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History with tunnel vision

If an alien civilization were to visit Earth for one day each year, what sort of view would they get of our world? Concretely, if each of us was to read the newspaper only on his or her birthday, what image would we have of the world around us? I decided to find out.

The following week I based only on the first page of the New York Times for each of the 365 days I was born.

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1976: "More than 80,000 students attending 41 colleges, including MIT, run an increased risk of nuclear contamination..." She then stated that the two main risks were the highly-enriched uranium used and the fact that students come into "close contact with nuclear materials." The article was a fine example of poor journalism. It is quite apparent from the column that the author made no attempt to speak to personal at one of the student labs. Had she done so, she would have found out several things. For one, all reactor operators have to undergo training and must be qualified and licensed by passing practical and written examinations. Her implications that research reactors are not well handled by "experts" is not founded.

1977: Death toll hits 574 in collision of 747's at Tenerife: Carter patrol South Vietnamese coast.

1979: Ambassadors to Vietnam recalled for policy discussions; US destroyers out of Vietnam after "more the eight years of intense in-volvement" - one Western officials comments, "The thing is, there's full authority to continue bombing Cambodia; The last American Poll shows Carter "has translated his primary victory into an extraor-

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