

The Fortnightly Rant

None Dare Call It Treason

It goes without saying, here in the land of the free and the home of the brave, that things are, in general, hunky-dory. Such, at least, is the baseline which—though unspoken—serves as the foundation of our national news, as it is presented by the preeminent purveyors of that particular product.

Against that static and unchanging background, over time, a succession of events occur. To euphemize a vulgar old expression, “Stuff happens.”

These events need to be observed, assessed, and calmly described by properly trained people if we are to fulfill our roles as decent, responsible human beings living, whether we like it or not, in a representative democracy.

To sum up, here is the official line: there is constant cause for concern, but never a need to panic.

Panic would be bad for business—and the news business is, most decidedly, a business.

As it happens this newspaper is not bound by that vision. What we see is something completely different.

Over recent decades we have seen a succession of alleged improvements...this improvement, that improvement, just one damned improvement after another. Brilliant new improvements have sprung up like poisonous mushrooms after a toxic downpour.

With a few notable exceptions—laser printers and page layout software, primarily—these improvements have been catastrophes. Airline deregulation. Banking deregulation. Tax cuts to stimulate the economy. For-profit healthcare. Privatizing education. Whatever is going on at the U.S. Postal Service.

Now our bright, fresh-faced

younger generation has a choice. Which will it be? A lifetime of marginal employment, or a lifetime in hock for your education?

Meanwhile, even older generations can now extend their usefulness. Thanks to one of the two remaining social welfare programs which have yet to be cancelled, pharmaceutical companies have turned Gramps and Granny into profit centers. Start with a little government-funded research, tweak it into some marginally-useful treatment, offer it to an audience aware of its actuarial odds, and send the staggering bill to Uncle Sam.

So now here we are, with sixty percent of the public living from paycheck to paycheck, one accident or illness away from bankruptcy, homelessness, and death in the great outdoors.

Short of an outright return to medieval serfdom, there could be no better way to ensure a compliant workforce—which may have been the plan all along.

To better understand how we got into this fine mess, let's set the Wayback Machine for 1964—the year the Republican Party nominated Barry Goldwater for President.

The party's National Convention was held that year in a vast arena improbably named The Cow Palace. Technically located in Daly City, California, it is generally considered to be in San Francisco—aka Baghdad by the Bay, home base of the arch-fiend Nancy Pelosi. These small apparent contradictions will grow over time, like a small bank deposit burgeoning thanks to the miracle of compound interest.

The most popular book amid that particular audience was undoubtedly John A. Stormer's *None Dare Call It Treason*. The book “argued



that America was losing the cold war because it was being betrayed by its elites, who were pro-communist,” according to Wikipedia. Since Wikipedia is, itself, “a multilingual free online encyclopedia written and maintained by a community of volunteers...through open collaboration,” it might as well be considered a direct outgrowth of the global Marxist/Leninist conspiracy.

Historian Rick Perlstein has painstakingly documented in four brilliant books how today's so-called conservatism went on to triumph after Goldwater's crushing defeat. Again, the contradictions....

Goldwater's campaign got as far as he did thanks to the direct mail fundraising of Richard Viguerie, who learned his craft working for televangelist Billy James Hargis—whose ministry petered out following allegations of sexual impropriety. Viguerie, now 89, was a true pioneer among political operatives. “The Funding Father” charges no fees up front. He'll just take a hefty per-

centage and retain his client's donor databases, for future use as he sees fit.

Sixteen years after Goldwater failed, Ronald Reagan succeeded. Among those deserving credit—or blame—were Viguerie and the late Paul Weyrich, a co-founder of the Heritage Foundation. Weyrich's right-hand man was Laszlo Pasztor, described by Commiepedia as “a former leader of the pro-Nazi Arrow Cross Party in Hungary, which had collaborated with Hitler's Third Reich. After two years in prison for Arrow Cross shenanigans, Pasztor immigrated to the United States, “where he was instrumental in establishing the ethnic-outreach arm of the Republican National Committee.”

Less well-known but increasingly influential on the right is a curious individual named William S. Lind. A former defense staffer for Ohio Senator Robert Taft, Jr., Lind proudly professes to be a pro-Hohenzollern monarchist. He is credited, if that's the right term, with

inventing the concept of 4th generation war. Its essence is conveyed in a 2001 document commissioned by Weyrich and Lind: “Our strategy will be to bleed this corrupt culture dry.... Our movement will be entirely destructive, and entirely constructive. We will not try to reform the existing institutions. We only intend to weaken them, and eventually destroy them....”

Perhaps this explains why Confederate flags were being brandished by goons in the Capitol building. Further study will be necessary, of course. And no doubt it will be forthcoming.

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, we now understand, will be making available to Tucker Carlson some 14,000 hours of video footage of the January 6th attempt to overthrow the government. Carlson, court transcripts have recently show, gleefully lies to his Fox News viewers if it's in his economic interest to do so. But don't you dare call any of this treason.

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Portsmouth Resident Plotted Nord Stream Sabotage, says Hersh

A Little Harbor homeowner plotted last September's bombing of the Nord Stream gas pipeline, according to investigative reporter Seymour Hersh.*

Jake Sullivan, 46, has been President Biden's National Security Advisor since January, 2021. The 28th person to hold that position, his predecessors include John Bolton, a Vietnam War chickenhawk; Michael Flynn, a QAnon follower and admitted perjurer, later pardoned by a seditious; and Henry Kissinger, a nonagenarian war criminal.

Hersh—who won the Pulitzer Prize in 1970 for his work exposing the My Lai massacre—wrote, in a piece published online February 8th, “In December of 2021, two months before the first Russian tanks rolled into Ukraine, Jake Sullivan con-

vened a meeting of a newly formed task force—men and women from the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the CIA, and the State and Treasury Departments—and asked for recommendations about how to respond to Putin's impending invasion....

“What became clear to participants, according to the source with direct knowledge of the process, is that Sullivan intended for the group to come up with a plan for the destruction of the two Nord Stream pipelines—and that he was delivering on the desires of the President.”

By Hersh's account, the plan used specially-trained divers selected from the ranks of the regular Navy. The more obvious choice—using Navy SEALs from the Special Operations Command—would have required Biden to get prior approval

from top Congressional leaders.

Hersh wrote that explosives were placed surreptitiously in early June under cover of a routine NATO exercise, BALTOPS 22. A Norwegian Navy surveillance plane dropped a buoy equipped with a transmitter. Hours later, the explosives detonated.

The President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, tweeted at the time, “Paramount to now investigate the incidents, get full clarity on events & why. Any deliberate disruption of active European energy infrastructure is unacceptable & will lead to the strongest possible response.”

Hersh's literally explosive report caused a momentary stir, bookended, before and after, by remarkable silence. A notable exception came on February 13th, when Mick Wallace, a Member of the European Parlia-

ment for Ireland South, delivered the following impassioned speech: †

“Only last September, Commission President [Ursula] von der Leyen stated that it was ‘paramount to now investigate the Nord Stream pipeline attack,’ and that any deliberate disruption of active European energy was unacceptable and will lead to the strongest possible response. The strongest possible response.

“Well, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Seymour Hersh, probably the most legendary investigative journalist alive, just published a report that presents detailed claims that, on President Biden's orders, the U.S., with Norway's help, blew up

† This quotation has been transcribed from a Twitter video which included subtitles. The idiosyncratic spelling ‘you's’ is in the original, and accurately renders Wallace's speech.

* <https://seymourhersh.substack.com/p/how-america-took-out-the-nord-stream>

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Anti-War Voices Accuse Super Bowl of Hijacking the Pat Tillman Story

by Brett Wilkins

Advocates of peace, truth, and basic human decency excoriated the National Football League's "white-washing" of former Arizona Cardinal and Army Ranger Pat Tillman's death in Afghanistan by so-called "friendly fire" and the military's subsequent cover-up—critical details omitted from a glowingly patriotic Super Bowl salute on Sunday, February 12th.

As a group of four Pat Tillman Foundation scholars chosen as honorary coin-toss captains at Super Bowl LVII in Glendale, Arizona were introduced via a video segment narrated by actor Kevin Costner, viewers were told how Tillman "gave up his NFL career to join the Army Rangers and ultimately lost his life in the line of duty."

The video did not say how Tillman died, what he thought about the Iraq war, or how the military lied to his family and the nation about his death. This outraged many viewers.

"Obviously the army killing Pat Tillman and covering it up afterwards is the worst thing the U.S. military did to him, but the years

they've spent rolling out his portrait backed by some inspirational music as a recruiting tool is a surprisingly close second," tweeted progressive writer Jay Willis.

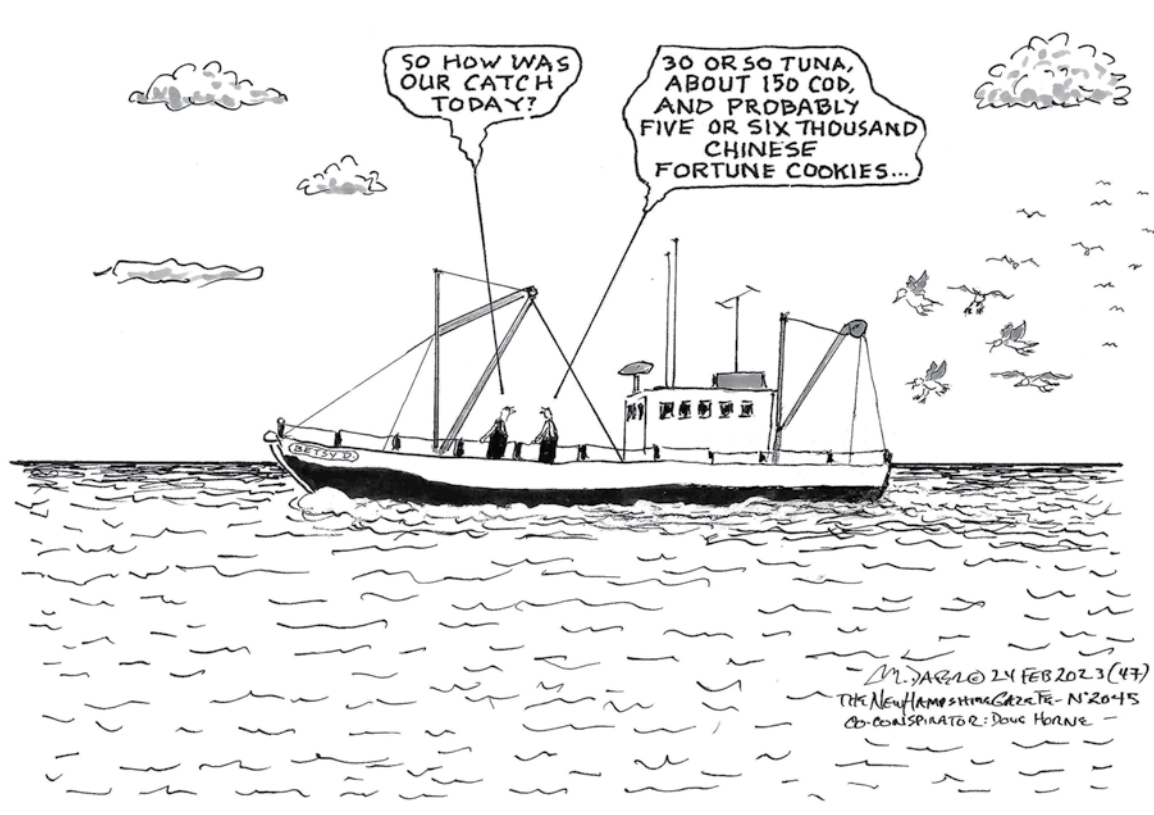
"Pat Tillman called the Iraq invasion and occupation 'fucking illegal' and was killed by friendly fire in an incident the military covered up and tried to hide from his family," tweeted *Washington Post* investigative reporter Evan Hill.

"I'm writing a book for FIRST GRADERS on Pat Tillman that contains more truth about his life and death than the NFL just provided at the Super Bowl," wrote author Andrew Maraniss.

"Another year of hijacking the Pat Tillman story and not telling that he hated the Iraq War and was killed by the military," said one Twitter user.

"Tell the real story of Pat Tillman or get off the screen," fumed yet another.

Tillman, 25 years old at the time, turned down a \$3.6 million contract with the Cardinals to enlist in the U.S. Army in May 2002 after the 9/11 attacks on the United States. He expected to be deployed to Afghanistan. Instead, he was sent to invade Iraq—a country that had no ties to 9/11. Tillman quickly came to deplore the "fucking illegal" war, and even made "loose plans" to meet with anti-war intellectual Noam



Chomsky, according to *The Intercept's* Ryan Devereaux.

As Tillman's brother Kevin sarcastically wrote:

"Somehow we were sent to invade a nation because it was a direct threat to the American people, or to the world, or harbored terrorists, or was involved in the September 11 attacks, or received weapons-grade uranium from Niger, or had mobile weapons labs, or WMD, or had a need to be liberated, or we needed to establish a democracy, or stop an insurgency, or stop a civil war we created that can't be called a civil war even though it is. Something like that."

Pat and Kevin were sent to Afghanistan on April 8, 2004. Stationed at a forward operating base in Khost province, Pat was killed on April 22, 2004 by what the army said was "enemy fire" during a firefight.

However, the army knew in the days immediately following Tillman's death that he had been shot three times in the head from less than 30 feet away by so-called "friendly fire," and that U.S. troops had burned his uniform and body armor in a bid to conceal their fatal

error.

"The deception surrounding this case was an insult to the family, but more importantly, its primary purpose was to deceive a whole nation," Kevin Tillman testified before Congress in 2007. "We say these things with disappointment and sadness for our country. Once again, we have been used as props in a Pentagon public relations exercise."

Tillman's father, Patrick Tillman Sr., told the *Washington Post* in 2005 that after his son was killed, "all the people in positions of authority went out of their way to script this. They purposely interfered with the investigation, they covered it up."

"I think they thought they could control it, and they realized that their recruiting efforts were going to go to hell in a handbasket if the truth about his death got out," he contended. "They blew up their poster boy."

The following year, Tillman's mother Mary was interviewed by *Sports Illustrated* and blamed U.S. military and George W. Bush administration officials all the way up to then-Defense Secretary Donald

Rumsfeld for covering up her son's killing.

"They attached themselves to his virtue and then threw him under the bus," she said. "They had no regard for him as a person. He'd hate to be used for a lie. I don't care if they put a bullet through my head in the middle of the night. I'm not stopping." *Brett Wilkins is a staff writer for Common Dreams. This work licensed under Creative Commons (CC BY-NC-ND 3.0).*

Sanders Proposes 'New Deal for Journalism' to Ensure Media Serves Public Interest

by Julia Conley

Appearing on "Face the Nation" on CBS Sunday, U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders discussed a number of issues he covers in his upcoming book, *It's OK to Be Angry About Capitalism*, including his proposal to ensure the news media acts in the interest of the general public and not wealthy corporations and powerful interest groups.

Host Margaret Brennan described his proposal as "a New Deal for journalism."



Recent events set our Wandering Photographer out to gawk at local railroad tracks. A parking lot at right will soon be affordable housing for the well-beeled. Everything looks fine, so long as the cars don't go sideways.

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As some European countries do, the Vermont Independent senator said, the U.S. should have “nonpartisan public funding of media” to ensure local news outlets can stay afloat and keep communities informed about “their city council, their school board.”

Such a system would also prevent news networks like CBS from relying on advertising dollars, which Medicare for All advocates have blamed for playing a role in the corporate media’s hostility towards a nationalized healthcare system and other progressive proposals for the public good.

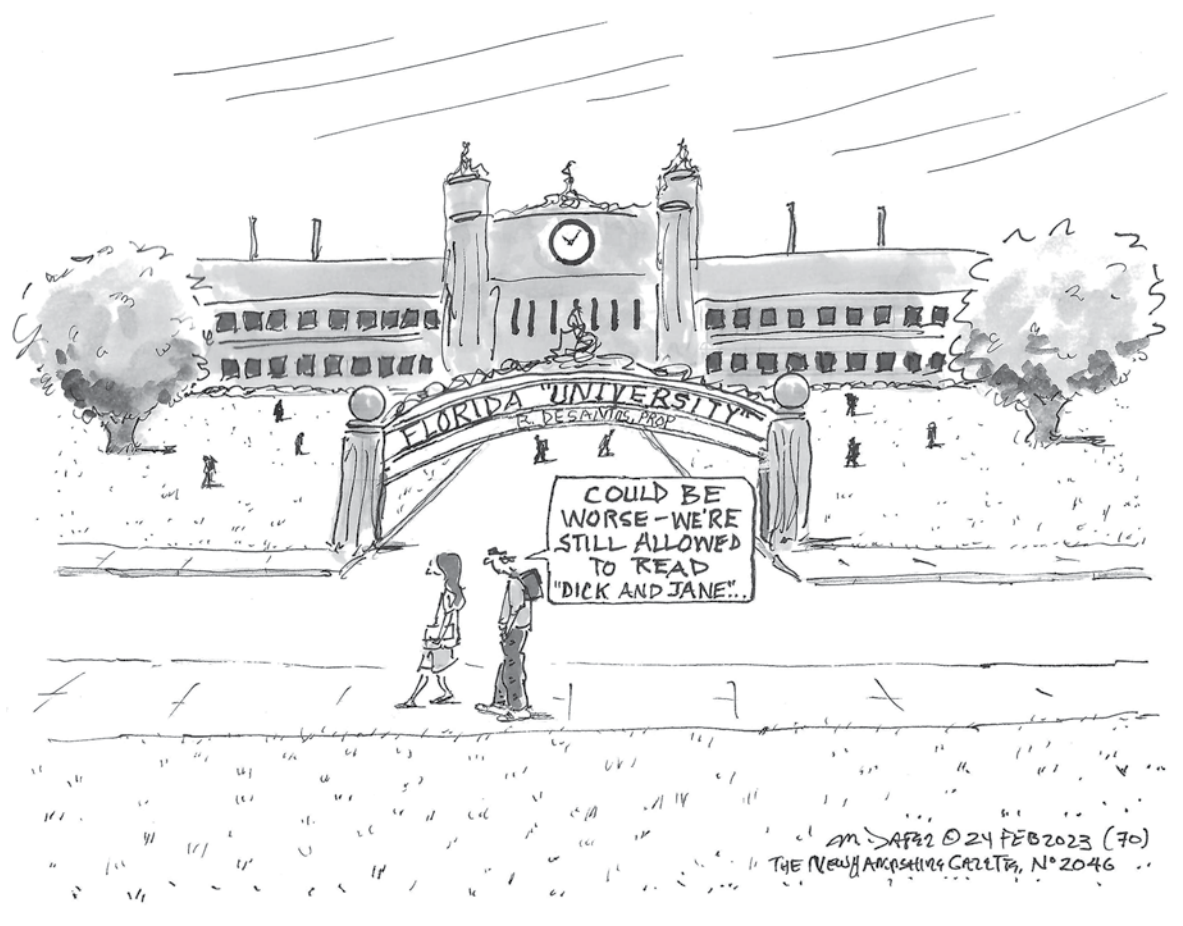
“What I say in the book is that look, I’ve done 1,000 interviews, like I’m doing with you right now,” Sanders told Brennan. “And nobody has ever come up to me, not one reporter—not you, not anybody else—and said, ‘Bernie, why are we spending twice as much on healthcare as any other country and yet we have 85 million uninsured or underinsured?’ How many programs at CBS, NBC, ABC had on why we have a dysfunctional healthcare system? Does that have anything to do with who owns the major networks? ‘Bernie, what are you going to do about income and wealth inequality?’ ... ‘Why are billionaires paying an effective tax rate lower than working class people?’ No one asked

me those questions.”

As Luke Savage reported at *Jacobin* following the 2020 presidential election, viewers of the Democratic primary debates weren’t informed by moderators that Medicare for All was supported by a majority of Americans, and ad breaks featured “health insurance and pharmaceutical companies seizing every opportunity to bombard viewers with misleading industry agitprop about the breathtaking wonders of profit-driven healthcare.”

He added: “CNN’s Detroit debate is a case in point; the network was demanding at least \$300,000 from companies advertising, with a single thirty-second spot costing an estimated \$110,000—and groups like the so-called Partnership for America’s Health Care Future (in practice, a front for various corporate interests), filled out many of the slots. Regardless of how anchors or hosts think about an issue like healthcare, the networks’ basic model essentially precludes meaningful critique of the status quo by design. As long as it persists, don’t expect to see the public interest or popular opinion reflected anywhere on cable TV.”

To counter that dynamic, Sanders argued on “Face the Nation,” a New Deal for journalism including publicly funded media is “an idea that



we should explore.”

In the interview, the senator spoke about his support for attaching “some strings” to U.S. funding for Israel to help pressure the country to end its human rights abuses against Palestinians.

Sanders also reiterated his call for the Democratic Party to focus on representing the interests of all working people.

“What we need to do is have a movement of Black workers, Latino workers, white workers, gay workers, straight workers, and understand that we’re all in this together,” said Sanders. “I don’t care if you’re living in rural Iowa, where I spent a lot of time, alright, you can’t afford health care, you can’t afford to send your kid to college, or you’re living in San Francisco. So too often we forget about the economic issues that unite us. The vast majority of the people know the pharmaceutical industry is ripping us off. The vast majority of the people understand that we have

to improve our educational system. Let’s work on that.”

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In Honor of Presidents Day

We hereby salute the North East Ohio Regional Sewer District, aka @neorsd on Twitter, which did a tremendous job of honoring Presidents Day. We were so impressed by their work, we’re pilfering their thread. Here, without further ado, is the complete list of U.S. presidents who died from waterborne diseases. It has been lightly edited to adhere to this paper’s fastidious style in regard to dates and punctuation.

1) William Henry Harrison, our 9th president (March 4, 1841 – April 4, 1841). The prevailing theory had been that his illness was caused by bad weather at his inauguration. But, analysis in 2014 concluded

he likely died of typhoid—caused by sewage upstream of the White House water supply.

2) James K. Polk, our 11th president (March 4, 1845 – March 4, 1849). Polk developed gastroenteritis, a common condition that causes diarrhea and vomiting, but recovered. He eventually died of cholera, an infection of the intestine, just a few months later.

3) Zachary Taylor, our 12th president (March 4, 1849 – July 9, 1850). For a long time there were conflicting theories as to his official cause of death, but analysis concluded Taylor contracted and died of acute gastroenteritis: Washington had open sewers; his food and/or drink may have been contaminated.

Bonus: The first flushing toilet in the White House? It was reportedly installed during Millard Fillmore’s presidency in 1853. Fillmore did not die of waterborne illness. He died of a stroke in 1874.



In the unfocused background lies the North Cemetery, and the tomb of Founding Father William Whipple. In the foreground, all too sharply, we see what seems to be a rather shabby little violation of the Flag Code.

Murph’s Fortnightly Quote
 “You can set up buildings again... but you cannot set up families again.”
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Your Reality May Vary...

To the Editor:

Ice, nearly a mile deep, covered New Hampshire only 20,000 years ago. Neither SUVs, airplanes, nor other human activity made it go away.

The earth's climate changes constantly, impacting human life. Shorter climate cycles are within longer cycles within even longer cycles of heating and cooling. *E.g.*, human civilizations flourished in Greenland, the American Southwest, Northern Scotland, and elsewhere during the Medieval Warm Period (roughly 950–1250 AD); many of those civilizations were ended by the Little Ice Age (roughly 1300–1850 AD) that followed and enabled ice skating on the Thames River in London. Neither SUVs, airplanes, nor other human action caused this climate change.

The earth's climate is affected by many things, but primarily sun activity. Nevertheless climate alarmists, the people who have promised many dozens of human-life-ending climate disasters that never occurred, continue demanding that we spend trillions of dollars and surrender "everyone's" (except the "special people's") freedoms, prosperity, and fossil fuel use to stop "climate change."

Yet, no one claims humans can stop earth's climate from changing as nature intends. Maybe humans can delay climate change a few years, say from 2100 to 2105 or 2110. This isn't worth harming billions of people today!

The trillions wasted on "climate change" today will reduce human's ability to implement future technological discoveries and adapt to future climate changes; as a result more lives will be lost in the future.

Why do climate alarmists demand use of unreliable and environmentally damaging wind and solar energy rather than safe, reliable, cheap, and comparatively environmentally friendly nuclear energy? It certainly isn't to support human freedom and prosperity; perhaps it's because they and their friends get rich and powerful from their "solutions."

Don Ewing
Meredith, N.H.

Don:

Thank you for this fascinating letter. How ironic that it arrives just as NHPR is featuring a story headlined, "Warm winter puts Meredith ice fishing derby on thin ice." Because we value your continued, astonishing correspondence, we urge you to be very careful—26.5 percent of the area of your home town is covered with water. Please refrain from venturing out onto it. No matter what Fox, Newsmax, or One America News Network may say, this winter has been warm and there's not enough ice.

Pardon us for stating the obvious here, but neither you, nor Dolt #45, nor Ron DeSantis can walk on water. We raise this issue because we're starting to wonder....

Highly trained scientists who study the matter have been saying for decades that by burning fossil fuels, we Homo sapiens have radically altered the composition of our atmosphere. Since the start of the Industrial Age, the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has risen from 280 parts per million to 412—an increase of 47 percent.

And yet you write, "Neither SUVs, airplanes, nor other human action caused this climate change."

On what authority do you make this claim? Your own? Sorry, that is insufficient. We have previously documented your credulity, having tried to foist on us ludicrous alleged facts which have proven to be false.

Because you brought up Greenland, we're going to quote a certain well-known personage here:

"I have always been fascinated by the Greenland ice sheet which is several kilometers deep and has built up over a thousand years.

"In July 2022, an extreme weather event occurred in Greenland. It was so warm that scientists there could play volleyball in short sleeve shirts and shorts.

"When I saw this, I sent a team of photographers to Greenland to gather visual evidence. They were present when a second event occurred in September, and they recorded it live.

"The melting of the Greenland ice sheet would increase the level of the oceans by seven meters. That poses a threat to the survival of our civilization. I wasn't



willing to accept that fate, so I tried to find out whether anything could be done to avoid it. I was directed to Sir David King, a climate scientist who had been chief scientific advisor to previous British governments.

"He has developed a theory which is widely shared by climate scientists. It holds that the global climate system used to be stable but human intervention disrupted it. The Arctic Circle used to be sealed off from the rest of the world by winds that blew in a predictable, circular, counter-clockwise direction, but man-made climate change broke this isolation.

"The circular wind used to keep cold air inside the Arctic Circle and warm air out. Now cold air leaks out from the Arctic and is replaced by warm air that's sucked up from the south.

"This explains, among other things, the Arctic blast that hit the United States last Christmas and the cold wave that hit Texas recently.

"The Arctic Ocean used to be covered by pristine snow and ice that reflected the sun in what is called the "albedo effect". But rising temperatures have caused the ice to melt and the Greenland ice sheet is no longer so pristine; it is covered by soot from last year's forest fires on the West Coast of America, Arctic shipping and other causes.

"Sir David King has a plan to repair the climate system. He wants to recreate the albedo effect by creating white clouds high above the earth. With proper scientific safeguards and in consultation with local indigenous communities, this project could help restabilize the Arctic climate system which governs the entire global climate system."

Who did we quote here? Buckle your seat belt: it was George Soros.

The longer you deny humanity's role in changing the climate, the more likely you make it that Sir David King, or someone like him, backed by the likes of George Soros, will begin intentionally tampering with the atmosphere.

*You don't want that, do you?
The Editor*

Get On Board the Gravy Train

Dear Editor:

Hunter Biden was at the top of his class at Yale Law and served as the editor of the *Yale Law Review*. He also studied international affairs and edited a cross-cultural journal while also at Yale. Biden was hired to help Burisma with corporate governance best practices, while still an attorney with Boies Schiller Flexner, and a consulting firm in which Biden is a partner was also retained by Burisma. The point was to clean up Burisma's act to stop Russia from being the major oil/gas player in Ukraine.

Biden was also on the board of directors of World Food Program USA, a 501(c)(3) charity based in Washington, D.C. that supported the work of the UN World Food Programme from 2011 to 2017; he served as board chairman from 2011 to 2015. And President George W. Bush put him on Amtrak's board. As for his international financial dealings, his background prepared him for the work and he needed a career, so he went for it. As a result of money earned, he owed back taxes and paid them...late, granted, but they were eventually paid. The crime is that someone stole his laptop and the Biden family enemies have tried to make political hay from that illegal activity. Hunter Biden is a Biden. That's his birthright. Let him get on with his life.

Genevieve Fraser
Orange, Mass.
Genevieve:

Thank you for making this startling information available to our readers. We are shocked—shocked—to learn that Hunter Biden was actually qualified for the positions he held. Perhaps that prejudiced view stems from having read about George W.[MD] Bush's tenure on the boards of Harken Oil and Caterair. To be specific, we had thought that board

of director seats were handed out as party favors to the privileged, a custom which served two purposes:

Director seats provide a mechanism for siphoning off some of the surplus value created by undeserving labor and injecting it into the tax-exempt accounts of the wealthy who deserve it and will better appreciate it.

Also, since the recipients of this largesse are, by definition, well plugged into the existing power structure, board members are poised to learn about, and grasp, future opportunities to exploit the status quo, and drive it towards even greater inequality.

The Editor

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The Right Refuses to be Satisfied

Dear Editor,

The political-crazies' media and its blogosphere are frenzied because Biden hesitated to shoot down a Chinese spy balloon over Montana, ignoring the fact that a hard crash landing would make analyzing the balloon's contents much more difficult. The water recovery off South Carolina's coast didn't gain praise from them either. Now they complain about Biden shooting down three more spy balloons. It looks like nothing will satisfy those MAGAdiots.

"This never woulda happened under Trump," they squawk. But of course it did, at least three times, with no response from the Pretender-in-Chief. Maybe he let the balloons through because the thought they were coming from Russia.

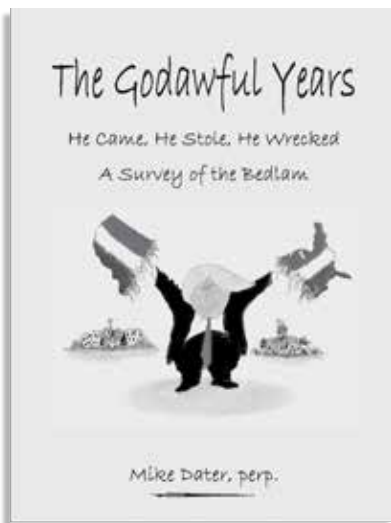
Bruce Joffe
Piedmont, Calif.
Bruce:

Damned if you do, damned if you don't. It's almost as if right wingers—which is to say, these days, the Republican Party—don't really care one way or another.

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A Weather Balloon Adventure

Dear Editor:
 News during February's first week was of the mysterious weather balloon, and Republican clamor that President Biden and our military were remiss not to shoot it right down. Voices heard loudly: House Speaker Kevin McCarthy's and Sen. Marco Rubio's. My weather "balloon" experience was about forty-three years ago in Campton. With friend Bob Crowley, his son Jamie, and a Crowley family friend, we undertook a late-summer / non-trail hike up Welch Mountain. We'd end at the top, bushwhacking our way. We had a surprise find: a super-large parachute snagged in the trees with a 2-drawer file cabinet attached. Instructions were to take the instrumentation gizmo out of one drawer and put it into the prepaid / addressed canvas-bag mailer from the other drawer. The "finders" could keep the parachute. Jamie, a young teen, ecstatically claimed the parachute. I recall the mail bag's destination to be Colorado or another Western state. In a fun mood, we completed an info sheet. We gave the name of a Public Service Company of N.H. new guy, hired to help figure out financing for the Seabrook nuke. We used 1000 Elm Street, Manchester, for address. We said he'd found it while out beating the bushes for new Seabrook investors. Now when my 81-year-old sister called to say, "I am glad Pres. Biden is measured in his behaviors and not a hot-head," regarding the weather balloon, I shared my long-ago experience. Quick-at-the-trigger Dick Cheney shot a friend in the face while attempting a duck-hit, after all! When care is best, care is best.
 Lynn Rudmin Chong
 Sanbornton, N.H.

Activists Call for N.H. Businesses to Cut Ties With "Cop City"

To the Editor:
 Activists will pressure three New Hampshire businesses to cut ties to the Cop City Project in Atlanta, Georgia. We will gather at the corner of Kilton and South River Road on Wednesday, February 22nd, from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., outside of the Invesco office. The Atlanta Police Foundation, corporations, and local officials are trying to destroy hundreds of acres of the Weelaunee Forest to build a massive police training compound which would train cops from around the world in militarized police tactics. The Weelaunee Forest is one of the largest urban forests in the country, and plays a key role in mitigating climate driven heat waves and floods in the surrounding majority black communities. On January 18th, police murdered forest defender Tortuguita, who had been organizing tirelessly to #Stop-CopCity. During that same raid the police destroyed many of the long term encampments that were preventing construction of Cop City. Two weeks after the murder of Tortuguita, the final permit for the Cop City project was approved. Then on February 6th militarized police escorted work crews into the Weelaunee Forest to clear a staging area for construction. Activists in Atlanta put out a call for solidarity, and 350 New Hampshire is responding. Three businesses with office space in New Hampshire are involved in funding the "Cop City" project. Invesco in Bedford is a major donor to the Atlanta Police Foundation—the entity pushing forward this project. Atlas Technical Consultants in Manchester has been involved in the construction. Corporations Services Company in Concord has a client named Ryan Millsap who is also involved in de-

stroying the forest in order to build a movie studio connected to Cop City.

350 New Hampshire staff and volunteers will be present on the public road just outside of Invesco's office in Bedford. We will gather near 1 Bedford Farms Drive, at the corner of Kilton and South River road. We will ask people who join us or pass by to call these businesses and tell them to cut ties with this destructive project. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Rebecca Beaulieu [She/Her/Hers]
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Rebecca:
 Thank you for writing.
 This action will be over by the time we publish this paper. As long as the project goes forward, though, it's not too late to fight it. Please keep us informed about this literal travesty of justice.

The Editor

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The Return of Creeping Bolshevism!

To the Editor;
 On Tuesday, House Majority Leader Jason Osborne, R-Auburn, and Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Lynn, R-Windham, released a joint statement after the House passed HB347-FN, establishing a Superior Court land-use review docket. "This bill will not only reduce the backlog of land use cases that currently exists, but will provide many economic benefits for local boards, property owners and developers," Osborne said in the release. Osborne is listed on the AIER [American Institute for Economic Research] website, where Sorens now works, as a voting member of AIER governance. People believe those who support state takeover of housing are simply working for lobbyists and special interests such as Bob Clegg of Legislative Solutions who works for the

building industry. People believe these legislators are ignoring the vote of the people in their respective towns. This is not a good look.

Sorens himself is the founder of the Free State Project and although most are conservative, he is a "Free State socialist." Allowing the State to override the will of the people who vote in their individual towns is central planning. Central planning is communism.

Perhaps these "conservative" legislators should educate themselves about what the Bolsheviks did historically with this issue. What they are working toward is the same. The Housing Revolution in Petrograd 1917-1920 is available for free at <http://americandeception.com/ad/2021/07/31/the-housing-revolution-in-petrograd-1917-1920/>

Jane Aitken, Chair
 cnht.org
 bedfordresidents.com
 Bedford, N.H.

Jane:
 What a shocking yet delightful letter. With great age—265 and counting—comes a great weakness for nostalgia. Your old school warning about creeping Bolshevism just tickled us pink.

Shocking, though, to think the Free State project may be a Kremlin front. Someone alert Herb Philbrick!

Naturally we had to explore americandeception.com and its sister site, deliberatedumbingdown.com. It turns out their author, Charlotte T. Iserbyt, was senior policy advisor in the Office of Educational Research and Improvement in the U.S. Department of Education, during Ronald Reagan's first term. Hal Shurtleff, of Camp Constitution fame—a whole 'nother story, there—interviewed Iserbyt in 2015. You can watch online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3LXX-McLUek>. Here's an excerpt:

Iserbyt: "We raised a lot of Cain back in the 70s. We knocked out the stinkin' health education that calls for [high school] seniors to understand the three types of sexual intercourse, including with animals."
 Shurtleff: "Now it's down to elementary school."

Iserbyt: "That's right including with animals, yeah."
 The Editor

"Hope" is the Thing With Feathers

To the Editor:
 It is easy to look at the world and say all hope is lost. I also think it's worth finding in your heart the truth of Emily Dickinson's words:

*"Hope" is the thing with feathers -
 That perches in the soul -
 And sings the tune without the words -
 And never stops - at all -*

For example, it's easy to say the Paris Agreement is filled with unfulfilled pledges and the need for improvement is certain. But it is also true that the Paris Agreement was approved by international agreement—to great astonishment when it appeared all hope was lost. Possibility informed by hope leads us all to participate.

- This week I read that:
- Maine joins the states and nations committed to 100 percent renewables.
 - The U.S. government announced under the Inflation Reduction Act some 27 billion for solar development for low income areas. Further, the solar investment tax credit is now 50 percent if power is provided at a significant discount to low income energy users.

• This quickly made it clear that there is an opportunity to make energy users of all income levels energy owners of the trillions of dollars that will be invested in global renewable energy transformation by taxing advantage of tax equity and cooperative ownership and make this part of the 27 billion dollar Federal grants.

• Scientific American reports that global population growth is slowing down, and birth rates in many countries, China, for example, is already far below replacement rates.

Roy Morrison
 Warner, N.H.

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 To President George W.[MD] Bush:
 "How are you going to work—you've said you are going to reach out to these people—how are you going to work with people who seem to have divorced themselves from reality?"

—James Dale Guckert, aka
 Jeff Gannon, January 26, 2005

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How Corporations Hope to Eviscerate Workers' Right to Strike

By Tom Conway

Joe Oliveira and his coworkers relied greatly on donations of food and gift cards after going on an unfair labor practice strike against multi-billion-dollar specialty steelmaker ATI in 2021.

They cut household expenses to the bone, burned through their savings despite the public's generous support of their cause, and held fundraisers to help one another cover mortgages and car payments during three and a half months on the picket line.

As much as the strike tested workers, however, it pressured ATI even more and ultimately enabled Oliveira and more than 1,300 other members of the United Steelworkers (USW) to secure long-overdue raises and stave off the company's attempt to gut benefits.

Corporations so fear this kind of worker power that they're asking the U.S. Supreme Court to rig the scales and help them kill future strikes before they even begin.

Glacier Northwest, a company in the state of Washington, sued the International Brotherhood of Teamsters seeking compensation for ready-mix concrete that went to waste amid a weeklong drivers' strike in 2017.

The Washington Supreme Court threw out the case, but Glacier Northwest appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, betting a right-wing majority that's already proven its animosity toward unions would seize the opportunity to kick work-

ing people once again.

Corporations anticipate that a ruling in favor of Glacier Northwest will encourage a frenzy of similarly frivolous claims against unions nationwide, bleeding precious resources and eviscerating workers' right to strike.

The justices held arguments on the case on January 10, 2023, but it's not known when the court will rule.

"That's our greatest strength," said Oliveira, vice president of USW Local 1357 in New Bedford, Massachusetts, pointing out that the right to strike helped working people over many decades win not only fair wages but also retirement security, safer working conditions, and fairness on the job.

"It's rotten when it comes to that point," he said. "It's very hard on families. It's not any fun. But I think it's probably the greatest weapon we have in our arsenal."

And it's sometimes the only way to force employers like ATI to bargain in good faith.

The USW made progress toward a new contract with ATI before COVID-19 hit in 2020. But when negotiations resumed in 2021, the company demanded unnecessary concessions that not only failed to recognize the sacrifices workers made during the pandemic but also would have compounded the harm ATI inflicted on the union members with a months-long illegal lockout that began in 2015.

"There was absolutely no way we were going to go for that," recalled Oliveira, noting his coworkers and

USW members at several other ATI locations overwhelmingly authorized the strike and then stood strong together until ATI came to its senses and began bargaining in earnest.

The shared struggle brought workers even closer together.

"Corporations so fear this kind of worker power that they're asking the U.S. Supreme Court to rig the scales and help them kill future strikes before they even begin."

Oliveira could scarcely believe his eyes when striking USW members from ATI locations in Ohio and Pennsylvania showed up unannounced at one of his own local's fundraisers. They drove hundreds of miles to support their USW family.

And Oliveira recalled how his heart swelled when the president of a large Pennsylvania local—one with hundreds of members—stood up at a meeting and vowed to continue fighting until ATI agreed to job security language that the 60 union members in New Bedford urgently needed.

"He was adamant about that. It was an unbelievable moment for me. Being a small local, it meant a whole lot to us," explained Oliveira, adding that the New Bedford representatives also "showed our integrity" by going to bat for language that workers in other locations wanted just as much. "I couldn't be more proud to be a USW member."

That's exactly the kind of strength that Glacier Northwest and its pro-corporate allies hope to decimate with a Supreme Court ruling giving companies free rein to try to divide workers and suppress strikes, creating a sword that will hang over every union when its members are left with no choice but to consider striking.

Glacier Northwest failed to make adequate preparations for the strike, leaving it unable to deliver the concrete that remained in drivers' trucks at the start of the walkout. The company now wants the union to pay for the undelivered concrete—an outrageous demand when the very purpose of a strike is to put economic pressure on unreasonable employers.

When planning a strike, unions often meet with management to discuss an orderly shutdown of operations because the workers, who care about returning to a safe plant when their strike ends, want to avoid damage to the furnaces, smelters, and other equipment where they work.

"If you're worried about losing product, don't be a jerk. Sit down with the union," Oliveira said, stressing that unions strike only as a last resort.

While Glacier Northwest's suit seeks to punish workers for striking, it's increasingly common for employers to throw workers into the street with lockouts, refusing to let them do their jobs in an attempt to force concessions.

And Glacier Northwest's alleged losses pale next to the harm compa-

nies intentionally inflict on workers, families, and communities during labor disputes.

After locking out about 1,200 USW members in Massachusetts in 2018, for example, National Grid brought in less experienced managers and scabs to perform the highly dangerous work of maintaining natural gas lines.

Besides depriving workers of their paychecks, National Grid callously cut off their health coverage, leaving families scrambling to care for grievously ill children.

"You're basically just a number to them," said one union member, explaining how National Grid ripped away his health insurance shortly after doctors found cancer in his young son's kidney and lymph nodes.

The option to strike remains as crucial as ever, Oliveira observed, noting that employers are doubling down on union-busting efforts as more and more Americans seek to join unions in the wake of the pandemic.

An adverse decision in this case will be just another weapon that American companies will use to force their workers into less favorable contracts.

"We can't afford to go backward," Oliveira said. "We need to go forward. We need more rights, not less."

Tom Conway is the international president of the United Steelworkers Union (USW). This article was produced by the Independent Media Institute.

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Warren and Porter Demand Answers From Big Egg Over 'Massive Spike' in Prices

by Jake Johnson

Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Rep. Katie Porter demanded answers last week from the five largest egg

producers in the United States over recent price surges that companies have blamed on an avian flu outbreak—a narrative that advocates view as an effort to distract attention from rampant profiteering in the industry.

Warren (D-Mass.) and Porter (D-Calif.) invoked that criticism in letters to Rose Acre Farms, Cal-

Maine Foods, Hillandale Farms, Versova Management, and Daybreak Foods, writing that they are concerned by the "massive spike" in prices and "the extent to which egg producers may be using fears about avian flu and supply shocks as a cover to pad their own profits at the expense of American families."

"American families working to put food on the table deserve to know whether the increased prices they are paying for eggs represent a legitimate response to reduced supply or out-of-control corpo-

rate greed," the lawmakers wrote. "Although wholesale prices have decreased, consumers are still waiting for relief at the grocery checkout, which could take several more weeks."

Bureau of Labor Statistics data shows that the average price for a carton of a dozen large Grade A eggs was \$4.80 in January, up from \$1.93 a year earlier. Consumers in some states have been paying more than \$7 per carton in recent weeks.

To explain the price surge—which has been eyebrow-raising even amid

elevated inflation throughout the U.S. economy—egg-producing companies have pointed to a large avian flu outbreak that has impacted an estimated 58 million birds, including around 43 million egg-laying chickens.

But the advocacy group Farm Action has argued that the industry's explanations "don't stand up to the facts."

"Cal-Maine's net average selling price for a dozen conventional eggs increased by 150.5 percent from a year ago," the group observed last

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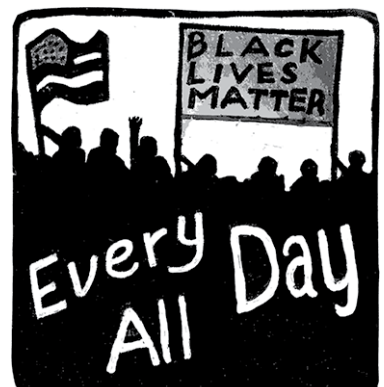
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Sticks & Stones

by W.D. Ehrhart

The most recent issue of our beloved *New Hampshire Gazette* carried an essay of mine called “Snowflake Culture.” You may recall that the piece included this paragraph:

“And now, apparently, half a century after the fact, when I explain that we used to go out on patrols from our battalion command post in Vietnam, I’m no longer allowed to say that we went to the ‘field,’ even though that’s exactly what we did. I guess I’m supposed to say that we went for a walk in the countryside. Or we strolled around the neighborhood. Or hiked through rice fields and mangrove swamps and abandoned banana plantations with no roads and few trails that weren’t mined or booby-trapped.”

When I submitted the piece to our beloved alleged editor, he replied: “One thing that did hang me up a little though. You write, ‘I’m no longer allowed to say that we went to the field,’...” Who says you can’t say that...it sounds like an overstatement to me, one which might weaken your argument.”

I replied with this link: <https://www.npr.org/2023/01/14/1148470571/usc-office-removes-field-from-curric->

ulum-racist, which will tell you that “the newly renamed Office of Practicum Education, formerly known as the Office of Field Education, within the University of Southern California’s Suzanne-Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, is making the change in order to be more inclusive. This change [replaces] language that could be considered anti-Black or anti-immigrant,... phrases such as ‘going into the field’ or ‘field work’ may have connotations for descendants of slavery and immigrant workers that are not benign.”

To the credit of our beloved alleged editor, he replied, “Holy sh*t.”

Indeed. So, not only am I no longer supposed to say that we Marines “went to the field,” but you can forget about “field work,” “cornfields,” “field surveys,” “football fields,” “Field of Dreams,” “Elysian fields,” and “Flanders fields [where] the poppies blow / amid the crosses row on row.” You might as well take a magic marker and strike the word “field” from your Oxford English Dictionary.

But lest we conclude that this sensitivity to the hidden and hurtful connotations of language is the sole province of the Snowflake Left, let’s remember that a great many people on the—what shall I can-

them? Snowflake Right?—object to calling what happened on January 6th, 2021, an “insurrection.” It was “legitimate public discourse,” “lawful political protest,” just concerned citizens exercising their Constitutional right to voice their opinions. The Pennridge School Board of my old alma mater in Perkasi, Pennsylvania, instructed in writing that teachers should answer student questions about the—whatever it was that day—by saying that it’s still too soon to assess what took place.

Recently, Dr. Elizabeth Hinton, a highly respected Yale historian and author of a book titled *America on Fire: The Untold Story of Police Violence and Black Rebellion Since the 1960s*, delivered the annual Parker History Lecture at the Haverford School for Boys in Pennsylvania, where I taught for nearly two decades. In the past, the school has had such luminaries as David Halberstam, Philip Caputo, Eric Foner, and Alan Brinkley.

Inexplicably, though these lectures are always free and open to the public, and—until now—highly publicized, the school chose not to advertise Dr. Hinton’s lecture widely or effectively, and attendance that night was embarrassingly light.

I say “inexplicably” because I have yet to hear any explanation of the

school’s decision to downplay Dr. Hinton’s talk. But the majority of the school’s clientele is white, well-heeled, and Republican, and I suspect that the school administration was worried that such people might roundly object to a Black woman talking about police provocations, police brutality, and police murders as—in her opinion and with a good deal of evidence to back it up—the primary causes of African American “riots.”

Meanwhile, my Pennsylvania state representative, a Democrat who has been in Harrisburg for several decades, recently told me that when he first went to the capital, he had many friends “across the aisle,” and often worked cooperatively with them. Today, he says, Republican representatives are ordered by party leaders not even to talk to Democratic members of the State Assembly. He can’t even have a conversation with a member of the opposite party.

Back when I was a kid, we used to say: “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me.” So much for that old saw.

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Would Wall Street Kill Your Granny for A Little More Profit?

by Jim Hightower

There are industries that occasionally do something rotten. And there are industries like Big Oil, Big Pharma, and Big Tobacco—that persistently do rotten things.

Then there is the nursing home industry—where rottenness has become a core business principle. The end-of-life “experience” can be rotten enough on its own, with an assortment of natural indignities bedeviling us, and good nursing homes help gentle this time. In the past couple of decades, though, an entirely unnatural force has come to dominate the delivery of aged care: Profiteering corporate chains and Wall Street speculators.

The very fact that this essential and sensitive social function, which ought to be the domain of health professionals and charitable enterprises, is now called an “industry” reflects a total perversion of its purpose. Some 70 percent of nursing homes are now corporate operations run by absentee executives who have no experience in nursing homes and who’re guided by the market imperative of maximizing investor profits. They constantly demand “efficiencies” from their facilities, which invariably means reducing the number of nurses, which invariably reduces care, which means more injuries, illness...and deaths. As one nursing expert rightly says, “It’s criminal.”

But it’s not against the law, since the industry’s lobbying front—a major donor to congressional campaigns—effectively writes the laws, which allows corporate hustlers to provide only one nurse on duty, no matter how many patients are in the facility. When a humane nurse-staffing requirement was proposed last year, the lobby group furiously opposed it...and congress dutifully bowed to industry profits over grandma’s decent end-time. After all, granny doesn’t make campaign donations.

So, as a health policy analyst bluntly puts it, “The only kind of groups that seem to be interested in investing in nursing homes are bad actors.” To help push for better, contact TheConsumerVoice.org.

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month. “The average size of egg-laying flocks never dropped more than six to eight percent lower than it was a year prior. Moreover, the effect of the loss of egg-laying hens on production was itself blunted by ‘record-high’ lay rates throughout the year.”

“And there’s one other critical piece missing from this industry narrative—Cal-Maine, which controls 20 percent of the egg market, hasn’t reported a single case of avian flu at any of its facilities,” Farm Action added.

In a recent letter to Federal Trade Commission Chair Lina Khan, Farm Action demanded an investigation into the highly concentrated industry, noting that top companies such as Cal-Maine “have a history of engaging in ‘cartelistic conspiracies’ to limit production, split markets, and increase prices for consumers.”

Warren and Porter spotlighted

Farm Action’s work in their letter, decrying industry practices as “a pattern we’ve seen too often since the Covid-19 pandemic: companies jacking up their prices to pad their own profits, putting an additional burden on American families and the economy as a whole.”

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“Cal-Maine Foods, which controls approximately 20 percent of the retail egg market, was reporting record profit margins and no positive avian flu cases on any of its farms.”

retail egg market, was reporting record profit margins and no positive avian flu cases on any of its farms,” the lawmakers wrote. “In December, Cal-Maine Foods reported a gross profits increase of more than 600 percent over the same quarter in 2021, which the company claimed was ‘driven by record average conventional egg selling price.’

The two progressive Democrats

asked the egg giants to promptly answer a series of specific questions, including, “To what extent has your company met or exceeded quarterly profit margin goals during the 2022 avian flu outbreak?”

The lawmakers also asked whether the companies’ “executives, officials, or any other affiliated individuals” had “any direct or indirect communication with other egg producers about production or prices for eggs?”

“Given corporations’ rampant profiteering during the Covid-19 pandemic and the ensuing economic crisis, and the egg industry’s history of anticompetitive practices,” Warren and Porter wrote, “[we] ask that you provide transparency about the rationale for the increase in egg prices and the financial impact on your company.”

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“Newspapers—and nearly every western town had at least one—are valuable sources. Often the reporting was good, and just as often the writing was opinionated, a fact one should easily detect, for people of the time—and that included newspaper reporters—made no secret of their opinions. Many a western editor set his type with a six-shooter on the table beside him, ready to back up his opinions, if need be.”

— Louis L’Amour, *The Sackett Companion*

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“The newspapers! Sir, they are the most villainous—licentious—abominable—infernal—not that I ever read them—no—I make it a rule never to look into a newspaper.”

— Richard Brinsley Sheridan, *The Critic*, Act I, scene 1.

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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>2020—"Within a couple of days, [Covid will be] close to zero. That's a pretty good job we've done." - #45</p> <p>2019—Wawarsing, N.Y. cop Harold Nunuvero leaps a fence to escape a charging fox, trips, falls, and shoots himself in the bulletproof vest.</p> <p>2015—Sen. James Inhofe [R-Okla.] conclusively proves that global warming is a hoax—or that he's an idiot—by brandishing a snowball in the Senate.</p> <p>2003—Saddam Hussein tells interviewer Dan Rather he would like to debate George W.[MD] Bush on TV.</p> <p>1993—A truck bomb explodes beneath the World Trade Center in NYC; six are dead, 1,000 injured.</p> <p>1991—George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush admits the U.S. has been supporting the Khmer Rouge.</p> <p>1974—A Senate report says Ford Motor Co. had close ties with the Nazis.</p> <p>1972—Pittston Coal's cheap-jack dam on Buffalo Creek in West Virginia collapses killing 118, injuring 1,121, and leaving 5,000 homeless. The company ends up paying less than \$15,000 per casualty.</p> <p>1970—NPR incorporates.</p> <p>1954—Buzzing the courthouse in Huntingdon, Tenn., U.S.A.F. Lieut. Jack Jenkins pulls up too hard. The wings of his C-119 fall off; four on board die, two on the ground are hurt.</p> <p>1860—Egged on by the local newspaper, whites massacre about 150 Wiyot Indians, mostly old men, women, and children, in Humboldt County, Calif.</p>	<p>2019—"I fear that if [Trump] loses the election in 2020," says his ex-lawyer Michael Cohen, "there will never be a peaceful transition of power."</p> <p>2014—Senate Republicans block a bill to fund veterans health care because it would cost too much.</p> <p>2001—Rep. David B. Vitter [R-La.] skips a House vote honoring 28 Desert Storm KIA's to take a call from Deborah Jeane Palfrey, the D.C. Madam.</p> <p>1975—The FDA recalls a batch of 1,241 GE pacemakers—after they've all been implanted.</p> <p>1973—The American Indian Movement occupies Wounded Knee.</p> <p>1970—The <i>New York Times</i> reports that the U.S. Army no longer conducts illegal domestic surveillance; untrue then, and now.</p> <p>1968—Walter Cronkite says on the <i>CBS Nightly News</i> that "we are mired in stalemate" in Vietnam.</p> <p>1962—Renegade South Vietnamese pilots use U.S. planes to bomb Saigon's Presidential Palace.</p> <p>1938—Britain and France grant diplomatic recognition to General Francisco Franco's fascist government.</p> <p>1933—Nazis burn the Reichstag and blame the fire on Communists.</p> <p>1902—Australian Lieutenant Harry "Breaker" Morant says to his firing squad, "Shoot straight, you bastards."</p> <p>1859—Rep. Dan Sickles [D-N.Y.] shoots his wife's lover, D.C. District Attorney Philip Barton Key II, son of Francis Scott Key, in Lafayette Park.</p>	<p>2003—An ex-gay male escort begins attending White House press briefings with an official pass issued to him under the pseudonym "Jeff Gannon."</p> <p>1997—That blue dress gets soiled.</p> <p>1993—The ATF tries to serve a warrant on a religious community in Waco. It does not go well.</p> <p>1986—Ronald Reagan calls reporters "sons-of-bitches" for asking questions during a photo-op; press aide Larry Speakes explains he really said, "It's sunny and you're rich."</p> <p>1958—In New York, a first batch of 27 people die after drinking "King Kong" moonshine.</p> <p>1947—Hooligans in Taiwan riot over routine government corruption. Komingtang troops—brave anti-Communists—justly massacre thousands.</p> <p>1933—On Hitler's say-so, Hindenberg sets the pattern, curtailing civil rights after the Reichstag Fire.</p> <p>1921—The Kronstadt Rebellion against bolshevism begins in Russia. "Shoot them down like partridges," orders Leon Trotsky.</p> <p>1893—Birth of Ben Hecht, newspaperman and author of <i>The Front Page</i>.</p> <p>1877—The U.S. seizes the Black Hills, in violation of a treaty.</p> <p>1854—A group of political activists meet in Ripon, Wisc.; they may or may not have found the GOP.</p> <p>1840—Joshua V. Hines begins publishing <i>Signs of the Times</i>, a newspaper devoted to William Miller's Doomsday prophecies.</p>	<p>1991—"By God," President George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush tells Koch-heads, "we've kicked the Vietnam Syndrome once and for all."</p> <p>1985—President Reagan insults the Founding Fathers, saying the Contras are their "moral equivalent."</p> <p>1978—The late Charlie Chaplin's tomb is raided by corpse-nappers.</p> <p>1973—Kissinger tells Nixon, "...if they put Jews into gas chambers in the Soviet Union, it is not an American concern." Nixon replies, "I know."</p> <p>1971—The Weather Underground bombs the U.S. Capitol.</p> <p>1954—The "Justice" Department agrees to let the CIA decide which of its crimes should be prosecuted.</p> <p>1954—H-bomb test Castle Bravo demerits thrice its expected yield at Bikini Atoll. Unanticipated winds spread millions of tons of radioactive debris over inhabited islands.</p> <p>1954—Four Puerto Rican nationalists in the Gallery fire 30 rounds towards the floor of the U.S. House, wounding five U.S. Congressmen.</p> <p>1953—Joe Stalin spends the day on the floor in a puddle of urine because his aides don't dare open his door.</p> <p>1910—In Wellington, Wash., an avalanche pushes two trains 150 feet into the Nye River, killing 96.</p> <p>1906—Emma Goldman publishes the first issue of her anarchist newspaper, <i>Mother Earth</i>.</p> <p>1872—Yellowstone, the world's first national park, is created.</p>	<p>2004—UN weapons inspectors report that Saddam Hussein didn't have any WMD after all. Oops.</p> <p>1991—At Ramaila, Iraq, under future-MSNBC military analyst Barry McCaffrey, the U.S. 24th Infantry Division kills about ten percent of the 7,000-man 1st Hammurabi Armored Division, two days after the Gulf War cease-fire.</p> <p>1965—The U.S. begins a bombing campaign over North Vietnam, under the brand name Rolling Thunder.TM</p> <p>1955—The Screen Actors Guild votes to expel any member who takes the Fifth to avoid self-incrimination.</p> <p>1942—U.S. Army Lieut. Gen. John DeWitt tells all Japanese-Americans to move away from the West Coast, voluntarily, for their own good.</p> <p>1877—The Electoral Commission, to which Congress had passed the buck, adopts a plan concocted by newspaper editors and railroad barons: Republicans gets the Presidency, Southern Democrats get white supremacy.</p> <p>1860—Abraham Lincoln visits the Amoskeag mills in Manchester, then speaks at City Hall in Dover.</p> <p>1859—Pierce M. Butler, profligate grandson of a signer of the Constitution, holds a two-day auction in Savannah, Ga. to settle gambling debts. On the block: 439 human beings.</p> <p>1808—At Bladensburg, Md., Rep. Barent Gardenier [F-N.Y.] and Rep. George Washington Campbell [DR-Tenn.] meet to shoot at each other.</p>	<p>2016—Dolt #45 asserts on live TV that his genitalia are adequate.</p> <p>1991—LAPD cops savagely beat Rodney King—on tape, it turns out.</p> <p>1981—Burlington, Vt. elects a new mayor: Socialist Bernie Sanders.</p> <p>1969—An under-manned company of the 4th Division is sent after a crack NVA battalion west of Kontum; result: 47 percent end up KIA or MIA.</p> <p>1934—John Dillinger busts out of the Crown Point, Ind. jail with a hand-carved wooden pistol and drives off in the sheriff's new V-8 Ford.</p> <p>1931—In Laredo, Texas, 17-year old Harlon Carter murders Ramón Casiano, 15, with a shotgun. Sentenced to three years, Carter does two; 46 years later he takes over the NRA.</p> <p>1903—Congress bars entry to whore-mongers, epileptics, and anarchists; its own members are not sanctioned.</p> <p>1873—Congress passes the Comstock Act, banning obscenity, contraceptives, abortifacients, and sex toys from the U.S. Mail, and the "Salary Grab Act," giving itself a 50 percent raise, retroactive for two years.</p> <p>1871—Congress passes an act effectively denying that Indian tribes exist: they're all individuals from now on.</p> <p>1863—Congress passes the first U.S. draft law, exempting men who can pay the government a \$300 bribe.</p> <p>1791—Congress passes Hamilton's whiskey tax. It pays tax-free interest to rich bond holders and puts small distillers out of business.</p>	<p>2001—Fox broadcasts a "Lone Gunman" show in which U.S. agents remotely hijack an airliner and try to crash it into the World Trade Center.</p> <p>1987—Ronald Reagan admits trading arms to Iran for hostages.</p> <p>1964—FBI agents stake out Frank Wilkinson's home in Los Angeles; they expect the activist to be assassinated but do not warn him.</p> <p>1960—<i>La Coubre</i>, a French munitions ship, explodes in Havana harbor. Between 75 and 100 people die. CIA involvement is "suspected."</p> <p>1937—The UAW wins a sit-down strike in Flint, Mich.</p> <p>1933—"We have nothing to fear," says FDR, "but fear itself."</p> <p>1929—Oscar Stanton de Priest [R-Ill.] becomes the first African-American to take a seat in Congress since Reconstruction.</p> <p>1917—In Congress, Sen. Harry Lane (D-Ore.) prepares to stab Ollie James (D-Ky.) in the neck if James pulls out his pistol; meanwhile, Democrats prevent Sen. Robert La Follette (Progressive Rep.-Wisc.) from bashing the presiding officer with a spittoon.</p> <p>1909—President Taft and First Lady Nellie move into the White House. Under the lawn is a voodoo doll of Mrs. Taft, buried by Teddy Roosevelt's daughter Alice.</p> <p>1831—Daring to eschew the Christian Bible, John Quincy Adams takes the Presidential Oath with his hand on a book of Constitutional law.</p>
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<p>2007—In Bloomington, Ill., Dee Riddle is startled by a meteorite crashing through her bedroom window.</p> <p>2003—Dixie Chick Natalie Maines says she's ashamed that George W.[MD] Bush is a Texan.</p> <p>2001—A Nor'easter begins which will dump 40 inches of snow on New Hampshire's Rockingham County.</p> <p>1963—Patsy Cline, singer of "I Fall to Pieces," dies when her plane crashes.</p> <p>1960—Alberto Korda takes "that photo" of Che Guevara.</p> <p>1953—Car thief and armed robber Pearlle Miller, on the lam since an escape in 1948, on the FBI's most wanted list for one day, is arrested at a diner in Somersworth, N.H.</p> <p>1953—Everybody dies; this time, to the relief of many, it's Joe Stalin.</p> <p>1933—In Germany, the Nazi party wins a plurality in the Reichstag.</p> <p>1933—On his first full day in office FDR declares a bank holiday.</p> <p>1927—One thousand U.S. Marines land in China.</p> <p>1877—"Rutherford" B. Hayes is sworn in as President.</p> <p>1871—Rosa Luxemburg is born.</p> <p>1854—"Know-Nothings" heave a stone the Pope sent for use in the Washington Monument into the Potomac.</p> <p>1770—Evil British troops slaughter innocent Bostonians in the Boston Massacre. (Or, provincial terrorists attack duly constituted authority.)</p> <p>1740—The boundary is set between Massachusetts and New Hampshire.</p>	<p>2011—The Hooksett water treatment plant disgorges two million two-inch plastic discs into the Merrimack after heavy rains. By August they're at Campobello Island and Rhode Island Sound, in 2014, the English Channel.</p> <p>2007—Dick "Dick" Cheney's Chief of Staff "Scooter" is found guilty of perjury and obstruction of justice.</p> <p>2003—President George W.[MD] Bush claims Saddam Hussein has "biological and chemical agents" that move "every 12 to 24 hours...in vehicles...in residential neighborhoods."</p> <p>1991—President George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush claims that his defeat of Saddam Hussein has ushered in a "new world order."</p> <p>1981—President Reagan determines who to call upon at a press conference by drawing jelly beans from a jar.</p> <p>1974—Ayn Rand addresses West Point cadets on the topic, "Philosophy — Who Needs It?"</p> <p>1971—Lawrence Welk's singers perform "One Toke Over the Line;" the FCC bans songs that "promote or glorify the use of illegal drugs."</p> <p>1944—The U.S. Army uses napalm for the first time, in Berlin.</p> <p>1918—U.S. Army intelligence officers break into the New York office of the National Civil Liberties Bureau and steal documents.</p> <p>1857—The Supreme Court rules in <i>Dred Scott</i>: "the unhappy [B]lack race [never possessed] rights which the white man was bound to respect."</p>	<p>1981—Stabbed at Disneyland, Mel C. Yorba becomes the Magic Kingdom's first murder victim because Disney employees feared the consequences if they called an ambulance.</p> <p>1965—Civil rights marchers en route to Montgomery try to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma. They're mercilessly beaten by law enforcement officers and deputized goons.</p> <p>1960—In front of the <i>Union Leader</i> building, JFK deftly paints the paper as irresponsible and its publisher as a liar. Next day he wins the primary.</p> <p>1953—Newark, N.J. officials publicly burn allegedly lewd photos, movies, and books valued at \$100,000.</p> <p>1932—Dearborn, Mich. cops fire on Ford hunger marchers; five die.</p> <p>1908—In Cincinnati, Mayor Mark Breith announces that "women are not physically fit to operate automobiles."</p> <p>1906—Finland's Senate OKs universal suffrage—except for the poor.</p> <p>1905—NYC subway workers strike. The City hires James Farley, the notorious strikebreaker. In a week his thugs beat workers into submission.</p> <p>1876—Alexander Graham Bell gets a patent for the telephone without having submitted a working model. It is remarkably similar to Elisha Gray's previously-submitted design.</p> <p>1850—New Hampshire native Daniel Webster, representing Massachusetts in the U.S. Senate, argues that slaveholders are entitled to be secure in their ownership of the enslaved.</p>	<p>1985—A joint U.S./U.K./Saudi operation detonates a 440 lb. car bomb in Beirut; 83 innocent civilians die. The target—also innocent—is unscathed.</p> <p>1983—Ronald Reagan runs the phrase "evil empire" up the flagpole.</p> <p>1973—President Nixon gripes to Al Haig, "What the hell's Agnew doing? He's never spoken up once on this Goddamn [Watergate] thing."</p> <p>1971—The Citizens Commission to Investigate the FBI breaks into the Bureau's Media, Pa. office, obtaining 1,000+ documents revealing COINTELPRO. The Bureau fails to find the perps. [See 1956.]</p> <p>1965—The first U.S. combat troops—U.S. Marines—hit the beach at Da Nang ready to fight. Vietnamese girls greet them with flowers.</p> <p>1956—At a meeting of the National Security Council, J. Edgar Hoover proposes a measure to include warrantless wiretapping and break-ins: COINTELPRO. Despite the illegality, Ike and his A.G. say, "OK."</p> <p>1906—Winchester, N.H. native Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood proudly surveys the results of his illegal order: 900 Filipinos of all ages and genders, massacred in a volcanic crater. TR later calls it "a brilliant feat of arms [upholding] the honor of the American flag."</p> <p>1782—After granting them a night of prayer, Pennsylvania militiamen massacre and scalp 96 captive Christian Lenape Indians, men, women, and children, at Gnadenhütten, Ohio.</p>	<p>2007—Presidential candidate Newt Gingrich admits he committed adultery while impeaching Bill Clinton.</p> <p>1992—Donald Trump files his second bankruptcy in eight months.</p> <p>1986—Divers locate the crew compartment of the Shuttle <i>Challenger</i>.</p> <p>1982—It's revealed that the Contras have gotten \$19 million in covert aid.</p> <p>1969—Terrorified CBS execs nix the Vietnam drama "Sticks and Bones."</p> <p>1969—Terrorified CBS execs cancel "The Smothers Brothers."</p> <p>1965—Activists march again in Alabama; racist goons severely beat Boston minister James Reeb.</p> <p>1954—WMUR-TV does it live.</p> <p>1954—Ed Murrow dismantles Joe McCarthy on CBS. The network assures nothing like it happens again.</p> <p>1941—Writer Sherwood Anderson dies of peritonitis after swallowing a toothpick at a party in Panama.</p> <p>1920—Favorite Son and war hero Gen. Leonard Wood [See 3/8/1906.] wins the N.H. Presidential Primary.</p> <p>1916—Pancho Villa leads nearly 500 guerrillas in a raid on Columbus, N.M. It does not go well: 190 are killed, wounded, or captured; but, a six-month "Punitive Expedition" fails to capture <i>El Centauro del Norte</i>.</p> <p>1841—Black mutineers who took the <i>Amistad</i> from enslavers are declared free men by the U.S. Supreme Court.</p> <p>1776—Adam Smith publishes <i>The Wealth of Nations</i>, once a treatise on economics, now a license to steal.</p>	<p>2020—"Just stay calm," says Dolt #45. "It [Covid] will go away."</p> <p>2004—Pres. George W.[MD] Bush is surprised to learn his Terrorist Surveillance Program expires that day, his lawyers won't renew it, and his A.G., who will, has been in the ICU for a week. In a bedside standoff, Bush's team loses.</p> <p>1993—To show his respect for the sanctity of life, a Floridian puts three slugs in Dr. David Gunn's back.</p> <p>1992—Injected with poison by Okla. state workers, Robyn Lee Parks gasps & gags for eleven minutes before dying.</p> <p>1974—With police corruption "systematic at all levels," Philly Mayor Rizzo tries to block an investigation.</p> <p>1968—At remote Lima Site 85 in Laos, 13 radarmen die: the greatest single U.S.A.F. combat loss of the war.</p> <p>1966—U.S.A.F. Maj. Bernard Fisher sees a fellow A-1 pilot crash land at A Shau. With two NVA battalions overrunning the A-team camp, Fisher lands, picks up the pilot, and flies out.</p> <p>1951—Genial old Ike says America might try a first-strike nuclear attack.</p> <p>1950—Turned down once, Gen. Douglas again requests permission to nuke Korea. Bomb parts are gathered.</p> <p>1945—Curtis LeMay's napalm-laden B-29s visit the deadliest six hours in history on Tokyo, Japan.</p> <p>1945—Japan shuts down plutonium production for the Nagasaki bomb when its balloon-firebombs down electric wires in Hanford, Wash.</p>	<p>2020—Dolt #45 announces a travel ban; infected U.S. citizens turn airports all over into super-spreader sites.</p> <p>2012—Freedom, Maine's Town Meeting votes to amend the Constitution, nixing corporate "personhood."</p> <p>2011—An earthquake knocks Earth 10 inches off its axis, brings Japan four feet closer to the U.S., causes a tsunami that kills 15,850 people, and triggers three nuclear meltdowns.</p> <p>2008—SEC Chair Chris Cox says "We have a good deal of comfort about the capital cushions at these firms," days before Bear Stearns collapses.</p> <p>2002—Fox military expert Lt. Col Joe Caffasso, who boasts a Green Beret and a Silver Star, resigns. Weeks later the <i>N.Y. Times</i> reveals his true military career: 44 days in boot camp.</p> <p>1965—In Alabama, Rev. James Reeb gives up his life for equal voting rights; a white jury will acquit his killers.</p> <p>1958—A B-47 accidentally drops a Mark 6 A-bomb on Mars Bluff, S.C. Lacking a fissile core, its explosion only injures six and destroys a house.</p> <p>1954—The U.S. Army charges that Sen. Joe McCarthy [R-Wisc.] and Roy Cohn used threats to get special treatment for Pvt. G. David Schine.</p> <p>1942—"Dugout Doug" bugs out of Corregidor, leaving his troops behind.</p> <p>1811—Luddites in Nottingham, England, destroy 63 knitting frames. It's not about the machines, though—they're protesting against inhumane working conditions.</p>
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