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EDITORIAL

Dear Democratic Party of the United States

PLEASE HELP US AND GET RID OF TRUMP!

From

The rest of the world!

I'm sorry if you're a Trump fan and you want to Make Australia/America Great Again but how much are you really enjoying paying pretty much double for petrol at the moment?! And then what do you think Trump's goal actually is?! If you think it's all about making America awesome then let me know as I have some magic beans and a unicorn I'd like to sell you and then you can WAKE THE F*** UP! Enough is enough of Trump and his war on anything that will help his mates and family!

I'm sorry but while many us, me included, thought that Trump would end the war on Woke, we didn't think he'd go completely bat shit crazy and quite literally blow up the world economy! Not even Roy Cohn, Roger Stone, Roger Ailes all put together would've thought what Trump has done was possible, that's how bad things have become!

If Gavin Newsom can't beat the republicans in 2028 god help us!

Back at home Albo is planning to underwrite private oil companies so they can go and get hold of the oil they wouldn't normally touch because of the risk, but with government support there are some, shall we say, interesting deals being done! Think of it like calling the good folk of Colombia and saying; Hey we've got a problem with coffee can you help? Heyyyyyy ombré nooooo problemo but don't ask too many questions, ok ombré?

So while Albo is off underwriting oil companies the Iranians who have got some balls about them have said they could end up charging any ships going through the Strait of Hormuz a fee! Awesome! So not only did the US not take over Iran, the Iranians are potentially going to make money off the shipping lanes? America Fock no!

What all this trouble in the Middle East points to though is higher grocery prices! While Albo is cracking down on Petrol companies isn't it time to belt the supermarkets before they start sticking prices up?! It's not like supermarkets can't afford to make a bit less for the next few months! All for the greater good? Actually help society? Imagine the good will supermarkets would create if they said hey we get you so we're freezing all pricing for the next three months...but back on the magic beans thing...

And finally where has all the talk on renewables gone since petrol prices went up? Aren't we still reducing emissions? The truth is the whole renewables thing comes completely unstuck when the shit hits the fan, why? Because we are not ready to have renewables as our main source of energy and fuel. Most of the things in our lives depend on oil and while we should indeed be looking for new sources of energy we should be dropping net zero as soon as possible.

Have a great Sunday and all being well the new website drops tomorrow!

POPULISM IN 2026

In one corner we have Albo, not a smart man and losing his appeal, but the alternative? Angus Taylor? In Victoria we have Bendigo Barbie and the alternative a 15 year old with a law degree. In Queensland, David Crisafuli and the alternative that little bloke who wanted to just give away free stuff. In South Australia, well that's a closed shop but the point is it's not hard to see how populist political parties have become so, ummm popular.

When Trump was elected the first time as president he was probably the first populist leader to take office. Argentinas Javier Milei was probably next, then Georgia Meloni in Italy, freedom party leader in Holland Geert Wilders, Nigel Farage of Reform UK and of course our own Pauline Hanson with One Nation...all leaders of populist parties that have and have now had a major impact on their respective countries.

Milei and Meloni remain the two most successful, the others remain to be proven so, but it is Trump that gives them all a bad name. Trump was supposed to bring real world experience to US and global politics and yet he's been an unmitigated disaster. If Trump is bad do we really want to see how Farage and Hanson go?

The issue in Victoria is that Jess Wilson and the Libs are refusing to do preference deals with One Nation. According to a little birdie internal liberal polling suggests that Allan is looking at a catastrophic wipe up, but it's March and the election is in November so what then? And this is where the blinding arrogance of the Libs comes in because they ain't listening when they should!

The bigger over arching issue though is what happens if the populists get into power? Is it more war, less petrol and more working from home? It's all novel at first but then gets pretty tedious. We can't know what any of the people we named would be like as a true global leader. We just need to hope that if one of these parties does get into office they don't follow Trump's lead on anything ever!

MAYORS & COUNCILLORS TO GET A PAY RISE?

So we hear this morning that public transport in Victoria is about to become free for a month thanks to the state government as a result of Trumps war with Iran. Cool! That is a good thing and about the best thing Barbie has done since she took over from Ayatollah Andrews but there's something brewing that's not cool!

Mayors and councillors, possibly the most useless of the useless when it comes to bureaucratic incompetence are to get? Pay rises! Yes as the states teachers take to the streets pleading for more money the bureaucrats are getting a pay bump to help with inflation. I'm sorry what now? Here we have teachers struggling and we're allowing the over paid useless bureaucrats to be paid more?

Now let's be fair here to the bureaucrats and the government they don't set their own pay rates! No! As they will tell us the pay rates of politicians and bureaucrats is set by an independent government/tax payer funded body that makes decisions based on, ummmm, errrr inflation? What the government tells them? Who knows really but going back to the magic beans and unicorns thing if you believe what the government says let me know...

The bottom line is are we for real here? Councils are useless but are getting a pay rise and yet our teachers can't get paid decently for trying to educate our kids? There is something very rotten in the state of Victoria.

AI AND THE FUTURE

Karen Hao an MIT graduate and former foreign correspondent to the Wall Street Journal was recently interviewed on the podcast; Diary of a CEO. Hao who is, shall we say not Sam Altman's biggest fan was on the podcast to talk about AI, the good and the not so good. It is a fascinating insight into the world of AI and her book, Empire of AI is a must read but the podcast, Hao herself and all the issues around AI beg the questions, why is AI trying to make humans redundant and why are we allowing it?

I can't lie and say I don't use AI nowadays. I try to avoid it for writing but definitely get some ideas but when it comes to using it for strategy I am all in with Claude especially. Any start up will tell you they don't have any money to be paying for consulting services so if I can ask Claude something about how to market my business better then guess what?

When it comes to legal services, medical advice and other services that require irrefutable evidence AI isn't yet the place to go to but the suggestion is that it could be. Financial services, tech companies, law firms are all heavily invested in AI and seeing it become that irrefutable source of information because? They're the ones with the most money and have the most to gain by replacing humans with tech.

Robots are probably some time away from replacing humans in general tasks or in all manufacturing jobs but it's on the cards and again we ask why? Yes we get that it's about money, power, greed etc...but why are we so keen to see and allow tech companies and people like Sam Altman to say humans are going to become obsolete.

Altman like several of his tech friends have suggested that because AI is indeed going to make humans obsolete humanity will still need to have some kind of money to live. Given humans won't have jobs anymore Altman in the goodness of his heart has suggested the UBI, universal basic income could/will become the wage given to humans to live. A wage handed out by governments or tech companies to the minions who have little or no use, well to them.

While AI has massive potential we are again facing one of those situations where we have emerging technology that right now is sucking in everyone from governments to VC funds with little or no oversight. We are seeing data centres become a priority for governments, buildings that have already been shown to create toxic waste and take up masses of power that simply can't be sustained with renewable energy sources, so what is the longer term plan for these massive hubs? They will unquestionably get bigger so what is the plan?

Social media companies are still pretty much a law unto themselves but while the social media ban for under 16's has been a small win for society what of the kids it didn't save? How are we making AI accountable now rather than in ten years when it is the dominant technology?

The other key thing we have mentioned before is that while AI tech companies are targeting the wealthy industries the money that VC funds will need to recoup out of the technology is not hundreds of millions like social media it is hundreds of billions and so where's that coming from? How will society and companies afford the pay off?

So what are we doing here? We seem to be allowing very smart nerds with narcissistic tendencies to put themselves into places where they think they're the next rulers of the world. We are allowing millions of people to be at the whims of tech giants and as ever we don't seem to have any kind of real plan to deal with the ramifications of all of it. Politicians are not smart enough to see long term strategy and corporates will just grab the money so it is left to people like Karen Hao to take up the fight. Our issue though is that there aren't enough Karen Hao's in the world and that people might not start listening until it's too late.

THE CULTURE

Opera singers are, quite obviously, the supreme beings of the vocal world. This is not opinion; it's a fact whispered by chandeliers in grand theatres and confirmed every time someone in activewear attempts karaoke after two vodkas and immediately regrets their life choices.

First, volume. Opera singers don't need microphones. They simply open their mouths and rearrange the molecular structure of the room. Your average pop star needs a sound engineer named Josh and a \$10,000 mic to be heard over a synth. An opera singer? They *are* the sound system. If Wi-Fi ever fails globally, we'll just have sopranos yelling the news across cities.

Second, stamina. These people sing for hours, often in languages they don't casually use at brunch. Imagine ordering coffee in Italian, then immediately launching into a full emotional breakdown about love, death, and betrayal—while hitting notes that could scare pigeons off a cathedral. It's elite chaos.

Third, commitment to drama. Pop singers write songs about breakups. Opera singers die *mid-song* about them. There's no half-measure. You're either confessing eternal love or collapsing on a velvet chaise lounge in Act III. Frankly, more industries should adopt this standard.

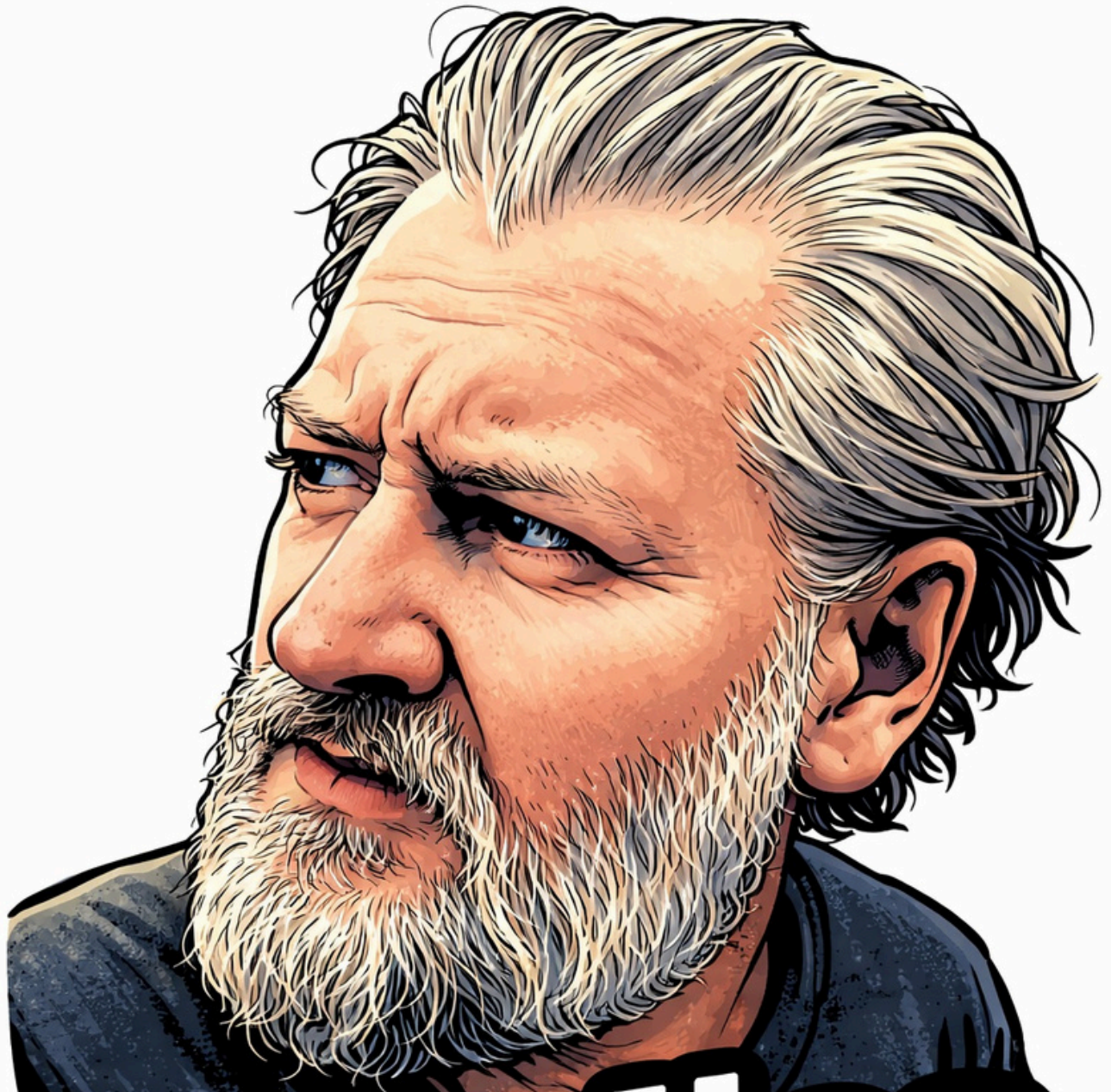
Finally, the outfits. Armour, gowns, capes—meanwhile, the rest of us are arguing over whether hoodies are “smart casual.”

So yes, opera singers are the best. Louder, stronger, more dramatic. If singing were an Olympic sport, they wouldn't just win—they'd sing the medal into existence.

To Tiger Woods and every single other male over the age of 45 like him
and his bullshit...

GROW THE FUCK UP!





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