

*The Fortnightly Rant**Let's flex our freedom, while we can*

Under the terms thrust upon us in 1789, when this newspaper was well into its thirty-third year of publication, the responsibility for keeping the federal government honest lies with a free and independent press. As the last remaining example of that species, we had best get cracking.

The current state of affairs is, shall we say, somewhat less than optimal. In fact, as we scan the horizon, we are reminded of Hercules, tasked with removing thirty years of accumulated filth from the Augean stables, and given but a single day to do it.

Fortunately we have fifty-two days to put the ship of state in order: this edition, and the three to follow. A daunting task, to be sure, but our faith sustains us; every day, in thought, if not in song, our newsroom echoes with the hymn, "Always Look On The Bright Side Of Life."

This goal must be achieved—or, to give us a little wiggle room, at least approximated—before the new administration takes power. It will establish a baseline against which we can measure the changes which are sure to come.

This may all seem hyperbolic, but let us recall: every branch of the federal government now favors the wealthy over the workers. For generations now, it's been wave over wave of tax cuts for the rich and austerity for the rest. The right's rallying cry never changes, but the promised prosperity never arrives. One has to wonder—how much more blood can be wrung from these same stones?

The prices of meat, potatoes, and sugar—the holy trinity of the American diet—have all gone through the roof lately. The CEO of the second-largest seller of frozen spuds boasted that his company's net income was up 111 percent due to "pricing actions." Lawsuits allege that price-fixing is rampant—but help is on the way! In two separate cases, a grocery chain and a class-action lawsuit will attempt to do battle against armies of lawyers for four corporations which together control 95 percent of the \$68 billion frozen potato market. Good luck to them, because they'll need plenty of it.

Not everyone eats meat and potatoes, but who doesn't want a roof over his or her head? These have become harder than ever to obtain.

These essential barriers to the elements are acquired through the "housing market"—a sacred institution, apparently. Within its confines ordinary people find themselves going up against piles of money. These piles are ultimately owned by humans, of course, but they've been carefully wrapped in legal language to obscure ownership. Where a quaint "family unit" might struggle to scratch together enough to stake their claim to an inhabitable hovel, a

"private equity firm" can fairly easily cordon off a whole swath of homes, so as to add its profit to a family's monthly expenses.

It's all perfectly legal, proper, and above board—just ask any of the beneficiaries of such schemes, like our incoming governor.

One might think that the federal government would and should have the power to prevent this sort of extortion before they got out of hand. One might as well think that in golden days of yore, unicorns daintily trotted across bosky dells to lay their heads in the laps of fair maidens.

We may not be able, before January 20th, to correct the wrongs of the past half-century and more. In fact, the smart money would say it's an idiotic proposition. There is nothing to stop us, though, from imagining what that might look like. Not yet, anyway.

After January 20th... well, even that freedom will be open to question. In the eyes of the new boss, we're the enemy of the state—and, of course, *l'etat cest lui*.

We are not so puffed-up that we believe the president-elect has his piggy little eyes on us. We probably have our share of delusions, but that is not among them. We do know, though, that he hates this whole industry, and seems to see no reason why he shouldn't try to use the federal government to crush it if he can.\*

The ironies of the nation's current condition are beyond cruel—they're positively sadistic. One party, full of W.B. Yeats' passionate intensity, created the situation in which we've become trapped: the government's too broke to give ordinary people what they want, or even what they desperately need. "If the public has a need," goes their thinking, "there's a corporation to fill it. For a market-competitive price, of course."

The other party has lacked the conviction to defend its own policies—perplexing, since they were what created our comfortable, if short-lived, middle class. Some members were paralyzed by the fear of being labeled a "godless communist." Others joined Milton Friedman's cult, which had no problem treating "the market" as if it were a golden calf. Either way they're now mostly funded by the same economic stratum as their opponents, leading to the same outcomes.

Soon this whole shebang will be in the tiny hands of a huckster not even Mark Twain could ever have imagined. The professional wrestlers are taking control of political arena—literally, in the case of the Department of Education.

What will we do? What *can* we do? Scribble from the sidelines, while ducking folding chairs.

\* Just imagine... what an ignominious fate: the Nation's Oldest Newspaper,™ crushed under an elevator shoe.



This cartoon was originally published nine years ago this month. We regret the continued relevance. — The Ed.

**COP29 puts world on course for more extreme weather—and more deaths**

by Paul Rogers

While COP29 in Baku narrowly avoided collapsing, its results were bitterly disappointing for delegations from across the Global South, who ended up with barely a quarter of the annual \$1.3 trillion of support they were seeking by 2035 to respond to climate breakdown.

Quite apart from other factors, more than 1,500 pro-carbon lobbyists worked hard to limit progress and ensure that burning oil, gas and coal at profit continues for as long as possible whatever the global consequences. After all, the world's fossil fuel industries rake in around a trillion dollars in profits a year.

Meanwhile, more and more examples are emerging of accelerating climate breakdown. The flooding in Valencia is just one, but scarcely noticed in Europe is the thoroughly weird weather being experienced in the eastern United States.

This autumn there have been over five hundred wildfires in New Jersey alone, a 5,000-acre fire has been burning for a week on the New York-New Jersey border prompting a voluntary evacuation, and New York City's Fire Department was called out to deal with 271 brush fires in the first two weeks of No-

vember alone.

As if timed for that and certainly released with COP29 in mind, *Carbon Brief*, a website covering the latest developments in climate science, climate policy and energy policy, has mapped every published study on "impossible" weather events—record heatwaves or storms that would not have happened without the overall global climate changes.

The first such study came in 2004, the year after weeks of extreme heat hit Europe and killed 70,000 people across the continent over several months. That early example of an "impossible" weather event kick-started a new field of research known as "extreme event attribution," which looks at how climate change has influenced extreme weather.

There are now 600 studies of 750 such extreme events spanning the past 20 years—a tiny fraction of the total number of these kinds of events. Of these 750, *Carbon Brief* found that scientists and researchers had concluded that 74 percent were made more likely or more severe because of climate change.

This has added to the growing sense of urgency right across the climate science community coupled with a highly critical view of the whole COP process. Even before

the dismal summit in the Azerbaijani capital, both last year's COP in Abu Dhabi and the year before in Egypt were notable for their lack of progress even as the urgency of preventing climate breakdown was becoming more and more obvious.

There are other risks to global security including nuclear weapons, pandemics, cyber warfare, AI misuse and the progressive destruction of biodiversity, but climate breakdown is different from all of these. It is not a future risk, it is a current happening, it is accelerating, and we now have very few years left to get on top of it. If we don't, then a worldwide catastrophe with many hundreds of millions dying and societal collapse will become increasingly likely.

Does it have to be like that?

As things stand, in terms of changing attitudes, developments in renewables, resistance of the fossil carbon industries and, of course, Donald Trump's looming presidency in the U.S., a reasonable prognosis for the next decade has three elements.

First, the use of renewable energy resources does continue to increase but not at anything like the rate required, so net carbon emissions will

**COP29**

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**The City Loses Another Suit**  
Judge Chase handed down his decision in the suit of John E. Rider vs. the city on Tuesday and ordered that the claim of the ex-alderman be paid. Emery and Hatch for Rider, Page for the city. There still remains one suit for the city to lose, that for the payment of the south-end fountain and we should advise the city to settle that at once. Every law suit into which the city has been drawn during the past two years has been lost and it seems as if our legal advice was proving rather costly for our

tax-payers.

**Police Court**

Before Judge Batchelder, Friday, the following prisoners were arraigned: John Condon, for vagrancy, was given sixty days and costs of \$6.90; Michael Monday, a tramp, was given thirty days and costs; Edward Philbrock, drunkard, was given thirty days and costs, and Fritz Shepard, the famous violinist and strolling musician, who was recently sent out of town for drunkenness, was given four months and costs.

December 1, 1892

— New Hampshire Gazette

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## Medicare “Advantage” By the Numbers

by Emma Curchin, Brandon Novick, and Peter Hart, of the Center for Economic and Policy Research

The quasi-privatized system called “Medicare Advantage,” otherwise known as Part C, was created in 2003 as a means of expanding the role of private sector corporations in the publicly-funded Medicare system. Proponents claimed it would lower costs and improve health care for seniors. It has achieved neither of those goals; instead, MA has become a wildly profitable scheme for private insurance giants, who have become adept at taking advantage of Medicare’s billing model to claim exorbitant profits. At this point, MA is more profitable for many companies than their conventional insurance businesses.

And the program continues to grow. MA now has more enrollees than traditional Medicare, thanks in no small part to aggressive public relations campaigns that sell seniors on the idea that the plans cut costs and increase choice. Congress has simultaneously failed to plug the holes in traditional Medicare, pushing seniors towards MA to avoid high

out-of-pocket costs. Policymakers can fill these gaps and guarantee true comprehensive coverage simply by redirecting the overpayments to MA insurers into Medicare.

Numerous studies and media investigations have documented the problems with Medicare Advantage. What follows is a collection of some of the most notable figures documenting the high costs of this failed experiment in privatizing Medicare.

### \$88-\$140 billion

The amount that the federal government overpaid private insurers under Medicare Advantage in 2022, according to the Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP).

### \$612 billion

The amount that Medicare Advantage plans overcharged the federal government due to upcoding and favorable selection between 2007 and 2023, according to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC), an independent congressional agency established to advise Congress on issues affecting the Medicare program.

### \$600 billion

According to one study, this is the projected excess spending between 2023 to 2031 due to the ways that Medicare Advantage plans use ‘up-

coding,’ the process of classifying beneficiaries as being sicker than they really are in order to increase payments.

### \$35 billion

The amount that MedPAC estimates taxpayers will overpay MA insurers this year through ‘favorable selection,’ the practice of targeting healthy seniors for their plans.

### \$4.2 billion

The amount that MA insurers received for questionable home visit health risk assessments (and related chart reviews) in 2023, according to an October 2024 report from the Department of Health and Human Services.

### 80 percent

The percentage of mental health providers in a sample of MA plans that were determined to be “ghosts” (meaning they were unreachable, not accepting new patients, or not in-network), according to a recent Senate investigation.

### 1.8 million

Estimated number of Medicare Advantage customers whose health plans will be canceled in 2025.

### 167 percent

The amount that drug deductibles will increase for roughly two-thirds of all Medicare Advantage enrollees next year.

### 55.7 percent

The increase in MA care denials from 2022 to 2023, according to research from the American Hospital Association.

### 54 percent

The increase in the denial rate for long-term acute care hospitals in Humana’s Medicare Advantage plans from 2020 to 2022 (Senate Majority Staff Report, 10/17/24).

### \$660 million

The amount of taxpayer money that CVS/Aetna stashed away in 2018 by denying Medicare Advantage patients’ claims for treatment at inpatient facilities (Senate Majority Staff Report).

### 78 percent

The percentage of physicians in a 2023 American Medical Association survey who said that Medicare Advantage’s prior authorization processes caused a recommended treatment for a patient to be abandoned.

### \$6 billion

One estimate of the amount spent in 2022 on the marketing companies that work to attract new subscribers in Medicare Advantage plans.

### 556,068

The number of English-language TV commercials touting Medicare Advantage that aired during the seven-week open enrollment period in

2022.

### \$50 billion

The amount that the *Wall Street Journal* estimates private insurers received between 2018 and 2021 for “hundreds of thousands of questionable diagnoses that triggered extra taxpayer-funded payments.”

### \$2,329

The amount that MA insurers receive per beneficiary above the estimated costs of Medicare.

### \$1,730

The gross profit margin per beneficiary posted by MA companies in 2021—more than *double their profit margin* on the individual market.

### \$172 million

The amount that Cigna agreed to pay in 2023 to “resolve allegations that it knowingly submitted and failed to withdraw inaccurate and untruthful diagnosis codes for its Medicare Advantage Plan enrollees to increase its payments from Medicare.” The Justice Department continues to investigate similar allegations involving other MA providers.

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There are only a few days left to catch Maria Oakley’s RECONfigured at the New Hampshire Art Association’s Robert Lincoln Levy gallery on State Street. It’s striking work, which “reflects her identity as a Black American woman with South American-Caribbean roots, exploring culture, identity, and the intersection of life and death. Her art takes inspiration from carnival costumes, folklore, Catholic traditions, and her time in the Marine Corps, all of which influence her exploration of form, space, and repetition. While she primarily draws and paints, she also works with terracotta, mold-making, and trompe l’oeil, finding inspiration in the cultures and places that have shaped her life.”



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### ~~ Better Old News Than New Lies ~~ Defective Ballots? Or Voters?

The defective ballots in Massachusetts show that [Democratic] Governor [William E.] Russell owes his election not to his excessive popularity but to the excessive stupidity of a lot of republican voters.

The failure of the Homestead strikers adds another to the many list of unsuccessful struggles of labor against capital, and the folly of the men who engineered these affairs was never better illustrated than in this, for there never was a more senseless one in this country.

[Then-editor W. Scott Smith’s irregular grammar—“the many list”—aligns well with his vague and muddled thinking. Smith is siding with Andrew Carnegie—already profiting from high tariffs—against the workers, whose wages were being cut. The Homestead strike was broken by Pinkertons and strikebreakers pro-

ted by the Pennsylvania National Guard.]

### Over \$4,000 Found

In searching the effects of and the room occupied by Nellie Culcannon, the deceased pastry cook at the Rockingham house, stocks, bonds, bank books and money to the value of \$4,000 were found concealed in the bedding.

The time is soon approaching when we must take possession of the Sandwich islands [Hawaii], or see them annexed by Great Britain or Germany. When that time comes, let us hope that no picayune democratic statesmanship will allow either of those great powers to gobble up that country.

Shearman says Cleveland did say “Damn,” and Cleveland says Shearman is a liar. You pays your money and takes your choice.

Grover Cleveland’s manner to

would-be callers has altered very much since election, and there is little doubt that he is going to prove the same Grover that disgusted nine-tenths of the democrats of the country in 1885.

### Were Not Welcome

A number of the Norris Belles got hungry Thursday evening and went to Kittery with the idea of affiliating with their democratic brethren and getting a square feed. The Kittery democrats, however, did not receive them with the expected warm welcome but, on the contrary, refused to allow them inside Trefethen’s hall and they took back tracks for home hungry and dispirited. Their actions while in the quiet village were outrageous and the inhabitants, both democrats and republicans, are loud in their condemnation of such a crowd as our renowned Lullahs.

— *The New Hampshire Gazette*  
 December 1, 1892

What do we choose to remember with memorial markers, buildings and community projects?

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## Rich Get \$276 Billion Richer Since Trump Win

### GOP: That's Not Nearly Enough

by Jake Johnson

An analysis released November 21st showed that the United States' 815 billionaires have seen their combined wealth surge by roughly \$280 billion since Donald Trump's victory in the 2024 presidential election earlier this month, a finding that came as Republicans continued to lay the groundwork for another massive tax giveaway for the rich.

Citing *Forbes* data, Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF) noted that the collective net worth of the nation's billionaires jumped \$276 billion between November 4th—the day before Election Day—and November 12th. Elon Musk, the world's wealthiest man and a Trump confidant, accounted for 20 percent of the total billionaire wealth surge, with his net worth growing by \$57 billion in just a week.

ATF found that U.S. billionaire wealth is now at an all-time high of \$6.7 trillion—a fact that hasn't deterred Republican lawmakers from pursuing additional tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans, which they want to pay for in part by slashing Medicaid and federal nutrition assistance.

"Among the tax handouts the GOP hopes to offer America's plutocrats is a weakening or elimination of the estate tax, the federal government's only curb on dynastic wealth," ATF noted. "As proof of the party's intent, the new Republican majority in the U.S. Senate has chosen as its next leader the chamber's main champion of estate-tax repeal, John Thune (R-S.D.)."

The group observed that scrapping the estate tax would save billionaire households an estimated \$2.7 trillion while depriving "working Americans of the exact same amount of funding for vital public services like Medicare, childcare, education, and housing."

Since the highly regressive 2017

Trump-GOP tax cut that Republicans are looking to extend and expand, U.S. billionaire wealth has risen by \$3.8 trillion—over 131 percent—according to ATF.

"Instead of addressing the nation's growing economic inequality and the growing shortfall in federal revenue, President Trump and congressional Republicans plan to make the situation even worse by enacting a new tax cut package that gives billionaires tax breaks on the backs of working people," the group said Wednesday. "This Republican tax plan will start with extending all the expiring provisions in the 2017 Trump law—which alone will balloon the federal debt by \$5 trillion over the next decade—but will likely include new handouts to the very wealthy, such as elimination of the estate tax."

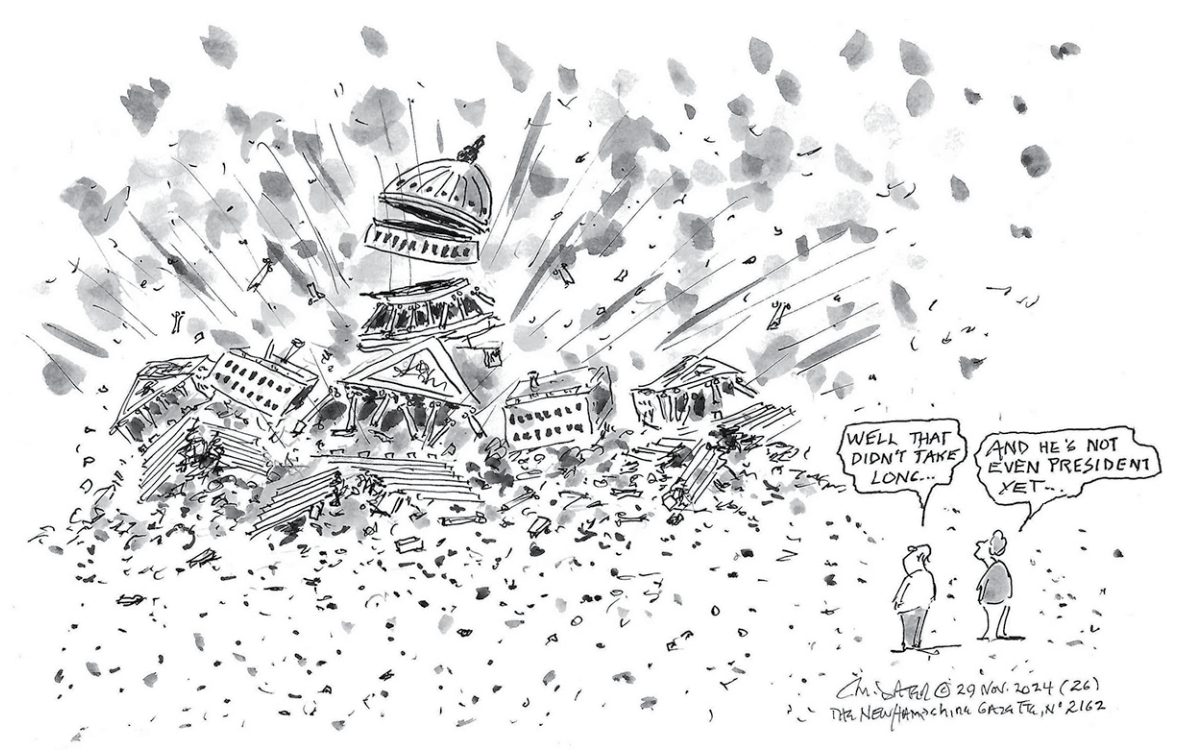
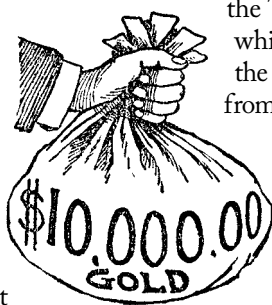
During a November 21st hearing, Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) voiced similar concerns about the Trump-GOP tax agenda, which also includes cutting the statutory corporate tax rate from 21 percent to 15 percent.

"President-elect Trump has proposed making every single 2017 tax cut for the wealthy permanent," Warren said during the Senate hearing.

"In fact, he plans to go further by cutting the corporate tax rate even more, so that giant corporations making record profits off struggling Americans can shovel even more cash to their rich executives and shareholders."

"The tax fight is starting now, and every person in the United States, every person in the Senate, needs to show the American people what side we stand on," said Warren. "Will we sign our names to more giveaways to President-elect Trump's billionaire buddies, or will we fight for tax fairness for the American people?"

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## Maine Sues Oil Giants Over Their Campaign of Lies

by Eloise Goldsmith

Maine on Tuesday joined a group of eight other U.S. states that have sued major oil and gas companies for deceiving the public about their products' role in the climate crisis.

Maine Attorney General Aaron Frey's office announced that he has filed a suit in state court against Exxon, Shell, Chevron, BP, Sunoco, and the American Petroleum Institute.

Frey's suit accuses the companies of knowing about the potentially catastrophic consequences of continued dependence on fossil fuels for decades, thanks to companies' internal research, but that the defendants undertook a disinformation campaign to discredit the scientific consensus on climate change, delay a transition to a green energy economy, and sow doubt in the public's mind about the impact of burning fossil fuels.

"The state seeks to hold the defendants accountable for failing to warn Mainers and concealing their knowledge about the devastating consequences of the increasing use of fossil fuels on Maine's people, economy, and environment. This conduct has resulted in enormous financial burdens, public health impacts, property damage, and other harms across Maine as a result of

extreme weather, sea-level rise, and warmer temperatures," according to the release from Frey's office.

"For over half a century, these companies chose to fuel profits instead of following their science to prevent what are now likely irreversible, catastrophic climate effects," Frey said in a statement. "In so doing, they burdened the state and our citizens with the consequences of their greed and deception."

Frey's lawsuit asks the court to require the companies pay for both "past and future climate harms caused by the defendants" and ensure that the companies end their "ongoing deception" in the state. The state is demanding a jury trial and numerous forms of relief, including penalties and disgorgement of profits, according to the release.

Frey is the 11th attorney general (including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico), to take such a legal move. More than 20 states, tribes, cities and counties have so far pursued similar climate deception lawsuits to date, according to the Maine attorney general's office. Earlier this fall, California's attorney general filed a lawsuit against ExxonMobil, alleging that the company falsely touted chemical recycling as a solution to the plastics crisis.

A September report from Oil

Change International and Zero Carbon Analytics found that the number of climate cases brought against fossil fuel corporations—many of which center on climate damages, misleading advertising about fossil fuels, or failure to reduce emissions in line with legal agreements—has been ticking upward since the 2015 Paris climate accords.

Richard Wiles, president of the Center for Climate Integrity, whose organization helps communities hold fossil fuel companies accountable, applauded the move.

"Big Oil companies have lied for decades about the catastrophic harm they knew their products would cause, and now Maine has joined a growing wave of communities across the U.S. that are demanding accountability," said Wiles. "These polluters continue to fuel the climate crisis and lie about it to protect their profits. It's only right that Big Oil companies pay their fair share of the damage their deception has caused. With Maine's lawsuit, the demands that Big Oil faces accountability for decades of climate lies are growing louder and more powerful."

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 — a Bar Harbor reader

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**This is Shameful, He's Unfit**

To the *New Hampshire Gazette*,

Shame. Shame. Our country just elected a racist, a sexual assaulter, a compulsive liar, a traitor, a convicted felon, a business fraud, a twice-impeached, disgraced ex-president with severely diminished mental abilities and judgment to the highest office in the nation. Donald Trump is all of that and worse. He is the most vile person that one can imagine. What parent would choose him as a role model for their child?

Yet we knew this, having suffered through four years of his maladministration. Some say, "I don't like what he says but I like his policies." And just what are those policies? He never says (though Project 2025 is a useful guide), other than repeating ad nauseum his mantra that he will make America great again. He did have his chance before. All that he "accomplished" was cutting taxes for the wealthy using borrowed money, appointing extremist judges, undermining our credibility internationally, and playing the buffoon. (He never did manage to nuke that hurricane but he did become besties with the brutal Kim Jong Un). "Yes, but he is good on the economy." Really? He does not even understand such a fundamental principle as how tariffs work. The Chinese will pay for his tariffs like the Mexicans paid for his wall. He has no plan to reduce inflation other than doing more drilling.

Anyway, it must be emphasized that this disaster is not due to any failure on the part of the Democratic Party which orchestrated an outstanding campaign, and it is certainly not the fault of Kamala Harris who was brilliant, engaging, and nearly flawless in her time before us, bringing hope and good will to the entire country. There are always "reasons" that one party loses but that is not the most important issue. There is a bottom line that should be troubling to all who care about the American experiment: over half of us voted for a man who was obviously wholly unfit for this responsibility.

Michael Behrendt  
Durham, N.H.

Michael:

*Yes, indeed, the Republican Party has foisted upon us the most spectacularly unqualified creep to have occupied the White House in living memory. The grotesqueries of Lyndon Johnson, which were thought to be considerable at the time, would barely register today. Nixon's venal machinations—trying to dodge taxes as he was hustled out the door—reveal him as a piker with a limited imagination. This guy... don't let us get started.*

*The first time around would have been far worse if he had an ounce of competence. This sequel promises to be far worse. The GOP has been purged of its last vestiges of sanity. Torn-up guard rails will now be used to bludgeon the recalcitrant.*

*Thus far we are of like mind. We see no reason, though, to absolve the allegedly opposing party.*

*Harris did pretty well with the lousy hand she was dealt. Who dealt her the cards? The party.*

*Biden said he'd serve one term and hand over the reins. He didn't. He clung to power until it was too late.*

*It didn't help that Biden shut down one program after another—extended unemployment insurance, expanded child tax credit, free school meals, Medicaid expansion, the list goes on—that had made it possible for millions of people to actually live in this economy.*

*That was all in keeping, though, with Democratic policies, which seem to assume that everyone aspires to become a consultant.*

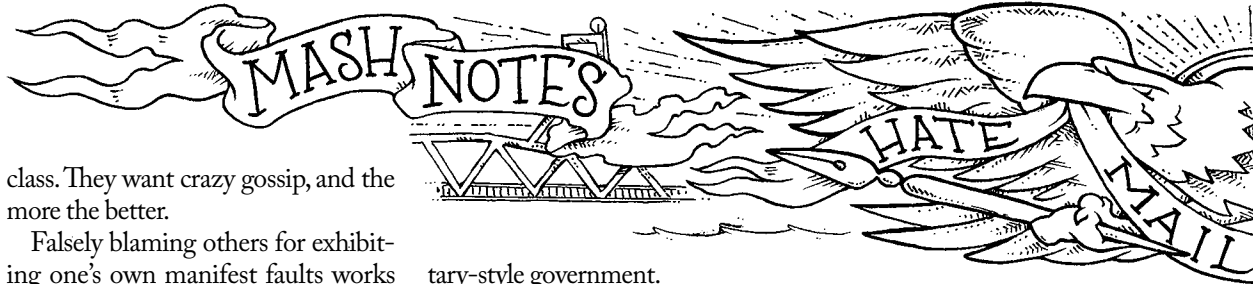
The Editor

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**Billionaires Bought Our Political System**  
To the Editor:

MAGA Republicans and their billionaire backers like Elon Musk have finally homed-in on a ten-point formula that works for obtaining political and economic power. And they are never going to ditch it.

Pandering conspiracy theories to high school grads rather than trying to impress college grads with knowledge of history and science is one key. Those blue-collar kids never paid much attention to social studies during their 12-year ordeal in school. Education was too boring compared to skating the internet on their phones during



class. They want crazy gossip, and the more the better.

Falsely blaming others for exhibiting one's own manifest faults works extremely well too. This is called "projecting" in the parlance of psychology and "smearing" in communist political science. Doing this upsets Democrats to no end and causes them to swoon with great anxiety and lose sight of any reasonable path to success.

Lying is the new truth-telling. We told the truth for 400 years on the North American continent, and people are clearly getting tired of it. No fun at all. Very slow path to power. We also covered up the flesh in public places, and men and women are so over that too.

Republicans will steadfastly keep AR-15s legal for the many mentally unstable citizens of our country to purchase and utilize at their own pleasure. Those violence-minded folks provide almost nightly entertainment for law-abiding citizens looking for ever-more insane true-crime stories and reality TV. All this anti-civic entertainment in turn is necessary for preventing America from returning to serious participation in democracy on any level of government. Why participate if you are just going to get shot to bits when you step out in public? In addition, all the blood and guts make us want to lean on Republican despots, authoritarians, dictators, and tyrants for security because they are the only ones who can fix things. They create the problems for sure, but then they alone can solve the problems.

Republicans will continue to elaborate the political philosophy of autocracy and monarchy. This is the idea that one human being is just so much more special than others that he must make all the laws instead of Congress making them. Furthermore, his DNA is the key to keeping stability in the nation, so it is clearly best for him to pass on the reins of government to his first-born son and establish a heredi-

tary-style government.

Making barrels of money and thus becoming an untouchable celebrity is the only cherished path to personal success for Republicans today, and even a few Democrats. Encouraging everybody to become a gold digger by investing in new kinds of currency and supporting wild new technologies is the perfect answer to the plodding, science-based small-business capitalism that built this country. That is so passe.

We must also turn America into a false advertising mecca. If propaganda works in Republican politics, it surely works just as well in Republican business and banking. Marketing departments must build fantastic new fantasy worlds through advertising campaigns in order to marginalize the competition and become a monopoly in the industry. Those monopolies can then more easily use the Citizens United decision to purchase the budding new Republicans they want to see governing things on national and local levels.

Religion must maintain all the doctrines that theologians and politicians cooked up during the Dark Ages to make the Roman Catholic church the ruler of all of Europe. Citizens must be charmed into swallowing them whole, never bothering to digest them, for that might cause alarm and insight. Protestant churches must also move forward toward an authoritarian system of church government that will allow them to quickly marshal their members to support Republican candidates on the national, state, and local levels.

Republicans must double-down on the idea that childless cat ladies are a problem. Those who avoid child-rearing do not understand the imperative of the aristocratic class and the monarchy to produce heirs to pass along their wealth to. Besides, child rearing in the

commoner class is meritorious because it populates the underclass that must do the economic bidding of the Republican aristocracy.

If DNA works in aristocracy and monarchy, it also works in race relations. White DNA is much superior to off-white or colored DNA. That's just obvious to every MAGA cheerleader. Besides, colored folk tend toward communism, and that must be stopped.

Kimball Shinkoskey  
Woods Cross, Utah  
Kimball:  
Whew!

*Congratulations on presenting one of the most comprehensive and terrifying visions of the U.S. not to have been delivered by the honoree during a presidential inauguration. We do wonder, though, if perhaps you may be ascribing too much intent and design to the chaos.*

*This is, at heart, a bunch of competing grifters, each of whom is high on his or her own supply of snake oil, vaporware, or whatever bogus nostrum they're pushing.*

*That's not to say they won't ruin the economy, poison the environment, and accelerate the destabilization of the climate. They will do all that and more, we're sure.*

*Like the bankers who crashed the economy in '08, though, they'll probably be as surprised as we are.*

The Editor

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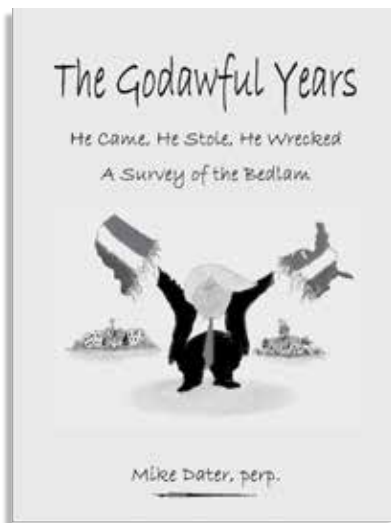
**About Palestine**

Editor,

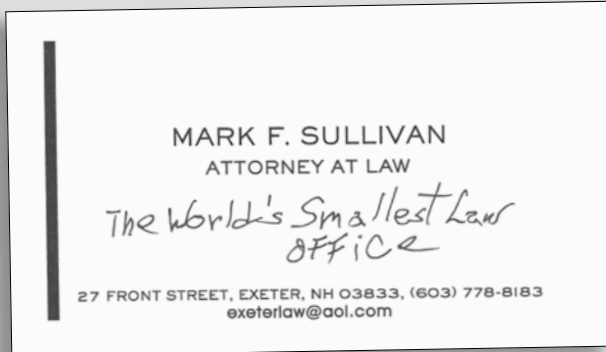
The politicized purpose of Zionism was to plant the Western flag in the oil/gas-rich Arab tent as the world moved from steam-based power to petrochemicals. The tool to achieve this was England which "won" Palestine as plunder following WW I. The people who were chosen to enact this were the Jews committed to

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*it were founded upon motives which are lofty and altruistic. Having our doubts about that, we welcome your perspective.*  
The Editor

**Mandate? You Call That a Mandate?**

Dear Editor:

Donald Trump and his cult have been claiming that they have a huge mandate as a result of the last election to take whatever actions they wish to destroy our government. One only has to look at the list of incompetents, inexperienced, mentally impaired, sexual predators, security compromised, and religious fanatics he has nominated for various Cabinet and other highly sensitive positions in government to be very concerned about the future of our Republic.

In fact, the notion that Trump's election win was a tremendous mandate is a myth. The numbers speak for themselves. As of today, Trump received 76,942,246 votes, or 49.87 percent of the popular vote. Harris received 74,450,212 votes or 48.25 percent of the popular vote. All the other candidates running for President received in total 2,548,385 votes or 1.7 percent of the popular vote. Trump received only 1,492,034 more votes than Harris, while Trump received fewer total popular votes than all the other candidates combined, 76,942,246 for Trump to 76,998,597 for all others—not exactly a resounding mandate. In fact, this election was one of the closest popular votes wins in history. While Trump did comfortably win the Electoral College vote 312 to 226, which is how we determine Presidential elections, this does not reflect the actual feelings of the majority of the American electorate.

With his mantra of a huge mandate, Trump is working hard to put in place the mechanisms that will, if al-

lowed, destroy our Republic. Since the Supreme Court has granted Trump criminal immunity for any “official acts,” he will have almost unlimited power to achieve his stated goals. Our only hope is that at least four Republican Senators stay true to their oath to protect the Constitution and faithfully perform their duty: advise and consent on Trump’s various nominations, and put the nation above Trump. It is also critical that the military follow their oath to protect the Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic if Trump attempts to use his power by issuing illegal orders to use the military in a manner contrary to the Constitution.

We are at a critical point in the history of our nation. Never before has the threat of authoritarianism been so close to becoming a reality. Only a few people have the power to make the difference that will determine if we keep our democracy or not.

Rich DiPentima  
Portsmouth, N.H.

*Rich:*  
*Thanks for making this essential point. The Blowhard-in-Chief and his toadies are doing their best to manufacture a mandate out of a squeaker. The corporate media will, by and large, let them get away with it. We need to remember it, and remind others when we can.*

The Editor

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**He Knows Not What He's Doing**

Dear Editor:

President elect Trump plans to “drain the swamp.” He’d drastically cut down employee numbers in our federal government. To most of us, this is murky territory for envisioning. Think of someone without mechanical experience opening the hood of a this-century vehicle. Golly! Many wires and plug-things! Let alone computer-related systems. Under my own hood—much is covered. Pry those open! Just throw out what I don’t recognize. I know dipsticks, where to pour wind-

shield wash. After I throw out what I don’t recognize (my experience is limited) and I need my car—it won’t go. There’s the problem with “fixing” minus system-knowledge.

And about that swamp. Now we call it “wetlands.” Most towns support wetlands protection. Why is that? Wetlands give value, they: 1) naturally improve water quality; 2) give flood protection; 3) help control shoreline erosion; 4) offer recreation and aesthetic opportunities (bird-watching, fishing!). When I lived my high school years in Upstate New York, on Lake Champlain, we recognized (as did the fishermen), that the wetlands, starting with small aquatic insects, nourish shellfish and small fish that are food for and make way for larger fish.

Scary—Trump monkeying with our agencies that are as complex as bee hives, with occupants dedicated to niche-jobs and problem-solving. I remember my doctor-father’s Upstate New York county health department. He was head of it, with nurses and inspectors going out to solve the problems that inevitably come with thousands of people living their lives and having their businesses. Health related, in my father’s agency’s workload. Looking at his office space from the outside, it was another business building with cars coming and going. Anything looked at from the outside only can’t give a true picture. We need Trump to learn a respect for agencies that evolved because of people’s needs.

Lynn Rudmin Chong  
Sanbornton, N.H.

Lynn:

*Listen to yourself. Trump? Learn? Hand us that spliff, you’ve had enough. Trump respects nothing. Agencies will either bend to his will, or he will try to destroy them.*

*The Democrats may or may not develop a strategy that will reduce the damage that’s coming. Their track record on this is not exactly inspiring. The GOP’s decades-long capture of the Supreme Court is but one example.*

*What we neo-peons need is to refuse to accept the platter of gold-plated horseshit being put before us. Just what form that refusal might take will depend upon the*

*circumstances.*

*We can hear the quailing and kvetching now: “What can I do? I have no power.”*

*Well, neither did low-ranking, anti-war GIs in Vietnam—beyond their own solidarity and small arms, of course. And yet that war ended after Pentagon generals realized that they could no longer depend on their troops being willing to die in a war that could never be won.*

*Let us hasten to add, we are not promoting armed rebellion. That would be futile as well as illegal. Vietnam was a special circumstance. Despite the NRA’s best efforts, we’re not there yet. Any armed rebellion that overturned Project 2025 would be a cure far worse than the disease.*

*This whole mess has been too tragic already. Let a thousand farces bloom. There are worse fates than to die laughing.*

The Editor

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**... An Appeal in an Unearthly Tongue ...**

To the Editor,

I knew it was possible; I didn’t think—hoped—it wasn’t probable. But it has nevertheless come to pass. Perhaps the last three lines of Czelaw Milosz’s poem, “On Angels,” is all the recourse left to us for the next four

day draws near  
another one  
do what you can.  
John Simon  
Portsmouth, N.H.

*John:*  
*Exactly. Absolutely.*  
The Editor

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**Outdoing Caligula**

To the Editor:

In the year 41 A.D., the Roman Emperor Caligula, in a demonstration of disgust and insult towards his Senators (many of whom he later executed), allegedly planned to promote his favorite race horse, Incitatus, to consul (the highest civil and military position) and to a seat in the Senate. Apparently, his plan failed merely because Caligula was assassinated shortly thereafter. This kind of behavior may

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the Zionist-Supremist expansionist agenda. To this day, Israel has no defined borders, always wishing to take more. The Zionists had been moving in place for decades, and turned the tables on England when Stern and Irgun terrorist gangs bombed British headquarters at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem then rampaged through Palestine, massacring 500 villages and cities and driving 750,000 out of their homes and off their land, declaring the captured land, Israel. (Crimes not dissimilar to those charged during the 1945-46 Nuremberg Trials.)

“Palestina,” the Terra Sancta, the Holy Land appeared on ancient Persian maps, thousands of years old. Gaza may be older. It dates from the Iron Age and was already famous when Alexander, the Great stormed the Gates of Gaza on his way to conquer Tyre, in today’s Lebanon. Before 20th century events, Palestinians had thrived since the Crusades as a multi-religious, free people from the River to the Sea, and a globally recognized tourist site. To this day, Palestinians maintain that ethos as central to their identity, embracing Islam, Christianity, and Judaism, examples include the Samaritans in Nablus. Today, Palestine’s quarrel is with the Zionist-Israeli, UN-cited, “illegal” Occupation. It is long past time to Free Palestine and desist from massacring its people and reducing it to rubble.

Genevieve Harris-Fraser  
Orange, Mass.

*Genevieve:*  
*This letter is, of course, antisemitic—if one makes the error of assuming that criticism of the illegal policies of the Israeli government is antisemitic. We try to avoid making that error. It is also unfashionable. News organizations in the U.S. have traditionally treated Israel’s foreign policy as if*

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## After the Sixties, Came the Counter-Revolution

by Jean Stimmell

I was born in the 1940s and grew up in the 1950s. The '50s was a strange chapter in American life: banal, antiseptic, and claustrophobically conformist: swearing or even mentioning sex was forbidden. If you questioned anything about America, you risked being called a Communist.

That's not just my opinion.

Andrew Hartman writes that the 1950s were more coercive than before or after, exhibiting "an extraordinary degree of conformity." "An unprecedented number of Americans got in line—or aspired to get in line—particularly white, heterosexual, Christian Americans."<sup>1</sup>

I rebelled: I wanted freedom!

I found it as a teenager through Sigmund Freud. Through him, I discovered—beneath my button-down, crew-cut-shorn, prudish existence—a subterranean world of primal drives, making sense of everything the '50s considered taboo. Freud snapped the chains that confined me, changing life into an adventure rather than a gulag experience.

He also piqued my interest in psychology, leading me to Columbia,

where my excitement was dashed. In true 1950s fashion, academia banished Freud in favor of experimental psychology. Rather than studying people, we conducted animal experiments with white rats. We were expected to somehow extrapolate our rat data to human beings.

I dropped out of Columbia because the chains had tightened around me again: The rats lost, Freud won. You might say that Freud greased the skids that launched me into the '60s after a detour: a heart-rending tour in Vietnam.

The 1960s liberated not only me but our country, overthrowing the age-old conservative mandate of patriarchy, white man rule, and missionary-only sex; In its place, we advocated equal rights for all.

Unfortunately, our cultural revolution produced a vicious backlash, accelerating after the election of our first black president and coming to a head today. Unprecedented social change at whiplash speed was too much for the old guard. Conservatives called the Sixties a "crisis in democracy." This was an Orwellian phrase that actually meant the opposite: they were livid that we had too much democracy.

Over the intervening years, Dem-

ocrats contributed to the problem by overplaying their hand, ignoring 70 percent of their base, white, working folks, and instead catered too much to special interest groups, no matter how valid their claims.

Brewing inside this combustible mix, a counter-revolution was gaining steam.

Traditionalists and increasing numbers of the working class, along with the business class, gathered under the Republican banner, asserting they were the silent majority, promoting biblical religion, punitive justice, and white supremacy while railing against homosexuals, abortions—and, god forbid, trans people. At first, Republicans hid their intentions by using dog whistles or coded language to speak to their base without promoting outrage.

That is until Donald Trump rode down his golden escalator, ditching code words to point-blank call a spade a spade: Mexicans are rapists, blacks come from shit-hole countries, Democrats are communists, and women are nasty with blood coming out of their wherever. *N.Y. Times* columnist Ezra Klein considers this disinhibition to be "the engine of Trump's success."<sup>2</sup>

The fact that Trump is reveling in

the primal dregs of his unconscious is a sure indication that Freudian psychology is back in vogue as it was in the '60s. Then, as now, regular folks are yearning for freedom, triggered by living in a stifling, bureaucratic world where they feel invisible. Of course, Trump eggs them on, yearning to be their pied piper.

Psychoanalyst Eric Reinhart has accused liberals of ignoring the crucial importance of irrational drives to fuel mass political movements—drives first identified by Freud: "Proponents of progressive ideals must instead take the reality of aggression, racism, and sadomasochism seriously as enduring political feelings, including in their own ranks, that require constructive political redress."

Rather than surrendering to these primal feelings, as the Republicans have done, it's up to Democrats and Independents to promote politics that restrain and redirect these urges. The first step is "to stop vainly demanding that people be more reasonable." That's like Nancy Reagan's solution to drug addiction, which was to just say no.

The truth is people aren't always reasonable. As Freud showed us—each of us has destructive, irrational desires swirling around our cranium,

always primed to pounce.

In the '60s, we channeled our unconscious rage by breaking free of the Puritan '50s and speaking truth to power about military overreach, patriarchy, and rampant discrimination against all who were not white. Now, Trump is doing the opposite: speaking power to truth.

Trump is channeling our primal disgust at being unmoored and over-regulated to mount a counter-revolution against the '60s. "Make America Great Again" is code for a return to "the good old days" of slavish conformity, misogyny, and blatant discrimination aggressively enforced by rich, white men.

Personally, I prefer the Sixties. How about you?

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1 <https://s-usih.org/2016/11/trump-out-of-the-shadows-of-the-sixties-social-movements/>  
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sound outrageous, but consider the recent Trump selections to his future Cabinet: Matt Gaetz (Attorney General), Pete Hegseth (Secretary of Defense) and Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (HHS Secretary). None of them have any better qualifications than Caligula's horse for the positions they were appointed to. We Americans seem to believe that our great nation will exist forever. Unfortunately, history has repeatedly revealed that most former world empires (Persian, Greek, Roman) disappeared from the globe mainly due to internal conflicts and total incompetence by their respective lead-

ers. There is no reason to assume that this fate will not also happen to our country. I sincerely hope that during the confirmation hearings, the Senators will have the courage to reject these totally unsuited nominees and thereby fulfill their oaths to defend and protect its citizens from danger and harm. Otherwise, we most likely will continue to go down the same path as all other earlier superpowers.

Dr. Imre Somssich

Cologne, Germany

Imre:

*Caligula got a bad reputation for allegedly appointing just one horse—the slacker. Trump is a man of vision and ambition. He wants to appoint a whole herd of horses asses.*

The Editor

### Concern About Trump is Justified

To the Editor:

Mr. [Alan] Forbes, the Portsmouth Republican Chair, in a recent local editorial, seems oblivious to many of President-Elect Trump's documented actions and words. In his letter he overlooks the January 6, 2021 insurrection that Trump inspired, as well as his theft of Top-Secret documents—a crime for which a recent National Guardsman was recently sentenced to 15 years in prison.

With multiple felony convictions (related to election fraud, fraudulent business records and conspiracy) for sexual harassment and defamation, and of falsifying business records, Mr. Trump has lost all credibility. The message of Mr. Forbes letter is (if in fact he is the author, instead of the National Republican Party) "Don't worry, there is nothing to fear from President Trump."

But there are already incidents nationwide that contradict his message. Here in Portsmouth, a few days after the November election, our local Portsmouth Democratic Committee received its first threatening email. The message made numerous insulting comments, threatened Harris voters with retribution and insisted that President Trump will deal with them. Local law enforcement was notified and has been investigating. So far it appears the

email was sent from an address that belongs to a person working at a federal prison somewhere in our country. Steps to address this and other possible future threats are being taken. I encourage every organization and individuals who receive such threats to immediately contact their local police.

We as residents must be vigilant to any threats that may emerge and take actions to protect our neighbors and our communities.

Peter Somssich, Portsmouth Democratic Outreach Committee, a Subcommittee of the Portsmouth Democrats

Portsmouth, N.H.

Peter:

*Such an example of unfounded optimism has not been seen since Pollyanna was published in 1913.*

*His candidate threatened to use the powers of government to seek retribution. The so-called brains behind him—his own being barely operable—are ready to act on a plan to decimate the federal workforce, and politicize the survivors. His economic program is sure to result in havoc.*

*Forbes' response to all this is to treat Herald readers to a text-based impression of the late Leslie Nielsen in "The Naked Gun," waving his hands in front of a scene of chaotic destruction, saying, "Please disperse—nothing to see here."*

The Editor

### A Poem for Palestine

To the Editor:

*Seeking God I Found Palestine  
Battered and bruised crossways the path*

*Weeping blood from gaping wounds  
Crying for help and slipping fast  
Ancient bloodlines seep into rivers  
Her yet proud head contorts in pain*

*Softly chants epoch passages  
Reverberating still in hill and plain  
Embodied in her Terra Sancta  
Her people's misery is ours to claim*

*To broker the peace  
Which passes all understanding*

*Is to work to undo  
Our national shame*

*For God's sake...*

*Free Palestine!*

Genevieve Harris-Fraser

Orange, Mass.

~~~ Better Old News Than New Lies ~~~

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It is understood that Haymarket square, Boston, is considered the most favorable location for the statue of Gen. Fitz John Porter. — *Dover Star*

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# Grant Me the Serenity—

by W.D. Ehrhart

I had an unusual experience this week. Very rarely does our Alleged Editor decline to publish something I've submitted to him. But a few days ago, he passed on not one, but two essays I sent. One about Trumpasaurus's various cabinet choices because he has elected to write on that topic himself in his Fortnightly Rant. The other because it was too long.

He suggested editing the long one, which dealt with how, though the elevation of Dolt .45 to Dolt .47 is perceived by many people as the end of democracy in the United States, in fact our country has never really been all that democratic.

Political power was originally held by a small elite collection of rich white men—our so-called Founding Fathers—and to a large degree to this day, regardless of who has the right to vote, power is still held by a small elite collection of rich white men.

My arguments supporting this assertion cannot easily be condensed into a few paragraphs. I would simply urge you to consider Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos, the Koch Brothers, Rupert Murdoch, Harold Hamm, Phil Ruffin, or Peter Thiel. Take a look at the net worth of Dave McCormick, who just bought a seat in the U.S. Senate to represent Pennsylvania, though he actually lives in Connecticut.

Or you could just read Howard Zinn's *A People's History of the United States*. That's a good place to start learning the real history of our country.

Anyway, what am I left to write about this time around? I got an e-mail this morning from a friend of mine who wrote, "I have been on an election and news break since America decided to elect a con man, rapist, fascist President." Just about everyone I know is feeling some variation of this. Others have written, "Dark Times"; "Time to hunker down. Again"; "A future that is fraught with peril": "Only question left is 'How bad does it get?'"

But I just went to a memorial service for a neighbor who died recently. A woman I hardly know came over and sat down next to me. She proceeded to tell me how happy she was that Trumpelstiltskin had won. "It's about time," she gloated. "Now we'll have some businessmen in charge." We were in a church. It took all my willpower not to shout, "You ignorant dunce! What is the matter with you?"

I guess I shouldn't be surprised. I don't know any of them—for which I am increasingly grateful—but millions and millions of my fellow citizens seem to agree with this woman. If I believed in an active and benevolent God, I would say, "God help us." But the election of this man in 2016 cast serious doubt on that quaint notion. And his re-election is proof

positive that either God Is Dead or has the most twisted sense of humor in the universe.

After a few weeks, I did begin to get my sense of humor back. Well, sort of. (I'm reminded of my poet-veteran friend D. F. Brown, who wrote, "Our sense of humor / embarrasses me. Something / warped it out of place.")

How can one fail to enjoy the humor in appointing Matt Gaetz as Attorney General, or RFK Jr. to head up Health & Human Services, or the Wizard of Oz to administer Medicare? Such appointments are certainly a disaster, and will have disastrous consequences, but they are also hilarious.

Meanwhile, how do the rest of us who don't have worms in our brains or shit between our ears cope with this sorry state of affairs? Well, as I said in an earlier essay, I'm taking solace in the companionship of friends who are as outraged by this outrageous turn of events as I am, and who are just as disgusted to be an American. I'm still not sure if misery loves company, but it is comforting to know that I'm not alone.

Here at home, my wife and I have once again taken to facing each other while holding hands, and reciting aloud our version of the Serenity Prayer. She begins with "Wise Presence," I begin with "Great Spirit," and then we say together, "Grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to

change the things we can, the wisdom to know the difference, and the eyes to see what's good. (We added that last phrase ourselves several years ago when the Orange Cheeto was soiling the White House the first time around.)

We also remind each other—multiple times a day, actually: three, four, five—that at this very moment, we're fine. And it's true. As I sit here typing this, I'm fine. I can't change what has happened. It's done. It's a fact. And I cannot know what will happen tomorrow nor do anything about it until it arrives.

I have only one decision to make, only one choice: what is the next right thing I must do? I did the right thing by not punching that lady in the face today in church. I hope I will continue to do the right thing each time I have a choice to make. I can see no other way of successfully navigating the coming days and weeks and years.

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**Correction:** In the third paragraph of the essay, "What Now?", by W.D. Ehrhart, published in our paper of November 15th, the author mentions Marion Edelman. He meant to write Miriam Adelson. "Edelman is a hero (heroine?)," he writes. "Adelson is a MAGAMinion."

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continue to rise, not fall, for most of the next ten years. Second, resistance to decarbonization will continue from many quarters, no doubt now including the White House. Finally, severe weather events will become both more common and more destructive.

Eventually, and it might take more than a decade, the disasters will be so great, including sudden weather events in rich cities in the Global North killing many tens of thousands of people, that public pressure across the world will force governments to respond. There will be no alternative to engage in truly transformative change.

But what that means is that the task ahead by then will be hugely greater than if the transformation starts much sooner, so timescales

become crucial, especially what can speed up the process.

There is, though, one thing to remember at a time of widespread pessimism. If nations had got their act together 25 years ago after the Kyoto Protocols were signed, we would be in a far more favourable position worldwide than we are now. We are acting more than two decades late.

But climate breakdown is not happening as a slow, steady process of change, creeping up almost unawares. If that had been the case then with all the reasons not to act, especially the global fossil carbon lobby, we would have been in an even worse position now. Instead, it is happening at variable rates in two respects, some parts of the world—such as the polar regions—are warming up much faster than others and extreme weather events are

happening much more often.

We are therefore getting a foretaste of what will affect everyone a few years before it does, and this gives us just a little more time to act. It means that the next ten years, and perhaps even the five years to 2030, will be the key time for us to come to terms with the transformation in society that is essential for global well-being. That is possible, just.

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## ~~~ Better Old News Than New Lies ~~~

Warren street was converted into a slaughter house for hogs Monday afternoon much to the disgust of the passersby who were forced to become unwilling witnesses of the scene. Is it now about time that such things be discontinued?

On account of the water failing to run at the electric light station Saturday evening, all the lights in the city were out for nearly two hours, to the great disgust and inconvenience of the storekeepers and the general public.

In the full list of the prospective New Hampshire exhibitors at the world's fair there is not a single Portsmouth name.

The Italian laborers are progressing well in their work of connecting houses with the new service water mains.

December 1, 1892

— New Hampshire Gazette



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# Trump's Plan to Feed the Greed of Corporate Elites

by Jim Hightower

Howard Lutnick wants to have his cake and eat it, too. Then, he intends to eat your cake. Lutnick is another billionaire corporate huckster who was a campaign bagman for Trump, and now he's to become the Commerce Secretary. But first, he's been tasked with picking hordes of corporate loyalists to be placed in Trump's government as friendly "regulators" of corporate hucksterism.

Convenient, huh? This is what Trump & Company mean by saying they'll make government "efficient." Instead of corporate powers having to lobby regulators to get special favors, corporate officials will become the regulators. That is so much smoother for Lutnick and his ilk, who look forward to four free-wheeling years of devouring our economy.

In choosing those who are to police corporate price gouging, workplace rules, bank rip-offs, and such, Lutnick has been calling Wall Streeters, Silicon Valley tech bosses, corporate giants, and billionaires, telling them to send their best operatives to Trump's regime. "Let's get them into government," he exults! Notice that he's not calling any union leaders, consumer protectors, or other real public interest watchdogs.

By the way, Lutnick himself is in line to profit from the corporate feeding frenzy he's now staffing. He is invested in everything from health care profiteers to cryptocurrency flimflams, and while he's been doing Trump's work, he's simultaneously been pushing Congress to do favors for his personal holdings. But he insists that there is no conflict of interest in his efforts. After all, he says with a straight-face, he holds his government policy meetings in separate rooms from his own business pleadings.

And that paper-thin wall of separation is Trump's new ethical standard for protecting us from raw corporate greed.

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

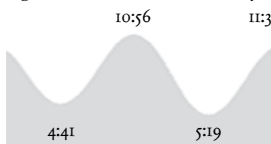
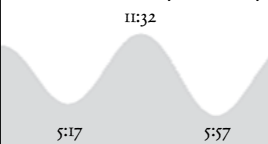
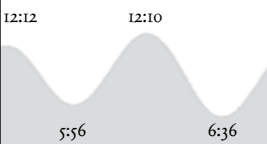
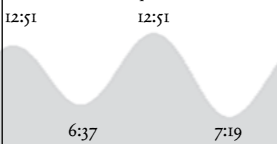
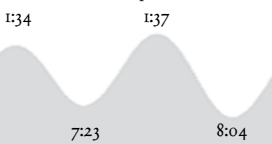
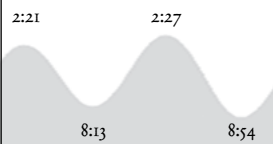
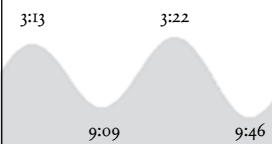
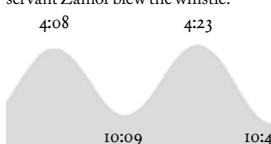
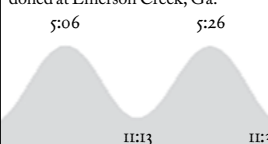
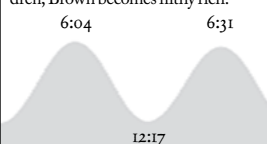
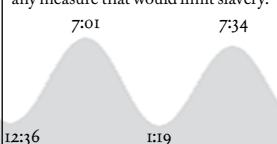
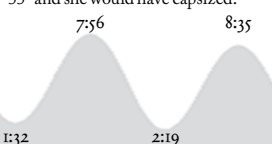
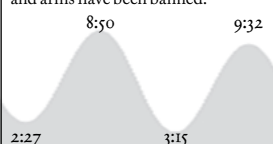
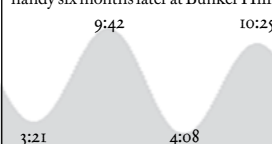
whom you choose to believe. The Piscataqua's ferocious current is caused by the tide, which, in turn, is caused by the moon. The other player is a vast sunken valley — Great Bay — about ten miles upriver. Twice a day, the moon

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

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

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

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

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| <p><b>2017</b>—Ex-Lieut. General and former Trump National Security Advisor Michael Flynn does the perp walk.</p> <p><b>2007</b>—Presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani, at Federal Cigar in Portsmouth, refuses to autograph a <i>New Hampshire Gazette</i> for counterman Dave McNicholas, but agrees to sign a photo of himself—which he takes with him when he leaves.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—Howard Dean, leading the pack in polling, tells Chris Matthews he'll "break up the giant media enterprises;" giant media enterprises soon label Dean "unelectable."</p> <p><b>1969</b>—The U.S. Selective Service effectively guts the anti-war movement by instituting a draft lottery.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—The Walker Commission reports that the Chicago PD rioted during the Democratic Convention.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—In J. Edgar Hoover's FBI office, purportedly for a reconciliation, the Director reveals information to Martin Luther King, Jr., demonstrating that he's under illegal surveillance.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—On a bus in Montgomery, Ala., Rosa Parks changes the world.</p> <p><b>1842</b>—Secretary of War John C. Spencer's son Philip, 19, a midshipman aboard the USS <i>Somers</i>, along with two sailors, and without benefit of court martial, is hanged for mutiny.</p> <p><b>1777</b>—Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben lands in Portsmouth, N.H. from France, en route to Valley Forge, where he will turn George Washington's disorganized rabble into a trained army.</p> | <p><b>2020</b>—Roger Stone says that to help steal the election, North Korean boats brought bogus ballots into the U.S. through harbors in Maine.</p> <p><b>1986</b>—Pres. Ronald Reagan says he can't remember what he knew about Iran-Contra, or when he knew it.</p> <p><b>1984</b>—Union Carbide's Bhopal, India plant kills 16,000. Union Carbide is forced to pay \$14,000 in fines.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—Lyndon LaRouche's <i>Executive Intelligence Review</i> breaks the story of the "October Surprise."</p> <p><b>1980</b>—U.S.-backed death squads murder four nuns in El Salvador.</p> <p><b>1956</b>—<i>Granma</i> lands 82 rebels in Cuba. Only 12 make it to the Sierra Maestra, but that was enough.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—The Senate votes to "condemn" Joe McCarthy. N.H. Senator Styles Bridges is one of 22 "No" votes.</p> <p><b>1949</b>—The U.S.A.F. asks GE workers at Hanford, Wash. to turn off air filters for a test. Oops—twice the intended amount of radiation gets out.</p> <p><b>1946</b>—In Oakland, 100,000 hold a General Strike. Two days later Teamster boss Dave Beck sells them out.</p> <p><b>1943</b>—The USS <i>Sailfish</i>, formerly the <i>Squalus</i>, sinks the Japanese carrier <i>Chuyo</i> near Truk. Aboard <i>Chuyo</i> are 21 survivors from the USS <i>Sculpin</i>, which had aided in the 1939 rescue of the <i>Squalus</i>; only one of them survives.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—Leo Szilard says to Enrico Fermi, after their atomic pile in Chicago achieves a self-sustaining chain reaction, it's a "black day in... history."</p> | <p><b>2013</b>—In Londonderry, N.H., failed Senate nominee Scott Brown says "I don't think I ever said I was thinking about running for president," 16 weeks after telling the <i>Boston Herald</i> he was thinking about running for president.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—George W.[MD] Bush nominates Bernard Kerik [later to be known as Federal Inmate 84888-054] to be Secretary of Homeland Security.</p> <p><b>1996</b>—A New York company making Medals of Honor is fined \$80,000 for selling 300 bootleg copies.</p> <p><b>1983</b>—U.S. Information Agency head Charles Z. Wick says Margaret Thatcher opposed the invasion of Grenada because she's a woman.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—Secretary of State Al Haig says four Maryknoll nuns recently murdered by Salvadoran death squads may have been gun-runners.</p> <p><b>1979</b>—Fans stampede at a Who concert in Cincinnati, 11 die.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Protesters destroy files at eight N.Y. draft boards.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—The AEC explodes a .38 kiloton A-bomb 10 miles west of Purvis, Miss., inside an underground cavity created by a 5 kiloton A-bomb blast conducted two years earlier.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—In Berkeley, 600 police arrest 800 protesters; 900 faculty members call for amnesty.</p> <p><b>1888</b>—"The citizen... is trampled... beneath an iron heel. Corporations... are fast becoming the people's masters," noted Commie Grover Cleveland warns in his State of the Union.</p>                                         | <p><b>2016</b>—To free the fictitious child sex slaves of the Democrat Party, Edgar Welch shoots up Comet Ping Pong in Washington D.C. with a real gun.</p> <p><b>1993</b>—R.I.P. Frank Zappa.</p> <p><b>1982</b>—Returning from a trip to Latin America, President Reagan says, "I learned a lot. You'd be surprised. They're all individual countries."</p> <p><b>1981</b>—President Reagan OK's CIA spying on U.S. citizens.</p> <p><b>1979</b>—French commandos "convert to Islam," then help the Saudi military drive rebels from Grand Mosque. The indiscriminate killing by these infidels enrages Osama bin Laden; the CIA concludes the episode is not a sign of widespread Islamic radicalism.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Chicago cops, aided by the CIA, murder Black Panther security guard Mark Clark, then assassinate Fred Hampton, who's been drugged.</p> <p><b>1952</b>—A "Great Smog" descends on London. So thick that moviegoers can't see the screen, it persists all winter and kills about 12,000.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—In <i>Feres v. U.S.</i>, the Supreme Court rules that servicemembers can't sue the U.S. for injuries.</p> <p><b>1947</b>—On orders from genial ol' Ike, the Attorney General publishes a list of 51 "subversive organizations."</p> <p><b>1837</b>—In the Arkansas State House, Speaker John Wilson and Joseph Anthony employ Bowie knives during a debate on wolf bounties. The winner, Wilson, is later acquitted of murder.</p>                               | <p><b>2013</b>—Ex-Senator Scott Brown says, in N.H., he's been helping Republicans "raise awareness as to the issues... here in Massachusetts."</p> <p><b>2002</b>—At a party on Strom Thurmond's 100th birthday, GOP Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott expresses regret over desegregation.</p> <p><b>1996</b>—Federal Reserve Chair Greenspan warns: "irrational exuberance" may have inflated stock prices.</p> <p><b>1994</b>—The GOP rams Speaker Gingrich down the House's throat.</p> <p><b>1988</b>—A Grand Jury in N.C. indicts "holy" man Jim Bakker on charges of fraud and conspiracy.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—An A-4 Skyhawk accidentally rolls off the USS <i>Ticonderoga</i> near Japan. Plane, pilot, and one-megaton B43 H-Bomb are still missing.</p> <p><b>1960</b>—The Supreme Court rules that restaurants in interstate bus stations can no longer be segregated.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—The CIO, red-baited into irrelevancy anyway, merges with the AFL.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—"Uppity Negroes" in Montgomery, Ala., boycott the municipal mass transit system.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—Navy Flight 19, five Grumman Avengers and 14 men, vanishes off Ft. Lauderdale. During the search for them, 13 more aviators disappear.</p> <p><b>1894</b>—Alabama repeals its child labor laws in a bid to entice a Massachusetts textile corporation. It works.</p>                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>1967</b>—Chaplain Angelo "Charlie" Liteky carries 23 wounded men to safety in Vietnam despite intense hostile fire. For his bravery he is given the Medal of Honor, which he returns in 1986 to protest U.S. foreign policy.</p> <p><b>1962</b>—Speaking to journalists at the Deadline Club in New York City, Pentagon spokesman Arthur Sylvester says "It's [the] government's right, if necessary, to lie to save itself when it's going up into a nuclear war."</p> <p><b>1951</b>—The National Association of Broadcasters adopts a Code of [Cowardly and Obsequious] Conduct.</p> <p><b>1937</b>—The Supreme Court rules poll taxes are Constitutional—why should Blacks and poor whites get to vote?</p> <p><b>1933</b>—Federal judge John M. Woolsey rules that Joyce's <i>Ulysses</i> is not obscene and therefore may be imported.</p> <p><b>1928</b>—In Cienega, Colombia, soldiers with machine guns open fire on workers striking against the United Fruit Company. At least 47, and possibly several thousand, workers die.</p> <p><b>1918</b>—The U.S. War Department ceases shackling conscientious objectors to the walls of solitary cells.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—The biggest pre-A-Bomb blast hits Halifax, N.S., when a munitions ship explodes; 1,600 die; and windows break 40 miles away.</p> <p><b>1865</b>—Georgia ratifies the Thirteenth Amendment, thus making slavery illegal—leaving a loophole for exploitable prisoners, though.</p> <p><b>342</b>—RIP Saint Nick.</p> | <p><b>2006</b>—The "Justice" Department fires eight prosecutors for failing to persecute enough Democrats.</p> <p><b>1997</b>—Six skydivers leap from a plane over the South Pole. Three of them die when their chutes fail to open.</p> <p><b>1995</b>—France is virtually paralyzed when 1.75 million workers protest global exploitation.</p> <p><b>1993</b>—The Department of Energy admits it conducted more than 200 secret weapons tests.</p> <p><b>1987</b>—A disgruntled ex-employee shoots a Southwest Airlines pilot and co-pilot. The plane breaks up while diving at Mach 1.2, killing all aboard.</p> <p><b>1985</b>—After R. Reagan overrules their warnings—it's illegal to sell arms to Iran and give the profits to assassins—Cap Weinberger and George Schultz joke about jail visiting hours.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—R.I.P. legendary cartoonist Rube Goldberg, from whose work the <i>Gazette</i> cribbed its business plan.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—Japan bestows the Order of the Rising Sun on Gen. Curtis LeMay, whose fire-bombing of that nation during WW II probably killed half a million Japanese.</p> <p><b>1961</b>—At Peterson Field, Colo., MPs hold civilians at gunpoint as CIA-trained Tibetan commandos are smuggled aboard a C-124.</p> <p><b>1941</b>—Japan attacks Pearl Harbor.</p> <p><b>1874</b>—Angered by a Black sheriff's election, whites in Vicksburg, Miss. begin a month-long slaughter of 150-300 Black men, women, and children.</p> |
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| <p><b>2006</b>—Congress votes to destroy the U.S. Postal Service by making it pre-fund pensions for 50 years.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—Sec. of Defenselessness Donald Rumsfeld tells disgruntled soldiers to quit bitching and go to war with the unarmed vehicles he gave them.</p> <p><b>1993</b>—Bill Clinton signs NAFTA, shipping umpteen jobs elsewhere.</p> <p><b>1982</b>—An anti-nuclear weapon pro-ster, Norman D. Mayer threatens to blow up the Washington Monument with a dynamite-laden van. After ten hours, police shoot him dead.</p> <p><b>1976</b>—A prop on the set of "The Six Million Dollar Man" is found to be the mummified remains of Elmer McCurdy, born in Maine in 1880, hanged in Oklahoma in 1911.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—United Flight 553 crashes in Chicago killing 45 people including E. Howard Hunt's wife Dorothy, who was carrying \$10,000 in \$100 bills.</p> <p><b>1953</b>—Good ol' Ike announces Atoms for Peace, leading to an Iranian nuclear program four years later.</p> <p><b>1906</b>—Ex-Senator Arthur Brown [R-Utah], a chronic philanderer, is fatally shot by an ex-mistress, whose fetus he had recently aborted.</p> <p><b>1864</b>—Pope Pius IX denounces liberalism, socialism, &amp; rationalism.</p> <p><b>1854</b>—Pope Pius IX proclaims <i>Ineffabilis Deus</i>, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception.</p> <p><b>1793</b>—Madame du Barry is guillotined for aiding emigrés. Her enslaved servant Zamor blew the whistle.</p>            | <p><b>2019</b>—Leaked documents reveal that officials lied about the war in Afghanistan. Some profess to be shocked.</p> <p><b>2008</b>—The Governor of Illinois, Democrat Rod Blagojevich, is arrested for attempting to sell a Senate seat.</p> <p><b>1983</b>—Ed "Meese is a Pig" Meese says people go to soup kitchens because it's "easier than paying."</p> <p><b>1970</b>—Because he's talking to General Al Haig, Henry Kissinger keeps it simple: "Kill anything that moves."</p> <p><b>1966</b>—"We are in a much stronger position than two years ago. [Communism] will not be able to succeed [in Vietnam]," says Sec. of State Rusk.</p> <p><b>1960</b>—Its pilot asleep, a B-52 rolls into a dive over N.Y. state. Fearing a crash, the navigator ejects. That awakens the pilot, who orders "Bail out!" The crewless, nukeless plane flies 100 miles before crashing near Barre, Vt.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—General D. "Dugout Doug" MacArthur proposes detonating 26 A-bombs to create an impenetrable barrier across the Korean peninsula.</p> <p><b>1949</b>—Two of the Hollywood Ten, in prison, get company: ex-HUAC honcho J. Parnell Thomas [R-N.J.], convicted for padding Congressional payrolls and pocketing the cash.</p> <p><b>1948</b>—The U.N. General Assembly unanimously adopts a ban on genocide. Problem solved, right?</p> <p><b>1864</b>—Hundreds of freedmen are drowned or enslaved after Union Gen. Jefferson C. Davis orders them abandoned at Emerson Creek, Ga.</p>                                                                           | <p><b>2011</b>—The gundalow <i>Piscataqua</i> is launched on the eponymous river.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—Gary Webb, who exposed the CIA-Contra drug connection, dies from two gunshots in the face. The coroner calls it suicide.</p> <p><b>1998</b>—House Judiciary Committee debates impeaching Pres. Clinton for lying about his lewd behavior.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—Sen. Bob Packwood (Lecher-Ore.) apologizes for being a serial groper but refuses to resign.</p> <p><b>1976</b>—In a memo to President-elect Carter, pollster Pat Caddell makes the case for a "permanent campaign."</p> <p><b>1971</b>—The Senate, buying Wm. Rehnquist's lie disavowing a letter supporting racial segregation, con-firms him for the Supreme Court.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Trying to lower the cost of natural gas, the U.S. government explodes an A-bomb in N.M.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—U.S. jets bomb Marines in Vietnam; 17 Marines and Navy medics are euphemized as "friendly fire."</p> <p><b>1943</b>—A year after learning the facts, the Polish government-in-exile reveals to the world that Nazis are "exterminating" Jews. The world shrugs.</p> <p><b>1937</b>—G.P. Thompson gets the Nobel for Physics for proving electrons are waves. His dad won it in 1906 for demonstrating that they're particles.</p> <p><b>1789</b>—Moses Brown hires Samuel Slater, a Briton, to build the first U.S. textile mill, in Pawtucket. By poaching British technology and exploiting children, Brown becomes filthy rich.</p> | <p><b>2006</b>—President George W.[MD] Bush, on national TV, denies having ever been "a knee-walking drunk."</p> <p><b>2000</b>—The Supreme Court hears arguments in the matter of <i>Bush v. Gore</i>.</p> <p><b>1998</b>—President Clinton begs forgiveness for his sins. Instead he gets three Articles of Impeachment.</p> <p><b>1985</b>—Veep George H.[H.]W. Bush, at a Manchester, N.H., dinner honoring the late William Loeb, demeans himself by reading aloud Loeb's most scurrilous attacks against him.</p> <p><b>1981</b>—Salvadoran troops, U.S.-funded, torture, murder, and rape 900 men, women, and children at El Mozote.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—As Ernesto "Che" Guevara speaks at the United Nations, a 3.5 inch rocket launched from Queens falls harmlessly into the East River.</p> <p><b>1960</b>—Seeing at the last minute that JFK has his wife and kids with him, Belmont, N.H. resident Richard Pavlick defers his plan to crash into the President-elect's car with his dynamite-laden Buick.</p> <p><b>1951</b>—A few days after slipshod coal dust removal techniques are approved by state inspectors, the New Orient mine in West Frankfort, Ill., blows up, killing 119 miners.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—Guilty of fighting back when Houston cops rioted in August, 13 Black soldiers are hanged in union.</p> <p><b>1838</b>—Hampton-born Charles Atherton's (D-N.H.) "gag rule" passes. It is now verboten to discuss in Congress any measure that would limit slavery.</p> | <p><b>2006</b>—The <i>Portsmouth Herald</i> misquotes Sen. Barack Obama [D-Ill.], who, the day before, in Portsmouth, did <i>not</i> say, "The moral arc of the universe bends at the elbow of justice."</p> <p><b>2005</b>—"I think we are welcomed [in Iraq]," says George W.[MD] Bush, "but it was not a peaceful welcome."</p> <p><b>2000</b>—The Supreme Court selects George W.[MD] Bush to be #43.</p> <p><b>1995</b>—A Flag Protection Amendment fails for three votes in the Senate.</p> <p><b>1994</b>—Freshmen Reps. of the new GOP majority fête Rush Limbaugh and make him an honorary Member at a raucous Heritage Foundation shindig.</p> <p><b>1985</b>—Arrow Air Flight 1285 crashes at Gander, killing 248 U.S. paratroopers and eight crew. Islamic Jihad claims credit, which a sketchy U.S. investigation attempts to deny.</p> <p><b>1984</b>—Eight minutes after the end of his first execution, Alpha Otis Stephens keeps breathing and moving. So, Georgia electrocutes him again.</p> <p><b>1983</b>—"New Trends in Missiles," a Boston trade show, draws an anarchist's entry; 1,000 cockroaches symbolize the only winners of nuclear war.</p> <p><b>1983</b>—Nancy Reagan sits on Mr. T's lap and kisses him on the scalp.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—Senator Joseph McCarthy (R-Bushmills) gives columnist Drew Pearson a kick in the groin.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—The <i>Queen Mary</i>, carrying 11,339 GIs and crew, rolls 52" when hit by a rogue wave up to 90 feet high; 55" and she would have capsized.</p> | <p><b>2009</b>—Sen. Joe Lieberman [I-Conn.] nixes a Medicare public option.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—U.S. troops drag Saddam Hussein out of a hole in the ground, so final victory in Iraq must be imminent. U.S. death toll so far: 547.</p> <p><b>2000</b>—Al Gore decides he'd rather be righteous than be president.</p> <p><b>1988</b>—In Texas, Ray Landry's death is delayed 14 minutes when a tube falls from his arm and lethal chemicals spray across the room.</p> <p><b>1978</b>—An eager public finally gets its first Susan B. Anthony dollars.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—Defecting oceanographer Slava Kurilov leaps from a Soviet cruise ship, swims for three days, and reaches the Philippines safely.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—20th Century-Fox pays Governor Reagan \$2 million for 290 acres in Malibu worth about \$200K.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—Because he sold a house in a white Louisville neighborhood to a Black man, journalist Carl Braden is convicted of sedition.</p> <p><b>1951</b>—J. Edgar Hoover spooks Harry S Truman into purging "disloyal" government workers.</p> <p><b>1932</b>—In the U.S. House, sporting goods store clerk Martin Kemmerer brandishes a .38 and demands the floor. Rep. Melvin Maas (R-Minn.) talks him into dropping the gun.</p> <p><b>1864</b>—Paraguay declares war on Brazil; halving its own population.</p> <p><b>1774</b>—Paul Revere rides to Portsmouth to say imports of gunpowder and arms have been banned.</p>                                       | <p><b>2020</b>—AG Bill Barr quits, the first Covid vaccines are administered, the Electoral College elects Biden President, and Dolt #45 claims he won.</p> <p><b>2012</b>—N.H.-born Adam Lanza shoots his gun-enthusiast mother, six other adults, and 20 kids at a Newtown, Conn. school.</p> <p><b>2008</b>—"This is a farewell kiss from the Iraqi people, you dog," yells Muntadhar al-Zaidi, as he flings his shoe at George W.[MD] Bush.</p> <p><b>2005</b>—George W.[MD] Bush blames his Iraq War on "fauly intelligence." He doesn't say whose.</p> <p><b>1987</b>—Chrysler admits it sold thousands of used cars as new ones.</p> <p><b>1986</b>—Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager begin a nine-day, non-stop, around-the-world flight.</p> <p><b>1981</b>—Defending his taxpayer-funded cocktail parties at the Lee Mansion, Interior Sec. James Watts says "Mr. Reagan has the White House. I have Arlington [National Cemetery]."</p> <p><b>1973</b>—The President of the U.S.—"Tricky Dick"—personally thanks the leader of the U.S. branch of Rev. Sun Myung Moon's cult for his support.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—The last men on the moon leave.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—A German priest writes Pope Pius XII a letter: Nazis are killing up to 6,000 Poles and Jews per day in "SS-furnaces" at Belzec, Poland.</p> <p><b>1774</b>—Local militiamen seize powder and arms from Fort William and Mary, near Portsmouth. It comes in handy six months later at Bunker Hill.</p>     |
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