

The Fortnightly Rant

Yearning for the Shore

Dave Hills was born some time around the turn of the last century. He was a tall, gaunt swamp yankee with a smoldering unfiltered cigarette in the corner of his mouth. His voice was a low, slow rumble. As a younger man he'd helped build the Jackman hydro-power dam in Hillsboro. He'd been a teamster on that job. Teamster as in, team of horses.

Dave once told the story of how, in the Forties, he'd built a camp on a remote stretch of lake shore inaccessible by road. He'd loaded his truck up with lumber and then followed a larger, heavier truck across the ice as far as he could. The other truck turned

off to where he was going and Dave went on alone. It was fine for a while. Then, as he was alone on the ice, getting near his destination, the ice began to make dreadful groaning noises.

Dave paused, his face as deadpan as Buster Keaton.

"I never felt so homesick in my life," he said.

The ice held and Dave made it to shore, of course. Otherwise there'd be no story.

Maybe some day the Democrats will be able to tell the story of this primary season. But at mid-week they were out on the ice, hearing a fearful groan, as homesick as old Dave Hills.



News Briefs

A Tale of Two Terrorists

Another Terrorist Threat Dealt With Decisively

Nelson Mandela is probably the only winner of the Nobel Peace Prize who has also been on the FBI's Terrorist Watch List. (Henry Kissinger would certainly be a worthy candidate for the same honor, but the Watch List would have to be kept by an organization more honest and less partial.)

USA Today reported on April 30 that Mandela, the former President of South Africa, has had to request and receive special permission from the State Department before entering the U.S. because he is a former member of the African National Congress (ANC).

Just a week after that embarrassing revelation was made public, the House of Representatives voted to remove the ANC from the list of banned organizations. They were able to do so in political safety because the Cold War is over—otherwise Mandela might still be a terrorist.

From the late 1940s through the 1980s, while blacks in South Africa were being repressed, jailed, tortured, and killed by their own government, the U.S. followed the time-honored practice of hating the sin while loving the sinner. The apartheid government was violently racist—but it was also staunchly anti-communist. Anyone raising a violent hand against an anti-communist government was, by definition, a terrorist.

Of course, in the case of a Marxist government, like Nicaragua's Sandinistas, the opposite was true. People smuggling guns or running drugs or killing people in opposition to a Marxist government was, by definition, a

freedom fighter.

By curious coincidence, South Africa's ruling National Party lifted the ban on the ANC in 1990—about the same time the inevitability of the Soviet Union's impending collapse became apparent. The Evil Empire was on its deathbed, and apartheid wasn't feeling too well, either. Eventually, in a rare example of the passage of time eventually leading to an actual change in conditions, Nelson Mandela, a prisoner in January of 1990, became President of South Africa in May of 1994.

[Note: For the fascinating, sordid, and under-reported story of how Nelson Mandela came to be imprisoned for 28 years, see page five.—The Ed.]

Party Time for Bambi

Just two days after *USA Today's* report on the farce noted above, 500 people gathered at a lavish party in Miami honoring Luis Clemente Faustino Posada Carriles, known to some of his fellow Cuban exiles as "Bambi."

Bambi was born 80 years ago in Cienfuegos, Cuba, but the party in Miami did not seem to be celebrating his birthday—that occurred last February 15. It seemed to be timed to coincide with the one-year anniversary of the May 8, 2007, dismissal of Federal immigration fraud charges against Posada.

Immigration fraud is the least of the charges that have been levelled against Bambi. His record suggests he is one of the deadliest terrorists in the Western Hemisphere. He was found guilty *in absentia* of the bombing of Cuban Air Flight 455 in 1976. That incident took 73 lives, including all 24 members of the Cuban fencing team. The FBI appears to

suspect him of responsibility for bombings in Havana in 1997. He was arrested in Panama City in 2000 for plotting the assassination of Fidel Castro—a plan that would explain the 200 pounds of explosives in his possession.

But apparently these things do not add up to a sufficient reason to deny Posada the right to enjoy a party in public in Miami. Or, for that matter, to meet with a Member of Congress.

The website of Radio Cardena Agramonte carried a report on April 14 from *Granma*, the Cuban daily newspaper, saying that Posada had recently met with Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL). Ms. Ros-Lehtinen has represented Florida's 18th Congressional District since her election in 1988. Her campaign manager for that election was Jeb Bush.

First District Follies

While we're on the topic of reprehensible politics, let's get local. John Stephen, former Commissioner of Health and Human Services, has been running for Carol Shea-Porter's seat in Congress since last August. This past Monday he came to Market Square and made it official.

Of course, before Stephen gets a chance to take on Ms. Shea-Porter (D-Rochester), he'll have to defeat former Congressman and fellow Republican Jeb Bradley in the Republican primary. That should be fun to watch.

Stephen makes a fetish of "fiscal responsibility," so he could really rip into Bradley for rubber-stamping four years' worth of bloated Bush-era budgets. To help demonstrate his *bona fides* on the topic, Stephen went so far as to lure Grover Norquist, the country's pre-eminent anti-taxer, to the state on Tuesday.

Norquist is famous for having said, "I don't want to abolish government. I simply want to reduce it to the size where I can drag it into the bathroom and drown it in the bathtub." He is less well known for his central role in rallying conservatives around George W. Bush during the early phases of the 2000 presidential primaries. He was also the chief architect of George W. Bush's tax cuts. Clearly "fiscal responsibility" is the last thing on Norquist's mind, and Stephens', too. Their real intent is to eliminate two things: taxes on the rich and services to the poor. A rational person might hold Norquist's early support of Bush, and the ruinous effects of the tax cuts, against candidate Stephen. But this will be a Republican primary, not an exercise in logic.

Shea-Porter's best shot would be against Stephen, according to a recent UNH Survey Center poll; but she's far more likely to face Bradley. He's got far better name recognition than Stephen, and well he should: he held the seat for four years. Also, there's some devastating ammunition out there that Bradley could use against Stephen.

In a July 24, 2007 post on BlueHampshire.com, Kathy Sullivan, former four-term chair of the New Hampshire Democratic Party, wrote:

"[John Stephen] worked for the Democratic Party Coordinated Campaign [in 1988]. Johnny absolutely loved Michael Dukakis—idolized him. I remember him leading a motorcade the weekend before the election ... talking about how the Dukakis immigrant family story was so similar to his, and how inspiring Dukakis was to him. When [Ste-

phen] ran for Congress in 2002, he denied his support for Dukakis. That is absolute baloney—I was there in 1988. I understand that people change their political positions, and don't have a problem with that, as long as they are honest about it. He wasn't honest. He did not say, 'I changed my mind about my politics.' Instead, he denied it, and refused to admit he had been a big Dukakis supporter. That really bothers me about John Stephen."

Ouch.

If Bradley's got the intestinal fortitude to unleash that charge, Stephen's toast—unless, following Republican logic, their Democratic source renders the damning facts irrelevant.

Fergus the Comedian

Speaking of "Ouch," last week Chairman Fergus Cullen included this knee-slapper in the New Hampshire GOP's weekly newsletter: "Humor (Send your *family-appropriate* [Emphasis added.—The Ed.] political jokes to fergus@nhgop.org):

"Almost seven years ago I sat, as did millions of other Americans, and watched as our government underwent a peaceful transition of power. At first, I felt a swell of pride and patriotism as I watched George W. Bush take his oath of office. However, all that pride quickly vanished as I later watched the Clintons board Air Force One for the last time. I saw 21 Marines, in full dress uniform with rifles, fire a 21-gun salute to the outgoing President and first lady. It was then that I realized how far America's military had deteriorated under the Clinton administration. Every

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last one of them missed."

Someone ought to tell the Republicans to leave the humor to Jon Stewart.

Rep. Hodes and the Phone-Jamming Hearings

As Martin Luther King observed shortly before his lamented assassination, longevity has its place. We are grateful to have attained, thanks to a supportive community, the robust age of 251. Apparently we had to endure this long before we could have a reasonable hope of learning whether or not White House operatives were behind the Republican jamming of Democratic get-out-the-vote telephones on Election Day, 2002—back in those halcyon days when this paper was a mere stripling of 246 years.

On Wednesday, Rep. Paul Hodes (D-Concord) appeared at a joint Congressional hearing titled "On Allegations of Selective Prosecution." Things being as they are in the alleged Justice Department, the Committee on the Judiciary was forced to add to that designation, "Part II." At least someone in this government is willing to acknowledge that our scandals, like our movies, inevitably come with sequels.

Our production schedule won't

allow us to report on the outcome of the hearing unless, in *Perry Mason* fashion, Karl Rove bursts into the hearing room, sweating from each of his porcine pores, and falls to his knees, confessing that the whole sordid scheme was his idea. Fortunately Rep. Hodes released his intended remarks beforehand, so we know what he was looking for.

On Election Day, 2002, twenty-two phone calls were made between the White House Office of Political Affairs and New Hampshire Republican officials in a period of less than three hours. That's a phone call every eight minutes. Hodes wants the committee to find out who at the White House received those calls, whether anyone at the White House knew about the phone-jamming, and whether there are there any documents at the White House which might help answer these questions.

Hodes is also asking for answers about the glacial pace of the prosecution of the miscreants. Conveniently for Republicans, the Department of Justice failed to act until after the 2004 presidential election was safely over with.

Three men were eventually prosecuted for the phone-jamming. Charles McGee, Executive Director of the New Hampshire GOP at the time of the crime, is a former Marine who was looking for ways to cut off his Democratic enemy's lines of communication. Allen Raymond was a Republican operative who knew



where to go to get the dirty work done. McGee and Raymond both went to jail, with a stoicism that would fit right into an HBO series about organized crime.

The third man, James Tobin, was working from a different script—John Grisham, perhaps. After he was convicted for steering McGee to Raymond, Tobin lawyered up in a style rarely seen since Watergate. Dumptrucks bearing Washington, DC plates showed up at prestigious law firms, and unloaded millions for Tobin's appeal. His lawyers complained that the charge didn't fit the crime. If the charge doesn't fit, they said, you must acquit. His conviction was thrown out.

The U.S. Attorney who tailored the charge in the first place was a Bush appointee. This hearing is supposed to be about selective prosecution. Something here smells like a tuna sandwich lost under a car seat for a week in August. Never mind *Iron Man*—here's your summer blockbuster. If there's any justice left in this country.

Phone-Jamming: The Movie

What, you thought we were just kidding with all those movie references?

John DiStaso reported in the infallible *Manchester Union Leader* last Friday that Billy Ray, who directed last year's terrific political thriller *Breach*, "is negotiating with Fox Searchlight Pictures to produce a motion picture" based on Allen Raymond's confessional memoir, *How to Rig an Election: Confessions of a Republican Operative*.

Want to Be a Dragon Slayer?

We got a call a few days ago suggesting we might want to cover a six-kilometer road race in York Beach. We tried to gently explain that that's not the sort of thing we usually cover as news. The caller deftly parried our demurrals with a couple of magic words. We reconsidered.

The Dragon Slayer 6K, it turns out, is Katie Prouty's way of raising money for the American Liver Foundation, and for a liver transplant for her father, Bob

Prouty.

Bob was serving in the U.S. Army thirty years ago when he was badly injured in a jeep accident. He lost a lot of blood, received transfusions, and spent months in the hospital, but was eventually able to walk out. Decades later, Bob and his family have learned that he contracted Hepatitis C as a result of the transfusions.

Bob is now hoping for a liver transplant. If he gets one, it won't be from the VA. There's a lot more to the story than that. We've only seen Bob and Katy's side. We'd like to think that if we saw the VA's side, it might make them look a little bit less incompetent and uncaring. But we didn't just fall off the turnip truck.

The race takes place Sunday, May 18, 10:00 a.m. at York Beach, Maine. For more information, see dragonslayer6k.org.

An Old Style Mothers Day

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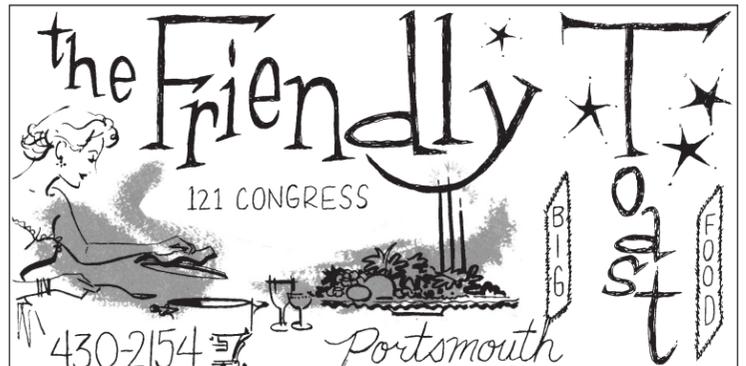
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Will Garner took a few moments Tuesday afternoon to enjoy the sublimely pleasant weather, blithely unconcerned about the monstrous metallic ant looming over his left shoulder. The giant ant, built of steel rebar, pipe, and found steel objects, finished with red enamel, was made by Nathan Walker. Installed Monday, it is the first of six pieces being installed by Friday, May 23 as part of Art-Speak's Overnight Art 2008.

Seacoast Alliance for Democracy, and Code Pink who assembled in Market Square and read Julia Ward Howe's 1870 Mother's Day Proclamation:

Arise then ... women of this day!

Arise, all women who have hearts!

Whether your baptism be of water or of tears!

Say firmly:

"We will not have questions answered by irrelevant agencies,

Our husbands will not come to us, reeking with carnage,

For caresses and applause.

Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn

All that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.

We, the women of one country,

Will be too tender of those of another country

To allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."

And so forth ...

Somehow, in 138 years, we've gone from "Our husbands will not come to us, reeking with carnage/For caresses and applause," to "Bomb, Bomb, Bomb, Bomb Bomb Iran." Is this a great coun-

try, or what?

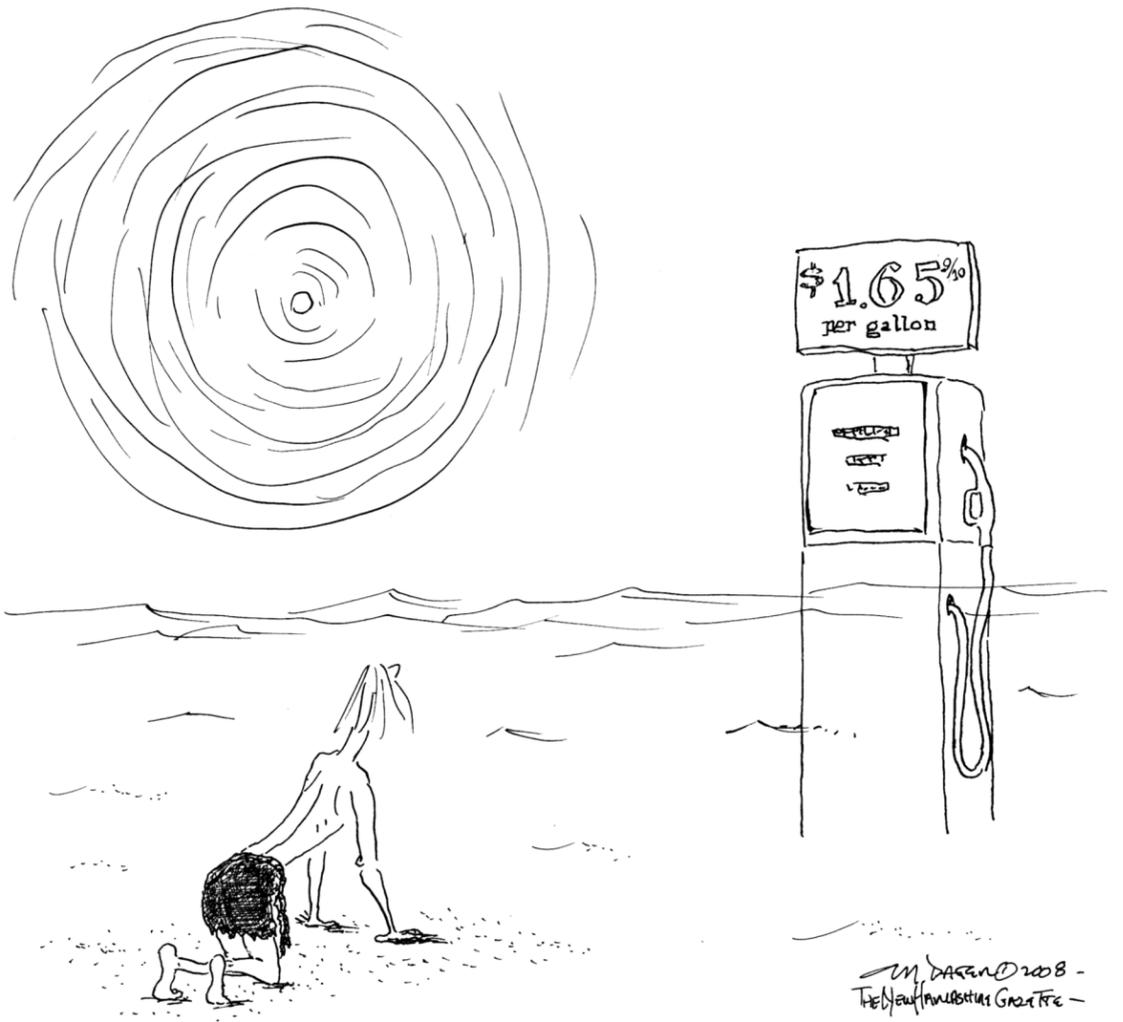
Seriously, how does an effort to end war get turned into a guilt-bomb indiscriminately deployed against the entire civilian population of the nation? Julia Ward Howe's attempt to end war has been turned into one shape-shifting product with innumerable forms—greeting cards, flowers, candy, and other miscellaneous whatnot—all available from a multi-national purveyor near you.

We don't know a single mother who wouldn't forego food altogether for a month to achieve old Julia's aim, but there's nary a one out there who could ever dream of it happening.

Two Holes Diverged On a Golf Links ...

We have been informed via press release that Shell Vacations LLC, whose headquarters are in Chicago, has acquired the Croched Mountain Resort in Franconstown.

According to their public relations agent, Shell Vacations is a "nationally respected vacation ownership developer." Someone less charitable—someone not on their payroll—might be heartless



enough to call them a time-share operation.

We would have followed our usual practice and discarded this press release without a second thought, but for this description of the place in question:

"[A] New England property with a legendary golf course, covered bridge and granite hills that have inspired writers like Robert Frost and J.D. Salinger."

Right. Whenever we think "time-share," we think of Robert Frost and J.D. Salinger. Can't you just see it: the authors of "The Road Not Taken" and *Catcher in the Rye*, strolling the links while wearing outdated golf attire, Joyce Maynard and Holden Caulfield following along carrying their clubs ...

Whither the AWLD?

As a search through ancient

issues of this paper will attest, one of the founding principles of journalism has always been, "If there is no news, report the rumors." Here's a tasty rumor: potential buyers have been strolling through the premises at the Award Winning Local Daily, doing the journalistic equivalent of kicking the tires.

The *Portsmouth Herald*, and the other titles published under the rubric of Seacoast Media Group (SMG), are all sub-entities of Ottaway Newspapers, which is itself a unit of Dow Jones. But all the Ottaway properties have been on the auction block since Dow Jones was bought by Fox News's big daddy Rupert Murdoch. He only had eyes for the *Wall Street Journal*.

So, the Award-Winning Local Daily—the undisputed me-

dia bigfoot in this zip code, but a mere bagatelle in the larger scheme of things—is on sale at Rupert's yard sale.

We have long held out the hope that some day our local prince, or princess, or royal family, would come and buy the *Herald*. SMG has an efficient, if unattractive, plant out there in the sterile Pease hinterlands. It's got a mess of local titles to keep the press running (and the trees falling). Even in these times, SMG should be capable of producing a better return than a lot of other investments.

We have no way of knowing whether anyone local is capable of, or interested in, plucking this little jewel from Ottaway's crown. But we sure hope so. It would be fun to beat up on a neighbor for a change.



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Moving Pictures

Redbelt

by Rodman Philbrick

Stars: Chiwetel Ejiofor, Tim Allen, Emily Mortimer, Alice Braga, Joe Mantegna, Ricky Jay; **Written & Directed By:** David Mamet

The rap on playwright David Mamet used to be that if he stopped making his characters repeat everything twice, his screenplays would be half the length. Apply that standard to his latest effort, *Redbelt*, and an average 120-page screenplay might be reduced to 40 pages or less. But then repetition is part of the Mamet universe—why say a thing once if you can say it four or five times, never changing emphasis? It's a strange kind of blather-speak, but once you absorb the chatter for ten minutes or so, it kind of rewires the way you process speech and for the duration of the experience,

Mamet-talk will seem almost normal. That's the core of his genius, for better and, less frequently, for worse.

In terms of screenplays, Mamet has an exemplary body of work, including his adaptation of his own classic stageplay *Glengarry Glen Ross*, as well as *The Untouchables*, *Wag The Dog* and *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, based on the James M. Cain novel. But the writer/director's strange, gritty view of human behavior can be hit or miss when it comes to his own directorial efforts. "Hit" in the sense that the drama delivers, it draws you in, not in the sense of box office hits, which are mostly matters of chance and timing. "Miss" in the sense that you keep looking at your watch, aching for the thing to be over, to say what it wants to say in its own stuttering way and then vacate the building, please. Using that metric, Mamet hits include

the wry and amusing *State And Maine*, the creepy but compelling *Spartans*, *The Spanish Prisoner* and *The Winslow Boy*, based on the Terrence Rattigan play. Misses, for this viewer, include *Oleana*, powerful as a stage play but weirdly repulsive on film, *Heist*, and the *We're No Angels* rewrite. On balance then, more hits than misses, and prolific in the best sense of the word.

If you're wondering why all the deep background, it's because there's isn't all that much to say about *Redbelt*, the newest addition to the unfortunate "miss" category. The wise guy sneer on the pitchline would be "Rocky Meets Hemingway, Nobody Wins." The plot, on a slow build to nowhere very special, concerns the trials and tribulations of Mike Terry (Chiwetel Ejiofor) a martial arts instructor whose personal obsession with honor doesn't exactly jibe with financial success. If he

has a choice between going his own way or paying the rent, he'll go his own, thank you. The character, played as a saintly enigma wrapped in a monk, may or may not be a stand-in for Mamet himself, who one assumes has had similar conflicts with the studio money machines.

Mike's world begins to unravel when a drug-abusing lawyer (Emily Mortimer) stumbles into his studio on a rainy night, setting off a series of events that will propel Mike into and out of the fickle, money-eyed graces of a Hollywood action hero (Tim Allen) and his sleazy crony (Joe Mantegna). When the dust settles Mike finds himself more or less blackmailed into participating in a heavily promoted martial arts fight—anathema to him because it ruins the purity of his life philosophy. In the final scenes Mike must

take on his nemesis, played by the film's fight coordinator, John Machado. There are interesting bit parts for Mamet's talented spouse, Rebecca Pidgeon, Ricky Jay, David Paymer, and an interesting but relatively little-known actor named Bob Jennings, who manages to hold his own with the charismatic Ejiofor.

All of the above, in the hands of a commercial director, could easily have evolved into a successful, fist-in-the-air formula film. Mamet, looking for something bigger and better, somehow loses focus and never does manage to build compelling suspense in a story that demands it. Though no fault of the cast, what should be the pay-off scene fritters away any sense of purpose. Oh well, a miss this time. It happens, even to the best of writer/director/playwrights.



The Good Cheney—The Local One

Wikipedia's first fact about artist Russell Cheney is his membership in Yale's Skull and Bones secret society, but scholar Richard Candee takes exception to that.

"It's not all that's happened in his life," said Candee, guest curator of a free exhibit at the Portsmouth Athenaeum.

Candee should know. He's spent years cataloging Cheney's paintings and has built a database of almost 1,000 Cheney-related items.

"His paintings are still turning up," Candee said of the artist who shared a cottage in Kittery Point, Maine, with his lover, author F.O. Matthiessen, from 1927 until Cheney's death in

1945.

About 40 paintings will be on display in the Athenaeum's Randall Gallery for *The Art of the Domestic: Kittery and Southern Maine*. Another 50 or so works will be at a Portsmouth Historical Society exhibit at the Discover Portsmouth Center at Middle and Islington Streets, *From Impressionism to Yankee Modernism: Portsmouth and the New Hampshire Coast*. Both exhibits open June 1.

In 1928, Kittery newspaperman Horace Mitchell Jr. interviewed Cheney for the *Portland Sunday Transcript*.

"I like Kittery Point," Cheney told him. "It's a swell little town."

Mitchell wrote admiringly: "The pictures he has made of Kittery Point and the vicinity fairly breathe the spirit of the old town."

Candee said Cheney's works were exhibited regularly in Portsmouth at places ordinary people went, such as a coal company office.

"Not only was he a local character painting the South End and waterfront, but people got to see his paintings," Candee said.

Dorothy Adlow, art critic for the *Christian Science Monitor*, called Cheney "a New England artist who enjoyed the exhilarating influence of modern French painting ... a modern American romantic."

Cheney, born in 1881 to a Connecticut family of well-to-do silk manufacturers, had deep roots in New England. From 1910 to 1915, he summered at York Harbor, painting out of doors at York and Ogunquit, Maine, and studying with Charles Woodbury.

In a 1996 essay now updated for the Web at russellcheney.com, Patricia Heard wrote of the artist's strong connection to Portsmouth.

"Cheney became a familiar sight on the streets of Portsmouth ... and a crowd often gathered around his easel," wrote Heard, who was the guest curator of a Cheney exhibit at the Athenaeum in 1996.

A painting of fisherman How-

ard Lathrop became part of the Portsmouth Public Library collection through the efforts of Dorothy Vaughan; Heard described Vaughan as "a good friend of Cheney's."

A visit to Cheney's studio will be part of a daylong symposium on Aug. 2, *Yankee Modernism in Maine*. Co-sponsored by the Kittery Art Association, the Kittery Historical Society and the Portsmouth Athenaeum, the day will include lectures by Candee, Thomas A. Denenberg, Jay Grossman, Michael Culver and Donna Cassidy, as well as lunch, a tour and exhibits. Pre-registration is required; the cost is \$35. For information, go to www.portsmouthathenaeum.org.

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Northcountry Chronicle

Hobson's Choice

by William Marvel

As I mentioned to some friends the other day, if Hillary Clinton wins the Democratic nomination I will, for the first time in ten quadrennial elections, leave the presidential slots blank when I turn in my ballot next November. Never again will I vote for anyone identified with the Republican Party, but neither will I support a Democrat with the very traits that turned my general disagreement with Republicans into complete disgust.

Republicans, as we know, care little about the integrity of the elections or their candidates, so long as they win. Witness our own Gene Chandler, who resigned as Speaker of the New Hampshire House after failing to report the private "donations" he solicited. Just last week Gene extolled the virtues of John Sununu, who narrowly secured his U.S. Senate seat with the help of Republican telephone saboteurs. So close was the election

that their jamming of Democratic Party phone lines may have played a significant part in Sununu's victory.

Now Hillary's campaign has been caught using disinformational robo-calls to discourage poor and minority Indiana voters from going to the primary. That's just as slimy as the Sununu scheme, and Democrats should be doubly outraged that one of their own would resort to dirty tricks.

Hillary's political draw appears to be similar to that of her husband—namely, that she's practically a Republican. She has learned to imitate Republicans in politics, in economics, and in foreign policy, and that was how she lost me in the first place. I began doubting her judgment in 2002, when she voted to give military options to a president whose administration was already remarkable for secrecy, deceit, and recklessness. A lot of Democrats did the same, but almost all of them have admitted how badly they

were fooled. Hillary, like George Bush, refuses to admit a mistake. A few months ago she proved that she had learned nothing when she voted to authorize Bush to take a hostile stance against the dominant faction in Iran.

Such tough-gal posturing was evidently meant to enhance her standing among those looking for signs of timidity in a woman. To me, it only demonstrated a worse type of weakness: the classic lust for political popularity, at whatever cost to conscience or country.

An ad that aired on the eve of the Pennsylvania primary helped to illustrate the common traits and target audience of Hillary Clinton and George W. Bush. Lacking a television, I had to go hunting for it online when I heard about it. The ad was vintage fear-mongering, juxtaposing violent footage like the attack on Pearl Harbor with subtle clips of Osama bin Laden to imply that only a warrior woman like Hillary could handle terrorism. It

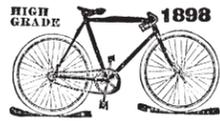
was George Bush's invocation of the mushroom cloud all over again, in pictures.

Six months ago Barack Obama was far down my list of preferred candidates, although he was in the running. In the unwavering tradition of American politics, the primary process served to obscure or bypass all of the most crucial issues, and to eliminate all those candidates who seemed most likely to pursue the change that everyone agrees the public wanted. Obama is the last candidate who has not already revealed that he stands for business as usual, and he is therefore the last one for whom I could vote with a clear conscience.

Nothing Obama has said or done contributed to my decision as much as the way in which Hillary Clinton has portrayed herself. My wife has noted that Hillary doesn't pass the "tone-of-voice test" any better than George Bush, Dick Cheney, or

fundamentalist preachers. That may be because Hillary has reached so far beyond the center that she has fallen into the opposite camp. She seems intent even on cultivating voters from the far right, using only her first name on her campaign posters as though to avoid any reminder of the husband they love to hate.

The Democratic Party often tries so assiduously to attract right-of-center voters that the underlying Democratic principles seem to be forgotten. Hillary's nomination would signal a continuation of that practice, and would again deprive the American people of any real choice. I see no reason to bother going to the polls in November merely to decide between two Senators who both capitalize on appeals to fear and trembling, who both pretend to be independent of the gremlins that rule Washington, and who have both persistently supported George Bush and his Iraqi fiasco.



How the CIA Sent Nelson Mandela to Prison for 28 Years

by William Blum

When Nelson Mandela was released from prison in February 1990, President George Bush personally telephoned the black South African leader to tell him that all Americans were "rejoicing at your release." This was the same Nelson Mandela who was imprisoned for almost 28 years because the CIA tipped off South African authorities as to where they could find him. This was the same George Bush who was once the head of the CIA and who for eight years was second in power of an adminis-

tration whose CIA and National Security Agency collaborated closely with the South African intelligence service, providing information about Mandela's African National Congress.* The ANC, like all left-leaning nationalist movements, was perceived by Washington as being part of the infamous (albeit mythical) International Communist Conspiracy.

On August 5, 1962, Nelson Mandela had been on the run for 17 months when armed police at a roadblock flagged down his car

outside Howick, Natal. How the police came to be there was not publicly explained. In late July 1986, however, stories appeared in three South African newspapers (picked up shortly thereafter by the London press and, in part, by CBS-TV) which shed considerable light on the question. The stories told of how a CIA officer, Donald C. Rickard by name, under cover as a consular official in Durban, had tipped off the Special Branch that Mr. Mandela would be disguised as a chauffeur in a car headed for Durban. This was information Rickard had obtained through an informer in

the ANC.

One year later, at a farewell party for him in South Africa, at the home of the notorious CIA mercenary, Colonel "Mad Mike" Hoare, Rickard himself, his tongue perhaps loosened by spirits, stated in the hearing of some of those present that he had been due to meet Mandela on the fateful night, but tipped off the police instead. Rickard refused to discuss the affair when approached by CBS.**

While Mandela's youth and health ebbed slowly away behind

prison walls, Rickard retired to live in comfort and freedom in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. He resides there still today. His brother, Samuel Harmer Rickard, III, was a CIA officer as well for many years.

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U.S.S. Liberty

Dear Friends:

I simply want to thank you for your comments to Ronald Barnes (Rochester) regarding the *U.S.S. Liberty*. I see two of our readers mentioned the *Liberty* (Marjorie Gallace of Camden, Maine the other).

You are precisely correct, the attack on *Liberty* was never given the attention it deserved.

I was on *Liberty's* sister ship (*U.S.S. Jamestown*). We were crossing the equator near Singapore the day the *Liberty* was attacked. I have never stopped writing about it.

Thank you again.

David Snell, U.S.N. (Retired)

David:

Thank you for writing. Someone could make a movie about Israel's attack on the U.S.S. Liberty (attacked by Israeli fighter planes June 8, 1967 during the Six Day War) and call it An Inconvenient Truth, if Al Gore hadn't already used the title.

The Editor

To be precise, on June 8, 2005, Mr. Bradley voted against HR 2744, the Agricultural, Rural Development, and FDA Appropriations Act that included funds for food stamps, child nutrition, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) programs, rural housing insurance, and the Food for Peace Program.

Conversely, on June 20, 2006, Mr. Bradley voted for HR 5631, the Defense Department FY 2007 Appropriations Bill that included funds for aircraft, weapons, ammunition, weapons research and development, and \$50 billion for ongoing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In short, during his last term in Congress, Mr. Bradley said "No" to \$67 billion for food and peace and "Yes" to \$207 billion for death and destruction. Does Mr. Bradley truly believe that New Hampshire voters value weapons three times more than they value food?

I urge all New Hampshire First Congressional District voters to return a real New Hampshire Patriot—Carol Shea-Porter—to Congress.

George M. Fodor

Derry, NH

George:

If New Hampshire's media deal this election from a straight deck, the incumbent's got no problems. What do you think the odds are of that?

The Editor

Whose Side Is She On?

To the Editor:

I woke up this morning to find that the margin of the Indiana primary had narrowed to a mere two percent. As I was looking through the headlines of the six sites I check every morning I came across CNN's delegate calculator and decided to play around with some possible scenarios. I did this in mid-March and discovered that, not counting superdelegates, Clinton

needed 65 percent of every remaining primary to *tie*. She has reached this total once, in Arkansas, which many would consider her "home state." This result this morning, once again not counting superdelegates, she needs at least 85 percent of the votes in every remaining primary to, again, *tie* Obama's total. I then played around with the numbers a bit further, this time with superdelegates in play. If Clinton receives 60 percent of the vote in the remaining primaries, which is not a realistic scenario, she needs to get 73 percent of the superdelegate vote to tie Obama, a number that would be far from representational.

As if it weren't painfully obvious in mid-March, it should be by now: there is only one way that Hillary Clinton will win the Democratic nomination, by the effort of the superdelegates to overturn the will of the people. This is obvious to anyone that can do a smidgen of math. But, Hillary Clinton is a life long Democrat, isn't she? A two term New York senator, the wife of a man who could have been remembered as one of this country's greatest presidents, a beacon of the opportunity the American dream can bring.

Now, clearly the superdelegates, high ranking members of the Democratic party wouldn't go against the will of the people would they? According to the Democratic National Committee's website, "The Democratic Party has a long and proud history of representing and protecting the interests of working Americans and guaranteeing personal liberties for all." The people have spoken. The people prefer Obama. At this most crucial juncture in our country, what kind of person could blindly march on with no hope of prevailing? What kind of person can look at what has happened since the 43rd president was sworn in

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and not want to do everything in their power to prevent that from continuing?

The superdelegate system was put in place for the sole purpose of "correcting" errors made by the people, the working Americans. The Democrats are on the cusp of revealing this power, showing the entire world that they are as much of a farce as American has been over the last eight years. If the people who have been granted the mysterious and mystical right to cast a vote that is equivalent to thousands and thousands of voters go against the will of the people, the Democratic party in this country will be ruined. It will instantly disenfranchise the young people and minorities who have voted at unprecedented levels, the Republican converts who have shown up in droves, and anybody that truly cares about justice and equality.

What could possibly have caused this? Doesn't Hillary believe in the promise of the Democratic agenda? Doesn't she have smart advisers that understand the potential damage constantly throwing the clear Democratic presidential nominee will do when the general election comes about? Could this possibly be the reason that so many important players in her campaign have suddenly "quit?"

The only conclusion I can come to is that she doesn't care. She knows full well that drawing this out and digging up as much dirt as possible is only going to work to make John McCain a more viable candidate. She knows that her presence will insure four more years of freedom-free Republican rule.

This was perfectly summed up in the recent tiff over the "gas-tax holiday." Barack Obama told it how it was, that people would save very little money. However,

Clinton agreed with McCain and supports the holiday, going to far as to say that Obama was "elitist" and "anti-working class."

Haven't we heard this before? The Republicans accusing the Democrats of being against the working class by not supporting tax cuts that are marketed toward helping poor people, when in reality they only serve to make the rich richer.

Wait ... which side is Hillary on?

Matthew Meta

Matthew:

Her own, her campaign contributors, and the gullible. In that order.

The Editor

New Hampshire's Legislature is Out of Control

To the Editor:

The "Democrat legislature gone wild" is at it again, passing irresponsible and unconstitutional laws.

SB 530 is a bill that mandates kindergarten for all communities, including the 12 school districts which have voted NOT to offer public kindergarten. This bill is unconstitutional because it creates a new state mandate without fully funding it, a violation of Part I, Art. 28-a of our state constitution. It is very dangerous in that it also repeals current state law that prohibits school boards from spending any money beyond that authorized by the voters (the "no means no" statutes, RSA 32:8 and 32:11). To heck with the will of the people!

SB 539 is an education funding plan that adds \$128 million dollars to create a nearly one billion dollar plan over the next biennium. This is in a year when we're facing a \$200 million deficit and the bill contains no means of raising the necessary funds. This bill is paving the way for new

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broad based taxes, most likely an income tax. The arbitrary costing formula relies on the number of "free and reduced lunch" students as well as artificially inflated teacher and staff salaries (apparently an "adequate education" requires that all staff, including janitors, have at least three years of experience). The bill re-establishes 37 donor towns. The problem is, it too violates the NH state constitution's ban on unfunded mandates (Part I, Art. 28-a).

How much more fiscally irresponsible, arbitrary, irrational, and unconstitutional can this legislature become? Please call or write your legislators and tell them to STOP this nonsense!

Will November ever come?

Jane Aitken
Bedford, NH

Israel Is Not the Victim

To the Editor:

In the world according to U.S. media the high moral ground in the Middle East belongs to Israel's government—even when it slaughters Palestinian children.

An Israeli tank shell slammed into a tiny Gaza Strip home today killing a Palestinian woman and four of her children as they prepared to sit down for breakfast.

According to Amnesty International, in its latest 2007 report, the Israelis killed more than 320 civilians last year including 120 children. During this same period, there were 21 Israeli civilians killed, including one child. The mass media of the U.S. would have us believe the opposite.

Whatever the case may be, there's no doubt that journalists generally understand critical words about Israel to be hazardous to careers. Rarely since the Second World War has a people been so vilified as the Palestinians, and rarely has a people been

so frequently excused and placated as the Israelis.

Brig. Gen. James J. David (U.S. Army, Ret.)

Marietta, GA

Cannon Fodder

To the Editor:

Read with interest a letter by Lynn Rudmin Chong, who mentioned Gen. Smedley Butler's book, "War is a Racket." I have a copy. The General also said that anyone who votes for war should be right on the ground in it. Then there wouldn't be any more wars. Bush and Cheney and all the neo-cons who signed on to the Project for a New American Century (1997), which mentions a New Pearl Harbor needed to get the people behind the attack on Iraq and chaired by William Kristol of the Weekly Standard who's father Irving Kristol was heavily involved in the funding for the Bolshevik revolution come to mind. It is a shame that most parents believe their sons and daughters are fighting and dying for our freedom and protection.

There are 22,500 troops since Desert Storm who were conned into taking discharges under Army regulation 635-200 Chap. 5-13 (Personality Disorder) who found that they get no medical care, and no retirement pay, and even had to give back enlistment bonuses.

Bush and company tell us if we aren't for the war we are unpatriotic. Consider this: Bernard Beruch, an advisor to several presidents after WW I, who was chairman of the War Production Board, told two members of the board, Joseph Kennedy and Bernard [Lehman?] "We just had a war that made you millionaires. We are planning one now that is going to make you billionaires,"

Does all this not remind you

of Soviet agent Henry Kissinger's remark that military men are "dumb, stupid animals to be used as pawns for foreign policy?" Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, *The Final Days*. Why has this enemy alien not been deported?

It is all about empire and profit for the Federal Reserve, that creates money out of nothing, which has devalued the dollar to the point that it is almost worthless. Unseen inflation is driving up the cost of everything, especially oil. That is the only thing keeping the federal dollar afloat. Halliburton and Bechtel and Blackwater and the military complex are laughing all the way to the bank. If Bush and company are so concerned about our troops why are they always smiling when on TV?

Ronald Barnes
Rochester NH

Ronald:
You did it again. We were right with you until you unleashed that one about Henry Kissinger being a Soviet agent. We've got as low an opinion of Henry as anyone we know, but ... Soviet agent? Come on, you owe us some kind of source or evidence on that one.

The Editor

No Fan of Hillary's

To the Editor:

After writing you in January saying I planned to follow the Democratic primary campaign to compare His [Bill Clinton's] in 1992 with Hers [Hillary's] this year, I've been doing that. Reading about the Clintons' clawing to get her nominated and themselves returned to power, has confirmed my opinion that neither is worth voting for.

In April a letter in a local newspaper praised Hillary Clinton in her drive to be president, ending with the edict that we all need to "support whoever the Democratic nominee turns out to be." Their putrid acts, past and present, have made it certain I won't vote to see

a rerun of the Clinton show.

Marjorie Gallace
Camden, ME

Global Migration

To the Editor:

Our lonesome planet consists of vast interconnected networks of floating populations—from Bangladeshi laborers in the Gulf States to Chinese students pursuing degrees in Australia to Zimbabwe asylum seekers fleeing to South Africa to disillusioned Iraqis resettling in Scandinavia. Nearly 190 million citizens of the world lived outside their country of birth in 2005, with origin flux accelerating at a frantic pace.

Mass migration has been going on for centuries, with the primary reasons improving their own and their family's lives; ensuring safety protections and human rights freedoms; maximizing success options and future prospects; and escaping the poverty trap along with inevitable economic hardship. The common goal of most refugees is to be treated honestly and fairly—with dignity and respect. While international trade movements of products, services, ideas and information have become openly free, barred movement bans related to people crossing borders remain tightly controlled.

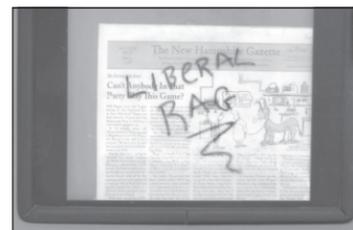
Forced migration is fueled by such factors as imposed wars, violent conflict, human rights abuses and political repression. Unauthorized clandestine voluntary migrants (labeled illegal aliens) are caught between demand/pull from receiving countries and supply/push from source countries, often corruptly involving human smuggling bribes, to fill unwanted, menial labor jobs mostly in the agricultural, construction and manufacturing sectors.

Confronting the refugee crisis requires maintaining an uneasy balance between denoun-



cing overt violations of uncivil wrongs while anxiously deploring the intrusion of often unmanageable, burdensome inflow as well as public health and taxing welfare demands. Our ever-changing social order must learn to accommodate increased information technology, and internet access, resulting in more tolerant understanding and compassionate understanding of the complex issues of responsibility and accountability, which call for less restrictive measures and a more progressive shared universe policy regarding Global Migration for one and all.

Dr. Charles Frederickson
Bangkok, Thailand



Smile When You Scribble That

To the Artist Who Tagged Our Red Distribution Box Outside the Café Formerly Known as Brioche:

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The Editor

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Portsmouth is bounded on the north and east by the Piscataqua River. Depending on which tour boat captain you believe, it's the second, the third, or the fourth fastest-flowing navigable river in the country.

The Piscataqua's remarkable current is caused by the tide which, in turn is

caused by the moon. The other major player is a vast sunken valley, about ten miles upriver. Twice a day, the moon drags roughly seventeen billion gallons of salt water from the ocean, up the river, into Great Bay. (If the moon ever stopped moving that water for us, it could be replaced with 2,125,000

tanker trucks.)

The moon's meddling creates a roving hydraulic conflict as incoming sea and outgoing river collide. The skirmish line moves from the mouth of the river, past New Castle, around the bend by the old Naval Prison, under Memorial Bridge, past the tugboats,

and on towards Great Bay. This spectacle can best be seen when the chart below shows the tide rising. A good place to watch is the little deck near the sterns of the tugboats, off Ceres Street. Twice a day, too, the moon lets all that water go. All the salt water that just fought its way upstream goes back

to rejoin the ocean. This is when the Piscataqua earns its title for xth fastest current. A good place to observe this is from Bow Street, up by St. John's church. Look up the river, from one of the little parking lots between the buildings. (Don't try to drive or park there, that won't work.) You'll see a red

buoy, at the upstream end of Badger's Island, bobbing around in the current. That buoy weighs several tons, is nine feet wide, and it bobs and bounces in the current like a cork! The river also has its placid moments, around high and low tides. Often when the river rests, its tugboats and drawbridges

work their hardest. Ships coming in heavily laden with coal, oil, and salt generally do so at high tide, for maximum clearance under their keels. When they leave empty, riding high in the water, they tend to go at low tide, for maximum clearance under Memorial Bridge.

Sunday, May 18	Monday, May 19	Tuesday, May 20	Wednesday, May 21	Thursday, May 22	Friday, May 23	Saturday, May 24
<p>1992—The 27th Amendment, prohibiting any Congress from raising its own pay, is ratified 202 years after its submission.</p> <p>1982—The Rev. Sun Myung Moon is convicted of tax fraud.</p> <p>1980—Mt. St. Helens cuts loose for the first time in 123 years.</p> <p>1974—India successfully tests a nuclear weapon in an operation named Smiling Buddha.</p> <p>1958—The pilot of an American B-26 shot down over Indonesia is initially dismissed as a "soldier of fortune," but it's later admitted he was a CIA employee.</p> <p>1946—As he experiments with the same plutonium core that killed Harry Daghlian the previous August, Louis Slotin's screwdriver slips and he receives a lethal burst of radiation.</p> <p>1927—Andrew Kehoe, angry at having to pay taxes to support the Bath, Michigan school system, blows up the school, killing 43 people, including 39 grade-schoolers. He then kills his wife, loads his truck with dynamite and nails, and blows up himself and the school superintendent.</p> <p>1917—The draft law is enacted.</p> <p>1896—The U.S. Supreme Court rules, in Plessy vs. Ferguson, that racial segregation is legal.</p> <p>1842—In Rhode Island, Dorrites try unsuccessfully to take the state arsenal.</p>	<p>1992—Veep Dan Quayle attempts to pin recent LA riots on television character "Murphy Brown."</p> <p>1964—U.S. diplomats find at least 40 hidden microphones in the U.S. embassy in Moscow.</p> <p>1962—In Madison Square Garden Marilyn Monroe, barely wearing a diaphanous gown, sings "Happy Birthday" to President John F. Kennedy.</p> <p>1956—A 15 megaton bomb test in the South Pacific raises radiation levels in the U.S. to 10 times normal.</p> <p>1954—U.S. Postmaster General Summerfield OK's a CIA mail-opening project.</p> <p>1950—In South Amboy, NJ, four ammunition barges carrying 467 tons of ammunition explode, killing 30 & injuring 350 more.</p> <p>1932—Rep. Claude Fuller (D-AR) introduces a bill requiring Civil Service employees to be able to "sing, write or recite the words to the <i>Star Spangled Banner</i>" from memory.</p> <p>1925—Malcolm Little is born in Omaha, Neb.</p> <p>1909—Marines land in Nicaragua to "protect U.S. interests."</p> <p>1891—The Populist Party is founded.</p> <p>1890—Birth of Ho Chi Minh.</p> <p>1780—A strange mid-day darkness falls over New England.</p>	<p>1978—Mavis Hutchinson, 53, arrives in New York City after running across America in 69 days.</p> <p>1969—After 11 bloody assaults in 10 days, American troops of the 187th Airborne take Dong Ap Bia at a cost of 70 dead and 372 wounded. "Hamburger Hill" is abandoned sixteen days later.</p> <p>1937—In Spain, George Orwell is seriously wounded fighting Franco's fascists.</p> <p>1927—Charles Lindbergh takes off from Long Island.</p> <p>1926—Thomas Edison announces that Americans prefer silent films to talkies.</p> <p>1920—Henry Ford prints the bogus <i>Protocols of the Elders of Zion</i> in his newspaper, the <i>Dear-born Independent</i>.</p> <p>1918—The town of Codell, Kansas is hit by a tornado.</p> <p>1917—The town of Codell, Kansas is hit by a tornado.</p> <p>1916—The town of Codell, Kansas is hit by a tornado.</p> <p>1899—In New York, Jacob German has the honor of receiving the first ticket for speeding—he went over 12 mph.</p> <p>1776—Mohawks defeat colonists at the Battle of the Cedars.</p> <p>1631—Eighty-five percent of the population of Magdeburg is killed by the Army of the Holy Roman Empire.</p>	<p>1981—U.S. Senate votes to spend \$20 billion and resume full-scale production of nerve gas and other chemical weapons.</p> <p>1973—A nuclear-powered light-house goes into operation off the Estonian coast at Tallin.</p> <p>1968—Students are protesting in West Berlin, Paris, Peking, Berkeley, and New York.</p> <p>1956—Aerial test of an H-bomb over Bikini Island.</p> <p>1945—Humphrey Bogart, 45, marries Lauren Bacall, 20.</p> <p>1924—Nathan Leopold, 19, and Richard Loeb, 18, murder Robert Franks, 14, for the fun of it.</p> <p>1904—Fats Waller comes waiting into this world.</p> <p>1894—Shortly before being relieved of the burden of his head by Dr. Guillotin's humane device, Emile Henry says, "Courage, camarade, vive l'anarchie."</p> <p>1871—In Paris, "Bloody Week" begins; the errors of the Paris Commune are corrected by the execution of 20-35,000.</p> <p>1823—The 200th anniversary of the settling of Portsmouth is "celebrated with great élat."</p> <p>1771—Poet Christopher Smart dies in debtor's prison.</p> <p>1420—Henry VI, King of England, is betrothed to Catherine de Valois of France, thus ensuring perpetual peace between the two nations.</p>	<p>2004—George W. Bush is slightly injured falling off a bicycle.</p> <p>1981—Director Boris Sagal is struck and killed by a helicopter rotor blade while making a film. Sagal had filmed the pilot episode of <i>Combat!</i>, whose star, Vic Morrow, dies the same way in 1982.</p> <p>1968—In New York, police arrest nearly 1,000 at occupied Columbia U.</p> <p>1968—Police and students clash in the Latin Quarter of Paris.</p> <p>1968—The nuclear sub <i>Scorpion</i>, two nuclear torpedos, and all 99 crew members are lost at sea.</p> <p>1957—A 10 megaton H-bomb is accidentally dropped near Albuquerque. Its attached parachutes fail to operate. The non-nuclear explosives leave a crater 12 feet deep and 25 across.</p> <p>1954—Hibbing, Minnesota's biggest Bar Mitzvah ever is held for Robert Zimmerman.</p> <p>1949—Former Secretary of Defense James Forrestal either throws himself, or is thrown, out a 16th floor hospital window.</p> <p>1884—Pitching with his right (the only hand he has) Hugh Daily fans 13 hitters.</p> <p>1856—Rep. Preston Brooks (D-SC) visits the floor of the Senate, where he beats Sen. Charles Sumner (Opp.-MA) into unconsciousness with a cane.</p>	<p>2003—Dick Cheney casts a deciding Senate vote drastically cutting taxes for the rich.</p> <p>1995—34 days after someone blew up an Oklahoma federal building, the federal government blows up what's left.</p> <p>1963—Mossad agents kidnap Adolph Eichmann in Argentina.</p> <p>1945—Reichsführer Heinrich Himmler cheats the hangman.</p> <p>1939—The U.S.S. <i>Squalus</i> sinks off the Isles of Shoals with 59 men on board.</p> <p>1930—"I wish you all had one neck and that I had my hands on it," serial killer Carl Panzram writes to the Society for the Abolition of Capital Punishment.</p> <p>1908—In San Francisco, 16 passengers fall out of an exploding dirigible. All survive.</p> <p>1883—A team of one-armed men plays baseball against a team of one-legged men.</p> <p>1832—In Jamaica, the revolutionary Samuel Sharpe is honored for his part in the 1831 Slave Rebellion by being hanged.</p> <p>1701—Captain Kidd's career comes to an abrupt end.</p> <p>1618—Bohemian nobles throw two Imperial governors out the window of a Prague castle. Landing in a cartload of manure, neither is badly hurt, but the 2nd Defenestration of Prague kicks off the Thirty Years War.</p>	<p>2001—Senator James Jeffords (R-VT) walks out on the GOP, temporarily shifting the balance of power.</p> <p>1989—Stephen McCoy, being killed by employees of the state of Texas, suffers a violent reaction to the drugs. His heaving and thrashing causes a male witness to faint and fall over, knocking over another witness.</p> <p>1982—In South Africa, a 22 lb. baby is born.</p> <p>1980—Hundreds of anti-nuke occupiers are arrested at Seabrook.</p> <p>1963—R.I.P. Elmore James.</p> <p>1962—NASA's Mercury capsule <i>Aurora 7</i> overshoots its intended landing area by 250 miles.</p> <p>1959—First in-house bomb shelter is demonstrated in Pleasant Hills, PA.</p> <p>1958—United Press International is formed.</p> <p>1941—Robert Zimmerman is born in Hibbing, Minnesota.</p> <p>1939—Commander Charles B. Momson leads an effort that rescues 33 surviving crew members of the U.S.S. <i>Squalus</i>.</p> <p>1935—First major league night game, in Cincinnati.</p> <p>1899—First auto repair shop is opened, in Boston.</p> <p>1884—The Anti-Monopoly Party and the Greenback Party join to form the People's Party.</p>
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<p>2007—Students and faculty at U. Mass. howl and boo as Andrew Card, George W. Bush's ex-Chief of Staff, gets an honorary degree.</p> <p>2005—Quincy resident Stan Standrick, scratching lottery tickets while sitting in a borrowed Rolls Royce off Morrissey Boulevard, bumps the shifter, causing the car to roll into the Atlantic.</p> <p>2003—A Boeing 727 takes off from an Angolan airport without a flight crew, or permission to take off. It is never seen again.</p> <p>1988—Four years after his death, Peter Lawford's ashes are scattered at sea because none of his children will pay for entombment.</p> <p>1981—In Chicago, Dan Goodwin, dressed as Spiderman, climbs the Sears Tower.</p> <p>1961—John F. Kennedy promises to put a man on the moon.</p> <p>1979—"Capital punishment," says John Spenkelink, sitting in "Old Sparky," "them without the capital get the punishment."</p> <p>1979—After an engine falls off, American Airlines Flight 191 crashes in Chicago, killing 271 on board and 2 on the ground.</p> <p>1953—The first atomic cannon is fired, at Frenchman's Flat, NV.</p> <p>1932—The Bonus March arrives in Washington, DC.</p>	<p>2004—The <i>NY Times</i> admits its pre-war Iraq coverage was "not as rigorous as it should have been."</p> <p>1977—In New York, George Willig climbs the exterior of the World Trade Center.</p> <p>1972—Nixon's "Plumbers" fail to gain entry to Democratic National HQ at the Watergate.</p> <p>1959—A helicopter lands in Comiskey Park, disgorging Ed-Ed Gaedel and three other mid-gets, who kidnap Nellie Fox and Louis Aparicio. Gaedel ad libs, "I don't want to be taken to your leader; I already know him."</p> <p>1938—House Committee on Un-American Activities begins its un-American activities.</p> <p>1937—Forty Ford thugs beat the living hell out of Walter Reuther and three union colleagues in the "Battle of the Overpass."</p> <p>1916—Louis T. "Moondog" Hardin, composer, street musician, and blind, Viking-helmet-wearing eccentric, is born.</p> <p>1836—Congress adopts the Gag Rule: no talking about slavery.</p> <p>1637—At Mystic, CT, Captains Mason and Underhill start the Pequot War by burning Pequot forts and killing 600 Indians.</p> <p>1608—King Phillip III of Spain decrees that it's OK to enslave Indians, as long as they aren't Catholic.</p>	<p>1975—Alaska legalizes pot.</p> <p>1972—Nixon's "Plumbers" again fail to gain entry to Democratic National HQ at the Watergate.</p> <p>1959—NBC's <i>Today Show</i> airs a straight-faced report on the Society for Indecency to Naked Animals, which advocates clothes for quadrupeds.</p> <p>1941—The British sink the <i>Bismark</i> to the bottom of the sea.</p> <p>1940—British troops begin leaving Dunkirk under less than ideal conditions.</p> <p>1937—The Golden Gate Bridge is opened to pedestrians.</p> <p>1923—Birth of the arch-fiend Henry Kissinger.</p> <p>1907—A plague outbreak hits San Francisco.</p> <p>1777—Major Samuel Langdon sets out for Cambridge with four teams hauling gunpowder expropriated from the Crown.</p> <p>1722—Samuel Adams is born.</p> <p>1702—"I am about to—or I am going to—die," says French grammarian Dominique Bouhours on his deathbed, "either expression is used."</p> <p>1647—Achsah Young becomes the first person executed in Massachusetts for witchcraft.</p> <p>1541—In the Tower of London Margaret Pole, 8th Countess of Salisbury, attempts to run from her executioner. After three or four strokes, he prevails.</p>	<p>2003—The second fiction writer in one month resigns from the <i>NY Times</i>.</p> <p>1987—Mathias Rust, 19, lands a rented Cessna in Red Square.</p> <p>1972—Nixon's "Plumbers" finally gain entry to Democratic National Headquarters in the Watergate Hotel, but they get busted.</p> <p>1971—War hero and movie star Audie Murphy dies at 46.</p> <p>1962—Stock market loses \$20 billion in value.</p> <p>1959—Able and Baker, two monkeys, are launched into space by the U.S. Army.</p> <p>1955—"The Ballad of Davy Crockett" is the most popular song in America.</p> <p>1952—During a ceremony in Saigon, observers see a "white-silver disc-shaped object" flying straight and fast overhead for about two minutes.</p> <p>1937—FDR pushes a button in Washington, DC, opening the Golden Gate Bridge to auto traffic.</p> <p>1830—Pres. Andy Jackson decrees all Indians must move west of the Mississippi.</p> <p>1754—French & Indian War begins.</p> <p>1738—Birth of Dr. Joseph Ignace Guillotin.</p> <p>1653—Strawbery Banke becomes Portsmouth.</p>	<p>2004—Four Islamist terrorists kill 22 foreigners at Khobar in Saudi Arabia.</p> <p>2002—FBI head Robert Mueller admits his outfit might have been able to prevent 9/11.</p> <p>1992—Grady Stiles Jr., aka Lobster Boy, is murdered in Gibsonton, FL, by a hit man hired by his family.</p> <p>1987—Michael Jackson attempts to buy the Elephant Man's bones.</p> <p>1968—Charles deGaulle flies to Germany to confer with French generals about bringing 20,000 troops back home to restore order.</p> <p>1953—Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary top Everest.</p> <p>1922—U.S. Supreme Court rules that baseball is a sport, not a business, and is therefore exempt from anti-trust laws.</p> <p>1916—U.S. forces invade Dominican Republic. They stay until 1926.</p> <p>1912—For dancing the "Turkey Trot" on their lunch break, 15 young women are fired by the Curtis Publishing Company.</p> <p>1842—A patent for lifting boats is granted to Abraham Lincoln.</p> <p>1790—Rhode Island finally endorses the Constitution (thanks in part to a boycott by other New England states) and becomes the 13th state.</p>	<p>2007—Dale Rippy, a 62 year-old Florida resident, is attacked by a rabid 25-pound bobcat. Rippy, a Vietnam veteran, strangles the bobcat with his bare hands.</p> <p>1971—About 450 people, most of them Vietnam veterans, are arrested during an anti-war protest on Lexington Green.</p> <p>1937—Police attack striking workers at Republic Steel in Chicago, hospitalizing 55, wounding 30 more, and killing 10.</p> <p>1912—Two companies of Marines are shipped to Nicaragua "to protect American interests."</p> <p>1904—During a doubleheader, Frank Chance gets hit five times by pitches.</p> <p>1883—Six days after the Brooklyn Bridge is opened, a panic leads to 12 people being trampled to death.</p> <p>1806—Future President Andy Jackson kills a man in a duel.</p> <p>1783—America's first daily paper, <i>The Pennsylvania Evening Post</i>, begins publication. It is "a sorry-looking, poverty-stricken sheet," published by a "catchpenny Tory."</p> <p>1778—RIP Voltaire.</p> <p>1741—New York, to uphold slavery, burns 13 black men at the stake, and hangs 17 black men, two white men, and two white women involved in planning a slave revolt.</p>	<p>1958—Number of U.S. military and economic advisors on duty in Vietnam rises to 1,347.</p> <p>1957—The French quit training Vietnamese troops, U.S. assumes complete advisory role.</p> <p>1942—The Luftwaffe bombs Coventry, England.</p> <p>1927—The last Model T rolls off the Ford assembly line.</p> <p>1921—A massive "race war" begins in Tulsa, OK.</p> <p>1921—The mistrial of Sacco and Vanzetti begins.</p> <p>1917—The Battle of Jutland begins: history's only major engagement of two fleets of battleships. Results are inconclusive, except for the 8,645 dead.</p> <p>1889—A shoddy dam belonging to Andrew Carnegie, Andrew Mellon, and friends at the South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club collapses upstream of Johnstown, Pa. The resulting flood kills 2,200, but the owners are never successfully prosecuted.</p> <p>1779—George Washington orders General John Sullivan to carry out a scorched-earth policy against the Iroquois.</p> <p>1678—At the Coventry, England fair, a tradition begins of memorializing an early form of tax protest by Lady Godiva (980-1067).</p> <p>1578—The long-lost catacombs of Rome are rediscovered.</p>
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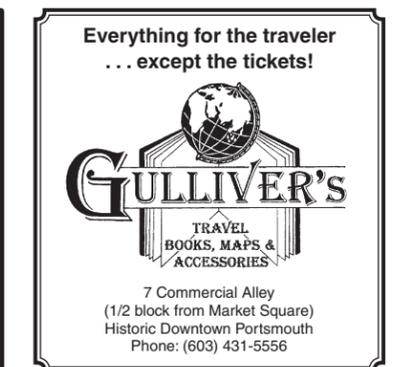
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