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## The Great Challenge of Our Time

By Dr. Jim Haas

Climate change is a topic about which I sincerely hope others will do better than I have. I've planned to write often about the climate emergency—the most crucial challenge facing all of us—but I usually let other timely topics intervene: Putin's war, KU's national championship, the January 6<sup>th</sup> Committee, and others. We can deal with several top priorities at once, but climate must be one of them—for me, for you as a consumer and voter, for the media, for our elected officials, and for the private sector.

Our planet is in desperate trouble. Last summer, Phoenix, Arizona, had 50 days of 110+ temperatures, and the two Colorado River reservoirs that provide power and water for irrigation and communities in the Southwest are critically low and dropping lower. The day will come, sooner rather than later, when some areas become unlivable and farming impossible.

Also last summer, a three-week heat wave 30 degrees above normal reached 116 in Oregon, 108 in Seattle, and 121 in British Columbia. More than 1,400 people died, and damage was at least \$9 billion.

Just last month, Britain had record temperatures of 104 degrees and the London fire brigade had its busiest day since the bombings of World War II. One suburban area was completely burned—this in a country where 90 degrees was rare just 20 years ago.

Ice melt in Greenland last month was so fast that one week's melt was enough to cover the state of West Virginia in a foot of water. A 120+ heat wave in India killed 2,300, among the deadliest heat waves in recorded history. Closer to home, St. Louis and Kentucky had their worst flooding ever; warmer air holds more moisture.

The scientists who foresaw this decades ago were right. Not only were they right, but many were too conservative in their estimates of how soon climate effects would worsen. We're in a slow-motion emergency that will inevitably get worse day by day. How much worse depends on how quickly we stop using fossil fuels and switch to sustainable energy sources. In the battle to save our planet, switching slowly equals losing.

Only a few thousand people in the world have the power to facilitate substantial, rapid change: heads of governments, legislators, corporate CEOs, energy scientists, private sector financiers. Unfortunately, for decades, America has had the world's only major political party populated by climate change deniers who have repeatedly opposed legislation to lower greenhouse gas emissions. Some of them, faced with climate catastrophes in their states, are now beginning to see the light. Better late than never.

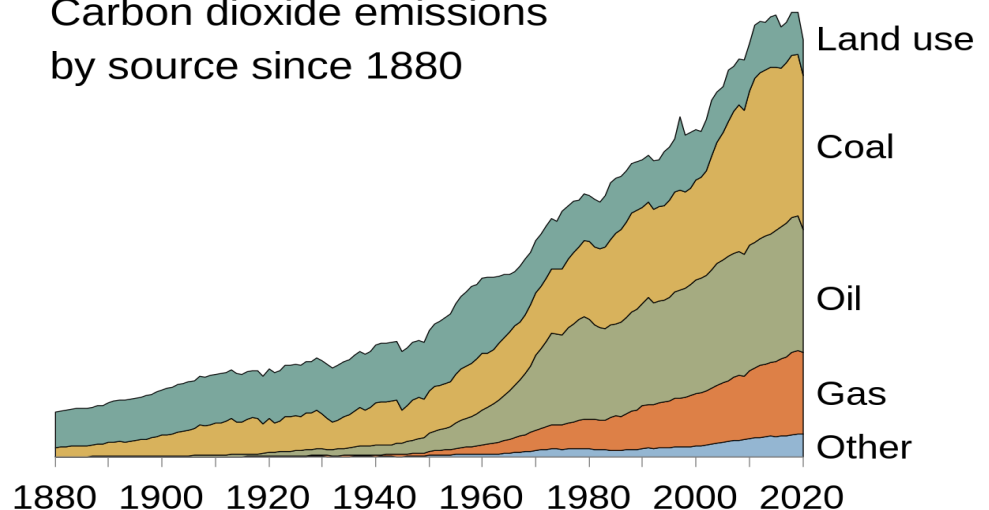
Now comes a Democratic bill that is easily "the greatest pro-climate legislation that has ever been passed by Congress,"

according to Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer. Predicted to cut carbon emissions, compared to 2005, by 40% by 2030, within striking distance of President Biden's—and scientists'—goal of 50%, the bill provides tax incentives for wind, solar, geothermal, battery, and other clean energy for ten years, financial incentives for nuclear power plants to stay online, and incentives to capture and bury industrial emissions.

The bill includes tax credits for buying new and used electric vehicles and rebates to install heat pumps and other energy-saving home improvements. (The bill also reduces prescription drug costs and health insurance costs for millions and raises taxes on major corporations, many of which pay little or no federal taxes.) Early this week, the bill had not yet passed both houses of Congress but appears likely to do so even without Republican support.

What can *we* do to save the Earth for our grandchildren and beyond? For starters, vote in November for candidates who have a record of supporting pro-climate policies. Surely, it's one issue we should all agree on.

Carbon dioxide emissions by source since 1880



# Sue's Sudsy Soapbox



By Sue Reich

Just a bulletin for those hard-working guys at the building they been working on. They really are putting it up to code but they really need more volunteers and \$\$\$\$. They are really proud of Turner and are doing this for the "old folk", you know. The flowers that were in front are all gone. They have veggies for sell and they are "top notch." Talk about blood, sweat and tears, they put lot of that in their labor. Let's see if they can get some donations, K?

Covid is still around, now monkeypox. Now get this, it is said to be sexually transmitted. We'll see. Also those of us that got that smallpox vaccination, remember the round little scar on our upper arm? Anyway, that is supposed to still in our system. We got those when we were very young. There was no hullabaloo about those shots, shots of any kind, we just did it. Now there are protests, marches, signs, wassup? If you want to kick the bucket, that's your business. It is your choice.

Remember Greg Smith? He used to put little items in the RECORD. His daughter Kelsey was murdered and she would be probably be in her early 30's now. But we are friends online and put some neat pictures on. I asked him if I could put one in this paper. He agreed. He and I still keep in touch. He talked about their daughter and still has the little cross pin I gave him. It looks like two nails in the form of the cross.

He really is a nice guy, and, very busy. His group is "Kelsey's Army."

Well, it's that time again. Get this

sent off to Perry White. He calls me Lois Lane. What a neat boss I have.

You all take care, be kind, be safe, mostly "BE ALERT". Lvyia

ya all & miss you too.

Your little ol gal from Argentine/ Turner, Sue



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Nothing yet? What is taking so long?

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By Sharon Hoover

Since covid hit, I have managed to stay away from eating in restaurants and have eaten a lot of carry-out. However, in the past few weeks I have ventured into the unknown and checked out a few new (to me) places.

Yesterday, we went to the Whatta-Burger near the Walmart Store on

# Comin' & Goin' Turner Style

Parallel. It was pretty good, we got a No.1 burger, medium fries, and a medium drink for about \$8.00. The burger reminded me of the ones at Sonic but was not as greasy, the fries reminded me of those at McDonalds, and what can you say about a drink except in addition to pop, there were 2 containers each of sweeten and unsweetened tea (plenty to go around). There was a lot of other items on their menu, but I always play it safe. Calvin got the Banana Pudding Shake to take home, he's such a sucker for Banana Pudding.

Upon a recommendation, last week we went to the Mason Jar Bar & Grill right behind Papa John's at 74<sup>th</sup> & State. You can't see it from the State. Its entrance is on N.74<sup>th</sup> St. We were seated immediately and ordered their Chicken dinners.

My chicken was grilled and a little dry, the potatoes were good but the spinach side dish with tomatoes was to die for.

I don't know if anyone remembers Stroud's that was up North. They had family style dinners and opened a restaurant in Overland Park several years back. They closed I think before the pandemic. I recently ran across Stroud's Express on Johnson Drive in the Mission Mart Shopping Center. We tried their family style chicken dinner. I know my tastes have changed because I didn't care for the deep crispy chicken (which I removed), the green beans were good and the mashed potatoes and gravy (thick just like grandma used to make) was delicious. The cinnamon roll (heated up with a little butter) was excellent.

As far as I can remember no one served family style dinners like Mrs. Peters on State Ave. It's long gone but it was the BEST.

I just finished reading "The Truth About Melody Browne" by Lisa Jewell written in 2021. It's a story of a woman whose life is turned upside down by the discovery of her long-buried past. She has no memory of her first nine years of life. I couldn't put it down. I've been looking for authors whose new novels intrigue me and look for their previous books and she is one of them..

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# AG Derek Schmidt announces agreement to eliminate jewelry debt, recover refunds for Kansas servicemembers

TOPEKA – Kansas reached a settlement on behalf of more than 1,300 Kansas consumers, mostly servicemembers and veterans, who were defrauded by national jewelry retailer Harris Jewelry, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said today.

The settlement was part of a nationwide effort involving 18 states, including Kansas, and the Federal Trade Commission, resulting in the recovery of \$34.2 million for more than 46,000 servicemembers and veterans nationwide.

Schmidt said the New York-based

jewelry company used deceptive marketing tactics to lure active duty servicemembers to their financing program, falsely claiming that investing in the program would improve their credit scores. Instead, servicemembers were tricked into obtaining high-interest loans on overpriced, poor quality jewelry that left servicemembers with thousands of dollars of debt and damaged their credit. Harris Jewelry operated retail stores near and on military installations nationwide, including in Manhattan, near Fort Riley. The Kansas location was closed during

the course of the investigation.

According to the terms of the settlement, Harris Jewelry will cease collecting debt payments, totaling \$293,857.03, and refund \$342,905.58 for protection plan fees, for approximately 1,350 Kansas consumers, the vast majority of whom were military members or their families. Harris Jewelry is also required to correct bad credit scores of consumers and dissolve all of its businesses.

Harris Jewelry's business model was designed to primarily target and service people in the military. A previous multi-state investigation found that local servicemembers were enticed into retail stores through a marketing scheme,

dubbed "Operation Teddy Bear," in which Harris Jewelry advertised teddy bears in military uniforms with promises of charitable donations. Investigators found that no legal contract was actually signed between Harris Jewelry and the charity it claimed to support, and consumers were often given varying and conflicting information about the amount donated to the charity.

Schmidt said Harris Jewelry then used this charity connection as a marketing tactic to lure servicemembers into high-priced, deceptive in-house financing contracts for vastly overpriced jewelry, which included finance contracts with

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Council 11085 has LULAC members in the counties of Douglas, Johnson and Wyandotte (Kansas) – Clay and Jackson (Missouri).

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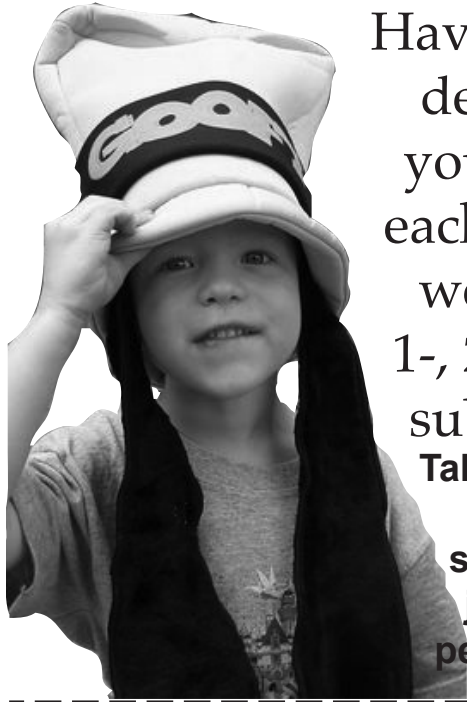
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# Guest Editorial

## Quotes To Ponder

By Tom Valverde

Merrick Garland Attorney General: We have been moving urgently since the beginning and have a huge number of prosecutors and agents working these cases.

Lester Holt, NBC news:

You said in no uncertain terms that no one was above the Law.

Garland: Yes.

Holt: That said, the indictment of a former president, perhaps the next candidate for president, would arguably tear the country apart. Is that your concern as you make your decision, do you have to think about that?"

Garland: We pursue justice without fear or favor. We intend to hold everyone -- anyone who was criminally responsible for events surrounding January 6 or any attempt to interfere with the lawful transfer of power from one Administration to another, accountable. That's what we do. We don't pay any attention to other issues with respect to that.

Holt: So, if Donald Trump was to become a candidate for president again, that wouldn't change your schedule, or how you move forward or don't move forward?

Garland: I'll say again, that we will hold accountable anyone who is criminally responsible for attempting to interfere with the transfer, legitimate, lawful transfer of power from one Administration to the next.

Early last week, the Washington Post reported that the Justice Department is investigating former president Trump's actions in its criminal probe. Prosecutors who have questioned two top aides to Vice president Pence, Mark Short and Greg Jacob. The men were questioned for hours at the DOJ

before a Grand jury.

At the June 6 public hearing, Jacob a lawyer for Pence and was the star witness at that hearing. Jacob told about his having helped Pence fend off Donald Trump's effort to "Deputize" him to disrupt the transfer of power to Joe Biden.

Politico, source.

According to the Washington Post these aides to Vice president Pence were also asked the instructions that Trump had given his lawyers and advisors about Fake Electors and sending certified Electors back to their States.

Both men were always there with Pence and their knowledge is invaluable. The various schemes that Trump and his close advisors are the "Smoking gun" of this DOJ investigation. The plan to use False slates assembled by Pro-Trump activist, in multiple States without any claim of authenticity, and the Emails from Eastman to Trump and his people are hard evidence of Trump's direct Involvement.

And the conversation Trump had with the Chair of the RNC requesting her to gather fake electors is another smoking gun. Trump has had a hand in so many illegal acts and schemes that when the DOJ decides to Indict him, they will have to prioritize them in order of severity.

Mark Meadows, Rudy Giuliani, Ginny Thomas, many Republican Congressmen and Senators will have to lawyer-up, as the DOJ is determined, under the leadership of Merrick Garland, to hold all persons who are criminally responsible for their part in Trump's conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election.

What a sad fate awaits these many people.

But, they knew that there was nothing in Trump's claim of a rigged or stolen election and they went along with these very unpatriotic and illegal schemes anyway.

Justice is slow and deliberate.

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