the sign-in board from her Sweet Sixteen, stuffed animals and glass knickknacks from a school formal where just as she had left them. The girlish pink walls were the cherry on top of what feels like a "Blossom" meets "Clarissa Explains It All" retrospective.

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## \*IN BOT WE TRUST - PEOPLE PUT MORE FAITH IN COMPUTERS THAN OTHER HUMANS:



Do you find yourself reaching for the calculator, even for the *really* simple math problems? There's a lot of concern these days that technology, like artificial intelligence, is too smart for its own good. Despite fear over how intrusive these algorithms are becoming, a new study finds people are actually more willing to trust a computer than their fellow man. Researchers at the **University of Georgia** say this is especially true when people find tasks too challenging to handle alone. However, it's not just the "heavy lifting" humans are running to computers for help with. From choosing the next song in the playlist to finding better fitting pants, algorithms are making more and more of the daily decisions in people's lives — whether they realize it or not. "Algorithms are able to do a huge number of tasks, and the number of tasks that they are able to do is expanding practically every day," says **Eric Bogert**, a Ph.D. student in the **Terry College of Business Department of Management Information Systems**, in a university release. "It seems like there's a bias towards leaning more heavily on algorithms as a task gets harder and that effect is stronger than the bias towards relying on advice from other people."

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## **\*MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION LINKED TO RISE IN FATAL CAR ACCIDENTS:**



For giant cities like **New York**, cars and traffic are just part of the urban landscape. New York is also one of the growing list of places across North America legalizing marijuana.

Unfortunately for drivers (and even pedestrians) a new study finds those are two things that simply don't mix. Canadian researchers find legalizing cannabis leads to an increase in fatal auto accidents; potentially putting hundreds of drivers in danger each year. A team from **McGill University** analyzed legal recreational cannabis use and deadly motor vehicle collisions across the United States. They then applied the data to **Canadian** roads to find out how legalizing the drug may impact local roads. "Analyses of data suggest that legalization of recreational cannabis in United States jurisdictions may be associated with a small but significant increase in fatal motor vehicle collisions and fatalities, which, if extrapolated to the Canadian context, could result in as many as 308 additional driving fatalities annually," writes researcher **Sarah Windle** and her co-authors in the ***Canadian Medical Association Journal***.

In Canada, researchers find cannabis consumption increased by three percent between 2018 and 2019, when the country legalized its use. According to Canadians reporting their own

usage, that raised the number of people using marijuana to 17 percent. Among cannabis users with a driver's license, the study finds 13 percent admit driving within two hours of using marijuana. The total number of people admitting to getting on the road after recent cannabis use jumped from 573,000 to 622,000. A 2012 analysis estimates cannabis-related auto collisions in Canada result in *\$1.1 billion* worth of societal and economic damages annually. Drivers under the age of 34 are responsible for the majority of that damage.

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## **\*NYC'S HELL'S KITCHEN RESIDENTS FEAR SUMMER OF THE 'LIVING DEAD' AS HOMELESS MULTIPLY:**



**New York City's Hell's Kitchen** residents fear a summer of the "living dead" as thousands of vagrants the city dumped in the neighborhood over the last year emerge from their homeless hotels. A "sewer" and a "cesspool" is how longtime Hell's Kitchen activist **Marisa Redanty** described the neighborhood in



recent weeks, as the return of warm weather produced a sudden upswing in the presence of drug-addled and deranged homeless people on the streets of Midtown. "This summer will be the night of the living dead," she predicted. NYPD data shows the area's homeless hotels have already become quality-of-life hellscares. Police, EMS and fire have responded to 233 calls already this year at Spring Hill Suites on West 36th Street, compared with just 22 calls at the same time last year when the city began moving shelter residents into hotels in April.

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## **\*ACCLAIMED AUTHOR STEVEN MARKOFF STUNNED AT GEORGE W. BUSH'S LACK OF REGRETS:**



In his "**CBS Sunday Morning**" interview with **Norah O'Donnell**, anchor and managing editor of the "**CBS Evening News**," on April 18, former **President George W. Bush** shared his disappointment about immigration reform. He told O'Donnell that the lack of progress on the issue was one of the biggest disappointments of his presidency, especially since it was a major part of his campaign platform. Acclaimed Author [Steven C. Markoff](#) is stunned at the additional regrets he feels Bush should have mentioned. "As I set out in my book, [The Case Against George W. Bush](#), I would have thought that W. not

preparing for 9/11 (for which he was well armed in advance with solid intelligence that we would be attacked), approving and supporting torture (violating US and international law) and conning our country into an unnecessary war with Iraq in 2003 that killed over 500,000 men, women and children would have earned at least a small regret.”

More of the interview was presented Tuesday, April 20, on the "CBS Evening News with Norah O'Donnell," and Wednesday, April 21, on "CBS This Morning." O'Donnell visited Mr. Bush and former First Lady Laura Bush at their Texas ranch, south of Dallas. There, the 74-year-old opened up about his life after leaving office, his thoughts on the country, his painting and his new book, "Out of Many, One: Portraits of America's Immigrants" (Crown).

In 2006, Mr. Bush gave an Oval Office address on immigration. Here's an excerpt from the interview:

*Norah O'Donnell:* "Still, nothing's been done."

*President Bush:* "No, a lot of executive orders, but all that means is that Congress isn't doing its job."

*O'Donnell:* "Is it one of the biggest disappointments of your presidency, not being –"

*Mr. Bush:* "Yes, it really is. I campaigned on immigration reform. I made it abundantly clear to voters this is something I intended to do."

Bush told O'Donnell he's ready to re-enter the debate on immigration, including lobbying his own party on the issue.

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## **\*WHAT'S UP? BY SARAH GARCIA**

\*\*\* If you still don't believe that the lunatics are running the asylum, get a load of an op-ed that a civil engineering student from the **University of California, Los Angeles**, just penned for the **College Fix**. In it, Sullivan Israel shares that he recently

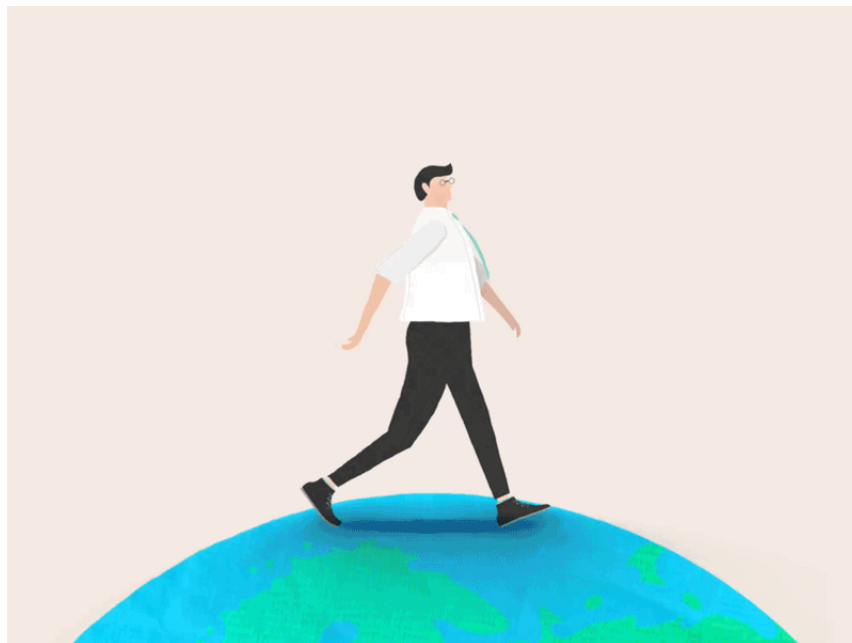
took part in an online debate about "systemic racism" sponsored by the **Bruin Republicans** — and that some UCLA students complained during the debate that automatic soap dispensers are racist. Yup. You know, the contraptions in public restrooms all across the fruited plain that magically emit gobs of liquid soap soon after you place your hands underneath them?

\*\*\*At first, the big corporations were bowing to the woke mob. But now, many are becoming part of the woke mob.

\*\*\*America has been wrecked on the shoals of identity. Identity politics has been characterized casually as a form of tribalism: Americans grouping themselves according to biological or sexual characteristics, in opposition to other groups associated by biological or sexual characteristics. There is certainly truth to the idea that such tribalism has damaged America in extraordinary ways — that tribalism acts as the sort of factionalism the Founding Fathers feared, tearing Americans from one another and forcing them into polarized units to compete against others in a battle over control.

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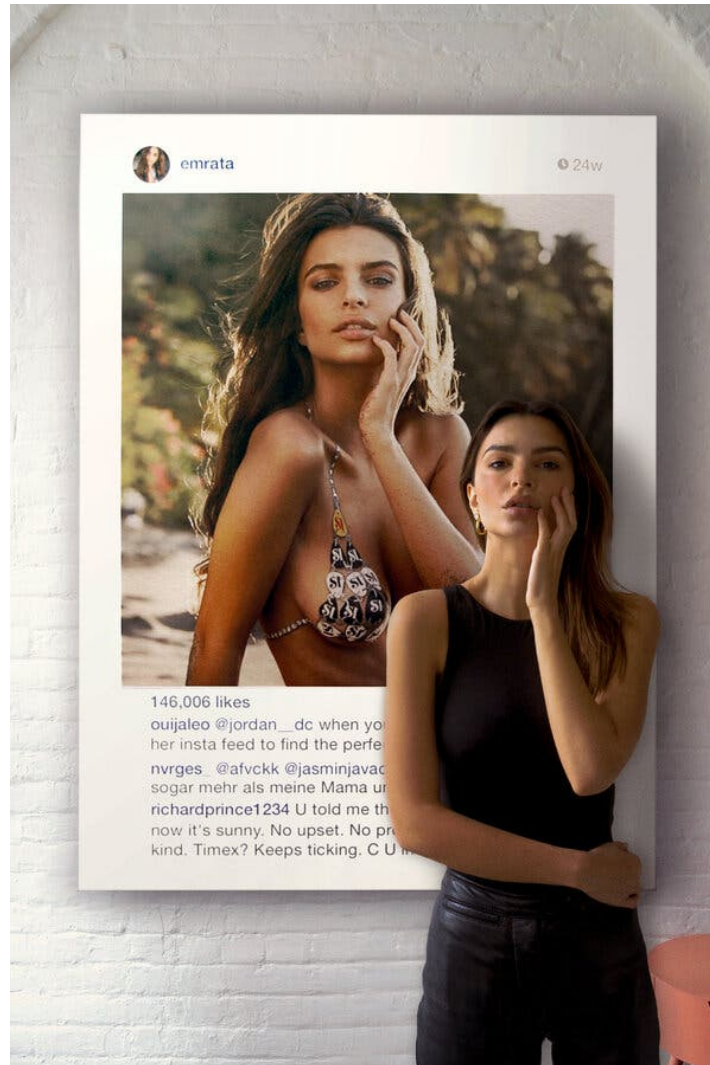
### \*EXAMINER – INVESTIGATES:



The longest walk around the world was completed by a former neon-sign salesman, **Jean Beliveau**. He walked 46,600 miles around 64 countries. The trip took him 11 years.

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**\*EXAMINER – SEE IT:**



In an effort to re-establish “authority” over the usage of her likeness, **Emily Ratajowski**, the model and writer, is minting a nonfungible token, or NFT, which will be auctioned at Christie’s on May 14. The piece will be titled “**Buying Myself Back: A Model for Redistribution.**” As Ms. Ratajowski chronicled in a widely read essay published in *The Cut* last fall, she’d been surprised to find out, in 2014, that a nude photograph of herself

was hanging in the **Gagosian Gallery** on Madison Avenue. As part of his “New Portraits” series, the artist **Richard Prince** had taken one of her **Instagram** photos and printed it on a large canvas, priced at \$90,000.

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**\*EXAMINER – CARTOON:**



“If they pay the ransom promptly, I’m throwing in a free tote bag.”

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**\*EXAMINER – SEE IT:**



**Frank Gehry** at 92 at his studio in Los Angeles with study models of the **Mansur** residence in **Cabo San Lucas, Mexico**, left, and behind, the entire **King Street** project in his native **Toronto**, including two towers formed from stacked vertical volumes. (The buildings will have a textured metal and glass façade.)

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**\*EXAMINER – LENS:**





Supporters of jailed **Russian** opposition politician **Alexei Navalny** hold up phones with the lights on during a rally in Moscow, Russia April 21, 2021. He began a hunger strike on March 31 to demand proper medical care for leg and back pain that he said he was being denied to him in prison. Police detained more than 1,900 Russians as his supporters took to the streets in dozens of cities to show backing for the 44-year-old **Kremlin** critic, according to the OVD-Info protest monitoring group.

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## **EXAMINER – INVESTIGATES: THE WORLDS YOUNGEST BILLIONAIRES**



**Forbes dropped its 2021 billionaire list.** There are currently 2,755 members of the three-comma club, including new entrant **Kim Kardashian West**. The “youngest billionaires” is always an interesting portion of the list. Here’s a mix of inherited wealth and self-made fortunes:

- **Kevin David Lehmann (18 years old; worth \$3.3B):** The German teen inherited his father’s 50% stake in a leading drugstore chain (*dm-drogerie markt*).
- **Wang Zelong (24; \$1.5B):** This Chinese national inherited a stake in her family’s pigment chemicals business.
- **Alexandra & Katharina Andresen (24, 25; \$1.4B each):** The Andresen sisters inherited a stake in a Norwegian investment firm run by their father, Johan (who is still active).
- **Austin Russell (26; \$2.4B):** Russell dropped out of Stanford in 2012 to found a startup that develops self-driving car technology (lidar). When the company (Luminar Technologies) went public via SPAC in December, Russell joined the three-comma club.
- **Andy Fang and Stanley Tang (28, 28; \$2B each):** These 2

entrepreneurs co-founded delivery startup DoorDash in 2013 and became billionaires when the company went public in December.

· **Sam Bankman-Fried (29; \$8.7B):** This MIT grad built a near \$10B fortune from crypto trading (via his firms Alameda Research and FTX). Bankman-Fried is a proponent of effective altruism, which means earning as much as he can to give away as much as he can (he was one of President Biden's largest donors).

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