

The Fortnightly Rant

Saving President Trump

Harmeet Dhillon, the U.S. Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department, announced on Tuesday that she is sending teams of election monitors to six states this primary season, New Hampshire being one of them. The alleged purpose of this expenditure of taxpayer dollars is to “increase voter confidence.”

Dhillon ought to know better. She attended college in New Hampshire, graduating in 1989. By then, Secretary of State for Life [Emeritus] Bill Gardner* had already been overseeing elections for 12 years, scrupulously enough to make Caesar's wife look like a floozie. Gardner retired in 2022, but his successor, David Scanlan, would not have survived his twenty year apprenticeship as Gardner's deputy if he were any less rigorous.

Then again, Dhillon went to Dartmouth, that bastion of Ivy League elitism which is the alma mater of so many prominent defenders of the working class. Either the place has a weird effect on the thought processes of certain susceptible undergraduates, or, like some malevolent locale out of H.P. Lovecraft, it exerts an uncanny attraction on weirdos. How else to explain Laura Ingraham, Class of '85, and Dinesh d'Souza, Dartmouth '83?

Call it the Revenge of Samson Occam. Occam was an 18th century Mohegan who, depending on one's perspective, either found Jesus, or was found by European clergymen. A minister and a scholar, he devoted years of his life to raising funds for the education of his people. Dartmouth got its hands on those funds, and proceeded, over the next 200 years, to graduate exactly 19 Native Americans.

But, as usual, we digress. Our problem today is not some ancient embezzlement. It's creeping fascism.

Wait. Did we say “creeping”? Galloping would be more like it.

Mike Dater's latest masterpiece shows how the Democratic Party is torn. It's engaged in a constant battle against its own progressive wing, lest it lose its big money donors. That hampers its defense against the Republicans' all-out war against small-d

democracy. Fortunately signs of life do appear here and there. For example, Party lawyer Marc Elias' *Democracy Docket*. It pointed out on Tuesday that, as Dhillon's Civil Wrongs Division announced its “build voter confidence through election monitoring” scheme, it also “sent letters to election officials nationwide threatening potential

criminal prosecution over noncitizen voting.” In other words, judging them by their actions rather than their propaganda, “Justice” plans to “increase voter confidence” by terrorizing the genuinely-patriotic citizens who do the honest work of conducting our elections.

Docket's Yuniior Rivas wrote, “The letters frame routine voter list maintenance as a potential criminal matter, warning that election officials could be prosecuted if they knowingly retain noncitizens on the rolls or allow them to receive and cast ballots.

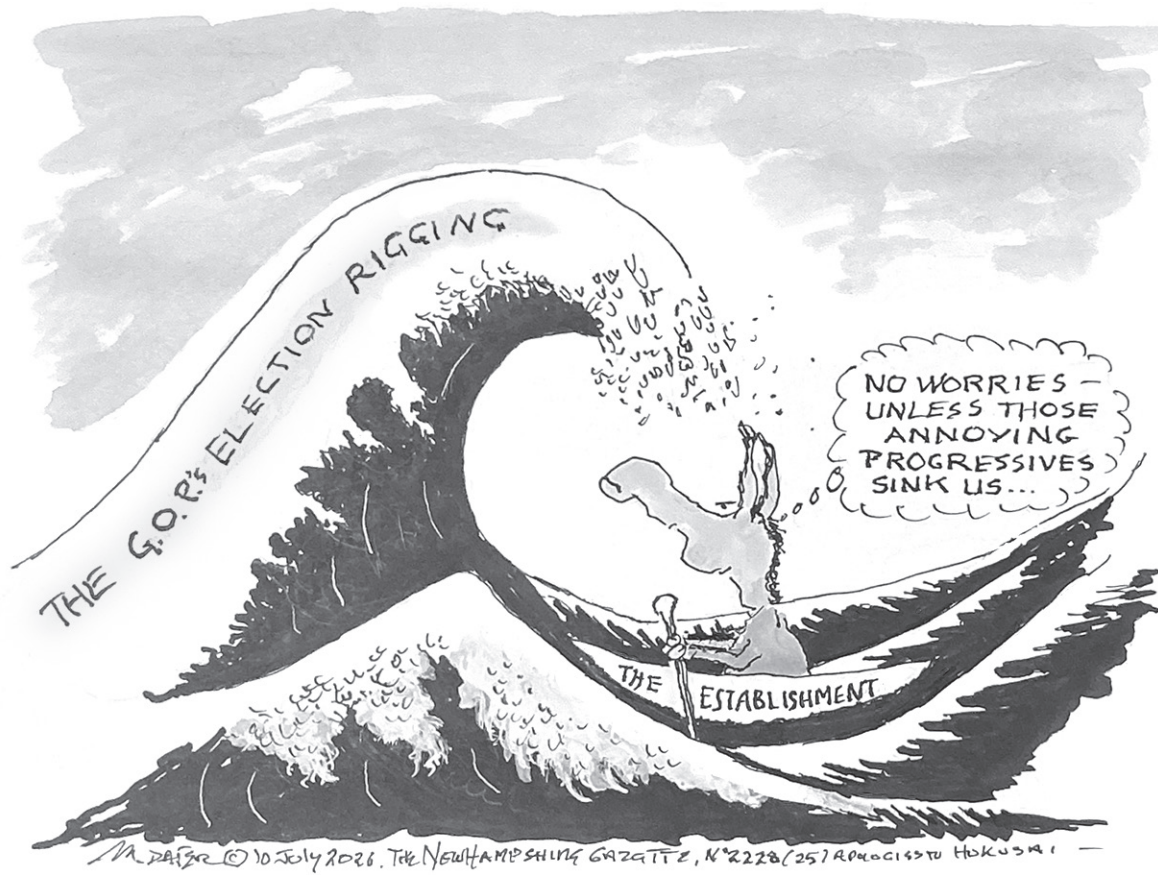
“Any election officer, including the chief election officer of the state, who knowingly retains noncitizens on the state's SVRL or facilitates noncitizens in receiving and casting ballots could be subject to criminal liability,” Dhillon wrote.”

One likes to think that evildoing eventually has some kind of deleterious consequences for the evildoer. Perhaps it does, though evidence seems lacking lately. Working on behalf of the one percent, on the other hand, seems to have one big built-in advantage: always enough money on hand to do everything all at once. How else to explain the American array of umpteen think tanks staffed with cranks, constantly churning out new ways to disenfranchise workers, in defense of the Empire of Wealth? Get into power, by hook or by crook, haul the blueprints off the shelf, and shove them through congress like... well, you get the picture.

The methods used may be routine, but make no mistake: rigging the next election is a matter of the highest imaginable priority. Extreme weather events may be wreaking havoc across the country—in fact, for a moment over the Fourth it looked like Zeus might have a shot at ending #47's administration ahead of schedule. Catastrophes, though, generally affect only inconsequential people such as taxpayers.

President Donald Trump is another matter. Recently seen on television in his natural habitat, to wit, onstage, in an ornate gilded chair, catching forty winks while fellow fading despot Recep Tayyip Erdogan droned on. Not long ago Trump outraged the Kongressional Kaukus by blocking a bill that would have made housing more affordable for their restive constituents. He risked their ire because the Senate would not give up their precious, the filibuster, to give him the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act.

It would be far easier to keep Democrats out of power, and himself out of jail, by keeping them out of the voting booth. Otherwise you have to make up lies about aliens voting, declare martial law, and so forth. All that stuff is a hassle.



Who Is Funding the Democrats Who Say ‘We’re Capitalists, Not Socialists’? Probably These Billionaire Capitalists

by Brad Reed

More than a dozen corporate Democrats last week responded to upstart progressive wins in primaries by pledging their support to a political manifesto called “Promise to America,” which emphasizes support for capitalism, law enforcement, and “fiscal discipline.” A report published July 2nd by *Sludge* about the Promise to America found that it “is closely tied to the Welcome Party, a group whose PAC has received more than half of its individual contributions from billionaires.”

According to *Sludge*, the Promise to America appeared in public for the first time last month at Welcome Party's annual WelcomeFest conference, where it was signed by Reps. Tom Suozzi (D-N.Y.) and Adam Gray (D-Calif.).

Other prominent Democrats who have signed the pledge include Reps. Josh Gottheimer (D-N.J.), Vincente Gonzalez (D-Texas), and Don Davis (D-N.C.).

Although *Sludge* uncovered no evidence that Welcome Party is financially supporting the Promise to America, the manifesto's presence at the group's conference was notable given that billionaire donations account for more than 60 percent of the \$10.8 million in donations that it has received over the last five years.

Major donors to the PAC include *LinkedIn* founder Reid Hoffman, who has donated a total of \$1.8 million, and former 21st Century Fox CEO James Murdoch, who with his wife Kathryn has donated \$2.5 million.

Other notable billionaires who have contributed to WelcomePAC include Bain Capital co-founder Joshua Bekenstein, former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and several members of

the Walton family.

Sludge's investigation also found that “more billionaires may have donated to the Welcome Party's two ‘dark money’ nonprofit arms, which do not disclose their donors publicly.”

The Promise to America manifesto has drawn heavy criticism from progressives.

In a recent interview with political commentator Santita Jackson, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) said that the corporate Democrats' pledge was a reactive document that lacked policy solutions to the problems facing Americans.

“Okay fine, if you're against [democratic socialists], that's okay. But what do you believe?” said Ocasio-Cortez. “And that I think is the core of the weaknesses from that wing at this moment. There's no affirmative vision really coming from most places in the Democratic Par-

ty with the exception of democratic socialism.”

Rep. Ro Khanna (D-Calif.) last week also challenged the corporate wing of the party in a speech on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives in which he defended the vision being laid out by progressive insurgents.

“The progressive movement is winning across the country, from the heart of New York to Michigan to Maine,” Khanna said. “The people are saying no to foreign wars and they're saying no to genocide in Gaza. They're saying no to the unfair and lopsided economy that has allowed a few people to hoard extreme wealth and power, and they're saying yes to Medicare for All.”

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The Exeter Historical Society marked July 4th by posting a video in which Curator Barbara Rimkunas talks about Robert Luist Fowle and his printing press, shown behind her. Robert L. was the nephew and for some years a partner of our founder, Daniel Fowle. It's a brief tale full of unpredictable twists and ironies, and it is masterfully delivered. Search for: Exeter History Minute - Fowle's Printing Press, or type this into your browser's address bar: www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_5tq1t9aI0.

* In the spirit of full disclosure, our view of Gardner may be colored by the fact that it was his signature and seal, dated May 1, 1989, that established the current Editor's right to the trade name “New Hampshire Gazette.”

After Platner Allegations, Progressives Warn Democratic Establishment: ‘This Is Not Your Opening’

by Julia Conley

As calls mounted on Monday evening for U.S. Senate candidate Graham Platner to drop out of the race in Maine following sexual assault allegations, progressive organizers emphasized that primary voters in the state have made clear their demand for a candidate who prioritizes the needs of working people.

Should Platner be replaced as the Democratic nominee, said the political action organization Our Revolution, the new candidate must be one “who has actually lived the fight Graham Platner ran on: a record with working people, with unions, against corporate money.”

“To the Democratic establishment: This is not your opening,” said Joseph Geevarghese, the group’s executive director. “Mainers did not vote by an overwhelming margin against Janet Mills and the [Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee]’s handpicked pick just to be handed another status-quo candidate anyway. They deserve what they voted for... The movement will settle for nothing less, because that is what Mainers deserve.”

Platner has not said whether he will end his campaign, during which

he has traveled across the state and energized voters from across the political spectrum with his working-class-focused platform—one that calls for Medicare for All, a billionaire’s minimum tax, a stop to “billionaires buying elections” through a repeal of Citizens United, and an end to U.S. military aid for Israel.

In a video he posted on social media Monday in response to the allegations, which came from a woman he dated from 2019-21, he denied that he had committed sexual assault but said he was “mindful of the political reality” and that his campaign is “taking the time to reflect on the best path forward” in order to defeat five-term Republican Sen. Susan Collins. The Maine Senate race is crucial as Democrats aim to win back control of the U.S. Senate.

An aide for Platner told *The New York Times* Monday evening that if he were to step aside, “it would only be with a guarantee of being replaced by a candidate who he believes is true to the values and vision and policy agenda of the campaign that Maine voted for.”

Platner won the Democratic primary in June by nearly 53 points. His opponent, Gov. Janet Mills,

was on the ballot despite having suspended her campaign in April, citing a lack of funds. Ahead of the primary, Platner had faced other controversies, including one regarding comments he made on Reddit several years ago; a skull-and-crossbones tattoo that resembled a Nazi symbol—a connection he said he was not aware of; and allegations of physical aggression from a GOP-affiliated ex-girlfriend.

The campaign, said one organizer, “was never really about one candidate. It was about what Mainers ultimately wanted and deserved: a Senate seat that answers to them.”

Geevarghese said Monday that “everyone deserves a fair and open process, and Graham Platner is entitled to due process like anyone else. But the allegations against him are credible, and at this point they are too serious to treat as a distraction from the campaign or the issues. Sexual violence is a red line. We are withdrawing our endorsement and calling on him to withdraw from this race.”

He emphasized that the campaign “engaged thousands of working people in Maine around a simple idea: that Maine’s Senate seat should belong to its people, not corporate money.”

“That was never really about one candidate,” Geevarghese said. “It was about what Mainers ultimately wanted and deserved: a Senate seat that answers to them.”

The sentiment was echoed by the Maine Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), which had not previously endorsed Platner.

“The power of the Platner campaign was undeniable, but that power does not come from a candidate; it comes from tens of thousands of Mainers who were inspired by his campaign’s platform and urgency,” said Maine DSA. “Over the last year, everyday people who had long ago written off electoral politics have shown up and worked to build power on a scale Maine has never seen before.”

“Maine Democratic Party leadership has a choice: Nominate an establishment candidate who offers excuses, not answers, and ultimately loses to Susan Collins; or offer a candidate who harnesses the still-growing momentum, follows the platform that is so energizing to voters in Maine and across the country, and takes our state back for the many, not the money,” said the group.

The state’s Democratic candidate for governor, former state legislator Hannah Pingree, also said that Platner had “tapped into something real—voters hungry for change showed up with real passion and energy.”

“That energy doesn’t have to go away,” said Pingree. “It needs a new candidate to carry it forward.”

Under state law, Platner could be replaced on the ballot if he withdraws by July 13th. The state Democratic Party would have until July

27th to name a replacement.

According to the *Times*, party officials in the state “have discussed possible plans to replace Mr. Platner on the ballot, with options including a pop-up convention on the weekend of July 25th to choose a nominee, or holding a statewide caucus to effectively redo the party’s primary election.”

They have reportedly “ruled out having the state party’s committee, which includes about 100 members, choose the nominee.”

Potential replacements who have been named include former Democratic gubernatorial candidates such as Secretary of State Shenna Bellows and former state Senate President Troy Jackson, who campaigned with Platner and was also endorsed by Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) when he ran for governor.

Jackson told *Bangor Daily News* reporter Benjamin Kail late Monday that potentially having to replace Platner on the ballot was “something I never considered, but if Graham’s stepping away, I am very, very interested and think I’m the best person to replace him.”

He said he “received dozens of calls and messages of support” after the news broke Monday.

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Pennsylvania State Representative Eric Davanzo, asked by the Speaker on July 1st to comply with House rules by removing his red-and-white striped “costume,” instead vacated the premises in high dudgeon. Fox News characterized his departure as being “allegedly kicked... out.” Davanzo denied to reporters that his outfit was a “costume,” and claimed to wear it at times when back in the district. He also noted that his wife Rachelle, at right, above, had bought the jacket for him. The Flag Police have concluded that while both statements are almost certainly true, his getup, and hers, both violate of Flag Code, U.S.C. Title 4, § 8 (j), to wit, “No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform.”

BETTER OLD NEWS THAN NEW LIES

- C.D. Graham, a cooper of Philadelphia, thirty-three years old, passed safely through the whirlpool at Niagara on the 11th inst., in an oaken cask made by himself, seven feet long, and ballasted to stand on end. It was thirty-three inches in diameter at the bilge, twenty-three inches at the top, and eighteen at the bottom, and it in the foolhardy cooper stood upright, slung in a sort of hammock, and holding on to iron handles affixed to the sides. It was entered by a manhole at the top, and then closed from within. The machine was several times tossed end over end in the rapids, but the man was not hurt. [Graham survived a trip over the Falls in September of 1889. He died in bed, of a cold, in 1909.]
- Cashier Thompson of the Provident savings bank at St. Louis, Mo., has absconded with \$40,000 of the bank’s funds, and the bank is closed. Thompson is a Harvard graduate.
- Mr. Belzer, president of the Dundy county bank of Benkelman, Neb., has skipped to Canada with \$100,000 of the bank’s assets. He left the bank building for the depositors and stockholders.
- Ex-President [James Dean] Fish, of the New York Marine bank, is now an assistant to the Auburn prison chaplain. [Fish’s bank was deeply involved with Ferdinand Ward, “The Young Napoleon of Wall Street,” in a Ponzi scheme, the collapse of which sparked the Panic of 1884. Sentenced to ten years, Fish was pardoned by President Cleveland after serving three.]
- At Grape Creek, Ill., all the striking coal miners have been turned out of houses owned by the mining company, making homeless 1,000 men, women and children.
- Congressmen [James] Laird [Republican] of Nebraska and [Thomas Reed] Cobb [Democrat] of Indiana had a disgraceful fracas in the lobby of the house on the 16th. Laird [37] struck Cobb [58] a violent blow on the nose, making it bleed profusely. Cobb struck back viciously, but Laird dodged the blow, and other members then interfered [sic].
- The expulsion of the Duc d’Aumale was the cause of an exciting scene in the French senate. A duel will result.

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Hate Group Turns DC Into ‘Fascist Hellscape’ With July 4 March

by Olivia Rosane

Hundreds of members of the white nationalist hate group Patriot Front descended on Washington D.C. Saturday morning as the nation’s capital prepared to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Members of the group, wearing masks and carrying Confederate and U.S. flags, rode the D.C. metro and marched around parts of Capitol Hill before departing the city by train, as WUSA reported. Beyond the march itself, no other incidents were reported connected to the group.

“What kind of fascist hellscape is [happening] on Pennsylvania Ave. at the Eastern Market Metro stop?” Georgetown Law professor Josh Chafetz wrote on *Bluesky* upon spotting the group.

Chafetz said the group appeared to be all white and all male.

“Absolutely terrifying to have white supremacist hate group Patriot Front march through our streets today in Washington, D.C.,” human rights lawyer Mai El-Sadany wrote on social media. “Their manifesto calls for a white ethnostate, excludes people of color from their definition of citizenship, and is deeply antisemitic and xenophobic.”

In one video shared by WTOP reporter Mitchell Miller, members of the group stood in a line outside D.C.’s Union Station chanting, “Life, liberty, victory” and “Reclaim

America.”

According to the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), Patriot Front split from Vanguard America after the “Unite the Right” rally in Charlottesville, Virginia in 2017, at which white supremacist James Alex Fields Jr. drove his car into counter-protesters, killing anti-racist activist Heather Heyer and injuring 35 others.

“Patriot Front is an image-obsessed organization that rehabilitated the explicitly fascist agenda of Vanguard America with garish patriotism. Patriot Front focuses on theatrical rhetoric and activism that can be easily distributed as propaganda for its chapters across the country,” SPLC explains.

The group believes that democracy no longer functions and wants to transform the U.S. into a “pan-European” ethnostate that excludes both citizens of color and new immigrants and refugees.

One image from a Reuters photographer shows the masked Patriot Front marchers standing around a Black woman sitting on the D.C. Metro.

“This image is from today. A Black woman sits on the D.C. metro as masked white nationalists prepare to march on our nation’s capital. This is America’s 250th anniversary,” attorney Aaron Parnas posted on social media.

Melanie D’Arrigo, executive director of the Campaign for New York Health, blasted the group for

carrying Confederate flags and embracing fascism while claiming the mantle of U.S. patriotism.

“You have no right to call yourself a [patriot] while carrying the flag of one of America’s enemies, and claiming victory on behalf of the ideology that fueled another—both of which the U.S. defeated,” D’Arrigo wrote on social media.

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From a campaign video: a U.S. flag draped on a chair in Scott Brown's new Manchester HQ.

Flag Police Bust Brown for Senate Campaign

Former half-term U.S. Senator Scott Brown [R-Mass.] recently released a video touting the opening of his new campaign headquarters in Manchester. It is, of course, a predictably bland and generic space.

The average viewer might have found the video boring. So did the Flag Police, until the camera panned across the scene at left: a blatant violation of the Flag Code, specifically, U.S.C. Title 4, § 8 (d), to wit, the flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery.

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‘Corruption, Plain and Simple’: Trump Brags About Being Soft on Crypto Industry

by Brad Reed

President Donald Trump on Monday boasted about how lax his administration has been in pursuing investigations into the cryptocurrency industry.

Speaking at the White House, Trump attacked former President Joe Biden’s administration for prosecuting cryptocurrency industry figures for a wide variety of crimes related to money laundering and fraud.

“They were very violently against [the crypto industry],” Trump said. “They were putting people in jail. What they were doing to the crypto world, it was horrible. It’s amazing that it survived that onslaught, it was a weaponization of government.”

Trump then explained how he drew support from the industry by coming out in favor of it during the 2024 presidential campaign, adding that “every time I see a crypto guy where they dropped an investiga-

tion, I said, ‘You’re lucky I’m president.’”

During his second term, Trump has not only taken a hands-off approach to the crypto industry, but also pardoned Changpeng Zhao, the founder of cryptocurrency exchange Binance, who pleaded guilty to money-laundering charges in 2023.

This pardon drew allegations of corruption given that Binance has been a major financial booster of World Liberty Financial, the crypto venture backed by the Trump family that has added billions of dollars to their total wealth.

Even as Trump has personally raked in money from selling his own memecoin, many of his supporters who invested in it have lost significant sums of money.

A Sunday report in *The New York Times* revealed that nearly 1 million people who invested in the Trump memecoin have recorded losses totaling \$3.8 billion since its launch in 2025.

As the *Times* noted, “Trump profited whether the price of his memecoin went up or down” because he “collected returns whenever anyone traded the tokens, as he repeatedly pushed his followers to do, using his Truth Social account to promote the coin.”

Rep. Greg Casar (D-Texas), chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, ripped the president for openly boasting about going easy on the industry that he’s personally profiting from.

“The Trump family has made over \$5 BILLION in corrupt crypto deals,” Casar wrote in a social media post. “Now Trump is openly bragging that his government won’t investigate cryptocurrency-related crimes. Corruption, plain and simple.”

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The Flag Police don’t know who owns this vehicle, but they know that he’s no *Angus MacGyver*. Forensic examination shows that the staff of this flag has been zip-tied to the vehicle’s antenna. On closer inspection it can be seen that the front of the antenna mount has begun to separate from the roof of the vehicle. That likely accounts for the application of duct tape to the leading edge of the whole farrago. Travel-induced wind has shredded the flag to such a degree that it has become entangled in a triangular shape.

BETTER OLD NEWS THAN NEW LIES

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- New York is to have a time ball similar to that in use in Boston.
- Annie Wyckoff was killed by the cars at East Elizabeth, N.J., July 16th, and Jesse J. Catlin, yard master of the railroad, was killed in trying to save her.
- The president approved the Fitz John Porter bill, on the same day that he vetoed the bill granting a pension to Sally Ann Bradley, mother of four sons, two of whom died on the battlefield and two of whom were in a military hospital, disabled.

Porter will go on the pension roll, while Sally Ann Porter will go to the poor house. And this is the government which says it is dealing generously with its soldiers, and asks them for their vote.

- Widow Clark, of Derby, Conn., was severely assaulted with a horsewhip by Miss Pauline Lambert, a young saleswoman of good character, her object being to stop the intended elopement of her brother, Charles J. Lambert, with the widow. Lambert is a married man and has two children.
- Gen. Boulanger and Baron de La-

reinty fought a bloodless duel with pistols in Paris on Saturday, over a dispute in the French chamber of deputies.

- Jules Verne has almost entirely recovered from the effects of the pistol-shot wound inflicted upon him last March by a crazy nephew.
- Jim Dacey, a desperado of the worst sort, was hanged at Woodstock, Ill., July 16th, for murder.

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July 22, 1886

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Murph’s Fortnightly Quote

“Have you no sense of decency, sir, at long last?”

— Joseph N. Welch (1890-1960)
to Senator Joseph McCarthy (June 9, 1954)

“The weather is a simple, safe basis of shared reality. To lie about the weather, one would have to be a strange kind of liar. Trump lies about the weather.”

— Masha Gessen, *Surviving Autocracy*

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U.S. Reds Reject Trump's Labeling
NEW YORK—The Communist Party U.S.A. (CPUSA) condemned President Trump's latest red-baiting tirade against the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) primary victories in New York and the District of Columbia mayoral candidate Janeese Lewis George, calling it a dangerous escalation of anti-communist hysteria. "MAGA is going to lose the midterms and Trump's getting desperate," co-chair Rossana Cambron said.

On Friday, [June 26th,] President Trump told the Faith & Freedom Coalition that communism is the "greatest threat" facing the United States in its 250 year history. "They're animals! These ruthless Communists will attack all religions but, in particular, Christianity," he said. The party's co-chair, Joe Sims, responded "Our enemy is not God, it's capitalism."

On Monday [Sunday, the 28th, actually—The Ed.], Trump attacked D.C. mayoral candidate Janeese Lewis George, falsely calling her a communist: "We will not let (D.C) be destroyed by a Communist adherent who has no intention to MAKE WASHINGTON GREAT AGAIN!"

This follows Trump's November 2025 "Anti-Communism Week" proclamation, which he timed to the October Revolution anniversary—a calculated provocation reviving Cold War myths to discredit any progressive movement.

Sims says DSA is just what it says it is. "Democratic socialists are just that: democratic, and socialist. They want reforms to relieve suffering. Stop the red-baiting."

"Yes, Communists want to change the capitalist system fundamentally—before climate change, nuclear war, AI, or a pandemic kills us all," he said. The CPUSA seeks a peaceful path to socialism.

"The Communist Party U.S.A. is for democracy and socialism," he continued, "a Bill of Rights Socialism that puts people and planet before profits. It is capitalism and the drive for maximum profits that is the greatest threat to this country—the housing crisis, price gouging, and war-mongering are driving our country's economic crisis."

The CPUSA argues that Trump's red-baiting is a smokescreen for attacking working-class organizing, unions, and general democratic dissent. "This is old news," said Cambron. "But the American people aren't going to buy it." With the 250th anniversary of 1776 approaching, the Party warns that this anti-communist crusade is not about defending freedom—it is about silencing anyone who challenges corporate power.

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Communist Party U.S.A.
Media Dept.:

Thank you. Considering that the President of the United States, a former protégé of Roy Cohn, is now descending into a state of frontotemporal collapse which would make late-stage Joe McCarthy seem coherent by comparison, this is clearly the perfect time for you to begin sending us dispatches.

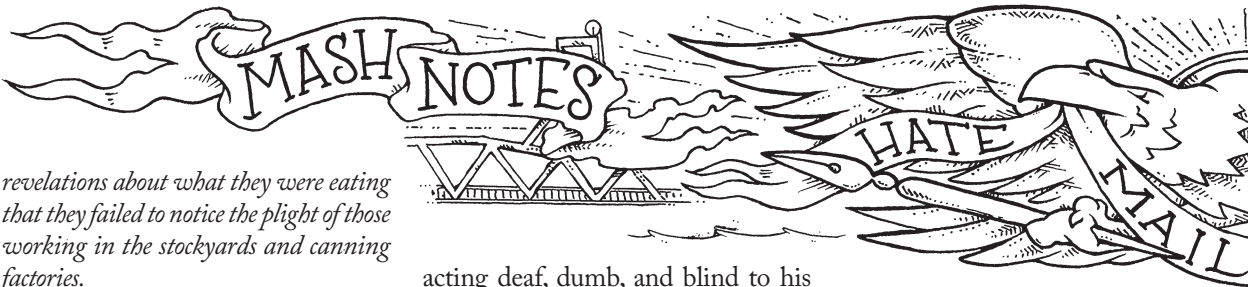
There was a time when it would have been risky to publish anything sent by your organization: this state was in thrall for decades to one of the nation's most-feared red-baiters. Sadly, it was not until after his death that the world learned of William Loeb's heinous crimes. Yes, Virginia, there really are pedophiles out there. Our advice: be wary of those yelling loudest about them.

As fate would have it, Loeb mouldered in the grave for more than a decade before the USSR finally kicked the bucket. In subsequent decades, the spectre of world communism lost most of its mojo as a boogeyman.

These days it should be obvious to all where the threat to humanity lies. Capitalism adopted long ago the philosophy of Alfred E. Neuman: "What, Me Worry?"

In the 19th century, it was not uncommon for certain businessmen to boost their profits through the judicious use of water and chalk; as Henry David Thoreau once observed, "Some circumstantial evidence is very strong, as when you find a trout in the milk." High rates of infant mortality in those days were not entirely a matter of bad luck.

By the turn of the 20th century, the sins of the meat-packing industry were egregious enough to inspire Upton Sinclair's The Jungle. "I aimed at the public's heart," he said, "and by accident I hit it in the stomach." Readers were so revolted by



revelations about what they were eating that they failed to notice the plight of those working in the stockyards and canning factories.

It used to be said of the indigenous peoples who once roamed the Great Plains that they made use of every part of the animal. Capitalists, in their own way, emulated the people who, for their benefit, were driven off the plains by the U.S. Army. Use up the workers as they make the product, then, for a little extra profit, poison them as they eat it.

Isn't that self-defeating? No. Thanks to the human drive towards reproduction, there will always be more where they came from.

Now here we are with the climate itself sending us dire warnings every day. Ordinary people can see what's coming and want to stave it off. The capitalists, distracted by the thought of stranded assets and lost profits, have other ideas.

Why, it's almost enough to dishearten a person. Not us, though. We know which side we're on, and we know they are outnumbered.

The Editor

Trump's Generosity

To the Editor:

Donald Trump is very generous with other people's money. He has bypassed Congress and doled out billions in no-bid contracts.

He gave \$14 million of taxpayer's money to his Florida neighbor to repair Washington's reflecting pool, which he said could be done for \$1.4 million. The neighbor botched the job so badly the paint and sealant came off in less than two months. Is Trump going to pay his neighbor millions more to botch the job again or give another no bid contract to someone else?

He promised Iran \$300 billion from our Gulf allies without ever consulting them.

He wants to give defense contractors an extra \$500 billion a year, which will add to the already massive deficits his party's tax cuts and overspending created. Those deficits are driving up interest rates which taxpayers, home buyers and businesses will have to pay.

Trump has been able to enrich his friends with taxpayer's money because members of his party in congress are

acting deaf, dumb, and blind to his open acts of corruption. The time has come to rid congress of those who care more about serving Trump than the American people.

Walter Hamilton
Portsmouth, N.H.
Walter:

The individual in question is, without a doubt—in addition to a great many other unsavory traits—one of the greatest spenders of other people's money in the history of the world. His unparalleled profligacy is matched only by his greed. We are pleased to use the occasion of your letter to remind our readers of an item from Admiral Fowle's Tidal Guide (Not for Navigational Purposes): "September 21, 1989—The Chase Manhattan Bank accepts for deposit a check sent as a prank by Spy Magazine. Endorsed by 'short-fingered vulgarian' Donald J. Trump, it's for \$0.13."

The Editor

Hail the Criminal, Jail the Clergy

To the Editor:

On June 18th, U.S. District Judge James Hanlon ordered the release of Salah Sarsour, president of Wisconsin's largest mosque, from nearly three months in Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody after finding evidence that his detention may have been tied to his pro-Palestinian speech. He was freed hours later.

Sarsour, born in the West Bank city of Ramallah, is a lawful permanent resident who has lived in the United States for more than 30 years and has no criminal record here.

The Department of Homeland Security cites Sarsour's conviction as a teenager in an Israeli military court for throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails at Israeli soldiers. Sarsour and his family say the conviction was fabricated, and that he fled to the U.S. following torture in an Israeli military prison. His lawyers challenge the conviction as false and argue that his detention was politically motivated, targeting him for pro-Palestinian advocacy.

In contrast, Israeli Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir was convicted as an

adult in Israel of supporting a terrorist organization and incitement to racism against Arabs. Yet in April 2025, Representatives Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) and Brian Mast (R-Florida), who is chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, welcomed Ben-Gvir to their offices on Capitol Hill.

At a dinner at President Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, Ben-Gvir also advocated for the bombing of food depots in Gaza. More recently, on June 19th of this year, he declared that "all of Lebanon must burn!"

Notably, Ben-Gvir is scheduled to attend a United Nations policing conference in New York in July. Why is he granted a visa? By the standards the United States applies to others, Itamar Ben-Gvir should be deemed a *persona non grata* and forbidden entry into the United States.

Salah Sarsour's case reveals a troubling double standard in U.S. immigration policy. Justice cannot be selective. If the United States claims to uphold human rights and free speech, it must apply those principles consistently—especially to lawful permanent residents who have lived here without incident for decades.

Terry Hansen
Grafton, Wisconsin
Terry:

Thank you for your calm and reasoned illustration of an insane and infuriating set of facts. We are in awe of your restraint.

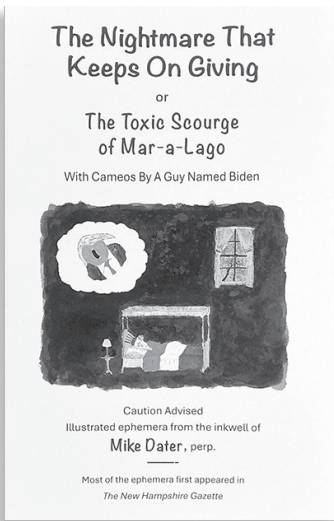
The Editor

How Long Can this Go On?

To the editor;

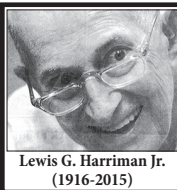
There are times when events align that clearly demonstrate the character of an era. We are in a period that illustrates the muddled and corrupt nature of Trumpocracy. The first example is the cease fire agreement that halted the war with Iran. Although the agreement re-opens the Strait of Hormuz, it fails to achieve any of the goals that the U.S. had set out to accomplish when Trump began the war. The nuclear material that could make

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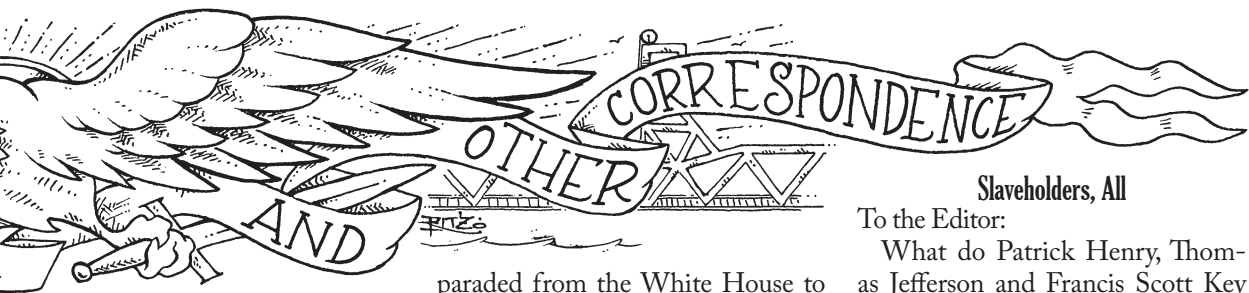
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Slaveholders, All

To the Editor:

What do Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson and Francis Scott Key all have in common? They all owned slaves.

In Patrick Henry's speech of March 23, 1775, he said reconciliation with England was futile and that for Virginians the choice was between "freedom and slavery," and he thundered "Give me Liberty, or Give me Death!" During his lifetime, he owned varying numbers of enslaved people and when he died, he held some 67 in bondage.

Thomas Jefferson, owner of about 600 enslaved people over his lifetime, and yet the major author of the Declaration of Independence, wrote that "All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." However, this excluded women, Native Americans, and enslaved people.

Francis Scott Key is known as the "author" of our national anthem the Star Spangled Banner, and whose words end with "O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave." Mr. Key was also a slave owner.

Now, not everyone in America owned enslaved people as the Pennsylvania Quakers strongly opposed it as did a number of Massachusetts residents such as William Lloyd Garrison, Harriet Beecher Stowe and Henry David Thoreau who also called for its abolition. For another perspective, our citizens should read Frederick Douglass' 1852 speech, "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" It was a searing speech that spoke to the hypocrisy of America that valued "liberty" but not for the millions of enslaved Black human beings.

Finally, as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said "No one is Free until All are Free." That means people who are oppressed and deprived of human rights and their humanity and dignity must be recognized both in the U.S. and around our world. In 2026, I am especially thinking of the Palestinian people which the British *Lancet* says that over 600,000 have been killed in Gaza, including perhaps as many

up an atomic weapon is still under Iranian control, no regime change has occurred, and Iran retains a significant arsenal of missiles and drones that it can use to threaten the region. Remarkably, the agreement provides Iranian access to billions of dollars, allows Iran to sell their oil on world markets and provides the possibility that Iran may charge tolls for the use of Hormuz in the future.

The agreement is a capitulation by Trump and arguably leaves Iran in a stronger strategic position than before the war. It demonstrates Trump's impetuosity and lack of strategic awareness in starting the war. Believing that Iran would crumble under a massive air attack, he miscalculated both the effectiveness of the air war and Iran's resilience. Trump said that no one expected that Iran would close Hormuz and attack U.S. allies in the Gulf region, but any competent strategist understood the dangers that he ignored. Trump's unhinged comments leading up to the cease fire, spinning from threats to annihilate Iran to praising Iranian leaders as "reasonable" call into question his capability of negotiating a settlement. Faced with unrest at home over unaffordable prices, trapped in an unpopular war that he could not easily win, and confronting massive midterm election losses, he did what he always does — lied, claimed victory, searched for scapegoats, and betrayed allies to save face. Trump's arrogance, incompetence, and self-seeking narcissism are all on display as he struggles to extricate himself from his self-created dilemma while the entire globe suffers economic damage caused by his disastrous decision.

While amidst the process of capitulating to Iran, Trump presided over a UFC cage fight on White House grounds in celebration of his birthday and America's 250th anniversary. The debased spectacle, reminiscent of the gladiatorial combats of Imperial Rome, reeked of self-promotion and financial corruption. Surrounded by a Marine Honor Guard, combatants

paraded from the White House to a ring plastered with ads for cryptocurrencies while under the admiring eye of the would-be emperor who watched the fighters beat each other bloody for his amusement. Little was said that Trump had bought shares of UFC stock a few months ago and that to watch the spectacle, MAGA supporters had to pay for a subscription to Paramount+, a company owned by Trump ally David Ellison. As a Trump inspired war was unfolding in the Gulf with real death and destruction, Trump and his minions reveled in a corrupt and debased spectacle of staged combat.

A final example of Trump's perverted administration is the disastrous re-modeling of the Lincoln Reflecting Pond. Recently renovated under a no-bid contract given to a Trump donor, the pond became clogged with algae whose growth was stimulated by heat retention caused by the blue paint used to coat the bottom of the pond. Chemicals used to kill the algae apparently caused the paint to crack leaving the pond a green quagmire, perhaps the ultimate symbol of all that Trump touches. Rather than acknowledge a problem caused by an incompetent contractor, Trump has ginned up a story that his Democratic opponents sabotaged the pond and threatened ten-year jail sentences to the phantom perpetrators. More lies to hide corruption and ineptitude from a degenerate president.

These events all indicate a president who cannot and should not lead the country. Yet the MAGA base and Republican Congress continue to support his unrelenting lies and corrupt practices. How long can this continue until we are truly more like the Roman Empire than the Roman democracy?

Robert D. Russell, PhD
Harrisburg, Pa.,
Robert:

On the night of the Fourth we had to wonder whether deliverance might be at hand. All that lightning, all those hamburgers... but, no.

The Editor

A Moment of Silence?

To the Editor:

If a minute of silence is appropriate for Venezuelan earthquake victims, as has been done before World Cup soccer matches in the United States, it is also morally appropriate for civilians killed or wounded in Iran by U.S. and Israeli airstrikes. Human suffering should not be acknowledged selectively or only when it is politically convenient.

As Stanley Cohen observed in his book *States of Denial*, societies often look away from suffering that is uncomfortable to confront. A minute of silence is not an endorsement of any government or military. It is a simple act of respect for ordinary people who have lost their lives, homes, and loved ones.

If we can pause for victims of a natural disaster, we can surely pause for civilians harmed by war. Moral consistency requires us to mourn civilian suffering wherever it occurs.

Terry Hansen
Grafton, Wisconsin

"Bolzano [sic] and his BS"

Aloha,

The desire to favorably compare the Chinese Communist Regime to the United States is making the rounds through internet bots and now academics who are loudly "devoted to the art of sedition," but it always fails the sniff test.

They all say the same thing: China has lifted 800 million from poverty. Do they think American immigrants are historically rich?

They do not say anything about civil rights and personal liberties. And they forget to say that Chinese social welfare is selective, not universal. How many purges are needed until those who remain are all alike?

As one transgender friend said to me (before the Trump goons returned to power) "in this country no one has to hide anymore."

Check if that freedom exists in China, or maybe Bolzano's spiked propaganda piece shows he just doesn't care. Or maybe the CCP signs his pay-

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In any event, he squanders the opportunity to show that a combination of social welfare and Constitutional civil liberties is where we are headed thanks to Mamdani, Sanders, AOC and Platner. The best of both worlds. Freedom from both tyrannical governments and from rapacious capitalists. Win win.

Mahalo,
Jonathan Cook
Honolulu, Hawaii
Jonathan:

Well, well. Aren't we full of piss and vinegar today? Your email's subject line, quoted above, misspells the name of the writer you're trying to excoriate. This, with the Hawaiian word for love, affection, peace, compassion, and mercy at your fingertips. After dropping a few left-coded references, to signify your political correctness, you barf up some vintage cold war rhetoric, then sign off with a polite expression of gratitude. Quite a performance.

Pardon us if we play by your rules and make a few connections that may exist only in our editorial noggin. Might you be the Jonathan Cook living in Honolulu who, according to LinkedIn, is a former nightclub promoter who now runs a SEO & Internet Marketing Company with the tagline, "We've Tripled Business for Clients"? Hardly a field known for rigid adherence to the truth, now, is it? You may also be the Jonathan Cook we found at MyLife.com. His "political affiliation is currently a registered Republican; ethnicity is Caucasian; and religious views are listed as Christian. Jonathan's relationship status is single... [and has] a current net worth value of greater than \$499,999."

We were surprised to find, when looking online, only one Jonathan Cook in Honolulu. Considering your general demeanor, though, and the reception Hawaiians gave to Captain James Cook in 1779, perhaps we should have been surprised to find one.
The Editor

Mash Note of the Year

Greetings From The "Forest"!!!

My name is Bruce Weldon Morris. I'm a disabled Combat Vet, "1967 - Vietnam," Assault Helicopters! No Parades for our home coming!

I live in Bingham, Maine, six miles from the town of Solon. I used to go to town every morning to buy my two local newspapers; Bangor Daily News and the Morning Sentinel. Both have to be bought through the mail now, the stores no longer have them!

If you get them in the mail they don't come every day. Sometimes you may get two or three papers at once, always late!!!

When COVID, hit both papers stopped printing papers on Monday and still the price went up! Today we can't buy them in stores at all.

So what in hell happened to our Free Press? I used to love my paper and coffee in the morning with my sweetie; she died a year ago May 5th, too!

All of us have lost many things we hold dear, but right is right, and wrong is wrong! We all have a right to our Free Press!!! And the Truth!

Are we looking at a Police state in the future? We have ICE going into schools [and] churches, grabbing people off the streets, shooting some dead! I think of WW II and the NAZIS! My dad was in that one.

The want-to-be dictator in our White House is a madman and should be locked up in a rubber room with a straight jacket on, drugged every four hours!!!

At least we have the New Hampshire Gazette to tell the honest truth and I'm grateful for that! Thank you all for the good work you all to.

I send you Peace and Love from the Forest!!!

Bruce Weldon Morris,
Bingham, Maine
Brother Bruce,
Ah, the forest. Conditions may be challenging but they are always true.
The Editor

The Stench of Death at the World Cup

by Richard M. Balzano

What happens when a pariah state hosts a global spectacle? That question is more than academic as the United States hosts the FIFA World Cup while waging illegal interventions abroad and brown shirt dirty wars at home, complete with shady detainment facilities and on the cusp of Palantir-induced dystopia to boot. Governments have long understood the public-relations value of international sporting events, using them to project national greatness and rehabilitate tarnished reputations. Argentina's military dictatorship hoped the 1978 World Cup would do exactly that. As Jorge Rafael Videla's regime kidnapped, tortured, and murdered thousands of its own citizens in another Latin American torture carnival brought to you by toxic Latin American Cold War anticommunism, the School of the Americas, USAID, and Washington's long-running habit of mistaking death squads for democracy, the junta hoped a month of soccer would showcase a modern, orderly, and united nation. Instead, the tournament helped expose one of the twentieth century's worst rights-abusing regimes.

Argentina's military junta (1976-1983) imposed one of the most repressive states in the hemisphere. Military leaders openly framed their campaign as a civilizing crusade; Videla vowed to save "Western civilization and Christianity" by cleansing Argentina of subversives and their sympathizers, while General Luciano Benjamín Menéndez chillingly predicted: "We are going to have to kill 50,000 people: 25,000 subversives, 20,000 sympathizers, and we will make 5,000 mistakes." What followed was a campaign of state terror that gave even the Guatemalan counterinsurgency state stiff competition for the title of the hemisphere's worst human rights abusers. Thousands were kidnapped and disappeared into clandestine detention centers as part of South America's intelligence sharing torture network known as Operation Condor. At the notorious Escuela de Mecánica de la Armada (ESMA) in Buenos Aires, one of many torture sites, roughly 5,000 prisoners passed through its doors; only about 150 survived. Victims were beaten, raped, waterboarded, and tortured with electric shocks, often applied



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to their genitals. Some detainees were told their loved ones were being tortured in nearby rooms and would be killed if they refused to cooperate, while others were forced to watch their spouses and children beaten in front of them. About 500 pregnant detainees were kept alive until they gave birth, their babies then stolen and placed with military families while the mothers disappeared, often sedated, loaded onto aircraft with other prisoners, and thrown into the Atlantic Ocean or River Plate in the regime's infamous "death flights." Human rights organizations estimate that as many as 30,000 people were killed or disappeared during Argentina's Dirty War.

By 1978, Argentina's international image was deteriorating. Reports of torture, disappearances, and political murder had drawn growing condemnation abroad, while President Jimmy Carter's administration had suspended military assistance and increasingly made human rights a central issue in U.S.-Argentine relations. The *Madres de Plaza de Mayo* marched weekly in Buenos Aires demanding answers about their missing children. The world started to notice.

The World Cup appeared to offer a solution. Convinced partly by American anticommunist networks that mass murder was an optics problem and not a humanitarian one, the junta hired American public-relations firm Burson-Marsteller on a million-dollar retainer to craft Argentina's "new image," with the World Cup serving as the centerpiece of the campaign. For one month, Argentina would become the center of the sporting universe, with packed stadiums, patriotic pageantry, favorable headlines, and billions of viewers around the globe. If all went according to plan, foreign journalists would write about Argentine soccer star Mario Kempes rather than the disappeared. For a regime increasingly isolated abroad and facing growing criticism from the Carter administration, the World Cup seemed a valuable public-relations opportunity.

There is a particular kind of delusion that afflicts unaccountable regimes. After years of making journalists disappear and bullying critics

into silence, the generals failed to consider that the swarm of observers descending upon Argentina might notice the stench of death. Their PR strategy backfired, and the junta lost control over the narrative as journalists looking for goals found torture chambers, corpses washed ashore, grieving families, and the *Madres*.

Not often do sports journalists carry the lead on political reporting, but many suspected something was amiss when Argentina entered its decisive second-round match against Peru needing a four-goal victory to reach the final, and somehow won 6-0. The suspicions were not unfounded—the game was fixed. Subsequent investigations and testimony linked the match to a broader arrangement between the Argentine and Peruvian dictatorships involving a \$50 million financial package, grain shipments, and the transfer of Peruvian dissidents through Operation Condor. Before kickoff, Videla had even postured in the Peruvian locker room, accompanied by war criminal and former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, whose Lone Ranger diplomacy repeatedly undermined Carter's human-rights agenda and left Argentine officials with the impression that American objections to human rights violations "were largely perfunctory, a temporary outburst of moral fervor reflecting pressure from a few misguided human rights zealots in the Congress and non-governmental organizations," and that "Argentina would be protected for the duration of its 'dirty war' by friends in the U.S." Washington's commitment to human rights was indeed fleeting, as was the junta.

The first rule of running a pariah state is simple: don't invite witnesses. The Argentine junta believed the World Cup would improve their image, but the stench of death was too strong—the tournament amplified international criticism and further exposed a dictatorship that had grown accustomed to clandestine impunity. Argentina won the Cup, but the regime unravelled four brutal years later, and Videla was later convicted multiple times of murder, torture, and kidnapping. The World Cup has come to America. Let the inspections begin.

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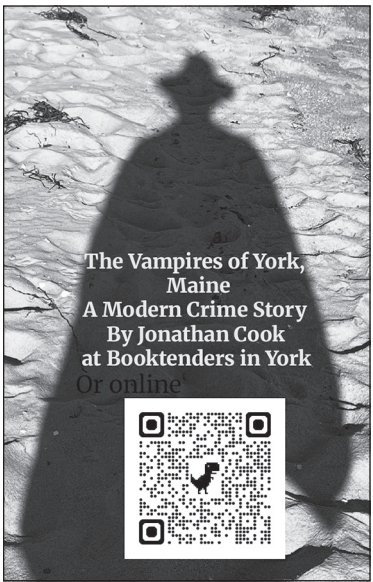
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What Rawand Dreams Of



Rawand Gawad Abu Ganem on the beach with some of the rubble and ruins of Gaza visible behind her, February 2026. Courtesy photo.

by W.D. Ehrhart

Readers who have followed my writing in the *New Hampshire Gazette* will perhaps recall that I have written multiple times in the past few years about my unusual friendship with a young Palestinian woman named Rawand Gawad Abu Ghanem, to whom I was first introduced by way of the scholar Lorrie Goldensohn and the playwright Naomi Wallace. Because Rawand can only text and I can only e-mail, all of our communication has been through Naomi.

I've never met Rawand, nor even spoken to her, and probably never will get the chance to do either. But she and her family—a husband and two

young children—have become very dear to me, and I worry about them daily.

I have not had any news from Rawand for well over a month, so I recently asked Naomi if she has heard anything. Naomi replied that she's been working with a Palestinian-American colleague for the past two weeks at the University of Athens, but that she's been in regular touch with Rawand, who had sent this message to be shared with the Greek students with whom Naomi and her co-writer have been working.

I think Rawand's letter to Naomi's students, dated May 25th, 2026, is worth sharing with you:

So bello, it's me Rawand Abu Ghanem from the beach city Gaza, Palestine.

I am the first surfer girl in Gaza and my father was the pioneer of surfers and his father too (my grandfather) he practiced this sport because he was a fisherman so he taught me and my brothers and sisters how to swim and later how to surf. He taught me on the same sea beside where I live now in a tent. The sea is still my favorite place where the sound of waves can comfort us even now, when the rest of the city has been turned over to ghosts and rubble and suffering.

What I still hope now is to live in peace, to teach my children beautiful things and to feed their characters so they can one day grow up to be students like you. I want to teach my children how to surf. Yamen is six. Mohammed is almost one year old. I am their mother and I cannot guarantee their lives or mine from one minute to the next.

I dream of traveling with my family to complete English literature studies and to complete my life in a home that is not a plastic sheet called a tent. I dream of sleeping without fear, of drinking sweet water, of wearing clean clothes, of sleeping out of the way of starving dogs that enter the tent and frighten us. Dear students, I once had a home where we could listen to the rain and stay dry. Now the insects and rats move across our bodies while we sleep.

Despite everything difficult around us, I still see light moving on the waves of our sea and I look to the sky and the same beautiful moon hangs in the darkness, the same moon that you see in Athens.

This chain of suffering must soon be cut, this genocide must end so that happiness and freedom can wash over our lives like our beloved sea. Inshallah.

With all my love and respect to you.

Rawand from Gaza

The ongoing undeclared war of choice being waged against Iran by this country and Israel, combined with the obscene assaults on decency and democracy perpetrated by the Felon-in-Chief in the Whitewash House have all but driven the genocide in Palestine off the pages and screens of mainstream American media, but the suffering of the Palestinians is still ongoing on a daily basis.

As of a few days ago, 73,000 Palestinians have been killed in the course of operations by Israeli Defense Forces with at least another 173,200 wounded; at least half of the casualties are women and children. Most of the surviving 2,000,000 inhabitants of Gaza have been displaced, many of them multiple times.

Large portions of Gaza are nothing more than piles of rubble, and there are chronic shortages of food and medicine.

Meanwhile, over 1,240 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank and East Jerusalem by the IDF and Israeli "settlers" in the past 33 months, a figure greater than the number of Israelis killed by Hamas on October 7th, 2023.

And Rawand and her family are living beneath plastic sheeting that passes for a "tent."

And there is no end in sight.

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W.D. Ehrhart is a retired Master Teacher of History & English, and author of a Vietnam War memoir trilogy published by McFarland.

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Of Course the System Is Rigged – Look at Elon Musk!

by Jim Hightower

From Q-Anon nuttiness to JD Vance's "Deep State" quackery, wacko right-wing conspiracies have oozed into the center of Republican politics.

But don't let their goofiness obscure the fact that there is indeed a very real plot to rig America's economic and political system, causing wealth and power to flow uphill—from the workaday majority to moneyed elites.

This rigging is not done by some cartoonish cabal of ogres in a secret lair, but by prominent AI tech barons and other Poo-Bahs of America's corporate royalty. They are soft-handed thieves, discreetly robbing us from the cozy confines of corporate boardrooms, ornate courtrooms, and legislative backrooms. Why should they dirty their hands in public scuffles with workers, consumers, local communities, and others "pests" when they can deploy public officials to do their grub work.

Consider the gabillionaire huckster, Elon Musk. He barged into Mississippi to build a massive AI data center that would have 57 gas turbines spewing toxic pollution over several Black neighborhoods—without even bothering to get required environmental permits.

It was a gross violation of the Clean Air Act—so the endangered families sued in April to stop the imperious profiteer.

But instead of facing the perp himself—Surprise!—the locals were confronted by federal lawyers deployed by Trump to kill the people's lawsuit and protect Musk's toxic project. Going further, Trump's "Justice" department asserted that we citizens have no legal right to pursue Clean Air enforcement if the federal government objects.

Did I mention that Musk gave \$157 million to Trump's last election campaign? And that's how the system gets rigged against us.

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BETTER OLD NEWS THAN NEW LIES

from page three

- Rev. Johannes Van Den Brock, pastor of the Armenian Holland church of Paterson, N.J., has been arrested on a warrant issued for mayhem, alleged to have been committed on John Hartman, one of the pastor's flock who had discovered Van Den Brock in suspicious relations with a certain widow. The arrest was made in the basement of the house where the woman lived.
- At the anarchists' trial in Chicago, witnesses testified that Lingg manufactured the bombs. Quite a little consternation was caused when some of the deadly missiles were produced in open court, and his honor the judge scooted the things out of that in lively style.
- At the anarchists' trial in Chicago testimony was introduced to show that the Haymarket riot was only a part of a great conspiracy.
- Emma Thompson, the sixteen-years-old daughter of a wealthy New Yorker, eloped with a valet. The father will send the couple to Europe.
- Elmi Bishop, a backwoods preacher of Greensburg, Ky., on the 19th

- inst. married Retta Boston, his ward, a child not over nine years old. Bishop's wife died two weeks ago.
- Elbridge Buxton of Douglas Center, Mass., was drowned while bathing in Bad Luck pond.
- The police of Warsaw, Russia, surrounded a body of nihilists holding a secret meeting, and attempted their arrest. The nihilists resisted desperately and a terrific fight ensued, in which two police officers were killed and several wounded.
- Sharps following the circus trains in Vermont are reaping a rich harvest fleeing the countrymen.
- There is considerable excitement in Abington, Mass., over the discovery of gold and silver in that town.
- It is stated that Senators Harrison, Hawley and Manderson will delay the confirmation of Fitz John Porter's nomination as much as possible.
- At Hull, Quebec, lightning struck a house in which a number of persons were watching with a corpse. The coffin was shattered, and a man and child killed.
- Tommy Perry, aged fourteen, was ploughing near Bottford, Ga., when lightning struck his head, passed

- down his arms through the plow handles, and along the plow to the mule, killing both the boy and the animal.
- The captain of the Boston schooner *Nellie C. Paine* has been murdered by a crazy cook.
- At Tomah, Wisconsin, last week, Rev. Mr. Anderson, a minister of the gospel and editor of the *Tomah Enterprise*, was convicted before a church committee of using profane language and whipping his wife.
- Rev. W.W. Downs, the odoriferous pastor of the Bowdoin square Baptist church, Boston, and his followers, on Sunday formally "expelled" from the church and its membership over sixty "disorderly members" who would throw stains on the good names of Mrs. Taber and Mr. Downs. [Ten days earlier, The New York Times had reported that "Parson W.W. Downs, when called to-day, in the Superior Criminal Court, to plead to the new indictment charging him with adultery in three counts with one Alice Watson, stepped briskly up to the bar with a smiling countenance and a chipper air and pleaded not guilty. Bail in \$800 was furnished at once. ... There were a number of his friends

- present who stand stoutly by him through all his troubles. The indictment alleging adultery with Mrs. Taber is still pending...."]
 - Stephen Brodie, a bootblack and "betting man" of New York, on Friday last accomplished the feat of jumping from the [three year old] Brooklyn bridge into the East river, a distance of 120 feet, without losing his life. He struck the water feet first, and was apparently uninjured. He was arrested.
 - About 500 women do editorial work on the newspapers of this country.
 - The atelier of John Bellamy, the skillful carver on the premises of the late Sir William Pepperrell at Kittery Point, is much visited by artists. Among his admonitions posted up is this: "You will please recollect that the world will go on just the same after you are dead as before." But he says that many do not believe it.
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ADMIRAL FOWLE’S PISCATAQUA RIVER TIDAL GUIDE (NOT FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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2022—Seabrook sirens go off in error. 2020—A poorly-fought four-day fire leaves the \$2 billion USS <i>Bonhomme Richard</i> a \$3.6 million pile of scrap. 1982—FEMA pledges that even in a nuclear war, the mail will get through. 1973—A fire in St. Louis, Mo. destroys the service records of 16 to 18 million Army and Air Force veterans. 1917—In Bisbee, Ariz., a 2,000-man posse herds 1,300 striking miners into cattle cars and sends them eastward, with no food and little water. 1892—The Pennsylvania militia arrives at Homestead, Pa. to protect Andrew Carnegie’s right to make a buck. 1872—Orangemen avoid casualties by refraining from marching through Irish tenements in New York. 1871—Orangemen are attacked as they march through Irish tenements in New York; 60 die this time. 1870—Orangemen are attacked by an Irish mob as they march through Irish tenements in New York; eight die. 1864—Four miles north of the White House, at Ft. Stevens, Abraham Lincoln comes under enemy fire. 1864—Natchez <i>Courier</i>: Jones County has seceded from the Confederacy. 1817—Pencilmaker, surveyor, naturalist, writer, and good troublemaker Henry David Thoreau is born. 1626—Boston’s own Cotton Mather prays, and admonishes ship captains to be less brutal, as pirate William Fly mocks nautical injustice, and his executioner’s poor noose-tying skills.	2024—An alleged Presidential assassination attempt in Butler, Pa. sets a new record for implausibility. 1987—Senator Warren B. Rudman [R-N.H.] sets Ollie North straight during the Iran-Contra hearings: “The American people have the constitutional right to be wrong.” 1977—During a heat wave and a financial crisis, with Son of Sam on the loose, lightning strikes cause a blackout in New York City. Chaos ensues. 1959—A sodium-cooled nuclear reactor in Simi Valley, Calif. has a partial meltdown, releasing 300 times more radiation than Three Mile Island—a fact kept secret for 20 years. 1956—The “Dartmouth Workshop” begins. “Artificial Intelligence” is born in N.H. What could go wrong? 1950—A B-50 crashes in Lebanon, Ohio, killing its crew. The nuke on the board explodes, but it’s pitless, pitless so the crater is only 25 feet deep. 1948—Israeli troops drive 70,000 Palestinians from Lydda and Remleh. 1944—T.S. Eliot, for Faber & Faber, rejects George Orwell’s <i>Animal Farm</i>. 1943—Alexander Schmorell and Kurt Huber, of the anti-Nazi pamphleteering group White Rose, are guillotined in Munich. 1863—Enraged by draft laws exempting the rich, and egged on by Democrats, a New York mob begins a three-day rampage. Whole blocks are leveled, and Horace Greeley’s pro-Union <i>New York Tribune</i> is attacked.	2004—The GOP tries to ban gay marriage but can’t rise to the occasion. 2000—Five tobacco companies are ordered to pay \$145 billion in damages, but they wiggle off the hook. 1989—Alabama tries twice, 19 minutes apart, to electrocute Horace F. Dunkins, who’s Black and developmentally-disabled. The first try fails because the chair is wired wrong. 1981—New Hampshire businessman Max Hugel’s stint as Deputy Director of Operations at the CIA ends after 64 days due to revelations of unseemly stock market shenanigans. 1975—Boss Clarence Kelley confesses to Congress that the FBI has been burglarizing Americans since 1940. 1970—R. Nixon approves the Huston plan to burgle and surveil Americans. It’s so bad J. Edgar Hoover nixes it. 1966—Issued orders for Vietnam, the Fort Hood Three are the first soldiers to say, “No.” Three years later, sprung from the brig, they’ve got company. 1948—Southerners walk out of the Democratic convention to form the pro-segregation States’ Rights Party. 1943—In two separate incidents, GIs in Sicily murder 73 Axis prisoners. 1921—Massachusetts’ show trial of Nicolo Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti ends with a guilty verdict. 1798—President John Adams signs the Sedition Act, making it a crime to criticize President John Adams. 1791—To honor Bastille Day, Swiss citizens yell “Live free or die.”	1995—A derecho sends hurricane force winds through New York and New England, toppling thousands of trees and killing three people. 1979—President Carter delivers his infamous “malaise” speech, which does not include the word “malaise.” 1974—In Florida, on live TV, newsreader Christine Chubbuck pulls a loaded pistol from a shopping bag and shoots herself dead. 1971—Nixon says he’ll go to China. 1964—The Republican Party saddles itself with candidate Barry Goldwater. 1919—The War Department—accurately named, at least—says 337,000 Americans dodged the recent draft. 1877—John W. Garrett, President of the B & O Railroad, gives his shareholders a 10 percent dividend and his workers a 10 percent pay cut. 1835—The Toledo War comes to its bloody climax: using a penknife, Ohioan Two Stickney slightly injures Michigander Joseph Wood. 1779—General “Mad Anthony” Wayne’s troops take 700 prisoners with a bayonet charge at Stony Point. 1685—Executioner Jack Ketch eventually beheads the Duke of Monmouth, after eight ax blows. 1381—For inspiring the Peasants’ Revolt, Lollard preacher John Ball is hanged, drawn, and quartered. Richard II looks on with approval. 1099—Christian Crusaders carry out God’s will by slaughtering nearly every inhabitant of Jerusalem.	2018—V. Putin gets Dolt #45 alone in a room for two hours in Helsinki. 2013—Jimmy Carter says, “America has no functioning democracy.” 1991—The Trump Taj Mahal files for bankruptcy 467 days after opening. 1979—A dam, badly built on shaky ground, collapses in Church Rock, N.M. It spills 1,100 tons of radioactive mill waste, 93 million gallons of effluent, releasing as much radioactivity as the Three Mile Island meltdown. 1973—Nixon aide Al Butterfield reveals he’s been bugging the Oval Office at the behest of The Man himself. 1964—A white cop shoots James Powell—15, 112 lbs., and Black—dead. The Harlem riots begin. 1945—The Atomic Age starts with a big bang at Alamogordo, N.M. 1936—MI5 informant George McMahon nearly assassinates Nazi sympathizer King Edward VIII. 1886—Rep. James Laird [R-Neb.], 37, calls Rep. Thomas Cobb [D-Ind.], 58, a “_____ old liar.” Cobb replies that Laird’s “a perjured villain,” so Laird bops Cobb in the schozz. 1860—In San Francisco, Emperor Norton I issues a declaration calling for the dissolution of the U.S.A. 1858—To bolster his ability to resist the allure of prostitutes, Thomas P. “Boston” Corbett uses a pair of scissors to castrate himself. Seven years later he’ll kill John Wilkes Booth. 1790—Congress votes to build the nation’s capitol in a swamp.	2020—Asked if he’ll concede if he loses, #45 says “I’ll have to see.” 2015—Portsmouth cops grill Mike Thiel at his office about a letter in which he complains about helicopters. 2014—Detained for selling loose cigarettes, Eric Garner, 43, suffocates as he tells NYPD cops, “I can’t breathe.” 1979—Anastasio Somoza flees Nicaragua for Miami, bringing family caskets and much of the national treasury. 1965—An American press officer in Saigon tells Morley Safer “if you think any American official is going to tell you the truth, then you’re stupid.” 1962—The U.S. conducts its last near-ground atmospheric nuke test: the .018 kiloton “Little Feller.” A company of soldiers is marched through ground zero 26 minutes later. 1955—A WW I mine near Ypres is hit by lighting. One casualty: a cow. 1944—Two munitions ships explode at Port Chicago, Calif., killing 322, mostly Black bomb handlers. 1935—RIP Cudjoe Lewis, in Africatown, Mobile, Ala., last known survivor of the Atlantic slave trade. 1928—To hasten Christ’s Kingdom, José de León Toral shoots Mexican Pres. Álvaro Obregón in the back. 1927—Marine pilots in biplanes provide air support to grunts for the first time in history at Ocatal, Nicaragua. 1877—Gov. Henry Mathews calls out a local militia company to suppress the Martinsburg, W.Va. railroad strike. It sides with strikers, instead.	1985—Doped up after cancer surgery five days earlier, Ronald Reagan OKs an arms-for-hostages deal with Iran. 1984—James O. Huberty tells his wife he’s “going to hunt humans,” then kills 21 and wounds 19 at a San Diego McDonald’s. A sniper gets him. His widow sees Mickey D’s for poisoning his mind with MSG, but to no avail. 1972—A sailor disables the USS <i>Ranger</i> for three months by dropping a paint scraper into its reduction gears. 1969—Senator Ted Kennedy gives Mary Jo Kopechne a ride part of the way home from a party, goes for a swim, then takes a nap. 1946—Because he voted the day before—the only Black to have done so in Taylor Co., Ga.—WW II vet Ma-coe Snipes is fatally shot in the back by Klansman Edward Williamson. 1944—Ordered by <i>der Führer</i> to kill a fly, aide Fritz Darges suggests it’s a job for the Luftwaffe. He’s immediately banished to the Eastern Front. 1925—H.L. Mencken is nearly run out of Dayton, Tenn. on a rail by its pious Christian inhabitants. 1877—Governor Henry Mathews of West Virginia pleads for U.S. Marines to suppress the B & O railroad strike. 1870—Convoked by Pius IX two years earlier, the First Vatican Council declares that the Pope is infallible. 1694—Led by a Frenchman, 250 indigenous folks raid an English settlement at Oyster River, now Durham, N.H. They kill 104 and abduct 27.
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2024—The International Court of Justice rules that Israel must vacate Palestinian territories. The U.S. and Israel say, in effect, “Make me.”

2020—“I’ll be right eventually,” says Dolt #45. “I’ll say it again. [Covid’s] going to disappear, and I’ll be right.”

2011—As Rupert Murdoch is being grilled before Parliament about phone-hacking, his wife Wendi deflects a flying pie aimed at his head.

2010—Terrified by a malignily-edited *YouTube* clip, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has USDA employee Shirley Sherrod pulled over by the side of the road and summarily fired.

2001—Lord Jeffrey Archer, Deputy Chair of the Conservative Party, is sentenced to four years for perjury.

1994—Dining with reporters, Sen. Howell Heflin (D-Ala.) reaches into his pocket for a hankie but somehow wipes his nose with a pair of panties.

1991—South Africa’s government admits it paid Zulus to undermine the African National Congress.

1979—Victorious Sandinistas triumphantly march into Managua.

1972—The AFL-CIO announces it won’t support George McGovern.

1966—In an internal memo, Bill Sullivan, Chief of Domestic Intel, admits the FBI’s “black bag” jobs are illegal.

1919—White Washingtonians, enraged by racist headlines, begin attacking Blacks in the nation’s capital.

1919—Disgruntled British veterans burn Luton’s town hall to the ground.

2017—Secretary of State Tillerson states the obvious to other Administration officials: Trump is “a moron.”

2002—The FBI arrests three former NASA interns for stealing a 600 lb. safe holding moon rocks.

1984—Famed runner and fitness fanatic Jim Fixx dies of a heart attack while jogging at the ripe old age of 52.

1973—Martial artist and fitness fanatic Bruce Lee drops dead at 32.

1971—William F. Buckley’s *National Review* publishes “secret documents” about the Vietnam War. They’re fake, and he knows it.

1969—Neil Armstrong collects a few souvenirs as he walks on the moon.

1956—A scheduled election intended to reunify Vietnam is blocked by the South, with Ike’s concurrence.

1944—German generals try but fail to kill Hitler with a bomb.

1934—Twelve squad cars full of cops armed with shotguns, escorting scab drivers during Minneapolis’ general strike, fire on a truck carrying unarmed picketers; two KIA, 67 WIA.

1923—Pancho Villa’s return to politics is thwarted by assassination.

1919—A white mob beats Blacks in front of the White House.

1877—In Maryland, striking B & O Railroad workers threaten to blow up bridges and run trains into rivers.

1874—General George Armstrong Custer leads an expedition of 110 wagons and 1,000 men into the Black Hills, violating an 1868 treaty.

2024—Joe Biden interrupts his nap to withdraw from the 2024 election.

2007—George W.[MD] Bush invokes the 25th Amendment, making Dick “Dick” Cheney President while Bush gets his colon inspected.

2000—Long-time Texas voter Dick “Dick” Cheney registers in Wyoming to dodge a Constitutional proviso.

2000—The FBI and ATF are exonerated for killing 80 religious fanatics during a 1993 siege in Waco, Texas.

1959—Elijah Jerry “Pumpsie” Green integrates the Red Sox—at last.

1954—As the Geneva Accords free Vietnam from French colonial rule, the U.S. steps in to preserve disorder.

1919—With the cops on the sidelines, Blacks in D.C. arm themselves and fight back against white aggression.

1918—At Orleans, Mass., *U-156* conducts Germany’s sole attack of the war on the U.S. mainland. Four barges sink, the tug *Perth Amboy* is damaged, and a few shells hit the beach.

1893—Dalles, Ore., land fraudster Rev. Orson D. Taylor, 57, who withheld wages from Bessie Holcomb, is horsewhipped by her lover, Marie Equi, 21. Locals bid at auction for the whip; proceeds go to the women.

1877—Pittsburgh militiamen bayonet and shoot railroad strikers; 20 die. Surviving strikers burn 39 buildings and wreck 104 locomotives.

1748—Founding Father B. Franklin publishes instructions telling Americans how to perform home abortions.

2003—Ratted out by a cousin for a \$30 million reward, Uday and Qusay Hussein are shot dead by the 101st.

2001—“I know what I believe,” says G.W.[MD] Bush. “I will continue to articulate what I believe and what I believe—I believe what I believe is right.”

1991—Milwaukee police arrest Jeffrey Dahmer, infamous cannibal.

1975—Owen J. Quinn parachutes from the top of the South Tower of New York’s World Trade Center.

1974—On the steps of the Capitol, 600 young Moonies begin a three-day fast and prayer-fest for Richard Nixon.

1946—Irgun bombs the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, killing 91.

1934—Chicago FBI agents kill John Dillinger by shooting him in the back.

1919—The Army, Navy, Marines, and a downpour finally end a four-day race riot in Washington, D.C.

1916—A bomb kills 10 and wounds 40 during a Preparedness Day parade in San Francisco. Perjured testimony sends two innocent men to prison.

1915—The excursion steamer *Eastland* nearly tips over at the dock in Chicago. The ship’s instability is kept secret to prevent any loss of business.

1905—Henderson’s [annoying] Point vanishes from the Piscataqua, thanks to fifty tons of dynamite.

1877—Local labor leaders and the Workingmen’s Party elect a Directorate of the St. Louis, Illinois Commune. It issues General Order No. 1, calling for a General Strike.

2014—Arizona authorities experimenting with new poisons find Joseph Wood’s execution takes 12 times longer than the expected 10 minutes.

2001—Bank robber Gary Sampson calls the FBI to turn himself in, but a clerk disconnects him. Over the next week he murders three people, including a man in New Hampshire.

1970—The last clash between the U.S. & NVA ends in futility: the 101st Airborne evacuates Firebase Ripcord. Cost: 75 KIAs & 463 WIAs.

1967—Cops raid a blind pig in Detroit, interrupting a welcome home party for two Vietnam veterans. A five day riot ensues, and 43 die.

1966—Don Wetzell, 82, Research Director for the N.Y. Central, drives a jet-powered locomotive at 183 mph.

1944—The International Monetary Fund and World Bank are created in Bretton Woods, N.H. [where the first tax collector was Daniel Fowle].

1933—Fascist “Khaki Shirts” gather in front of their Philadelphia HQ for an address by Commander Art Smith—from a balcony, of course.

1892—Anarchist Alexander Berkman shoots and stabs Henry Clay Frick, architect of the Homestead Massacre; but the capitalist survives.

1877—Workers seize the railyards and docks in East St. Louis, Ill. Knowing he’s out-manned, the mayor deputizes strikers to maintain order. Meanwhile, in Reading, Pa., the State Militia shoots ten civilians dead.

2017—“Who the hell wants to talk about politics...in front of the Boy Scouts?,” asks Donald Trump, who then talks politics at the Jamboree.

2009—Chen Guojun, a \$440,000/year Chinese steel executive, tells 25,000 fired workers they’ll get compensated \$30. They beat him to death.

2008—A tornado hits nine towns in N.H., killing a Deerfield woman.

2003—Congress says the FBI and the CIA blew off warnings of a possible al-Qaeda attack on the U.S.

2003—In Iraq, the U.S. proudly displays photographs of the corpses of Uday and Qusay Hussein.

2002—James Traficant (D-Ohio) is booted from the U.S. House of Representatives for taking bribes.

1998—To prevent a cannibal holocaust, Rusty Weston murders Rep. Tom DeLay’s bodyguard and another Capitol cop. Shot and near death himself, he is revived by Sen. Bill Frist.

1974—Nine out of nine justices agree: Nixon’s gotta hand over them tapes.

1967—From a Montreal balcony, De Gaulle declares, “*Vive le Québec libre!*”

1959—During the “Kitchen Debate” in Moscow, N. Khrushchev asks R. Nixon if Americans have machines to push food down their throats.

1951—Two officers from Hanscom AFB report a UFO flying over Portsmouth, N.H. at 800 to 1,000 mph.

1877—Thousands of strikers parade through East St. Louis, Ill., calling on shops and business to shutter.

2019—Pres. Trump makes a “perfect” phone call to Pres. Zelenskyy.

2000—In a touching display of *naïveté*, George W.[MD] Bush announces that he has picked Dick “Dick” Cheney as running mate.

1990—Ambassador April Glaspie tells Saddam the U.S. won’t take sides in an Iraq-Kuwait border dispute.

1975—Chester Plummer, Jr., a Black ‘Nam vet with a three-foot pipe in his hand, becomes the first person shot dead on the White House lawn.

1972—AP: The U.S. used Black men as guinea pigs for 40 years.

1965—Dylan’s choice of guitars shocks the Newport Folk Festival.

1952—Généreux Ruest, a disabled watchmaker who helped bomb an airliner, is wheeled to Quebec’s gallows and hanged in a chair. His hangman is inept; he strangles for 21 minutes.

1946—The first underwater A-Bomb hits Navy sailors at Bikini Atoll with far more radiation than expected.

1944—Erring Allied bombers kill 111 Americans—one a 3-star general—and wound 490 near St. Lo.

1898—The U.S. invades Puerto Rico.

1853—Legendary bandit Joaquin Murietta’s alleged head is put on display in a jar of brandy, where it stays ‘til it’s lost in the San Francisco Quake.

1826—“Nothing succeeds with me,” complains Decembrist revolutionary Mikhail Bestuzhev-Ryumin, after the hangman’s first rope breaks. “Even here I meet with disappointment.”

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