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QUOTE FOR THE DAY:

“...No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all-wise. Indeed, it has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time.” Winston Churchill.

UNHAPPY DEMOCRATCS, SOON TO BE HAPPY?

Unhappy? You don't know. To hear Senator Schumer you'd think someone had ripped out his pinky fingernail or run over his Chihuahua the way he has reacted to Amy Barrett being made a justice on the Supreme Court (SCOTUS)- a sampler: “This will go down as one of the darkest days in the 231 year history of the U.S. Senate.” And “...The American people- their lives and rights and freedoms will suffer the consequences of this

nomination for generations.” No theatrics or hyperbole there. Among his many televised diatribes he has promised that the GOP will regret this appointment. The Senator is educating the country as to what is the U.S. (Schumer edited) Constitution. According to Schumer the U.S. public should have a say as to who goes on the court. In fact, the President and the Senate are the sole arbiters of who goes on the court, and it may reasonably be contended that they serve as proxies for the people. The President and Senators are elected for a full four years or three years respectively and a president’s nomination doesn’t become less valid because he has been in office for three years and two months or three years and nine months. Let me revisit what I wrote in issue 65

Since the early 1900s there have been eight instances where a SCOTUS vacancy occurred in the last year of a Presidential term and where both the Presidency and the Senate belonged to the same party. In all but one instance (due to an ethics issue) the nominees were confirmed.

So, fast forward to today. Why would the Republican controlled Senate say, in effect. “Gosh, there may be an upcoming change in the Presidency and/or the Senate. We should really let you fellows have a shot at it. Therefore we’ll vote to hold off until the new term.” You must be kidding!! Would the Democrats do that? No way. Why should the Republicans?

Notwithstanding the unhappiness over the Supreme Court, the Democrats, short of high fives, have to be pretty happy seeing that odds makers give the Republicans only a 12% chance of holding the White House, with retention of the Senate majority also iffy.

Speak about the potential for changing American lives, Republicans are staring down the barrel of a trifecta blunderbuss – the Democrats taking the White House, the Congress and the Senate, allowing an unimpeded foray into favorite areas such as packing the supreme court. Oh, and then get this. Some genius (name withheld) has suggested that having elevated a candidate to the highest court in the land, after a period of

time that Justice could be rotated out. “Chief Justice Roberts, you’re being transferred to the fifth circuit court of appeals. Thank you for your service.” What hogwash!! Rounding out the, “do anything you want” Democratically controlled government, let’s make D.C. and Puerto Rico states. The latter action would, of course, bring in four new Senators from historically Democratic strongholds, and to paraphrase Senator Schumer, “cause the American people to suffer the consequences for generations.” It’s been said, “This is the most important election in the Nation’s history.” Any questions?

L’AFFAIR BIDEN

It is generally agreed this is not an issue that is going to move the needle on how people are going to vote. If you are a Republican, however, a growing number of arrows are being fashioned which should go in your quiver, for the start of a four year Biden hunting season, remarkably similar to the four year Trump hunting season just ending, or not quite. Just as recently as a few weeks ago, in a desperate attempt to diffuse the recent SCOTUS

nomination, Speaker Pelosi tried to float the impeachment balloon yet a second time. Fortunately she was shot down by her own troops. In any event, the Republicans will want to keep the Biden & Son business dealings on the front burner. But, guess what? If the Democratic trifecta becomes a reality, those arrows in the Republican quiver will turn out to have been tipped with nerf foam.

That said, perhaps there will be some outside investigators who will uncover more information damaging to the Bidens, or, perhaps the FBI will at some point conclude there is sufficient evidence to bring charges.

Since most of the HH readers are outside the NY area and do not read the NY Post, and Twitter and Facebook still stonewall coverage as does much of the media, a little update is warranted.

The whistleblower (if that's what he is called) Tony Bobulinski, tells of a meeting in 2017 with Joe Biden, his son, Hunter and Joe's brother, Jim, discussing a deal with a Chinese investment firm. At one point Bobulinski asks

if the family isn't concerned that Joe might run for president in 2020. "I said, 'Jim, how are you guys doing this, this seems crazy?' He looks at me and kind of chuckles and says 'plausible deniability.'" In a subsequent conversation with Joe Biden, Bobulinski states that Joe said, "Keep an eye on my son and brother and look out for my family." All of this in light of Joe Biden contending he never had anything to do with his son's business ventures.

In the interest of full disclosure, there are a number of question marks about Bobulinski. He seems articulate and sincere, but as noted in the last issue, his career in the Navy, having only achieved the rank of Lieutenant is a puzzlement. Further much is made of his credibility by pointing to his having been a Naval officer and having had a Top Secret clearance- so what? I was a USAF 1st Lt. with a Top Secret- Crypto clearance – big deal!! Lastly, why is Bobulinski even out there- is there a motive? You betcha! Here, I can't provide exact dollar amounts and transaction names, but that which has thus far been related indicates that one of the Biden partnerships with which Bobulinski was

involved was due to receive a \$5 million payment which was to be divided by the partners. Instead, the money went to the Bidens and other partners with Bobulinski being left out. Ouch, the bride being left at the altar. Rob Walker, one of the former partners, warned Bobulinski not to go public with his information saying, "Ah, Tony, you're just going to bury all of us, man." Bobulinski's stated reason for going public was due to Adam Schiff (Dem) claiming that the whole smear on Joe Biden came from the Kremlin, implicating Bobulinski in the process. Bobulinski contends he only wants to clear his good name. Bottom line, Joe Biden's denials are suspicious at best, but this story is going to have more legs than a millipede - stay tuned.

SCARY ELECTION

Russian hackers have caused great concern recently as they have effectively employed ransomware against hundreds of hospitals just as many of them are coping with increased Covid- 19 (CV) cases. As serious as these cases are, there is the anxiety causing possibility

that similar hacking efforts may be employed in the November third election.

The feared Russian play would not and could not infect and/or disable huge segments of our vote gathering and tabulating systems, but, “They could fan the flames of state by state election battles, generating or amplifying claims of fraud that would further undermine American confidence in the integrity of the election process.” If that’s not scary enough, let’s add to the mix on going riots and the gun toting, “America, love it or leave it” militias.

CITIUS, ALTIUS, FORTIUS

Ah, yes. The Olympic motto – Faster, Higher, Stronger. And so it is with great excitement that I bring you news of the latest world’s record. Now stay with me on this one: Someone conceived of the sport of putting a ping pong ball in your mouth, blowing it out against a wall, catching it in your mouth on the rebound and doing as many repeats as possible in 30 seconds. A man from Idaho is the new Guinness world record holder with 43 completions in 30 seconds – pretty impressive

**when you think about it, but one question-
Why?**

Your faithful scribe, PB