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**"Delay Is the New Denial"
Study Confirms 99.9% of Scientists
Agree on Climate**

by Brett Wilkins, Common Dreams

The lead author of a new study showing that 99.9% of peer-reviewed scientific papers released over the past decade agree that global heating is caused primarily by human activity said Tuesday that the research should be "the last word" in the purported—but largely contrived—debate about what's causing the climate emergency.

"The reality of ACC is no more in contention among scientists than is plate tectonics or evolution."

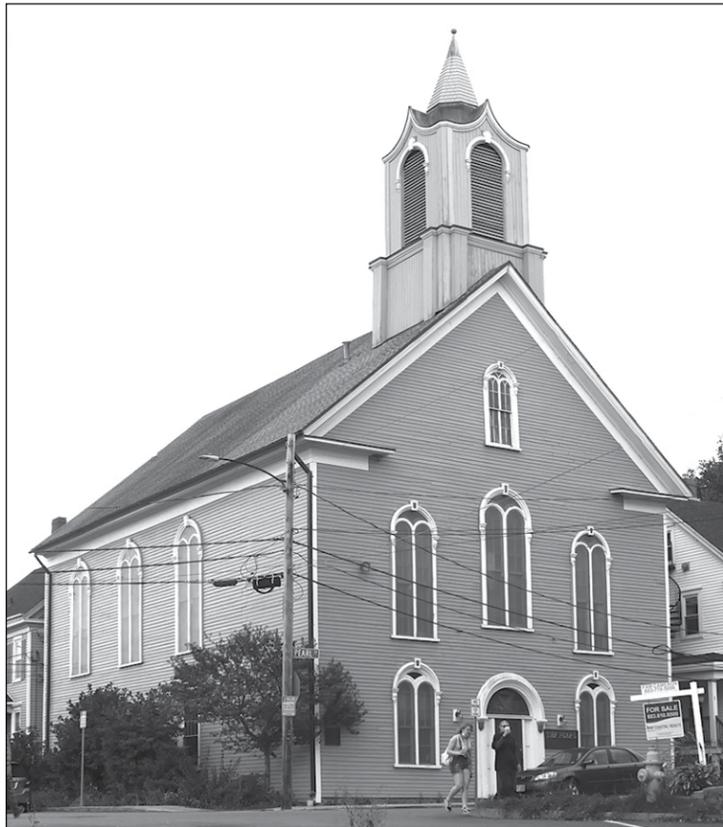
The new research by Cornell University scientists updates and

expands a 2013 study that showed 97% of peer-reviewed papers published between 1991 and 2012 supported the theory of anthropogenic climate change (ACC)—the notion that human activity was causing and exacerbating global heating.

The researchers started by examining 3,000 studies selected randomly from the 88,125 English-language climate papers published between 2012 and 2020. Of those 3,000 papers, only four were ACC-skeptical.

"Our results confirm, as has been found in numerous other previous studies of this question, that there is no significant scientific debate among experts about whether or not climate change is human-caused,"

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As with so many other sites in this community laden with great historical significance, the future of "The Pearl" has at times been in doubt. Love and effort have worked so far. Now: a new challenge and a new opportunity.

In blatant violation of accepted journalistic standards, our Wandering Photographer used devious methods to remove unsightly utility cables from the image above. We stand by that decision, and the Pulitzer committee be damned.

The Pearl to become Sovereign Souls Fellowship

After decades serving other purposes, the building which housed the first Black church in New Hampshire may become the home of its newest.

A community calling itself New Friends of the Pearl is working to raise funds to purchase the building at the corner of Pearl and Hanover streets in Portsmouth. If they succeed, they will lease the property to the Sovereign Souls Fellowship African Methodist Episcopal Church, under the leadership of Rev. Robert H. Thompson.

A bronze plaque affixed to the building by the Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail gives the following brief history:

"In 1915 the congregation of People's Baptist Church, which had been meeting at the South Ward Hall for more than twenty-five years, bought this 1857 building for \$1200. Though officially Baptist, its membership was multidominational. For decades it was the heart of Black Portsmouth's social, political, and spiritual life. Among its

many distinguished visitors was the young Martin Luther King, Jr. who preached here on October 26, 1952."

The building was sold in 1984, to facilitate the building of the New Hope Baptist Church on Peverly Hill Road. It became a restaurant, served as a function hall, and, more recently—until the pandemic threw a stick in the spokes—served as an office for a global shipping company.

In June, the *Portsmouth Herald* reported that the building was on the market for \$1.5 million.

Perusing the *Boston Globe* on October 1st, we were surprised to see The Pearl get a mention in a column by Alex Beam. "Remind me again," Beam wrote, "Facebook is the greatest instantiation of satanic evil in the 21st-first century . . . why? I've been on Facebook for over a decade, and here are some typical recent interactions: I learned that the Rev. Robert Thompson is trying to buy New Hampshire's first Black-owned church, The Pearl, in Portsmouth. Facebook facilitated donations, and I made one. . . ."

Having searched Facebook in vain for a fund-raising page, we reached out directly to Rev. Thompson.

"I had resisted the idea of starting a church for some time," he said "because I didn't feel that I had the specific gifts necessary to begin a new work. But, when the Pearl became available, it triggered something in me and made me feel that perhaps building a new work in Portsmouth might be something I could do.

"I began to become very excited about the idea of an African Methodist Episcopal Church in Portsmouth. As I thought about it, the idea of a congregation of primarily white people being part of a historically and predominantly Black Christian denomination would be an unusual experience."

Contributions may be made towards the building purchase by checks made out to New Friends of the Pearl. Contributions may also be made to Sovereign Souls Fellowship. Both may be mailed in care of Robert H. Thompson, 15 Colonial Way, Exeter, N.H. 03833

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Mash Note of the Century

Dear Steve...

...and all whom I haven't had the pleasure to meet who make *The New Hampshire Gazette* possible. And Mr. Primus, sir, I wish you were present to read the letter.

Volume 266, Number One of the *Gazette*, of Friday, September 24, 2021 is the finest, most powerful issue that I have had the good fortune and pleasure to read. What a truly courageous and edifying collection of articles and essays. Kudos indeed.

Enclosed is an early renewal request and payment along with a bit more.

Copies of outstanding pieces by W.D. Ehrhart and Paul Nichols are now posted where I work; I consider posting them essential service and education in my community.

Speaking of community, if this longtime reader and admirer of your fortnightly wares may be of service in effecting distribution of the *Gazette* in and around Exeter, my community of going-on thirty-five years for this born Madburian, please seek me out, as good acts acquit us much more than words alone.

Thank you for steadfastly holding forth when courageous commitment to truth such as the *Gazette's* is so sorely wanting in our wounded nation.

Mark Trafton
Exeter, N.H.

Dear Mark,

We suppose that many an editor has in mind some type of ideal reader. You, sir, are ours.

Every other Friday the volunteers of our Subscription Fulfillment Department gather for what could be called an origami bee. These are always festive occasions, but never more so than when your kind letter was read aloud to great acclaim.

Thank you for calling out those two pieces, of which we are especially proud.

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The Editor

Good Cops, Bad Cops, and Chris Sununu

Dear Sir:

What a sick and deadly game of "good cop, bad cop" was played out by Chris Sununu and the Executive Council this past week. We all know the strategy used by police when interrogating a suspect of a crime to get them to talk or admit to a crime. One officer plays the tough/threatening cop, while the other takes a softer approach trying to befriend the suspect and getting them to talk. In the end, both the "good cop" and "bad cop" get what they want, they both win.

This is exactly what was on full display at this week's Executive Council meeting, where, once again, the acceptance of \$27 million in federal funding to combat COVID was on the agenda. And, once again, a rowdy mob was there to intimidate and disrupt. In this game of "good cop, bad cop," Mr. Sununu played the "good cop" pleading for the money to be accepted, and warning the mob of consequences for criminal behavior. In fact, nine mob members were arrested for disorderly conduct. The "bad cop" was played by the four Republican members of the Council, who all voted against accepting the \$27 million. The suspects in this game were the innocent people of New Hampshire, who were supposed to be convinced that "good cop" Mr. Sununu was really on their side trying to protect them from COVID-19, while the "bad cop" Republicans on the Council were protecting "individual rights" and freedom from government overreach.

In the end, both the "good cop" and the "bad cops" got what they really wanted. Mr. Sununu, who faked wanting the money, really had only one goal in mind, his political future. If he could hurt President Biden, and in the process hurt Senator Hassan by not getting this COVID money, great. He just had to make it look like he was on the side of the innocent suspect, the New Hampshire people. The "bad cops" Republican Council members could afford to play the role of "bad cops" because they are mostly in safe districts and they expect that most voters will not even remember their vote



come November 2022, if they even run again.

Some may think that my view is very cynical, however, Mr. Sununu has played this game before with the Council and the Legislature. He tells New Hampshire people that he is "Pro-Choice," but signed a budget with the most restrictive abortion requirements in New Hampshire history. His weak defense was that he did not write the bill! He also did nothing to help get the Planned Parenthood contracts passed by the Republicans on the Council. He tells us that he is anti tax, but signs a budget that downshifts millions of dollars to local property tax payers and renters. He tells us that he is pro public education, then signs legislation that funds private and religious schools taking needed funds away from public school districts and increasing property taxes.

Based on this history, how else could a reasonable person explain Mr. Sununu's actions? Mr. Sununu is the leader and head of the Republican Party in New Hampshire. He has the power and influence to convince the Republican members of the Executive Council to vote the way he wants them to, especially on a matter of such public interest, just like we have seen all other all Governors do when they had the majority on the Council. If both parties were not in on the "game," the Republican Council members would never have embarrassed their Republican Governor as they did this week. It was all well planned and orchestrated long before the meeting was ever held and any vote taken.

Rich DiPentima, LTC, USAF, Ret
Portsmouth, N.H.

Rich:

Too cynical? Oh, no.

Under the terms of the Tomlin Rule, we'd say you're almost cynical enough.

In fact, your penetrating analysis does wonderfully well at dispelling "Mr. Sununu's" prodigious fog.

The Editor

In Catalonia, the 1st of October is the New 11th of September

To the Editor:

Catalonia became an independent nation in 935 and some time later founded the Crown of Aragon, with a fairly democratic political system that had the world's first parliament (before England's). In 1479, through a marriage between kings, the Crown of Aragon was united with the Crown of Castile to form a confederal state where each crown maintained its own rulers, laws and taxes. But on 11 September 1714, through a dynastic war, the Crown of Castile abolished the confederal pact, eliminated all the institutions and laws of the Crown of Aragon, banned the Catalan language and forged, by blood and fire, a centralist Spain with its capital in Madrid. That is why 11 September is the National Day of Catalonia, when we commemorate the loss of our freedom.

Since then, there have been 300 years of covert colonial rule, with an economic drain of €18 billion a year, and every so often, Spain has had to crush Catalan revolts against economic plundering, against Madrid's impositions and against a way of understanding politics that is far removed from the Catalan way of being, democratic and negotiating. Spain's General Espartero had already pontificated: "For the good of Spain, Barcelona must be bombarded once every 50 years." And the fact is that Catalonia is, according to Spanish intellectuals, a chronic problem that can only be dealt with but not solved.

Since 2017, we prefer to celebrate the fact that on 1 October we exercised our sovereignty by organising a unilateral referendum of independence. It ended up being unilateral because the Spanish state refused, at all times, to negotiate a democratic way out in which Catalan society could

decide whether it wanted to remain in Spain or become a new EU member state. Spain sent 10,000 police to try to prevent the referendum, beating up people who wanted to vote in ballot boxes! But they failed because the voters defended the polling stations with Gandhian-style mass non-violent disobedience. And, although the police stole 770,000 votes, the referendum, with scrupulous and well-organised fair play, became the founding event of the Catalan Republic: 2,286,217 valid votes (43% of the census) with 90.18% in favour of independence.

It should be noted that, since 2010, the Catalan Parliament has had five absolute pro-independence majorities and that, in the last elections, there was a 52% pro-independence vote.

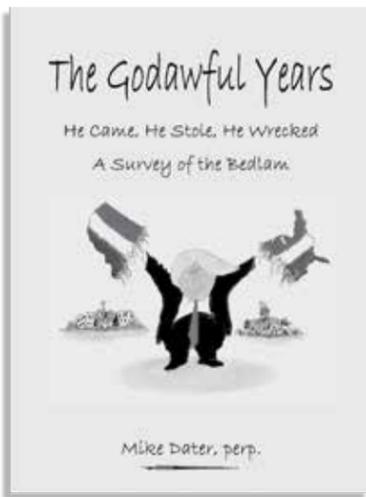
Being attacked and beaten by the Spanish police, and repressed thereafter, has led Catalans to completely sever our emotional and mental ties with Spain. From outside Spain, it is proposed to us that Catalans and Spaniards negotiate and overcome the conflict. We understand this good faith, but I don't know if you can imagine that the Catalans, after these aggressions, we do not want to reconcile with a State that does not love us, does not respect us, and does not hesitate to beat our people to impose our belonging to Spain. It is as if we were asking a married couple to reconcile despite irreversible wounds that nullify any desire to live together. Better each to go his or her own way and without permanent abuse.

It is only a matter of time before Catalan independence becomes a reality. And it had better be soon to prevent Spain from continuing to mistreat, with the connivance of Europe, the Catalan national minority.

Jordi Oriola Folch
Barcelona, Catalonia

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Jordi:
 We have no special expertise in this issue. Neither do we have any reason to doubt the particulars in your letter.
 If representatives of the government of King Philip VI, aka Felipe Juan Pablo Alfonso de Todos los Santos de Borbón y Grecia, would care to dispute them, we will give their correspondence due consideration.
 The Editor

our elections, and the corporation has been elevated over the individual. And all of this is supported by a highly politicized right-wing Supreme Court.
 It is time for the ever-shrinking middle class to fight back!
 Michael Frandzel
 Portsmouth, N.H.
 Michael:
 Well said, sir!
 The Editor

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Sock 'Em Moms

To the Editor
 America's political landscape is easy enough to understand. It's a place where two over-funded political parties spend billions annually to concoct inflammatory propaganda for we-the-electorate to consume.

In the red trunks, Trump Republicans espouse the virtues of white supremacy, autocracy, and minority rule. In the blue trunks, aging DLC Democrats sing in praise of perpetual warfare, oligarchy, and neo-liberalism. We take their slugfest in stride, and we vote.

Of course, it doesn't really matter which party prevails at the ballot box because America belongs to the bank and the bank is controlled by an amorphous collective of tax-dodging billionaires Bernie Sanders loves to hate. Pretty simple.

Far more difficult to comprehend are recent press reports of "concerned citizens" disrupting school board meetings and threatening violence on town officials over the issue of requiring masks. Indeed, school board disruptions have grown so pervasive that the FBI is now investigating the possibility of collusion and wider conspiracy.

Somewhere in the Constitution it must state that the individual's right to spread infectious disease supersedes the community's civil obligation pro-

tect its citizens. Why else would these ruffians claim to be victims of government oppression?

Of course, it's also possible the confrontations have the more odious purpose of providing like-minded "patriots" with an opportunity to assemble and practice oppositional defiance in anticipation of wider civil disruptions to come. No wonder the FBI is interested.

Either way, it smells of insurrection-like hooliganism that has little to do with promoting public safety or protecting civil rights.

Rick Littlefield
 Barrington, N.H.
 Rick:
 Never thought we'd see the day when we'd oppose mobs of people brandishing pitchforks and torches.
 The Editor

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Remembering the 1956 Hungarian Revolution at the N.H. State House

To the Editor:

The public is invited to a remembrance of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution on November 3, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., hosted by the N.H. Friends of Hungary and Rep. Peter Somssich. Our special guest will be the Honorary Hungarian Consul Gabor Garai, who is responsible for the New England region. A short presentation will take place in the lobby of the N.H. State House in Concord, followed by a reception and social gathering in the cafeteria where light refreshments and coffee will be served. Attendees who have either direct or indirect family experiences connected to the 1956 Revolution are encouraged to share these remembrances at the social gathering.

This year marks the 65th anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, but also the 32th anniversary of the year 1989, that ended with the Fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of many communist governments including Hungary's. The 1956 revolution began on October 23rd with a

demonstration supporting democracy in Poland, but soon evolved into one demanding democracy in Hungary. During a 10-day period of battles with Hungarian Freedom Fighters the Soviet troops at first withdrew, but later returned to suppress the revolution.

"I am hoping to hear many personal stories from those attending about their connection to Hungary, as we have in previous years," said Rep. Somssich, who was one of the 47,000 Hungarian refugees who came to the U.S.A. and became American citizens.

Thousands of Hungarians were tried, tortured and executed and over 200,000 Hungarians (two percent of the population) fled the country. The year 1989 saw a reform-minded Hungarian government creating democratic institutions, and joining both NATO and the European Union. During the 2021 session, the N.H. House and Senate both endorsed a resolution (HCR5) expressing concerns about the authoritarian direction of the current Hungarian, Polish and Hong Kong governments.

New Hampshire Friends of Hungary, c/o N.H. State Representative Peter Somssich
 Portsmouth, N.H.

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Now, For A Different Perspective...

Dear New Hampshire Executive Council,

Thank you for not allowing the governor to sell out our State.

It doesn't matter whether the federal government offered New Hampshire 30 pieces of silver, or \$27 million dollars.

The result still would have been the betrayal of the people of New Hampshire.

The principles, personal choices and freedoms of individual Granite Staters should never be for sale.

Today, far too many of our political leaders are only concerned with their careers, instead of the Constitution they swore to defend.

The governor should be ashamed of himself.

Thank you so much for showing him what courage looks like, and for standing up for the people.

May God Bless you all.
 Sincerely,
 Michael Petruzzello, Major, USMC (Ret)
 Wolfeboro, N.H.
 Yo, Major Mikey:
 Sorry about that...irregular salutation. Sometimes our inner E-5 just will not be repressed.

We beg to take issue with one word of your letter. One should be sufficient.

It's the "our" in the first sentence. You capitalized "our." We italicized it, preferring to avoid "all caps" whenever possible.

When you say "our" state, just who do you mean? Not that it matters, really—you have no right to declare whose state this is.

Do you even understand the concept of democracy? We presume you took the United States Uniformed Services Oath of Office. We, of course—plebian then as now—took the United States Armed Forces oath of enlistment. Mox-nix, as GIs in Germany used to say—or at least so we've been told.

In a rare case of cross-class equality, officers and enlisted both swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States—not bow down to some asshat on Fox News parroting the latest inanity from some jumped-up, philandering, twice-impeached real estate tax cheat.

Have we made ourselves clear?
 The Editor

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It's Not Just the \$27 Million

To the Editor:

Since 2002, energy efficiency measures have saved New Hampshire customers more than \$3.1 billion. Not all households can afford solar panels or a Tesla, but with NHSaves, our statewide energy efficiency program, customers received up to \$8,000 to weatherize their home to stay cozy while keeping fuel costs down.

HB 549, which comes before the House this week, would decimate these programs.

Energy efficiency benefits all, not just businesses or those receiving weatherizing money. Use less and we don't need new power plants or pipe-

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Who's Really Destroying Our Way Of Life?

To the Editor:

In 1971, corporate lawyer and later Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell wrote a secret memo to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce (not to be confused with your local Chamber of Commerce). The memo provided a blueprint for corporate domination of American Democracy and the reduction of middle class power.

The memo focuses particularly on how to take over education and dominate government and politics. It also contains blueprints for dominating the courts, television, and other media, funding pro-corporate think tanks, and organizing the wealthy to undermine the middle class.

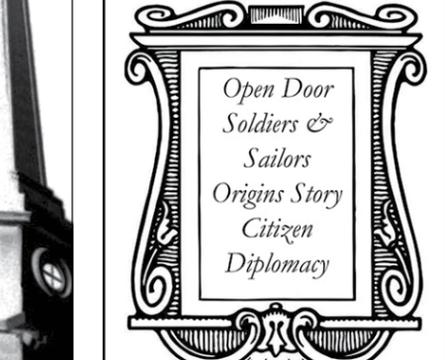
It has taken 50 years, but Powell's goal has finally been reached!

This week, after years of decline, the American Middle Class finally holds a smaller share of U.S. wealth than the top one percent! The middle 60 percent of American households saw their combined assets drop to 26.6 percent of the nation's wealth vs. 27 percent for the top one percent.

This war on the middle class, largely supported by the Republican Party, has also been a war on democracy. We now have rampant gerrymandering, and voter suppression in Republican controlled states. Money, that tool of the wealthy, has unlimited power in

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A plan for greater efficiency that was to go into effect in January would have created 17,500 “job years” in new green energy jobs here, more than \$1 billion in additional labor income, and almost \$3.5 billion in increased economic output. The Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan was never put into effect. A letter from members of the Legislature’s Science, Technology and Energy Committee stalled the plan and it was not revived.

The same legislators want to slash funds for remaining programs with HB 549, which would stop business energy efficiency programs and payments. With such uncertainty, businesses can’t plan nor will they consider relocating here.

NHSaves reduced energy costs for consumers, including those on a fixed budget. Energy prices are spiking and Consumer Advocate Donald Kreis says more drastic rate increases are coming. Urge Governor Chris Sununu and your representatives to restore and protect our energy efficiency plans.

Susan Richman
Durham, N.H.

Susan:

Existing centers of entrenched power have sufficient resources to fight back against any perceived threat to their existing revenue streams. Never mind that those revenue streams are making the planet uninhabitable. Maybe they plan to hitch a ride to Mars with one of the billionaires, or maybe they’re just as greedy and stupid as they seem.

It’s not easy to keep up with their myriad attacks on our future—making letters like yours all the more important.

The Editor

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Remembering Gail Mills

To the Editor:

The Community Rights Movement in New England is grieving the loss of a water protector. Gail Mills of Nottingham, N.H., passed

away this month, having paid forward a legacy of community activism that inspired local activists across the country.

Townsppeople in Nottingham faced their Goliath in the mid-2000’s when USA Springs, LLC management decided to extract and bottle water from a local aquifer, to sell overseas in Italy. Gail and her husband, Chris, encouraged the community to stand their ground and do everything within their power to prevent permits from being issued by the state. What they learned through infuriating experience was that the state permitting process actually legalized the exploitation of water and the destruction of natural ecosystems when there is profit to be made. After years of losing the battle with state permitting agencies, Gail supported a new path of action.

In 2008, Nottingham became the second town in the state to adopt a water protection rights-based ordinance to make it illegal to commercially extract water for the purpose of bottling and selling it beyond the boundaries of the town. Gail was a founding member of the Nottingham Water Alliance (NWA) which was formed to propose the local initiative at town meeting. After months of education, organizing, and drafting their Water Rights law, USA Springs began to take the NWA seriously.

“I remember Gail telling me a story about how armed men dressed in black were posted across the street from her home as a means to intimidate her into backing down from the local initiative” says Michelle Sanborn of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF). (The NWA partnered with CELDF for assistance with education, organizing, and legal support throughout their over-a-decade-long effort to defeat the USA Springs, LLC project.) Gail didn’t flinch at the blatant intimidation

efforts. The NWA never quit and eventually succeeded in defeating the water-for-profit project.

Gail went on to become a founding member of the N.H. Community Rights Network (NHCRN) with a mission to educate and empower every community about our collective power of local self-governance. She championed community governing autonomy as a way to secure and protect the inherent and unalienable rights of all inhabitants of New Hampshire to economic, social and environmental justice, including the rights of nature. Through NHCRN, Gail worked to secure the larger goal of securing a right of community self-governance through a state constitutional amendment so as to level the playing field between community members and corporate actors seeking to exploit local residents and natural environments for profit.

“Our community of Nottingham, N.H. recently lost a mover and a shaker,” says Sandi Dow, another member of the NWA. “Gail Mills was a warm, witty and rather wise warrior actually. She cared deeply about those things she devoted her time and attention to. With help from many other townspeople including her husband Chris, along with organizations such as the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund and Save our Groundwater, Gail spear-headed the 2008 effort to keep USA Springs, LLC from extracting and selling off the only water supply available to residents and surrounding communities.

“Gail led our Water Rights initiative that ended USA Spring’s dreams before a drop of water was lost,” continues Dow. “Eventually, the Town was able to take back the land. Now, with a new business park proposed for the site, I hope that the developer will be as good a steward

of the land as Gail Mills was and that all of us will remember what an incredible gift she helped preserve for us all!”

You can read more about Gail’s legacy in Nottingham in the newly published NHCRN booklet, “How To Protect Your Community—Enact Local Democracy Now!” The booklet can be received for a small donation of \$5 by contacting the NHCRN, or it also available as a free download from the website at www.nhcommunityrights.org.

Michelle Sanborn (she)
NHCRN President
www.nhcommunityrights.org
Alexandria, N.H.

Michelle,

It is sad, indeed, to learn of this loss, for Nottingham, for the State, and—given the nature of inter-dependence, and the interdependence of nature—for the world.

The dogged defense of Nottingham’s water against USA Springs was inspiring even before it achieved its goal. Anyone who uses water—which is to say, all of us—should remember that it led to victory.

The Editor

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Slogans and Platitudes ≠ Progress

To the Editor:

Since the last Portsmouth city elections two years ago, a former mayor (no longer living in the city), and a cheerleader for developers have been waging a mean-spirited personalized campaign against the current city councilors. It is worth remembering that two years ago most of the previous councilors were rejected by the voters (which can happen), primarily because of their handling of the McIntyre project and their support for more development in Portsmouth.

In my opinion, the current city council has done a good job handling city affairs. While I did not agree with everything they did, they took office during a recession and a

pandemic and managed to deal with both successfully. I am planning to vote for most of them, however, I believe it is always worthwhile to listen carefully to new candidates as well.

I have noticed that many new candidates are identifying themselves more with slogans and platitudes than actual practical solutions. That is why I would warn liberal-minded voters to listen carefully to them. Slogans such as: Change, Affordable Housing, Progress, Climate, Sustainability can be attractive bait for voters who aspire to those goals. And party affiliation, while useful, may not help with regard to local issues. Words are not enough. Candidates whether young or old need to be knowledgeable enough to have a practical plan that is within the city’s power to implement.

For example, for some, more development means affordable housing. This has clearly not happened. On the other hand, Portsmouth Housing Authority is to be commended for housing five percent of our residents. Other candidates are convinced that eliminating single-family zoning and changing the character of our neighborhoods will lead to reduced housing costs. For developers and real estate agents, these actions would be progress, but not for residents.

This also applies to the Police Commission and the School Board as well. Especially, during this past year, issues around police reform and vaccination issues have been critical, and we need to know how new candidates are thinking about them. Again, I happen to believe that our current incumbents have served our community well and I will vote for most of them

Be a Smart Voter, ask for details.

Peter Somssich, Former Portsmouth Democratic Chair, State Representative, Ward 3- Portsmouth

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What Is the Common Good? — A Rant

by Jean Stimmell

I take umbrage with Bret Stephens, a conservative columnist for the *New York Times*, for having the gall to tell me, a staunch liberal, what I believe. He praises paleoconservative Sohrab Ahmari's new book, *The Unbroken Thread* for giving a "moral voice... against the values of elite liberalism, above all its disdain for limits, from moral taboos to national borders."¹

In the real world, when the right and the left fight over freedom versus limits, it's not a clear-cut matter. As Max Boot recently wrote, conservatives are willing to accept substantial infringements on civil liberties to combat criminals and terrorists. Yet, they insist on dropping our guard against a pandemic that has already killed over 600,000 Americans. In this case, it is liberals—following a long American tradition that started with George Washington—who want to limit freedom to save lives by mandating vaccinations and mask-wearing.²

Certainly, liberals often have more elastic boundaries than conservatives: We believe that individuals should have the freedom to determine their gender, whom they can love, and how. We don't like abortions but want the mother to have the freedom to decide rather than

passing a law; we are in favor of rehabilitating folks who break the law, not punishing them for being sinners; we would like teachers to teach our children about our complete history, warts and all, in order to do better in the future. We recognize that some problems like nuclear proliferation, climate change, and Covid-19 can not be solved within single nations and require international cooperation.

In other areas, we are adamant about enforcing stricter limits than conservatives. We are more conservative than conservatives about not rushing into making humans guinea pigs to genetically modified food, nuclear power plants, pharmaceutical products, and toxic waste dumped into the environment. We favor conserving our natural resources and protecting the diversity of all life forms on earth. We favor guns for hunting and target shooting but would ban assault rifles with large clips, which facilitate the unhinged in committing mass murder. We favor zoning laws for reasons of health and safety.

Many decisions are difficult, finding the sweet spot between too much regulation and not enough. The underlying goal is not freedom at all costs but what promotes the common good. Achieving the right balance requires a willingness to

come together in good conscience to negotiate a solution we can all live with.

In a manifesto that Ahmari wrote in 2019, he asserted that the new right's greatest priority was "to resist efforts by liberals... to oppose the desire voters are expressing for a politics of the common good."³ On this point, I agree with him: voters are clamoring for a "politics of the common good."

Poll after poll shows a substantial majority of voters across party lines view clean water, a quality public education, adequate food, and housing as fundamental human rights that the federal government should secure. More than 7 in 10 voters across party lines support guaranteed sick days, paid family and medical leave, and increased assistance for low-income people.

Further proof comes from polls that consistently show the "happiest people in the world" live in countries like Finland and Denmark, where citizens are guaranteed these human rights. President Biden is now working with Congress to extend more of these rights to all Americans. Yet conservatives oppose this common good.

Another aspect of conservative thinking has a religious component that goes back to the birth of our nation, based on the Calvinist notion



that hard work is a sign an individual will achieve eternal salvation; meanwhile, those less industrious go to hell. Some conservatives still use this as a cudgel to deny aid to the poor and needy, claiming they don't deserve it.

One offshoot of this doctrine was made popular in the 1800s by Russell Conwell, a Baptist minister, who equated poverty with sin and claimed that anyone could become rich through hard work alone, without the need of divine intervention. This notion became known as Muscular Christianity.

Speaking of Muscular Christianity, a recent book, *Jesus and John Wayne*, now on the bestseller list, explores why evangelicals were drawn to our former president. The author argues that their support is not a shocking aberration but a "culmination of evangelicals' long-standing embrace of militant masculinity, presenting the man as protector and warrior."⁴

All of the above makes me question Bret Stephens's assertion that it is the liberals who have rejected all limits and moral taboos. Instead, to my way of thinking, it is this new breed of conservatives who have abandoned long-standing, conservative doctrine around reason, tradition, and moral principles. Perhaps, as Timothy Snyder has written in the *New York Times*, "when conservatives give up on truth, they concede power to those with the wealth and charisma to create spectacle in its place."⁵

People like our former president.

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Why Would We Let Wall Street "Care For" Our Pets?

by Jim Hightower

Question: What does a packet of M&M's and your local veterinarian have in common? Answer: Both are owned by Mars Inc., the global candy monopolist.

Since the 1980s, we've seen massive consolidations in industry after industry—from airlines to newspapers, the internet to candy. These monopolists run roughshod over consumers, workers, communities,

suppliers, and our nation's commitment to the Common Good. And now the corporate attitude seems to be, "what the Hell, why not let monopolization go to the dogs?"

This change has been led by "private equity groups." They are corporate-takeover sharks that borrow billions of dollars to buy out, plunder, then sell off the remnants of established businesses. They target enterprises that can be grabbed on the cheap but have assets like a loyal

customer base. Then the sharks raise prices on those customers while cutting staff and quality of service.

This has been happening to thousands of local vet practices and hospitals, which have quietly been plucked by Wall Street entities bearing non-descript acronyms like IVC, JAB, KKR, and VCA. At first locals don't notice the takeover, because the corporate outfit not only buys your friendly "Dr. Barry Bones" vet service, they also buy the Doc's

name. As an IVC takeover consultant confided: "People like to take their dog to local vets and not feel like it's a corporate machine."

But increasingly, it is. Solo practitioners who became veterinarians to provide friendly, community-based service now must answer to bean counters at headquarters—and, foremost, they must serve profit over animals. Veterinary Center of America (VCA), for example, is one of the most aggressive monopoliz-

ers, controlling access to and prices charged by 1,000+ vet facilities in 43 states. In 2017, VCA was taken over by Mars Inc.

One feisty group battling monopolizers is the National Veterinary Professionals Union. Get info at natvup.org.

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ADMIRAL FOWLE'S PISCATAQUA RIVER TIDAL GUIDE (NOT FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES)

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>2012—George W.[MD] Bush speaks at a Houston fundraiser for troops wounded following his orders. His fee: \$100,000.</p> <p>2008—America's markets outperform the rest of the world, having lost only 3.5% of their value in one day.</p> <p>2001—The U.S. House passes the PATRIOT Act without reading it.</p> <p>1983—U.S. military aircraft, using old maps, bomb Richmond Hill Insane Asylum in Grenada, killing 16.</p> <p>1962—Soviet ships reach the U.S. quarantine line off Cuba. They don't cross it, so we don't nuke the USSR. A Soviet satellite explodes the same day. NORAD suspects an ICBM attack; but, again, nobody pushes The Button.</p> <p>1960—One wrongly-set switch at the Baikonur Cosmodrome prematurely ignites the second stage of a Soviet R-16 ICBM; 100 die.</p> <p>1947—A badly-designed heater sets a DC-6 on fire near Bryce Canyon, Utah. Passengers and crew jettison baggage to no avail; 52 perish.</p> <p>1930—The <i>Washington Post</i> reports on the ten-year career of George "The Man in the Green Hat" Cassidy, who bootlegged out of House and Senate office buildings.</p> <p>1929—The irrational exuberance of the 1920's stock market undergoes a correction on "Black Thursday."</p> <p>1901—General "Hell-Roaring Jake" Smith tells Marines at Samar, "burn and kill; the more you burn and kill, the better it will please me."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2:10 2:13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:59 8:32</p>	<p>2001—Sen. Russ Feingold votes "nay" on the "PATRIOT" Act.</p> <p>1983—U.S. troops protect us (and distract from the loss of 241 Marines in Beirut) by invading Grenada.</p> <p>1978—In response to GOP malfeasance, FISA is enacted—thereby enabling future GOP malfeasance.</p> <p>1973—Henry Kissinger, Alexander Haig, and other unselected officials raise America's military readiness level to DEF CON 3 as Nixon sleeps.</p> <p>1962—Nuclear-armed jets scramble from Duluth AFB because a guard, thinking it's an infiltrator, has shot a bear climbing a fence.</p> <p>1960—Martin Luther King, Jr. gets four months at hard labor in Decatur, Ga. on old traffic charges.</p> <p>1944—A Japanese armada surprises "Taffy 3"—a far smaller U.S. Navy task force—off Samar Island in Leyte Gulf. Taffy 3's ferocious counterattack tips the strategic balance in the Pacific.</p> <p>1944—U.S.S. <i>Tang</i>, captained by Dover, N.H.'s Richard H. O'Kane, is sunk by its own malfunctioning torpedo; 74 crewmen perish, 9 survive the sinking and a Japanese prison camp.</p> <p>1920—Greece's King Alexander of Greece dies, bitten by his pet monkey.</p> <p>1917—Bolsheviks take over the Winter Palace and Petrograd in general.</p> <p>1854—A handful of inept, confused British aristocrats send 664 cavalrymen charging into Russian cannon fire at Balaclava. Half of them end up killed, captured, or wounded.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2:49 2:52</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:38 9:14</p>	<p>2016—<i>Bloomberg</i> reports that Frederick Trump, Donald's grandpa, once ran a brothel in British Columbia.</p> <p>2010—Arizona kills Jeffrey Landrigan, using drugs imported illegally.</p> <p>2003—Iraqi resistance fighters nearly get Deputy Defence Secretary Paul Wolfowitz with a rocket in Baghdad.</p> <p>1972—Four years after helping to scuttle peace talks and get Richard Nixon elected, Henry Kissinger announces that "Peace is at hand."</p> <p>1971—Governor Reagan, calling the White House, refers to "those monkeys from those African countries... damn them, they're still uncomfortable wearing shoes," which President Nixon finds hilarious.</p> <p>1966—Aboard the carrier U.S.S. <i>Oriskany</i> off Vietnam, a sailor throws an accidentally-ignited flare into a locker full of warheads. Explosions ensue, 44 die and 156 are injured.</p> <p>1962—As air strikes loom, Kennedy gets a telegram from Khrushchev offering to swap Soviet missiles in Cuba for U.S. missiles in Turkey.</p> <p>1924—Standard Oil's brand new leaded gas plant in New Jersey claims the first of five fatalities in one week.</p> <p>1917—Allies gain a few hundred yards of mud at Passchendaele at the cost of 12,000 casualties.</p> <p>1881—The Clanton brothers shoot it out with the alleged law at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona.</p> <p>1825—Having killed 1,000 workers, the Erie Canal opens for business.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3:32 3:35</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:21 10:01</p>	<p>2004—The Red Sox take their first Series since 1918 from the Cards.</p> <p>1972—Richard Nixon pocket vetoes a bill to raise the veterans' health care budget by \$85 million.</p> <p>1969—To convince the Soviets he's dangerously unstable, Richard Nixon secretly orders eighteen B-52s armed with H-bombs to spend the next three days flying around the North Pole.</p> <p>1967—Rev. Philip Berrigan and three friends pour duck blood on draft records in Baltimore, Md.</p> <p>1965—"We must never forget," says Richard Nixon, "that if the war in Vietnam is lost...the right of free speech will be extinguished throughout the world."</p> <p>1962—ICBMs go on alert in Montana as Cubans shoot down one U-2 and another strays over the USSR. Meanwhile, aboard Soviet sub <i>B-59</i> near Cuba, Vice Admiral Vasili Arkhipov single-handedly prevents the launch of a nuclear torpedo. Fortunately Bobby Kennedy cuts a deal with Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin before the wrong button gets pushed.</p> <p>1951—"There is no question," says Army Chief of Staff J.L. Collins, "that the Communist menace in French Indo-China has been stopped."</p> <p>1942—Already excommunicated by the local Mormon Church after his arrest for writing and distributing pamphlets calling Hitler supporters "spineless puppets," Helmuth Hubener, 17, is guillotined in Berlin.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4:20 4:24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:09 10:53</p>	<p>2016—Disregarding advice from Justice Dept. lawyers, Director James Comey announces that the FBI has re-opened its investigation of the Democratic Presidential candidate 10 days before the election.</p> <p>2015—A \$2.7 billion Spy Blimp® drifts from Maryland into Pennsylvania, dragging a mile-long tether which knocks out power for 20,000.</p> <p>2003—Iraq is "a little tougher than I thought it was going to be," says Sen. Trent Lott [R-Miss.], but "if we have to, we just mow the whole place down [and] see what happens."</p> <p>1989—Congress passes a new, improved Flag Protection Act; 227 days later it's struck down by the Court.</p> <p>1980—With help from a stolen briefing book given to him by an ex-CIA boss, Reagan "out-debates" Carter.</p> <p>1962—JFK and Khrushchev agree: Soviet nuclear missiles out of Cuba, U.S. nuclear missiles out of Turkey. Two years later, they're gone, too.</p> <p>1922—"Sent by divine providence," according to Pope Pius XI, Benito Mussolini takes over in Rome.</p> <p>1918—Influenza-mask refusenik James Wisser is shot by San Francisco health officer H.D. Miller.</p> <p>1906—Ivy Lee issues the world's first press release. It deflects blame from the Pennsylvania Railroad for the deaths of 50 passengers.</p> <p>1793—Whitney patents the cotton gin. It revives southern chattel slavery and brings wage slavery to the North.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:15 5:21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:04 11:49</p>	<p>2004—Osama bin Laden explains: 9/11 was retaliation for the U.S. backing Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon.</p> <p>1984—New York City policemen kill African American Eleanor Bumpurs, 66, with two rounds from a 12 gauge. She was behind in her rent.</p> <p>1981—A British Parliamentarian asks Maggie Thatcher whether European governments were "free to veto [a] push on the final button by that incoherent cretin President Reagan?"</p> <p>1979—On Wall Street, 1,000 people are arrested for disrupting business on the 50th Anniversary of the Crash.</p> <p>1969—Chicago 8 defendant Bobby Seale is gagged and bound to a chair.</p> <p>1969—ARPANET goes live—two computers communicate for the first time—10,166 days later, SKYNET becomes self-aware.</p> <p>1969—The last train rolls through Peterborough, N.H.: a runaway freight going 60 mph. It stops when it hits the School District office on Main St.</p> <p>1958—A radioactive cloud drifts over Los Angeles after the explosion of an A-bomb in Nevada.</p> <p>1940—First U.S. peacetime draft.</p> <p>1929—"Black Tuesday"—16 million shares sell on Wall Street, at ever declining prices; \$26 billion evaporates.</p> <p>1827—Congressional Representative Henry W. Conway [D-Ark.] is mortally wounded in a duel with Acting Governor Robert Crittenden, co-founder of the Rose Law Firm, future employer of Hillary Rodham.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:13 6:22</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12:03</p>	<p>2017—President Trump's ex-campaign manager Paul Manafort and his associate Rick Gates are arrested on a slew of charges by the FBI.</p> <p>2012—For the first time since the Ice Age, public access to the sea at Sanders Point in Rye is cut off by would-be Senator Bill Binnie.</p> <p>2005—Pastor Kyle Lake, 33, standing in water to perform a baptism before 800 people at a Waco, Texas Baptist church, reaches for a microphone and is electrocuted.</p> <p>1995—Quebec nearly votes to secede.</p> <p>1990—For the first time since the Ice Age, England and Europe are connected; this time by chunnel.</p> <p>1970—California Governor Ronald Reagan's education advisor says, "We are in danger of producing an educated proletariat. That's dynamite! We have to be selective about who we allow to go through higher education."</p> <p>1967—Martin Luther King, Jr. is arrested in Birmingham, Ala.</p> <p>1961—The Soviet Union air-drops a 58-megaton H-bomb: the largest explosion in human history.</p> <p>1950—Puerto Rican Nationalists begin a rebellion against U.S. rule.</p> <p>1948—Smog deaths in Donora, Pa. reach 20, and 6,000 are sick.</p> <p>1938—CBS Radio broadcasts "War of the Worlds." Irresponsible newspapers spin a few isolated overreactions into a mythical national panic.</p> <p>1831—Rebel slave leader Nat Turner is arrested in Virginia.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:11 7:22</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12:47 1:04</p>
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<p>2016—Chris Sununu claims Democrats bus voters in from Mass. He's lying, but D. Trump adopts the line.</p> <p>1973—Ex-Veep Spiro Agnew pays a \$10,000 fine for not paying taxes on the bribes he took in office.</p> <p>1967—Gov. Ronald Reagan denies a "homosexual ring" is operating out of his office in Sacramento.</p> <p>1963—"I can safely say," says Gen. Paul Harkin, U.S. commander in South Vietnam, "that the end of the war is in sight."</p> <p>1941—The destroyer U.S.S. <i>Reuben James</i> is sunk by a U-Boat while on convoy duty on the North Atlantic.</p> <p>1939—FDR moves the date of Thanksgiving ahead by one week to boost Christmas retail sales.</p> <p>1938—Convicted murderer John Deering's heart rate is monitored by an EKG as he's executed by a Utah firing squad: 180 beats per minute.</p> <p>1918—In a single week, Spanish Flu kills 21,000 Americans.</p> <p>1893—The World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago closes; Daniel Fowle's printing press, which had been on display, is seen no more.</p> <p>1885—A new Capitol guard in Statuary Hall fires his revolver at ghostly moans. He misses a prank-playing colleague, but leaves scars on the walls.</p> <p>1765—The <i>New Hampshire Gazette</i> is printed "in mourning" for lost liberty, in protest of the Stamp Act, to take effect the following day.</p> <p>1517—Martin Luther does his thing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:05 8:20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2:03</p>	<p>2001—George W.[MD] Bush signs an Executive Order conveniently hiding his father's misdeeds as Veep.</p> <p>1981—"T[ele]vision is just another appliance—it's a toaster with pictures," says FCC Chair Mark Fowler.</p> <p>1972—The Piscataqua Bridge opens.</p> <p>1968—At My Tho, two limpet mines kill 26 aboard the U.S.S. <i>Westchester County</i>—the Navy's deadliest single incident of the Vietnam War.</p> <p>1966—Lyndon Johnson, lying, tells U.S. troops in Korea that his great-great granddaddy died at the Alamo.</p> <p>1963—Generals in Saigon lay siege to the Presidential Palace—with U.S. government approval, of course.</p> <p>1955—Angry with his mother, who left him in an orphanage, Jack Graham kills her and 43 other people. He's only charged for her murder since it's not yet illegal to blow up airliners.</p> <p>1951—Six thousand soldiers are exposed to an A-bomb explosion in Nevada "for training purposes."</p> <p>1950—Two Puerto Rican Nationalists attack Blair House, trying to assassinate Harry S Truman; two Secret Service agents die, two are wounded.</p> <p>1949—On live TV, Sen. Edwin Johnson [D-Colo.] blurts out "...here's the thing that is top secret. Our scientists...have been trying to make what is known as a superbomb." The leak forces Truman to OK an H-bomb.</p> <p>1918—A scab motorman causes the Malbone Tunnel disaster in New York City; 97 die, 255 are injured.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:54 9:13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2:33 2:57</p>	<p>2005—The <i>Washington Post</i> reveals that the CIA is protecting democracy by running a secret gulag.</p> <p>2004—Warren Co., Ohio officials say a "terrorist threat" is why they're counting votes behind locked doors.</p> <p>2002—"We know he [Saddam Hussein] has chemical weapons," says George W.[MD] Bush. (He doesn't.)</p> <p>2001—"A month into the war on Afghanistan, the hand-wringing has already begun over how long this might last," writes the <i>N.Y. Times</i>'s Thomas L. Friedman. "Give war a chance."</p> <p>2000—TV in Maine reveals George W.[MD] Bush's 1976 DUI bust.</p> <p>1972—The Seafarers International Union [SIU] gives \$100K to Nixon's campaign. The Justice Dept. drops an indictment of the SIU for making illegal campaign contributions.</p> <p>1967—Pres. Johnson and his "Wise Men" decide what the Vietnam War needs is more upbeat coverage.</p> <p>1965—Norman Morrison, a Quaker, 31, immolates himself below Robert McNamara's Pentagon window.</p> <p>1963—The U.S.—ordered coup in Vietnam goes awry: a major and a captain assassinate President Ngo Dinh Diem and his brother Ngo Din Nhu.</p> <p>1929—"The Wall Street crash," says <i>Business Week</i>, "doesn't mean that there will be any general or serious business depression."</p> <p>1920—Socialist Eugene V. Debs gets 913,693 votes for President, despite being in prison for sedition.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:40 10:03</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3:22 3:48</p>	<p>1998—Charlotte Burks [D] is elected to succeed her late husband, Tennessee Senator Tommy Burks. Without campaigning, she gets 95 percent of the votes cast. Byron Low Tax Loop-er, a Republican who murdered Burks two weeks earlier, gets five percent.</p> <p>1986—A Lebanese newspaper reveals that the U.S. has been selling arms to the Ayatollah's regime in Iran.</p> <p>1979—Communists are fired on by Klansmen and Nazis in Greensboro, N.C.. Five die and 11 are wounded, but three trials yield no convictions.</p> <p>1969—In a speech which proves to be fatally effective, Richard Nixon conjures up his "Silent Majority."</p> <p>1964—Lyndon Johnson is elected as the peace candidate.</p> <p>1956—Israeli Defence Forces kill 275 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.</p> <p>1948—"Dewey Defeats Truman," according to the <i>Chicago Tribune</i>.</p> <p>1903—Backed by Pres. Roosevelt, Panama cedes from Colombia. Coincidentally, the New Panama Canal Company gives \$60K to the GOP.</p> <p>1874—Election Day in Eufala, Ala.: The White League murders seven Black Republicans, wounds 70 more, and says the Democrats won.</p> <p>1848—In Revere, Mass, a train full of Whigs collides with a train full of Democrats; six die and 40 are injured.</p> <p>1755—Mass. sets bounties for Indian scalps, ranging from £50 for male Penobscots over 12 years old, to £20 for female Indians under 12.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:25 10:53</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4:08 4:38</p>	<p>2016—"Calm down," reads the headline over a <i>Washington Post</i> column, "We'll be fine no matter who wins."</p> <p>1979—Militant Shi'ite Muslims take 66 Americans hostage in Teheran, dooming the Carter administration.</p> <p>1975—A neon cabal reshuffles the Ford cabinet for him. Rumsfeld, Cheney, and Bush take over.</p> <p>1964—Lenny Bruce is found guilty of obscenity in New York City.</p> <p>1960—In Dallas, a vicious "Mink Coat Mob" angrily confronts Lyndon and Lady Bird Johnson. Revulsion at its tactics cost Nixon Texas.</p> <p>1958—A U.S. B-47 bomber carrying nukes crashes near Abilene, Texas. High explosives detonate. Nuclear materials are recovered later.</p> <p>1955—CIA HQ responds to Caracas Station re: report that Adolf Hitler has been seen in Argentina—"we suggest that this matter be dropped."</p> <p>1952—Univac I gives CBS a nearly dead-on prediction: Eisenhower 438, Stevenson 93. The network doesn't air it because it contradicts the polls.</p> <p>1928—Asked who shot him, the dying gangster Arnold Rothstein tells police, "My mudder did it."</p> <p>1924—Wyoming elects Nellie Rayloe Ross, the U.S.'s 1st female Governor.</p> <p>1798—Vermont elects Matthew Lyon, in jail for sedition, to Congress.</p> <p>1791—Native Americans destroy one quarter of the U.S. Army in the Battle of the Wabash—896 of 1,000 soldiers are killed, wounded, or captured.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:10 11:41</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4:54 5:26</p>	<p>2004—Report: Bush got 3,893 votes in one Franklin Co., Ohio district, where only 638 ballots were cast.</p> <p>1986—Nam vet Ron McIntosh hijacks a helicopter and uses it to free his girlfriend from the Federal prison he escaped six days earlier.</p> <p>1974—In New Hampshire, Louis C. Wyman gets 355 more votes than John Durkin. It ain't over yet, though; 317 days later, Durkin's a Senator.</p> <p>1968—George Wallace wins five states in the deep South.</p> <p>1964—A loaded KC-97 crashes on takeoff at Pease: five crewmen die.</p> <p>1949—Deranged WW II veteran and daily churchgoer Howard Unruh (1921—2009) shoots 16 people, killing 13, in Camden, N.J.</p> <p>1935—After cheaply buying the rights to an anti-capitalist game, Parker Brothers goes to market with a cut-throat version, Monopoly.</p> <p>1930—Thinking it's a hoax, Nobel winner Sinclair Lewis imitates his Swedish caller's accent.</p> <p>1916—Vigilantes fire on IWW members in Everett, Wash. They kill two of their own and five Wobblies.</p> <p>1872—Susan B. Anthony and 14 less-notorious women vote in Rochester, N.Y. Nine days later, only Anthony is arrested.</p> <p>1855—Birth of Eugene V. Debs.</p> <p>1765—Two Boston gangs forego their usual Guy Fawkes Day ruckus and join up to demonstrate against the Stamp Act.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:56</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:40 6:15</p>	<p>2018—Nevada's 36th district elects brothel-owner Dennis Hoff to the State Assembly by a huge margin. He's been dead for three weeks.</p> <p>2016—FBI Director James Comey says never mind about those emails.</p> <p>2012—Trump tweets, "The electoral college is a disaster for a democracy."</p> <p>2000—Saddam Hussein stops accepting dollars for oil, thus undermining U.S. hegemony and possibly shortening his own life.</p> <p>1998—Newt Gingrich says he's resigning as Speaker of the House because he's "not willing to preside over people who are cannibals."</p> <p>1984—Reagan defeats Mondale—it's mourning in America.</p> <p>1977—A dam owned and modified by the Toccoa Falls Bible Institute in Georgia fails, killing 39 people.</p> <p>1971—The AEC detonates a 5-megaton nuke—the largest ever exploded in the U.S.—one mile below Amchitka Island, 87 miles from a Soviet naval base in Siberia.</p> <p>1965—In Times Square, five men burn their draft cards, the first such protest of the Vietnam War.</p> <p>1944—The Zionist Stern Gang assassinates Britain's Lord Moyne in Cairo. Israel honors the assassins with a stamp in 1982.</p> <p>1917—After three months of fighting in mud, Canadians take Passchendaele, ending the Third Battle of Ypres; Allies gain five miles at a cost of 250,000 casualties.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12:30 12:42</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:26 7:04</p>

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