



# The Record

## Would Your Child's Safety Seat Pass Inspection?

Every day in America, too many children ride in car seats that have been installed incorrectly or are riding in the wrong car seats for their ages and sizes. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), child restraint systems are often used incorrectly. An estimated 46% of car seats and booster seats (59% of car seats and 20% of booster seats) are misused in a way that could reduce their effectiveness. Even worse, some children ride while completely unbuckled.

AA Kansas urges parents to review Kansas' car seat law, be sure children are in the proper child seat or booster for their age and size, avoid common mistakes, and seek expert assistance with car seat installation.

"Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for children," said Shawn Steward, Manager of Public and Government Affairs for AAA Kansas. "Using car seats that are age- and size-appropriate is the best way to keep your children safe. Car seats, booster seats, and seat belts can make all the difference."

Child Passenger Safety Statistics

- Every 32 seconds in 2018, one child under the age of 13 riding in a passenger vehicle was involved in a crash.



- From 2014 to 2018, there were 3,315 children under 13 killed while riding in passenger vehicles.

- On average, nearly two children under 13 were killed every day in 2018 while riding in cars, SUVs, pickups, and vans.

- In 2018, approximately one-third (33%) of children under 13 killed in passenger vehicles were not restrained in car seats, booster seats, or seat belts.

Source: National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA)

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) policy statement on "Child Passenger Safety" advises parents to keep their children's car seats in the rear-facing position for as long as possible. Previously, the AAP recommended rear-facing car seats up until the age of two.

"Parents and caregivers should know the child passenger laws in the state they live in and, if traveling, any states that they may travel through," said AAA Kansas' Steward.

Kansas' Child Passenger Safety Act (KSA 8-1343) states that every driver who transports a child under the age of 14 shall provide for the protection of the child by properly using:

- If under age 4, an appropriate child safety seat.

- Infant-only seats should be used for children under the age of 12 months. These types of seats can only be placed in the back seat of the car.

- Rear-facing seats are to be used if your child is under the age of 4. You can use the rear-facing seat for as long as your child is within the weight and height limit mentioned by the seat manufacturer.

- If under age 8, and appropriate child safety seat or booster seat unless the child weighs more than 80 lbs. or is more than 4'9" tall.

- If under age 14 and not in a booster seat, a safety belt.

This law applies to all vehicles designed for carrying 10 passen-

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# It's Coming for Us

By Dr. Jim Haas

Before there was a United States, there was a rough dividing line in what is now Kansas—rainy lowlands east of the line and dry High Plains to the west. The east lent itself to farming, the west to ranching. The line was around the 100<sup>th</sup> meridian, near today's Hays, and was recognized by scientists as recently as 1980. Now, however, the line has moved about 140 miles east to near Abilene. At that rate, the wet-dry line will be here in 40 years. The reason is climate change, and it's coming for us.



Smoky skies the past few weeks are just the latest sign that what scientists have been telling us since the 1950s is true: Because of the burning of fossil fuels, our climate is changing in ways that threaten everyone's way of life. Western wildfires caused by extreme heat and drought, a record hurricane season that isn't yet over, rising sea levels that have parts of Miami under water, a record 53 days of 110-degree heat in Phoenix, alligators nesting in Virginia and Tennessee north of their past range—climate change is here and it will get worse.

The U.S. has had 14 billion-dollar climate-related disasters so far this year, on track to set a record. Several were fires resulting from the West being in a 20-year "mega drought," the longest in North America's recorded history. The National Climate Assessment warned, in 2017, of increasing "compound extreme events."

A new study by ProPublica and *The New York Times* shows Kansas City at the western edge of a long-term area of extreme heat and humidity covering most of the Mississippi Valley and at the eastern edge of extreme drought in most of the West. The eastern third of the U.S. will see extreme rains and hurricanes. KC should be one of the less extreme areas—not good, but not as bad as most.

After pumping greenhouse gases through our smokestacks and tailpipes for 200 years, we can't undo the damage, but we *can* stop making it even worse. California, the world's seventh-largest economy, took a major step last week: sales of new gasoline, hybrid, and diesel cars will be prohibited by 2035 and trucks by 2045. Other states will follow, and China, too, is pushing hard for all-zero-emission vehicles. Automakers will respond. (Transportation accounts for 28 percent of U.S. emissions.) Ironically, the Rockefeller Foundation, whose money came from oil, is funding a crash program to boost renewable energy and reforestation.

Imagine we hire the top climate expert from the scientifically advanced planet Zorgon to study Earth and advise us. The first thing she would say is that a global crisis requires global action, that the Paris Climate Accord is a decent start, and that we were nuts to drop out of it ("nuts" is Zorgon for "stupid"). She—or, maybe, it—would observe that of 195 Earth countries, the U.S. has the only major political party that denies the nature of the crisis and refuses to deal with it. The obvious solution is to vote that party out. Now. That party, the G.O.P., is a danger to the Earth and to our future.

## The Census Matters

If you've not yet completed the Census, please do so ASAP. The Census determines federal funds for Kansas schools, roads, healthcare, and other urgent needs. The simple questionnaire takes 3 minutes and your information is for statistical purposes only and cannot, by law, be shared with other agencies, including law enforcement or immigration. If you've not been counted, go online to [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) or call 1-844-330-2020.

## Election Countdown: 34 Days. Vote!

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# Sue's Sudsy Soapbox By: Sue Reich



I are up in years and we sure don't want to get infected. I really miss a lot of my customers. Would you believe that I have forgotten some of their names? Duh, is that my age or just because I haven't seen any of them very much. Could be a bit of both, think?

One thing that is regrettable to a lot of us in Argentine. We called off our All Class Reunion and some of the grads of the past have passed away. Darn, we always looked forward to seeing everyone trying to look like they are still young. Mr. Ed has lost quite a few and so have I. I keep contact with Bell Gardens, that is where I graduated from. I am a "tweener". Between Argentine and Bell Gardens, CA. My wonderful group here adopted me back into the fold when I came back home. Love you all you Mustangs. Wonder if we are going to have the parade this year? Dang, everything has been called off but maybe we can make cut-outs and put them on skateboards and roll them down Strong Avenue. We can have cut-out judges, cut-out bands, cut-out audience standing on the curb, cut-out floats. Wouldn't that be neat?

Hey, I think I am getting carried away, I had better sign off and get myself upstairs and ready for bed. Love all my people out there. Sure do miss all of you too. Take care, wear a mask, be kind. I know people are really getting cray cray out there. Mind your p's and q's, K? Luv ya all, your little ol' gal from Argentine, Sue. "Finding Facebook Friends", If only real life had a friend finder. from Facebook for Dummies.

"The best way to get most husbands to do something is to suggest that perhaps they're too old to do it."

*Old Jokes for Old Folks.*

## "A Woman Ahead of Her Time" 1933-2020 Supreme Court Justice

**By: Sue Reich**

I watched Ruth Ginsburg's funeral this morning and I

Boy, let me tell you, I about wore myself out yesterday. Had to do a lot of errands and when Mr. Ed and I got home, fed the fur babies, put all the groceries away, fixed supper, did the dishes, etc., etc., etc. I still do pretty darn good for an old gal. Gotta' keep this home front going and all that good stuff that goes with it. Well, readers of our dear *The Record*, got some news for you. With the cost of living going up, I can't get any more papers. So therefore, I am cutting some of the businesses out of my route but here is where you can get them: the Post office in Argentine, Argentine Federal Savings, Big Q on Maple Hill, Denny's Barbershop, Tami's Peddler's Daughter (next to Nigro's on Merriam Drive), Nigros, Amigo's (Shawnee Drive and 47th Street), SunFresh Market, and Christy's (55th Street in Turner). I think those are the main ones for the public. If you want to buy a subscription, you can contact *The Record*, or read it online at: [www.recordnews.com](http://www.recordnews.com). As you know, everything is getting pricy. If I left anyone out of the public pick up places, I sure am sorry.

This has been a very confusing year for everyone. Man, it has been weird when we go grocery shopping. Some places don't clean their carts or baskets at all and some others really clean their establishment very well. It has been nice to sit and eat in a restaurant and get waited even though we sit several feet from everyone. Some of the eating places don't use condiments, others do, some use throwaways, some use their own containers. It sure is strange. Like I have said a hundred times, Twilight Zone. I have noticed that a lot of people don't wear masks. Boy, we sure do. Mr. Ed and

cried. I really admired her very much. I watched the movie of her life several months ago, she was a go-getter. If it wasn't for her determination, a lot of women wouldn't be where they are today. She started out at Harvard taking law and was one of nine women in a large group of male students. Believe me, she took a lot of

harassment from the opposite gender. By the way, she had the term sex changed to gender on many documents. One time in the 70's, I was looking for a job to support my two sons and me. The owner told me, "if you were a man, I would pay you \$5.00 an hour, but since you are a woman, I will pay you \$2.50

an hour". Sure wish Ruth was around then. Ruth was carried by her peers of both genders and placed on the catapult that was made especially for Abraham Lincoln. Ruth was very much a wonderful, thoughtful and brilliant woman. Thank you, Ruth, for all that you did for our gender.



Three police cars with their occupants questioning a person at the library parking lot in Argentine.



A man doing his job way up high. Taking down a tree.



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This should not have happened, nor to all the other little guys and gals.

# Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

Saturday, the Monarch Butterfly tagging event was the most successful one yet. Twenty-five Monarch Butterflies were tagged and released. Beth Wyatt hosted this year and lead the participants through the entire process. She came up with the idea of a butterfly habitat and pollinator garden designating it a WYCO Master Gardener project. Monarch Watch in Lawrence sponsors the Monarch Butterfly tagging program every year. The information they seek is how far each tagged butterfly travels on its migration to Mexico.

Each tag is numbered and



placed on one wing of each butterfly. This information is provided along with the date tagged, location, sex, "wild or reared", and the person

doing the tagging. If you are wondering how to tell the difference between a Monarch

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## Child Safety Seat ...from page 1

gers or fewer, as defined by KSA 8-1343a. The fine for violating this law is \$60 plus court costs.

Seven Common Car Seat Mistakes

1. Not using a safety seat. Whether an infant, toddler or booster seat-age child, parents should always use the appropriate child restraint system every time their children are in a vehicle.

2. Not reading safety seat instructions. Three out of four child safety seats are installed incorrectly according to NHTSA. With thousands of combinations of child safety seats and vehicle belt systems, it's important for parents to read both the vehicle owner's manual and the child safety seat instructions before installing a seat.

3. Using restraints for older children too soon. Parents frequently advance their children into the stage of safety restraints too soon. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) car seat recommendations advises parents to keep their children's car seats in the rear-facing position for as long as possible. Infants should remain rear-facing until they reach the upper weight limit of their rear-facing car seat. All children under age 13 should be placed in the back seat.

4. Installing safety seats too loosely. When a child safety seat is properly installed, it should not move more than one inch in any direction. Parents should use either the vehicle's seat belt or LATCH system to secure the safety seat—but not both, unless approved by the vehicle and car seat manufacturers. If using

a seat belt, make sure it is locked to hold the seat snugly in place.

5. Adjusting seat harnesses incorrectly. Safety seat harnesses should always be snug and lie flat without twists. Harnesses should be at or below the child's shoulders when rear-facing and at or above the shoulders when forward-facing in order to hold the child's body upright and against the seat. The chest clip should be positioned at armpit level.

6. Gadgets: If it didn't come with the seat (or wasn't purchased from the manufacturer to use with the seat), it wasn't crash-tested with the seat. It therefore cannot be guaranteed to be safe and should not be used. This includes strap covers, mirrors and toys.

7. Not replacing seats after a crash or using one without knowing its history: Check your manual to see if the seat should be replaced even after a minor fender-bender and even if no child was in the seat at the time. Also, never buy a used car seat, and never accept a free used one unless you're sure that it's never been in a crash. Even if it looks OK, there may be damages that aren't visible. It is safer to buy a cheap, new seat than a high-end used seat. All seats pass the same pass/fail crash tests.

Remember to register your car seat or booster seat with the seat manufacturer so you can be notified in the event of a recall. Parents and caregivers can view more information on car seat safety and locate a certified technician at [nhtsa.gov/carseat](https://nhtsa.gov/carseat). The Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office provides additional information on child car seat safety at [ktsro.org/child-passenger-safety](https://ktsro.org/child-passenger-safety).

## Turner Style ...from page 3

male or female: the female has wide black veins that are easier to see from a distance. The male veins are much thinner, and has a black tear drop shape on his trailing wing. For the past few years, we only used wild butterflies. This year Beth reared them in the hoop house using two wild butterflies she caught in the garden. All the tags for this year were used so as each Monarch emerges from its chrysalis, it will be released.

Calvin brought home a few caterpillars for the milkweed in our front garden. For the past week I have seen more Monarchs than ever before on the plants but no chrysalis or eggs. He thinks maybe the

predators in our garden may be eating them.

This summer he discovered a volunteer tomato plant in the front garden. Last year we had one volunteer by the big garage out back. He plants seeds in the shop in the garage and we figured a seed got dropped. Anyway, we have this tomato plant by the driveway in amongst the flowers; not staked - just lying there, giving us tomatoes about the size of a tennis ball. So far, we've picked about ten or twelve. I never can get any plants to grow successfully inside or out so it must be a survivor.

Until next time please be kind, wash your hands, practice social distancing, and wear a mask. Register to vote if you have not already. VOTE and let your voice be heard.

## Governor Kelly, State Agencies Ensure Kansas Voters Can Get Registered and Vote

TOPEKA - Governor Laura Kelly, the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) and Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) worked throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure every eligible Kansan has a meaningful opportunity to get registered to vote or update their voter registration.

As we enter the homestretch of the 2020 election, it is vital that every eligible voter has a chance to register to vote and participate in our democracy, Governor Laura Kelly said. My administration has taken several steps to improve our outreach to Kansans especially during this pandemic - and these efforts are already bearing fruit.

DCF and KDHE began sending voter registration applications to Kansas residents entitled to agency-provided voter registration opportunities, one of the state's recent efforts to ensure compliance with federal law.

Last November, Demos, Loud Light, the ACLU, and the ACLU of Kansas completed an investigation of compliance with the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) in Kansas and notified Governor Kelly and other state officials of areas to improve to ensure the state, compliance with the NVRA. DCF and KDHE have been working on meaningful improvements to agency-provided voter registration opportunities and assistance to clients filling out voter registration applications.

Among other improvements, DCF and KDHE upgraded and will continue to improve their online application portals to provide their clients with better assistance with voter registration. Although some of the technology upgrades will take time to implement, DCF and KDHE have mailed voter registration applications to clients to ensure that they receive opportunities to register to vote before the November General Election.

This process has already provided many Kansas residents with an opportunity to register to vote or update their registration during the COVID-19 pandemic. Between March and September 2020, DCF mailed voter registration applications to nearly 151,000 clients. KDHE will send voter registration applications to 127,000 client households in September.

As we weather this pandemic, with many individuals quarantined at home and practicing social distancing, it is important we provide this service to Kansans, Governor Laura Kelly said. I am committed to making sure eligible Kansas voters are not left behind.

Governor Kelly encourages all eligible Kansas residents to register to vote. Kansans who receive a voter registration application in the mail are encouraged to complete the application to register to vote (or update an existing registration) as quickly as possible to ensure it reaches their county election office ahead of the October 13 deadline to register. Eligible Kansans may also register to vote online at <https://www.kdor.ks.gov/apps/voterreg/default.aspx>; a Kansas driver's license or state identification card are required to register to vote on the Kansas registration page. Eligible Kansans can also register in minutes at [KSVotes.org](https://KSVotes.org). To vote in the General Presidential Election this year, Kansas residents must be registered to vote by October 13, 2020.

The Governor also encourages every registered voter to vote by mail. And any registered voter in Kansas can.

## Tom's Tasty Treats

By: Tom Valverde

We are now officially in a new season, Fall or as my Aunt Coco would say, this is Pumpkin Time! And no Fall would be complete, without a taste of my favorite:

### Pumpkin Bread

#### Ingredients:

1 3/4 c Flour  
1 t Baking Soda  
1/2 t Baking Powder  
1/2 t Salt  
2 t Cinnamon  
1/2 t Allspice  
1/4 t Nutmeg  
1/4 t Ginger  
1/2 c Canola oil  
1 c Sugar  
1/4 c Brown Sugar  
2 lg. Eggs, at room temperature  
1 1/3 c Pumpkin Puree  
1/4 c Milk

#### Directions:

Set oven to 350°. Line and spray a 9x5" loaf pan, or simply grease very well.

First, assemble all the ingredients on the counter as a method of not forgetting one of them. Begin with the dry ingredients, place into a large mixing bowl and whisk to combine.

In another bowl, combine the oil, sugar, brown sugar, eggs and Vanilla. Whisk until well blended. Add the pumpkin puree and the milk, and whisk until smooth. Take the pumpkin mixture and dump it into the flour mixture. Whisk just until combined.

Pour the batter into the loaf pan and bake for 1 hour. To prevent excessive browning, after 40 minutes cover the top with a sheet of foil, and finish baking.

My mother, Rachel would always put 1/2 c chopped pecans, they are tasty in this bread! Leave plain or dust top with some powdered sugar. If you want to really "Guild the Lily", prepare some cream cheese frosting!

This recipe makes alot, but it can be kept frozen for up to 3 months, or chilled for up to 5 days. Wait until the bread is completely cool before frosting.

### Cream Cheese Frosting

1 8oz. Pkg. Cream Cheese  
1/4 t Salt  
1/2 c Butter  
2 3/4 c Powdered Sugar  
1 t Vanilla

In a stand mixer place the cream cheese, salt, and the butter. Beat until smooth and well blended. Beat in the powdered sugar and vanilla. If you want a thicker frosting, add another 1/4 c of powdered sugar. If too thick, add a very small amount of milk.

Hope you will try my mom's recipe, you and your family are sure to love this moist, delicious bread. It's not Pumpkin Time, without my Mom's delicious bread. Enjoy!

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# Guest Editorial

## Unkind Words From President Trump For His Base Of Support

By: Tom Valverde

The following is a transcript of a message that arrived on my cell, only 30 minutes after it was posted. The young lady who spoke was visibly shaken as she spoke. It's another White House staffer who has come out to speak the sad truth about President Trump. The following is the transcript of what she said, on September 17th.

"I'm Olivia Troye, I was Homeland Security and counter-terrorism advisor to Vice-president Pence. And I served as his lead staff member on the Covid-19 response. I've been on the Covid-19 Task Force since day one." "The virus was very unpredictable at the beginning, there were a lot of unknowns. But, towards the middle of February, we knew it wasn't a matter of if Covid would become a big pandemic here, in the United States, it was a matter of when." "But, the president didn't want to hear that because his biggest concern was that we were in an election year, and how is this going to affect what he considers his record of success?" "It was shocking seeing the President saying that the virus was a hoax, saying that everything's okay, when we know that it's not. The truth is, he doesn't actually care about anyone else, but himself!" "He made a statement once; it was very striking; I never forgot it. And it pretty much Defined who he was." "When we were in a Task Force meeting, President Trump said, "Maybe this Covid thing is a good thing- I don't have to shake hands with these disgusting people!" "Those "disgusting people" are the same people he claims to care about. These are the people who are still going to his rallies today, who have complete faith in who he is." "If the president had taken this virus seriously or if he had actually made an effort to tell how serious it was, he would have slowed the virus spread; he would have saved lives" "It was the opportunity and honor of a lifetime to be able to serve in the White House, I put my heart and soul into this role every single day. But, at some point, I would come home at night and look myself in the mirror and say, "Are you really making a difference?" "It doesn't matter because, no matter how hard you work and what you do, the President is going to do something that is detrimental to keeping Americans safe, which is why he signed up for this role." "It was awful, it was terrifying. I have been a Republican my entire life. I am a McCain Republican, I am a Bush Republican, and I am voting for Joe Biden." "Because I truly believe we've entered a time of Constitutional Crisis, at this point, it's Country over Party!"

Or as a loved one recently said, "We won't have a country left, if Trump gets re-elected. It's so very upsetting, Trump wants not to be president, he wants to be a dictator and make himself rich by just taking whatever he wants! The worse thing is that this President, just doesn't care about anyone else but himself!" Everyone, please vote your conscience.

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## The FBI Issues A PSA In Advance Of The Election

By: Tom Valverde

Glenn Kirschner read a Public Service Announcement that was released September 22, 2020, #1-092220-PSA. Mr. Kirschner presents a program on matters of law and government, on YouTube; Justice Matters. Because of the way that President Trump has said that he would challenge the results of the Election in November, it was thought necessary to do so. Mr. Kirschner read the PSA written on FBI letterhead stationery with this very critical time in our country's democracy, it is so important that all people be made aware of what the FBI's Public Service Announcement has to say. "Foreign actors and cyber criminals likely to spread disinformation regarding 2020 election results"

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) are issuing this announcement to raise aware-

ness of the potential threat posed by attempts to spread disinformation regarding the results of the 2020 Elections. Foreign actors and Cybercriminals could create new websites, change existing websites, or share corresponding social media connections to spread false information in an attempt to discredit the electoral process and undermine confidence in U.S. democratic institutions. State and local officials typically require several days to weeks to verify election results, in order to ensure every legally cast vote is accurately counted. The increase use of mail-in ballots due to COVID-19 protocols could leave officials with incomplete results on election night. Foreign actors and cyber criminals could exploit the time required to certify and announce election results by disseminating disinformation that includes reports of voter suppression, cyber-attacks

targeting election infrastructure, voter or ballot fraud, and other problems intended to convince the public of the election's illegitimacy. The FBI and CISA urge the public to critically evaluate the sources of the information they consume and to seek out reliable and verified information from trusted sources, such as State and Local Election officials. The Public should be aware that if Foreign actors or Cybercriminals were to successfully change an Election related website, the underlying data and internal systems would remain uncompromised.

Mr. Kirschner pointed out that the PSA recommended everyone turn to Local and State Election officials, and not to President Trump, who is the primary reason for the PSA, as he said he would challenge the results if he does not win, and can't be trusted in this matter. Trump's hyper vigilance and his many attacks on our election process have only served to make us question any "win" announced by this president, a first in the lives of many.

The letter recommended readers to contact a local FBI Field Office, or to go online for further information. [www.fbi.gov/contactus/field](http://www.fbi.gov/contactus/field). This is important information, please inform your friends and family.



## Passings...

By: Sue Reich

Gale Sayers, age 77, passed away September 23, 2020. Chicago Bears running back. He died from dementia.

## For Sale

Grandfather clock: needs balanced \$20. Maple dining room set: Buffet, \$200.00, matching china cabinet. \$200.00, matching table with 6 chairs, \$400.00. Email Sue if interested. [Imadotte76@gmail.com](mailto:Imadotte76@gmail.com). more to come later. Have to downsize.

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## Former White Ethics Lawyer Discusses Postmaster Unsuitability

By: Tom Valverde

Richard Painter served as the White House ethics lawyer under former president George W. Bush. He was recently featured as a guest on an MSNBC news program, and began by saying, "Either Mr. DeJoy, the Postmaster General, has not been doing his job over the past 13 weeks or so or he has committed a felony. We should not be in that situation!" "In the White House ethics office, one of our principal obligations was to make sure that senior appointees and nominations to the executive branch, were free of financial conflicts of interest. And the reason is the financial conflicts of interest in Federal office are a crime." 18 US Code § 208 makes it a crime for a United States government official to participate in a particular matter that has a "direct and predictable," effect on the interests of that government official." "And this is the reason, in the Bush Administration, we never allowed the head of an agency to have any financial interest in a company that had "substantial contracts" with that agency." "I certainly never allowed it, when I looked at the financial disclosure form, and we see that, we send those nominations on to the Senate. We would not have tolerated that, for anyone in the executive branch, whether they were appointed by the president, or anyone in a senior position. Why? Because there is a grave risk that, that person will commit a crime when they are in office." "This is absolutely unacceptable to have someone in a position of trust, in the U.S. government like this." "How can you run the Post Office, and make decisions about scheduling the mail, about the specifications for contracts, about when trucks leave and all those decisions, when you own millions of dollars of stock in a company that is trucking the mail around? A contractor with the Post Office." "It doesn't make any sense!"

"Another thing, in the Bush White House, is we looked at the background of people who were coming into public service. We did not want to bring in people who had violated the law." "I will not opine as to whether Mr. DeJoy violated campaign finance laws. I will say, that if the stories reported in *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times* are true, or any piece of those stories is true about reimbursement of employees for campaign contributions--that is a straw donor arrangement, and that is a felony and people go to jail for that!" At the end, Mr. Painter said that this is an important situation, a possible felony and needs to go to the House Oversight committee for their looking into DeJoy's possible crimes and felonies.



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