

The Fortnightly Rant

Is Democracy Done Yet?

What a great time to be alive—assuming, of course, that you're a Republican.

But, then, of course you are. Aren't we all? Isn't everybody?

Why wouldn't you be a Republican? What are you, then? A criminal? An alien? Some kind of Godless, alien, criminal, drug-pushing, baby-blood drinking lizard person? Well, we should hope not.

There, now that that's settled, let us rejoice in our good fortune—which is, of course, a sign of God's favor. He is, after all, a Republican, right?

Of course God is a Republican. If He—that is His pronoun, by the way. We asked Him, and He answered—were not a Republican, why would he have favored our Party with so many natural advantages?

This point was settled once and for all when John Winthrop, 2nd, 6th, 9th, and 12th Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, observed: "God Almighty in his most holy and wise providence hath so disposed of the condition of mankind, as in all times some must be rich some poor, some high and eminent in power and dignity; others mean and in subjection."

We've got the money, so we should have the power. It is a point so simple that only a Democrat could fail to see it.

Enough, though, of this remedial history. Let us return to, and revel in, this joyous moment—for we may be on the cusp of our apotheosis. Not in the theological sense, of course. It would be heresy to suggest that we are about to become gods. We are, however, on a path which promises to elevate our Party to a position of unassailable power.

Let us briefly count our blessings, taking it from the top. Twice in recent times we have won the Presidency, despite the inconvenient fact that the other party's candidate ac-

tually received more votes. Thus did the Lord—with a little help from Roger Stone and a couple dozen long-dead slaveholders—display his almighty disdain for that pernicious doctrine known as "democracy."

As we turn our attention to the legislative arena, those slaveholders once again raise their mouldering, bewigged heads. A bit creepy, yes—but oh, so useful. By insisting on the right of states to mistreat people as they please, they made it possible for a minority of citizens to control the upper house of Congress.

Republicans have controlled the Senate more than half the time since 1996, yet in all that time they have never won more than half the votes cast for Senate seats. Nor have they represented, in that time, more than half of Americans. Cool, huh? Clear sign of God's favor, wouldn't you say? How else would you account for it?

Not that you need a majority in the Senate, anyway. As long as Democrats let us—which will apparently be forever—we don't even have to be in control to prevent the Senate from doing anything.

Which is to say—though we never would do so out loud—that we're in control without being in control. And if you don't think we're out of control, well, you just haven't been paying attention.

Now, we have been accused of wanting to shut the government down entirely. Such mistaken impressions are understandable.

For one thing, we threaten to do it all the time, and we've followed through on multiple occasions. Also, there's Grover Norquist, who, for a reasonable fee, will utter his famous catch phrase, "I'm not in favor of abolishing the government. I just want to shrink it down to the size where we can drown it in the bathtub."*

* Norquist is further proof that God bestows his favors primarily upon the worthy.



Lastly but not leastly—dearest, in fact, to our Inova™ left-ventricular assist devices—we have the courts. We repeat: *we* have the courts.

The courts are the lynchpin—we use the term advisedly, with the emphasis on the first syllable—of our plot to achieve world domination. [We're trusting you, dear reader, not to go blabbing this about. Some folks might react inappropriately. —The Ed.]

Since we, the favored, are relatively few, and they, the great unwashed mob, are many, it takes a certain amount of finesse to fool them into putting up with us. This has always been true, and it is about to become more so.

We have been quietly increasing the disadvantages of being a wage slave for decades now, and some of them are beginning to feel the pinch.

Just as a baseline, there's the di-

vergence between productivity and wages. productivity has risen steadily, while wages have been flat. Where, then, did the money go? Into your pocket as profit, silly! Add to that the cost of Wall Street bailouts—which Wall Streeters are now using to buy up all the homes they lost due to sketchy mortgage flimflams—and you can see why some sore losers might be a little upset.

This is one reason why it is so important to keep people working as many hours as sub-humanly possible. If they were given time to think—may God forbid—they might start actually thinking.

If there were no government at all, people living under such conditions might take it upon themselves to create a government. Then where would we be? Do you honestly think we'd get another chance to set ourselves up as well as this?

he could hardly claim the sacred mantle of being "a self-made man." Through bold en-

Now we begin to see how all these disparate parts gracefully come together. Can't you see them moving to the music of the spheres?

First unleash a vulgar, jabbering, be-suited knuckle-dragger—a sort of anti-mime unable to shut up—to distract the press and public. Whatever time he has off-camera, let him spend it rubber-stamping judge-ships—all candidates, naturally, pre-screened by our in-house priesthood to assure faithful adherence to the gospel as we see it.

Then let the Senate go on strike and refuse to do anything except pack the courts with these faith-based puppets.

Finally, the last step, right around the corner: let the unassailable, unelected Supreme Court rule that gerrymandered state legislatures have the sole right to determine who can vote.

trepreneurship, though, he has made a good living as an anti-tax attack dog.

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This Anti-Bush Slander Will Not Stand!

In 1934, a cabal of leading U.S. businessmen tried to enlist U.S.M.C. Major General Smedley D. Butler in a plot to assemble a corps of disgruntled veterans of World War I and lead them in an effort to overthrow President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The plutocrats involved included J.P. Morgan Jr., General Motors head Alfred P. Sloan, and Irénée du Pont, ex-president of DuPont.

Rather than become a traitor, Butler blew the whistle. Congress investigated. Butler's story held up. The press, unwilling to challenge the powers-that-were, then let the story drop.

From time to time, some have suggested that Prescott Bush—Father of President George Herbert

[Hoover] Walker Bush, grandfather of George W.[MD] Bush—was a member of that cabal. It's not hard to understand why. Prescott Bush has long been suspected of having opened Geronimo's grave, stolen his skull, and put it on display in a glass case at "The Tomb," the windowless home of the Yale secret society known as Skull and Bones.

Following up on our previous work regarding the Bushes, we publish here an excerpt from an interview *Democracy Now!* conducted with Jonathan Katz, author of *Gangsters of Capitalism: Smedley Butler, the Marines, and the Making and Breaking of America's Empire*. Speaking with Juan Gonzalez, Katz clarified the matter, and exonerated Bush—in a manner of speaking.

Juan González: And, Jonathan, didn't [U.S.M.C. Major General Smedley] Butler also claim, in addition to these corporate leaders, that there were folks like Prescott Bush involved in this, the father of George Herbert Walker Bush and grandfather of George W. Bush?

Jonathan Katz: So, there's actually a kind of a game of broken telephone going on with his name being involved in this. So, Bush was actually—Prescott Bush was actually too much involved with the actual Nazi Party in Germany to be involved with the business plot. Bush was a partner at Brown Brothers Harriman, which is still a major investment bank based in New York, across the street from Zuccotti Park, their headquarters.

And Bush was the—Brown Brothers Harriman was the subject of a different investigation by the same congressional committee, because that committee's ambit was to investigate all forms of sort of fascist influence and all attempts to subvert American democracy. And because Brown Brothers was part of a separate investigation, they end up sort of in the same folder at the National Archives, and then it ends up sort of getting mixed up in a documentary that came out about 10 years ago. So that's actually a misunderstanding. Butler never brought up Prescott Bush's name. But it was because Prescott Bush was too involved with the actual Nazis to be involved with something that was so homegrown as the business plot.

Fed Pushes to "Get Wages Down," CEO Pay Soars 1,460 Percent

by Jake Johnson

An analysis published Tuesday shows that the top executives of the largest corporations in the United States have seen their pay soar by nearly 1,500 percent over the past 43 years, helping to fuel a massive surge in inequality as workers' wages lag.

Between 1978 and 2021, according to new research from the Economic Policy Institute (EPI), CEO compensation at the 350 largest publicly traded U.S. companies rose by an inflation-adjusted 1,460 percent, far outstripping the 18.1 percent pay increase that the nation's

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typical worker saw during that period.

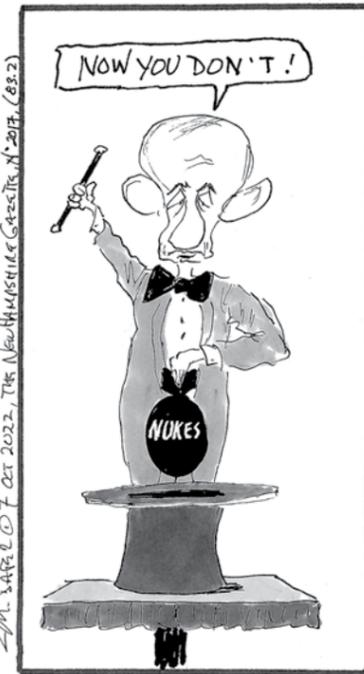
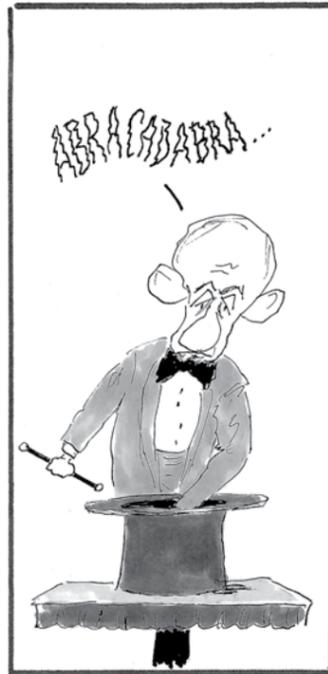
The trend of soaring CEO pay has continued during the coronavirus pandemic, which caused mass economic chaos and job loss among ordinary workers. EPI found that “while millions lost jobs in the first year of the pandemic and suffered real wage declines due to inflation in the second year, CEOs’ realized compensation jumped 30.3 percent between 2019 and 2021.”

“Typical worker compensation among those who remained employed rose 3.9 percent over the same time span,” note EPI’s Josh Bivens and Jori Kandra, the authors of the new report.

The findings come amid mounting fears of a global recession triggered by central banks’ attempts to fight inflation via increasingly aggressive interest rate hikes, a strategy aimed at crushing economic demand.

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell has been forthright about the primary goals of rate hikes: A weaker labor market and lower wages. According to the Fed’s own projections, rate increases could throw around 1.5 million people in the U.S. out of work by the end of next year.

“What we hope to achieve is a period of growth below trend which will cause the labor market to get back into better balance and that will bring wages back down to levels that are more consistent with 2 percent



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While lurking down around the railyard recently—though not on it, of course; who would want to risk the wrath of the Railroad Police Department?—our Wandering Photographer was surprised to find a caboose. These formerly ubiquitous shelters for train crews became scarce over the last few decades. Thanks to deregulation and automation, railroads are now able to pile more labor and responsibility on fewer workers, thus facilitating higher profits. This was not just any old caboose, though—this caboose—an International Car Company Wide Vision—is designated as “DODX 902.” It’s so special that Lionel markets an O Gauge model of it, noting in the promotional literature that it is used to “accompany special moves.” In this case that would seem to be the car just visible on the far right of this image. That low flatbed car carries a large, bulky load, covered with a huge blue tarp. On the side of the caboose is a plate saying, “In case of ACCIDENT or EMERGENCY call Area Code (412) 462-5000.” A little Googling suggests that if one were to dial that number, a phone would ring at the Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory in West Mifflin, Pa.

inflation over time,” Powell said last month.

When Powell voices his desire to “get wages down”—as he did during a May press conference—he’s not referring to the skyrocketing pay of top corporate executives or Wall Street bankers, who have seen their bonuses surge by 1,743 percent since 1985. As The Lever’s Matthew Cunningham-Cook reported earlier this year, Powell’s Fed has “declined to implement a law to reduce the skyrocketing paychecks of his former colleagues on Wall Street.”

Bivens and Kandra write in their new analysis that the chief executive pay surge in recent decades is not the “result of a competitive market for talent but rather reflect[s] the power of CEOs to extract concessions.”

In 2021, the CEOs of top U.S. companies raked in nearly 400 times more pay than the typical worker.

To begin reversing out-of-control CEO pay and bolstering wage growth among ordinary workers, EPI recommends “implementing higher marginal income tax rates at the very top,” which “would limit rent-seeking behavior and reduce the incentives for executives to push for such high pay.”

“Another option,” Bivens and

Kandra write, “is to set corporate tax rates higher for firms that have higher ratios of CEO-to-worker compensation,” an idea proposed by Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) in his 2021 Tax Excessive CEO Pay Act.

The bill, which garnered just three co-sponsors in the Senate and 22 in the House, never received a vote.

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**The Onion Files
‘Masterfully Written’ Amicus Brief
in Support of Jailed Parodist**

by Brett Wilkins

The satirical newspaper *The Onion* on Monday filed an amicus brief mixing humor with legal arguments in support of an Ohio man who was briefly jailed over a parody Facebook page mocking his local police department.

“Americans can be put in jail for poking fun at the government? This was a surprise to America’s Finest News Source.”

The filing says *The Onion*—“the world’s leading news publication”—submitted the brief “to protect its continued ability to create fiction that may ultimately merge into reality. As the globe’s premier paro-

dist, *The Onion’s* writers also have a self-serving interest in preventing political authorities from imprisoning humorists.”

In 2016, police in Parma, Ohio arrested and jailed Anthony Novak after he created a Facebook page resembling the local police department’s own page on the social network.

According to the Associated Press, Novak’s posts included a hiring announcement “strongly encouraging minorities to not apply” and a fake event where any convicted pedophile could be “removed from the sex offender registry and accepted as an honorary police officer.”

Novak was charged with one felony count of disrupting public services but was acquitted at trial. He subsequently sued, alleging violations of his constitutional rights. However, the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed Novak’s suit by granting Parma police officers qualified immunity, a legal doctrine broadly shielding cops and other government officials from civil lawsuits.

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Sometimes Old is Good

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News Source and an uncomfortable learning experience for its editorial team,” the brief states. “Indeed, ‘Ohio Police Officers Arrest, Prosecute Man Who Made Fun of Them on Facebook’ might sound like a headline ripped from the front pages of *The Onion*—albeit one that’s considerably less amusing because its subjects are real.”

“The 6th Circuit’s ruling imperils an ancient form of discourse,” the brief asserts. “The court’s decision suggests that parodists are in the clear only if they pop the balloon in advance by warning their audience that their parody is not true.”

“But some forms of comedy don’t work unless the comedian is able to tell the joke with a straight face,” the document continues. “Parody is the quintessential example. Parodists intentionally inhabit the rhetorical form of their target in order to exaggerate or implode it—and by doing so demonstrate the target’s illogic or absurdity.”

The brief argues:

• Parody functions by tricking people into thinking that it’s real;

• Because parody mimics the “real thing,” it has the unique capacity to criticize the real thing;

• A reasonable reader does not need a disclaimer to know that parody is parody; and

• It should be obvious that parodists cannot be prosecuted for telling a joke with a straight face.

“*The Onion* cannot stand idly by in the face of a ruling that threatens to disembowel a form of rhetoric that has existed for millennia, that is particularly potent in the realm of political debate, and that, purely incidentally, forms the basis of *The Onion*’s writers’ paychecks,” the filing asserts.

“*The Onion* intends to continue its socially valuable role bringing the disinfectant of sunlight into the halls of power,” the brief adds. “And it would vastly prefer that sunlight not to be measured out to its writers in 15-minute increments in an exercise yard.”

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← TODAY'S AFFORDABLE STARTER HOMES →

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What's this? An extravagantly well-aired breezeway? So it might appear to a random passerby on Islington Street. In fact, though, it's the mansard roof of an old carriage house, raised to rest on impressive stacks of cribbing so its supporting structure may be entirely rebuilt on a new foundation. Just to make the job challenging, the whole shebang is being moved back a little bit from Cabot Street, and a bit further from its neighbor. Judging from the plans on file, when the job is completed the structure will retain all of its former charm while shedding the vestiges of its dilapidation.

16th Annual Black New England Conference

It's that time of year again! The 16th Annual Black New England Conference is coming up on October 21 and 22, 2022.

This year's program promises to be exciting, informative, and particularly relevant to this moment. The theme “Where the Money Resides: An Exploration of Racialized Access & Historic Exclusion from Wealth” will review the legal framework that supported institutional practices that were barriers to wealth for non-whites. The conference will celebrate the success stories of both individuals and institutions that serve as beacons of hope for current generations and much more.

The awards dinner on Friday night will feature conversation with keynote presenter Ibram X. Kendi, one of America's foremost historians and leading antiracist scholars. Joining him will be Dr. Reginald Wilburn.

Other presenters will include Richard Rothstein, author of *The Color of Law*, Merhsa Baradaran, author of *The Color of Money*, and director of “Shop Talk Live,” Theo Wilson.

Conference panels will include:

- The Rise and Fall of Enslaved and Free Black Affluence
- By Degree: Laws & Systemic Barriers to the Acquisition of Wealth
- The Myth of Black Exceptionalism: Paths to Black Economic Power
- Wealth Matters in Black & White
- A Generous Spirit: Black Philanthropy Then & Now
- Economic Power, Black Entrepreneurship, and the New Virtual Economy

This event will be both in-person and virtual. The in-person portion will be held at Southern N.H. University in Manchester, NH. For more information on the conference and to register, please visit the conference page on the website: blackheritagetrailnh.org. For other questions, email Gina@blackheritagetrailnh.org or call the BHTNH office at (603) 570-8469.

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Marcia G. Jebb

Marcia Jebb died suddenly on April 22, 2022 while recovering from knee surgery. Born in Manchester, N.H. to Thomas and Blanche (Stillson)

Jebb, she graduated from Colby College, received a Masters Degree from George Washington University, and an MLS from Simmons College. She went to France on a Fulbright scholarship and earned a *diplôme* from Université de Lyons.

Marcia spent most of her professional career in Ithaca and retired from her position of Librarian at Cornell University. She returned to the seacoast and wove into the fabric of Portsmouth. She was a founding member of the Black Heritage Trail, worked part time at the Athenaeum, and offered her exemplary editing skills proofreading various publications, most notably the *New Hampshire Gazette*.

Marcia never saw a need to learn to drive, and her relationship with automobiles was always somewhat skeptical. And yet this never kept her from doing exactly what she wanted to do. When her mother was in a nursing home in Western Massachusetts, Marcia took a taxi to go see her.

Marcia was witty, wry, and incredibly well read. She loved music, the opera, old movies, the theatre, and cats. She was a good friend and is sorely missed.

Murph's Fortnightly Quote

“Without deviation from the norm, progress is not possible.”

— Frank Zappa (1940-1993)
musician, composer

“Perhaps the universal sisterhood is necessary before the universal brotherhood is possible.”

john@wordpraxis.com — Baroness Bertha von Suttner

“Let me keep my distance, always, from those who think they have the answers. Let me keep company always with those who say ‘Look!’ and laugh in astonishment, and bow their heads.”

— Mary Oliver

— Not-So-Random Thoughts from an Oregon Subscriber

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General Flip-Flop

Dear Sir:

Possibly setting a world speed record, Don Bolduc changed his position on both abortion and the Trump big election lie within minutes of being declared the winner of the New Hampshire Republican Senate Primary. After supporting abortion bans and Trump's claim that the election was stolen, to get the primary votes of Trump Republicans, Mr. Bolduc had a miraculous epiphany as soon as the election was called. Both of these dramatic flip flops involve serious questions facing Americans, but his explanation for his reversal on the Big Lie is the most revealing of Bolduc's lack of credibility and legislative/leadership qualities.

In his defense for changing his position on Trump's Big Lie, Bolduc claimed that he had conducted extensive research over the two weeks prior to the election, and then concluded that the 2020 election was not stolen. It is no coincidence that the results of Bolduc's research were not released until after the primary election.

The most alarming and problematic aspect of Bolduc's explanation is that it took him two years to decide to conduct his own independent research on the Big Lie. From November 2020 until November 2022, Bolduc blindly accepted the Trump assertion that the election had been stolen, despite more than 60 court decisions, recounts, and audits, all showing that there was no credibility to Trump's claims. You would have thought that on a matter so vital to our Republic, especially after the January 6, 2021 insurrection, that Bolduc might have initiated his extensive research much earlier than October, 2022.

This raises some troubling questions. Is this the manner in which Bolduc operated and made decisions as a General in the Army? Is this how he plans to operate as a U.S. Senator if elected?

Changing one's position over time and as new information is gathered is praiseworthy. It is how people grow. However, in the case of Bolduc, these very sudden changes, timed as such af-

ter an election, raises serious questions about his sincerity, trustworthiness, and motivations. Will Bolduc change his positions once again on these issues if he were to be elected Senator? How can voters trust what he claims his position is today, based on his recent history? When you have lost the people's trust, you have lost everything, especially the right to hold a position of great power and responsibility.

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

Rich:

The more one listens to Bolduc, the more one wonders: who else may be wandering the corridors of the Pentagon?

The Editor

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More of Ewing's Exudations

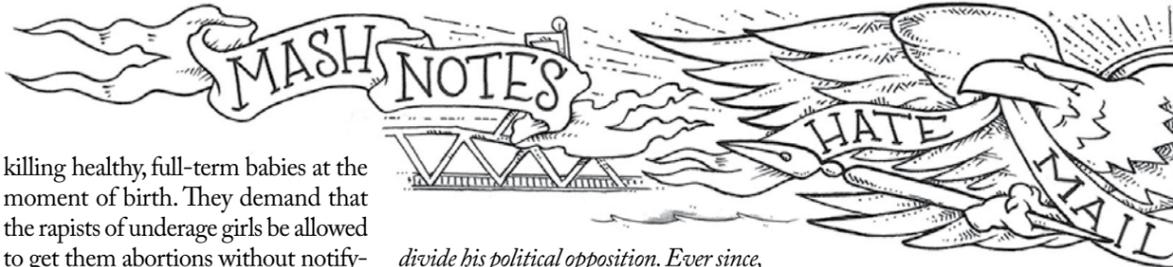
To the Editor:

Democrats' ads show that abortion is their top priority. Abortion is more important to Democrat politicians:

- than your ability to feed your family and pay your housing, heat, electric, phone, and tax bills, &c. (Democrat incompetence created shortages; their votes created inflation.)
- than protecting children and adults from the deadly drugs coming over our Mexican border that Democrats opened to drug dealers, criminals, and others.
- than protecting innocent people from the criminals that Democrat prosecutors release without bail, refuse to fully prosecute, and release early from prison.
- than your ability to fuel your car so you can get to work, shopping, doctor or dentist appointments, or do other needed or desired travel.
- than your dwindling retirement or other savings.

However, Democrats demand ultra-extreme abortion laws, far beyond *Roe v. Wade*. Only a few nations have such ultra-extreme abortion laws. Democrats reject moderate, democratically established, abortion laws like in Europe or New Hampshire, which limit unrestricted abortions to 15 weeks typically and 24 weeks, respectively.

Democrats demand legalizing, nationwide, the barbaric practice of



killing healthy, full-term babies at the moment of birth. They demand that the rapists of underage girls be allowed to get them abortions without notifying parents. They outlaw requirements that states believe are needed to ensure that women's abortions are done safely.

If ultra-extreme abortion laws are your top priority, vote Democrat knowing that Democrats will continue making all your other problems worse.

If you prioritize feeding and protecting your family, affording a comfortable modern life, and letting the people democratically decide the important issues regarding life and death, babies' rights, women's rights, and the kind of society we live in, then you better vote straight Republican in November.

Don Ewing
Meredith, N.H.

Don:

We hate to break this to you, but you're wrong. You are broadly, deeply, thoroughly wrong. Let us count the ways.

Democrats do not, as a general rule, go around thinking, "This person needs an abortion, and that person needs an abortion," like Oprah handing out Pontiacs. To the contrary, Democrats are trying to prevent theocrats such as yourself from denying women's bodily autonomy, and imposing on them a narrow and likely incorrect interpretation of a religious belief. That is to say, they are trying to uphold the Constitution.

You blame Democrats for families' financial troubles. If Democrats are indeed to blame for those troubles, it is because they have failed to stop Republicans from instituting policies which have benefited the obscenely wealthy at the expense of all the rest.

You blame Democrats and immigrants for the country's drug problems. Neither are to blame. Immigrants risk their very lives to get here. That's dangerous enough without packing in drugs. The cartels bring in their products by other means. A Republican, since disgraced, created the War on Drugs as a bogus wedge issue, to

divide his political opposition. Ever since, like most of the GOP's signature programs, it has been a monumental failure.

You imply that Democrats are soft on crime, releasing hordes of recidivists. The GOP solution, of course, is to keep people imprisoned forever, which is how the U.S. earned the distinction of having the world's second-highest rate of incarceration. For the record, we, too, would favor a more draconian justice system, provided that white-collar crime and petty crime got the respective amount of attention they deserve.

You actually have the unmitigated gall to suggest that Democrats are to blame for high gas prices. That's simply too absurd to treat seriously. Oh, sure, there are Democrats in bed with the fossil fuel industry—Senator Joe, are you listening? But the entire GOP is submerged to the nostrils in that La Brea tar pit.

That last one was pretty crazy, but you topped yourself with that last bullet point—"your dwindling retirement." Do you turn off your hearing aid when Republicans declare that they want to privatize Social Security? Those heartless bastards are threatening to gut the sole source of income for most retirees, to make up for tax cuts for fat cats.

As for "killing healthy, full-term babies at the moment of birth," that is, quite simply, a lie made up by Bible-thumpers to raise your blood pressure. You should tune in to NPR once in a while. Listen to a woman explaining the consequences of carrying a fetus doomed to die in the womb, or shortly after birth.

Your deranged characterization of the "ultra-extreme abortion laws" demanded by Democrats includes a link to the website of the Association of Mature American Citizens, or AMAC.

Politifact has fact-checked two, and only two, claims made by AMAC: In 2019 AMAC claimed that "AARP backed federal funding for Planned Parenthood." Politifact called that "False." In

2012 AMAC claimed that "If you and I fail to defund ObamaCare now, some 16,000 new IRS agents will be beginning prying into our private medical records, eyeing each and every one of our treatments and prescriptions for 'violations.'" Politifact rated that claim "Pants On Fire."

Your next paragraph of alarmist exaggerations and hallucinations also comes with a link. This one leads to the editorial page of the Wall Street Journal. Thanks to the legendary idiocy of that particular source, nothing more needs to be said.

The Editor

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It's Not "Pro Life"—It's Forced Birth

To the Editor:

Lindsey Graham: 67 year old, never-married, no children, male; obviously the ideal person to decide that women should be forced to give birth.

Graham's proposed law would ban, nationally, all abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy except to protect the life of the mother (many Republican Senators and Congressmen even object to this exclusion), and if the woman/child becomes pregnant through rape or incest (even more Republican lawmakers object to this provision).

It's a sad fact that Senator Graham and his Republican colleagues are so much more qualified to make life decisions for women than the women themselves.

Luckily, this isn't government overreach—not like the FBI getting back stolen top security documents to protect the country!

Michael Frandzel
Portsmouth, N.H.

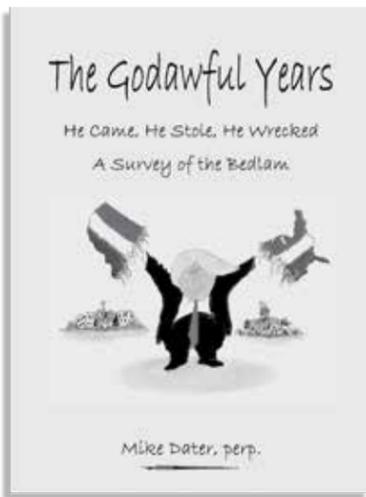
Michael:

If only Don Ewing were as succinct. That, though, is something that we will never see.

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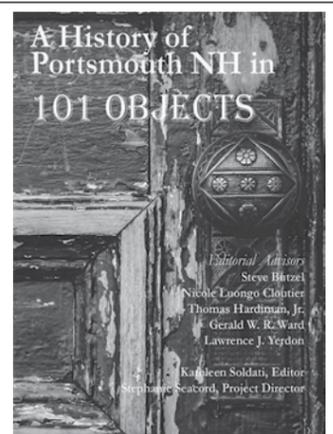
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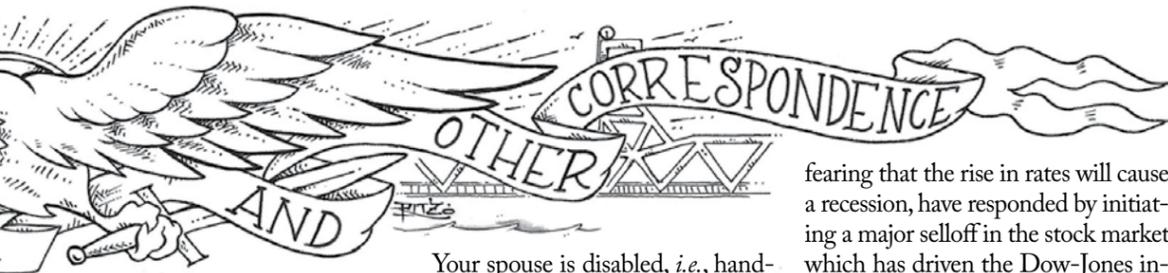


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into knots. Their incessant blathering works to force upon us all certain sets of words and phrases. Their familiarity serves above all to disguise the depravity of their perverse policies.

The header you proposed: "It's Not 'Pro Life'—It's Forced Birth," is a prime example of the perfect antidote.

The Editor

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Pity the Poor Dog Owner?

To the Editor:

You are the mother of a baby or an infant, perhaps of two or three. You push their stroller while your unleashed dog accompanies you. After all, you find it difficult to maneuver just the stroller, plus you are regularly attending to your young one(s). Are you aware that in the City of Portsmouth what you are doing is illegal?

You are the mother or father of one or more toddlers, and you are out walking and holding their hands while teaching them to walk. Your totally well-behaved family dog is accompanying you. She has learned how to be safe and not a nuisance in your human, urban world, so she is walking off-lead. Of course, you have poop bags and a leash with you, just in case. You are now breaking the law—in Portsmouth.

Your youngster is either physically, mentally, or behaviorally disabled. They are a real handful, and you often need to use both of your hands and arms to help them. Several years ago you adopted a dog, in part to provide your child with that comfort. You trained your dog for 18 to 24 months, perhaps with professional help, to safely and as a good canine citizen walk off-lead, because your dog is a part of your family and your challenged youngster benefits from your dog's companionship. In Portsmouth you are breaking the law.

Your spouse is disabled, i.e., handicapped. They always or often cannot walk without your help, and at times there may be an event you have to deal with on the spot. Your very good unleashed dog is accompanying you. You are in violation of Portsmouth's 2005 dog ordinance.

Is this right? I say it is not. City council needs to remedy this.

Robert E. Newby
Portsmouth, N.H.

Robert:

Your dog is a good dog, of course. That goes without saying because every dog is a good dog—in the eye of the person who is required by city ordinance to leash said dog when walking it in a public place.

You are suggesting that because that may be inconvenient in certain circumstances, the ordinance should be remedied. How, exactly?

If the matter is brought up for broad reconsideration, it could, conceivably, be overturned completely. At that point the safety of infants and the infirm depends on the judgment of the "owner" of the animal in question.

On a summer afternoon in our quaint little tourist trap, Market Square is filled with all manner of humanity. Not to be snobby about it but, from time to time, we've seen some sketchy goings-on. How many bowled-over geriatrics would it take before this matter came up for re-re-litigation?

The Editor

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How Can We Counter Insatiable Greed?

To the editor;

If you have been following the financial news lately, you are aware that the Federal Reserve has recently raised the federal funds interest rate for the fifth month in a row in an effort to tame high and persistent inflation. Three of the five increases have been by 75 basis points which are considered to be aggressive boosts. Investors,

fearing that the rise in rates will cause a recession, have responded by initiating a major selloff in the stock market which has driven the Dow-Jones index to a yearly low. Some pundits predict greater declines in the index.

Increases in the federal funds rate eventually work through the economy causing other interest rates to rise. Mortgage rates, credit card charges and interest rates for business loans climb. Consequently, investment declines, fewer homes are bought and consumers spend less as aggregate demand decreases to match supply. Prices decline to ease inflationary pressures but at the cost of reduced wages and employment. Economists stress the importance of reducing the wage component of inflation in order to avoid the "wage-cost spiral" where the rise in wages increases producer's cost which are passed on to consumers through increased prices in a continuing loop.

Interest rate increases take time to work throughout the economy and they fail to target specific causes of inflation. For example, two of the factors that are causing the current global inflation are restricted supply chains which still have not returned to normal since the worst of the pandemic and food and energy disruptions caused by the Russian invasion of the Ukraine. The Fed's interest rate increase will do nothing to directly address either of these problems. They are a blunt instrument that cures inflation by bringing pain to the entire economy. This seems especially cruel to the working class whose wages have only recently begun to raise after a forty year period of stagnation.

There is an element of current inflation that could be managed directly. It is excess profits being taken by corporations under the cover of rising costs. There is no doubt that inflation has increased costs for producers and it is not unusual for them to pass increased costs to consumers. Recently,

however, many corporations have reported record profits as well as rising costs. This indicates that companies are using their pricing power to mask profit-taking in price increases. This is unlikely to occur in competitive industries where market rivals would undercut inflated prices in order to gain market share. Clearly, this is not happening.

Since the 80's American industries have become significantly more concentrated through mergers and acquisitions. Industry consolidation has left many firms with significant power to influence price well in excess of their costs. For example, consolidation in the meat and poultry packing industry have left only four producers who control 85 percent of the market. Wall Street mergers have left just five large banks in control of much of the financial industry. Airline consolidation has reduced the industry from twelve airlines in the 80's to four today. It should come as no surprise that many corporations today can report record profits during a period of persistent cost increases.

Although the Federal Reserve has no tools to directly influence excess profit-taking, legislation can help to solve the problem. A temporary excess profits tax would remove the incentive to powerful corporations of profit-taking during inflationary periods. Temporary and targeted price ceilings could eliminate profit-seeking price-making. Such legislation may provide additional tools to tame inflation beyond the blunt instrument of interest rate increases. Of course, the likelihood of any such legislation being enacted in our current dysfunctional political environment is infinitesimal. We will be condemned to slog through our current economic problems as best we can—as has usually been the case.

Robert D. Russell, Ph.D.
Harrisburg, Pa.

Robert:

For about forty years now the exalted individuals who operate the arcane systems which control our economy have been doing their level best to pare down the share that goes to the working person—that is to say, the one who makes it

all work.

Could these lofty bosses ever pare it down to nothing? Of course not. The gears and wheels—being lubricated by the blood and the sweat of the workers—would soon come to a creaking stop.

The way the big wigs are running this joint, though, we're not sure they understand that.

The Editor

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Some Ancient Truths Still Apply

Dear Editor,

Throughout time, people who had large amounts of money or land deemed themselves above any form of regulation. They had a right to exploit, bully, and disenfranchise others.

In ancient Rome the wealthy patrians seethed with indignation when common folk or freed slaves fought for civil rights like the ability to give testimony, sign as surety on loans, inherit estates, and sign contracts.

In Athens the aristocracy couldn't bear to allow people with less than a certain amount of property to vote, or to obtain a jury trial, or to be free of debt slavery.

In England, the nobility hated having to share their monopoly economic privileges with others. They also did not want commoners to get an education.

In America, the one percent class are imitating the sins of the ancients by fighting regulation and the raising up of others at every turn.

Too much money in one's hands is the root of all evil.

Kimball Shinkoskey
Woods Cross, Utah
Kimball:

It's a pleasure to hear good sense from the Great Basin.

The Editor

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Punish The Worthy, Reward the Corrupt

Dear Editor:

Most Americans, who care about their country, and who vote faithfully, want desperately to believe that the candidates for whom they cast their vote will not only win but are honest

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and principled and will represent the time-honored values most of us were brought up to believe in. Have I been sorely misinformed about that, or am I just hopelessly naive?

The *New York Times* reported in September (this year) that stock-trading conflicts were rampant in Congress (that's a shocker there). The *Times* exposed, that from 2019-2021, 97 sitting senators and House members reported more than 3,700 trades by themselves or their family members in financial assets related to their committee assignments. Keep in mind, this was what was reported—how many transactions went unreported—only God knows.

Congress has debated, for decades, tightening the rules for lawmaker investing. Let us pause while you pick yourself up off the floor from laughing, and give you time to pour yourself another stiff one.

The *New York Times* highlighted several ethically (shall we say) dubious moves. Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.) traded contracts tied to cattle prices while his committee investigated cattle markets. Rep. Bob Gibbs (R-Ohio) bought shares in a pharmaceutical firm while his committee investigated that firm's high drug prices. The wife of Rep. Alan Lowenthal (D-Calif.) sold Boeing shares a day before his committee released damaging findings about the company's two fatal crashes.

These rather questionable activities inside the United States Congress do manage to slip into the headlines from time to time. There are approximately 540 members of Congress at any given time so 97 would be, what, about 18 percent, and again, these are only the ones we know about.

This violation of what my generation regarded as principled ethical practices is likely (given the present day political setting) not very high on any voter's list of things to worry about. However, it is one of those pesky, persistent little items that stubbornly crawls across the path-

way obstructing sound governance every now and again and causing those who are sworn to represent the people to forget why they're there and who sent them.

Aside from the fact that congressional members are using their positions to acquire wealth, something else should disturb us even more.

Men and women like Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.), Adam Kinzinger (R-Ohio), and Rusty Bowers (R-Ariz.), presently Speaker of the House in Arizona, are ostracized by their own party, beaten deliberately in their primaries, receive death threats, not because of wrongdoing but because they had the courage to stand tall and tell the truth, because they refused to grovel to a liar, conman and president who incited a deadly armed attack on his own Capitol.

These men and women were chastised for doing the right thing where as those who violate ethical laws of the United States Congress, and their oath, go on their merry way, unscathed. The moral decay of this once great nation is abominable and needs desperately to be addressed.

David L. Snell
Franklin, N.C.

David:

It is, indeed, a sad measure of our times that such blatant corruption barely registers on the average citizen's radar.

The Editor

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If He's For Her, That's a Problem

To the Editor:

I am happy to endorse the candidacy of Cathy Stacey for Rockingham County Register of Deeds. I have been involved in county affairs in all the 28 years that Cathy has been the Register of Deeds. She has had to cope with many challenges as the building where she works has had a series of plumbing problems, mainly in her office suite. She has had to deal with these leaks while

recording a record number of deeds and documents. She is responsible for recording all the deeds in the county, even back to the 1600's, so that they are now available on line. She has coped with a complicated budget with minimum staff. The fees she collects, not only pay for her office, but also, she is a collector for all the recording fees. This has resulted in her collecting for the state 70 million dollars, and for our county almost six million dollars. The latest service Cathy is offering county residents is Property Fraud Alert System. Similar to TitleLock, this is designed to alert us if someone is illegally trying to use our property for a financial gain. The service is being offered free. Cathy is the longest serving county officer, and is the best informed. We are well served by Cathy Stacey as our Register of Deeds. Please vote to reelect her.

Rep. Ken Weyler
Kingston, N.H.

Ken:

We are in a real quandary here. We know as much about the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as the average voter, we suspect, which is to say, not much.

We do know that Stacey is a Republican. Is she a Trump™ Brand Kool-Aid guzzler? We don't know, but judging from that party's recent performance, voting for any Republican seems imprudent.

We also know that you, Rep. Weyler—a Republican—put the New Hampshire House in the national spotlight recently, and not in a good way. You promoted among your colleagues the Vaccine Death Report, which claims, among other things, that Covid vaccines contain microscopic tentacled creatures, and turn humans into "patiented transhumans."

Who would foist such horrors on our unsuspecting populace? According to the Death Report, it's the three Popes—one is White, one is Black, and one is Grey—lurking within the Vatican City. Of the three, the Grey Pope is the most dangerous: "This supreme puppet master operates entirely in the shadows, from where he yields enormous power over the world. If you want to

understand how all this originated historically, you have to research the dark spiritual origins of the Jesuits. I will leave it here, for now, as this topic can easily lead us too far."

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Cathy Stacey faces a Democratic challenger on Election Day. That's November 8th. Need we say more?

The Editor

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Save the Climate—Cultivate Meat

To the editor,

Animal agriculture is a leading cause of climate change. Any serious response to the environmental crisis would address that. And, yet, our feckless leaders have no plan to do so. We must substantially increase federal funding for cultivated-meat research. For those who aren't familiar with the term, cultivated meat is grown from animal cells, without slaughter.

This revolutionary protein requires a fraction of the greenhouse-gas emissions that raising livestock does. Committed environmentalists should push their senators and representatives to support more public money for cellular-agriculture development. This will help bring cultivated meat to market faster, at a competitive price with slaughtered meat.

Jon Hochschartner
Granby, Conn.

Jon:

Without meaning in any way to denigrate the merits of your argument, we eagerly await the right wing response to the notion of meat that is grown without animals, without cowboys, and without slaughter.

The Editor

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5th Anniversary Of The Referendum On The Independence Of Catalonia

To the Editor:

This October 1st, the Catalan pro-independence movement has

summoned tens of thousands of people to Barcelona for the anniversary of the 2017 referendum on self-determination. And three weeks ago, on Catalonia Day, the movement also summoned hundreds of thousands of people in the same city.

The 2017 referendum came after a sustained popular demand since 2010, which Madrid had systematically refused. So when the Catalan government decided to hold the referendum unilaterally, the state sent 10,000 police to prevent it. However, the referendum was held and 2,286,217 people voted, 43 percent of the census, with 90 percent in favor of independence.

Afterwards, the Catalan government tried to negotiate with the Spanish government, but they refused and activated the judicial system that imprisoned nine people. They were almost four years in jail until the pressures of the Council of Europe forced the pardon of these political prisoners. But we have been judicially persecuted for 4,200 people, 720 of whom are still awaiting trial.

Right now the Spanish government is trying to ignore the conflict and, in Europe, they are also looking the other way. But ignoring the most powerful social movement in Europe is irresponsible because such a movement, which knows it has the right to defend itself against ultranationalist Spain, will not renounce independence by Spanish imposition.

The most militant part of the independence movement knows that it must force a solution because, the current unacceptable situation, with a social-democratic nationalist Spanish government (PSOE and Podemos), will worsen when the ultra-nationalism of the right (PP) plus the extreme right (VOX) wins. Faced with the lack of a democratic path, independentism is realizing that it will have to organize a peaceful insurrectional process of more than two million people to overwhelm the Spanish State, which will foreseeably react with a lot of violence. Before this happens, it would be desirable that Europe forces Spain to accept a referendum of self-determination to solve the conflict democratically.

Jordi Oriola Folch
Barcelona, Catalonia

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A Shortage of Teachers

by W.D. Ehrhart

In China, Malaysia, and Taiwan, teachers are held in the same high regard as doctors. Teaching in Finland is so prestigious and sought-after a profession that only one in five applicants is admitted to primary teacher education programs in Finnish universities. When I visited a high school in Japan a few years ago, the students all stood up when their teacher walked into the classroom. Was the profession of teaching ever even remotely so respected in this country?

Certainly not in my lifetime, and over the course of my forty-five years of contact with teaching, I have watched the esteem commanded by teachers visibly erode by the decade. Parents who used to invite teachers to dinner and give them presents at Christmas now openly challenge teachers' content, competence, and commitment. The students often emulate their parents' example. So, too, do schoolboards.

Meanwhile, we in the U.S. are suffering a severe, drastic, dire shortage of teachers. The stress of the Covid pandemic, and the resulting complications for students and teachers alike, certainly didn't help the pro-

fession, but the profession was in trouble long before Covid came to town.

I've spent my entire teaching career, beginning back in the fall of 1978, teaching in private schools. This is because, for most of my career, no public school in America could legally hire me because I do not possess a piece of paper that says I'm qualified to do what I've done off and on for at least thirty years in all. (This may be one problem with public education.)

That requirement may have changed in more recent times because of the current crisis; but the last time I checked, I could still only be hired in a public school system provisionally and would need to return to graduate school for state certification. At my own expense. While teaching fulltime.

The pay scale in private schools is generally only about two-thirds of what public school teachers earn. But my workload usually consisted of four classes a term with a class size seldom larger than sixteen students. At my last school, where I stayed for 18 years, I also coached Winter Track, sponsored the Poetry Club, and had between six and ten advisees I shepherded through the

upper school (10th through 12th grades).

Even with what might appear to be a light teaching load, however, for nine months of the year, I worked six days a week (seven during track season); and I worked hard, but I knew my students well, and no kid ever fell through the cracks. I knew the difference between slow and lazy. This is what parents who sent their kids to these schools were paying for.

But of course, the majority of my students came from well-to-do, and often very rich, families. Most Americans can't afford the luxury of a quality education. And most public school teachers are saddled with teaching loads that are all-but-impossible to keep up with, along with state-mandated requirements that are mostly mindless lunacies created by grandstanding politicians.

We have enough money in this country to spend over \$800 billion a year on defense. That's \$800,000,000,000 per year. Annually. We can afford to pay former presidents, including Donald Trump, an annual pension of well over \$200,000, transition funding for seven months, lifetime funding for private office staff and related expenses amounting to several

hundred thousand dollars per year, lifetime medical care, and lifetime Secret Service protection.

But we only have enough money to fund school systems where class sizes and teacher workloads are frequently guaranteed to result in substandard education. Where students are using textbooks that are years out-of-date or not even available. Where teachers themselves often have to buy with their own money the most basic necessities like dry-erasers, paper towels, and even pencils.

Moreover, public schools are saddled with locally elected schoolboards that seldom include anyone who actually knows anything about education. And in today's America, schoolboard after schoolboard is being dominated by angry people who think teaching tolerance is attempting to turn their children into gay communists and teaching history is trying to make their children feel badly about being Americans.

Last January, teachers at my old alma mater were "encouraged" not to discuss the January 6th, 2021, attack on our nation's Capitol. They were instructed instead to reply to student questions by saying, "The investigation is ongoing and as his-

torians we must wait until there is some distance from the event for us to accurately interpret it." As if what we all watched live and in real time that day was not what it so obviously was.

So here we are in a country that can afford a whole new fleet of aircraft carriers twice as big and four times as expensive as the carrier fleet we already have, where almost every police department can hit the streets with armored Humvees and tank-like personnel carriers and enough military-grade hardware to conquer half the countries on Earth, but teachers have to buy their own pencils, and teach too many kids even to remember their names, and make sure they don't say anything about, well, just about anything for fear it might get them fired.

And you wonder why there's a critical shortage of teachers in this country?

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How Did CRT Become a Political Bugaboo?

by Jim Hightower

One noisy piece of the GOP's culture war bunkum is Critical Race Theory—a little-known field of academic study examining racism's central role in shaping our society. But lately, kooky right-wingers have seized the phrase, claiming that CRT is a left-wing mind-control plot pushed by diabolical school teachers. They shriek that schools are using Critical Race Theory to program children to hate White society

and "replace" it with un-Christian multicultural rule.

That's not what CRT is, nor is it even taught in our schools. But that hasn't stopped power hungry witch hunters like Florida's Ron DeSantis, Greg Abbott of Texas, and (witchiest of all) Donald Trump from actually issuing executive edicts BANNING schools from teaching a subject that—Hello—they are not teaching.

So...how did such a non-issue rise to the tippy-top of the Repub-

lican political agenda? Fake News. For the past couple of years, thousands of articles have run declaring that CRT is infiltrating public education. They've appeared repeatedly in the Houston Republic, San Francisco Sun, Chicago City Wire, and scores of other local papers from coast to coast.

Never heard of these dailies? That's because none of them are real, local, or even paper. They are just a few of some 1,300 hyper-partisan websites owned and run by Met-

ric Media, a bogus news fabricator. These fake news sites spew out a gusher or articles trumpeting the BIG LIE of a massive CRT conspiracy.

This is not innocent campaign gamesmanship, but politically-cynical, crazy BS that's causing real, extensive harm. Teachers are being fired (or quitting in disgust), sane school board members are literally being assaulted by deluded parents, schoolkids are being fed raw ideological ignorance, and elections are

being perverted.

The real crisis is not in our classrooms, but in the collapse of real local newspapers that produce real journalism.

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Populist author, public speaker, and radio commentator Jim Hightower writes The Hightower Lowdown, a monthly newsletter chronicling the ongoing fights by America's ordinary people against rule by plutocratic elites. Sign up at HightowerLowdown.org.

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Jordi:

Our first thought upon reading this was that the world doesn't need another conflict. On the other hand, we have to ask: by what right could the world ask Catalonia to submit to Spain?

Here at the Gazette we only seem to hear from pro-independence Catalonians. Can anyone out there provide us with a second opinion on this matter?

The Editor

A Capitalist Confesses

"I am a capitalist, and after a 30-year career in capitalism spanning three dozen companies, generating tens of billions of dollars in market value, I'm not just in the top one percent, I'm in the top .01 percent of all earners. Today, I have come to share the secrets of our success, because rich capitalists like me have never been richer. ... Over the last 30 years, in the U.S.A. alone, the top one percent has grown 21 trillion dollars richer while the bottom 50 percent have grown 900 billion dollars poorer,

a pattern of widening inequality that has largely repeated itself across the world. And yet, as middle class families struggle to get by on wages that have not budged in about 40 years, neoliberal economists continue to warn that the only reasonable response to the painful dislocations of austerity and globalization is even more austerity and globalization.

"Greed is not good. Being rapacious doesn't make you a capitalist, it makes you a sociopath. And in an economy as dependent upon cooperation at scale as

ours, sociopathy is as bad for business as it is for society. ... Neoliberal economic theory has sold itself to you as unchangeable natural law, when in fact it's social norms and constructed narratives based on pseudoscience. If we truly want a more equitable, more prosperous and more sustainable economy, if we want high-functioning democracies and civil society, we must have a new economics.

"And here's the good news: if we want a new economics, all we have to do is choose to have it."

— Nick Hanauer, from his 2019 TED Talk, "The dirty secret of capitalism—and a new way forward."

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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

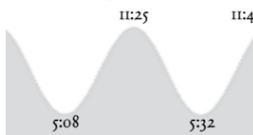
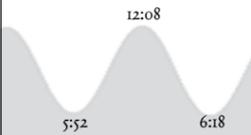
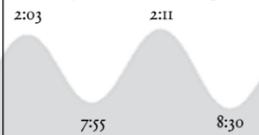
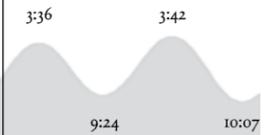
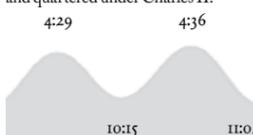
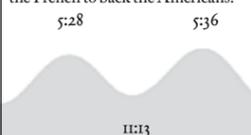
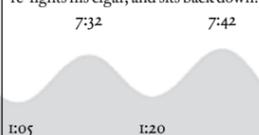
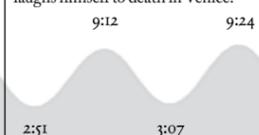
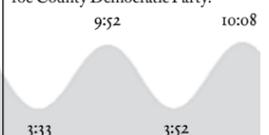
drags about seventeen billion gallons of seawater — enough to fill 2,125,000 tanker trucks — up the river and into Great Bay. This creates a roving hydraulic conflict, as incoming sea and the outgoing river collide. The skirmish line

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>2005—Four die as the Cold River floods Alstead, N.H.</p> <p>2001—Two Democratic Senators receive letters carrying anthrax spores.</p> <p>1998—In “a mockery of the regulatory process” that “brazenly violates existing law,” Citicorp and Travelers Group merge into Citigroup, enriching Sandy Weill and Jamie Dimon but costing taxpayers billions.</p> <p>1992—Hearing a loud bang, Michelle Knapp of Peekskill, N.Y. goes outside and finds a hole punched through the trunk of her 1980 Chevy Malibu and a warm 26-pound meteorite lying on the pavement beneath it.</p> <p>1974—Rep. Wilbur Mills [D-Ark.] is stopped at 2 a.m. for speeding with his headlights off. His passenger, Fanne [sic] Foxe, aka “The Argentine Firecracker,” hops into the Tidal Basin.</p> <p>1967—Dr. Ernesto “Che” Guevara taunts a hesitant executioner, saying “Just shoot, you coward. You are only killing a man.”</p> <p>1966—In a prop-driven Douglas A1 Skyraider, Lt. JG William T. Patton downs a MiG-17 jet over Vietnam.</p> <p>1965—“We should declare war on North Vietnam,” says Ronald Reagan. “We could pave the whole country and put parking strips on it, and still be home by Christmas.”</p> <p>1940—Race-neutral provisions of the Selective Service Act notwithstanding, FDR announces that the “Greatest Generation™” will fight the fascists in segregated units.</p>	<p>2019—CNN: “Two men connected to Giuliani’s Ukraine efforts charged with funneling foreign money into [Donald Trump’s] U.S. election.”</p> <p>2015—News reports say two 1976 assassinations in Washington, D.C. were ordered by CIA-installed Chilean dictator A. Pinochet, and covered up by the CIA and President Reagan.</p> <p>2012—Donald Trump projects, accusing Barack Obama of “laundering money into his campaign from illegal online foreign donations.”</p> <p>2002—The House votes to let Presidents use the Pentagon as they please.</p> <p>1991—Seven of New Hampshire’s largest banks, holding 25% of all deposits and 60% of all commercial loans, are closed by regulators.</p> <p>1990—Coached by Hill & Knowlton, the Kuwaiti Ambassador’s daughter lies to Congress about incubators.</p> <p>1973—Pleading “nolo” to taking bribes, Spiro “Ted” Agnew resigns.</p> <p>1969—Richard Nixon puts his “madman theory” into practice, ordering a gratuitous global nuclear alert.</p> <p>1963—Atmospheric nuke tests are banned. Nuke use in war is still OK.</p> <p>1963—Robert Kennedy caves to J. Edgar Hoover’s demands and OKs wiretaps on MLK’s phone.</p> <p>1946—John Prine, “the singing mailman,” is born in Chicago, Ill.</p> <p>1933—A Boeing 247 airliner is destroyed by a bomb over Indiana. Seven passengers and three crew die in the first such act in history.</p>	<p>2006—Nine years after she was hit by a lampost knocked over by a Macy’s parade balloon, Kathleen Caronna’s Manhattan apartment burns after being struck by Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle’s crashing Cirrus airplane.</p> <p>2003—Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez, 33, gives Yankee coach Don Zimmer a shove, knocking the 72-year-old Zimmer to the ground.</p> <p>2002—The U.S. Senate approves the error made yesterday by the House.</p> <p>1991—Anita Hill testifies before Congress that she was sexually harassed by her former boss, Supreme Court Justice-to-be Clarence Thomas.</p> <p>1973—Henry Kissinger tells Brent Scowcroft that President Nixon can’t take a call from the British Prime Minister because he’s too “loaded.”</p> <p>1963—NSAM 263 lays out JFK’s (secret) plan: get out of Vietnam. Six weeks later he and his plan are dead.</p> <p>1960—At the podium, in the UN, Nikita Khrushchev drives his point home with a shoe.</p> <p>1954—The French driven out, the Viet Minh take over North Vietnam.</p> <p>1945—Mao’s Red Army goes to war against Chiang Kai-Shek’s kleptocracy.</p> <p>1937—Physicians warn the AMA that Massengill’s new miracle drug “Elixir Sulfanilamide” is causing their patients to die in agony.</p> <p>1809—At Grinder’s Stand, a tavern, Meriwether Lewis cuts his wrists and shoots himself twice—according to the official version of events.</p>	<p>1984—A Provisional IRA bomb in a Brighton hotel kills five, but top target Maggie Thatcher is unscathed.</p> <p>1972—A race riot aboard the USS <i>Kitty Hawk</i> leaves 47 injured.</p> <p>1970—Lieut. William Calley is court-martialed for 102 murders.</p> <p>1968—Navy nurse Susan Schnall drops anti-war leaflets from a plane onto five Bay-area military bases.</p> <p>1964—JFK’s intimate friend Mary Pinchot Meyer is murdered under the murkiest of circumstances.</p> <p>1964—Canadian John Watkins, suspected of spying by CIA man James Jesus Angleton, is interrogated to death in a Montreal hotel.</p> <p>1961—The FBI launches a “Socialist Worker Disruption Program.”</p> <p>1960—Otoya Yamaguchi, 17, a right-winger, runs a sword through Inejiro Asanuma, leader of the Socialists, during a televised debate.</p> <p>1923—Thousands of Ku Klux Klansmen hold a rally in Portland, Maine.</p> <p>1920—Rev. J. Holmes is arrested in Mt. Vernon, N.Y., for publicly reading the Constitution without a permit.</p> <p>1917—Passchendaele begins: 13,000 Allied casualties, no advance.</p> <p>1853—The GOP is founded in Exeter, N.H.—or so say N.H. Republicans. However, they have no proof.</p> <p>1492—A lost European begins oppressing native Americans.</p> <p>1131—A black pig darts from a Paris dung heap and trips a horse, killing the rider: King Philip of France, 15.</p>	<p>2004—Andrea Mackris sues her ex-boss, Fox’s Bill O’Reilly, for making lewd phone calls. Two weeks later O’Reilly pays her \$9M to shut up.</p> <p>2004—George W.[MD] Bush claims during a televised debate, “Gosh, I don’t think I ever said I’m not worried about Osama bin Laden. That’s kind of one of those exaggerations,” directly contradicting his own statement of March 3, 2002 that he’s “not that much concerned about him.”</p> <p>1991—A lie detector test suggests Anita Hill is telling the truth about Clarence Thomas.</p> <p>1988—Radiocarbon dating says the Shroud of Turin is 780 years old.</p> <p>1972—Seventy-five years after land was originally allocated for it, Congress creates the Burns Paiute Indian reservation in Oregon.</p> <p>1972—A plane carrying a Uruguayan rugby team crashes high in the Andes, leading to culinary improvisation.</p> <p>1967—Two Marines die and 21 are wounded when a Marine pilot accidentally bombs them at Con Thien.</p> <p>1925—Birth of Lenny Bruce.</p> <p>1812—Maj. Gen. Stephen Van Rensselaer orders regulars across the Canadian border. Those who aren’t shot are forced to surrender. A troop of U.S. militia then refuses orders to invade.</p> <p>1660—Major General Thomas Harrison goes to his hanging, drawing, and quartering “looking as cheerful as any man could do in that condition,” according to diarist Samuel Pepys.</p>	<p>2018—RIP, Emilio V. Maddaloni.</p> <p>2011—Weeks after a U.S. drone smites his dad, a U.S. citizen in Yemen, Abdulrahman Anwar al-Awlaki, also a U.S. citizen, meets the same fate. Neither got a trial.</p> <p>1984—KFBK in Sacramento replaces Morton Downey Jr., with someone even worse: Rush Limbaugh.</p> <p>1976—The U.S., presided over by Gerald Ford, Republican, apologizes to Japan, offended by a Hiroshima re-enactment: Paul Tibbets flew a B-29 over Harlingen, Texas, creating a [mock] mushroom cloud.</p> <p>1968—The Pentagon orders 24,000 troops back to Vietnam for an involuntary second tour.</p> <p>1968—At the Presidio stockade, 27 soldiers are arrested for mutiny.</p> <p>1947—Broken ribs be damned: Chuck Yeager breaks the sound barrier.</p> <p>1943—Prisoners of Sobibor revolt, killing officers and guards. Half the 600 prisoners escape under fire.</p> <p>1919—Forbidden by their boss to discuss their pay at <i>Vanity Fair</i>, Robert Benchley and Dorothy Parker don signs stating their salaries.</p> <p>1914—Its captain whoring ashore, its crew below with girls of their own, the Russian cruiser <i>Zhemchug</i> is sunk in Penang harbor by a German cruiser.</p> <p>1912—William Schranck, who later says, “any man looking for a third term ought to be shot,” plugs Teddy Roosevelt in the chest. TR, though bleeding, delivers his speech.</p>	<p>2008—The Dow loses 7.8 percent of its value in its 2nd worst day ever.</p> <p>2004—Jon Stewart appears on CNN’s “Crossfire” and begs Tucker Carlson to “stop hurting America.” Less than 90 days later CNN announces the show is over.</p> <p>1987—Socialist Thomas Sankara, President of Burkina Faso and an opponent of the World Bank, is assassinated in a French-backed coup.</p> <p>1969—In the U.S., two million march in the first Vietnam Moratorium. One demo in Boston draws 100,000.</p> <p>1966—In Oakland, Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale form the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense.</p> <p>1965—David Miller becomes the first American to publicly burn his draft card in Vietnam War protest.</p> <p>1963—The FBI issues a racist “report” claiming commies were influencing Martin Luther King, Jr. It’s all lies.</p> <p>1942—A B-17 slams into New Mexico’s North Baldy Peak, which is 200 feet higher than the charts say it is.</p> <p>1923—The Senate begins investigating Albert Fall, the Republican Interior Secretary who suddenly became prosperous after leasing the Navy’s Teapot Dome oilfield to a friend.</p> <p>1910—Melvin Vaniman, aboard the airship <i>America</i>, transmits the first in-flight radio message: “Roy, come and get this goddamn cat.”</p> <p>1883—The Supreme Court guts the Civil Rights Act of 1875, ushering in the era of the Jim Crow South.</p>
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<p>2002—George W.[MD] Bush signs the law he demanded giving him permission to start an unprovoked war.</p> <p>1973—Fred and Donald Trump are sued by the Justice Dept. for discriminating against minority renters. Their lawyer, Roy Cohn, countersues, claiming the victims are the Trumps.</p> <p>1973—Henry Kissinger gets the Nobel Peace Prize; Tom Lehrer declares political satire obsolete.</p> <p>1972—Majority Leader Hale Boggs [D-La.], Rep. Nick Begich [D-Alaska], aide R. Brown, and pilot D. Jonz vanish while flying over Alaska.</p> <p>1968—Tommie Smith and John Carlos, Mexico City Olympic winners, raise fists in the Black Power salute.</p> <p>1962—At breakfast, President John F. Kennedy finds he’s got a Cuban Missile Crisis on his plate.</p> <p>1946—Inept Army MSgt. John C. Woods hangs ten Nazis at Nuremberg. Heads bash the trap; two choke for 14 minutes. Ribbentrop for 24.</p> <p>1920—In N.Y.C., 30,000 Great War vets march, demanding a bonus.</p> <p>1859—John Brown and 18 others, both Black and white, capture the federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry, Va.</p> <p>1814—Ruptured vats in a London brewery release 323,346 gallons of beer. Many guzzle, seven drown.</p> <p>1715—Daniel Fowle is baptized at First Church in Boston.</p> <p>1660—John Cooke, King Charles I’s prosecutor (treason, 1649), is drawn and quartered under Charles II.</p>	<p>2004—In game four of the ALCS, 9th inning, Dave Roberts steals 2nd, then scores on Bill Mueller’s single.</p> <p>1999—Lissa Roche commits suicide after confessing she had a 19-year affair with her father-in-law, George Roche III, the president of Hillsdale College, “the most conservative college in America.”</p> <p>1973—OPEC turns off the oil tap.</p> <p>1967—Lt. Col. Terry Allen Jr. leads two companies of the 28th Infantry, outnumbered 10 to 1, into a VC ambush at Ong Thanh. Casualties exceed 92 percent, 64 are KIA. The U.S. Army calls the catastrophe a victory.</p> <p>1960—The sit-in movement pays off big: several chain stores with locations in 10 southern states desegregate 150 lunch counters in 112 cities.</p> <p>1956—“The only way to win the next World War,” says Ike, “is to prevent it.”</p> <p>1927—Oil mogul Harry F. Sinclair goes on trial over Teapot Dome. Two weeks later it’s revealed he’s hired detectives to shadow each juror.</p> <p>1894—On orders from Ohio National Guard Col. Alonzo B. Coit, Guardsmen fire out, through the closed doors of the Fayette County Court House, at a mob intent on lynching a Black man accused of rape. Five die, 20 are wounded; the bullet-riddled doors remain in place.</p> <p>1777—Burgoyne, undone by Benedict Arnold at Bemis Heights, surrenders at Saratoga; the victory inspires the French to back the Americans.</p>	<p>2017—Diaper-wearing members of right-wing Turning Point USA wonder why the point of their protest at Kent State is being ignored.</p> <p>2017—U.S. President Donald Trump signs a check for \$35,000 to repay his lawyer for buying the silence of a porn star with whom he had an affair.</p> <p>2014—Thousands of college-age cretins, urged on by social media company Finnarage, set fires, throw billiard balls, and overturn cars, putting an end to the Keene Pumpkin Festival.</p> <p>2011—Ohioan Terry Thompson releases his menagerie of 56 exotic animals, including lions, leopards, and tigers, then kills himself.</p> <p>2003—The president of Bolivia is driven out of office (and country) by disgruntled peasants tired of being sold out to international capitalists.</p> <p>1979—“The standard of living of the average American has to decline,” says well-fed Fed Chair Paul Volcker.</p> <p>1898—The U.S. colonizes Puerto Rico — benevolently, of course.</p> <p>1891—As 12 Omaha, Neb. cops look on, a mob of 1,000 lynches Joe Coe, a married Black man with two children.</p> <p>1766—During a poor harvest, with food prices rising, Nottingham’s Goose Fair devolves into a riot after “rude lads” prevent Lincolnshire merchants from carting off local goods. Attempting to restore order, the Mayor is laid low by a rolling cheese wheel.</p> <p>1648—Boston shoemakers form America’s first labor organization.</p>	<p>2005—Sen. Judd Gregg (R-N.H.) wins \$853,492 in the Powerball lottery. A dying woman whose real estate deposit he has refused to return receives exactly none of it.</p> <p>2005—Saddam Hussein goes on trial in Baghdad for crimes against humanity and Bushes.</p> <p>2000—George W.[MD] Bush says at the AI Smith Dinner, “This is an impressive crowd, the haves and the have-mores. Some people call you the elite. I call you my base.”</p> <p>1998—Shortly before his likely re-election, Tennessee Senator Tommy Burks [D] is murdered by his middle-name-changing opponent, Byron Low Tax Looper [R].</p> <p>1987—Computers say stocks are too damn high—the Dow drops 22 pct.</p> <p>1982—Automaker J. DeLorean is arrested with 59 lbs. of coke.</p> <p>1972—Philippine police shoot and kill Kinshichi Kozuka, Japan’s penultimate WWII holdout.</p> <p>1969—Bribe-accepting Veep Spiro “Ted” Agnew denounces “an effete corps of impudent snobs who characterize themselves as intellectuals.”</p> <p>1936—Watertown, Mass. becomes the first town to fingerprint its high school students.</p> <p>1935—At the AFL convention in Atlantic City, UBC boss “Big Bill” Hutcherson calls UMW chief John L. Lewis a “bastard.” Lewis leaps on stage, punches “Big Bill” in the face, re-lights his cigar, and sits back down.</p>	<p>2011—Brotherly Leader Muammar Ghaddafi is rather unceremoniously dispatched by Libyan rebels.</p> <p>2005—Sen. Judd Gregg (R-N.H.) nixes an increase in Federal home heating aid for the poor.</p> <p>1990—In 22 cities, Americans protest the impending Gulf War.</p> <p>1983—Reagan inks the Conn. Indian Land Claims Settlement Act recognizing the Mashantucket Pequot.</p> <p>1973—After A.G. Eliot Richardson and Deputy A.G. William Ruckelshaus refuse on principle to comply with President Nixon’s order to fire Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox, Solicitor General Robert Bork, who is not so encumbered, complies.</p> <p>1967—Roger Patterson and Robert Gimlin shoot 24 feet of film purporting to show a Sasquatch walking along a streambed in northern California.</p> <p>1947—HUAC opens hearings on commie influence in Hollywood; two big rats: R. Reagan & W. Disney.</p> <p>1944—Two natural gas tanks explode in Cleveland with 1/6th of the force of the Hiroshima bomb, killing 130.</p> <p>1935—The Red Army’s 6,000 mile “Long March” ends in Shanxi.</p> <p>1930—William Kogut, while incarcerated on Death Row at San Quentin, kills himself with a pipe bomb made from playing cards.</p> <p>1842—Commodore Thomas Jones, U.S.N., attacks Monterey in the mistaken belief that the U.S. is at war with Mexico. He then apologizes.</p>	<p>1975—In the 12th inning, New Hampshire’s own Carlton Fisk waves the ball fair, and the Red Sox win Game 6 of the World Series.</p> <p>1967—Yippies, Diggers, & Hippies try but fail to levitate the Pentagon.</p> <p>1966—A mountain of mine waste collapses onto a school in Wales, killing 28 adults and 116 children.</p> <p>1965—Lyndon Johnson flashes his gall bladder scar for photographers.</p> <p>1957—Special Forces Capt. Harry Cramer becomes the 2nd American killed by hostile action in Vietnam. His death is falsely listed as accidental.</p> <p>1954—Indiana’s Boxing Commission says boxers and wrestlers must swear an oath they’re not Commies before they can fight in the Hoosier State.</p> <p>1874—Birth of Charles Ives.</p> <p>1861—Colonel Edward D. Baker, leading his brigade at the Battle of Ball’s Bluff, becomes the first and last U.S. Senator (R-Ore.) killed in battle.</p> <p>1837—Osceola and 81 other Seminoles are captured and imprisoned at Ft. Payton, Fla. by U.S. troops using a false flag of truce.</p> <p>1835—William Lloyd Garrison is paraded through the streets of Boston with a rope around his neck for saying “all men are created equal.”</p> <p>1797—After two failures, the USS <i>Constitution</i> is launched in Boston.</p> <p>1556—Poet, playwright, pornographer, blackmailer and satirist Pietro Aretino—“the Scourge of Princes”—laughs himself to death in Venice.</p>	<p>1987—At Yoken’s, noted buffoon Donald Trump speaks before a credulous Portsmouth Rotary Club.</p> <p>1979—With an OK from Jimmy Carter, the Shah of Iran enters the U.S. for medical treatment, triggering chaos.</p> <p>1968—To improve the odds of his re-election, Richard Nixon tells H.R. Haldeman to “monkey wrench” negotiations to end the Vietnam War.</p> <p>1967—KGB agent Manfred Ramming steals a Sidewinder missile from Neuburg AFB, takes it off-base in a wheelbarrow, drives away with it sticking out the back of his Mercedes, and mails it, dismantled, to Moscow.</p> <p>1963—Fed up with accurate reporting, JFK asks “Punch” Sulzberger to assign <i>Times</i> David Halberstam anywhere but Vietnam. It doesn’t work.</p> <p>1962—SAC goes to DEFCON 2 as JFK blockades Cuba.</p> <p>1946—Despite a confession, a white jury in Mississippi finds five white men not guilty of beating Leon McAttee, who’s Black, to death.</p> <p>1913—A dynamite blast, detonated in violation of safety rules, kills 265 at a Phelps Dodge mine in Dawson, N.M.</p> <p>1909—A judge tells striking female garment workers in New York, “You are on strike against God.”</p> <p>1868—James M. Hinds [R-Mo.] is shotgunning in the back, becoming the U.S.’s first assassinated Congressman. No charges are filed against the killer, George Clark, Secretary of the Monroe County Democratic Party.</p>
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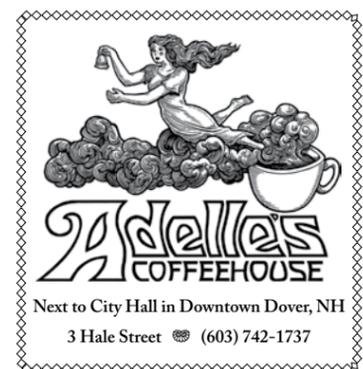


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