

The Fortnightly Rant

Wall Street Showdown

Just a little over two weeks ago John McCain was telling auto-workers in Michigan that “the fundamentals of the economy are strong.” That was right after Lehman Brothers went bankrupt. In McCain’s defense, he may have believed what he was saying—economics was never his strong suit.

Lehman Brothers’s bankruptcy was caused by a staggering drop in the value of Lehman’s massive investments in sub-prime mortgages. Formerly lucrative, they suddenly turned out to be worthless.

The sight of the once-mighty Lehman Brothers being stripped for parts like a rusty old Buick caused a deep wave of anxiety to ripple through Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 500 points—its worst drop since 9/11.

After Lehman went bust, a big money market fund announced that it was writing off nearly a billion dollars it had invested in Lehman, and was “breaking the buck.” Its shares were now worth less than \$1—that’s the money market equivalent of writing a check on insufficient funds. This was not just any old money market fund, either. The \$62 billion Primary Fund that broke the buck was run by the Reserve Management Corporation. They *invented* money market funds.

Things were looking pretty grim for the Masters of the Universe—in itself, a shocking development. What’s the point of being a Master of the Universe if you can’t order it around like a valet parking attendant?

And things had been going so well. Decades of lobbying had eliminated many of the restraints put in place by that old fuddy-duddy FDR. Pointless rules creating barriers to innovative

investment opportunities had been set aside. Why, the Invisible Hand of the Marketplace hadn’t been so unfettered since the Roaring Twenties. But for some unfathomable reason, instead of making money by the boatload, they were drinking Maalox by the case.

Then, just as it appeared that all was lost, salvation appeared on the horizon. Wall Streeters have long had a reputation for being violently opposed to socialism. But when Karl Marx showed up on Wall Street, disguised as Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, their elation was palpable.

Paulson had a Plan: on behalf of the American Taxpayer—whoever *he* is—the U.S. Treasury Department would buy up all those rotten, worthless mortgages that were gumming up the system, and making the fingers of the Invisible Hand twitch so uncontrollably. As soon as the plan was approved by Congress, everything would go back to normal.

Between glad tidings of the Paulson Plan and the Federal Reserve’s sudden decision *not* to let the insurance giant AIG go bust, the Masters felt like their old selves again, and the Dow rocketed up nearly 800 points in two days.

The plan was a big hit on Wall Street, but those tiresome troublemakers on Main Street turned out to be hard to please. The complete lack of any provision to help homeowners saddled with bad mortgages seemed to really rankle some. Others took offense at this paragraph:

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financial crisis. A brief synopsis may help explain why.

To Debate, or Not To Debate?

Some time ago, Senator John McCain (R-Hanoi) agreed to a series of debates with his opponent in the presidential campaign, Senator Barack Obama (D-Bethlehem).

On September 24, it appeared that Congress was close to an agreement on a Wall Street bailout bill. At that point, Senator McCain announced that he was “suspending” his campaign and returning to Washington, DC—where he had not cast a vote since April—to help bring about such



It could not have helped when, on September 22, Bloomberg.com, referencing a Bank of America document, reported that “Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Morgan Stanley may be among the biggest beneficiaries,” while “many [other] banks [would] see [only] limited aid.”



Before becoming Treasury Secretary, Paulson was CEO of Goldman Sachs. According to *Forbes* magazine, in 2006 he he owned \$634,400,000 worth of Goldman Sachs stock, and had

been knocking down an average of \$10,810,000 a year for the past six years.

Before long, Congress members around the country were getting unusually intense heat from their constituents, railing against the bailout.

The Paulson plan went to a vote in the House this past Monday. By then, agitated citizens had been scorching the ears of Congressional staffers for a week. So many people tried to get to the House’s website that it became inaccessible for most of the day.

The President, the Secretary of the Treasury, and House Minority Leader John Boehner (R-OH) used a familiar routine to try to sell the bill. It had always worked before, on the 9/11 War on Terror bill, the PATRIOT Act, and the Iraq War resolution: “If you don’t give us what we want, right now, *we’re all gonna DIE!*”

The only difference was that this time Congress said “No.”

Actually, what Congress said went more along the lines of, “What? Have you lost your mind? I have to run for re-elec-

tion in thirty-six days! I want to get re-elected, not tarred and feathered!”

Only one Republican in three voted in favor of his own administration’s “must pass” bill. Minority Leader Boehner quickly identified the problem: Majority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA).

On Wall Street, those steely-eyed Masters of the Universe responded to the crisis as only they can—they went directly into a high-speed wobble. Frantic selling drove the Dow down 777 points—an all-time record.

Congress and the Administration are bound to try again, but at mid-week there were no signs of where this thing might be headed. According to some predictions—Senator McCain’s, for example—our fate was sealed on Monday: we’re toast already.

Perhaps so. But at least as we huddle around fires in barrels this winter, warming our hands over burning 401(k)s, we can warm our hearts with the recollection of the 29th, when Congress finally found the guts to say “No” to Bush.

News Briefs:

Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered

It’s generally considered bad form for a news medium to admit that it’s unable to keep up with the onrushing press of events. We’ve always aspired to be capable of reporting calmly and thoroughly should we be called upon to report the End of the World. We’re actually looking forward to reporting on the Rapture—from ground level, to be sure. But we are forced to admit that this past fortnight has presented us with a challenge we fear we have not met.

Specifically, we found it impossible to incorporate the recent actions of the McCain campaign into our account, above, of the

an agreement.

The complicating factor for a news organization is that McCain immediately proceeded to do neither. The campaign went ahead as before, with its offices remaining open, television commercials airing, surrogates slugging the opposition, and the candidate making speeches and giving interviews. Meanwhile, back on Capitol Hill, the agreement he was supposedly trying to seal was sinking like a greased refrigerator.

Further confirming his “say one thing, do another” policy, once the agreement was declared dead, McCain flew to Oxford,

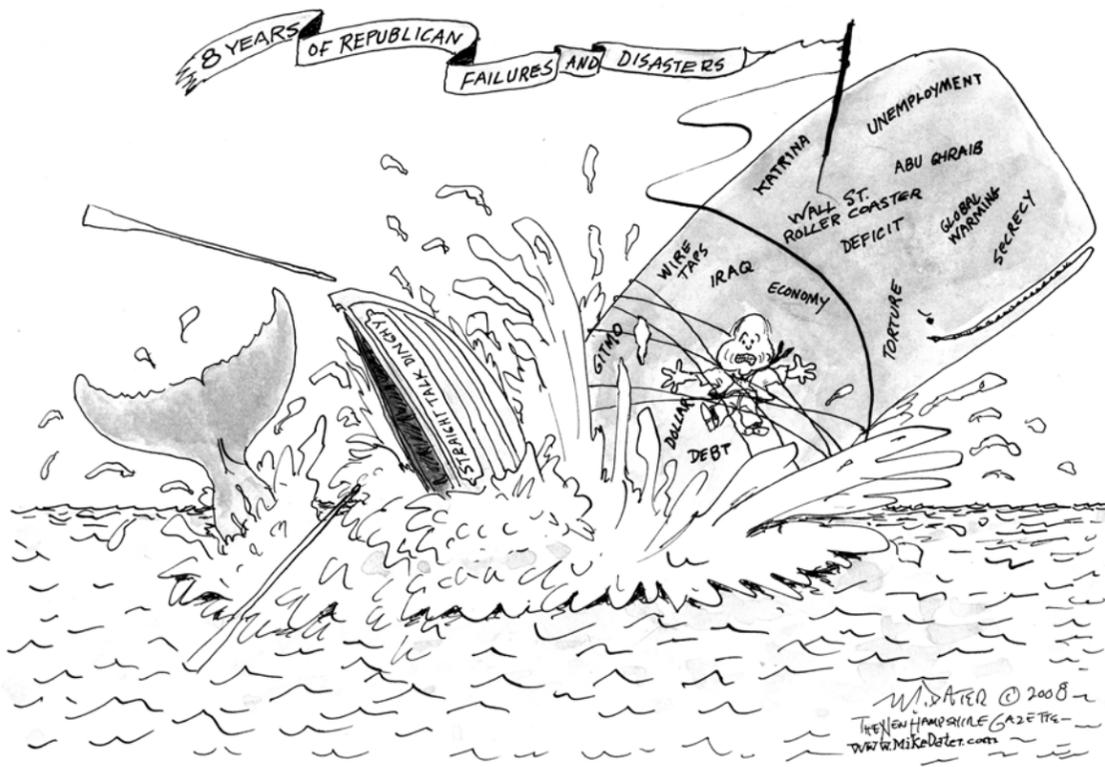
Mississippi and participated in the debate, as scheduled.

McCain held his own at the debate; that is, at no time did his head explode. But considering the bizarre contortions leading up to the debate, it seems clear that the campaign’s intent was to create a scenario in which he got to walk on stage just hours after saving the nation’s economy.

McCain calls Teddy Roosevelt one of his heroes. His on again, off again razzle-dazzle was designed to show him as TR charging up San Juan Hill. That failed. He looked more like deranged old Teddy Brewster in Frank Capra’s *Arsenic and Old Lace*, who

only *thought* he was TR.

Steve Schmidt, McCain’s campaign manager, is said to have learned at the knee of Karl Rove. Maybe, but that doesn’t tell the whole story. The McCain camp’s imaginative approach to reality also brings to mind the surrealist (and supporter of the fascist Francisco Franco) Salvador Dali. If we had a television station, while reporting on McCain’s campaign, we’d have to use a “crawl.” As the on-screen “talent” reported what they said, the crawl would report what they did.



Veterans For Peace Stage 24-Hour Occupation of National Archives for Bush/Cheney Impeachment

Washington, D.C., Sept. 24—Five military veterans, all members of Veterans For Peace, broke camp from their perch on the National Archives building this morning, taking with them the banner (see photo, right) that has overlooked their 24-hour action on a narrow ledge 35 feet above Constitution Ave.

Tarak Kauff, 67, former Army Airborne, who provided ground support throughout, said in a phone interview, "We're always told to 'write your Congressman,' and we have. Only this time we brought a letter they couldn't miss. We've made our point writ large that Bush and Cheney are war criminals and must be arrested and prosecuted. Impeach them if we can, but we're not holding our breath for Congress to act. The kingpins of this criminal administration will be brought to justice, along with



many of their lieutenants."

Elliott Adams, VFP president, by phone from his spot on the ledge overlooking the entrance to the Archives Building, said "This turned out excellent. We're very happy with the response we've gotten to arrest Bush and Cheney for war crimes. We considered staying longer this time; but we are not prepared for longer than this ... although we may be back again, soon."

Participating VFP members

were: Elliott Adams, 61, NY, VFP President and former Army paratrooper in Vietnam; Ellen Barfield, 52, MD, former U.S. Army Sgt.; Kim Carlyle, 61, NC, former Army Spec/5; Diane Wilson, 59, TX, shrimp boat captain, former Army medic; Doug Zachary, 58, TX, VFP staff, former USMC LCpl discharged as a conscientious objector; and Tarak Kauff (ground support) 67, NY, painting contractor, former U.S. Army Airborne.

News Briefs

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Will the Real Teddy Roosevelt Please Stand Up?

In July, when interviewed by *Time* magazine, McCain was asked if he thought of himself "more as a Goldwater conservative or Reagan conservative or George W. Bush conservative?"

He answered, "[a] Teddy Roosevelt conservative, I think ... Teddy Roosevelt he had a great vision of America's role in the 20th Century."

He is neither the first nor the only prominent Republican to express admiration for TR, of course; and he will not be the last.

At the top of the ticket, so to speak, was Ronald Reagan. Many's the time the ol' Gipper waxed rhapsodic about Teddy Roosevelt.

One of Reagan's great admirers, the late William Loeb, editor and publisher of the *Manchester Union Leader*, frequently cited TR approvingly in his front-page editorial screeds. Loeb's father had been TR's executive secretary; and, as a boy, Loeb sat on the great man's knee.

And the *Union Leader's* current editor and publisher, Joe McQuaid, carries on the tradition and praises TR regularly.

One has to wonder, do any of these people ever read Roosevelt? Do they have any idea what he stood for? McCain's Rooseveltian charge up Capitol Hill last week inspired us to rummage around a bit and dredge up some of the real Roosevelt.

The evidence suggests that if he were alive today, neither McQuaid nor McCain would be able to safely assume TR to be on their side.

During his presidency (1901 - 1909) Teddy Roosevelt broke up forty monopolies. He pushed for,

and got passed, laws regulating food and drugs. He regulated the railroads, and supported labor unions.

And if that weren't enough, when he was first sworn in following the death of William McKinley, Teddy took the oath without benefit of a Bible.

Having served nearly two full terms, Roosevelt declined to run again in 1908. But his hand-picked successor to the Republican mantle, William Howard Taft, disappointed TR. Based on his record, Taft would probably fit right in with the pro-business, anti-conservation Republicans who dominate the GOP today.

TR was having none of that—he fought Taft for the Republican nomination at the 1912 convention. Losing there, he bolted and ran as a Progressive, or "Bull Moose." In a precursor to 1992, when Ross Perot helped elect Bill Clinton, TR's participation threw the election to the Democrat, Woodrow Wilson. A fourth candidate, the Socialist Eugene V. Debs, was an also-ran.

Considering the cult of personality that has grown up around TR in New Hampshire since then, the actual 1912 results are a bit surprising. Roosevelt, at just over twenty percent, lost to Taft, at almost 28 percent. But Taft lost to Wilson, the Democrat, who polled nearly forty percent. Debs was crushed, naturally, garnering but 2.3 percent.

The Progressive Platform

The Progressives had their faults. Looking back from our post-World War II perspective, their fondness for eugenics is more than a little creepy. But they had their good points.

These excerpts from the 1912 Progressive Party Platform might lift an eyebrow [emphasis added]:

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The political game is certainly one of New Hampshire's favorite sports, but not everyone wants to play.

ests which use them impartially to serve their selfish purposes. Behind the ostensible government sits enthroned an invisible government owing no allegiance and acknowledging no responsibility to the people.

"To destroy this invisible government, to dissolve the unholy alliance between corrupt business and corrupt politics is the first task of the statesmanship of the day. The deliberate betrayal of its trust by the Republican party, the fatal incapacity of the Democratic party to deal with the new issues of the new time, have compelled the people to forge a new instrument of government ..."

"In particular, the [Progressive] party declares for direct primaries for the nomination of State and National officers, for nationwide preferential primaries for candidates for the presidency, for the direct election of United States Senators by the people ..."

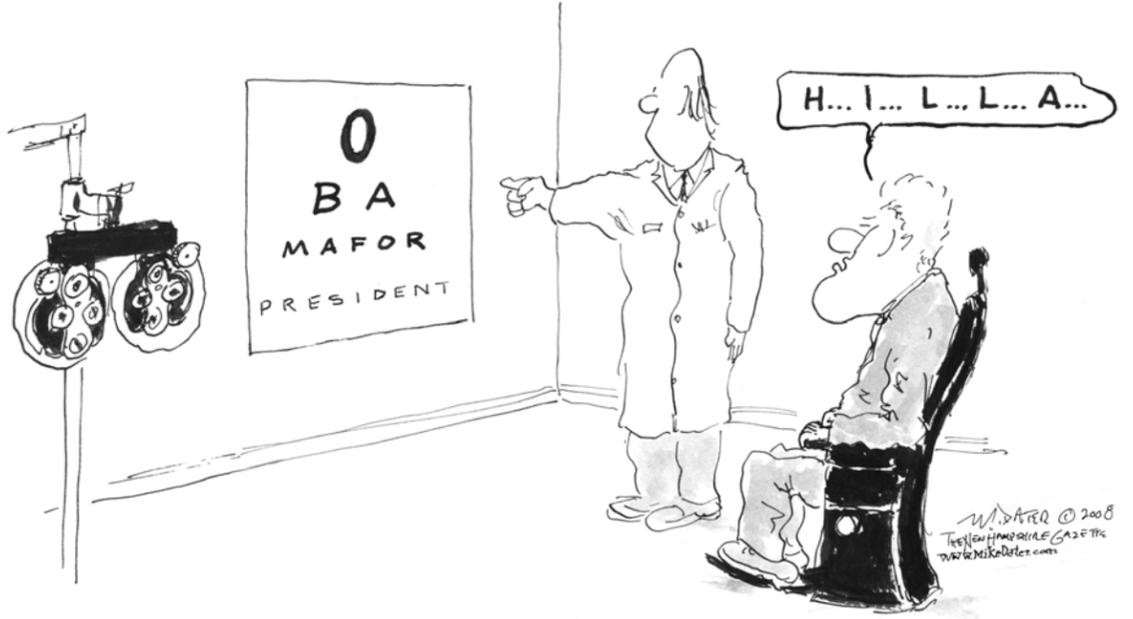
"The Progressive party, believing that no people can justly claim to be a true democracy which denies political rights on

account of sex, pledges itself to the task of securing equal suffrage to men and women alike ..."

"We pledge our party to legislation that will compel strict limitation of all campaign contributions and expenditures, and detailed publicity of both before as well as after primaries and elections ..."

"We pledge our party to legislation compelling the registration of lobbyists; publicity of committee hearings except on foreign affairs, and recording of all votes in committee; and forbidding federal appointees from holding office in State or National political organizations, or taking part as officers or delegates in political conventions for the nomination of elective State or National officials."

We can only thank Jehovah that Teddy Roosevelt and the Progressives were defeated in 1912! What a bunch of damned Commies! Just think—if it hadn't been for their pernicious influence, maybe honest businessmen could still be working children in



the mills and factories for twelve hours a day, and using the profits to buy senators, like they did in the good old days.

Economics 101

While we're on the topic of complete inversions of the truth generally allowed to pass unnoticed, we were listening to Radio Moscow one day recently ... Oops, we mis-spoke. It was actually NPR's *Talk of the Nation*, on Thursday, September 18.

The ultra-liberal, tax-supported propaganda mill was interview-

ing Ralph Reed, the baby-faced Republican, former Executive Director of the Christian Coalition, and one-time protege of jailed lobbyist Jack Abramoff. Reed asserted that the poorest quarter of the U.S. population has benefited from a twenty percent increase in its income since the year 1980.

This being a family paper, we can only call this assertion the digestive byproduct of a male member of the family *Bovidea*.

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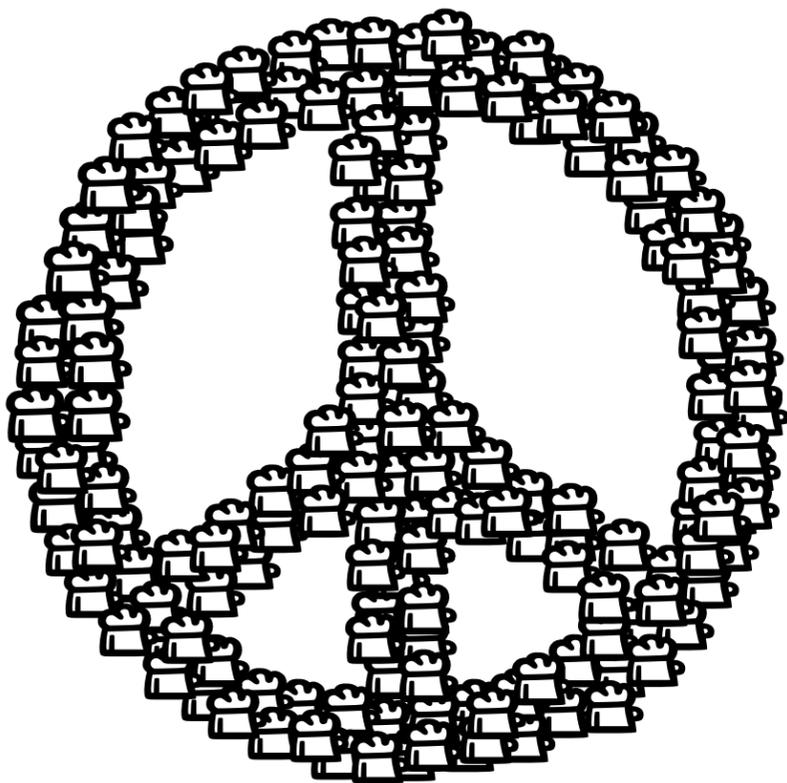
lican strategist Kevin Phillips notes in his *Wealth and Democracy* (2002) citing figures from the Congressional Budget Office, that the lowest quintile suffered a sixteen percent drop in after-tax income between 1977 and 1994. NPR's Neal Conan made no effort, so far as we know, to correct Reed.

Economics 102

"Now that the dollar has so little value, we could put [George W. Bush's] face on it."—Paula Poundstone

Right: Rowing on Sagamore Cree, by Walter H. James

The Portsmouth Athenæum in Market Square is hosting yet another free, brief escape from the 21st Century. Local author and photographer Peter Randall curates this exhibit of photographs by Walter H. James, showing his family's farm on the banks of Sagamore Creek, circa 1906. The exhibit, which runs through Nov. 29, includes images from the Portsmouth farm and the White Mountains, as well as account books and other items. It is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Call (603) 431-2538 for more information.



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Moving Pictures

Eagle Eye

by Rodman Philbrick

Stars: Shia La Beouf, Michele Monaghan, Billy Bob Thornton; **Screenplay:** Dan McDermot, John Glenn, Travis Wright, Hillary Seitz; **Director:** D.J. Caruso; **Rating:** [PG-13]

Paranoid? Think “they” are overhearing your every word and thought? Makes sense, actually. If Homeland Security wanted to follow every keystroke of this review, they have that ability—heck, they might be more effective than Spell Check. Doubtless this computer’s built-in video camera could be activated by remote control. Landline phones are, in effect, built-in bugging devices, and have been for decades. Many cell phones now contain a GPS that serves very well as a tracking device. Ditto for the E-Z Pass transponder on your windshield.

For all you know that “smart chip” in your refrigerator could be gossiping with the NSA about your taste in junk food. Closed circuit TV tracks your every move, from the ATM, to the 7-Eleven, to the stoplight. Certain key words, overheard by any electronic communication device and sorted through an enormous government database, will eventually trigger a follow-up by the FBI. Never doubt it, Big Brother is alive and well, and so is Big Sister.

Eagle Eye, the hot new Shia LaBeouf thriller, takes all of the above, borrowing liberally from every previous “your paranoia is fully justified” flick—1984, 2001: *A Space Odyssey*, *Marathon Man*, *Enemy of The State*, *Conspiracy Theory*, *The Fugitive*, *X Files*, the *Bourne* spy chase thrillers, and innumerable television shows. LaBeouf, wildly popular with a demographic that turns movie

executives weak at the knees, plays Jerry Shaw, a slacker copy shop clerk whose brother’s sudden death propels him into one long chase, with cars exploding behind him and radio controlled drones coming over the horizon. He has all of three minutes to establish a personality—and does so, quite adequately—before Big Sister calls him on his cell and tells him to run or die. He soon finds himself buddied up with a desperate young mother (Michelle Monaghan) who is responding to the same generic female voice because her cute little boy is in peril. In three shakes of an altered bank account they’re identified as terrorists, with wisecracking FBI agent (Billy Bob Thornton) in hot pursuit.

Eagle Eye is directed by D.J. Caruso, who brought you *Disturbia*, a variation on *Rear Window*, with LaBeouf playing

Jimmy Stewart as slightly-troubled-but-ultimately-very-cool teenager. There was something about being confined to the same general vicinity that really made *Disturbia* work, even if you pretty much knew exactly where the plot was going. *Eagle Eye* is a different beast altogether, a headlong chase with frantic cuts back and forth to the Pentagon, where the surveillance software has started to think for itself. You thought Windows Vista was bad? Wait until you see what software can do if it has the power to take control of any electronic device—phones, TV’s, computers, traffic lights, high tension wires—so it can keep telling you what to do—duck now or your head explodes!—and instantaneously deliver on threats. Software as a vengeful, Old Testament version of God, except this is a God who texts his commandments.

The plot of *Eagle Eye* is borrowed and bogus and often hopelessly confused, but Caruso keeps the whole train wreck moving so fast—and so up close and personal—that your brain won’t have time to sort out all the holes in the plot, or process the derivative nature of the narrative. When it comes to looking adorable and worried and ready to throw a punch, Mr. LaBeouf is the new Harrison Ford. He’s likeable, decent, and has relaxed himself into the perfect fit as a major film star. It will be interesting to see if, in the next few years, he gravitates to playing men, or succumbs to the temptation to keep playing boys who can’t quite grow-up—the option taken by so many of his acting cohort.

As for the rest of you, the next time your ATM spills out \$750,000, start running. Explosions are sure to follow.

More Hate Mail, &c.

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the media. If you are wondering why they might do that, this may help. CNN aired a video shot at a recent town hall meeting. Sarah Palin was asked a question about how she would help keep new domestic oil from being exported. This was her response (taken from a script found on abcnews.com), “Oil and coal? Of course, it’s a fungible commodity and they don’t flag, you know, the molecules, where it’s going and where it’s not. But in the sense of the Congress today, they know that there are very, very hungry domestic markets that need that oil first,” Palin said. “So, I believe that what Congress is going to do, also, is not to allow the export bans to such a degree that it’s Americans that get stuck to

holding the bag without the energy source that is produced here, pumped here. It’s got to flow into our domestic markets first.” Say, what?!

McCain says that Sarah Palin knows more about energy than probably anyone else in the United States of America. I say it’s time to say “Thanks, but no thanks.” to Sarah Palin and John McCain.

Carol DeStefano
Greenland, NH

Carol Works for Vets

To the Editor:

Has anyone noticed something interesting about Jeb Bradley’s television ads? One portrays Jeb as a real spokesman for those in need—vets, our military, seniors, children, working families. Viewers may not know that, in fact

while in Congress, Jeb repeatedly voted against the interests of every one of these groups. Ironically, this ad more accurately reflects the voting record of Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter.

There is not much to criticize about Carol’s record. She has been unwavering in her support of our troops, Veterans, seniors, children, working families. So what does Jeb do? He creates an attack ad implying that Shea-Porter has been “on vacation” these last five weeks. This couldn’t be further from the truth.

While on Congressional Break, Carol has worked tirelessly, seven days a week, morning, afternoon, and evening, meeting with constituents—seniors, Veterans, working families—whom she fights for every day in Congress. The word “vacation” has not en-

tered her mind. Why? Her commitment to “the rest of us—the bottom 99%” is far greater than her need for rest and relaxation.

Because there is little one can fault Shea-Porter for, Jeb has to “make it up.” He is just the kind of politician we don’t need in Washington.

Shirley Sauvageau
Nottingham, NH

Be Smart—Vote Shaheen

To the Editor:

I am proudly supporting Jeanne Shaheen for United States Senate in 2008. The past eight years under Sununu and Bush have shown New Hampshire voters that the country needs a new direction, and Jeanne Shaheen can provide just that. As the first woman elected Governor of New Hampshire, Jeanne Shaheen was

a champion for New Hampshire’s working families and her record clearly illustrates that. When she is elected to the Senate, New Hampshire’s middle class will have an advocate in the Senate. As Governor, Jeanne Shaheen helped make college more affordable for middle-class families through a tax-free college tuition savings plan, and her sharp attention to the economy led to the creation of 66,000 jobs in New Hampshire. The events of the past week have certainly shown us that we need a Senator who will always prioritize the economic interests of New Hampshire residents, and Jeanne Shaheen is certainly that person.

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Recycling the Conservation Ethic

by William Marvel

When the oil embargo of 1973 came along, I was sitting pretty. A dead car and a bank balance too low to replace it had made it impossible for me to continue living and working in Carroll County, so I had found an apartment in Boston. A car was just a burden in the Back Bay, and I either rode the Green Line to my job or, more often, walked those two miles. I remember glancing with smug amusement at the long lines of cars waiting to buy gasoline, especially when the gouging gas jockey at the Charles Street Circle became the first person in the country to charge two bucks a gallon for regular.

That first energy crisis inspired a flurry of conservation efforts, initiatives, and regulations. That was the beginning of the insulation craze, and I think it was about then that I first saw a Honda automobile. Alternative energy gained a foothold, especially as urban and suburban refugees

headed north to build or buy homes on blessedly isolated dirt roads. The attorney general prosecuted the owner of the Charles Street station for profiteering. The unindicted co-conspirator in the White House mandated 55-mile-per-hour speed limits, and for a time it looked as though the American people had finally learned the lessons of self-sufficiency and sustainability.

Predictably, much of that momentum waned when the price of oil dropped. By 1976 Ford was building a pickup truck with a six-cylinder engine from which I was never able to coax 15 miles per gallon. Winnebago began producing mobile motel rooms with carburetor barrels the size of garden hoses. The federal government subsidized highways rather than railroads, so freight trains were gradually replaced by diesel-guzzling rigs that grew in size and numbers until they have made our highways absolutely perilous.

The 1970s had therefore not ended before another oil shortage

struck. The Carter administration funded numerous subsidies for alternative energy, but those were all wiped out by Ronald Reagan. The development of wind and solar technology languished through a dozen years of greed-is-good Republican rule, during which the thirsty sport utility vehicle became the status symbol of the energy-unconscious. The average home ballooned in size, wasted space, and heating-fuel requirements; and massive trophy homes began to speckle the landscape like an environmental pox.

So here we are again, naturally. Gasoline has hit four dollars, heating fuel seems to be doubling annually, and our carelessly cultivated dependence on long-distance truck transport has translated into runaway inflation. The fast-expanding lower classes had to make immediate adjustments, like deciding between gasoline or cigarettes, or gasoline and food, while the middle class commuter is condescending to carpool once more. Even some of the hungri-

est and most fragile egos have had to surrender some of what keeps them artificially afloat, and bid adieu to those Hummers, Suburbans, and Escalades.

So now, of course, the conservation argument is winning a little more attention. Rather than demanding still more oil exploration to feed our toxic addiction, some of the brightest lights are reiterating the obvious: the most economical and environmentally sound energy is local energy. The Richmond Middle School, in Hanover, converted from oil heat to wood chips for fuel savings approaching \$70,000 in 2006-07, and near \$90,000 this year. Wood chips don't have to be shipped from the Middle East, and trucked from the coast. They aren't subject to embargo, and the chip market would provide permanent local employment as well as discourage forest development. That's the type of solution proposed by some of the 95 local energy committees that have sprung up across New Hampshire.

Will the interest last long enough to effect crucial systemic changes? After 35 years of short-term enthusiasm and long-term apathy, I'm not holding my breath. One vestigial remnant of earlier fuel crises is our town's requirement for energy-code compliance, printed on the reverse of all building permits, but I'm not aware that the provision has ever been enforced: instead, the town is now distributing record amounts of fuel assistance. Some of our schools pay great attention to conservation, alternative energy, and environmental awareness, but then embark on long, wasteful field trips of dubious merit. With such inconsistent attention to energy conservation and consumption from the worlds of education and government, a pervasive epiphany seems unlikely.

I've come to view ours as an ultimately stupid species, so bent on its own destruction that it doesn't really deserve to survive. I keep hoping I'll be proven wrong.

and she will bring that record to the United States Senate. New Hampshire needs a new Senator. Please join me in casting your vote for Jeanne Shaheen on November 4.

Jennifer Dening
Windham, NH

**Support Military Families:
Vote for Carol**

To the Editor

The best way to support our military families is to send Carol Shea-Porter back to Congress in the November 4 election.

Unlike so many of you, I know no one who has been killed or maimed, disabled by PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder)

or lost a loved one in these ways. But most of my friends in my parents' generation did fight in World War II. The scars may not be visible, but they are there.

The difference is that this country supported the returning young WW II servicemen with practical and financial help. But I was ashamed to learn how little America supports those who have sacrificed in more recent wars. The recent Walter Reed scandal is the tip of the iceberg. And even in our own backyard, we need a much improved medical care for NH's veterans.



Time and again Jeb Bradley failed our military families. He even voted against repairs and replacements of damaged troop equipment.

Shea-Porter's commitment runs deep. Two examples: She helped secure funding to upgrade the Portsmouth Naval Yard, the first since 1971. In August, she introduced the Veterans Health Equity Act to require the VA to provide that medical care New Hampshire veterans need.

It is Shea-Porter, not her opponent, who has been committed to providing our troops and vets the support they have earned. Regardless of your political beliefs about the Iraq war, I urge you to

vote for Carol Shea-Porter on behalf of all who have served in the military and their families.

Robin Mower
Durham, NH

Had Enough of Sununu

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, September 23rd, Governor Jeanne Shaheen held a campaign event at the VFW in Pelham. The intimate event allowed voters to hear where Governor Shaheen stands on the issues in the upcoming election. Governor Shaheen spoke about how Senator Sununu has voted with President Bush 90 percent of the time. Personally, I am disillusioned with President Bush

and the agenda that he has set for the past 8 years. Our economy is in shambles, we are in the midst of a war lacking a timetable for withdrawal, and our schools are not receiving the funding needed in order for our children to succeed. This is why I will be casting my vote on November 4th for Governor Shaheen. Senator Sununu speaks about change, but has kept up President Bush's status quo for the entirety of his senate term. If you are as ready for change in Washington as I am, then I urge you to vote for Governor Jeanne Shaheen as well.

Caitlin Maynard
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**"Letters ...
We Get Letters ..."**

Holy cats, do we get letters. Forty-three this past fortnight, far more than we can print. We had to make a spreadsheet to figure out which ones to run. Eighty percent were in support of three candidates: Carol Shea-Porter got seventeen; Jean Shaheen got ten; and Barack Obama got seven. (Letters calling Republican candidates insane or otherwise incompetent counted for their opponent.) And we have two more papers to go before the election! Have mercy, folks, and please be concise!—The Ed.

McCain and The Bomb

To the Editor,
In October 1962, most of JFK's advisors were urging the president to bomb Cuba. The assumption was that the missiles were not yet armed and ready.
In the mid-1990s former defense secretary Robert McNamara

learned that 14 of those missiles were indeed armed, and that Castro had given the order to launch if attacked.

Had Kennedy bombed Cuba, it is estimated that 90 million Americans would have died.

OK, now picture John McCain in that role.

Burt Cohen
State Senator, 1990-2004
New Castle, NH

*Burt:
"Picture McCain in that role."
Oh, great. Thanks a lot.*

Now, when we can't sleep, we can pass the time visualizing McCain playing either Sterling Hayden's, or Slim Pickens's role in "Dr. Strangelove. Or he could pull a Peter Sellers and play both.

*Pass the Ambien, please ...
The Editor*

Where Was Jeb?

To the Editor:
I have seen Jeb Bradley's television ad accusing Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter of taking a vacation in August. Congress always adjourns at that time so that representatives can work in their districts. If you look at Shea-Porter's schedule for August it doesn't look like much of a vacation, and incidentally she had no tan when she came to Conway last week to talk to constituents. When she went back to Congress, the members passed an energy bill, which, predictably, Mr. Bradley criticized. He finds time to criticize Shea-Porter whether she is in or out of session.

By the way, according to the House Clerk's web site, in 2006

which was Mr. Bradley's last year in Congress, he was only there 101 days. What did he do all year? The next year with Democrats in charge, Congress worked more than that before the August break, and logged 145 days for the year. While there, Jeb Bradley never passed a piece of legislation with his name on it. Shea-Porter has authored several bills that have become law, as well as getting \$30 million for the Portsmouth Navy shipyard.

With Democrats in control, Congress works all week long. Mr. Bradley might not like that!

Beware of TV ads that do not tell the truth.

Janet Bridgham
Eaton Center, NH

Get Real, Jeb

To the Editor:
Jeb Bradley's ads are painful. They make a joke of his party and his campaign.

One I saw uses crude graphics to suggest that Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter vacationed in August rather than passing the Republican drill-baby-drill bill. Although he doesn't deserve it, let's treat him like a grown-up for a minute and look at that charge.

First, Jeb was himself a lay-about in Congress. He worked two days a week and never in four years passed a piece of legislation. His Washington office was like a tomb. So he had a year-round vacation, not just the month of August. Carol Shea-Porter is like a house afire, working around the clock. And it shows. She's passed several bills already and helped the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, veterans, troops, employment, heating oil subsidies and in many other areas.

Second, this whole Republican "stay in session for August" business was empty demagoguery. Oil companies have always wanted to drill for coastal oil so they have used high gas prices to

press the issue again, but everyone knows off-shore drilling will yield very little oil and have no impact on oil prices. And it's definitely not an August emergency. It wouldn't produce anything for 10 or 15 years.

Finally, although Jeb actually would have been at the lake, Carol Shea-Porter was working in her district during August, listening to constituents about energy policy and many other issues, being much more productive than sitting in Washington.

Get real, Jeb, and mount a campaign that treats voters like intelligent people.

Bill Duncan
New Castle, NH

**Sununu's Friends
Distort the Truth**

To the Editor:
John Sununu's Republican friends have a really clever way of distorting Jeanne Shaheen's record. They say she supported the income tax, even though it was her threatened veto that prevented it from passing. They say she's against drilling for oil, when she clearly supports increasing domestic production. They say she is a "tax and spend" liberal, even though she kept New Hampshire's tax burden the lowest in the country and balanced the budget.

Jeanne Shaheen is running on issues, not on distortions. John Sununu is against stem cell research, against raising the minimum wage, against ending the War in Iraq. He takes thousands in campaign contributions from drug companies and Big Oil, and rewards them with tax breaks. He votes for the biggest college loan cuts in history, and gives tax breaks to companies that outsource American jobs.

Jeanne Shaheen is on the right side of these issues. She supports

tax breaks for small businesses, not Big Oil and outsourcers. She supports stem cell research, the American worker, expanding access to education, and a responsible end to the War in Iraq.

There is no need for distortions, the choice is clear. Support Jeanne Shaheen for Senate.

Grace Colby
Exeter, NH

Sununu Makes This Easy

To the Editor:
The crazy season in politics is upon us and luckily I've made up my mind on who to support in the upcoming elections. Jeanne Shaheen. Sununu made it easy on who to vote for in the Senate race. You see, the first piece of political "junk mail" arrived from his camp way back in July. I remember it clearly. I was looking over my household budget and wondering what I could do to decrease my heating costs this winter and where I could trim my budget to make it through another year. I sorted through the pile of bills and came across Sununu's first flier of the race. It was a missive on how he will protect our rights to bear arms. *Are you kidding me?* Apparently, Mr Sununu feels that we country folk don't have any more pressing matters. Out of touch!

J. Jones
Manchester, NH

Bradley's Ads Are Insulting

To the Editor:
I just watched Jeb Bradley's newest television ad, complaining how Carol Shea-Porter took a vacation instead of passing a law to allow off-shore drilling. As a woman in the First Congressional District, I am insulted by the content and format of an ad that is meant to demean our Congresswoman. It is very reminiscent of the ads the Republicans



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And Other Correspondence

ran the first time Jeb ran against a woman for this seat. I would like to set the record straight. Rather than lying on the beach as the ad implies, Carol spent her time working to get disaster assistance for the people and towns hurt by the big tornado this summer. She pushed to get millions of dollars in new funding for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Carol helped get more heating oil assistance this winter to folks who need it. She made sure that Rochester got critically needed funds to help prevent drug abuse. And in her spare time, she traveled all over her district meeting with hundreds of working people, businessmen, veterans, mothers, seniors, and other folks to better understand our problems. It seems to me Carol gets more done when she is "on vacation" than Jeb ever did when he was working! That's why on November 4th, I'm voting to make sure we have an effective and energetic representative in Washington.

I'm voting for Carol Shea-Porter.

Barbara Laverick
Wolfboro, NH

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Thanks, Carol!

To the Editor:

I want to say a heartfelt "Thank you!" to our Congresswoman, Carol Shea-Porter, for her hard work in getting Congress to pass her emergency heating oil assistance bill. Her bill helps working people pay for home heating oil and is going to make a huge difference for thousands of families in New Hampshire who face real hardship b this winter.

We all know the cost of heating oil has almost doubled since last year. Everyone says we are going to have a long, cold winter. But the Bush administration announced they were going to cut

heating oil assistance aid by millions of dollars. This means everybody gets less help just when the need is getting bigger. We are giving billions to Iraq and other countries, but can't afford to help people in our country? That's not right.

Carol Shea-Porter knew that made no sense, and she worked with others to put together a bill to fix the problem. Today, after a tough fight, Congress passed her bill giving an additional \$34 million so people in our state can afford to heat their homes this winter. That's \$34 million for single mothers in Rochester struggling to keep their kids fed and clothed. That's \$34 million for seniors in Manchester who see their social security checks disappear with rising food and gas prices. And that's \$34 million for working people in Hampton who haven't seen a pay increase in years.

Two years ago, Carol Shea-Porter said she was going to Washington to represent the rest of us. This is just one example of how she kept her promise. We need to keep our promise and re-elect Carol on November 4th.

Sylvia R. Kennedy, M.D.
Wolfboro, NH

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Palin's "Pipeline to Nowhere"
To the Editor:

During the past few weeks, I've found myself wondering how I'd feel if I were a resident of Ketchikan. I think I'd be sort of miffed to have my home town called "nowhere" over and over and over in the media. I don't think it was the bridge itself that was the problem, it was the price tag. So probably Gov. Palin did the right thing by going for a cheaper bridge (I hope it's not too cheap to be safe).

She could have sent the balance back to Washington, but

I really don't fault her for using it for other projects in her state, I'd probably have done the same. My problem, though, is with her "pipeline to nowhere."

When Palin is bragging about her huge accomplishment in solving the energy crisis with her proposed natural gas pipeline, she fails to mention that hundreds of miles of that pipeline would pass through the lands of the Canadian tribes known as the First Nations. Tribes who live along the pipeline route have complained that they have not been consulted and are prepared to sue to protect their rights.

For so many years, native people have been stomped on by white leaders like Palin that they have learned the only way to protect their land and their rights is in a court of law. Lawyers for the tribes say the native people have the power to delay the pipeline or even kill it entirely. So in spite of Gov. Palin's claims to a great victory in getting the pipeline project started (\$500 million in Alaska state tax money), there's a good chance it will take years of court battles to complete the Canadian portion of the pipeline and it's possible it will never happen.

So when you hear Gov. Palin tout her pipeline, just remember, part of her grand plan will involve the exploitation of Native Americans and this time the Canadian courts might just be on their side

Lois Alger
Milan, N.H.

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**Jeb's Misrepresents
Carol's Record**

To the Editor:

Seen Jeb's latest TV ad? Viewers beware! Once again Jeb has outdone himself in misrepresenting the facts about our Congresswoman, Carol Shea-Porter.

Let's talk about Carol Shea-Porter and the work ethic she brought with her to Washing-

ton during her term in Congress. Unlike Jeb—who jetted down to DC on Tuesday night and back to New Hampshire on Thursday evening—Carol puts in a full five-day work week, every week. And many of those days are 16 to 18 hours long. Carol takes her responsibilities seriously because she knows she isn't working for herself, she is working for the 99% of people who don't have a voice in Washington.

Vacation? Did Jeb's ad imply Carol went on vacation? Obviously his idea of vacation and hers are two different things. While Jeb imagines Carol off sunning herself on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee, she was actually pounding the pavement all over the district, meeting with seniors, veterans, students, and working people. She toured the damage done by the summer tornado and turned around and fought for disaster assistance for the state. She got funding for drug prevention in Rochester, and for new construction projects at the Shipyard.

Vacation? What vacation? In fact, Carol hasn't even had week-ends off during the Congressional break. She's been on the job seven days a week, working as hard as she can for the rest of us. The word "vacation" is not in her vocabulary. There is simply too much work to be done to make



government more responsive to the average person instead of the wealthy. That's why we need to re-elect her, and why I am voting for Carol Shea-Porter on November 4th.

Stephen Hodgdon
Lee, NH

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Sarah Palin? Say What?

To The Editor:

Senator John McCain's first major decision as our potential president was to choose Governor Sarah Palin as his running mate. He said he was putting country first when he made this decision. On "60 Minutes" he told us that he felt Governor Palin was absolutely ready to be president. We still don't know much about her as the McCain campaign has been careful to shelter her from

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Bill Eslinger



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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.

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<p>2003—Timothy Treadwell and girlfriend Amie Huguenard discover the hard way that the grizzly bears they've been associating with in Alaska are not vegetarians.</p> <p>2001—Robert Stevens, photo editor of the supermarket tabloid <i>The Sun</i>, dies of anthrax. The terrorist who infected him remains at large.</p> <p>1994—Italy abolishes the death penalty.</p> <p>1989—Televangelist Jim Bakker is convicted on 24 counts of fraud and conspiracy.</p> <p>1986—Nicaraguans shoot down a U.S. cargo plane illegally supplying Contra rebels with arms bought with the proceeds of illegal U.S. arms sales to Iran.</p> <p>1977—A tortilla with Jesus's face on it is found in Texas.</p> <p>1969—Monty Python's <i>Flying Circus</i> debuts.</p> <p>1969—Undetected by U.S. radar, a Cuban defector lands his MiG-17 at Homestead AFB, where Air Force One is sitting on the tarmac waiting to take Richard Nixon back to Washington.</p> <p>1966—The Fermi nuclear power plant on the shore of Lake Erie almost melts down.</p> <p>1960—Radar alerts NORAD of a massive Soviet ICBM launch heading for the U.S. It's wrong.</p> <p>1929—In Nicaragua, a National Guard garrison mutinies, killing the U.S. Marine commander.</p>	<p>1989—RIP Bette Davis. Years earlier, told she was rumored to have died, she said, "During a newspaper strike? I wouldn't dream of it."</p> <p>1976—Seventy-three die when Cubana Flight 455 is bombed over Barbados. Prime suspect Luis Posada Carriles, now being held in El Paso on petty immigration charges, is wanted on terrorism charges but the U.S. refuses to extradite him.</p> <p>1973—Egypt and Syria attack Israel on Yom Kippur. This backfires.</p> <p>1961—President Kennedy recommends that, in case of nuclear war, American families should get ready to live for a while in holes in the ground.</p> <p>1945—William "Billy" Sianis and his pet goat Murphy are thrown out of Wrigley Field by Cubs owner Phillip K. Wrigley during Game 4 of the World Series against the Tigers. Sianis, Murphy, and Wrigley are all dead; Sianis's curse lives.</p> <p>1917—"In time of war," says Sen. Robert LaFollette, "the citizen must be more alert to his right to control his government."</p> <p>1856—Portsmouth celebrates the centennial of the founding of <i>The New Hampshire Gazette</i>, the railroad lays on extra trains to accommodate the crush of visitors from around New England.</p> <p>1536—William Tyndale goes to the stake for heresy—he printed Bibles people could read.</p>	<p>2003—California voters throw out Governor Gray Davis, and replace him with Arnold Schwarzenegger.</p> <p>2002—President George W. Bush announces that "on any given day," Iraq could attack the U.S. with chemical or biological weapons, a situation which therefore creates "an urgent duty" to stop him.</p> <p>2001—U.S. forces invade Afghanistan. George W. Bush writes his Poppy, "I feel no sense of the so-called heavy burden of the office."</p> <p>1996—Fox News begins injecting mass quantities of insidious swill into the public forum.</p> <p>1980—Congressman John Jenrette, Jr. (D-SC) is convicted of conspiracy and bribery.</p> <p>1955—At the Six Gallery on Fillmore Street in San Francisco, Allen Ginsberg reads "Howl" in public for the first time.</p> <p>1917—Relief forces reach the Lost Battalion in the Argonne.</p> <p>1913—Henry Ford introduces the assembly line.</p> <p>1765—The Stamp Act Congress meets in New York.</p> <p>1756—Daniel Fowle and his enslaved pressman Primus begin <i>The New Hampshire Gazette</i>.</p> <p>1571—Christians and Muslims duke it out at the Battle of Lopenot—the last time two fleets of oar-powered galleys meet. Nearly 40,000 are killed or wounded. Jesus wins.</p>	<p>2004—American warplanes try to kill Abu Musab al Zarqawi but accidentally kill 13 people at a wedding instead.</p> <p>1991—House Speaker Tom Foley (D-WA) announces that the House's sergeant-at-arms will no longer fix traffic tickets for House members.</p> <p>1991—The Senate, instead of voting as scheduled on whether to confirm Clarence Thomas for the Supreme Court, decides to hold hearings on whether he's a sexual harasser.</p> <p>1974—The Franklin National Bank collapses, undermined by Mafioso Michele Sindona, a pal of R. Nixon's Treasury Secretary David Kennedy.</p> <p>1969—A three-day riot begins in Chicago.</p> <p>1968—Washington, DC riots after police shoot a black man.</p> <p>1967—Ernesto "Che" Guevara is captured by Bolivian troops led by the CIA's Felix Rodriguez.</p> <p>1957—Walter O'Malley announces the Dodgers are moving from Brooklyn to Los Angeles.</p> <p>1955—"The nations of the world will have to unite," warns Gen. D. MacArthur, "for the next war will be an interplanetary war."</p> <p>1918—In the Argonne Forest, former pacifist Cpl. Alvin C. York kills 25 German soldiers and captures 132.</p>	<p>2005—A large part of the town of Alstead, NH is washed away by the Cold River and Warren Brook.</p> <p>2004—During a Presidential debate, a bulge in his suit makes it appear that George W. Bush is wearing a wire.</p> <p>2001—Someone still unknown and uncaught mails letters carrying anthrax spores to the offices of two Democratic senators.</p> <p>1992—Hearing a loud bang, Michelle Knapp of Peekskill, NY goes outside and finds a hole punched through the trunk of her 1980 Chevy Malibu and a warm 26-pound meteorite lying on the pavement beneath it.</p> <p>1974—At 2 a.m., D.C. cops stop Rep. Wilbur Mills's car near the Jefferson Memorial for speeding with headlights off. Mills's passenger, Fanne (sic) Foxe, aka "The Argentine Firecracker," hops out of the car and into the Potomac River Tidal Basin.</p> <p>1970—Alexander Solzhenitsyn snubs the Nobel Prize.</p> <p>1967—Dr. Ernesto "Che" Guevara taunts a hesitant executioner, saying "Just shoot, you coward. You are only killing a man."</p> <p>1965—Jimmy Dickens's "May the Bird of Paradise Fly Up Your Nose" begins climbing the pop charts.</p> <p>1940—Happy B'day, J. Lennon.</p> <p>1855—John Stoddard patents the steam calliope.</p>	<p>2003—Rush Limbaugh, the <i>Hindenburg</i> of talk radio, confesses he's a junkie.</p> <p>2002—In an unusually craven display, the U.S. Senate votes 77-23 to let George W. Bush have his way with S. Hussein.</p> <p>1989—The Soviet news agency Tass reports nine-foot tall aliens have landed southeast of Moscow.</p> <p>1974—In a speech, U.S. General George Brown deplors Jewish influence on U.S. foreign policy.</p> <p>1973—Vice President Spiro "Ted" Agnew resigns in disgrace; pleading <i>nolo</i> to charges he dodged taxes on bribes & kickbacks.</p> <p>1969—Richard Nixon, putting his "madman theory" into practice, orders a gratuitous global nuclear alert for all U.S. military.</p> <p>1957—A fire in a British nuclear facility causes a radiation leak contaminating milk over a 200 mile radius. The contaminated milk is dumped in the Irish Sea.</p> <p>1933—A Boeing 247 airliner is destroyed by a bomb over Indiana. Seven passengers and three crew die in the first such act in history.</p> <p>1911—Jasper Newton "Jack" Daniel, Tennessee distiller, dies of blood poisoning from an infected toe injured by kicking a safe whose combination he'd forgotten.</p> <p>732—Charles "The Hammer" Martel and his Franks defeat the Moors at Tours.</p>	<p>2003—Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez gives Yankee coach Don Zimmer a shove, knocking him to the ground.</p> <p>2001—Citing "certain information," the FBI warns of a terrorist attack in "the next several days." It fails to materialize.</p> <p>1991—Anita Hill testifies that her former boss, Supreme Court Justice-to-be Clarence Thomas sexually harassed her.</p> <p>1983—In Bryant, Maine, the last hand-cranked phones in the U.S. are taken out of service.</p> <p>1960—Nikita Khrushchev employs footwear to make his point at the podium of the UN.</p> <p>1954—The Viet Minh take over North Vietnam.</p> <p>1945—Mao and the Red Army go to war against Chiang Kai-Shek's alleged government.</p> <p>1906—The City of San Francisco decrees that Japanese children must go to segregated schools.</p> <p>1868—Thomas A. Edison gets his first patent, for an electric vote recording machine.</p> <p>1811—The <i>Juliana</i>, the first steam-powered ferryboat, begins operating between New York City and Hoboken, New Jersey.</p> <p>1809—At a tavern called Grinder's Stand explorer Meriwether Lewis cuts his wrists and shoots himself twice—according to the official version of events.</p>
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<p>2004—Thieves break into Lucas County Democratic Party HQ in Toledo, OH, taking computers holding essential information, leaving behind machines with less valuable info.</p> <p>2000—In the port of Aden, Yemen, the destroyer <i>U.S.S. Cole</i> is badly damaged, and 17 sailors are killed by a terrorist bomb aboard a small boat coming alongside.</p> <p>1972—Forty-seven men are injured during a race riot aboard the <i>U.S.S. Kitty Hawk</i>.</p> <p>1970—Lieut. William Calley is court-martialed for killing 102 civilians in My Lai.</p> <p>1969—Navy nurse Susan Schnell drops anti-war leaflets from a plane onto a CA military base.</p> <p>1961—The FBI launches a "Socialist Worker Disruption Program."</p> <p>1945—Cpl. Desmond Doss, an ex-medic and conscientious objector, becomes the first non-combatant to receive the Medal of Honor.</p> <p>1925—Police duties in Panama City, Panama are assumed by U.S. troops.</p> <p>1917—The First Battle of Passchendaele is conducted; 13,000 Allied casualties, no advance.</p> <p>1902—Mine owners in Pana, Illinois import strike-breakers; violence ensues; 14 die and 25 are wounded.</p> <p>1492—A lost European begins oppressing native Americans.</p>	<p>2004—George W. Bush claims during a televised debate, "Gosh, I don't think I ever said I'm not worried about Osama bin Laden. That's kind of one of those exaggerations," directly contradicting his own statement of March 3, 2002 that he's "not that much concerned about him."</p> <p>1991—A lie detector test suggests Anita Hill is telling the truth about Clarence Thomas.</p> <p>1972—Seventy-five years after the land for it was allocated, the Burns Paiute Indian reservation in Oregon is created.</p> <p>1972—A plane carrying a Uruguayan soccer team crashes high in the Andes, leading to culinary experimentation.</p> <p>1812—U.S. Gen. Van Rensselaer sends a troop of regulars across the Canadian border; those who aren't shot are forced to surrender. A troop of U.S. militia then refuses orders to invade.</p> <p>1754—Molly Pitcher is born in New Hampshire.</p> <p>1660—"I went ... to see Major General Harrison hanged, drawn, and quartered," writes Samuel Pepys in his diary. "He was looking as cheerful as any man could do in that condition."</p> <p>1307—Under orders from King Phillip "the Fair," every Knight Templar in France is arrested. Later they're all tortured, too.</p>	<p>2001—Delta Flight 458 (Atlanta-Newark) is diverted to Charlotte after two praying Orthodox Jews are mistaken for terrorists.</p> <p>1982—Ronald Reagan declares "War on Drugs."</p> <p>1978—Jimmie Carter legalizes home brewing of beer.</p> <p>1968—27 soldiers are arrested at the Presidio for protesting conditions in the stockade. The same day the Pentagon announces that 24,000 troops will be going back to Vietnam for a second tour—involuntarily.</p> <p>1962—A U-2 flying over Cuba photographs medium-range ballistic missile sites being built.</p> <p>1947—Two broken ribs be damned: Chuck Yeager breaks the sound barrier.</p> <p>1919—Forbidden to discuss their pay by <i>Vanity Fair</i>, Robert Benchley and Dorothy Parker wear signs stating their salaries.</p> <p>1912—Anarchist William Shrenck shoots Teddy Roosevelt in the chest and later says "any man looking for a third term ought to be shot." Roosevelt, bleeding, delivers a 90 minute speech.</p> <p>1864—The <i>New Orleans Tribune</i>, America's first black daily, begins.</p> <p>1834—In Moyamensing Township, PA, Whigs and Democrats use guns and bricks to decide an election. One death, several injuries; buildings burned, too.</p>	<p>2004—Jon Stewart appears on CNN's "Crossfire" and begs Tucker Carlson to "stop hurting America." Less than 90 days later CNN announces the show is over.</p> <p>1991—The Senate confirms Clarence Thomas as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.</p> <p>1974—To great fanfare but little effect, Gerald Ford's "Whip Inflation Now" campaign begins.</p> <p>1966—Huey Newton and Bobby Seale form the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense.</p> <p>1965—David Miller becomes the first to publicly burn his draft card in Vietnam War protest.</p> <p>1959—A nuke-laden B-52 and a fuel-laden KC-135 collide over Kentucky; we get off easy.</p> <p>1923—The Senate begins investigating suddenly prosperous Sec. of the Int. Albert Fall, a Republican, who leased the Navy's Teapot Dome oilfield to a friend.</p> <p>1917—Exotic dancer Mata Hari, convicted of spying for Germany, is shot by a French firing squad.</p> <p>1892—After convincing Crow Indians to give up 1,800,000 acres for \$0.50 an acre, President Benjamin Harrison opens the land to whites.</p> <p>1860—Grace Bedell, 11, writes to Abraham Lincoln and suggests he quit shaving.</p> <p>1815—Former Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte is introduced to British hospitality on St. Helena.</p>	<p>2004—The Yankees take the third straight in the ALCS.</p> <p>2000—Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan dies in a plane crash, but goes on to defeat John Ashcroft in the November election for Senate.</p> <p>1973—Henry Kissinger somehow suicide after confessing she had a 19-year affair with her father-in-law, George Roche III, the president of Hillsdale College, "the most conservative college in America."</p> <p>1973—OPEC pinches the west's oil pipeline.</p> <p>1966—The anarchist collective "The Diggers" holds its first free feed in San Francisco.</p> <p>1927—Harry F. 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Sicily beats him to it.</p> <p>1748—The Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle is signed, giving Louisburg back to the French, angering the New Englanders who took it.</p>
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