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GEORGE FLOYD UPDATE

SAY WHAT NOW?

Polyamorous Florida woman with 4 boyfriends is pregnant

Who's your daddy?

A polyamorous woman in Florida with four partners is pregnant, and says despite sharing her bed with her many lovers, she's certain of who the father is.

Tory Ojeda, 20, lives with three of her four partners in their Jacksonville, Fla., home. Marc, Travis, Ethan and Christopher take turns spending time with Ojeda, "swapping in and out" of her bed each night, she tells Barcroft Media.

The household's love story began three years ago when Ojeda met Marc, 18, in high school. Two months later, she opened things up with Travis, 23 — to whom she is now engaged. Later, she brought Ethan, 22, and Christopher, 22, into the fold.

And despite her plans to get married to Travis, Ojeda said he's not the father of her baby girl, due in February.

"Chris is the biological father," she says. "We just know that because of timing and when the approximate conception date was. Based off of the approximate conception day, we had been on vacation. So it was only us."

But for the soon-to-be family of six, those are just minor details.

"We're all raising the baby together — so everyone's Dad," Ojeda says. "We're all very, very excited to be raising a baby together."

It won't be without its complications, though. The group says they've dealt with bouts of jealousy over the years. It was especially hard for Marc and Travis to accept newcomers Ethan and Christopher at first. But Ethan says they talked it out and are all on good terms now.

And there's the matter of sharing: Ojeda says it gets pretty exhausting having to please four different men under the same roof. She's actually encouraged her boyfriends to pursue other love interests.

This real-life 'throuple' are former evangelical Christians

"Dividing time and figuring out schedules between all five people and making sure everyone feels included, it's kind of difficult," she says. "I'd like to not be the only woman in the relationship. That would definitely be nice."

When the baby comes, having multiple parents in the house might be a benefit, says Christopher, who's looking forward to sharing the responsibilities of fatherhood with the three other men in his relationship.

"There is a lot of support between all of us dads and it's something we can tag team," he says. "We always joke about the idea of getting [stuck] in an endless loop of 'Go ask your dad.' "

Their daughter will surely appreciate the humor.

The rest of the group's family is coming around to their unconventional setup, they say.

"At the very beginning, I know my mother and father were hesitant about it," Christopher says. "Her main concern was that she didn't like the idea of me having a partner who was not fulfilled with me alone."

LLOYD'S OF LONDON

London's Centuries-Old Insurance Market Investigates Its Slavery Role

Lloyd's of London launches an internal investigation in response to pressure from Black employees and racial-equality campaigners

Protesters outside Lloyd's of London during an Extinction Rebellion march on Sept. 4.

Lloyd's of London has launched an internal investigation into its role in the trans-Atlantic slave trade in part to determine whether it is on the hook to pay reparations.

The 332-year-old insurance market is responding to pressure from Black employees and racial-equality campaigners to open up about the slave trade in the 18th and 19th centuries. Lloyd's Chairman Bruce Carnegie-Brown said he is talking to academic and cultural institutions that can help to investigate its archive.

"We insured cargo vessels and slaves that were the cargoes of those vessels going across the Atlantic to the Caribbean and the East Coast of the United States," Mr. Carnegie-Brown said. "It's almost certain that we have a very high share of whatever insurance was bought. We don't know today how much insurance was bought."

Amid a global reckoning on race sparked by the May killing of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis, pressure increased on Lloyd's and other British companies to acknowledge their historic links to slavery and face the possibility of reparations.

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Mr. Carnegie-Brown said Lloyd's risk of reparations was unclear because the company is comparable to a stock market "that just convenes the buying and selling of insurance by other entities." In the days of slavery, Lloyd's didn't underwrite insurance or have a central fund like today, he said. Lloyd's was unsuccessfully sued by descendants of slaves in the U.S. more than a decade ago.

Describing reparations as a "loaded word," Mr. Carnegie-Brown said there would be "legal issues to probe to try to get a better understanding about whether any kind of concept of Lloyd's existed in a way that would command some kind of challenge around reparations."

Bruce Carnegie-Brown, chairman of Lloyd's of London, Sept. 13.

Mr. Carnegie-Brown said he was hesitant to get involved in conversations about reparations without being much better educated on the legal parameters.

"Dialogue with mutual respect and understanding is what we ask," Hilary Beckles, the chairman of a reparations commission representing Jamaica, Barbados and other Caribbean nations, said. "We need closure and to move on. We can put this terrible history behind us and get on with our business and our lives with the context of justice."

JPMorgan Chase & Co. this month committed \$30 billion—mainly in the form of new lending—to improve racial equality in the U.S. Lloyd's has pledged £1 million, equivalent to \$1.3 million, to

charities that assist Black people. Mr. Carnegie-Brown said the sum “almost certainly” wasn’t enough but was a start.

“We certainly don’t have \$30 billion so it’s never going to get to that number,” he said.

RED PILL

There's a 50-50 Chance We Really Are Living in a Simulation, Scientists Say

Some scientists believe that there's a 50-50 chance we really are living in a simulation, and now we have to wonder if *The Matrix* is looking more like a documentary than science fiction.

In a report from *Popular Mechanics* (via *Scientific American*), some scientists believe that the odds that life as we know it is a simulation could be as simple as a coin toss. This 50-50 coin toss approximation comes from the *Scientific American*-cited odds of 50.22222 to 49.77778 when determining whether or not life is a simulation. *Scientific American*, and subsequently *Popular Mechanics*, cite philosopher Nick Bostrom's 2003 paper, "Are We Living in a Computer Simulation?" to explain where odds like the ones above come from.

"I argue that at least one of the following propositions is true," Bostrom says in his paper. "(1): the human species is very likely to become extinct before reaching 'posthuman' stage; (2): any posthuman civilization is extremely unlikely to run a significant number of simulations of its evolutionary history (or variations thereof); (3): we are almost certainly living in a computer simulation. It follows that the belief that there is a significant chance that we shall one day become posthumans who run ancestor-simulations is false, unless we are currently living in a simulation."

Bostrom's simulation theory focuses on computing power, much like *The Matrix* and its sequels did when discussing the idea of humankind simulation. It might be hard to believe there exists a computer powerful enough to simulate our entire existence but, if such a computer did exist, we would never be able to recognize it to begin with as we'd be inside of it, or rather, a part of its simulation.

Bostrom's theory of simulation sees the odds at nearly 50-50 and Columbia University astronomer David Kipping used Bostrom's theory as a guide for arriving to his own odds. Kipping's theory dictates that simulations cannot spawn their own additional simulations.

"That is because as simulations spawn more simulations, the computer resources available to each subsequent generation dwindle to the point where the vast majority of realities will be those that do not have the computing power necessary to simulate offspring realities that are capable of hosting conscious beings."

As *Popular Mechanics* points out, think of Russian nesting dolls. Each subsequent doll after the first doll must fit into the doll that came before it. As a result, each doll grows smaller and smaller in size and scale as you go deeper into the nest of dolls.

Basically, we are either in a simulation or we are not in a simulation. If humankind never creates its own simulation using conscious beings, then the odds of us living in a simulation tip further toward "yes," because if we are in a simulation, then we likely wouldn't be able to create one. If humankind does create a simulation of its own using conscious beings, then Kipping and Bostrom's theory about computing power are closer to being proven wrong and the odds of us living in a simulation shift more towards "no."

THIS WEEK IN SKULDUGGERY

The New Yorker Suspends Jeffrey Toobin for Masturbating on Zoom

The New Yorker suspended reporter Jeffrey Toobin after he was caught masturbating during a Zoom call last week with New Yorker and WNYC radio members, according to a report.

VICE reports:

Two people who were on the call told VICE separately that the call was an election simulation featuring many of the New Yorker's biggest stars: Jane Mayer was playing establishment Republicans; Evan Osnos was Joe Biden, Jelani Cobb was establishment Democrats, Masha Gessen played Donald Trump, Andrew Marantz was the far right, Sue Halpern was left wing democrats, Dexter Filkins was the military, and Jeffrey Toobin playing the courts. There were also a handful of other producers on the call from the New Yorker and WNYC.

Both people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity in order to speak freely, noted that it was unclear how much each person saw, but both said that they saw Toobin jerking off.

Natalie Raabe, a press representative for the New Yorker, confirmed Toobin has been suspended but did not explicitly state the reason behind the decision.

"Jeffrey Toobin has been suspended while we investigate the matter," Raabe said.

Additionally, the New Yorker editor David Remnick wrote in a memo to all staffers: "Dear All, As you may have read in various news reports today, one of our writers, Jeff Toobin, was suspended after an incident on a Zoom call last week. Please be assured that we take such matters seriously and that we are looking into it. Best, David."

Toobin seemingly confirmed that exposing himself was the motivation behind the suspension, though he claimed it was merely an accident.

"I made an embarrassingly stupid mistake, believing I was off-camera. I apologize to my wife, family, friends, and co-workers," he told Motherboard in a statement.

Toobin is also the chief legal analyst for CNN and reportedly appeared on the network Saturday. A CNN spokesperson told Law&Crime that Toobin has requested "some time off while he deals with a personal issue, which we have granted."

OUTRO

KEEP IT QUICK!!!

THE MUSIC

187 (Instrumental) Dr. Dre & Snoop Dogg [001]

One for the Treble - Davy D [002]

Beat Street Breakdown - Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five [003]

Tear This Mothafucka Up - Ice Cube [004]

Sound of the Police - KRS-One [005]

Guitar Sound - Ronald Jenkees [006]

Guitar Sound - Ronald Jenkees [007]

The Moment - X5 [008]

Kung Fu Fighting - Carl Douglas [009]

Dream Team Is In The House - LA Dream Team [010]

Cock The Hammer - Cypress Hill [011]

Bring The Noise - Public Enemy [012]

I Think I Can Beat Mike Tyson - DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince [013]

Baby Got Back - Sir Mix-A-Lot [014]

First Day Of School/When Will They Shoot - Ice Cube [015]

King Of Rock - Run DMC [016]

Free Fallin' - De la Soul & Teenage Fan Club [017]

Regulate - Warren G [018]

Me, Myself, and I - De La Soul [019]

Jump - Kris Kross / Pimpin' Ain't Easy - Big Daddy Kane (feat. Nice & Smooth) / Ain't No Future In
Your Frontin' - MC Breed [020]

6 In Tha Mornin' - Ice-T / Fuck Tha Police - NWA / Pinky Ring - UGK [021]

Know The Ledge - Eric B & Rakim [022]

Half-Breed - Cher / The Ghetto - Too \$hort [023]

Natural Born Killaz - Dr. Dre & Ice Cube [024]

Crumbs on the Table - D-Nice [025]