

INTRO

- IT'S THURSDAY; NOVEMBER 19th; 2020
- EPISODE 0 – 2 – 9
- YOU'RE ABOUT TO GO DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE WITH JOE AND BRIAN
- I'M BRIAN
- WITH ME AS ALWAYS; MY GOOD FRIEND JOE ...

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AGENDA

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- VACCINES (DISCUSSION)
- OBSESSION WITH Q (DISCUSSION)
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- MIAMI MARLINS
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- CRAKKKA BARREL
- CANCEL THE HOLIDAYS
- THIS WEEK IN SKULDUGGERY – SOULCYCLE
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QUICK FEEDBACK

- Election IS over
- Has to have a female soundboard
- Election - pandemic made it different
- No states stopped counting until Trump forced it and stupidly in states where he was losing
- Ka' mala
- Clip - Kamala was jogging and just found out she won, not drunk, out of breath
- If folks only use social media sights for news that is sad. Need to use reputable newspapers online.
- Michigan did a recount when the "glitch" was discovered. And now there is a hand recount going on.
- Murder hornet funny
- Geyser pronounced Gi ser not gee ser
- Geysers are so sulfur chicken would taste awful

GEORGE FLOYD UPDATE

Former Minneapolis police officer charged in George Floyd's death seeks to bar evidence of past neck and body restraints

MINNEAPOLIS — Derek Chauvin, the former Minneapolis police officer who held his knee at George Floyd's neck for more than nine minutes and is now charged with his murder, has asked the judge in his case to block prosecutors from introducing evidence of his allegedly having used similar neck and body restraints on other suspects. Chauvin's lawyer argues in new court documents that his "use of force" in those cases was legal and cleared by police supervisors.

Prosecutors have said they want to cite eight incidents from Chauvin's 19-year career as a Minneapolis police officer to show a pattern of excessive force and behavior similar to the Memorial Day encounter that left Floyd dead. Prosecutors want to include four cases from 2014 to 2019 in which they claim Chauvin restrained suspects "beyond the point when such force was needed."

In a court filing Monday, Eric Nelson, Chauvin's attorney, asked Hennepin County District Judge Peter A. Cahill, who is overseeing the case, to block that proposed evidence, arguing that his client had used approved force and, after routine investigations, had been essentially "acquitted by MPD supervisors of applying force in a manner that was either unreasonable or unauthorized."

"The state attempts to characterize Mr. Chauvin's use of force as 'unreasonable' or 'beyond what was needed,' " Nelson wrote, noting that Chauvin had reported his use of force in each of the incidents. "And in every single one, it was determined by a supervisor that Mr. Chauvin's use of force was reasonable in the circumstances and authorized by law and MPD policy."

Flameless candles are illuminated after being placed at the memorial for George Floyd outside Cup Foods to celebrate what would have been Floyd's 47th birthday on Oct. 14 in Minneapolis.

Prosecutors have argued that Chauvin's behavior while on the force is relevant because they could use it to rebut defense claims that he used "reasonable force" in restraining Floyd, who died May 25 while officers pinned him, face down and handcuffed, on a South Minneapolis street. Officers had been investigating a 911 call about a counterfeit \$20 bill that had been passed at a local convenience store, and they were trying to interview Floyd and put him into a police vehicle, which Floyd resisted, saying he was afraid of being in a confined space.

Harvard's former fencing coach and a Maryland businessman arrested in college-admissions scandal

Harvard University's former fencing coach and a Maryland businessman were arrested Monday and charged with conspiring to get two students admitted to Harvard in exchange for bribes.

Jie "Jack" Zhao, 61, of Potomac, Md., conspired with the longtime coach, Peter Brand, over several years to get his two sons into Harvard as fencing recruits, according to federal officials. The bribes totaled more than \$1.5 million, prosecutors said, and included purchases of a house, a car and renovations benefiting Brand, as well as tuition payments and educational loans for Brand's son.

Bribery scandal points to the athletic factor: A major force in college admissions

Zhao and Brand were charged with conspiracy to commit federal programs bribery. According to federal prosecutors, they worked with a co-conspirator who runs a fencing academy in Virginia and a fencing-related charity to further the scheme.

Bill Weinreb, an attorney for Zhao, said in an emailed statement: "Jack Zhao's children were academic stars in high school and internationally competitive fencers who obtained admission to Harvard on their own merit. Both of them fenced for Harvard at the Division One level throughout their college careers. Mr. Zhao adamantly denies these charges and will vigorously contest them in court."

Douglas S. Brooks, an attorney for Brand, said in an emailed statement: "The students were academic and fencing stars. Coach Brand did nothing wrong in connection with their admission to Harvard. He looks forward to the truth coming out in court."

The scandal came to light when the Boston Globe reported on an eyebrow-raising real estate transaction: Brand sold his Massachusetts home to Zhao for nearly \$1 million, almost double its assessed value. One of Zhao's sons, a student at St. Albans School in D.C. at the time, was shortly afterward admitted to Harvard and competed on the fencing team.

Zhao, the chief executive of a global telecommunications business, told the Globe at the time that the purchase of the home was an investment and a way to help Brand, whom he considered a friend.

Harvard's full admissions committee reviews the applications of all recruited student-athletes, and the full committee, with about 40 members, votes on the admissions decisions.

Harvard fencing coach dismissed for conflict-of-interest violation

Harvard dismissed Brand in July after an investigation concluded that he had violated the school's conflict-of-interest policy.

"This case is part of our long-standing effort to expose and deter corruption in college admissions," U.S. Attorney Andrew E. Lelling said in a statement announcing the charges. "Millions of teenagers strive for college admission every year. We will do our part to make that playing field as level as we possibly can."

'Manly Men'? People Are Laughing At Candace Owens, Husband Over Twitter Rumors Of Family Infidelity

As much propaganda as Candace Owens spreads, the last thing anyone might think she'd be in favor of is restricting the freedom of expression. But logic has never really been her strong suit, which helps explain why we find ourselves where we are Monday morning. That's when her name was one of the top trending topics on Twitter because of her latest hateful comment that reinforced her Draconian feelings on gender.

Twitter has long been a home for her unsolicited opinions, but the one she expressed about pop singer Harry Styles while trying to publicly shame him for wearing a dress on the cover of Vogue magazine has backfired and placed the spotlight on her husband, a white man named George Farmer.

President Trump Addresses Young Black Leadership Summit At The White House

It all started Saturday when Owens mocked what she called "the steady feminization of our men" in response to Vogue's tweet with photos of Styles wearing dresses. Vogue's tweet quoted Styles as saying, "There's so much joy to be had in playing with clothes. I've never thought too much about what it means—it just becomes this extended part of creating something."

While both the photos and Styles' sentiments were harmless enough, Owens, somehow, took offense to them and issued a plea to her followers: "Bring back manly men."



The Miami Marlins make history with hiring of Kim Ng as general manager

The Miami Marlins announced they have hired Kim Ng to be the team's next general manager. Ng becomes the first woman to be a general manager in not just MLB history, but in the history of any North American men's pro sports league. By Eric Garland

The Miami Marlins have a new general manager, and it is making history.

The Marlins on Friday announced they hired Kim Ng to oversee baseball operations.

Ng, 51, is now the highest-ranking woman in baseball operations among MLB's 30 teams and is believed to be the first woman hired to a general manager position by any professional men's sports team in North America's major leagues.

"This challenge is one I don't take lightly," Ng said in a release. "When I got into this business, it seemed unlikely a woman would lead a Major League team, but I am dogged in the pursuit of my goals. My goal is now to bring Championship baseball to Miami. I am both humbled and eager to continue building the winning culture our fans expect and deserve."

The Marlins feel they are on the trajectory to make those championship goals a reality. Three years into their rebuild started under the Bruce Sherman/Derek Jeter ownership group, the Marlins ended the 2020 season in the National League Division Series. It was their first playoff berth since 2003 and it came on the heels of back-to-back losing seasons with a combined record of 120-203. Miami has a top five minor-league system and is starting to see the results of its organization depth paying off at the MLB level.

Baby Yoda Canceled Amid Accusations of Genocide

The bigger they are, the harder they fall. That also turns out to be true of the tiny.

Baby Yoda, who one year ago today cozied into the hearts of Star Wars fans with his bottomless eyes, fuzzy head, and adorable cooing, has invoked genuine social media wrath for last week's episode of *The Mandalorian*, in which the mystical infant remorselessly snacked on the eggs of an endangered galactic species.

Whether this is serious or silly depends, as Obi-Wan Kenobi would put it, on "a certain point of view."

This is how the tempest started: In last week's chapter of the Disney+ show, titled "The Passenger," Pedro Pascal's bounty hunter agrees to ferry an amphibious alien woman known only as "Frog Lady" to a swampy distant world so she can fertilize her canister of eggs, which floated in the brine like peeled apricots. (Usually this show conjures memories of Boba Fett, but these called to mind boba tea.)

Amy Sedaris' starship mechanic explains that if Frog Lady doesn't succeed in reuniting with her spouse before the equinox, the eggs will no longer be viable and "her line will end." That adds some dramatic significance to the cargo, although there remains debate about whether only her family line would cease or if the loss of the eggs would annihilate the species entirely.

Then the unspeakable occurs! Throughout the episode, Baby Yoda is caught reaching his little green claw into her unsupervised container in order to gorge himself on the inappropriate morsels.

The Mandalorian plays this for gross-out laughs—but a contingent of fans on Twitter has taken the actions seriously, expressing anger and sadness that the series would make light of something that is both a personal invasion and a potential extinction-level event. That has been countered by many others, who feel this comical sci-fi storyline is being taken too seriously.

"I just wanna know who thought this was a good idea. Like... 'we have this woman whose species is facing extinction and she's very protective of these her eggs.' 'We should have Baby Yoda eat them.' 'Hey yay dude, bro high five' Like what????" one Twitter user posted on Nov. 9. (Vanity Fair is excluding links to protect people from potential harassment.)

"Gosh, Baby Yoda is losing the charm," another posted on Nov. 6. "I hated him because he ate the eggs of a lady frog and her species. IT'S IN EXTINCTION!!!!"

Another wrote: "Baby Yoda not knowing any better...genocide for sake of 'cute humor' is never very funny. I mean, I laughed but I felt really guilty about it."

Another Star Wars-centric Twitter user quoted the Frog Lady herself: "We fought too hard and suffered too much to resign ourselves to the extinction of our family line,' Frog Lady said after engineering a translator and standing up to a legendary Mandalorian. 'But please use these eggs as the butt of your misogynistic joke.'"

UPDATE: In the latest episode, which dropped Friday morning, Baby Yoda himself was swallowed alive by a giant sea creature, learning a valuable lesson about what it's like to be the appetizer. It ended with him playing nice with one of Frog Lady's new pollywogs. Given the redemptive turn, it appears his cancellation has itself been canceled.

‘I Don’t Accept It’: Cracker Barrel Issues Apology After Customers Spot Noose-Like Decoration Found Hanging In Connecticut Restaurant

The Cracker Barrel restaurant chain has issued an apology after customers spotted a noose-like cord hanging from the ceiling in one of its Connecticut locations on Nov. 7.

Customers dining at a Cracker Barrel in East Windsor, Connecticut posted images to social media of a decoration resembling a noose, prompting the chain to respond.

Amid the controversy, Cracker Barrel Old Country Store media relations told CNN that the knotted rope, which was displayed near other objects that were also suspended in the air from the ceiling, was a décor item that had been there for years.

“The décor item — an antique soldering iron with an original wrapped cord — in our East Windsor store should have been noticed and corrected before ever being displayed, and it has since been removed,” the company said in an email.

Chicago's Mayor Wants People To Cancel Thanksgiving And Stop Having People Over — Including Family

CHICAGO — In response to rapidly rising coronavirus cases in her city, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot issued an advisory on Thursday, strongly urging residents to "stay at home unless for essential reasons" and to cancel any plans for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with lots of guests.

The mayor is also asking people to "stop having guests over" to their homes, including family members who live elsewhere.

"The City of Chicago is experiencing a rapid increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, which left unchecked poses a risk to our healthcare system," Lightfoot said in an official advisory. "Additional intervention is warranted to moderate case growth and preserve hospital capacity."

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.

THIS WEEK IN SKULDUGGERY

SoulCycle instructors were treated like celebrities by company execs, but 30 insiders say star trainers fat-shamed colleagues and slept with riders

In August 2014, Jennifer Brody was working as a studio manager at California's Palo Alto SoulCycle when she met Conor Kelly, a "master instructor" with SoulCycle. Kelly was in town from the East Coast to teach a class.

After the class ended, Brody, who is a Black woman, said she changed out of her workout clothes and put a bandana on her head. When she passed Kelly in the studio, she said, he laughed and said "Whoa — Aunt Jemima!" in an apparent reference to the syrup and pancake brand.

"That he felt OK calling me 'Aunt Jemima' in the middle of a studio lobby in Palo Alto was disgusting," Brody recently told Business Insider. Brody said she told a couple of instructors of color about Kelly's remark, but she didn't officially report it because, she believed, "There wasn't anyone who would have cared."

"SoulCycle kind of turned the cheek on a lot of stuff as long as they were making money," Brody added.

While SoulCycle instructors were fawned over by riders and the company's top brass, insiders said inappropriate behavior became more commonplace as SoulCycle's cult following grew.

While top-tier talent was lavished with perks like Soho House memberships and, in one case, a Mercedes-Benz while teaching in the Hamptons, insiders said some of SoulCycle's most successful instructors discriminated against a pregnant woman, fat-shamed employees, slept with riders, and used homophobic and racist language.

Business Insider spoke with more than 30 SoulCycle insiders — including current and former riders, studio staff, instructors, and corporate employees — many of whom accused SoulCycle of turning a blind eye to egregious behavior because the instructors were too valuable to let go of.

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]

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]

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

Arrest The President / No Vaseline – Ice Cube

Dual Core - All The Things

Kraftwerk - Tour De France