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HA HA FINE,
HAVE YOUR DRUGS
PIGGIES!



Happy 420.

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Why I'm Excited About Legal Weed

//SEAN O'REILLY

AS A LIFELONG NEW YORKER (except those years I didn't live here) I couldn't be more excited about legalizing weed. I'm happy that the NYPD has one less tool in their "fuck with POC" utility belt. I'm happy to see funds reinvested in marginalized communities. I'm happy I can finally just go to the goddamn store to buy some goddamn pot without having to text five people all inexplicably named Brad. There is something far more important and consequential, however, that almost no one is talking about: we can all finally become the dank ass gardeners we've always aspired to be thanks to the carve out for homegrow.

Starting 18 months from now (because capital gets a head start), we plebes can legally grow our own plants! Six plants for personal use, twelve for a household of two people!?! I'm in heaven! You thought

it was fun deciding between an eighth of indica or sativa before? The possibilities for a garden hobbyist now are spectacular. Do I go from seed or a clone? Autoflower or photoperiod? Hydroponic, maybe? Do I mix my own soil and make my own compost tea? Who knows—it's a brand new world!

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as good pussy" off pot, but come on, we know the gardening part is what everyone is REALLY excited about! How long have so many of us stared at the empty corner of our apartment and thought "GOD a grow tent would look nice there, but would be suspiciously smelly?" Years—we all have been thinking this for years. You see, as a cis white guy, the smoking of weed has been de facto legal for me forevs, but growing and caring for these sweet bud babies has not. I'm excited for the ways in which this begins to almost address the drug war and inequalities in policing also, of course.

I suppose I'll start phenotype hunting, because of course the goal is to create a new strain by propagation and cloning various plants; this is a multi-year project. Literally THE most fun and exciting part about marijuana is finally available to us, folks! >>

>> Free of legal worry, I could even get nuts with it and put a 5 gallon bucket with a plant on my fire escape. I've been looking for a project to do with my 5 gallon bucket since the fall! Fuck tomatoes; fuck them to hell. Cannabis plants are my best summer friends now.

Jesus, I haven't even really begun to talk about all the equipment: lightning, soil, tents, trellises, vans, air vents, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, temp control. Dear god, I'll be paying it ALL off for years!

Picture this: it's after everyone is vaccinated. You've got some friends over. You're hanging out, and someone asks, "Does anyone have any grass?" Without fear of a cop in your midst, you can now say those magic words: "yes, come to my basement!" You usher your friend, or nephew, or the neighbor's kid, down the stairs and explain in fine detail every piece of equipment and every step of the process from germination to seedling transfer to low stress training to fertilizing, and they listen with rapt attention and boundless awe. If there's something more interesting than the minutia of growing plants, I'd like to hear it!

Can't wait to see you out there this summer alongside me, New York. Together, our floppy hats will protect our eyes from the sun or grow lights. We'll mix coffee grinds and egg shells in with the soil of *community*. And we'll make sure to strategically prune the stems of injustice, so that the dankest, bushiest democracy in the world may finally bloom! 🍄

//DIANA KOLSKNY



THIS GIRLBOSS PROVES LADY COPS CAN KILL BLACK MEN, TOO!

//DIANA KOLSKY

OFFICER KIM POTTER SHOWS AMERICA that women really can have it all. She isn't just a 26-year veteran of the Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, police force and former head of the local police union who coached two officers to turn off their body cameras immediately after they shot and killed a man in 2019—she's also a murderer (allegedly!)... or should we say, *murderess!*

Ten miles from where former cop and known *man* Derek Chauvin (allegedly!) murdered George Floyd, Potter showed off her stuff last Sunday night when she too joined the ranks of bad boy cops who have ruthlessly killed the people they're sworn to protect.

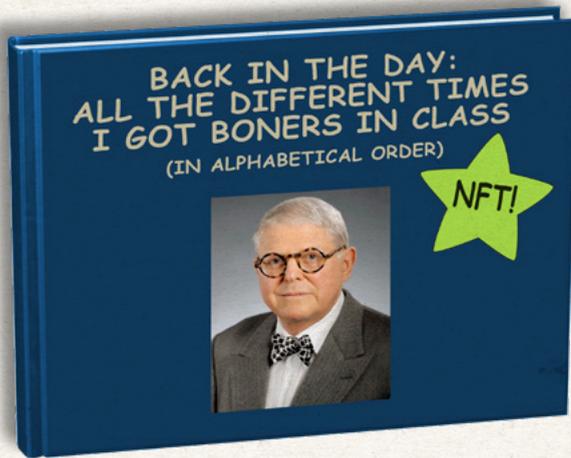
Kim followed her empowered (allegedly!) #FemmeMurder with a



claim that she had meant to grab her taser rather than the gun she used to fatally shoot 20 year old Duante Wright after pulling him over for having an air freshener on his rear view window. A flimsy justification for a cold-blooded killing?! Welcome to the boys club, Kim! Gun/taser mix-ups have been used in cop shooting defenses at least 13 times since 2001. You go, girl!

WHAT'S THAT NOISE? OH, IT'S
THE GLASS POLICE STATION CEILING
SMASHING (AND IT'S NOT
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NATIONAL GUARD)!

What's that noise? Oh, it's the glass police station ceiling smashing (and it's not protesters this time—those have been suppressed by the National Guard)! That's right—Officer Potter has resigned in an absolutely boss bitch attempt to keep her full pension, just like the guys. Yas queen! Enjoy your early retirement, and don't forget to self-care! 🧘



Uncle Self-Publishes Memoir About Being a Horny Catholic Middle School Student as an NFT

//JAMES DWYER

COLLEGE POINT, NY – Local Queens uncle Larry Duber is making waves on the World Wide Web after self-publishing his memoir regaling his days as a horny Catholic middle school student as an NFT.

“I was talking to my nephew Derek because I couldn’t figure out the best way to publish my memoir. I’ve been writing it for the past five years in retirement, texting sentences to him as they come to me on my T-Mobile Sidekick. Then he types it into the computer and edits it for me. So I asked him what we should do with it now that it’s done. I wanted to print out 100 copies and sell them outside the library with the angle that

unlike all the books in there, nobody else has put their grubby paws on these ones yet, but he said this NFT thing was the way to go, so here we are.”

NFTs, or non-fungible tokens, are all the rage right now, but what exactly is an NFT? We asked Larry to clarify.

“Well, I think it’s like he turned the book into a gold coin, but the coin is hidden inside the Internet, and if you bid enough money on it, you get the key to where it is hidden, along with the map. It’s like *Pirates of the Carribean*, if you think about it.” Larry then pulled a box of bootleg

DVDs out of his car before asking us if we wanted one. This interviewer declined, but Larry shoved a few copies of a hand-cam version of *Cutthroat Island* into our arms anyway.

“I really jerked off a lot back then, especially at lunch, and then I’d go tell my friends about it. They were really, really worried about me. It was a beautiful time. So yeah, NFTs. Wild stuff.”

Larry was more than eager to give us a short synopsis of his novel, *Back in the Day: All the Different Times I Got Boners in Class (in Alphabetical Order)*. “I hit puberty before most of the other guys in my grade at Saint Francis Prep, and since it was a Catholic school, we just never talked about it. A lot of the stories are about times I had to go jerk off in the bathroom by the cafeteria during lunch because I thought I was going to die if I didn’t do something about how horny I would get during lunch. I really jerked off a lot back then, especially at lunch, and then I’d go tell my friends about it. They were really, really worried about me. It was a beautiful time. So yeah, NFTs. Wild stuff.”

If that interests you, the bidding on Larry’s novel begins Saturday April 24th at 10pm EST on OpenSea. 🤖



FUNCTIONALLY DEAD ASKED THESE SELF-IDENTIFIED DEMOCRATS WHY THEY'RE SUDDENLY OK WITH SPACE FORCE

TINK JACOBS, 51, FORMER SCHOOL BUS WHISPERER - "I didn't trust Donald Trump to get the best space weapons money can buy (I mean, he makes his clothes in China!) but that ol' sniffer, Joe Biden? Now there's a man I trust to spend billions militarizing outer space! He can smell a good nuke from a mile away."

REG "REGGIE" MUNSON, 64, SINGLE-A BASEBALL UMPIRE - "When I first heard about the Space Force, it sounded like just another scheme to transfer even more wealth to weapons manufacturers and defense contractors in an effort to enrich Trump and his buddies. But now with Biden's steadfast, brittle frame wandering around the Oval, I see it's actually just another *tactic* to transfer even more wealth to weapons manufacturers and defense contractors to *keep us safe*."

WINONA ST. CLOUD, 39, DRIVE-THRU SPEAKER SALESWOMAN - "So every year, Army plays Navy in football. But who does Air Force play? Nobody. With Space Force, Air Force finally has an opponent. Having a Space Force is better for the incredible industry that is college football, and ipso facto, it's better for our great nation."

MINNIE MINUET-JONES, 46, FORMER SPIN DOCTORS FAN - "When Trump announced Space Force, it was really fun to goof on how stupid this branch of the military was gonna be. I watched the Netflix show Space Force ten times and loved it despite not laughing once. But then it made me think about how if the idea of American dominance in outer space seemed ridiculous, wasn't it also ridiculous to pursue that same military supremacy here on Earth? That idea made my brain hurt, so in March of 2020, I made sure to head down to the polls to safely vote for Biden in the Democratic Primary."

CRAIG TULT, 23, FREELANCE AU PAIR - "There was no President I hated as much as Donald Trump. I was so happy when Biden won, because that meant Trump would finally get to see what a real President looked like. Joe Biden is sticking it to Trump by taking Trump's agenda and seeing it through. THIS is how you run a bloated military while Americans can't even afford healthcare, Donnie!"

GOLDIE POWERS, 41, HEIRESS TO SMALL BOOMER FORTUNE - "Honestly? When the blue guys do it, it's good. Period. Full stop. Send tweet."

PUMP WARHAWG, 61, TECH CONNOISSEUR - "I just couldn't picture 45 driving a spaceship. He can barely drink water! And he'd be grabbing the space stewardesses' pussies. Not cool. But Joe? Man, could his dad drive a car. And that means Joe can drive a spaceship! I don't care if he gets injured petting his own dog, or sniffs the copilot's hair clean off the scalp. He's gonna drive the hell outta that thing and I [clap] am [clap] here [clap] for [clap] it!" 🗿

UH OH! YOUR TINDER DATE JUST DISMISSED THE LABOR THEORY OF VALUE BEFORE YOU EVEN ORDERED DRINKS!

//LIZ WIEST

WE'VE ALL BEEN THERE. You've deleted-and-redownloaded dating apps for the 87th time this month in a feeble attempt to get over your ex and you said yes to the first guy you match with. His profile said "Moderate," but like, maybe that's just coded language for a Trotskyist. Either way, your targeted Instagram ads for oversized t-shirts featuring inspirational quotes keep telling you to put yourself out there, so it couldn't hurt, right?

You meet him at the restaurant and awkwardly extend your hand (does anyone really know how to greet people during COVID?), and he goes in for a weird forceful hug that involves grazing your lower back for some reason. Unapologetically, he turns and announces that he has a reservation for two to the hostess, who politely asks him to repeat the name. He then proceeds to pull down his mask and over-enunciate while ensuring particles of saliva ricochet off the plexiglass. He notices your stark eyebrow raise and assures you in a condescending tone:



"Don't worry, I have the antibodies," he winks.

You're finally seated in the awkward table that's in the middle of a busy sidewalk, and the server comes over. Tinder Man insists on the extensive wine list being read aloud to both of you in excruciating detail. After the fifth exhausting explanation of a Bordeaux's origin, you interject:

"I mean, does it really matter? It's all the same. The pricier places just probably use more labor to make the wine anyway." You realize quickly that this statement was the equivalent of throwing a stick of dynamite on the train tracks of the already doomed evening.

"You believe in the LABOR THEORY OF VALUE?!" he guffaws as the server shrinks away, having heard the same conversation dozens of times before. "Hey Econ 101, news flash: we believe in marginalism now. Labor alone doesn't determine the quantitative value of a product. You're literally embarrassing me in front of the server." The server has, as previously mentioned, long since left.

How Do You Deal? >>

FIRST, CALMLY EXPLAIN

“I mean it’s more than just relative prices,” you calmly explain. “Most agree it continues to remain incredibly valuable in creating a holistic understanding of capitalism, and viewing work as production allows us to ask questions such as—”

“Please,” he cuts you off. “Value is completely subjective.” He scoffs as he adjusts the brightness on his Apple Watch. “Which reminds me, I need to track the status of my PS5. I got free overnighted Prime delivery, which I’m sure you would attribute to the long hours and LABOR of the oh-so-mistreated-Amazon employees, wouldn’t you?”

Yes, you would.

FOCUS ON YOUR MEAL

You suffer through the main course as he drones on about the region of each steak knife and proceeds to talk about how drastically his second cousin who works on Wall Street took a major loss during the r/WallStreetBets debacle. Finally, the sweet relief of the check is presented as you both turn down dessert before the server has a chance to offer it.

He grabs the pen to sign the receipt. “I got it,” he mumbles under his breath. A sinking feeling enters your stomach.

DON’T ASK ABOUT THE TIP

“How much are you tipping?” you ask.

“I—”

“How much?”

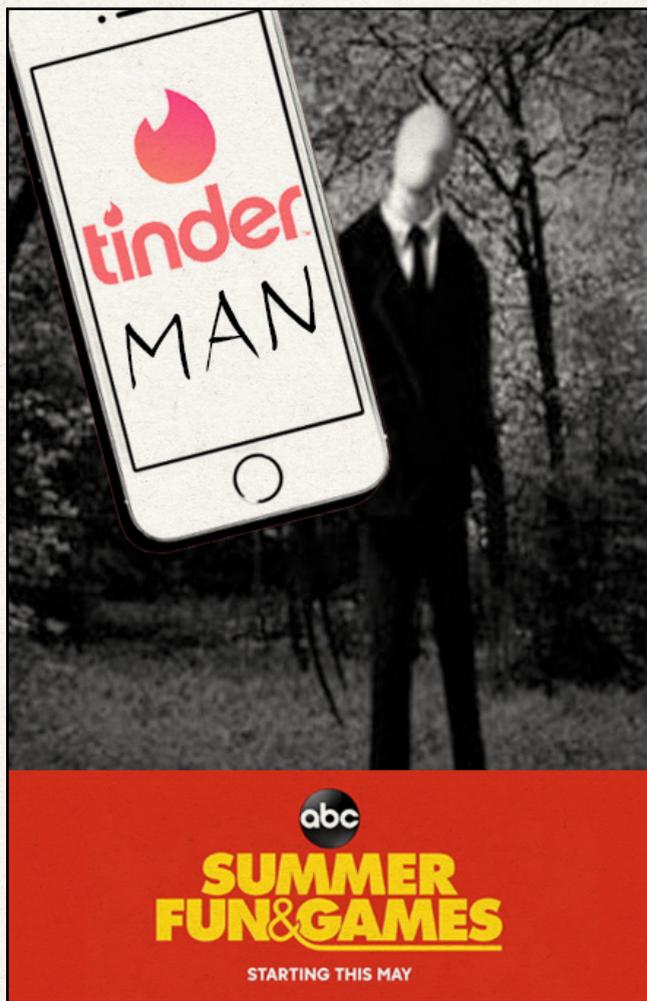
“10%.”

Your jaw drops in disbelief. “You need to do at least 20%!”

“I mean, I just don’t really believe in that... coddling people with high wages isn’t really good for the race. Also, she mispronounced Bordeaux.”

GET THE FUCK OUT OF THERE

In silence, you allow the Bezos Mini Me to escort you to your Uber. You go home and let out a cathartic cry and fall asleep with a glass of boxed wine in your hand and ASMR for Broken Hearts playing softly in the background, reminding yourself that next time you’ll perhaps start with an appetizer and a more palatable economic concept, like supply and demand. 🧠





THE POLITICS-TO-PODCAST PIPELINE:

How Innocent Centrists

//MATTHEW BRIAN COHEN

Are Being Recruited by Content Creators

UNLESS YOU'VE BEEN LIVING UNDER a rock, you've probably heard of the politics-to-podcast pipeline: a de-centralized campaign to recruit our country's most prominent centrist politicians—innocent men and women who have helped quell single payer healthcare and bravely lead unprovoked bombings in the Middle East—and radicalize them into becoming content creators.

It's easy to hear Barack Obama lying to Bruce Springsteen about "really getting the message" behind "Born In The USA" or listen to Hillary Clinton read ad copy for Blue Chew and write them off as a small minority of cranks, whackos, and shitheads. But these people weren't born content creators like most others in their field. Instead, they were sensible moderates who, thanks to steady exposure from sources like The

Extended Crooked Mediaverse, were slowly but surely indoctrinated to content creation. You hate to see it.

So how does this politics-to-podcast pipeline work, and what can you do to dissuade the centrist politicians in your life from going down the dangerous path of interviewing Jake Paul about how to get young people registered to vote through TikTok?

It Starts Small

Centrists don't just sign a deal with Gimlet Media and become content creators overnight. No sensible person would decide to produce content for a living, especially not one in the highest echelons of power. Content creators quietly infiltrate popular centrist communities, such as the White House Correspondents dinner or *The New*

York Times Editorial section. They make producing content seem benign, almost reasonable. They specifically target centrists who are alienated from their constituents, the ones who are so disliked and desperate for approval that they'll blindly accept the content creator narrative—that they can become beloved by producing a Netflix documentary called *The Aisle: a History of Bipartisanship*.

Charismatic Personalities

Content creators seduce centrists not with their ideology, which is full of contradictions and objectively morally abhorrent, but with their affectations. Content creators use media personalities to repackage their belief system in a way that's palatable to centrists. Fountains of charisma like Matt Yglesias, Nate Silver, and Ezra Klein >>

>> lull centrists in with slickly written articles and convivial appearances on MSNBC. These guys, regardless of what you think of their beliefs, come off like the Keith Jagger and Mick Richards of politics, so it's easy to see how they can take centrists down the dark path of joining the I Heart Radio Network.

Isolation

Once centrists have shown interest in content creation, the recruiters switch tactics. They start to cut centrists off from their community—their think tanks, their NGOs, and even the people whose main

job is to be the buffer between them and their low level staffers. The centrists become isolated, and previously abnormal behaviors, such as streaming *Fortnite* with Dr Disrespect to discuss the benefits of escalating to a hot war with China, become all too common place.

What Can You Do?

How can you prevent centrists, who are definitely using their political capital to protect the rights of the most vulnerable citizens and not just cynically out to make a quick buck, from being seduced by content creators? Studies have shown that the

the most reliable way of bringing centrists back to normal is not through passionate debate or even replacing them with leftists, but through donations. Donate to their campaigns and their highly suspect non-profits. Show them that a lifetime of gaming the algorithm with YouTube thumbnails of their mouths open in shock in front of a picture of Donald Trump Photoshopped on Kylo Ren's body isn't their only option. Money talks, so please, talk loudly. No one wants to see Neera Tanden attempt to put her "raw, uncovered" views on single payer healthcare up on OnlyFans. 🤖

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Ladies, This Earth Day, Shop Your Way to Environmental Activism

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LADIES, THE WORLD IS ON FIRE, and despite the fact that some activists want to blame it on the massive carbon footprint left by corporations, it's all your fault! The food you eat, clothing you wear, those cars you drive—it all takes its toll on the planet. But as your innumerable wrong life choices add up to near-catastrophe, the right buying choices *could* make you the savior of the world!

Here are 7 items to buy at every price point (even the poor ones!) that we've decided will make you feel like you're undoing global warming. (All prices in USD, despite the fact that some of these items are only available in Europe. We will not indicate which ones.)



Kikkerland Reusable Ice Cubes - Set of 30 - \$5.75

Where does all that water come from? Where does all that water go? Nobody knows. But we *do* know that some people don't have water because you're hogging it all like a greedy little water pig. Stop wasting precious milliliters on frozen squares for making your drinks cold for once and put these designer, 100% un-recycled plastic cubes in your bevs.

Lotus Design Meditation Cushion in Zafu Paisley - \$46.45

Mindfulness fixes everything, and you better believe that includes the environment. Don't believe us? Sounds like you're not living in the moment, girlfriend. Take one lousy minute away from destroying the planet to focus on your breathing. Isn't everything better now?

Self-care for the win!



Leave Nothing but Footprints Women's Soft Bamboo French Terry Jogger Sweatpants - \$60.99

Not a single thing that this author can think of is worse for the planet than the cultivation and harvesting of cotton. Bamboo, however, grows so fast and invasively, it's basically a weed! And weed is cool now thanks to Governor Cuomo! Throw out all of your old pants today. >>

Anya Hindmarch “I am a plastic bag” Tote - \$961.18

Fact: products up-cycled out of old, single-use plastic never go out of style because they literally cannot decompose. That’s why the real leather trim is up-cycled out of old, single-use cows. Hopefully humankind will one day learn to stop making cows, but until then, we’ll continue to up-cycle those methane-squirting beef machines.



Prada PR 21XS Sunglasses - \$289

We all know fast fashion is killing us, so I won’t bother to unpack that statement. Therefore, by the contrapositive principle, expensive designer objet d’art *must* make us better people for supporting real quality. QED, buy these absolutely brand spanking new, made-in-a-process-that-is-deeply-unsustainable sunglasses TODAY. (Full disclosure: Prada lent me these glasses for a party, and I looked amazing.)

SodaStream Aqua Fizz Hydration Pack - \$194.96

Think about it: your own homemade water with bubbles. It’s not quite like soda, and turns getting a drink into a Sisyphean ordeal. That’s got to be doing something good for the planet, right? And to nip this in the bud now, no, this does not contradict my previous concerns about wasting water. Ice is waste. Soda water is growth.



SCOTT Addict RC 15 Carbon Onyx Black Bike - \$5,599.99

If only someone would listen to the bikers: replacing your car with a high-performance cycle is so freaking easy, and riding a bike in a busy city of automobile owners that loathe bikers isn’t at all terrifying. Biking on a nearly \$6,000 bike is good for you *and* the environment. Plus, once you get used to it, you’ll stop sweating through your bamboo pants on your morning commute! 🤪

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this week—
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Brave: Dupont Vows to Stop Dumping Chemicals in Georgia in Protest of New Election Laws

//JAMES DWYER



GEORGIA STATE LEGISLATORS, with the explicit endorsement of Georgia Governor, Brian Kemp, have enacted a series of anti-democratic voting reforms clearly meant to disenfranchise voters. As Americans across the nation look to corporate America to save them from the terrors of a democratically-elected government, one company has stepped up to the plate with 2 outs in the bottom of the 9th to deliver a walk-off grand slam: DuPont Chemicals will no longer dump their job-creating chemicals in Georgia's waterways.

"It was clear that we had to send a message to the legislators enacting these anti-democratic laws aimed to disenfranchise voters," said DuPont CEO Edward Breen. "The message is simple: as long as these laws are on the books in Georgia, we'll be dumping our PFOA sludge in a state that respects the electorate and creates a hospitable environment for our waste, like New Jersey."

With Georgia state officials showing no signs of backing down, legislators representing Democratically-controlled states are vying for DuPont's attention in the hopes that DuPont will soon be clogging their own rivers, streams, and estuaries. Senator Chuck Schumer made his pitch at a press conference draped in a pride flag while knee-deep in the Gowanus canal.

"New York would make for an ideal base of operations for the DuPont corporation. We have a long-storied history of allowing our waterways to be polluted in return for not nearly as many jobs as you'd think." As a bloated corpse with a can of lead paint sticking out of its mouth floated past Schumer, a tear rolled down the Senator's cheek. "I hope the executives of the DuPont corporation understand how thankful we are for their sacrifice. We are willing to sacrifice any potential tax revenue we should be collecting from you in return. New York Tough."

DuPont is still unclear about where they will ultimately land but according to Edward Breen, one thing is certain: "we commit ourselves to only polluting the drinking water of a state that values democracy by allowing us to tell the government what to do."

As of press time, the hashtag #DuPontStrong was still trending on Twitter among white liberals who posted the black square on Instagram last June. 🙄



5 SEX MOVES THAT SAY, "THIS WAS A PANDEMIC FLING ONLY"

//CATHERINE WEINGARTEN GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

SOOOO THE PANDEMIC IS ENDING soon, and I know what you're thinking: you gotta tell Tevin that it's over because you can't stand the way he calls Corona "The Rona" (we stopped doing that in June) and also that you have nothing in common besides wild, intense loneliness. But we get it! You don't actually want to speak to him about it because... you just don't want to! Instead of having that awkward, face-to-face breakup, try using one of these five fun sex positions to let him know "this was fun, but it was just a pandemic fling, and everyone is already halfway vaccinated AKA the pandemic will be over soon."

THE IRISH DOG

This is a classic doggy-style position with a fun "Irish Goodbye" twist. The twist is that you basically stonewall him. Bonus: this position allows you to avoid eye contact, so when Tevin says, "Oh Marsha, I know we haven't talked about this or really anything besides our favorite yogurts, but I love you and I'm so excited for us to make our own goat farm upstate one day!" you can thoroughly ignore him and say something like, "I think I might call it a night soon." If performed successfully, Tevin will take the hint. (It is rarely performed successfully, so kudos to you if it works!)

THE UPBEAT REVERSE COWGIRL

This variation on the reverse cowgirl position involves you screaming "yee haw!" whenever spoken to mid-coitus. Plus, it is another great bodily set up that involves you not looking at Tevin's face! So when he says things like, "wow! What a fun sex move!" and "you have a lot of cowgirl potential, we should go ride horses this summer like in that TV show, *Westworld*," you're in a great *position* to imply, "or maybe since we'll be vaccinated we'll want to see other people that we're actually attracted to and have things in common with" while simply proclaiming "yee haw!"

THE 100/69

This fun position invites no conversation at all—just doing the ol' 69 for a minimum of 100 minutes! So when Tevin is about to say, "let's meet my entire family and show them the woman I shall soon be wed to," find a fun, subtle way to get him on the floor in 69 position, like burying his face in your velvet Sphinx so he never mentions his family ever again.

THE SEXY KITCHEN APPLIANCE

Having Tevin spoon you from behind is a perfect non-committal position that says, "I am lazy, and also, can we break up in three weeks when Hot Vaxx Gurl Spring is fully happening?" The fact that you are even spooning should communicate this to him immediately. When idiot Tevin (who can't even pick up on these extremely *obvious* passive-aggressive cues) tries to say something romantic like, "I bought us a house in New Jersey to start our new life together," don't listen too hard because men *love* mixed signals and Bergen County real estate. >>

MISSIONARY HOTTIE

In order to perform this intimate maneuver, have Tevin get on top. When you are very close to his face, say, "Umm, your roommate Kevin who plays the tambourine is kinda hot. Has he been vaxxed yet?" This is a great way for the brave among us to avoid having to officially end things by being honest about our feelings, while also letting him know that Kevin has a cooler name, hobbies (besides yogurt), and is more eligible to date. If he says while crying, "I bought a house for you Marsha! I have a ring with your face engraved on it!" don't take it too personally. Deep down, he totes knew it was a pandemic fling, too! 🤪

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OOPS, THIS DEVIL'S ADVOCATE ON TWITTER COULDN'T FIT HIS WHOLE FROTHING MAD OP-ED IN THE TWEET!

//BRADY O'CALLAHAN



All the time I hear about how Democrats, even when Republicans are stopping them, are thinking about trying to forgive student loans for Americans all over the world. But, uh, I got a problem with it! Actually a question for you, Mr. Answers! If they forgiven student loans now **make it so better than how come we no does nothing before, smart guy?**

If the answer is that Democrats are so bad well then I'm sorry I think we have to disagree about agreeing because I simply WON'T go back to Trumpington D.C., and that's the options.

If you have loan, you are already rich kind of. Just use the money you took, Mr. Answers. And that's the thing about health insurance too if we're talking about it.

I work hard to not die from diseases that Ffizer and Moderma and Jake & Johnson only have cure for and if you have it maybe just get a job with enough MONEY an d time for the medium amount to get coverage.

Black Lives Matter ok BUT...!!! Are cops mainly on the good side? Yes. My uncle was a cop and he was scared every day. What are you scared of? Probably not having your latte every morning or WORSE working a job where you need to make a latte, which is embarrassing and NOT a skill unless I can do it at home for fun!

And what is all the blah blah blah I heard about Global Warming? I think we need CYBERTRUCKS. Elon if you read this, thank you, Mr. Answers!!!

I wish for every person who reads this would learn about how wrong they are but I'm not and that also reminds me of war, which is justified sometimes like now and then. We can NEVER FORGET and I will never be forgetting personally for me, but I guess I'm just a PATRIOT for my country and if you don't like it you can maybe do something about it like run for president but if you're not old already i just don't know if you have experience like i have had experience in my job getting Medicine Protection.

I'm sure you agree.

What Mitch Meant!



<p>WHAT HE SAID: “Corporations should stay out of politics.”</p>	<p>WHAT HE MEANT: “Corporations should stay out of politics and donate billions of dollars to politicians while lobbying for anti-worker legislation. Capeesh?”</p>
<p>WHAT HE SAID: “My Body. My Choice.”</p>	<p>WHAT HE MEANT: “I have singular control of the legislative body of government, so ultimately I choose what happens.”</p>
<p>WHAT HE SAID: “My view is that Trump will not change the Republican party.”</p>	<p>WHAT HE MEANT: “We’ve always been like this.”</p>
<p>WHAT HE SAID: “America is a land of second opportunities.”</p>	<p>WHAT HE MEANT: “America is a land of unlimited opportunities for people with money.”</p>
<p>WHAT HE SAID: “No matter how unusual a personality may be who gets elected to office, there are constraints in this country. You don’t get to do anything you want to. So I’m very optimistic about America.”</p>	<p>WHAT HE MEANT: “Elect whatever Black Marxist you want, I’ve got the Supreme Court ready to declare public schools illegal.”</p>
<p>WHAT HE SAID: “The people who would call me an obstructionist overlook some inconvenient facts.”</p>	<p>WHAT HE MEANT: “The fact that for me to be an obstructionist would imply you have the expectation of any sort of power in this dynamic at all. Enjoy the bits of pickle slices that accidentally fall off my hamburger, you dogs.”</p>
<p>WHAT HE SAID: “I think I’d like to be an owner of a Major League Baseball team.”</p>	<p>WHAT HE MEANT: “Hand over the Miami Marlins, or I’ll make the federal bench look like a QAnon convention.”</p>

MATT GAETZ CAUGHT FUCKING CICADAS AS THEY EMERGE TO COMPLETE 17 YEAR LIFE CYCLE

//DIANA KOLSKY

BEAR CREEK, PA - Disgraced Florida representative Matt Gaetz was spotted this past weekend by some locals in the backwoods of Northeastern Pennsylvania as he attempted to fuck a brood of cicadas making their way out of the soil to complete their seventeen year life cycle.

The emergence of billions of cicadas to alter their form, breed, and die, is one of North America's greatest and most relatable natural phenomena. Entomologists and amateur nature lovers alike wait with bated breath for this elongated biorhythm to play out with poetic brevity.

Once seventeen years have passed and the spring ground reaches 64 degrees Fahrenheit, the red-eyed brood burrows their way through the top soil with a massive sonic buzz, surfacing from dirt mounds called cicada huts.

"I love fucking seventeen year olds!" Gaetz allegedly shrieked as he pounded his

mashed potato penis into the freshly tunneled huts, treating the Earth as his own personal Fleshlight. His Brooks Brothers trousers were around his ankles and several half-empty cans of Miller Lite were littered around his "fuck hole" (a term Gaetz shouted no less than six dozen times).

"He came a long way to have intercourse with some insects," Jerry, age 57, told *Functionally Dead Monday*. Jerry and his wife Helen, age 58, were the bug-watching bystanders exposed to Gaetz's sex tourism.

"We knew it was him because he screamed his Venmo handle at us—"Stop taking pictures and I'll send you a G!' blah blah blah. Once we realized what was happening, we weren't that surprised," Helen added, "he likes them pretty young."

The cicada incident is one in a string of now-public illegal perversions for the down and out representative, who is the target of a federal investigation for traf-

ficking underage girls across state lines to have sex with him for money.

When pressed for comment, local police felt it pertinent to inform us this incident is not technically sex trafficking, as Gaetz himself is the one who traveled, but that interfering with the rare and protected cicada life cycle is "a crime against nature."

"At the very least, he made my husband cry," Helen confided. "Jerry's been waiting almost twenty years for the cicadas' metamorphosis. And that tiny-toothed, rejected *Family Guy*-looking skeeve killed at least a hundred of them. I hope he goes back to Florida and gets fucked to death by an alligator. I really do wish that."

Gaetz's dwindling camp did not immediately respond for comment, but sources close to the representative indicated that the idea of getting torn apart by an alligator—so long as it was too young to consent—sounded "cool." 🐊

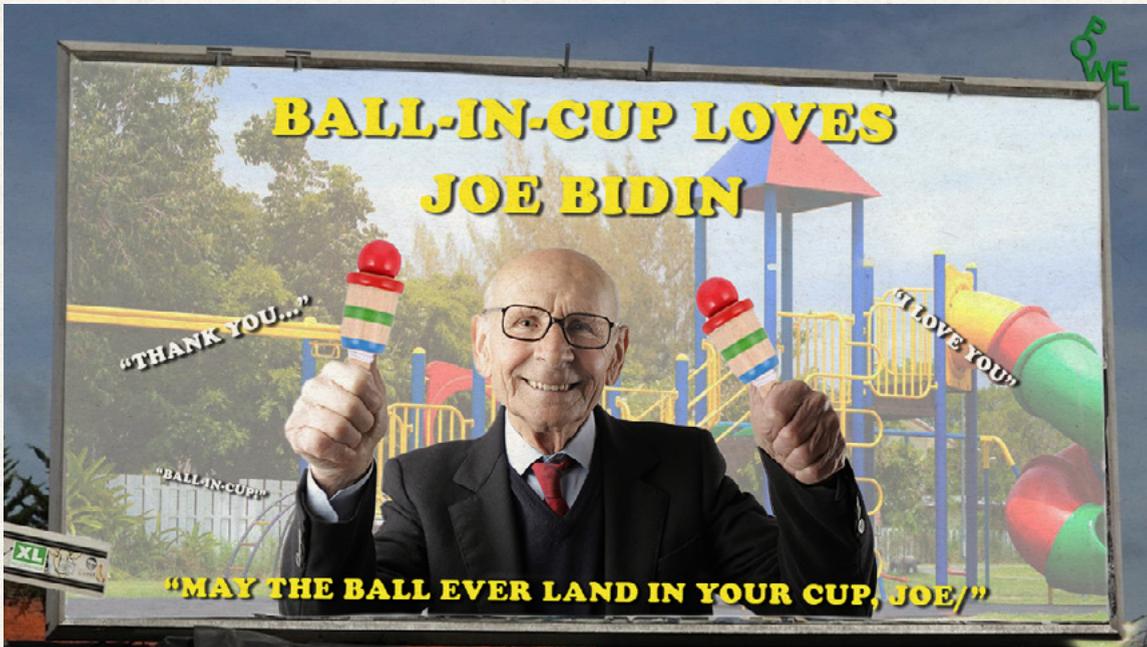


THE BIGGEST WINNER IN BIDEN'S INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN? BALL-IN-CUP MANUFACTURERS

//JAMES DWYER

THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION HAS BEGUN its campaign to push for The American Jobs Plan, a proposed \$2 trillion infrastructure bill spearheaded by the White House, the details of which have started to come into focus. *Functionally Dead* received an exclusive breakdown of the plan from an anonymous source within the administration. While there are plenty of carve-outs for state improvements to roads, bridges, and tunnels, there is one clear winner: Ball-in-Cup manufacturers.

The American Jobs Plan sets aside \$525 billion strictly for “the manufacturing of Ball-in-Cup products by businesses that derive at least 10% of their gross revenue from the sale of Ball-in-Cup products.” Ball-in-Cup manufacturers like Tiff Hunk, owner of Old Ass Toys for Weird Guys Ltd., have already seized the opportunity by taking out billboards thanking President Joe Biden for remembering them:



The administration declined to comment when simply asked “Why?” 🤖

I READ THIS ZINE, AND PEOPLE ARE STILL IN JAIL FOR WEED.

What Do I Do Now?

//ROSIE WHALEN

ACCORDING TO THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER, FOUR IN TEN ARRESTS IN 2018 WERE FOR MARIJUANA. WHAT THE FUCK ARE WE DOING?

#ABOLISHTHEPOLICE

THOUGH THE WAR ON DRUGS didn't entirely begin in the '60s and '70s, this era saw more extreme efforts set in motion to criminalize Black people and the anti-war Left. Nixon declared drug use "public enemy number one," causing arrest rates to soar, primarily among African Americans. The layers of harm this pointed and evil display of authority caused is exponential; thousands of our brothers and sisters continue to suffer because powerful men larping as leaders signed off on this disgraceful call to imprison human beings for profit and political gains decade after decade.

The Drug War is not a Left / Right issue. Both parties have utterly failed to put an end to the violence, and, at worst, gleefully exacerbated it. President Biden has a long relationship with supporting the war on both PoC and poor communities, which is why we need to be vigilant to not let his presidency proceed without drastic and continuous reform to reverse decades of racist and classist drug policies. Below are some good places to start if you are looking to get involved, donate money, or educate yourself on America's long history of locking certain people up for getting high:

CRITICAL RESISTANCE

"Critical Resistance seeks to build an international movement to end the Prison Industrial Complex by challenging the belief that caging and controlling people makes us safe. We believe that basic necessities such as food, shelter, and freedom are what really make our communities secure. As such, our work is part of global struggles against inequality and powerlessness. The success of the movement requires that it reflect communities most affected by the PIC. Because we seek to abolish the PIC, we cannot support any work that extends its life or scope."

DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE

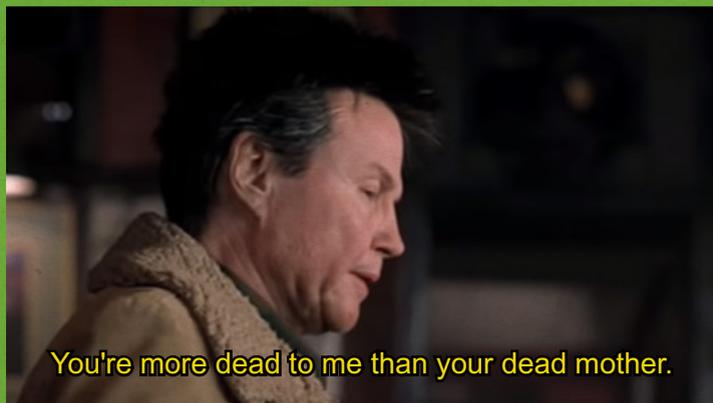
"The Drug Policy Alliance envisions a just society in which the use and regulation of drugs are grounded in science, compassion, health and human rights, in which people are no longer punished for what they put into their own bodies but only for crimes committed against others, and in which the fears, prejudices and punitive prohibitions of today are no more."

LAST PRISONER PROJECT

"The Last Prisoner Project is a nonprofit organization dedicated to cannabis criminal justice reform. LPP was founded out of the belief that if anyone is able to profit and build wealth in the legal cannabis industry, those individuals must also work to release and rebuild the lives of those who have suffered from cannabis criminalization."

Peruse more issues of Functionally Dead [here](#) and if you're interested in contributing, [check this out](#).

IN THE NEXT ISSUE - 35 YEAR OLD BROOKLYN MAN EXCITED TO BLAME BEING SINGLE ON COVID-19 FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS



You're more dead to me than your dead mother.

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