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Hell of a Way to Run a Primary

Our readers have been patient so far, but sooner or later they're bound to start asking—"Where is our coverage of the 2024 First Election.?"

To which hypothetical question, we can only reply, "Show us a primary worthy of covering!" Because so far, none has been.

Stand back, because we're about to both-sides this issue. We'll begin with the Party formerly Known as Republicans, with a look at the II. Look- ing back, it was like a middle-class version of the old bobo song, "Big Rock Candy Mountain." Horses, cars, college educations, all were within reach. Wages rose steadily, right along with industrial productivity—up until the mid-1970s.

For Blacks it was different, naturally. Well, not naturally, but predictably. This is the U.S. of A., after all. Hell, we're great-grandfathered. Hell, we're great-grandfathered. Hell, we're great-grandfathered.

Where is this godforsaken mess? There is any cause for hope? We're so glad you asked. It's in the Class War. What are you talking about? You can't write that in a newspaper...oh, wait a minute. New evidence suggests that maybe you can.

The first rule of class war is: the rich don't talk about it. They tell fairy tales instead. Like "Trick-or- treaters, thugs, and pervs.

"You're associated with this ludicrous gang of goons, thugs, and pervs. Therefore, because Abraham Lincoln didn't deserve to be held guilty of domestic tranquility."

So far this thing is an unholy mess. It's time for the people to fight back. If you try to play pacifist, your kids will tell you how well that worked out.

What followed was not an age of shared prosperity and racial harmony. When consumers favored products offered by more open-minded enterprises, bigotry and violence would fade from society.

The corporate media bombard viewers with horrifying tales of rampant crime: robberies, burglaries, carjackings, and the like. The natural effect is to milk everyone's glands until their cortisol levels have them twitching. Yet all the loot from all those well-publicized crimes is less than the annual $30 billion that bosses steal from employees through the silent plague of wage theft. Meanwhile Congressional tax cuts have left workers with a safety net that's all holes and no rope.

That's not a pretty picture. Where's the hope we promised? In Guatemala, of all places. And Poland. And right here at home.

Guatemala is one hard-luck story. Your basic. Homo sapiens, just trying to stay alive amongst jaguars, crocodiles, poisonous snakes, poisonous insects... Then along came Conquistadors, smallpox, gunpowder, &c. It was hard times even before United Fruit bought nearly all the land and threw the farmers off. The people's choice then? Work for the man, or starve. In the early 1950s, Jacobo Arbenz got elected with promises of land-reform. At the request of United Fruit, though, like had Allan Dulles' CIA install a right-wing dictator. Soon it was back to normal, i.e., misery. Thirty years later Ronald Reagan administered a booster dose of repression.

Despite all this, in August the Guatemalan people stood up and elected Bernardo Ávila in a land-slide. He's "Tio [Uncle] Bernie" to his followers, because his policies align with the Vermont Senator's. Guatemala's Attorney General is trying to derail Tio Bernie's inauguration, but she is under U.S. Department sanction for corruption.

More importantly, the people are in the streets demanding that she resign. How will it end? No telling. But at least the people are in the streets, proving that they know what's up.

Meanwhile, in Poland, voters threw out the right-wing party's that ruled for eight years.

And UAW President Shawn Fain proudly wears an "Eat the Rich" T-shirt.
favor of South Carolina—the state which saved his campaign in 2020, after his dismal fifth-place showing here. It’s understandable enough, but it’s hard to see how the local electoral franchise recovers from the blow. We’ll go through the motions, but it just won’t be the same.

During William “Bill” Gardner’s last years in office we began to have doubts about the former Secretary of State for Life. Reluctantly so, because, after all, it was he who, on May 1, 1989, upon the payment of a modest fee, affixed the fake-gold Seal of the State of New Hampshire on the document assigning the rights to the tradename of this pa-

page to the incumbent alleged editor. Naturally this caused us to attribute to him a high degree of integrity and wisdom.

Gardner’s participation in Donald Trump’s Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity in 2017 had us wondering if he hadn’t lost some of his critical fac-

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re-election and is being challenged by Marianne Williamson, a self-help author who ran unsuccessfully in 2020. Two candidates are running as independent candidates: Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Cornell West. Secretary of State Dave Scanlan has not yet set New Hampshire’s 2024 primary election date, which is typically held in February. The filing period for candidates to appear on New Hampshire’s presidential primary ballot begins Tuesday, Oct. 15th, and will continue until Oct. 27th.

The secretary of state’s registra-

tion numbers reveal that registered Republicans now outnumber Demo-

crats 291,071 to 265,159 in New Hampshire, but undeclared voters tally 374,421. That balance may shift to Republican. It now appears that Marianne Williamson may not be Joe Biden’s only challenger in New Hamp-

shire’s rogue primary. According to news reports, Rep. Dean Phillips [D-Minn.] called New Hampshire Democratic Chair Ray Buckley last week “to introduce myself as I con-

template entering the Democratic primary,” Phillips said in statement. “It was a very friendly conversation.”

Dean who? Dean Phillips was elected in 2019 to serve Minneso-

ta’s 3rd District—the western suburb of Minneapolis-St. Paul. He’s said to be moderate, a centrist. Sounds boring, but his back story is pret-

ty wild. When Dean was born, his father, U.S. Army Captain Arthur T. Pfefer, was serving in Vietnam. His mother later remarried. Her mother was a certain Pauline Phil-

ompson, the heir to the Phillips Distilling Co., which was, at one time, the largest liquor distributor in the U.S. Dean got his MBA in 2000, at about the age of thirty. His daddy then made him President and CEO of the family business. His net worth is now vari-

ously estimated at between $77 and $123 million, making him the ninth wealthiest member of Congress.

As if all this weren’t entertaining enough, Dean’s adopted father’s mother was a certain Pauline Phil-

lips, better known as “Dear Abby.” The ever-colorful political con-

sultant Rick Wilson is not amused by Phillips’ pretensions. He recently wrote, “Dean Phillips Is A Suicide Bomber – Tremendous wealth + ego + unscrupulous political operatives = a blow to American democracy.” Wilson’s own political baggage gives off a pungent odor. He helped a chickenhawk defeat Sen. Max Cle-

land—a triple-amputee with a Silver Star—in 2002. But he’s right about Phillips Minnesota Democrats are lining up to challenge him in the primaries.
A Muzzle For The Officers Who Removed A Teenage Journalist From A COP Event
By Dan Kennedy

It’s hardly a surprise that Republican officials in New Hampshire would throw a 15-year-old out of a political event for doing nothing other than shooting video. But there is no excuse for police officers going along with their outrageous demand.

According to Samantha J. Gross of The Boston Globe, Quinn Mitchell, an aspiring journalist who’s become something of a celebrity for asking tough questions of presidential candidates, was escorted out of a political event at the behest of party officials in Nashua, New Hampshire, on Friday—apparently because someone didn’t like his recording videos of a longshot presidential candidate.

“They told me I was being a disruption,” Mitchell was quoted as saying. “I was taking a video like anybody else.” He added that five officers were involved in removing him from the Sheraton Nashua hotel.

Quinn said that a party official told him he was being kicked out because he had a reputation for disrupting events. No doubt that official was referring to Mitchell’s journalism, which can indeed be disruptive because he does it the right way. Earlier this summer Quinn asked Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, “Do you believe that Trump violated the peaceful transfer of power, a key principle of American democracy that we must uphold?” He also asked former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a born-again Never Trumper, whether Hillary Clinton would have been a better choice than Donald Trump in 2016. Although Mitchell was reportedly back in the hall Friday an hour after his removal, the incident led to a story in The New York Times. It also leads to an important question: Should police officers who work for the public go along with a demand to remove a teenager—or anyone—from an event simply because he was exercising his First Amendment rights? The answer, quite obviously, is no, and it really doesn’t matter whether the officers were on the taxpayers’ dime or if they were being paid as part of a private detail. (The Times reported that it tried and failed to get a comment from the Nashua police department.)

For that, police officers who removed Mitchell from the hotel have earned a New England Muzzle Award.

Since 1998, Dan Kennedy has awarded Muzzles to call attention to outrages against free speech. This item was published October 16th at Media Nation. It is published here under a Creative Commons Attribution-Noncommercial-Share Alike 4.0 United States License.

Can Capitalism Solve The Environmental Crisis? by Zoe Alexandra

Every year government officials, think tanks, NGOs, and representatives of the “private sector” convene in the conference of the Parties (COP) to discuss what actions world leaders should take regarding the climate crisis. This illustrious meeting is sponsored by the world’s largest transnational companies such as Unilever, Danone, Bayer, Nestlé, and others, that are responsible for a large part of the environmental devastation that has brought our world to the brink.

As such, the discussions which take place in such a space are rarely ever able to point to the real culprit and much less so, demand the changes which are necessary to save life on the planet. The more radical resolutions, fought for, fought for, and, by those countries most impacted by climate devastation, are rarely respected.

Spaces such as the III International Dilemmas of Humanity Conference, become all the more important in today’s context, wherein experts, members of people’s movements, and activists from all over the Global South have come together to discuss the primary questions facing humanity, such as the climate crisis. As in the other discussions, the debate on the climate crisis on Day 3 of the conference was focused less on the impacts of the climate change which are today well known, and more on the necessary solutions to save life on the planet. Speakers also debunked the same solutions that are formulated by ruling elites and big business to allegedly address the climate crisis, highlighting that capitalism is incompatible with life.

The speakers on the environmental crisis panel included Theodora Pius of the National Network of Small-Scale Farmers Groups in Tanzania (MIVIWATA), Tikeender Singh Panwar researcher and political activist from India, Houcine Rhili of the Nomade Association in Tunisia, and Carlos Barrientos of the Committee of Peasant Unity of Guatemala.

The Tanzanian leader spoke about the struggle of the peasantry in Tanzania and across the world, who continue to constitute a significant portion of working people. In Kenya, peasants are 70 percent of working people and are on the frontlines of the struggle against climate change. “People are trying to defend their rights to use and access land. People are defending the
A Way Out
To the Editor:
I do not applaud Hamas’ attack on innocent Israeli civilians, but the media seldom provide any context for such horrific incidents. An unprompted at-ack! One has to remember that Gaza has been under a cruel blockade for 16 years and that it had been attacked by Israel five times since 2008. Moreover, 4 out of 5 Palestinian children now suffer from extreme trauma.
Some Israelis want to “flatten Gaza” to eliminate those “human animals” and to prevent the 2 million human beings there from having food, clean water, electricity and fuel to maintain the few hospitals that aren’t damaged. Sadly, 447 Palestinian children in Gaza have already been killed.
Who supports this racist, apar-theid regime? The current president and nearly the entire U.S. Congress. Multiple human rights organizations all attest that Israel practices apartheid against Palestinians. According to the UN, apartheid is a crime against hu-manity.
I mourn for and stand with inno-cent Israeli victims as I stand with the innocent Palestinian victims of violence. However, there is a way out. Israel must end its brutal military oc-cupation of 56 years of the West Bank and East Jerusalem. And it must stop further “settlements.” Many agree that the current Israeli government is the most racist government in Isra-eli history and is intent on ethnically cleansing the land between the river and the sea of Palestinians, including Christians.
Lest we forget, oppression, despair and hopelessness breed violence. We sustain more than a single thought in our heads.
Hamas... perhaps we are unable to sustain more than a single thought in our heads.
The Editor

The Feudalist Society, LTEC
To the Editor:
Lots of new “exposure” in the press these days concerning the life and times of Leonard Leo and his net-works of merry fellows. Seems like it’s taken an awfully long time for Hillary’s “Vast Right Wing Conspir-acy” to grow legs. However, now that we have names, dates, and dollar sign attached, it’s time to latch on hard and bite down to the bone.
Fact is, there’s no more “Republican Party.” Instead, our nation is rapidly transforming into the LTEC party (Let Them Eat Cake). America’s LTEC’s (aka Oligarchs) may be few in number (.001 percent), but they come armed heavily with cash and guided by tight organization. Mavens of “the natural order of things,” they of the dominant estate prepare to keep us of the servile estate in line. No place bet-ter to start than in the courts. Because we are inferior beings, enforced serv-itude is for our own good. We need protection from ourselves.
The one thing LTEC’s can’t seem to stand above all else is public scrut-iny and exposure. So, as election time nears, progressive riffraff have a solemn duty to name names, find out where they hide, and pull down their pants in public at every opportunity.
Rick Littlefield

A Presidential Candidate Writes…
To the Editor:
John Vail of Easton, New Hamp-shire hereby announces that he will be a candidate for president in 2024. As follows, in no particular order:
1 - The question for 2024 is What am not Who? The What is money out of politics (elections, influence of cor-porations, lobbying, rule by monied elites, Citizens United, etc., etc., etc.). As Potter Stewart said about pornog-raphy, we (or most of us) know it when we see it.
2 - An important task for the “campaign” will be to make it abundantly clear that John is not an ideal candi-date for the job (perhaps the easiest piece of the work here), such that it is also abundantly clear that anyone voting on that ballot line is voting for the What? not some Who?, clear that such a vote expresses preference for naming the job to be done rath-er than choosing the craftman, and clear that the voter seeks to avoid what at best might be called another Who Ho Hum and what at worst might amount to another Who Don’t it tell the dismal tale of our next step to-tward the edge. These would be people

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rent system. Sadly, there are also Congress
soucndrels who will have to be hosed down or punched around a bit to get things moving forward.

12 - Of course, agreeing that there is but one set of facts would be useful. Our dis-agreement leaves us much
inclined to insist on grasping after facts and disinclined to actually look for them.

13 - sandmoney.org is a website dedicated to making this vision reality.
John Vail
Easton, N.H.

John
It's beginning to look like New Hamp-
shire's First in the Nation™ Presidential
Primary Election,® which began in 1920,
probably ended exactly at the cen-
tury mark.

Between the disrespect being shown to it by President Joe Biden and the DNC,
and the catastrophe that is the Republican Field of Nightmares, it’s hard to see how FITT, for short, can make this through the cycle.

It’s easy enough to see why Biden would have no qualms about ending the trad-
ing. Four years ago he finished a dismal fifth. South Carolina saved his skin.
Now he’s rewarding the state by moving up its primary, thus elevating its status.

For its part, the DNC coddled long ago of defending a state with so few voters of minority persuasions. Pile them, that’s
state.

Secretary of State Sanull said, we
promise, fullen state law and schedule the election before any similar prima-
vies. N.H. Democratic Party Chair Ray Buckey seems willing to bid his party’s leadership. What will happen at the con-
vention is anybody’s guess.

In short, the Democratic side of the Primary is a mess.

Next to the Republican side, though—a
passel of back-stabbing wretches desper-
ately trying to dance around a hobbled,
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For more information, contact:
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Thank you for continuing to keep us abreast of Catalonia's struggle.
If any apologists for the Spanish gov-
ernment would like to rebut, we would
consider their submissions.

The Editor

Don't Eat Octopuses, Octopi, or Octopodes

To the Editor:

World Octopus Day was Sunday, October 8—a day to celebrate these amazing animals, and we should do that by pledging not to eat them and avoiding restaurants serving them.

If you become aware of a restaurant with octopus on the menu, consider writing a brief email or letter telling them why you will not patronize their restaurant.

Octopuses are considered the smartest of all the invertebrates. Be-
cause they have no bones, they can squeeze through openings as small as a coin. Octopuses have been recorded escaping captivity and are called the Houdinis of the sea. They have nine brains, one in their head and one in each of their eight tentacles, and have blue blood.

Climate change and overfishing are making life more difficult for all sea animals. Octopus populations in the wild are decreasing because of the food industry's increased demand. So, Spain plans to open the first farm to raise octopuses for the food industry.

Being solitary animals, they will suffer greatly in the crowded conditions of a farm. The slaughtering method that would be used is extremely cruel. They will be fed other sea animals, decreasing those already depleted. Aqua farms are notorious polluters. If you search online, you will find more information and a source to sign a petition to stop this octopus farm.

Watch “My Octopus Teacher” on Netflix for some inspiration.

After viewing, I think you will want to pro-
tect octopuses. Thank You.

Linda Dionne
Raymond, N.H.

Woo. Your letter has opened up a whole new can of sardines.

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...while octopus has become popular in modern usage, it’s wrong. Octopus is the oldest plural form of octopus, coming from the belief that octopus is originally Greek, it should have a Greek ending. This term might be technically Greek, it should have a Greek end-...
The October attack on Israel by Hamas came as a shocking surprise and will have major repercussions no one can yet foresee. It reminds me of the Vietnamese Tet Offensive in January 1968. Just as Israel is today, the United States has also stood by. And one can hardly imagine a more ruthless or brutal attack. I gather that Hamas fighters descended from the West Bank rock concert largely attended by young people, indiscriminately shooting and killing unarmed civilians, and going house to house murdering whoever they happened to find.

There can be no justification—none—for targeting defenseless human beings. I don't care if they're Israelis, Palestinians, Vietnamese, Iraqis, Afghans, Nige- rians, Yemenis, or name anyone else you care to who has been caught up in the jaws of war. But is this latest outbreak of vio- lence really a surprise? I turned 75 recently. They were constructing my age who have never lived in anything but a cinderblock hut in a crowded refugee camp for people displaced by the creation of the state of Israel and the subsequent fighting.

The history of Jewish-Palestinian relations goes back deep into his- tory. The latest chapter began not in 1948, but with the founding of the Zionist movement in the 19th century. To venture an attempt to determine who is right and who is wrong, to decide who has the right to the land that both Israelis and Palestinians claim is to wander into an emotional minefield guaranteed to leave one battered and bruised and missing a figurative limb or two. So I'm not going there. I am not going to try to argue that one side is right and one side is wrong. But I am going to argue that there are ordinary—indeed, innocent—Pal- estinians as old as me who have never lived anywhere but in pov- erty, who have never had freedom of movement, who have never had political rights, let alone civil or even human rights as most of us understand them.

There are people who have lived under military occupation for over half a century, who have been subjected to long waits and bodi- ly searches traveling to and from their jobs and schools, who have been subjected to helicopter rocket attacks and jet fighter attacks for nothing they themselves have done. There are farmers who cannot tend their crops because of physical barri- ers constructed between their homes and fields.

In a cursory study of history re- veals that if you suppress and oppress a people by force of arms, sooner or later they will rise up against you. It may take five years or fifty years or five hundred years. One thinks of the English in Ireland or the French in Indochina or the Soviets in Eastern Europe. Historical analogies never entirely hold up under scrutiny, but an iron fist always sooner or later rusts. I gather that Benjamin Net- anyahu has vowed to kill every last member of Hamas. I hope he thinks that will solve the problem, good luck to him. And meanwhile, every inno- cent Palestinian the Israelis kill only provokes further Palestinian self-re- sistance and response.

You can—and some of you will—accuse me of being anti-Semitic. But I will be right on two counts. Firstly because Arabs are just as se- mitic as Jews. And secondly because I am not anti-Jewish. Indeed, Israeli Jews have the right to live without violence. In case you did not fully absorb that, let me say it again: every Israeli Jew has the absolute right to live without fear of violence. But that is a two-way street. A tit for tat; it works both ways. Ev- ery time Hamas fires missiles into Israel, Israel responds with bombs and tanks and bulldozers. This time, Hamas has managed to inflict dam- age on a much larger scale, and once again Israel is responding with em- conversely overwhelming force. And once again, innocent civilians on both sides are dying.

After this latest war broke out, a dear friend of mine who is Jew- ish, a Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War who lived in Israel in the early 1970s, sent me this note:

“Too many memories of ’73. Too many memories of the dead of Golan then. Too many memories of the dead kids I saw carried out of schools in ’74. Family and friends I’ve been in touch with have not been directly touched, but have kids in the army, The scenes of the homes being taken and the 200 kids slaughtered at the music festival are unbearable. Peace is the only an- swer, one of my Israeli friends told me, his heart now in this moment all I feel is grief and rage, at Hamas, at Netanyahu.”

I wrote back reminding him of what our mutual friend the journal- istic Gloria Emerson said way back after the First Intifada: “The Israelis have only two real choices: they can either make peace with the Palestin- ians or kill them all.” And I added that Hamas seems to have given Netanyah u the excuse to pursue the latter choice.

Whereupon my friend wrote back to me: “I still, in spite of everything, believe the first of Gloria’s choices is possible, in spite of Netanyahu, and in spite of Hamas.”

I admire his bedrock optimism “in spite of everything.” I cannot bring myself to bring up case after case designed to rewrite Americas laws. These six high judges are effectively enforcing a new political order of plutocrat- ic, autocratic, and theocratic power over the beliefs and democratic will of Americas pluralistic majority. Posing as “conservative” jurists, they’ve steadily concentrated arbit- rary lawmaking power in their own hands. Reaching way beyond the Court’s Constitutional role of de- ciding cases, today’s Supreme now effectively create law by choosing cases to bring up, favoring those fab- ricated by such right-wing political allies as the Koch brothers and the Federalist Society. Moreover, the six partisans cherry-pick isolated parts of a case to advance their collective agenda, even ruling on legal ques- tions the case doesn’t raise, simply making up their own questions.

With no legal, ethical, or electoral checks on this secretive, anti-dem- ocratic government, the Court now routinely rules against workers, women, civil rights, the environment, personal liberties, and—well, against America! Shouldn’t we have at least one political party calling them out and reining in their arro- gance?

Did You Vote for Six Judicial Elites to Rule Over You?

by Jim Hightower

I f the Democratic Party wants a big, hot issue that would force the GOP to admit its disdain for democracy—how about those Sup- reme Court judges?

The Supreme Court, intended to be an apolitical, neutral arbiter of legal- ical cases brought before it, has been captured by a super legislative body by today’s 6-person majori- ty of extreme right-wing partisans controlling this Third Branch of our government.

I’m hardly a legal scholar (unless you count my week-and-a-half in law school!), but you don’t have to be in Who’s Who to know What’s What. From my lifetime in politics, I can attest that what these Republican judges are doing is pure politics: they want big, hot issues as cover for flagrant political activism. Coordinating surreptitiously with right-wing ideologues and cor- porate백StateChanged and watered down for this edition. 

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