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HOT MIC STRIKES AGAIN

[Cincinnati Reds announcer Thom Brennaman suspended after using homophobic slur on air](#)

CINCINNATI — Reds broadcaster Thom Brennaman has been suspended after using a homophobic slur during the broadcast of Cincinnati's game against the Kansas City Royals on Wednesday.

According to Jeff Passan, an MLB insider for ESPN, Brennaman was caught on a hot mic saying, "one of the (expletive) capitals of the world" while broadcasting before the top of the seventh inning in the first game of a doubleheader.

Passan tweeted a video of Brennaman using the homophobic slur.

Longtime Cincinnati Reds announcer Thom Brennaman was caught on a hot mic saying "one of the fag capitals of the world." He is currently announcing the second game of the Reds' doubleheader against Kansas City. pic.twitter.com/Uwz07eRIKv

— Jeff Passan (@JeffPassan) August 20, 2020

Brennaman continued to announce for the second game of the doubleheader against Kansas City Wednesday evening.

Later in the game, Brennaman issued an apology to the public saying he is deeply sorry and prides himself on being a man of faith. Brennaman also said he doesn't know if he will still have a job.

"I don't know if I will be putting on this headset again," he said.

He then issued another apology to anyone who was offended.

"I'm very, very sorry and beg for your forgiveness," he said.

Brennaman then left the game in the top of the 5th inning and was replaced by Jim Day on the broadcast.

Late Wednesday night, the Cincinnati Reds released an official statement regarding the incident, saying Brennaman has been suspended from doing Reds broadcasts:

"The Cincinnati Reds organization is devastated by the horrific, homophobic remark made this evening by broadcaster Thom Brennaman. He was pulled off the air, and effective immediately was suspended from doing Reds broadcasts. We will be addressing our broadcasting team in the coming days. In no way does this incident represent our players, coaches, organization, or our fans. We share our sincerest apologies to the LGBTQ+ community in Cincinnati, Kansas City, all across this country, and beyond. The Reds embrace a zero-tolerance policy for bias or discrimination of any kind, and we are truly sorry to anyone who has been offended."

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FOX Sports Ohio also issued a statement, agreeing with the Reds decision to suspend Brennaman:

The language that Thom Brennaman used this evening is hateful, offensive, and in no way reflects the values of FOX Sports Ohio. We agree with the @Reds decision to suspend him until further notice.

The son of Hall of Fame broadcaster Marty Brennaman, Thom has called Major league games for 33 years and has been with Fox Sports for the past 27, covering primarily baseball and football.

Steinlight Media released a second apology on Brennaman's behalf early Thursday morning saying, "I would like to sincerely apologize for the inappropriate comments I made during last night's telecast. I made a terrible mistake. To the LGBTQ community, and all people I have hurt or offended, from the bottom of my heart, I am truly sorry. I respectfully ask for your grace and forgiveness."

Red players took to Twitter, sharing their reactions and apologizing for what happened during the game.

"LGBTQ+ community, as a member of the Reds organization, I am so sorry for the way you were marginalized tonight. There will always be a place for you in the baseball community and we are so happy to have you here," player Matt Bowman said.

Amir Garret also tweeted, saying "to the LGBTQ community just know I am with you, and whoever is against you, is against me. I'm sorry for what was said today."

Cincinnati City Council member Chris Seelbach disapproved of Brennaman's actions on Twitter saying: "The Brennaman family are Cincinnati sports icons with a powerful voice in our community, which makes it even more disgusting and totally unprofessional to hear such language used. The Reds have been proud supporters of their LGBTQ+ fans, and this language cannot be tolerated. Period. Cincinnati is leading the way for LGBTQ+ equality. We are on the right side of history and it's incredibly disappointing to hear Mr. Brennaman use such language of hate when our country is begging for unity."

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Councilmember P.G. Sittenfeld also shared his thoughts on Twitter, saying what happened is unacceptable.

"Cincinnati went from being one of the least LGBTQ+ friendly cities in the country to becoming one of the most. We've made great strides -- Brennaman's slur is completely unacceptable, and does not represent the city we know and love."

Councilmember Greg Landsman agreed.

"What Thom Brennaman said tonight isn't just a slur, but a statement that devalues and mocks the dignity of an entire community of people. It does not represent the values of the Reds or our city. He should go."

The Reds said they have a zero tolerance policy for bias or discrimination of any kind - but what action they will take beyond his suspension isn't clear.

IT'S LIKE THAT (AND THAT'S THE WAY IT IS)

Arrests in unsolved murder of Run-DMC's Jam Master Jay

NEW YORK (WABC) -- Two men have been indicted in the 2002 unsolved murder of Jam Master Jay, the D.J. for the rap group Run-DMC, federal prosecutors in New York City have announced.

Jason Mizell was murdered in Hollis, Queens on October 30, 2002 -- shot at point-blank range with a .40-caliber handgun.

"The defendants allegedly carried out the cold-blooded murder of Jason Mizell, a brazen act that has finally caught up with them thanks to the dedicated detectives, agents and prosecutors who never gave up on this case," stated Acting United States Attorney DuCharme. "The charges announced today begin to provide a measure of justice to the family and friends of the victim, and make clear that the rule of law will be upheld, whether that takes days, months or decades."

Mizell, known professionally as Jam Master Jay, was a member of 1980s hip-hop sensation Run-DMC, behind hits such as "It's Tricky" and the Aerosmith remake collaboration "Walk This Way."

The 37-year-old Jay was shot once in the head by a masked assailant, police said at the time. He left behind a wife and three children.

NYPD Chief of Detectives Rodney Harrison, a Queens native and self-described Run-DMC fan, said "this arrest was very important to me."

Karl Jordan and Ronald Washington, both of Queens, have been charged with the murder of Jam Master Jay while engaged in cocaine trafficking, according to an indictment unsealed in the Eastern District of New York that also charged the two with drug offenses.

The murder of Jam Master Jay stemmed from a dispute over drug trafficking, according to the indictment.

According to investigators, Mizell sought to exclude Washington from a large multi-state drug deal. In retaliation, Washington and Jordan conspired to murder, and ultimately executed Mizell.

'DRUG RUNNER' Run-DMC's Jam Master Jay 'transported cocaine for six years and was killed over \$1.7 MILLION drug deal'

HIP HOP legend Jam Master Jay was transporting \$1.7 MILLION in cocaine as part of a criminal conspiracy that went sour and led to his murder, court docs claim.

The musician, whose real name was Jason Mizell, acquired the 10 kilograms of the illegal drug from a supplier in the Midwest, according to the US District Attorney's Office.

Run-DMC's Jam Master Jay was reportedly transporting cocaine which would be worth \$1.7 million today



ICE CREAM TRUCKS RACIST HISTORY

[The surprising history of the ice cream jingle](#)

“Turkey in the Straw” is one of the most iconic ice cream truck jingles today. However, many people don’t realize that this familiar tune has racist roots.

Turkey in the Straw’s melody originated from British and Irish folk songs, which had no racial connotations. But the song itself was first performed (and gained popularity) in American minstrel shows in the 1800s. Some songs using its same melody contained highly offensive, racist lyrics.

Throughout the 19th century, minstrel songs like Turkey in the Straw were commonly played in ice cream parlors, and later, adapted as ice cream truck jingles.

While these associations of “Turkey in the Straw” are not the only part of its legacy, it is undeniable that this melody conjures memories of its racist iterations.

Good Humor x RZA: a new jingle for a new era

Since 1920, Good Humor ice cream has been a staple of childhood. Almost everyone has a fond memory of chasing after their neighborhood ice cream truck for their favorite frozen treat.

Good Humor has not owned ice cream trucks since the 1970s, nor did we create “Turkey in the Straw” or any other jingles. However, as a leader in the industry, and the creator of the original ice cream truck, we want to be part of the solution on this issue, particularly since we work closely with so many ice cream truck drivers across the country.

As we mark Good Humor’s 100th anniversary this year, we must acknowledge the history of the ice cream truck jingle, and take action to ensure ice cream trucks across the country continue to spread joy to everyone for the next 100 years.

So, we’ve teamed up with legendary rapper, music producer and founding member of the Wu-Tang Clan, RZA, to reimagine the ice cream truck jingle for a new era – a melody that brings joy to every community. We’re making this song available to ice cream truck drivers nationwide and providing education on how to replace “Turkey in the Straw” in their music boxes. Listen to RZA’s new track [here](#), or hear it blasting from an ice cream truck near you!

PARDON ME

Trump Hints He's Open to Pardoning Edward Snowden

Donald Trump—who once demanded that former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden be executed for leaking classified intel on dystopian surveillance of U.S. citizens—has mused that Snowden has “not been treated fairly,” spurring a call from GOP Rep. Thomas Massie to finally pardon him.

Snowden, who leaked massive numbers of internal NSA documents on secret privacy-invading mass surveillance programs, including PRISM, collaboration with other intel agencies, data harvesting, and the NSA’s “black budget,” now lives in Russia under fear of extradition to the U.S. and prosecution. In an interview with the New York Post on Thursday, Trump cited Snowden as a similar martyr to himself, repeating baseless claims that Barack Obama’s administration wiretapped Trump Tower and illegally spied on his 2016 presidential campaign.

“There are a lot of people that think that he is not being treated fairly,” Trump told the Post. “I mean, I hear that.”

Trump then rambled on with typically vague allusions to Snowden being among people “they” talk about and having “heard it both ways,” before—rather confusingly—taking the opportunity to deny that he and Snowden had ever met. Per the Post:

“Snowden is one of the people they talk about. They talk about numerous people, but he is certainly one of the people that they do talk about,” Trump said on Thursday, before turning to his aides. “I guess the DOJ is looking to extradite him right now? ... It’s certainly something I could look at. Many people are on his side, I will say that. I don’t know him, never met him. But many people are on his side.”

The president then asked his staff: “How do you feel about that, Snowden? Haven’t heard the name in a long time.”

After polling the room, Trump added: “I’ve heard it both ways. From traitor to he’s being, you know, persecuted. I’ve heard it both ways.”

This isn’t the talk of a man who seems to really remember who Snowden is, what he did, or why (as a huge coalition, including the ACLU, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, tech CEOs, former Obama administration and national security officials, members of the media, and human rights activists agree) he deserves a pardon. It’s also not clear from the tone of the conversation whether Trump is seriously considering a pardon or merely entertaining the idea as a way to paint himself as another hapless target of the U.S. intelligence community.

THEY THINK WE'RE DUMB

'Blazing Saddles': HBO Max Includes TCM Notice To Provide Context For Mel Brooks' Western Spoof

HBO Max has added yet another informative introduction to one of its titles. When *Blazing Saddles* hit the network's new platform on July 28, the Mel Brooks film kicks off not with its opening sequence, but rather an introduction by University of Chicago professor and TCM host Jacqueline Stewart.

The intro, in which the *Silent Sunday Nights* host provides social context to the 1974 Cleavon Little-Gene Wilder comedy, is similar to the disclaimer in front of *Gone with the Wind*.

"This movie is an overt and audacious spoof on classic Westerns," Stewart says in the newly added intro. "It's as provocative today as it was when it premiered back in 1974."

The TCM notice not only provides context to some of Brooks' characters but also informs audiences about the director's spoofing ways. Stewart highlights the director's later genre satires, including *Young Frankenstein*, *High Anxiety* and *Spaceballs*. She continues the prelude saying that the race-centered comedy features "racist language and attitudes" throughout.

"Those attitudes are espoused by characters who are explicitly portrayed here as narrow-minded, ignorant bigots," Stewart adds. "The film's real and much more enlightened perspective is represented by the two main characters."

The intro adds even more historical context, including that Richard Pryor initially was up for Little's role but was turned down for his controversial stand-up material. The comedian, however, stayed on board and contributed to the writing. Pryor's knack for calling out racism, combined with Brooks' new comedic style, made for the film's honest yet entertaining criticism, Stewart said.

The newly implemented notice follows another one HBO Max put in place for *Gone with the Wind*. The Victor Fleming title was originally pulled in June, amid the breakout of Black Lives Matter protests across the country following George Floyd's death, for "ethnic and racial prejudices" depicted in the film. Nearly three weeks later, the Oscar-winning classic returned to HBO Max, now accompanied by video of Stewart critiquing the Olivia de Havilland starrer. A video from a 2019 TCM Classic Film Festival panel titled "The Complicated Legacy of *Gone With the Wind*," moderated by Donald Bogle, was also added.

MORE FEAR

Cincinnati Children's warns parents to be on lookout for rare illness expected to peak this fall

Doctors at Cincinnati Children's Hospital are advising parents to be aware of a different kind of virus that is expected to peak in the fall of 2020.

Acute flaccid myelitis (AFM) is a rare, but serious, illness that affects the nervous system, mostly in children between the ages of 3 to 10, health officials said.

"Acute flaccid myelitis first emerged in the fall of 2014," said Marissa Vawter-Lee, MD, a neurologist at Cincinnati Children's. "We saw it again in 2016, 2018, and so history tells us we expect to see this specific enterovirus again this fall. An enterovirus is a virus that can give you a cold, runny nose, or a cough. What we don't know is how COVID-19 will have an impact, so we really just want parents to be aware."

AFM is related to a viral infection that in some children triggers an abnormal immune response. The infection causes changes in the child's spinal cord and brain which can result in a sudden onset of weakness in the arms and legs.

In 2018, 3-year-old Elijah Peacock of Northern Kentucky was admitted to Cincinnati Children's after both of his legs had suddenly gone weak.

"It all started with a cold. Normal sniffles and a cough," said Alex Volland, Elijah's mom. "The biggest concern was that he kept tripping. He'd walk a few steps and then would fall over. A few days later he couldn't walk at all."

Elijah was in the intensive care unit before getting better and released from the hospital.

Now, at 5 years old, he is in a wheelchair and goes to physical therapy at Cincinnati Children's twice a week to strengthen his legs.

"Today, he's doing 10 times better," said Volland. "He can crawl, he can walk with support for short periods. We are leaps and bounds from when we began this AFM journey."

Researchers are still working to figure out what causes AFM.

Cincinnati Children's health officials said the hospital is one of the national sites working with the Centers for Disease Control to get answers. While AFM has been called a polio-like illness, doctors say it's not polio. In severe and rare cases, AFM will impact a child's breathing muscles, causing them to become weak or paralyzed, which is why doctors say it's important to seek help right away.

"For parents, I don't think this is something you need to be at home worrying about all the time, but you should have a basic understanding of what specifically to look out for in your child," said Ben Kerrey, MD, attending physician in the Division of Emergency Medicine, at Cincinnati Children's. "It's going to be a dramatic, obvious difference in your child than what you would normally see. Specifically, sudden weakness in the extremities."

Doctors said the the best way to prevent any viral infection is to practice standard precautions like good hand-washing, avoiding those who are ill, and staying home if you are the one who is ill.

Doctors are also reminding parents to get their children a flu vaccine.

“With COVID-19 precautions already in place, we hope to see fewer AFM cases since people are already washing hands frequently and practicing social distancing. But, even with those measures in place, we want parents to be aware of what AFM looks like should their child have symptoms,” said Vawter-Lee.

KLAUS SCHWAB



Professor Klaus Schwab was born in Ravensburg, Germany in 1938. He is Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum, the International Organization for Public-Private Cooperation.

FAKE MEAT

[This veggie burger bleeds, looks & tastes like real meat](#)



As Ron Swanson has proved time and time again, it's tough to beat a hamburger, on a bun, with nothing. But veggie burgers are now getting damn close to that meaty ideal, thanks to a new advance by Impossible Foods: a veggie burger that looks and tastes like a real, medium-rare beef patty. Chris Traeger, eat your heart out.

Based on research conducted by Stanford professor and Impossible Foods founder Patrick Brown, the as-yet unnamed veggie burger has a flavor somewhere between turkey and real beef, and is made out of amino acids and fats that come from plants rather than animals. It's also got an extremely similar consistency to meat, and contains juices derived from molecules found in hemoglobin -- the stuff in blood that makes it red.

With no cholesterol or meat-induced comas after eating, it's possible that this is the vegan-friendly burger of the future. And keep your eyes peeled, because they're also working on vegan versions of cheese and eggs. Could they convert even the staunchest carnivores? No word yet from Mr. Swanson.

BIG PHARMA

*** 9GAG ANECDOTE ***

[U.S. agrees to pay Pfizer and BioNTech \\$2 billion for 100 million doses of coronavirus vaccine](#)

The U.S. will pay Pfizer and biotech firm BioNTech \$1.95 billion to produce and deliver 100 million doses of their Covid-19 vaccine if it proves safe and effective, the companies announced Wednesday.

It was the largest such deal between the government and companies racing to develop a coronavirus vaccine.

Under the agreement, the U.S. can acquire 500 million additional doses, the Department of Health and Human Services said. Germany-based BioNTech and Pfizer are jointly developing four potential vaccines.

If one of the vaccines proves safe and effective in a large phase three trial and receives regulatory approval, HHS said Pfizer will begin to deliver doses to locations across the U.S. at the government's direction. The vaccine would then be made available to Americans "at no cost," HHS said. It's unclear who the first doses of the potential vaccine would go to and how that decision would be made.

The companies previously said they expect to begin a large trial with up to 30,000 participants later this month, if they receive regulatory approval.

Shares of Pfizer were 3.8% higher in early trading Wednesday and BioNTech stock was up 4%.

DOWNSIDE OF WORKING FROM HOME

“Solitude is dangerous. It’s very addictive. It becomes a habit...It’s like you don’t want to deal with people any more because they drain your energy.” - Jim Carrey

- Social skills decline

PROJECT BLUE BEAM

[Project Blue Beam](#) is a conspiracy theory that claims that NASA is attempting to implement a New Age religion with the Antichrist at its head and start a New World Order, via a technologically-simulated Second Coming.

The allegations were presented in 1994 by Quebecois journalist and conspiracy theorist Serge Monast, and later published in his book Project Blue Beam (NASA). Proponents of the theory allege that Monast and another unnamed journalist, who both died of heart attacks in 1996, were in fact assassinated, and that the Canadian government kidnapped Monast's daughter in an effort to dissuade him from investigating Project Blue Beam.

SEX RINGS CONSPIRACY???

[Ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick Accused Of Running Sex Ring Out Of New Jersey Beach House](#)

Ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick has been accused of running a underage sex ring out of his New Jersey beach house.

The victim, identified only as “Doe 14” claimed the sexual abuse began when he was 14 at McCarrick’s beach house in 1982, according to a lawsuit filed Tuesday in the New Jersey Superior Court, the New York Post reported. The victim, now 53, claims he was abused by McCarrick and three other priests.

“In the night, with the assistance of others, McCarrick would creep into this kid’s bed and engage in criminal sexual assault of him, whispering, ‘It is OK,’” attorney for the victim Jeff Anderson said at a press conference.

The other three priests involved were named as Gerald Ruane, Michael Walters and John Laferrera. All three had been previously accused of sexual abuse and exposed when **New Jersey’s Catholic dioceses released 188 names of credibly accused priests in 2019.**

[Mariah Carey's estranged sister Alison sues their mother for 'causing her to use drugs to suppress horrific memories of being forced to perform sex acts on strangers when she was 10 and being made to watch children being abused in satanic rituals'](#)

- The sister of Mariah Carey, Alison, 57, is suing their mother Patricia
- Alison Carey claims she was sexually abused as a girl of ten while her mother conducted 'satanic worship meetings' which left her with PTSD and depression
- Alison who is seven years older than Mariah, 50, has been rumored to be on the brink of homelessness, broke and working as a prostitute for several years
- She was found to be HIV+ in the 1990s and has asked her sister for money
- The pair have reportedly not spoken to each other for nearly two decades

[Grammy-winning producer Detail arrested on 15 sexual assault charges](#)

A Grammy-winning music producer known as Detail has been arrested on 15 sexual assault charges and five additional felony assault-related charges, authorities said Wednesday.

The producer, whose real name is Noel Fisher, was arrested Wednesday by the L.A. County Sheriff's Department and is being investigated for incidents that occurred between 2010 and 2018, the department said in a media release.

According to the Associated Press, in 2019 a model who alleged in a lawsuit that she had been raped and sexually and emotionally abused by Fisher was awarded \$15 million in Los Angeles Superior Court. Fisher, the news agency reported, won a Grammy for co-writing the Beyonce and Jay-Z hit duet "Drunk in Love."

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KEEP IT QUICK!!!

QUESTION FOR JOE

- British obsession with uncomfortableness
 - The Office
 - F1 commentators