

# INTRO

- IT'S THURSDAY; NOVEMBER 12th; 2020
- EPISODE 0 – 2 – 8
- YOU'RE ABOUT TO GO DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE WITH JOE AND BRIAN
- I'M BRIAN
- WITH ME AS ALWAYS; MY GOOD FRIEND JOE ...

# DRINKS

# AGENDA

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# AHMAUD ARBERY UPDATE

## **Prosecutor reads racist messages by Ahmaud Arbery's killer**

Questions about whether racism played a role in the killing sharpened during a previous hearing when an investigator testified that a third defendant, who took cellphone video of the shooting, told authorities he heard Travis McMichael, 34, utter a racial slur after he blasted Arbery three times with a shotgun.

In the courtroom Thursday, Zachary Langford — a friend of Travis McMichael's since boyhood — testified his friend was a jokester who got along with everyone and had at least one Black friend.

Then prosecutor Jesse Evans asked Langford about a text message Travis McMichael had sent him last year that used a slur for Black people when referring to a “crackhead ... with gold teeth.”

Langford at first said he didn't recall receiving the message. Then after reviewing a transcript of the exchange, he answered: **“He was referring to a raccoon, I believe.”**

Evans also cited a photo Langford posted to Facebook last year to which Travis McMichael replied: “Sayonara,” along with an offensive term for Asians followed by an expletive. Langford said he didn't recall that, either.

## **On requesting bond:**

Each is charged with malice murder, felony murder, aggravated assault, false imprisonment and criminal attempt to commit false imprisonment.

Travis McMichael's mother, Lee McMichael, testified that he lived with her and his father, has a 4-year-old son and doesn't have a passport. His attorneys cited his past service as a U.S. Coast Guard mechanic as proof of his character.

“In no way, shape or form is Travis hateful towards any group of people, nor does he look down on anyone based on race, religion or beliefs,” Curt Hall, a former Coast Guard roommate of Travis McMichael who described himself as “multiracial,” wrote in a letter supporting bond for his friend.

Gregory McMichael, 64, is a retired investigator for the Brunswick Judicial Circuit district attorney's office and a former Glynn County police officer.

The McMichaels' attorneys are also asking the judge to reject the indictment's malice murder charge, saying it was written in a way that improperly “charges two crimes in one count.” They made a similar argument for tossing out a charge of criminal attempt to commit false imprisonment.

Bryan was previously denied bond. His attorney has argued in court motions that the entire indictment should be dismissed.

## REDRUM REDRUM!!!

**'Got there just in the nick of time': 200 queens were in first 'murder hornet' nest. But there could be more out there**

A nest of a massive, and potentially deadly, invasive hornet species in Washington state likely isn't the only one in the U.S., a state entomologist said.

A team with the Washington State Department of Agriculture that destroyed the first discovered nest in the U.S. found about 500 hornets at various stages of their life cycles in the nest — including approximately 200 queens.

Some of the queens could have escaped, mated and formed new colonies next year had they not been captured.

"We got there just in the nick of time," said Sven-Erik Spichiger, an entomologist with the state Department of Agriculture.

However, other sightings of hornets around the area indicate that the team's work might not be finished.

"We do believe there are additional nests," he said at a virtual news conference Tuesday.

"When you see all be it a relatively small nest like this able to pump out 200 queens, it does give one a little bit of pause."

Asian giant hornets, officially named *Vespa mandarinia* and nicknamed "murder hornets" in the media, are a species not native to the United States that can devastate honeybee populations critical for crop pollination. However, the habitat in the Pacific Northwest is "perfect" for the hornet, Spichiger said.

The hornets were first detected in the U.S. in December 2019 in Washington state and one was captured in July in Whatcom County near the Canadian border. It's unknown how the insect made it from its native areas of China, Japan, Thailand, South Korea and Vietnam to North America, but Spichiger said confirmed sightings are limited to Whatcom County and British Columbia.

The insects are the world's largest hornet and can grow up to 2 inches long. Terrifying in appearance, their stings could also deliver a potentially deadly venom, especially for those who are allergic or if someone were to stumble upon a nest and sustain multiple stings, Spichiger said. The stings can cause necrosis and lead to organ failure, he added.

# SIX THINGS ...

**A man who interviewed over 1,000 millionaires found they do 6 things to build wealth that anyone can try**

## **1. They spend according to a budget**

After interviewing hundreds of millionaires, Stanley found that most millionaires budget religiously, and know exactly how much they have to spend in different categories. "In our latest national survey of millionaires, we found that for every 100 millionaires who don't budget, there are about 120 that do," he writes.

Millionaires parse out their budgets to prioritize saving, with many opting for the "pay yourself first" strategy, which uses automated savings to save for retirement and other goals before accounting for spending. "These people invest a minimum of 15% of their annual realized income before they pay the sellers of their food, clothes, home, credit, and the like," writes Stanley.

Millionaires tend to have a strict budget, and for many, the budget is a key way they built their wealth in the first place.

## **2. They spend on good financial planners and accountants**

Most millionaires put significant time and money into growing their wealth. But, Stanley found that millionaires tend to also have help with their financial decisions.

They tend to choose financial advisors and planners like they would employees. "Your ability to hire high-grade financial advisors is directly related to your propensity to build wealth," Stanley writes.

While some millionaires hire the convenient professionals who contact them, Stanley notes that those who are best at accumulating and managing wealth take the time to interview several financial planners and accountants like they would any other employee before hiring them.

## **3. They own their homes and live in them for a long time**

Millionaires tend to own their own homes; according to Stanley's research, just 3% of millionaires are renters. Millionaires tend to live in homes that are below their means, too, where they find it easy to live a comfortable lifestyle without overspending.

These home-owning millionaires also live in their homes for many years, and Stanley says that's a part of their strategy. After living there for a long time, they're able to see large gains in their homes' value.

## **4. They invest a higher percentage of their income than the typical person**

Stanley found that the average millionaire invests 20% of their income each year. Among non-millionaires, that figure is much less — 48% of Americans save less than 10% of their income each year, and investments are only part of that figure, according to data from Bankrate.

Millionaires tend to invest more of their income than the typical person, and Stanley notes that's likely how they achieved their status in the first place.

## **5. They drive cheap cars**

Most millionaires surveyed drive used, American-made cars. Rarely do millionaires who are good with money lease new cars, nor buy luxury cars. In his research, Stanley found that "50% of the millionaires we surveyed never spent more than \$29,000 in their entire lives for a motor vehicle."

## **6. They're always on the hunt for a deal**

Most everyday millionaires aren't big spenders. They're often driving affordable cars, living in affordable homes, and wearing items they bought on sale, and the same typically goes for their partners.

According to Stanley's research, few millionaires actually spend on expensive things. Rather, they opt for quality over quantity, and look for deals.

# ELON!!!

## **Report: Elon Musk Is Kind of a Dick**

It's not exactly a secret that Elon Musk, billionaire CEO of SpaceX and Tesla, self-proclaimed Thai pedophilia expert, and designer of death race trucks, doesn't give a flying fuck what other people think about his actions.

To wit: Musk has endorsed a sex cult's system for ranking news organizations based on "critical thinking," regularly railed against media orgs, and angrily cut off journalists on earnings calls. According to a new piece in Vanity Fair, sources say that after Musk's December 2019 win in a libel lawsuit brought by a Thai cave diver he had smeared as a pedophile, Musk decided in Trumpian style that he would stop pretending to play nice with his perceived enemies. Thus he severed ties with his external PR firm, stopped hiring for openings on his comms team, mass-blocked journalists, and this month disbanded Tesla's PR department. One longtime employee told the magazine, "Elon is his own communications director now."

No one really cares whether Musk hates reporters but reporters. But Vanity Fair's sources said doubling down on absolutism of the self might not have been the best idea, because he's kind of an asshole.

Per Vanity Fair, Musk's staff fears days he arrives in a bad mood, because he'll make arbitrary decisions that makes everyone's work life hellish:

"On [SpaceX] launch days, you have everyone at Tesla tuned in to see if the launch is successful, not because we are vested in the rockets, but because it directly impacts Elon's mood for the next few days," the Tesla executive told me. "If there was a failure on a launch, there'd be hell to pay; you didn't want to have a phone call set up with Elon afterward." On the other hand, if the rocket launch was successful, Musk's inbox would fill with budget requests. The same is true for SpaceX employees when new production numbers are set to be released for Tesla.

Over the past few years, Musk's behavior has managed to drive off a growing number of staff.

In August 2018, Musk sent out a bad "joke" tweet claiming he was taking Tesla private at a share price of \$420 (the weed number), attracting an angry lawsuit by the Securities and Exchange Commission that he was forced to settle to the tune of a \$20 million fine and loss of his Tesla chairmanship. As Vanity Fair noted, since the tweet, Tesla has lost over two dozen executives, including "three different general counsels, his director of engineering, director of sales, directors of finance, operations, accounting, production, and recruiting." Musk also lost his chief of staff, Sam Teller. One of those departed executives specifically cited Musk's Twitter account as too embarrassing to put up with any longer.

An unspecified former employee of Musk's added that when he asked the tech magnate whether he ever worried about losing his marbles, Musk responded, "Does a crazy person ever look in the mirror and know that he's crazy?"

Perhaps not:

According to one person who witnessed an argument between Musk and a former girlfriend upon leaving a club one evening, Musk aggressively railed against her, asking why she had hair on her face (referring to the slight peach fuzz that everyone has, visible under the bright light of the club's awning). "Because I'm a mammal," the girlfriend replied, which only pissed Musk off even more.

"There is a high level of degenerate behavior with Elon," one Musk acquaintance told Vanity Fair. "... All of these guys, I've spent time with them, Musk, Zuck, all of them; they all exhibit tendencies of total and complete pathological sociopathy. They don't at their core give a flying fuck about you or me as individuals."

# YELLOWSTONE FRIED CHICKEN

## **A man was banned from Yellowstone after trying to fry chicken in a hot spring**

A man from Idaho Falls, Idaho, has been banned from Yellowstone for at least two years after he tried to fry chicken in a hot spring at the national park.

The man, who has not been publicly named, was found by park rangers on August 7, with cooking pots and two chickens in a burlap sack in a hot spring in the Shoshone Geyser Basin region, East Idaho News reported.

Traveling through thermal areas is prohibited in Yellowstone, due to a risk of danger and injury, and the man was cited for violating closures and use limits.

He pleaded guilty in Mammoth Hot Springs court on September 10, and was fined \$1,200. He was also ordered to serve two years of unsupervised probation — during which he'll be banned from Yellowstone National Park.

Two others in a group the man had been traveling with were also cited by park rangers, East Idaho News reported. The status of their cases is unclear.

Yellowstone warned people against getting too close to hot springs in a statement to Insider.

"In thermal areas, always stay on boardwalks and designated trails," a spokesperson for the park told Insider. "It is illegal to touch thermal features or throw objects into hot springs or other hydrothermal features. Water in hot springs can cause severe or fatal burns, and scalding water underlies most of the thin, breakable crust around hot springs."

Tourists have been seriously injured and killed by hot springs at Yellowstone, which can reach burning temperatures and are sometimes highly acidic.

Just last month a 3-year-old was badly burned after falling in to a hot-spring-like hydrothermal area.

Last year a 48-year-old man was burned when he fell into a hot spring, and another tourist was killed when he fell into a scalding hot spring in 2016.

## THIS WEEK IN SKULDUGGERY

### **A Florida man pulled a gun on a driver who told him he had a small penis, police say**

A Florida man has been arrested after police said he pulled a gun on a driver who told him he had a small penis.

The alleged incident between Dustin Kouns and Toby Keaton, first reported on by the Florida Keys Keynoter, happened on Halloween in Key West, Florida.

According to a police report seen by Insider, 21-year-old Kouns revved his jeep's engine while stopped in traffic, and Keaton, who was in the car in front of Kouns, got out of his vehicle to confront him.

"You must have a small d---," Keaton said to Kouns, according to the police report.

Police say it was then that Kouns pulled out his Smith & Wesson handgun. He told police he was trying to protect himself, and that he didn't know what Keaton was going to do when he approached his car.

Keaton told police that Kouns pointed his handgun in his direction. He told authorities he feared for his life.

Kouns, who told police he did not have a concealed weapons permit for his gun, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, carrying a concealed weapon, dealing in stolen property, and a misdemeanor charge of driving without a valid driver's license.

He posted a \$32,500 bond and was released from county jail on November 3.

# OUTRO

- ... AND IF YOU ARE STILL LISTENING I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR HANGING AROUND ...
- AND YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US RIGHT HERE IN SEVEN DAYS AND WE CAN DO THIS ALL OVER AGAIN!
- JOE; AS ALWAYS, IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE ... AND WE'LL CHAT LATER ... TAKE CARE

# 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]

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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]

Halloween Remix – Ronald Jenkees / The Haunted House of Rock – Whodini

Arrest The President / No Vaseline – Ice Cube

## Dual Core - All The Things