

## The Fortnightly Rant

### The Delta Blues

This pandemic has been going on for so long now that it feels like we're living in "Groundhog Day"—without Bill Murray to entertain us. Worse yet, there's a sequel coming: "Dumb and Dumber."

According to a study published last month in *The Lancet* journal *EClinical Medicine*, "People who had recovered from COVID-19, including those no longer reporting symptoms, exhibited significant cognitive deficits versus controls when controlling for age, gender, education level, income, racial-ethnic group, pre-existing medical disorders, tiredness, depression and anxiety."

The study found that the average decline in IQ was seven points. We don't mean to mock the afflicted, but that is a loss some could ill afford.

Please understand—we're not joking around here. This is, literally, deadly serious. We just wish certain other people would treat it as such.

According to Johns Hopkins, COVID-19 has killed 618,149 Americans—so far. That's equal to everybody in Wyoming, plus 96 percent of Concord, New Hampshire.

Once the Delta variant has killed off 25,000 more of us, this visualization method will get a little simpler: everybody in Vermont.

Now, hold onto your hat, because this is where things really get grim.

We know that a lot of Republicans rooted against the U.S.A. at the Olympics because they felt certain athletes' politics did not meet their standards—this, from the gang that constantly accuses the left of "political correctness." Projection, it's a hell of a drug.

By the same token, after it has killed the equivalent of everyone in Vermont, Republicans may go beyond merely favoring policies that give the coronavirus an edge, and

start actively rooting for the coronavirus.

Why? Because the next step up in the U.S. population table is the District of Columbia. Are we becoming too paranoid? It's hard to say.

Last month General Michael Flynn visited the Church of the Good News in Yuba City, Arizona. As one does when a notable pardoned felon visits, parishioner Jason Parker presented Flynn with a suitable gift: an AR-15 rifle with a tasteful woodland camouflage finish. Clearly delighted, the General said "Maybe I'll find someone in Washington, D.C." The congregation responded with gales of laughter.

Eisenhower warned us—alas, to no avail—against the military-industrial complex. He never foresaw the politico-religious complex. It may end up killing more of us than some of the enemies against whom we've spent untold billions.

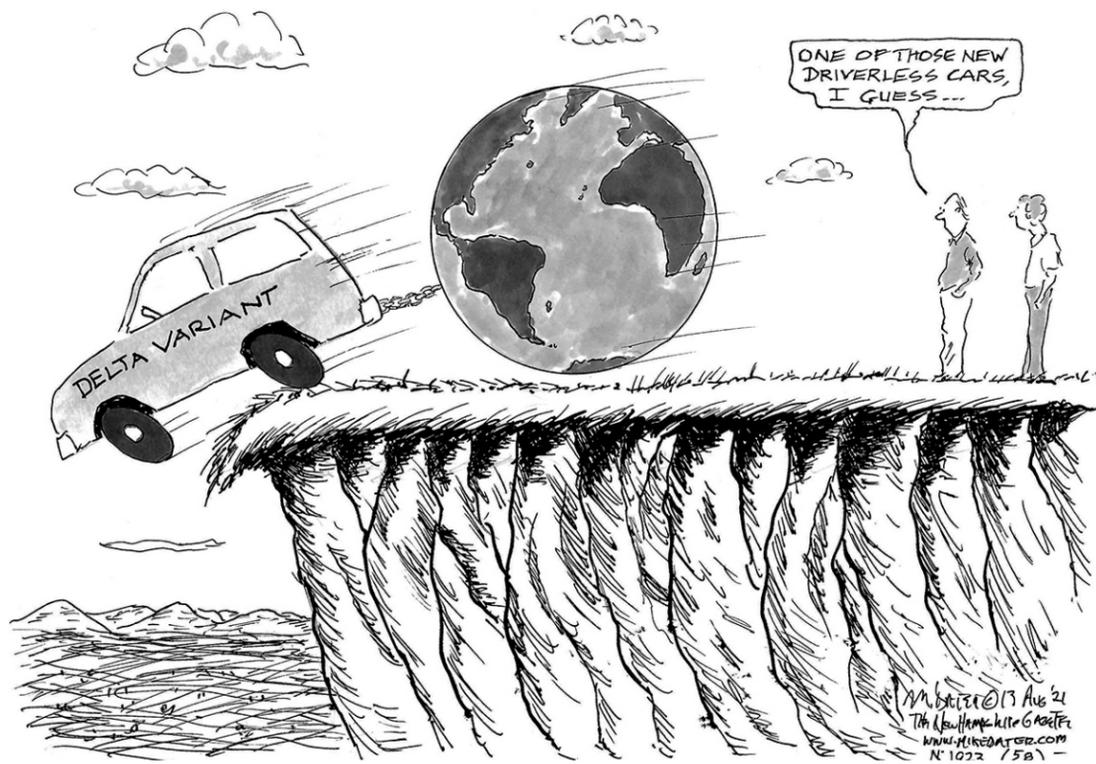
A few hours down the sun-blasted road from Yuba City, in Fountain Hills, Arizona, a big, sweaty preacher named Joshua Feuerstein has been exhorting his followers to give the virus a chance.

"The Bible says that God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and a sound mind. You have a sound mind. You don't have to wear the mask, you've got Jesus. You don't need the vaccine, you've got Jesus."

"You have a sound mind"—is there a fact checker in the house?

In 2015, while standing up for the rights of homophobes, Feuerstein preached—if that's the right word for it—that "my First Amendment right is guaranteed by my Second Amendment right."

There's a T-shirt that says, "If you don't need a mask because God will protect you, why do you need a gun?"



Understanding that message, though, requires a person to use reason. That skill has been in steep decline since television sprouted up in nearly every American home. Advertisers quickly learned that pandering to the lowest common denominator is the surest way to move more product. We can't prove it, but we'd bet that most Americans have spent an hour in front of the tube for every minute they spent in school. They certainly act like it.

That's one reason why, for all our sacred hoopla about rugged individualism, even in this country there's a place for leadership. Unfortunately, that place is often occupied by the likes of Greg Abbott and Ron DeSantis.

As the Governors of Texas and Florida, respectively, both men seem either eager to reduce the demands of electioneering by slashing the size of their electorates, or are too dumb to pour piss out of a boot.

Florida currently has a runaway

lead in the daily death toll sweepstakes. In one bold pro-virus move, last October DeSantis ordered all schools to open for in-person learning. Now, with 141 people dying on an average day, out of 607 nationally, DeSantis has an impressive market share of 23.2 percent.

Abbott is doing his damndest to do away with Texans. In May he issued an executive order banning mask mandates in public schools and government entities. In July he doubled down, upping the penalties for complying with public health measures. Even so, he can't keep pace with DeSantis. Every day the Lone Star State is diminished by another 62 Texans, but Abbott's market share is still just barely over ten percent.

Ultimately, of course, gubernatorial nudges in the direction of self-annihilation are superfluous in a nation of self-starters. This seems to be true across a broad swath of the populace.

For example, take Lollapaloo-

za. For four days, 380,000 people, trending towards the young and the woke, gathered in Chicago to stand unmasked, shoulder-to-shoulder, listening to music. In theory, all the Lollapaloozers were supposed to have been vaccinated.

About a week later, Knucklehead Nation\* swarmed into Sturgis, South Dakota for the annual Motorcycle Rally. In practice, among the 700,000 knuckleheads attending, those who have had the shot probably made it tequila.

Few "real Americans" will acknowledge following a philosophy popularized in the postwar years by a wall-eyed Frenchman. Many though, are acting in accordance with a central tenet of existentialism—but with a particularly American spin: eventually we all die alone—so what are we waiting for?

\* This is a motorcyclist's in-joke, not an aspersion. Harley engines made between 1936 and 1947 are called knuckleheads, for the shape of their rocker boxes.

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### AMOC Amok, or, Species Bites Environment

This fortnight began with terrible news about the climate. It went downhill from there.

The *Guardian* reported on July 27th—too late for us to deal with properly in our paper of July 30th, too important to leave out now—"many of the key indicators of the global climate crisis are getting worse and either approaching, or exceeding, key tipping points as the earth heats up."

"Overall, the study\* found some 16 out of 31 tracked planetary vital signs, including greenhouse gas concentrations, ocean heat content and ice mass, set worrying new records.

"There is growing evidence we are getting close to or have already gone beyond tipping points associated with important parts of the Earth

system,' said William Ripple, an ecologist at Oregon State University who co-authored the new research, in a statement."

This all sounds vaguely familiar, right? These "new study reeks of global doom" stories appear with such frequency of late, purists might argue that under the "dog bites man" doctrine, they are no longer news. People still watch stuff like "The Walking Dead," though, so we'll continue publishing its non-fiction equivalent.

Just a few weeks earlier, NASA had warned that in the mid-2030s there will be a dramatic increase in the number and severity of "high-tide" or "sunny day" floods. They'll be caused by an astronomical phenomenon colloquially known as the "moon wobble"—a term which, had it surfaced in the 1960s, would surely have inspired a dance craze.

Discovered in 1728, this 18.6-year cyclical shift in the moon's axis alternately suppresses and amplifies tides.

"The Moon is in the tide-amplifying part of its cycle now," according to NASA. "However, along most U.S. coastlines, sea levels have not risen so much that even with this lunar assist, high tides regularly top flooding thresholds. It will be a different story the next time the cycle comes around to amplify tides again, in the mid-2030s. Global sea level rise will have been at work for another decade. The higher seas, amplified by the lunar cycle, will cause a leap in flood numbers on almost all U.S. mainland coastlines, Hawaii, and Guam. Only far northern coastlines, including Alaska's, will be spared for another decade or longer because these land areas are rising due to long-term geological processes."

In other words, in about a decade, vast swaths of expensive Portsmouth real estate will look like the parking lot of the Bratskellar now does a couple of times a year.

After many rather tenuous decades, Strawberry Banke has been thriving for quite a few years now. Adaptation has been the key to that transformation. Perhaps SCUBA lessons can keep it going.

With these recent examples already rattling around in the national brainpan, along came AMOC—running amok.

Because the natural state of the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation, or AMOC, is to relentlessly drive a vast current of warm ocean water north from the equator towards the Arctic, in this case amok actually means quiescent. It's the meteorological equivalent of the scene in a western movie when

someone says, "It's too quiet out there."

This new study† says that "the recently discovered AMOC decline during the last decades is not just a fluctuation related to low-frequency climate variability or a linear response to increasing temperatures. Rather, the presented findings suggest that this decline may be associated with an almost complete loss of stability of the AMOC over the course of the last century, and that the AMOC could be close to a critical transition to its weak circulation mode."

Another nasty new revelation: the

† Observation-based early-warning signals for a collapse of the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation, Niklas Boers, lead author, *nature climate change*, August 2021.

\* World Scientists' Warning of a Climate Emergency 2021, William J. Ripple, lead author, in *BioScience*, July 28th.

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switch from a strong to a weak current could happen far more quickly than previously thought. If this should happen, the result would be “severe impacts on the global climate.”

All of these warnings of impending catastrophe came in a broader context, of course: that consisted mostly of fire everywhere.

Then, on Monday, came the IPCC, bringing the *real* bad news. We’ll let staid, boring, understated old *Foreign Policy* sum up the Sixth Assessment Report from the UN’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change:

“The catastrophic impacts of human-induced climate change have perhaps never been clearer than they are this summer, as searing heat waves, record droughts, and deadly floods tear across the world.

“It’s just the start of what experts forecast to be a worsening situation, according to the first new assessment in seven years by the U.N.-affiliated Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, or IPCC. The report, released on Monday, is a stark compilation of the latest climate-change research. It details how profoundly

humans have altered the climate and what the future could look like if harmful carbon emissions continue on their current trajectory.”

*The Guardian*, in its July 27th piece on multiple planetary vital signs approaching or exceeding their tipping points, noted that one of the “few bright spots in the study... [was that] fossil fuel subsidies [are] reaching a record low and fossil fuel divestment [is] reaching a record high.” However, even the “colossally decreased transportation and consumption” caused by the global coronavirus pandemic was “not nearly enough” to set us on a sustainable path.

If humanity plans to keep inhabiting the spinning rock on which it evolved, the paper opined, “transformational system changes are required.”

*Foreign Policy* was also careful to include a reed of hope, to which readers might cling: “the [IPCC] report also outlines a brighter future, where political will to create a low-emissions future could check runaway temperatures and limit the worst of the damaging impacts.”

OK, then...there seems to be a consensus here. We get the message. We’ll just call up our Congressman, and no doubt we’ll see some decisive action right away.



**America’s Billionaires: Borrowing Their Way to Ever More Fabulous Fortunes**  
by Sam Pizzigati

No widely acclaimed artist in the 20th century baited and battled the rich with as much gusto as Diego Rivera. The Mexican painter’s Great Depression-era confrontation with Nelson Rockefeller, then the twenty-something grandson of the world’s single richest individual, captured front-page real estate all across the United States—and far beyond.

The Rockefeller family had hired Rivera to paint the artistic centerpiece of the newly constructed Rockefeller Center in New York. Rivera’s resulting mural contrasted the “debauched rich” with workers on the rise. Right-wingers went apoplectic. Young Nelson, getting hammered, asked Rivera to remove an image of Lenin from the mural. Rivera refused, offering instead to add a portrait of Lincoln.

The Rockefellers would eventually have Rivera’s mural plastered over, but not before E. B. White, the

beloved author of *Charlotte’s Web*, penned “a classic of light verse” on the face-off for the *New Yorker*. His poem’s most famous couplet had grandson Nelson excusing his censorship:

*And tho your art I dislike to hamper,  
I owe a little to God and Gramper.*

Today, some nine decades later, Rivera’s artwork has a different sort of relationship with America’s rich: His paintings are helping 21st-century American moguls live lives of tax-free luxury.

How can art like Rivera’s be subsidizing the super rich? These awesomely affluent are using their art collections—and any other assets they may hold, everything from classic car collections to shares of stock in the companies they run—as collateral for loans from America’s biggest banks. Why would billionaires need loans? The simple answer: They don’t need loans. They need tax breaks, and they can get them by borrowing—at exceedingly low interest rates—off their mountains of assets.

Take Elon Musk. In 2019, he took out \$61 million in mortgages on five properties he owned in California. About that time he also had some 40 percent of his personal shares in Tesla pledged as collateral for still other loans. Musk’s millions in borrowed cash have been bankrolling his lavish lifestyle and new investments. These millions have also been providing a sweet end-run around Uncle Sam at tax time.

If Musk had sold some of his Tesla shares or surplus California properties to raise fresh cash, he would have owed capital gains tax on his sale earnings. But by borrowing for the cash, he let his Tesla and California property assets continue to increase in value and, at the same time, sidestep any taxes.

Billionaires Clarissa and Edgar Bronfman have been playing the same borrowing game, only with their art collection. Diego Rivera’s 1928 “Dance in Tehuantepec,” the *Architectural Digest* notes, sits at one end of their Park Avenue triplex living room. The Bronfmans have



Oh, for the good old days, when free-spending tourists powered our economy by strolling our streets, their naked faces soaking up sunshine... wait—what’s that you say? Oh, dear. Our Wandering Masked Photographer has informed us that this view of Market Street was captured just five days ago, on Sunday, August 8, 2021.

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been using their Rivera—and other artworks—as collateral for their own borrowed cash.

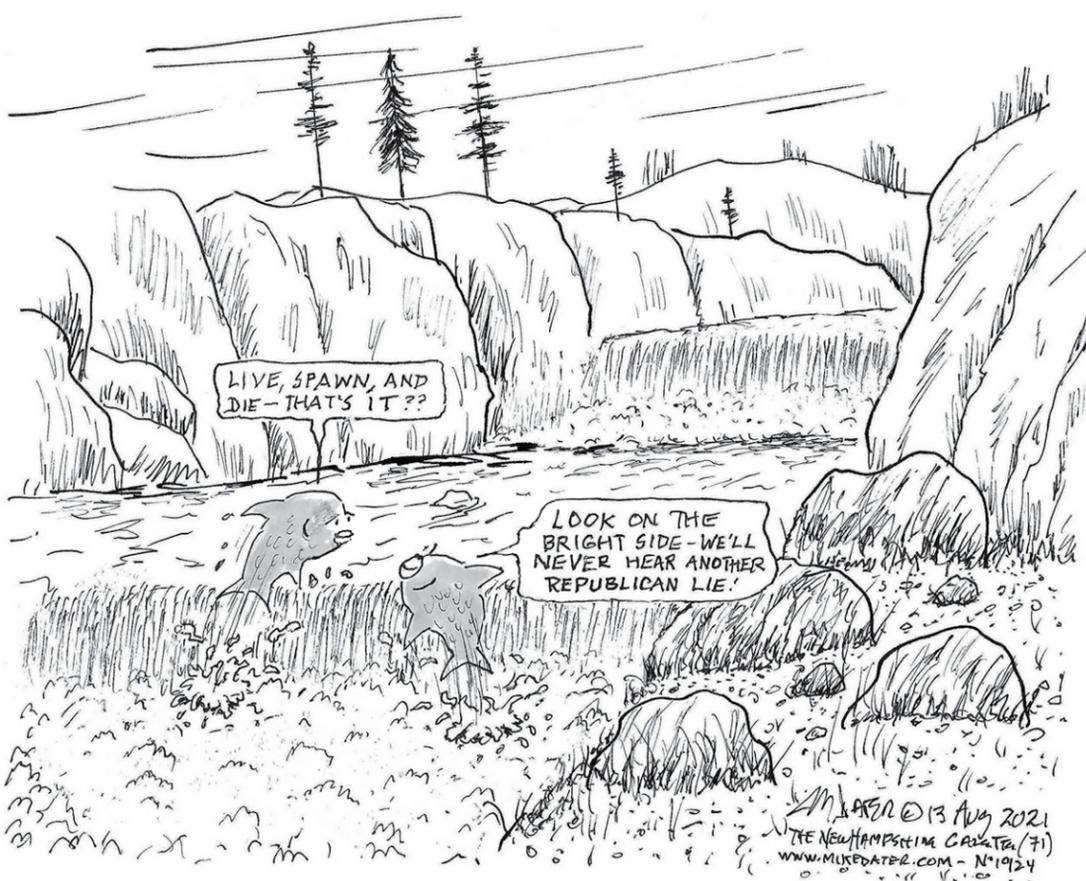
Billionaires like the Bronfmans can get loans these days at rates under one percent, and they've been rushing to take advantage. The "wealth management" departments at America's top banks—the offices that service America's most affluent—have now made loans that total over \$600 billion in value, a sum that's running 17.5 percent higher than the comparable total from the middle of last year. Lending to the rich has essentially become a major part of the business that major banks do. These loans, the *Financial Times* observes, currently add up to "22.5 percent of the banks' total loan books, up from 16.3 per cent in mid-2017."

"JPMorgan and Citi are now lending more to a small number of ultra-high net worth clients than to their millions of credit card customers," adds the *Financial Times* take. "A decade ago, JPMorgan was lending five times as much to credit card customers as it did to private clients."

What makes banks like JPMorgan, Citi, and Morgan Stanley so eager to extend these billions in loans—to the rich—at such low interest rates? One reason: The loans come as close to risk-free as risk-free could be. A more important reason: Big banks cherish close relationships with extremely rich people. These rich often run extremely large corporate empires and can steer their corporate banking business to the banks that cater to their personal needs. Elon Musk, for instance, has used Morgan Stanley, his personal lender, for Tesla stock and convertible-debt offerings.

"Providing mega-mortgages," a Bloomberg analysis sums up, "helps bank profit margins in the short run and is highly strategic long-term."

The only losers in all this loaning and borrowing: average Americans who pay their taxes while wealthy people avoid theirs. Working Americans pay the price for that avoidance. They depend on public services that tax shortfalls cripple. Rich people, meanwhile, don't use public services. They live in private



One might think that a high-class joint with a lineage long and glitzy enough to include Zsa Zsa Gabor and Paris Hilton would take care at all times to present a dignified appearance. But, of course—as the trope employed here demands—one would be wrong. Violations of the Flag Code are the antithesis of dignity. If the symbol of our nation can be displayed in such a tattered condition, what might we surmise about the condition of other fabrics in the care of this enterprise? The Flag Police urge the management—and the public—to remember: eternal vigilance is the price of upholding the fetishization of material objects which symbolize the values of a purported republic in the absence of any perceptible functionality.

worlds made ever more comfortable by the "asset-backed loans" that have become, points out Institute for Policy Studies analyst Chuck Collins, "one of the principal tools the ultra-wealthy are using to game their tax obligations down to zero."

The best antidote to this gaming of the federal income tax? That may be the wealth tax legislation that Senator Elizabeth Warren from Massachusetts introduced this past spring with Representatives Pramila Jayapal of Washington State and Brendan Boyle of Pennsylvania. These lawmakers are proposing an annual wealth tax set at a mere 2 cents per dollar on wealth between \$50 million and \$1 billion and 3 cents per dollar on riches over \$1 billion. A wealth tax along these lines would have raised \$114 billion in taxes from billionaires alone in 2020. Just one of these billionaires, Jeff Bezos, would have faced a personal \$5.7-billion wealth tax bill.

Bezos and the rest of America's

billionaires could easily afford Warren's proposed wealth tax freight. Their current combined fortune: \$4.7 trillion, up \$1.8 trillion since the pandemic began.

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**Look Out! Here Comes Betsy DeVos!** Amplify New Hampshire, a progressive new non-profit, sent us the following item:

The conservative, D.C.-based advocacy group Club for Growth announced August 9th that it is launching its nationwide tour promoting school vouchers in New Hampshire—at an event that will feature former Trump Education Secretary Betsy DeVos. The announcement comes on the heels of

the passage of Governor Sununu's state budget, which redirects funding from New Hampshire public schools to wealthy, private, and religious schools. Gov. Sununu's school voucher scheme undermines public education and could lead to higher property taxes for communities across the Granite State.

In response to this announcement, Amplify New Hampshire executive director Craig Brown issued the following statement:

"Betsy DeVos and conservative Washington, D.C. special interests are launching their tour in New Hampshire to celebrate Governor Sununu's extreme school voucher program. Governor Sununu sold out New Hampshire students to subsidize wealthy private and religious schools and could leave taxpayers with the \$70 million price tag. The program is yet another attack from Sununu on public education that will be a disaster for students and taxpayers in New Hampshire."

**Murph's Fortnightly Quote**  
*"Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own."*  
 Robert A. Heinlein (1907-1988), from *Stranger in a Strange Land*

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**It's Brass Knuckle Time**

Hi Editor.

Listening this morning to a bit of discussion on whether Trump might be called to testify in the House investigation of 1/6. It was acknowledged as a theoretical possibility, but thought unlikely for two reasons.

First, it might set a "dangerous precedent" ... where, for instance, a future Republican Congress might haul Joe Biden in to question him about Hunter's laptop. Personally, I think it would set a good precedent—to be applied whenever a mobster has finished being president. Since the emotional maturity of the Republican party really is at the level of "Oh yeah? We'll get him back!", it's not inconceivable that revenge brings Biden back into the witness chair. If that happens, since he's not a mobster, I assume he'll just answer all their questions, like Hillary did about the inflated issue of Benghazi.

The other reason, though, moots the first. If subpoenaed, will he show up? Or will he just begin some long court battle? To my mind, these are rhetorical questions. We *know* the answers. Trump is a master of getting out of things via delay. In this case, he could assert any crappy reason—finding traces of bamboo in the paper the subpoena was printed on!!!—and, when the challenge to that finally came up in court and he lost, appeal that ruling on some fanciful grounds and push it into the appeals court and &c....and, sometime in 2023 or so, when SCOTUS says "no," he can (realistically!) claim to be suffering from dementia and challenge the subpoena on hardship grounds. In any case, it will be easy for him to outlast the limited life of the House committee.

This leads me to wonder if other Republicans might emulate Great Leader...and, if subpoenaed, just refuse to honor them? If I were on that committee, I'd surely want to invite and/or subpoena McCarthy, Cruz, Flynn, Giuliani and all the Congressmen who gave tours to those later involved in the insurrection. What if they fail to comply? In normal times, when a subpoenaed witness fails to show, the

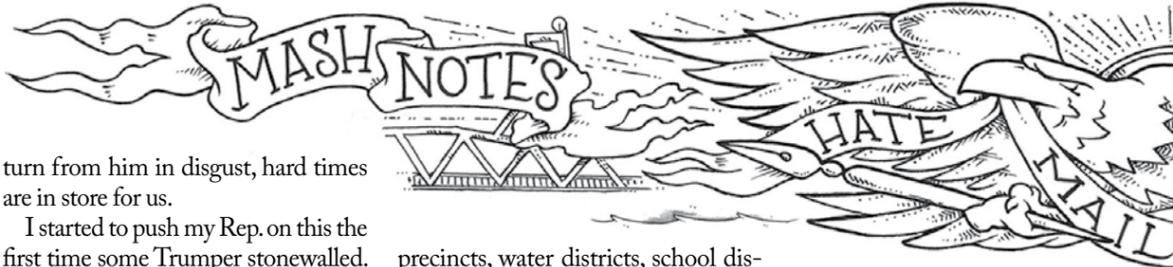
House can go through its rigamarole and cite the no-show for contempt of Congress. This then goes to the DOJ... and so, to court... where lots of delays are possible.

These, however, are not normal times. We don't have the luxury of allowing the Seditious to stonewall the country. The rock has to be overturned and the vermin exposed.

Fortunately, this is possible! The House has the power to do this. They've always had the power to do this, but were too chickenshit to use that power as Trumper after Trumper refused to testify or surrender documents. I'm referring to the power of "inherent contempt." The House doesn't actually need the DOJ to do the prosecuting of a contempt charge. They have the power to do that entirely in house (so to speak). If they find the no-show guilty of contempt, they can order their own police force, the Sergeant at Arms, to arrest the miscreant. They can imprison him! And keep him in jail until he decides to cooperate or a new Congress is seated.

In the Trump years, going through the DOJ was impossible. Neither Sessions nor Barr was ever going to prosecute loyalty to the Anointed One. Using the power of inherent contempt was the only tool available to lance all these pustules growing on America. Now, with Garland as AG, contempt cases would be pursued, but would take too long—so, asserting the power of inherent contempt is still all we have to address the disease in time.

So, here's my advice: If it should happen that, once the committee gets going and issues invitations to appear—at the first sign that Republicans are going to use Big Delay as their strategy, everyone should begin to bombard their Representative with letters, emails, tweets and etc. urging them to use inherent contempt. Spending some days in a non-luxury clink might convince these Trumplers of the benefits of testifying...and allow a real investigation to occur. It's time to exchange our kid gloves for brass knuckles. If Trump's *big* crimes are not exposed—on TV, where it matters—and his cult is not forced to



turn from him in disgust, hard times are in store for us.

I started to push my Rep. on this the first time some Trumper stonewalled. I just wanted him to bring up inherent contempt in his discussions with other House members. As far as I know, this coward never did. If I was younger, I'd challenge him in the primary on this issue alone. Had he used his power for the good of the people, Trump's first impeachment would have come sooner, included many more charges, and would have ended in conviction. As I see it, his failure to act was aiding and abetting Trump's suppression of evidence. Don't let your Rep. do this again!

Paul Fischler  
Rochester, N.H.

PS: It's great to see you back in print again. You've been missed!

Paul:

*The remedy you propose will sound far-fetched to some. In fact, it's as sound as a dollar used to be. There's no reason why Congress should not do this.*

*Sadly, there is a reason they probably won't: cowardice.*

The Editor

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**The Two Faces of "Conservatism"**

Dear Sir:

At the conclusion of the 2021 legislative session, Governor Sununu signed two very controversial and dangerous bills, HB 220, and HB2. The relevant sections of these bills are as follows;

HB 220 states, "Every person has the natural, essential, and inherent right to bodily integrity, free from any threat or compulsion by government to accept an immunization. Accordingly, no person may be compelled to receive an immunization for COVID-19 in order to secure, receive, or access any public facility, any public benefit, or any public service from the state of New Hampshire, or any political subdivision thereof, including but not limited to counties, cities, towns,

precincts, water districts, school districts, school administrative units, or quasi-public entities."

Section 39 of HB 2 states: "Except in the case of a medical emergency as specifically defined in paragraph III, no abortion shall be performed, induced, or attempted by any health care provider unless a health care provider has first made a determination of the probable gestational age of the fetus... the health care provider shall conduct an obstetric ultrasound examination of the patient for the purpose of making the determination." For the record, the medical emergency stated in the bill does not provide an exception for a fatal fetal diagnosis, rape, or incest.

After reading both these bills, a reasonable person could be excused for questioning the level of inconsistency, and hypocrisy of protecting the bodily integrity of every person when it comes to only one medical intervention, Covid-19 immunization, while requiring an invasive transvaginal ultrasound examination, thereby ignoring and literally trampling those same rights when it comes to the natural, essential, and inherent right to bodily integrity, free from any threat or compulsion by government. with regard to a woman's most sensitive and private bodily integrity.

HB 220, which prohibits public vaccine mandates, and allows unvaccinated people free access to all "public facilities" will do great harm to the public health, especially in light of the rapidly spreading very contagious Delta variant. Instead of encouraging and placing restrictions of the unvaccinated, this bill protects and rewards those who have decided to put themselves and the community at risk. On the other hand, the HB2 transvaginal ultrasound mandate, does nothing to protect public health or the individual concerned. It represents nothing less

than a form of punishment, ridicule, and the worst form of abuse of a woman's most sacred right to privacy and bodily integrity.

Those who allowed such egregious legislation to become law need to be held accountable. They have placed their own personal political fortunes and aspirations above the public health and the rights of women. This level of hypocrisy and political pandering to a radical right wing ideology is not consistent with good government or the values of the vast majority of the people of New Hampshire.

Rich DiPentima, RN, MPH  
Portsmouth, N.H.

Rich:

*At some point we begin to wonder if Governor Sununu and his merry band of moral munchkins are just funnin' with us.*

*Are they truly blind to this hypocrisy? Is that even possible? Or do they just not care?*

The Editor

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**Are Republicans at a Tipping Point?**

To the Editor:

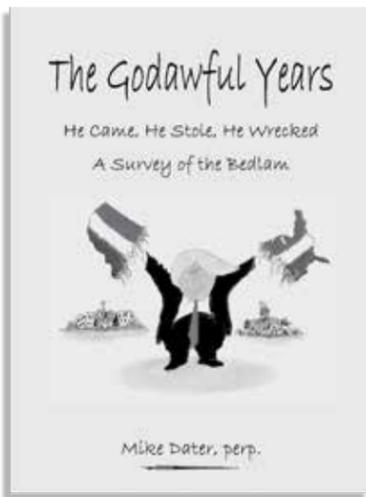
Let's go out a limb and assume most Republican lawmakers remain capable of distinguishing right from wrong. Even if they are, it doesn't appear to matter because former president Donald Trump is currently sitting on a huge \$102 million-dollar war chest that he has openly weaponized to punish anyone daring to challenge his Big Lie.

Extortion is defined as the practice of obtaining something of value through force or threats, and the fear of being threatened by Donald Trump is currently strong enough to cause most GOP lawmakers to cower and speak in tongues.

However, the situation isn't as hopeless as it looks because, by its nature, extortion breeds resentment. Pri-

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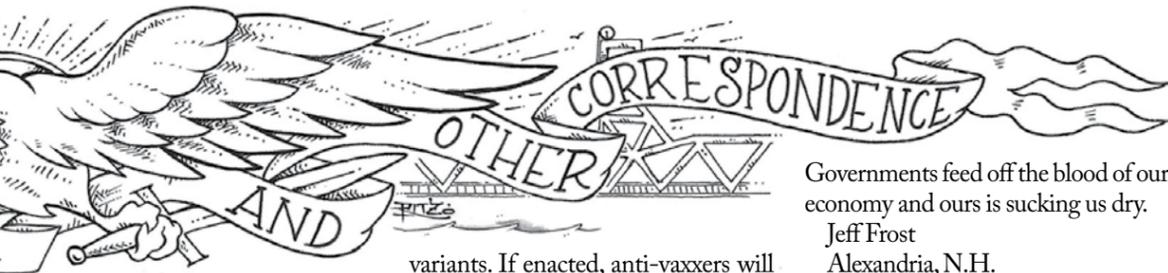
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*God, Guns & Ginny*

Well, of course it was righteous. Bear any burden, pay any price, what you could do for your country. Godless communists, after all. You may have been only seventeen, but you'd seen them already in Hungary, Cuba, Berlin. Something had to be done, and someone would have to do it.

There is something about a thatched-roof hut in the middle of rice fields, burning, a mortally wounded woman softly keening, child dead in her arms, that can't be blamed on Chairman Mao, Castro, Lenin, or *Das Kapital*. Heavy artillery flattened that home. Ours. Our guns did that.

Long before I reached my thirteen months, I discovered I had nothing to cling to but a girl back home. A young girl. Still in high school. Watching her friends go out on dates, having fun, enjoying all of the things that seniors do for the last exuberant time together. She must have agonized for months before she sent me that final letter. I hope she's had a nice life. I mean it.

— W.D. Ehrhart

Governments feed off the blood of our economy and ours is sucking us dry.

Jeff Frost  
Alexandria, N.H.

Jeff:  
*Your property taxes are sky high because Republicans won't pass an income tax.*

*The rich folks they cater to don't give a damn about you being thrown out of your home.*

*They just want to live tax-free—that's the New Hampshire Way.*

*You just can't see it because you're let them distract you with a bogeyman.*

The Editor

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**The Truth Regarding Local Self-government**  
To the Editor:

Local Self-governance started as the recognition of individual rights protecting liberty and holding an understanding of inalienable rights. Self Governance of the State represents the doctrine that created the Confederation of States declaring a revolutionary war with England rejecting colonial rule that was acting on behalf of corporate influence. When that war was over, the Articles of Confederation were rewritten by a constitution forming, "these United States of America." This was inspired by corporations and their investors in order to streamline commerce regarding the growth as a nation being centralized. Until this centralization, local self-governance ruled the 13 states, including the boroughs, cities, and townships.

Local self-governance was co-opted by the doctrine of Home Rule and each State could choose independently if their state constitution would recognize the doctrine. New Hampshire, the "Live Free or Die" state, turned away from local self-governance and instead, declared specifically that all local governing authority would be decided by the State and not by the needs and wishes of the local governing bodies. This governing structure is known as the doctrine of Dillon's Rule, which says municipalities are as

variants. If enacted, anti-vaxxers will howl even louder.

But there is an easier way to insure greater vaccine acceptance while allowing the "freedom" fanatics to indulge their fantasy. Prohibit unvaccinated people from entering a hospital ... even when, and especially when, they are sick.

The sadness of increased Covid deaths would be alleviated somewhat by the knowledge that the victims have freely chosen to believe anti-vax propaganda, and they won't be voting for any more Republicans.

Bruce Joffe  
Piedmont, Calif.

Bruce:  
*That's an interesting concept. We can't imagine doctors signing off on it, though, due to their Hippocratic Oath*

The Editor

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**Justified But Misdirected Anger**

To the Editor:

Property taxes and government growth are unsustainable. Our four-generation home can not be kept for the next four generations. At a little over 8.5 percent annual increases in property taxes since 1965, how can any family keep their home?

The national median salary or income was \$6,900, [and] a car [was] \$2,650, when my single mother bought our home back in 1965. Today I would have to make \$665,000 in income to pay New Hampshire's property tax increases or lose the home. And an average car would cost today \$235,440 had it increased each year at 8.5 percent.

Instead, I give more and more of our savings to New Hampshire. That is the price to fund government spending that does not provide equal increases in incomes from guiding us to greater economic growth.

Unproductive Marxist socialist

mere tenants of the state and therefore, community members relinquish our inalienable rights under a republic form of representative government.

New Hampshire mirrored the arrangement of its state constitution after the Articles of Confederation having its first part the Bill of Rights, followed by the duties of the branches of state governing powers. The State retained the Town Meeting process whereby the municipalities were

granted authority to make ordinances (law), but only regarding matters the State enabled (allowed).

Here I testify to the blunder of corporate personhood. We the People are to be governed through our consent. Our differences and opinions are still caught in power struggles of equality, the indifference to who rules the

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vate-citizen Trump may have a big mouth and a hefty \$102 million-dollar cudgel, but the facts aren't on his side and it's a safe bet many of his more moderate loyalist are feeling exposed.

Against that backdrop, Liz Cheney deserves our gratitude for refusing to cave in and pay homage. We talk of "tipping points" these days, and it may not take many defectors like her to defuse the Trump extortion machine. In fact, left with too many moles to whack and too little time, his reign of terror could crumble overnight.

With Susan Collins and others like her in mind, possibly now is the critical moment to turn up the heat on others to follow Cheney's lead. It won't take many to tip the scales and there's plenty of anger bubbling just below the surface to motivate a stampede once the exodus begins.

Rick Littlefield  
Barrington, N.H.

Rick:  
*Based on your optimistic assessments of Republicans' capacity for discernment and Sen. Collins' political courage, we're guessing life in Barrington must be good these days. Glad to hear it. Maybe it's time we tried that ourselves.*

The Editor

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**Darwin, Take the Wheel**

Dear Editor,

Covid cases are increasing at an alarming rate, and more than 95 percent are unvaccinated people. Nearly all of the recent Covid deaths were unvaccinated. Nevertheless, anti-vaxxers insist on not getting jabbed. They howl about their freedom, unconcerned that they are spreading disease to others.

Government agencies are considering compelling the wearing of masks, and even forcing vaccinations, in order to stem this Covid onslaught which might produce even more virulent

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collective of us all. It is problematic that corporations are recognized as having personhood rights. Endowed with court-appointed inalienable and civil rights, corporate personhood turned the whole ideal of liberty and equality on its head. Judges, through their rulings recognizing corporate personhood, pulled the rug out from underneath the feet of all the inhabitants of every single municipality.

When understood properly, Local Self-government with all the responsibilities of civility, patience, and human decency would be following a brighter path. Without it we as a nation will fail to ever solve the problems of this nation. It is my personal opinion that Local Self-governance holds precedence, when it comes as a right, not a privilege granted by the State, with due respects to all mankind and central representative governing authority, from the bottom up.

To learn more about Local Self-government as a matter of right, visit [www.nhcommunityrights.org](http://www.nhcommunityrights.org) or email [info@nhcommunityrights.org](mailto:info@nhcommunityrights.org).

Douglas Darrell  
Ctr. Barnstead, N.H.

Douglas:

*Though we're not sure we follow your argument, we do know this is an important issue.*

*As we understand this matter, corporations were originally subject to control by the states which issued their charters.*

*In 1819, in the case of Dartmouth College v. Woodward, Daniel Webster screwed that up. He convinced John Marshall that contracts counted for more than the state's power to issue—or revoke—charters.*

*Webster had been a lawyer here in Portsmouth, before representing the state in the House for two terms. A Federalist, he said this in 1820: "those who have not property, and see their neighbors possess much more than they think they need, cannot be favorable to laws made for the protection of proper-*



*ty. When this class becomes numerous, it grows clamorous. It looks on property as its prey and plunder, and is naturally ready, at all times, for violence and revolution."*

*The ability of corporations to run roughshod over the people got a big boost in Santa Clara County v. Southern Pacific Railroad [1886].*

*Time after time the Supreme Court has screwed we the people—which is why the Republicans pay so much attention to them. We're not sure why the Democrats are so feckless in this regard.*

The Editor

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**For a Carbon Fee and Dividend**  
To the Editor:

Pretty scary stuff is happening to our climate lately—droughts and floods, hurricanes and wildfires. It's not easy to think or talk about climate change.

But there is good news you may not know about. There's a way to reduce carbon emissions, put money in people's pockets, and meet global deadlines to slow down global warming. Over 3,500 U.S. economists endorse this approach. It does not create new bureaucracies or regulatory snarls. It costs the federal budget nothing.

What is this policy? It is "Carbon Fee and Dividend." A fee of \$15/ton of carbon would be charged on fossil fuel when it is extracted from the ground. Ninety-nine percent of all the money collected would then be returned equally to American taxpayers in monthly checks, just like the COVID stimulus checks. (The other one percent pays for administration.) The carbon fee would increase each year, driving emissions down rapidly while giving businesses the ability to plan ahead, and increasing the monthly dividend that would arrive in your bank account or mailbox.

At this very moment, the Senate is considering carbon fees, but they have not yet crafted a bill that is

cost-neutral and non-regulatory. If carbon pricing with a full dividend cashback sounds like a good idea to you, please call or email Senators Maggie Hassan and Jeanne Shaheen. Tell them to champion "Carbon Fee and Dividend."

We don't have to be scared of global warming, if we simply take this bold action now. It's a win-win.

Susan Richman  
Durham, N.H.

Susan:

*We didn't know about this. We don't know if it will work. We're pretty confident, though, that doing nothing is a recipe for disaster.*

The Editor

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**A Reasonable Analogy**  
To the Editor:

Fourteen years ago, New Hampshire banned smoking in bars and restaurants. Back then, smokers claimed they had a right to pollute the air, sicken others and no one should infringe on their freedom. Bars claimed they would go under if smoking was banned. Both found out they were wrong.

Today I hear the same arguments regarding mask and vaccine requirements. Masks and vaccines should be a personal choice and no one should place restrictions on those who choose neither. If they infect others, it is too bad. This is wrong.

Covid is mutating. The Delta variant is far more infectious. Even vaccinated people can catch it, although they are protected from the worst of its effects. The more people that get infected the greater the chance of a new mutation that vaccines cannot handle. We can lower the chance of such a mutation by reducing the number of unvaccinated and requiring them to wear masks indoors everywhere. It is time to treat them as we do smokers.

Walter Hamilton  
Portsmouth N.H.

**Saturday, August 1, 1972:**  
**"Bush Loses Flying Status"**

Sir:

That event [cited above] was not the *tip of the iceberg*—it was the *tip of Mt. Vesuvius*. Both prior to and after it, his military "career" can only be described as being bizarre: particularly a "disappearance," political connections, special treatment and lost records.

J.K. Folmar I  
California, Pa.

JK:

*Everything you say here is true, of course. Bush's entire life could serve as an indictment of America's oligopoly.*

*This feature of our paper, though, focuses on the events of single days. To the best of our knowledge, losing his Air National Guard flying status because he skipped a required physical exam—which just happened to include a drug test—was First Lt. G.W.[MD] Bush's most notable "achievement" on August 1, 1972.*

*If you know of anything he did that day which might be even more egregious, by all means please let us know.*

The Editor

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**Is It Legitimate For Spain To Keep Catalonia By Force Alone?**  
To the Editor:

The independence movement in Catalonia is, above all, democratic, and this takes precedence over its pro-independence leanings. In other words, it does not envisage any other way of achieving independence other than by democratic means. It is simple: democracy comes first, and independence must be a consequence of that. For the Spanish state, on the other hand, the unity of the state comes before everything else, including democracy, and, as it has shown, it is ready to impose itself with the use of violence, if necessary violating the rights established in its own constitution in order to stop and destroy any political opponent that could shake the economic, judi-

cial and military power that remains in the hands of those who were already in power during the Franco regime. These are the same people who today prop up the monarchy established by the dictator Franco himself and who veto any investigation that might expose the corruption of these powers. A far from impartial judicial and police system has fuelled the extreme right, which is running wild with total impunity.

On 1 October 2017 the government of Catalonia called for a binding referendum where everyone could vote and answer with a "yes," "no," or blank vote to the question: "Do you want Catalonia to become an independent state in the form of a republic?" The "yes" vote won by 90 percent with a turnout of 43 percent despite calls for a boycott by unionist forces and violence by the Spanish police. The result has not yet been implemented even though, as of today, there is a pro-independence majority in parliament as 52 percent of votes were for pro-independence parties.

Many human rights institutions have denounced Spain's abuses and violations of rights, which the state is trying to cover up by insisting that it is "a full democracy." They want to convey to the international community the false idea that "the Catalan problem has been solved." Is Catalan independence a problem? Or is it an opportunity for the democratisation of Spain? And is the conflict resolved? What do the Catalans think? The conflict will never be resolved if it is made to disappear by force and whilst Catalans are not allowed to decide their own way forward.

In Europe, the Spanish state is asserting its rights as a member but shirking its commitments, which ends up affecting the credibility of the EU itself and weakening it in the eyes of the international community.

In the end, to put it simply: Spain is the only EU country where fascism won the war.

Pepi Oller i Comellas  
Terrassa, Catalonia

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# Delayed Recognition is Better Than None

by Paul Nichols

I read recently about the only battalion of Black women to serve in Europe during World War II, the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion. This all-female Army Corps unit was deployed on missions to England and France during 1945 under daunting conditions for the purpose of processing undelivered mail to U.S. troops and Red Cross workers. The importance of their work cannot be overstated.

They toiled around the clock, straightening out an enormous backlog of mail piled in disorganized heaps. Within a three-month period, about 17 million pieces of mail were straightened out and sent on to intended destinations.

Despite the important accomplishments of this battalion, their work was denigrated by some who were opposed to Black women serving in the military. When the war ended, the unit faded into history with no nationwide recognition. Now, over 75 years following the battalion's vital service, only about

seven of these women are living.

Anyone who has served in a war zone knows how treasured and usually uplifting letters from loved ones and friends back home are. In U.S. wars prior to Iraq and Afghanistan, emails and other internet communications were non-existent. Telephone calls were impossible. Paper letters, usually hand-written, were the only connection from the home front. They were cherished.

My dad and his brother both served in the Marine Corps on South Pacific Islands during WW II and another uncle served in the European theater. Continuous troop movements made timely mail delivery a challenge. These three have all passed on, but I know that mail from home provided a vital boost under dreadful circumstances, no matter how intermittently it was received.

Letters from battlefields to folks back in the U.S. were also precious. I have my dad's journal containing a few letters from various island destinations. His out-going mail was censored, so he couldn't indicate his location or other operational details.

A letter to his mom dated August 16, 1943, states his location as, "On an Isle in the Pacific." Cross-communications between both ends of such heart-wrenching separations were comforting and reassuring. Letters to and from helped lessen the distance. They were nearly hallowed and were read over and over.

Black servicemen and women came home from WWII and were denied a drink at "whites only" water fountains, denied access to restrooms, restaurants, hotels and GI benefits. They were also denied recognition of their outstanding military sacrifices until decades later, if ever.

Recently, a VA newsletter contained a feature article about Johnnie Jones, a Black soldier who was seriously wounded during the Omaha Beach invasion on D-Day. Thanks to a close friend's efforts and military record authentication, Jones finally received the Purple Heart at the age of 101. The medal should have been issued 77 years ago.

A Senate bill co-sponsored by Sen. Maggie Hassan has been ap-



"Somewhere in England, Maj. Charity E. Adams,...and Capt. Abbie N. Campbell,...inspect the first contingent of Negro members of the Women's Army Corps assigned to overseas service." — Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Department of the Army.

proved to officially recognize the 6888th Battalion by awarding its members the Congressional Gold Medal. The bill will next be considered by the U.S. House. Described above are just two of far too many instances where long overdue ac-

knowledgments are brought to the forefront.

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Paul Nichols, who lives in Loudon, is a former Marine whose mailing address used to include the line, "FPO San Francisco."

# To Fix the Labor Shortage, Start With the Wage Shortage

by Jim Hightower

At a recent congressional hearing on America's so-called "labor shortage," megabanker Jamie Dimon of JPMorgan Chase, offered this insight: "People actually have a lot of money, and they don't particularly feel like going back to work."

Uh... Jamie... most people are living paycheck to paycheck, and since COVID-19 hit, millions have lost their jobs, savings, and even homes. So, they're not exactly lollygagging around the house, counting their cash.

Instead of listening to the uber-rich class ignorance of Dimon (who pocketed \$35 million in pay last year) Congress ought to be listening to actual workers explain why they're not rushing back to the jobs being offered by restaur-

ant chains and such. They would point out that there is no labor shortage—there's a wage shortage.

More fundamentally, there's a fairness shortage. It was not lost on restaurant workers, for example, that while millions of them were jobless last year, their corporate CEOs were grabbing millions, buying yachts, and living large. Yet, more than half of laid-off restaurant workers couldn't even get unemployment benefits, because their wages had been too low to qualify. Then there's the high risk of COVID exposure for restaurant employees, an appalling level of sexual harassment in their workplace, and demeaning treatment from abusive bosses and customers.

No surprise, then, that more than half of employees said in a recent survey that they're not going back

to those jobs. After all, even a dog knows the difference between being stumbled over and being kicked!

So rather than demanding that government officials force workers to return to the old exploitative system, corporate giants should try the free-enterprise solution right at their fingertips: Raise pay, improve conditions, and show respect—create a place where people want to work!

For a straightforward view from workers themselves, go to the advocacy group, *OneFairWage.site*.

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# Jamie Dimon: A Very Brief Primer

**Wikipedia:**

"As head of JPMorgan Chase, Dimon oversaw the transfer of \$25 billion in funds from the U.S. Treasury Department to the bank on October 28, 2008, under the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP). This was the fifth largest amount transferred under Section A of TARP to help troubled assets related to residential mortgages. It has been widely reported[36] that JPMorgan Chase was in much better financial shape than other banks and did not need TARP funds but accepted the funds because the government did not want to single out only the banks with capital issues. JPMorgan Chase advertised in February 2009 that it would be using its capital-base monetary strength to acquire new businesses. ...

"JPMorgan Chase was arguably the healthiest of the nine largest

U.S. banks and did not need to take TARP funds. ..."

**CNBC Headline, March 31, 2011:**

Banks Fight Mortgage Principal Reduction. "At the end of a day-long negotiation session over the foreclosure paperwork mess at the Department of Justice, Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller and Associate Attorney General Thomas Perrelli came out for a brief chat with reporters.

"They essentially said nothing. ... "Some of the State AGs, including the lead on the investigation, Miller, as well as federal regulators and administration officials appear to be looking toward principal forgiveness as the punishment the banks should pay. But as recently as last night, JP Morgan Chase's Jamie Dimon told reporters, 'Yeah, that's off the table.'"

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Portsmouth, arguably the first town in this country not founded by religious extremists, is bounded on the north and east by the Piscataqua River, the second, third, or fourth fastest-flowing navigable river in the country, depending on

whom you choose to believe. The Piscataqua's ferocious current is caused by the tide, which, in turn, is caused by the moon. The other player is a vast sunken valley — Great Bay — about ten miles upriver. Twice a day, the moon

drags about seventeen billion gallons of seawater — enough to fill 2,125,000 tanker trucks — up the river and into Great Bay. This creates a roving hydraulic conflict, as incoming sea and the outgoing river collide. The skirmish line

moves from the mouth of the river, up past New Castle, around the bend by the old Naval Prison, under Memorial Bridge, past the tugboats, and on into Great Bay. This can best be seen when the tide is rising.

Twice a day, too, the moon lets all that water go. All the seawater that just fought its way upstream goes back home to the ocean. This is when the Piscataqua earns its title for xth fastest current. Look for the red buoy, at the upstream end of

Badger's Island, bobbing around in the current. It weighs several tons, and it bobs and bounces in the current like a cork. The river also has its placid moments, around high and low tides. When the river rests, its tugboats

and bridges work their hardest. Ships coming in laden with coal, oil, and salt do so at high tide, for more clearance under their keels. They leave empty, riding high in the water, at low tide, to squeeze under Memorial Bridge.

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<p><b>1980</b>—The rising popularity of sky-jackings prompts the FAA to put more gun-totin' sky marshals on airplanes.</p> <p><b>1977</b>—Ohio State's "Big Ear" radio telescope records a 72-second burst suggesting there may be intelligent life...out there, somewhere.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—With the U.S. budget busted by the Vietnam War, Richard Nixon reneges on the gold standard.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Half a million half-naked, drugged-up baby boomers begin a three-day mud wallow in Bethel, N.Y.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—<i>The New York Herald Tribune</i>, founded as the <i>Tribune</i> by N.H.-born Horace Greeley 125 years earlier, succumbs to a strike called by a labor union also founded by Greeley.</p> <p><b>1953</b>—TR's grandson Kermit sends Iran's Imperial Guard to arrest the Prime Minister, but they're captured by his guards. The Shah flees to Rome.</p> <p><b>1943</b>—About 35,000 Allied troops land on Kiska, one of the Rat Islands in the Aleutians. Though unopposed—the Japanese had evacuated two weeks earlier—300 end up missing in action or killed by friendly fire.</p> <p><b>1935</b>—RIP Will Rogers and Wiley Post, in a plane crash in Alaska.</p> <p><b>1921</b>—<i>The Times of London</i> exposes the "Protocol of the Elders of Zion" as an anti-Semitic fraud. Undeterred, Henry Ford continues publishing it.</p> <p><b>1908</b>—The Illinois state militia subdues a mob of rioting whites. Seven people are dead; the Black part of Springfield is a smoking ruin.</p>	<p><b>2017</b>—Free State reject Chris Cantwell posts a video online which earns him the moniker, "The Crying Nazi."</p> <p><b>1977</b>—Elvis allegedly dies.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—John Dean writes his boss, Richard Nixon, a memo on how to "use the available federal machinery to screw our political enemies."</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Armed guards subdue—temporarily—228 rioting Marines in the brig at Danang, wounding seven.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—Chaos erupts as HUAC tries to hold a hearing into anti-war protestors' alleged aid to the Viet Cong.</p> <p><b>1956</b>—F-89s shoot up a car and two houses, and burn 800 acres of L.A., but can't down a rogue target drone.</p> <p><b>1951</b>—In France, Pont-Saint-Esprit suddenly seems to go mad. Ergot is blamed at first, but later evidence suggests CIA-administered LSD.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—Two State Dept. guys in their 30s use a <i>National Geographic</i> map to determine where to split Korea.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—Two Navy officers disappear off San Francisco. Their unoccupied blimp crashes in Daly City.</p> <p><b>1938</b>—Hell hounds catch up with Robert Johnson, 27.</p> <p><b>1841</b>—For vetoing a bill re-establishing a bank, protestors hurl rocks at the White House, fire guns in the air, and burn an effigy of "His Accidency."</p> <p><b>1819</b>—British authorities respond to 60,000 peaceful protestors at St. Peter's Field in Manchester with a cavalry charge. At least 500 are injured but somehow only 15 are killed.</p>	<p><b>2008</b>—Maudie Hopkins dies in Arkansas at 93. She married Confederate States Army vet William M. Cantrell in 1934; he was 86, she was 19.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—U.S. Generals admit that the U.S. assisted Iraq during its war against Iran knowing that Saddam Hussein would "use chemical weapons against his own people."</p> <p><b>1998</b>—"It depends," President Clinton tells a Grand Jury, "on what the meaning of the word 'is' is."</p> <p><b>1988</b>—A Pakistani C-130 explodes in mid-air killing President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq. General Pervez Musharraf, also scheduled to be on-board, somehow misses the flight.</p> <p><b>1988</b>—J. Danforth Quayle informs the Republican National Convention, "in 1988 the question is whether we're going forward to tomorrow or whether we're going to go past to the back!"</p> <p><b>1984</b>—Jack Kemp talks the GOP Platform Committee out of using the term "Democrat Party"—for a while.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—U.S. Marines begin Operation Starlite, their first major ground offensive in Vietnam. It would have been Satellite, but for a typo.</p> <p><b>1959</b>—An earthquake in Montana kills 28 and blocks the Madison River with 80 million tons of rock, forming six-mile long Quake Lake.</p> <p><b>1901</b>—As 900 intoxicated anarchists from Paterson, N.J. tour New York Harbor on the <i>General Slocum</i>, some try to seize the ship. The captain docks at the police pier; 17 are arrested.</p>	<p><b>1996</b>—The U.S. prison population hits 1,600,000, double what it had been just 10 years earlier.</p> <p><b>1988</b>—Accepting the GOP nomination, George H.[H.]W. Bush solemnly vows, "Read my lips: no new taxes!"</p> <p><b>1960</b>—Kindly old Ike OKs a CIA plot to assassinate Patrice Lumumba, Prime Minister of Congo.</p> <p><b>1959</b>—Sailors aboard the <i>U.S.S. Wasb</i> bring a severe fire under control, barely averting the need to flood the ship's nuclear weapons storage space.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—A climbing party at the summit of the Matterhorn (14,692 feet) encounters a ten-month-old black and white kitten from the Hotel Belvedere, situated at 10,820 feet.</p> <p><b>1933</b>—Germany introduces the <i>Volksempfänger</i>, or Peoples' Radio. Built to Joseph Goebbels' specifications, it receives only local (Nazi-controlled) broadcasts.</p> <p><b>1920</b>—Tennessee ratifies the 19th Amendment; after a 42-year struggle, [white] women get the vote.</p> <p><b>1634</b>—Urbain Grandier, a French priest whose sexual prowess earned him accusations from a scorned Mother Superior, is burned at the stake for witchcraft.</p> <p><b>1590</b>—Virginia Dare, three, becomes America's first missing white girl, and an inspiration for future "journalists."</p> <p><b>1587</b>—At Roanoke, Virginia Dare becomes the first white child born in the New World, and an inspiration for future neo-Nazis.</p>	<p><b>1999</b>—The FBI puts the name of James "Whitey" Bulger—its partner in crime—on the Most-Wanted List.</p> <p><b>1997</b>—Anti-regulation fanatic Carl Drega murders two cops, a selectman, and a judge in Colebrook, N.H. The carnage inspires Vin Suprynowicz, future Signed Member of the Free State Project, to write an essay and a book sympathizing with the killer.</p> <p><b>1953</b>—Despite setbacks four days earlier, the CIA's coup succeeds in Iran. All will be well now, right?</p> <p><b>1950</b>—Called "blind," "stupid," and "pig-headed," Rep. Clarence Cannon, [D-Mo.], shouts "I've taken all I'm going to" as he rushes Sen. Kenneth McKellar [D-Tenn.]. Senators wrest the gavel from McKellar, 81, before he can apply it to the head of Cannon, 71.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—An Allied force of 6,000 lands at Dieppe, France, where 68 percent become casualties. Mountbatten's censors win the PR battle, though.</p> <p><b>1854</b>—Lt. John L. Grattan, a West Pointer from N.H., leads 29 cavalrymen to a Sioux encampment near Ft. Laramie and gets them all killed. The First Sioux War has begun.</p> <p><b>1791</b>—Benjamin Banneker, "the sable genius," sends his just-published almanac to Thomas Jefferson with an admonition to practice what he preaches about the rights of all men.</p> <p><b>1692</b>—George Burroughs, Martha Carrier, George Jacobs, John Proctor, and John Willard are hanged as witches by the pious in Salem Village.</p>	<p><b>2018</b>—Greta Thunberg strikes, demanding action on the climate crisis.</p> <p><b>1998</b>—Days after admitting he'd lied about sex with an intern, Bill Clinton throws 13 Tomahawk missiles at Sudan's only pharmaceutical factory.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—Keene, N.H. seminary student &amp; civil rights worker Jonathan Daniels is murdered in Nayneville, Ala. White jurors acquit his killer.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—Charles de Gaulle is warned by his ex-puppet Emperor Bao Dai that if France tries to rule Vietnam, "it will no longer be obeyed; each village will be a nest of resistance, each former collaborator an enemy, and your officials and colonists will themselves ask to leave this atmosphere which they will be unable to breathe." Does de Gaulle listen? What a silly question.</p> <p><b>1907</b>—While laying the cornerstone of the Pilgrim Memorial in Provincetown, President Theodore Roosevelt accuses "malefactors of great wealth" of causing "as much financial stress as possible" in order to discredit the government trying to rein them in.</p> <p><b>1794</b>—"Mad Anthony" Wayne's victory at Fallen Timbers sets off one of history's greatest land grabs.</p> <p><b>1672</b>—Dutch peasants rip out the hearts of head of state Johan de Witt and his brother Cornelis.</p> <p><b>1619</b>—The first 20 enslaved Africans in North America land in Jamestown.</p> <p><b>1191</b>—In Jesus' name, Richard the Lion Hearted's troops bravely slaughter 3,000 Arabs in the Holy Land.</p>	<p><b>2017</b>—As an aide tells him, "Don't look," President Trump takes off his protective glasses and stares at the sun as it is being eclipsed.</p> <p><b>2017</b>—The Navy destroyer <i>U.S.S. McCain</i> collides with a freighter in the Gulf of Molucca; ten sailors die. This, 65 days after the destroyer <i>U.S.S. Fitzgerald</i> hits a freight ship off Hons-hu, killing seven aboard.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—Samuel Weaver, 14, and U.S. Marshal W.F. Degan die in a shootout at Ruby Ridge, Idaho.</p> <p><b>1982</b>—The U.S.-trained Atlacatl Battalion murders more than 200 Salvadorans at El Calabozo.</p> <p><b>1976</b>—A two-day occupation of the Seabrook, N.H. nuke site begins.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—Ngo Dinh Nhu's secret police kill hundreds of Buddhist protestors across Vietnam—for democracy.</p> <p><b>1927</b>—Justice Louis Brandeis refuses to hear a request for a stay of execution of anarchists Sacco and Vanzetti.</p> <p><b>1911</b>—Vincenzo Peruggia walks out of the Louvre with the Mona Lisa under his arm, wrapped in his coat.</p> <p><b>1863</b>—William A. Quantrill and several hundred of his Raiders attack Lawrence, Kan., and kill hundreds of men, women, and children.</p> <p><b>1831</b>—Nat Turner begins a slave rebellion in Virginia. About 60 whites are killed in two days; whites kill twice as many Blacks in response.</p> <p><b>1791</b>—Haitians rise in revolt; 12 years later, history's greatest rebellion of enslaved people ends in victory.</p>
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<p><b>2016</b>—The lift span of the Sarah Long Bridge is raised for the last time.</p> <p><b>2008</b>—On a tip from an Afghani, a U.S. AC-130 gunship shoots up Azizabad. The Afghani's rival is among the 91 dead; the rest are mostly civilian women and children. Embedded in this bloody fiasco is Fox's Ollie North, who calls it a great victory.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—The Bush Administration announces trade sanctions on North Korea, with which we do not trade.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—An FBI sniper wounds Randy Weaver and kills his wife Vicki at Ruby Ridge in Idaho.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—Derick Lynn Peterson's obstinate heart continues beating for ten minutes after his electrocution, so Virginia officials zap him again.</p> <p><b>1976</b>—Police arrest 179 at Seabrook, N.H. anti-nuke rally.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—Aided and abetted by an FBI informant, 28 leftists burgle Camden, N.J.'s Draft Board and begin destroying documents. Then they're busted.</p> <p><b>1953</b>—The last prisoners leave the French prison at Devil's Island.</p> <p><b>1952</b>—The Justice Department sues four big U.S. oil companies for overcharging on oil shipped to Europe under the Marshall Plan.</p> <p><b>1914</b>—In the Ardennes, 27,000 soldiers of the French Army are killed.</p> <p><b>1900</b>—Rioters in Akron, Ohio push the world's first police car into a canal.</p> <p><b>1893</b>—Birth of Dorothy Parker. At 70, she wrote, "If I had any decency, I'd be dead. Most of my friends are."</p>	<p><b>2010</b>—Gareth Williams, money-laundering investigator for MI6, is found dead inside a locked gym bag in a London "safe house." Metropolitan Police rule he died alone by accident.</p> <p><b>2000</b>—The 2nd Circuit Court rules that aspiring cops can be denied a job on grounds that they're too smart.</p> <p><b>1985</b>—San Francisco cops wince as Mayor Dianne Feinstein reveals their evidence in the "Night Stalker" case.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—The Powell Memo is published: a future Supreme Court Justice explains that billionaires can use propaganda to nullify the New Deal.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Yippies nominate Pigasus J. Pig for President, saying, "if we can't have him in the White House, we can have him for breakfast."</p> <p><b>1966</b>—Robert Strange McNamara sets new, lower standards for inductees. Among 345,000 "McNamara's Morons," fatalities run 3X higher.</p> <p><b>1956</b>—The FDA burns six tons of books by Wilhelm Reich at NYC's Gansevoort Destructor Station.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—An Italian cavalry charge succeeds against Russians at Izbushensky.</p> <p><b>1927</b>—Boston murders Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti; obscure anarchists become immortal international heroes in the struggle for justice.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—Two racist cops harass Black soldiers from Camp Logan; 150 of their comrades arm themselves, march on Houston, and fire on cops. Seventeen die in the riot, mostly whites; 19 Black soldiers are hanged.</p>	<p><b>1970</b>—Graduate student Robert Fassnacht is killed and three others are injured when peaceniks blow up a physics lab at the U. of Wisconsin.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin scatter 300 one-dollar bills on the floor of the Stock Exchange. Bedlam erupts as greedy capitalists scramble.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—I.F. Stone reports the U.S. government and press "have kept the full truth about the Tonkin Bay incidents from the American public."</p> <p><b>1963</b>—The State Department orders Ambassador Lodge to encourage Vietnamese generals to stage a coup.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—Genial old Ike signs the first U.S. law banning a political party—the Communist Party, of course.</p> <p><b>1936</b>—After a 12-year hiatus, J. Edgar Hoover gets the OK from FDR to begin the FBI's Golden Age of spying on domestic political groups.</p> <p><b>1889</b>—On St. Pierre, off Newfoundland, murderer Auguste Neel becomes the only person ever to be guillotined in North America.</p> <p><b>1827</b>—<i>The Mechanics Gazette</i>, first U.S. labor paper, is published in Philadelphia. By 1832 there are 68 labor newspapers.</p> <p><b>1814</b>—Thanks to tactical errors and sheer panic, British troops are able to march unopposed into Washington, D.C. where they set fire to the White House and the Library of Congress.</p> <p><b>1456</b>—The binders having finished their work, Gutenberg's Bible is available for sale in Mainz, Germany.</p>	<p><b>1999</b>—The FBI admits, six years after the fact, that the tear gas canisters it fired into David Koresh's compound in Waco were incendiary—but still denies they started the fatal fire.</p> <p><b>1995</b>—Zany Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) announces his innovative new policy, sure to win the drug war: execute "27 or 30 or 35 people at one time."</p> <p><b>1985</b>—Ronald Reagan admits that, as head of the Screen Actors Guild, he rattled on its members to the FBI.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—J. Edgar Hoover's FBI sets out to "expose, disrupt, misdirect [and] discredit" the Black Panthers.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—George Lincoln Rockwell, founder of the American Nazi Party, is shot dead by an ex-aide and former Marine with a broomhandle Mauser.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—Hotheaded Army Captain John Birch argues with Chinese Communists while snooping in Jiansu Province. They shoot him dead.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—Bao Dai, puppet Emperor of Vietnam for France, and more recently for Japan, and puppet-to-be for America, surrenders his imperial seal and sword to Ho Chi Minh.</p> <p><b>1925</b>—The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters is founded in Harlem: A. Philip Randolph, President.</p> <p><b>1923</b>—Largely Catholic Carnegie, Pa. is invaded by 10-30,000 Klansmen, one of whom ends up dead.</p> <p><b>1914</b>—Germans burn the library at Louven, Belgium, full of medieval manuscripts and incunabula.</p>	<p><b>2016</b>—Colin Kapernick registers his protest against racial injustice by sitting at the National Anthem plays.</p> <p><b>2005</b>—The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard gets a stay of execution.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—Ex-Luftwaffe pilot John Birge, trying to recoup his gambling losses, plants a half-ton bomb at Harvey's Resort Hotel in Stateline, Nev.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Five men from New Hampshire's 197th Field Artillery are killed days before leaving Vietnam when their truck detonates a land mine.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Mayor Richard Daley welcomes Democrats to the 1968 Democratic National Convention while his cops prepare to beat heads outside.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze" is released escapes.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Burt Munro, a 68-year old Kiwi, hits 183.58 mph on a 1920 Indian at Bonneville. His under-1,000 cc speed record still stands today.</p> <p><b>1924</b>—Sitting out a storm off Cuttyhunk, <i>Wanderer</i>, New Bedford's last whaler, drags her anchor and is lost.</p> <p><b>1919</b>—Coal company goons in Brackenridge, Penn. shoot UMW organizer Fannie Sellins dead for interrupting them as they beat striking miner Joseph Starzelski to death.</p> <p><b>1883</b>—Kakatoa begins a three-day eruption, killing tens of thousands.</p> <p><b>1874</b>—Hundreds of armed men on horseback open the Gibson County jail in Tenn. and lynch 18 Black men.</p>	<p><b>2014</b>—Arthur T. Demoulas gets the OK to buy and run Market Basket.</p> <p><b>2012</b>—New Hampshire "wasn't a battleground state in 2010," says Executive Councilor Chris Sununu on C-SPAN. "We swept the vermin out and it's now a solid Republican state."</p> <p><b>1991</b>—An ABA panel rates Clarence Thomas. Two members find him "not qualified" for the Supreme Court; none find him "well-qualified."</p> <p><b>1984</b>—Ronald Reagan announces that he will put a teacher in space.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—FBI agents use C-4 to disarm a half-ton bomb planted in Harvey's Resort Hotel in Stateline, Nevada. Result: a 50- by 30-foot crater.</p> <p><b>1979</b>—Admiral of the Fleet Louis Mountbatten is assassinated by an IRA bomb which destroys his 27-foot fishing boat off County Sligo.</p> <p><b>1960</b>—Whites in Jacksonville, Fla., react to Black lunch counter sit-ins with "Ax Handle Saturday."</p> <p><b>1949</b>—Three FBI agents observe as a mob attacks the audience at a Paul Robeson concert in Peckskill, N.Y.</p> <p><b>1938</b>—Becoming increasingly agitated during a poetry reading by Archibald MacLeish, Robert Frost sets fire to a handful of papers.</p> <p><b>1831</b>—Maj. Thomas Biddle and Rep. Spencer Darwin Pettis [D-Mo.] meet on Bloody Island, just off St. Louis. Biddle is myopic so they duel with pistols at five feet. Both are mortally wounded; honor being satisfied, though, they forgive each other.</p>	<p><b>2005</b>—Hurricane Katrina hits New Orleans and the levees break.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Judith Love Cohen completes the Abort Guidance System—later used to bring Apollo 13 back to Earth—while in labor in the maternity ward, then gives birth to Jack Black.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Police preserve disorder at the Democratic Convention in Chicago.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—At the Lincoln Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr. calls for freedom to ring from the prodigious hill-tops of New Hampshire. . . .</p> <p><b>1955</b>—During a visit to family in Money, Miss., fourteen year-old Chicagoan Emmett Till is murdered by whites for speaking to a white woman.</p> <p><b>1951</b>—Killed in Korea, John R. Rice is denied burial at a Sioux City cemetery because he's a Native America.</p> <p><b>1947</b>—In Linares, Spain, the fifth bull of the day helps even the score a little by fatally goring Manolete.</p> <p><b>1921</b>—Ten thousand coal miners and two thousand hired goons start trading lead on Blair Mountain, W.Va.</p> <p><b>1919</b>—Resigning as mayor of Seattle, Ole Hanson, the survivor of an assassination attempt, says "hang or incarcerate all anarchists for life."</p> <p><b>1918</b>—Fifteen Wobblies get 20 years in prison for draft obstruction.</p> <p><b>1869</b>—The Mount Washington Cog Railway opens for business.</p> <p><b>1831</b>—Rep. Robert Potter [D-N.C.] castrates two men he suspects of having sex with his wife. One, a minister in his 50s, is her cousin.</p>
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