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- YOU'RE ABOUT TO GO DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE WITH JOE AND BRIAN
- I'M BRIAN
- WITH ME AS ALWAYS; SITTING WAY OVER THERE DOING THE SOCIAL DISTANCE THING, IS MY GOOD FRIEND JOE ...
- 27 ½ HOURS OF CONTENT

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GEORGE FLOYD UPDATE

The judge in the criminal case against the former cops accused of killing George Floyd disqualified the county prosecutor and his staff from participating because of 'sloppy' work

A local judge overseeing the criminal case against four former Minneapolis police officers accused of killing George Floyd disqualified the local county attorney's office from working on the case, calling the work of the office "sloppy," journalists at the hearing reported.

Following Floyd's May 25 killing, Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman sent prosecutors to interview the medical examiner who performed Floyd's autopsy, a move that turned the lawyers into witnesses, WCCO-TV reporter Esme Murphy tweeted from the courtroom.

Freeman's office is assisting the Minnesota Attorney General in prosecuting the case.

Friday's motion hearing was the first time that the former cops — Derek Chauvin, Thomas Lane, Tou Thao, and J. Alexander Kueng — appeared in court together.

Attorneys for the men appear to be turning on one another, each claiming he thought someone else was in charge during the incident that ignited new calls for police accountability and racial justice.

Chauvin is charged with one count each of second-degree murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

Kueng, Lane, and Thao are charged with aiding and abetting murder and manslaughter.

Hennepin County District Judge Peter Cahill oversaw the hearing which lasted more than three hours and covered issues involving jury selection, identification, and sequestration, as well as whether the criminal case should be moved out of the county, according to the Star Tribune, which also had a reporter in the court.

Cahill hasn't ruled on the motions, but did note that moving the case out of the county would likely not benefit the process to find an impartial jury, according to Murphy.

The judge said that forming a jury pool should happen six months before the trial date — which is exceptionally early — so the court can screen the the media exposure of potential jurors, Murphy, of WCCO-TV, reported.

"There is not a county or state in this country that has not had publicity in the George Floyd case," the television reporter tweeted, quoting Cahill.

MO' MONEY

Ohio has been approved to distribute weekly \$300 Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) payments to eligible individuals who were fully or partially unemployed, or working reduced hours under a SharedWork Ohio plan, because of COVID-19 for weeks ending August 1 through September 5, 2020. Our records indicate that you may be eligible for this supplement.

PARTY OVER; THANKS NEWT

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AND STAY DOWN!!!

The Houston police chief called it 'inexplicable' that 4 of his officers fired 21 shots at an incapacitated man during a mental health call. They've been fired.

Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo called it "inexplicable" that four of his officers fired 21 shots at Nicolas Chavez who was already incapacitated during an April call to a mental health crisis.

Acevedo on Thursday announced the firing of the four officers: Sgt. Benjamin Leblanc and Officers Omar Tapia, Luis Alvarado, and Patrick Rubio.

Three earlier shots fired at Chavez, including one by a different Houston officer who was not terminated, were found to be objectively reasonable, the chief said. Chavez was also struck with five taser cartridges and bean bags.

"You don't get to shoot somebody 21 times because, at that time when we discharged those 21 rounds, Mr. Chavez was at his greatest level of incapacitation," Acevedo said.

Police received five 911 calls on April 21 reporting that Chavez was having a mental health crisis, acting erratically near cars and attempting to harm himself.

On Thursday, Acevedo released the recorded calls and graphic body cam footage from the incident.

Explaining the evidence, Acevedo told reporters that when officers arrived on scene, they attempted to put their deescalation training into use.

When Chavez "moved quickly" toward officers while carrying what they believed to be a knife, though, a fifth officer on scene fired three shots. He and command staff found the three shots to be "objectively reasonable" considering the circumstances.

After that, though — while Chavez was on the ground — officers continued to fire. Leblanc discharged two shots; Tapia, six shots; Alvarado, seven shots; and Rubio, six shots.

The gunshots left 29 entry and exit wounds in Chavez, many of them from fragments of bullets that struck the pavement before entering him, Acevedo said. Ballistic reports were still being completed.

The Houston Police Officers' Union said during a press conference on Thursday that their firings were "unjust" because the officers had acted according to policy and acted responsibly.

"They did everything that everyone across this country is asking the armed forces to do: They deescalated and retreated for 15 minutes," Joe Gamaldi, the president of the union, said. "They used every nonlethal option available."

Acevedo, too, said that the officers initially used proper deescalation training, but then explained where he said their actions went south.

There were 28 police officers on scene who could have provided cover and many nonlethal options that still could have been used before the last 21 shots were fired he said.

He also condemned the union for jumping to defend the officers "without even seeing the video."

All four officers have since appealed their firings.

Terminating problem officers can be a challenge, if arbitrators find a history of similar incidents for which officers hadn't been reprimanded, experts previously told Insider.

RIOTERS VS. PROTESTERS

More voters classify 'Black Lives Matter' demonstrations as riots, not protests: Poll

More voters consider Black Lives Matter demonstrations in three cities to be riots instead of protests, according to a Fox News poll released Sunday.

The poll found that 48% of likely voters viewed the demonstrations in New York, Portland, and Kenosha, Wisconsin, as riots, while 40% viewed the demonstrations as protests.

The poll also broke down views based on political affiliation, with 68% of Republicans calling the demonstrations riots. Only 30% of Democrats said the same.

Of the respondents, 39% blamed the violence on “left-wing radicals,” while 33% blamed “right-wing radicals.” Another 9% of respondents placed the blame on both sides.

The poll found that 52% of white voters called the demonstrations riots, but 62% of black voters and 48% of Hispanic voters viewed them as protests.

When it comes to bringing the country together, 54% of voters said they trust Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden. Only 40% said they trust President Trump to do the same.

The poll, conducted between Sept 7-10, randomly sampled 1,311 registered voters and 1,191 likely voters through phone and in-person interviews.

The three cities cited in the poll have become epicenters of unrest following the death of George Floyd in May.

Trump has denounced the riots repeatedly, including during the Republican National Convention when he said, "If the Democrat Party wants to stand with anarchists, agitators, rioters, looters, and flag burners, that is up to them. But I, as your president, will not be a part of it. The Republican Party will remain the voice of the patriotic heroes who keep America safe and salute the American flag."

Biden has also come out against violence, saying, "I condemn violence of every kind by anyone, whether on the Left or the Right. And I challenge Donald Trump to do the same."

THIRD TIMES A CHARM

Trump Says He Will ‘Negotiate’ Third Term Because He’s ‘Entitled’ To It

President Trump said Saturday that he plans to “negotiate” to run again in 2024 if he wins reelection in November, his latest in a series of comments that have alarmed critics who say he has little regard for constitutional boundaries.

Key Facts

- During a rally in Minden, Nevada, Trump predicted he would win reelection and carry Nevada, a state he lost narrowly in 2016.
- “After that,” Trump said, “we’ll negotiate,” asserting that he’s “probably entitled to another four after that” based on “the way we were treated.”
- The comments echo ones Trump made during a rally in Wisconsin in August, in which he stated he would win four more years and “go for another four years” because “they spied on my campaign,” likely referencing his unproven “Obamagate” theory.
- Michael Cohen, Trump’s former fixer-turned prolific critic, has argued that Trump’s comments should not be disregarded as humor, instead asserting that Trump believes he should be the “ruler” or “dictator” of the U.S. and wants to “change the Constitution.”
- Cohen predicted that, were Trump to win reelection, “he is going to automatically day number one start thinking how he can change the Constitution for a third term, and then a fourth term.”
- Forbes has reached out to the White House and the Trump campaign for comment.

Crucial Quote:

Cohen claimed Trump’s affinity for dictators is the tell that he himself has similar ambitions. “Like what he said to President XI and like what he said to so many other people,” Cohen said of Trump’s musing about a third term. “It’s why he admires the Kim Jong Uns of the world.”

Key Background:

The 22nd amendment to the constitution, ratified in 1951 after Franklin D. Roosevelt’s unprecedented four-term presidency, prohibits a president from seeking more than two terms in office. To change it, Trump would have to whip the votes of a two-thirds majority of both houses of Congress or have two-thirds of state legislatures call a constitutional convention, both unlikely propositions given modern hyper-partisanship.

Big Number:

7.5%. That’s how much Biden leads Trump nationally in the RealClearPolitics average, meaning a second term for Trump may be even more unlikely than a third.

PEACE IN DA MIDDLE EAST!!!

Trump declares 'dawn of a new Middle East' as he presides over signing of historic deals

President Trump on Tuesday declared the "dawn of a new Middle East" as he presided over the signing of two historic Middle East diplomatic deals between Israel and two Gulf nations.

"We're here this afternoon to change the course of history. After decades of division and conflict we mark the dawn of a new Middle East," he said at the ceremony in the South Lawn of the White House.

"Thanks to the great courage of the leaders of these three countries, we take a major stride toward a future in which people of all faiths and backgrounds live together in peace and prosperity," he said.

The deals between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, and Israel and Bahrain, involve the exchanging of ambassadors, establishment of embassies and co-operation on a range of fronts -- including trade, security and tourism. The agreements, known as the "Abraham Accords" also allow Muslims to visit Islamic holy sites in Israel. Trump said the deals would form "the foundation for a comprehensive peace across the entire region."

Earlier in the Oval Office, Trump said "we're very far down the road with about five additional countries." He declined to name the countries he is speaking with and later said it could be "five or six" other countries.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the foreign ministers of both the UAE and Bahrain were present to sign the deals at the ceremony. Trump signed onto each one as a witness. The leaders also signed a separate trilateral declaration of peace.

The UAE deal was announced last month, with the Bahrain deal announced on Friday.

"This day is a pivot of history, it heralds a new dawn of peace," Netanyahu said. "For thousands of years the Jewish people have prayed for peace, for decades the Jewish state has prayed for peace, and this is why today we are filled with such profound gratitude."

Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE's foreign minister, said "we are already witnessing a change in the heart of the Middle East, a change that will send hope around the world."

Meanwhile, Bahrain's foreign minister praised Trump's role in securing the deal.

Mr. President, your statesmanship and tireless efforts have brought us here today and made peace a reality," Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani said.

While critics have noted that such deals ignore Palestinians and the Israel-Palestinian conflict, it is hoped that the deals would be the start of warmer Arab-Israeli relations.

Trump told "Fox & Friends" on Tuesday morning that other countries "want to come in" and that he believes the Palestinians will eventually come in too.

"You're going to have peace in the Middle East," Trump said, adding that countries including Iran were "actually getting to a point where they're going to want to make a deal. They won't say that outwardly. They want to make a deal."

Democrats have given some support to the agreements, with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi saying in a statement that it marked “an important day” but said that “questions remain” including about a commitment for the UAE to purchase F-35 jets -- which has led to fears it could blunt Israel’s military superiority in the region.

Trump: ‘No problem’ selling F-35 jets to UAE (defensenews.com)

WASHINGTON — U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday said he personally would have “no problem” selling the advanced F-35 fighter jet to the United Arab Emirates, despite objections from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

“I would have no problem in selling them the F-35, I would have absolutely no problem,” Trump told Fox News in an interview ahead of a signing ceremony at the White House for agreements normalizing relations between Israel, the UAE and Bahrain later on Tuesday.

Trump also said he would be willing to sell other Middle Eastern countries the same weapons systems sold to Israel. He noted the region’s wealth and said it would be good for the United States and American jobs.

“They’re very wealthy countries for the most part, like the UAE, and they would like to buy the fighter jets, and I personally would have no problem with it,” Trump said. “Some people do, they say maybe they go to war.”

Trump affirmed that his strategy is to forge pacts with other Mideastern nations in an effort to push the Palestinians toward negotiating a peace deal with Israel.

Even though Trump favors the sales, there’s no guarantee they would happen. The F-35 sale, a longtime request from Abu Dhabi, is not written into the UAE-Israel deal, Emirati Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Anwar Gargash told reporters Monday.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., warned any such sales would demand congressional scrutiny and said Congress must protect Israel’s military edge, even as he hailed the bilateral agreement.

“In this case, we in Congress have an obligation to review any U.S. armed sales package linked to the deal,” McConnell said in a floor speech Monday. “As we help our Arab partners defend against growing threats, we must continue ensuring that Israeli’s qualitative military edge remains unchallenged.”

END GAME; OR CHECKMATE!

Shocking warning from Limbaugh if Biden beats Trump in November

PALM BEACH, Florida – If Joe Biden defeats President Trump in the November election, it will mean the "end of democracy" and leave only one political party in power, warns popular radio host Rush Limbaugh.

"If the Democrats win, if Biden wins this election with Kamala Harris or whoever that they put up there, that's the end of democracy. It's the end of the two-party system," Limbaugh said Tuesday.

"We're gonna have a one-party government that is going to devote itself to eliminating all opposition. That's what's at stake. If they win, I think the Republican Party essentially ceases to exist."

The self-described "doctor of democracy" stressed the change would happen quickly.

"One of the first things they will do is grant statehood to D.C. and Puerto Rico, and that will give them four Democrat senators. They will never lose control of the Senate. They will never lose control of the House," he explained. "They will pack the Supreme Court with who knows how many new justices, and they'll all be left-leaning justices. And it won't take them long to do any of this. And after they've done it, there will be a one-party state. The United States will be a one-party government."

He predicted the entire United States would become like California and New York are now.

"They are the blueprints and the forerunners for what will happen nationwide if the Democrats win in November. Mark my words. Everybody thought that the election in 2016 was the election of a lifetime. This one is too, maybe even bigger."

"The Democrat Party has become full-fledged Marxist radical left. They do not believe in opposition. They don't believe in debate. They don't believe they should have to win minds and hearts. They don't believe they should have to persuade anybody. They don't believe that there is legitimate opposition. So they're not going to have debates, they're not going to have any circumstance where they could lose politically.

"They believe in a one-party-dominating government. And it's what they're going to set up as quickly as they can. And there will be punishment for people who oppose them, try to stop them."

"They're gonna make everybody pay. It's gonna be a really, really precarious set of circumstances that we are all going to face," he continued. "I'm not trying to scare anybody, but I'm telling you, this is what we're up against. You can forget about the Democrat Party as a party that has to win its way into power and has to keep proving itself. Once they get it, folks, they're never gonna take the chance of losing it again."

Limbaugh said he's personally frustrated with Never Trumpers and so many so-called conservatives, wondering why they don't see this as the immediate future of this country if the Democrats win.

"Forget Trump. Trump is the only guy that can prevent this from happening," he noted. "There isn't another Republican on the ballot that can stop these people. Donald Trump is the guy. He's the only guy with the gonads, he's the only guy with the desire, he's the only guy with the know-how, and he's the only guy with the spirit to stand up and oppose them. He's the only guy not afraid of them. But this is what we're facing. This is the immediate future. It's within 50 days. That's why the Democrats can see this. They are salivating."

Limbaugh also predicted if Democrats lose in November, "They're going to engage in violence like you haven't seen yet."

"The Democrats are promising that the riots will continue and intensify. The Democrats are promising that the violence will ratchet up. In fact, this is one of the things that the Democrats are using to try to win the election. They're actually extorting voters. The Democrats are saying, if you want this, if you want this stuff to continue, elect Trump. If you elect Trump, this stuff's gonna continue and it's gonna keep getting worse. If you want us to stop, then don't elect Trump."

TRANSGENDER-ISM REVISITED

Star Wars: Mandalorian star Gina Carano accused of ‘mocking trans people’ with ‘boop/bop/beep’ pronouns joke

Gina Carano, star of the Disney+ Star Wars spin-off *The Mandalorian*, has faced criticism from fans after making “transphobic” social media posts.

She had faced calls to add her pronouns to her Twitter biography (a common practise among transgender and cisgender social media users to help avoid misgendering).

However, in response to the demand, the actor added the words “boop/bop/beep” to her Twitter name, in apparent ridicule of the convention.

Defending her actions in a subsequent Tweet, Carano wrote: “They’re mad cuz I won’t put pronouns in my bio to show my support for trans lives. After months of harassing me in every way. I decided to put 3 VERY controversial words in my bio.. beep/bop/boop.”

“I’m not against trans lives at all. They need to find less abusive representation,” she added.

On Twitter, she recently said that Pedro Pascal, who plays *The Mandalorian*’s lead character, explained to her the purpose behind including pronouns in one’s biography.

“Yes, Pedro & I spoke & he helped me understand why people were putting them in their bios,” she wrote. “I didn’t know before but I do now. I won’t be putting them in my bio but good for all you who choose to.”

She also defended the joke, saying: “Beep/bop/boop has zero to do with mocking trans people & [everything] to do with exposing the bullying mentality of the mob that has taken over the voices of many genuine causes.”

However, many Star Wars fans still took offence at Carano’s actions, with some even calling for her removal from the series.

THIS WEEK IN SKULLDUGGERY

Buffalo Wild Wings refuses to rename its boneless wings, but thanks for asking

Update, 6:30 p.m.: We are pleased to report that our outreach to Buffalo Wild Wings has borne fruit, and in response to the question of whether the chain would honor Ander Christensen's entreaty to rename its "boneless wings," representatives have provided the following statement:

"We serve boneless wings – and we love them! So while we disagree with Ander on his mission, we respect his passion for chicken. So this Labor Day in our sports bars in Lincoln, Neb., we'll donate \$1 from every boneless wing sold to the local Boys & Girls Club. Oh and Ander gets free traditional wings for a year on us."

So there you have it, folks! Ander Christensen gets a year's worth of traditional, bone-in wings in recognition of his struggle against Big Boneless Chicken, the local Boys & Girls Club benefits from his activism, and we move one step closer to a world in which children don't have to live in fear of bones in their meat.

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KEEP IT QUICK!!!