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TODAY'S VERSE

Psalms 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

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Molly, Assistant Manager at Sunflower Herbs & Vitamins offered one of our roving photographers a smile, with Sunflower's Readers' Choice Award. Thank you for your smile!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 From Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs; Indiana Veteran Families experiencing financial hardship can apply for \$500 per dependent child for back-to-school expenses. Students must live in a veteran's home. Children K-12 up to age 18 and Full-Time college students, up to age 23 qualify. Must provide Application, DD-214, Bank Statement, Proof of income, Proof of child's dependency, proof of child's residency. Use this link: <https://www.in.gov/dva/files/2023-BTS-app.pdf> to fill out the application.

2 Crawfordsville District Public Library is holding a Blood Drive on Wednesday from 9 am to noon.

3 Ladoga Public Library Summer Reading Program Wednesday. Science Shakedowns with Mr. Mitchell! 1 pm - 2 pm, DNA Discovery-Strawberry DNA Bingo/games 2:30 PM

3,000 Books And Counting



Photo courtesy of Crawfordsville District Public Library

Luke S., age 3, has completed the Crawfordsville District Public Library program "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" for the third time. Together with his parents, Bret and Jean S. they have read 3000 books. Luke's favorite book is Llama Llama Time to Share by Anna Dewdney. Mom said, "Thank you to CDPL for their encouragement, support and programs inspiring the youth of our community to read. Luke has participated in the reading program for the last year and a half. The result is the more he reads the more he wants to read. He frequently states "I love Books". What a heartwarming statement for a parent to hear their child say."

S.R. 32 TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS

- STARTING ON/AFTER JUNE 29, S.R. 32 WILL BE RESTRICTED FOR UTILITY WORK.
- CREWS WILL BE WORKING BETWEEN N. 1075 E. AND N. 975 E.
- THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE EXPECTED TO LAST THROUGH JUNE 30, WEATHER PERMITTING.

State Road 32 To Be Temporarily Restricted

Starting on or after June 29 for utility work. The Indiana Department of Transportation announces temporary restrictions on State Road 32 starting on or after Thursday, June 29 for utility work near Shannondale. The restrictions are between N. 1075 E. and 1175 W. This is expected to last through Friday, January 30th, weather permitting. INDOT urges motorists to slow down, use caution and consider worker safety when traveling through work zones.

Butch Says It All Started with Watching TV



BUTCH DALE COLUMNIST

Have you ever wondered why you chose the occupation that you work at today? When I graduated from high school in 1966, my goal was to become an electrical engineer. I enjoyed the math and science classes that I took at good ol' Darlington High School. Making good grades always came easy for me, and when I graduated as the class valedictorian, I received a full scholarship to General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan to earn a degree in electrical engineering. I envisioned my future job to be both challenging and high paying. But after working as an intern in the engineering department at Allison's in the summer of 1966, I started to have second thoughts. And after two weeks at college that fall, I decided that this was not what I wanted to do.

To make a long story short, I enrolled at Purdue and earned both my Bachelor's and Master's degrees in education. I became a teacher at...yep... Darlington Middle School, and I even had a brother and sister in two of my classes that year! Several years later, I attended a class in Criminal Justice, which dealt with law enforcement and the judicial system. When it appeared that my old school was going to close, I started thinking about a change in careers...to law enforcement. I was hired as a Montgomery County deputy sheriff, and after many years on the force, was elected County Sheriff in 1994. But hold on. When my oldest boy started Purdue in 1990 and I needed to earn more money to pay his tuition, I also was hired as the librarian in Darlington. So for many years...now as the father of four children, I worked from 11am to 6pm as a librarian, and then 7pm to 4am as a police officer...often getting no sleep if I had to cover a big case or traffic fatality late at night. It was very hectic to say the least. I retired from the

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:17 a.m.
SET: 9:21 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 82 °F
Low: 66 °F

- Today is...**
- American Eagle Day
 - National Vanilla Milkshake Day
 - World Refugee Day

- What Happened On This Day**
- 1975 The film Jaws is premiered.
 - 1963 The "Red Telephone" is instituted.
 - 1942 Kazimierz Piechowski and three others escape from Auschwitz concentration camp.

- Births On This Day**
- 1942 Brian Wilson American singer-songwriter, musician, producer
 - 1905 Lillian Hellman American playwright

- Deaths On This Day**
- 1837 William IV of the United Kingdom

- 1947 Bugsy Siegel American gangster

Donate Blood. Spread Awareness. Make a Difference.

As of early last week, Versiti Blood Center of Indiana issued an emergency appeal for blood donations. With less than a day's supply of available blood, communities throughout the state face a potential crisis as hospitals may not have the

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INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Are you having trouble remembering things? Perhaps you're not getting enough sleep. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Darlington Library Summer Reading Program
The Darlington Library will be sponsoring its annual Summer Reading and Activity program for children age 12 and under through July 14th. The program is for kids who live in Franklin and Sugar Creek townships. You may sign up in person or call the library at 794-4813 to sign up over the phone.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"The summer night is like a perfection of thought."
-Wallace Stevens

TODAY'S JOKE

Where do fish go on summer vacation?
No where. They're always in school.

OBITUARIES

John O. Marlowe
Michael Lawrence Colosino

The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **Diane Thompson** for subscribing!



7 DAY FORECAST

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OBITUARIES

John O. Marlowe

July 8, 1957 - June 13, 2023

John O. Marlowe, 65, of Clayton, passed away June 13, 2023.

He was born on July 8, 1957, to Chuck and Ann (Mitchell) Marlowe.

John was a 1975 graduate of Cascade High School, and a 1979 graduate of Wabash College. He was a member of Wabash's 1977 NCAA Division III National Runner-Up football team. John was a sports writer and columnist for The Paper of Montgomery County and the Noblesville Times. He was an award-winning scribe, winning six writing awards from the Hoosier State Press Association in the last five years, including three best columns in the state. For many years, he co-published the Indiana Basketball Handbook.

John served on the Hendricks County Community Foundation Board, as well as the Clayton / Liberty Township Library Board. He was an elder in the Clayton Presbyterian Church. He was a kind and gentle spirit, an immediate friend to all people he met, and a devout loyalist to his family and "his peeps."

Survivors include his brother Todd (Cyndi) Marlowe, of Houston, Texas; half-brothers Ben (Erinn) Marlowe of Whitestown; David (Cadie) Marlowe of Indianapolis; and step-mother Marian Marlowe of Indianapolis.

Funeral services are scheduled for Thursday, June 22, at 7 p.m. in Hazelwood Christian Church. Friends and family may pay their respects from 4 p.m. until the time of service. Please enter through the east-side doors of the church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hendricks County Humane Society 3033 E. Main Street, Danville, Ind. 46122.

Hall-Baker Funeral Home, Plainfield is handling arrangements. Please visit [http://www.bakerfuneralservice.com to leave a condolence.]

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Governor Appoints New Student Trustee For Purdue; Three Trustees Reappointed

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb has appointed the Purdue University Board of Trustees' new student member and reappointed three current trustees.

Kevin Boes of Great Falls, Montana, was appointed to serve a two-year term as the board's student trustee. Theresa Carter, Michael Klipsch and Gary Lehman were reappointed to serve three-year terms. All appointments are effective July 1.

Boes is a direct-to-PhD student in mechanical engineering and currently serves as a graduate research assistant in the Purdue Experimental Turbine Aerothermal Laboratory at the Maurice J. Zucrow Laboratories. His research under professor Guillermo Paniagua focuses on supersonic internal flow. He earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue in 2022 and was a student responder for the 2022 Winter Commencement ceremonies.

In 2021, Boes worked as a Starship operations engineering intern at SpaceX in Texas.

Among his myriad campus activities, Boes has been president of the Interfraternity Council and the Chi Chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity and treasurer of Purdue's Barbara Cook Chapter of Mortar Board. He also has been a Boiler Gold Rush team supervisor, Old Masters host and educational ambassador for the Center for Advocacy, Response & Education (CARE).

The student trustee is the student representative to the Board of Trustees, serves on the board's Academic and Student Affairs Committee and Physical Facilities Committee, and has an equal vote on all actions taken by the board.

Carter, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, is one of three alumni trustees, having first been elected by the Purdue Alumni Association in 2020. She is a distinguished military

graduate of Purdue's Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program - earning a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering in 1985 - and went on to serve 31 years on active duty in the U.S. Air Force, retiring at the rank of major general in 2016. She currently works as an independent consultant providing strategic leadership and management advisory services to the Department of Defense and corporate clients.

Klipsch, of Carmel, Indiana, has served on the board since 2015. He earned a bachelor's degree in industrial management from Purdue in 1985. Following a 20-year career with Klipsch Group, a family-owned and -operated holding company for a wide variety of consumer electronic brands, Klipsch pursued a variety of entrepreneurial opportunities, including the development of state-of-the-art athletic facilities, involvement in many multifamily



KEVIN BOES

housing communities and other strategic private equity investments.

Lehman, of Lafayette, Indiana, has served on the board since 2010. He is a 1974 Purdue graduate with a bachelor's degree in industrial management. He is the retired chairman of the board of Oerlikon Fairfield and president of Oerlikon AG-Americas, and founder of Cannelton Group, a firm specializing in providing management services to underperforming, privately held manufacturing companies. He has also held executive leadership positions with John Deere, Federal Mogul Corp, ITT Industries and Philips Electronics.

OBITUARIES

Michael Lawrence Colosino

January 24, 1924, Friday, June 16, 2023

Michael Lawrence Colosino, age 99 of Crawfordsville and formerly of Valparaiso, passed away on Friday, June 16, 2023. He was born in Monongah, West Virginia on January 24, 1924 to the late Felix and Constance Colosino. He attended Monongah High School then proudly served his country in the United States Army during WWII. He served during the battle of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe and was awarded two purple hearts.

On January 20, 1950 he married the love of his life, Alfretta (Blocker) Colosino, she preceded him in death on January 28, 1993. Throughout the years he worked in the Steel industry for 40 years at Bethlehem Steel in Burns Harbor, Indiana. He loved playing golf and had 11 holes-in-one, loved tinkering in the garage, and made life-long friends everywhere he went.

He is survived by a son, James Colosino of Danville, Indiana; two granddaughters, Kelly (Ryan) Needham of Crawfordsville and Molly (Zane) Roe of Indianapolis; four great grandchildren, Landon Mohundro, Emily Needham, Charlotte Roe, and Emma Roe; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Alfretta; three brothers, Fred, Daniel, and Louis; four sisters, Joanne, Virginia, Carmella, and Minnie, and daughter-in-law, Teresa Colosino.

Visitation will be at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington St, in Crawfordsville on Thursday, June 22, 2023 from 11:00am till the time of the funeral service at 1:00pm with military honors by the United States Army and Legion Post 72 Honor Guard. Cremation will follow the service. The service will be live-streamed which can be viewed on his obituary page. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneral-Care.com.



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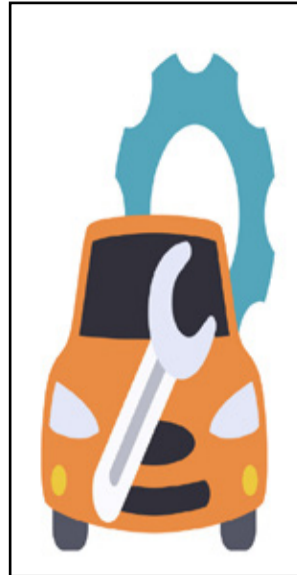
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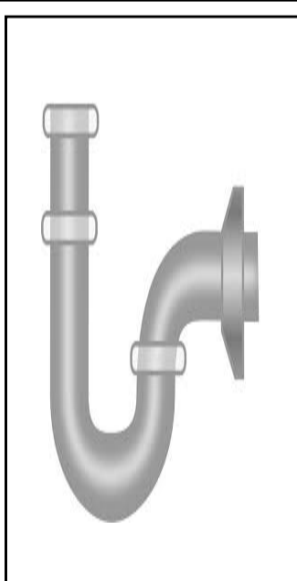
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Revisiting The Words Of JFK, Reagan (and Trump)



BRIAN HOWEY
Howey Political Report

When I was a young American - age five - we were guided by the words of a soon-to-be slain president.

At his inauguration in 1961, President John F. Kennedy instilled this key concept: "Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country."

I bring back this call to action in the context of an isolated Miami federal courtroom, sans video or audio, on Tuesday, when former president Donald J. Trump pleaded not guilty to 37 criminal charges of violating the Espionage Act and obstructing justice.

On the day Trump was arrested, he led the Real Clear Politics polling composite by 30.7% over Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and Mike Pence.

Trump was not arrested and criminally charged for possessing top-secret documents detailing U.S. war plans, its nuclear capabilities and those of its allies. Had he done what President Joe Biden and former Vice President Pence did earlier this year - give such documents back to the National Archives - Trump would have been left to fend off 17 dubious charges related to a payoff of porn actress Stormy Daniels while running for the GOP nomination.

But Trump didn't do that. He obfuscated, plotted, obstructed, diverted and exposed his own legal team, leading to the FBI search of Mar-

a-Lago last August. In photos released by special counsel Jack Smith last Friday, cartons and boxes containing top secret documents were seen stacked under a crystal chandelier and next to a toilet, as well as on stage at the resort that has hosted thousands of Trump patrons and, most certainly, lurking foreign spies.

Or as conservative jurist J. Michael Luttig explained in a Twitter thread, "[Trump] has dared, taunted, provoked, and goaded DOJ to prosecute him from the moment it was learned that he had taken these national security documents. On any given day for the past 18 months - doubtless up to and including the day before the indictment was returned - the former president could have avoided and prevented this prosecution. He would never have been indicted for taking these documents. But for whatever reason, he decided that he would rather be indicted and prosecuted."

Appearing at his golf resort in Bedminster, N.J., Tuesday evening, Trump told supporters: "If the communists get away with this, it won't stop with me. They will not hesitate to ramp up their persecution of Christians, pro-life activists, parents attending school board meetings, and even future Republican candidates. I am the only one that can save this nation."

So, what kind of "top secret" documents were stored in Trump's Florida resort? Retired Gen. Mark Hertling tweeted, "The documents were likely extremely detailed

intelligence assessments, w/ potential foe (& friendly) capabilities & weaknesses & U.S. capabilities we would not want anyone - especially foes - to know."

As with many of his political crises since 2015, Trump's current legal woes are self-inflicted, and poorly handled by his shoddy political and business organizations.

There seemed to be series of fissures appearing in Trump's once impermeable Republican wall. While U.S. Rep. Jim Banks, the only announced Republican for Indiana's open U.S. Senate seat, summed up this latest scenario by saying, "Democrats are throwing away 247 years of American democracy over a records case ... Horrifying," U.S. Sen. Todd Young said, "The charges against President Trump are very serious and should not be minimized. The former President, like every other American, is deserving of due process and should be held to the same standard any other American would be held to."

Trump's former attorney general, William Barr, said on Fox News Sunday, "If even half of it is true, he's toast. It is a very detailed indictment and it's very, very damning. This idea of presenting Trump as a victim here or a victim of a witch hunt is ridiculous. Those documents are among the most sensitive secrets that the country has. They have to be in the custody of the archivist."

Former Indiana governor and vice President Mike Pence told The Wall Street Journal edito-

rial board, "Having read the indictment, these are very serious allegations. And I can't defend what is alleged."

While Trump allies called the legal charges tantamount to giving the former president a third GOP presidential nomination, the harsh reality is that this has been a brutal year for the billionaire. Trump's business organization was convicted of 17 felonies. He was found guilty of sexual assault in a Manhattan civil trial and ordered to pay \$5 million to author E. Jean Carroll. He now faces 34 New York felony counts in addition to the 37 felony counts filed in Miami on Tuesday.

If nominated, Trump will likely be challenging an 82-year-old President Biden in November 2024. Should he win, it sets up the specter of a candidate running (or ruling) from a federal penitentiary. Trump has suggested that should he win, he would pardon himself.

Seeking further wisdom from a former president, I turned to two-term Republican Ronald Reagan, who once described our America as a "shining city on a hill."

"We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker," Reagan said. "It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions."

-The columnist is managing editor of Howey Politics Indiana/State Affairs at StateAffairs.com/pro/Indiana. Find Howey on Facebook and Twitter @hwypol.

America's Power Grid Is Antiquated



Dear EarthTalk: How is America's outdated power grid inhibiting efforts to fight climate change?

Our outdated power grid is indeed a significant hindrance to efforts to combat climate change. One of the key issues is the grid's limited capacity to integrate renewable energy sources (solar, wind, etc.), a needed step if we're to make the transition to a clean energy economy. Today's grid is made up of a patchwork of local and regional interests often at odds with one another and developed to process locally sourced coal and gas into electricity that rarely gets transported more than a few dozen miles away.

To take full advantage of renewables, these local and regional utilities need to coordinate on the production and placement of thousands of miles of new high voltage transmission lines that could send electricity generated by wind and solar for thousands of miles across multiple grid regions. But without clear financial incentives, utilities aren't in any rush to pursue such endeavors.

A key challenge of renewable energy generation is its intermittency. Solar and wind power is variable depending on weather conditions, making it essential to have a grid capable of balancing supply and demand in real-time. An outdated grid with limited energy storage capacity and transmission capability can't effectively manage the fluctuations in renewable energy production. So renewable energy gets wasted while the grid keeps using fossil fuels to meet demand during times of low renewable generation.

Moreover, an outdated power grid falls short in integrating electric vehicles (EVs) into the transportation sector, a crucial component of efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. EV adoption is on the rise, but the existing grid is ill-equipped to support a widespread charging infrastructure.

This hinders the growth of the EV market. To fully realize the potential of EVs as a climate solution, a grid must be able to support increased demand from charging stations and manage the associated load fluctuations.

Outdated power grid vulnerabilities are further exacerbated by the increasing frequency and intensity of extreme weather events linked to climate change. Aging infrastructure is more susceptible to damage from storms, hurricanes and wildfires, resulting in prolonged power outages and disruptions. These events not only have immediate impacts on public safety and health but also impede climate change mitigation efforts by hampering renewable energy generation and slowing down the restoration of power supply.

To address these challenges, significant investments in grid modernization are essential. Upgrading the power grid to a smart grid, equipped with advanced sensors, automation and two-way communication can enhance grid resilience and flexibility. Smart grid technologies enable real-time monitoring and response, optimizing electricity distribution, and facilitating the integration of renewable energy sources. Additionally, expanding energy storage infrastructure, such as battery systems, can help mitigate the intermittency of renewable energy generation and provide backup power during outages.

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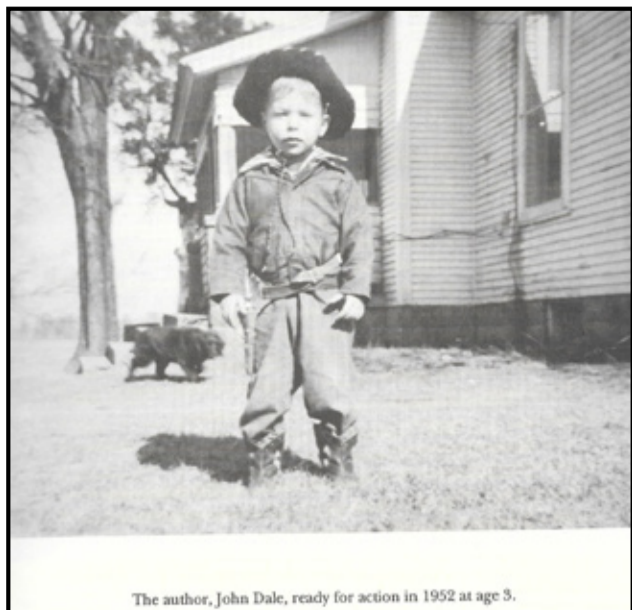
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BUTCH

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The author, John Dale, ready for action in 1952 at age 3.

Sheriff's Department in 1997 and returned to teach six more years, while also working part-time as librarian. I also taught college level criminal justice at Ivy Tech for one year. I have had several hobbies through the years, too. I have written four books and hundreds of newspaper columns, and have also painted and drawn over 1000 art pieces. In my "spare time," I have read almost all of the non-fiction and biography books, which number in the thousands, at my library. And to top it off, I received a federal firearms license in 2006, which I still have, and I buy and sell firearms (mostly antique) ...over 3000 thus far. At age 74, I can't seem to slow down...and that's good!

I have always wondered why I chose these occupations and hobbies, because I never considered them during my high school days. But recently I read an article in Psychology Today that helps to explain my decisions.

According to the article, "like the foundation of a house, our childhood experiences are the foundation on which the rest of our lives are built." Like many of you "baby boomers" who were born after WWII, many of your childhood experiences were affected by what you watched on a newfangled invention...television. As a toddler in the early 1950s, my two favorite TV shows were The Gene Autry (cowboy) Show and Miss Frances' Ding Dong School. This might explain why I eventually became a police officer and teacher. It was part of my basic psychology. My mother also read those Little Golden Books to me hundreds of times. One book in particular was entitled "Teddy Bear of Bumkin Hollow," and in the first paragraph, it read as follows..."Teddy was a little brown bear. He was just about the cutest bear that ever lived in Bumkin Hollow. But he had one very bad habit. No matter what his mama



told him to do--he wanted to do just the opposite." Folks, that last sentence described me! She read that book so many times that I had memorized every word by the age of four. She turned the pages, and I recited the words! And guess what? I finally straightened up my behavior, by attending Sunday school, (and with the assistance of Dad's belt on occasion). When I started first grade at the age of five, I was ahead of everyone, and it continued that way for the remainder of my school years. I loved school, especially my 4th grade teacher, Audrey Cox!

If someone had told me during my high school years that I would be a teacher, a police officer, and a librarian, then I would have told them they were crazy! But if you look deep down at my early childhood TV experiences, and with the way I was brought up, plus the fact that my father was class valedictorian, and my mother had artistic talent...so how could it be otherwise? Thanks Gene, Miss Frances, and Mom and Dad...I have loved my life!

- John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 32 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

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Herb. You finished with that hot sauce?" "Here you go," said Steve.

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But it is a solemn occasion for us. This is our chance to look at the kids walking with their dogs and speculating on what might have happened to last year's dog. Or maybe what combination of back fence romance created this breed.

But there's the flag. We'd come just to see the flag. That flag means different things to different people, thought Doc, but to me it means we've been given a country so big and so blessed that we can live here happily and care for each other without having to agree on whose campaign sign we stick in the front yard.

Do we, as a nation, have problems? Sure. Always have. Undoubtedly always will. But we also know there are fixes to these problems as well, and now if everyone would just agree with me on those, what a smart country we'd have!

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