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its. He once told Jesurum, according to court transcripts, that he was wasting his time and money taking the matter to court. "It would be very expensive," according to Jesurum, under oath, quoting Binnie, "he [said he] would keep it in court forever, he would appeal it, and I was wasting my time and money."

Which brings us to the third part of the court's decision. The Superior Court had ruled that Binnie should pay Jesurum's legal expenses. From a layman's perspective, that makes a lot of sense. Jesurum shouldn't have had to spend a dime. The Attorney General should have sued Binnie. Defending the rights of the people is his job. But this is New Hampshire, and he can only do what his budget will cover.

Somehow, though, the Supreme Court arrived at the conclusion that Binnie — who created the problem in the first place, and pointlessly ran up endless billable hours promoting a ludicrous case — ought to get a free ride. It reversed the Superior Court on the

legal fees. Jesurum's lawyer Paul McEachern has filed a motion for a rehearing on that poynt.

In the meantime, the Coastal Conservation Association of New Hampshire is accepting tax deductible donations to help pay Jesurum's legal fees. Donations can be made at ccanh.org/sanders-poynt, or by sending a check to CCA NH, P.O. Box 4372, Portsmouth, N.H. 03802-4372. Checks should be payable to the "Coastal Conservation Association of New Hampshire" with the notation line on the lower left of the check stating "Sander's Poynt Legal Fund" so that CCA NH can direct these donations accordingly.

Adios, Fidel

America's unreconstructed Cold Warriors took great satisfaction in the death last month of Fidel Castro, as if his demise represented some sort of victory for them. It was hardly that. They tried to kill him hundreds of times; he defied them by dying at the age of 90, in bed, of natural causes.

Amid the paroxysm of news about Castro, the alleged Scourge of the Caribbean, we watched for any mention of another old Cu-



A few grimy snowbanks do not a White Christmas make, but the dutiful shoppers who trudged damp sidewalks last Sunday did have a listing tree to provide a subtle touch of comic relief.

ban, Luis Posada Carriles, who was born in Cienfuegos just 18 months after *El Presidente*. If there was any, we missed it.

Posada was a resident of Venezuela in 1976, running a private detective agency, when Cubana Flight 455 exploded, killing 73 people. The DC-8 had been enroute from Barbados to Cuba on October 6, 1976. The FBI suspected Posada was responsible; two of his employees had confessed to planting the bomb. The CIA knew he had explosives expertise — after all, they had given him demolition training. He was arrested by Venezuelan authorities and spent years in court, escaping from prison, and on the lam.

For a time, Posada lived in El Salvador, where his sketchy history proved no hindrance to employment by the Reagan administration. He was paid \$3,000 a month while working under Major Gener-

al Richard Secord, in support of the Nicaraguan Contras.

Posada was implicated in a series of terrorist bombings in Cuba in 1997. In 2000, he was captured in Panama with 200 pounds of C-4, and charged with attempting to assassinate Castro during the 10th annual Ibero-American Summit. Convicted, he was later pardoned. Panamanian President Mireya Moscoso denied that she had been pressured by the U.S. to release Posada. Later he managed to slip into the U.S., despite being on an immigration watch list.

These little contretemps represent only a portion of his rap sheet, yet Posada was living openly in Miami, Florida on the day that Castro died.

New History of Portsmouth

Local nonfiction author Rodney K. Watterson has recently published a new book about Portsmouth's history — *Boom-*

town Portsmouth: The World War II Transformation of a Quiet New England Seaport, now available at RiverRun Bookstore.

Watterson's book chronicles Portsmouth's transformation during WWII — a legacy that is well-hidden compared to the obvious glimpses into its heyday during the era of sailing ships and colonial struggles. Yet it is that wartime transformation that revitalized the city and equipped it to move so boldly into the future that it enjoys today. *Boomtown Portsmouth* tells the story of that frenzied transformation — a story with many subplots: a booming Navy Yard and its concomitant flood of federal dollars luring hordes of immigrant workers and creating unprecedented prosperity; U-boat threats, a mined harbor, and blackouts; a raucous liberty town with soaring VD rates; massive infrastructure de-

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velopment, and much more. The story concludes with an aggressive postwar plan designed to capture the best and shed the worst of that wartime experience — first steps on the path that led, in time, to the prized jewel that Portsmouth is today.

Watterson is also the author of *32 in '44: Building the Portsmouth Submarine Fleet in World War II*.

Boomtown Portsmouth is available only at RiverRun. The book is \$29.95 in hardcover. For more information, call RiverRun Bookstore at (603) 431-2100, or visit the store at 142 Fleet Street in Portsmouth.

Above the Law?

Sergeant J. Phillips of the Dover Division recently sought guidance from the Legal Department of the Flag Police regarding the two stick-mounted objects shown on either side of the regulation American flag in the center of the photograph just below.

Both are clearly intended to be taken for U.S. flags. The stripes that should be red, though, are black. On the left, the stripe just below the union, which should be white, is red. In the example on the right, that stripe is blue. In both cases, the union features white stars on a rather nihilistic

black union. Each of these modifications represents a blatant violation of Part I, Section 1 of the Flag Code, which clearly states, "The flag of the United States shall have thirteen horizontal stripes, alternate red and white, and a union consisting of white stars on a field of blue."

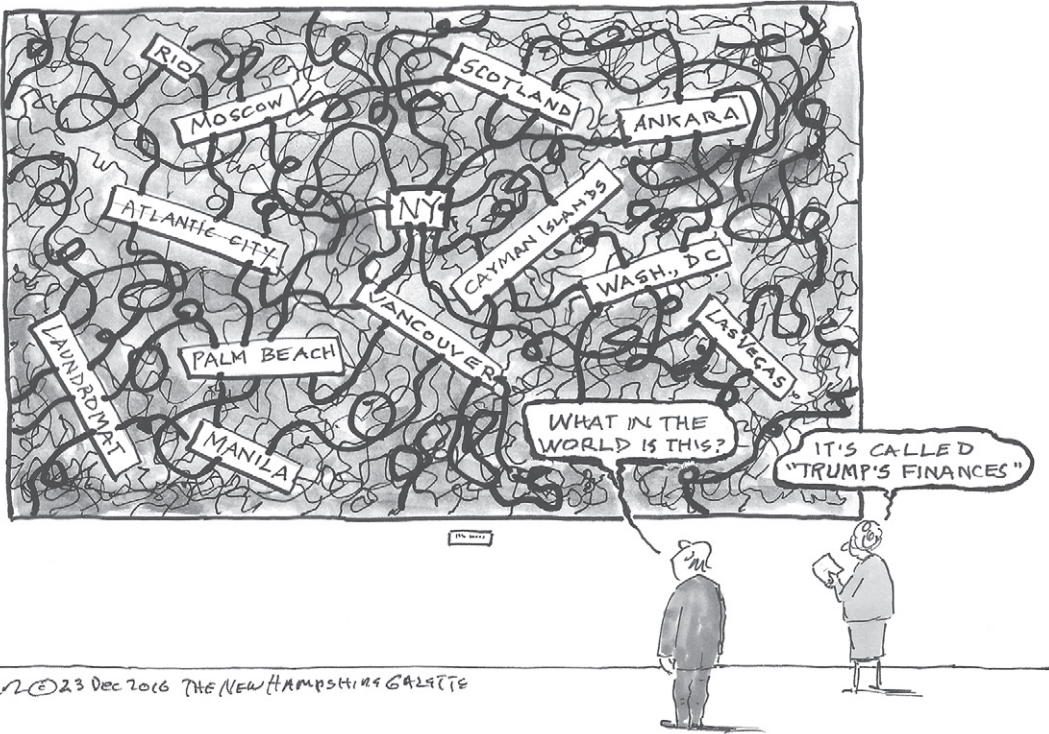
The Research Section quickly turned up a likely suspect: Thin Blue Line USA, whose website rather bombastically declares that it "Divides The Lawful From The Lawless And The Order From The Chaos. That Line Is Blue And Only Fighters Can Walk It." This outfit peddles these products online; the version with the blue line is for police, the red-line version is for firefighters. For the record, neither category of public servant is above the law.

To satisfy a hunch, the sleuths at Research tried to find some reference to these products' country of origin. They sought in vain; none could be found. Since any self-respecting hyper-patriot would brag if their products were made in the USA, the Flag Police reluctantly came to the conclusion that these were quite likely made in China.

Widespread use of the term "thin blue line," as it pertains to law enforcement, seems to stem



Sergeant J. Phillips, a newly-inducted member of the Dover Division of the Flag Police, got his career off to a flying start by documenting the two-count Flag Code violation shown here. See "Above the Law?" for details.



from the Errol Morris documentary of that name, released in 1988. That's ironic, since the film tells the story of a man who spent years in prison, some on death row, after being wrongly convicted of murder due to prosecutorial misconduct.

A Bizarre Seasonal Visitation

During a rather invigorating stroll on Monday evening — the ambient temperature being 17° — the alleged editor either spotted or hallucinated a glistening new white Mercedes sporting, on its prow, the marque's familiar three-pointed star. Such symbols, of course, in this prosperous burg, are about as common as dirt. Probably more common, in fact; there ain't that much honest dirt left around here. Two things made this one memorable — startling, in fact.

Rather than being perched in its familiar location atop the hood, the emblem was ensconced in a hollow sculpted into the front of the hood, somewhat like a Virgin Mary enshrined within an upended bathtub in the front yard

of a devout believer's home. The thing that really turned this run-of-the-mill dingbat into a powerful eyeball magnet, though, was its illumination: it was lit from behind. That clever detail had the effect of bestowing on the Teutonic corporate symbol a mystical, glowing halo.

Naturally, given the season, this bizarre apparition gave the viewer pause ... what does it all mean? Is this A Sign?

If so, we may never know. Our protagonist, being the unregenerate pagan that he is, continued walking, and soon punched in for a late shift at the propaganda mill.

The Department of Lily Gilding

Rather than doing anything productive, however, he flexed his egomania — that, apparently, being the style these days — and set out to correct and improve a design created by Stuttgart's finest. It wasn't all that difficult.

These days, what with the availability of cheap LEDs and all, putting an illuminated corporate logo — which is to say, an advertisement capable of assaulting the

defenseless passerby 24 hours a day — on the front end of a motor vehicle, is actually a pretty cheap trick. [*Memo to City Attorney Sullivan: does not the bit of automotive trim described above constitute an illuminated advertisement, and thus a violation of Chapter Ten, Article Section 10.1260 of the City Ordinances?* — The Ed.]

Granted, a lit-up Mercedes logo achieves the purpose of rather garishly announcing the impending arrival of someone with a bank account equal to the task of buttressing an oversized ego. But, where is the truly distinctive touch? After all, such geegaws are available to any lucky yokel with a winning lottery ticket.

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The Constitution Under Attack
To the Editor:

The election of Donald Trump, who beat Hillary Clinton, the candidate of the one percent and the New World Order, that aims to permanently entrench the one percent as the leaders of an Orwellian planet, has set the one percent on the course of their default position — a coup, using the same bad actors, including the CIA, that brought us the coup against the legitimate government of the Ukraine, and the disasters in the Middle East, all of which Donald Trump is reevaluating, and along with Trump's push back on globalization of American jobs, will work against the plans of The New World Order.

This coup reveals nothing more than the methods and structure of the world elites who seek to dominate the planet; their main enemy being peace in the Middle east and entente with Russia, as well as a well informed and independent electorate.

Furthermore, add to this disrespect for the sovereignty of the United States, the fact that the First Amendment has now endured a major assault by a traitorous U.S. Senate whose members swore to defend and uphold the Constitution, but have now passed the Anti-Semitic Awareness Act of 2016, that defines any criticism of Israel and any lawful attempt to change Israeli behavior toward the occupied population of Palestinians as anti-Semitic.

In light of assaults and attempts

to destroy the Constitution and the liberties it guarantees, there is the one amendment that guarantees all the other amendments as well as the Constitution itself — the Second Amendment. But, this amendment is only good if brave men and women are willing to take up arms to defend the Constitution and be willing to give up their lives to maintain this sacred document and the liberties it guarantees.

With the attempted coup against Donald Trump and the assault on the First Amendment the time is now to prepare for that defense of America against the New World Order with its rule by the self-defined elites.

John Dente
Wilmington, Del.

John:

Don't you think you're being a bit selective? The Constitution has been under attack since 2000, if not 1788. Here are two recent examples: the gutting of the Voting Rights Act and Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach's Crosscheck program. Together they probably disenfranchised enough black voters to have put the Democratic candidate in the White House.

Your concern about "the self-defined elites" has led you to embrace a grotesque lunkhead who will happily run what's left of the Constitution through an industrial shredder.

The Editor

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**Pot, Meet Kettle**

To the Editor:

In the *Seacoast Sunday* December 11, 2016 edition, former Senator Judd Gregg wrote an Opinion piece regarding China being Trump's first possible crisis. In the piece he wrote that "China is an autocracy. It is governed by a Communist Party that has the retention of power as its first goal." If this sounds frighteningly familiar, it is because it very clearly describes the Republican Party of 2016.

I am not claiming that the

Republican Party is a Communist organization, but that what we witnessed this past election cycle was a Republican Party consumed with the taking and "retention of power as its first goal," regardless of the consequences. With the "election" of Donald Trump as President, the Republican Party will soon control all three branches of the federal government, and with this, control of almost all the levers of power. While many of the nation's top Republican leaders, such as Paul Ryan and Mitch McConnell, realized that Donald Trump is totally unfit for the office of President, they put aside their concern for the welfare of the nation and the world to support Trump, with the goal to take and retain political power as their first goal. Rather than oppose a dangerous demagogue, they chose to place power and party over nation, to insure that their radical ideological agenda, which is not supported by a majority of Americans, will be forced upon us by a Republican Party administration. This will become even more evident when the Republican Party controlled-Senate confirms Trump's ideological, radical nominees for various critical Cabinet positions, such as Secretary of State, the EPA, Health and Human Services, Attorney General, and others.

Beside the China crisis predicted by Sen. Gregg, we can also expect any number of other national and international "crises" to develop during the Trump administration. I fear that some of these "crises" may be intentionally created to distract Americans from the actions of the Trump administration here at home. Trump is a master at using distractions to get the public and the media to focus on his twitter rantings and outrageous comments rather than on the real, dangerous actions he is quietly taking while we are looking the other way. He will

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accomplish much of his radical agenda with the full support and encouragement of his Republican Party colleagues at the federal and state level. After all, this is the reward for taking and keeping control of power as your first goal, regardless of the damage to the nation and our people. This phenomenon, as Republicans are clearly demonstrating, is not something unique to the Chinese Communist Party. In either China, or America, absolute power corrupts absolutely.

Rich DiPentima  
Portsmouth, N.H.

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Alligators? No. Snakes? Yes.

To the Editor:

Senator Sherrod Brown recently said "not only is Trump not draining the swamp he is adding alligators to it."

Now that the election is over and the dust is settling Trump's dirty deeds and falsehoods are rising to the surface and there is nothing muddy about who will win and who will lose under a Trump administration. The negative consequences of a few of his department secretary appointments will fall on the people he campaigned to protect. The connection between what Trump promised and what he is gearing up to do is very murky at best.

Let's look at how his rogue's gallery of appointments will not help to "bring us together" or "have the back of the working class."

Betsy DeVos, at Education made her billions with Amway, the quasi Ponzi scheme, targeting the working class.

Steven Mnuchin, at Treasury made millions by buying a distressed bank during the "great recession" and unfairly, if not illegally, foreclosing on thousands of working class homes. Can billionaires understand the struggles of

the working class?

Tom Price, at Health and Human Services opposes all elements of Obamacare and wants to privatize Medicare and provide seniors with vouchers to buy medical insurance. Goodbye protection against lifetime coverage caps and higher premiums for women, hello vouchers that don't keep pace with medical cost increases. How will these actions help the working class?

Then we have Sen. Jeff Sessions [R-Ala.] for Attorney General: anti-union, pro free trade and actively anti-gay and civil rights.

Let's not forget Mike Pence's attempt to allow discrimination against gays in Indiana. He wants to defund Planned Parenthood. He is also strongly anti-abortion and, when in the U.S. House, sponsored a bill to use the funds for AIDS drug research for a program to convert gays back to straight! How can these attitudes bring us together?

Senator Brown is right, Trump is not draining the swamp. He is wrong about the alligators. It is poisonous snakes that are being added.

Dave Potter
North Hampton, N.H.

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**Early Warning Signs of Fascism**

To the Editor:

Over the last 25 years the Republican Party has been moving steadily rightward, and the Democratic Party has followed this drift.

In 2004 a friend, J.S., sent me a postcard entitled, "Early Warning Signs of Fascism." The card then listed the following: Powerful and Continuing Nationalism, Disdain for Human Rights, Identification of Enemies as a unifying Cause, Supremacy of the Military, Rampant Sexism, Growing Racism, Controlled Mass Media, Obsession with National Security,

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# And Other Correspondence

Religion and Government Intertwined, Corporate Power Protected, Labor Power Suppressed, Disdain for Intellectuals and the Arts, Obsession with Crime and Punishment, Rampant Cronyism and Corruption, and Fraudulent Elections.

Arguably, the Republican Party has now become a Fascist Party. We should call it like it is — Fascism. Let's mobilize for battle!

Dr. Nayvin Gordon  
Oakland, Calif.

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### Another French Revolution?

To the Editor:

The same "students of history" who have incessantly lectured us for years on the dangers of permitting history, particularly that of Hitler and the rise of Nazism, to repeat itself, just allowed that history to dangerously repeat itself by electing a megalomaniacal, narcissistic, fascist dictator in Hitler's mold to be our next President. Now that the highly improbable has occurred, can we any longer rule out the possibility of other dark episodes in history reoccurring on our shores?

President-Elect Trump made a stack of campaign promises, as tall as Trump Tower, to his most ardent and gullible supporters, with the most important promise being job creation. I sincerely hope that he succeeds in producing good paying jobs for those that placed all their trust in him. After all, I know that what these disenfranchised people really desire is rewarding work that pays a living wage for a happy and dignified life.

Between automation and an obstinate Republican controlled Congress, which is bought and paid for by corporate oligarchs that profit handsomely through outsourcing of jobs, I would count on neither the ripping up nor modification of any free trade

deals nor the return of manufacturing jobs to America anytime soon. Trump's best hope for putting angry citizens back to work is

supporters against the Oligarchy, the Republican Party establishment, and Right Wing Media truly be out of the question if Trump doesn't fulfill his biggest promise; particularly once it finally occurs to them that they've been taken

### Making America Great Again

a found poem of Trump products & where they are made

- I. Bangladesh: shirts
- II. Canada: facial soap
- III. China: bath towels, body wash, ceramics & conditioners  
eyeglasses, kitchenware, laundry bags & light fixtures  
moisturizers, mirrors & neckties  
pens, pet collars & pet leashes  
shampoo, shirts, shower caps & suits
- IV. Germany: brass fittings
- V. Honduras: shirts
- VI. India: sport coats
- VII. Indonesia: neckties
- VIII. Mexico: suits
- IX. Netherlands: vodka
- X. Turkey: furniture
- XI. Slovenia: barware
- XII. Vietnam: neckties & shirts
- XIII. United States of America:  
"Make America Great Again" campaign hats

W. D. Ehrhart

a massive nation-wide infrastructure revitalization initiative which was anathema to and a nonstarter for Republicans during all eight years of the Obama Administration. Furthermore, I am confident that Congressional Republicans will convince their new patsy, Trump that his first priority will need to be enormous tax cuts for the wealthy, instead of taxing the wealthy to fund the revitalization of infrastructure.

So, I ask, would a French Revolution by Trump's most staunchest

advantage of and forgotten, again, and they come to the realization that it never really was the fault of minorities, immigrants, Muslims, women, liberals or the LGBTQ community?

Wayne H. Merritt  
Dover, N.H.

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### Antrim Colonized by Capital

To the Editor:

The New Hampshire Community Rights Network (NHCRN) was established as communities within New Hampshire enacted

local rights-based laws to elevate their rights over corporate claimed "rights," and protect themselves from harmful corporate projects. NHCRN was founded to educate and empower communities and elected officials about our individual and collective right to local self-governance in order 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.

NHCRN believes that sustainable environmental and economic development can be achieved only when the people affected by governing decisions are the ones who make such decisions. When for-profit corporations, such as Eolian Renewable Energy LLC and Walden Green Energy LLC, through Antrim Wind LLC, force projects into communities against the will of the people who are impacted, they are violating the rights of the people to collectively decide what happens, where they live.

Eolian Renewable Energy and Walden Green Energy's decision to move forward with the Antrim Wind project reveals the corporation's determination to exercise its "right" to profit at the cost of community rights to protect their own health, safety and welfare, economic sustainability, and natural environment. Antrim residents impacted by the proposed Antrim Wind project have overwhelmingly expressed opposition to this project throughout the SEC hearing process. Expressed support for the Antrim Wind project by the selectmen, in the face of significant opposition from residents, does not constitute community support.

Eolian Renewable Energy and Walden Green Energy plan to use the Town of Antrim as resource colony for profit. NHCRN assists communities in elevating their right to protect themselves and the places they live, for the sake



of the health, safety and welfare of residents, local economies, and environmental sustainability.

The State is charged with protecting people's rights — the most fundamental of all being the right to local community self-government, which is the right of people to collectively decide what happens where they live. NHCRN is opposed to the Antrim Wind project because the residents affected by this project must have the authority to make the final governing decision as to whether or not it moves forward, not appointed officials in board rooms miles away.

Michelle Sanborn, NHCRN Coordinator  
Alexandria, N.H.

Michelle:

We scanned a transcript of a local public hearing. The majority of the speakers appeared to favor the project. Could you could steer us to evidence of local opposition?

The Editor

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### Save the Planet — Divest UNH

To the Editor:

The University of New Hampshire should lead by divesting their endowment of its \$6-15 million in carbon industry stocks to help change our destructive carbon culture, prevent a geoengineering attempt, and to protect exposure from the carbon industry's stranded assets.

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Ephemera

by William Marvel

It is now a quarter of a century since I stood at the kitchen window with my father, who was then expressing his disbelief that 50 years had already passed since the attack on Pearl Harbor. It was the watershed event of his life, although he was not there. He was in Philadelphia that day, getting married to my mother, but he had just returned from several years' service in the Seventh Fleet — all over the Pacific, in the Philippines, and up and down the coast of China and Indochina. His last station before heading home had been Manila, which came under attack the day after Pearl Harbor. A couple of his former shipmates from the USS New Mexico died on Battleship Row at Pearl, aboard the Arizona and the West Virginia.

Pearl Harbor decided my father's future for him. He had joined the Navy more than nine years before, after the Depression scuttled his college ambitions, but in December of 1941 he was on his way home, ready to resume civilian life. When news of the

Japanese attack reached the East Coast he reported to the Philadelphia Navy Yard instead of continuing on to Conway, and within months he was going back through the Panama Canal to the Pacific. Except for a year or so in the middle of the war, he remained there until after the bombs fell on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. By the time the war was over he had invested too many years and had attained too high a rank to quit, and he did not retire for another decade, when it was time for me to begin grammar school.

No wonder, then, that every year as December 7 approached he grew pensive. At least it helped him to remember his wedding anniversary, and he always came home with a present.

Over the past century and a half there has been a galvanizing moment like that for each generation. For mine it was the Kennedy assassination, and for millennials it will always be the twin towers. My grandfather, who was 25 in 1898, undoubtedly remembered the Maine for the rest of his days. His own father probably never forgot the excitement following word of

the bombardment of Fort Sumter and Lincoln's call for troops — which he almost immediately answered, despite coming from a family of slaveholders who had voted against Lincoln.

It would be difficult to name any event that burned itself so deeply into the public memory before about 1860, because such collective recollection required not only a crucially important and transforming incident but also speedy communications. Vast numbers of people had to learn pivotal news at about the same time, and share the shock almost simultaneously. The telegraph alerted entire cities of epic events within hours, and newspapers spread it across the whole country within a day or two. Radio distributed information even faster, and television added the dramatic impact of visual imagery. In 1941, the public had to go to movie theaters for newsreel footage of the results of the Japanese attack; in 1963 we just went home from school to see Walter Cronkite reporting Kennedy's death. Sixty years after Pearl Harbor, hikers on the Appalachian Trail were about

the only Americans who could avoid learning momentous news within minutes.

Today — a decade and a half after the terrorist attacks that transformed us from a nation of independent individualists into a mob of cringing cowards seeking authoritarian protectors — television sits in the pocket, trumping up hourly disasters. The perpetual competition for our attention leaves multitudes stumbling through life with their noses glued to their phones, addicted to the latest trivia on the latest calamity. Too impatient to wait for events worthy of coverage, news media report obsessively on the tragic and personal. If there is a child trapped under a collapsed building anywhere in the world, journalists real or imagined will jump on it and viewers will lap it up, instinctively turning to crowd-funding for a victim who has involuntarily enlisted their sympathy. Enthusiastic exploitation of spectacular acts of mayhem affords criminals disproportionate celebrity status, thus inspiring other losers to imitate them and perpetuating a profitable cycle of violence and

voyeurism. Each new piece of bad news is weighed for superlative potential with the same enthusiasm as sports records.

The day of once-in-a-generation news stories may be over. An incessant barrage of pathos turns media junkies tone-deaf to more important information, and robs them of the ability to anticipate the consequences. Our government engages in momentous activities so much more casually now that each venture blends into an endless succession of trifling ephemera. Congress no longer takes the responsibility of declaring war against a foreign power, instead allowing hawkish presidents to pursue gradual immersion in one injudicious and counterproductive quagmire after another — so long as the opponent seems weak enough to be beaten easily. No presidential plea for official belligerence mobilizes the population to participate, as it did in 1941. That probably accounts for the widespread indifference to our foreign frolics — which in turn helps explain their ultimate failure, even against the weak.

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man feared, revered, and respected nature with mystics using omens, deities, and demons to explain their elemental world. Our relationship with the environment changed after the single deity of the Abrahamic religions told man in the Book of Genesis to "rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." And it was so over the millennia since, with the civilized conquering the pagans, Mother Nature's resources becoming commodities, and the eventual

extraction of fossil fuels allowing us to no longer depend on nature's fire for warmth, water for mills, or wind for trade. Today's globalized world prioritizes free trade over carbon emission reductions with multinational corporations maximizing profits by exploiting cheap labor, easy energy sources, and lax regulations. To avoid shifting paradigms, Exxon Mobile, the world's most profitable publically traded energy company which has been monetarily benefitting from internal cutting edge climate science for decades, has donated

millions towards geoengineering research.

Relying on mankind terraforming the earth to counter climate changes' rising temperatures not only reinforces our self-destructive tendencies, there will be no way to test the most daring engineering experiment in human history that is just as likely to make the planet less inhabitable. Solar Radiation Management, the preferred method, would inject particles into the stratosphere to reflect sunlight back into space similar too how sunlight scattering sul-

furic acid droplets blanket the globe after massive volcanic eruptions causing global temperatures to plummet, droughts, and mass starvation. Not only could the blue sky be dimmed, the stars our ancestors used to track migration patterns, harvest crops, and find our place in the heavens would be blocked. Worse, if America or Europe launched the effort Africa's and Asia's ensuing droughts would be biblical and stopping the artificially suppressed temperatures would unleash a cataclysmic heat wave. Even more

frightening, our atmosphere's runaway greenhouse effect would likely have begun before surviving governments launch simultaneous, independent, haphazard geoengineering attempts leading to either unknowable planetary reactions or preemptive strikes to prevent one another's efforts.

Geoengineering may remain science fiction if the carbon bubble bursts due to the planet's larger reserves, of more potent fossil fuels, having already been easily tapped. Carbon resources have plateaued with the industry using

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## What is the “Trump Fix”?

by Jim Hightower

Few Americans have ever heard of Tom Barrack, but he’s going to be a big, behind-the-scenes player in Trump’s Washington.

Indeed, Tom’s already a big player, literally in charge of parading The Donald into the White House. He chairs the presidential inaugural committee, overseeing everything from numerous balls to the swearing-in. The four-

day affair will, of course, be a Trumpean Spectacular, yet Barrack insists it won’t be outlandishly tacky. “The president-elect,” says Barrack, “wants this to be about the people.”

Sure, Tom — people like you.

Barrack, a long-time Trump pal, is a billionaire speculator who runs a myriad of Wall Street funds, real estate ventures, luxury resorts, and casinos. Unsurprisingly, his idea of “the people” turns out to be those

privileged ones who’ll buy the premium inaugural tickets that include access to His Excellency, Trump himself. Those tickets start at \$25,000. But that only gets you into the bleacher seats out in right field. For the platinum seats up in the luxurious owners’ suites, the price is a cool million bucks.

What does that buy? “An intimate dinner” with the new vice-president, Mike Pence; four tickets to a “Ladies Luncheon

with Ms. Trump and Ms. Pence; an elegant “Candlelight Dinner” with The Donald and his sidekick, Pence; the black-tie Inaugural Ball with Trump, Pence, Cabinet officials, and other governmental bigshots; four tickets for priority seats at the official swearing-in; and priority booking at select hotels — so you won’t have to mingle with commoners. Barrack expects to raise a record \$75 million from corporations and fat

cats wanting to endear themselves to the Trumpster.

Trump declared in his campaign that “nobody knows the system better than me, which is why I alone can fix it.” Yeah — and now we know the price for being in on “the fix.”

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more unconventional, technologically advanced, and far riskier methods to extract from smaller reserves, of less potent fossil fuels, in harder to reach places like the tar sands, Deepwater, and Arctic. These vastly more expensive industry assets are in danger of becoming liabilities because crude prices remain relatively low, the crude oil market values a barrel’s price off the least expensive tap that isn’t in production, and energy companies are only valued off the reserves they possess the rights to one-day extract. Further freighting investors, are the ranchers, farmers, and activists uniting against new carbon infrastructure projects with First Nations that still revere the natural world. While divestment does not affect share prices of profitable corporations, the number of private foundations, businesses, and universities that have divested from carbon has doubled in size over the past fifteen months, reaching \$5 trillion in portfolio assets to date.

By joining the divestment movement, the University of New Hampshire can help us achieve far simpler and actually viable climate change solutions that harness the natural fluctuations from the sun, wind, and oceans.

Josh Denton  
UNH, 2003  
Portsmouth, N.H.

## R.I.P., Judge Miles Lord

By John LaForge

Federal District Judge Miles Lord, who died Dec. 10 at age 97, could have given me 10 years once. Instead, the famously outspoken judge, who was well known for protecting ordinary people from corporate crime and pollution, used the anti-nuclear case a group of us argued before him to deliver a remarkably scornful condemnation of nuclear weapons and of the corruption that protects them.

On August 10, 1984, Barb Katt and I did more than \$36,000 damage to launch-control computers being built for Trident missile-firing submarines by Sperry Univac (now Unysis) in Eagan, Minnesota. It was the 9th in a series of 100 so-called Plowshares actions, one we’d planned for two years. After walking into the Sperry plant dressed in business suits, we used household hammers to smash two of the company’s missile-guidance computers then under construction. We “named” the wreckage by pouring blood over it because, as the philosopher Simone Weil said, “Nuclear weapons kill without being used by forcing people to starve.” We didn’t run away but waited for the

authorities, explaining to workers in the room that we’d disarmed part of the government’s first-strike nuclear war machinery. One worker said later as a trial witness, “I’ve heard the word ‘Trident’ but I don’t know what it means.”

We were charged with felony “depredation” and were convicted by a jury after a three-day trial. Facing a maximum of 10 years in prison, Barb and I urged Judge Lord to boldly denounce U.S. nuclear war preparations that were then common knowledge. Judge Lord then did exactly that.

With the federal government today proceeding with a \$1 trillion nuclear weapons modernization program, much like the one Ronald Reagan was overseeing in 1984, Judge Lord’s stunning critique of criminal corporate militarism is as relevant as ever. These are [excerpts of] the judge’s sentencing remarks from the bench, as reported in the official transcript:

“It is the allegation of these young people that they committed the acts here complained of as a desperate plea to the American people and its government to stop the military madness which they sincerely believe will destroy us all, friend and enemy alike.

“They have made a plausible argument that international law prohibits what our country is doing by way of manufacturing weapons of mass destruction.

“As I ponder over the punishment to be meted out to these two people who were attempting to unbuild weapons of mass destruction, we must ask ourselves: Can it be that those of us who build weapons to kill are engaged in a more sanctified endeavor than those who would by their acts attempt to counsel moderation and mediation as an alternative method of settling international disputes? ...

“The anomaly of this situation is that I am here called upon to punish two individuals who were charged with having caused damage to the property of a corporation in the amount of \$36,000. It is this self-same corporation which only a few months ago was before me accused of having wrongfully embezzled from the U.S. government the sum of \$3.6 million. The employees of this company succeeded in boosting the corporate profits by wrongfully and feloniously juggling the books. Since these individuals were all employees of a corporation, it appears that it did

not occur to anyone in the office of the Attorney General of the United States that the actions of these men constituted a criminal conspiracy for which they might be punished. The government demanded only that Sperry pay back a mere 10 percent of the amount by which the corporation had been unlawfully enriched. ...

“I am also called upon to determine the amount of restitution that is to be required by the two individuals who have done damage to the property of Sperry. The financial information obtained by the probation office indicated that neither of the defendants owes any money to anyone. While Ms. Katt has no assets, Mr. LaForge is comparatively well endowed. He owns a 1968 Volkswagen, a guitar, a sleeping bag, and \$200 in cash. ...

“It is also difficult for me to equate the sentence I here give you — for destroying \$36,000 worth of property, because you have been charged — with those who stole \$3.6 million worth of property and were not charged, demoted, or in any way punished. My conscience is clear. We will adjourn the Court.”

[LaForge and Katt were given six months suspended, and six months unsupervised probation.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| <p><b>1989</b>—Romania celebrates Christmas with the firing squad execution of former President Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife Elena.</p> <p><b>1984</b>—A Robinson R22 flying 500 feet over Huntsville, Ala., goes bang, falls apart, and plummets to earth, killing the pilot and a passenger.</p> <p><b>1978</b>—At Plymouth, Mass., four Santa Clauses climb the fence at a nuke plant and get arrested.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—Marshall Fields, wearing Arab garb, crashes a Chevy Impala through the White House fence and up to the North Portico. Four hours later he surrenders.</p> <p><b>1956</b>—In Birmingham, Ala., civil rights activist Fred Shuttlesworth survives the bombing of his home.</p> <p><b>1951</b>—In Mims, Fla., a bomb explodes under the home of NAACP leaders Harry T. and Harriette Moore on the night of their 25th anniversary. Both die, no one is indicted; the state concludes 55 years later that four long-dead Klansmen did it.</p> <p><b>1946</b>—Demonstors at the White House demand the release of jailed conscientious objectors.</p> <p><b>1868</b>—President Andrew Johnson issues unconditional pardons for all those involved in the “Southern Rebellion.”</p> <p><b>1914</b>—German and British troops leave trenches, sing Christmas carols, shake hands, and share smokes.</p> <p><b>1802</b>—In Portsmouth, N.H., 132 buildings are destroyed by fire.</p> | <p><b>2004</b>—A massive tsunami kills 300,000 around the Indian Ocean.</p> <p><b>1996</b>—JonBenet Ramsey is found murdered and inexplicably gets more press than the other 1,499 kids murdered this year.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—The Supreme Soviet meets and dissolves the USSR.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—Disgruntled Vietnam Vets occupy the Statue of Liberty.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—“American troops are the defense, protection and salvation not only of our country, but, I believe, of civilization itself,” says Cardinal Spellman.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—An apparently confused <i>Time Magazine</i> bestows upon “The Younger Generation” the title “Man of the Year.”</p> <p><b>1919</b>—Harry Frazee sells Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—Pres. Woodrow Wilson orders U.S. railroads seized for the duration of the war.</p> <p><b>1913</b>—Disgruntled Civil War vet Ambrose Bierce writes his last published lines before disappearing behind Mexican lines.</p> <p><b>1908</b>—Jack Johnson beats Tommy Burns in 14, becoming the first black heavyweight champ.</p> <p><b>1862</b>—In the largest hanging in U.S. history, 39 Santee Lakota Sioux meet their ends.</p> <p><b>1787</b>—An anti-Federalist mob armed with barrel staves attacks and nearly kills Constitution-framer James Wilson.</p> | <p><b>1986</b>—In San Diego, on-duty Highway Patrolman Craig Alan Peyer strangles Cara Evelyn Knott.</p> <p><b>1981</b>—Justice William H. Rehnquist checks into a hospital to kick his Placidyl Jones and the consequent “distorted perceptions.”</p> <p><b>1978</b>—After 40 years of dictatorship, Spain becomes a democracy.</p> <p><b>1929</b>—Leon Trotsky goes into exile from the USSR.</p> <p><b>1908</b>—Twenty followers of grocer and revelator Lee Spangler wait on South Mountain in Nyack, N.Y., for the world to end. It doesn't.</p> <p><b>1900</b>—Carrie Nation hatchets-up her first saloon, at the Carey Hotel, in Wichita, Kan.</p> <p><b>1895</b>—In Bill Curtis's St. Louis saloon, William “Billy” Lyons foolishly — and fatally — grabs “Stagger Lee” Shelton's Stetson hat.</p> <p><b>1827</b>—Georgia passes a law proclaiming “the lands of Georgia belong to her absolutely. The Indians are tenants at her will.” Indulgent legislators wait three whole years before requiring Indians to relocate west of the Mississippi.</p> <p><b>1763</b>—Fifty armed men enter the Lancaster, Pa. workhouse, hack the last 14 living Conestoga Indians to death, and ride into the sunset.</p> <p><b>1739</b>—A large crowd gathers to witness New Hampshire's first executions: Sarah Simpson and Penelope Kenny are hanged in Portsmouth for infanticide.</p> | <p><b>2013</b>—Congress ends long-term unemployment benefits to 1.3 million Americans, damaging the economy to the tune of an estimated 240,000 jobs.</p> <p><b>1986</b>—Terry Dolan, Republican critic of gay rights, dies of AIDS.</p> <p><b>1984</b>—A Soviet missile accidentally launched towards Germany is destroyed in flight.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—The Akron, Ohio Chamber of Commerce denounces the Soap Box Derby as a cheat and a fraud.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—At the White House, 88 Vietnam veterans are arrested for protesting the war.</p> <p><b>1948</b>—A DC-3 with 32 on board disappears en route to Florida from Puerto Rico, in an area soon known as the Bermuda Triangle.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—Congress recognizes the “Pledge of Allegiance,” authored by Christian Socialist Francis Bellamy.</p> <p><b>1936</b>—Sit-down strikers close Cleveland's General Motors plant.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—H.L. Mencken publishes a phony history of the bathtub, now widely accepted as gospel.</p> <p><b>1895</b>—The Lumiere brothers screen the first commercial film.</p> <p><b>1879</b>—As stagecoach driver “One-Eyed Charlie” Parkhurst, 67, is prepared for burial in Watsonville, Calif, it becomes clear that he was a she — namely, Charlotte Parkhurst, born in Lebanon, N.H. in 1812.</p> <p><b>1832</b>—Vice President John C. Calhoun resigns to fight for “a perfect good”—slavery.</p> <p><b>1813</b>—The Brits burn Buffalo, N.Y.</p> | <p><b>2006</b>—The UK pays the last \$100,000,000 of its WW II debt to the U.S.</p> <p><b>1989</b>—Vaclav Havel becomes President of Czechoslovakia.</p> <p><b>1975</b>—Eleven people are killed and 74 wounded when a bomb explodes in a storage locker at LaGuardia Airport. The crime remains unsolved.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—Operation Linebacker II, which R. Nixon will call “my terrible personal ordeal,” ends. U.S. losses: 15 downed B-52s, 12 other aircraft, 43 KIA, &amp; 49 POWs.</p> <p><b>1930</b>—Fred Newton arrives at New Orleans after swimming 1,826 miles down the Mississippi.</p> <p><b>1916</b>—After he is poisoned, stabbed, beaten, shot three times, and thrown unconscious into the freezing Neva River, the Russian Tsarina Alexandra's favorite faith-healer Grigori Yefimovich Rasputin dies by drowning.</p> <p><b>1890</b>—At Wounded Knee, the Seventh Cavalry use artillery on the Oglala Sioux, kill 300, and win 18 Medals of Honor.</p> <p><b>1876</b>—A poorly-designed, uninspected railroad bridge collapses in Ashtabula, Ohio, killing 92.</p> <p><b>1837</b>—In Buffalo, N.Y., Canadian militiamen burn the U.S.S. <i>Carolina</i>, which has been caught running guns to revolutionaries.</p> <p><b>1835</b>—Cherokees ink the Treaty of New Echota, to their chagrin.</p> <p><b>1813</b>—The Brits burn Buffalo, N.Y.</p> | <p><b>2009</b>—A Jordanian MD turns suicide bomber, killing 7 CIA officers and two others at FOB Chapman, named for the first American to die in the Afghan war.</p> <p><b>2006</b>—Saddam Hussein's inelegant demise is captured by cellphone.</p> <p><b>1995</b>—In Brookline, Mass., John Salvi lives out his “pro-life” creed by killing two health care workers.</p> <p><b>1978</b>—The House Select Committee on Assassinations concludes that conspirators “probably” helped kill JFK and MLK.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—Dan Ellsberg is indicted for releasing the truth.</p> <p><b>1952</b>—The Tuskegee Institute reports the end of the first lynching-free year since 1881.</p> <p><b>1947</b>—Irgun fighters kill six Arabs and wound 42 in a grenade attack at a Haifa oil refinery. Arabs retaliate by beating 39 Jews to death.</p> <p><b>1936</b>—The GM sit-down strike spreads from Cleveland to Flint.</p> <p><b>1935</b>—Italian bombers, two piloted by sons of Il Duce, drop mustard gas on a Red Cross unit in Ethiopia.</p> <p><b>1924</b>—Edwin Hubble announces that there are other galaxies.</p> <p><b>1922</b>—The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is established.</p> <p><b>1912</b>—Lee Humiston, riding an Excelsior, becomes the first man to achieve 100 mph on a motorcycle.</p> <p><b>1905</b>—Idaho's former Governor Frank Steunenberg is assassinated with a bomb.</p> | <p><b>1997</b>—Quaker Oats pays \$1.8 million to settle a lawsuit over their secret feeding of radioactive oatmeal to developmentally-disabled kids.</p> <p><b>1995</b>—Bill and Monica enjoy a third tryst in a White House study.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—Congress repeals the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—Associated Milk Producers, Inc. gets lower milk import quotas in exchange for a promised \$2 million bribe to the Nixon reelection campaign.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Brothers Dwight and Karl Armstrong steal a twin-engine Cessna in a failed attempt to bomb the Badger Army ammunition plant in Wisconsin.</p> <p><b>1947</b>—The Israeli paramilitary Hagannah kills 20 to 70 Arabs in retaliation for the previous days' Arab retaliation against the Irgun attack against Arabs at a Haifa refinery.</p> <p><b>1929</b>—“I see nothing in the present situation that is either menacing or warrants pessimism,” says Treasury Secretary Andrew W. Mellon.</p> <p><b>1904</b>—For the first time, a ball drops at midnight in Times Square to mark the New Year.</p> <p><b>1901</b>—End of the worst year for lynching in the 20th century; score: 105 blacks, 25 whites.</p> <p><b>1879</b>—Edison demonstrates the electric light bulb.</p> <p><b>1761</b>—Lydia (Hall) Fowle, wife of Daniel Fowle, dies in Portsmouth, aged 36.</p> |
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**2006**—Speaking to amputee vets of his Iraq War, George W.[MD] Bush says “I have an injury myself [from] combat with a cedar. I eventually won.”

**2006**—A pilot with “extremely high levels of methamphetamine” in his blood crashes a Robinson R44 in Grand Ridge, Fla. He and two others die in a fiery explosion; 576 feet closer to I-10, and it might have been worse.

**1996**—An undertaker in the mortuary of the Hinchingbroke Hospital in Cambridgeshire, England is surprised to hear Daphne Banks snoring—ten hours after she was declared dead.

**1995**—A laser sensor on an oil platform in the North Sea registers a wave over eighty feet high.

**1984**—Ma Bell is broken up into 22 smaller units. It seemed like a good idea at the time.

**1975**—Nixon cronies H.R. Halde-man, John Ehrlichman, John Mitchell, and Robert Mardian are convicted in the Watergate cover-up trial.

**1971**—From a makeshift studio in a Saigon brothel, Dave Rabbit's pirate station Radio First Termer debuts.

**1959**—Batista flees, and Fidel Castro takes over in Cuba.

**1781**—Mutinous Pennsylvania troops at Morristown, N.J., seeking back pay, seize artillery and march off to confront Congress.

**1300**—Pope Boniface VIII's Jubilee is such a popular success that dozens must be executed to bring the mob under control.

**1996**—At Bill Clinton's invitation, Monica Lewinsky drops by the Oval Office. They violate his marriage vows in the bathroom.

**1972**—During a one-hour interview on CBS, Richard Nixon tells Dan Rather that the bombing in Southeast Asia had been “very, very effective.” Next day in a note to Hank Kissinger, he tells the truth: “The result = zilch.”

**1970**—The Supreme Court nixes Gen. Hershey's effort to reclassify draft protestors 1-A.

**1967**—In Florida, 72 men are arrested, thwarting an invasion of Haiti financed by CBS in exchange for exclusive film rights of the landing.

**1962**—Outnumbered 4 to 1, vastly outgunned, with no helicopters or armor, 350 Viet Cong defeat U.S.-advised ARVN at Ap Bac.

**1946**—King Zog of Albania, the only head of state to have fired back at a would-be assassin, abdicates.

**1923**—As evidence of his corruption mounts, Interior Secretary Albert Fall resigns. President Harding then offers him a seat on the Supreme Court.

**1920**—U.S. Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer has thousands of alleged subversives arrested.

**1905**—The I.W.W., aka The Wobblies, “organize” in Chicago.

**1882**—Standard Oil reorganizes so as to allow John D. Rockefeller to keep his oil monopoly; laws be damned.

**1872**—Brigham Young is arrested for having 24 wives too many.

**2006**—Hotshot Republican lobbyist Jack Abramoff pleads guilty to 3 felony counts for defrauding Indian tribes and bribing officials.

**1990**—Manuel “The Pineapple” Noriega, formerly The Panamanian Strongman™, surrenders to the forces of *El Jefe*, George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush.

**1967**—Jack Ruby conveniently dies in prison while awaiting retrial.

**1966**—Ronald Reagan announces for Governorship of California, claiming it leads in bankruptcies and has 40% higher unemployment than the rest of the country, neither of which is true.

**1961**—In Idaho, three military technicians are killed in a steam explosion at a nuclear reactor.

**1955**—The U.S. government announces that over 3,000 federal employees have been sacked to quell Joe McCarthy's fears.

**1943**—Ball turret gunner SSgt. Alan Magee escapes without a parachute from a doomed B-17, falls 22,000 feet, and crashes through the roof of a St. Nazaire railroad station. He dies in 2003 at the age of 84.

**1924**—Grave robber/archaeologist Howard Carter goes onto Tutankhamen's gold coffin.

**1892**—J.R.R. Tolkien is born in Orange Free State, Africa.

**1891**—L. Frank Baum, writing in the Aberdeen (S.D.) *Saturday Pioneer*, calls for the “total extermination” of Native Americans.

**2008**—Five Iranian small boats approach three Navy warships in the Gulf of Hormuz. The Navy mistakes a crazed ham radio operator's “You will explode” for a real threat.

**1991**—A Robinson R22 flying over Hukerenui, New Zealand makes “a loud noise,” sheds its main rotors, and plummets to earth. The pilot and a passenger perish in a fireball.

**1987**—Tom Stevens becomes the 1st man to bike round the world.

**1971**—George Mellendorf, in Vietnam, mails a letter to the White House complaining of slow mail delivery. His answer arrives in 1978.

**1965**—The Free Speech Movement holds its first legal rally.

**1958**—In a New York cab, ex-Commie, ex-McCarthy aide, and ex-editor of *Confidential* Howard Rushmore shoots his wife then himself.

**1958**—Sputnik burns on re-entry.

**1955**—The U.S. agrees to pay Japan for nuking the Marshall Islands.

**1933**—Farmers in Primghar, Iowa, throw a rope around a banker's neck and threaten to lynch him unless he promises to end foreclosures.

**1903**—Topsy the Killer Elephant is fitted with copper sandals, fed carrots laced with a pound of cyanide, and electrocuted by the owners of Luna Park at Coney Island. An Edison crew was on hand to film the fun.

**41 BC**—The Roman Emperor Caligula is murdered by his own troops, angry over unpaid wages.

**2011**—Shortly after he's sworn in, Rep. Frank Guinta [R-N.H.] assures David Koch that he'll attend a party being held for new employees Republican Congressmen.

**1987**—President Reagan produces the first trillion dollar budget. It includes a \$147 billion deficit.

**1986**—A Robinson R22 helicopter flying over Grenchen, Switzerland makes a noise “like ... a machine gun burst,” loses its tailboom, then crashes. The pilot and his wife die.

**1970**—Mine Workers Union presidential candidate Joe Yablonski is killed on orders of incumbent president “Tough” Tony Boyle.

**1968**—Feds indict Dr. Spock for expressing concern about the health of his ex-patients now in uniform.

**1942**—Mutual Broadcasting's John B. Hughes begins an anti-Japanese-American radio campaign that results in the establishment of U.S. concentration camps.

**1937**—The Abraham Lincoln Brigade is formed to fight fascism—“prematurely,” some say.

**1914**—Henry Ford establishes the 8 hour day and \$5/day pay.

**1825**—As Alexander Dumas fights his first duel, his pants fall down.

**1776**—New Hampshire ratifies the nation's first state constitution.

**1781**—Former American General Benedict Arnold assists the British in the burning and plundering of Richmond, Virginia.

**2006**—George W.[MD] Bush signs a DoD appropriations bill including \$20 million for a celebration of “success” in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**2005**—A wrongly-set railroad switch causes a 2:40 a.m. train wreck in Graniteville, S.C. Sixty tons of chlorine gas escape, killing nine immediately and one months later.

**1986**—One dies, 100 are injured in an accident at Kerr-McGee's nuclear fuel plant in Oklahoma.

**1970**—The Supreme Court OKs suppression of an anti-war underground newspaper at Fort Bragg, N.C.

**1960**—A DC-6 crashes in North Carolina, brought down by a dynamite bomb. The case is still open.

**1946**—Thousands of active-duty GIs in the Philippines attempt to storm Headquarters in protest of slow re-deployment back to the U.S.

**1944**—RIP Ida Tarbell, muckraker, in Bridgeport, Conn.

**1927**—Freelance executioner R. Elliot electrocutes three convicts in Charlestown, Mass., then three more in Sing Sing, N.Y.

**1927**—U.S. Marines invade Nicaragua. Again.

**1920**—Birth of future Man-O-God Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

**1895**—Ex-Queen Liliuokalani is arrested in Hawaii after a failed coup against Sanford Dole.

**1864**—The U.S. Army captures 11,000 Navajos, later force-marching them to Ft. Sumner, killing hundreds.

**2015**—Two brothers, Wahhabi extremists, kill 12 and wound 11 at *Charlie Hebdo's* offices in Paris.

**1999**—The U.S. Senate puts President Bill Clinton on trial for lying about his canoodling with a zaftig young intern. Chief prosecutor: Rep. (and adulterer) Henry Hyde [R-III].

**1998**—*The Washington Post* reports that George H.[H.]W. Bush's repeated denials notwithstanding, the Veep was in fact present at meetings about arms sales to Iran.

**1980**—San Francisco honors the 100th anniversary of the death of Emperor Norton I with a party.

**1970**—Woodstock, N.Y. farmer Max Yasgur is sued by his neighbors for damages resulting from his entertaining over 500,000 guests.

**1969**—*Look* magazine calls Jimi Hendrix a “menace to public health.”

**1943**—Nicola Tesla dies in obscurity in New York City.

**1929**—The comic strip “Buck Rogers” makes its debut.

**1927**—The Harlem Globetrotters play their first game.

**1920**—Five socialists are expelled from the New York Assembly.

**1903**—Birth of Zora Neale Hurston, famous black female writer during Harlem Renaissance, maid in the 1950s.

**1806**—Cherokees in Tennessee and Alabama cede 7,000 square miles of land to whites, in return for which they are not killed.



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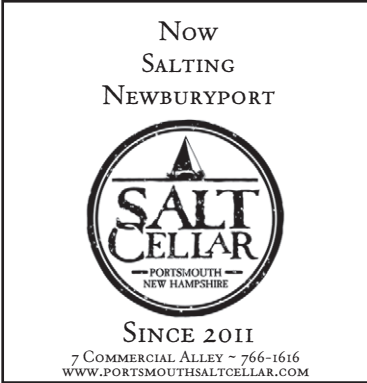
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