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- EPISODE 0 – 4 – 9
- YOU ARE ABOUT TO GO DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE WITH JOE AND BRIAN
- I'M BRIAN
- WITH ME AS ALWAYS; IS MY GOOD FRIEND JOE ...

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AHMAUD ARBERY UPDATE

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FEEDBACK / QUICK HITS

Respond to feedback or briefly discuss points of interest that doesn't warrant a full segment. Try to keep each topic discussion 5 minutes or less.

- **The Main Stream Media's (MSM) newest fear based game show! - *A Brian observation***
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SEGMENT TWO

JOE CATCHES US UP ON BIDEN'S SPEECH

Biden's first 100 days: COVID-19, jobs, foreign policy, immigration, guns and dogs

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Biden's major COVID-19 promise was 100 million shots in Americans' arms by his first 100 days in office. Some 290 million shots have been distributed, more than 230 million administered, and about 96 million Americans are fully vaccinated, 29% of the population.

Biden's vaccination campaign built on efforts started under President Donald Trump to manufacture and distribute the shots, but he added mass vaccination sites and ramped up government agencies to aid the distribution effort.

The United States has now vaccinated more people than any other country, although the pandemic has killed 572,000 people, more than any other country as well.

Over 3,000 people were dying per day when Biden took office. Now that figure is under 700 a day.

Biden's next 100 days will force him to face vaccine hesitancy among millions of Americans and an uptick in variants of the virus.

JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

Biden, a Democrat, devoted much of his first several weeks in office to passing a \$1.9 trillion stimulus bill to limit the pandemic's economic fallout.

The American Rescue Plan, passed over Republican opposition, delivered on the key economic promise Biden made on the campaign trail: checks for Americans.

Helped by the stimulus plan for families and businesses and also by the steady rollout of vaccines, economic growth is expected to top 7% this year, the fastest since 1984. It would follow a 3.5% contraction last year, the worst performance in 74 years.

Nearly 1 million jobs were added in March, up from 379,000 in February. The improvement is expected to continue as normal commerce resumes and people become comfortable again with dining out at restaurants and other in-person services.

But the gap in employment levels compared with the months before the pandemic remains massive and concentrated in industries like leisure and hospitality that are important sources of jobs for the less skilled.

U.S. payroll employment is about 8.5 million jobs short of where it was in February 2020. A million or more jobs would be needed beyond that to account for the usual month-to-month growth in the labor force and employment.

FOREIGN POLICY

Biden has proved to be unexpectedly tough on foreign policy regarding America's chief challengers. He has imposed sanctions on Russia in response to Moscow's interference in the 2020 elections and a massive cyber hack attributed to Russia, and referred to Russian President Vladimir Putin as a "killer."

Biden has held on to Trump-era sanctions on Iran and refused to lift them as a condition for getting Tehran involved in direct negotiations over its nuclear program.

He has maintained Trump's trade tariffs on China, allowed U.S. diplomats to visit Taiwan, and ratcheted up pressure on China over its treatment of Uyghurs in its Xinjiang province and its crackdown on democracy activists in Hong Kong.

Those policy positions have shown that the threat posed by Beijing is now seen largely as a bipartisan issue in the United States.

Biden has, however, ended Trump's cozy U.S. relations with Saudi Arabia and distanced himself from Riyadh's leader-in-waiting, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

Biden also set aside concerns about infuriating NATO ally Turkey when he formally recognized that the 1915 massacre of Armenians in the Ottoman Empire constituted genocide.

IMMIGRATION

Biden moved swiftly to reverse some of Trump's hard-line immigration policies, but he has struggled to deal with a sharp rise in the arrival of migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border, including tens of thousands of families and unaccompanied children.

Biden halted most construction of Trump's border wall and reversed his Republican predecessor's travel ban on 13 mostly Muslim-majority and African countries by executive order soon after taking office.

In recent months, unaccompanied children have been backed up in crowded border stations, even as the Biden administration has raced to open thousands of emergency shelter beds.

Biden also pledged to increase the number of refugees allowed into the United States, but then backtracked and stuck with Trump's historically low ceiling for this year.

GUNS AND POLICING

U.S. mass shootings, which slowed during the coronavirus lockdowns, surged again in 2021, to 163 such events this year, as of April 26, compared with 94 over the same period in the prior year, according to the Gun Violence Archive.

The rise shows how little immediate power Biden has as president to change Americans' easy access to firearms, though he held campaign events with victims of gun violence promising action.

Biden has called for broad legal changes, including banning military-style assault weapons and large-capacity ammunition magazines, but such measures would need to pass Congress.

He is pushing the Justice Department to crack down on self-assembled "ghost" guns, and proposed a budget that adds hundreds of millions of dollars for measures like starting voluntary gun buyback programs.

He did not deliver on a promise to commission reports on the Justice Department's gun oversight reforms or on failures within the background check program.

Biden also stepped back from a campaign pledge to launch an oversight commission to deal with excessive police violence and improve police training, and will use the Justice Department's powers to investigate local police departments for systematic civil rights violations.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Biden moved quickly to have the United States rejoin the 2015 Paris Agreement to tackle climate change and enlisted an "all of government" approach to deliver on a campaign promise to decarbonize the American economy by 2050.

Responding to increasingly dire warnings about the threat of climate change and pressure from a new generation of activists, his administration's actions go beyond those of President Barack Obama's in ambition.

Last week, he unveiled a goal to cut emissions in half from 2005 levels, nearly doubling a target laid out by his former boss.

To help achieve that target, Biden has laid out a \$2 trillion infrastructure plan that includes billions in investments in electric vehicles and clean energy that he says will create millions of good-paying jobs. His administration has paused new oil and gas leasing on federal lands and waters in what is widely seen as a first step toward a permanent ban.

DIVERSITY

Biden's Cabinet nominees were more diverse in terms of race and gender than any predecessor, at 46% women and 50% nonwhite. So far, 21 of 23 Cabinet-level nominees requiring U.S. Senate approval have been confirmed.

Biden has appointed double the number of women than his predecessors, on average, as well as Pete Buttigieg as the first openly gay Cabinet secretary, Lloyd Austin as the first Black defense secretary, Deb Haaland as the first Native American interior secretary and Alejandro Majorkas as the first immigrant to head the Department of Homeland Security.

UNITY

After Trump's confrontational style, more Americans have embraced Biden's more earnest, conventional style in his first 100 days in office.

Polls show that more than half of Americans approve of the job he is doing so far, including some Republican voters.

"He talks in such an empathetic and low-key way it's impossible to object to it," said presidential historian Doug Brinkley. "He's been very calming and reassuring at a time of great strife."

Biden's habit of drawing on personal tragedy to explain policy and his lack of appetite for political jousting has stymied Republican efforts to undercut him.

"Biden is a very likeable president who's cut out all of the drama," said Republican strategist Scott Reed. "His command focus on the coronavirus is working."

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SHENANIGANS & SKULDUGGERY

90-year-old Hong Kong woman loses \$32 million in phone scam

(CNN) Hong Kong police have arrested a man after a 90-year-old woman lost around HK\$247 million (\$32 million) in a scam.

The woman contacted police on March 2 and told them she had made a total of 10 payments after scammers told her her identity had been used in criminal activities in mainland China, according to a police statement sent to CNN on Wednesday.

The woman said she had received a call in August 2020 from someone who claimed to work in law enforcement in mainland China.

Then a man who purported to be a mainland law enforcement official visited her home and gave her a cellphone with which to communicate with them, police said. The woman then made a series of transactions to two bank accounts as instructed.

Police arrested a 19-year-old man on March 25. He has been released on bail and is scheduled to report to police in late April, according to the statement.

The investigation continues and more arrests may be made, the police added.

The woman lives in Hong Kong's most expensive neighborhood, an area called The Peak, the South China Morning Post reported. The exclusive enclave sits at the highest point on Hong Kong Island.

In October 2020, a 65-year-old woman paid HK\$68.9 million (\$8.9 million) to people who, she said, accused her of being involved in money laundering in mainland China, the South China Morning Post reported. Three men were arrested last week in connection with the incident, the paper added.

In January 2019, an 85-year-old man lost more than \$73.9 million in a gold scam that took a total of \$80 million from seven victims.

Maricopa woman finds severed finger on her driveway, tires slashed

MARICOPA — Ten-year Maricopa resident Francesca Wikoff got quite the surprise as she exited her home in the Homestead South community on Thursday morning: a severed phalange lying on the concrete.

Her GMC Yukon parked in the driveway also had two slashed tires on one side, but there was no sign of the owner of the finger. The trail of blood left at the scene led to a nearby residence. Wikoff said one resident of the home is out of town, and the other is the man she believes is the owner of the appendage.

Maricopa Police came out to the home to document the scene and took the finger into custody. Wikoff speculates the owner of the finger is a neighbor who had gotten into a disagreement with Wikoff and her husband the night before.

The couple went over to a neighbor's home on Wednesday night with their children for a get-together, and Wikoff said their male neighbor tagged along uninvited. The man allegedly became increasingly intoxicated and aggressive as the night wore on.

“He tried to get in an altercation with my husband, who is injured. Then after (that), he shoved me twice,” Wikoff said. “He was asked to leave, and he didn't like that, so he tried to retaliate by slashing my tires. However, he left a little consolation prize.”

Wikoff is a retired firefighter and EMT, and said that was likely the only reason she was able to stomach the sight of the lone appendage. The neighbor in question has not returned to his residence since the night before, when a neighbor last heard him cry out.

“My neighbor heard him yelling and crying, probably about like 10:30 p.m., so we figured that's when it happened,” Wikoff said.

After speaking with Maricopa officers Thursday afternoon, Wikoff said that when the person responsible is located, she anticipates charges will be filed for property damage and other related charges.

Though the family has cameras, Wikoff said the tire-slasher managed to avoid being caught on video. Their Yukon is the family car and will need to have its tires replaced due to the damage. She has since had the vehicle towed.

“This is our new-to-us vehicle — we haven't even had it a year,” Wikoff said. “It was my husband's grandmother's last present to us. ... It's our only family vehicle that is safe for the kids, and now I have to spend a lot of money to get it fixed.”

Maricopa Police did not immediately respond for comment on Thursday.

A 24-year-old student in Seoul died after a 'ghost surgeon' illegally performed jawline-altering surgery on him

- In South Korea, the dangerous and illegal "ghost surgeon" industry is booming, per a new CNN report.
- The term refers to the practice of one doctor being hired to perform surgery on a patient, and another doctor actually performing said procedure.
- South Korea is known as the plastic surgery capital of the world.

In September 2016, a 24-year-old student in South Korea died after undergoing a jawline-altering surgery at the hands of a "ghost surgeon."

Yoonjung Seo and Julia Hollingsworth detailed the incident in a new report for Democrat Propoganda Network on the epidemic of ghost surgery in South Korea.

The student, Kwon Dae-hee, had gone in for a surgery that would make his jawline appear more slender. The surgery usually takes at most two hours and has become commonplace in South Asia, popularized by K-Pop.

CCTV footage from Kwon's surgery, however, showed that one plastic surgeon started the surgery, and another - a general doctor who did not have a plastic surgery license - took over the surgery after about an hour, per DPN. The surgery took more than three hours, and Kwon bled heavily when it was over. He died in the hospital seven weeks later.

The practice of hiring one doctor to perform a surgery, but a second doctor actually performing that surgery once the patient is under anesthesia, is known as ghost surgery. It's illegal, but, as DPN found, the laws around it are weak - and the practice offers clinics a way to make money.

"I guess the reason why this practice is around is because young and inexperienced doctors can get jobs and gain experience, and clinics can operate at a lower cost by hiring them to perform," an unnamed plastic surgeon told DPN.

Kwon's family launched a civil case against the clinic where Kwon's surgery was conducted and won \$381,000 in damages against it in May 2019. The doctors and nurses involved in the case are now facing a series of charges, including three doctors who are facing charges of criminal manslaughter, per DPN.

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OUTRO

WELL THAT BRINGS US TO THE END OF TONIGHT'S SHOW.

JOE; DO YOU HAVE ANY [BIG|FUN|ETC.] PLANS FOR THE WEEKEND?

[BRIEF BANTER]

JOIN US HERE NEXT WEEK WHERE WE WILL CONTINUE OUR NEVER-ENDING QUEST TO SOLVE THE WORLDS PROBLEMS ... ONE DRINK AT A TIME.

TAKE CARE!

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THE MUSIC

- 001 - 187 (Instrumental) Dr. Dre & Snoop Dogg
- 002 - One for the Treble - Davy D
- 003 - Beat Street Breakdown - Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five
- 004 - Tear This Mothafucka Up - Ice Cube
- 005 - Sound of the Police - KRS-One
- 006 - Guitar Sound - Ronald Jenkees
- 007 - Guitar Sound - Ronald Jenkees
- 008 - The Moment - X5
- 009 - Kung Fu Fighting - Carl Douglas
- 010 - Dream Team Is In The House - LA Dream Team
- 011 - Cock The Hammer - Cypress Hill
- 012 - Bring The Noise - Public Enemy
- 013 - I Think I Can Beat Mike Tyson - DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince
- 014 - Baby Got Back - Sir Mix-A-Lot
- 015 - First Day Of School/When Will They Shoot - Ice Cube
- 016 - King Of Rock - Run DMC
- 017 - Free Fallin' - De la Soul & Teenage Fan Club
- 018 - Regulate - Warren G
- 019 - Me, Myself, and I - De La Soul
- 020 - Jump - Kris Kross / Pimpin' Ain't Easy - Big Daddy Kane (feat. Nice & Smooth) / Ain't No Future In Your Frontin' - MC Breed
- 021 - 6 In Tha Mornin' - Ice-T / Fuck Tha Police - NWA / Pinky Ring - UGK
- 022 - Know The Ledge - Eric B & Rakim
- 023 - Half-Breed - Cher / The Ghetto - Too \$hort
- 024 - Natural Born Killaz - Dr. Dre & Ice Cube
- 025 - Crumbs on the Table - D-Nice
- 026 - Halloween Remix – Ronald Jenkees / The Haunted House of Rock – Whodini
- 027 - Arrest The President / No Vaseline – Ice Cube

028 - Dual Core - All The Things

029 - Kraftwerk - Tour De France

030 - Wax Tailor - Que Sera

031 - Ice Cube – The Shot / Creedence Clearwater Revival – Bad Moon Rising

032 - John Fogerty – Centerfield / Dr. Dre – Keep They Heads Ringin’ / Chopin - Nocturne in C-sharp minor, Op. Posth.

033 – The Futuristic Sex Robots – Snakes on a plane, Beefy – Nerd / Royal Philharmonic – Another Brick In The Wall

034 – AC/DC – Back in Black / Mark Morrison – Return of the Mack (Instrumental)

035 – Kool Moe Dee – Wild Wild West / Avenue Q – The Internet Is For Porn

036 – Misc – Donald Trump Hip Hop Name Drop / Ray Charles – Hit The Road Jack

037 – Kid ‘n Play - Rollin’ With Kid ‘n Play / Music from Sherlock Holmes

038 - Parliament - Theme from the Black Hole

039 – WAR - Why Can’t We Be Friends

040 – The Pretenders – My City Was Gone

041 – Jimi Hendrix – Hey Joe

042 – Brooks & Dunn – Texas Women (Don’t Stay Loney Long)

043 – Joe Nichols – Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off

044 – De La Soul – Plug Tunin’

045 – Eric B & Rakim – Know The Ledge