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HARRY'S VIEW



and to not consider the important peripheral atmosphere like terrorism, the bellicose behaviour of a despotic leader like Saddam Hussein seems flawed and more a deliberate political vendetta. I see Keating's involvement as just that, a case of sour grapes because Howard ousted him.

As a Vietnam veteran, I was against Australia's involvement in the Second Gulf War because our armed forces never had invaded, or were part of an invasion since WWII and the Gulf Region was outside this nation's region of national defence interest.

Post WWII Australia has always participated in a war or armed conflict in defending another country against outside invasion, Korea, Malaya, Vietnam, Somalia and Ugan-

da come readily to mind. Howard, I believe made two flawed decisions, the removal of firearms from Australians after the Port Arthur massacre and committing Australia to the Second Gulf War.

Robert S Buick  
Mountain Creek

Double standards?

ON last (Thursday) night's news, the greyhound racing industry faces being banned for the cruelty of live baiting, and the killing of thousands of greyhounds.

When will the same spotlight and standards be applied to the cruel and inhumane killing of thousands of innocent babies by the abortion industry?

Valmai Bearham  
Park Avenue

Senate operations explained

KEITH Whittaker, letter TMB 7/7/16, does not understand the system of voting for the Senate. In a normal election each state votes in six senators. They stay for two elections overlapping with the other senators who are voted in at the intervening election.

In a double dissolution election (DDE) all senate seats are up for election so that at the next normal election half of the DDE senators must be dismissed to make room for the incoming half senate positions.

Tom Bradbury,  
Norman Gardens

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Haidee Jenkins on Monday

concerns

meaningful policies.

As a result of the GFC, this idea of a class divide is now given credibility by a comprehensive decline in living standards in the West. It provides all manner of opportunity for people, educated or not, to complain about the failings of capitalism, and to engage in a culture of individualist rent-seeking. The reach of social media, the fact that ill-informed content is so difficult to rebut, and the general dumbing down of education, means that people expect to be rewarded for every cry from the heart, while discounting the fact that funding depends on decisions of the head.

In the end every problem is an economic problem. A strong

economy creates jobs. People with jobs are less likely to be involved in crime, or to engage in war. A strong economy increases the tax take, providing money for health services, social payments like the pension, womens shelters and funding for schools.

A strong economy helps create a positive and more open attitude which benefits the arts and immigrants alike.

With that at stake, from Brexit, to Gay Marriage to Government by social media, leadership is forsaken and populism becomes the chosen management doctrine. Its reminiscent of the Renaissance.

Get used to it - it'll be a burden for years to come.

FACEBOOK QUOTE

VICTORY belongs to the Coalition, according to Liberal frontbencher Christopher Pyne who has told morning television his party is an "election-winning machine".

Kevin Hendersen: Don't have to be too clever to be a politician, just need enough money to run a campaign good enough to win a seat.

TEXTS TO THE EDITOR

SMS the Editor on 0428 634 025 with the word ROCK and a space in front of your message.

MOOSE, DEPOT HILL. Apparently Turnbull is edging towards retaining government but he is doing something he swore he would not do. He is looking to climb into bed with Bob Katter. Turncoat might make Katter the minister for silly walks or a new portfolio minister for gun control.

AB, ROCKHAMPTON. With comment on the papers article on unfair petrol prices in Rocky, on a visit to Victoria recently I noticed petrol and diesel prices varied from outlets from Melbourne to Gippsland area ranging \$1.18 to \$1.28 being no pattern to their pricing of location or company. Once again we see unscrupulous petrol outlets gouging the motorists of Rockhampton while politicians do nothing on this matter.

BS, ROCKY. Bill Cleary, mate you have no idea, people are only switching to harder drugs like ice because urine tests pick up cannabis more easily. Stick with the swab tests and at least the majority of druggies will only be smoking pot.

ROSA L. Regardless of the political persuasion of our elected and non-elected civic leaders here's hoping they are all represented at the Reclaim Kemp Hill rally on Saturday. You are all on notice. Set the alarm.

N, RTON. Renewal of unsealed roads: does that mean that Milner Rd in Pink Lily is going to be sealed with bitumen. Have been going out there lately and although it was graded in March it is now rough again as before.

CC ROCKY. I don't drive all over the place like you do bus driver. The two I named were the only ones I saw where I drove. So! TD, KOONGAL. If Robert Schwarten blows another unlosable local election as campaign manager, will he finally go away forever?

NCN, MT CHALMERS. To ANON If you think Livingstone is doing so wonderful take a drive around the rural roads. The coastal strip is going ahead in leaps and bounds using rate money

from rural areas while we can't even get a grader on our roads let alone a bit of bitumen.

IRDKAH. Yes Bill Tennent you beat me to the punch re Shorten. Labor will always just be a party of knockers. Never see much of a positive action and Shorten would have to be the worse.

CJT, ROCKY. I think it is totally wrong that Turnbull can run round buying votes. The people voted and if the parties are allowed to bribe other polities for their, preference what was the point of the people voting. Grubby politics.

GTF. I would hate to be married to the female that does the voice overs for Coles. That voice drives me mad.

DM. About the channel changes on TV. A lot of us haven't ever been able to get Life or 76. I



Moose isn't happy that Bob Katter has gotten into bed with Malcolm Turnbull.

contacted a local TV tech, was told the stations have changed the way they deliver them ,some TV's take them others miss out. Mine is three years old can't get them, neighbours seven years, she has all them. It's not worth having a TV, should all be the same.

GC. Thank you to the kind soul who saw fit to remove some of the Ken O'Dowd corflutes we had placed along side the highway in the Westwood Gogango area. Hope you didn't cut your fingers while cutting the zip tie attachments to the steel posts. Thank you for leaving our steel posts which we have now retrieved.

CC, ROCKY. You find LNP recorded messages invasion of privacy, surely this is no worse than Labour brandishing untrue bill boards about Medicare in front of my windscreens?

PHOTO OF THE DAY



GAME DAY: Ollie Wines of the Power gets a kick away before being smothered by Luke Hodge of the Hawks during the Round sixteen AFL match between Port Adelaide Power and the Hawthorn Hawks at Adelaide Oval in Adelaide on Thursday. PHOTO: BEN MCMAHON