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## The Fortnightly Rant

### Planet of the Tapes

President Barack Obama said on June 27th that he was “not going to be scrambling jets to get ... 29-year-old hacker” and NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden, currently thought to be holed up in Moscow’s Sheremetyevo-2 airport. Five days later we learned why — he didn’t need to.

Bolivian President Evo Morales was flying home July 2nd from a meeting in Moscow when France, Spain, and Portugal all denied his plane the use of their air space, according to Bolivia’s Foreign Minister David Choquehuanca. Morales was delayed in Vienna for 14 hours, but the elusive Mr. Snowden was not found aboard the socialist ex-coca grower’s Dassault Falcon 900 jet.

U.S. State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki later admitted that the U.S. had “been in contact with a range of countries that had a chance of having Snowden land or travel through their country,” but refused to “outline what those countries were or when this happened.”

Assuming Minister Choquehuanca’s charges are true, they raise another question: why would those nations accede to such a U.S. request just two days after the German magazine *Der Spiegel* reported that the NSA had planted bugs and infiltrated computer networks in European Union offices in Washington, D.C., New York, and Brussels?

#### Nothing Personal

The most likely answer is that the Europeans already assumed we were spying on them. The only surprise was that we got caught — and that was our real *faux pas*.

Such a restrained response may seem odd to some Americans, since our national sense of morali-

ty is based almost entirely on John Wayne’s rather muscular interpretation of the Old Testament, but smiling and being courteous to someone who’s just shoved a shiv in your back is actually an entry-level diplomatic skill.

#### Welcome to the Clubbed

The next day, July 3rd, just to keep the pot boiling, Ecuador’s Foreign Minister announced that a surveillance device had been discovered in that country’s Embassy in London. That building, coincidentally, has been the home since last June of Wikileaks founder Julian Assange, who has been helping Snowden in his search for asylum.

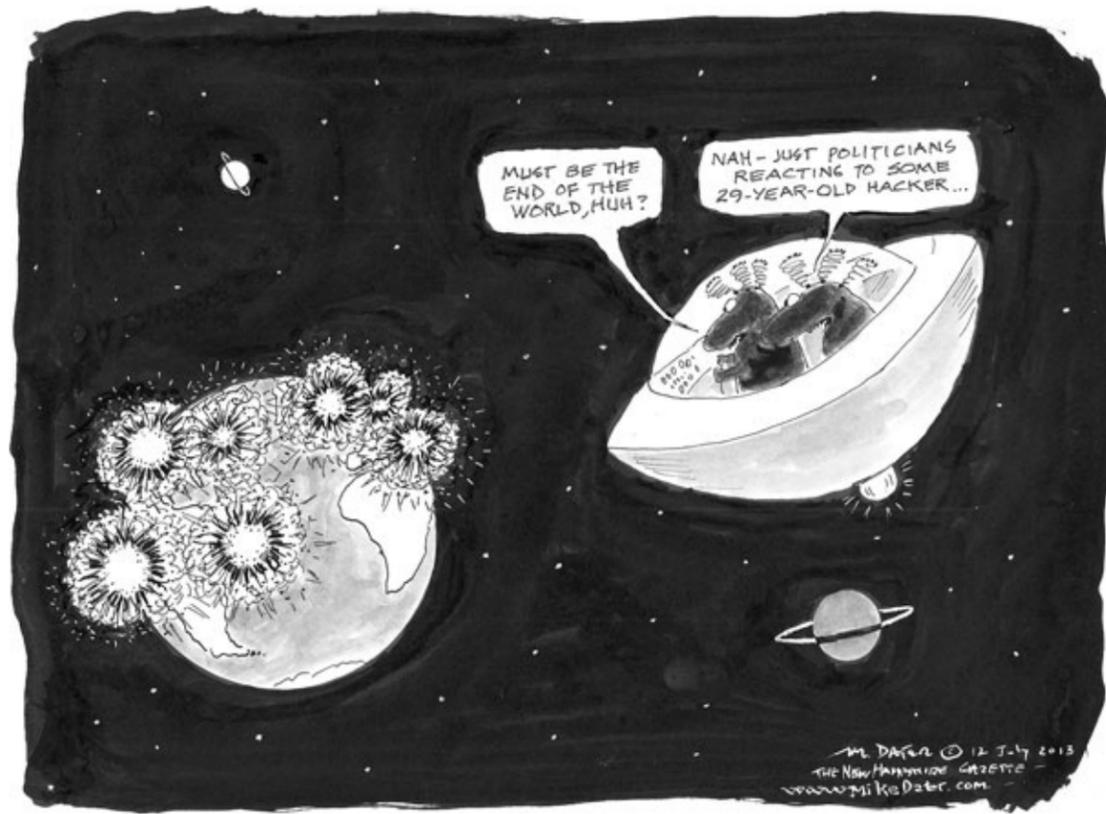
Clearly Snowden and Assange have failed to learn from history — to evade the long arm of U.S. law enforcement, there’s only one place to go: Wall Street.

One caveat, though — Snowden would have to dress sharp, like a hedge fund trader. If he looked anything like an Occupier, a SWAT team from the local Homeland Security Fusion Center would slap zip cuffs on him in a New York minute.

#### The Medium Is The Mess

Life in modern America can be confusing: when Edward Snowden tells the public what their tax dollars are being used for, that turns out to be what the Vice President might call a Big F’ing Deal; but when National Intelligence Director James Clapper and NSA Director General Keith Alexander both lie repeatedly to Congress, that’s not.

We blame the media for that curious disparity. We suspect our corporate-owned colleagues feel a little more comfortable ganging up on a lone bespectacled leaker — who is stuck in a Moscow air-



port between the drone-wielding Leader of the Free World and a shirtless, bear-slaying ex-KGB agent — than they would tackling Keith Alexander — a four-star General who has at his own personal command the 2nd U.S. Army, the 24th U.S. Air Force, and Navy’s 10th Fleet.

#### The NSA in Context

If we cannot rely on our news media to properly explain the NSA to us, to whom can we turn? How about a Hollywood version of a wise-ass kid from Southie?

The best concise summary of the NSA’s real role in the world is still the one delivered by Matt Damon sixteen years ago in *Good Will Hunting*.

Damon’s character, a mathematical genius who pushes a broom at MIT, explains to a pair of NSA recruiters why he shouldn’t work for the NSA. He connects the dots between the job he’d be doing — code breaking — and its probably consequences: supplying intelligence that could lead to

military intervention, a personal burden which would be borne disproportionately by the likes of his own disadvantaged neighbors and their own socio-economic peers in foreign countries, all to prop up a global economy that’s rewarding the haves and starving the have-nots at the overall expense of the environment.

“I’m holdin’ out for somethin’ better,” he concludes. “I figure f\_ k it, while I’m at it why not just shoot my buddy, take his job, give it to his sworn enemy, hike up gas prices, bomb a village, club a baby seal, hit the hash pipe and join the National Guard? I could be elected president.”

#### Freedom Is Not Free

Disillusionment with America’s clandestine protectors has spread into some surprising quarters.

A spokesperson for Freedom House told *Slate.com* that the recent revelations about NSA spying would cause that independent watchdog organization to downgrade the U.S.’s freedom rating in

its annual survey.

A U.S. government agency has to screw up pretty badly to get on the wrong side of Freedom House, which has been suspiciously close to official Washington since Eleanor Roosevelt and Wendell Wilkie founded it in 1941.

#### What Are The Odds?

According to various news reports we’ve seen, it appears that the number of Freedom of Information Act requests which have been granted by the NSA appears to be exactly the same as the number of NSA surveillance warrants requests which have been turned down by FISA court — zero.

#### Where Are We?

Optimistically, the Snowden affair could be seen as evidence that we’re stuck in some farcical stage of history. When you stack our espionage racket’s track record, though, against what it calls itself — “the intelligence community” — it’s hard to see it as anything other than a full-blown Orwellian nightmare.

## News Briefs

### Forgetting Some Inconvenient History

Nelson Mandela has been in a South African hospital for weeks now, suffering from a lung condition attributed to his many years confined in a South African prison.

During Barack Obama’s recent visit to South Africa, U.S. news outlets published innumerable stories about whether the President would visit Mandela. After his visit they reported at length on Mandela’s medical condition and a legal squabble among some of his relatives. Apparently these exertions exhausted them; they never summoned the energy to report on the pivotal role the U.S. played in imprisoning Mandela.

Born into South Africa’s royal Thembu clan in 1918, and named

Rolihlahla at birth — the name means “troublemaker” — Mandela became a devout Methodist as a schoolboy. Along with his religion, his teachers gave him the name “Nelson.” As he matured and observed the world around him, he became, gradually and reluctantly, a violent revolutionary.

On August 5, 1962, Mandela had been a wanted man for 17 months. South African security forces captured him on that day in Natal Province. They had been tipped off by a covert CIA operative named Donald Rickard. Convicted and sentenced initially to five years, Mandela eventually served 27.

*The Wall Street Journal*, one of the only U.S. media outlets to

make any mention of this sordid event in recent years, merely cited “repeated allegations” about it in a story last December. Being the respectable organ of the establishment that it is, the *Journal* gave Rickard an opportunity to respond to the accusation. Now retired in Colorado, Rickard generously chose to clear himself unequivocally. The paper accepted his unverified word as gospel.

#### Don’t Dew Me Like That!

This year’s first bout of oppressive weather was a heat wave lasting from May 30th through June 2nd. During that four-day period the temperature hit 90° every day but one and the dew point — the amount of humidity in the air, relative to the temperature — went a

few degrees over above the critical 65° threshold.

When the dew point is below 65°, life is worth living. Above that, it becomes increasingly less so. In the low-seventies, even after stepping out of a cool shower you feel as if you’ve been basted with warm gravy.

This year’s second heat wave made the first one seem like a quick stroll past a pizza shop. It began at about Noon on Sunday, June 23rd. Eighty percent of the time, for the next fifteen days, the dewpoint remained above 65°. On eight of those days the temperature rose to 87 or above.

Perhaps the surest sign that we humans may have actually broken the weather was an AP

article which appeared on June 25th — on *FoxNews.com*. Headlined “Upside-down weather tied to jet stream wobbles; experts argue over global warming role” — Fox will be Fox — it respectfully represented a theory developed by Rutgers climatologist Jennifer Francis.

First, a few known knowns about the jet stream and the weather: Jet streams are driven by temperature differences between the poles and temperate zones. When the jet streams move more slowly, the weather becomes more erratic. The Arctic is warming, and sea ice is diminishing.

#### The Alleged News

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**News Briefs**

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Francis argues that global warming, in part by reducing sea ice, is slowing the jet stream. That causes weather patterns to stall, which tends to favor the development of abnormally extreme weather.

Meanwhile scientists in Hawaii have have good news. Using data gathered from tree rings, they've built a record of El Niño activity for the past 700 years — something that we never had before.

The bad news is what that data shows: El Niño — a temperature fluctuation in the ocean west of

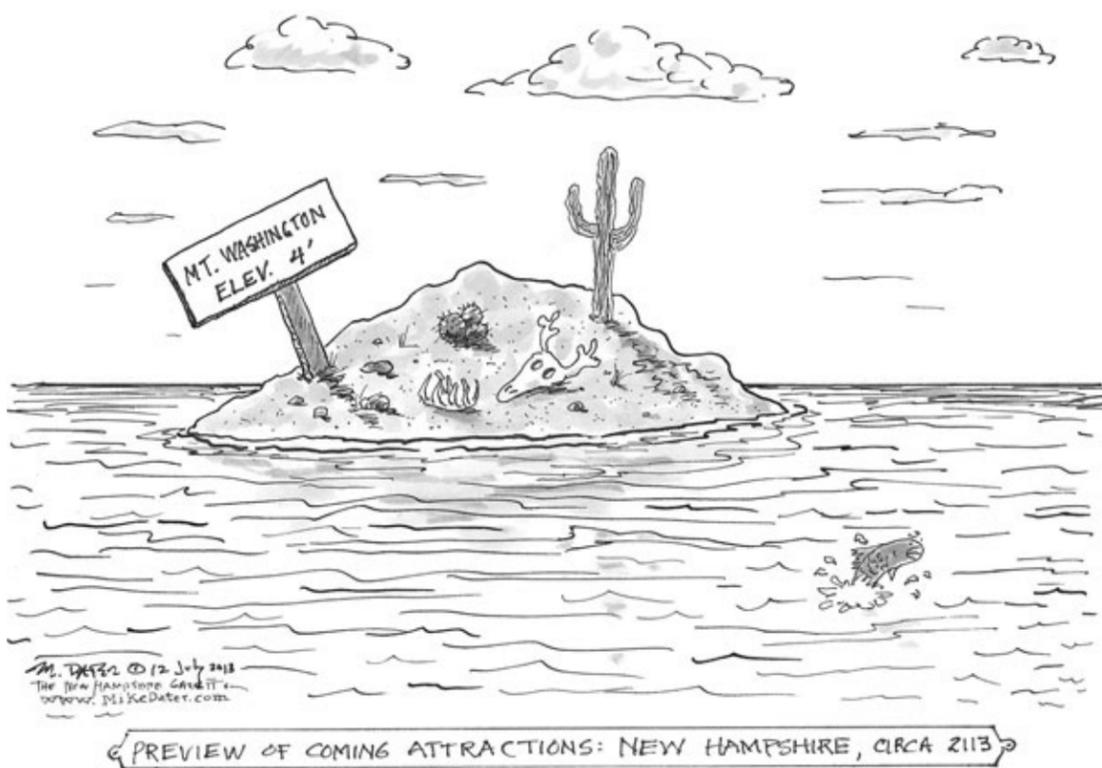
South America — has been more active since the mid 20th Century than at any time during those seven centuries, and a more active El Niño means more extreme weather.

Apparently we're not the only ones who've been rattled by recent weird weather. At about 5:20 p.m. on Saturday, July 6th, a New Hampshire Public Radio weather report said the low temperature that night would be about zero, but it would warm up to about 40° the following day.

Let the record show that on Monday, July 8th, the temperature eased back down into the 70s, and later in the afternoon it rained; a



*Why deny it? Ever since the 109th Congress defeated the misguided Flag Protection Amendment on June 27, 2006, the performance of the Flag Police has been rather lackluster. It's understandable, if not forgivable: the Republican Party had thrown in the flag-themed towel and the First Amendment was no longer under frontal assault. But when the eyes of every patriotic passerby on Congress Street — bitter irony there — are assaulted by the flagrant violation of Title 4, Sec. 7 (i) of the U.S. Code: "When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window, the flag should be displayed in the same way, with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street" — they still strike down with great vengeance and furious anger. Oh, the vexicological indecorum ....*



normal, routine, very pleasant sort of a rain, without golf ball sized-hail or dramatic winds with unfamiliar names. It was really quite refreshing.

**IOKIYAR**

Republicans went through an interesting phase early in this fortnight.

Having won just two out of the last six Presidential elections — or none, if you discount Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004 — they are quite naturally looking ahead eagerly to 2016. And Hillary Clinton seems sure to be a candidate in 2016.

Suddenly, for a few days there, it seemed you couldn't avoid references to Hillary Clinton's age. "She'll be too old to be president," they all seemed to be saying at once. Then, as fast as it had arisen, the alleged issue was dropped.

We suspect that somebody at the RNC must have replaced the battery in their calculator.

If Clinton is elected, she'll be 68 when she's sworn in.

If that's "too old," what about John McCain, the Party's stan-

dard bearer in 2008? He would have been 71 if he'd been sworn in.

Not to mention Saint Ronald Reagan — he was 69.

Despite Sarah Palin and arms for hostages, Republicans are not troubled by the thought of a septuagenarian President — but it's only OK If You're a Republican.

**Joking in the Face of Death**

We never would have guessed that such a thing exists, but we recently stumbled across a scholarly publication called *Humor: International Journal of Humor Research*. Seriously — it's real. It is the official publication of the International Society for Humor Studies (ISHS), an "international interdisciplinary forum for the publication of high-quality research papers on humor as an important and universal human faculty."

Neither did we know that there's a thing called "terror management theory," but of course, in this case, as soon as you hear the name, you accept that it's as real as a heart attack.

*Humor* just published an article about terror management theory which we found so hilarious we had to share it with our readers.

The authors, Christopher R. Long and Dara N. Greenwood, noting that "terror management theory has spawned a body of experimental research documenting a multitude of defensive responses to mortality salience manipulations" — which is to say, researchers have experimented on subjects by reminding them that they are mortal animals — and found some predictable responses, categorized as "rigid adherence to dominant cultural values" and "self-esteem bolstering."

Since other work also "suggests that humor functions as a natural and often effective means of down-regulating stressful or traumatic experiences," they then conducted a study "[i]ntegrating a terror management paradigm with a cartoon captioning task.

They reminded people that death awaits us all eventually, then asked them to write captions to cartoons.

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Those subjects who had been primed with thoughts of death were found to write funnier captions than subjects in a control group who were merely primed with thoughts of pain.

For some reason, that just cracks us up.

**The First Treaty of Portsmouth Remembered**

Strawbery Banke Museum will be holding a special event on Sunday, July 14th, commemorating the day exactly 300 years earlier when the Treaty of Portsmouth, between Anglo settlers and Native Americans, was signed at Fort William & Mary in New Castle.

Colin Calloway, a professor of Native American Studies at Dartmouth College will be speaking on his new book *Pen & Ink Witchcraft: Treaties and Treaty-making in American Indian History*.

Special presentations will also be made by Charles B. Doleac, Chair

of the 1713 Treaty of Portsmouth Tri-centennial Committee, and Lawrence J. Yerdon, President & CEO of Strawberry Banke.

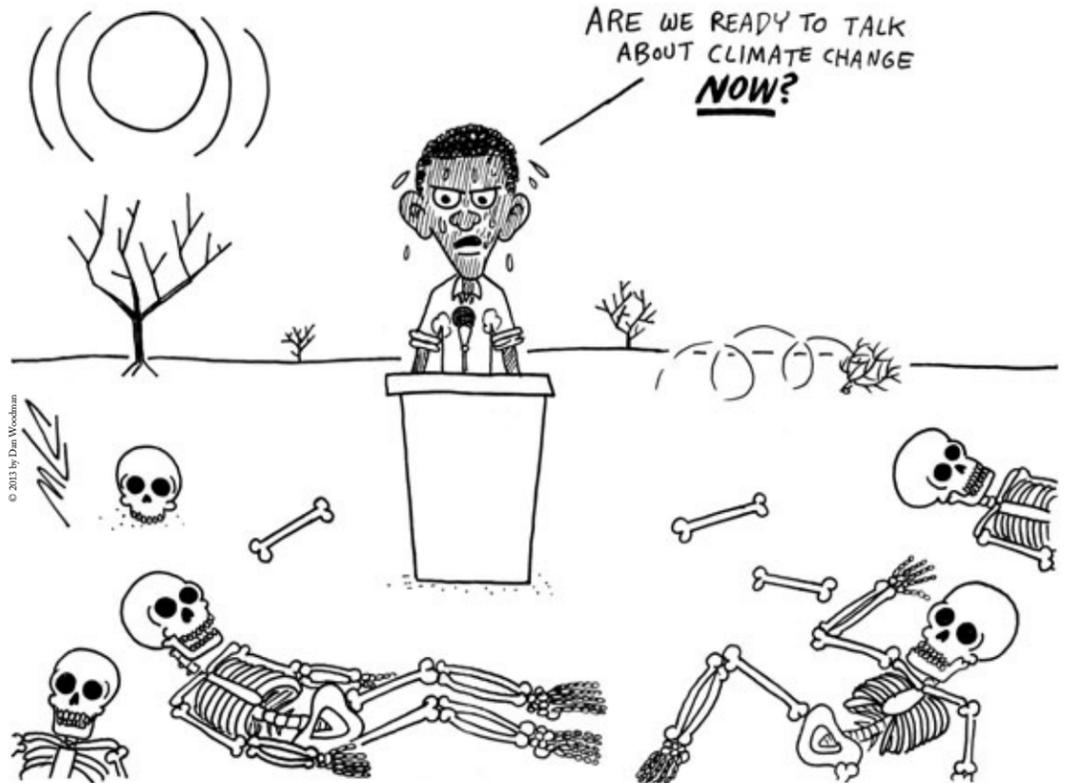
A book-signing and refreshments will follow the program, which will begin at 2 p.m. and will be free and open to the public.

It will take place in the garden of the Sherburne House, one of the few 17th century houses surviving in New Hampshire. It was built about 1695, making it less than 20 years old at the time the treaty was signed.

**The New Memorial Bridge**

Crews have been working almost around the clock on the New Memorial Bridge, but after the first lift of Friday, June 21st, movements of the lift span seemed few and far between. Mostly it stood at the top of the towers, out of the way of shipping.

This past Monday, though, the span was lowered at about 7:30



On the Fourth of July it's not uncommon to see someone doing an interpretation of a Minuteman or otherwise attempting to represent the spirit of Independence. This year in Market Square our Wandering Photographer found some people actually exercising that spirit. Michael Grant, behind the table, along with a few friends not shown, spent part of the afternoon talking with passersby about the political party of their choice: the Socialist Alternative party. It might be a free country after all.

p.m. The following day it went up and down half a dozen times between 6:30 a.m. and 3:15 p.m., as recorded by *PortsmouthWebCam.com*. The first lift took 12 minutes, and the five subsequent ones took about eight minutes each.

If the bridge's primary contractor, Archer-Western, doesn't have the bridge open to traffic one week from today's date it will be subject to penalties of \$25,000 a day.

If the bridge does open on schedule it will be the first time in about two years that cars have crossed the Piscataqua River into Kittery at that point. The old Memorial Bridge was closed to vehicles rather abruptly on July 27, 2011, when it failed its last inspection. Pedestrians and bicyclists were permitted to cross for another five months.

**Gundalow Spotlights Coastal Issues**

The nonprofit Gundalow Company has announced a series of programs on local environmental issues which are offered on every Wednesday evening sail through

September.

On July 17th, UNH Zoology Professor Ray Grizzle joins Ray Konisky, marine conservation ecologist for The Nature Conservancy, with an update on local oyster restoration and other efforts to protect the estuary.

Rachel Rouillard, Director of the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership, sails on July 24th with an update on the health of our estuaries and practical solutions for a clean water future. On July 31st, Geno Marconi, Director of the New Hampshire Port Authority, will provide an insider's view of the working waterfront.

The ticket price for these events is \$35 to the general public, but members of local town councils, boards, water associations and municipal committees are eligible for free passage on one of these sails, thanks to funding from the New Hampshire Coastal Program.

In addition to the Wednesday evening programs, live music is offered onboard every Thursday

evening sail, with Barbara Benn and Jeff Warner July 18th and London Julie on July 25th. Music sails are \$40 per person; reservations highly recommended. All evening sails in July are 6 - 8 p.m. The complete season schedule may be seen at *Gundalow.org*.

Spaces are strictly limited on each date; please call at least one week before your choice of sailing date to reserve a spot. Reservations are also being accepted for public sails, youth group trips, school sails and private charters through October. Register online, by phone (603) 433-9505, or in person at 60 Marcy Street in Portsmouth.

**What's New Pestilence Is This?**

Are the dingbats circled below commercial graffiti?



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**RIP the GOP?**

To the Editor:

The GOP (Grand Old Party) is dead, long live the GOP (Greedy Obstructionist Party)! The consensus of political pundits is that Reagan — a collegial guy with a sense of humor, willingness to compromise and a desire to get the job done — could not win a current Republican primary. How can the behaviors that made a man a hero become unacceptable as a governing style?

Sarah Palin and Mark Levin are threatening to leave the GOP and start the Freedom party. Note to the GOP — let them go, everything they do is all about them, not the party.

To them the GOP is not conservative enough! Which Congress have they been following this past five years? If the intentions, actions and pronouncements of the current Congress have not been grossly conservative, maybe Webster needs to work on a new definition.

Is there a single term that describes a group which rejects evolution, compromise/cooperation, balance, getting results and global warming; abhors abortion but opposes sex education and contraception; is anti-education/gays/immigration reform, wants to

reduce voting rights/union rights/women's rights and puts tax reduction for the 1 percent ahead of everything else?

How can a Party with these beliefs survive when influential members define already ultra-conservative behavior as abandoning basic party principles? How far right is alright?

If this denial of demographic trends and social values continues to guide the GOP, a new party will emerge, but not the one they expect.

As a political junkie this scenario is better than an endless cup of coffee, but as a concerned citizen I hate to envision the damage to the country from increased gridlock.

GOP — RIP.

Dave Potter  
N. Hampton, NH

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**Medicaid Expansion Is a Win/Win Proposition**

To the Editor:

Last month the New Hampshire House of Representatives and Senate reached agreement on a budget that Governor Hassan signed into law. This is good news. A key provision establishes a bipartisan commission that will make recommendations on Medicaid Expansion by October 15th.

Prior studies (e.g., by the Lewin Group) determined the fiscal benefits of expanded Medicaid: the Federal Government covers 100 percent of the costs for the first three years, then phases down to 90 percent by 2020. These are dollars already set aside that will go to other states if New Hampshire opts not to participate. We already send more tax dollars to Washington, DC than we get

back.

Critics question the Federal Government's reliability. However, not once since Medicaid's inception in 1965 has it failed to provide any state legitimate Medicaid dollars. Furthermore, New Hampshire could stop participation at any time with no penalty.

Medicaid Expansion will help hospitals and doctors by reducing uncompensated care costs. It will help relieve cost shifting, which burdens small businesses with high insurance premiums.

With Medicaid Expansion, an estimated 58,000 Granite Staters will get health insurance. This means peace of mind and access to life-saving medical care.

Medicaid Expansion is the right thing to do.

Joan Jacobs  
Portsmouth, NH

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**Spear No Help With Parking**

To the Editor:

Mayor Spear and his allies in the battle to build the Worth Lot Parking Garage (WLPG) seem flummoxed by the strong objections Portsmouth residents have to building a structure on the Worth Lot. Over 2,000 signed a petition against building a garage on the Worth Lot and a majority of speakers at every public forum, until the June 17 forum, strongly opposed the WLPG.

The simple fact is that many concerned citizens feel the WLPG is being crammed down their throats without consideration of other alternatives or any comprehensive plan for transportation.

The City Council meeting of June 17 is a case in point. Mayor Spear announced beforehand that

*Mash Notes, HATE MAIL,*

he wanted to reopen the WLPG debate with a public forum at the meeting — despite the 5/4 vote in December to take the WLPG out of consideration — and that if the public was in favor, then vote to have the City Manager “commence a study to include a preliminary design and construction for the parking facility at the Worth Lot.”

Once a process like that is started it would be hard to stop. It sure looked like a steam roller!

The date Mayor Spear chose for this new public forum presents a major problem.

As the mayor well knew, Portsmouth Listens study groups were scheduled to make their reports on transportation (including parking) the following week. His move was an attempt to short circuit the process because he knew the study groups were not going to come out in favor of the WLPG.

The mayor's move created ill-will and suspicion. It is not the good government I have come to expect from our elected officials.

Michael Frandzel  
Portsmouth, NH

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**Snowden and the NSA**

To the Editor:

If the glove doesn't fit, you can't convict....

Edward Snowden has been accused of and persecuted for committing espionage against the United States, but if you look at the Webster's definition of espionage, it does not fit the description of what he has been and is doing. That Webster's definition of espionage, which is spying,

doesn't fit what he has so courageously done as a whistleblower of what our Federal Government has done and continues to do; it's the only way we citizens become aware of what our Federal Government does in secrecy that's a potential threat to us as a society and individually.

The glove of committing espionage does not fit Edward Snowden, so to our New Hampshire Delegation in Washington; Free Willie (aka Edward Snowden), from the jaws of the killer sharks in our Federal Government.

If you want to consider Snowden to be a spy, he was spying for us, American Citizens, so that we would know what we didn't know before. He wasn't spying for some foreign government which is our enemy, many of which we have created by our behaviors and attitudes around the world.

To our New Hampshire Delegation in Washington: do not harm, do not kill Mr. Snowden; he is not a spy or traitor, he's a very brave American Citizen with a conscience (which is to be rewarded not persecuted). He's braver than most of us, he is a Brave Heart.

It is our federal government which is guilty of spying, on us and other countries. We're told that Snowden had questionable qualifications to be doing the high level security analysis he was assigned to, but he was allowed to take four laptop computers with him when he went on medical leave.

What we have is not espionage by Snowden, but a gang of

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# And Other Correspondence

rogue NSA spy chiefs who are embarrassed that Snowden blew the whistle on them. So what do the spies do? They'll try their best to persecute or even assassinate Snowden cause that's what the NSA does. What should we citizens of this country, do about this?

Jerry Gutekunst  
Hudson, NH

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**Brilliant**

To the Editor:

The Secretary of Defense has exempted Navy Shipyard workers from the furlough to "protect the mission." Yet Defense Logistics Agency workers who supply the stuff Shipyard workers need to do their jobs are getting furloughed.

So it's like: Joe's Garage is open for business, but NAPA is getting cut.

Go figure.

Dave Drymon  
Eliot, ME

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**The Prop 8 Decision:  
Is It Good News?**

To the Editor:

I am happy the Supreme Court recognized that same-sex couples must be treated equally under the law, yet, I'm alarmed by their decision on California's Prop 8, *Hollingsworth v Perry*. The Court could have refused to take this case, but they chose to take it, and then they ruled that the Prop 8 proponents had no standing. This wasn't an "easy way out" of the gay-marriage controversy, it was a specific decision to limit citizens' access to the courts. It follows the *American Express v Italian Colors* decision a week earlier, which also limits citizens' access to the courts by banning class-action suits against corporations.

While I disagree with Prop 8 proponents, their grievance was legitimate. They initiated and

promoted a ballot measure which won, but then was not to be implemented, nor defended in court, because the Governor and state Attorney General didn't agree with the outcome. And now, the Supreme Court has ruled that Prop 8 proponents don't have standing. Who, then, could have standing?

Imagine a similar situation with the politics reversed. Imagine a gun control measure voted by the people but unimplemented by a NRA-beholden governor. Proponents would have no judicial recourse. That's undemocratic.

Bruce Joffe  
Piedmont, CA

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**He Was Repulsed**

To the Editor:

I was repulsed to see the recent news photo of Secretary of State John Kerry hugging and embracing Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal during his recent trip to Saudi. Do you see the tragic irony here?

Why is our country's Secretary of State embracing a representative from arguably the most repressive nation on Earth? The list of human rights abuses happening in Saudi Arabia is extensive and shocking. This is a country that routinely beheads people for witchcraft and sorcery; has a capital punishment law for being homosexual; prohibits churches, temples, or any religious building other than mosques; prohibits women from voting or even driving a car; sends hate literature around the world denigrating Christians and Jews; and even severely discriminates against other Muslims who are not Wahhabi Sunnis.

Saudi Arabia is a fascist theocratic regime and represents the antithesis of freedom. Our country and nations around the world

should be shunning, censuring, and condemning Saudi Arabia. Instead, our nation continues to align itself closer to the Saudis. Most recently, we have become allies with the Saudis and Qatar (another Wahhabi Sunni country) against the Assad (Shiite) regime in Syria.

By aligning with Wahhabi Sunnis in Syria we have chosen sides in the centuries old conflict between Sunnis and Shiites. We have made the Shiites our enemy which encompasses up to 200 million people worldwide.

Does anyone else see there is something very wrong with this picture?

John Meinhold  
Portsmouth, NH

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**Fantasia "Solves" Wrong Problem**

To the Editor:

America with its democratic system, rules of law, and open market economy has produced the best living situation in the history of civilization. However our dreams have been curtailed the last 25 years as the rising cost of doing business in this country has reduced the ability of the average household to find employment that allows the same standard of living as the last two generations have enjoyed. There is a way to stop our slide and regain levels of employment so that we and future generations benefit. There is a bill in Congress, HR 25, the FairTax Bill, that abolishes taxes on income and payroll taxes and replaces them with a consumption tax on new goods and services. In addition there is a prebate system that untaxes purchases by all Americans up to federally calculated levels. The poor pay less and big spenders would likely pay more. Passage of the bill would result in the return of offshore money, more than 14 trillion dollars, to be invested in the USA. Full employment returns as do high paying jobs. The only losers



are the IRS, which eventually is defunded, and the special interests groups that have helped create the income tax mess we use today. I doubt many tears will be shed.

Call your Congressman today and ask that he co-sponsor the bill today.

Anthony Gasbarro  
Fairhope, AL  
Anthony:

You attribute the "reduced the ability of the average household to find employment that allows the same standard of living as the last two generations have enjoyed" to "the rising cost of doing business." That's hokum.

The vertiginous rise in the inequality of income is what reduced the standard of living for most American workers. The average CEO now makes as much in a day as the typical worker does in a year.

Productivity has risen dramatically over the last several decades, and those standing on the top rungs of the ladder have grabbed every nickel — because heartless Republicans and spineless Democrats let them.

The Editor

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# The Host From Hell

by William Marvel

Without the advice of my social coach and boon companion, I lack something as a host. Nothing reminds me of that quite so much as the photograph here, taken 33 years ago this week atop Mount Washington.

I was only trying to return a favor. In the summer of 1979 Jonathan MacKerron, a college classmate of mine, put me up in his apartment in Düsseldorf, and that autumn he had arranged with a friend of his who lived in Paris to let me stay in her flat off the Champs Elysées. When he came back to the states the next summer, I planned on showing him the best we had to offer.

He brought along his new girlfriend, a sweet and statuesque Düsseldorf girl named Heike. Michael Knevels, a towering Prussian acquaintance of theirs, came with them.

At the time, I was living in a tiny cabin without electrical service. As luck would have it, a heat wave struck just as they arrived, and my only cooking appliance

was a Queen Atlantic woodstove, on which I scorched some chicken parts for dinner while boiling potatoes and spinach. Mosquitoes were so thick that prudence dictated staying in the cabin, but the temperature soon hovered around 100 degrees.

That night we all piled into my pickup after dinner and drove down to Crystal Lake, to cool off. Heike had no bathing suit, or apparently any desire for one, and I didn't want to make her feel self-conscious, so I left mine in the truck. I guess the others felt the same, but while we were splashing around a carload of local boys pulled into the parking lot. We dawdled, expecting them to leave, until Heike grew impatient, and as she came out of the water they turned on their headlights — probably to help her find her towel. Nodding our gratitude to the car, we dried off and headed home, where I showed my friends to the Timberline tents that served as guest quarters.

The only entertainment I could think of was hiking, and everyone who comes here wants to see

Mount Washington, so I proposed tackling it. I had just been up in June, and thought the cool air might be refreshing, besides giving them a spectacular view. They all seemed fairly fit to me, and game for the attempt.

Luckily, we started early. I spent most of my time waiting for them to catch up, and it took forever to reach Hermit Lake, where Jonathan and Michael both showed surprising fatigue. Heike simply lay down and announced that she would prefer being left to die there. Only then did we realize that the pack with our food was still in my truck, and food is one of my three favorite things in life, so while my guests rested I ran back down the mountain. Trotting back with the pack, I found them in essentially the same positions as before, but they felt better, so off we went for Tuckerman's Ravine and the summit, resting often. Toward the end we took turns pushing and pulling Heike, who — between crying fits — bore her aches, pains, and blisters like a Valkyrie.

The no-hitchhiking sign at the crest of the Auto Road gave me



The author and his guests atop Mount Washington, 1980.

an idea for getting my exhausted companions back down the mountain, but for some reason no one picked us up. There was nothing to do but point them downhill and hope for the best, but it was slow going. We reached the AMC parking lot at dusk.

The next day Jonathan and Heike remembered an aunt of his they had to visit in Keene. Michael stayed a few days, but then he went looking for better accommodations, ending up in a cabin

on the tundra near James Bay.

Jonathan and Heike have been married and living in Berlin for 30 years now. She works for the German Marshall Fund, and we meet in Washington regularly, but she always arranges our rendezvous within walking distance of DuPont Circle. My hospitality debt still seems unpaid, and I've offhandedly mentioned that I now have electricity and running water, but they have never set foot on Davis Hill again.

## Falling Through America's Cracks

by Jim Hightower

Poverty in America: Bigger than ever and rapidly spreading. Today's turbulent economic waters are sweeping millions of Americans downstream from the middle class into poverty — and that's our nation's true economic crisis.

Already the USA has crossed an embarrassing threshold of economic infamy: 50 million poor people. "Poor" means they are trying to make ends meet

on \$11,000-or-less a year for an individual, \$15,000 a year for a single mom with one child, and \$23,000 for a family of four. 50 million Americans! That's literally a nation of poverty in our midst — roughly the equivalent of the entire population of South Korea.

Meanwhile, another 51 million Americans are classified as "near poor" — an individual making between \$11,000 and \$17,000 a year. So, more than 100 million of our people — one in three of us — are either poor or perched

precariouly on the brink of that abyss. Yet, Washington offers no anti-poverty agenda. Republicans simply blame the poor for their poverty, claiming they lack initiative and family morals. Democrats are mostly playing defense, trying to swat down the meanest efforts by Republicans to further hurt the poor.

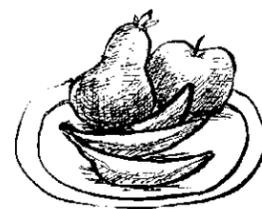
But society's moral imperative to extend a helping hand to "the least" among us, as Jesus put it in the New Testament, cannot be fulfilled merely with balm, food,

and clothing. Rather our major focus should be on the cracks themselves.

Here's a true populist perception: People fall between the cracks because there are cracks. You wouldn't put up with cracks in your home, nor should we let this structural damage spread through our national house. America's poverty numbers — including the already poor, the near poor, and those rapidly tumbling down — are disgraceful, made all the more so by the fact that we're living in

the richest country in the world.

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# National Security? Or Industrial Espionage?

By William Blum

In the course of his professional life in the world of national security Edward Snowden must have gone through numerous probing interviews, lie detector examinations, and exceedingly detailed background checks, as well as filling out endless forms carefully designed to catch any kind of falsehood or inconsistency. The *Washington Post* (June 10) reported that "several officials said the CIA will now undoubtedly begin reviewing the process by which Snowden may have been hired, seeking to determine whether there were any missed signs that he might one day betray national secrets."

Yes, there was a sign they missed — Edward Snowden had something inside him shaped like a conscience, just waiting for a cause.

It was the same with me. I went to work at the State Department, planning to become a Foreign Service Officer, with the best — the most patriotic — of intentions, going to do my best to slay the beast of the International Communist Conspiracy. But then the horror, on a daily basis, of what the United States was doing to the people of Vietnam was brought home to me in every form of media; it was making me sick at heart. My conscience had found its cause, and nothing that I could have been asked in a pre-employment interview would have alerted my interrogators of the possible danger I posed because I didn't know of the danger myself. No questioning of my friends and relatives could have turned up the slightest hint of the radical anti-war activist I was to become. My friends and relatives were to be as surprised as I was

to be. There was simply no way for the State Department security office to know that I should not be hired and given a Secret Clearance.

So what is a poor National Security State to do? Well, they might consider behaving themselves. Stop doing all the terrible things that grieve people like me and Edward Snowden and Bradley Manning and so many others. Stop the bombings, the invasions, the endless wars, the torture, the sanctions, the overthrows, the support of dictatorships, the unmitigated support of Israel; stop all the things that make the United States so hated, that create all the anti-American terrorists, that compel the National Security State — in pure self defense — to spy on the entire world.

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German security experts discovered several years ago that ECHELON was engaged in heavy commercial spying in Europe. Victims included such German firms as the wind generator manufacturer Enercon. In 1998, Enercon developed what it thought was a secret invention, enabling it to generate electricity from wind power at a far cheaper rate than before. However, when the company tried to market its invention in the United States, it was confronted by its American rival, Kenetech, which announced that it had already patented a near-identical development. Kenetech then brought a court order against Enercon to ban the sale of its equipment in the U.S. In a rare public disclosure, an NSA employee, who refused to be named, agreed to appear in silhouette on German television to reveal how he had stolen Enercon's secrets by tapping the telephone and computer link lines that ran between

Enercon's research laboratory and its production unit some 12 miles away. Detailed plans of the company's invention were then passed on to Kenetech.

In 1994, Thomson S.A., located in Paris, and Airbus Industrie, based in Blagnac Cedex, France, also lost lucrative contracts, snatched away by American rivals aided by information covertly collected by NSA and CIA. The same agencies also eavesdropped on Japanese representatives during negotiations with the United States in 1995 over auto parts trade.

German industry has complained that it is in a particularly vulnerable position because the government forbids its security services from conducting similar industrial espionage. "German politicians still support the rather naive idea that political allies should not spy on each other's businesses. The Americans and the British do not have such illusions," said journalist Udo Ulfkotte, a specialist in European industrial espionage, in 1999.

That same year, Germany demanded that the United States recall three CIA operatives for their activities in Germany involving economic espionage. The news report stated that the Germans "have long been suspicious of the eavesdropping capabilities of the enormous U.S. radar and communications complex at Bad Aibling, near Munich," which is in fact an NSA intercept station. "The Americans tell us it is used solely to monitor communications by potential enemies, but how can we be entirely sure that they are not picking up pieces of information that we think should remain completely secret?" asked a senior German official. Japanese officials most likely have been

told a similar story by Washington about the more than a dozen signals intelligence bases which Japan has allowed to be located on its territory.

In their quest to gain access to more and more private information, the NSA, the FBI, and other components of the U.S. national security establishment have been engaged for years in a campaign to require American telecommunications manufacturers and carriers to design their equipment and networks to optimize the authorities' wiretapping ability. Some industry insiders say they believe that some U.S. machines approved for export contain NSA "back doors" (also called "trap doors").

The United States has been trying to persuade European Union countries as well to allow it "back-door" access to encryption programs, claiming that this was to serve the needs of law-enforcement agencies. However, a report released by the European Parliament in May 1999 asserted that Washington's plans for controlling encryption software in Europe had nothing to do with law enforcement and everything to do with U.S. industrial espionage. The NSA has also dispatched FBI agents on break-in missions to snatch code books from foreign facilities in the United States, and CIA officers to recruit foreign communications clerks abroad and buy their code secrets, according to veteran intelligence officials.

For decades, beginning in the 1950s, the Swiss company Crypto AG sold the world's most sophisticated and secure encryption technology. The firm staked its reputation and the security concerns of its clients on its neutrality in the Cold War or any other

war. The purchasing nations, some 120 of them — including prime U.S. intelligence targets such as Iran, Iraq, Libya and Yugoslavia — confident that their communications were protected, sent messages from their capitals to their embassies, military missions, trade offices, and espionage dens around the world, via telex, radio, and fax. And all the while, because of a secret agreement between the company and NSA, these governments might as well have been hand delivering the messages to Washington, uncoded. For their Crypto AG machines had been rigged before being sold to them, so that when they used them the random encryption key could be automatically and clandestinely transmitted along with the enciphered message. NSA analysts could read the messages as easily as they could the morning newspaper.

In 1986, because of U.S. public statements concerning the La Belle disco bombing in West Berlin, the Libyans began to suspect that something was rotten with Crypto AG's machines and switched to another Swiss firm, Gretag Data Systems AG. But it appears that NSA had that base covered as well. In 1992, after a series of suspicious circumstances over the previous few years, Iran came to a conclusion similar to Libya's, and arrested a Crypto AG employee who was in Iran on a business trip. He was eventually ransomed, but the incident became well known and the scam began to unravel in earnest.

— June 26th, 2013

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The Piscataqua's ferocious current is caused by the tide, which, in turn, is caused by the moon. The other player is a vast sunken valley — Great Bay — about ten miles upriver. Twice a day, the

moon drags about seventeen billion gallons of seawater — enough to fill 2,125,000 tanker trucks — up the river and into Great Bay. This creates a roving hydraulic conflict, as incoming sea and the outgoing river collide. The skirmish line

moves from the mouth of the river, up past New Castle, around the bend by the old Naval Prison, under Memorial Bridge, past the tugboats, and on into Great Bay. This can best be seen when the tide is rising.

Twice a day, too, the moon lets all that water go. All the seawater that just fought its way upstream goes back home to the ocean. This is when the Piscataqua earns its title for xth fastest current. Look for the red buoy, at the upstream

end of Badger's Island, bobbing around in the current. It weighs several tons, and it bobs and bounces in the current like a cork. The river also has its placid moments, around high and low tides. When the river rests, its tugboats

and bridges work their hardest. Ships coming in laden with coal, oil, and salt do so at high tide, for more clearance under their keels. They leave empty, riding high in the water, at low tide, to squeeze under Memorial Bridge.

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<p><b>2004</b>—Senate Republicans try to ban gay marriage via Constitutional amendment but just can't seem to rise to the occasion.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—During filming of <i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i>, a rigging error drops a \$540,000 movie camera into a huge vat of chocolate.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—A syndicated column written by Robert "The Reptile" Novak reveals the identity of Valerie Plame, a CIA agent.</p> <p><b>2000</b>—A Florida jury orders five tobacco companies to pay \$145 billion in damages. An appeals court later lets them off the hook.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—A derailed tanker car full of pesticide spills into the Sacramento River killing 100,000 trout.</p> <p><b>1989</b>—Alabama tries twice, 19 minutes apart, to electrocute Horace F. Dunkins, who's black and developmentally-disabled. The first try fails because the chair is wired wrong.</p> <p><b>1987</b>—Oliver North's testimony before Congress ends; perhaps he's out of lies.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—Bob Haldeman informs Tom Huston that Richard Nixon has approved his despicable Plan.</p> <p><b>1921</b>—An important show trial ends as planned in Massachusetts: Nicolo Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti are found guilty.</p> <p><b>1791</b>—In Lausanne, Vevey, and Rolle, Switzerland, citizens celebrate the liberation of the Bastille, shouting "Live free or die."</p>	<p><b>1995</b>—A weather phenomenon called a derecho (a mesoscale convective complex) sends hurricane force winds through New York and New England, toppling thousands of trees and killing three people.</p> <p><b>1979</b>—Jimmy Carter delivers his "malaise" speech, in which the word "malaise" does not appear.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—In Florida, on live TV, newsreader Christine Chubbuck pulls a loaded pistol from a shopping bag and shoots herself dead.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—The Republican Party saddles itself with Barry Goldwater as a presidential candidate.</p> <p><b>1919</b>—The then-honestly-named War Department calls 337,000 Americans draft dodgers.</p> <p><b>1877</b>—President John W. Garrett, of the B &amp; O Railroad, gives his shareholders a 10% dividend and his workers a 10% pay cut.</p> <p><b>1865</b>—Beach-goers in Rye, NH observe an optical illusion making the Isles of Shoals appear to be only a mile or two offshore.</p> <p><b>1779</b>—Troops under General "Mad Anthony" Wayne take Stony Point—and 700 prisoners—with a bayonet charge.</p> <p><b>1685</b>—Executioner Jack Ketch eventually beheads the Duke of Monmouth, after eight ax blows.</p> <p><b>1381</b>—Lollard preacher John Ball, for inspiring the Peasants' Revolt, is hanged, drawn, and quartered as Richard II looks on with approval.</p>	<p><b>2004</b>—Martha Stewart gets five months in the can for lying about a shady deal to save \$45,000.</p> <p><b>1994</b>—Fragments of comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 crash into Saturn.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—In Detroit, Ronald Reagan is nominated for President by what was formerly the party of Lincoln.</p> <p><b>1979</b>—A badly-built earthen dam located on shaky ground collapses in Church Rock, NM, spilling 1,100 tons of radioactive mill waste, 93 million gallons of effluent, and as much radioactivity as Three Mile Island.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—Al Butterfield reveals he's been bugging the Oval office at the behest of The Man himself.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—Senate begins investigating the Air Force's 3,500 secret B-52 bombings of Cambodia.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—<i>Apollo 11</i> blasts off, next stop: the Moon.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—The Atomic Age begins with a bang at Alamogordo, NM.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—French Police arrest 13,152 Parisian Jews, most of whom will die in Auschwitz.</p> <p><b>1877</b>—B &amp; O Railroad firemen in Martinsburg, WV strike in response to wage cuts.</p> <p><b>1862</b>—David Farragut becomes U.S.'s first Rear Admiral.</p> <p><b>1858</b>—To help himself resist prostitutes, Thomas P. "Boston" Corbett castrates himself with a pair of scissors. Seven years later he will kill John Wilkes Booth.</p>	<p><b>2010</b>—Glenn Beck fan Byron Williams, on his way to start a revolution by attacking The Tides Foundation and the ACLU, shoots it out with California Highway Patrol instead. Williams loses.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—The FBI announces that it can't find 449 firearms and 184 lap-top computers, including one holding classified data.</p> <p><b>1996</b>—Flight 800 spontaneously explodes off Long Island. Right.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—Art Sylvester, an American official in Saigon, tells Morley Safer "if you think any American official is going to tell you the truth, then you're stupid."</p> <p><b>1962</b>—Twenty-six minutes after a small atomic bomb is tested in Nevada, a company of men from the Fourth Infantry Division marches through the blast zone.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—Lightning ignites a huge mine placed near Ypres in 1916. A cow is killed.</p> <p><b>1944</b>—Two munitions ships explode at Port Chicago, CA, killing 322, mostly black bomb handlers.</p> <p><b>1928</b>—Partying with Mexican Revolution veterans, President Alvaro Obregon tells strolling caricaturist Leon Toral, "Make sure you make me look good." Toral says, "I will," and shoots him dead.</p> <p><b>1877</b>—Gov. Henry Mathews calls out a local militia company to suppress the Martinsville, WV railroad strike. It sides with strikers, instead.</p>	<p><b>1985</b>—Doped up after cancer surgery five days earlier, Ronald Reagan OKs sending arms to Iran.</p> <p><b>1984</b>—James O. Huberty tells his wife he's "going to hunt humans," then kills 21 and wounds 19 at a San Diego McDonald's. A SWAT team sniper kills Huberty. His widow unsuccessfully sues McDonalds for poisoning his mind with MSG.</p> <p><b>1981</b>—Norman Mailer's protege Jack Abbott, while on work release from a conviction for bank robbery, stabs a man to death in an East Village restaurant.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Senator Ted Kennedy gives Mary Jo Kopechne a ride part of the way home from a party, takes a swim, then a nap.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—Riot begins in Harlem after police shoot an unarmed 15-year-old black male.</p> <p><b>1944</b>—Ordered by <i>der Führer</i> to kill a fly, aide Fritz Darges suggests since the pest is airborne a Luftwaffe adjutant ought to do the job. Hitler immediately banishes Darges to the Eastern Front.</p> <p><b>1939</b>—Hunter S. Thompson is born, Louisville, KY.</p> <p><b>1936</b>—Civil War begins in Spain.</p> <p><b>1925</b>—H.L. Mencken is nearly run out of Dayton, TN on a rail by its pious Christian inhabitants.</p> <p><b>1877</b>—Governor Henry Mathews of West Virginia pleads for Federal help to suppress the B &amp; O railroad strike.</p>	<p><b>2010</b>—Terrified by a malignly-edited <i>YouTube</i> clip, Sec. of Ag. Tom Vilsack has USDA employee Shirley Sherrod pulled over by the side of the road and fired.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—Deputy Chairman of the British Conservative party Lord Jeffrey Archer is convicted of perjury and sentenced to 4 years.</p> <p><b>1994</b>—Dining with reporters in the Capitol, Sen. Howell Heflin (D-AL) pulls what he thinks is a hankie from his pocket, and wipes his nose with a pair of panties.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—South Africa's government admits it paid Zulus to undermine the African National Congress.</p> <p><b>1989</b>—Though engine failure on a DC-10 cuts its hydraulics, most aboard survive a fiery crash in Sioux City thanks to great piloting.</p> <p><b>1985</b>—Concord, N.H. teacher Christa McAuliffe is chosen to be first "Teacher in Space."</p> <p><b>1979</b>—Sandinistas march triumphantly into Managua.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—John Fairfax completes the first solo cross-Atlantic row.</p> <p><b>1957</b>—A two-kiloton nuclear warhead carried by an air-to-air missile explodes 18,000 feet above five Air Force volunteers at Yucca Flats.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—German U-boats quit the U.S. Atlantic coast due to effective counter-measures.</p> <p><b>1848</b>—At the first Women's Rights convention is held at Seneca Falls, NY, "Bloomers" are introduced.</p>	<p><b>2002</b>—The FBI arrests three former NASA interns for stealing a 600 lb. safe holding moon rocks.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—A review finds that U.S. air strikes in Afghanistan have killed as many as 400 civilians.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—Lori Klausutis, 28, a Congressional aide, is found dead in the Fort Walton Beach office of Rep. Joe Scarborough (R-FL).</p> <p><b>1989</b>—Pres. George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush calls for a manned mission to Mars. His farcical notion is quickly laughed off.</p> <p><b>1985</b>—Mel Fisher begins hauling \$400,000,000 worth of gold off the ocean floor near Key West, FL, where it had lain for 363 years.</p> <p><b>1984</b>—Famed runner and fitness guru Jim Fixx, age 52, dies of a heart attack while jogging.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—Martial artist and fitness fanatic Bruce Lee, age 32, dies in Hong Kong.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Neil Armstrong takes a walk on the moon.</p> <p><b>1956</b>—A scheduled election intended to reunify Vietnam is blocked by the South. The Eisenhower administration concurs.</p> <p><b>1948</b>—Harry Truman kicks off the U.S.'s first peacetime draft.</p> <p><b>1944</b>—German generals try but fail to kill Hitler with a bomb.</p> <p><b>1877</b>—The B &amp; O Railroad strike spreads to Maryland, where workers threaten to blow up bridges and run trains into rivers.</p>
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<p><b>2007</b>—George W. Bush invokes the 25th Amendment, making Dick "Dick" Cheney President while Bush's colon is inspected.</p> <p><b>2000</b>—Long-time Texas voter Dick "Dick" Cheney registers in Wyoming to evade election laws.</p> <p><b>2000</b>—A federal commission concludes that the FBI and ATF did nothing wrong in the 1993 Waco, TX siege which left 80 religious fanatics dead.</p> <p><b>1997</b>—In her 200th year, the <i>U.S.S. Constitution</i> sails for forty minutes off Boston.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—AT&amp;T gives the GOP \$400,000 for its 1972 convention — and dodges an anti-trust beef.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—Geneva Accords free Vietnam from French colonial rule; the U.S. steps in to preserve disorder.</p> <p><b>1951</b>—A Canadian Pacific DC-10 leaves Vancouver for Anchorage with 37 on board and disappears.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—Tuffi, a young elephant, becomes agitated while riding an elevated train, breaks through a window, and falls into a river in Germany. She survives.</p> <p><b>1919</b>—A burning dirigible crashes through the glass skylight of a Chicago bank killing 13.</p> <p><b>1918</b>—The German sub <i>U-156</i> lands a few shells on the beach at Orleans, MA while shelling and sinking the tug <i>Perth Amboy</i> — the first time the U.S. mainland has been attacked since 1812.</p>	<p><b>2003</b>—In Mosul, Iraq, U.S. troops kill the Hussein brothers.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—"I know what I believe," says George W. Bush. "I will continue to articulate what I believe and what I believe — I believe what I believe is right."</p> <p><b>1991</b>—Milwaukee police arrest Jeffrey Dahmer, the cannibal.</p> <p><b>1975</b>—Owen J. Quinn parachutes from the top of the South Tower of New York's World Trade Center.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—More than 600 young Moonies begin a three-day fast on the steps of the U.S. Capitol and pray for Richard Nixon.</p> <p><b>1946</b>—Irgun bombs the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, killing 91.</p> <p><b>1934</b>—In Chicago, FBI agents shoot John Dillinger in the back.</p> <p><b>1916</b>—A bomb kills 10 and wounds 40 during a Preparedness Day parade in San Francisco. Perjured testimony sends two innocent men to prison for twenty years.</p> <p><b>1915</b>—The excursion steamer <i>Eastland</i> nearly tips over at the dock in Chicago, but it's hushed up to prevent loss of business.</p> <p><b>1905</b>—Henderson's Point vanishes from the Piscataqua, thanks to 60,000 tons of dynamite.</p> <p><b>1816</b>—Percy Bysshe Shelley registers at a hotel at Mont Blanc, lists his destination as "L'Enfer."</p> <p><b>1620</b>—A small band of religious fanatics leaves Holland for the New World on the <i>Mayflower</i>.</p>	<p><b>2009</b>—Alerted to the presence of an "eccentric-looking" man in the yard of a Long Branch, NJ home, police arrest Bob Dylan.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—Top intelligence officials in Britain warn Tony Blair that the U.S. is "fixing" intelligence to match policy to justify war against Iraq.</p> <p><b>1982</b>—While filming the movie <i>Twilight Zone</i>, Vic Morrow is decapitated by a helicopter blade.</p> <p><b>1983</b>—Air Canada Flight 143 runs out of gas halfway from Montreal to Edmonton. The "Gimli Glider" coasts more than 100 miles to a successful landing.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—James Brown walks out of LA Mayor Sam Yorty's office when the mayor is late to present him with a proclamation.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Cops raid a blind pig in Detroit, interrupting a welcome home party for two Vietnam veterans. A five day riot ensues, and 43 die.</p> <p><b>1944</b>—International Monetary Fund and World Bank are created in Bretton Woods, NH. The town's first tax collector was Daniel Fowle.</p> <p><b>1886</b>—Bookie Steve Brodie stages a dubious dive off the Brooklyn Bridge and turns the resulting notoriety into a career of sorts.</p> <p><b>1846</b>—Henry David Thoreau is jailed for refusing to pay a \$1 poll tax to support the Mexican War.</p> <p><b>1827</b>—The first public swimming pool in the U.S. opens, Boston.</p>	<p><b>2008</b>—A tornado hits 9 towns along a 20-mile path in central NH, killing an Epsom woman.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—A congressional report says the FBI and the CIA disregarded warnings of a possible Al Qaeda attack on the U.S.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—In Iraq, the U.S. displays photos of the corpses of Uday and Qusay Hussein.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—The Pentagon begins its largest, costliest war game ever, "Millennium Challenge," testing D. Rumsfeld's "Transformation" theories. The "Red Force" quickly "sinks" sixteen ships.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—For accepting bribes and kickbacks, James Traficant (D-OH) is booted from the U.S. House of Representatives.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—The Supreme Court votes 8-0 that Richard Nixon must turn over his Oval Office tapes.</p> <p><b>1961</b>—The first U.S. airliner is hijacked to Cuba.</p> <p><b>1959</b>—During the "Kitchen Debate" in Moscow, Nikita Khrushchev mockingly asks Richard Nixon if Americans have machines to push food down their throats.</p> <p><b>1951</b>—Hanscomb AFB personnel report a UFO, "grayish with many black spots," over Portsmouth, NH flying at 800 to 1,000 mph.</p> <p><b>1816</b>—In Alfred, ME, for reasons unknown, farmer Daniel Davis shoots Old Bet, an elephant being exhibited by Hackaliah Bailey.</p>	<p><b>2000</b>—In a touching display of <i>navivette</i>, George W. Bush announces that he has picked Dick "Dick" Cheney as running mate.</p> <p><b>1990</b>—U.S. Ambassador April Glaspie tells Saddam Hussein that the U.S. won't take sides in an Iraq-Kuwait border dispute.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—U.S. health officials admit blacks were used as guinea pigs in a 40 year syphilis experiment.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Ted Kennedy gets two month suspended sentence for leaving the scene of an accident.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—Bob Dylan outrages purists at Newport Folk Festival by playing electric guitar.</p> <p><b>1946</b>—The first bikini is seen at a Paris fashion show. Same day: the first underwater A-Bomb is exploded, at Bikini Atoll.</p> <p><b>1909</b>—Louis Blériot becomes the first man to fly across the English Channel.</p> <p><b>1898</b>—The U.S. invades Puerto Rico.</p> <p><b>1853</b>—Legendary bandit Joaquin Murietta is killed in California. His head is severed, put in a jar of brandy, and displayed until it is finally lost in the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906.</p> <p><b>1826</b>—"Nothing succeeds with me," says Decembrist revolutionary Mikhail Bestuzhev-Ryumin after the hangman's first rope breaks. "Even here I meet with disappointment."</p>	<p><b>1979</b>—Three and a half feet of rain fall on Alvin, TX.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Nguyen Van Thieu, winner of 1967 Vietnamese presidential election, jails the runner-up. Same day: Mexican troops arrest thousands of students, shoot hundreds, kill dozens.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—In Detroit, police and National Guardsmen "investigating reports of a sniper" at the Algier Motel murder three black men and beat hell out of a bunch more.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—French Pres. deGaulle endorses sovereignty for Quebec.</p> <p><b>1959</b>—Engine failure forces U.S.M.C. Lt. Col William Rankin, then flying above a thunderstorm, to eject from his F-8 fighter jet. Updrafts keep him aloft for 40 minutes amid lightning, hail, and sub-zero temperature. He survives.</p> <p><b>1947</b>—The National Security Act, correcting flaws in the Constitution, turns the War Department into the Defense Department, and creates the CIA and NSA.</p> <p><b>1890</b>—A tornado rips through Lawrence, MA, destroying 35 homes and killing eight people.</p> <p><b>1877</b>—In Chicago, at the Battle of the Viaduct, Federal troops kill 30 striking railroad workers.</p> <p><b>1758</b>—The French fortress of Louisburg, taken by New Englanders in 1744 and given back by Britain three years later, is re-taken by the British.</p>	<p><b>1976</b>—Chester Plummer, a cabbie, climbs over the White House fence armed with a three foot pipe. For refusing to back off, he is shot dead.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—The House Judiciary Committee votes to impeach Richard M. Nixon for hindering the investigation of the Watergate burglary.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—South Vietnam gets another 5,000 American "military advisors." Total U.S. forces in Vietnam now number 21,000.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—Dick "Dick" Cheney is arrested for drunk driving.</p> <p><b>1957</b>—Alabama farmhand Jimmy Wilson is sentenced to death for stealing \$1.95 from a white woman. Wilson is black.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—Duly-elected Guatemalan President Jacobo Árbenz Guzmán is overthrown by mercenaries at the behest of the CIA. Forty years of genocide follow.</p> <p><b>1953</b>—Truce ends fighting in Korea; troops are still there.</p> <p><b>1935</b>—In his first performance, human cannonball W.C. Filler, 24, flies 150 feet from Ocean Park Pier in Santa Monica and fatally crashes full-length against a wave.</p> <p><b>1893</b>—William Taylor, reacting to a first jolt, breaks the straps of New York's electric chair. A second jolt fails due to generator trouble. Taylor is kept alive for an hour with morphine and chloroform, and killed on the third try.</p>
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