

Plot to Fund Old Rag Through Yacht Seizure Fails

For a brief, shining moment we had it all worked out. Not only would we have a terrific story, we'd raise enough capital to bankroll this paper properly for another 266 years. Then the damn facts got in the way.

This latest episode of editorial de-ramentation began when our Wandering Photographer drifted into the office with the photo below: the 131-foot *Rebeca* [sic], tied up at the wharf at Harbour Place.

That sparked the recollection of a *Fortune* headline from March: "Vigilante Republican bill would allow private citizens to seize Russian oligarchs' yachts and jets."

"Jeezum crow," we thought, "what if...?" Having seized the Nation's Oldest Newspaper™ from the world's 9th richest man, who's to say we couldn't pull this off, too?

Unfortunately, *Rebeca* belongs not to some Putin-adjacent kleptocrat, but to an American named Tim Ciasulli. He owns a Honda dealership in Tilton. Until recently, he

owned another one in Union, New Jersey. There's also a Planet Honda in Golden, Colorado. It looks just like the one in Tilton, so maybe he owns that, too. According to a May, 2021 release at PRNewswire, the Union location of Planet Honda retailed 8,264 new and used cars annually, grossing \$230 million.

If flogging cars sounds like a dull life, don't feel bad for Ciasulli. In his younger days he was a champion power boat racer, setting two world speed records.

Unfortunately, none of this makes *Rebeca* eligible for seizure. So much for our pipe dream of putting this paper on a sounder financial footing through legalized piracy.

To put this affair into a broader perspective, for all its would-be opulence, Ciasulli's *Rebeca* is only worth about as much as a Fabergé egg which is said to have been found on board *Amadea*, Suleiman Kerimov's \$325-million megayacht seized last month in Fiji.



F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote a story a century ago about a diamond as big as the Ritz. More accurately, the story was about the effect immense wealth could have on its possessors. Here we see a boat as big as a building. Not just any old building, either, but 1 Harbour Place—note the elegant, superfluous "U." The vessel, *Rebeca* [sic], is 131 feet long and said to be worth \$20 million. (Granted, it may have cost that much, but isn't worth a different question?) Among its amenities: Calacatta Vagli marble, teak, rosewood, a 75-square foot infinity pool, and fold-out "wings" in the aft section "that extend the 27-foot beam by another 10 feet."

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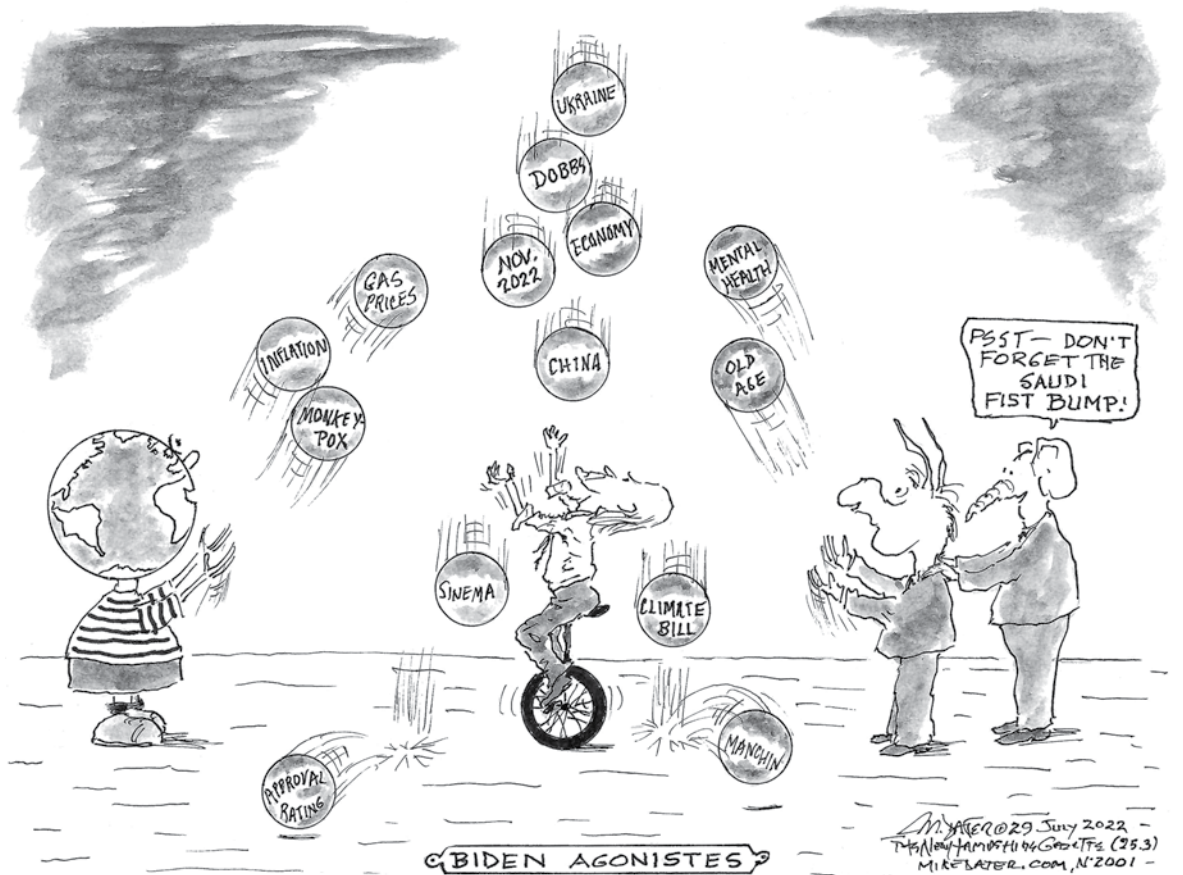
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The World Burns and the Richest Profit As the effects of the climate crisis are seen in global heatwaves and droughts, oil firms are booming.

by Adam Ramsay
The last time prices rose this fast was 41 years ago. The last time the UK got through prime ministers this fast was the mid-1970s. The last time there was open war between major European powers was in 1945. The last time the Northern Hemisphere was this hot was probably 125,000 years ago.

Yet the FTSE 100 [Financial Times Stock Index] is worth more than ever, corporate profits are higher than ever, there are more British billionaires than ever. And oil companies are richer than ever.

If we took climate change seriously, the petroleum industry would be bankrupt. These firms borrow billions against the future value of reserves they are yet to drill, but atmospheric physics demands we can't burn that carbon if we wish civilization to survive.

If our modern societies are to continue to exist in recognizable form, oil companies' assets are worthless.

And if we aren't, they are still worthless.

But in reality, fossil fuel giants are doing better than ever. Last week, Shell said it expected to revise upwards the value of oil and gas assets it had previously written down, causing its share prices to leap for joy.

Saudi Arabia, which has struggled for investment ever since it allegedly hung a bunch of businessmen by their feet and beat them until they coughed up their bank details, has been welcomed in from the cold.

In May, oil exporter Saudi Aramco overtook Apple as the most valuable company in the world—the most valuable in human history. This week, just months after pretending to take the climate emergency seriously at COP26, Joe Biden has gone to fist bump Saudi's narco-in-chief and beg him to pump more death into capitalism's veins.

Meanwhile, as temperatures across England rise above levels with which human homeostasis can cope, the climate crisis collides with the health crisis.

Crushed by a dozen years of Tory austerity and the government's incompetent response to COVID, National Health Service waiting

lists are already at an all-time high. Accident and Emergency units are "on the fringe of collapse," with ambulances queuing up outside hospitals, unable to hand over their patients. This means that over the next few days—when experts predict we will see up to ten thousand excess deaths as a result of the heatwave—vast numbers of people will likely spend time cooking in ambulances.

And with world food supplies already shaken by the war in Ukraine, the heatwave also means worsening global hunger.

Italian farmers are expected to lose a third of summer crops like rice and corn, while Sardinia's fields have been scuffed by a plague of locusts. In China, soaring temperatures are drying out soil, devastating agriculture of all kinds. East Africa is experiencing one of its driest rainy seasons in 40 years, which, combined with the fact that 40 percent of Africa's wheat usually comes from Russia or Ukraine, leaves tens of millions facing hunger.

Food and agriculture billionaires, on the other hand, raised their collective wealth by 45 percent over the past two years, while global food giant Cargill posted a 63 percent



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increase in its profits for last year, the best haul in its nearly 160-year history.

As the world moves out of pandemic mode (if not actually out of the pandemic), we're entering a new phase of global capitalism.

For big businesses and billionaires, the "omnicrisis" presents a perfect opportunity for disaster capitalism: use the overwhelming sense that everything is on fire to plunder: jack up prices while keeping wages down, extract, extract, extract, extract.

But this isn't the inevitable future. The faint echo of promises to "build back better" may have disappeared, and, with politics in crisis, people are increasingly realizing that they are going to have to fight for that future.

In Britain, more and more unions are voting to strike against the plunder. As concern about the climate crisis grows, so will action against those driving it. Distrust of our broken politics has deepened, creating a deep volatility.

A vast political fight over what comes next has arrived, just as the Labour Party has abandoned the

field and, in the coming months, we can expect something else to rush into that space.

What? That's up to you.

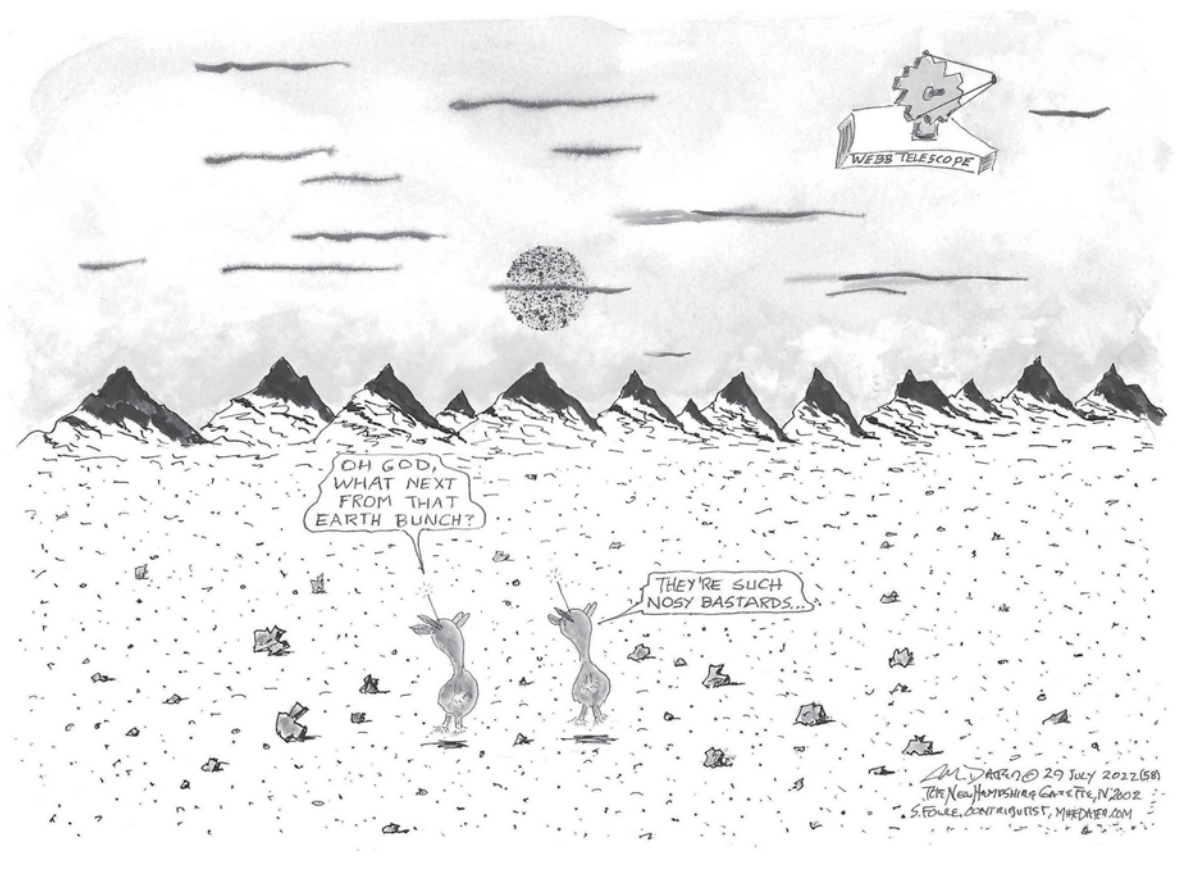
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Big Oil Quick to Jack Up Gasoline Prices But Slow to Drop Them

by Kenny Stancil

Over the past four months, Big Oil has rushed to raise gasoline prices—sometimes charging far more at the pump than the increased cost of oil would warrant—and dawdled to lower them when crude's valuation declined, according to a new analysis released Monday by the progressive watchdog group *Accountable.US*.

"For months, oil and gas companies have price gouged consumers, squeezing record-breaking profits out of Americans and forcing many



into dire financial straits," Jordan Schreiber, director of Energy and Environment at *Accountable.US*, said in a statement.

In its report, *Accountable.US* contrasted fluctuations in oil spot prices and retail gas prices.

When the cost of crude has risen, Big Oil has been quick to lift gas prices.

Sometimes, price hikes at the pump have closely resembled changes in the crude market. For instance, a 3.73 percent increase in oil spot prices from April 29th to May 6th was mirrored by a 3.34 percent increase in retail gas prices from May 2 to May 9.

In other cases, price hikes at the pump have exceeded climbing oil costs, such as when a 2.64 percent uptick in the price of crude from May 27 to June 3 was accompanied by a 5.29 percent increase in the price of gas from May 30th to June 6th.

Meanwhile, when the cost of crude has fallen, Big Oil has been slow to act—if at all—and gas prices

have either continued to soar or declined only slightly from one week to the next.

A 1.12 percent decrease in oil spot prices from April 22nd to April 29th was accompanied by a 1.76 percent increase in retail gas prices from April 25 to May 2. An even more egregious example occurred when the cost of crude declined by 1.58 percent from May 6th to May 13th and the price of gas surged by 3.68 percent from May 9th to May 16th.

Even when the industry has lowered retail gas prices, it has failed to do so at a rate commensurate with the falling cost of crude.

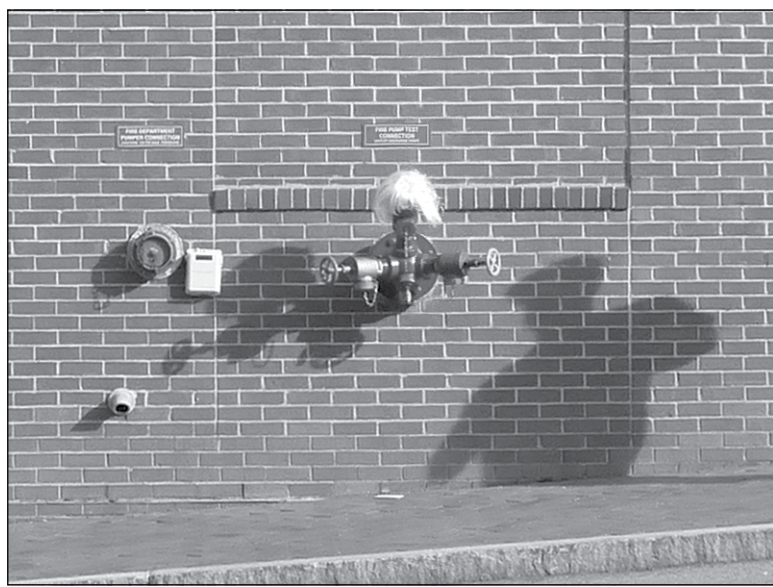
A 3.3 percent decline in oil spot prices from June 10th to June 17th yielded a 0.8 percent decrease in prices at the pump from June 13th to June 20th. A week later, a 7.37 percent decrease in the cost of crude was accompanied by just a 1.72 percent drop in the price of gas. A 6.89 percent fall in the cost of oil from July 1st to July 8th was accompanied by a 2.56 percent decline in gas prices.

"Our analysis demonstrates that corporate greed drives artificially high prices at the pump," said Schreiber. "The longer Big Oil's predatory pricing scheme persists, the graver the cost to American consumers and the country's economic health."

In March, congressional Democrats led by Rep. Ro Khanna (Calif.) and Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (R.I.) introduced the bicameral Big Oil Windfall Profits Tax.

But Khanna and Whitehouse's proposal faces long odds given the GOP's desire to capitalize on voters' mounting anger at the state of the economy. Not only is it unlikely that at least ten Senate Republicans would support advancing debate on the bill, as required due to the filibuster, but it remains unclear whether right-wing Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin (W.Va.) would vote for it.

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His misanthropic streak was pronounced enough already, then along came Covid. Now our Wandering Photographer's attention is divided between looking for images suitable for this paper, and adjusting his path to avoid random breathers. Editorial wants to halve his pay, but Accounting says that mathematically that wouldn't save us a nickel. At any rate, Sunday morning on Hanover Street he only encountered a shadow, itself about to encounter a standpipe wearing a shiny pink wig.

Murph's Fortnightly Quote
*"I exploit you, still, you love me,
 I tell you one and one makes three,
 I'm the cult of personality."*
 —Living Color, from "Cult of Personality" (1988)

*"The good earth—we could have saved it,
 but we were too damn cheap and lazy."*
 — Kurt Vonnegut
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*"Death, therefore, the most awful of evils, is nothing to us,
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Beware: Dangerous Vegetables

Dear Editor,

With regard to your Wandering Photographer in the July 15th issue: there may not have been any VC, Taliban, al-Qaeda, or ISIS thugs hanging around the Pic'n' Pay last Friday, but those bell peppers look pretty suspicious to me. You never know when you might have to whip out your 9 mm and blow away an angry cabbage or a rabid cucumber.

Bill Ehrhart
Bryn Mawr, Penn.
Bill,

The rule of thumb around here is, never turn your back on Brussel sprouts.

The Editor

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Our God-Given Right to Wreck the Planet
To the Editor:

Biden's trip to Saudi Arabia demonstrates Democrats' rabid hatred for Americans and exposes their man-made climate change hoax.

While shutting down American oil production, Biden begs for overseas production increases. Apparently oil production is OK as long as American workers, American consumers, American businesses, and American investors don't benefit.

The 1970s oil embargos showed the folly of depending on foreign oil. Those embargos caused scarcity, rationing, cold homes, high prices (energy costs impact everything), and risked our ability to respond to military threats or natural disasters.

The Department of Energy was created in 1977 to make us energy independent. Only President Trump cared enough about the American people to make us energy independent. On his first day as President, Biden started destroying our energy independence.

Biden's politically-motivated release of about 1/3 of our Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR), allegedly to help Americans, is sending millions of barrels overseas, including to China! Although another 1/6th of the SPR is planned to be released, our SPR is already at its lowest level since the mid-1980s. This is dangerous; our ability to respond in a major emergency is in jeopardy.

Biden shut down our oil production to "save the environment," to stop "climate change."

Yet, Biden's trip shows that it's OK to get oil from overseas, burn millions of gallons of fuel unnecessarily, spew millions of extra tons of CO2 into the atmosphere, and unnecessarily risk accidents causing enormous pollution.

Democrats' war on American energy harms Americans, especially poorer Americans. It robs American workers of good jobs, causes great price spikes, and jeopardizes our national prosperity and security. Biden's plea for more Saudi oil exposes that climate change alarmism was created for political, rather than human, benefit.

Vote Republican to save our prosperity, freedoms, and national security.

Don Ewing
Meredith, N.H.

Don:

Have you ever considered professional help? We're not doctors—as will soon become obvious, or electricians, either—but we've noticed that your brain seems to work like a spring-loaded on/off switch. Everything's either Republican/Good, or Democrat [sic]/Bad. Nothing in between, no nuance, none of that. Nudge that switch just a little bit and as soon as it moves an iota—click!

Seriously—Joe Biden only did the same damn thing that Trump, Bush the Lesser, and every President going back to FDR did before him. Sucking up to murderous monarchs is part of the job description. Granted, it's not in the Constitution, but neither are AR-15s. Or the Bible.

The Editor

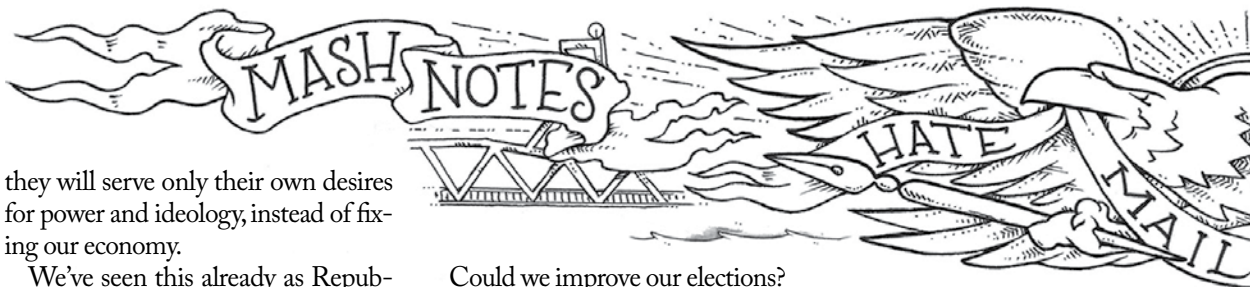
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"It's The Democracy"

Dear Editor:

Previous elections were about "It's the economy, Stupid." Now, "It's the democracy" is most important. With a democracy that represents the will of the people, our government can respond effectively to our economic, as well as environmental, health, safety and security needs.

But Republicans are passing laws in Red States that enable them to reverse the outcome of future elections even if they don't win a majority of votes. Unresponsive to the will of the people,



they will serve only their own desires for power and ideology, instead of fixing our economy.

We've seen this already as Republican-appointed Supreme Court Justices removed women's rights to privacy and bodily autonomy—forcing unwanted births. SCOTUS also prohibited states from regulating gun use to prevent mass murders.

Electing Democrats will stop Republican subversion of our power to choose government leaders who can protect our democracy, restore our rights and fix the economy.

Bruce Joffe
Piedmont, Calif.

Bruce:

We wish we could agree unequivocally. Don't get us wrong—we do agree. We just need to equivocate a little bit.

The chronic fecklessness of the Democratic Party, in the face of decades of Republican shenanigans, prompts us to re-phrase your proposition.

Yes, electing Democrats should stop Republican subversion, but that's obviously not sufficient. Clearly, Democratic feet must be held to the fire in order to obtain the desired results.

The Editor

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Self-Fulfilling Hypocrisies

To the Editor:

What undermines Voter Confidence in New Hampshire? The Committee on Voter Confidence!

Governor Sununu, former Secretary of State Gardner and current Secretary Scanlan call our elections "the gold standard"—safe, secure, accurate.

Yet they bow to *The Big Lie*, with a committee inviting New Hampshire citizens to air their beliefs that our elections are not reliable. The committee has become a forum for angry people to insult our election officials—fellow citizens and neighbors who came forth to do their civic duty. If anyone lacks confidence, it's election officials, now resigning in fear for their safety.

Could we improve our elections?

- Allow online voter registration.
- Have automatic voter registration when someone registers their car or gets a driver's license.
- Have an independent redistricting commission. (Partisan gerrymandering has deprived me of a meaningful vote in New Hampshire elections for the next ten years.)

• Ensure candidates are not for sale with transparency of election funds.

• Use HAVA funds (Help America Vote Act) to help towns recruit and train new poll workers.

Secretary Scanlon could promote voter confidence: praise citizens who work the polls, update registrations with 21st century technology, champion nonpartisan redistricting to give equal weight to each voter, call out dark money in elections. Question conspiracy theories and misinformation.

The January 6th hearings are uncovering the *Big Lie* endangering our democracy. When New Hampshire's Committee on Voter Confidence fails to counter lies about our election process, they fortify the January 6th lies.

Susan Richman
Durham, N.H.

Susan:

Here, here. Ninety-nine percent of the talk about voter integrity in New Hampshire has been disgustingly disingenuous.

People who should know better—people who should behave better—allow yahoos and blowhards of all descriptions to make outrageous claims without contradiction. Then they put on a long, sober face and say, "well, we must do these things to assure voters that they can have faith in our elections."

We say "Pfu," and you can quote us on that.

We have known a number of poll workers. They work long, long hours. They are careful and methodical. That they de-

serve the thanks of a grateful state goes without saying.

They also deserve not to be insulted by a lot of loose talk designed to cadge partisan advantage for the only party to have been found guilty in recent years of maliciously tampering with elections.

The Editor

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Dear Trump Supporter...

To the Editor:

Last month, I passed a Trump/Pence sign in Maine on my way to a friend's house but resisted the urge to stop. I didn't know what I would say, although I've been thinking about it ever since, so here's my letter to that sign's owner:

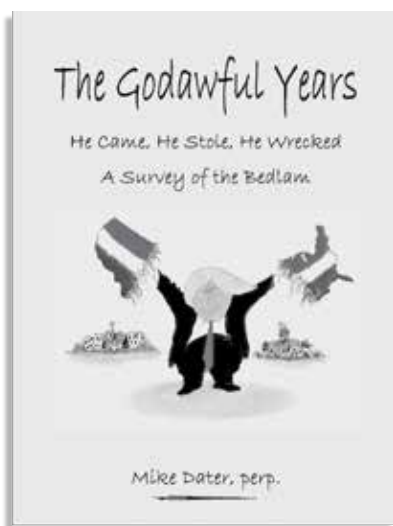
First of all, why do you have that sign up now?

Second, I understand that some people didn't want to risk their way of life so they voted for Trump in 2016. I agree with much of what they say about the arrogance and elitism of the ruling/political classes. On the other hand, I assume that "way of life" includes helping each other in a variety of ways. If so, I agree that we humans often have to help each other when we need help. I've been the beneficiary of this generosity many times. Yet, I also assume that most people—even those who may not look like us—want this, too.

Third, I recently reread *KKK—The Second Coming* by Linda Gordon. She writes that the KKK in the 1920s believed in American superiority, in "true" Americans who were white and Protestant. The KKK combined the tactics of a social movement with elections such as big rallies. They were suspicious of science, anti-Catholic, and anti-Semitic. "True" Americans were white, Christian, and born here in the U.S. What was especially horrifying in what I took from the book

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was the similarity to what some people believe now. Is that what you believe? This does not seem to be the first time in our history that some people fear others.

Finally, perhaps we should talk about these things.

Judy Ullman
Portsmouth, N.H.

Judy:

Call us prejudiced but we believe most people on the right acquire their political beliefs through osmosis.

On the other hand, most of the so-called "radicals" we know—which is most of the people we know—acquired their political beliefs through the observation of the grinding injustice that's required in order to maintain the status quo.

That's why we love editing this paper. It's relieved us of the temptation to get into arguments with individuals who are thoroughly convinced of something they've never thought much about.

The Editor

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Kittery, the KKK, and Two Whipples

To the Editor:

It is not surprising that a neo-Nazi group was recruiting in Kittery (as reported in the July 13th *Herald/Foster's*) given Kittery's past history with the KKK. In the 1920s, there was a resurgence of membership nationally in the KKK. The KKK was just one of many social clubs that some joined at the time. Pastors at many churches supported the KKK as well. In Kittery and Maine in general, their focus was on immigration and especially on French-Canadians who tended to be Catholic. The original KKK that formed after the Civil War was racist, anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic, violent and advocated for 100 percent pure Americans, *i.e.*, white and Protestant. At the time, a picture in the *Herald* (c. 1925) shows KKK members walking

down Kittery's main street in broad daylight in robes and hoods.

It's crucial to know some history to understand what happens today. In New Hampshire it seems to be difficult for educators (see HB 544, attached to the state budget) to tell the truth about our history. But, in Maine, I'm not so sure.

D. Allan Kerr has written about Kittery's history for the coming 375th anniversary of the town. I was struck by his column about William Whipple who was born in Kittery and signed the Declaration of Independence. I was struck because I'd just left the African Burying Ground in Portsmouth, where it listed Prince Whipple, one of William Whipple's slaves, along with others petitioning the New Hampshire legislature for their freedom in 1779. The legislature rejected the petition, thereby preventing Prince Whipple and others from becoming free. In the column, Kerr wrote, as I remember, that Whipple freed Prince. I need more clarification on the details of this event.

Judy Ullman
Portsmouth, N.H.

Judy:

We try not to miss D. Alan Kerr. He's one good reason to keep reading what's left of the Herald. According to blackheritagetrailnh.org, Prince Whipple gained his freedom in 1784.

The Editor

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The EU Does Not Understand Spain

To the Editor:

Spain ended up being the only surviving fascist regime in Europe, with a genocide of 300,000 people behind it that is unparalleled in Europe. What's more, this ultra-nationalist Spain treats Catalonia as a colony.

Since the Francoist dictatorship was never defeated, when it was forced to move towards a semblance of democ-

racy, they ensured that its essence survived by maintaining control of the judiciary, the army and the police.

In the EU, Spanish justice is considered comparable to that of other European states because it works reasonably well on most issues, except when it comes to the monarchy or the unity of the state. In these cases it gives a glimpse of the underlying Francoism, as has happened with regard to the desire of the Catalan national minority that wants to live outside this Spain that plunders and mistreats Catalonia. In regard to the Catalan pro-independence project, justice is used as a political weapon, like Turkey does against the Kurds.

But the EU fails to realise this, because recently the advocate general of the Court of Justice of the European Union [CJEU], Richard de la Tour (contradicting the doctrine used until now by the European courts) has considered that Belgium did not act correctly when it refused the extradition of the Catalan exile Luí Puig on the grounds that he would not have a fair trial in Spain. It is clear that the Spanish justice system persecutes Catalan pro-independence supporters and, in farcical trials, inexorably condemns them as if they were violent terrorists, even though they have acted in a totally peaceful manner. And the defencelessness is total because it is above all the judicial leadership that has this bias.

Something similar is happening with regard to spying with the Pegasus programme. The organisation Citizen Lab has accredited cases of espionage in: Poland (three opposition politicians), Hungary (four journalists) and Spain (65 Catalan independence supporters, including seven lawyers!). But suddenly the Spanish President announced that he and some ministers had also been spied on a year ago with Pegasus, allegedly by Morocco. Why was he saying this now? And why was he taking on the shame of hav-

ing been spied on? It seems clear that it was to try to cover up the spying on the pro-independence supporters. And the EU has accepted it because, in the commission that will study the spying with Pegasus, only Poland and Hungary have been singled out, and this commission will travel to these two countries as well as Israel and the U.S.A., but avoiding singling out and visiting Spain.

The EU should avoid imposing on itself the straitjacket of non-interference in relation to the abuse of Spanish justice. On the contrary, this supra-state justice is the only one that can stop an improper Justice in the EU. It is improper because it wants to prevent, by abusive means, the legitimate aspiration of the Catalan people to decide their future.

The Catalan exiles, led by President Carles Puigdemont, are fighting a legal battle in Europe for justice. Their victory will serve to end Francoism in Spain and this will strengthen all European citizens, whereas, if Francoism is allowed to continue in Spain, the whole of Europe will suffer for it.

Jordi Oriola Folch
Barcelona, Catalonia

Jordi:

It comes as a shock whenever we're reminded that Spain (and Portugal) were governed by fascists—outright fascists—well into the 1970s. It's a fact that complacent Democrats might want to keep in mind. Many Republicans, of course, will see that as an inspiration.

The Editor

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GOP Hobby: Deliberately Missing the Point

Dear Sir:

A recent letter to the Editor published in the *Portsmouth Herald* criticized President Biden selling millions of barrels of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). Unfortunately, the author only focused on the sale of the oil and never discussed the overall benefits resulting from the sale and the purpose of the SPR. The author did mention that when Biden announced the sale he stated that it was

To the Future

On behalf of my species, I'm sorry for the mess we've made of this planet. It must have been a nice place before we got here. Even as scary as the dinosaurs were, they didn't cause their own demise the way we've engineered collective suicide. What else to call it? How could we avoid the warning signs? Talk about denial. But we did. Year after year. For decades. Until it was too late. And then all hell broke loose, the mad scramble to evade the hurricanes, tornados, flooding, glaciers melting, ice caps shrinking, oceans rising, burning forests, burning prairies, burning cities. Those with the guns took what remained of food and water—as if their might could somehow alter the laws of physics—'til they too were drowned or starved or broiled alive. Whatever you are, wherever you are, if you're reading this, I send my apologies, and wish you wisdom greater than ours.

—W.D. Ehrhart

being done "in order to address high energy costs in this country." I assume that quote was inserted as a form of criticism, but in fact that is exactly what has happened and exactly why the SPR was created.

According to Lutz Killiam, a senior economic policy advisor at the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas, in an email to Fact Check, "The markets for crude oil and gasoline are global. Selling this crude (whether at home or abroad) will tend to lower the global price, which is what determines what refiners pay for crude oil. Hence, lower crude prices allow the price of gasoline in the U.S. (and elsewhere) to decline."

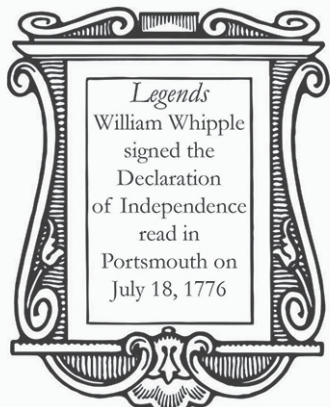
Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for the fuel-tracking service GasBuddy, told Fact Check that "so far the SPR releases are having an impact on gasoline prices by preventing prices from escalating more substantially—not so much by actively

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pushing prices down.”

De Haan also told Fact Check that “the government’s role is to supply oil to a market that needs it. It is irrelevant where it goes as long as it’s going into the market.”

Of course such facts do not fit into the right-wing echo chamber, and are never presented in their diatribes. However, the facts and the truth are available to everyone if they take the time and make the effort to learn them instead of relying on biased, self-serving sources.

Rich DiPentima, LTC, USAF, Ret.

Portsmouth, N.H.

Rich:

Your letter got us thinking about the similarities between oil and BS.

Oil is the currently-essential commodity without which the global economy cannot run. BS is a low-grade intellectual construct composed of lies and misinterpretations of the truth without which the right wing world view falls apart.

Oil comes out of the ground. BS comes out of right wing propaganda mills running on money diverted from the U.S. Treasury—after it has been extorted from workers, of course.

We suppose that our point—if, indeed, we have one—is that the GOP is intentionally missing the point.

The Editor

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Another Satisfied Subscriber

Steve;

I was delighted to find a print copy of the latest *Gazette* in my mailbox yesterday. Hopefully, it is a sign of a return to normalcy although I realize that may be an overly optimistic statement given the current state of political, international and climate chaos!

Congratulations.

Bob Russell

Harrisburg, Pa.

Bob:

Thanks! Glad you got it in such a timely fashion.

The Editor



Unraveled and Awry

Dear Editor:

One of the most revealing declarative statements ever uttered by a politician in the last 50 years was voiced by Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) shortly after Barack Obama’s election to the presidency in 2008. He said, in no uncertain terms: “My aim in life is to make Barack Obama a one-term president.”

Those 12 words speak volumes about Mitch McConnell’s (and the Republican Party’s) view on governing. Someone might remind the seven-term senator; you can pull strings, you can lay down the law, you can exercise authority and you can control—but in a democracy—that’s not governing.

Yes, Mitch McConnell failed in his attempt to make Obama a one-term president, but he did manage to demonstrate (many times over) that obstructionism works. In addition, he established among the GOP rank and file that not governing, but simply hindering the other side from doing so, is acceptable.

I believe the course heading the 21st Century GOP has adopted is wrong and, in fact, dangerous and severely imperils our longevity as a free nation. I would remind the Republican Party how we arrived at this point in our history.

Three major concepts define American government, and in order to survive we must insure they continue to function as intended. First, we enjoy a representative democratic type of government, which is framed in and enforced by the Constitution of the United States so that it serves the will of the people and gives them direct access to their government through the political process. I’m doubtful that a majority of Americans trust even this first component of American government is working as it should. I certainly don’t.

Second, our government is fed-

eral, with powers divided between a central government in Washington, DC and several local governments; states, cities, towns and other authorities and governing bodies.

Third (and this may be the most difficult feature to accomplish), our government is limited in nature, in that the government does not have ultimate authority over the people, each of us has certain rights which (in theory at least) can not be taken away. Associated with that limited make up (what many refer to as “power distribution”), we commonly know as the three branches of government: Executive, Judicial and Legislative, kept in place (ostensibly) by a system of checks and balances. Together, these concepts are designed to ensure that the American government lies in the hands of the people (us).

The United States Constitution wasn’t composed haphazardly, willy-nilly, or with thoughtless unconcern. It was crafted by men who labored long and hard to design a document that would stand the test of time and persevere into a future world the framers could not possibly have envisioned.

We’re witnessing how the best laid plans can unravel and go terribly awry. We have a political party that banishes members who stand up for what is right, who endeavor to tell the truth. We’re a divided country, those who accept as inviolate the peaceful transfer of power and those who justify violence when they lose. We live in a country where men and women who do not believe in representative democracy would eagerly overturn the outcome of an election based on fake and fraudulent claims.

Those of us who believe in democracy, who took an oath to defend it, are obligated to push back against those who would destroy it. Former president Trump incited an armed attack on our nation’s Capitol which cost several defenders their lives. He must be indicted for sedition for attempting to overthrow the government of the United States. To do otherwise will have unimaginable and incomprehensible consequenc-

es creating an incalculable danger to our Republic.

David L. Snell
Franklin, N.C.

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Um...First Amendment?

To the Editor:

When will we get government oversight on social media outlets and laws that would punish lawmakers for misleading the populace?

I was a big supporter of the Republican Party starting back in the day when D. Eisenhower was President. That was before I was able to vote, and when one could accept what you were told by elected officials as being accurate and truthful. Since then Republican Presidents can be identified by a lie they told—“I am not a crook”—“Read my lips—no new taxes”—“Mission accomplished”—“I will pay off the National debt in three years and have a surplus in the fourth”—and then he proceeded to triple or quadruple the national debt! But that was perhaps just one lie each.

Now, in Trump’s four-year term as President, it is not one lie that you can remember, because the number of lies runs into thousands and many of his Republican elected or appointed officials repeat lies, even when they know they are lies.

One recent noticeable situation is Marjory Taylor Green, who, in her recent court appearance—under oath—has demonstrated that she either has an early and severe case of senility and memory loss or she lied under oath. Either of these makes her unfit for public office. And this is just one example of numerous Republican elected or appointed officials who have been shown to have lied.

There is an old Latin phrase which used to be used as instructions to juries (I do not know if it still is used that way), that says “falsus uno, falsus omnibus.” Juries were told that if you have been shown that a witness lied once, you can discount all his testimony.

With all of that in mind, I could easily be led to believe that if it is a Republican official and his (or her) lips are moving, they are lying. The

First Amendment is a very sad situation when you can’t trust half of your government officials. And it is compounded by the fact that there are so many social media outlets, like Twitter, where anyone can broadcast to the whole world their conspiracy theories, their “alternative facts,” and their downright lies, because they have freedom of speech. I am a firm believer in freedom of speech, but I remember when we just had three or four media outlets—ABC, NBC, CBS and PBS. Only journalists had access to these outlets, not every resident, and they had to get confirmation from two or three sources in order to verify that their proposed broadcast was accurate.

When will lawmakers make similar laws governing social media outlets so that every person who posts online is subject to the same verification standards that journalists were (and maybe still are) subjected to, so that we are not inundated with all the conspiracy theories, “alternative facts,” and outright lies that anyone can post online? There should also be penalties for public officials who promulgate such inaccuracies.

The situation that is currently in place is detrimental to the entire country. It leads to division and distrust throughout, and therefore is a stake in the heart of a true democracy when a majority will be misinformed.

UPDATE: We now have three (Republican-appointed) Supreme Court justices who lied under oath at their “job interview” when testifying at their confirmation hearings!! What are you going to do about that? Impeach them? And there is another one whose vocabulary does not include the word “recuse.”

Christopher Mills
Whereabouts Unknown
Christopher:

Government oversight on social media outlets? Laws that would punish lawmakers for misleading the populace?

Who would provide this oversight? The Ministry of Truth? Who would write these laws? Marjorie Taylor Greene?

We face terrible problems, but these suggestions would put tactical nukes in the hands of the moral equivalent of the Proud Boys.

The Editor

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

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

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

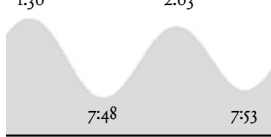
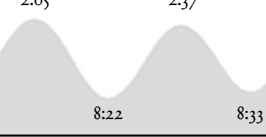
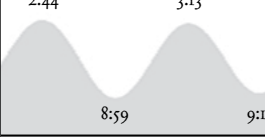
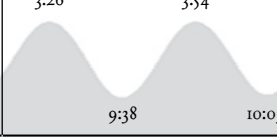
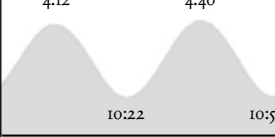

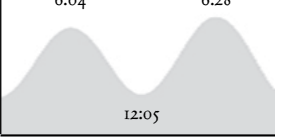
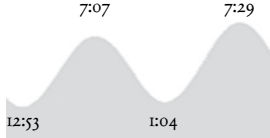
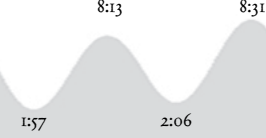
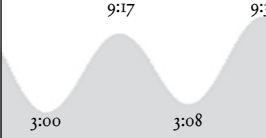
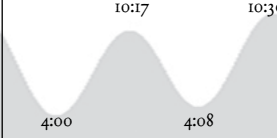
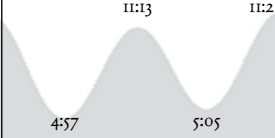
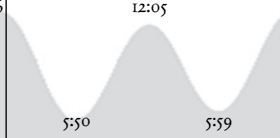
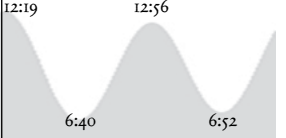
drags about seventeen billion gallons of seawater — enough to fill 2,125,000 tanker trucks — up the river and into Great Bay. This creates a roving hydraulic conflict, as incoming sea and the outgoing river collide. The skirmish line

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

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

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

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

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<p>2001—Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld sends a memo to Under Secretary for Policy Douglas Feith: "We ought to have on our radar screen oil—Venezuela, the Caucasus, Indonesia—anywhere we think it may exist and how it fits into our strategies." 1999—Eugene Shoemaker becomes the first Earthling to have his cremated remains interred on the moon. 1996—Gerald Ford and George H.[H.] Walker Bush uphold the dignity of their former office by speaking for pay before followers of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon. 1974—Richard Nixon's former advisor John Ehrlichman gets a free five-year stay at a felons' country club. 1972—Tom Eagleton withdraws his candidacy; the public is shocked. 1971—The "Justice" Department OK's ITT's ownership of Hartford Fire Insurance; ITT's recent \$400,000 "contribution" to the GOP convention is a mere coincidence. 1961—Bruce Britt Sr. outruns cops at 120 mph, runs aboard a DC-3 in Chico, Calif., and shoots two men; but the first U.S. skyjacking fails. 1950—Chicago OK's a plan to tattoo citizens with their blood type. 1938—New York Yankee Jake Powell is suspended for saying on Chicago radio that he'd "hit every colored person in Chicago over the head with a club." 1921—Pennsylvania censors a Will Rogers movie because it portrays hoboes in too favorable a light.</p>	<p>2007—An interstate highway bridge in Minneapolis collapses, killing 13. 2002—The George W.[MD] Bush administration adopts a new policy: torture is now the American Way. 1974—Vice President Ford meets with AI Haig for 50 minutes; they talk about Nixon perhaps resigning, and a possible pardon from Ford. It's all quite kosher, though Haig did sign the official log under an assumed name. 1972—The <i>Washington Post</i> reports on a "two-bit burglary" at DNC HQ. 1972—First Lt. G.W.[MD] Bush loses his Air National Guard flying status; he skipped a required physical exam that included a drug test. 1969—Herb Kalmbach accepts a \$100,000 bribe from milk producers on behalf of Richard Nixon. 1969—A Mass. Superior Court judge denies a DA's request for an inquest into MaryJo Kopechne's death. 1966—Ex-Eagle Scout, honor student, and former Marine Charles Whitman shoots 45 (killing 12) from a tower at the University of Texas. 1946—Corrupt Democrats in Athens, Tennessee, hole up in a jailhouse with ballot boxes. Disgruntled vets armed with Thompson guns stolen from the local Guard armory lay siege. 1921—Baldwin-Feltes goons hired by coal barons shoot Police Chief Sid Hatfield and Deputy Ed Chambers dead on the courthouse steps in Matewan, W.Va. The dead were unarmed, but self-defense pleas free the killers.</p>	<p>2000—The GOP picks George W.[MD] Bush to preside, and Dick "Dick" Cheney to run the country. 1993—A short circuit sends a self-destruct command to a Titan IV rocket which blows up over the Pacific destroying \$1 billion in spy satellites. 1990—Iraq invades Kuwait. 1964—The <i>U.S.S. Maddox</i>, in North Vietnamese territorial waters to support covert South Vietnamese attacks, fires on North Vietnamese torpedo boats. When they fire back, <i>Maddox</i> reports an "unprovoked" attack. 1946—Disgruntled veterans in Athens, Tenn. prevail over a crooked Democratic machine, thanks to several well-placed dynamite blasts. 1943—Treblinka prisoners revolt. Only 40 survive, but they close the camp. 1943—The nimble American PT boat #109 is rammed and sunk by a relatively ponderous Japanese destroyer. 1939—Albert Einstein informs FDR that a nuclear bomb is feasible. 1937—FDR signs the marijuana tax bill propagated by America's first narc, hardcore racist Harry Anslinger. Tim Leary gets it overturned 31 years later. 1931—Albert Einstein urges all scientists to refuse military work. 1865—The <i>CSS Shenandoah</i>, after capturing and sinking American whaling vessels all summer, learns that the vessel's been over since April. 1832—Starving Sauk and Fox women and children surrender at Bad Axe, Wis. They're massacred by militia.</p>	<p>1981—Air traffic controllers give Ronald Reagan his cue to grandstand. 1980—Ronald Reagan touts "states' rights" in his first post-ovation speech—two miles from the site where, 19 years earlier, three murdered civil rights workers were buried. 1971—New Hampshire man Alan Shepard hits a golf ball on the moon. 1966—RIP Lenny Bruce, prosecuted to death at the age of 40. 1962—Given a huge shot of LSD by a CIA subcontractor, Tusko the elephant, "pride of the Oklahoma City Zoo," keels over, defecates, and shudders. Big doses of anti-psychotics and tranquilizers don't help; he dies. 1961—Byron Rickards, piloting a Boeing 707 over New Mexico, is skyjacked by father and son team Leon and Cody Beardon. In 1931, in Peru, Rickards' Ford Tri-Motor had become the first plane ever skyjacked. 1931—In Chicago, 60,000 march against eviction. A fatal riot ensues. 1929—The DA of San Bernardino brings a posse of fellow American Legionnaires on a raid. They bust Yetta Stromberg, 19, for raising a red flag. 1923—By lamplight, at 2:47 a.m. in Plymouth, Vermont, John Coolidge swears in his son Calvin as President. 1922—The New York Society for the Suppression of Vice proposes that all literary manuscripts be screened to ensure they are not immoral. 1919—The Chicago race riot ends: 38 dead, 537 injured, 1,000 homeless.</p>	<p>2003—Lightning strikes a warehouse in Bardstown, Ky. In the fire that results, 19,000 barrels release a flaming river: 800,000 gallons of Jim Beam. Thousands of fish die as high winds whip up a 100-foot firenado. 1992—Republicans re-nominate the Bush/Quayle ticket. [<i>Snicker.</i>] 1991—The captain and officers of the sinking <i>Oceanos</i> abandon the ship—and its passengers. Entertainers organize a successful rescue of all aboard. 1987—The FCC jettisons the Fairness Doctrine, declaring it "restricts the journalistic freedom of broadcasters." 1964—The <i>U.S.S. Maddox</i> and <i>U.S.S. Turner Joy</i> report a second torpedo attack in Gulf of Tonkin. There are no casualties; nor is there any damage. Defense Secretary McNamara withholds from President Johnson warnings that it may just be a false alarm. 1961—Barack Hussein Obama is allegedly born in Honolulu, Hawaii. 1948—J. Parnell Thomas [R-N.J.], the rabidly anti-commie chair of HUAC, is exposed in Drew Pearson's column as a tax-dodging grifter. 1945—Joe Cleary's MLB career lasts one-third of an inning. Pitching for the Senators, he gives up five hits and three walks for an ERA of 189. He's relieved by one-legged Bert Shepard, whose career lasts one game. The Red Sox win it, 15-4. 1942—The Bracero program begins. Mexican workers now get to be exploited north of the border, too.</p>	<p>2011—S&P lowers the U.S.'s credit rating because the GOP says it might not let the government pay its bills. 2007—On Lake Winnepesaukee, the President of France, clad only in swim trunks, jumps into the boat of AP's ace photographer Jim Cole and berates him for doing his job. 2004—"Our enemies," says George W.[MD] Bush, "never stop thinking about new ways to harm our country and our people, and neither do we." 1981—Ronald Reagan fires 12,700 air traffic controllers. 1971—ITT makes a \$200,000 "donation" to the GOP Convention. In return the Justice Department overlooks ITT violations of antitrust laws. 1969—The Army says eight Green Berets are under arrest for "terminating" a suspected South Vietnamese double agent "with extreme prejudice." 1968—The GOP convention starts in Miami. One delegate for Nelson Rockefeller: Theodore "Ted" Bundy. 1962—An official South African goon squad nabs fugitive anti-apartheid "terrorist" Nelson Mandela, thanks to a helpful tip from the CIA. 1950—When a B-29 hits a trailer park in California, 18 die. At least the nuke on board fails to explode. 1912—Teddy Roosevelt founds the Progressive "Bull Moose" Party "to dissolve the unholy alliance between corrupt business and corrupt politics." 1888—Bertha Benz makes the first-ever motorized road trip; 66 km.</p>	<p>2016—"One of my proudest moments," says Senator "Moscow Mitch" McConnell [R-Ky.], "was when I told President Obama, 'You will not fill this Supreme Court vacancy.'" 2011—An RPG downs a Chinook in the Tengi Valley, killing all 38 on board; 30 are Americans, the most to die in a single incident in Afghanistan. 2001—The CIA hands the President a report titled "Bin Ladin Determined To Strike in U.S." He ignores it. 1991—Tim Berners-Lee introduces the World Wide Web to the world. 1970—Disneyland closes as 300 Yippies smoke pot, chant V.C. slogans & demand freedom for Mickey Mouse. 1957—Carol Burnett becomes an overnight sensation by singing on the Jack Paar show, "I Made a Fool of Myself Over John Foster Dulles." 1954—The Illinois Department of the American Legion denounces the <i>Girl Scout Handbook</i> as subversive. 1945—Sayonara, Hiroshima. 1930—N.Y. Supreme Court Justice and Democratic bigwig John Force Crater purges private files, cashes a large check, and disappears forever. 1895—The socialist paper <i>Appeal to Reason</i> begins. By 1902 it has the 4th highest circulation in the U.S. 1890—William Kemmler thrashes and smokes for eight minutes in New York's new electric chair. 1855—Nativists in Louisville, egged on by a Know Nothing newspaper, torch Irish homes and kill 22.</p>
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<p>2016—<i>Verrückt</i> (German for "insane"), the world's tallest waterslide, built in Kansas City by men who later admitted that they didn't know what they were doing, and exempt from state licensing, decapitates the 10-year-old son of a Kansas state rep. 1974—Three GOP bigwigs tell Nixon on he's through. Len Garment talks him out of pardoning the Watergate conspirators. Nixon's man AI Haig meets again in secret with Gerry Ford. Move along; nothing to see here. 1964—Congress falls for the Gulf of Tonkin hoax. L.B.J. gets unprecedented and unconstitutional power. Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) votes no, saying "future generations will look with dismay and great disappointment upon a Congress which is now about to make such a historic mistake." 1957—In Nevada, ZS&G becomes the first Goodyear Blimp to be brought down by a nuclear weapon. 1936—Rep. Marion Zioncheck (D-Wash.), who once had a load of manure dumped on J. Edgar Hoover's lawn, defenestrates from the fifth floor of a Seattle office building. 1930—A mob lynches three Black men in Marion, Ind. A photo of two, dead, inspires the song, "Strange Fruit." The third, rescued, later founds America's Black Holocaust Museum. 1893—William Rufus Cox, ex-CSA Gen., is made Secretary of the Senate. 1890—Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, "The Rebel Girl," is born in Concord, N.H.</p>	<p>1989—E. Robert Wallach, a close pal of Ed "Meese is a Pig" Meese, is convicted of racketeering. He pocketed \$425,000 to influence Meese and others as part of Wedtech Corp.'s scheme to win defense contracts. 1980—Rep. Jon Hinson (R-Mich.), running for re-election, admits he's been accused of committing an obscene act in a "gay haunt" in Virginia and once barely escaped a fire in a gay movie theatre; but he denies he's gay. 1974—Rep. Earl Landgrebe [R-Ind.], says "Don't confuse me with the facts. I've got a closed mind. I will not vote for impeachment. I'm going to stick with my President even if he and I have to be taken out of this building and shot." Later that day, however, his idol Richard M. Nixon confesses that he lied—he is a quitter, after all. 1973—Veep Spiro "Ted" Agnew calls the revelation that he took bribes as Governor of Maryland "damned lies." 1968—Richard Nixon chooses Spiro "Ted" Agnew for a running mate. 1942—Condemned by an un-Constitutional secret military tribunal irregularly sanctioned by a Supreme Court Justice in cahoots with FDR, six German saboteurs are hanged six weeks after landing via submarine. Bush #43 later relies on the precedent. 1925—Imperial Wizard Hiram Evans leads 35,000 members of the Ku Klux Klan in full regalia—minus the hoods—down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Washington Monument.</p>	<p>2014—Ferguson, Mo. cop Darren Wilson shoots unarmed Michael Brown, 18, whose body is then left uncovered on the street for four hours. 1997—New York cop Justin Volpe sodomizes Haitian immigrant Abner Louima with a broomstick. 1989—George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush signs the Savings and Loan bailout. Among the bailees: his boys Neil and Jeb. 1974—Richard Milhous Nixon vacates the White House—finally. 1945—In Nagasaki, Hiroshima blast survivor Tsutomu Yamaguchi's boss doubts his account of the devastation—until an A-bomb explodes. 1936—Lincoln Steffens, one of the original muckrakers, dies at 70. 1882—Two days after one fatal brawl, a group of Hatfields march three McCoy's into Kentucky where they shoot them tied to a pawpaw tree. 1874—Paranormal chronicler Charles Fort materializes in Albany, N.Y. 1872—Fire destroys 547 buildings in Boston, killing 14. 1842—Herman Melville escapes from the Typee Valley in the Marquesas where he has been held captive by cannibals for a month. 1842—The Webster-Ashburton Treaty ends the Aroostook War. 1610—Under orders from Thomas Dewar, Baron De La Warr, after whom Delaware is named, English settlers in Virginia slaughter the Paspashegh men, women, and children.</p>	<p>2019—Mysterious sex criminal and pal of bigwigs Jeffrey Epstein is found conveniently but mysteriously dead in his closely unguarded N.Y.C. jail cell. 2000—"I want you to know," George W.[MD] Bush tells farmers in Salinas, Calif., "that farmers are not going to be secondary thoughts to a Bush administration. They will be in the forefront of our thinking." 1974—"I take my instructions from General Haig," says a Colonel overseeing Richard Nixon's attempt to spirit files out of the White House. White House Counsel Benton Becker calls the Colonel's bluff, and three full Air Force trucks are unloaded. 1973—Free Marketeer Charles Koch writes Free Marketeer Friedrich von Hayek suggesting he move to the U.S. so he can collect Social[ist] Security. 1968—Eight G.I.'s in Vietnam are killed by "friendly fire." 1887—An engineer for the Toledo, Peoria & Western, seeing a burning bridge ahead, uncouples his engine and crosses safely. His 81 passengers die when it collapses. 1856—Wind-driven waves drown 400 at a ball on Last Island, La. 1835—A mob of 300 men wrecks Cannan, N.H.'s racially integrated Noyes Academy, using 100 yokes of oxen to drag it from its foundation. Black students are then chased from town. 1680—Pueblo Indians begin an 11-day revolt that will kill 400 Spaniards and drive them from New Mexico.</p>	<p>2017—A "good person" rallying for White Supremacy in Charlottesville, Va. commits vehicular homicide. 2009—President Obama speaks inside Portsmouth, N.H. High School. Outside a Libertarian packs a 9-mm pistol and totes a sign calling for the "blood of patriots and tyrants." 1972—The last grunts in 'Nam, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry, board that Freedom Bird for CONUS. 1966—The first Coast Guardsmen (2) are killed in Vietnam when B-57s and F-4s attack the cutter <i>Point Welcome</i>. 1965—A white L.A. cop pulls over a Black driver in Watts. Five days of riots cost 34 lives, mostly Black, and \$200 million in damage. 1942—Ten years after her scandalous <i>Ecstasy</i> nude scene, Hedy Lamarr's "piano roll" system to defend torpedoes from radio-jamming gets a patent. 1911—Workers incensed by the "scientific management" imposed by stop-watch-obsessed Phillips Exeter grad Frederick Winslow Taylor go on strike at the Watertown Arsenal. 1897—Senator-to-be and ex-enslaver Rebecca Ann Latimer Felton tells the Georgia Agricultural Society, "lynch, a thousand times a week if necessary," to protect "[white] woman's dearest possession from the ravaging human beasts," i.e., Black men. 1894—Charles "Hobo" Kelley and his 1,200 man "army" of the unemployed are driven from Washington D.C. by Federal troops.</p>	<p>2004—N.J. Gov. Tom McGreevy resigns after admitting he's been sleeping with a man who is not his wife. 1985—A 747 with 524 on board, enroute to Osaka, crashes after the tail falls off. Many survive but, due to delays, only four are rescued alive. 1977—CBS reports that the state won't replace a washed-out bridge in Vulcan, W. Va., so the town has asked the U.S.S.R. for foreign aid. 1958—Art Kane takes the photo known as "A Great Day in Harlem." 57 jazz greats on a brownstone stoop. 1955—Ike raises the minimum wage from 75 cents to \$1 per hour. 1953—Russia tests an H-bomb. Yup, it works. 1898—The U.S. annexes Hawaii and makes peace with Spain. 1865—Joseph Lister introduces a novel refinement to the art of surgery, which he calls "disinfectant." 1827—William Blake is released from his earthly form. 1806—In Haverhill, N.H. 10,000 assemble to see Josiah Burnham hanged on his 63rd birthday. He had stabbed two fellow inmates in debtors prison. 1676—John Alderman, a "Praying Indian," shoots and kills Metacom, aka King Philip. Alderman is awarded the head and one hand. He sells the head to the town of Plymouth where it's displayed atop a stake for 25 years. Metacom's wife and child are sold to West Indian slave traders. 30 BCE—RIP, Cleopatra.</p>	<p>2002—"I promise you I will listen to what has been said here," says George W.[MD] Bush at the President's Economic Forum in Waco, Texas, "even though I wasn't here." 1971—Criminal Attorney General John Mitchell announces that there will be no grand jury investigation of the May 4th shootings at Kent State. 1966—"In two or three years, or even before" says Premier of South Vietnam Nguyen Cao Ky, "the Communists will accept defeat." 1957—Daisy and Bill Myers, who are Black, get a "warm welcome" to Levittown, Pa.—burning cross and all. 1955—Lamar Smith, a Black WWI vet and voting activist, is shot dead at 10:00 a.m. on the lawn of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Brookhaven, Miss. Witnesses: 30; Indictments: 0. 1955—Baltimore's Chamber of Commerce accuses H.L. Mencken of damaging the city's trade with the South due to his reporting of the Scopes "monkey" trial. 1906—African-American soldiers raid Brownsville, Texas to avenge racial insults; one man is killed. 1899—David Terry, former Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, assaults U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen J. Field. Terry is shot dead by Field's bodyguard, a U.S. Marshal later cleared of wrongdoing. 1878—The first of 5,000 Memphians dies of yellow fever in an epidemic caused by a quarantine-jumper.</p>
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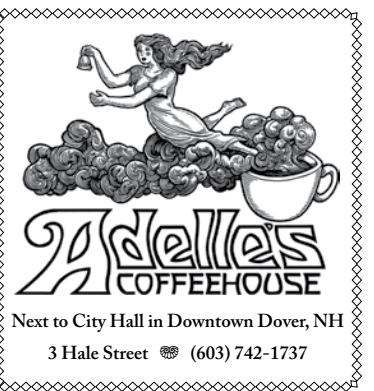


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