

The Fortnightly Rant

Time and Tide Wait for No Man

Nine hundred years ago, Henry of Huntingdon wrote of King Canute, a Dane who had ruled England about a century before.

Canute, in Henry's telling, had his throne carried down to the seashore, where he then commanded the incoming tide to stop advancing before it reached him.

Spoiler alert: the tide did not stop.

Tides come and go, but that story has remained. So it goes with many stories that are open to interpretation. A fool might think that the story shows King Canute to be a wet-footed fool. That ancient monarch knew, though, where his powers ended. He was just trying to drive some sense into the sycophants who surrounded him.

To this day, Canute is remembered as a wise man who was immune to flattery. Today, it's fair to say, we're ruled by a fool for whom flattery is the very breath of life.

How dare we call him a fool? What else can you call a man who says "there is no 'b' in 'dumb,'" and expects us to receive like that as a revelation.

One could wonder what our descendants might think of him—and us—a thousand years from now. That feels like a pointless exercise, though. The way things have been going, we can barely imagine making it to January 20, 2029—and even that prospect is fraught.

Consider how our Tormen-tor-in-Chief spends his days: eating garbage, swilling Diet Coke, and napping while his cabinet member drone on about his purported greatness. Then he rage-posts half the night. What can be keeping him alive? Must be the annual "physicals" he has every six weeks.

Hey, why not? We've had 1,000-year floods on an annual basis lately. The man who made Liberace seem less weird is currently having a bunker built under what had been the East Wing of what we might as well start calling The Gold House. Is he above ordering the Army Corps of Engineers to empty Fort Knox? Scrooge McDuck-like, he'll drool over gold bars from the comfort of the furniture he's been snatching from Melania's *pied-à-terre*, elsewhere in The Residence.

Far-fetched? Sure. Have you read the news, though, lately? Last week NPR reported that "The National Guard will remain deployed in Washington, D.C., through Inauguration Day 2029 as part of President Trump's anti-crime mission in the city, unless the president deems otherwise...."

"[U]nless the president deems otherwise...." There's cold comfort. He told *The New York Times* in January, there is one limit on his power:

"My own morality. My own mind. It's the only thing that can stop me."

As NPR pointed out, the Guard troops were deployed in August, 2025, in response to a "crime emergency" declared by the President, when "violent crime in the city [was] hitting a 30-year low." The populace at large, and the news media in particular, have been so thoroughly pummeled by now that contradictions such as these barely raise an eyebrow, except among unregenerate cranks like ourselves.

Fortunately the occasional respectable person, such as Elizabeth Goitein, senior director of Liberty and National Security at the Brennan Center for Justice, will weigh in. She told NPR, "An emergency is a sudden, unforeseen, and temporary state of affairs. Announcing that an emergency will last for another 2 1/2 years means it's not an emergency."

And whence cometh all these armed soldiers patrolling the streets of the nation's capital? An analysis by *PeoplesWorld.org*, successor to the *Daily Worker*, reveals that more than 82 percent come from red states.

The Congressional Budget Office has calculated the cost of this *al fresco* security theatre at \$3 million per day. The Project on Government Oversight told NPR that the total tab, through the inauguration, could run between \$2.5 and \$3.4 billion. Good thing we've got a budget surplus and money to spare... right?

Meanwhile, over on the other side of the planet, it seems like our active duty troops, who are housed in flimsy trailers, are getting low on defensive munitions. It's hard to tell for sure, of course, because Pete Hegseth doesn't think the public has a right to know.

The President said Tuesday he would leave the White House for a ceremony at Dover Air Force Base for three soldiers killed in Jordan. "[I]t's a great honor for me to do it," he said ambiguously.

Normal, functioning human beings are too self-conscious to spontaneously utter, in front of network TV cameras, whatever random thoughts might be flitting through their brains. Not this guy. He's on tape pondering out loud whether or not he'll get to go to heaven.

From this we know that, while he is stone blind to irony, he is aware, at least on some level, that he is not immortal.

Will this Elvis/Liberace hybrid ever leave that building? Or does he plan to entomb himself therein, surrounded by bricks of gold?

Only time will tell. Meanwhile, for your health, remember: skip the veggies to avoid explosive diarrhea. And don't breath the air—it'll give you a heart attack.



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THE NEW HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE, PORTSMOUTH, (29)

'This Bill Is a Trojan Horse':

GOP Pushes Voter Suppression Under Cover of Insider Trading Ban

by Brad Reed

On Tuesday, Democrats on Capitol Hill and voting rights advocates sounded the alarm about Republicans in the House of Representatives trying to push through voter suppression legislation under cover of passing a ban on congressional stock trading.

According to a Tuesday report from *Roll Call*, House GOP leaders recently added "unrelated language" to what was a bipartisan bill banning congressional stock trading that would "require voters to produce photo ID at the polls, a signature issue for President Donald Trump."

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) hammered Republicans for what she said were underhanded tactics that are undermining what had been a serious bipartisan effort to halt congressional stock trading.

"Republicans are trying to pull a trick this week," Ocasio-Cortez wrote in a social media post. "They say we are voting on an 'insider trading' bill, but have snuck in massive SAVE Act-style voter suppression measures to it. This is a GOP effort

to sabotage national mail-in voting, disguised as a trading ban. I'm voting NO."

Rep. Yvette Clarke (D-N.Y.), chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, said that the caucus was opposing the GOP's legislation not just for its attacks on voting rights, but because it only forces congressional people to stop making new stock trades, while not requiring them to divest of their current holdings.

"House Republicans are not serious about enacting a meaningful congressional stock trading ban," said Clarke. "The combined Stop Insider Trading Act and Voter ID Act... would allow members of Congress to continue owning, selling, and, in some cases, purchasing individual stocks while simultaneously imposing stricter voter ID requirements that would make it harder for millions of eligible Americans to vote."

"This bill is a Trojan horse," Clarke added, "using the premise of congressional ethics reform to advance a broader effort to restrict access to the ballot box."

The Campaign Legal Center

(CLC) on Monday sent lawmakers a letter opposing the GOP-backed legislation, which it said would "impose onerous new requirements on voting."

Among other things, the group said the proposed legislation would "demand Americans provide ID to cast a ballot but only accept an unreasonably narrow list of acceptable types of documentation," excluding the kind of "widely held and reliable forms of ID that young people and voters of color disproportionately rely on."

The CLC also said the bill doesn't provide "sufficient safeguards" for voters wrongly deemed ineligible to prove they are legally allowed to participate in U.S. elections.

A page on congressional contact portal 5 Calls recommended users oppose the GOP-backed bill, which it described as "partisan legislation" that "uses the guise of much-needed ethics reform to sneak through an unpopular and unrelated attack on voting rights."

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BETTER OLD NEWS THAN NEW LIES

- A Connecticut deacon, his wife and son, are under arrest, charged with pelting a clergyman with stale eggs.
- William Scott, a colored man, died in Baltimore, Md., July 27th. A certificate of his death placed his age at 153 years.
- The people on the Labrador coast are suffering intensely. On July 19th a heavy snow storm buried eastern Labrador, and cut off all communication with its population of 15,000. Aid is being sent as rapidly as possible. Over 3,500 persons are said to have perished of cold and starvation along the Labrador and northern Newfoundland coast.

- Four men, escorting two bears, one of them a "cinnamon" of enormous size, entered the city by way of Portsmouth bridge, Monday morning, and were kindly directed the shortest way out of the city on the other side by the police.
- The flume under the northerly end of the north mill, which formerly drove the wheel of Rugg's saw mill, is in very bad condition, the water rushing through at a tremendous rate on the ebb tide.
- A traveling fish merchant, whose business we shall not in this connection advertise, was so overcome with the heat at high noon on Friday that he toppled out of his cart on Con-

gress street. The vehicle was drawn across his ankles, but the obese vendor of the finny kind allowed that he was not hurt. Some spectators suggested that the falling off was due to inebriety on the part of the piscatorial traveler, but Friday was a hot day, selling fish is a dry business, and we charitably attribute the mishap to the weather. By the aid of bystanders the merchant was able to resume his seat, but only with difficulty could he hold it.

- A drunken row took place in a newly-opened den on Water street, about midnight Thursday night,

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Governments Knew the Risks of Global Warming as They Chose Fossil-Fueled Growth in the 1950s and '60s

By Bob Berwyn

A new report strengthens the case that the United States and other major industrialized countries knew, long before they signed the 2015 Paris Agreement to limit global warming, that they could face legal obligations to reduce climate-damaging greenhouse gas emissions. The “What Countries Knew” report, released July 15th by the Center for International Environmental Law, traces when climate scientists first presented governments in the United States, Australia, Canada, Germany, Italy, Norway, the United Kingdom and the combined Soviet Union and Russia with research outlining the risks posed by the emissions from burning fossil fuels. Those countries are responsible for about 40 percent of all emissions since the fossil fuel era began in the late 1800s. Summaries and transcripts from conferences cited in the report indicate that those governments and others were discussing the risks of rising global temperature, melting polar ice caps and sea-level rise as early as 1957, during the International Geophysical Year. The warnings grew more urgent in the 1960s, just as governments and economies of industrialized and industrializing countries placed nearly all their chips on fossil-fueled growth. In 1965, scientists warned

U.S. President Lyndon Johnson that rising carbon dioxide could cause “marked changes” in climate. About the same time, researchers at Norway’s and Italy’s state-owned oil companies warned of potential climate impacts while governments encouraged them to expand. As the reports and warnings piled up, newsreel footage in Germany celebrated record coal hauls with images of miners grinning through sooty faces; and federally subsidized oil production in the U.S. meant prosperity and the freedom to “Put a Tiger in Your Tank” at an Esso gas station. Lindsay Fenlock, a senior researcher with the Center for International Environmental Law and lead author of the report, said she was continually surprised by the breadth of international government awareness of climate impacts with a “threat of serious implications” as she combed through decades of materials archived from the pre-internet era. During the International Geophysical Year, about 70 countries collaborated to study Earth as an interconnected system and measure the growing effects of human activities on the planet, she said. The same year, a study by American scientists Roger Revelle and Hans Suess characterized the rising amount of CO2 in the air as an unprecedented and

irreversible “large-scale geophysical experiment” unlike anything in human history. Fenlock noted several other early international conferences that “had particularly striking conversations around what to do to combat climate change and move away from fossil fuel use.” A 1968 government-and-industry symposium in France included detailed discussions on alternatives to fossil fuels. In 1973, the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis in Austria hosted talks about government responses to climate change. And when Fenlock retrieved old Canadian federal agency employee newsletters, she found that scientists had openly discussed climate change throughout the 1970s. The report draws “important connections” between the history of government knowledge and the legal obligations outlined in the ICJ’s Advisory Opinion, said Michael Burger, executive director of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia University. “It’s a warning shot, for those on the lookout for cases that may follow in the wake of the ICJ’s opinion,” he said. Fenlock said the report wasn’t intended to be comprehensive, but it shows that governments often overlooked scientific evidence with life-and-death relevance. “I think that just how much was known, and how soon, was pretty shocking,” she said. “But people don’t talk about it now.” The report may reignite those conversations by framing the historical record in the context of interna-

tional climate law, said Nikki Reisch, CIEL’s climate and energy program director. What governments knew, and how they responded or failed to respond, took on new legal significance after last year’s advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice, which found that states have longstanding legal obligations to prevent significant climate harm and may be required to pay reparations when breaches of those obligations cause damage. Reisch said tracing government knowledge could help determine whether a country’s greenhouse gas emissions violated international obligations to avoid environmental damage beyond its borders, and whether it could be held responsible for the resulting harm. The report illustrates that the early scientific evidence “didn’t stay in a drawer or on a shelf,” she said. “It was being published, disseminated. Their information was communicated directly to government officials, sometimes at the highest levels and to the broader public. All this information,” she said, “was in the hands of those who could have acted.” Under a broad reading of international environmental legal principles, some countries could be held responsible for their share of climate damages caused by their emissions even before they understood the risks, she said. But pinpointing when governments became aware of those risks establishes a clearer threshold for legal liability. From that point onward, governments had the opportunity to change course, and those that instead continued or expanded fossil fuel use bear greater responsibility for resulting harms

and for helping affected communities now, she added. Reisch said governments should be judged by what was reasonable at the time, not by today’s standards. Once they had credible evidence that fossil fuels could cause serious harm, she said, they had a duty to stop expanding their use, develop alternatives and use the tools available to limit the damage. Documenting widespread knowledge of the dangers undercuts attempts to dismiss governments’ historical responsibility, particularly because many continued to expand fossil fuel production and use and, in some cases, obstructed efforts to scale them back. The report alone does not establish liability, she said, but provides important evidence that could help hold governments accountable for resulting damages and require them to act with greater urgency. The report’s legal significance can be seen in common-sense terms, added Michael Gerrard, the founder and faculty director of the Sabin Center. “If I know that the brakes on my car don’t work but I persist in driving, I have heightened culpability when I crash and injure someone,” he said.

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A flag of the United States of America, suffering the indignity of exposure to public view while its fly edge, top to bottom, is in tatters. It’s a disgrace of the sort one might expect to see over a particularly seedy used car lot. Shockingly, though, these premises are occupied by an agency of the government of the State of New Hampshire. And a peculiar agency it is, too. In open defiance of free market principles, this agency has held a monopoly on the sale of certain inebriants since the 21st Amendment was adopted in 1933.

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and the keeper of the place received a severe cut on one wrist. He was taken to the police station, where the wound was dressed; the assailant also was taken in. • “Nattie” Yeaton of Durham made his 18th trip of the season from that town to this city, rowing the entire distance both ways—said to be an honest forty miles, as the river runs—last week. He says his wherry is twenty-nine years old; but she is like the professor’s jackknife or the USS Omaha, having been rebuilt several times. He takes down small parties from the Durham river or the shores of Great bay, for fishing

outside the harbor, and the transfer from the placid waters of the bay to the ocean swell often causes a decided overturn in the department of the interior. In this part of the programme, however, the veteran Nattie officiates only as a spectator. • Twenty-six thousand Cuban slaves are to be liberated by the Spanish government, which will buy them at a set price. They are the last slaves to be held in Cuba. • Dominion officials deny having sent a vessel with provisions to the starving fishermen of Labrador, and say they have no official knowledge of the suffering. • Seldon Burns and his cousin, Elbert Burns, have for some time

both been waiting on the same lady, Miss Molly Setters, at Point Pleasant, W.Va. On Thursday evening July 29th, Seldon called and found Elbert already there. He said they might as well settle it then and there, and asked Elbert to go out and fight with revolvers. Elbert complied in spite of the woman’s screams, and the men began to fire at each other in the front yard. Seldon was killed at the second shot, and his cousin was mortally wounded. The New Hampshire Gazette August 5, 1886 • The Eagle, of Oxford, Miss., comes out strongly for reform. It says, “No

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**Beware of
Cruise Ships**
— a Bar Harbor reader

Where is Massachusetts' Millionaire Exodus?

by Omar Ocampo and Aidan Rozema

“Tax me all you want. I’m out.” In an interview with *The Boston Globe*, hedge-fund manager Paul Krager ominously predicted that the Massachusetts Fair Share Amendment—a four percent surtax on incomes above \$1,000,000—could “destroy the best city [Boston] and the best state in America.” He predicted that CEOs, corporations, and wealthy residents would all flee to more tax competitive states like Texas, Florida, and New Hampshire. His words echo other critics’ portrayal of a “Millionaire Exodus” where wealthy U.S. nationals renounce their citizenship to escape paying taxes.

The only problem? There is almost no empirical evidence to back up this assertion. In fact, the available data suggests that the surtax has been a resounding success.

One way we know the tax has been successful is by the revenue it has managed to bring in. The surtax has surpassed all revenue expectations despite only being paid by less than 1 percent of the population. It has filled state coffers with more than \$8.6 billion since going into effect in January of 2023. The \$3.1 billion collected in the first three quarters of FY2026 has already exceeded the \$3.0 billion raised in FY2025 from the surtax. If current trends continue, we can expect revenue to reach \$3.4 billion as the fiscal year comes to a close at the end of the month.

This year-over-year growth makes it difficult to argue that millionaires are leaving the Bay State in statistically significant numbers. If the state’s highest earners are abandoning the Commonwealth, then who’s paying the tax?

Migration data from the IRS supports the same conclusion. Since the surtax’s implementation, the number of \$200,000+ earners—the highest category recorded by the IRS—leaving the state actually shrunk by nearly 10 percent, the first decrease in 6 years. Despite prophecies of doom-and-gloom, Massachusetts has followed the same trajectory as nearly every other state in New England; and it has actually seen an increase in the number of \$200,000+ earners.

The IRS data has more bad news for the proponents of millionaire exodus. People who earned over \$200K who left Massachusetts took a combined \$7.1 billion in income with them in 2022, but only took only \$6.2 billion in 2023. This fact makes it difficult to argue that millionaires are fleeing the state, in which case we would expect to see that amount spike.

The supposed mass relocation of venture capitalists, entrepreneurs, and CEOs has not materialized either. In fact, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Bay State

now has 1,010 more CEOs than it did in 2021. Abigail Buckwalter made headlines when she decided to relocate to Massachusetts after being elected CEO of the agricultural cooperative Ocean Spray, bringing over \$1 million in taxable income to the state.

“Massachusetts is world-renowned for its education and inclusiveness,” Buckwalter said in an interview with *The Boston Globe*. “I’m excited for my kids to go to school here.”

Real Estate developer Sam Slater expressed a similar sentiment in an interview with *Business Insider*. Praising Massachusetts’ public school system, accessibility, and sports culture, he said “I don’t want to pull my kids from that for my desire to pay less in taxes,” even though he acknowledged that the surtax did

not cause any changes in his lifestyle. Slater is far from alone in staying. Of the 21 Massachusettes listed on Forbes’ 2022 billionaire list, none—not even the most wealthy—have moved out of the state.

These CEOs’ stories and their growth as a class reveal the more-complicated reality that critics like Paul Krager prefer to ignore. Of course, we can never say that the surtax has led to zero outward migration, but most migration is driven by other factors: opportunity and quality of life.

The Massachusetts’ millionaire exodus—supposedly massive and undeniable—has left no discernible evidence in surtax revenue, the number of CEOs, or the IRS’ records of interstate migration. There is strong evidence, however, behind the benefits the Fair Share Tax has had for

education and public transportation. All community colleges in the state are now free. Local infrastructure like roads and bridges are being upgraded and repaired, and every K-12 student has been guaranteed free breakfast and lunch at school. All of these initiatives have been funded by the Fair Share Tax.

Massachusetts has taken the first step towards a more equitable and progressive tax system. As states like Hawai’i and Washington follow suit, critics have again repeated prophecies about millionaire exodus, and again without any substantial evidence. Massachusetts proves them wrong.

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Trump Justice Department Abandons Corporate Crime Enforcement

by Jake Johnson

U.S. President Donald J. Trump’s Justice Department is systematically taking a softer approach to corporate crime, letting companies and executives that have admitted to wrongdoing off the hook with no charges.

The Wall Street Journal reported over the weekend that “so far this year, 12 companies have pleaded guilty to federal criminal charges. At least six companies have reached deferred prosecution agreements, including refiner Phillips 66 and medical-waste specialist Stericycle, acquired by Waste Management in 2024.” *The Journal* added that while Acting U.S. Attorney General Todd Blanche and other officials have signaled that the Justice Department is “focusing on prosecuting employees rather than companies, it has also granted leniency or dropped charges against people it accused of wrongdoing.”

“The Trump DOJ’s grotesque retreat from corporate crime enforcement leaves Americans increasingly vulnerable to tainted food, workplace exploitation, environmental destruction, widespread ripoffs, and all-around illegal corporate predation,” said Rick Claypool, a researcher at the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen who has been tracking the fall of corporate enforcement during Trump’s second White House term—which has been rife with corruption and profiteering at the very top.

Claypool called the Trump Justice Department’s lenient approach to corporate criminals “an absolute outrage” and said that the trend is “going from bad to worse.”

The Journal lays out several examples of the Justice Department abandoning enforcement efforts against prominent companies. “In matters involving Alibaba, EagleBank, and Abbott Laboratories, the department declined to charge companies even when prosecutors thought executives or managers were involved in the wrongdoing,” the newspaper reported. “In those cases, the department didn’t charge any individuals.”

“The Justice Department this year dropped its long-running prosecution of Turkish state-owned lender Halkbank for allegedly evading U.S. sanctions on Iran,” the *Journal* added. “And last year, the Trump administration dropped charges against Boeing. The aerospace giant had been set to plead guilty to misleading air-safety regulators but instead paid a \$243 million fine and received a nonprosecution agreement. That is the same form of leniency that prosecutors granted to Alibaba and EagleBank, which requires them to admit wrongdoing but spares them from being charged.”

Trump’s DOJ has also shown leniency toward corporate executives. “The department in January gave a deferred prosecution agreement to the chief executive of a technology

contractor who had been charged with defrauding the Securities and Exchange Commission,” the *Journal* reported.

Bloomberg reported last week that the Justice Department plans to drop charges against the “alleged mastermind of a cryptocurrency Ponzi scheme that prosecutors said defrauded investors of \$722 million.”

According to *Public Citizen*’s tracker, the second Trump administration has canceled or frozen enforcement actions against more than 170 U.S. corporations so far—including dozens of companies that donated to the president’s inaugural fund.

“The Trump administration is canceling accountability for corporate predators that cheat consumers, exploit workers, and illegally abuse their power at home and abroad,” Claypool said earlier this year. “The ‘law enforcement’ claims the White House uses as pretext for authoritarian anti-immigrant crackdowns, city occupations, and imperial resource seizures abroad lose all credibility when cast against the lawlessness Trump allows for the pursuit of corporate profits.”

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Portsmouth has endured, by our count, three incapacitating heat waves this summer, and it’s only halfway over. The last one was broken by the cooling effect of clouds of toxic smoke. Such is life these days. On Sunday, though, came a meteorological time warp: blue skies, pleasant warmth, moderate humidity—non-lethal air in general! A perfect example of a sort of day that once was common. What better way to use it than to muster in Market Square and protest against the system that made it so rare?

Murph's Fortnightly Quote

“One of the things I’m most proud of about my country is the fact that we did lick McCarthyism back in the fifties.”

– Pete Seeger (1919-2014) musician, activist

“...because being American is more than a pride we inherit. It’s the past we step into, and how to repair it.”

– Amanda Gorman, *The Hill We Climb*

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What’s Going On

It’s time to revisit Marvin Gaye’s soulful classic from 1971

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N.H. DOE's "Nuclear Roadmap"
To the N.H. Department of Energy,
Concord, N.H.:

Dear Sirs,
On behalf of Seacoast Anti-Pollution League (SAPL) and our approximately 300 members throughout the Seacoast region of New Hampshire, I'd like to submit the following comments in regard to your "Nuclear Roadmap" process.

In considering an energy "roadmap," I thought of a famous essay in *Foreign Affairs*, by energy expert Amory Lovins of Rocky Mountain Institute—which was published 50 years ago this year. In it, he posited two paths to our energy future—50 years on—dubbed "hard" and "soft," and you can likely guess which is which. While the soft path was mostly neglected over the ensuing decades, Lovins was mostly right about the actual changes in energy use across our country in that time. Instead of the 300 percent envisioned by the Nixon administration and their reckless—and doomed—proposed development of one thousand nuclear plants by the year 2000, we saw more like a 30 percent actual increase over fifty years, just about as Lovins projected, and with very few new nuclear plants actually built—with Seabrook being the last of that generation ever completed.

His title, "Energy Strategy: The Road Not Taken"—no doubt referencing one-time New Hampshire resident Robert Frost—seems particularly apt for the current discussion. A road map is normally used to get to a destination, but in the case of our state's energy use, what is it? Our state has not had an updated energy plan for about a decade now, so we have to question what the state's broader objective is in the current context. Most people would look to sustainability, or energy independence, or more mundanely/immediately, energy "affordability." In the case of nuclear, all available evidence negates these goals as attainable with this approach. The goal just seems to be to attract a few business opportunities or offer "boutique" power for data centers, crypto-mining and the like. Where's the broader public interest in this?

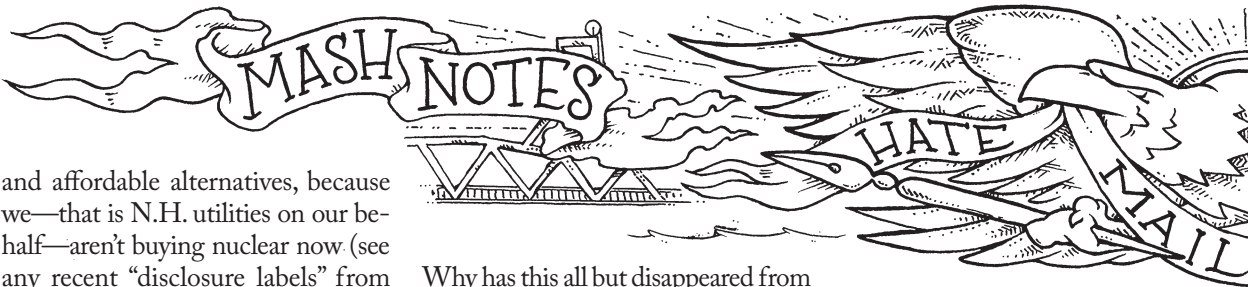
The proposed nuclear development presented so far in this roadmap process seems to proffer none of these larger goals. Projected capacities of "small modular reactors" won't likely replace fossil fuels any time soon, won't make use of local energy sources, and won't even be likely to be close-to-affordable without massive government subsidies. Beyond that, this approach appears to have all the markings of putting a "thumb on the scale" of economic development, of the state choosing winners and losers—an effort anathema to the "New Hampshire Way" of governing.

In contrast, other New England states are pursuing offshore wind and other renewables as well as industrial scale battery storage in growing quantities—power sources that are indigenous and increasingly affordable and resilient. With Vineyard Wind in particular, MA PUC expects to save ratepayers \$1.4 Billion over other possible sources, over the life of the wind farm, and it has already proven to be capable of reducing winter "peaking power" demands and resulting exorbitant financial costs. Can any proposed nuclear facility make a similar claim?

In a bit more recent history, in October of 2019, Joe Doiron of N.H. DOE said "Offshore wind is going to be a big player, and we love this." In January 2020, Gov. Sununu said—in an executive order—that "New Hampshire has an unprecedented opportunity in that offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine is an abundant source of renewable energy that can be generated at scale."

So what changed since then—could it be just a shift of the political winds rather than any objective change in the viability of offshore wind? This came along coincidentally with obsessive and illegal attempts at interference from the federal administration, which New Hampshire was alone among Northeast states in neglecting to counter on legal grounds.

So I expect you will complete a great roadmap for potential nuclear development, but any useful map should include alternate routes in case the preferred one doesn't pan out. I urge everyone as we go down that road to consider more sustainable, practical



and affordable alternatives, because we—that is N.H. utilities on our behalf—aren't buying nuclear now (see any recent "disclosure labels" from those utilities, posted on the DOE website), and we ratepayers and taxpayers won't buy "new and improved" nuclear in the future.

Governor Ayotte has signed the relevant legislation (H.B 1775 and H.B. 1738) enabling N.H. utilities to purchase or invest in existing and future nuclear plants, and she will no doubt approve your roadmap to smooth the way to nuclear development in the Granite State. But future politicians will rue the day when we neglected common sense and sustainability in renewed pursuit of the shiny but costly object that "advanced nuclear" represents.

Respectfully,
Doug Bogen
Executive Director
Seacoast Anti-Pollution League
Doug:

New Hampshire Republicans have long been willing to run roughshod over the citizenry while they throw money at entrenched interests.

Abandoning an abundant source of renewable energy because they're too cowardly to resist a petulant toddler is a new low, though.

The Editor

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No More Arms For Netanyahu
To the Editor:

I got more C's than A's in law school, but one of my A's was in International Law, where I studied the law of war. It is a well-established war crime to shoot at innocent civilian children while trying to get at enemy combatants—hands down, no exceptions. That is what Netanyahu's IDF forces have been doing in Gaza for two years and it has not stopped. Many thousands of children have been killed. That is why he has been indicted by the International Criminal Court and is subject to arrest in 93 countries—but not in Trump's America.

Seventeen international organizations have declared the Israeli massacre of Palestinians to be genocide. Why does it continue? Why does Congress still vote to send arms to Netanyahu?

Why has this all but disappeared from the mainstream media? Because of the big money from AIPAC and allied corporate donors, who will eviscerate anyone who even tries to oppose it, by first labeling them as "antisemitic," if they're a candidate, spending millions to slander and defeat them. The last time I brought this up in a letter to the editor, the next issue published another excoriating me as an "antisemite," despite my being the only non-Jew in my childhood neighborhood. I went to so many Bar Mitzvahs growing up that I can recite the prayers verbatim. Anyway, most of the donors to these PACs, like AIPAC, are in fact not Jewish, and according to polls published in the Israeli newspaper *Haaretz*, most Israelis oppose Netanyahu's war crimes.

The most egregious result of this genocide is that over 4,000 child amputees are among those victims who survived. Most of those were done without anesthesia, which was rarely available due to the IDF's blockade of relief supplies. When I hear "arms for Israel," I see the image of all the little arms that Palestinian children have already sacrificed on account of Netanyahu.

Every one of our current New Hampshire federal delegation takes such PAC money, votes to arm Israel, and is thus complicit in these crimes. The ones up for election in 2026 have opponents in their Democratic Primaries who pledge not to take such tainted money. I, personally, can no longer live with myself supporting any of these incumbents. I will vote for their opponents who oppose genocide. No more arms for Israel—and no more little arms!

Theodore Bosen
Berlin, N.H.

Theodore:
Why do we never hear the question, "do Palestinians have a right to exist?"

The Editor

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Vote, People

Dear Editor:
In mid-July of 2021, the new Biden administration passed the American

Rescue Plan, expanding tax credits for children, returning \$15 billion dollars to families of 60 million children. Every D.C. Republican voted "no." For one year it helped one in seven children living in poverty. Families did not stop working, as critics predicted. Pres. Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act of July, 2025, passing without a single Democratic vote, gave \$4.5 trillion in tax breaks to the wealthy and to corporations, while cutting more than \$1 trillion from social welfare programs. I pass this on from Heather Cox Richardson's "Letters from an American."

In lead-up to September 8th primary voting, and then November 3rd voting, candidates mail to us, perhaps poll us, put TV ads before our eyes. Our priorities? Choose for the people we live among?

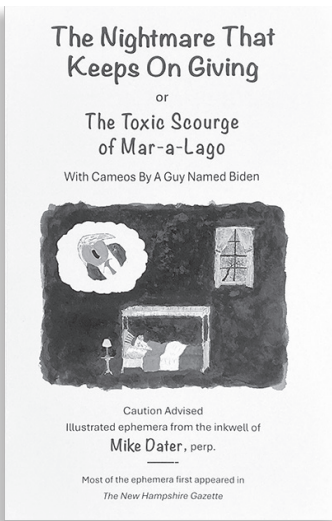
Ask candidates questions. What solutions do they offer for health care expansion rather than reduction? What solutions for childcare affordability? Can everyone have a fair shot at adequate housing? Our state fails in our taxation system with current state government (Republican dominated) shifting costs to property taxation as their "solution." Costs are real. (An old bumper sticker now—"Think education is expensive? Try ignorance!") We have, with voting, chance to correct wrongs. Don't just dream for better—vote in caring Democrats. Love America. Party is not just a label.

Lynn Rudmin Chong
Sanbornton, N.H.

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Meet Cyclospora, Brought To You By...
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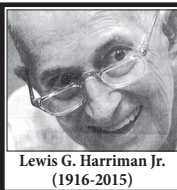
As a result of another assault on public health by the Trump administration, and especially HHS Secretary RFK, Jr., the nation is now experiencing a huge outbreak of a serious parasitic infection. The parasitic disease outbreak caused by cyclospora has spread to 29 states, including Michigan which has seen over 1,000 cases. The disease causes explosive diarrhea and can lead to dehydration and serious complications, especially for

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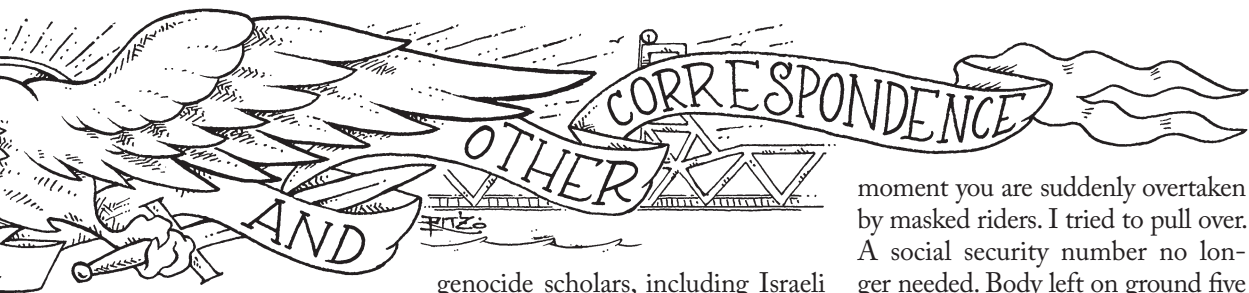
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the very young, older people, and immune-compromised individuals.

Because of budget cuts made by RFK, Jr. to the CDC, funding for a program called FoodNet eliminated surveillance for six of eight diseases, including cyclospora in July, 2025. Also eliminated from the surveillance program were shigella, listeria, campylobacter, vibrio and Yersinia. All of these diseases pose serious health risks. However, as a result of these haphazard, dangerous and counter-productive decisions by RFK, Jr., we are at greater risk from uncontrolled outbreaks. The surveillance network to monitor and quickly control outbreaks has been eliminated. A list of CDC talking points reported by NBC News last summer clearly blamed lack of funding for the reduction of the FoodNet program's surveillance, stating, "Funding has not kept pace with the resources required to maintain the continuation of FoodNet surveillance for all eight pathogens."

The American people are now at greater risk from serious preventable diseases as a result of decisions being made by unqualified individuals with little or no public health or medical experience. The results speak for themselves.

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

Rich:
Apparently true patriots are able to transcend petty concerns such as explosive diarrhea, and focus instead on mythical advances in abstract concepts such as "greatness."

The Editor

Urrutia is Right about Genocide in Gaza
To the Editor:

Christian Urrutia, a Democratic candidate for Congress in New Hampshire's 1st Congressional District, has stated that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza and that the United States should not be subsidizing Israel's military.

That conclusion is supported by the findings of numerous Holocaust and

genocide scholars, including Israeli historian Raz Segal, who cites explicit statements of genocidal intent, mass killing of civilians, deliberately destroying life-sustaining conditions, and the systematic targeting of civilian infrastructure.

On June 23rd, a United Nations Commission reported that the Israeli military continues to commit genocide in Gaza by deliberately targeting children, causing "unprecedented death, injury and trauma." The report details attacks on hospitals, schools, and orphanages, as well as torture and sexual violence against children in custody, concluding that "the essence of childhood has been destroyed."

Yet there remains a striking lack of urgency among members of Congress when it comes to protecting Palestinian lives. As Jewish American scholar Judith Butler has observed: "The Palestinians have been labeled as ungrievable. That is to say, they are not a group of people whose lives are being considered as worthy of value, of persisting, of flourishing in this world. If they are lost, it is not considered to be a true loss."

Congress must confront this moral failure and comply with U.S. law. The Leahy Law states: "No assistance shall be furnished to any unit of the security forces of a foreign country if the Secretary of State has credible information that such unit has committed a gross violation of human rights." Representative Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) has introduced an amendment to eliminate \$3.3 billion in military aid for Israel from the federal budget, showing that Congress does have the power to condition assistance.

Anything less is a choice to accept the ongoing destruction of Palestinian life.

Terry Hansen
Grafton, Wisconsin

WTF?

To the Editors:

Who does this? From where's it come? On the way to work. Three-year old daughter watching. Terrifying

moment you are suddenly overtaken by masked riders. I tried to pull over. A social security number no longer needed. Body left on ground five hours. Quotas to meet. Not who they were looking for. Change the story. Walk away, enjoy the sun. Kiss your girlfriend.

William Trently
Stratham, N.H.

It's Time for a Massive Pushback
To the editor;

J.D. Vance, before his conversion to loyal stooge, described Trump as "America's Hitler." Although some believe that the analogy is unnecessarily inflammatory, Trump's second term provides ample examples for comparison. Recently, he has appointed unqualified lickspittles as Attorney General and Director of National In-



telligence. If the appointments pass the Senate, Trump will consolidate control over the federal agencies that provide federal law enforcement and coordinate intelligence gathering by 18 agencies. This will add to his previously acquired power, yielded through the sycophants that he has appointed to his Cabinet and other regulatory agencies. Additionally, he has built his own personal Gestapo in the guise of ICE, which he sees fit to deploy as he wishes.

Although Trump has amassed a great deal of power over Executive agencies, he realizes that the ultimate arbiter of power in a democratic society is the voter. Consequently, he has sought every opportunity to influence or discredit the election process to ensure that he and his minions retain power in upcoming elections. His speech on July 16th was an attempt to energize his base, gin up support for his flagging voter restriction bill (Save America Act) and generally debase the validity of the election process. It included stale lies, discredited conspiracy theories, and provided no information that would demonstrate that election outcomes have been affected by either foreign or domestic actors. For any rational American, the speech was an embarrassment, but it

served as a red herring for MAGA loyalists and provided a possible pretext for future action. The speech may represent Trump's attempt to recreate Hitler's Reichstag Fire moment. The burning of the Reichstag in 1933 provided the pretext for Hitler and the Nazis to assume authoritarian powers. Blaming the fire on Communist agitators who were portrayed as an existential threat to the Weimar Republic, Hitler persuaded Hindenburg to give him wide-ranging powers which included the suspension of civil liberties and other legal restraints. Hitler used the powers to eliminate political opposition. Thousands of Communists and Socialists were arrested, and the Communist Party was banned. This period marked the beginning of the end to the Weimar Republic and the transition to totalitarianism.

It is not a far-fetched idea that Trump would justify emergency action to interfere in future elections based on the bogus contention that the election process is corrupt. It is not unusual for him to act peremptorily, taking actions outside his legal authority. Tariffs and harsh immigration control using ICE are recent examples. He interfered in the 2020 election by instigating an insurrection to overturn the result and calling the Georgia Secretary of State to find the votes necessary to overturn the election in that state. Trump has set the stage for future election intervention by claiming that a compromised election process is a threat to American democracy. His July 16th speech now provides a reference point for interference in the upcoming midterm elections. Courts have restrained Trump's initiatives in many cases, but what their response may be in the face of an emergency declaration or the imposition of martial law is uncertain. Moreover, given the glacial judicial process, could they act quickly enough to prevent the takeover of state elections? Moreover, what means do the courts have of enforcing any ruling after the action has become a fait accompli? Congress, currently under the control of Republican sycophants, is not likely to provide any meaningful pushback and indeed may support Trump's takeover.

Trump has shown himself to be a threat to democratic processes since day one. In a well-functioning democracy, he would have been consigned to the dustbin of history long ago, yet he has been able to steadily amass power, over both the Executive Branch and the Republican Party. We are at the point that a massive grass roots pushback by voters may be the only means for preserving American democracy.

Robert D. Russell, PhD
Harrisburg, Pa.

Robert:
Somehow it is both reassuring and unsettling to find someone as measured and judicious as yourself reaching the same conclusion we have.

The Editor

2026 Hungarian Revolution 2.0
To the editor:

Seventy years ago, in October, 1956, Hungarians rebelled against Russian domination of their country, but that Hungarian Revolution failed resulting in many deaths and refugees leaving the country. Both of us were young children at the time when our families became refugees, and came to the U.S.A. becoming American citizens.

Today we are overjoyed to celebrate a successful second Hungarian Revolution against Russian influence in that country. With an almost 80 percent voter turnout, the opposition won 70 percent of the seats in the parliament in the April 12th elections. This did not only impact the residents of that country, but sent political aftershocks worldwide. Prime Minister Victor Orban seemed invincible after 16 years of authoritarian rule. But Peter Magyar, leader of the opposition TISZA party, campaigning in-person for two years, while being blocked from using public and private media outlets, defeated Mr. Orban and his allies.

TISZA's message was simple to understand. First, he affirmed the rights of all citizens which he pledged to protect. But he also stated what everyone already knew: Hungary was one of the poorest and the most corrupt members of the European Union, and

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everything in Hungary was becoming less affordable for Hungarians. Magyar pointed the finger at the massive corruption and favoritism of the Orban family and his government, saying this is the cause of your affordability crisis.

The losers of this election were: Mr. Orban, Orban's family and friends, Mr. Putin, President Trump, Vice-President J.D. Vance, the Chinese government, and Republican and religious admirers of Mr. Orban. But winners were: the Hungarian people, the European Union, NATO, Ukraine, democracies worldwide, and resistance to President Trump.

Mr. Orban's 16-year authoritarian rule started by taking over the media. Friends of Orban's purchased most media and later made donations to a "non-profit foundation." He attacked the universities and other institutions that were not supportive of his government and made the public school curriculum more government friendly.

He formed alliances with other authoritarians including Netanyahu, Trump and the previous anti-EU government in Poland, as well as conservative governments in Slovakia and Slovenia while alienating former allies. The Hungarian government consistently voted against European Union (EU) and NATO initiatives and supported Russian interests.

Sanctioned oligarchs and criminally indicted foreign officials migrated to the safety of Orban's Hungary. It became a country for the wealthy and the corrupt.

In 2024, Peter Magyar, a former member of Orban's party, broke with the party and spoke out about the corruption within the party.

Almost immediately, the government media attacked him, but the citizenry believed him, particularly

the youth.

He spoke not only about corruption, but also about delivering solutions to everyday issues and vowed to hold criminals accountable for robbing the country. The new Prime Minister is not wasting any time. He reversed prior oppressive directives, asked for and demanded resignations, and moved to reconnect with the EU and old allies. The new Hungarian government is pushing constitutional changes to block Viktor Orban from ever returning to power.

Many oligarchs and possible criminals quickly fled with their families and their ill-gotten money to welcoming places like Dubai, Saudi Arabia and, notably, the United States after the election. Also, a fugitive Polish official left one day before the swearing-in ceremony with the assistance of the U.S. State Department.

While this year marks the 70th anniversary of the Hungarian uprising, it also marks the 250th anniversary of the United States, with the dream of freedom from tyranny; a country where all men are created equal; a free people accepting of immigrants who share these ideals.

April 12th shows us that an overwhelming vote of the people can defeat an invincible authoritarian. Election results are not the end but the beginning.

Peter Somssich is a former N.H. State Representative, a 1956 Hungarian refugee, and resident of Portsmouth N.H.

Annamaria Szendroi, is a 1956 Hungarian refugee, lover of freedom, and a resident of Black Canyon City, Arizona

Peter and Annamaria:

Magyar won, you say, by "delivering solutions to everyday issues and vowed to hold criminals accountable for robbing the country."

What a concept! Wonder if that would work in the U.S....

The Editor

Kidnapping Maduro: Narco-fiction as Narrative Management

by Richard M. Balzano

On January 3rd, "Operation Absolute Resolve" transformed years of coup attempts, subversion, and sanctions into outright abduction, as Venezuelan president Nicolás Maduro and his wife, Cilia Flores, were kidnapped by U.S. forces and transported to New York. The White House framed Maduro as a narco-kingpin, head of the fictional "Cartel of the Suns," dressing the regime-change operation in the language of law enforcement coated in uplifting rhetoric that oscillated between liberation-speak and outright resource imperialism.

Maduro's predecessor, Hugo Chávez, spent decades antagonizing Washington by committing the unforgivable crime of using Venezuela's oil wealth to fund social programs instead of allowing multinational corporations to siphon it abroad uninterrupted. His Bolivarian Revolution improved literacy, healthcare access, and poverty indicators for millions. He also kept winning elections, which triggers Washington's fraud reflex whenever "our guy" loses in Latin America, even though the Carter Center famously described Venezuela's election system as "the best in the world."

Washington did what it always does: coup attempts, sanctions, covert destabilization, media warfare, and subversive NGOs. Millions flowed through the National Endowment for Democracy and USAID, cultivating opposition parties and protest movements functioning as color-revolution infrastructure beneath the sanitized language of democracy promotion. Maduro inherited Chávez's presidency in 2013, and Washington's campaign simply continued under a new villain-of-the-month branding package.

A common misunderstanding in the U.S. is that Chávez "nationalized" Venezuelan oil, but Venezuela nationalized its oil industry in 1976 under the U.S.-friendly Carlos Andrés Pérez. Chávez's alleged theft came in 2007, when he restructured hydrocarbon law and relegated foreign oil firms to minority partnerships under state oil company PDVSA. Some companies stayed, but others—namely Exxon Mobil and ConocoPhillips—refused. Their assets were expropriated, not "stolen." Compensation was offered based on the undervalued figures the companies themselves had reported

for tax purposes. The corporations wanted it both ways: bargain-bin valuations for taxes, premium valuations when suing Venezuela in international tribunals designed to protect Western capital. International courts ruled Venezuela owed \$10 billion to ConocoPhillips, but Exxon's inflated \$12+ billion claims were slashed by 90+ percent. The dispute became the emotional centerpiece of Washington's oil-grab narrative, transforming a resource sovereignty conflict into a morality play for cable-news audiences trained to view multinational corporations as innocent victims of tropical barbarism.

The Nobel Prize exposed its own corruptibility when it honored Venezuelan opposition figure María Corina Machado leading up to the intervention, "for her tireless work promoting democratic rights for the people of Venezuela." On international television, Machado frequently lobbied for U.S. regime-change boots on the ground, begging Washington to invade her own country. The more aggressively she aligned herself with U.S. interventionism, the more toxic she became domestically. The Nobel functioned less as recognition than narrative preparation—a moral-laundering operation designed to manufacture an internationally marketable opposition figure before regime change unfolded.

Believing its own liberation propaganda, the Trump administration assumed Venezuelans would welcome another parade of neoliberal kleptocrats with open arms. Regime change plotters in the White House failed to account for Machado's extreme unpopularity. Despite sanction-induced deprivation and relentless media demonization, the Bolivarian Revolution retains a significant support base—certainly more support than American imperial ambitions.

The legal architecture surrounding Maduro's kidnapping is revealing. Washington insisted Maduro personally directed a massive narco-terror organization known as the "Cartel of the Suns," which does not exist. Even analysts hostile to Maduro acknowledged that the "Cartel" was shorthand for diffuse corruption networks involving military officials and traffickers—not a vertically integrated cartel akin to Sinaloa, personally run by the Venezuelan president. Revised Justice Department filings have now softened or abandoned claims portraying the organization as a formal cartel directed by Maduro himself, hollowing out

the case before it goes to trial.

This is a critical loss for the Trump administration, as Washington needed the narco-terror framing. Once the language of "terrorism" is attached to a target, sovereignty suddenly becomes negotiable in the imperial-legal imagination. The post-9/11 era normalized extraordinarily elastic interpretations of



self-defense, extraterritorial enforcement, and executive power. If branded terrorists, domestic and geopolitical enemies can be sanctioned, abducted, bombed, disappeared,

tortured, or destabilized beneath the comforting glow of counterterrorism discourse. Without "narco-terrorism," all we have is a war crime—more than half of U.S. media consumers won't have a problem with it, but the other half might, depending on how effective the rest of the propaganda is.

None of this is historically anomalous. In 1954, Guatemala's democratically elected president, Jacobo Árbenz, was ousted in a CIA-led coup; his most glaring crime was nationalizing U.S. corporate landholdings and offering compensation at the undervalued tax rate. Coups are a dime a dozen, but even outright abducting heads of state has precedent. In 2004, Haitian president Jean-Bertrand Aristide was forced by U.S. personnel onto an American aircraft and flown out of the country before Haiti was marched deeper into the neoliberal regime of privatization, austerity, and structural adjustment dictated by Washington, the IMF, and the World Bank. Panama's Manuel Noriega—an actual narco-trafficker and CIA asset—met a similar fate after becoming politically inconvenient to the same U.S. security state that once valued him as a useful anti-communist ally.

The Maduro operation follows the same imperial script: transform a geopolitical enemy into a terror threat, lower the threshold for extraordinary intervention, rely on a compliant media ecosystem to repeat government claims with minimal scrutiny, and disregard international law. This is not counterterrorism—it is low-IQ imperialism.

If Washington was interested in stopping the flow of narcotics, the most effective place to begin is a mirror.

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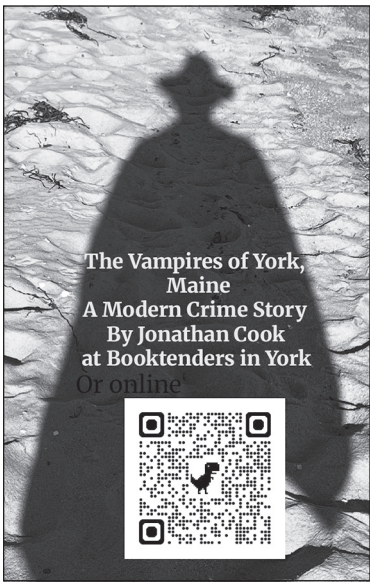
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Sexual Peccadilloes of Public People

by W.D. Ehrhart

So much for ex-Marine oyster-man and working-class hero Graham Platner's bid to unseat the sleezy weaselly Susan Collins in the U.S. Senate. Another American male undone by his inability to keep his pants up. It just amazes me—indeed, leaves me breathless and flabbergasted—how often men seem to be incapable of resisting the desire to engage in sequal activity at inappropriate times and with inappropriate partners.

Don't misunderstand me. Ever since I hit puberty about 64 years ago, I've enjoyed sex as much as the next man. Indeed, prior to my marriage at the age of 32, I was more active than I probably should have been, and that included doing some things that I'm not proud of; and there are women who, if they think of me at all, don't remember me fondly.

But I wasn't a politician then—or now—nor a "public person" at all, and neither before nor after my marriage have I ever sexually assaulted a person—male or female—or jeopardized my employment or my public reputation or my integrity by engaging in illicit sexual adventures.

It's called maturity, I think, self-control, discipline. Call me a prig or a Puritan if you like, and over the years more than one person of the male persuasion has (in almost every case, men who have had extra-marital affairs), but I don't ever have to worry about being exposed as a sexual predator or a man governed by his penis.

I realize that the peccadilloes

Platner is accused of occurred before he entered the public arena. But he does seem to have engaged repeatedly in an assortment of—shall we say—ill-advised sexual escapades over an extended period of time even beyond this latest revelation that has caused him to withdraw his candidacy. When he chose to run for the U.S. Senate, did he really think his past behavior would not come under microscopic scrutiny?

As I look back over the years, the list of "public servants" who have been exposed and ruined by their desire to have an orgasm with someone they ought not to be having orgasms with is quite astounding. Remember Senator Gary Hart (D-Colo.)? Accused of having an extra-marital affair, he famously said, "Follow me around. I don't care. I'm serious. If anybody wants to put a tail on me, go ahead." Somebody did. He subsequently had to withdraw his candidacy for president, and he quickly disappeared from public life.

Let's do a little more reminiscing. There was Representative Mark Foley (R-Fla.), who had to resign in disgrace after he got caught trying to put the make on young male congressional aides. And former Senator (D-N.C.) and vice-presidential nominee John Edwards, whose political career collapsed when it came out that he'd fathered a child by a woman not his wife.

How about Anthony Wiener (D-N.Y.), who ended up doing jail time for sexting an underage girl. And let's not overlook Representative Tim Murphy (R-Pa.), the staunch "family values" conservative who tried to pressure the married



Lust, Jacques Callot, 1592-1635.

woman he had knocked up into having an abortion.

It's not just politicians, of course. At least some highly visible evangelists can't seem to keep their flies closed either. Who could forget Jimmy Swaggart? Or more recently televangelist Marcus Lamb, Billy Graham's grandson Tullian Tchividjian, megachurch pastor Carl Lentz, or bestselling Christian author Philip Yancey.

But my own personal favorite is President William Jefferson Clinton. While in the midst of being sued for sexual misconduct by a woman not his wife, and being investigated for sexual misconduct by Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr, Clinton was getting his knob polished in the West Wing of the Executive Mansion by a very young White House intern. That magnitude of stupidity combined with the apparently insatiable need for sexual gratification is simply mind-boggling. And if the scandal ("I did not have sex with that woman") was not solely responsible for the election of

George W. Bush—the 2nd worst president this country has ever had, topped only the Orange Cheeto currently occupying the presidency—it certainly didn't help Al Gore's campaign.

Speaking of which, no wonder our Sexual Predator-in-Chief and his MAGAMinions think God is on his side. We have recordings of him openly bragging about how he grabbed women by their genitals (not the word he used), was convicted of paying hush money to the prostitute he was screwing while his (third) wife was nursing their infant child, and lost in court to a woman who successfully sued him for defamation of character and sexual abuse.

Apparently, our Kleptomaniac-in-Chief is immune to the forces of decency and shame that usually result in the termination of public careers (though one might argue that Al Gore ended up paying a higher price for Clinton's sexual appetite than Clinton himself did).

Given the endless and constantly growing list of indiscretions; enterprises designed to enrich himself, his family and his friends; and even what many people including lawyers and legal scholars characterize as outright criminal enterprises, if God isn't actually intervening in favor of the MAGAMobster, I'd like to hear how you explain what he's managed to get away with over the course of his far-too-long lifetime.

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of the court, and his case was in the hands of the United States government.

- The Mexican court at Paso del Norte has sentenced Editor Cutting to one year's imprisonment and \$600 fine. It is said the Mexican authorities have ordered the decapitation of Editor Cutting in case of attack from Texans.
- The closing hours of the late session of Congress were not disgraced by the drunken scenes usual on such occasions. This commendable improvement was due to the good sense and firmness of Speaker Carlisle, who ordered the keeper of the house restaurant to sell only lemonade and such beverages, and gave him to understand that the order was to be obeyed. The country owes the Speaker a vote of thanks for that action.
- *El Telegrama*, of Gaudalajura [sic], Mex., is the smallest paper published on this continent. It is five by three inches in size.

- The pile of beer barrels in the yard of the Jones brewery is assuming the dimensions of the pyramid of Ghizeh.
- Ruby Lovering, who lived in Vanceboro, Me., but who has for two years past been living a life of shame in various cities, was found insensible in her room in Dover on the 4th inst., as the result of taking laudanum. She recovered, and started for the depot to go to Portland. In the depot she took another dose, and fell insensible on the floor. She has since died.
- A man at Port Jervis, N.Y., having failed to pay his road tax, the town authorities seized two pairs of his trousers and sold them to the highest bidder.

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Ignorance + Arrogance + Power = Lunacy

by Jim Hightower

Some presidents are known as uplifting orators; our present president is known for petulant put-downs.

Periodically, Trump discovers a new pejorative that he considers clever, so he wears it out attacking his endless list of enemies. His current favorite is "lunatic," hurling the slur at women reporters, most foreign leaders, all Democrats, protestors, and... well, everyone who offends him.

But if he wants some real lunatics to belittle, why not that menagerie he's appointed to top government positions? Such as Brendan Carr, Trump's FCC attack dog who keeps yapping that he's gonna abolish NPR.

Failing at that, Carr has now gone from silly to ridiculous, pushing a phantasmagoric scheme that truly is lunacy. It comes from some Elon Musk protégés who apparently noticed that our planet gets dark as night falls. Eureka, they exclaimed, we need to "light the night!"

Why? Well, they say, to illuminate all city streets and rural roads, make crops grow faster, and stuff like that. But how to generate the light? Easy, the geniuses explain: Mirrors.

They want government support to deploy a global network of orbiting space mirrors that could reflect sunlight onto Earth's rotating dark areas. Lots of mirrors—the schemers propose to put 50,000 in our skies by 2030, with each of the largest ones shining as bright as 100 full moons!

Nothing could go wrong with that, right? Bedazzled, Carr didn't ask. Instead, with no public input, he just rubber-stamped an initial launch of this "novel technology," blandly assuring us that "harms are unlikely to occur."

To oppose this lunacy, connect with the American Astronomical Society: aas.org.

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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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2018—A travel trailer tire blowout near Redding, Calif. sends sparks flying from the wheel rim; a 154-mph fire tornado kills four and injures six. 1968—Newly elected, the President of South Vietnam jails the runner-up. 1968—Mexico massacres its students. 1953—Arizona State Police and National Guard arrest the whole damn town of Short Creek for polygamy. 1950—The U.S. 7th Cavalry, backed by air support, kills between 200 and 400 Korean refugees at No Gun Ri. 1948—Harry Truman orders that the U.S. military be desegregated. 1947—The National Security Act creates the CIA and NSA and turns the War Department into the DoD. 1936—With dozens of fellow Com-mies along for cover, Bill Bailey rips a Nazi flag from the bow of the <i>Bremen</i> and throws it into New York harbor. 1924—Bath, Maine hosts a KKK rally, complete with a burning cross and a parade led by the City Marshal. 1877—In Chicago, Federal troops kill 30 strikers in the Battle of the Viaduct. In East St. Louis, the May-or sends 700 cops and goons to strike headquarters, ordering “shoot to kill.” 1758—The French fortress of Louis-bourg, taken by New Englanders in 1745 and given back by Britain three years later, is re-taken by the British. 1184—Nobles crowd into St. Peter’s at Erfurt, in Thuringia, to settle a squabble. The floor lets go and they fall into the latrine; 60 of them drown.	2017—Trump tells Russia, “If you’re listening, I hope you’re able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing.” 2008—Citing Fox News’ Bernard Goldberg as his inspiration, J.D. Ad-kisson shotguns a Knoxville church, killing two and wounding seven. 1996—Eric Robert “Pro-Life” Ru-dolph bombs the Atlanta Olympics. 1974—Eleven Republicans out of 17 on the Judiciary Committee vote not to impeach Nixon for obstruction. 1954—Mercenaries overthrow the government of Guatemala at the be-hest of the CIA. Genocide ensues. 1946—<i>Hollywood Reporter</i> owner Billy Wilkerson, uncertain whether to name ten suspected Communists, consults Father Cornelius J. McCoy. He replies, “Get those bastards, Billy.” 1919—After a Black man is killed at a segregated Chicago beach, a white cop arrests a Black man. Nearby Blacks who object are attacked by whites. 1893—William Taylor survives a jolt in New York’s electric chair, but its dynamo doesn’t. Morphine and ether keep him under until a jury-rigged ca-ble can tap the power to kill him. 1877—In East St. Louis, 8,000 Fed-eral troops, militia, and railroad hire-lings start a two-day battle to crush the Commune and end the Strike. 1816—Andy Jackson orders that the powder magazine of an old fort on the Apalachicola be blown up. The blast kills hundreds of Blacks and Choc-taws: both sexes, all ages, free and not.	2012—Three elderly troublemakers infiltrate Oak Ridge, Tenn. and spill blood on its nuclear weapons plant. 2006—High winds topple the North Church’s spire onto Pleasant Street. 1967—Gov. Reagan signs a gun control bill 87 days after armed Black Panthers visit the Calif. State House. 1945—A kamikaze biplane sinks the “tin can” USS <i>Callaghan</i> off Okinawa. 1945—A B-25 hits the Empire State Building; six floors burn, 13 die, 26 are injured. Among them: eleva-tor operator Betty Oliver. The cable of the elevator evacuating her snaps; it plum-mets 80 stories. She survives that, too. 1942—USS <i>YP-422</i> is commissioned in Neponset, Mass. It’s briefly com-manded by Lieut. L. Ron Hubbard. 1934—A sideshow in Skegness goes awry: defrocked Anglican Harold Davidson, “The Prostitute’s Priest,” is fatally bitten in the neck by a lion. 1932—GIs under Gen. MacArthur, including six tanks under Maj. George S. Patton, drive the “Bonus Expe-ditionary Force”—20,000 hungry World War I vets—out of Washing-ton D.C., killing two in the process. 1919—Chicago is engulfed by a race riot in which the Hamburg Athletic Club plays a leading role. Its president: future Mayor Richard J. Daley. 1915—President Wilson gives Na-tional City Bank what it asked for: an invasion of Haiti by U.S. Marines. 1914—Austria-Hungary attacks Ser-bia, getting WWI underway.	1994—Pro-life Reverend Paul Jen-nings Hill shotguns Dr. John Britton and his bodyguard James Barrett to death, and wounds Barrett’s wife June. 1986—Ex-Chaplain Charlie Liteky, protesting U.S. policies in Latin America, renounces the Medal of Honor he got for heroism in Vietnam. 1981—Congress passes Ronald Rea-gan’s tax cut for the rich. 1974—Ten Republicans out of 17 on the Judiciary Committee vote not to impeach Nixon for abuse of power and violating his oath of office. 1970—Thanks to a five-year grape boycott, the United Farm Workers win their first contract. 1967—Bum equipment and bad pro-cedures create a stray electrical current that sends a Zuni rocket from an F-4 jet on the flight deck of the <i>Forrestal</i> into John McCain’s A-4. Eight half-ton bombs explode, killing 134 sailors and nearly sinking the ship. 1966—Bob Dylan wrecks his Tri-umph then disappears for a while. 1921—Disgruntled former corporal Adolf Hitler becomes President of the German Nazi Party. 1910—Responding to a bogus claim about a pending race war against whites, hundreds of armed white Tex-ans begin a race war in the predomi-nantly Black town of Slocum. 1848—Leaders of Young Ireland try to peacefully resolve a standoff with British constables in Tipperary. They get shot at for their troubles.	2015—The U.S. is “just an oligarchy, with unlimited political bribery being the essence,” writes ex-Pres. Carter. 1975—Jimmy Hoffa is last glimpsed by anyone who’s talking. 1974—Two of 17 Republicans on the Judiciary Committee vote to impeach Nixon for contempt of Congress. 1969—“History will record that this may have been one of America’s finest hours,” says Richard Nixon in Saigon. 1956—Congress adopts “In God We Trust” as the national motto. 1945—The USS <i>Indianapolis</i>, having delivered the Hiroshima A-bomb to Tinian, is torpedoed and sunk on its return trip. Its sinking goes unre-ported due to security precautions. Drowning, exposure, and sharks claim 879 of the 1,100 aboard. 1917—A statement read in Parlia-ment from Lt. Siegfried Sassoon says “the war is being deliberately pro-longed by those who [could] end it.” 1916—German saboteurs destroy a thousand tons of munitions stored on a barge at Black Tom Island in New York Harbor. Three men and a baby are killed; the Statue of Liberty’s up-raised arm is hit by shrapnel. 1866—Blacks march for civil rights in New Orleans; rioting whites kill 44. 1864—Union forces detonate a huge mine to breach Confederate defenses at Petersburg. A drawn straw puts Brig. Gen. James Ledlie in command. Drunk, he sends Union soldiers into the crater. The result: 4,000 casualties.	2001—Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld sends a memo to Under Secretary for Policy Douglas Feith: “We ought to have on our radar screen oil—Venezuela, the Caucasus, Indo-nesia—anywhere we think it may exist and how it fits into our strategies.” 1999—Eugene Shoemaker becomes the first Earthling to have his cremat-ed remains interred on the moon. 1996—Gerald Ford and George H.[H.] Walker Bush uphold the dig-nity of their former office by speaking for pay before an audience of followers of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon. 1974—Richard Nixon’s former advi-sor John Ehrlichman gets a free five-year stay at a felons’ country club. 1972—Tom Eagleton withdraws his candidacy; the public is shocked. 1971—The “Justice” Department OK’s ITT’s ownership of Hart-ford Fire Insurance; ITT’s recent \$400,000 “pledge” to the GOP con-vention is merely a coincidence. 1961—Bruce Britt Sr. outruns cops at 120 mph, runs aboard a DC-3 in Chico, Calif., and shoots two men; but the first U.S. skyjacking fails. 1950—Chicago OK’s a plan to tattoo citizens with their blood type. 1938—New York Yankee Jake Powell is suspended for saying on Chicago ra-dio that he’d “hit every colored person in Chicago over the head with a club.” 1921—Pennsylvania censors a Will Rogers movie because it portrays ho-boes in too favorable a light.	2023—Dolt #45 gets his 3rd set of fel-ony indictments: four counts of trying to overturn an election he lost. 2007—An interstate highway bridge in Minneapolis collapses, killing 13. 2002—The George W.[MD] Bush administration adopts a new policy: torture is now <i>The American Way</i>.™ 1974—Vice President Ford meets with Al Haig for 50 minutes; they talk about Nixon perhaps resigning, and a possible pardon from Ford. It’s all quite kosher, though Haig did sign the official log under an assumed name. 1972—The <i>Washington Post</i> reports on a “two-bit burglary” at DNC HQ. 1972—First Lt. G.W.[MD] Bush loses his Air National Guard flying status; he skipped a required physical exam that included a drug test. 1969—Herb Kalmbach accepts a \$100,000 bribe from milk producers on behalf of Richard Nixon. 1966—Ex-Eagle Scout, honor stu-dent, and former Marine Charles Whitman shoots 45 (killing 12) from a tower at the University of Texas. 1946—Corrupt Democrats in Ath-ens, Tennessee, hole up in a jailhouse with ballot boxes. Disgruntled vets armed with Thompson guns stolen from the local Guard armory lay siege. 1921—Baldwin-Feltes goons hired by coal barons shoot Police Chief Sid Hatfield and Deputy Ed Chambers dead on the courthouse steps in Mat-ewan, W.Va. The dead were unarmed, but self-defense pleas free the killers.
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2002—George W.[MD] Bush signs a law to let U.S. commandos invade Holland to free any U.S. troops being tried for war crimes at The Hague.

2000—The GOP picks George W.[MD] Bush to preside, and Dick “Dick” Cheney to run the country.

1993—A short circuit sends a self-de-struct command to a Titan IV rocket which blows up over the Pacific de-stroying \$1 billion in spy satellites.

1990—Iraq invades Kuwait.

1964—The USS *Maddox*, in North Vietnamese territorial waters to sup-port covert South Vietnamese attacks, fires on North Vietnamese torpedo boats. When they fire back, *Maddox* reports an “unprovoked” attack.

1946—Disgruntled veterans in Athens, Tenn. prevail over a crooked Democratic machine, thanks to sever-al well-placed dynamite blasts.

1943—Treblinka prisoners revolt. Only 40 survive, but they do close the camp.

1943—The nimble American PT boat #109 is rammed and sunk by a relative-ly ponderous Japanese destroyer.

1939—Albert Einstein informs FDR that a nuclear bomb is feasible.

1937—FDR signs the marijuana tax bill propagated by America’s first narc, hardcore racist Harry Anslinger. Tim Leary gets it overturned 31 years later.

1931—Albert Einstein urges all sci-entists to refuse military work.

1832—Starving Sauk and Fox wom-en and children surrender at Bad Axe, Wis. They’re massacred by militia.

1981—Air traffic controllers give Ronald Reagan his cue to grandstand.

1980—Ronald Reagan touts “states’ rights” in his first post-convention speech—two miles from the site where, 19 years earlier, three mur-dered civil rights workers were buried.

1971—New Hampshire man Alan Shepard hits a golf ball on the moon.

1966—RIP Lenny Bruce, prosecuted to death at the age of 40.

1962—Tusko the elephant, “pride of the Oklahoma City Zoo,” keels over, defecates, shudders, and dies after be-ing shot in the butt with a huge dose of LSD by a CIA mind control crank.

1961—Byron Rickards, piloting a Boeing 707 over New Mexico, is skyjacked by father and son team Leon and Cody Beardon. In 1931, in Peru, Rickards’ Ford Tri-Motor had become the first plane ever skyjacked.

1931—In Chicago, 60,000 march against evictions. A fatal riot ensues.

1929—The DA of San Bernardino brings a posse of fellow American Le-gionnaires on a raid. They bust Yetta Stromberg, 19, for raising a red flag.

1923—By lamplight, at 2:47 a.m. in Plymouth, Vermont, John Coolidge swears in his son Calvin as President.

1919—The Chicago race riot ends: 38 dead, 537 injured, 1,000 homeless.

1917—Firing into the air, Yuba Co. (Calif.) Sheriff G. Voss orders strik-ing hop pickers to disperse. They riot instead. Four die, including Voss. Improved working conditions ensue.

2003—When lightning sets fire to a warehouse in Bardstown, Ky., 800,000 gallons of Jim Beam gush out of 19,000 barrels. Thousands of fish die in a flaming river, while high winds whip up a 100-foot firenado.

1997—Skynet goes online, removing human decisions from strategic de-fense systems. What could go wrong?

1992—Republicans re-nominate the Bush/Quayle ticket. [*Snicker*].

1991—The captain and officers of the sinking *Oceanos* abandon the ship—and its passengers. Entertainers orga-nize a successful rescue of all aboard.

1987—The FCC jettisons the Fairness Doctrine, declaring it “restricts the journalistic freedom of broadcasters.”

1964—The USS *Maddox* and USS *Turner Joy* report a second torpedo attack in Gulf of Tonkin. There are no casualties; nor is there any damage.

Defense Secretary McNamara with-holds from President Johnson warn-ings that it may just be a false alarm.

1961—Barack Hussein Obama is allegedly born in Honolulu, Hawaii.

1948—J. Parnell Thomas [R-N.J.], the rabidly anti-commie chair of HUAC, is exposed in Drew Pearson’s column as a tax-dodging grifter.

1945—The U.S. Ambassador to the U.S.S.R. accepts a gift: a wooden Great Seal of the U.S. It hangs in his Moscow office for five years, bugged.

1942—The Bracero program begins. Mexican workers now get to be ex-ploited north of the border, too.

2011—S&P lowers the U.S.’s credit rating because the GOP says it might not let the government pay its bills.

2007—On Lake Winnepesaukee, the President of France, clad only in swim trunks, jumps into the boat of AP’s N.H.-based ace photographer Jim Cole and berates him for doing his job.

2004—“Our enemies,” says George W.[MD] Bush, “never stop thinking about new ways to harm our country and our people, and neither do we.”

1981—Ronald Reagan fires 12,700 air traffic controllers.

1971—ITT comes through with \$100,000 towards the GOP Con-vention; the Justice Department over-looks ITT violations of antitrust laws.

1969—The Army says eight Green Berets are under arrest for “terminat-ing” a suspected South Vietnamese double agent “with extreme prejudice.”

1968—The GOP convention starts in Miami. One delegate for Nelson Rockefeller: Theodore “Ted” Bundy.

1964—Operation Pierce Arrow: the U.S. bombs North Vietnam because it retaliated after U.S. provocations.

1962—An official South African goon squad nabs fugitive anti-apart-heid “terrorist” Nelson Mandela, thanks to a helpful tip from the CIA.

1912—Teddy Roosevelt founds the Progressive “Bull Moose” Party “to dissolve the unholy alliance between corrupt business and corrupt politics.”

1888—Bertha Benz makes the first-ever motorized road trip; 66 km.

2016—“One of my proudest mo-ments,” says Senator “Moscow Mitch” McConnell [R-Ky.], “was when I told President Obama, ‘You will not fill this Supreme Court vacancy.’”

2011—An RPG downs a Chinook in the Tangi Valley, killing all 38 on board; 30 are Americans, the most to die in a single incident in Afghanistan.

2001—The CIA hands the President a report titled “Bin Ladin Determined To Strike in U.S.” He ignores it.

1991—Tim Berners-Lee introduces the World Wide Web to the world.

1970—Disneyland closes as 300 Yip-pies smoke pot, chant V.C. slogans & demand freedom for Mickey Mouse.

1957—Carol Burnett becomes an overnight sensation by singing on the Jack Paar show, “I Made a Fool of My-self Over John Foster Dulles.”

1954—The Illinois Department of the American Legion denounces the *Girl Scout Handbook* as subversive.

1945—Sayonara, Hiroshima.

1930—N.Y. Supreme Court Justice and Democratic bigwig John Force Crater purges private files, cashes a large check, and disappears forever.

1895—The socialist paper *Appeal to Reason* begins. By 1902 it has the 4th highest circulation in the U.S.

1890—William Kemmler thrashes and smokes for eight minutes as New York’s new electric chair kills him.

1855—Nativists in Louisville, egged on by a Know Nothing newspaper, torch Irish homes and kill 22.

2016—*Verrückt* (German for “in-sane”), the world’s tallest waterslide, built in Kansas City by men who later admitted that they didn’t know what they were doing, and exempt from state licensing, decapitates the 10-year-old son of a Kansas state rep.

1974—Three GOP bigwigs tell Nix-on he’s through. Len Garment talks him out of pardoning the Watergate conspirators. Nixon’s man Al Haig meets again in secret with Jerry Ford. Move along; nothing to see here.

1964—Congress falls for the Gulf of Tonkin hoax. L.B.J. gets unprec-edented and unconstitutional power. Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) votes no, saying “future generations will look with dismay and great disappointment upon a Congress which is now about to make such a historic mistake.”

1957—In Nevada, ZSG-3 becomes the first Goodyear Blimp to be brought down by a nuclear weapon.

1936—Rep. Marion Zioncheck (D-Wash.), who once had a large load of manure dumped on J. Edgar Hoover’s lawn, defenestrates from the fifth floor of a Seattle office building.

1930—A mob lynches three Black men in Marion, Ind. A photo of two, dead, inspires the song, “Strange Fruit.” The third, rescued, later founds America’s Black Holocaust Museum.

1893—William Rufin Cox, ex-CSA Gen., is made Secretary of the Senate.

1890—Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, “The Rebel Girl,” is born in Concord, N.H.

2022—The FBI raids Trumpland.

1989—E. Robert Wallach, a close pal of Ed “Meese is a Pig” Meese, is con-victed of racketeering. He pocketed \$425,000 to influence Meese and oth-ers as part of Wedtech Corp.’s scheme to win defense contracts.

1986—Elliott Abrams cadges \$10 million from Brunei’s Foreign Minis-ter in a London park, to be used over-throwing the democratically-elected government of Nicaragua.

1974—Rep. Earl Landgrebe [R-Ind.], says “Don’t confuse me with the facts. I’ve got a closed mind. I will not vote for impeachment. I’m going to stick with my President even if he and I have to be taken out of this building and shot.” Later that day, however, his idol Richard M. Nixon confesses that he lied—he is a quitter, after all.

1973—Veep Spiro “Ted” Agnew says charges that he took bribes are “damned lies.” They’re not; he lies.

1968—Richard Nixon chooses Spiro “Ted” Agnew for a running mate.

1942—Condemned by an un-Con-stitutional secret military tribunal irregularly sanctioned by a Supreme Court Justice in cahoots with FDR, six German saboteurs are hanged six weeks after landing via U-boat. Bush #43 later relies on the precedent.

1925—Imperial Wizard Hiram Ev-ans leads 35,000 members of the Ku Klux Klan in full regalia—minus the hoods—down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Washington Monument.

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