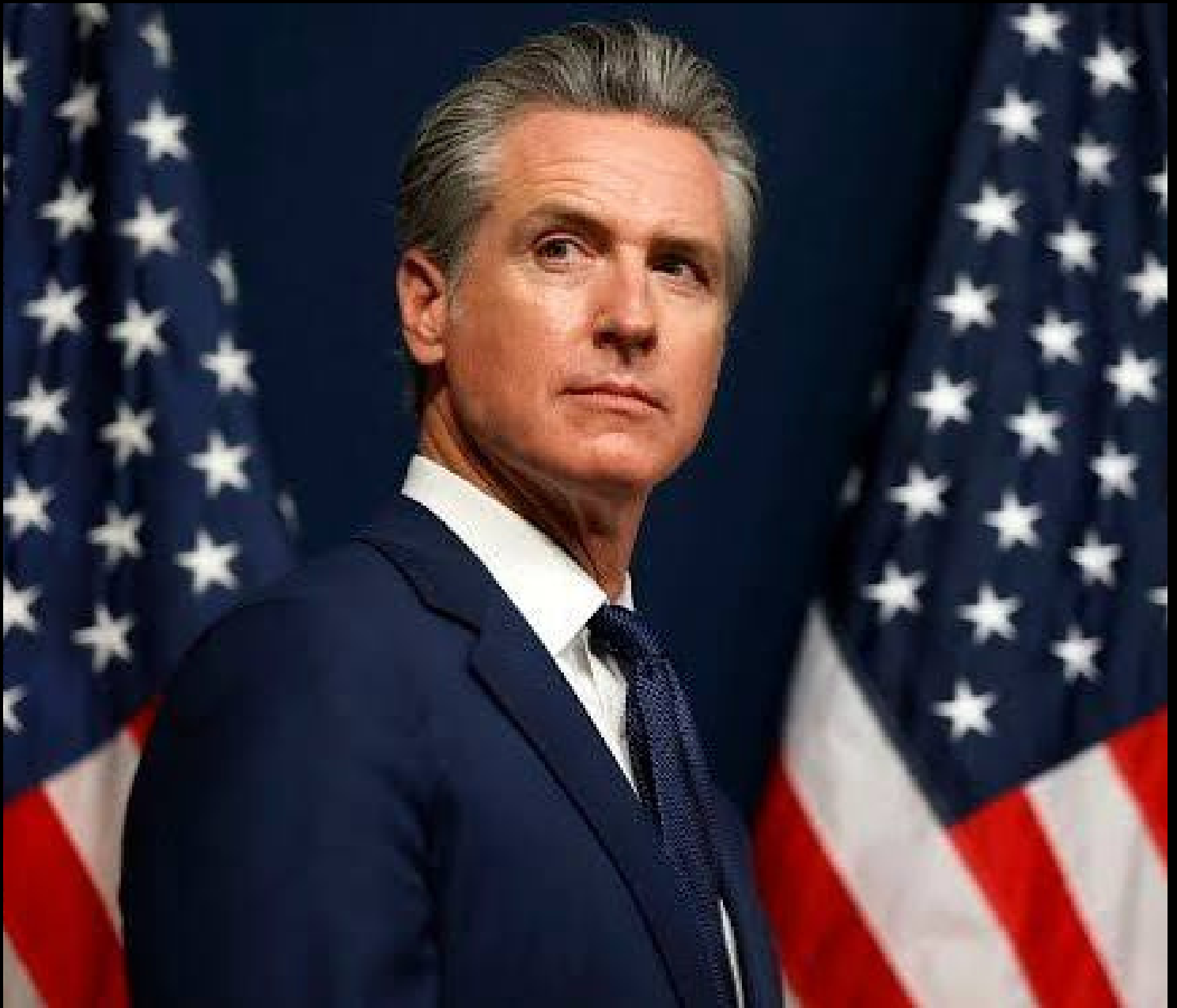


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IS GAVIN NEWSOM THE
MAN TO RESTORE FAITH
IN THE US?





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EDITORIAL

You've got to give Labor at least some credit for how they're managing the fuel crisis. Remember when Ayatollah Andrews was in charge during Covid? Mark McGowan in WA? Annastacia Palaszczuk in Queensland? Remember how all these Labor people pulled out the doomsday machine and told us all how bad things were? How it was all our fault? Now I also have to say that some of the fuel crisis is the fault of the morons filling up cans from Bunnings and are probably the same people still with toilet paper in their garages, but while Chalmers is putting the rate of inflation at the feet of the war in the Middle East, so far Labor haven't said the end of the world is nigh...BUT! Now it's all gone too far because while Labor are trying to avoid panic they've got their heads in the sand and it appears they do have plans to ration petrol. It begs the question though why weren't they just upfront with everyone from the start?

Speaking of Chalmers he was in an almost buoyant mood yesterday when the inflation numbers came out. Admittedly the metrics were from pre the Iran bombings they had come down slightly, which potentially means the RBA won't have to hike rates again. Another key reason why the RBA may not hike rates is that petrol prices are through the roof which gives the RBA the pressure on the economy they want. Jim Chalmers may well yet get off the hook for some of the economic crisis and blame Trump for all of it.

Given that Bendigo Barbie is about as popular as Covid at the moment and that she's possibly not got long left in the top job I feel we should give a regular update on the Premier and what her daily musings offer us mere minions. So yesterday's edition of Where's Barbie is all about? Three hours free power in the middle of the day! How's that?! How good? Perfect for all the unemployed people who thought working from home was awesome til they actually lost their jobs! More from Barbie tomorrow but isn't she great at handing out stuff totally irrelevant to current events and issues!

While we are now highly critical of the Trump administration it appears there are several US oil tankers on their way to Australia. Very little else is known about the tankers but they've got petrol so here's hoping they arrive sooner rather than later. Regardless of oil out of the US the world is pretty much over Trump. Yes he has his core supporters but enough is enough now it's time the adults to control of the situation and the world got back some common sense.

And finally as One Nation continues to see its popularity rise people are starting to ask, when do the Libs in Victoria do a deal with Hanson to make sure Labor don't win again in November! The stupidity, arrogance, naivety or just the belligerence of the Libs will be their undoing and demise if they can't see how One Nation is their ticket to power.

Have a great day to all!

PETROL PRICING AND THE AVERAGE PUNTER

Ok, so the petrol that we are putting in our cars right now is mostly petrol that has been in the country for more than three weeks, but we're paying nearly double for it. Yes we know that petrol arrivals into Australia are reducing but the actual cost of producing fuel isn't going up it's just that there's potentially less of it and yet prices are going through the roof, why!?

As prices increase it's possible that people will buy less and so the volume sold is reduced and the oil companies still want to make their margin, but prices never really go that far down again. Yes we will see a price decrease when Trump stops being a muppet but they're not going back to 'normal' so the oil companies margins will be even better than before.

The same can be said for pricing increases in general. I use the humble Tim Tam as the case in point. A packet of Tim Tams is now \$6 but two years ago they were \$3.50, yes ok production costs have gone up but that much? Meat? Healthy foods? Eggs? Milk? Farmers are being squeezed by big supermarkets so it's not actually about them it's about corporations taking advantage of the current environment and sticking prices up so far they're the only ones making the same money and more.

The federal government are apparently on the war path and have told the ACCC to monitor prices but if the likes of us, the average punters know we're being ripped off everywhere we turn then I'm sorry what exactly are the ACCC doing!? What is the government doing?

Small food manufacturers are about to be hit with extra fuel charges by transport companies which will force them to put their prices up, but some can't. Some have contracts with companies that don't allow for price increases so they're going to have to wear the increased transport costs?

Basically while the federal government hasn't hit the panic button on the fuel crisis it needs to be doing more about how it manages cost of fuel. Yes the fuel increases are being used as an alternative to interest rates going up but Chalmers needs to be giving families and the average punter some more relief because if he doesn't the effects will be more damaging than anything the RBA can dish out.

THE MAN WHO COULD

Politico, the US based online news agency that is about to launch in Australia recently interviewed Governor of California, Gavin Newsom, the man who could well be the next President of the United States.

Newsom has been in and around politics for a long time and is possibly what the democrats really need to rid themselves of the new style of republicans. Newsom's potential opponent for the presidency come 2028 is JD Vance and he is a chip off the old Trump block, bullying, patronising and while wrapped in the red white and blue is a very different option to Newsom.

Newsom says that the Democrats need to find some fight. He acknowledges that the Republicans will fight with everything they have to defeat the democrats. Basically it's been a case of the Democrats taking a water pistol to a throw down knife fight and the republicans winning. This point is interesting because here in Australia it's the other way round. The Libs are the ones holding the water pistol and it's Labor who want the knife fight. It is true the Libs need to find their fight or they're finished. Not that the democrats are finished but Newsom is right, it's time to fight.

Newsom will be 61 by the time the US election comes around and while he wouldn't be the youngest president he's certainly younger than Trump and Biden were thus giving the office back some of its more youthful ideas. Newsom is indeed a progressive, he's all for trans rights, he has the socialist ideas but he understands that under Trump the US has lost its way. Yes he's got the celebrity friends but he's on a mission and it will be interesting to see if he does play the celebrity friends card in the election campaign.

Over the course of the COVID crisis Newsom was tough on lockdowns and got busted at an event he shouldn't have been at and was not adhering to social distancing protocols so you have to ask did he learn from that, but regardless it's hard to see how any other Democratic candidate gets the opportunity to run against the republicans.

Given how badly things are going over at republican HQ and that Europe, Australia and Canada are all looking outside the support of the US if the Democrats can't win the next election they're like the Libs here, doomed for some time, but if there is one man that can defeat them it's Newsom.

Gavin Newsom may not be everyone's cup of tea and he may well turn out to be another celebrity supporting woke lefty progressive but right now the world is thinking they'd rather have him than the orange faced donut that is currently destroying the world for his own benefit.

THE BRIEF

Aunty is on strike and would you Adam and Eve it? The tax payer funded woke lefty media organisation that not many people actually like is demanding more money and better conditions. Now we know that government backed organisations are often poorly funded and that they do struggle butttt I'm sorry the real question is do we need or want the ABC? It's ironic that with a lefty government in power the ABC are on strike given the organisation's own leanings but again is now the time to say let's wind this thing up folks?

While petrol prices are going through the roof and the conspiracy theorists are asking is it all a ploy to get us to buy EV's you can't help but ask should we buy one? My answer is of course fuck no but it is definitely time to start looking at fuel efficiency. My 92 Landcruiser is thirsty and while it will tow a house filling it up requires a small personal loan but I'm sure as hell not letting it go for a BYD! The world is changing constantly and we are unquestionably living in uncertain times but as we have said time and time again we have to still hang on to who we are as people and that life is not about giving up control. So with that said I'm off to put \$20 in the Landy!

THE CULTURE

My five cultural necessities

Jean Michel Basquiat

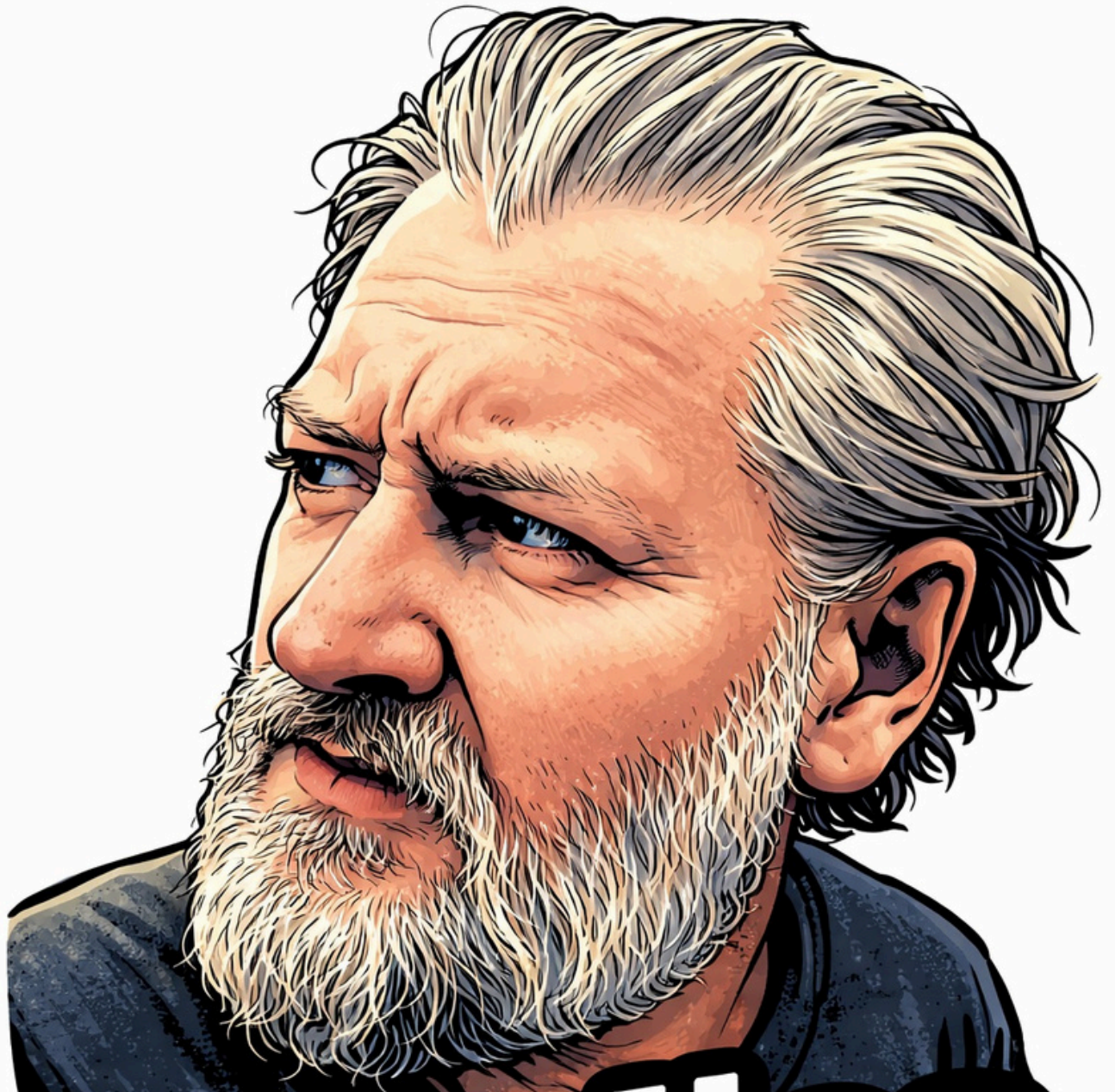
Jean-Michel Basquiat exploded onto the New York art scene in the late 1970s, translating the language of the street into raw, urgent paintings that challenged power, race, and identity. Emerging from graffiti culture, he fused text, symbols, and fractured figures to create work that felt immediate and confrontational. His meteoric rise, and tragic death at twenty-seven, cemented him as both a cultural icon and a warning about the pressures of fame.

Today, Basquiat's relevance is unmistakable. In an era defined by inequality, algorithmic culture, and constant noise, his work reminds us of the power of unfiltered expression. He spoke truth to systems that still persist, from racial injustice to economic imbalance. The visual chaos he embraced now mirrors the fragmented way we consume information online.

What we lack today, however, is a figure with Basquiat's instinctive authenticity. Much of contemporary culture is mediated, branded, and optimised for attention. A new Basquiat would cut through that polish, challenging audiences rather than pleasing them. We need artists willing to disrupt, to provoke, and to risk discomfort in pursuit of truth. In a rapidly changing world, that kind of fearless voice is not just relevant — it is essential. Without it, art risks becoming decoration rather than resistance, and culture risks losing its edge. Basquiat's legacy challenges us to demand more from creativity, and from ourselves, right now in this exact moment of history.

James Hunt and Barry Sheene
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