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Primary Elections, August 9, 2022

We have a very important task ahead of us. We must educate ourselves, listen to our candidates, and pick *the people that can win in November.* We, as individuals, on August 9, must pick the individuals that can win their race in November.

William F. Buckley, father of the modern American conservative movement said, Support the "rightwardmost viable candidate," AKA the most conservative person that can WIN the election.

At the convention in May, the Republican Party of Wisconsin moved to make a party endorsement of a candidate before the primaries an extremely difficult thing to achieve. The reasoning is that Republican VOTERS should decide who the candidates should be. This is my responsibility and yours.

The role of Winnebago GOP in this process is to best enable you to research, reach your own conclusions, vote, and choose our candidates accordingly. Here then, is a complete listing of our candidates as of July 4, and links to their websites and information.

All candidates are listed in alphabetical order by their first name.

You can preview your August 9 primary ballot at:

https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/My-Ballot

THIS IS A PRIMARY ELECTION. ALL CANDIDATES ARE SORTED BY PARTY FIRST. YOU CAN ONLY VOTE WITHIN ONE PARTY

US Senate

David Schroeder

https://www.facebook.com/groups/378665557476562

https://www.davidschroederforussenate.com/

Ron Johnson

**endorsed by the party at the convention and unopposed at this time.

https://www.ronjohnsonforsenate.com/

https://www.facebook.com/RonJohnsonWI/

https://twitter.com/ronjohnsonwi

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmxT0Scv9E5O1UyOOrMC ZQ

US House of Representatives, District 6

Douglas H Mullenix

https://douglasmullenix.com/

https://www.facebook.com/douglasforwisconsin/

https://twitter.com/d mullenix

Glenn Grothman

https://www.facebook.com/RepGrothman/

https://twitter.com/RepGrothman

https://glenngrothman.com

Us House of Representatives District 8

Mike Gallagher

https://www.facebook.com/RepMikeGallagher/

https://twitter.com/RepGallagher

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwaErp8t28d-dVBio7li4lg

https://mikeforwisconsin.com/

Shaun Clarmont

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPshCf-I- J4skqlAxwysAw

https://www.shaunclarmont.com/home

Governor:

Adam John Fischer

https://adamfischerforgovernor2022.com/

https://www.facebook.com/people/Fischer-For-Governor-2022/100072513636412/

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3xhVBmPRJ 694ye7crTuMA

https://twitter.com/AdamFis43844295

Kevin Nicholson – withdrew from the primary

Rebecca Kleefisch

https://rebeccaforgovernor.com/

https://www.facebook.com/Rebeccaforreal

https://twitter.com/RebeccaforReal

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBd0PjCvZO3btu8K1Xy5T2A

Timothy J. Michels

https://michelsforgovernor.com/

https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=tim%20michels%20for%20governor

Timothy Scott Ranthun

https://tim-ramthun.com/

https://www.facebook.com/Timtimewi

https://twitter.com/Ramthunforgov

Lt. Governor

Cindy Werner

https://werner4ltgov.com/

https://www.facebook.com/cindy.werner.9803

David King

https://kingforwi.com/

https://www.facebook.com/groups/967060774146210

David Varnam

https://www.facebook.com/davidcvarnam

https://twitter.com/DVarnam

http://davidvarnam.com/

Jonathan Wichmann

https://wichmannforltgovernor.com/

https://www.facebook.com/votewichmann/

https://twitter.com/votewichmann

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRvx1YGiXOWPms2mFv5beaA

Kyle Yudes

https://www.yudesforltgovernor.com/

https://www.facebook.com/yudesforltgov/

https://twitter.com/yudesforltgov

Patrick Testin

https://patricktestin.com/

https://www.facebook.com/PTestin/

https://twitter.com/patricktestin

Roger Roth

https://rothforwisconsin.com/

https://www.facebook.com/Roth4Wisconsin

Will Martin

https://will4ltgovernor.com/

https://www.facebook.com/willmartinwi

Attorney General

Adam Jarchow

https://www.facebook.com/AdamForAG/

https://twitter.com/AdamForAG/

https://adamforag.com/

Eric Toney

https://wisconsinvote.org/candidate/eric-toney/

https://www.facebook.com/EricToneyWI

https://twitter.com/ericitoney

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJMJbE8rl5A

Karen Mueller

https://www.mueller4ag.com/

https://www.facebook.com/KarenMuellerforAG

Secretary of State

Amy Loudenbeck

https://www.facebook.com/reploudenbeck/

https://www.voteamywi.com/

https://twitter.com/voteamywi

https://www.facebook.com/voteamywi

Jay Schroeder

https://www.schroederforsecretaryofstate.com/

https://www.facebook.com/JaySchroederWI

https://twitter.com/JayForWisconsin

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmARmzD_VlediGtU6THdcRQ

Justin Schmidtka

https://justinforwi.com/

https://www.facebook.com/schmidtkaforwisos

Treasurer

John S Leiber

https://www.linkedin.com/in/john-leiber-040568161

https://www.leiberfortreasurer.com/

Orlando Owens

** endorsed by the Wisconsin GOP at May convention.

https://www.orlandoforwi.com/

https://www.facebook.com/OrlandoOwens11

https://www.instagram.com/orlandoowens11/

State Senate

District 18 -

Dan Feyen is not up for reelection

District 19 -

Andrew K. Thomsen

https://thomsenforsenate.com/

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100080493647998

https://twitter.com/thomsen4senate

Rachel Cabral-Guevera

https://rachaelforsenate.com/

https://www.facebook.com/rachaelforsenate

State Assembly

District 53 Michael Schraa has no primary opponent

https://www.facebook.com/RepMichaelSchraa/

https://twitter.com/repschraa

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaZ5YNdxxBLvtR5QJkkt-zw

District 54 Donnie Herman

https://www.donniehermanforstateassembly.com/

https://www.facebook.com/DonnieHerman54

District 55 Nate Gustafson

https://www.gus4.us/

https://www.facebook.com/Gus4Us

District 56 Dave Murphy

https://www.facebook.com/RepDaveMurphy/

District 57 Andrew Fox

Andrew Fox has no primary opponent

Winnebago County Sheriff

John Matz has no primary opponent

https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/sheriff/staff/john-matz-0

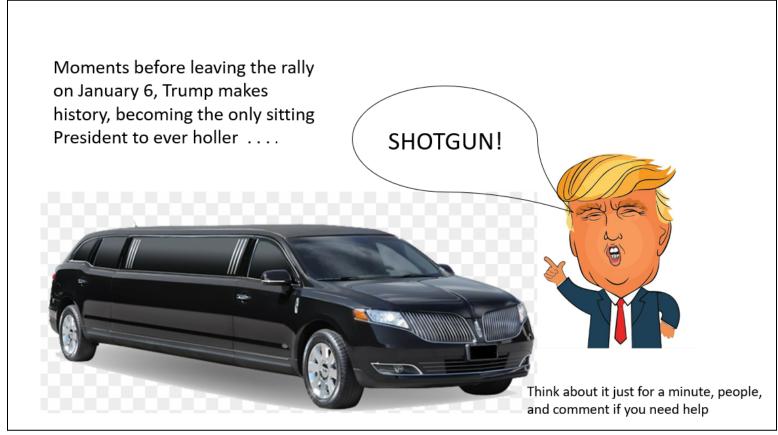
Winnebago County Clerk of Courts

Tara Berry has no primary opponent

https://www.winnebagocountywi.gov/clerk-courts

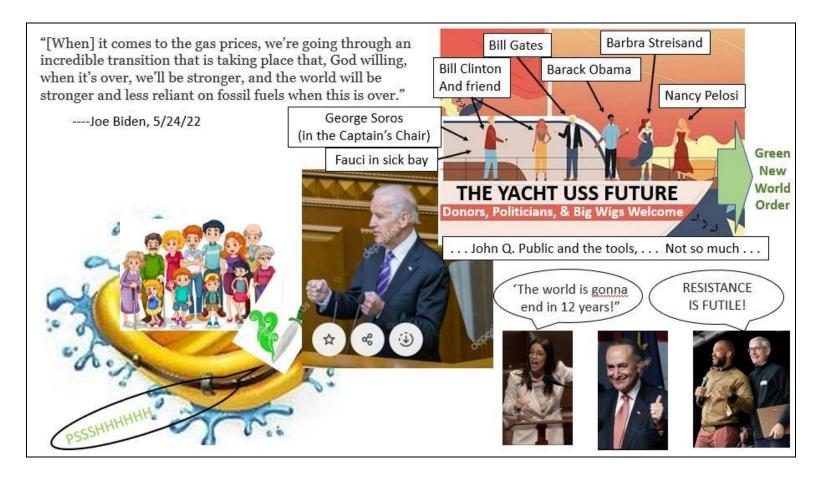
If you are interested in running for local political office in the future, please contact campaign@winnebagogop.org call us at 920-303-9270 or stop in at 738 North Main Street for more information and to contribute to the conservative future of our country.

Hey, it's just a joke!



(. . . I was told . . .) "Trump became furious, and said something to the effect of, 'I'm the f- - -ing president, take me up the Capitol now.' Then he reached up to the front of the vehicle to try to grab the steering wheel." Cassidy Hutchinson, J6 committee testimony.

https://nymag.com/intelligencer/2022/06/cassidy-hutchinson-testimony-the-most-explosive-revelations.html



Cartoons provided by the editor.

What he/she said HUH? (. . . you can't make this stuff up)

SECOND WARNING TO READERS:

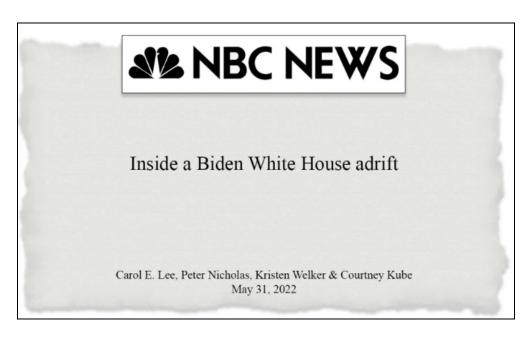
--WARNING—
SOME NEW YORK TIMES NEWS BELOW
It Is what they DON'T report that is disheartening

In service to America, your to open the pages of the 38% of America has never Laptop, never noticed that intrepid reporter has dared Gray Lady to figure out why heard of the Hunter Biden the impeccably

credentialed Robert Mueller could find no evidence of Trump – Russia collusion, have never heard the name John Durham, and thinks senility is acceptable. I beg your forgiveness because I had to subscribe at \$4.95 a month for their on-line account, thereby supporting them in order to expose them. I chose to survey the NYT out of a host of available news media that all echo the same thoughts because I know a very smart liberal that reads the darn thing every day. You are welcome.

With President Biden's approval rating sinking to a new low, Ohio Democratic Senate and gubernatorial candidates skipped an event headlined by the president in Cleveland on Wednesday.

https://justthenews.com/government/congress/ohio-democrats-bail-biden-event-while-his-approval-rating-sinks-new-low



But the media narrative that Biden was a unifier and that any national problems were just Trump leftovers just had to disintegrate in the face of cold reality," (DePauw University Journalism Professor Jeffrey) McCall said. "Even the left-of-center media have had to grudgingly acknowledge that the Biden Administration is struggling."

McCall believes media credibility is "already quite dismal" and continued promotion of Biden has become unworkable when public opinion polling indicates that Americans see the administration's problems. "In a sense, the mainstream media is just now figuring out what the public has known for months," he said. https://www.foxnews.com/media/bidens-press-office-plagued-negative-messaging-gaffes

HOUSTON — When President Biden meets Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in Saudi Arabia, he will be following in the footsteps of presidents like Jimmy Carter, who flew to Tehran in 1977 to exchange toasts with the shah of Iran on New Year's Eve.

Like the prince, the shah was an unelected monarch with a tarnished human rights record. But Mr. Carter was obliged to celebrate with him for a cause that was of great concern to people back home: cheaper gasoline and secure oil supplies.

https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/05/business/biden-oil-saudi-arabia.html

The elections on Tuesday showed the extent to which the political winds have shifted even in Democratic cities in the two years since George Floyd's murder by a Minneapolis police officer. The initial rally cry on the left then — "defund the police" — has since become so politically toxic that it is now more often used by

Republicans as an epithet than by Democrats as an earnest policy proposal. And the crusading energy to overhaul policing in the face of rising crime has waned.

For Democrats, the issue of crime and disorder threatens to drive a wedge between some of the party's core constituencies, as some voters demand action on racial and systemic disparities while others are focused on their own sense of safety in their homes and neighborhoods.

https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/08/us/politics/california-voters-democrats-crime.html

TOP STORY, Foxnews.com, June 8, 2022

A California man arrested for threatening to kill <u>Justice Brett Kavanaugh</u> is facing a federal charge of attempted murder, according to the Department of Justice.

https://www.foxnews.com/politics/california-man-threat-kill-justice-kavanaugh-charged-attempted-murder

Page 20, New York Times. Note this story did not come up in a google search within the top 50 returns.

Armed Man Traveled to Justice Kavanaugh's Home to Kill Him, Officials Say

The man, Nicholas John Roske, 26, said he was upset about the shooting in Uvalde, Texas, and impending decisions on abortion and guns, a federal affidavit says.

https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/08/us/brett-kavanaugh-threat-arrest.html

Focus on January 6 -- Special Educational Section This summary is NOT intended in any way to condone the breaching of Congress on January 6.

"I know that everyone here will soon be marching over to the Capitol building to peacefully and patriotically make your voices heard. Today we will see whether Republicans stand strong for integrity of our elections, but whether or not they stand strong for our country, . . . our country." Donald Trump From CNN Transcript of Donald Trump Speech, Washington DC, January 6, 2021.

Story Lineup for ONE DAY, June 9, 2022, New York Times

June 9, 2022	Jan. 6 Committee Blames Trump for Attack on Capitol
June 9, 2022	Trump Is Depicted as a Would-Be Autocrat Seeking to Hang Onto Power at All Costs
June 9, 2022	Three Characters at the Heart of an Unsettling Jan. 6 Narrative
June 9, 2022	Jared and Ivanka, Without the Power or the Masks

June 9, 2022 TIMES VIDEO

Capitol Officer Says She Was Knocked

Unconscious During Riot

June 9, 2022 TIMES VIDEO

Documentarian Embedded With Proud Boys

Recounts Jan. 6 Riot

June 9, 2022 TIMES VIDEO

Kushner Says He Dismissed White House

Counsel's Threats to Resign

June 9, 2022 TIMES VIDEO

Jan. 6 Committee Plays Testimony From Ivanka

Trump

June 9, 2022 TIMES VIDEO

Barr Says He Dismissed Trump's Election Fraud

Claims

Editor's Note: And you wonder why liberals are not interested in your take on things or hearing another side.

On January 6, 2021, on a day when representatives met to formalize the presidential election results, hundreds of rioters supporting President Donald Trump and seeking to overthrow President-Elect Joe Biden's electoral victory pushed through police barricades and stormed the Capitol, some smashing windows to enter its halls. A protester who was shot by police, died in the chaos, and more than 100 police were injured.

https://www.history.com/news/us-capitol-building-violence-fires

WASHINGTON — As a pro-Trump protest turned into a violent attack on the Capitol on Jan. 6 last year, four people in the crowd died.

- Ashli Babbitt, an Air Force veteran, was fatally shot (editor's note: in the top of the head) by a
 Capitol Police officer as rioters tried to breach the House chamber.
- Kevin D. Greeson died of a heart attack, collapsing on the sidewalk west of the Capitol on Jan. 6 [editor's note, later ruled to be natural causes exacerbated by the situation].
- Rosanne Boyland appeared to have been crushed in a stampede of fellow rioters as they surged against the police *[editor's note: later ruled to be an accidental overdose]*
- Benjamin Philips, the founder of a pro-Trump website called Trumparoo, died of a stroke [editor's note, later ruled to be natural causes exacerbated by the situation].

In the days and weeks after the riot, five police officers who had served at the Capitol on Jan. 6 died.

- Officer Brian D. Sicknick of the Capitol Police, who was attacked by the mob, died on Jan. 7 [editor's note, later ruled to be natural causes]
- Officer Jeffrey Smith of the Metropolitan Police Department *died by suicide*** after the attack.
- Officer Howard S. Liebengood of the Capitol Police also died by suicide** four days afterward.
- Metropolitan Police Officer Gunther Hashida died by suicide** in July.
- Metropolitan Police Officer Kyle DeFreytag died by suicide** in July.

https://www.nytimes.com/2022/01/05/us/politics/jan-6-capitol-deaths.html

Editor's question: **Clinton disease? No evidence, just speculating.

On July 2, 1915, a former German professor at Harvard, Erich Muenter, planted a package containing three sticks of dynamite in the Capitol near the Senate Reception room. The explosive detonated around midnight and during a time when the Senate had been on recess. An on-duty Capitol Police officer was nearly knocked out of his chair during the blast, but fortunately no one was injured.

On March 1, 1954, four Puerto Rican Americans fired guns in the House of Representatives, injuring five congressmen. The attackers said they acted to demand independence for the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico. (Puerto Ricans have U.S. citizenship but can't vote for president and have no voting representatives in Congress.) The injured congressmen survived, and the four shooters received prison sentences.

NOTE: President Jimmy Carter commuted one of their sentences in 1977 and granted clemency to the other three in 1979.

On March 1, 1971, a bomb exploded in the Capitol building. While the explosion did not injure anyone, it caused some \$300,000 in damage. A group calling itself the Weather Underground claimed to be behind the bombing and said it was in protest of the ongoing U.S.-supported bombing of Laos.

NOTE: Bill Ayers, friend and sponsor of Barack from back in the day was a leader of the Weather Underground, and since was promoted to a university of Illinois professorship.

Thirteen years later, on November 7, 1983, a bomb tore through the second floor of the Senate wing of the Capitol. The device detonated late in the evening, and no one was harmed, but it caused an estimated \$250,000 in damage. A group calling itself the Armed Resistance Unit later claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it was in retaliation for military actions in Grenada and Lebanon. Seven people were eventually arrested in connection with the attack.

https://www.history.com/news/us-capitol-building-violence-fires

End of Focus on January 6

"If you read Clarence Thomas' concurrence," a fired-up Lightfoot shouts from the stage at a weekend Pride in the Park event at Grant Park.

Someone from the audience yells back at the mayor and Lightfoot says, "Thank you. F- – – Clarence Thomas." Lori Lightfoot, 6-27-22

https://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/lightfoot-tells-pride-in-the-park-crowd-f-clarence-thomas-for-roe-v-wade-opinion/2867455/

Speaking at an event on Tuesday, Lightfoot decried attacks on police officers in her city, suggesting it's a sign of people "losing respect for the institutions of our democracy."

"That says to me that the people who are acting so brazenly have no not only no respect for themselves, but they don't have respect for the institution like the police department, who men and women every single day on every watch, are literally risking life and limb for our safety," Lightfoot said.

"But toxicity in our public discourse is a thing that I think we should all be concerned about, right?" Lightfoot added. Lori Lightfoot 7-5-22

https://www.foxnews.com/media/chicago-mayor-lightfoot-denounces-toxicity-days-after-shouting-f-clarence-thomas

An employee of Universal Music Group said he was fired for "speaking up" about abortion rights after explaining how he refused to work because he was in "mourning" over the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, the New York Post reported.

"I didn't do them [my reports] today," the email read. "I'm in mourning due to the attack on people with uteruses in the U.S. Federally guaranteed access to abortion is gone."

The following week, Lopez said, he was contacted by HR and let go for "not doing your job, disrupting the day of 275 people and poor judgement."

https://justthenews.com/government/courts-law/woke-employee-fired-after-refusing-work-while-mourning-roe -v-wade

High gasoline prices disproportionately hurt lower-income drivers, who have far fewer electric vehicles and tend to drive older, less efficient cars.

https://www.nytimes.com/live/2022/06/10/business/inflation-cpi-report-may

Editor's Note: Brought to you by the Democrats – the party of the little guy. Next issue we can talk about the rising cost of electricity, although the writer of this article is not connecting the dots.

The Port of Los Angeles is a testament to President Joe Biden's unrewarded efforts to address what he calls his top economic priority: inflation.

Biden spoke at the port, America's busiest, on Friday with inflation persisting as a problem that has eluded his policy tweaks, deals brokered with the private sector, infrastructure spending and regulatory actions.

Biden has attempted to slow inflation by improving port operations and twice releasing oil from the U.S. strategic reserve, in addition to other regulatory initiatives and a domestic agenda that includes budget deficit reduction and would need congressional approval.

https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/president-biden-inflation-port-of-la/2914135/

Editor's Note: Remember when he fixed this last October?

Printing money does not increase the deficit. So that much is true. It just inflates your money away

Focus on Joe Biden and connection with our favorite son Hunter:

President Joe Biden spoke with Hunter about his business dealings with a Chinese criminal his son dubbed the 'spy chief of China,' a voicemail to his son reveals.

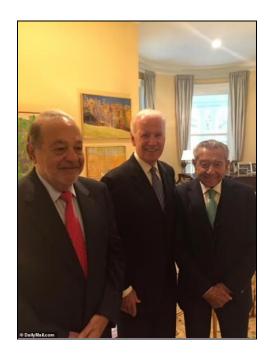
The president has repeatedly denied personally and through his press secretary that he ever talked about Hunter's foreign business with his Hunter – despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

Now, in a voicemail left on Hunter's <u>iPhone</u>, the evidence has come from POTUS' own mouth. Joe called Hunter on December 12, 2018 saying that he wanted to talk to him after reading a <u>New York Times</u> story about Hunter's dealings with the Chinese oil giant CEFC.

Files on Hunter's abandoned laptop previously disclosed by DailyMail.com show that he struck a deal with the Chinese company worth millions of dollars after touting his family connections.

'Hey pal, it's Dad. It's 8:15 on Wednesday night. If you get a chance just give me a call. Nothing urgent. I just wanted to talk to you,' he said.

'I thought the article released online, it's going to be printed tomorrow in the Times, was good. I think you're clear. And anyway, if you get a chance give me a call, I love you.'



Joe Biden entertained Mexican billionaires Carlos Slim and Miguel Aleman Velasco – his son Hunter's business associates in the vice President's office in 2014

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10938637/Voicemail-Joe-Biden-Hunter-proves-president-DID-speak -Chinese-business-dealings.html

By 2015, Mr. Ye had begun working on perhaps his most politically connected quarry yet: the family of Mr. Biden, the vice president.

An aide to Mr. Ye met the vice president's second son, Hunter Biden, in Washington. Mr. Ye then met privately with Hunter Biden at a hotel in Miami in May 2017, according to people with direct knowledge of the meetings who were not authorized to speak publicly because the meetings were private. Mr. Ye proposed a partnership to invest in American infrastructure and energy deals, the people said.

It is unclear whether Hunter Biden struck any business deals with CEFC or Mr. Ye. Through his attorney, Hunter Biden declined to comment.

In a brief interview, James Biden said he had been surprised by Mr. Ho's call. He said he believed it had been meant for Hunter Biden, the former vice president's son. James Biden said he had passed on his nephew's contact information.

https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/12/business/cefc-biden-china-washington-ye-jianming.html

FOX News White House correspondent Peter Doocy grilled White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre on a voicemail Joe Biden left for his son about overseas business dealings at Tuesday's briefing. Jean-Pierre also shut down any questions about Hunter Biden, telling the reporter, "From this podium, I am not going to talk about alleged materials from the laptop."

"I am not going to talk about alleged materials on the laptop. It's not happening," Jean-Pierre added.

QUESTION: Ok. And then on a different topic, why is there a voicemail of the president talking to his son about his overseas business dealings if the president had said he's never spoken to his son about his overseas business dealing?

KARINE JEAN-PIERRE: Well, first I'll say that what the president said stands. So, if he -- if that's what the president said, that -- that is what stands.

https://www.realclearpolitics.com/video/2022/07/05/doocy_to_whs_jean-pierre_why_is_there_a_voicemail_of_biden_t alking_to_hunter_about_business_when_he_said_he_never_has.html

TOKYO — In almost every way, Akihiko Kondo is an ordinary Japanese man. He's pleasant and easy to talk to. He has friends and a steady job and wears a suit and tie to work. There's just one exception: Mr. Kondo is married to a fictional character.

"When we're together, she makes me smile," he said in a recent interview. "In that sense, she's real." https://www.nytimes.com/2022/04/24/business/akihiko-kondo-fictional-character-relationships.html

Editor's Note: I used to have a saying: Someday, someone is going to want to marry a horse and it will be the end of the Republic." I apologize to my followers for understating my case.

And now, A Word from Our Sponsors

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All proceeds from merchandise sales go to support our volunteer efforts in Winnebago County





QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"Inflation is not caused by the actions of private citizens, but by the government: by an artificial expansion of the money supply required to support deficit spending. No private embezzlers or bank robbers in history have ever plundered people's savings on a scale comparable to the plunder perpetrated by the fiscal policies of statist governments."

NOTE: Inflation is nothing new. Its causes are well known.

Ayn Rand died in 1982.

For more quotes from Ayn Rand go to

https://www.azquotes.com/author/12074-Ayn Rand

To learn more about Ayn Rand go to

https://aynrand.org/



Ayn Rand, 1905 - 1982

[Cite your source here.]

Good news, Bad news

First, the BAD NEWS. The current Supreme Court protesters have a role model:

"I want to tell you, Gorsuch, I want to tell you, Kavanaugh, you have released the whirlwind and you will pay the price!" Schumer shouted. "You won't know what hit you if you go forward with these awful decisions!" Chuck Schumer, March 2020.

https://www.nationalreview.com/2022/06/schumers-reckless-threats-against-kayanaugh-and-gorsuch/

And now some GOOD NEWS: The court decisions just keep getting "worse and worse," adhering to the constitution, deciding in favor of states' rights against Federal intervention, and against unelected bureaucrats assuming unfettered power for themselves. **Headline: Schumer Remains Angry**

West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency

The "best system of emission reduction" identified by the EPA in the Clean Power Plan was not within the authority granted to the Agency in Section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act.

Kennedy v. Bremerton School District

A high school coach, fired after kneeling on the field in private prayer after games, was entitled to summary judgment on his First Amendment claims against the school district.

<u>Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization</u>

Abortion presents a profound moral question, and the Constitution does not prohibit the citizens of each state from regulating or prohibiting abortion. This decision overrules Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood of Pennsylvania v. Casey.

New York State Rifle & Pistol Association., Inc. v. Bruen

New York's requirement that an applicant for an unrestricted license to "have and carry" a concealed pistol or revolver must prove "a special need for self-protection distinguishable from that of the general community" is unconstitutional.

Berger v. North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP

North Carolina legislative leaders must be permitted to intervene in a federal constitutional challenge to the state's new voter identification law.

Carson v. Makin

Maine's "nonsectarian" requirement for otherwise generally available secondary school tuition assistance payments violates the Free Exercise Clause.

A state need not subsidize private education but if it does so, it cannot disqualify some private schools solely because they are religious.

Wisconsin Legislature v. Wisconsin Elections Commission

Supreme Court strikes the Wisconsin Supreme Court's selection of a map of State Assembly districts that created an additional majority-black district; the state failed to conduct an adequate analysis under the Voting Rights Act.

Before you go a few thoughts

My oldest daughter just had her second baby in Switzerland June 12. Everyone in the room took a quick look and thought it was a little boy. My daughter and son-in-law named him Alexander and Alex for day-to-day use.

However, some complications developed from there.

My daughter and her husband, Jane and John, showed the little bugger to James, their 21-month-old first born, "Baby James, meet your new little brother, Alex." (Names are altered for privacy reasons)

But Alex, still getting used to the light and not standing on his head in a cushy, warm place, responded by crying. This indicated his potential unhappiness with the "brother" label, so with the help and advice of the counsellor called in and provided free of charge by the hospital, Jane and John determined to modify the birth certificate from "Alexander" to "Alexand" just to give "them" (referring to Alexand) a path out of toxic masculinity if they (again referring to Alexand) confirm for themselves (still Alexand) that this is the preferred path. There are evidently new legal rules in Switzerland allowing an addendum to the initial birth certificate enabling an easy change any time before the age of five (for 450 Swiss Francs) for simple modifications from Alexand to either, say in this case, Alexandra or Alexander.

Me being a worry wart and concerned that a SYSTEM should be developed instead of willy-nilly name changes, I looked it up. The linguists in Europe are now developing 58 other choices of suffixes, some of which include numbers and special characters to provide better clarity going forward of which direction has been chosen by the birthed persons coming down the birth canal in the future.

On a side note, my research also yielded the nugget that Hallmark cards is in the process of developing a complete assortment of greeting cards from each-and-every one of the 58 genders to each-and-every one of the 58 genders. Linguists are totally involved because this improvement in communication and quality of life also requires modification of each and every family title in terms of each of the 58 genders as well (e.g. aunt, uncle, sister, brother, mom, dad, the whole gamut). Prediction: greeting cards are going designer. Each Hallmark outlet will be equipped with an on-site laser color printer / vending machine so that only blank card stock needs to be provided to each locale instead of inventories of each-and-every combination out there.

But I digress.

My daughter and her husband are very intelligent people and took the well-intentioned coaching from the local PhD's in stride and to heart. They want to provide for the best and most appropriate growth path available that is desired by their (referring to Jane and John) newly birthed person. As we all know, the experts, state administrators, and PhD's are there to help for everyone's benefit in the long run.

They (Jane and John) requested we send no toys until they (back referring again to Alexand) complete the decision process. The estimate provided by the institutional coaches was that they (Alexand) will have had time to attend a few coaching sessions and be mature enough to make the final decision on their (Alexand) intended sexuality within about 3 years. On the plus side, and in the increasingly common event that they (surgical interventions) are needed, the surgical options as well as over the counter medical hormones should also be that much more along the path of development as well by the time they (Alexand) decide and inform them (Jane and John) of their (Alexand's) choice. This is a win-win all around, except for dinosaur-ish grandmas and grandpas dying to buy some Oshkosh b'Gosh stuff and some toys to send along sooner rather than later. We (the enlightened grandparents) have asked for guidance on a color for the mandatory knit blanket, gray being the odds-on favorite.

You know, it seems like things were a lot simpler when 99.99% of birthed persons were issued one of two sets of sex organs and we moved on from there.

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