

LOL, RUDY TUDY IS MOLDY FRUITY

Rudy had his lawyer promise to the jury that Rudy would testify and explain the truth.

Nope, he not only failed to personally testify, he put on no defense at all.

Mothers, don't let your babies to ever grow up to be this stupid.

\$148 million. Wow.

You all should get ready to learn about:

1) additur and remittitur.

2) Supersedeas bonds.

This was absolutely a damning verdict, and there is no way for Rudy to hide from it. Nor Trump, who will blithely act like he never knew Rudy.

Fun times, but there is a LOT ahead. Stay tuned.

SANDRA DAY

Sandra Day O'Connor has passed away. Don't let anyone spoof you, she was one of the nicest, brightest and best people you could ever hope to meet. Gracious is not enough of a word to describe her. She went from the smartest girl in the room at Stanford Law to not being able to get a job because they were all helmed by men. From the NYT and Greenhouse:

"During a crucial period in American law – when abortion, affirmative action, sex discrimination and voting rights were on the docket – she was the most powerful woman in the country.

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Very little could happen without Justice

O'Connor's support when it came to the polarizing issues on the court's docket, and the law regarding affirmative action, abortion, voting rights, religion, federalism, sex discrimination and other hot-button subjects was basically what Sandra Day O'Connor thought it should be.

That the middle ground she looked for tended to be the public's preferred place as well was no coincidence, given the close attention Justice O'Connor paid to current events and the public mood. "Rare indeed is the legal victory – in court or legislature – that is not a careful byproduct of an emerging social consensus," she wrote in "The Majesty of the Law: Reflections of a Supreme Court Justice," a collection of her essays published in 2003.

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The idea seemed so novel that Ronald Reagan's promise during his 1980 presidential campaign made front-page news. Only two years before that, a Broadway comedy, "First Monday in October," featured a conservative female Supreme Court justice, and the very idea was played for laughs. When life imitated art on July 7, 1981, Paramount moved up the release date of the movie version of the play by five months, releasing it in August. Ultimately, of course, it was Sandra O'Connor who had the last laugh.

Sandra Day O'Connor was one of the good people in life, as was her too early departed husband John. Print and visual media will tell you the obvious, good and bad. I'll tell you something different.

Long ago, one of her sons was kind of a friend. He lived in their house while she was mostly away in Washington. There was a raging party at said house, and there was a long line of girls

at the main bathrooms. So I, ahem, went outside by the side of the house. As one does.

After finishing business, I walked out toward the front. Where there was suddenly some kind of black car/limo. It was Sandra Day. She came home early. During the party!

I helped her with her luggage and then asked a freaking sitting member of SCOTUS, if there was anything else I could do?

The response was: 'Can you get me a beer'? So I could and did. Discussion with Sandra Day was incredible for the rest of the night.

Hard to describe how wonderful she was. Saw her occasionally at the local grocery store. Always a beautiful human. So, say what you will, she was better than that, she was.

COLORADO

In a now formal, but not unexpected, decision in Colorado yet another local county judge has issued a somewhat convoluted, but yet clear, decision that the 14th Amendment, specifically section 3, cannot be used by a handful of common citizens to sway the election of a President Of The United States.

The decision is here.

How this garbage got this far is nuts. But Norm Eisen and CREW have again been put in their place.

MOST UNDERRATED TRASH TALK

We had a bit of a detour on Marcy's Absolute Immunity post. To get it out of the way here, yes I think the absolute immunity claim is ludicrous. But that is what Trump does.

But the detour started with Adrian Belew being underrated. He was, and still is. What about other legendary, yet still underrated guitarists? I'll throw out a few names off the top of my head, and let the discussion begin.

Frank Zappa. If you did not see him live, you may not understand how freakishly good of a guitar player he was.

Bill Nelson. Of Be Bop Deluxe. Just spectacular.

Earl Slick. Probably best known for his Bowie collaborations, starting with Diamond Dogs.

Ariel Bender of Mott The Hoople. Real name is Luther Grosvenor. He was great.

Steve Hunter and Dick Wagner. Probably best known for their work with Lou Reed, but also with Alice Cooper. They come as a pair.

The list is endless, so have at it!

The MLB playoffs are underway. Houston still seems very alive and Verlander still clutch. The DBacks somehow or another clobbered the Dodgers in game one. Not sure they can keep it up, but that was fun.

In what I can only term a tragedy, Verstappen won his second drivers' championship yesterday in a stupid sprint race in Qatar. No, still not going to give Max the first one, because that was simply, and wrongfully, stolen by the FIA from Lewis Hamilton.

If you have not been watching the WNBA playoffs, you are missing out. The NY Liberty and Las Vegas Aces are the real deal.

Alright, hoop it up and let loose.

SUNSET MUSINGS III AND TRASH TALK

A few of you may remember Sunset Musings II regarding the fall of Grandpa Pricky. Most were likely not here back then. So Casa de bmaz has today lost yet another noble centurion. Grandma Pricky.

PROSECUTORS IN GEORGIA STILL ABUSING THEIR OVER BROAD RICO LAW

Georgia now charging protestors with RICO. I warned that what has, and was, being done in Georgia as to RICO was dangerous. And this is just then tip of the iceberg coming because it will spread.

OLIGARCHY HAS ARRIVED. CONGRESS MUST TAKE NOTICE —

AND ACT!

In this guest post: an innovative tax-the-rich proposal now before lawmakers would reverse the wealth concentration that's suffocating our democracy

GOODBYE MARGARITAVILLE

Well, shit fuck damn. Jimmy Buffett has up and died. One of the better performers ever. Saw several times, but the most memorable was at Red Rocks. which was twice, because the first one was killed by a storm.

Also once saw Jimmy play a whole show from a chair on the end of the stage because he had a bad leg, but was determined to go on. The enthusiasm was real. On a Livingston Saturday Night. Ten will get you twenty, and that's alright.

Sigh.

TRUMP COURT HEARINGS FOR AUGUST 28, 2023

There are two hearings today, one as to the DC case the other regarding the Fulton County case. Both go off at 10:00 am EST.

DAMAGES

Rudy has effectively, apparently legally,
admitted liability for defamation.