

## The Fortnightly Rant

# Worst Veep? Maybe Not

As the nation observes the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, our first Republican president, the most prominent representatives of his Grand Old Party are Michael Steele, the party's chairman; Rush Limbaugh, a radio talk show host; and Richard "Still Dick" Cheney, formerly the Vice President, now a private citizen. Steele and Limbaugh both have ample talents for attracting public attention. Lately, though, Mr. Cheney has been reaping the lion's share of the headlines.\*

This is odd for several reasons: his official duties ended nearly five months ago, his most popular official act was leaving office, and much of his tenure was spent — like that of his *bête noire* Saddam Hussein — hiding in a hole in the ground.

Mr. Cheney has devoted most of his adult life to what he insists on calling "public service." His alleged service began in 1969, during the height of the Vietnam War — though not, of course, in Vietnam. At that time, he had "other priorities."

For the last eight years, Cheney ran the office Finley Peter Dunne once described as "not a crime exactly ... but ... kind of a disgrace ... like writing anonymous letters," in a way that made Tony Soprano's operation look quaint. Now that we've been relieved of his governance, one might have hoped — or fervently wished, or feverishly prayed — that he would retreat to some obscure burrow in Wyoming, shut his droning pie-hole, and leave the world in peace. Instead, he continues to force toxic advice on his victims.

Perhaps we're just suffering a relapse of the Cheney Derangement Syndrome, but when the former Vice President launched his attack on Barack Obama's Guantanamo policies from behind a podium at the American Enterprise Institute on May 21, we thought for a moment he was

\*The former President, meanwhile, was last heard from telling schoolchildren in Artesia, New Mexico (population 10,692) that he's content to be picking up that which his dog Barney drops on his neighbor's lawn.

auditioning for Worst Vice President in American history.

While Cheney is clearly among the strongest contenders, the competition is tougher than one might think.

In the firearms competition, for example, Cheney comes out a poor second to Aaron Burr. While both men shot others, Cheney merely winged his victim accidentally, while somewhat impaired due to liquid refreshment. Burr, on the other hand, after Hamilton intentionally fired high, took deliberate aim with his dueling pistol and mortally wounded Alexander Hamilton. That's cold.

Speaking of inebriation, Cheney may have had a bit of a buzz on when he shot his friend Harry Whittington in the face, but Daniel D. Tompkins, James Monroe's Vice President, was known to preside over the Senate while thoroughly drunk. No contest.

South Carolina's John C. Calhoun (1825 — 1832) can actually give Cheney a run for his money in one of his strongest categories: sheer moral repugnance. Calhoun's staunch defense of slavery, both as Vice President and later in the Senate, can best be summed up by the title of a speech he delivered: "Slavery a Positive Good."

"Still Dick" Cheney has carefully nurtured a haughty disdain for public opinion, but compared to Richard Mentor Johnson, Vice President under Martin Van Buren, he's a rank amateur. At his old Kentucky home, Johnson lived openly with his common law wife Julia Chinn, an octoroon slave he inherited from his father.

Millard Fillmore, on the other hand, presents no challenge to Cheney at all. On April 17, 1850, as Fillmore was presiding over the Senate, Henry Foote (D-MI) pulled a pistol on Thomas Hart Benton (D-MO). Fillmore interceded, and had Foote's pistol locked in a drawer — clearly a Democrat in Whig's clothing.

Abraham Lincoln's first Vice President, Hannibal Hamlin,



was a kind of anti-Cheney. Appalled by the level of drunkenness in the Senate, he changed the rules to prohibit the sale of liquor in its restaurant. After losing the nomination for a second term, Hamlin reported for duty at Fort McLary, in Kittery, fulfilling his obligation as a private in the Maine Coast Guard by pulling KP and guard duty from July to September of 1864.

Andrew Johnson, who later went on to become a bad president, had an even worse start as Vice President. According to most accounts, he was thoroughly drunk when he took the oath. Not even Cheney's harshest critics would accuse him of that.

Schuyler Colfax, who served in the notoriously crooked Grant administration, may be Cheney's strongest competitor when it comes to good old-fashioned graft and corruption. Colfax lost his office for accepting shares of stock in railroads which had received public money from Congress. His role in the *Crédit Mobilier* scandal pales, though, next to Cheney's Halliburton.

Colfax's replacement was Henry Wilson, a Farmington, New Hampshire, native. Wilson, it was later revealed, had also accepted some railroad shares, but a Congressional investigation managed to clear him of wrongdoing. The stock kerfuffle was minor, though, compared to the possibility that Wilson's close friendship with Rose O'Neal

Greenhow, a Confederate spy, may have given Gen. Pierre Beauregard the edge at the Battle of Bull Run. The incident makes Cheney's outing of Valerie Plame seem a minor *faux pas*.

One of "Still Dick" Cheney's chief rivals for the title of Worst Vice President has to be John C. Breckenridge. Another Kentuckian, he served under James Buchanan from March of 1857 until March of 1861, when he began representing the Bluegrass State in the U.S. Senate. Later that year, he became one of fourteen Senators expelled for supporting the Rebellion.

He promptly committed treason, becoming a Major General in the Confederate Army, leading rebels in battle from Shiloh in early 1862 to Saltville, late in 1864. Early in 1865 he became the Confederacy's fifth and final Secretary of War. On December 7, 1863, *The New York Times* published a premature obituary of Breckenridge, saying, "of all the accursed traitors of the land there has been none more heinously false than he — none whose memory will live in darker ignominy."

The editors of the *Times*, of course, had no way of knowing that one day Richard Milhous Nixon would lurch from the Vice Presidency into the Oval Office. Richard Nixon will be forever associated in the public mind with the Watergate break-in and cover-up. That's the moral

equivalent of a mass murderer going down in history for speeding tickets.

During the 1968 presidential campaign, Richard Nixon's campaign pulled strings with the South Vietnamese government to block peace talks in Paris. A peace agreement might have put Hubert Humphrey in the White House. Nixon's ploy worked. About half of America's 58,159 casualties in Vietnam occurred during his watch. That's a helacious amount of blood to try to wash off your hands. "Only" 4,308 Americans have died in Iraq — but of course Cheney's war is not over yet.



Chez Cheney

Like many another crank before him, Cheney is "writing out his thoughts longhand in an office above his garage," according to the May 22 *New York Times*. "A person familiar with discussions Mr. Cheney has had with publishers said he was seeking more than \$2 million for his advance." Estimates of Cheney's worth range from \$60 to \$100 million. He can't be doing it for the money.

It must be for the infamy.

## News Briefs:

### Memorial Day, 2009

#### Lest We Disremember

It is an American traditional to set aside one day out of 365 — or a part of it — to acknowledge our debt to those whose lives were taken so that we could go on being who we are.

This year, on the eve of Memorial Day, the only public television network we have broadcast a

program honoring those among our war dead who have already been recognized with the Medal of Honor. And it was altogether fitting and proper that they did.

We have come to wonder, though, whether heaping more honor on those already conspicuously honored might not inadvertently and inappropri-

ately honor the circumstances — whether they be honorable or not — which demanded their sacrifice.

One need not delve into the distant past to find a time when our national leaders traded on the reverence we rightly feel for those who would give their lives for us, only to use it against us, stifling widespread dissent against a war that need not have been fought.

Our friend Mike Ferner, whose

work has appeared here before, has been elected President of Veterans for Peace. In honor of Memorial Day, we pass along these thoughts from him:

"Veterans for Peace is here to tell the nation that the number of innocent civilians who die in war far outnumbers the combatants. It would be immoral to only remember those who fought and died in war and not pay respect to those who are victims. In the

final analysis, the best way to remember both is to abolish this scourge of humanity."

Veterans for Peace National Executive Director Michael T. McPhearson adds, "As veterans this day holds special meaning for us. Many of our members have seen their buddies die in battle and we all know that only



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luck or grace allows us to be here today to remember the dead. We also know our actions are responsible for the enormous loss of life of innocent people simply trying to live their lives, who for no fault of their own were caught in the middle of madness. We are haunted by their deaths and stand in respectful silence to remember them, those of us who did not live to be veterans and those veterans who are no longer with us. We demand our government and all the governments of the world end this human made plague called war. There is a better way."

**Rally 'Round the Right**

A different perspective on Memorial Day was in evidence in Market Square between 5:30 and 7:45 p.m. May 25.

Jack Kimball, the proprietor of Great Bay Facility Services, Inc. on the Route 1 Bypass and the organizer of Granite State Patriots (see GraniteStatePatriots.org) conducted a rally "designed to honor the 'fallen heroes' from all of the military branches, with political speeches also being part of the evening's agenda," accord-

ing to an article by Geoff Cunningham Jr., in the May 21 issue of *Foster's Daily Democrat*.

The city's Memorial Day Parade, conducted by the Central Veterans Council, went off without a hitch earlier in the day, as did four or five other traditional remembrances. But Mr. Kimball and his associates, including Manchester Mayor Frank Guinta, who has announced his intention to run against Rep. Carol Shea-Porter for Congress next year, appeared to think that more was needed.

The organizers of the April 15 Tea Party Rally managed to get around the city's "no amplification" rule for assemblies in front of the North Church by simply showing up with the equipment and plugging it in. Mr. Kimball followed up by essentially daring the city not to let him do the same. One can't help but wonder what might have happened if a "Free Speech for Muslims" organization had tried what the Tea Partyers did, and a "Legalize Pot" group tried Kimball's trick.

Our website has a brief video clip of Mr. Kimball addressing the crowd at the end of the event, at <http://www.nhgazette.com/2009/05/26/lest-we-disre->

member.

"Vote for people who believe in our Republic," Kimball says, "and who reject this new concept of the United States of Europe. We're the greatest country on the planet, and I for one am not going to hand it over to this administration so he can recreate in his image and likeness. Will you stand with me? Will you stand with me?"

Along with the clip, we ran this observation:

"We could be wrong about this — Mr. Kimball will no doubt think so — but it appeared to us that his Rally wasn't so much about Honoring the Fallen, which was obviously being well taken care of through more traditional means, as it was about trying to build a political organization to dissent against a duly elected President. And Kimball is not alone in his determination to misinterpret events. Former Vice President Dick Cheney, whose record of being wrong is unmatched, would no doubt agree with Kimball."

A visitor to the site, known to us only as "Pruaba," responded with this:

"This is such a sad little website just as you have a sad little

newspaper. Now that Bush is out of office you have no one to attack. You don't dare mention that Obama is keeping Bush's military operations in place and escalating the war in Afghanistan after he went into office and found that the intelligence reports required such actions. Change your motto to 'No Balls.'"

We're almost done with politics here, we promise. After all, there is more to life than *sturm und drang*. But this next item is too good to pass up.

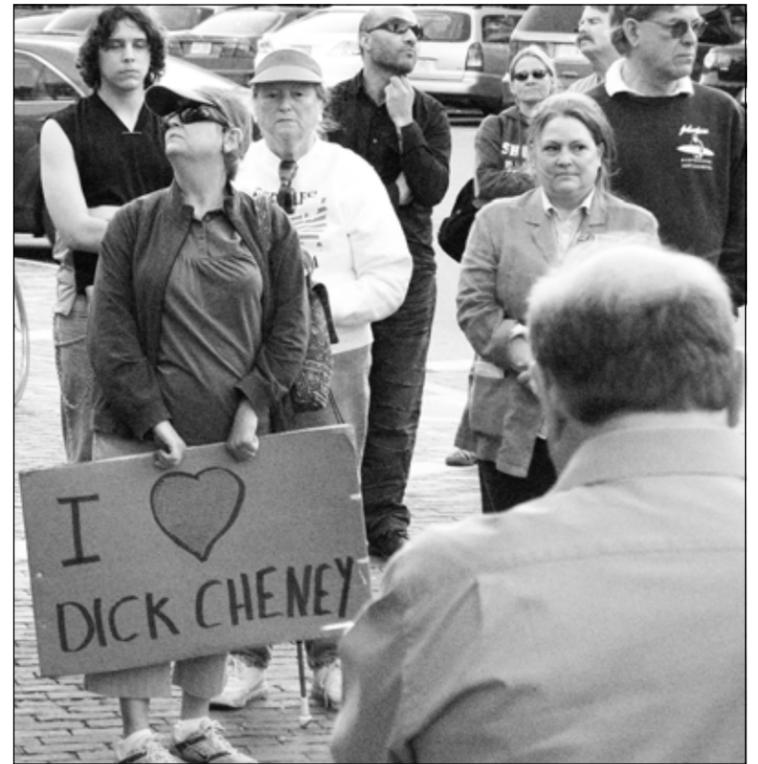
**Sununu News**

Any list of Republican bigwigs who failed to attend Mr. Kimball's gathering would have to be a long one. (What's the matter, don't they support our troops?) Included on it would be our former Senator John E. Sununu and his father, the former Governor. We have no idea why young John E. wasn't at the party, but it looks like Pappy had a good excuse.

According to a report on [www.](http://www.)

today.az — your source for "All News From Azerbaijan" — the current Chairman of the New Hampshire Republican Party, John H. "Smartest Guy on the Planet" Sununu, was in Gadabay, Azerbaijan on May 27, attending the inauguration ceremony of a new gold and copper refinery owned by Anglo Asian Mining PLC, of which he is a non-executive director. (We're indebted to BlueHampshire.com for the tip.) No doubt the highlight of the ceremony was the speech by Ilham Heydar oglu Aliyev, the President of Azerbaijan.

By an odd coincidence, Mr. Aliyev's father Heydar was president before him. As elections scheduled for October 2003 approached, though, Heydar was in ill health. Naturally, he appointed his son Ilham as his party's sole candidate. Ilham went on to a resounding victory, getting more than 75 percent of the votes cast. Sadly, the triumphal event was



Market Square was the site of another amplified political rally on Memorial Day. This one was organized by Jack Kimball, the founder of Granite State Patriots. See the item at left, "Rally 'Round the Right."

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marred by massive protests. Order was re-established through the usual means; i.e., the beating and/or imprisonment of hundreds of protestors and members of the opposition.

In the spring of 2006, after the

election excitement had quieted down — and after Aliyev was elected chairman of the ruling party in violation of the relevant election laws — he was George W. Bush's guest at the White House.



The City of Portsmouth honored the nation's losses in battle with a parade on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25. For reasons we cannot explain, the parade included at least ten motorcycles, the majority of which were actively violating the city's noise ordinance.

#### Seacoast Local Festival Tomorrow!

The fourth annual Seacoast Local Festival will be held tomorrow, June 6, in the Bridge Street Parking Lot at the intersection of Congress and Islington streets, across from the Portsmouth Discovery Center. Twenty-six non-profits that benefit the community in a myriad of ways will be on hand. There will be games, live performances by local artists, a digital photo exhibit, and a community art project.

#### Piscataqua Waterfront Festival Tomorrow, Too!

Ever notice how sometimes everything wants to happen all at the same time? We'd bet if the winters were only half as long, that would only happen half as much. Be that as it may, tomor-

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## New Hampshire, Meet Your American Defenders

by Erik Swanson

Like baseball? Like our troops? Like the flag? Well, you are going to love Nashua's Can-Am league baseball affiliate: The American Defenders of New Hampshire.

Yes, that's their actual name: The American Defenders of New Hampshire.

They wear desert camouflage uniforms. Their hats and jerseys read, "USA." The "S" forms a yellow ribbon. Tickets cost \$9.11 each. They even pause each game at 9:11 p.m. for a "moment of reflection." I'm not even kidding.

Why? Why would anyone want to militarize minor league baseball? The American Defenders are the brainchild of Retired Navy Lt. Commander Terry Allvord. For the past several years, Allvord has been putting together barnstorming teams of military all-stars. As he puts it, "the goal is to promote awareness and support for our troops and assist military or civilian

American Defenders after they have completed their service to return to college or pursue a professional career."

That makes sense, even if it's a bit jingoistic for my taste. The problem is that the military all-star concept doesn't translate to a regular minor league baseball team. The American Defenders of New Hampshire baseball club is not made up of former American soldiers. While a couple of the guys on the team are call-ups from the military all-stars, the vast majority of the players have never worn a military uniform. A few of them aren't even American!

Why does that matter? Well, you know, there are a couple of

wars going on. And America could really use some young able-bodied men to fight those wars. Ironically, most of the players on the American Defenders' roster have specifically chosen not to defend America. They would rather play baseball. How do you think they feel during the nightly 9:11 "moment of reflection?" Guilty? Embarrassed? Do they avert their eyes when real soldiers look at them?

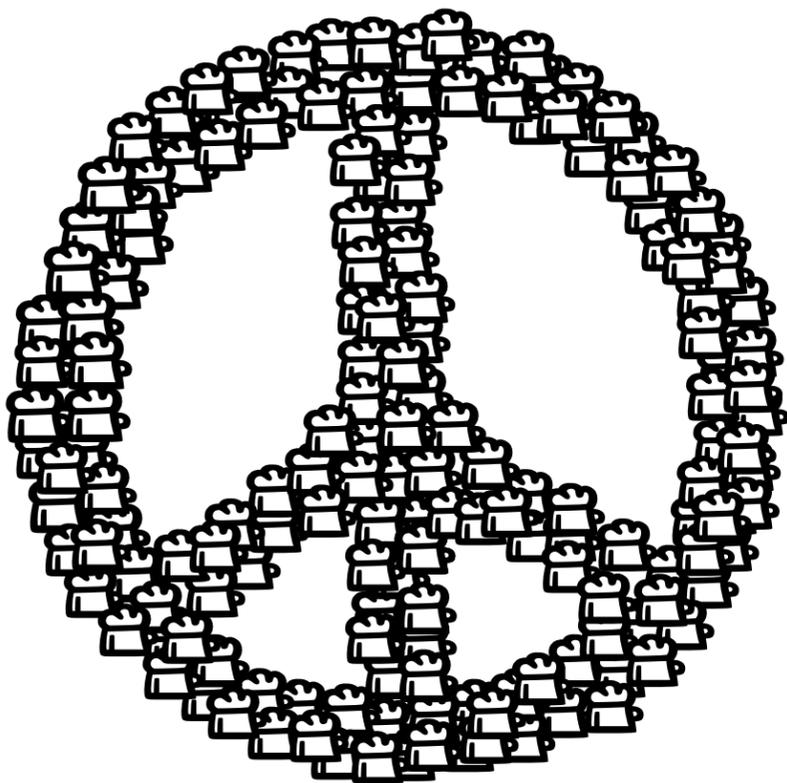
While I would never begrudge anyone's choice to avoid fighting a war, wouldn't it kind of sting if you just got your stop-loss letter? If you just got word that you had to go back to Iraq for your third, fourth, or fifth tour, and you went to a baseball game to cheer yourself up, and the team on the field was wearing camouflage uniforms with USA on the front and a yellow ribbon for the "S?" Would you enjoy watching these healthy young men who choose not to serve? Would you feel, you know, "supported?"

It gets even more absurd when you consider the opposing teams. Are they anti-American? How can the Brockton Rox or Worcester Tornadoes claim to support the troops when they're pummeling Defenders' pitching? Wouldn't it be more patriotic to forfeit? Or at least surrender?

The American Defenders of New Hampshire are not America's Defenders. The real American Defenders are the men and women who are in Iraq and Afghanistan, fighting for their lives. They're the people who keep getting called to serve, again and again, while the American Defenders of New Hampshire happily play baseball in the summer sun, pretending to be patriots.



A Defender Catcher In Camouflage



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



*Northcountry Chronicle*

# The Surplus Population

by William Marvel

Sometime last fall *The New Yorker* ran a story about the literary debt Jack Kerouac owed to Jack London. London, who spent eight months as a vagabond, published a book about those experiences early in the 20th century, calling it *The Road*. Fifty years later, Kerouac's first account of his own experience as a vagrant appeared as *On The Road*. Literary theft was probably no big deal to Kerouac, who seems to have been a lifelong moocher.

Another book about life as a tramp appeared midway between the London and Kerouac memoirs. Eric Blair later became famous under the pen name of George Orwell, and he may have invented that pseudonym because of the seamier personal experiences he described in *Down And Out In Paris and London*.

Orwell's account of the sufferings of tramps in France and

England between the world wars surpassed anything endured by Kerouac and his dharma bums, or by Jack London. The noun version of "tramp" itself seems to have originated with the Brits, who insisted that their homeless citizens remain constantly peripatetic. Each county provided spartan shelters for indigent wayfarers, but they were allowed only one night per month in any one of those holes, on pain of ten days' imprisonment if they were found in the same bailiwick again within that month.

Theodore Dreiser preceded all three of these authors, depicting a more desperate form of penury in his 1900 novel *Sister Carrie*. George Hurstwood, who embezzles money and abandons his home to elope with the title character, ends up alone and broke on the streets of New York in the Gay Nineties. He endures slow starvation, frostbite, and abject humiliation before finally begging enough money to rent a

room with gas lighting, which he modifies to end his suffering. Although *Sister Carrie* was fiction, and the middle-class Hurstwood created his own predicament, his fate reflected a real and common fate for the human dross of industrialization.

Notwithstanding the romance associated with the roving life, society has never trusted the unemployed wanderer. A home, a job, and the attendant responsibilities serve to control the individual — not to mention the individual passions. Merciless vagrancy laws followed the decline of feudal systems in Europe, and the most conspicuous American prohibitions against the jobless appeared with the abolition of slavery. Southern states with large populations of freed slaves imposed jail terms for those who could not show "a visible means of support" in the form of a labor contract. Jailed vagrants worked for nothing under county contract with local plantation own-

ers, so those planters could easily pressure their laborers to accept wages well below the level of subsistence. That forced every family member to go into the fields, and it kept any rebellious freedmen in check.

I ran up against the vestige of those statutory substitutes for slavery twice during my youth. At the age of 16 I took an unauthorized vacation from parental control that landed me and an accomplice in jail as "tramps," or nonresident vagrants, but the charge seems to have been merely an excuse to hold us for parental pickup — and, in my case, for paternal retribution. A year later, though, around mid-July of 1967, a nasty and apparently dishonest cop in Ludowici, Georgia, offered me the more serious alternative of a \$10 "fine" for hitchhiking or a ride to jail for vagrancy. The lesson of that shakedown was that you had better keep moving, boy.

In recent decades inflation has

imposed the same demands on American families as the wage-slavery of 1865, forcing most members of most families into the labor market, and that profusion of workers further depresses wages, creating a cycle of bare subsistence. An economic downturn therefore inevitably spawns hordes of homeless, car-less, and penniless proletarians, many of whom turn up on park benches.

They wander up this way, too, in cultural descent from Frost's mud-time tramps, except that the jobs they might seek are already taken by imported workers. I think I saw such a wanderer the other day, resting on an embankment with an old canvas backpack beside him and a crimson complexion that betrayed either too much sun or too much alcohol. He might have been the new Jack London or Jack Kerouac, envisioning literary renown from the shade along Hitching Post Hill, or more likely another George Hurstwood, pondering his next meal.

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row is also the day for the Piscataqua Waterfront Festival, a joint production of the Moffatt-Ladd House and the non-profit Gundalow Company.

This event will run from 1:00 to 4:45 p.m., and sprawl from the Ceres St. dock, where visitors may tour the gundalow *Captain Edward H. Adams*; along Ceres Street, where an array of booths will feature music, traditional maritime artisan demonstrations,

an heirloom plant sale, and numerous hands-on activities; and up to the newly-opened Moffatt-Ladd Warehouse — one of only a few 18th century commercial buildings to survive in the whole Seacoast region.

This event is being made possible by the generous support of the Piscataqua Savings Bank. It will conclude with a free concert by Jeff Warner in the Moffatt-Ladd Warehouse, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Jeff's program, "Songs of Old New Hampshire," is funded through a grant from

the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

**Ride Them Rails!**

Kathi Kishkorn at the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad Co. & Museum at 58 Fore Street in Portland informs us that daily train operations have begun. Antique trains depart on the hour from the museum for tours of Casco Bay. According to their website, some excursions are steam-powered! Call (207) 828-0814 for details.

**Subscriptions, Survival, &c.**

In this fortnight's Hate Mail

& Mash Notes department, Marjorie Gallace brought up the apparently perennial problem of Members of Congress taking great pains to assure that those most important to them — the corporate interests that fund their re-election campaigns — are not unduly embarrassed or, heaven forbid, deprived of their right to make boatloads of money off the suffering of us mere voters.

Harry Truman tried to establish universal health care sixty years ago. He was thwarted by the American Medical Asso-

ciation, among others. It put out horror stories equating universal health care with Communism.

The AMA is now a shadow of its former self. A majority of voters and physicians favor a single-payer system. The voters elect a Democratic Congress and a Democratic president. And what do we get?

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**Moving Pictures**

**Up**

by Rodman Philbrick

**Director:** Peter Docter, Bob Peterson; **Screenplay:** Bob Peterson; **Voices of:** Edward Asner, Jordan Nagai, Christopher Plummer, Delroy Lindo; **Animation by:** Pixar Studios; **Rating:** [PG]

Last year, *Wall-E* set the new standard for computer-generated animation, envisioning a future when the human race is no longer present on the barren wastelands of Earth. This year *Up* is about to float into the public consciousness as a message from your own very personal future — the one where you're a lonely old man, raging against the world, lost in a thousand regrets for what might have been, ready for an exit that will lift you up and out of your misery.

If you don't think that sounds like a premise for a children's cartoon — no fairy princess, no cute mermaid — you'd be correct. Kids are gonna love *Up*, but that's because they probably won't twig to the fact that this is an adult film, written for adults

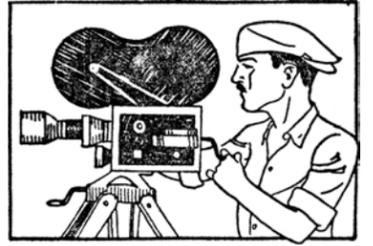
by grownups who happen to have vivid memories of what it's like to be nine years old, and to view life in those precious few years before ironic detachment sets in like adolescent acne, scarring the post-modern soul.

The story opens with a brilliant depiction of Carl Fredricksen's childhood in the 1930's. We see young Carl entranced by visions of intrepid explorer Charles Muntz, as shown in the movie newsreels of the day. Exposed as a fraud, Muntz is last seen aboard his giant explorer's zeppelin, heading for South America, vowing to clear his name. Young Carl is determined to follow in the great man's footsteps, but life somehow intervenes. Life in the person of a gap-toothed girl named Ellie, who invites him into her own personal explorer's club by pinning a grape soda bottle cap to his heart. It's love at first sight, a fulsome, self-sustaining love that carries Carl through most of the years of his life, only to dump him suddenly and unceremoniously on the doorstep of cranky old age, a widower marking time even as he vents spleen.

Enter Russell, age nine, proud Wilderness Scout looking to assist the elderly in exchange for a merit badge. The boy can barely stand upright, given the weight of his over-loaded backpack, but he's determined to get that badge because this time his dad might actually show up to pin it on his chest. Russell has courage and fortitude, and a very generous heart, but he's totally lacking in guile. Which is exactly what makes him the most convincing kid to hit the big screen in many years, despite (and possibly because of) the fact that he's animated. He's about as far from the snarky, all-knowing, eye-rolling kids of sitcoms as is (very) humanly possible. Director Pete Docter had a moment of pure genius when he cast eight-year-old Jordan Nagai to voice the character of Russell. Nagai is totally there, speaking without artifice, and it comes through in every beautifully written scene. As to the amazing skills of the animators, Russell's moonlike face registers subtleties of emotion very few child actors (let alone adults) can project on camera.

Ten minutes into *Up*, you'll believe that Russell and Mr. Fredricksen are not only real if somewhat odd looking people, but that they could easily live down the street. And when Mr. Fredricksen, a retired vendor of balloons, uses a few thousand of them to lift his little house from its foundations, and set off on the last (and first) great adventure of his life, you'll be happy to be along for the ride. Happier, perhaps, than poor little Russell, who blunders along by mistake, and who slowly worms his way into the regard of his elderly guide by being, well, a real kid. The kind of kid who won't hate you even though you meanly sent him on a snipe hunt, just to be rid of him.

When his floating house (hey, the whole thing isn't that much bigger than those real life lawn chair contraptions that have flown to such amazing heights) gets driven south by a powerful weather system, Mr. Fredricksen finds himself deep in the same South American jungle where his hero went missing all those years ago. Towing the house be-



hind them as if it's weighted with the memories of a lifetime (as indeed it is), Mr. Fredricksen and his credulous young companion head for the fabled Paradise Falls, and into the adventure of two lifetimes. They will be helped and hindered along the way by Dug, the doggiest dog ever to sport a talking collar, Kevin the rarest of flightless birds, a pack of very scary pit bulls trained to run down intruders (or squirrels, whichever come first) and by the nefarious, totally unreliable Charles Muntz himself. Who looks suspiciously like a silver haired Kirk Douglas, even as he speaks with the silken voice of Christopher Plummer, inflating his own hovering dirigible with pure, unrestrained ego. Peril ahead. Thrills guaranteed. Animation that will blow your little mind.

All aboard? Going *Up*.

constituents' interests, while catering assiduously to corporate interests, is so common that to merely bring it up is to solicit the response, "Well, duh."

*"Everybody knows that the dice are loaded"*

*"Everybody rolls with their fingers crossed"*

*"Everybody knows that the war is over"*

*"Everybody knows the good guys lost"*

*"Everybody knows the fight was fixed"*

*"The poor stay poor, the rich get rich"*

*"That's how it goes"*

*"Everybody knows"*

— Leonard Cohen, *Everybody Knows*

The corporate media are the club the powerful have been using to keep us confused and divided. What has been missing is any kind of effective antidote.

Is there any reason why a non-corporate media could not be that antidote? Is there any chance anything else could be? Nobody knows — and we we never will know unless and until we try.

We continue to take great pleasure in cranking out our cranky little paper. But a couple of people have reminded us, through

their generous support, that a larger task may await us if we can run this rig in a more organized and effective way.

Bill C., "over in Dover" spontaneously hit on the idea of doubling the rate on his Supporting Subscription. Bob Nilson topped that by paying in arrears for all the years he's been reading the paper. That's gratifying as all hell, and more than a little humbling. If other readers keep that up, we'll have to try to earn it.

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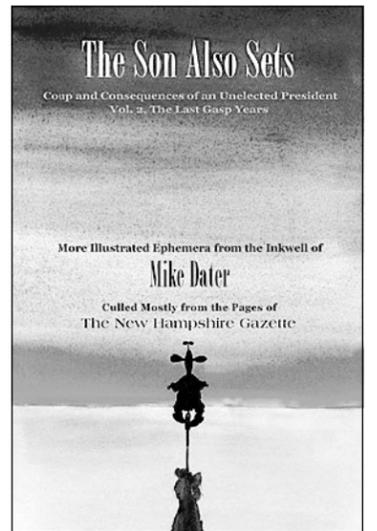
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**The Lie of a Democratic Congress**

To the Editor:

This month local newspapers reported a man from South Thomaston had been arrested at a Senate hearing in Washington, for protesting against drug and insurance company lobbyists being invited to speak but not people who favor a single-payer health care system. While cheering him for daring to speak out and booing chairman Max Baucus for trying to muzzle debate, I was also reminded of a December 2007 hearing in the House of Representatives.

Its chairman Thomas Lantos had invited two touts for Israel to speak but refused people who had just been to Palestine and could tell what they had seen firsthand. The Lantos hearing was set up so David Wurmser could rant about making the world safe for Israel by attacking Iran, and Dennis Ross chant to absolve Israel in its grinding occupation of Palestine. Hearings that hear only one side prove it's a lie that there's a democratic Congress.

Marjorie Gallace

Camden, ME

Marjorie:

*Until we somehow achieve effective campaign finance reform, and develop effective news media that aren't afraid to confront these and other contradictions built into our system, we're doomed to more of the same.*

The Editor



"Sacrifices of War," a bronze bas-relief sculpture by Bashka Paeff, and the heart of the Maine Sailors and Soldiers Memorial in John Paul Jones Park. See the letter, "Our Mysterious Memorial" for more about this controversial sculpture.

**Kittery's Moving and Intriguing War Memorial**

To the Editor:

I just found an old newspaper, *The Manchester Union* (Nov. 12/1924) that contained a short article on the dedication of the Sailors and Soldiers Memorial in Kittery, just north of the Memorial Bridge.

The headline reads: "Maine Dignitaries Meet to Dedicate State Memorial to Dead World War Heroes." The subtitle read: "Thousands Present At New Bridge In Kittery As Governor Denounces War and Terms Tablet Protest Against It."

"Governor Baxter declared the memorial, not for the glorification of war but in protest against war. He said that war in the future is less probable, and that even the profiteers would hesitate again before plunging the world into its horror. He said the old-time chivalry had departed from war and that now it is cruel and unnecessary."

Peace,

Will Thomas

Auburn, NH

Coordinator, New Hampshire Veterans for Peace

Will:

*Thanks very much for sending a Xerox© of that article. The Kittery Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, are probably the most powerful war memorials in the country. The more we learn about it, the better we honor the men who died in the War to End All Wars.*

*The detail of Bashka Paeff's bronze bas-relief in the photo above shows a woman cradling an infant, and observing in horror as a line of men march into battle. Though not seen here, at her feet flanking her, are the upper torsos of two dead men. It is strange indeed that any sitting governor would — or could — preside over the dedication of such a graphic denunciation of war. But the story becomes stranger still.*

*Other contemporary articles about the monument describe a conflict between two Maine governors over the details of the sculpture. Baxter's remarks, as quoted in your letter and in the Manchester Union article, make it clear he was unequivocally opposed to war. His successor, Owen Brewster, was Baxter's antithesis. Brewster, though nearly thirty at the time, resigned from the Maine House of Representatives to*

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

*enlist in the Army, and rose from private to captain during the war. Later in life he was a strong supporter of Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-WI). According to Wikipedia, his "association with the Ku Klux Klan also cost him support in liberal Republican circles."*

*Baxter had raised the money for the monument, and had checks made out to Paeff, but placed them in a state safe. Brewster, who took office two months after the 1924 dedication, balked at paying.*

*The November, 1924 Union article describes a completed monument. It explicitly refers to "a bronze bas relief, nine feet high and 11 feet in length. The monument on which it reposes is of blue-white granite."*

*Yet an article from the Portsmouth Herald, posted on Dennis Robinson's SeacoastNH.com and dated August 25, 1925, says "a month or two ago [Paeff] finally completed the clay model from which the bronze was to be cast."*

*And the Maine Department of Conservation says the sculpture was installed in 1926.*

*The pieces don't add up. We'll try to get to the bottom of it. But at this point, we're wondering whether the original, dedicated by Baxter, was removed and replaced with a modified design more suitable to Brewster.*

The Editor

**Better Late Than Never**

To the Editor:

I was touched by a recent newspaper article about World War II veteran, John Gale. Gale, 93 years old, is a former resident of Plaistow who now lives in a senior living center. During an air attack on his gun position in Algiers, he suffered a loss of hearing. While he might have used the problem to avoid combat, Gale didn't say anything because "I didn't want to be a second-rate soldier."

After Algiers, the war took Gale first to the island of Sardinia and then to the south of France. He never revealed his injury or sought the Purple Heart as a result of being disabled in action.

Now, in the twilight years of his life, Gale at last applied for the Purple Heart as a memento for his family members. All his efforts to cut through government red tape came to nothing. At last, Gale turned to Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter. Shea-Porter worked through government channels to verify his eligibility for the award, and presented it to him on April 6. "She was wonderful," said Gale's daughter, Pat LeBlanc.

Gale doesn't consider himself to be a hero. "I am nothing," he said. His attitude is typical of our military members. They put their lives on the line for the rest of us, yet consider themselves nothing special for having done so. Thank you, John Gale for having served your nation so well.

Bob Bridgham

State Rep., Carroll #2

Eaton, NH

**What a Great Newspaper**

To the Editor:

I live in Gila County Arizona where the motto is "Leave your civil and constitutional rights at the county line ... human rights to follow." The local Sheriff keeps getting re-elected, just barely, and brags about his ability to manipulate or ignore the law at his discretion. His deputies are constantly falsifying arrest records, illegal stops, searches and such and these repeat offenders often don't even get a slap on the wrist.

I never dreamed that places like this still existed. County government has run amok. We are taxed

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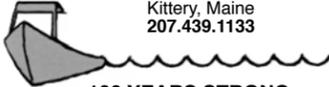
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# And Other Correspondence

to the limit. We even pay a tax that goes to Phoenix. State income tax also. Most of the industry here is based on copper mining which historically has its ups and downs. We just landed in the basement and have the second highest unemployment in the country. Funny thing is, when the economy tanks here, local and state governments continue to expand. The largest employer in this county and the state is the government.

The culture here has basically given over its right of self determination and the county has a strangle hold on it.

The other predominant cultural oddity here is the local people's need to know everything about your life and family. If they don't start a conversation by requesting your biography they begin to tell you about how they know everyone and everything about any particular individual.

It almost cost me my marriage when I moved the wife down here after being promoted and transferred from the Pacific Northwest. My wife is a flag waving girl from New Hampshire and damn proud of it. That's the New Hampshire flag of course.

Having come from New Hampshire, she is very intolerant of governments run amok, such as the one where we currently reside. She still harbors the notion that where she comes from it's rude to invade one's privacy.

I can see why she loves your part of the country so much and also why she is so displeased with my decision to move us to ....well, this place.

God Bless you all in New Hampshire.

Long Live Self Determination.

Wayne Cook  
Gila Co., AZ

Wayne:  
Well, it could be worse. You could be living in Phoenix and have Joe Arpaio to worry about. Glad you like the paper. Say "Hi" to your wife for us.

The Editor

## Now The Wife Weighs In

To the Editor:

The wife says Hi back! We got the new AZ license plates the other day, I almost bawled. The first 3 letters of the license plate are AEH. My daughter loves it here so much she decided that it meant "An Eternal Hell". Please keep your paper going to keep people informed. Ignorance is not bliss. When I finally get to go home to New Hampshire, I want to be going home to people who still think for themselves, not to sheep waiting for someone to tell them what to think, when to think it and how to think it. I am a Yankee. I work hard for a living everyday and am proud of that. I deserve to be treated decently by my government. Amen.

Janice Cook  
Gila Co., AZ

## Sorry ...

To the Editor:

I get no pleasure in this. I am a friend. I am no Marlene Richardson of Texas, but when you make up information about one person — who is to believe what you write about others? Here is a specific! No lie!

May 8, 2009 Piscataqua Tidal Guide:

"May 11, 1960—In Buenos Aires, Mossad agents snatch Adolf Eichmann."

"May 23, 1963—Mossad agents kidnap Adolph Eichmann in Argentina."

This, in Red Ink on the front page of the same issue: "Your Subscription is EXPIRING!"

Well, I guess it does every year around this time come to think of it ...

Thank you for the reminder. Be glad you have someone who reads your paper. It is delightful. (Faint praise.) Please I want to re-up for two more hitches. Finding paper worthy of clipping ain't getting easier.

[Written under the Expiration notice: "Good God man don't scare me like that!"]

Gary Durheim,  
Cannon Beach, OR  
Gary:

No need to apologize. And we'll never mistake you for a Marlene. We find it heartening that our readers read our paper so closely. You no doubt noticed that David Severn beat you to the punch in pointing out our error. Don't let that deter you in future.

The Editor

## Torture Photos Show Rape and Assault

An Open Letter to President Obama:

What can you, the President of the United States, or for that matter anyone else say now? Surely you don't expect anybody to believe that these brutal atrocities could have taken place in secret, without anyone else apart from the perpetrators and victims knowing about them.

Is there still any doubt in your mind, as to who is going to be the loser in the end in this war of attrition?

Perhaps you should recall what Talleyrand said in a somewhat similar situation, to Napoleon about 200 years ago: "Sire! It was more than a crime, it was a mistake."

We are on the slippery slope cascading towards a world ruled mostly by brutal insanity and nothing else. Surely the powers that be in the United States and Great Britain must have known about the atrocities performed by



their military personnel and the likely, even more brutal response that these atrocities will elicit from the other side. It seems to me that we will all be soon hankering back to the halcyon days of the "Cold War." Perhaps we should be bracing ourselves for the surprises still to come.

Atilla Levay  
Zsambek, Hungary

## In Arrears No Longer

To the Editor:

For many years I have been a happy subscriber to your paper, your views and your policies. I have been a "supporting subscriber," at least to the extent that I picked up my copies of *The New Hampshire Gazette* at The Dolphin Striker. You may rest assured that you've wasted no money on postage on my account.

There is of course the matter of the never-paid cost of a subscription. It is time to pay up. Check enclosed.

All the best to you and your fine paper.

Bob Nilson  
Portsmouth, NH

Bob:

We can't thank you enough. Our faithful *Business (Such as it Is) Manager* likes to remind us on occasion that our continued existence hangs in the balance. If a fraction of our unpaid Supporting Subscribers were to do as you just did, our future would be assured. (See page five for the form.)

The Editor

## SummerFilm

The Music Hall

### HUNGER

JUNE 7,8,9 @ 7:30

Renowned English video artist Steve McQueen's feature film debut brings a visceral intensity to his retelling of the hunger strike instigated by Bobby Sands and several other detained Irish Republican Army members in the 1980s. (NR, 96 mins, UK, 2009)

### WEST SIDE STORY

JUNE 10 @ 7

Natalie Wood, George Chakiris, Rita Moreno and Richard Beymer. Ten Academy Awards including Best Picture and Best Director. Leonard Bernstein's score. Stephen Sondheim's lyrics. A 1950s Romeo and Juliet. (NR, 152 mins, US, 1961)

### Thu 6/11 Live Event

RAIN: A Tribute to the Beatles

### SIN NOBRE

JUNE 12,13 @ 7:30

World-premiere at Sundance, 2009. An epic dramatic thriller written and directed by Student Academy Award winner Cary Fukunaga in his feature debut about the promise of life in America. Subtitled. (R, 96 mins, Mex, 2009)

### Sun 6/14@3

Wildcard Movie: Ocean Voyagers

### TULPAN

JUNE 14,15,16 @ 7:30

Acclaimed documentary Sergey Dvortsevov's debut narrative feature, *Tulpan* is a work of extraordinary filmmaking, an exhilaratingly alive and sweet-natured fairytale set in the barren landscape of a Kazakh steppe. Subtitled. (NR, 100 mins, Ger, 2008)

### NAPOLEON

JUNE 17 @ 6:30

Abel Gance's monumental tribute to the French leader is a genre-defining breakthrough in cinematic history and a landmark of technical and artistic invention, featuring a final reel in 3-screen Polyvision, a precursor to Cinerama. (NR, 235 mins, Fr, 1927)

### Shall we kiss?

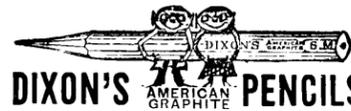
JUNE 18,19 @ 7:30

When Gabriel and Emilie meet by chance, he offers her a ride and they spend the evening talking, laughing and getting along famously. A contemporary meditation on the myriad implications of a simple kiss. Subtitled. (NR, 96 mins, Fr, 2007)

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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 7	Monday, June 8	Tuesday, June 9	Wednesday, June 10	Thursday, June 11	Friday, June 12	Saturday, June 13
<p><b>1997</b>—Activists are arrested for passing out copies of the Bill of Rights outside the pro-nuclear Bradbury Science Museum in Los Alamos.</p> <p><b>1996</b>—The Clinton Administration calls its perusal of the FBI files of Republicans "an innocent bureaucratic mistake."</p> <p><b>1969</b>—In Vietnam, Marine PFC Dan Bullock, 15, becomes the youngest American soldier to die in combat since the First World War.</p> <p><b>1960</b>—An A-bomb is incinerated in an anti-aircraft missile fire 20 miles from Trenton, NJ.</p> <p><b>1924</b>—George Mallory disappears near the summit of Mt. Everest.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—On the Western Front, British engineers detonate 19 huge mines whose explosion can be heard in Dublin. Ten thousand Germans and the town of Messines are destroyed.</p> <p><b>1862</b>—William B. Mumford, a disabled Mexican War veteran, is hanged in New Orleans for treason, to wit: desecration of the U.S. flag, under orders from Deerfield, NH-born Gen. Benjamin "The Beast" Butler.</p> <p><b>1775</b>—Former colonies change their name to the United States.</p> <p><b>1692</b>—Port Royal, Jamaica—"the wickedest city in the world"—is destroyed by an earthquake and subsequent tsunami. Thousands of whores and pirates perish.</p>	<p><b>2003</b>—Condi Rice admits G.W. Bush's State of the Union claim Saddam tried to buy uranium from Niger was wrong.</p> <p><b>1998</b>—General Sani Abacha, <i>de facto</i> President of Nigeria, dies in the company of two prostitutes, of a heart attack allegedly caused by an overdose of Viagra.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—Being interviewed on tape for "The Dick Cavett Show," health expert J.I. Rodale says "I never felt better in my life!" Minutes later he's dead of a heart attack.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Israeli aircraft and boats attack the unarmed spy ship <i>U.S.S. Liberty</i> with rockets, machine guns, and napalm, killing 34 sailors and wounding 171.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—At NYU, 270 walk out on Robert Strange McNamara's commencement speech.</p> <p><b>1959</b>—John Penton leaves New York City for Los Angeles on a BMW R69S motorcycle. He arrives there 52 hours later.</p> <p><b>1952</b>—"I would never send troops [to Vietnam]," says Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower.</p> <p><b>1944</b>—FDR signs the GI Bill. The president of the U. of Chicago, warns that "colleges would become educational hobo jungles."</p> <p><b>1909</b>—At East Orange, NJ, police bar Emma Goldman from a meeting commemorating Tom Paine's death. She delivers her speech in a barn.</p>	<p><b>1989</b>—James Watt, Ronald Reagan's Secretary of the Interior, admits to a House investigating committee that he was paid \$400,000 for making a few phone calls on a topic he knew nothing about.</p> <p><b>1978</b>—The Mormon Church drops its policy of excluding black men from the priesthood.</p> <p><b>1958</b>—British writer Auberon Waugh, aboard an armored car in Cyprus, shakes the barrel of a malfunctioning machine gun, accidentally shooting himself in the chest several times.</p> <p><b>1958</b>—Jerry Lee Lewis takes out a full page ad in <i>Billboard</i> to explain his 2nd divorce and 3rd marriage, to his 14 year old cousin Myra.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—Joseph Welch asks Joseph McCarthy, "Have you no sense of decency, sir?"</p> <p><b>1953</b>—In Worcester, Mass, a tornado kills 94 and injures 1,306.</p> <p><b>1946</b>—Ted Williams hits a ball that lands in the 37th row of Fenway's bleachers, over 500 feet away.</p> <p><b>1946</b>—Mel Ott becomes the first baseball manager to be ejected from both games of a double header.</p> <p><b>1909</b>—Alice Huyler Ramsay departs New York for San Francisco in a Maxwell automobile.</p> <p><b>1893</b>—As Edwin Booth, John Wilkes' brother, is being buried in Boston, the floors collapse at Ford's Theatre in Washington, DC, killing 22 people.</p>	<p><b>1990</b>—British Airways Captain Tim Lancaster is sucked halfway out of Flight 5390 when his windshield blows out 17,000 feet over Oxfordshire. The plane lands safely. Lancaster recovers and later resumes flying.</p> <p><b>1988</b>—A bicycle messenger is denied entrance to the Justice Department because he's wearing a T-shirt that says, "Experts agree: Meese is a pig."</p> <p><b>1975</b>—Rockefeller Commission says the CIA's Operation CHAOS spied on 300,000 Americans and infiltrated political movements.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—The U.S. Senate votes to end the filibuster of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.</p> <p><b>1958</b>—A House subcommittee hears that Boston industrialist Bernard Goldfine gave Ike's Chief of Staff (and ex-NH Governor) Sherman Adams a fancy coat in exchange for favors from the SEC.</p> <p><b>1944</b>—Pitching in the ninth for the Cincinnati Reds, Joe Nuxhall gives up five runs. He's 15.</p> <p><b>1940</b>—Black nationalist Marcus Garvey dies of a stroke after reading a mistaken obituary of himself in the <i>Chicago Defender</i>.</p> <p><b>1772</b>—Rhode Islanders burn the British revenue cutter <i>Gaspee</i>.</p> <p><b>1248</b>—The bulk of Bergen, Norway burns.</p> <p><b>1194</b>—A large part of Chartres is destroyed by fire.</p>	<p><b>2002</b>—A GAO report makes clear that GOP accusations about Democratic vandalism of the White House are mostly bunk.</p> <p><b>1995</b>—In Claremont, NH, Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich shake hands and pledge to reform lobbying and campaign financing.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—Mount Pinatubo erupts, becoming the first act of nature to close a U.S. military base.</p> <p><b>1984</b>—The Supreme Court says illegally obtained evidence is OK if prosecutors can prove that it would have been discovered legally.</p> <p><b>1981</b>—Major League Baseball (tm) players go on strike.</p> <p><b>1981</b>—Issei Sagawa, a Japanese student at the Sorbonne, kills fellow student René Hartevelt, and eats parts of her body. Found too insane for trial by French authorities he is deported to Japan for institutionalization. Fifteen months later he is allowed to go free.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—Nineteen month Native American occupation of Alcatraz Island ends.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—Thich Quang Duc immolates himself in front of the U.S. Embassy in Saigon.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—George Wallace stands in the schoolhouse door to prevent desegregation in Alabama.</p> <p><b>1962</b>—Frank Morris, John Anglin, and John's brother Clarence escape from Alcatraz, but probably drown.</p>	<p><b>2003</b>—George W. Bush finds a way to fall off a Segway.</p> <p><b>2000</b>—The Energy Department admits two hard drives holding top secret data on disarming and dismantling nuclear weapons have been missing for over a month.</p> <p><b>1999</b>—George W. Bush announces he'll run for President.</p> <p><b>1979</b>—Bryan Allen crosses the English Channel at an altitude of 5 feet aboard the <i>Gossamer Albatross</i>. He is the pilot, the sole passenger, and the engine.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—Radical labor organizer Saul Alinsky dies in California.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—Pittsburgh Pirate Dock Ellis pitches a no-hitter against the San Diego Padres — while tripping on LSD, he later reveals.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—The Supreme Court OK's interracial marriages.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—Medgar Evers is shot and killed in Mississippi; his murderer is convicted 31 years later.</p> <p><b>1961</b>—U.S. Army Major Gen. Edwin Walker is disciplined for indoctrinating his troops with John Birch Society propaganda.</p> <p><b>1957</b>—"We have exactly 342 men," says General Samuel T. Williams, head of the U.S. MAAG, Vietnam, "the number allowed by the Geneva Armistice Conference. It would be a breeze if we had more."</p> <p><b>1920</b>—Serge Voronoff performs the first transplant of monkey testicle tissue into a human.</p>	<p><b>2003</b>—"His [Joe Wilson's] wife is in the [Central Intelligence] Agency and is a WMD analyst," Dep. Sec. of State Richard Armitage tells Bob Woodward. "How about that s__t?"</p> <p><b>1989</b>—President George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush vetoes a raise in the minimum wage.</p> <p><b>1983</b>—<i>Pioneer 10</i> becomes the first man-made thing to leave the solar system.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—Publication of <i>The Pentagon Papers</i> begins.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—In a misunderstanding, a U.S. helicopter crew blasts a Vietnamese command post, killing Saigon's Police Chief.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Thurgood Marshall is named to the Supreme Court.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—The Supreme Court issues its Miranda decision.</p> <p><b>1960</b>—As SDS meets in Port Huron and the civil rights movement heats up, <i>Newsweek</i> reports that students are "apathetic."</p> <p><b>1944</b>—News reports say Rep. Francis E. Walter (D-PA) gave FDR a letter-opener made from the arm bone of a dead Japanese soldier.</p> <p><b>1944</b>—German V-1 "buzz-bomb" attacks on England start.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—The German sub U-202 lands eight Nazi saboteurs at Amagansett, on Long Island.</p> <p><b>1920</b>—The U.S. Post Office rules that children may no longer be shipped by Parcel Post.</p>
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<p><b>1996</b>—The FBI reveals that the Clinton White House has obtained files on 408 people without proper justification.</p> <p><b>1982</b>—Argentina surrenders to Britain.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—D. Eisenhower signs a bill adding "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p><b>1951</b>—Senator Joe McCarthy (R-Wisc.) accuses Pres. Eisenhower and Gen. George Marshall of always serving the policies of the Kremlin.</p> <p><b>1951</b>—UNIVAC, the first commercial computer, is unveiled.</p> <p><b>1943</b>—The Supreme Court rules that children cannot be forced to salute the flag if it offends their religious beliefs.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—The bazooka goes into production in Bridgeport, Conn.</p> <p><b>1928</b>—Ernesto "Che" Guevara is born in Argentina.</p> <p><b>1924</b>—In San Pedro, Calif., the IWW labor hall is raided; children are scalded and the hall demolished.</p> <p><b>1919</b>—Alcock and Brown leave Newfoundland for the first successful flight across the Atlantic.</p> <p><b>1905</b>—Russian sailors aboard the battleship <i>Potemkin</i> mutiny.</p> <p><b>1897</b>—The five year-old immigration station on Ellis Island, built of pine, burns to the ground taking 42 years worth of records with it.</p> <p><b>1893</b>—First observed Flag Day.</p>	<p><b>2006</b>—The Supreme Court rules that evidence seized by cops violating "no knock" rules can be used as evidence. Souter says "No."</p> <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 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>1859</b>—On San Juan Island, American Lyman Cutlar shoots a pig belonging to Charles Griffin, an Irishman, causing a U.S./British military standoff lasting 12 years.</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>1944</b>—South Carolina electrocutes George J. Stinney Jr., for a double murder. He is 14.</p> <p><b>1943</b>—Charlie Chaplin, 54, marries Oona O'Neill, 18.</p> <p><b>1932</b>—In an early demonstration of its self-destructive tendencies, the GOP nominates Herbert Hoover for a second term as President.</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>2005</b>—Dennis Koslowski is convicted of looting NH-based Tyco.</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>—In Paris, Eugene Weidmann becomes the last public victim of France's guillotine. Watching from a nearby window is future horror movie star Christopher Lee.</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 shotguns 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>1989</b>—RIP I.F. Stone, who said "Every government is run by liars and nothing they say should be believed."</p> <p><b>1967</b>—On stage at Monterey, CA, Jimi Hendrix sets his guitar on fire.</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>—<i>The New York Times'</i> critic says George Bernard Shaw's career has no promise.</p> <p><b>1880</b>—Mrs. Shakuneala Devi multiplies two 13-digit numbers in her head in 28 seconds.</p> <p><b>1869</b>—Henry J. Raymond, founder of <i>The New York Times</i>, expires at 49 after suffering a stroke while entertaining his mistress.</p> <p><b>1746</b>—Samuel Johnson agrees to produce an English dictionary for a group of London booksellers. His fee: £1,575.</p>	<p><b>2002</b>—Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL) leaks classified NSA intercepts to Fox News's Carl Cameron and CNN's Dana Bash.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—The dying town of Tobar, Nevada—named for a sign pointing to a saloon—is dealt a death blow by an exploding railroad car full of bombs en route to Vietnam.</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>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>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>1965</b>—Navy Lt. Clinton B. Johnson and Charles Hartman, flying prop-driven Douglas A-1 Skyraiders, down a MiG 17 jet fighter over Vietnam.</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>1893</b>—Lizzie Borden beats a double-murder rap.</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>
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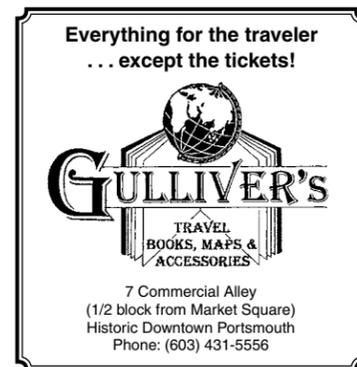
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