

The Fortnightly Rant

An Unholy Fortnight

Birds are singing, buds are swelling, days are getting longer. Spring is here, and it is welcome—even to godless heathens who see this change as just another predictable result of the laws of celestial mechanics.

For Christians, of course, this is Easter time, when the ineffable mysteries of their faith are in full bloom. We can only presume, then, that it must have been a shock for that subset of Christians who have chosen to yoke their religious beliefs to their political proclivities when the President observed Easter by posting on Truth (*sic*) Social, “Open the Fuckin’ Strait, you crazy bastards, or you’ll be living in Hell – JUST WATCH! Praise be to Allah, President DONALD J. TRUMP”.

The president’s state of agitation may have been amplified by the situation in Iran. According to the official Pentagon line, an A-10 Warthog and an F-15 had been shot down on Good Friday. Two pilots had been rescued fairly quickly, but the F-15’s weapons officer was on his own for two days in enemy territory. Had he been captured by the Iranians, the consequences would have been terrible for the president.

The weapons officer, too, must have been relieved, not to mention grateful for his SERE [Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Evasion] training. One can only hope that, during his debriefing, he’ll be counselled not to burden himself with feelings of guilt over the half-billion dollars his rescue cost.

These being cynical times, some are doubting the Pentagon’s official “successful rescue” line. Noting that the action took place just thirty miles from Isfahan, the site of Iran’s nuclear facility, it may have been a failed attempt to grab Iran’s enriched uranium: an ignominious re-make of Jimmy Carter’s failed Operation Eagle Claw.

That would help explain why Pete Hegseth—self-styled Secretary of War, and, by inclination, the Pentagon’s top-ranking Sky Pilot—put on an Easter celebration second only to Pope Leo’s at the Vatican.

According to *The New York Times*—the Department of War, perhaps fearing the wrath of God, did not post a transcript—Hegseth described the airman’s ordeal as follows: He was “shot down on a Friday—Good Friday.” The day of the crucifixion. He then hid “in a cave, a crevice, all of Saturday,” and was “flown out of Iran as the sun was rising on Easter Sunday.” “A pilot reborn, all home and accounted for, a nation rejoicing, God is good.”

Why is blasphemy like pornography? You know it when you see it.

Apparently invigorated by the knowledge that a significant part of the human race was anxiously awaiting his next move, Trump tweeted on Tuesday, April 7: “A whole civilization will die tonight.” Specifically, he would order the Department of War Crimes to destroy civilian infrastructure such as bridges and power plants.

Then, later that same day, as is his wont, he chickened out. He vowed yet again that he would do something in—you guessed it—two weeks. For the record, we take no comfort in the knowledge that we share with this president a deeply-held fixation on fourteen-day spans of time. We’re just relieved his limited vocabulary skips right from fort to fortune.

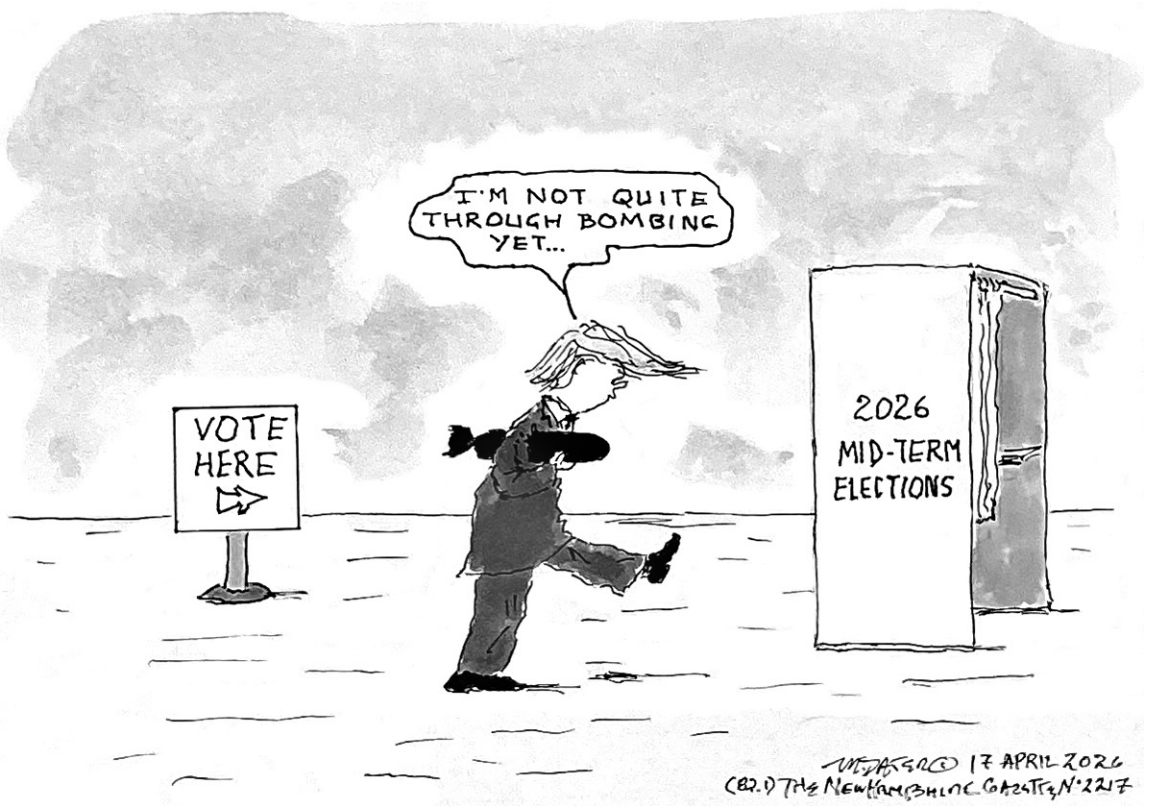
Matthias Risse, of the Harvard-Kennedy School, explained the next day that Trump’s threat itself constituted a war crime, citing Additional Protocol I to the Geneva Conventions, which prohibits “acts or threats of violence whose primary purpose is to terrorize civilians.”

It was a war crime too far for Tucker Carlson. Once one of the president’s leading sycophants, Carlson echoed the Democratic Congresspersons who, five months earlier, advised service members not to follow illegal orders. Carlson said they should tell #47, “[T]his is insane. If you give the order, I’m not carrying it out. Figure out the codes on the [nuclear] football yourself.”

The president’s ecumenical capacity to blaspheme was revealed on Orthodox Easter. He posted an AI-generated image of himself wearing Christly robes, healing the sick with light-emitting hands. Further tokens of his might included a huge American flag, eagles, fighter jets, the Statue of Liberty, and a few ghostly figures apparently ascending to Heaven.

Naturally, people were outraged. These days, not being outraged is broadly recognized as a pathological disorder. Karoline Leavitt, the president’s New Hampshire-born Propaganda Muppet, said the image had been “doctored.” The president then explained it portrayed him as a doctor. He is like a doctor—namely, Florida Dr. Thomas Shakhovskiy. Instead of removing a patient’s spleen, he took out his liver instead—then tried to convince his colleagues the dead patient’s liver was a spleen.

The IMF now says the Iran war may cause a global recession. Will the business-friendly GOP take the hint and engineer a 25th Amendment solution? Don’t get your hopes up that will help much. Vice President Vance, a Catholic for all of six years now, has started lecturing the Pope on theology.



U.S. Endured Hottest March on Record as Experts Warned of ‘Nonsurvivable’ Heatwaves

by Jessica Corbett

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration confirmed Thursday that last month—which featured a heatwave that cooked the U.S. West and caused a snow drought—was the hottest March in the 132-year record for the contiguous United States.

The average temperature “was 50.85°F, 9.35°F above the 20th-century average, marking the first time any month’s average has exceeded 9°F above that baseline,” according to NOAA’s National Centers for Environmental Information. NCEI also said April 2025–March 2026 was the warmest 12-month span observed for the Lower 48 since recordkeeping began in 1895, and over half of the area had its hottest single March day on record, dating back to 1950.

“Maximum daytime temperatures were especially high, averaging 11.4°F above the March average and 0.9°F above the April long-term average,” NCEI noted. “Ten states recorded their warmest March on record: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming. Across all of these states, average temperatures exceeded their respective April averages, with California also eclipsing its average May temperature by 0.7°F.”

In a social media thread about the findings, Shel Winkley, the senior engagement specialist and meteorologist at Climate Central, stressed that “our overheating planet played a major role.”

“Out of 192 cities analyzed by Climate Central, 111 experienced at least one week of heat made [more than two times] more likely by human-caused warming,” he noted. “The Southwest averaged 25 out of 31 days with heat made at least two times more likely.”

The “most staggering” statistic, he said, is that “on March 20, 29 percent of the Lower 48 saw heat made [more than five times] more likely by our warming atmosphere. Put simply: Heat that would be virtually impossible without that fingerprint.” Winkley told *The Associated Press* that “what we experienced in March across the United States was unprecedented,” while Yale Climate Connections meteorologist Jeff Masters said that the new batch of broken records “tells us that climate change is kicking our butts.”

The “January through March period was the driest on record for the contiguous U.S. So not only was it hot, it was record dry as well,” Masters said. “And that’s a bad combination for water availability, for agriculture, for river levels, for navigation.”

Looking ahead, NOAA warned that “drought is expected to persist and expand across much of the interior West, Southwest, Rockies, and High Plains, as well as parts of the South, Southeast, and Mid-Atlantic... Significant wildland fire potential is above normal across portions of the Southwest, southern Plains, and central High Plains, and much of the Deep South and Southeast.”

The AP also pointed out that both the U.S. agency and Europe’s Copernicus are “forecasting a ‘super’ strong El Niño to form in a few months and intensify into the winter. Meteorologists expect that to increase already warm temperatures across the globe, likely pushing past the hottest year mark set by 2024.”

Already, as governments across the globe, including the Big Oil-backed Trump administration, refuse to take the actions that the scientific community argues are necessary to address the climate emergency—most notably, swiftly shift away from planet-warming fossil fuels—humanity is contending with deadly conditions during heatwaves.

For a study published last month in the journal *Nature Communications*, researchers examined heatwaves in Mecca, Saudi Arabia (2024); Bangkok, Thailand (2024); Phoenix, Arizona, the United States (2023); Mount Isa, Australia (2019); Larkana, Pakistan (2015); and Seville, Spain (2003). During each, they found spans of “nonsurvivable” conditions for people ages 65 and older in direct sun.

“My first thought was, ‘Oh shit’—I really didn’t expect to see that, especially when you zoom in to individual cities,” Sarah Perkins-Kirkpatrick, the study’s lead author and a professor at the Australian National University, told *The Guardian* in reporting published Wednesday. “If it’s already happening now, then what does a future that is two or three degrees warmer hold?”

Sharing the report on social media, Bill McGuire, a volcanologist and emeritus professor at University College London, said, “As some of us have been saying for quite a while, dangerous climate breakdown is already here, and killing people—now, today.”

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• Rocky Hill, N.J. is greatly excited over the announcement of the marriage of Mrs. Tillie Van Mann, a widow worth over \$100,000, to William Brown, the son of her gardener. Mrs. Van Mann is forty years old, while her husband is not yet sixteen. The boy is very handsome, and so is the widow.

• An attempt was made Monday afternoon to run cars on the Third Avenue railroad in New York City, but a mob of about 2,000 men wrecked

America's Not OK':

Surveys Show U.S. Wellbeing in Steep Decline Under Trump

by Brad Reed

Two recently released surveys revealed a significant drop in Americans' self-reported wellbeing as the Trump administration launches illegal and deadly military conflicts and plunges the global economy into chaos.

On Friday, the University of Michigan issued its monthly Survey of Consumers, which showed that consumer sentiment in the U.S. hit an all-time low after dropping by 11% since March, amid President Donald Trump's war of choice in Iran.

The drop in consumer sentiment was almost universal, the survey found, as "demographic groups across age, income, and political party all posted setbacks in sentiment, as did every component of the index, reflecting the widespread nature of this month's fall."

As for the reasons for the decline, the survey found "many consumers blame the Iran conflict for unfavorable changes to the economy," such as a major spike in gas prices, which the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported on Friday increased by more than 20% in the month since the war began.

Heather Long, chief economist at Navy Federal Credit Union, noted that the latest consumer sentiment data showed Americans are even more sour on the economy now than they were in the summer of 2022, when the economy was deal-

ing with the highest inflation it had seen in decades.

Kendall Witmer, rapid response director of the Democratic National Committee, seized on the consumer sentiment report and accused Trump of having "tanked the economy for working families."

"Americans are drowning under rising costs, flat wages, high unemployment, and historic layoffs," Witmer added. "It's no wonder they're concerned about how they're going to make ends meet and Trump and [Vice President] JD Vance can't be bothered to make life more affordable for them."

The record low in consumer sentiment comes just weeks after Gallup released its annual World Happiness Report, which showed that the U.S. had fallen out of its rankings of the 20 happiest countries in the world.

The report says the decrease in U.S. happiness largely came from "lower life evaluations among young adults," and points the finger at high social media use as a key factor in making young people miserable.

Specifically, the report finds "there is now overwhelming evidence of severe and widespread direct harms (such as sextortion and cyberbullying), and compelling evidence of troubling indirect harms (such as depression and anxiety)" from social media use, adding that "the harms and risks to individual users are so diverse and vast in scope that they justify the view that social media is causing harm at a population level."

Social media's impact on mental health has come into focus in recent weeks with juries in multiple states finding Big Tech companies liable for creating products that harm children.

In March, a New Mexico jury found social media giant Meta liable for harming children's mental health and safety, ordering the com-

pany to pay \$375 million. A day later, a Los Angeles jury ordered Meta and Google to each pay \$3 million in civil damages to a now-20-year-old woman who alleged harm and suffering caused by their products when she was an adolescent.

Journalist Derek Thompson took stock of the Gallup survey and the University of Michigan survey, as

well as last year's General Social Survey that also documented a decline in U.S. happiness, and declared, "America is not OK."

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Sanders' 'Worker Power' Movement to Fight 'Status Quo Economics'

by Brett Wilkins

As Republican policies, union-busting corporations, and the imminent threat of artificial intelligence put unprecedented pressure on the U.S. workforce, Sen. Bernie Sanders headlined Sunday's launch of a movement "to strengthen the labor movement and expand worker power across the country."

Sanders (I-Vt.) spoke at the "Union Now: Building the Labor Movement" rally at Terminal 5 in Hell's Kitchen in Midtown Manhattan alongside New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani, Association of Flight Attendants-CWA international president Sara Nelson, and other labor and social movement leaders.

"Unless we fundamentally transform our economic and political systems, the worst is yet to come," Sanders warned. "If the middle class of this country is going to survive, we must understand that status quo politics and status quo economics is no longer good enough."

"It's absolutely important that all of us here and every American understand that in the ruling class of this country today, there is an extraordinary level of arrogance and cruelty," the senator said.

"The truth is that the one percent, the people on top, people running this country have never, ever had it so good," Sanders told the crowd. "But the sad reality is that for these people, all that they have is not good enough. They want more and more and more, and they don't care who they step on to get what they want."

"These guys are extremely, extremely greedy people, and they could care less in terms of what happens to our children, what happens to our parents and our grandparents, and what happens to our environment today," the senator argued.

"One of the goals of the oligarchs and the media that they own is to make ordinary people feel that there is nothing that they can do to shape the future," he added. "And what we

are here today to say to [Elon] Musk and his friends: Go to hell."

Mamdani, who marked 100 days in office, said: "When we talk about the importance of taking on the crisis of income inequality, we know that the most effective tool to do so is increasing union density. Organizing drives and strikes can, frankly, be lonely work. So Union Now is going to support workers and provide them with more resources, and my administration will stand right alongside them. This moment demands nothing less."

"AI and robots are coming for human jobs," the mayor warned. "Worker protections are being eroded. There are companies that think that exploitation is a viable business model. They are wrong."

Nelson asserted that "growing union membership and bargaining power is crucial for workers' rights and economic justice."

"Too often, the boss has all the power to starve workers during a fight," she said. "Union Now will work with unions directly to ensure workers have the means to win."

Brittany Norris, a Delta AFA Organizing Committee member and flight attendant, told the crowd that "when it comes to striking, when it comes to public actions, a lot of those things cost money and it's a lot of time, dedication, and effort coming from the workers."

"We continuously hear about the profits... that our industry is making, but then we're begging for a raise that comes up close to what the cost

of living increase is every year," she added.

Sunday's Union Now launch comes amid Sanders' ongoing "Fighting Oligarchy" tour, which has drawn large crowds across the country, including in so-called "red" states. The rally also follows last year's "Workers Over Billionaires" Labor Day rallies and marches in over 1,000 locations.

The Union Now launch also coincides with growing wealth inequality not only in the United States but around a world in which the richest 10 percent of the global population own three-quarters of planetary wealth and account for nearly half of all consumer spending.

"If [President Donald] Trump and his fellow oligarchs get their way, we will be living in a society where fewer and fewer people have more and more wealth and more and more power, where democracy will be undermined, where workers will be thrown out on the street with no recourse," Sanders said Sunday. "That is not the America we want for ourselves or for our kids."

"The good news is," he added, "if we stand together and not let Trump and his friends divide us up, when we stand together and fight for a government that works for all of us, there is nothing that we cannot accomplish."

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Market Square protests are nothing new. The one held on April 8th was different, though. Natalie Healy, a former Trump voter and Gold Star Mother, organized "No Boots" to oppose sending troops to fight in Iran.

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the car, beat the driver and injured two policemen. The police, 175 in number, then charged the mob, arrested eight and hurt a great many others.

Gustav Mendelssohn, a general salesman in the wholesale dry goods house of Marshal Field, at Chicago, committed suicide in a disreputable

house in Milwaukee.

Miss Priscilla McClure, a well-known young lady of Harrisburg, Pa., is charged with forgeries to the amount of \$8,500. She loved a poor man in straitened circumstances.

At Birmingham, Ala., last week, Thomas W. Ellis, editor of the *Hornet*, shot and killed Clara Rose, his

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These Proposals Would Make Life Better for Millions of People—And Most Americans Support Them

by Julia Conley

A new report by an economic think tank takes aim at the broadly accepted idea that Americans are divided on the major issues affecting millions of people every day—the question of how to ensure everyone can get the healthcare they need without going bankrupt, how the government can ensure working people make enough money to live, and whether the U.S. should take more aggressive climate action.

As it turns out, the Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR) suggested Monday, there's far more agreement on those and more issues across the political spectrum than the corporate media and establishment politicians from both sides of the aisle would have the public believe.

Lawmakers who push for good, fair-paying jobs for all workers; raising the chronically stagnant federal minimum wage; guaranteeing healthcare for all Americans; investing in clean energy; and ending the influence of corporations and billionaires on U.S. elections would not be advocating for policies that are just popular on the left, the report says, but would actually be promoting a "Majority Agenda."

"It may feel like Americans agree on nothing right now, but recent polling tells a different story," said CEPR on social media. "From raising the minimum wage and strengthening Social Security to affordable housing and healthcare

reform, these progressive policies are broadly popular despite the political establishment continuing to ignore them."

The group pointed to one 2024 poll by the American Communities Project that showed more than 60 percent of Americans agreed that the economy "is rigged to advantage the rich and the powerful," while 62 percent disagreed with the idea of cutting social programs to lower taxes.

Another 2024 poll by The Associated Press found that 91 percent of Americans supported equal protection under the law and 88 percent supported the right to privacy, while a 2020 poll by the Carr Center for Human Rights at Harvard Kennedy School revealed that 89 percent of Americans expressed strong support for affordable healthcare, 85 percent felt people have the right to a job, and 93 percent thought the right to clean air and water is essential.

Analyzing those surveys and other data, CEPR advised policymakers to consider the Majority Agenda as a "roadmap" to passing policies that a large majority of Americans view as major priorities to improve their quality of life.

The report is divided into three sections: Good Jobs, Strong Infrastructure, and Fair Play.

To push for fair, well-paying employment, said CEPR, lawmakers should support policies including:

- Increasing unionization, supported by 68 percent of Americans in one recent poll, through the



Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act, cracking down on retaliation against union members, and repealing or reforming the Taft-Hartley Act.

- Raising the \$7.25 federal minimum wage, supported by 86 percent of Americans.

- Setting a floor for paid time off from work by strengthening the Family and Medical Leave Act.

The section on strengthening U.S. "infrastructure" looks beyond the traditional definition of the term regarding physical infrastructure projects, pushing for stronger policies that can help working people thrive by ensuring their healthcare, housing, and other basic needs are met.

A stronger infrastructure, said CEPR, would include:

- Guaranteed healthcare for everyone in the U.S. through the passage of the Medicare for All Act, which has been introduced in the U.S. House and Senate numerous times, and a corporate practice of medicine law to stop the corporatization of healthcare.

- A reversal of the trend of federal housing policy directing "too much funding to the wealthy and too little for everyone else," by ending federal restrictions on the creation of new federal public housing instead of investing in mortgage interest deductions for wealthy homeowners and the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, whose benefits are greater for wealthy investors than for low-income renters.

- An investment in clean energy

by reinstating Biden-era regulations and strengthening the Clean Air Act and other environmental protection laws in order to meet the demands of 59 percent of Americans who view the climate crisis as "very or extremely dangerous," according to a 2021 poll by the University of Chicago.

CEPR pointed to three areas in which lawmakers could increase "fair play" for Americans:

- Strengthening and supporting Social Security, which Republicans frequently attack as rife with fraud and on the verge of going broke, by diverting some amount of general revenue to the program and increasing monthly benefits modestly.

- Passing a constitutional amendment to allow the government to regulate campaign fundraising and spending both by campaigns and outside individuals and artificial entities.

- Raising taxes on large businesses and the wealthy, as a large majority of Americans believe government

should, and restoring funding to the Internal Revenue Service to ensure proper collection of taxes.

"That the U.S. Congress is not debating or introducing bills to address the issues presented here represents a breakdown of democracy, one that comes at a considerable cost to the betterment of life for large swaths of Americans. At the same time, the access to and influence over our democratic processes by the monied class has upended our system of government, and all too often the tyranny of the wealthy minority has reigned," reads the CEPR report.

"We hope this report stands as a reminder that even in a fraught political moment," said CEPR, "there are a range of straightforward, broadly popular policy choices that could improve the lives of millions of people."

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The steeple of St. John's—and the Historical District Commission—watch over the renovation of this Daniel Street duplex. Dormers are coming.

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mistress, and then committed suicide. Jealousy.
 • Esther Dow of Deerfield, who died lately, aged eighty-eight had never seen a railroad train. For many years she had not seen outside the limits of her farm.

The New Hampshire Gazette
 April 29, 1886

- At Denver, Col. Ed. Mackay called upon Mrs. M.V. Sides, and accidentally dropped his revolver on the floor, the shock causing it to explode and send a bullet through the lady's heart.
- Robert Miller, living in Dodridge county, W. Va., shot Thomas True dead for giving shelter to Mrs. Mill-

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Murph's Fortnightly Quote
 "The Government of Spain will not applaud those who set the world on fire just because they show up with a bucket."
 — Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez

"Some day the Earth will weep, she will beg for her life, she will cry with tears of blood. You will make a choice, if you will help her or let her die, and when she dies, you too will die."
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Bad for Health, Bad for the Budget
Dear Editor:

In yet another dangerous and counterproductive anti-vaccine maneuver by Trump's health team, the CDC's Acting Director Jay Bhattacharya has prevented the release of a report showing that the COVID-19 vaccine "reduced the likelihood of emergency room visits and hospitalizations for healthy adults by about half." The reason given was Bhattacharya's concern about the methodology of the study, although the methodology was exactly the same as that used by the CDC to measure the effectiveness of other respiratory viruses. Considering that this report might encourage more adults to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and prevent unnecessary emergency room visits and hospitalizations, not releasing it is contrary to both good public health and economics.

You would think that our Federal government would do everything possible to prevent unnecessary severe illness and at the same time save a great deal of health care dollars. Why would our government want fewer people to avoid serious illness and possibly death? Why would our government not want to reduce excess emergency room visits and hospitalizations when most of these cases are in adults who are Medicare beneficiaries whose care is paid for by this same federal government?

Unfortunately, the answer to these questions is that our current public health "leadership" including Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and Jay Bhattacharya, are not people trained in public health, medicine or any related field. They promote misinformation and conspiracy theories about vaccines and do everything possible to discourage people from getting themselves and their children vaccinated. As a result we are experiencing deadly outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases. Shame on them.

Rich DiPentima, RN, MPH
Portsmouth, N.H.

Rich:

You and Walter (see below) seem to suffer under the same misperception. You expect our government to function rationally, and for verifiable facts to have some

salience in decision making. Alas, if this were ever the case, it clearly is no longer.

We blame Dwight D. Eisenhower. That may sound like a joke. It is not. Ike was the first U.S. President to attend the National Prayer Breakfast. In doing so he gave the group behind it, a secretive fundamentalist organization called "The Fellowship," an inroad into our government. Jeff Sharlet wrote about this in 2008. Here's a quote from the publisher's blurb about his book, *The Family*:

"Sharlet follows the story back to Abraham Vereide, an immigrant preacher who in 1935 organized a small group of businessmen sympathetic to European fascism, fusing the far right with his own polite but authoritarian faith. From that core, Vereide built an international network of fundamentalists who spoke the language of establishment power, a family that thrives to this day. In public, they host Prayer Breakfasts; in private, they preach a gospel of 'biblical capitalism,' military might, and American empire. Citing Hitler, Lenin, and Mao as leadership models, the Family's current leader, Doug Coe, declares, 'We work with power where we can, build new power where we can't.'"

Facts and logic have lost their relevance. Faith and feeling are all that matter for the Republican base.

That would seem to leave the rest of us dependent on the Democratic Party to fight back. If that were truly the case, we could only say, "God help us."

But, if we believe in anything, it is in leaving any and all deities—with the possible exception of the Flying Spaghetti Monster—out of politics.

So, the task of sorting out this mess is now on the shoulders of the rest of us.

The Editor

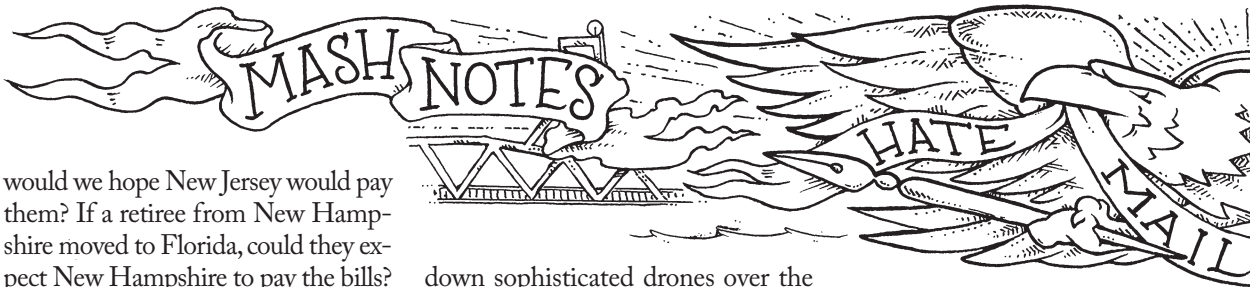
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How Would This Proposal Work?

To the Editor:

President Trump said the federal government should not be paying for Medicaid, Medicare, daycare and "all these individual things." The states should raise taxes and pay for them.

How would that work for Medicare? Would each state impose their own Medicare tax? If someone from New Jersey decided to retire and move to New Hampshire would New Hampshire pay their Medicare bills or



would we hope New Jersey would pay them? If a retiree from New Hampshire moved to Florida, could they expect New Hampshire to pay the bills? What about those who moved from state to state during their careers.

Is each state going to decide what procedures it will and will not cover? What about drug coverage?

The federal government is able to pay very low rates for medical procedures because they represent almost everyone over the age of 65. If Medicare becomes 50 different states' plans, do you think New Hampshire could negotiate rates comparable to the current system?

Trump said the only thing the federal government should be paying for is the military. Do you really want your state to pay the full cost of education, disasters, health care, roads and bridges? I don't. And I don't want a federal government that feels compelled to start wars to justify the taxes it is collecting.

Walter Hamilton
Portsmouth N.H.

Walter:

Apparently you do not understand a core principal of Republican governance. Nothing has to make sense, and nothing has to work. The only requirements are that the base's professed religious tendencies be honored, that their nostalgia for a fictitious past be indulged, and the current crop of official scapegoats be threatened as sadistically as possible. When these needs are met, then the looting may proceed unimpeded.

The Editor

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A War Being Run by Amateurs

To the Editor:

Reports are coming in from across the country of highly sophisticated unidentified drones appearing over many top security U.S. military bases (more than 400 since late 2025). The most recent report was at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana where wave after wave of 12 to 15 sophisticated drones, with resistance to jamming, appeared over the base for several nights.

Barksdale is home to the B-52H and other B-52 bombers. The B-52H is our main nuclear delivery plane. Apparently we lack the capability to shoot

down sophisticated drones over the most critical air space in the country.

Ukraine, which has the most sophisticated drone development in the world, offered its expertise to the United States. Trump and his band of play soldiers turned down the offer, with insults. Meanwhile Trump's "good friend" Vladimir Putin is supplying satellite imaging and targeting information to Iran to help it kill American servicemen and hit oil and gas facilities among our allies.

This ill-planned, unnecessary, and rushed war is probably an attempt to take the headlines off the Epstein Files, even if it costs hundreds of billions of dollars and thousands of lives. All of it made worse by our amateur civilian war leaders like Pete Hegseth, who has purged dedicated generals and admirals because they weren't politically correct or because they were Black or female. Woe to us.

Michael Frandzel
Portsmouth, N.H.

Michael:

We, too, are shocked—shocked—that a shady, grifty adulterer who ran a fake veterans organization into the ground is apparently incapable of managing the biggest bureaucracy on the planet.

Well, buckle up. This mess has barely started.

The Editor

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Is Beshear Wrong on Litmus Tests?

To the Editor:

In response to some Democrats accusing Israel of genocide in Gaza, Governor Andy Beshear (D-Ky.) dismisses this charge, arguing:

"That's becoming one of those new litmus tests that we said we would never, never do as a party again. It's trying to throw out a word and are you going to raise your hand or are you not going to?"

However, Israeli Holocaust and genocide researchers—Amos Goldberg, Omer Bartov, Daniel Blatman, Raz Segal and Shmuel Lederman—have all identified Israel's actions in Gaza as genocide. Goldberg writes:

"What is happening in Gaza is

genocide because the level and pace of indiscriminate killing, destruction, mass expulsions, displacement, famine, executions, the wiping out of cultural and religious institutions... and the sweeping dehumanization of the Palestinians—create an overall picture of genocide, of a deliberate, conscious crushing of Palestinian existence in Gaza."

Other genocide scholars, including Martin Shaw, author of the book *What is Genocide?*; Melanie O'Brien, president of the International Association of Genocide Scholars; and Dirk Moses, senior editor of the *Journal of Genocide Research*, have drawn the same conclusion.

The United Nations Genocide Convention placed prevention at the center of international law. By rejecting credible evidence of genocide, Gov. Beshear is undermining the postwar promise of "never again"—and the moral leadership his party once championed.

Terry Hansen
Grafton, Wisc.

Terry:

Is Israel committing genocide? Of course it is. We don't see why Andy Beshear needs to be beaten up for dancing around the term, though. You call what he said, "dismissing the charge." Maybe he's just using common political sense. He's a Democratic governor of a state with two Republican senators. Five of its six congressmen are Republicans. Out of 110 counties, exactly two voted for the Democrat in the 2016 presidential election, and he takes no money from AIPAC. All of that should tell us something.

The Editor

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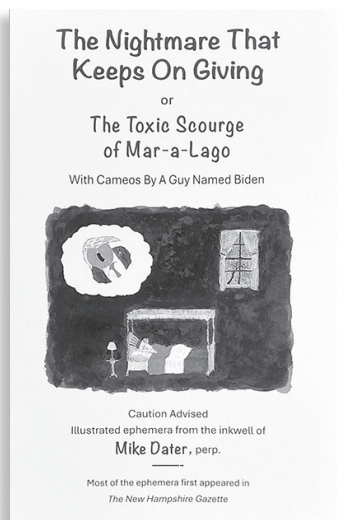
What's Old Is New Again?

To the Editor:

In his address to the nation, President Trump said the U.S. would bomb Iran back to the Stone Age, "where they belong." He even threatened to destroy "electric generating plants."

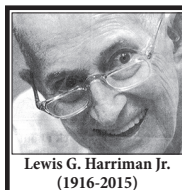
What will this mean for the most vulnerable, such as hospital patients, the elderly, and newborns in intensive

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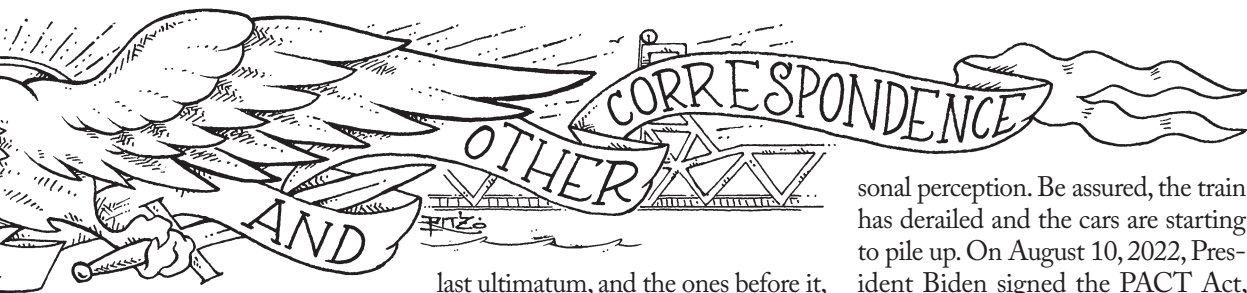
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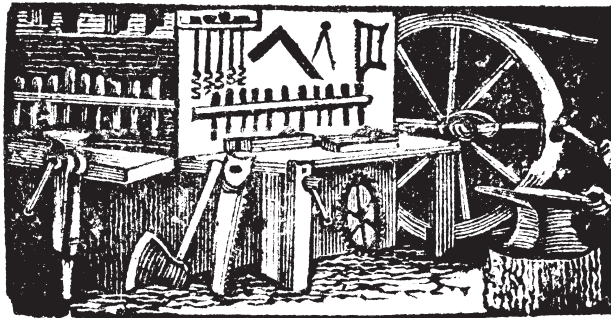


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sonal perception. Be assured, the train has derailed and the cars are starting to pile up. On August 10, 2022, President Biden signed the PACT Act, which expanded benefits for veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxins. This legislation added new presumptive conditions and improved access to VA care for millions of toxin-exposed service members and their survivors.



With the new authorized conditions, naturally the number of veterans authorized care at the VA facilities would increase, which would in turn increase the number of providers, nurses, technicians and admin support staff needed to meet the increased demand.

The Manchester Director and his ELT were advised, just after the PACT Act was signed, that more Primary Care provider teams, increased facilities, and administrative support were needed to meet the incoming demands. Again, this is not speculation. All of this is documented in their ELT meetings. Since late 2022, though, the ELT consistently believed the N.H. increase could be handled by the existing manpower. To date, under their leadership, Manchester has not been able to even maintain an average of 70 percent manning for the current workload.

The Manchester Director and the ELT did not take the necessary steps to get the staffing and facilities in preparation for the needs of the Veterans. The Manchester VA has had a six-to-ten thousand increase in enrolled patients, with no additional staffing to meet the demands. Now the staff they have are leaving. The Director and the ELT are the decision makers and they all should be held accountable.

BLAME GAME: In early 2025, the Manchester Director was being heavily scrutinized by the Secretary

of the VA's office because the number of days before a new patient is seen was averaging 60 days or more. The Director, in an ELT meeting, stated that he was not going down for this, and from that point on started his attack on the Primary Care Chief. The problem is that, in the Manchester VA, the Primary Care Chief is not responsible for this metric. The group practice manager is. The group practice manager is suppose to schedule the new patients. How can you do this with no availability, since they have only maintained 70 percent manning or below? The Director and his ELT are responsible for authorizing and getting the funding for staffing! Who gets the blame? The Primary Care Chief! Who suffers? The Veterans!

The Primary Care Chief was then asked to step down because the Director and ELT said their perception of her leadership is weak. She refused, and devised a plan to get the numbers under control, which worked but is unsustainable, since everything else had to be set aside, and the staff worked weekends to meet the goal. Nonetheless, the Director's disdain for the Primary Care Chief would not stop. The Director made her life unbearable, so she stepped down and left the area in March of this year. Keep in mind, none of this is because of her performance, the decisions she made under her own control, her accomplishments, or her four years of giving long hours every weekend to the VA. Nope, it was the perception of the Director, his resentment, and downright harassment towards a soft spoken, kind, and loving leader.

Imagine working with or for someone who always smiles, someone who is 100 percent dedicated to veterans needs, puts them first in every action they do, is kind, gentle and loving to everyone, and they are singled out for perceived Leadership failures. Workers see that, and they know: if they treat her that way, am I next?

The Director and his ELT broke her heart and her will for their failures. SHAME on YOU and the result will

be N.H. will suffer. Not just because she is leaving, others will follow, they are already packing their bags for the bus.

Now the National VA is coming to Manchester to see why the metrics have dropped so badly in Primary Care.

For full disclosure, Dr. Sears was the Primary Care Chief mentioned above, and is my wife. She left Manchester and transferred to a VA Facility that does, as they say, "treat the veteran first." New Hampshire should demand their VA leadership does the same for N.H.

Leo Sears
Hampton Falls, N.H.

Leo:
We have no current insider knowledge of the situation at the Manchester VA. That said, none of this sounds implausible.
The Editor

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The Real Story of the Iran Ceasefire
To the Editor:

For Israel's Netanyahu, "ceasefire" means "bombs away," kill as many civilians as I can in Lebanon while everybody thinks there is actually a ceasefire.

America's Trump is complicit in this little charade. He looks away and pretends he has no power to influence Netanyahu, his good buddy.

Israel's Netanyahu is the butcher of Gaza, the West Bank, and Lebanon. America's Biden and Trump have been the suppliers to the butcher of Gaza, the West Bank, and Lebanon.

Iran and the United States apparently didn't put the current two-week ceasefire in writing. This was on purpose, so Trump could let the issue of Lebanon fall between the cracks, and Iran could let the issue of Hormuz fall between the cracks.

In other words, the whole ceasefire affair is a sham designed to give despotic rulers on all sides time and space to make the most politically of the "ceasefire" before they go at it again.

For their part, many American citizens are shopping and watching Season 50 of "Survivor" and the start of baseball season. They could not care

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last ultimatum, and the ones before it, TACO talks tough then, thankfully, he pulls back.

And so we wait for the next ultimatum—possibly within two weeks. That gives Congress, or the Cabinet, two weeks to depose this demented madman. Threatening genocide is a war crime. Changing his reasons daily, sometimes hourly, for starting this pointless military waste indicates mental instability. Destroying our country's reputation and good will, alienating our allies and depleting our defense stockpiles is treason.

Impeachment or 25th Amendment? Whatever works.

This sicko shouldn't represent the U.S.A. This crazed narcissist should not command our military forces.

Bruce Joffe
Piedmont, Calif.

Bruce:
Your letter, which is perfectly reasonable, got us to thinking about that eminently reasonable and generally reliable and competent news source, National Public Radio.

We mean no criticism when we say your letter states the obvious. The short finger poised atop the button that could blow the world to smithereens is directly connected to an alleged brain that is clearly defective. And yet, even though it is no longer beholden to the federal government for any fraction of its funding, it still declines to address head-on what could be argued is the most important fact in the world today.

The Editor

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What's Going On at the Manchester VA?

To the Editor:
For the service members using the N.H. Veterans Primary Care, getting an appointment is going to get a lot harder since a large exit of the Primary Care providers has occurred over the last few months. This exodus is the sole responsibility of the Director and his Executive Leadership Team (ELT). They have failed New Hampshire.

This is not speculation or my per-

care?
Historian and political theorist Achille Mbembe, author of *Necropolitics*, coined the term "death-worlds," describing how the powerful impose conditions on populations that amount to a living death. Mbembe writes, "The ultimate expression of sovereignty largely resides in the power and capacity to dictate who is able to live and who must die." Gaza is a notable example.

Have we forgotten that, shortly after 9/11, some 60,000 fans at a soccer match in Iran observed a minute of silence for the victims? Or that thousands in Tehran held candlelit vigils, showing solidarity and compassion?

We must reject Trump's dehumanizing language, reclaim our shared humanity, and choose diplomacy over destruction.

Terry Hansen
Grafton, Wisc.

Terry:
So this is what we're reduced to, as a nation: official pronouncements from our most powerful leaders cause respectable citizens—we refer here to you, the editor is beyond redemption—to feel the need to renounce a statement that might well have come from U.S. Army Brigadier General Jacob H. "Howling Wilderness" Smith [1840–1918]. In 1901, Smith told Marines under his command, "I want no prisoners. I wish you to kill and burn; the more you kill and burn, the better it will please me." Luckily for uncounted Filipinos on the island of Samar, U.S.M.C. Major Littleton T. Waller refused to carry out Smith's illegal order.

Smith was eventually court martialed for his bloodthirsty order, convicted, and dismissed from the Army. Today, of course, instead of a court martial he'd get a medal.

The Editor

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A Blessed Day Without Mass Murder

Dear Editor,
I am so relieved that TACO [Trump Always Chickens Out] lived up to his moniker and didn't commit mass murder today, Tuesday, April 7th. Like his

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less where their tax dollars are going as long as beer and pizza are continually served to their faces.

Kimball Shinkoskey
Woods Cross, Utah
Kimball:

If only we could muster an argument proving that you are wrong! The best we can do is to observe that it's impossible to know the true motivations of these miscreants.

The Editor

Embrace the Change

To the Editors:

Looking ahead, if we can at least somewhat get through the current horrors, we must keep in mind that DJT, although particularly repugnant, is not the problem's source—he's just a reflection of American culture's dead end, the failed part of the freedom experiment. It will be up to us to retire him and bury that aspect of a gasping "civilization," while salvaging whatever's good from it to reconstruct something completely different and much better. Be brave, hip, cool, confident. Don't be a dinosaur fuddy-duddy. Look at it as an opportunity. In fact, the rest of the world is already rearranging while the empire contracts. The times are changing, and we can be a part of that. There's joy to be found in this, even though it has taken so much unbearable sadness to get here. Thank you for your attention to this matter (There, see, I'm already stealing a line from that guy—taking it away from him, denying him sustenance, redirecting it as my own—to help erase his vile role in the past's shortcomings!).

William Trently
Stratham, N.H.

William:

You make some excellent points. It's only natural, in these repulsive times, to gaze fondly upon the past. But, as the title of Otto Bettelman's excellent book stated in 1974, *The Good Old Days: They Were Terrible!* Although, due to our longevity, we do take some slight

offense at your admonishment not to be a "dinosaur fuddy duddy," we heartily endorse your call to action. Let us build a better future!

The Editor

Still Waiting for the Hand of the Almighty

Dear Editor:

MAGA "news" sources may skip this. I can't. The *Military Times* reports: Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth prayed "for overwhelming violence against those who deserve no mercy, reflecting his combative Christian brand of faith." Also: "Hegseth's prayer service has drawn scrutiny for its explicit Christian implications for [our] nation with no established religion." Does "scrutiny" equal PUT A STOP TO THIS?—unfortunately, not. [Will the] Hand of the Almighty come down on him?

As a literature student, [in] my long-ago UNH years, I read of the "seven deadly sins": pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath, [and] sloth. Hegseth's huge pride in death-dealing-powers reeks, smells. Of course, his boss is full of wrath [and] vengeance along with his destructive pride.

"These sins are considered 'deadly' because they can lead to spiritual death and further immoral behavior if not repented." (*Wikipedia*) We have astronauts suiting up to head into the heavens. On earth, we have mortals in power engaged in terrible, basest, most angrily destructive powers—religiously noticed and warned against.

Lynn Rudmin Chong
Sanbornton, N.H.

Lynn:

During the era of the nation's founding, deists like Thomas Paine were condemned by many for denying that God still took an active role in the doings of mankind or the universe. Well, who gets the last laugh now?

Do we have any religious folks out there eager to give God credit for today's state of affairs?

The Editor

"They Cannot Steal Spring from Our Hearts"

by Rawand Gawad abu Ghanem

Regular readers will remember that I've shared previous letters from Rawand Gawad abu Ghanem, the young Palestinian mother of two small boys who lives in Gaza and with whom I've developed a very real connection through our mutual friend, the playwright Naomi Wallace. I recently received another letter from Rawand, this one dated March 30th, 2026. —Bill Ehrhart

Dear Friend,

Each day when I open my eyes the first thing that comes to my mind is: I am still alive. I then look quickly to see that my children and husband are still alive also, and I say: Alhamdulillah. Praise be to God. You must know that this war is not over? We still live the ongoing violence every hour—and it has increased since the attack on Iran.

In the mornings I open the tent flap and see the trees—what is left of the trees—moving. Did you know that in Gaza the Israelis also target the trees? This is because our olive trees are symbols of life and sustenance. So the trees that have survived one more day are like me, and we greet one another. It is a comfort to hear the sound of leaves to my right and left. Like us, the trees are exhausted with living. Like us, they insist on staying.

In fact, I want to shout out the beauty of the leaves moving but all the tents are so close to one other that I cannot feel free to shout. I cannot move or laugh or cry with any privacy.

This war has changed us from a people who fought to make free spaces inside an imprisoned Gaza to a people living in small tent-prisons

surviving the rain, the cold, the illnesses that easily overcome us.

Before the war, we kept our floors clean, our bodies washed. I don't have enough water to wash myself and my children. My hands are continuously unclean from the refuse with which we make fires because we don't have gas.

But today I want to speak to you about sand: How can something you yearn for turn into something that is almost a torture? Sand is this way for me now, though once it was my closest friend. [Rawand was actually the first girl to become a member of the Gaza Surf Club when she was still a teenager.]

My father was a fisherman. In fact, my father was a pioneer of surfing in Gaza, so I grew up near water. As a child, I would make hills in the sand, and faces, and holes for mouths where the water would pour in from the sea and fill them up. As an adult, I was always quick to take off my shoes because I needed to feel the sand on my feet, precious drops of sand that would give me a cold happiness all over.

I once read that sand from the sea is full of calcium and is important to the bones of our body. So I would sit down on the beach, almost always preferring this to a chair. And best of all, the sand was a place I could write words, until the sea took them back. I never minded. I trusted my words were kept safe there.

The sand that was once my friend comes into my tent without invitation. My tent cannot stay clean. At night I feel the kernels of sand on the mattress. Try it out yourself, as an experiment. Spill a handful of sand into your bed and lie down on it. You will feel that your body becomes a friction and you cannot sleep. When



The writer, Rawand Gawad abu Ghanem, with her two sons, Yemen and newborn Mohammed, amid the rubble of Gaza.

the winds come, the sand spills into our food, onto our plates, and into our glasses. So much sand.

Sometimes I think we each are building inside us a beach of sand where no one can walk.

At night the constant sound of drones rips thru our dreams before we can even dream them—and wakes us up. To rest well, one needs safety and security, but we have none. A thief can enter our tent and steal from us. Dogs can enter our tent like wild shadows and scare the children.

And yet every day we still try to make a new beginning. And today the leaves that greet me in the morning remind me that spring is not far away.

They can steal our safety. They can—and do—steal our lives. But they cannot steal spring from our hearts.

There, too, the leaves are crowding and giving us a fragile hope.

With regards, your friend from Gaza,
Rawand

BETTER OLD NEWS THAN NEW LIES

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er, whose brutal husband had beaten her and driven her out of doors. An armed party followed Miller's trail, and filled him full of lead.

- The children of James Buckley of Prentiss, Me., found his dead body behind his barn on Tuesday evening, April 27th. It is thought he was murdered by his wife, as they had quarrelled during the day about the sale of a pair of oxen.
- Mayor Silpath, of Burlington, N.J., has prohibited females to appear on

the streets of that town attired in "unbelted Mother Hubbards," unless accompanied by male escorts.

- An iron tower 984 feet high is soon to be erected on the international exhibition grounds, Paris.
- Another child of Mrs. Smith, the Monmouth, N.J. maniac, is dead, as is the mother. Mr. Smith is hopelessly insane.
- Cosmo F. Alling, of Oxford, Conn., shot a charge of buckshot and a ramrod through his head. He was a hard drinker.
- In Chicago, Monday afternoon,

over 6,000 strikers, most of them foreigners, and many of them wearing the red badge of the anarchists, marched to the McCormick reaper works and attacked the workmen there. The workingmen defended themselves until the police arrived in force, when the mob was beaten back after a hot fight, in which both sides used firearms freely. Four rioters were fatally shot, and probably more; and several policeman were wounded.

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The Politics of Information

by Richard M. Balzano

The United States frequently criticizes Cuba, Nicaragua, Russia, Iran, China, and other adversaries for press restrictions and censorship. We repeat this with confidence, moral clarity, and the cadence of people who have internalized a very specific geopolitical common sense. And yet we, the most propagandized population on earth, may well be the one most certain we aren't: confidently parroting conventional wisdom built through generations of curated narrative management so normalized, institutionalized, and respectably packaged that it doesn't even register as propaganda. The problem isn't that propaganda exists "over there"—it's that we've spent decades perfecting a version of it so subtle, so systemically embedded, and so aggressively invisible that it passes for reality.

The politics of information isn't about censorship versus freedom—it's about power: who has it, who launders it through respectable institutions, and who gets labeled authoritarian for noticing. The West has spent decades constructing a self-congratulatory mythology of free-flowing ideas and neutral knowledge production, but the historical record reads less like a marketplace of ideas and more like a carefully stage-managed, donor-sensitive, narrative-engineering apparatus with just enough plausible deniability to keep the whole thing humming.

During the Cold War, this machinery took on a particularly refined, gentlemanly form when the CIA-backed Congress for Cultural Freedom secretly bankrolled high-brow publications and academic journals. Titles like *Encounter*, *China Quarterly*, and *Mundo Nuevo* weren't propaganda rags—they were classy propaganda with a PhD and footnotes, ideology in tweed. Editors operated with bounded independence—free to think, write, and publish, so long as the broader intellectual climate remained anti-communist, pro-Western, and uncritical of capitalism, politics of publication that largely still exist. *Ramparts* uncovered the operation in 1967; the intellectual well had been poisoned, and the foundations of conventional wisdom laid. Subtle propaganda methods didn't disappear—they rebranded and evolved.

Fast forward to the Islamic world during the W. Bush years, where the same soft-touch, process-heavy, responsibility-diffusing influence reappears in bureaucratic drag. The Arab Human Development Reports produced under the UN Development Programme were supposed to be independent regional analysis. Instead, content on U.S. policy and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was rejected or reshaped; some authors claimed their work was modified beyond recognition by American and Israeli editors. U.S. officials signaled displeasure and threatened to withhold funding if they could not have the final say on reality. The result isn't crude propaganda; it's systemic, layers of institutional caution and

career-preserving self-censorship, where the politics of information yield independent-looking documents landing exactly where power is comfortable.

After 9/11, this logic metastasized into a full-spectrum "war of ideas," with think tanks, NGOs, and donor-funded media ecosystems promoting curated narratives about "moderate Islam," women's empowerment, and acceptable forms of dissent. American anthropologist Lila Abu-Lughod noted this produced grant-dependent, donor-pleasing "NGO feminism"—liberation only in forms aligned with Western priorities. Islamic feminism was off the table; and occupation, economic dependency, and Western-backed repression were reframed, deprioritized, or tabled.

This selective-visibility game has deeper roots. Before the Iranian Revolution, the Shah was branded a modernizing, stabilizing force—slick, secular, development-friendly. Repression? A footnote. Dissent? Fringe detail. The revolution hit, and the narrative pivoted to full-blown Orientalism. Iran became irrational, barbaric, fanatical, incomprehensible. The Middle East narrative is frequently curated to serve the needs of the moment.

Meanwhile, the structural scaffolding of American media was quietly re-engineered. The repeal of the Fairness Doctrine under Reagan removed the modest expectation that broadcasters present opposing viewpoints, clearing the runway for partisan, narrative-maximizing media ecosystems. We became infested with Rush Limbaughs. Reagan created the National Endowment for Democracy to sow subversion abroad, along with the Office of Public Diplomacy under Otto Reich, which was designed to produce domestic propaganda to win support for Reagan's unpopular Latin American initiatives. Reporters lamented there was too much disinformation to debunk all of it. The result was an alternative reality-detached narrative used to justify policy. Clinton's 1996 Telecommunications Act did greater damage to the American media sphere, liberalizing media ownership and enabling consolidation so that massive corporations—some with stakes in defense, pharmaceuticals, and finance—could acquire news outlets and vertically integrate reality production.

In the spirit of free-market competition, Washington has a history of outsourcing propaganda to the private sector. It was Reagan, master of the permanent campaign, who perfected the art, coordinating PR firms rebrand murderous Latin American pariahs and sell unpopular policy at home. The Rendon Group was the Pentagon's go-to media outfit in the early 2000s, planting strategic media in and about war zones, organizing front groups, and shaping narratives for U.S. military and intelligence operations globally. British PR giant Bell Pottinger was reportedly paid hundreds of millions to produce content during the Iraq War—from locally styled TV segments to alleged "insurgent" videos—under

U.S. oversight. Meanwhile, Benador Associates boosted hawkish analysts and commentators, placing them in media to champion hard-line foreign policy positions.

The Smith-Mundt Act (1948) prohibited the government from propagandizing its own, but Obama's 2013 Smith-Mundt Modernization Act blurred the line, letting state-generated international content (read: propaganda) for Voice of America, Radio Free Europe to circulate domestically under the auspices of open access. Workarounds had always existed, nudging White House-friendly journalists to pick up state-fabricated stories running in foreign press. But Americans are now free to absorb state-funded propaganda.

Partisan Americans are often insistent they consume propaganda-free media, but that voters for the other party consume "fake news." Most are often unable to decipher systemic influence or manufactured consent. Meanwhile, American journalists and media consumers that process information outside the acceptable parameters of mainstream discourse are accused of being foreign assets.

The National Endowment for Democracy survives as the polite, NGO-friendly face of modern influence abroad. NED funds U.S.-friendly media outlets and journalists, "civil society groups" that engage in subversion, color revolutions and protests that often turn violent, and political opposition candidates, all allegedly in the name of democracy promotion. Strip away the branding, and its institutionalized interference—subversion—which is both routine and illegal under international law.

Why must the world tolerate U.S.-funded dis- and mis-information campaigns? Western double standards abound. Washington panics over alleged foreign interference at home, yet exports influence ops abroad as standard practice. Many non-Western governments already on the receiving end of economic warfare invisible to the American



In 1939, two-thirds of German homes had radios, most likely a low-cost Volksempfänger, or "People's Receiver," brainchild of Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels.

media consumers' eye must also endure a permanent informational siege, yet they are charged with repressing democratic institutions when they crack down on foreign-planted messaging. It is hard to argue that a free press is not a cornerstone of a healthy society, but there might be a tinge of Western privilege in the assertion that post-colonial states struggling to assert sovereignty while under neocolonial siege, and enduring some level of economic warfare, must nonetheless tolerate foreign-funded propaganda in the spirit of democracy. Conventional wisdom and media talking points about American adversaries' alleged media intolerance should be decolonized and contextualized correctly—the first question to ask is whether they're repressing organic or externally-fed information.

Call it what it is: a rules-based-order-adjacent fantasy where the West writes the script, breaks the script, and then grades everyone else on compliance. The politics of information isn't about whether narratives are shaped—it's about who gets to shape them, who gets to pretend they don't, and who pays the price for noticing.

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BETTER OLD NEWS THAN NEW LIES

from page six

- A Chinaman has located on Market street.
- It is announced that the historic Wentworth mansion at Little harbor has been bought by Mr. J.T. Coolidge 3d, an artist of Boston.
- There has been a white frost here for the last four mornings.
- Herr Most, the anarchist blather-skite and leader of New York, has been indicted by the grand jury for

counseling riot.

- It is a curious fact that while the names of all our animals are of Saxon origin, Norman names are given to flesh they yield.

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Rising Progressive Populist Revolt Stuns AI Profiteers

by Jim Hightower

There's a clique of plutocratic, high-tech billionaires who think they're entitled to turn America's farmlands and rural communities into their personal domain of predatory AI "data centers." But a little bookstore in Tulsa, Oklahoma, recently hit those puffed-up elites where they're most vulnerable: The funny bone.

Magic City Books put up a sign that rocketed through the Internet, mocking the fatuous potentates:

**SUPPORT THESE
DATA CENTERS**
Schools
Libraries
Bookstores

Arrogantly, though, the likes of Amazon, Google, and Meta are frontloading trillions of dollars into creating a new social order managed by super-intelligent bots. This scheme, however, requires them to divert vast amounts of rural land, water, and energy to build and run their Orwellian empires. Yet, breathing the fumes of their own egos, the billionaires actually assumed that locals would welcome this dazzling bot wonderworld.

Bad assumption. Even in bastions of rural Republican rule, majorities are saying, "Uh... Hell No!" Indeed, at least 48 data centers were stopped last year by coordinated local opposition; and public fury has largely driven data center developers out of Illinois, Michigan, Oregon, and Wisconsin. In Texas, corrupt governor Greg Abbott openly takes AI cash to push data centers, yet rural counties are rejecting them—and the state's far-right Republican Party has now voted to oppose building more of them.

Even Wall Street money managers are blinking, for there's growing doubt that investors can get their money back. What's happening is that the billionaire hucksters have run head-first into the rock-solid political belief that The People get to decide our common destiny, not a handful of techno-scammers.

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

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

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

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

moves from the mouth of the river, up past New Castle, around the bend by the old Naval Prison, under Memorial Bridge, past the tugboats, and on to 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>2004—NORAD reveals it once ran a training exercise based on a hijacked airliner crashing into a building.</p> <p>1995—A Right Wing "militiaman" murders 168 souls in Oklahoma City.</p> <p>1993—For the good of the children—who end up among the 80 dead anyway—the FBI attacks David Koresh's Waco, Texas compound.</p> <p>1989—The USS <i>Iowa's</i> Gun Turret Two explodes, killing 47. First the Navy blames an innocent sailor, then, disregarding ancient powder, malfunctioning equipment, and unauthorized experiments, says it's stumped.</p> <p>1971—President Nixon, recipient of a \$200K pledge from ITT—which is being prosecuted for anti-trust violations—tells Deputy A.G. Kleindienst "The ITT thing—stay the hell out of it. Is that clear? That's an order."</p> <p>1971—Officials at Arlington National Cemetery turn away Gold Star Mothers and Vietnam veterans.</p> <p>1960—Corrupt, U.S.-backed South Korean dictator Syngman Rhee's police fire on 100,000 pro-democracy demonstrators, killing 180.</p> <p>1939—Due diligence now done, Connecticut OKs the Bill of Rights.</p> <p>1861—Pvt. Luther C. Ladd becomes the first Union soldier killed in action in the Civil War; 17, he's from N.H.</p> <p>1775—Minutemen and British soldiers battle in Lexington and Concord. The <i>N.H. Gazette</i> reports two days later, under the headline (rare at the time): "BLOODY NEWS."</p>	<p>2017—The remains of South African hunter Scott Van Zyl are recovered from a crocodile in Zimbabwe.</p> <p>2010—<i>Deepwater Horizon</i> explodes and burns; 11 die and the world's largest oil spill ensues. Wrists are slapped.</p> <p>2008—The <i>New York Times</i> reveals that many "independent military analysts" appearing on TV are actually puppets of the Pentagon.</p> <p>2001—The Peruvian Air Force, with some help from CIA "contract workers," fires on a plane they think is full of dope. Nope; it's full of proselytizing American Baptists, two of whom die.</p> <p>1979—Canoeing near Plains, Ga., President Jimmy Carter valiantly fights off a deranged swamp rabbit.</p> <p>1977—The Supreme Court says N.H. residents are free to cover up "Live Free or Die" on their license plates.</p> <p>1971—Mistaking the National Mall for the Supreme Court's lawn, Justices tell Vietnam Veterans Against the War to get off of it.</p> <p>1971—In the White House, Md. builder Lester Matz hands \$10,000 cash to Vice President and freelance media critic Spiro "Ted" Agnew.</p> <p>1970—General Westmoreland tells the DAR, "Our own revolution has ended the need for revolution forever."</p> <p>1914—Colorado National Guardsmen, paid by John D. Rockefeller, machine gun striking miners in Ludlow, Colo. Then they burn the miners' tent camp; at least 19 die, including 11 children who burn to death.</p>	<p>1999—NRA president Charlton Heston says that to honor those massacred at Columbine the day before, the gun lobby's Denver convention will be shortened by one whole day.</p> <p>1992—Robert Alton Harris is strapped into San Quentin's gas chamber at 3:00 a.m. Twelve minutes later he's taken back out amid legal wrangling. At 6:00 a.m., he's put back in and successfully gassed to death.</p> <p>1980—Ronald Reagan says "Nam veterans can't get the GI Bill because their war wasn't declared. It's not true."</p> <p>1975—South Vietnam's last president, Nguyen Van Thieu, calls it quits.</p> <p>1971—Vietnam Veterans Against the War defy the Supreme Court and stay on the National Mall. Park police decline to arrest. Tomorrow's headline: "Vets Overrule Supreme Court."</p> <p>1967—A military coup makes Greece the first European country with a CIA agent [Papadopoulos] for a Premier.</p> <p>1964—Failing to orbit, a U.S. satellite burns on re-entry; the amount of plutonium in the atmosphere triples.</p> <p>1930—Ohio National Guardsmen with machine guns and bayonets prevent escape as the State Pen burns; 322 inmates die, 230 are hospitalized.</p> <p>1910—Train robber Frank Grigware busts out of Leavenworth with a pistol carved from wood, and makes his getaway on a stolen steam train.</p> <p>1836—Sam Houston catches Santa Ana literally napping at San Jacinto; his Texans slaughter 650 trying to flee.</p>	<p>2018—Nearly naked, fully schizophrenic, Travis Reinking kills four and injures two at a Nashville Waffle House with an AR-15 police had seized but his father had returned.</p> <p>2004—U.S. Army Spec. and ex-NFL star Pat Tillman is shot by his own side in Afghanistan; a cover-up ensues.</p> <p>2002—Dick "Dick" Cheney, fundraising in Florida, says "The Taliban is out of business permanently."</p> <p>1987—The Supreme Court rules in <i>McCleskey v Kemp</i> that just because the death penalty is applied in a racially biased manner, that's no reason for states to stop killing Black convicts.</p> <p>1983—The first two jolts from Alabama's electric chair set John Louis Evans on fire. It takes a third to stop his heart from beating, though.</p> <p>1973—"Just remember you're doing the right thing [lying about Watergate]," Nixon tells Haldeman. "That's what I used to think when I killed some innocent children in Hanoi."</p> <p>1971—Capitol police arrest 110 Vietnam veterans for serenading the Supreme Court with <i>God Bless America</i>.</p> <p>1956—Rebecca West perfects journalism's definition: "An ability to meet the challenge of filling the space."</p> <p>1915—The 2nd Battle of Ypres begins. Germany's 4th Army, under the supervision of four future Nobel winners, conducts the first chlorine gas attack, against French Territorial soldiers. Despite 117,000 casualties, the month-long battle is inconclusive.</p>	<p>2018—U.S. President #45 says, "If [George Washington] was smart, he would've put his name on [Mount Vernon]. You've got to put your name on stuff or no one remembers you."</p> <p>1985—"Hey! It's the New Coke!"</p> <p>1971—National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger, speaking over the phone with Allen Ginsberg, agrees to meet personally but draws the line at doing so naked on live TV.</p> <p>1971—Concluding Operation Dewey Canyon III, "a limited incursion into the country of Congress," Vietnam Veterans Against the War heave medals over a fence at the Capitol.</p> <p>1956—The USSR proudly announces it's now got its own hydrogen bomb.</p> <p>1952—"Do you know who's being discriminated against?" asks Rep. John E. Rankin [D-Miss.]. "The white Christian people of America, the ones who created this nation."</p> <p>1917—The Norwegian bark <i>Royal</i>, carrying contraband timber to England, is boarded at sea and seized by crewmen from the Zeppelin LZ-66.</p> <p>1904—Congress flimflams Flatheads out of half their Montana reservation.</p> <p>1734—The King's Surveyor General visits Exeter, N.H. with a team of men, looking for misappropriated timber. Locals beat them mercilessly.</p> <p>1014—The Irish, under High King Brian Boru, defeat the Vikings at Clontarf. Boru is slain by Brodir, who in turn is disemboweled by Brian's brother, Ulf the Quarrelsome.</p>	<p>2020—The lead item on all news broadcasts: the manufacturer has announced that, contrary to what the President has said, people should not inject themselves with Lysol.</p> <p>2018—OMB's Mick Mulvaney tells bankers, only if "you're a lobbyist who gave us money, [then] I might talk to you" while he was in Congress.</p> <p>1980—Eight Americans die and five are wounded trying to get American hostages out of Teheran.</p> <p>1967—"The military situation [in South Vietnam] is favorable," says Gen. Wm. C. Westmoreland, but protests at home might lose the war.</p> <p>1967—<i>Soyuz 1's</i> chutes fail; misfiring retro-rockets incinerate the remains of Cosmonaut Vladimir Komarov.</p> <p>1953—A B-29 with an F-84 bolted to each wingtip is inexplicably test-flown over Long Island Sound. The B-29 and an F-84 crash with no survivors.</p> <p>1916—The Easter Rising: the Irish Republic is proclaimed in Dublin.</p> <p>1904—A prohibition debate becomes a gunfight in Waller County, Texas courthouse square; four die, including Rep. John M. Pinckney.</p> <p>1877—Reconstruction ends as Federal troops leave Louisiana. Best of luck, all you Black folks....</p> <p>1778—<i>Ranger</i>, under John Paul Jones, captures <i>Drake</i>—the first U.S. victory over a British ship in British waters.</p> <p>1704—John Campbell begins <i>The Boston News-Letter</i>, the first newspaper to succeed in the Americas.</p>	<p>2005—Charles Duelfer, the CIA's man in charge of finding WMDs in Iraq, says there are none.</p> <p>2003—George W.[MD] Bush fires his Secretary of the Army for saying we don't have enough troops in Iraq.</p> <p>2002—George W.[MD] Bush and Saudi Prince Abdullah play kissy-face at the President's Texas "ranch."</p> <p>1984—Asked if he's ever been to a communist country, Reagan Chief of Staff James A. Baker III replies, "Well, I've been to Massachusetts."</p> <p>1962—The U.S. re-starts atmospheric nuclear testing with a bang—actually, 26 bangs over 77 days.</p> <p>1959—Accused of raping a white woman, Mack Charles Parker is dragged from Mississippi's Pearl River County Courthouse and lynched with help from a deputy sheriff.</p> <p>1915—Australian and New Zealand troops under British command attack Turks at Gallipoli. They die in droves.</p> <p>1898—The U.S. obliges William R. Hearst by declaring war on Spain.</p> <p>1847—Leftovers from the Donner Party straggle out of the wilderness.</p> <p>1846—Mexicans attack a U.S. "scouting party" near the border. As U.S. Grant later writes, "We were sent to provoke a fight, but it was essential that Mexico should commence it."</p> <p>1835—Two trains collide in Chicago at a grade crossing built illegally by the Illinois Central's chief engineer, Roswell B. Mason. Despite 21 deaths, Mason is elected Mayor in 1868.</p>
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<p>1986—Murphy's Law at Chernobyl: Ukrainian real estate values plummet, northern Earth is irradiated, and thousands are condemned to death.</p> <p>1978—SCOTUS, in <i>Bank of Boston v Belotti</i>: the First Amendment permits corporations to try to buy elections.</p> <p>1960—Korean protestors succeed in forcing corrupt U.S.-backed dictator Syngman Rhee to step down.</p> <p>1952—The captain of the USS <i>Hobson</i>, disregarding an underling's advice, takes his destroyer across the bow of the USS <i>Wasp</i>. Cut in half, the <i>Hobson</i> sinks with more than half its crew, captain included.</p> <p>1944—The U.S. takes over Montgomery-Ward after it defies the National Labor Relations Board.</p> <p>1937—German and Italian planes destroy Guernica, Spain.</p> <p>1922—On the Detroit street where he'd parked it earlier, Henry Ford finds that someone has stolen his Ford.</p> <p>1901—"I'll be in Hell before you start breakfast" says train-robber Tom "Black Jack" Ketchum, whose head flies off after the hangman drops him.</p> <p>1865—Hatter-turned-cavalryman Boston Corbett, who had earlier castrated himself with scissors to better resist enticement by prostitutes, shoots and kills John Wilkes Booth.</p> <p>1717—A Nor'easter takes <i>Whydah</i> to the bottom off Wellfleet. Captain "Black Sam" Bellamy—richest pirate ever—goes down with his ship, most of his crew, and four tons of booty.</p>	<p>2017—"This is more work than my previous life," whines Dolt #45. "I thought it would be easier."</p> <p>2016—Ex-Speaker John Boehner: "I never worked with a more miserable son-of-a-bitch in my life" than Ted Cruz—"Lucifer in the flesh."</p> <p>2011—On the worst day of the largest tornado outbreak in history, 324 people are killed from Texas to Ontario.</p> <p>2009—Sen. Dick Durbin calls banks "the most powerful lobby on Capitol Hill... they frankly own the place."</p> <p>1994—In South Africa, ex-prisoner Nelson Mandela is elected President.</p> <p>1981—Nine men board a boat in New Orleans with guns and a Nazi flag. Headed to 99% black Dominica to create a white supremacist government, they're busted by feds instead.</p> <p>1978—A cooling tower being hastily built at Willow Island, W.Va. collapses; 51 workers die. The N.J.-based contractor is fined \$1,700 per death.</p> <p>1961—JFK tells journalists: if N.H.-born editor Horace Greeley had paid Karl Marx better, he might not have written the <i>Communist Manifesto</i>.</p> <p>1951—An Air Force B-36—biggest bomber ever—is cut in half by an F-51 fighter during a training flight over Oklahoma; 13 die, four live. One, TSgt. Dick Thrasher, survived a B-36 "Broken Arrow" crash a year earlier.</p> <p>1911—Calling the Senate "a menace to liberties... and an obstacle to social growth," Rep. Victor Berger [Soc.-Wisc.] files a resolution to abolish it.</p>	<p>2011—During a speech in Las Vegas, Donald Trump drops about seven f-bombs, promising to tell the Chinese, "listen you mother....., we're going to tax you 25 percent."</p> <p>2006—Rush Limbaugh's lawyers announce that their fine work will keep their dope-addled client out of prison.</p> <p>2004—The SEC says banks can risk more money and keep less on hand.</p> <p>2004—Frank Lautenberg [D-N.J.] says on the floor of the Senate, "We know who the chickenhawks are. They talk tough on national defense and military issues... but when it was their turn to serve, they were AWOL."</p> <p>1988—Aloha Airlines 737 develops a 20 foot hole in its fuselage; stewardess Clarabelle Lansing falls to her death.</p> <p>1987—Contras in Nicaragua, "moral equivalent of our Founding fathers" according to President Reagan, murder American volunteer Ben Lindner.</p> <p>1975—Daniel Schorr reports on CBS that the CIA plotted to assassinate the leaders of Chile, Congo, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, and Vietnam.</p> <p>1973—Hot brakes start a fire in the Roseville, Calif. railyard, and a trainload of bombs explodes. No one dies, but 5,500 buildings are damaged and the town of Antelope disappears.</p> <p>1945—Shot the day before, the corpses of Mussolini, his mistress, and three accomplices are abused and hanged by the heels at a Milanese gas station.</p> <p>1789—HMS <i>Bounty</i> undergoes an unscheduled change of command.</p>	<p>2014—Despite nine tries, Okla. prison officials miss Clayton Lockett's veins; the poison goes into muscle. Without enough left to kill, they discuss options as he writhes. He ends their debate by dying of a heart attack.</p> <p>2004—The Commission "investigating" 9/11 allows George W.[MD] Bush and Dick "Dick" Cheney to "testify" without taking an oath.</p> <p>1992—A mostly-white jury in Simi Valley finds L.A. police not guilty of assaulting Rodney King. Soldiers and Marines end the rioting six days later.</p> <p>1975—Twenty-five helicopters worth \$10 million are shoved off USS <i>Midway</i> so SVAF Maj. Buang-Ly can land a Cessna he stole to save his family. On land, Marines Charles McMahon and Darwin Judge become the last two Americans to die in Vietnam.</p> <p>1974—The term "expletive deleted" enters the English language when the Nixon White House releases redacted transcripts of Oval Office recordings.</p> <p>1961—The Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army says "we cannot win a conventional war in Southeast Asia."</p> <p>1938—FDR to Congress: "[T]he liberty of a democracy is not safe if the people tolerate the growth of private power to a point where it becomes stronger than their democratic state itself. That, in its essence, is Fascism...."</p> <p>1899—Hundreds of union miners hijack a train in Idaho, haul 1.5 tons of dynamite to the mill of the Bunker Hill Mine and blow it to bits.</p>	<p>2011—The Department of Defense adopts CONPLAN 8888-11 "Counter-Zombie Dominance".</p> <p>1993—The first website goes online.</p> <p>1981—Vatican police collar Don Novello, aka Father Guido Sarducci, for impersonating a priest.</p> <p>1977—The Clamshell Alliance assembles at Seabrook to fight the nuke.</p> <p>1975—The Commies take Saigon.</p> <p>1973—Rabid Nixon supporter Rev. Sun Myung Moon gets a green card.</p> <p>1973—Announcing their resignations, Richard Nixon calls felons-to-be John D. Ehrlichman and H.R. Haldeman "two of the finest public servants I have ever known."</p> <p>1971—Medal of Honor recipient Dwight H. Johnson is shot to death while robbing a Detroit grocery store.</p> <p>1956—Former Vice President Alben Barkley concludes his keynote speech to the Washington and Lee Mock Convention, then keels over dead.</p> <p>1900—The Illinois Central's <i>Cannonball Express</i> slams into a freight train at Vaughan, Miss. Engineer John Luther "Casey" Jones is the only fatality.</p> <p>1871—Six whites, 94 Papagos, and 48 Mexicans massacre and scalp 118 Apache woman and children under U.S. protection at Camp Grant, Arizona; 28 babies are sold into slavery.</p> <p>1844—Hank Thoreau accidentally sets 300 acres of Concord forest afire.</p> <p>1789—Having won the votes of six percent of the country, George Washington is inaugurated President.</p>	<p>2022—The <i>Union Leader</i> reports that its late publisher, arch-conservative William Loeb, had sexually molested his daughter and his step-daughter.</p> <p>1999—The <i>New Hampshire Gazette</i> resumes regular (fortnightly) publication in Portsmouth.</p> <p>1989—"Bill" Gardner, Secretary of State for Life, assigns rights to the trade name <i>New Hampshire Gazette</i> to a collateral descendant of the founder.</p> <p>1975—Tom Polgar sends CIA's last cable from Saigon: "...we have lost... Let us hope... that we have learned our lesson. Saigon signing off."</p> <p>1960—Gary Powers' U-2 is hit by a missile, but he doesn't hit the eject button. The plane's crew had tipped him off: it was rigged to destroy him along with the plane. He lived because g forces threw him out as it spun.</p> <p>1955—To supplant Harding's failed "Americanization Day," Ike proclaims an equally-doomed "Loyalty Day."</p> <p>1944—Jacob Coxy, 90, on the Capitol steps, completes the speech he began 50 years earlier.</p> <p>1921—To supplant filthy leftists' subversive May Day, Warren G. Harding proclaims "Americanization Day."</p> <p>1920—Atty. Gen. A. Mitchell Palmer is disappointed: the "sarturnalna of violence" he predicted fails to appear.</p> <p>1894—Jacob Coxy leads a 500-man "Army of the Unemployed" to the Capitol steps, where he calls for a federally-funded jobs program. Within minutes, police hustle him away.</p>	<p>2011—After outliving the Administration of G.W.[MD] Bush, Osama bin Laden is whacked by its successor.</p> <p>2006—With stereotypical inefficiency, state workers in Lucasville, Ohio jab Joseph Clark 19 times over 86 minutes to kill him by lethal injection[s].</p> <p>2003—Richard Perle gloats his Iraq War is over, "without the quagmire [his critics had correctly] predicted."</p> <p>1972—Proving that only the good die young, J. Edgar Hoover croaks at 77.</p> <p>1971—John Dean revokes a permit and tells 40,000 protesters to leave D.C. Some do, but many reply, "If the government won't shut down the war, we'll shut down the government."</p> <p>1967—Gov. Reagan says "There is absolutely no reason why... a civilian should be carrying a loaded weapon," minutes after the State Capitol is visited by 26 armed Black Panthers.</p> <p>1963—In Birmingham, 959 kids are arrested for being attacked by dogs, firehoses, and cops with billy clubs.</p> <p>1957—Morphine-addicted Sen. Joe McCarthy [R-Wisc.] dies of liver failure at 48. Top U.S. dope cop Harry J. Anslinger, who's been slipping him government morphine "for reasons of national security," can quit now.</p> <p>1940—Mississippi Governor Paul Johnson, 60, clubs <i>Jackson Daily News</i> editor Major Frederick Sullens from behind. Sullens, 62, floors the Governor and beats him without mercy.</p> <p>1933—Hitler's Brownshirts attack trade unions across Germany.</p>
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