

THE FOURTH AHEAD AND THE FORGOTTEN

We want a slice of normalcy: a cold beverage in hand, burgers on the grill, fireworks overhead, fireflies after dark, family and friends all around us. And we want it now. Some of us, though, won't get these things. Some of us have been forgotten.

THREE THINGS: THERE IS REALLY ONLY ONE THING

It's ultimately all one thing: Donald J. Trump needs to be removed from office for abuse of power and dereliction of duty.

JIM JORDAN, KILLER CLOWN

Jim Jordan, killer clown – an existential threat to members of Congress who have to put up with him while they represent the rest of us.

THREE THINGS:

NUMBERS, HEARINGS AND RACIST CODE

There's always more than three things to address but here's three we should look at more closely – Yesterday's COVID-19 oversight hearing, the data debacle in Tulsa, and racist facial recognition.

IN DIRE NEED OF CREATIVE EXTREMISTS

Martin Luther King's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" is more than 50 years old, yet it reads like it was written yesterday. In that letter, King identified "the great stumbling block in the stride toward freedom" not as the hoodwearing Klanners or the politically powerful White Citizens Council folks, but the Moderate. Fortunately, King also identified the cure to that block, if only we'd embrace it.

THREE THINGS: RACIST REDIRECTS AS GOP CLINGS TO ITS BRAND

None of this had to happen. Not a lick of it. It makes the ongoing daily failures even more ridiculous.

THREE THINGS: WHEN THE HANGOVER ENDS

Republicans are too relaxed and smug after last week. We can see their emperor has no clothes and their asses are showing, too.

MIDNIGHT IN WASHINGTON: TODAY'S SENATE VOTE [UPDATE-2]

This post is dedicated to today's U.S. Senate's proceedings with regard to the trial of Donald J. Trump under articles of impeachment for abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. You'll note I'm not holding my breath for impartial justice.

THREE THINGS: DAY AFTER NIGHT BEFORE DAY OF DISASTER [UPDATE-2]

What a flaming mess. Bet you can't really tell which mess I'm referring to – the Iowa caucuses, the State of the Union Address, or the rolling not-trial of Donald J. Trump.

HITTING THE OSCILLATOR: TODAY'S SENATE VOTE ON WITNESSES [UPDATE-5]

The output hits the fan today as the Senate votes on whether to call and hear witnesses. But this may also be the entire enchilada shoved into the blades of the rotator – they may vote on conviction and acquittal. This is an open thread.