GARY SHAPLEY'S GOOSEY GANDER: WHEN INVESTIGATORS WANT TREATMENT THEY DON'T ACCORD OTHERS

Purported IRS whistleblower Gary Shapley wants to be treated differently than he treated — and is still treating — Hunter Biden.

PAUL MANAFORT REMAINS A BIGGER SCANDAL THAN HUNTER BIDEN

Even assuming the allegations from disgruntled IRS investigators — which have already been contested — all prove to be true, Paul Manafort remains a far bigger scandal than Hunter Biden, not least because he lied to protect President Trump.

SOME OF GEORGE SANTOS' ALLEGED CRIMES RESEMBLE TRUMP'S SUSPECTED

CRIMES

Five of the charges against George Santos accuse him of telling political donors he was raising money for his campaign when in fact he allegedly pocketed the money. That's not much different than the theory behind the financial investigation of Trump.

ON EMPTYWHEEL'S CONTINUED OBSESSION WITH OLIGARCH REAL ESTATE SEIZURES

One of the most interesting things about the Vladimir Voronchenko indictment, in which he was charged for conspiring to help Viktor Vekselberg dodge sanctions, is that he was charged alone.

TRUMP IS A MOB BOSS WHOSE OMERTÀ HAS STARTED TO FAIL

On the way that the two Pats, Cipollone and Philbin, testified for ten hours about Trump's crimes, he ratcheted up his wails to try to hide and reverse his vulnerability.

HOW RICHARD BARNETT COULD DELAY RESOURCING OF THE TRUMP INVESTIGATION

One the day before Jack Smith was appointed Special Counsel, DOJ objected to any delay in Richard Barnett's December 12 trial. Four days after the appointment, DOJ decided they'd be happy to have the delay on account of an "anticipated change in government trial counsel."

WHAT IF THE SPECIAL COUNSEL IS ABOUT SCOTT PERRY, NOT JUST DONALD TRUMP?

Given how narrow the GOP majority in the House is, any investigation into a sitting member of Congress could more immediately disrupt the status quo power than an investigation into a potential Presidential candidate. Which means the appointment of Jack Smith as Special Counsel may also pertain to the investigation of Scott Perry's actions leading up to January 6.

WHAT THAT REPORT PURPORTEDLY

AUTHENTICATING THE "HUNTER BIDEN" "LAPTOP" REALLY SAID

James Comer has kicked off his tenure as Oversight Chair by proclaiming that the forensic mess left behind by frothy conspiracy-mongers is, instead, "REAL."

WELCOME TO THE JIM JORDAN AND JAMES COMER LOOK THE OTHER WAY COMMITTEES, BROUGHT TO YOU BY ACCESS JOURNALISM

As the DC press corps scrambles to cover the press conference today at which Jim Jordan and James Comer will announce that Hunter Biden will be their first order of business, we're about to find out how few DC journalists have the self-respect to cover what a waste all this is.

A PARLIAMENTARY CONGRESS OR A

BATSHIT ONE?

Few people really understand how such a closely balanced Congress will work.