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- 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 ...

DRINKS

STORIES

Ghislaine Maxwell Sex-Trafficking Trial Delayed After Lawyer Becomes Ill

Jurors were poised to hear from a fourth woman who says she was abused by Jeffrey Epstein, but the proceedings were abruptly adjourned after a lawyer needed medical attention.

Nicholas Sandmann has settled his \$275M defamation lawsuit against NBC, the third \$200M+ lawsuit settlement he's had in the past year

Covington Catholic High School student Nicholas Sandmann announced Friday that he settled a \$275 million defamation lawsuit against NBC.

Neither party publicized the terms of the settlement. However, Sandmann asked for \$275 million in damages in his lawsuit against NBC Universal and MSNBC.

"At this time I would like to release that NBC and I have reached a settlement," Sandmann tweeted. "The terms are confidential..."

Sandmann's settlement with NBC comes after two settlements with the Washington Post and CNN. He settled the \$275 million lawsuit with CNN in January and the \$250 million lawsuit against the Washington Post in July.

JOE

Jeffrey Epstein spent the weeks before his suicide telling jail officials he had no plans to kill himself, report says

- Jeffrey Epstein attempted to kill himself in July 2019. In August that year he did kill himself.
- The NYT obtained documents showing he told jail officials he was happy and wouldn't kill himself.
- He was said to tell a jail psychologist: "I have no interest in killing myself."

Jeffrey Epstein spent the weeks before his death by suicide trying to convince jail officials that he wouldn't try to kill himself, The New York Times reported .

The Times report was based on more than 2,000 pages of records it obtained by suing the Federal Bureau of Prisons after it tried to deny a request for them under the Freedom of Information Act.

The documents said that Epstein spent the time after an attempted suicide in July 2019 saying that he was happy and wouldn't try again, The Times reported.

Epstein was placed on suicide watch after that attempt, but said he had a "wonderful life" and that he wouldn't consider killing himself, The Times said.

He told a jail psychologist, according to the documents: "I have no interest in killing myself."

He also told officials he had much to live for, The Times reported, citing the documents.

Epstein died by hanging on August 10, 2019, and the medical examiner ruled it a suicide . He was not under suicide watch at the time.

At the time Epstein was facing federal charges of sex trafficking of minors and conspiracy.

He had pleaded not guilty.

JOE

Gravitas - Republicans & Democrats unite, pass law to punish china

Clip: Gravitas - Republicans & Democrats unite, pass law to punish china.mp3

BRIAN

Six FBI Agents Accused of Soliciting Prostitution, Trafficking Drugs While on Overseas Assignments

Six FBI agents have been accused of criminal activities related to overseas assignments, including drug trafficking, soliciting prostitutes, and failure to report interactions on behalf of foreign nationals, according to CNN.

The allegations come from the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General, which released a report on Tuesday accusing four agents of directly engaging in prostitution while they were on official business in another country, and subsequently lying about it. A fifth agent is also accused of having "solicited commercial sex overseas," while a sixth is accused of having knowledge of this misconduct but failing to report it.

One of the agents in question is additionally accused of giving another agent a package containing "approximately 100 white pills," with instructions to deliver them to a foreign law enforcement officer.

Over the course of the Inspector General's investigation, two of the agents in question resigned, another two retired, and one was removed from their position.

The report says that during the investigation, four of the accused agents "lacked candor about their interactions with prostitutes and other misconduct during OIG compelled interviews and compelled polygraph examinations." At least one of them "made false statements in an OIG compelled interview and compelled polygraph examination," which is a violation of federal law, "when the official denied having engaged in sex acts with a prostitute."

The Inspector General's report has since been referred to the FBI in order to ensure that "appropriate action" is taken.

JOE

Reasonable to hypothesise Covid virus is genetically engineered

Dr Alina Chan, a specialist in gene therapy and cell engineering at MIT and Harvard, made the claims when giving evidence to the UK Parliament's Science and Technology Select Committee.

There is a possibility that the COVID-19 virus was "most likely" leaked from a lab in China, British MPs were informed on Thursday.

Harvard scientist Dr Alina Chan, while testifying before the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee, said that it was reasonable to hypothesise and investigate whether the Covid virus was modified in the lab.

The first cases were linked to a seafood market in Wuhan, which is located across the Yangtze river where a virology lab is located.

When asked by the panel about the probability of a lab leak as the origin of the pandemic, Chan said a "lab origin is more likely than natural origin at this point".

"We all agree that there was a critical event at the Huanan Seafood Market, that was a superspreader event caused by humans. There is no evidence pointing to a natural animal origin of the virus at that market," she noted.

Clip: Dr Alina Chan.mp3

MID-SHOW BREAK

BRIAN

[What I've Learned Rescuing My Daughter From Her Transgender Fantasy](#)

My daughter's story is no longer novel. Stories like it are occurring in your state, your town, and perhaps even on your street. Gender dysphoria—the incongruence between the mind and the body—moves stealthily and quickly to invade girls and boys alike.

But this isn't a cautionary tale. It's a warning.

My daughter was an ultrafeminine girl since birth. She insisted that her room be painted pink, and she refused to wear anything but dresses until third grade. She avoided her older brother's toys and sports, choosing tea sets and Shopkins, a series of tiny, collectible toys.

Her favorite activity was to slip into my closet and don my few sparkly clothes and shiniest of heels. She rejected sports in favor of art and sewing.

That all abruptly changed when she turned 12. As her body matured into young womanhood, she stopped begging for a bikini and avoided any clothing that accentuated her figure. She hid her breasts under men's extra-large sweatshirts.

I remembered doing similar things as my body changed, so I didn't worry at first.

Then, my daughter immersed herself into anime art and cosplaying, the hobby of dressing like fantastical characters. I supported her creative side.

I didn't know that anime and cosplaying can overwhelm a young mind. I didn't know that anime and cosplaying involved gender-bending themes and that the community crosses into pedophilic and sexual themes.

I also didn't know that the older cosplay community groomed the younger cohorts.

During that same time period, my daughter went through Teen Talk—a Manitoba, Canada-based program that says it provides “youth with accurate, [nonjudgmental] information” on “sexuality, reproductive health, body image, substance use awareness, mental health, issues of diversity, and anti-violence issues”—at her public school.

She came home with a whole new language. She and all her girlfriends discussed their labels—polyamorous, lesbian, pansexual. None of the five girls chose “basic,” their term for a straight girl.

Now, I was worried.

JOE

A Russia-China military alliance against NATO

Clip: Gravitas - A Russia-China military alliance against NATO 1 of 2

Clip: Gravitas - A Russia-China military alliance against NATO 2 of 2

BRIAN

Julian Assange can be extradited

Clip: Julian Assange can be extradited.mp3

SHENANIGANS & SKULDUGGERY

Sexual assault in Zuckerberg's new Metaverse...

Facebook is off to a rough start with its virtual reality ambition. A week since its platform Horizon World was launched, users are already reporting cases of harassment and sexual assault.

“Not only was I groped last night, but there were other people there who supported this behavior which made me feel isolated in the Plaza,” the user wrote in Facebook’s official Horizon group.

The user was reportedly groped by a stranger in the virtual landscape. In another instance, writer Parmy Olson, who tried out the VR experience, spoke of being surrounded by a “group of male avatars” who started taking pictures of her. It made her feel like a “specimen.” As of now, the metaverse realm has a tool called “Safe Zone”; it is a protective bubble built as a safety feature that can purportedly protect users when they feel threatened. Once the shields of Safe Zone go up, no one can touch, talk, or interact with the user in any way.

Camels enhanced with Botox barred from Saudi beauty contest

Saudi authorities have carried out their biggest crackdown on camel beauty contestants, disqualifying more than 40 “enhanced” camels from the annual pageant, according to the state-run Saudi Press Agency.

The camels disqualified in the competition, at the King Abdulaziz camel festival, were judged to have received Botox injections and other artificial touch-ups.

The popular festival, which started this month, invites the breeders of the most beautiful camels to compete for about \$66m in prize money.

Botox injections, facelifts and other cosmetic alterations to make the camels more attractive are strictly prohibited. Jurors decide the winner based on the shape of the animals’ heads, necks, humps, dress, and postures.

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!