

Small ball politics



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May 06, 2026**Dear Patriot,**

We are all trying to make our lives as easy as possible. The easy action taken to stay informed is to watch anything on cable or scroll social media.

Oh, you will get information that way; not all of it will be bad.

But, most of it is a narrow glimpse of a very large picture. It is akin to looking through a binocular to watch a bird. You see the bird and all he is doing but you are not see the great big world that bird is living in. The easy thing to do is consume navel gazi commentators endlessly yammering about Trump Truth Socials, his jokes, the price oil, redistricting, mid-term elections, Ilham Omar's immigration violations. It is almost ALL framed in negative ways. But, it is all woven into the a big plan that is being played out before us.

It is time to stop being myopic and look at the world the way President Trump looks at it.

He has already proven to be one of the most consequential presidents in our history.

We have never witnessed such a world-transformative, visionary leader. We are not likely to ever see it again.

Trump is bold and fearless. We need to be bold and fearless next to him.

We need to look at the totality of what he is working on instead of the negative spi small ball politics played by RINOs, Democrats and Fake New.

Trump is hitting home runs every week.

Lean into some news...

- Trump is hitting home runs on energy.
- RFK Jr seeking cures instead of over-medication.
- our serious jurists have had enough of the DEI hire.
- let this number sink in...1,000.
- fit bodies, strong minds.



1- We were amused by this article by notorious Never Trumper Rich Lowry.

He manages to get through this whole thing only giving scant credit to Trump Administration policies.

Amazing!

[Rick Lowry at the NYPost](#)

Operation Epic Fury is highlighting the utter brilliance of 'Drill, baby, drill'

QUOTE: It's not 1973 anymore, and that's a very good thing for the United State

Back then, the United States imported more than a third of its oil, much of it from the Middle East — and it paid the price.

Now it's in a transformed position.

"Drill, baby, drill" is arguably the most successful public policy of the last 20 years:

On top of sweeping innovations forged by private industry, President Trump has driven a stake through the heart of Joe Biden's "net zero" energy policy — based on the delusion that we could phase out fossil fuels — and has pursued US "energy dominance" instead.

As anyone who has recently filled their car's gas tank knows, we aren't immune from the Iran war's turmoil.

But our newly robust energy position provides a cushion. It's certainly better than the alternative.

As Bruce Andre Beaubouef notes in an account of the oil crises of the 1970s, imported oil constituted less than 15% of our energy consumption in the mid-1950s. As the US population grew, and energy consumption grew even faster, we needed more.

By 1973, imported oil accounted for 36% of domestic consumption. At the same time, domestic production in the continental United States declined in 1972 and 1973.

We got slammed during the Arab oil embargo.

The federal government adopted a raft of policies intended to achieve energy independence, none of which worked.

The United States was importing more than 40% of its oil when the Iranian revolution roiled the global energy market again in 1979.

But the shale revolution created a new era.

We are now the world's largest producer of natural gas. By 2020, the United States had become a net exporter of petroleum products for the first time in 70 years.

Our new position makes us less vulnerable to crises; in fact, now we can help other countries weather them.

US natural gas provided a lifeline to Europe as it coped with the energy effects of the Ukraine war.

During the Iran conflict, the price of West Texas Intermediate crude, representing oil, has been consistently lower than that of Brent crude, the international price (although both have increased).

More starkly, the price for natural gas in the United States is at roughly a 17-month low — while a major Mideast conflict that has throttled 20% of the world's supply is ongoing. In contrast, the price in Europe is up more than 80%, and in Asia more than 100%.

Already at record levels, US gas production is only increasing. There's so much gas in West Texas that producers literally don't know what to do with it — the pipelines are full. With Qatar canceling gas deliveries, more buyers have looked to the United States for supply. We'd be exporting even more, except our pipelines and export plants are already at capacity.

This is why increasing drilling and fracking isn't so much the issue anymore, as is building more oil and gas infrastructure — pipelines, refineries, liquefied natural gas terminals and the like.

The Western Hemisphere stands to gain from the Iran crisis, as the closure of the Strait of Hormuz underlines the inherent risks of reliance on Middle Eastern suppliers.

If that weren't bad enough for OPEC, the United Arab Emirates has decided to go its own way in a major blow to the cartel.

From the perspective of the 1970s, this a geopolitical dream.

None of this is to deny that we need the Strait of Hormuz reopened for all sorts of reasons, including the price at the pump.

But there's no doubt that the beginning of wisdom in US energy policy was "Drill baby, drill."



2- Secretary of HHS, Robert Kennedy, Jr, is putting forth a plan and initiative to get people off antidepressants.

Kennedy said this at the announcement: "The United States does not just face a mental health crisis, we face a dependency crisis driven by over-medication. The data is clear: one in six American adults take an antidepressant. One in 10 children are on prescription medication for their mental health. 30 percent of college students report using psychiatric medications in the past year. And in nursing homes, more than half of the residents are on prescribed antidepressants. That's not a marginal issue."

[Just The News](#)

Kennedy announces campaign to end overprescribing psychiatric antidepressants

QUOTE: Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. announced campaign Monday to end the overprescribing of psychiatric medications, including medications used to treat depression.

The announcement occurred during a Make America Healthy Again Institute summit on mental health.

“Today, we take clear and decisive action to confront our nation’s mental health crisis by addressing the overuse of psychiatric medications — especially among children,” Kennedy said. “We will support patient autonomy, require informed consent and shared decision-making, and shift the standard of care toward prevention, transparency and a more holistic approach to mental health.”

Kennedy stated that he was not telling doctors to immediately stop prescribing psychiatric medication, but that the campaign will help make sure providers and patients “have the information and support to make the right decisions for you.”

Top officials within the HHS also wrote in a “Dear Colleague” letter that while psychiatric medications are an important tool in treating some conditions, they “should not be understood as the only treatment option.”



3- The adults in the room have had it with the whiney toddler and her continuous breach of decorum.

Powerline

Alito vs. Jackson

QUOTE: Justice Sam Alito has emerged as a spokesman for the conservative (or, at least, moderate) majority on the Supreme Court, while Justice Ketanji Jackson seems to be auditioning for a role on MSNBC as a left-wing pundit. The Court's decision in *Louisiana v. Callais*, where the Court held, correctly, that the Voting Rights Act cannot be interpreted to require racial gerrymandering. That decision was handed down last Wednesday.

Monday, the Court issued a follow-up order directing a prompt entry of judgment.

To permit the losing party time to file a petition for rehearing, the Clerk of the Court ordinarily waits 32 days after the entry of the Court's judgment to serve the opinion and a certified copy of the judgment to the clerk of the lower court. Sup. Ct. Rule 45.3. This period is subject to adjustment; the default applies "unless the Court or a Justice shortens or extends the time." Ibid. The Callais appellees have asked for the Clerk to issue the judgment forthwith so that "in the event of a judicial remedy," the District Court may "oversee an orderly process." App. 3. Appellant Louisiana does not oppose this application. And while the Robinson appellants oppose it, they have not expressed any intent to ask this Court to reconsider its judgment. Thus, the application to issue the judgment forthwith presented to JUSTICE ALITO and by him referred to the Court is granted.

Eight of the Court's nine justices agreed that judgment should be entered promptly to maximize the time available to the State of Louisiana to revise its redistricted House boundaries, the old ones having been found to be racially-based and therefore unconstitutional. But Justice Jackson wrote a vituperative dissent, not only disagreeing with the other eight justices, but impugning their motives.

That prompted a separate concurring opinion by Justice Alito, in which Justices Thomas and Gorsuch joined:

The dissent in this suit levels charges that cannot go unanswered. The dissent would require that the 2026 congressional elections in Louisiana be held under a map that has been held to be unconstitutional.* The dissent does not claim that it is now too late for the state legislature or the District Court to adopt a new map that complies with the Constitution. Nor does the dissent assert that it is not feasible for the elections to be held under such a map. Instead, the dissent offers two reasons for its proposed course of action. One is trivial at best, and the other is baseless and insulting.

The first is compliance with the 32-day default rule set out in this Court's Rule 45.3, but as the Court's order explains, there is good reason to depart from that default rule here. The principal reason for the 32-day default rule is to give the losing party time to prepare a petition for rehearing. But here, the Robinson appellees have not expressed an intent to file such a petition, much less set forth any ground on which a petition might be based. And the need for prompt action by this Court is clear. The date scheduled for the beginning of early voting in the primary election has already passed. The congressional districting map enacted by the legislature has been held to be unconstitutional, and the general election will be held in just six months.

The second reason offered by the dissent is that we should allow the 32-day period to run out in order to "avoid the appearance of partiality." Post, at 3 (opinion of JACKSON, J.). But the dissent does not explain why its insistence on unthinking compliance with Rule 45.3's default rule does not create the appearance of partiality (by running out the clock) on behalf of those who may find it politically advantageous to have the election occur under the unconstitutional map.

The dissent goes on to claim that our decision represents an unprincipled use of power. See post, at 4 ("And just like that, those principles give way to power"). That is a groundless and utterly irresponsible charge. What princip

has the Court violated? The principle that Rule 45.3's 32-day default period should never be shortened even when there is good reason to do so? The principle that we should never take any action that might unjustifiably be criticized as partisan?

The dissent accuses the Court of "unshackl[ing]" itself from "constraints." Paragraph 4. It is the dissent's rhetoric that lacks restraint.

**** That constitutional question was argued and conferenced nearly seven months ago.***

The significance of the footnote is that seven months passed between the time the Court decided the Callais case and when the decision was published last week. There are rumors that the delay was caused by Justice Kagan's stalling the production of her dissenting opinion to, as Alito put it, "run out the clock" so that Democrats might have the advantage of the unconstitutional districting in this year's election. Alito's footnote doesn't necessarily confirm that rumor, but it helps to explain why eight justices wanted no more delay.

As shown in a number of other instances, Justice Jackson is either a person of extremely limited intelligence or a political operative, rather than a legitimate judge. Her repeated personal attacks on her colleagues are unprecedented, at least in the modern history of the Court.

They can best be understood, I think, as part of the Democratic Party's effort to delegitimize the Court in order to lay a political foundation for court-packing or disregarding the Court's rulings in Democratic jurisdictions. Jackson's role on the Court can perhaps best be seen as that of an infiltrator, rather than a judge.



4- 1,000.

In just one small part of the country.

In four months.

1,000.

Most of these dangerous illegals are here because the Biden Regime ushered them here.

[Just The News](#)

In four months, border agents arrest 1,000 child sex offenders in Tampa area

QUOTE: Border Patrol agents working in Tampa, Florida, have arrested their 1,000th child sex offender in just four months. The 1,000th arrest was of a Trinidadian man convicted of five felony child sex offenses in Hillsborough County with a lengthy criminal record. They're working out of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Miami Sector's Tampa Station, one of the oldest Border Patrol stations in the country.

Its area of responsibility covers 12 counties in central and western Florida, spanning 190 miles long and 125 miles wide. It also includes three seaports. From the Gulf stretches east to Lake, Osceola, Highland and Glades counties. It stretches north to Levy and Marion counties and south to Lee County.

The 1,000th arrest and “significant milestone is further proof that Border Patrol agents remain committed to making our communities safer by apprehending and removing the worst of the worst criminal illegal aliens,” Acting Chief Patrol Agent Samuel Briggs II, Miami Border Patrol Sector, said. ”

The 1,000th arrest was a Trinidad national, Troy Antonio Baldeo, who was in the U.S. illegally on an expired visa. His criminal history in the U.S. dates to 2015, when he attempted to evade prosecution on the child sex offense charges. CBP officers arrested him in December 2015 at JFK International Airport in New York as he attempted to board a flight to Trinidad and Tobago. He was extradited to Hillsborough County and convicted in 2016, the same year his nonimmigrant visa expired.

After he was released from prison last December, he wasn’t deported. He moved to Baltimore, Maryland, then returned to Florida where he was arrested this month, CBP said. He remains in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody and is being processed for removal.

As of April 30, agents from the sector apprehended more than 6,600 illegal foreign nationals and criminals, already surpassing last fiscal year’s total of 6,475, according to CBP data.



5- We are bringing back competition and fitness to school children. Part of having a strong mind is having a strong body.

After the President signed the proclamation, he went out on the lawn and played with the kids.

Just look at all those beautiful faces!

[Deseret News](#)

Trump restores Presidential Fitness Test Award for students

QUOTE: President Donald Trump signed a proclamation Tuesday to reintroduce Presidential Fitness Test Award and revive the National Youth Sports and Fitness Initiative.

Present for the signing was Florida basketball coach Todd Golden, two-time U.S. Open champion Bryson DeChambeau, Hall of Fame golfer Gary Player and other notable athletes.

DeChambeau is the chair of the President's Council on Sports, Fitness and Nutrition which is comprised of professional athletes, physicians, health and fitness leaders and business professionals unified to improve and protect America's youth, health and well-being, and athletic institutions.

Trump criticized the Barack Obama administration for phasing out the youth sports initiative due to competition concerns over some youth being embarrassed in front of their peers. "Thank you Barack. Great job," he said sarcastically. Then Trump followed it up with, "We're bringing it back."

He continued, "My administration is working very hard to defend America's cherished traditions and pass our values of excellence and competitiveness to the next generation."

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said the fitness program will be in all the schools under the Department of Defense education activity, where he hopes the 161

schools will pilot an eventual national program.

Hegseth emphasized the ability these competitions have to alleviate the inability nearly three-quarters of youth to qualify for the military.

“The idea that competition is bad is the beginning of a decline of a nation,” he said.
“Competition is critical to who we are and ensuring America stays on top.”



PRAY for ALL children.

PRAY for the President and Cabinet.

PRAY for our military members all over the world.

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