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The Fortnightly Rant

All Aboard the Crazy Train

The Federal government shut down at midnight on Monday because the fiscal year ended without a budget or a continuing resolution to authorize spending. Non-essential employees are supposed to stay home. Eight hundred thousand Federal employees are now out of work. It's not clear when they will see another paycheck.

But John Boehner, Mitch McConnell, and Ted Cruz were still lurking around the Capitol building on Tuesday and presumably collecting their salaries.

By their presence, these three new Stooges are telling us that shutting down the government is an essential government function.

According to Title 18, Part I, Chapter 47, § 1031 of the U.S. Code, "[w]hoever knowingly executes, or attempts to execute, any scheme or artifice with the intent (1) to defraud the United States; or (2) to obtain money or property by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises," is guilty of major fraud against the United States.

This looks like an open and shut case: Mr. Holder, do your duty. And when you go to arrest them, bring along some Dixie cups; we'd like to know what they've been smoking.

One Unconvinced Constituent

Here's one measure of how bad things are in Washington, D.C.

If there's a single constituency whose interests the Republican Party consistently serves, it is that band of buccaneers we collectively refer to as Wall Street.

A Goldman Sachs banker sent a note to his clients on September 27th, saying that a shutdown would be a good thing.

Why? Because the pain of the

backlash from a shutdown might hurt the Republicans enough to drive some sense into their heads and stop them before they use the debt ceiling as an excuse to do something truly catastrophic.

A Thousand Times, No!

The Republican position, so far as we can decipher it, seem to be that the Democrats made them do it. All Harry Reid had to do to prevent a shutdown was discard normal Congressional procedures, knuckle under to the Republicans' demands, and keep forty million people from getting healthcare. But nooo

With Obamacare to destroy, Republicans first spread lies. Then they said, "if Obamacare is as bad as we've been claiming it is, you can see why we're obligated to exceed our constitutional authority and make sure it isn't implemented."

The real reason they hate it is obvious: if it succeeds it will bind voters to the party that created it, and they're in enough trouble already. It's just self-defense.

The Dreaded Obamacare

Strange but true: Obamacare, which causes Republicans to recoil in horror like vampires from a cross, originally emerged from a crypt beneath the Heritage Foundation in 1989. Right Wingers cooked it up as a bulwark against the even more evil concept of single-payer healthcare, which would have permanently reduced the ability of bean counters to derive a profit from the suffering of others.

In 1993 the Clinton administration proposed a fundamentally-Republican version of healthcare reform with a mandate forcing employers to buy HMO coverage for their employees, leaving the



insurance racket and its profits essentially intact. Since Clinton was a Democrat, and his proposal, though Republican, wasn't Republican enough, the GOP sank it with lies and countered with a proposal essentially identical to Obamacare. That plan was good enough for Mitt Romney, and for the Heritage Foundation's future boss Jim DeMint, when it was enacted in Massachusetts in 2006.

He Who Must Not Be Named screwed up the nation's 43rd Presidency so thoroughly that in 2008 his Party's participation in the Federal Government was reduced to observer status.

Temporarily in charge of the whole shebang, the Democrats had enough votes to pass Romney's Republican plan on their own in 2010.

Fiscal Me This

The Federal government has already been doing less than it used to because an earlier gimmick, the sequester, is in effect.

Leading up to Monday it was

doing even less that that, because Federal workers had to figure out how to shut their operations down.

A few more steps in this direction and the Federal Reserve will be cranking out currency that goes straight into an incinerator.

The Speaker of the Manger

House Speaker John Boehner is in a real jam. The Ohio Republican doesn't really want to shut down the government, insiders say, because of the damage it will do to his party. But about forty of his members — the Molotov cocktail wing of the party — only got into the government so that they *could* shut it down.

Which is to say they want to play dog in the manger. And Boehner must understand that position because he's in it himself. If he tried, he could almost certainly get a clean continuing resolution passed and end the stand-off. If he did that, though, he'd probably lose his Speakership. Uncomfortable as the Speaker-

ship must be, he won't let anyone else have it.

Are We Having Fun Yet?

One person clearly seems to be enjoying all this: Texas — where else? — Senator Ted Cruz. His *faux*-filibuster of September 24th belongs in Guinness's book: "longest-ever infomercial for a would-be President." Dr. Seuss, an unabashed liberal, would have wept to see Cruz reading *Green Eggs and Ham*.

On Tuesday, an Honor Flight arrived in Washington, D.C. carrying 91 aged veterans up from Mississippi to visit the World War II Memorial which had been shut down. Undaunted, the veterans shoved aside the barriers and occupied the site.

Democrats, and any surviving clearer-thinking Republicans, need to find a way to treat the Molotov-tossers like the veterans treated those barriers. If they don't, we'll end up counting the pinheads dancing on the grave of self-government.

The Alleged News

"Please," Says Mr. Postman

Nine days ago Mickey Barnett, the Chairman of the Postal Board of Governors, announced that the Board had "voted to pursue a moderate increase in the price of postage" in January of 2014. That statement stretches the meaning of "moderate" well beyond its breaking point.

The price of a stamp went up to 46 cents in January of 2013. The current inflation rate is about 1.5 percent. Adding another three cents next January would mean an increase of 6.5 percent in one year — more than four times the rate of inflation.

Barnett also claimed that "increasing postage prices is a last resort that reflects extreme financial challenges" — which is hogwash.

Jacking up the rate for First Class postage is the Board's weapon of choice for the accomplishment of its primary goal, which seems to be breaking up the Post Office,¹ betraying its mostly-Republican rural users, letting a well-connected Democrat sell off its real estate below market value, and auctioning off the remaining assets between UPS and FedEx.

Lest We Forget

In the decades immediately prior to the Revolution, the Post Office carried exchange newspapers between printing offices

1) Yes, we know: since 1971, it's been called "the U.S. Postal Service." We have been calling it "the Post Office" since 1756, when Benjamin Franklin was running it and this paper was founded, and we're not changing our tune now.

for free. As Paul Starr has convincingly argued,² without such a policy it's hard to see how the vigorous public debates which led to the American Revolution could ever have taken place. That's why the Constitution includes a clause giving Congress the power to "establish Post Offices and post Roads."

Just take a sidelong glance at the Glock of a modern-day "Patriot" and you'll send him into a frenzy over his Second Amendment rights. But destroy the Constitutionally-mandated agency which played a vital role in the building of the nation and he

2) Starr, Paul. *The Creation of the Media: Political Origins of Modern Communications*. New York: Basic Books, 2004.

won't say "boo." Maybe if we allowed explosives in the mail we'd get their attention.

All the awareness the nation can muster seems focused on the current debate in Washington, D.C. — shall we continue with this whole self-governing thing, or just turn out the lights?

The Flip Side of Obamacare

Today's Reactionary Republicans love to moan about how the Affordable Care Act was "rammed down the throat" of the people by Congressional Democrats.

True, when Obamacare passed in 2009, both the Senate and House had Democratic majorities — because Republicans had recently made it quite clear that their own party couldn't be trust-

ed to run the government. At least the 111th Congress was trying to provide a useful service.

When Republicans controlled both houses of the 109th Congress in 2006, they rammed the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act [PAEA] down the nation's throat in an effort to wreck a useful service.

In December of 2006 it took all of 48 hours for Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and House Speaker Dennis Hastert to hustle the PAEA through both houses of a lame-duck Congress. The bill saddled the Post Office with a mandate to "pre-fund" 75 years'

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worth of retirement benefits in a ten-year period, limiting the amount of debt the Post Office could carry, and limiting price increases to the Consumer Price Index.

Where did they ever get such crazy ideas? From a screed called *Saving the Mail: How to Solve the Problems of the U.S. Postal Service*, by R. Richard Geddes, published in 2003 by the AEI Press, the American Enterprise Institute's plutocrat-subsidized publishing arm. The alleged book's premise was that "the existing [postal] system [should] be transformed into a completely demopolitized, privately owned firm."

You Call That Governing?

It ain't easy being the Post Office. Congress gets to write crazy laws which must be obeyed, while the President appoints the Board of Governors which is charged with making the system function despite those laws. That Board is supposed to have nine members

but it's currently four members short.

Of the Board's five current members, four were appointed by George W. Bush, and one was appointed by Barack Obama. Two nominees are now awaiting "the advice and consent of the Senate." So far it's been sixteen months of waiting for one nominee, and six for the other.

Et Tu, Democrats?

If the Board could just muster its full strength, perhaps it could prevent the Post Office's assets from being sold off below market value.

This angle of the story comes from *Going Postal: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein's husband sells post offices to his friends, cheap*, by Peter Byrne. He is an investigative journalist whose work has been published by *Mother Jones*, *Scientific American*, and the Oxford University Press.

Apparently C.B. Richard Ellis [CBRE], the world's largest commercial real estate firm, won an exclusive contract in 2011 to sell off surplus Post Office proper-



In just a little over five weeks it will be Veterans Day, and the New Memorial Bridge will be officially dedicated. The Flag Police patrolled Prescott Park on Sunday, September 22nd, to determine whether things were in order. They were not.

ties. CBRE's chairman is Richard Blum, Sen. Diane Feinstein's [D-CA] husband.

Byrne spent a year investigating the sale of Post Office properties. Among the questionable sales he found were two in New Hampshire. One, a ten-acre industrial warehouse in Nashua assessed for \$3.76 million, was sold for \$1.55 million, according to the Postal Office.

"But the deed of sale on file with the county recorder more accurately lists the price as \$775,000," writes Byrne, "and so does the transfer tax document. CBRE's apparent invoice for this sale is a year late, incomplete, and obviously invalid according to federal invoicing requirements. CBRE and the Postal Service declined a request to explain the various anomalies surrounding this sale. Nor did Waveguide [the buyer] respond to repeated queries. At any rate, the property was vastly

undersold, possibly by 80 percent, i.e., \$2.9 million."

In Lebanon, New Hampshire, "CBRE sold 2.5 acres of land with a large warehouse for \$1.54 million to Dartmouth College. It was a bargain at \$584,000 under the \$2.12 million assessed value of the property. The Postal Service threw in an additional 2.5 acres of adjacent land, apparently at no cost. CBRE and the Postal Service declined to explain this anomaly. The deal appears to be a non-arm's-length transaction, because CBRE's invoice does not list a real estate broker for the buyer, and and CBRE kept the entire three-percent commission paid by the Postal Service."

Byrne estimates that in the deals selling off 52 Post Office parcels through May of this year left at least \$79 million of the public's money on the table.

Senator Feinstein's husband isn't the only alleged Democrat

out to sink the Post Office.

President Obama's first Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Peter Orszag, stuck a knife in the back of the Post Office last year in an opinion piece for Bloomberg News.

"Those who believe in the usefulness of government must be vigilant about making sure all its activities are vital ones," it began, "since the unnecessary ones undermine public confidence. With this in mind, Congress should now privatize the U.S. Postal Service."

The Post Office is unnecessary? Try telling that to a rural disabled veteran used to getting his prescriptions from the Veterans Administration delivered by his postal carrier.

UPS won't be making deliveries to the boondocks unless it can charge the market rate — which it will dictate, once the Post Office is gone.

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Let the Trouncing Begin

Frank Guinta, in a YouTube video, has finally announced his candidacy for the First Congressional District seat he lost in 2010. Carol Shea-Porter is probably laughing uncontrollably.

"Striking a distinctly bipartisan tone," the AP somehow reported with a straight face, "Guinta said he's running because he wants to bring people together to solve problems. He said that politicians in both parties in Washington seem 'more interested in fighting than making tough decisions.'"

If he wants to run as a bipartisan compromiser, Guinta's got a lot of challenges ahead of him. Two other Republicans have expressed an interest in the seat.

In a Patch interview, Dover School Board Chairman Rocky D'Andrea sounded like the guy Guinta is pretending to be: a reasonable, thoughtful, moderate Republican.

"I have seen instances," D'Andrea confessed, "especially in local elections, where I believe a moderate Democrat was a better choice than an extremist Republican."

Then there's Portsmouth resident Dan Innis. If you're looking

for an "outside the box" candidate, he might be your man: he's a married, gay Republican.

But the biggest challenge Guinta will face in this race is going to be the other Frank Guinta. He did, after all, spend two years in Congress, and the moderate "bring us together" routine doesn't jibe with his own record: he was ranked as the House's 31st most conservative member.

Then there's the still unresolved mystery of the \$355,000 which miraculously appeared in an overlooked bank account, and got Guinta elected in 2010.

Guinta likes to claim he has been cleared of wrongdoing in that little kerfuffle. In fact, what finally got him free from the feeble clutches of the House Ethics Committee seems to have been the loss of his seat in 2012. As for the Federal Election Commission, Shea-Porter's campaign has pointed out that Guinta has paid at least \$52,000 to a K Street firm that "specializes in dealings with government agencies, including the FEC."

That's an awful lot of money for an innocent man to be spending to fend off such a toothless watchdog.



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Local Boy Makes Good

Frank Jones came to Portsmouth at 17 to peddle pots and pans from a wagon and ended up owning not only a brewery, but the world's largest shoe factory. He served as president of the Boston & Maine Railroad, was elected mayor of Portsmouth, and served two terms in Congress.

"Jones controlled enterprises that touched on virtually every aspect of people's lives locally: water, electricity, insurance, ale — he was the largest brewer of it in the country — banks, elegant hotels both here but also in Boston and Florida," said Athenæum Proprietor Dick Adams. The Barrington native (1832-1902) "lived life to the fullest."

Jones purchased the Charles E. Meyers farm in 1866, on the rural outskirts of a city in which he employed 500 people. He would gradually expand the estate to 1,000 acres and convert it into a quasi-public park. He spent decades perfecting the property and transforming the utilitarian farm-

house into an elegant mansion.

"He had ponds, gazebos and bridges over man-made ponds," Adams said. "It was all carefully manicured; it took as many as 25 people to mow the grass."

The 1902 guidebook *Portsmouth Historic and Picturesque* said: "The beautiful grounds and handsomely laid avenues, with numerous conservatories, ornamental ponds, artistic statuary, and botanic gardens, with that of the extensive farming, on the most improved methods, make this not only an interesting, but a pleasant place to visit."

"Maplewood Farm was opened to the public, usually in the fall to show off the produce," Athenæum Keeper Tom Hardiman said. "The house, barns, greenhouses, etc., were all open into the evening." At one time, 200 people worked on his Portsmouth estate.

Hardiman said the Athenæum recently purchased an album of professional photos of Maplewood from a private collector, "which is why these images

haven't been seen before."

"The House That Beer Built: Frank Jones' Maplewood Farm" opens today in the Portsmouth Athenæum's Randall Gallery with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m.

The free exhibit at the non-profit membership museum and library at 6-8 Market Square will be open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. through Nov. 23.

For more information, go to PortsmouthAthenaeum.org.

Tales of The Clash

Local raconteur and hot shot photographer Joe Stevens will narrate a digital slide show of his photographs of The Clash, taken "in places like Montego Bay, Paris, and Jersey City," on October 12th, at Sonny's Tavern in Dover. A Clash cover band will be playing. Entertainment is guaranteed.

Ask Madam Sloat

Derive maximum enjoyment this Halloween — acquire *Madam Sloat's Spirit Guide*, now available as part of *The Wire*, found in all the finest local dives.



Portsmouth brewer Frank Jones bought the Charles E. Meyers farm in 1866 and spent 20 years transforming the farmhouse into a mansion worthy of the richest man in the city. The house still stands on Woodbury Avenue. A new exhibit at the Portsmouth Athenæum will show how a real one-percenter lived in the late 19th century.



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Ayotte Distorts the Facts

To the Editor:

On September 25th I watched as Senator Kelly Ayotte deliberately distorted the facts about the ObamaCare health care exchanges. Using the Anthem decision to select a subset of hospitals to include in their "network," she implied that the cause was the ObamaCare rules, and that New Hampshire residents would have to travel to one of the Anthem hospitals in order to be covered by health insurance.

The fact is that because of our Tea Party Republicans of the previous administration we do not have a Health Care Exchange run by the state of New Hampshire. Persons needing health insurance coverage may purchase coverage from the Federal Government's exchange and it will have many other — more responsible — companies available to New Hampshire residents. This exchange is available because of our not having a state exchange.

This exchange (marketplace) will be available on October 1 and should be easily found on the *Healthcare.gov* website.

What Senator Ayotte did was at best ignorant or at worst dishonest.

Hiram Connell
Somersworth, NH

What Obamacare Means

To the Editor:

Funding Obamacare is not just about money, or regulations, or

freedom. It's about life.

Consider the story of a woman I will call Alice (not her real name). She came to my office several years ago seeking help processing health insurance claims. Not what you might ordinarily expect a law firm to do, but we dug into the task.

Alice's husband had left her about four years before, when she was nearly 60. Their divorce agreement obligated her ex-husband to maintain the health insurance coverage that he and Alice had during their marriage, but only during the thirty-six month period Alice was eligible under federal law.

When I met with Alice, I learned that she was diabetic. Like many with that disease, she had poor circulation, which had led to an infection, and the recent amputation of one of her legs. I also learned that her health insurance had just run out.

I was able to help Alice with her immediate problem — most of her medical bills had been incurred before her health insurance expired, and the claims were eventually paid. But I couldn't touch her larger problem.

She was a 62-year-old woman with huge medical problems and no health insurance. Because of her pre-existing conditions, no health insurer would sell her a policy at any price. She did not qualify for Medicaid because she was not poor enough. She was three years shy of Medicare eligibility. Another infection was either going to leave her dead, or bankrupt.

I lost touch with Alice. Maybe she reached Medicare age, and the security of health insurance. Maybe she became a statistic — several years ago, a study by Harvard Medical School concluded that 45,000 deaths each year are due to lack of health insurance.

There are countless other Alices who need health care, and they

had no hope of affording health insurance in the marketplace that existed before Obamacare.

Today, people like Alice cannot be denied health insurance due to a pre-existing condition. Obamacare swept away all those pre-existing condition clauses.

Starting January 1, 2014, people like Alice will be eligible for help with health insurance premiums, with the amount of assistance depending on the person's income.

If a person faces a severe medical condition, such as cancer, a life-threatening infection, or heart disease, there are no lifetime limits on health insurance benefits.

The people who want to defund Obamacare are the same people who made Obamacare a central issue in the 2012 campaign. Then the people spoke. The Republicans lost the presidential campaign, lost seats in the House, and lost seats in the Senate.

Republicans can't repeal Obamacare through the legislative process, so they are throwing a tantrum, threatening to shut down the government if they don't get their way. The Democrats say "we won't negotiate" — a logical stance, as any concession would only encourage more blackmail.

All the political theater boils down to this: Are we, as a nation, going to help people like Alice obtain affordable healthcare? Now that Obamacare has answered that question, Democrats say there is no going back.

Mark D. Fernald
Peterborough, NH

Pride and Prejudice?

To the Editor:

Most Americans of whatever political affiliation are proud of our country even though their reasons for that pride may differ. I'm particularly proud that we have a country governed by laws that are arrived at by elected representatives, not by force. And that over time those laws, reflect-

Mash Notes, HATE MAIL,

ing the attitudes of the majority, have consistently moved in the direction of supporting the rights of a diverse population, overcoming legal discrimination and creating an atmosphere for at least reducing societal prejudice — against blacks, women, Jews, homosexuals, and more.

But, sad to say, prejudice still exists and, in my view, is on display in a large portion of the opposition to the President. The whole "birther" foolishness has no basis other than the facts of the President's skin color and "different" name.

Less silly but more important, the virulence of the objections to the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) seems totally out of proportion to the reality of what the legislation does. This law provides health care to millions of people, not through the government but through free market commercial insurance companies. The government is less involved than it is in Medicare, a government insurance system liked by most, if not all, its participants. Why object so vehemently rather than trying to work on making the law better? Maybe because it is a notable accomplishment of the man they don't believe is a "proper" president for our country.

It is truly a shame to see one of the major political arms of our country captured by a vocal minority displaying this kind of mindless prejudice.

Robert Wilkinson
Portsmouth, NH

The Real Axis of Evil

To the Editor:

Yes, the Dow Jones is up and the corporations and financial sector are doing much better, but if these are the job creators then where are the jobs? Perhaps there are none because the Federal Re-

serve, through quantitative easing and artificially keeping interest rates low, continues to funnel eighty-five billion newly printed dollars per month into the financial sector and that largesse is used for stock buybacks that are dumped into deferred compensation for the CEOs so that this part of their salary is taxed as capital gains at lower rates. So while the value of the stock increases it does so without adding to new infrastructure, efficiency or new hiring.

Then of course there are leveraged buyouts which use this zero interest rate money, which also increases the value of the stocks without generating expansion and improved economic fundamentals, and might even throw workers onto the unemployment rolls. And if by any chance some of the money finds its way toward jobs and physical plant improvements, those jobs and development are in other countries.

Add to this the gambling in the opaque derivatives markets where the winners run off with the loot and the losers are bailed out. Meanwhile, those people who did the right thing and saved money to supplement their Social Security with the interest from those hard-earned dollars have transferred billions of dollars in lost interest to the wealthy in order to keep these non-productive, non-job producing games going, and those seniors must now dip into their principal which dwindles every month.

And as for the Fourth Estate, it is not referred to as "the corporate media" for nothing. It, too, is part of the deal, as it makes personal and lucrative use of the rent-free airways to broadcast infomercials for Wall Street in the guise of business news. So is it any wonder that a Harry Binswanger [excori-

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And Other Correspondence

ated in our previous paper for advocating the award of the Medal of Honor to “the year’s top earner”] is praised instead of being run out of town?

Yes, the more rational beings know about the Binswangers of the world (and the list of criminals in the *Gazette’s* rant), the more they like Madame DeFarge. The sad part is that under the influence of media and corporate shills like Limbaugh, O’Reilly, Hannity and that gang, so many in the middle class are wild about Harry as they scapegoat the poor, unaware that with their own retirement locked into 401ks and pension funds that, unlike hedge funds, cannot be liquidated by computers that make trades in a fraction of a second, they will once again be holding worthless assets when the next collapse occurs.

In short, the United States now has a centrally planned economy in which Wall Street and the government are in cahoots for their mutual benefit. We have an economy where the wealthy get interest-free money for leveraged buyouts, stock buy backs, and gambling in derivatives, while enjoying the status of too big to fail, and the poor have to take out payday loans at 500 percent interest rates, and many of the middle class transfer their interest and other assets to the Wall Street casinos.

It’s socialism for the wealthy.

John Dente
Wilmington, DE

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No Health Care For Us?

To the Editor:

The world is divided into two camps — countries that cover all of their citizens’ health needs and those that don’t, countries where health is a necessity and those where it is a privilege, where if you can afford it you get treated and if

you can’t you may die.

Most poor countries in the world fall into the second category. Remarkably, so does the United States. Compare the U.S. with most of the developed countries — Canada, the UK, France, Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Taiwan, &c. In those countries, where it is unlawful to make huge profits off of the sick, health care is a human right.

Enter the landmark Affordable Health Care Act, legislation where a balance was struck and passed by both bodies of Congress after raging debate, and then upheld by the Supreme Court. It’s taken 60 years for this to become a reality.

Not so fast. House Speaker John Boehner, turning the gavel over to the Tea Party, said the Affordable Health Care law “must be ripped out by its roots.” This kind of frenzied rhetoric has been backed by half a billion dollars since 2010. The leadership of the political Right has not offered much in the way of a serious debate over possible improvements.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell praises the old health care system as the “finest in the world.” The facts are disquieting. Americans are in poorer health and are dying sooner than the rest of the industrialized world. The World Health Organization ranked the U.S. health system 37th out of 191 countries — well below France, in first place, and just above Slovenia and Cuba. And the American health care system is by far the most expensive in the world. Costs are skyrocketing, even without “Obamacare.” Employer-sponsored health insurance premiums are growing at a rate 3 times faster than wage increases in the last 9 years.

When asked if it supported Obamacare, the public’s support

has been lackluster. But when pollsters inquire about specific parts of the plan, people are much more enthusiastic. For example, insurance companies can no longer place arbitrary caps on your coverage; children can stay on their parents’ insurance plan until age 26; if insurance companies aren’t spending at least 80 percent of your premium dollars, they’ve got to give you some money back. Over 8.5 million Americans are getting back 500 million dollars from insurance companies.

Additionally, routine things like annual check-ups, mammograms, cancer screenings, vaccinations, blood pressure and cholesterol tests will come at no cost to you. Diabetics whose insurance has been canceled will be able to renew their coverage beginning January 1, 2014.

We’re used to paying doctors for the number of tests, procedures and visits they book. With prevention as the new rallying call, we’re seeing an entirely new direction in medical care, one in which we emphasize the health components over ameliorating illnesses. With this game change comes a reduction in out-of-pocket medical costs. Obamacare is setting all this in motion.

Instead of affirming new ideas, the opposition seems content to fight over the old ones, like the mandate that requires everyone to buy insurance, the central issue of the Supreme Court case. Yet, Justice Roberts zeroed in on an essential truth that the Constitution may not allow government to force you to buy something, but it does allow government to tax you for not buying something. Often missed by the Right is that the penalty tax is to offset costs for insuring people with pre-existing conditions. Governor Romney included a similar penalty in “Romneycare.”

Many, many Americans are already being helped by this new

law. It should continue to give us — for the first time — the security of quality, affordable and expanded coverage — if it isn’t sabotaged.

Michael Kulla
Pleasant Valley, NY

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The Roots of Obamacare

To the Editor:

In 1989 Stuart M. Butler, of the conservative Heritage Foundation, published a proposal called “Assuring Affordable Health Care for All Americans,” which included a provision to “mandate all households to obtain adequate insurance.”

In 2006 Mitt Romney, Republican governor of Massachusetts, signed off on a law requiring individuals of the state to purchase health insurance. This law has proven successful and is popular with the satisfied citizens of Massachusetts. It served as a template for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) put into place by President Obama’s signature in 2010.

ACA puts the private health insurance market within the reach of millions who will deal directly with their providers and the insurers — the farthest thing from a “government take-over of health care.” It all sounds like a Republican dream come true! But no — it’s a Republican nightmare — a “train wreck,” a tornado that will leave “nobody safe from its wrath!”

What is keeping Republicans up a night is a very scary thought — Americans able to see for themselves the benefits of ACA and Obama being given credit for it! Yes, “the fight to stop Obamacare now is an urgent matter” for the GOP!

One wonders how a Republican idea can morph so quickly from good to evil — so evil that Republicans are threatening to shut down the government, wreck the good faith and credit of the United States and risk destabiliz-



ing the global financial system to prevent its implementation by a Democratic president.

Cynthia Muse
Rye, NH

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University vs. Pool

To the Editor:

It is time I wrote to tell all. When I was a new faculty wife in 1964 I was delighted to find the lovely UNH Outdoor Pool. I had lifeguarded in my younger days in a sterile concrete box of a pool, and this pool at UNH was a delight to find. Then my husband Moose Reeves, (Professor of Entomology) began a long volunteer career coaching The Otters, and started the Granite State Swimming Association. I spent many a summer day getting blisters sitting on the stonewall watching our sons learn to swim and progress in skill from Minnow to Whale. A bonus was the time I spent meeting community members, many of whom became lifelong friends.

Then there was the swim team, early morning swim practices with hot chocolate as a reward for the chill morning workout. My sons began to compete there, progressed to teaching in the Learn to Swim Program, and finally reached the ultimate, which at that time was to be hired as Life Guards.

Many faculty members swam laps every noon; others did their

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A Wedding Among the One Percent

by William Marvel

For ten days this month my home was invaded by aliens. First came two young people who live in a world of casual comfort, whose only complaints in life involve a lack of wireless service or a shortage of electrical outlets. When they left, a much older couple supplanted them — having just arrived from a land where, between tornadoes, life consists entirely of attending the weddings of their endless descendants. The elder outlanders had, in fact, come to witness the nuptials of the younger ones.

It all took place on that monument to gentrified desolation known as Martha's Vineyard. My aversion to crowds left me with no illusion that I would enjoy an ordeal as protracted and ostentatious as this one promised to be, and the crush of people on that overcrowded island did nothing to allay my apprehensions. While buying tickets for the next ferry we watched the last one leaving Wood's Hole with hundreds of passengers jammed together on its upper deck: I could not help noticing that it looked exactly

like the last photograph of the overloaded steamboat *Sultana*, taken hours before it exploded on the Mississippi River and carried 1,100 passengers to their deaths.

My father-in-law's presence in our party did not improve my disposition. He can scale a ladder with a bundle of roof shingles on behalf of mendicant strangers, but he invariably staggers along like a cripple behind any family entourage. This has always gained him the solicitous attention of distaff relatives, but I am less patient with such ploys, and our excursions quickly deteriorate into an attenuated caravan, with me walking point and him riding drag while a cluster of fretful women swarms back and forth between us, alternately begging me to slow down and him to hurry up. At the water's edge this Great Plains patriarch would clamber up on the jetty or climb to the tallest point on the pier, cultivating a chorus of pleas to "be careful, Daddy," but when our march continued he would hop to the ground, resume his exaggerated stoop, and start creeping along in our wake, holding everyone back with invisible tentacles.

The object of the wedding was to spend as much money as possible. It clearly cost more than our combined income last year, and probably more than most of my friends paid for their first homes. Bus and taxi companies carted innumerable guests to four days of catered events, most of which my wife and I attended because we couldn't afford the outrageous restaurant prices on the island. The first dinner included a band so loud that my only souvenir from the wedding was a pair of earplugs: they made it impossible to carry on a conversation, but I was spared the hoarseness that afflicted those who attempted to do so.

The earplugs were purple. That was the dominant color of the wedding accoutrements, reflecting the regal splendor in which the bride had grown up. The groom, who was raised by the Queen of Cheap and me, never knew such luxury before, but he has learned to bear it.

The gathering served as a reunion for recent alumni of Guilford College, which evidently specializes in unmarketable degrees for kids who are more accustomed

to entertainment than work. That may explain the "Alice in Wonderland" theme of the wedding. I thought perhaps "The Wings of the Dove" might be more appropriate, but my wife says I am too literal, and admittedly Henry James suggests fewer props than Lewis Carroll. I also have to concede that everything does appear to be upside-down and backwards on the newlyweds' planet. Indeed, they live a fairy-tale life in which all their needs are met as though by magic.

The egalitarian principles espoused by most of the island's wealthy homeowners failed to disguise the glaring class distinctions. It was impossible to miss the paucity of visible tattoos among the wedding guests, while the arms, legs, and throats of the servant class were cluttered with them — the number of tattoos multiplying in direct proportion to the subservience of their positions.

At least the wedding lacked the gestation-induced haste that prompted most of the starter marriages of my generation. When the subject of raising a family does arise, the newlyweds

speak of a five-year plan, but I was not the only adult who noticed the absence of gainful employment from that plan. The groom is "between jobs" right now, as it happens, and the bride recently passed one up because it would have interfered with the fantasy wedding. This is apparently typical of priorities in their age group — which I think of as Generation Omega, since Earth probably cannot sustain another like it.

I expected to be revolted by an orgy of conspicuous consumption — and I was — but that evaporated momentarily when my wife waltzed with the groom to a song she had often sung to him when he was a little boy. That, I think, was the only ingredient in the wedding he had been allowed to choose, and it was the most poignant moment of the entire weekend. While they glided around the floor it occurred to me that all her kindly, considerate, and congenial nature has finally blossomed within him: only her work ethic is still missing. Quite frankly, a girl with abundant financial backup could not find a better companion.

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laps during the day. Wonderful exercise!

However, more than 30 years ago the University wanted to get rid of the pool. We were told it was too expensive to maintain and would have to be paved over. So some of us, headed by Katie and Doug Wheeler, organized a Luau to raise money so the pool could stay. That was a wonderful community event: Jeff Savage, Don Bassett, Wally Bothner and

others cooked hundred of chickens, and we were able to give the University money to keep the pool open. We did this twice. Youth groups like the Otters cleaned the pool so the University would not have that expense. Then, in recent years, the town gave UNH a subsidy to help keep the Pool open. And there have been other fundraisers.

In my opinion the University has been trying to get rid of the

Pool for a very long time. There must be a way to save this one-of-a-kind community resource.

Peg Reeves
Durham, NH

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Splash vs. Swish

To the Editor:

UNH proposes demolishing its beloved and iconic pond-like swimming pool in order to expand its fitness facility over the pool's footprint. Scrutiny of the

\$36 million dollar option preferred by the Hamel Recreation Center Working Group reveals that the pool would be replaced by two MAC's — Multi-purpose Activity Centers also known as basketball courts — with an overhead running track. These two MACs would be in addition to two MACs in the existing Hamel structure. Surely the MACs and track could go someplace else on campus. If UNH can afford

more fitness facilities elsewhere on campus, I know of no one who would oppose them!

Dudley Dudley
Durham, NH

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The Usual Suspect

To the Editor:

The media has once again rounded up the usual suspect motive for the Naval Yard homicides: the deranged gunman. Reasonable minds certainly differ based

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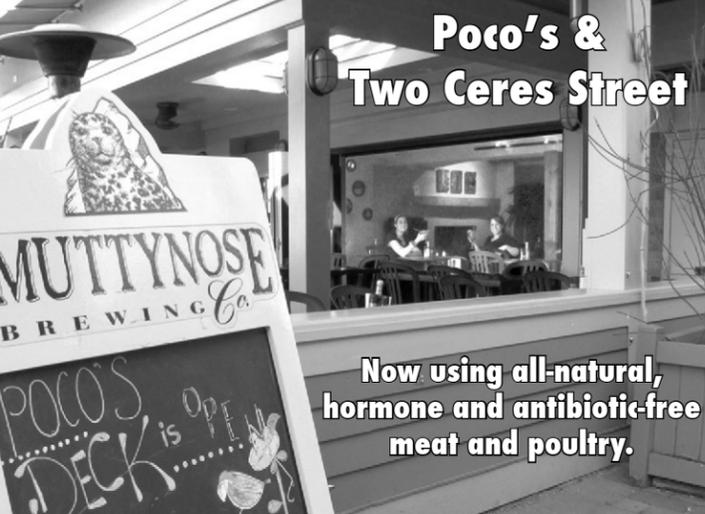
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Lobbyists Hope to Rebrand Themselves

by Jim Hightower

Here's a scary number to ponder: 12,407. That's how many registered lobbyists there are in Washington — the bulk of whom are paid handsomely to carry water for avaricious corporations.

And that doesn't count the untold number of influence peddlers who do not stoop to register, for they don't consider themselves to

be mere lobbyists, even though they are paid extravagant salaries by elite lobbying firms. Rather than lobby, they "advise." These are longtime Washington insiders who act as sherpas, guiding corporate favor-seekers through the labyrinth of congressional backrooms and executive-branch offices to reach the peaks of legislative and regulatory power.

Today's lobbying corps, you see, is no longer the domain of com-

mon hustlers, but of credentialed and well-connected professionals, including more than 400 former US Senators and House members, plus more than 5,000 former legislative staffers — all cashing in on the connections and insider knowledge they gained at taxpayer expense. Lobbying is now a \$3.3 billion-a-year influence industry — an unelected, private government of, by, and for special interests. And get this — it even

has its own lobbying group, the American League of Lobbyists, which lobbies for lobbyists!

As you might imagine, having such a powerful presence has given many within LobbyWorld an elevated sense of their own worthiness, so they now want to drop the tacky label of "lobbyist." Instead, the League of Lobbyists is asking its members to suggest a more prestigious (and less pejorative) brand name. Reportedly,

an early favorite is "Government Relations Professional." But that's too ponderous. I think any new phrase needs to spell out a zippy acronym — like SLICK, CREEP, or LEECH — that really defines their work.

To paraphrase Shakespeare, a lobbyist, by any other name, would smell the same.

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on the evidence, but one would never know it from our media marching in monopolistic pretextual motive lockstep.

The reason for this censorial evidentiary shutdown is that the evidence shows a gunman acting with cold, calculated reason aforesought possibly motivated by his recent termination from the Naval Shipyard. Fearful that Americans might question the responsibility and merits of a system that offers employees no job protection while cutting back on unemployment benefits, food stamps, job programs, and anything else that may have helped a person in the shooter's economic situation, a united media has decided for us that the preservation of an often brutal, but financially rewarding for a select few, status quo, is more important than their duty to inform the public. Most of the unemployed do not qualify for benefits, so how are they supposed to survive? Answer they aren't. We have a killing machine in place that silently and with systematic efficiency kills many of the destitute. I argue that those who implemented it are too intelligent to have done so negligently. Everyone responsible for cutting benefits for the jobless and poor in this horrific economy (but with trillions of unused dol-

lars available) with no proven viable alternatives is liable for all the damages that result, including the Naval Shipyard victims. I am confident that a future tribunal will find likewise, and hopefully sooner than later.

The gunman has not been shown to have any mental disorder, save that implied by a cryptic police report. When the police can diagnose and prescribe we should then view that as decisive. He was fired from his job. He may have decided it was better to go out "this way" (as he put it) than to cooperate and die destitute in the gutter. Motive is evidentiary explanation, not justification. Only an "exceptionally" criminal society would give its citizens such a "choice."

Mike Richardson
Albuquerque, NM

Mike:
Your analysis presupposes a unity of intent among disparate components of the media. Given the concentration of media ownership, perhaps that's not too far off the mark. We wonder, though, whether Occam's razor might apply here: sloth and lack of imagination would produce the same result.

As for the plutocracy whose dark, deeper policies you describe? From a sufficient altitude, one can imagine thinking that those members of the

herd who are unable to keep up must be left to fall to the wolves. After all, the wolves need to be kept fed, or who would cull the herd? Plutocrats might enjoy taking to their helicopters with automatic weapons, but only for sport.

You write that "[t]he gunman has not been shown to have any mental disorder," but he reportedly complained about hearing voices, a frequent symptom of schizophrenia.

Our society's increasingly ruthless structure is certainly guilty of crushing millions. But in this particular instance Saint Ronald Reagan, who led the way for the nation by freeing California's mentally-ill population from confinement — and from treatment — may be more to blame.

The Editor

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Second Amendment Freakout

To the Editor:

In a 53-46 vote, the U.S. Senate narrowly passed a measure that will stop the United States from entering into the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty.

The Statement of Purpose from the Bill reads:

"To uphold Second Amendment rights and prevent the United States from entering into the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty."

The U.N. Small Arms Treaty, which has been championed

by the Obama Administration, would have effectively placed a global ban on the import and export of small firearms. The ban would have affected all private gun owners in the U.S. and had language that would have implemented an international gun registry on all private guns and ammo. Unfortunately for those of us in New Hampshire, Senator Kelly Ayotte, who honored her Oath to support the constitutions 2nd Amendment, had her vote neutralized by Senator Shaheen.

Hopefully all freedom supporters will remember the this traitorous act by Senator Shaheen.

Dick Marple
Hooksett, NH

Dick:

Among President Obama's stipulations for signing the UN Arms Trade Treaty:

"The Second Amendment to the Constitution must be upheld.

"There will be no restrictions on civilian possession or trade of firearms otherwise permitted by law or protected by the U.S. Constitution.

"There will be no dilution or diminishing of sovereign control over issues involving the private acquisition, ownership, or possession of firearms, which must remain matters of domestic law.

"The U.S. will oppose provisions inconsistent with existing U.S.

law or that would unduly interfere with our ability to import, export, or transfer arms in support of our national security and foreign policy interests.

"The international arms trade is a legitimate commercial activity, and otherwise lawful commercial trade in arms must not be unduly hindered.

"There will be no requirement for reporting on or marking and tracing of ammunition or explosives.

"There will be no lowering of current international standards.

"Existing nonproliferation and export control regimes must not be undermined.

"The ATT negotiations must have consensus decision making to allow us to protect U.S. equities.

"There will be no mandate for an international body to enforce an ATT."

Other than those quibbles, the Kenyan Socialist was totally getting ready to confiscate your popgun, and only Kelly Ayotte saved your right to have a duel with the jack-booted thugs of the ATF.

The Editor

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whom you choose to believe.

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>2004—The top U.S. arms inspector in Iraq says there is no evidence Saddam Hussein had tried to manufacture any WMDs after 1991.</p> <p>1989—RIP Bette Davis. Years earlier, told she was rumored to have died, she said, "During a newspaper strike? I wouldn't dream of it."</p> <p>1976—Seventy-three die when Cubana Flight 455 is bombed over Barbados. Luis Posada Carriles is wanted in Cuba and Venezuela for the bombing, but the U.S. won't extradite him.</p> <p>1973—Egypt and Syria attack Israel on Yom Kippur. This backfires.</p> <p>1961—President Kennedy recommends that, in case of nuclear war, American families get ready to live for a while in holes in the ground.</p> <p>1917—"In time of war," says Sen. Robert LaFollette, "the citizen must be more alert to his right to control his government."</p> <p>1886—After spotting a 75-foot sea serpent near the mouth of the Piscataqua, its head four feet above the surface, two Kittery men "[ply] their oars lustily for the shore."</p> <p>1856—Portsmouth celebrates the centennial of the founding of <i>The New Hampshire Gazette</i>; the railroad lays on extra trains to accommodate the crush of visitors from around New England.</p> <p>1536—William Tyndale goes to the stake for heresy—he printed Bibles people could read.</p>	<p>2003—California voters throw out Governor Gray Davis and replace him with Arnold Schwarzenegger.</p> <p>2002—President George W. Bush announces that "on any given day" Iraq could attack the U.S. with chemical or biological weapons, a situation which therefore creates "an urgent duty" to stop them.</p> <p>2001—U.S. forces invade Afghanistan. George W. Bush writes his Poppy, "I feel no sense of the so-called heavy burden of the office."</p> <p>1996—Fox News begins injecting mass quantities of insidious swill into the public forum.</p> <p>1980—Congressman John Jenrette, Jr. (D-SC) is convicted of conspiracy and bribery.</p> <p>1955—At the Six Gallery on Fillmore Street in San Francisco, Allen Ginsberg reads "Howl" in public for the first time.</p> <p>1917—Relief forces reach the Lost Battalion in the Argonne Forest.</p> <p>1765—The Stamp Act Congress meets in New York.</p> <p>1756—Daniel Fowle and his enslaved pressman Primus begin printing <i>The New Hampshire Gazette</i> in Portsmouth. It achieves national seniority in 1839 when the <i>Maryland Gazette</i> folds.</p> <p>1571—Christians and Muslims duke it out at the Battle of Lopanto in the final clash of oar-powered galleys. Nearly 40,000 are killed or wounded. Jesus wins.</p>	<p>2004—American warplanes try to kill Abu Musab al Zarqawi but accidentally kill 13 people at a wedding instead.</p> <p>1991—House Speaker Tom Foley (D-WA) announces that the House's sergeant-at-arms will no longer fix traffic tickets for House members.</p> <p>1991—The Senate, instead of voting as scheduled on whether to confirm Clarence Thomas for the Supreme Court, decides to hold hearings on whether he's a sexual harasser.</p> <p>1974—The Franklin National Bank collapses, undermined by Mafioso Michele Sindona, a pal of R. Nixon's Treasury Secretary David Kennedy.</p> <p>1969—A three-day riot branded "Days of Rage" begins in Chicago.</p> <p>1968—Washington, D.C. riots after police shoot a black man.</p> <p>1967—Ernesto "Che" Guevara is captured by Bolivian troops led by the CIA's Felix Rodriguez.</p> <p>1957—Walter O'Malley announces the Dodgers are moving from Brooklyn to Los Angeles.</p> <p>1955—"The nations of the world will have to unite" warns Gen. D. MacArthur, "for the next war will be an interplanetary war."</p> <p>1918—In the Argonne Forest, former pacifist Cpl. Alvin C. York kills 25 German soldiers and captures 132.</p>	<p>2005—Four die as the Cold River floods Alstead, NH.</p> <p>2004—During a Presidential debate, a bulge in his suit makes it appear that George W. Bush is wearing a wire.</p> <p>2001—Someone still unknown and uncaught mails letters carrying anthrax spores to the offices of two Democratic senators.</p> <p>1992—Hearing a loud bang, Michelle Knapp of Peekskill, NY goes outside and finds a hole punched through the trunk of her 1980 Chevy Malibu and a warm 26-pound meteorite lying on the pavement beneath it.</p> <p>1974—At 2 a.m., D.C. cops stop Rep. Wilbur Mills's car near the Jefferson Memorial for speeding with headlights off. Mills's passenger, Fanne (sic) Foxe, aka "The Argentine Firecracker," hops out of the car and into the Potomac River Tidal Basin.</p> <p>1970—Alexander Solzhenitsyn turns his nose up at the Nobel Prize.</p> <p>1967—Dr. Ernesto "Che" Guevara taunts a hesitant executioner, saying "Just shoot, you coward. You are only killing a man."</p> <p>1966—Lt. JG William T. Patton, flying a prop-driven Douglas A1 Skyraider, downs a MiG-17 jet fighter over Vietnam.</p> <p>1965—Jimmy Dickens's "May the Bird of Paradise Fly Up Your Nose" begins climbing the pop charts.</p>	<p>2003—Rush Limbaugh, the <i>Hindenburg</i> of talk radio, confesses he's an addict headed for rehab.</p> <p>2002—In an unusually craven display, the U.S. Senate votes 77-23 to let George W. Bush have his way with Saddam Hussein.</p> <p>1989—The Soviet news agency Tass reports nine-foot tall aliens have landed southeast of Moscow.</p> <p>1973—Vice President Spiro "Ted" Agnew resigns in disgrace, pleading <i>nolo</i> to charges he dodged taxes on bribes and kickbacks.</p> <p>1969—Richard Nixon, putting his "madman theory" into practice, orders a gratuitous global nuclear alert for all U.S. military.</p> <p>1957—A fire in a British nuclear facility causes a radiation leak contaminating milk over a 200 mile radius. The contaminated milk is dumped in the Irish Sea.</p> <p>1933—A Boeing 247 airliner is destroyed by a bomb over Indiana. Seven passengers and three crew die in the first such act in history.</p> <p>1911—Jasper Newton "Jack" Daniel, Tennessee distiller, dies of blood poisoning from an infected toe injured by kicking a safe whose combination he'd forgotten.</p> <p>1888—A trainful of conventioners coming from an abstinence rally stops in PA. Another "temperance" train plows into it killing 66. Newspaper accounts suggest many survivors abandoned their pledges.</p>	<p>2003—Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez gives Yankee coach Don Zimmer a shove, knocking the 72-year old Zimmer to the ground.</p> <p>2001—Citing "certain information," the FBI warns of a terrorist attack in "the next several days." It fails to materialize.</p> <p>1991—Anita Hill testifies before Congress that her former boss, Supreme Court Justice-to-be Clarence Thomas sexually harassed her.</p> <p>1983—In Bryant, ME, the last hand-cranked phones in the U.S. are taken out of service.</p> <p>1960—Nikita Khrushchev employs footwear to make his point at the podium of the UN.</p> <p>1954—The Viet Minh take over North Vietnam.</p> <p>1945—Mao and the Red Army go to war against Chiang Kai-Shek's alleged government.</p> <p>1906—The City of San Francisco decrees that Japanese children must go to segregated schools.</p> <p>1868—Thomas A. Edison gets his first patent, for an electric vote recording machine.</p> <p>1811—The <i>Juliana</i>, the first steam-powered ferryboat, begins operating between New York City and Hoboken.</p> <p>1809—At a tavern called Grinder's Stand explorer Meriwether Lewis cuts his wrists and shoots himself twice—according to the official version of events.</p>	<p>2004—Thieves break into Lucas County Democratic Party HQ in Toledo, OH, taking computers holding essential information.</p> <p>2000—In the port of Aden, Yemen, the destroyer <i>U.S.S. Cole</i> is badly damaged. Seventeen sailors are killed by a terrorist bomb aboard a small boat coming alongside.</p> <p>1972—Forty-seven men are injured during a race riot aboard the <i>U.S.S. Kitty Hawk</i>.</p> <p>1970—Lieut. William Calley is court-martialed for killing 102 civilians in My Lai.</p> <p>1969—Navy nurse Susan Schnell drops anti-war leaflets from a plane onto a California military base.</p> <p>1961—The FBI launches a "Socialist Worker Disruption Program."</p> <p>1960—Otoya Yamaguchi, 17, a right-wing ultranationalist, fatally stabs Inejiro Asanuma, leader of the Japanese Socialists, with a sword during a televised debate.</p> <p>1945—Cpl. Desmond Doss, an ex-medic and conscientious objector, becomes the first non-combatant to receive the Medal of Honor.</p> <p>1917—The First Battle of Passchendaele begins: 13,000 Allied casualties, no advance.</p> <p>1902—Mine owners in Pana, IL import strike-breakers. Violence ensues. Fourteen die and 25 are wounded.</p> <p>1492—A lost European begins oppressing native Americans.</p>
Sunday, October 13	Monday, October 14	Tuesday, October 15	Wednesday, October 16	Thursday, October 17	Friday, October 18	Saturday, October 19
<p>2004—Andrea Mackris sues her former boss, Bill O'Reilly, for making lewd phone calls. Two weeks later O'Reilly pays her to shut up.</p> <p>2004—George W. Bush claims during a televised debate, "Gosh, I don't think I ever said I'm not worried about Osama bin Laden. That's kind of one of those exaggerations," directly contradicting his own statement of March 3, 2002 that he's "not that much concerned about him."</p> <p>1991—A lie detector test suggests Anita Hill is telling the truth about Clarence Thomas.</p> <p>1972—Seventy-five years after the land for it was allocated, the Burns Paiute Indian reservation in Oregon is created.</p> <p>1972—A plane carrying a Uruguayan rugby team crashes high in the Andes, leading to culinary experimentation.</p> <p>1812—U.S. Gen. Van Rensselaer sends a troop of regulars across the Canadian border. Those who aren't shot are forced to surrender. A troop of U.S. militia then refuses orders to invade.</p> <p>1754—Molly Pitcher is born in New Hampshire.</p> <p>1660—"I went ... to see Major General Harrison hanged, drawn, and quartered," writes Samuel Pepys in his diary. "He was looking as cheerful as any man could do in that condition."</p>	<p>2001—Delta Flight 458 (Atlanta-Newark) is diverted to Charlotte after two praying Orthodox Jews are mistaken for terrorists.</p> <p>1982—Ronald Reagan declares "War on Drugs."</p> <p>1978—Jimmie Carter legalizes home brewing of beer.</p> <p>1968—27 soldiers are arrested at the Presidio for protesting conditions in the stockade. The same day, the Pentagon announces that 24,000 troops will be going back to Vietnam for a second tour—involuntarily.</p> <p>1962—A U-2 flying over Cuba photographs medium-range ballistic missile sites being built.</p> <p>1947—Two broken ribs be damned: Chuck Yeager breaks the sound barrier.</p> <p>1943—Prisoners in the Sobibor extermination camp revolt, killing many of their SS officers and guards. Half the 600 prisoners escape the camp under fire.</p> <p>1919—Forbidden to discuss their pay by <i>Vanity Fair</i>, Robert Benchley and Dorothy Parker wear signs stating their salaries.</p> <p>1912—Anarchist William Shrenck shoots Teddy Roosevelt in the chest and later says "any man looking for a third term ought to be shot." Roosevelt, bleeding, delivers a 90 minute speech.</p> <p>1864—The <i>New Orleans Tribune</i>, America's first black daily, begins.</p>	<p>2008—The Dow loses 7.8 percent of its value in its 2nd worst day ever.</p> <p>2004—Jon Stewart appears on CNN's "Crossfire" and begs Tucker Carlson to "stop hurting America."</p> <p>Less than 90 days later CNN announces the show is over.</p> <p>1997—On Nevada's Black Rock Desert, RAF pilot Andy Green breaks the sound barrier in a jet-driven, 110,000 horsepower car.</p> <p>1991—The Senate confirms Clarence Thomas as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.</p> <p>1974—To great fanfare but little effect, Gerald Ford's "Whip Inflation Now" campaign begins.</p> <p>1966—Huey Newton and Bobby Seale form the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense.</p> <p>1965—David Miller becomes the first to publicly burn his draft card in Vietnam War protest.</p> <p>1959—A nuke-laden B-52 and a fuel-laden KC-135 collide over Kentucky; we get off easy.</p> <p>1923—The Senate begins investigating suddenly prosperous Interior Secretary Albert Fall, a Republican who leased the Navy's Teapot Dome oilfield to a friend.</p> <p>1917—Exotic dancer Mata Hari, convicted of spying for Germany, is shot by a French firing squad.</p> <p>1910—Melvin Vaniman, aboard the airship <i>America</i>, transmits the first in-flight radio message: "Roy, come and get this goddamn cat."</p>	<p>2000—Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan dies in a plane crash but goes on to defeat John Ashcroft in the November election for Senate.</p> <p>1976—<i>Billboard</i> lists <i>Disco Duck</i> as the country's #1 song.</p> <p>1973—Henry Kissinger somehow gets the Nobel Peace Prize.</p> <p>1972—House Majority Leader Hale Boggs (D-LA), Rep. Nick Begich (D-AK), and several others disappear during an airplane flight in Alaska.</p> <p>1968—Tommy Smith and John Carlos raise Black Power salutes at the Mexico Olympics.</p> <p>1962—At breakfast, President John F. Kennedy finds he's got a Cuban Missile Crisis on his plate.</p> <p>1920—In New York, more than 30,000 Great War veterans march to demand a bonus.</p> <p>1869—Well-diggers in Cardiff, NY unearth what seems to be a ten-foot tall petrified man. The "Cardiff Giant" is later found to be a tobacco-plant's hoax.</p> <p>1859—Abolitionist John Brown attacks Harper's Ferry.</p> <p>1814—Ruptured vats in a London brewery release 323,346 gallons of beer, drowning seven.</p> <p>1715—Daniel Fowle is baptized at First Church of Boston.</p> <p>1660—John Cooke, who had prosecuted King Charles I for treason in 1649, is drawn and quartered for the same crime under Charles II.</p>	<p>2006—George W. Bush signs the Military Commissions Act, <i>habeas corpus</i> be damned.</p> <p>2003—The day after the Yankees win the pennant, a <i>New York Post</i> editorial congratulates the Red Sox for winning the pennant.</p> <p>1999—Lissa Roche commits suicide after confessing she had a 19-year affair with her father-in-law, George Roche III, the president of Hillsdale College, "the most conservative college in America."</p> <p>1973—OPEC shuts the tap.</p> <p>1966—The anarchist collective "The Diggers" holds its first free feed in San Francisco.</p> <p>1927—Harry F. Sinclair's trial for conspiracy in the Teapot Dome scandal begins. It ends two weeks later when it's revealed Sinclair has hired detectives to shadow the jury.</p> <p>1888—Thomas Alva Edison files a patent for an "Optical Phonograph" — a movie camera.</p> <p>1874—Pioneering photographer Eadward Muybridge guns down Major Harry Larkyns, his wife's lover. He's later acquitted.</p> <p>1871—President Grant suspends the writ of <i>habeas corpus</i>.</p> <p>1781—After Yorktown, British General Cornwallis surrenders. The Revolution is won.</p> <p>1777—British General "Gentleman Johnny" Burgoyne surrenders at Saratoga; the course of the Revolution has changed.</p>	<p>2011—Ohioan Terry Thompson releases his menagerie of 56 exotic animals including lions, leopards, and tigers, then kills himself.</p> <p>2004—Ortiz's 2nd walk-off homer in a day wins Game 5 for the Sox.</p> <p>2003—The president of Bolivia is driven out of office (and country) by disgruntled peasants tired of his knuckling under to corrupt international energy companies.</p> <p>1973—RIP Walt Kelly.</p> <p>1939—Birth of Lee Harvey Oswald.</p> <p>1929—The Canadian gov't declares women are "persons."</p> <p>1927—IWW strike closes Colorado coal mines.</p> <p>1898—Puerto Rico is colonized by the U.S.</p> <p>1867—We get the deed to Alaska hired detectives to shadow the jury.</p> <p>1860—British troops burn the imperial summer palace of the Manchu emperors towards the end of the Second Opium War.</p> <p>1854—At a meeting in Ostend, U.S. ministers to Spain, France and Germany declare Cuba indispensable to U.S. security interests and recommend to President Franklin Pierce that he purchase it. Sicily beats him to it.</p> <p>1775—British ships under Capt. Henry Mowat destroy Falmouth [Portland, ME] with an incendiary bombardment. Collateral damage: Mowat's career & British control.</p>	<p>2005—Sen. Judd Gregg (R-NH) wins \$853,492 in the Powerball lottery. A dying woman whose real estate deposit he has refused to return receives exactly none of it.</p> <p>2005—Saddam Hussein goes on trial in Baghdad for crimes against humanity and Bushes.</p> <p>2004—Riot police maintain order long enough for the (bloody) Red Sox to beat the Yankees 4 to 2 in Game 6 of the ALCS.</p> <p>2000—George W. Bush says at the Al Smith Memorial Dinner, "This is an impressive crowd, the haves and the have-mores. Some people call you the elite. I call you my base."</p> <p>1987—The stock market drops 22 percent on "Black Monday" — economists still cannot agree why.</p> <p>1982—Automaker J. DeLorean is arrested with 59 lbs. of coke.</p> <p>1972—Philippine police shoot and kill Kinshichi Kozuka, Japan's penultimate WWII II holdout.</p> <p>1962—Air Force General Curtis LeMay recommends direct military intervention in Cuba.</p> <p>1960—Pres. Eisenhower slaps a trade embargo on Cuba.</p> <p>1936—Watertown, MA becomes the first town to fingerprint its high school students.</p> <p>1864—St. Albans, VT is attacked by twenty Confederate cavalrymen riding south from Canada. They rob three banks and escape with more than \$200,000.</p>

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