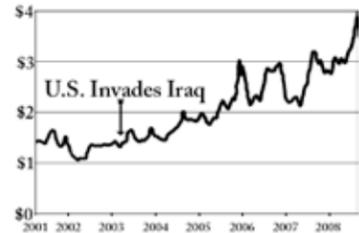


## The Fortnightly Rant

# Over a Barrel

Last Friday, June 6, the price of oil shot up eight percent in a single day. A gallon of gas now costs four bucks. That is four times what it cost early in 2002, before the Bush administration began rattling its saber at Saddam Hussein.



Cost of Gas, 2001 - 2008

That same Friday, the Labor Department released the unemployment rate for May. It jumped half a point in a single month. That hasn't happened for nearly a generation.\*

The Dow Jones Industrial Average responded to this one-two punch by dropping almost 400 points, or three percent. Since the cumulative value of the stocks traded on the New York Stock

\* As we were writing this, that old devil curiosity grabbed ahold of us yet again. "Just how long," we wondered, "is a generation?" So we went looking for an answer.

According to RaptureReady.com, there were 42 generations between Abraham and Christ, over a period of time that spanned about 2,160 years. They therefore conclude that a generation averages about 51.4 years.

Modern-day genealogists disagree. Typically they consider a generation to be about 25 years, deriving their calculations from their family trees, rather than the Bible.

Based on the principle that, like everything else, they don't make humans like they used to, we're siding with the genealogists on this question.

The last time unemployment jumped half a percent in a single month was 22 years ago.

Exchange is about \$25 trillion, that means \$750 billion dollars vanished that day.

In Pentagonese, Wall Street was acting as a "force multiplier" in this case, making a bad situation a whole lot worse. At the current rate of expenditure, the money that evaporated could have covered the Pentagon's expenses in Iraq War for another six years.

Technically, of course, none of this is news. Not anymore. It happened a week ago, and every news outlet in the country has beaten it to death.

So, here's the news: Dr. Mamdouh Salameh, an oil economist whose clients include the World Bank and the UN, was quoted on May 27, in the (London) *Independent*, saying "the price of oil would now be no more than \$40 a barrel, less than a third of the record \$135 a barrel reached last week, if it had not been for the Iraq war."

We have long suspected that George W. Bush's optional, preemptive, under-false-premises invasion of Iraq was the first domino in the current worldwide financial panic, but we're not global experts.

On Monday, we searched Google News for "Mamdouh Salameh." So far as we can tell, outside of *Alternet.org*, where we found it, we're the first American news medium to pass along Dr. Salameh's finding.

If ever there were a time when you might hope it would help to have a president with experience



in the oil business, it would be now. Presuming, of course, that he or she were honest and intelligent. Back on this planet, before President George W. Bush flew east on Monday to annoy the Europeans, he offered his solution to the problem of high oil prices: put oil rigs in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) and on the continental shelf.\*\*

If Congress OK'd drilling in ANWR, 2013 would be the earliest oil would begin to arrive at U.S. refineries. America's daily consumption of oil in 2013 is currently estimated at 22.5 million barrels a day. The highest estimate of ANWR's potential daily output is about 876,000 barrels a day. So if we take Mr. Bush's advice, we might hope to see results five years from now, in the form of whatever slight

\*\* Perhaps out of deference to Senator Ted Kennedy, just released from the hospital after brain surgery for a malignant tumor, Bush stopped short of specifically endorsing oil wells in the waters off Hyannis.

downward pressure on prices might result from increasing our domestic oil supply by a whopping 3.9 percent.

But only the most resolutely gullible person would look to this president for sensible guidance. Just a few months ago, on February 28, a reporter mentioned to Bush that analysts were predicting \$4 a gallon gas. In a moment reminiscent of his father's bedazzlement when first beholding a supermarket checkout scanner, the younger Bush replied, "That's interesting. I hadn't heard that."

In May of 1493, Pope Alexander VI drew the Line of Demarcation on a map of the world. The line determined which far-flung regions belonged to Portugal, and which to Spain. Spain got the better half; Alexander was a Valencian by birth. (This was a busy year for Alexander—he also hosted a decadent Vatican wedding for his thirteen year-old daughter, Lucretia Borgia.)

Pope Alexander's Line of Demarcation, and the lost lives of tens of thousands of enslaved Indians and African miners, allowed Charles the First of Spain to originate the boast, "in my realm the sun never sets." But Spain's fortunes declined due to bureaucratic sclerosis and privateers like Henry Morgan. No longer an empire, its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is now one-tenth that of the U.S.

A line of British monarchs later appropriated Charles's conceit and applied it to their own empire. It later succumbed to the one-two punch of a couple of World Wars. Now a mere United Kingdom with a loosely configured Commonwealth, its GDP is but one-fifth of ours.

Since the War to End All Wars in 1918, the U.S. has ridden the internal combustion engine to victory over the bones of earlier empires, but it looks like our sun is about to set. We'll get used to it. Spain and Britain did.

## News Briefs

# Rep. David vs. President Goliath

The second week of the fortnight got off to an uncommonly good start, with Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) launching a cluster-bomb of a resolution Monday night, containing 35 individual articles of impeachment bombled targeted at President George W. Bush. On Tuesday, Rep. Robert Wexler (D-FL) became a co-sponsor. As press time approached, however, it appeared that the insurgency had spread no farther.

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) had previously and pre-emptively declared that impeachment was "off the table."

A response to the impeachment resolution was issued by Nadeam Elshami, a spokesman for Pelosi. The Speaker was apparently attending to other duties, perhaps under a desk.

Mr. Elshami warned that act-

ing on Kucinich's impeachment resolution "would create a divisive battle," and be "a distraction" that "would ultimately fail."

The Pelosi/Elshami argument for ignoring George W. Bush's history of high crimes and misdemeanors rang a faint bell in the dim recesses of our editorial noggin. A bit of rummaging in the archives refreshed our memory.

On January 9, 1766 Daniel Fowle, the founder of this paper, published a letter asking the question, "Can we gain Independence?" Further, it asked, "If we gain [independence] can we support ourselves in it?" The letter was signed "Junius."

"[A]ll Great Britain" was "united to subdue us," warned Junius. "[W]e depend wholly on ourselves." If we attempted to gain our independence, we would be "a country without arms, with-

out ammunition, without trade." "[A] continent of 1000 miles sea coast" would be helpless "defending themselves without one ship of war against 500 Battle ships completely manned and fitted." Unless we were certain of victory, it would be foolish to stand on principle and fight. Far better, he thought, to be practical. The colonies should knuckle under, and submit to the arbitrary depredations of Parliament and the King.\*

**What [The #@%&] Happened [?]**  
Bits and pieces of the incredible exploding Bush administra-

\* Daniel was not endorsing Junius' argument, just publishing his letter to fulfill the paper's responsibility to carry the public debate. But the New Hampshire House, then meeting in Exeter, was infuriated by this performance of civic duty. On January 17 they passed a resolution demanding that he appear before them to "give an Account of the Author of said piece" and "answer for his Printing" of it. Sadly, the records of the

House tell us no more about this dispute. We do know that publication was suspended for four months, and that Daniel's former apprentice Benjamin Dearborn publicly assumed the role of editor for a time after it reappeared. We'd love to know what Daniel thought of being raked over the coals by the New Hampshire legislature, almost ten years after being illegally jailed by the Massachusetts House.

tion are flying across the sky with such frequency and velocity that we really need an air traffic control system to track them. In our May 30 issue we barely managed to mention that former Bush press secretary Scott McClellan has written a book: *What Happened*. We haven't read it, but even so it reminds us of *How to Rig an Election*, Allen Raymond's memoir of his sordid political career, up to and including his role in jamming Democratic phone lines for the New Hampshire GOP during the 2002 election—another hard-cover attempt to

expiate hardcore sins. Considering what's gone on the past eight years, this looks like a growth genre for the publishing racket.

Ari Fleischer, Bush's first press secretary, had a lean, hungry, and intelligent look about him. He seemed smarter than his boss, which may be why he bailed out shortly after the U.S. invasion of Iraq. McClellan was Fleischer's antithesis on all three counts. Plodding and unimaginative, he could stand at the podium indefinitely, repeating inanities and absorbing slings and arrows, until finally he went blind staring into the headlights of the White House press corps. McClellan was perfect, as long as he stayed on the reservation. Then suddenly he was traitorous scum.



**RARE VIEW**—The excavation of the former parking space just east of the Martingale on Bow Street allows—for just a short while longer—this expansive view up the Piscataqua.

**News Briefs, Continued**

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This makes him a bit of a dicey hero for Bush-haters, of course, but after eight years in the wilderness, they'll take what they can get.

**The Return of The Man in the Black Hat**

Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA), in his role as chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, has been snooping around for months prying into the affairs of Jack Abramoff.

Abramoff was formerly a frequent exerciser of his right to petition the government on behalf of paying clients such as Indian tribes wishing to become wealthy through the operation of gambling casinos, and sweatshop owners wishing to get rich by continuing to pay starvation wages to desperate Pacific Islanders barred from forming unions. He has been a guest of the federal government at a federal prison in Maryland since November of 2006.

During Abramoff's trial and since, the Bush administration has energetically maintained that it hardly knew him.

We are shocked—*shocked*—to

report that Mr. Waxman's committee has turned up a great deal of evidence to the contrary.

According to a summary by Jason Leopold, published on Consortiumnews.org, "Abramoff, who pleaded guilty two years ago to corruption charges, had 485 lobbying contacts with White House officials between January 2001 and March 2004, including 170 meetings over meals and 16 meetings over drinks," the report said.

"Committee chairman, Rep. Henry Waxman, D-California, also complained that his investigation was hampered by six unnamed individuals who asserted their Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination, including three White House officials.

"Waxman's committee released six photographs of Abramoff and members of his family posing with Bush at GOP fundraisers and White House functions. Some of the photos were autographed by the President.

"In January 2006, when one such photograph surfaced, Bush dismissed it as meaningless and insisted he barely knew the man.

"You know, I, frankly, don't even remember having my pic-



ture taken with the guy,' Bush said. 'I don't know him. I can't say I didn't ever meet him, but I meet a lot of people. ... I've had my picture taken with a lot of people.'

**Senate Intelligence Report, Phase II**

As we said—so much going on we can't keep up. On June 5, the Senate Intelligence Committee arose from its torpor and, much like Scott McClellan, told us what we have known for years: the Bush administration purposely manipulated intelligence, downplayed intelligence that didn't suit its belligerent purposes, and generally misled the Congress, the public, and the world. In plain English, they lied to drum up support for their invasion of Iraq.

Republican members of the committee complained bitterly in a minority report that some Democrats, Sen. Hillary Clinton

(D-NY) and Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) in particular, had voiced similarly misleading claims. In plain English, they screwed up by believing Bush and Cheney.

**The Texas Gubernatorial Conflagration**

The Texas governor's mansion was badly damaged by fire early Sunday morning. The Associated Press reported on the day of the fire that the state fire marshall suspected the cause might be arson. Built in 1856, the mansion is the oldest continually-used executive residence west of the Mississippi. Before housing the present president for six years, it sheltered such historical figures as Sam Houston, "Pappy" O'Daniel—the only man ever to beat Lyndon Johnson in an election—and Miriam A. "Ma" Ferguson, the second woman governor in American history, during its 152-year history. Considering its relatively recent indignity,

perhaps another potential cause deserves investigation: spontaneous architectural combustion.

**McCain's Record on Veterans' Health Care**

[Note: We received the following from John J. Thyng Jr., the Campaign Director for New Hampshire for Health Care, a project of the Service Employees International Union. For more information see: [nhforhealthcare.org](http://nhforhealthcare.org).—The Ed.]

**"Coalition of the Waiting" — McCain Leaves Vets Behind**

Senator John McCain's visit to New Hampshire this week will no doubt include conversations about the Coalition of the Waiting—but campaign speeches continue to overlook the growing Coalition of the Waiting at home.

Among the waiting are 47 million Americans without health care coverage, and an increasing number of veterans whose once-reliable Veterans Affairs health

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**CUTTING A RUG THE PAVEMENT**—It's no hardwood floor, but these ballroom dancers had no trouble with Pleasant Street's pavement during Seacoast Local's shindig Saturday.

care system is now failing them. Senator McCain, a veteran and respected war hero, has repeatedly voted against fully funding the VA. And as a candidate for president, McCain is proposing to dismantle the VA health care system, giving veterans a voucher or debit card and leaving them to fend for themselves against the insurance companies. That would be the end of VA health care—the end of America's promise to care for our veterans throughout their lifetime. At a time when record numbers of veterans are coming home from war with stress disorders and complex injuries, we need to know why:

**McCain Was One of 13 Senators To Vote Against Increases In Veterans' Health Care**—In 2006, McCain voted against an amendment to add \$430 million for outpatient and inpatient health care and treatment for veterans. Amendment passed 84-16. [HR 4939, Vote #98, 4/26/06]

**McCain Voted Against a \$2 Billion Increase In Veterans' Emergency Funding**—In 2005, McCain voted against an amendment that would increase funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs

by \$1.98 billion and designate it as emergency spending. Over half of the funding would have gone to veterans' regional health networks and to provide mental health care and treatment. Amendment failed 46-54. [HR 1268, Vote #89, 4/12/05]

**McCain Voted Against A \$10 Million Increase In Readjustment Counseling for Veterans**—In 2005, McCain voted against an amendment that would provide an additional \$10 million for the Readjustment Counseling Service, offset with a \$10 million reduction in the HealthVet account. The amendment failed 48-50. [HR 2528, Vote #242, 9/22/05]

**Two Days After Iraq Invasion, McCain Voted Against A \$1 Billion Increase For Veterans**—Two days after the invasion of Iraq in 2003, McCain voted against an amendment that would increase spending on veterans' programs by approximately \$1 billion and put the same amount toward deficit reduction. The amendment failed 49-51. [SCR 23, Vote #74, 3/21/03]

**McCain Voted Against Rolling Back Tax Breaks for the Rich to Fund Health Care for Veterans**—

In 2006, McCain voted against an amendment to make veterans' health benefits a mandatory program, spending \$104 billion over five years. The funding would have been offset by closing corporate tax loopholes and rolling back the Bush tax cuts for millionaires. Amendment rejected 46-54. [SCR 83, Vote #63, 3/16/06]

**The Religion Desk**

An obscure Catholic priest stood up at Barack Obama's church recently and made some disparaging remarks implying that Hillary Clinton had harbored feelings of entitlement regarding the Democratic nomination, possibly tinged with a *souçon* of racism. Senator Obama promptly resigned from the church in which he was married. That seems to have quieted, if not satisfied, the critics. Good thing, too—the only step left for him to take to signify his complete repudiation of everything ever associated with that church would have been to burn the place down.

Meanwhile, in Texas, amidst howls of outrage from paragons of virtue such as Headline News's Screeching Harridan of Justice™

Nancy Grace, authorities have returned a few hundred children of uncertain lineage back to the loving arms of their hyperfundamentalist, polygamous parents. Which leads us to wonder: what if the parents had been hippies? "Texas authorities returned hundreds of children today to a remote compound outside Austin, where tie-dyed, pot-smoking communards of all ages practice free love ..." That'll be the day.

We apologize for this issue, hastily thrown together at the last moment. The Editor learned recently of the teachings of the prophet Yisrayl (*née* Buffalo Bill) Hawkins, in Abilene, Texas, and, though he hadn't gone so far as to change his last name to Hawkins, as many other followers have, he was struck by the power of the prophet's revelation that a global nuclear war would begin on Thursday, June 12. He concluded that preparing a newspaper for publication the next day would be an offense in the eyes of the Lord, thus having to hurry when it didn't end.

**Department of Historical Inaccuracy**

In our May 30 paper, on page eight, we wrote that in 1912, in

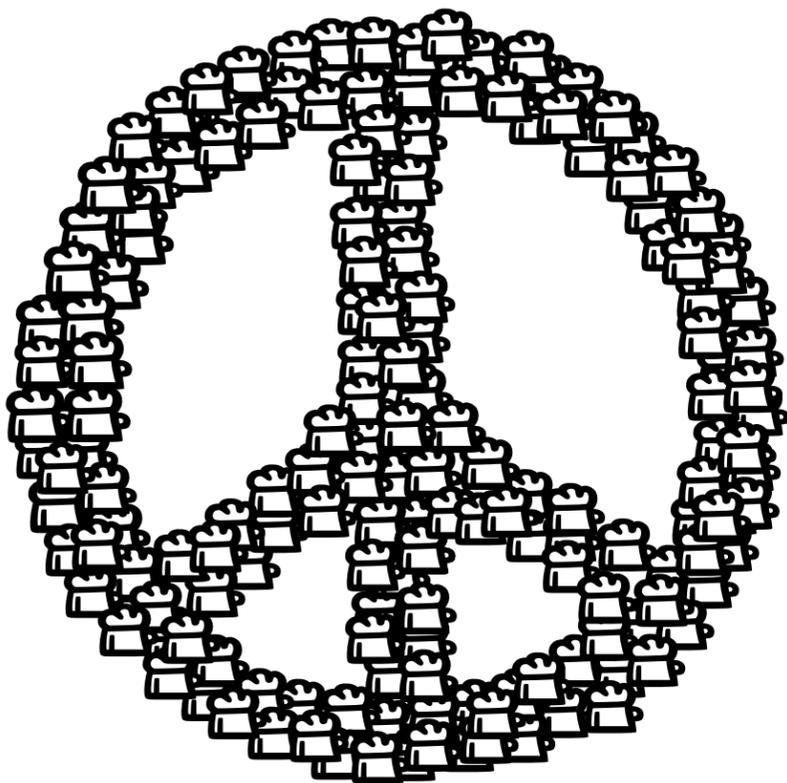
Seattle, WW I veterans threatened Emma Goldman if she spoke publicly; but she spoke anyway, and no harm came to her.

Lynn Johnson called from Dover to gently remind us that in 1912, WW I had not yet begun. As we told Lynn, we're not sure how we managed to get that so wrong, but we're grateful to her for pointing out our error.

**Hang On To Your Hat**

The weather seems as erratic and out of control as the economy. In Portsmouth last Friday temperatures were in the mid 50s. For early June, that counts as cold and raw. The next day the thermometer shot up thirty degrees. Sunday, a full-blown heat wave started. It was like going from April directly to August—three weeks before summer officially began.

Portsmouth got lucky. Thanks to a sea breeze we dodged the thermal bullet Monday and Tuesday, but folks inland continued to suffer. While weather maps showed much of the country in the color of a boiled lobster, relentless rains caused widespread flooding in Wisconsin and Indiana.



"WHEN THE POWER OF LOVE OVERCOMES THE LOVE OF POWER, THE WORLD WILL FINALLY KNOW PEACE." -- JIMI HENDRIX



**Moving Pictures**

# You Don't Mess With The Zohan

by Rodman Philbrick

**Stars:** Adam Sandler, John Turturro; **Screenplay:** Adam Sandler, Robert Smigel, Judd Apatow; **Director:** Dennis Dugan; **Rating:** [PG-13]

Give Manchester's own Adam Sandler credit: he's probably the only bankable star in Hollywood who would dare to use the ancient rivalries of the Mideast—Palestinians Vs. Israelis—as material for a gross-out, goofball comedy. Yuck it up with the suicide-bombing terrorists! Cheer on those Israeli assassins! And to give him even more credit, a lot of the material actually does manage to elicit laughter, however painful.

Sandler, once the multi-talented boy wonder of *Saturday Night Live*, has had a string of big screen megahits—*The Water-*

*boy*, *Billy Madison*, *Happy Gilmore*—based on his ability to play a child trapped in a man's body. Almost as a sideline he sometimes veers into adult roles like *Anger Management*, *Reign Over Me*, and *Spanglish*, as if to demonstrate that despite all the baby talk, he has real actor's chops to spare. As does, for that matter, his hero Jerry Lewis. Being funny for any extended period of time—say for more than three seconds—requires not only great timing, but the ability to perform in such a way that the audience is convinced it's effortless, that the comedy just somehow “happens.”

One assumes the idea for *You Don't Mess With The Zohan* may have been sparked by a visit to Israel, where Mr. Sandler took a look around, absorbed the local cultures, dipped his middle finger in the ubiquitous hummus pot,

and said “Hey! Desperately unfunny place! What a challenge! Let's make a screwball comedy!” His premise is based on the belief, deeply held by some Israelis and many Americans, that Mossad, the Israeli secret service, is invincible. They rescued the hostages at Entebbe, they killed the Black September assassins, therefore they are not only invincible, but infallible.

Sandler takes this notion and runs with it, making his Mossad agent obviously superhuman. Zohan catches bullets in his teeth—okay, not his teeth, actually, his nose. Zohan can leap from tall buildings in several athletic bounds. Zohan is not simply double or even triple jointed, he apparently has no joints at all. Zohan can weave his enemies into human pretzels. The amazing Zohan easily defeats his Palestinian rival “The Phantom”

(John Turturro) and then suffers the indignity of seeing him released in a prisoner exchange. That confirms Zohan's secretly held belief that nothing will change in the Middle East, that he's really not making a difference, despite his prowess at defeating his adversaries, bedding an inexhaustible supply of hot chicks, and demonstrating his uncanny abilities at both butt-clenching and hacky sack, otherwise known as “footbag.” (Typical Yankee fan in that regard—not the hot chicks, the butt-clenching and footbagging). But Zohan's real secret, as he moons over a Paul Mitchell catalogue, is his desire to move to New York and become a hair-dresser, thus fulfilling his desire to make everybody silky and smooth.

For this viewer (older by several decades than most of those in the audience) the best bits in

*You Don't Mess With The Zohan* are front-loaded. The Middle East comedy action stuff is fun—weirdly filthy but fun—and then veers into one can-you-top-this gross-out scene after another when Zohan finally gets to pursue his dream as a hairdresser. If you think urinating in a cat box—and on the cat—is funny you'll be blowing popcorn through your nose. If not you may be covering your eyes as Mr. Sandler, clad in bulging codpieces (call it junk comedy) and a variety of goofy wigs, makes boom-boom with the very elderly females who line up for what he calls “a cut and a bang.”

On the other hand, if you think a good laugh is worth, say, at least a quarter, then at nine bucks a pop (the current price of admission), *You Don't Mess With The Zohan* is sound value, cat box and all.

**More Hate Mail, &c.**

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director, was sentenced to seven months for his role.

“Raymond alleged that James Tobin, Northeast field director for the National Republican Senatorial Committee, masterminded the plot. In December 2005, Tobin was convicted of two federal felonies arising from the phone-jamming and sentenced to ten months in prison but that conviction was reversed after Tobin's lawyers appealed. A new trial was scheduled for jury selection February 20, 2008.” (Source: wikipedia.org)

This November we get to elect our U.S. Senator from New Hampshire. That person should be Jeanne Shaheen. Let's compare the candidates.

John Sununu, Jr. was elected

because he and his campaign resorted to illegal activities and as a result people went to prison for it (see above). Also, he happens to be the son of a recognized politician in New Hampshire. He has the name not the resumé.

John Sununu is the son of John Sununu, who served as Chief of Staff to the President of the United States and was Governor of New Hampshire, also a former school teacher. No question that John Sununu (Senior) was very qualified, but what has “Junior” on his resumé? Prior to being elected to the U.S. Senate he accomplished nothing. Since being elected he has been a pawn and rubber stamp, a wash rag to the Bush White House. He is not what I would call a true representative of the Granite State. Whatever Bush says is good enough for our Senator Sununu,

but not good enough for us free thinking Granite Staters.

What makes Jeanne Shaheen different? I don't know about you, but when I vote in November to send someone to Washington to represent me in the U.S. Senate, I don't want a rubber stamp. I want a free thinker and someone who has earned her stripes. We all know that Jeanne Shaheen is much more qualified as a school teacher, state senator, and governor (numerous terms). I couldn't be prouder to send someone to Washington to represent us than Jeanne Shaheen.

This November we get to choose between former Governor Jeanne Shaheen and not former Governor Sununu—we get his son who hasn't done anything to build respect except by being George Bush clone and rubber stamp. I have had enough of the

Bush years and have, after fifty years, changed parties from Republican to Democrat. Remember—if it weren't for the convicted felons who jammed phone lines on behalf of Sununu's campaign last time, Jeanne Shaheen would be our U.S. Senator. And I know that the tax breaks for the oil companies and our troops involvement in Iraq would be different.

I will work and vote for Jeanne Shaheen for the United States Senate and I hope you will, too.

Joel Saren  
East Hampstead, NH

Joel:  
*We're not convinced that the phone-jamming was decisive in the 2002 Senate race. But we have no doubt that that tawdry incident is a perfect example of Lord Acton's prophecy about absolute power corrupting absolutely. As for Sununu*

*père, don't even get us started ... Oops! Too late!*

*Quickly, before we forget, your reference to “Senior” and “Junior” is, we believe, technically inaccurate. The elder Sununu, John Henry, named his son John Edward, which we believe precludes the use of those terms.*

*If we had the resources, we'd dig into the hidden archives of power and expose the back room/board room maneuvering that resulted in Big John being plunked into the Corner Office in 1983 like a toad plopped onto a dinner plate.*

*The motive was obvious: defeat the smelly, dope-smoking hippies, and get Westinghouse's over-priced monstrosity, Public Service Company of New Hampshire's Seabrook Station, up, running, and spitting*

**More Hate Mail, &c.**

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What's going on ...



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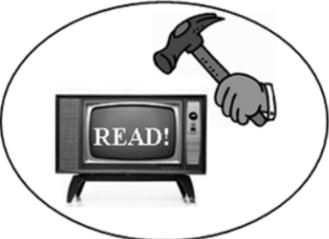
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## Northcountry Chronicle Fire Starter

by William Marvel

The first American newspaper, *Publick Occurrences*, appeared in Boston in 1690. Because it took a satirical view of the colonial government of Massachusetts, said colonial government allowed only one scathing edition to appear before closing the paper down, arresting the editor, and destroying every copy. His Excellency's troops could find.

More than forty years passed before another newspaper on this continent dared to show its teeth in the face of intimidating government oppression. George Washington was still a toddler when a newspaper editor and a liberty-loving lawyer combined to strike what some consider the first blow of the Revolution in the pages of an "alternative" weekly.

Through his *New-York Weekly Journal* Peter Zenger excoriated the corrupt royal governor, who dismissed the chief justice and replaced him with a lap dog before jailing Zenger for libel. The

governor's pet judge then assigned a public defender to mishandle the case sufficiently for conviction, but a well-known Philadelphia lawyer volunteered to prove the truth of Zenger's accusations. The judge decreed that the truth didn't matter, contending that the remarks were libelous even if they were true, but the jury disagreed. Zenger's 1735 acquittal provided the spark for the foremost right in the Bill of Rights.

Several presidents have tried to stifle the First Amendment. With the aid of his Federalist majority in Congress, John Adams created the positively un-American Alien and Sedition Acts, which essentially made criticism of Federalist officeholders a criminal act. One Congressman from Vermont actually went to prison for publishing a screed against Adams, but an angry public soon dumped Adams and never again elected a Federalist president.

Abraham Lincoln, the Christ figure of American politics, shamelessly repressed critical newspapers on the extraordi-

nary claim that a national crisis gave him special powers to suspend or ignore the Constitution. When editors argued that Lincoln had no reason or right to interfere with Southern secession, he simply refused them access to the public mail, which then served as the primary means of distribution. Critical newspapers were prohibited in army camps, and soldiers (acting entirely on their own, of course) frequently destroyed the offices from which Democrats published their opposition viewpoints. District commanders often arrested the more defiant editors and forced them to close up shop, but Lincoln declined to interfere until a firestorm erupted after one general suppressed the *Chicago Times*, the most widely read paper west of the Alleghenies.

Successors have used Lincoln's pernicious precedents to further the assault on the First Amendment, outlawing dissident speech at the very moment that critical debate is most important. Woodrow Wilson used his own Sedi-

tion Act to bar all but the most bland and ineffectual criticism; it was even illegal during his conspicuously unsuccessful "war to end all wars" for newspapers (or anyone else) to make fun of the ridiculously uncomfortable army uniform. Now, there's freedom to fight for.

Those who have an interest in controlling information have found less controversial ways to suppress dissident speech. First, they buy up all the means of distributing the news: that feat has already been accomplished in television, and to a great extent in radio, as the truckling cover-uppage of the Iraq war's first months demonstrated. Newspapers are also the object of obsessive acquisition, with Rupert Murdoch and a few other right-leaning tycoons controlling all but a few of the big dailies. That leaves primarily small newspapers and magazines to present something other than an establishment view of the world.

George Bush's postal regulators finally figured out how to crush even that last bastion of

press freedom by modifying Lincoln's mail restriction. Starting last July, they adopted a rate plan designed by the country's largest publishing conglomerate, Time Warner. Like every other sweet deal between George Bush and the major corporations his party represents, it gives all the advantages to the big boys while forcing the small fry out of the market altogether—and this from the folks who claim to worship competition.

Now, pabulum-filled magazines like *Time*, *Sports Illustrated*, and *People* enjoy lower postage rates than ever before. Even more to their liking, the rates for small, independent, boat-rocking publications have skyrocketed, driving many to bankruptcy or hand-delivery. It was ingenious, really. All that was necessary was control of the executive branch and a complete lack of scruples. Why raise a fuss over the First Amendment when you can just manipulate the public's own mail service to keep embarrassing information and opinions out of the public's hands?

out money (along with radioactive waste, of course).

The method was clear: use the Republican Party and the Nation's Most Infamous Newspaper™ to roll right over the hicks.

Somewhere behind those undeniable, blatant facts is a story so sordid, so disgusting, that we'd pay almost anything a publisher asked if we could just buy it in hardcover.

The only redeeming thing John Henry ever did was recommend David Souter to George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush for the Supreme Court.

The most characteristic thing he ever did was, while White House

Chief of Staff, take a federal limo from Washington, DC to a Christie's auction in New York to buy rare postage stamps.

Our favorite fact about him is that he suffered the indignity of being fired by George W. Bush.

The Editor

### CSP: Against the War; For the Troops

To the Editor:

A lot of people think if you are against the war, you are against the troops. That is definitely not the case! We love our troops and want them home with their families and friends as soon as pos-

sible. In the meantime, we can count on U.S. Rep. Carol Shea-Porter to help make troops' lives safer and more comfortable, as well as grow the New Hampshire economy and strengthen our borders.

Rep. Shea-Porter is a Member of the House Armed Services Committee and sits on the Subcommittees on Military Personnel and Readiness. She secured \$35.3 million in the National Defense Authorization Bill, which passed overwhelmingly in the U.S. House of Representatives through a bipartisan effort at the end of May. The bill in-

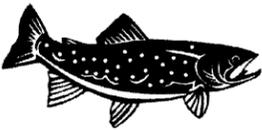
cludes a 3.9 percent pay raise for the troops, more than \$25 billion for the Defense Health Program, and a number of legislative provisions.

In addition, Rep. Shea-Porter also secured \$12 million for cold weather clothing gear for the Navy and Marine Corps. The Cold Weather Layering System for the Marine Corps and the Multi-Climate Protection System for the Navy will help keep our men and women safe and warm until they can return home. And to help those at home, Rep. Shea-Porter also added an education and job training program

for military spouses, as well as an amendment with Congressman Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) to create a behavioral health care hotline for Reservists.

Rep. Shea-Porter also understands the needs of New Hampshire and added measures to the bill that secured millions of dollars for jobs and research at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Overall, the needs of our country, our military and our state are at the heart of everything she touches in Washington, D.C. Many thanks to you Carol!

Sherri Basso  
Hampton, NH



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**Memo to the Clintonistas**

To the Editor:

So, the seemingly endless campaign for the Democratic nomination has miraculously ended, and a decided majority of Clinton supporters are, to put it mildly, livid. So much so that at least thirty percent defiantly claim they'll vote for John McCain over Barack Obama.

I would like to offer a bit of humble advice to all the downtrodden, diehard Clintonistas: First, take a deep breath, chill out, and know that the Clintons will, for better or worse, be back. If there's one thing this primary campaign has taught us, it's that Hillary Clinton can now be added to Cher and cockroaches as the sole survivors of any world-ending event.

Second, for those Democrats who stubbornly forgo all logic either to vote Republican or just sit this one out, a bit of ca-

reer counseling. Anyone in need of a job—victims of downsizing in this trickle down, out-sourced GOP economy, or college graduates just starting out—might do well to consider a career in reconstructive rhinoplasty.

Why?

Because there's gonna be one helluva large number of people walking around who've cut off their noses to spite their face.

Alan Grossberg  
Durham, NH

**Gregg's Acne Deferment**

To the Editor:

On May 22, with a vote of 75-22, the United States Senate passed the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act. This 21st Century GI Bill will cover the cost of any state school for a period equal to the amount of time a service member served on active duty for tours in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Every Senator from Maine to as far south as Virginia and west as Pennsylvania voted for the bill with the exception of Judd Gregg. Senator Gregg is a political scion who was able to afford to attend the exclusive private institutions of Columbia University then law school at Boston University. When called to serve his country in a time of war Gregg received a deferment from Vietnam due to having bad acne. Senator Gregg, I can barely afford to attend UNH with my student loans, and my acne got worse while I served in Iraq.

President Bush has threatened to veto the new GI Bill. When

the Senate votes to override the President's veto, Senator Gregg will have one last opportunity to either show his support for the troops or his blind allegiance to the empty rhetoric of this administration. Senator Gregg, I plead with you give the New Hampshire Reserve and National Guard soldiers who have served valiantly in Iraq and Afghanistan an opportunity to get an education.

Joshua David Denton  
VoteVets.org New Hampshire  
State Team Captain  
Portsmouth, NH

*Joshua:*  
*You're a bit harsh on Sen. Gregg. He not only suffered from acne, but had bad knees as well. Remarkably, between youth and middle age, his knee trouble went into remission enough to permit him to ski in several highly publicized competitions, as Governor of New Hampshire, against rival Governor Howard Dean of the Peoples' Republic of Vermont.*

*The Editor*

**Re: John Stephen For Congress**

To the Editor:  
I am supporting John Stephen for U.S. Congress. I, like most Americans, are [sic] pretty disgusted with politicians who go to Washington and spend money like it's growing on trees. Money does *not* grow on trees and our elected officials are mortgaging our children's future.

I know that people are upset with the Republican party. I too find the party to be in disarray and in need of new leadership that goes back to the basics which included fiscal responsibility.

Many people are turning to Democrats in hope that it will bring about "change." The problem is, there will be no change in Democrats as they've proven to be big spenders and big government supporters. One might say that Republicans have proven to be the same. I agree. However,

*Mash Notes,* **HATE MAIL,**

years ago we could simply vote for a Republican and you would get a fiscally responsible candidate. Obviously that is no longer the case. Many Republicans have embraced liberal ideology of big government and big spending.

The answer is not to go with party of big spenders and big government that will give us more of the same, but to pick and choose candidates who stand out from the crowd.

John Stephen does that. He still supports Conservative values and therefore with John, we do get real change. We get real change because our country is being led by liberal ideology and not conservative ideology.

It's time for *real change*, and we get that in John Stephen.

Ann Marie Banfield  
Bedford, NH  
*Ann Marie:*

*Thank you for this reprise of Republican talking points. However, we fail to see an argument in your argument. "[O]ur country is being led by liberal ideology and not conservative ideology"? Perhaps we should repeal the Bill of Rights and bring back slavery—would that make America conservative enough for you?*

*The Editor*

**Three Cheers for Carol Shea-Porter!**

To the Editor:  
It's easy to talk the talk but how about walking the walk?

It's easy to say, "Support Our Troops!" and wave the flag, but how about giving our troops a raise, improved health care, proper gear, support for their spouses, and support for our Reservists?

Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter has walked the walk.

She has secured seven projects in the National Authorization Bill, which has passed in the U.S. House of Representatives, in a bipartisan effort, which includes:

- Troops' Pay Raise of 3.9 percent,
- \$25 billion-plus for the Defense Health Program,
- \$12.0 million for cold weather clothing gear,
- An education and job training program for military spouses,
- Creation of a behavioral health care hotline for Reservists,

Thank you Carol Shea-Porter for *really* helping to "Support Our Troops!"

Barbara A. Brockelman  
Stratham, NH

**Carol Shea-Porter!**

To the Editor:

As the wife of a former Army officer, our Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter understands the importance of a strong national defense. As a result Carol sponsored seven projects meeting the needs of our military in the National Defense Authorization Bill that recently passed the U.S. House of Representatives.

Carol secured funds to acquire cold weather clothing gear for the Navy and Marine Corps. Money for the Army's hostile fire indicator was also included by Carol in the bill. This indicator will allow Army helicopter crews to detect small arms fire and, as a result, take evasive action. Carol also placed in the bill an education and job training program for military spouses, reporting requirements for private security contractors and a behavioral health care hotline for reservists.

Several of the projects Carol sponsored will have a direct impact on New Hampshire's Seacoast. Carol secured \$10.68 million for a Consolidated Global Submarine Component Facility and \$1.45 million for a Waterfront Support Facility to be constructed at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.



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# And Other Correspondence

Two other important projects sponsored by Carol will also boost the economy and create jobs on the Seacoast and at the Shipyard. The Swimmer Detection Sonar Network was authorized \$5.5 million and \$2.0 million was included in the bill for Autonomous Undersea Vehicles (AUV) research.

By her actions, Carol was not only able to strengthen our national defense, but also enhance economic conditions within her district! She needs our votes. Please consider her closely and help re-elect her in the fall.

Janet Sweeney  
Hampton, NH

## House Dems Slam Shaheen

To the Editor:

Democrats in the New Hampshire House yesterday leveled a serious charge of fiscal irresponsibility against their party's presumptive candidate for U.S. Senate, Mrs. William Shaheen (aka Jeanne).

In voting to railroad Governor John Lynch's unprecedented "government by crisis" proposal through a special session of the House, Democrats on the House floor acknowledged the state must balance its budget at the end of the two-year biennium, not necessarily at the end of the first year. They acknowledged that when Shaheen was governor back in 2002, a deficit was carried into the second year of the biennium (\$37,869,000, to be precise). "Such irresponsible fiscal management is not something we will do any more," Democrats were saying. The irony is that, while Shaheen created the real crisis in 2002 and let it slide, we most likely will end this year in the black. In providing political cover to their governor, Democrats leveled a serious blast at their former governor and cur-

rent U.S. Senate candidate.

Of course, there's one other difference between the two governors, at least so far. In proposing a sales tax in her third term, Shaheen succumbed to pressure from the left wing of her own party and broke her pledge to veto a broad based tax. Will Lynch do the same if he's elected to a third term or will he follow Shaheen down the broad base path?

Rep. Steve Vaillancourt, Hills. 15  
Manchester, NH  
Steve:

"Mrs. William Shaheen (aka Jeanne)"—how wonderfully, predictably, Republicanly condescending of you. No wonder New Hampshire Democrats find it such a pleasure to carry on the peoples's business in Concord.

You may be just the person to propose a bit of legislation we feel would nicely sum up the Republican position on solving New Hampshire's perennial tax problem: a Constitutional Amendment providing complete and permanent exemption from any taxation whatever for all those upon whom God has bestowed his obvious favor, as evidenced by high income or net worth.

The Editor

## Help for Nargis Victims

To the Editor:

Cyclone Nargis has forced out many homeless and hapless ethnic Burmese, Mon and Karen in-limbo migrants, desperate to escape the horrendous calamity, hunger, poverty, unhealthy conditions and associated human misery predicaments. Pursuing their pipedreams to seek some semblance of merciful compassion, recognized acceptance of their urgent plight and more humane civil rights treatment wherever/however, their only seemingly hopeful option seems to be

sneaking across tightly patrolled borders into Thailand.

Unfortunately, many uprooted migrant workers from Myanmar, whose sole goal is to find legal employment to meet their own basic needs and to create better future lives for their beloved families, become exploited victims of unscrupulous human trafficking and smuggling brokers, borderline corrupt immigration officials, myopic, outdated policies regarding job seekers and discriminatory policies which deny universal civil rights and social welfare protections even though constitutional laws cover everybody on Thai soil. A well-coordinated proactive plan, under the auspices of ASEAN, must address this problem now!

Dr. Charles Frederickson  
Bangkok, Thailand

## Rudman's Wrong on Sununu, Sununu's Wrong on Policy

To the Editors:

I read Warren Rudman's op-ed about John Sununu's so-called record of fiscal responsibility, and I am outraged at how dumb he must think the voters are.

Sununu supports the Bush administration's fiscal policy that has led to record government spending and a record debt. Sununu voted repeatedly to continue the Iraq War, which is costing \$343 million of our tax dollars a day. He supported no-bid contracts for companies like Halliburton that have led to millions of dollars wasted and unaccounted for. Sununu also continues to support billions in tax breaks for big oil companies while they take record profits straight to the bank.

None of that seems like fiscal responsibility to me. On the other hand, as Governor, Jeanne Shaheen proposed balanced budgets year after year and kept New Hampshire's tax burden the lowest in the nation.

Mr. Rudman, the voters are



tired of this kind of partisan spin, where any investment in Americans and American infrastructure is labeled a waste, but the billions spent on Bush's failed policies are conveniently ignored. We aren't listening to you play politics with important issues anymore.

This November, let's have a real conversation about what's worth our money and what's not. I, for one, trust Jeanne Shaheen to do so far more than Sununu and the rest of Bush's cronies.

Tammy Siekmann  
Londonderry, NH

## The Facts Speak For Themselves

To the Editor:

"In June 2004, former Republican consultant Allen Raymond pled guilty to jamming Democratic Party lines set up to get New Hampshire Democrats to the polls in 2002, an action that some (most notably former Senator Bob Smith, whom Sununu had defeated in the Republican primary) believe may have contributed to Shaheen's narrow loss. A judge sentenced Raymond to five months in jail in February 2005. Charles McGee, the former state GOP executive

More Hate Mail, &c.  
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## SummerFilm

The Music Hall



JUNE 15, 16, 17 @ 7:30

A documentary about Sydney, Australia suburb Maroubra's notorious surf-gang, the Bra Boys. Depicting their success in professional big wave surfing and exploring their reputation for hard partying, rough justice and their running battles with authorities. R, 90 mins, Aus, 2007

## TARZAN AND HIS MATE

JUNE 18 @ 7:30

The idyllic life of Tarzan and Jane is challenged by men on safari who seek ivory - and Jane. Johnny Weissmuller & Maureen O'Sullivan reprise their roles from 1932's Tarzan the Ape Man. NR, 104 min, US, 1934

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## the Visitor

JUNE 19, 20, 21 @ 7:30

A Connecticut-based college professor travels to New York City to attend a conference and finds a young couple living in the apartment he rarely visits. By actor and filmmaker Tom McCarthy (The Station Agent). PG13, 108 min, US, 2007

Show and Tell Follows JUNE 19 Screening

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JUNE 22, 23, 24 @ 7:30

Francois Truffaut's first feature is one of the most intensely touching stories ever made about an adolescent. Inspired by Truffaut's own early life, it shows a resourceful boy growing up in Paris and apparently dashing headlong into a life of crime. R, 99 min, France, 1959

## Moolaadé

JUNE 25 @ 7:30

A strong-willed woman stands up to protect four young girls from ritual mutilation in this powerful glimpse into the struggles of women in modern Africa. NR, 124 min, Senegal, 2004

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## STEEP

JUNE 27 & 28 @ 7:30

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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, June 15	Monday, June 16	Tuesday, June 17	Wednesday, June 18	Thursday, June 19	Friday, June 20	Saturday, June 21
<p><b>2002</b>—Accounting firm Arthur Anderson is convicted of obstructing justice by impeding an investigation into G.W. Bush's top financial contributor, Enron.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—Vice President Dan Quayle ensures his rightful place in history by advising a spelling bee contestant to add a superfluous 'e' to 'potato.'</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Calif. Gov. Reagan signs a bill liberalizing abortion laws.</p> <p><b>1940</b>—France surrenders to Germany.</p> <p><b>1920</b>—Three black men are lynched in Duluth, MN.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman are arrested and charged with conspiring to "induce persons not to register" for the draft.</p> <p><b>1913</b>—At Bud Bagsak in the Philippines, gun designer John Browning tests his new .45 caliber pistol on Moro rebels.</p> <p><b>1904</b>—The side-wheeler <i>General Slocum</i> burns to the waterline during an excursion on the East River. Of the 1,300 aboard, more than 1,000 die.</p> <p><b>1785</b>—Ballooning Jean-François Pilâtre de Rozier and a passenger achieve immortality by becoming the first known victims of a fatal aircraft accident.</p> <p><b>1752</b>—Ben Franklin conducts his famous experiment proving lightning is electricity.</p>	<p><b>2002</b>—Bill Maher's TV show "Politically Incorrect" is cancelled for living up to its name.</p> <p><b>2000</b>—The Department of Energy finds two missing top secret computer hard drives in a location which had already been searched twice.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—Ronald Regan's Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger is indicted for lying to Congress.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—Atlanta's Otis Nixon steals six bases in one day.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—Peace activists encircle the Pentagon.</p> <p><b>1959</b>—George "Superman" Reeves dies of a gunshot wound to the head.</p> <p><b>1918</b>—Eugene V. Debs delivers a rousing anti-war speech in Canton, OH, for which he will later be arrested.</p> <p><b>1904</b>—In Dublin, James Joyce meets Nora Barnacle; they go for a walk.</p> <p><b>1882</b>—In Dubuque, Iowa, a 1.75 lb. hailstone falls.</p> <p><b>1873</b>—Susan B. Anthony is arrested for voting.</p> <p><b>1871</b>—Clement L. Vallandigham, who ran for Governor of Ohio from Canada in 1863 after being banished for expressing his anti-war views, fatally shoots himself while demonstrating at a trial how a defendant's alleged victim might have shot himself.</p>	<p><b>1982</b>—"God's banker" Roberto Calvi is found hanging under a London bridge.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—Richard Nixon's thugs break into Democratic HQ at the Watergate. They're caught thanks to an alert black Vietnam vet working as a security guard.</p> <p><b>1958</b>—New Hampshire's own Sherman Adams, Ike's Chief of Staff, admits he accepted a vicuna coat from Boston industrialist Bernard Goldfine.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—The government of Guatemala is overthrown in a CIA-supported coup, leading to decades of civil war.</p> <p><b>1939</b>—France's guillotine is used in public one last time.</p> <p><b>1933</b>—Four G-men and one hood die in the Kansas City Massacre, three of shotgun wounds; lawmen carried the only shotgun present.</p> <p><b>1932</b>—Thousands of disgruntled WW I vets mass in front of the U.S. Capitol as the Senate votes not to pay their bonuses.</p> <p><b>1775</b>—The Battle of Bunker Hill is fought on Breed's Hill with New Hampshire men under Gen. John Stark, using powder pilfered from Portsmouth's Fort William and Mary.</p> <p><b>1497</b>—At the Battle of Deptford Bridge, about 10,000 Cornish rebels are defeated by 25,000 soldiers loyal to King Henry VII.</p>	<p><b>1989</b>—RIP I.F. Stone.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—On stage at Monterey, CA, Jimi Hendrix lights his guitar on fire.</p> <p><b>1961</b>—On a Soviet sub, radiation leaks with fatal consequences for 14 sailors.</p> <p><b>1961</b>—Eddie Gaedel, only midget to get a base on balls in major league play, dies at 36 of a heart attack after a mugging.</p> <p><b>1959</b>—Louisiana Gov. Earl Long, though committed to a mental hospital, continues to govern.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—Vietnamese Emperor Bao Dai names Dgo Dinh Diem Prime Minister.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—In Alabama, Albert Fuller murders Alfred Patterson. Patterson, Democratic candidate for State Attorney, had vowed to rid Phoenix City of vice, apparently alarming Fuller, a former sheriff.</p> <p><b>1916</b>—In Australia, 6,000 rally against conscription.</p> <p><b>1898</b>—The <i>New York Times'</i> critic says George Bernard Shaw's career has no promise.</p> <p><b>1880</b>—Mrs. Shakunela Devi multiplies two 13-digit numbers in her head in 28 seconds.</p> <p><b>1869</b>—Henry J. Raymond, founder of the <i>New York Times</i>, expires at 49 after suffering a stroke while entertaining his mistress.</p>	<p><b>1967</b>—Muhammad Ali is convicted of refusing induction into the U.S. Army.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—Warned by Sen. Styles Bridges (R-NH) that his son's homosexuality would be exposed if he did not resign, Sen. Lester C. Hunt (D-WY) shoots himself dead in his Senate office.</p> <p><b>1953</b>—Julius and Ethel Rosenberg become the first native-born Americans to be executed for espionage.</p> <p><b>1898</b>—The <i>U.S.S. Charleston</i> shells Guam. The island's Spanish governor, unaware that he's at war, apologizes for having insufficient powder to return the salute.</p> <p><b>1893</b>—Lizzie Borden gets off.</p> <p><b>1879</b>—General William Tecumseh Sherman, at the Michigan Military Academy, tells his audience, "There is many a boy here today who looks on war as all glory, but, boys, it is all hell."</p> <p><b>1865</b>—More than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation went into effect, slaves in Texas are freed. The day is now observed as "Juneteenth."</p> <p><b>1864</b>—The Portsmouth-built <i>Kearsarge</i> sinks the Confederate raider <i>Alabama</i> off Cherbourg, France. Portsmouth native and <i>Kearsarge</i> carpenter's mate Mark G. Ham is later awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery.</p>	<p><b>2005</b>—Veep Dick "Dick" Cheney tells Larry King the insurgency in Iraq is "in the last throes."</p> <p><b>1973</b>—An American F-14 Tomcat shoots itself down with a Sparrow air-to-air missile.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—"Sinister forces" erase 18.5 min. of Oval Office tape.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—A "Hot Line" is established between the White House and the Kremlin.</p> <p><b>1962</b>—For the second time in about two weeks, a Thor rocket malfunctions and drops an A-bomb into the South Pacific.</p> <p><b>1953</b>—A U.S. military mission arrives in Saigon.</p> <p><b>1943</b>—KKK and pals attack striking African-American auto workers in Detroit; 34 die, 1,300 are arrested.</p> <p><b>1941</b>—The recently refurbished sub <i>U.S.S. O-9</i> sinks east of the Isles of Shoals, with 33 aboard.</p> <p><b>1923</b>—Pancho Villa dies, saying, "Don't let it end like this. Tell them I said something."</p> <p><b>1868</b>—Algernon Charles Swinburne offers a reward for the return of his manuscript of <i>Bothwell</i>, which he'd left in a cab.</p> <p><b>1818</b>—Connecticut is the first eastern state to abolish the property requirement for voting.</p> <p><b>1789</b>—The French National Assembly takes the "Tennis Court Oath" not to disband until France has a Constitution.</p>	<p><b>1994</b>—As Jose Martin and his wife are driving near Madrid, a 3 pound meteorite crashes through their windshield, bends the steering wheel, and lands in the back seat. She is unscathed, he gets a broken finger.</p> <p><b>1989</b>—The U.S. Supreme Court rules flag-burning a legal form of political protest.</p> <p><b>1977</b>—Nixon aide H.R. Haldeman moves into the Crowbar Hilton.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—Civil rights workers Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman, and James Chaney are murdered by the KKK in Mississippi.</p> <p><b>1877</b>—The Molly Maguires, fourteen coal miners arrested by a private detective agency and prosecuted by private attorneys for the coal companies, are hanged by Pennsylvania officials, private executioners being apparently unavailable. Pardons for two arrive minutes too late.</p> <p><b>1788</b>—New Hampshire completes the ratification of the U.S. Constitution.</p> <p><b>1783</b>—Congress moves from Philadelphia to Princeton to avoid confronting disgruntled Revolutionary War vets.</p> <p><b>1611</b>—In Hudson's Bay, famed explorer Henry Hudson is set adrift in a small boat, eventually to die, by his disgruntled crew.</p>
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<p><b>2002</b>—Enron execs admit they hid \$1.5 billion in illegal profits gouged from California ratepayers.</p> <p><b>1977</b>—John Mitchell, once the U.S.'s No. 1 lawman, begins serving 19 months in an Alabama prison.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—The 24th Amendment gives 18 year olds the vote.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—In Ohio, the Cuyahoga River burns for 20 minutes.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—The U.S. Supreme Court rules the Post Office can't ban Henry Miller's <i>Tropic of Cancer</i>.</p> <p><b>1959</b>—U.S. launches its tenth Vanguard missile. It is the eighth failure for the rocket.</p> <p><b>1941</b>—Germany invades the USSR.</p> <p><b>1922</b>—During a coal-miner's strike in Herrin, Illinois, 36 workers are killed.</p> <p><b>1893</b>—<i>HMS Camperdown</i> accidentally rams and sinks <i>HMS Victoria</i>, flagship of the Mediterranean Fleet. Lost are 358 sailors including the fleet commander.</p> <p><b>1848</b>—Riots begin in Paris in response to the closing of the Nation Workshops.</p> <p><b>1633</b>—The Catholic Church "convinces" Galileo Galilei that he was wrong about the Earth orbiting the Sun.</p> <p><b>1622</b>—The Catholic church founds the College of Propaganda.</p>	<p><b>2005</b>—Roller coaster safety expert Richard H. Brown, 64, dies of injuries received in a fall in his own driveway.</p> <p><b>1995</b>—During a soundcheck, Dan Rather joins R.E.M. in "What's the Frequency, Ken?"</p> <p><b>1972</b>—With his own damned tape recorder running, Richard Nixon tells H.R. Haldeman to order the CIA to block an FBI investigation of Watergate.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—Dwight Eliot Stone becomes the last American drafted prior to the expiration of the Selective Services Act.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—A Douglas DC-4 and all 58 aboard disappears without a trace over Lake Michigan.</p> <p><b>1947</b>—Congress overrides Truman's veto of the anti-labor Taft-Hartley Act.</p> <p><b>1937</b>—Having been shot in the jaw and seen the Communists suppress anarchists, George Orwell and his wife flee Spain.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—After Babe Ruth is thrown out for punching an umpire, Ernie Shore takes his place and shuts out 26 batters.</p> <p><b>1888</b>—Frederick Douglass' name is placed in nomination for President of the U.S.</p> <p><b>1868</b>—As he is delivering a farewell address to the Vassar College Board of Trustees, founder Matthew Vassar dies of a heart attack.</p>	<p><b>1994</b>—Air Force Lt. Col Arthur Holland, hot-dogging during air-show practice maneuvers, crashes a B-52 at Fairchild AFB in Washington State.</p> <p><b>1982</b>—On a British Airways 747 en route from Malaysia to Australia, all four engines fail after flying through a cloud of volcanic ash. After fourteen minutes of gliding, pilots are able to re-start the engines and land successfully.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—Nixon's Special Counsel Charles Colson circulates the first White House Enemies List.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—The Senate repeals the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—General Earle G. Wheeler, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, tells an audience in Long Island, "The enemy has lost whatever chance he had of taking South Vietnam by military force."</p> <p><b>1968</b>—More than 14,000 gather in Seabrook, NH to protest a nuclear power plant.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—The National Guard is called out to defend the nation's capitol from the people.</p> <p><b>1947</b>—Private pilot Kenneth Arnold reports "flying saucers" over Washington state.</p> <p><b>1902</b>—Struggling to meet his deadline, Joseph Conrad upsets an oil lamp and accidentally burns the second installment of <i>The End of the Tether</i>.</p>	<p><b>2003</b>—Lester G. Maddox, high-school dropout, bigot, proprietor of the Pickrick Cafeteria, and Democratic Governor of Georgia (1967-1971) succumbs to his own inherent loathsomeness.</p> <p><b>1996</b>—A bomb kills 19 U.S. servicemen in Saudi Arabia.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—John Dean spills the Watergate beans to the Senate.</p> <p><b>1962</b>—Supreme Court ends prayer in schools.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—The Korean War begins.</p> <p><b>1940</b>—France surrenders to Germany.</p> <p><b>1906</b>—At Madison Square Garden, designed by Architect Stanford White, White is shot dead by Harry Thaw, with whose wife White had been taking liberties.</p> <p><b>1899</b>—Four Denver dailies run a hoax cooked up by idle reporters: Chinese authorities were taking bids from American companies to demolish the Great Wall and build a road in its place. The story is reprinted as fact by papers as far off as Europe.</p> <p><b>1876</b>—Lakota, Arapahoe, and Cheyenne warriors wipe out General George Armstrong Custer, his brothers Thomas and Boston, and the rest of the Seventh Cavalry at Little Big Horn.</p> <p><b>1798</b>—Congress passes the second of the Alien and Sedition Acts, authorizing deportation of potentially dangerous aliens.</p>	<p><b>2002</b>—A federal appeals court in San Francisco declares the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional because of the words "under God."</p> <p><b>1987</b>—Denying R. Reagan is senile, Sen. Alan Simpson says, "I even saw him do a cowboy dandle the other day. He used to do that when he was in his prime."</p> <p><b>1985</b>—At Jack Russell stadium in Clearwater, Fla, organist Wilbur Snapp plays "Three Blind Mice" after a dubious call by ump Keith O'Connor. O'Connor ejects Snapp.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—Emperor Bao Dai appoints Ngo Dinh Diem premier of South Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1947</b>—Mayor James Michael Curley starts running Boston from a federal prison cell after his conviction for mail fraud.</p> <p><b>1918</b>—In Canton, Ohio, Eugene V. Debs is arrested for making an anti-war speech.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—A miner's strike begins in Bisbee, Arizona.</p> <p><b>1863</b>—Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton promises Medals of Honor to every soldier in the 27th Maine who extends his enlistment.</p> <p><b>1812</b>—In Massachusetts, the governor declares a statewide fast to protest the war. The legislature proclaims the war is against the public interest.</p>	<p><b>2006</b>—Gutless pinko bastards in the Senate fail by one vote to pass a Constitutional Amendment™ banning flag-burning.</p> <p><b>1989</b>—A federal appeals court reverses Reagan crony Lyn Nofziger's conviction for illegal lobbying, on the grounds that, in this case, ignorance of the law was an excuse.</p> <p><b>1986</b>—The International Court of Justice rules the U.S. was out of line in funding the Contras.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—CIA-sponsored rebels in Guatemala overthrow the elected government.</p> <p><b>1925</b>—Emma Goldman marries James Colton, an elderly anarchist, on her 56th birthday to obtain a British passport.</p> <p><b>1919</b>—Emma Goldman turns 50 in prison.</p> <p><b>1918</b>—Emma Goldman turns 49 in prison.</p> <p><b>1905</b>—On the Black Sea, sailors on the Russian battleship <i>Potemkin</i> mutiny.</p> <p><b>1905</b>—The International Workers of the World forms in Chicago.</p> <p><b>1898</b>—Joshua Slocum sails his boat <i>Spray</i> into Newport Harbor, having single-handedly circumnavigated the globe.</p> <p><b>1844</b>—Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon Church is jailed in Carthage, Illinois, and subsequently lynched.</p>	<p><b>2005</b>—Carroll County Sheriff's deputies pull an odiferous Gary Moody, 45, from the tank under a women's outhouse on the Kancamagas Highway in Albany, NH and charge him with criminal trespass.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—The U.S. grants "limited sovereignty" to the Iraqi "government," assuring a rapid return to normalcy. U.S. death toll so far: 971.</p> <p><b>1994</b>—The U.S. Department of Energy admits that hundreds of U.S. citizens were unwittingly used for radiation experiments during the Cold War.</p> <p><b>1975</b>—Rod Serling enters another dimension.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—Richard Nixon cleverly announces that no new draftees will be sent to Vietnam, further eroding the anti-war cause, already weakened by the lottery.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—The Supreme Court overrules Muhammad Ali's conviction for draft evasion.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—At about 1:20 a.m., in NYC, gays and lesbians begin violently resisting a police raid at the Stonewall Inn.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Party animal Lyndon Johnson signs a law converting Memorial and Veterans days into three-day weekends.</p> <p><b>1919</b>—The Treaty of Versailles resolves World War I and sets the stage for World War II.</p>
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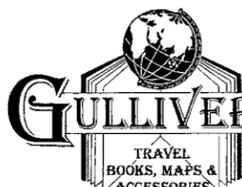
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