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“To Be Governed...”

IF THE SCHOOLS ARE GOOD, WHY WOULD FAMILIES LEAVE?

Nashville Mayor John Cooper... says vouchers could have a devastating effect on Metro Nashville Public Schools.... “If we’re diverting students from public to private schools, then which public schools would we be forced to close? Which teachers and support staff would we have to lay off because of the migration from public to private schools?”

— *Axios*, June 2, 2022

COINCIDENTALLY, THAT’S WHERE THE PENTAGON IS

Raytheon Technologies is moving its headquarters from Massachusetts to Arlington, Va....

Raytheon becomes the last of the Big Five defense contractors—alongside Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, General Dynamics and, most recently, Boeing—to commit its corporate identity to the D.C. suburbs.

— *Washington Post*, June 7, 2022

OUR LIBERTARIAN DYSTOPIA

Although towels come in standard sizes, there is little to no regulation regarding their measurements.

— *Washington Post*, June 7, 2022

SUPREME COURT SAYS CONGRESS MAKES THE LAWS

SCOTUS guts the EPA’s ability to regulate carbon emissions, fight climate change. The

federal government will be restricted from regulating anything of significance in the absence of a clear Congressional directive to do so.

— Rep. Rashida Tlaib on Twitter,
June 30, 2022

EXECUTIVE POWER UNCHAINED

[The Biden] administration has spent the past year and a half trying to pass robust climate change legislation, only to see it collapse last week....

“In many ways the president put all his chips in this action by Congress, and we failed,” said Senator Jeff Merkley, Democrat of Oregon. But, he said, “This unchains the president from waiting for Congress to act.”

— *New York Times*, July 19, 2022

IN WHAT KIND OF COUNTRY DO CABINET MINISTERS RESIGN JUST BECAUSE THE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT IS DISHONEST?

Two of Britain’s most senior Cabinet ministers resigned on Tuesday, a move that could spell the end of Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s leadership after months of scandals.

— *NPR*, July 5, 2022

I GUESS IT’S NOT REAL SOCIALISM

Nicaraguan police took control of five municipalities run by a party opposed to President Daniel Ortega in recent days, dismissing

elected leaders and installing ruling party sympathizers in their place.

— *Reuters*, July 4, 2022

WAIT, WHAT?

With inflation on the rise and the threat of a recession looming, congressional Democrats are scrambling to revive their long-stalled economic spending package.

— *Washington Post*, June 27, 2022

THEY’RE CALLING SPENDING, REGULATION, AND TAXES THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT?

Sen. Joe Manchin (D., W.Va.) agreed to back a package aimed at lowering carbon emissions and curbing healthcare costs while raising corporate taxes.

— *Wall Street Journal*, July 28, 2022

A SHORTAGE OF KIT KATS IS SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE. I WANT CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS. I WANT THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT.

Trick-or-treaters on the hunt for Kit Kats, Twizzlers and Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups might be in for a disappointment, or rather the people who like to hand them out might.

Hershey warned Thursday that it might not be able to meet demand for its signature candies at Halloween and over the holiday season.

— *Washington Post*, July 28, 2022