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Grab Me! I'm Free!

The Fortnightly Rant

Where are we going in such a hurry? And why are we in this handbasket?

ying awake at 4:00 a.m., pon-✓dering how in the world to frame an amusing rant around a cartoon showing Earth plunging into Hades, it eventually became obvious that the only viable option would be a stirring exhortation.

Rummaging around in a dusty corner of the cerebrum, we stumbled across an old favorite, Number 402. It looked worn, but still serviceable: "However dire the circumstance, look for something that can be done to improve the situation, no matter how slightly."

The trick to acting upon that principle, of course, is, that as your circumstances become more dire, the sharper your knife must be—success may depend on just how thinly you can slice the word "improve."

On opening the papers, we were quickly reminded of a peculiarity of these times: compared to reading the daily news, sometimes nightmares are more restful. Even the average idiot should be able to see that the global climate has gone completely off the rails.

More than 100 fires are burning across the country right now. The Carr Fire, in Redding, in Northern California, has turned 207,000 acres to ash. Another 29,000 acres and it will have covered as much ground as New Hampshire's Strafford County.

In Orange County, 500 miles south of Redding, Supervisor Todd Spitzer asked in seeming despair, "Who would go out with low humidity, and high wind and highest heat temperatures this time of year and intentionally set the forest on fire? We know this district burns, but it should never burn because of an intentional act. This shouldn't be called the Holy Jim Fire, this should be called the Holy Hell Fire."

We Americans needn't feel singled out. Fires have been burning out of control all over the northern hemisphere. In Sweden, even the Arctic Circle is on fire.

Firefighters everywhere are reaching the limits of their endurance, even as the natural world seems to be reaching limits of its own. A member of the London Fire Brigade was trying to rescue a turquoise and yellow macaw from a rooftop—what act could be more innocent and benign?—when the bird screeched at him, "F_k off!"

Sixty years ago Wallace Stegner wrote Beyond The Hundredth Meridian: John Wesley Powell and the second opening of the west. Pick it up for the thrilling tale of how a one-armed Civil War veteran successfully took three boats down the uncharted canyons of the Colorado River. Keep on reading for the illuminating narrative of how he later tried to educate Americans about the nature of the land that they were in the process of stealing. East of the hundredth meridian, Powell's data showed, a good and careful farmer might have a chance of succeeding without irrigation. West of it? Forget about it.

The record suggests there's nothing innovative about greed: legislators blocked his wise proposals fearing they would inhibit growth. Vast resources were squandered and great opportunities lost. Apparently greed is not as innovative as we're being told.

This summer scientists announced that the demarcation line between arable and arid lands has shifted about 140 miles to the east. The scientists couldn't say it, so we will: the desertification of the nation's breadbasket is due to the con-



tinuation of those short-sighted 19th century policies and to newer ones from successive generations of similarly-minded fools.

Formerly-cautious scientists are now practically shouting at us—"Wake the bleep up!" The accumulated mass of alarming climate reporting should by now have convinced any human being with sufficient intelligence to have reached adulthood that the system is seriously out of whack.

Instead of a reasoned debate about which constructive efforts might be most effective, we have rallies at which the Demented Egomaniac-in-Chief leads a jeering squad of the deluded in an extended version of Orwell's Two Minutes Hate.

His targets, as ever, are members of the media—the one occupation enshrined in the Constitution, and an essential tool for keeping politicians even vaguely honest—and some of them are making sure that their audiences have daily opportunities to watch the fun.

Recently, the goons at the alleged President's own personal Ministry of Truth (not to be confused even with bad corporate media) have rolled out a fresh new productnow more deprayed than ever, and with extra added paranoia: "Special Counsel Robert Mueller is a greater threat to the United States than Vladimir Putin."

Remember Todd Spitzer, the guy who asked who set Orange County on fire?

County police say it was Forrest Gordon Clark. Clark's social media posts tout the QAnon theory, according to which there's a child pedophile ring—which Mueller's trying to protect by taking down Trump. It's not enough that coal and oil turned the world into tinder by wrecking the atmosphere—now its propagandists are handing out matches.

As if all this were not perverse enough, we still think it's mostly a sideshow. The real dirty work is being done in plain sight. It's just too

mundane to compete for our atten-

A few random samples of crimes going by too fast to register: the Defense Department—run by Jim Mattis, who's supposed by many to be a relatively good guy—just made it easier for car dealers to sell "the troops" unnecessary insurance for inflated prices; the Treasury Department—run by billionaire banker Steve Mnuchin—just issued a ruling that hands bankers a huge tax break, by declaring that "financial services" do not include banking; and, the EPA has loosened its rules against using carcinogenic asbestos in building materials, even as Russia has begun marketing the stuff in packages bearing Trump's face. Lord, that's depressing

Oops—almost forgot the exhortation: "Our swing voter is not red to blue, it's nonvoter to voter," says Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who, outspent \$17.50 to \$1, galvanized New York's 14th District and is calling for a Green New Deal.

The Alleged News®

It all makes perfect sense, in a perverse and unsettling way

A seems a bit bizarre, but in context it makes perfect sense.

It was recently revealed by the non-profit news organization *Pro*-Publica that the federal government's second largest department is being overseen by a secret troika of old white men. No one had ever heard of them, and none of them had ever been through a screening process of any sort.

One other thing is conspicuously absent: time spend wearing the uniform of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard.

Their only known qualification is that they each pay \$200,000 a year for the privilege of hanging out at the President's tacky Florida club

Compounding the perversity of this situation, the department in

t first glance the situation question is responsible for providing health care and other benefits to a subset of the citizenry who, though generally treated with fawning reverence by the civilian public, and universally acclaimed as heroes by the corporate media, are actually just cannon fodder in an imperial global war—the permanence of said war being recently acknowledged by the start of work on a formal memorial, though there is still no end in sight.

The name of the leader of this troika may be unfamiliar to the American public, but his day job is known throughout the world: Ike Perlmutter is the Chairman of the Marvel Universe. In a perverse twist of a stock comic book plot, Perlmutter and his two sidekicks, Bruce Moskowitz, concierge doctor to the über-wealthy, and Marc Sherman, some lawyer, are the shadowy figures who steer the action from behind the scenes. Congressionally-confirmed officials and career professionals can either follow their direction, or get out of the way.

ProPublica interviewed former officials to develop the story, and relied on hundreds of documents acquired through the Freedom of Information Act. *ProPublica*:

"The Mar-a-Lago Crowd spoke with VA officials daily, the documents show, reviewing all manner of policy and personnel decisions. They prodded the VA to start new programs, and officials travelled to Mar-a-Lago at taxpayer expense to hear their views. Everyone has to go down and kiss the ring,'a former administration official said.

"If the bureaucracy resists the trio's wishes, Perlmutter has a powerful ally: The President of the United States. Trump and Perlmutter regularly talk on the phone and dine

together when the president visits Mar-a-Lago. "On any veterans issue, the first person the president calls is Ike," another former official said. Former administration officials say that VA leaders who were at odds with the Mar-A-Lago Crowd were pushed out or passed over. Included, those officials say, were the secretary (whose ethical lapses also played a role), deputy secretary, chief of staff, acting under secretary for health, deputy under secretary for health, chief information officer, and the director of electronic health records modernization.

"At times, Perlmutter, Moskowitz and Sherman have created headaches for VA officials because of their failure to follow government rules and processes. In other cases, they used their influence in ways that could benefit their private interests. They say they never sought or

received any financial gain for their advice to the VA.

"The arrangement is without parallel in modern presidential history. The Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 provides a mechanism for agencies to consult panels of outside advisers, but such committees are subject to cost controls, public disclosure and government oversight. Other presidents have relied on unofficial 'kitchen cabinets,' but never before have outside advisers been so specifically assigned to one agency. During the transition, Trump handed out advisory roles to several rich associates, but they've all since faded away. The Mar-a-Lago Crowd, however, has deepened its involvement in the VA."

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Hot Rod of the Year

Building the little beauty in the photo below took John and Doria Heath, of Eliot, Maine "five years and five days, from the day we bought the cab until we registered it," John said—"and that includes a minor heart attack and building a house."The Heaths "drive the heck" out of their little creation, which they finished four years ago.

The frame began life as a Ford Model TT. That's no typo—it's what Ford called their one-ton trucks between 1917 and 1927.

"A guy named Carlton had a junkyard in the woods in Kittery, for, like, a million years," John said. "Wicked nice guy. He had a lot of old stuff. I asked him, 'How much for the frame Carlton?

"Would \$25 be too much?' he said. I said, how about \$100?"

The motor is a '48 Ford flathead with Edelbrock cylinder heads. The exhaust headers are fabricated out of early Ford driveshafts.

The cab is from a '48 Mercury pickup—it's the same as a Ford, but it was sold in Canada. They got it for \$200. It's been narrowed, chopped, and sectioned. The roof came off a

Chevy pickup, for a lower profile. The dash is from a '49 Packard, narrowed down to fit. The seats are out of a Daimler SP250, and the center console—John said as both laughed—is out of a Prius.

The radiator shell was a gift from a friend. "He was up in the Allagash, hunting moose," John said, "and he found this grill shell in the wood, and he dragged it out for me. It turned out to come from a 1948 or 1947 Oliver bulldozer. I changed it a lot, to make it look like it came from a sprint car. He goes to me, John, if I shot a moose, you wouldn't have had that, cause I'd of had to drag the moose out."

Black Heritage Trail Acquires New Home

In a building overlooking the North Cemetery, where many of Portsmouth's first Black residents were buried in the 18th century, the closing for the new home of the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire (BHT-NH) took place. The sale of 222 Court Street by Attorney Jack McGee to BHT-NH was finalized on Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

Board member Angela Matthews, who was instrumental in finding a home for the BHT-NH's planned interpretive and visitors center, was



thrilled that the location overlooked a historic site in Portsmouth's inclusive history.

"Just outside the window there are the graves of some of Portsmouth's colonial African American residents, including Prince and Dinah Whipple. The ancestors are celebrating with us as we make this historic act, to create a permanent home to celebrate New Hampshire's Black history and share the forgotten stories."

Attorney Jack McGee sold the property to the BHT-NH, which plans to move into the space at the end of the year. Karen Bouffard of The Real Estate Market facilitated the transaction.

"It was interesting that when I first met with Angela Matthews and board president Reverend Robert Thompson to show them potential properties for the BHT-NH headquarters and interpretive center, it was a frigid cold January day," said Bouffard. "I never would have thought at that moment we would be in the heat of July buying the perfect building for their new home!"

Julie McConnell, from the Com-

munity Loan Fund (CLF), was thrilled that her organization was part of the transaction.

"The 222 Court Street building positions the BHT-NH for the future. This is an example of various parts of the community working together for the greater good and to further the mission of the BHT-NH. This is where the CLF is at its best—when the missions of different organizations come together to make something wonderful like this happen."

Reverend Robert Thompson was the official signatory for the BHT-NH at the closing.

"I am so very grateful to the CLF and everyone of our Founding Donors who contributed in this project. Purchasing 222 Court Street for a home for the BHT-NH, to share the history of New Hampshire's African American heritage, is the culmination of the extraordinary roots of Valerie Cunningham's work to bring a more authentic interpretation of history. Today, I am incredibly grateful to be part of this project."

JerriAnne Boggis, executive di-

rector of the BHT-NH, said, "To borrow the words of Maya Angelou, 'I come as one and I stand as 10,000'. We have everyone who came before us rejoicing with us on this momentous day."

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On the Bent Back of a Black Giant

After an item like the one just above, duty compels us to repeat, not just for the benefit of those who may not know, but to remind ourselves, as well—this newspaper was built on, and would not now exist, had it not been for an enslaved African man. Historically called Primus, we now call him Primus X, in recognition of the name stolen from him. To the extent that New Hampshire and the nation have benefited from the existence of this newspaper, it owes a debt to him. His forced labor, pulling for decades on the bar of a wooden common press, helped this province, and then this state, to flourish. For that effort he got his daily bread, and a back so bent he could not stand straight.

Rest in power, Primus.

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We never used to have a Hot Rod of the Year award, but we had never seen this little beauty, either. Love those suicide doors. John and Doria Heath, of Eliot, Maine, tell us a little bit about building this rig (see above).

"Hope has two daughters. Their names are anger and courage; anger at the way things are, and courage to see that they do not remain the way they are."

— St. Augustine

— Not-So-Random Thoughts from an Oregon Subscriber



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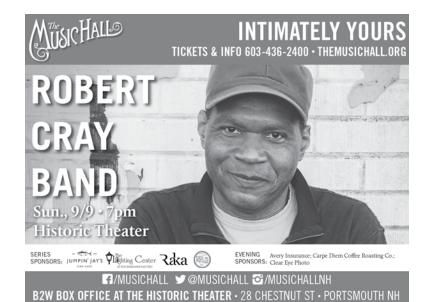
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Will Noisy Bikers Get Comeuppance?

After decades of accommodation bordering on indulgence, during which practitioners of performative rebellion went from mere appropriation of certain public parking spaces through customary usage, to official accommodation in the form of specially-marked spaces, the Market Square biker crowd now finds its privileges in question, thanks to the behavior of its most obnoxious members.

The City's Parking and Safety Committee put the issue on its August 2nd agenda, prompted, according to news reports, by "complaints about motorcycles spoiling downtown café experiences." Due to its immediate proximity, one assumes that the café in question is the one that was formerly known as Brioche.

A draft proposal on the committee's agenda would have "Relocate[d] motorcycle parking spaces in Market Square from east side of Pleasant Street to the west side of Pleasant Street"—a seemingly minor change, were it not for one of those devilish details: across the street sits the North Church.

That church's Moderator, Liz Good, and its Deacon, Caroline McMullin, both spoke against the proposed change during the meeting's public comment period. Good noted that the congregation now uses the holy edifice three days a week for a variety of programs, one of them being on mindfulness and meditation.

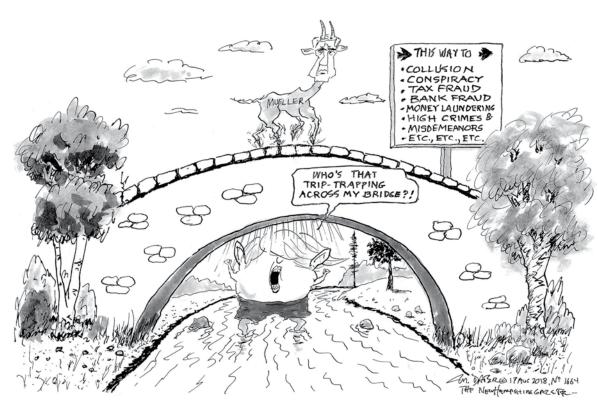
Demonstrating the value of institutional memory, Deacon Caroline McMullin, a lifelong member

of the Church, revealed the origin story of the bike-parking custom. "A few years ago," she said "we had the same issue about the motorcycles, and on which side of the street, and they were moved to the other side because of the fragility of the stained glass windows." Noting the iconic meaning of the church to the town, she expanded on the fragility of its windows.

"We've had experts look at them and they break easily. They are in need of a lot of repair now. People who come from all over the world are in awe of our stained glass windows. They have a huge historic meaning and we would hate to have anything happen to them. We can't open every window because they are so fragile. They open out into the square and any noise comes right through into the building. It would be very difficult for us to have a quality program in there if there were motorcycles going. The noise and the combustion from the motorcycles would hurt those windows. I would hope you would not allow that to happen."

The gentle admonitions of the church ladies appeared to win the day: when the proposal came under New Business, City Manager John Bohenko moved, and the committee voted, to table it so that staff could more fully explore the options suggested by the public.

During the discussion, Alternate Member Ralph DiBernardo asked that Police Captain Frank Warchol "explain the state restrictions on the noise issue and the equipment, because there's a perception that the



police can stop a noisy motorcycle and check it out, or have a [checkpoint, as they sometimes do for impaired driving] and it's not the case." Warchol obliged.

"What's important to know," Captain Warchol said, "is that with motorcycles and motorcycle noise, motorcycle noise is specifically governed by decibel levels by the State of New Hampshire, and that's the only specific kind of noise that is governed by state law.

"If a motorcycle fires up in the Square, it may be loud, you may think it's loud, or you hear that it is loud, a police officer cannot just walk up to that motorcycle and say I want to test your bike.' We cannot do that. By state law we cannot do that.

"In order for us to test a motorcycle, a couple of things need to occur. The motorcycle itself has to commit a violation in order for us to stop the vehicle itself: if it runs a stop sign, if

it's not inspected, if it has a headlight out, if it has a taillight out. These are equipment laws that allow us to stop a motorcycle. Speeding is another one.

"So, we stop that motorcycle for violating that law, and at that point we can test their pipes. What's important also to know is the restrictions that are involved when testing the motorcycle's exhaust system."

Warchol then spent most of a minute reading a portion of the statute governing motorcycle exhaust noise. RSA 266:59-a, being read aloud, is indistinguishable from the operating manual of the Saturn Five moon rocket [see sidebar, below].

"As you can see," he said, "that's pretty comprehensive. More importantly, New Hampshire state law is specific about how and where motorcycle noise should be measured: By a meter held at a 45° angle approximately 20 inches from the mo-

torcycle's exhaust pipe, in an open test area free of buildings, parked vehicles, signs, or other sound-reflecting objects." Unspoken but clear was the message that the law as written is unenforceable. In case anyone still didn't get the message, Warchol made it plainer still:

"That's written, New Hampshire state law. I know a lot of people are upset about the sound of motorcycles, but, if they want to see that type of major change, that has to be fought at the Concord level—the legislative level." Pending that miracle, the best the City can do is shuffle around a few parking spaces.

Out on the highway, with the wind in their thinning hair, riders of big, noisy bikes can still pretend they're free. If they're just lurking around Market Square, though, it turns out they're back in kindergarten, where a few peoples' misbehavior just spoils things for everyone.



A lesson from kindergarten comes back to haunt portly middle-aged bikers.

New Hampshire Revised Statute § 266:59-a (2015) 266:59-a Motorcycle Noise Levels.

I. No person shall operate in this state any motorcycle which produces a sound level in excess of the following decibels, when measured in accordance with the provisions of the SAE International Recommended Practice SAE J2825, "Measurement of Exhaust Sound Pressure Levels of Stationary On-Highway Motorcycles": (a) For all motorcycles, 92 decibels while the engine is operating at idle speed; or (b) For motorcycles with less than 3 or more than 4 cylinders, 96 decibels while the engine is operating at 2,000 revolutions per minute or 75 percent of maximum engine speed, whichever is less; or (c) For 3 and 4 cylinder motorcycles, 100 decibels while the engine is operating at 5,000 revolutions per minute or 75 percent of maximum engine speed, whichever is less. II. No person shall pass for the purposes of the inspection required by RSA 266:1 any motorcycle which produces a sound level in excess of the following decibels, when measured in accordance with the provisions of the SAE International Recommended Practice SAE J2825, "Measurement of Exhaust Sound Pressure Levels of Stationary On-Highway Motorcycles": (a) For all motorcycles, 92 decibels while the engine is operating at idle speed; or (b) For motorcycles with less than 3 or more than 4 cylinders, 96 decibels while the engine is operating at 5,000 revolutions per minute or 75 percent of maximum engine speed, whichever is less; or (c) For 3 and 4 cylinder motorcycles, 100 decibels while the engine is operating at 5,000 revolutions per minute or 75 percent of maximum engine speed, whichever is less. III. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation and shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$300. Source. 1992, 94:1. 1993, 9:1. 2005, 266:2.2012, 61:1, eff. Jan. 1, 2013.

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On the Other Side in the War on Truth

To the Editor:

As a former democrat [sic] constantly in search of reasons to reconsider my allegiance to my once proud party, I found your rant about "The War on Truth" (August 3rd) to be somewhat discouraging for its spin on the whole truth.

It would have been, IMHO, more accurate to say that Eugene V. Debs was sentenced to 10 years in prison for speaking out against our involvement in WW I. Why didn't you cite the fact that democrat [sic] Wilson was the prime mover for our involvement in that war along with the fact that democrat [sic] Wilson was the prime mover in the creation of sedition laws that silenced concerned people like Debs who spoke against democrat Wilson's war philosophy?

Mike Geanoulis New Castle, N.H.

Why, you ask? Because it has always been our custom to write our own rants, and we have no interest in reading your mind merely to plagiarize yours.

The Editor

"Burned: Are Trees the New Coal?" To the Editor:

The Valley News front page article "Energy at Issue in N.H. Race" (August 1st) shows once again that politics makes strange bedfellows. While erstwhile progressives Molly Kelly and Steve Marchand seek to overturn Gov. Sununu's veto of Senate Bill (SB) 365, environmentalists are joining with "no subsidies for anyone" conservatives to urge legislators to sustain the veto when it comes back for a vote on September 13.

Biomass is dirty and unsustainable. See the film "Burned: Are Trees the New Coal?" to get a fuller picture of how burning large quantities of trees pollutes. In a sympathetic but damning August 5th article about the Springfield, N.H. biomass facility, the Valley News points out that even with subsidies "the economics of operating the biomass plant are grim."

Trash incineration is even dirtier and also unsustainable. SB 365 con-

tains subsidies to Wheelabrator's socalled "waste to energy" incinerator, a known source of dioxin and other poisons. Even though Wheelabrator is paid to take the refuse it burns, trash incinerators fail economically when deprived of energy credits.

Industries based on burning resources are not sustainable. Taking money out of our pockets to subsidize dirty technologies that would fail in a free market goes against both common sense and self interest. If you care about the environment and your pocketbook, urge your legislators and gubernatorial candidates to sustain the veto of SB 365.

John Lajoie Charlestown, N.H.

Thanks for the reminder. Burned: Are Trees the New Coal? will be showing here in Portsmouth, at the 3S Artspace, on Wednesday, September 5th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the film rolls at 7:00.

"The screening is part of the BURNED Barnstorming Tour," according to 3sarts. org. "The tour is a nationwide grassroots campaign to expose the biomass energy industry's destructive forest, energy, and climate practices. Following the screening, there will be a discussion with filmmakers Lisa Merton and Alan Dater, Associate Producer Chris Hardee, and film subject Mary Booth of the Partnership for Policy Integrity."

The Editor

American Origins of Nazi Crimes

To the Editor:

The recent caging of children, splitting, deporting and imprisoning of families seeking asylum in the U.S., along with other, continuing, criminal atrocities committed by agents of Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) is reminiscent of the atrocities of Nazi Germany. In Hitler's American Model: The United States and the Making of Nazi Race Law (Princeton Univ. Press, 2017), James Q. Whitman accounts for the U.S. influence on the formulation of Nazi race laws, policies and practices.

Whitman had discovered a transcript from 1934 providing evidence that Nazi lawyers drew from "The

Immigration Act of 1924" (The Johnson-Reed Act)¹ conditioning entry to the United States on race-based criteria masked as "national origin." Hitler praised this U.S. law in his autobiography, Mein Kampf. The Nazi Commission on Criminal Law Reform applied U.S. Jim Crow laws² to the German Jewish population to formulate The Nuremberg Laws³.

Following the continuum from the genocide of Native American peoples, enslavement of African peoples, to the "New Jim Crow" of the U.S. corporate prison industry—enslavement by another name—one has to wonder, who will be next?

May We Find Our Humanity.

1—Signed into law by then president Calvin Coolidge of Vermont. See Vermont Eugenics: A Documentary History (www.uvm.edu/~eugenics/ overviewf.html) for context.

2—State and local laws enacted in the southern states of the U.S. (1877-1965) mandating segregation and disempowerment of all African Americans; reviving the Black Codes of 1865-6, and instituted as law in the southern states, prevailing de facto in the northern states.

3—See https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/background-and-overviewof-the-nuremberg-laws.

4—The New Jim Crow, Michelle Alexander (The New Press, 2012)

Norman Emond Charlestown, N.H.

Norman:

Most of this is new to us, and deeply disturbing, yet not nearly as surprising as we might hope. Thank you.

The Editor

Not a Fan of Demagoguery

To the Editor:

American democracy is standing at the precipice. The frighting and ugly behavior at the Florida and Pennsylvania Trump rallies by his supporters is all to reminiscent of 1930's Germany. Trump, along with his right-wing media allies headed by FOX, have convinced millions of Americans that our free press is an enemy of the nation. They have been brainwashed to believe that despite the countless proven lies coming from Trump's mouth, it is the mainstream media that is lying. Any news item that is critical of Donald Trump is branded as "fake news" by Trump and his minions. They are told, not to believe their lying eyes, and all the factual evidence of Trump's crimes, but only what Trump, Giuliani, Hannity, Sanders and others say is the truth.

What is so frightening is how easy it is to turn people against one of the most basic foundations of our democracy, a free press, which has been singled out as the enemy, not Russia for attacking our elections, or those who conspired with them, but those who report the facts. Trump and company are using the free press as scapegoats in an effort to destroy their credibility in preparation for what is coming from the Mueller investigation. Their goal, which is working well among Trump supporters, is to create an atmosphere, where regardless of what evidence and proof is uncovered about Trump's crimes, it is all a conspiracy of the "fake news" media and the "Deep State."They are creating a bubble that denounces facts, truth, reality and evidence, a bubble where only the thin air of lies and gullibility is breathed in by their supporters.

Whether America slips off the precipice or slowly walks back to safer ground greatly depends on what happens over the next few months. We still have the power of our votes to change the direction of the nation and bring us away from the precipice, but only if we vote. Although, since Trump refuses to address the ongoing Russian attacks on our electoral

system, this may also be at risk. It also depends on how American's respond to any attempts by Trump to end the Mueller investigation, or if it is allowed to proceed to finality, how we respond to the findings. Considering the anger and hate Trump has unleashed among his followers, as witnessed most recently in Florida and Pennsylvania, I am fearful of our future.

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

A little fear is not inappropriate; its best use is as fuel for action.

The Editor

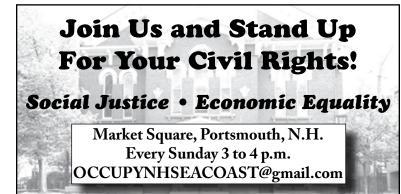
We All Need Someone We Can Hate On To the Editor:

For their own greedy purposes the special interests who directly benefit from illegal immigration try to fool us into believing that it benefits everyone.

Many illegal aliens either burden American taxpayers or harm Americans, or both. The cost to American taxpayers of supporting (e.g., welfare, housing, education, medical care, law enforcement, etc.) illegal aliens and their families exceeds the pittance they pay in taxes by over \$100 billion annually. [Note to Readers: We don't know where he got this number, or those that follow, but given Don's history of trying to pass off fantasy as fact, we doubt any of them are reliable.—The Ed.]

Illegal aliens commit an enormous number of crimes harming Americans. A recent study showed that illegal aliens in Texas alone commit nearly 100,000 crimes annually, including nearly 400 homicides. Nationwide, about \$8,000,000 of taxpayer money is spent every day to imprison illegal alien criminals.

Drugs, many brought here by illegal









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aliens, kill over 40,000 Americans annually. [You're probably thinking of Purdue Pharma, Don. They're capitalists, not undocumented immigrants. Their HQ is in Connecticut.—The Ed.]

Illegal aliens flood the low-skilled labor market. Employers love having excess workers so they can pay less and demand more, this makes life more difficult for the poorest Americans. [This alleged argument is pure BS.—The

Many low-paid workers qualify for various types of welfare. So, while the cost to an employer may be about \$8/ hour, the real cost of this labor is about \$16/hour, with taxpayers providing the other \$8/hour. With a tight labor supply, employers, not taxpayers, would have to pay the full cost of labor. [Again, you're way off base. There is no welfare to speak of, for one thing. The subsidized workers you're thinking of are mostly citizens employed by the likes of WalMart—which is owned by capitalist billionaires.—The Ed.]

[Another 190 words worth of lies and distortions deleted because it's late and we're tired.—The Ed.]

Illegal immigration occurs because of the greed of powerful special interests, politicians (and their supporters), employers, and advocacy groups, who don't care about the harm done by illegal aliens to American citizens, taxpayers, and to our American way of life.

Don Ewing Meredith, N.H.

Don:

Good Lord, man—what a crabbed and dreary view of the world! How do you even get out of bed in the morning? Please Google "suicide hotline," right now.

And the next time the Heritage Foundation backs its propaganda truck up to your front door, call the local police. All

these lies they've got you memorizing that's elder abuse!

The Editor

What's He Got Against Elephants? To the Editor:

Why does our wise, compassionate, truthful and healer-minded President of this great country, by proxy, put to rest, to wit, kill, elephants? Is it because of his fondness for them, believing they'll have a better life in elephant heaven, or am I missing something?

Elephants are one of the most intelligent and sentient animals on earth. They are social and empathetic, have long memories and experience a wide array of behaviors like humans—when one elephant is distressed others will comfort him or her. Elephants will assist other injured elephants, and even mourn the dead.

Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke, a Trump appointee, lifted the ban on trophy hunting of elephants and other animals! Elephants are being killed at a rate faster than they are born. Trophy hunters pay huge sums to kill elephants for bragging rights to show off their mementoes. The U.S. is the largest importer of of elephant hunting trophies.

Twenty thousand plus elephants are killed annually for the illegal ivory trade and also body parts.

It's hard to imagine a world without elephants, who have been with us for 25 million years—these wonderful, brave, resourceful and tender creatures.

Heartless wanton cruelty? Is this our chieftain, anointed one, doing his emboldened thing?

Mike Kulla

Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Our best guess is that with any given decision, some combination of ill intent, perverse calculation, and bad inherited

mojo just steers him unconsciously towards whatever choice is the most evil.

Out with the New, In with the Old?

To the Editor:

By now, you've probably heard rumors of the vicious right-wing funding war raging in Washington between pro-Trump and disaffected-Trump supporters.

On one side stands Team Koch. Being oligarchs, their primary objective is to mold government in ways that will make lots of money for Wall Street at Main Street's expense.

On the other side stands the RNC, loyal to Trump's increasingly autocratic agenda and fearful of what might happen if they alienate his base. Like the Koch Network, the RNC has deep pockets and vast political resources. They also have influential propaganda mills like Fox News, conservative talk radio, and even foreign disruptors like the Russian Federation on board.

Just last week, the Koch Network reacted negatively to Trump's erratic isolationist trade policies and escalating bombast by threatening to switch sides, hinting some Democratic candidates might offer smoother sailing for the nation. In response, the RNC warned Republican candidates to steer clear of poisonous Koch campaign

This fracture leaves many Congressional Republicans caught in the middle between the interests of wealthy donors who fueled their rise to power and the increasingly autocratic whims of a President gone off the reservation.

Tempting as it is to wish schadenfreude on our right-wing rivals, those of us living on Main Street could wind up the big losers if Koch money begins migrating left. Should it happen, the entrenched DNC leadership will likely push Democrats to forsake younger up-and-coming candidates in favor of stodgy Clintonesque regulars blessed

with Wall Street connections and cartloads of Koch money to burn.

Forward-thinking Democrats and Independents need to send the DNC a strong message that pushing out the party's emerging new leadership would be a momentum-killer with fatal consequences for the party's future. In fact, it would virtually guarantee a repeat of 2016!

Rick Littlefield Barrington, N.H.

Rick:

We try to do our best to think the worst of all the folks you've mentioned, but the above scenario had not occurred to us. Thanks for pointing this out!

The Editor

SB365—Biomass and Waste Incineration Subsidy Bill

To the editor:

New Hampshire's Consumer Advocate, Don Kreis, wrote an article last April for InDepthNH titled "Subsidy Season at State House For Wood-Burning Plants." He reminds us there are unresolved issues with Senate Bill 365, the biomass and waste incineration bill vetoed by Governor Sununu in June. Notably lacking in the discussion of this special interest legislation is the financial analysis of biomass and waste incineration subsidies on job retention in N.H.'s rural economies. The threatened closure of biomass plants has more to do with market forces and the price of natural gas during periods of low demand for electricity, than with the cost of wood fuel. Subsidies will not change that. If the intent is to protect N.H. workers, there are alternatives to ratepayer subsidies of over \$20 million a year for seven of the state's small steam boilers, inefficiently generating about 100 megawatts of electricity. The legislature might look instead at price supports for forest products, and direct investment in our forests to promote renewal and regeneration for carbon capture and storage. While some may debate whether burning wood on an industrial scale is carbon neutral, no one can reasonably treat garbage as an "indigenous renewable fuel." SB365 does just that. Waste incineration will

not protect many jobs, or much of anything else.

Under SB365 some (not all) N.H. ratepayers would pay subsidies to protect investors without guaranteeing the market for low-grade wood. Corporate welfare for private equity firms and multinationals, pass-throughs to heavy equipment dealers, and the free market for everybody else: the small logging and trucking firms and the men and women who work in the woods. Subsidies for biomass didn't work well in Maine. Last year's effort to prop up the biomass burners in N.H. didn't pan out too well either. There is little reason to believe SB365 will put N.H.'s biomass and waste incinerators on solid financial footing without making subsidies permanent. After 20 and 30 years that no longer seems reasonable. This bill is about re-regulating a sector of the deregulated market to cover investors' stranded costs by extending a ratepayer funded bailout. There were members of the General Court in office when deregulation was passed twenty years ago who are still serving today. At least one of them, a co-sponsor of SB365, has received significant campaign contributions from individuals and companies associated at one time or another with the waste and biomass industries. Go figure.

Since the introduction of SB365 early in the 2018 legislative session, through House and Senate hearings and passage and now with the debate over the Governor's veto, little attention has been directed towards the subsidies for Wheelabrator's trash incinerator in Concord, N.H., a major source of pollution in the Merrimack River Valley. The proponents of SB365 in the forest and renewable energy industries seem to see no problem with asking ratepayers around the state to kick in up to \$2.7 million a year to Energy Capital Partners to keep Wheelabrator's 30-year old trash burner operating in the Capital Region. Thirty years of burning who knows what from who knows where

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Lynch-Mob Democrats

by William Marvel

Detween concentrating on my **D**own projects and monitoring disturbing trends in national and global affairs, I haven't paid much attention to state politics lately. That may be why I don't recall having ever having heard Jeff Woodburn's name, yet he was the chairman of New Hampshire's Democratic Party long before I declared my independence from that organization. It seems, however, that he is the Senate Minority Leader in Concord, representing our neighbors to the north. With Democrats missing or in the minority at all levels in the State House, he is the highest-ranking Democrat in this state.

If I correctly interpreted his voting record from last year, I would say he's your run-of-the-mill Santa Claus Democrat. He's solidly behind education, except for charter schools that might give traditional, unionized public schools a little competition. He thinks Medicaid ought to be paying for sex-reassignment surgery. He wants New Hampshire to provide financial as-

sistance to nonresidents pursuing adult education. He was opposed to legislation that might prevent out-of-state college students from declaring residency merely to tip a Granite State election. He favored increasing the minimum wage, and wanted the state to raise a capital appropriation for affordable housing.

He also sponsored a bill to establish a "working families property tax refund program." It failed, so I couldn't raise the text. From the sounds of it, though, Senator Woodburn must have intended those who are now struggling through their "golden" years to pay an even greater share of the property tax burden incurred in educating the children of young working families.

As one might deduce from the tone of my comments thus far, Senator Woodburn doesn't appeal much to me, politically. His 2018 record reveals that he is a good example of what persuaded me that Democrats are at least as quick as Republicans to sacrifice the public good and the public treasury for the partisan seduction of mercenary constituencies. Unfortunately for him, he recently revealed an even worse tendency among his fellow Democrats.

On August 2nd Woodburn was arrested on charges of domestic violence, including a few counts that sound fairly serious. The charges were announced less than six weeks before the September 11th primary. Were Woodburn not running unchallenged in the primary, a skeptic might wonder whether the accusations amounted to an August surprise, not unlike the October surprises that undid Hillary Clinton and Roy Moore.

Prominent Republicans came out swinging hard at Woodburn. Senate President Chuck Morse suggested that Woodburn should resign. So did the state Republican Party chairman, Wayne MacDonald, and Governor Sununu.

It was not surprising that Republicans would revel in the embarrassment of the top lawmaker in the opposing party, and salivate at the idea of forcing him from office with no successor to stand for election. What was surprising—or would have been, in a saner and more principled age—was how quickly members of Woodburn's own party were ready to hang him on the spot, just to save themselves. Party chairman Ray Buckley even pre-empted the attorney general's announcement of the arrest, effectively convicting Woodburn without trial. Buckley alluded perfunctorily to the "accusations" against Woodburn, but made it clear that the Democrats he speaks for simply take the word of any alleged victim without further discussion. "We stand with his accuser," said Buckley, virtually declaring that the rule of presumed innocence is dead and buried, at least in the Democratic Party.

Molly Kelly, the most hopeful Democrat in the gubernatorial race, did not even try to hide her assumption that Woodburn is guilty as charged. "I am deeply troubled by Senator Woodburn's actions," she said. I guess if she knows what his actions were, she must have been a witness. If not, she isn't anyone I would want sitting on a jury, let alone in the Governor's office.

Woodburn, it appears, had contributed to Kelly's gubernatorial campaign. Taking her sanctimony to the next level in the new liberal liturgy, she declared that she would donate his contribution to some domestic-violence nonprofit. She didn't seem to have the name of any such nonprofit on the tip of her

Democrat Steve Marchand, another gubernatorial candidate, mimicked Buckley by insinuating the word "alleged" into a statement that very clearly said that Woodburn has no acceptable defense. Marchand essentially advised him to admit as much by resigning. My guess is that Marchand doesn't really care whether Woodburn resigns, so long as Steve Marchand looks good for saying he should.

Well, maybe Woodburn is guilty. Unlike Kelly and Marchand, I certainly don't know. I do, however, know that I don't wish to be governed by politicians who are so oblivious to the legal principles that help distinguish the American justice system from the Salem witch trials.

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in New Hampshire's capital city is enough.

Governor Sununu got SB365 right. Sustain the veto.

John Tuthill Acworth, N.H.

John: Thank you for this cogent reporting. The Editor

A Dispatch from Across the Border

To the Editor:

The following was forwarded to me by a friend in Mexico. Might it find a home in your paper?

John Simon, New Castle, N.H. John: Yes, of course. Here goes:

The kids in the orphanage in Nicaragua where we adopted three children didn't cry. They'd already done their crying someplace else. They might have looked concerned but they didn't cry when passed from one person to the next. In their tiny heads they figured out the futility of complaint. There was no use crying, it wouldn't change anything. They had lost everything.

Children cope with abandonment. They appear to cope at least. They don't cry. It won't be long before the little children who have

been separated from their parents by U.S. immigration officials, feel the same as if their parents had abandoned them on the side of the road, it won't be long before they stop crying. Crying won't change anything. They have lost everything. They don't know about immigration law or Congress or what their parents are doing to find them. They have been abandoned as surely as my three kids in the Nicaraguan orphanage. While my kids have grown up and are good, decent, loving people, they

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were damaged by what happened to them. There is no talking it through, no making sense of it. The damage suffered was organic, visceral, sudden, terrifying and permanent.

It is disturbing that any U.S. elected official would consider causing such desolation to a child as part of a political strategy to gain advantage in negotiating an immigration bill. This is intentional psychological maiming of children done to win concessions, a border wall or drastic limits on legal immigration from various countries or every-

where. The cost of this strategy will be enormous. People's lives will be permanently changed by what happened to them as small children in these terrifying detention centers; they will grow up hurt and damaged. There won't be adoptive parents on the receiving end, committed to teaching their babies to cry again.

The kids in the Nicaraguan orphanage were there for a million different reasons—death, poverty, illness. Every reason was an accident in life. No one planned to inflict the pain of abandonment on their children, it just happened as a terrible consequence of hardship. There was the fact of abandonment and its terrible effects on the psyches of young

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Media Monopoly ... or Democracy?

by Jim Hightower

onopolies are not merely lently anti-American, suppressing our fundamental values of fairness and opportunity for all.

So, our people have instinctively rebelled at monopoly avarice—the Boston Tea Party, the Populist Movement, union action, trust busters, muckrakers, the New Deal, Ralph Nader—and on and on.

Yet, in just the last couple of decades, corporate elites and their public officials have enshrined monopoly power as a legitimate form of business in our land, aggressively protected by lawmakers, regulators, and judges. For example, after our grassroots economy was crushed in 2007 by the greed of too-big-to-fail Wall Street banksters, officials bailed out the villainous banks at taxpayer expense and deliberately made them bigger, more powerful, and more dangerous

than ever. Today, just five banks control nearly half of all financial assets in the U.S.

You'd think such a massive power grab by bank monopolists would produce an equally massive, 24/7 barrage of coverage by the nation's media outlets, which purport to be defenders of democracy. But while an occasional story pops out about monopoly abuse, there's no comprehensive coverage to rally a public rebellion against what's become the "United States of Monopoly Rule."

Why? Look at who owns America's mass media. Three decades ago, 50 large media conglomerates controlled 90 percent of the media. This year, after a frenzy of mergers among of those giants, just 5 mega-media monopolists will control 90 percent of what we see, hear, and read. It is not in their interest to inform the public about the threat that monopolies pose to our democracy—so, they won't.

As the great journalist, A.J. Liebling, warned nearly 40 years ago, "Freedom of the press is guaranteed only to those who own one."To help battle the monopolists, go to The Center for Media and Democracy, at www.prwatch.org/cmd.

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children, but there wasn't an intention to harm them. The deep and durable harm being visited on border children by the U.S. government is fully and completely intentional. The government means to harm these children and it is doing so in our names. The perpetrators quote the Bible as justification. Lord help us. United States citizens can't allow this to continue ... can't be part of intentionally maining children who came to the U.S. for safety. The United States use to rescue the hurt and wounded and that is what they need to do now.

Dr. Janice Wilberg, Ph.D. El Ojo del Lago, Mexico

The Mayfair Sales Tax Decision

To the Editor:

Instead of rushing into what could become a more serious problem, the legislature attempted to establish a Commission to study the Mayfair issue. Hopefully Congress, which has sole jurisdiction over interstate commerce, will have completed their current work on enacting legislation that will prohibit such interstate taxing, which, of course, is unconstitutional as such would be taxation without representation.

The UCC 3-501, in N.H. RSA 382-A;3-501, is a current statute all merchants can use to reject and not accept any "presentment" from a foreign state as there is no "instrument or "contract" that they have signed.

Rep. Dick Marple

Merrimack #24, N.H.

[Note to Readers: Consult your lawyer before following any advice you read in this newspaper.—The Ed.]

ost people who pay attention to the issue of gun violence know the grim statistics. According to the BBC, 21,386 Americans committed suicide in 2014 using a firearm, while 11,008 Americans were murdered with firearms. In addition to deaths, firearms cause nearly three times as many nonfatal injuries, upwards of 75,000 annually. Figures vary from year to year, but the trend is upward. Americans are in possession of 270,000,000 firearms, roughly nine firearms for every ten Americans. This is nearly twice as many as the next most heavily armed nation—Yemen, which is in the midst of an ongoing civil warand almost three times as many as third-place Switzerland, where universal military service is mandatory and citizen-soldiers keep their

My gun-toting acquaintances argue that without their guns, they and their loved ones are at the mercy of the criminals; that any gun controls at all are the slippery slope toward banning firearms entirely; and that the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution is sacred and inviolable.

weapons at home.

But while there are all sorts of anecdotes bandied about, demonstrating how "a good guy with a gun" is the antidote to "a bad guy with a gun," the overwhelming ev-

idence makes it clear that being in possession of a legal firearm actually increases the risk of injury or death rather than reducing it.

And as for the arguments involving the Constitution, unlike the late Antonin Scalia and others who claim to be "strict constructionists" following the "original intent" of our Founding Fathers, I am a true strict constructionist. I believe the 2nd Amendment should be strictly interpreted as the Founding Fathers originally intended.

And I cannot believe, even for a nanosecond, that when those men wrote the 2nd Amendment, they could possibly have envisioned high-powered military assault rifles with 30-round magazines or pocket-sized .45-caliber handguns or shotguns capable of firing ten rounds in succession before reload-

What did those Founding Fathers intend? A typical weapon of the day was the "Brown Bess" muzzle-loading flintlock smooth-bore musket, nearly five feet long, over ten pounds in weight, and capable of firing no more than three rounds a minute, even in expert hands.

Like our Founding Fathers, I believe absolutely that every American citizen has the fundamental, constitutional right to keep and bear one of these weapons. I'd like to see Bess. Or shoot up a nightclub. Or commit suicide.

A Foolproof Solution to Gun Violence in the U.S.

But what about all those Americans who love to hunt? Easy. Staterun and regulated armories where hunters—once they've fulfilled certification requirements (much like drivers have to do)—can rent out a rifle or shotgun, and purchase ammunition. When their hunting adventure is over, they turn in their weapons along with the spent cartridges and unused ammo. Weapons not turned in or ammo not accounted for, you're under arrest.

As for the argument that when guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns: that one's easy, too, if we're really serious about ending gun violence in the US. Any person caught in illegal possession of a firearm goes to prison for life, period. Any person committing a crime while in possession of a firearm: automatic death penalty, no appeals, no fifteen years on Death Row. Either criminals will stop carrying guns or all the criminals will eventually be disposed of. Either way, no more criminals with guns.

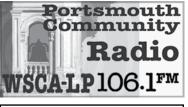
Cruel and unusual punishment? I'll tell you what's cruel and unusual punishment: that I and my family have to live every day of our lives wondering when some whacko with a gun is going to shoot up the movie theater we're in or the store where

somebody rob a bank with a Brown we shop, or the classroom where I teach, even though we've done nothing wrong or illegal.

I am as law-abiding as all those law-abiding gun owners who argue that law-abiding gun owners are not the problem. Yet because those law-abiding gun owners demand the right to have unlimited access to all the guns and ammunition they can cram into their houses and garages and cars, I have to live 24/7 in the slaughterhouse that has become ordinary life in America, where 96 people are killed with guns every single day, where 50 women are shot to death each month by intimate partners, where 4.6 per cent of the world's population accounts for 82 per cent of gun deaths worldwide.

You think my solution is too draconian? If you've got a better solution, I'd like to hear it. Or maybe it's best just to keep doing what we've been doing for the past 50 years as Congress and state legislatures have knuckled under to the National Rifle Association and the gun manufacturers. That would be nothing. We can continue to do nothing. How effective has that approach been so far?

W.D. Ehrhart is a combat-wounded Marine veteran of the American War in Vietnam and a Master Teacher at the Haverford School in Pennsylvania.







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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 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.

Wednesday, August 22

2016—The lift span of the Sarah

Long Bridge is raised for the last time.

2002—The Bush Administration

announces trade sanctions on North

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.

Sunday, August 19

1999—The FBI puts James "Whitey" Bulger, its partner in crime, on the Most-Wanted List

1997-In Colebrook, N.H., anti-regulation fanatic and future hero of the Free State Project Carl Drega murders two cops, a selectman, and a judge. 1953—A CIA coup overthrows the elected government of Iran-what

1942—An Allied force of 6,000 lands at Dieppe, France. Sixty percent are killed, wounded, or captured, but planner Lord Mountbatten's censors win the PR battle.

could possibly go wrong?

1854-Lt. John L. Grattan, former ly of N.H., just out of West Point [36th out of 55], sure of himself and contemptuous of Indians, leads 29 cavalrymen into a ambush near Ft. Laramie. They're all killed and the First Sioux War begins.

1812-"Old Ironsides" defeats the

1791—Benjamin Banneker, "the sable genius," sends his just-published almanac to Thomas Jefferson with an admonition to practice what he preaches about the rights of all men. 1692—"Witches" George Burroughs, Martha Carrier, George Jacobs, John Proctor, and John Willard are hanged in Salem Village.

1503—The body of Pope Alexander VI, dead but one day, is displayed to the public: swollen, putrescent, and "without any form or likeness of humanity."

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Monday, August 20

2013—RIP Elmore Leonard. 1986—Former drug addict Randy Woolls helps Texas authorities kill

him by locating a good vein. 1983—Returning to the Philippines under assurances there would be no reprisals for his dissidence, Benigno Aquino is shot dead as soon as he eaves his plane

1974—The House of Representatives rotes 412-3 to recommend Articles of Impeachment against Richard Nixon. 1969—Frank Zappa disbands the Mothers of Invention because he's tired of playing for people who clap

for all the wrong reasons.' 1965—Keene, N.H. seminary student & civil rights worker Jonathan Daniels is murdered in Nayneville Ala. White jurors acquit his killer.

1940—In Mexico, Stalinist agent Ra non Mercader attacks Leon Trotsky with an ice ax. Trotsky tells his guards, 'Do not kill him. This man has a story

1910-Above the Sheepshead Bay acetrack in New York, Lt. Jacob E. Fickel pulls the trigger on the first gun shot from an airplane.

1672—Following a military defeat, Dutch peasants rip out the hearts of head of state Johan de Witt and his rother Cornelis

1619—The first 20 enslaved Africans n North America land in Jamestown. 1191—Richard the Lion Hearted's roops bravely slaughter 3,000 Arabs in the Holy Land.

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Tuesday, August 21

2017—The Navy destroyer U.S.S. McCain collides with a freighter in the Gulf of Molucca; ten sailors die. This, 65 days after the destroyer U.S.S. Fitzgerald hits a freight ship off Hons

hu, killing seven aboard. 1992—Samuel Weaver, 14, and U.S. Marshal W.F. Degan die in a shootout at Ruby Ridge, Idaho

1986-An eruption of CO2 from Lake Nyos in Cameroon kills 1,746 people and 3,500 livestock.

1984—A stolen Robinson R22 helicopter crashes in Frenchman's Bayou Ark. after running out of gas, thwarting the unauthorized pilot's plan to

free her boyfriend from prison 1976—A two-day occupation of the Seabrook, N.H. nuke site begins. 1963—Ngo Dinh Nhu's secret police

kill hundreds of Buddhist protesto across Vietnam—for democracy. 1962—CBS's "Evening News" re ports on the Society for Indecency to

. Naked Animals, Alan Abel's most successful hoax. 1927—Justice Louis Brandeis refuses

to hear a request for a stay of executior of anarchists Sacco and Vanzetti. 1911-Vincenzo Peruggia walks out

of the Louvre with the Mona Lisa, wrapped in his coat, under his arm. 1863—William A. Quantrill and several hundred of his Raiders attack Lawrence, Kan., and kill hundreds o men, women, and children.

1831—Nat Turner begins a slave re bellion in Virginia. 8:38 8:54

Korea, with which we do not trade. 2001—The Bush Administration, having jacked up expenses and slashed taxes, announces a baffling decrease in the federal surplus.

1992—An FBI sniper wounds Randy Weaver and kills his wife Vicki at Ruby Ridge in Idaho.

1991—When Derick Lynn Peterson's heart continues to beat for ten minutes after his electrocution, Virginia officials zap him again.

1976—Police arrest 179 at Seabrook, N.H. anti-nuke rally.

1972—In Camden, N.J., 28 Catholic leftists, including one FBI informer, break into the Draft Board's offices. 1953-The last prisoners leave the French prison at Devil's Island.

1952—The Justice Department sues four big U.S. oil companies for overcharging on oil shipped to Europe under the Marshall Plan.

1914—In the Ardennes, 27,000 soldiers of the French Army are killed. 1900-Rioters in Akron, Ohio push the world's first police car into a canal. 1893—Birth of Dorothy Parker. At 70, she wrote, "If I had any decency, I'd be dead. Most of my friends are." 1791—The enslaved peoples of Haiti revolt. A free black country in 1804, its sovereignty is recognized by the U.S. 61 years later.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 23 Friday, August 24

2001-French stuntman Terry Do snags his parasail on the Statue of Liberty and dangles from it for 45 minutes before being rescued.

2000—In Jutland, Denmark, a Robinson R22 helicopter breaks up in mid-air; the pilot and a passenger die. 1971—For the Chamber of Commerce, future Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell lays out a plan for Right Wingers to reverse the New Deal with a huge propaganda campaign.

1968—Yippees nominate a pig for President, saying, "if we can't have him in the White House, we can have him for breakfast.'

1944-A U.S. B-24 crashes into an English school and explodes, liberating 71 people from this mortal coil. 1927—Bostonians use electricity to transform Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti from obscure Italian anarchists to immortal international symbols of the struggle for justice.

1917—Two racist Houston cops black soldier from Camp Logan; 150 of their comrades arm themselves, march on Houston, and fire on cops. Seventeen die in the riot, mostly whites; 19 black soldiers are hanged. 1724—His parents scalped 32 years earlier, Jeremiah Moulton leads a raid on Norridgewock. Scores of Abenakis and the French priest Sebastian Rasle are massacred and scalped.

79—On the Feast Day of Vulcan God of Fire, Mt. Vesuvius begins to rumble.

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2001—An Airbus with 306 souls on board and a fuel leak runs dry over the Atlantic. Pilots glide the plane 75 miles to safety in the Azores

1970—Graduate student Robert Fassnacht is killed and three others are injured when peaceniks blow up a physics lab at the U. of Wisconsin. 1967—Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Ru bin scatter 300 dollar bills on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Bedlam erupts as capitalists scramble 1964-I.F. Stone reports the U.S government and press "have kept the

full truth about the Tonkin Bay inci dents from the American public." 1963—The State Dept. orders Amb. Lodge to encourage Vietnamese gen

erals to stage a coup. 1889-On St. Pierre, off Newfound land, murderer Auguste Neel becomes the only person ever to be guillotined in North America.

1827-The Mechanics Gazette, first U.S. labor paper, is published in Philadelphia. By 1832 there are 68 labor newspapers.

1814—Thanks to tactical errors and sheer panic, British troops are able to march unopposed into Washington, D.C., where they set fire to the White House and the Library of Congress. 1572—French Catholic mobs massa cre thousands of Huguenots, so pleas ing Pope Gregory that he orders a day of thanksgiving.

1456—Workers in Mainz, Germany finish binding Gutenberg's Bible 11:19

11:07

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

1999—The FBI admits six years after the fact that the tear gas canisters it fired into David Koresh's compound in Waco were incendiary—but still

1995-In Athens, Ga., zany House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) announces his new policy for winning the drug war: executing "27 or 30 or 35

1985—The White House admits that

1967—George Lincoln Rockwell, founder of the American Nazi Party, is shot dead by an ex-aide and former Marine with a broomhandle Mauser. 1950—Harry S Truman orders the U.S. Army to take over the nation's railroads to prevent a strike.

1945—Bao Dai, formerly the French puppet Emperor, more recently the puppet of Japan, surrenders his impe-

1945—Hotheaded Army Capt. John Birch argues with Chinese Communists while snooping in Jiangsu Prov-

1925-In Harlem, 500 men choose A. Philip Randolph to lead the Broth-

1914—Germans burn the library at Louven, Belgium; more than 230,000 volumes, including medieval manuscripts and incunabula, are lost.

1893—The Columbian Exposition holds a "Colored Peoples' Day."

11:53

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

12:11

2005—The Portsmouth Naval Ship-

1980-Ex-Luftwaffe pilot John Birges. attempting to recoup his gambling losses, plants a half-ton bomb at Harvey's Resort Hotel in Stateline, Nev. 1969—The fun-loving Canadian Par-

liament decriminalizes sodomy. 1969—The New Hampshire National Guard's 197th Field Artillery, just weeks before leaving Vietnam, loses

five men in a single incident. 1968-Mayor Richard Daley welcomes Democrats to the 1968 Democratic National Convention while his cops prepare to bust heads outside.

is released escapes. 1967—Burt Munro, a 68-year old Kiwi on a 1920 Indian, sets the under-1,000 cc speed record for motorcycles at Bonneville. It still stands.

1967—Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze'

1924-Wanderer, the last sailing whaleship to leave New Bedford. drags her anchor and is lost while sitting out a storm off Cuttyhunk.

1920—The 19th Amendment is ratified giving women the right to vote. 1919—Company goons shoot United Mine Workers' Fannie Sellins in Brackenridge, Penn.

1883-Krakatoa begins a three-day eruption; tens of thousands die. Thirteen percent less sunlight reaches the earth during the follow

1874—Hundreds of armed men on horseback open the Gibson County jail in Tenn. and lynch 18 black men.

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Monday, August 27

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2014—Arthur T. Demoulas gets the

1991-A 15-member ABR panel

'not qualified.' 1984—Ronald Reagan announces

bomb, leaving a 50 by 30-foot crater. ral of the Fleet and kills three others.

complete a 18,020-mile tandem bicycle ride around the world.

protestors do battle in Chicago.

mob attacks the audience at a Paul Robeson concert in Peekskill, N.Y., three FBI agents passively look on. 1938—Becoming increasingly agitated during a poetry reading by Archibald MacLeish, Robert Frost sets

Kellogg-Briand Pact and outlaw war forever.

6:39

2:18

2005—Hurricane Katrina hits New

2003-After being coerced to rob: Pennsylania bank, pizza deliveryman Brian Wells is killed by a time bomb

1963-At the Lincoln Memorial Martin Luther King, Jr. calls for freedom to ring from the prodigious hill-

1955—During a visit to family in Money, Miss., fourteen year-old Chicagoan Emmett Till is murdered by whites for speaking to a white woman. 1951-Killed in Korea, John R. Rice is denied burial at a Sioux City cemetery because he's a Native America. 1947-In Linares, Spain, the fifth

1922-WEAF in New York airs the

1919—Resigning as mayor of Seattle Ole Hanson, the survivor of an assas sination attempt, says "hang or incar

1918—Big Bill Haywood and 14 other Wobblies get 20 years for draft obstruction.

of a tornado is taken in Howard, S.D. 869—The Mount Washin Railway opens for business. 1833—Britain abolishes slavery

throughout the Empire.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

3:16

2008-A brand-new Robinson R44 helicopter being delivered by two qualified pilots suddenly and inexplicably noses into a steep dive. It crashes and burns in Ridgedale, Mo., killing both pilots in the ensuing inferno.

2007—Due to careless accounting, an Air Force B-52 at Minot AFB in North Dakota is loaded with six live nukes, then left unguarded overnight. 2006-George W.[MD] Bush tells NBC interviewer Brian Williams, "I've got an ek-a-lec-tic reading list." 2004-A Robinson R22 helicopter, flying normally along the north shore of Long Island, suddenly makes a loud popping noise, loses its main rotor as-

sembly, and crashes, killing two. 1996-The day Bill Clinton accepts the Democratic nomination for a second term, his political advisor Dick Morris resigns because it's been revealed he paid a whore \$200/hr, to let

him suck her toes. 1977—Memphis cops nab three people trying to steal Elvis's corpse.

1968—A week-long rebellion erupts at the Long Binh Jail in Vietnam. Somehow only one prisoner is killed. 1957—The Civil Rights Act passes despite a record-setting 24 hour and 18 minute filibuster by Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.), who, at 22, had fathered a mixed-race child by his

1956—Jesus Christ "GG" Allin, the most depraved punk rocker in history, is born in Lancaster, N.H.

amily's 16-year-old maid

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

B-52 takes off from N.D. with six live nukes onboard. In La., it sits unguarded from noon to 10:00 p.m. 2004—To milk 9/11 for all it's worth,

Attendees mock John Kerry and "Purple Heart" band-aids.

paddle, President Carter survives an attack from a deranged rabbit.

and get out of this city," says Walter Cronkite as Mayor Daley's finest clob-

Court Justice.

1964-At the Democratic Convention, an all-white delegation from Mississippi is seated while a black pro-

who's badly wounded but lives. Days

1893—Huey "The Kingfish" Long is born in Winnfield. I

1813—Drunken officers are playing cards when 800 Creeks attack Ft. Mims, Ala.; 15 of 500 whites survive.

8:19

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1986—Levan Merrit, 5, falls into an enclosure full of gorillas on the Isle of

son R22 helicopter flying over Granby, Conn. It crashes and burns, killing the pilot and a passenger.

to riot at the 1972 Republican Nation al Convention, are acquitted.

making draft card burning illegal. 1954—Hurricane Carol slams New

Operation Himmler, 21 false flag attacks along the Polish border, to justify

1895-Julius A. Wyland founds An Appeal to Reason, an independent socialist weekly. Its peak circulation, in

1869—In Ireland, Mary (**k** is thrown from a steam-powered automobile and run over: she's the first person to be killed by a car.

9:24

denies they started the fatal fire.

people at one time."

while Ronald Reagan was head of the Screen Actors Guild in the late 1940s, he was also an FBI informer.

rial seal and sword to Ho Chi Minh.

ince. They shoot him.

erhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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OK to buy Market Basket. vard gets a stay of execution.

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1999-Over County Longford, Ireland, the rotor blades of a Robinson R22 helicopter hit the fuselage. Pilot and pasenger die in the crash.

rates Clarence Thomas as a candidate for U.S. Supreme Court: none rate him "well-qualified," two rate him

that he will put a teacher in space. 1980—After evacuating Harvey's Resort Hotel in Nevada, FBI agents explode an extortionist's 600 lb.

1979—On Earl Mountbatten's vacht off Ireland, a radio-controlled IRA bomb assassinates the British Admi-1975—Veronica and Colin Scargill

1968—Democrats nominate Hubert Humphrey for President as cops and

1949—While an anti-Communist

1928—In Paris, sixty nations sign the

THESDAY, AUGUST 28

2:28

Orleans and the levees break.

fastened around his neck. tops of New Hampshire ...

bull of the day helps even the score little by fatally goring Manolete.

first paid radio commercial. 1921—Ten thousand coal miners and two thousand hired goons start trading lead on Blair Mountain, W.Va.

cerate all anarchists for life.'

1884—The first known photograph

4:07

2011—The Federal Election Commission awakens and OKs an investigation of Rep. Frank Guinta [R-N.H.]. 2007—Unbeknownst to the pilots, a

the RNC convenes in New York City.

wounded vets in general by wearing 1979—Thanks to a handy canoe

1979—For the first time, astronomers observe a comet hitting the sun. 1968-"I want to pack my bags

ber citizens with nightsticks. 1967—Thurgood Marshall is sworn in as America's first black Supreme

test delegation isn't. 1963—A "Hot Line" is set up between the White House and the Kremlin. 1918—Fanya Kaplan shoots Lenin,

later she's shot dead.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

Iersev. One gorilla, Jambo, guards the boy until he's safely removed. 1981—A rotor blade falls off a Robin

4:56

1973-The Gainesville Eight, antiwar veterans charged with conspiracy

1965—President Johnson signs a bil

England; 65 die. 1948—An LAPD setup bears fruit: Robert Mitchum is busted for pot. 1939—German operatives conduct

the next day's invasion. 1925—After an 11 year occupation U.S. Marines depart from Haiti, leav

ing a dictatorship behind. 1921—President Harding orders cease-fire in the W.Va. Mine War under threat of Federal intervention. 1919—The American Communis Party is formed in Chicago

1910, is over half a million.

8:58

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER I

2009—A Robinson R44 helicopter piloted by an FAA safety inspector crashes into a house in downtown Jackson, Miss. The pilot is seriously injured; his passenger, also an FAA

safety inspector, is killed. 2005-New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin calls for George W.[MD] Bush and FEMA to "get off your asses and do something" about his flooded city. 1989—Narcs trying to score crack near the White House for a George H.[H.]W. Bush presidential photo-op get the drug on their third try but not

mugged by a homeless person. 1983—The USSR shoots down KAL Flight 007. Among the victims: John Birch Society President and Congressman Larry McDonald (R-Ga.).

the film—their camera operator gets

1982-The U.S. Air Force Space Command becomes operational. 1976—Rep. Wayne Hays (D-Ohio), "The meanest man in Congress," resigns three months after a sex scandal revealed by his secretary/mistress,

whom he treated most shabbily.

gives miners an edge on Blair Mtn.. W.Va. The Sheriff responds by hiring biplanes to drop bombs on them. 1920—Portsmouth-built S-5 sinks

1921—A looted Gatling gun briefly

off Delaware, but all hands escape. 1894—Thomas P. "Boston" Corbett, the self-castrating Cavalry who shot John Wilkes Booth, dies in Hinckley, Minn. along with 800 oth-

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ers in a four-hour firestorm.



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