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The Fortnightly Rant

A Sickening Situation

According to one of the nation's two* mandated major political parties, Americans enjoy the benefits of the finest health care system in the world. Those who put this claim forward — and whose voices are selected for broadcast — are generally able to do so with confidence because for them it may actually be true.

The average American, though, is going to die 73 weeks younger than the average Slovenian. Adding financial insult to this mortal injury, he will pay twice as much for the privilege.

These figures are extracted from a global analysis published this month by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development [OECD]. Of course, one of our major U.S. political parties would almost surely reject the findings of the OECD on the grounds that its headquarters are in Paris and its current head is Mexican.

Besides, the political party in question surely has access to a whole library of studies which say the exact opposite. They will have been written by subsidized scholars generously funded by the same corporate interests that support the party that quotes the scholars. And their critics claim that the party doesn't care about protecting ecosystems

You Call That Protection?

Americans who've been dealt a harsh setback, like divorce or the loss of a job, have traditionally been given encouragement with

* It's been mathematically proven that elections held under winner-take-all rules — which are the norm in the U.S. — inevitably result in two-party political systems. A switch to ranked-choice voting — a method entirely compatible with our present Constitution — could break the current two-party stranglehold on politics.

the old adage “after all, you've still got your health.”

But what can one say to the sick? “Buck up, you've still got your money?” Not for long, they won't — even if they've got health insurance.

An online price comparison site called *NerdWallet.com* recently concluded that “despite having year-round insurance coverage, 10 million insured Americans between the ages of 19 and 64 will face medical bills they are unable to pay; and 1.7 million Americans live in households that will declare bankruptcy due to their inability to pay their medical bills.”

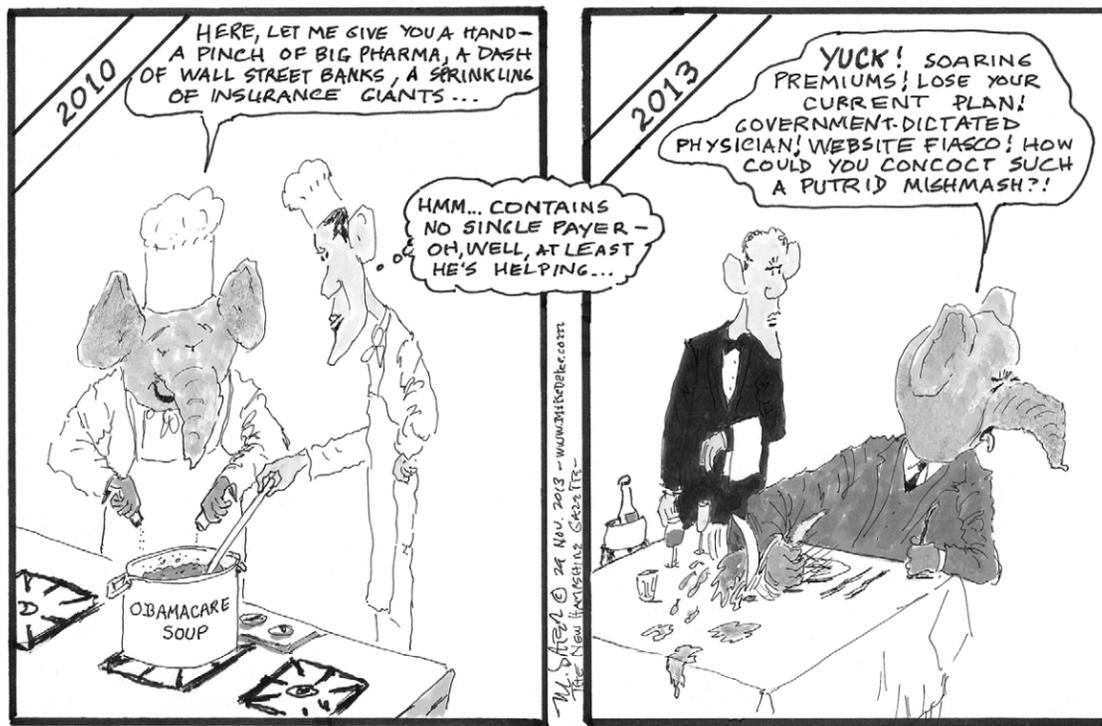
How Did We Get Here?

Anyone waking up to find himself chained to a wall in a rat-infested dungeon would be justified in asking, how the hell did I get here? Those who must rely on the American health care system deserve an answer to that same question.†

A few American businesses began offering health insurance as a fringe benefit about a century ago. It made for a happier, healthier workforce, which generated higher profits. Employers naturally hired the healthiest employees they could find, which tended to keep premiums in check.

Insurance companies, unwilling to forgo their profits, lobbied the business community to maintain the status quo. Government intervention, they argued, would lessen employers' influence over their workers — and might result in higher premiums. The fiercest opponent of Federal health care

† Our source for this history was “Business Opposition to Nationalized Healthcare,” a paper by Rebecca Sziper of the University of Washington, submitted in 2010 to the Harry Bridges Center, in fulfillment of a Washington State Labor Research Grant.



laws, though, throughout the 20th century, was the American Medical Association [AMA].

Despite the best efforts of the insurance racket and the AMA, employer-funded health insurance exploded during World War II. The Federal government imposed wage and price controls to keep defense industries humming.

With labor in short supply, and barred from offering higher wages, employers dangled health insurance before sought-after employees. By the late 1940s more than half the companies employing fewer than 250 people, and more than two-thirds of those employing more than 250, were offering health insurance of some kind.

Harry = Hitler

Harry Truman tried to pass unified health insurance system which would have been funded by a payroll tax, with workers and employers each paying 6 percent. That prompted the AMA to issue a pre-Internet example of God-

‡ First postulated in 1990, Godwin's Law asserts that, “as an online discussion grows longer, the probability of a comparison involving Nazis or Hitler approaches 1.”

win's Law[‡] in action: “the placing of American medicine under the control of the federal government through a system of federal compulsory sickness insurance is the first step toward a regimentation of utilities, of industries, of finance and eventually of labor itself. This is the kind of regimentation that led to totalitarianism in Germany and the downfall of that nation.”

Him Again

About a decade later, trying to thwart the passage of Medicare, the AMA organized Operation Coffee Cup: doctors' wives would invite groups of acquaintances to come over for coffee; during these visits, the ladies would write letters to their Congressmen denouncing the plan while listening to a 10-minute LP recording titled, “Ronald Reagan Speaks Out Against Socialized Medicine.”

Nice Racket

Eventually the three-way relationship among insurers, employers, and employees went from semi-symbiotic to mostly para-

sitic. For employers, the cost of fringe benefits like health insurance was tax deductible; everybody else made up the shortfall. Insurers padded their rates to ensure their own fat profits. Then they kicked back “dividends” to the employers, reducing their real costs considerably. The poor employees, who had bargained away their hard wages to get those fringe benefits, ended up on the short end.

Having evolved in such a swamp-like milieu, is it any wonder that our current so-called system is such an unholy mess? The big players in our health care industry have always operated as if the Founding Fathers wrote their right to profit from human frailty directly into the Constitution.

Our health care system is a direct reflection of our political system — for Americans who bitterly cling to their mortal skin envelopes, that can and should be a terrifying prospect.

If you woke up alive this morning, congratulations! And thank you lucky stars!

The Alleged News

GOP: “Evil Democrat Harry Reid Has Poisoned the Senate's Cozy, Collegial Atmosphere”

The U.S. Constitution bestows on the Senate the authority to advise the Executive Branch regarding its Federal judicial nominees. If the Senate finds those nominees wanting, it has the power to withhold consent.

The Founders appear to have simply assumed that, faced with qualified nominees, and lacking just cause to withhold it, the Senate would grant its consent.

The Eighteenth Century surely must have had its share of useless peckerwoods, but apparently James Madison never met the likes of Lindsey Graham, Mitch McConnell, or Ted Cruz.

Since January of 2007 the Majority Leader of the Senate has

been Harry Reid, a Democrat from Nevada. Reid, born in 1939, grew up in a home without a telephone or an indoor toilet. His father was a miner and his mother took in washing, including the sheets from a local whorehouse.

On November 21st, having witnessed on his own watch half of the filibusters ever mounted against Federal judicial nominees, Reid ran out of forbearance. He changed the filibuster rule that Republicans had been perverting.

In response, Senator Ted Cruz [R-TX] told Bloomberg News' Al Hunt that Reid's move would “poison the atmosphere of the Senate.”

In other D.C. news, a mugger

complained to his fence that an involuntary client had smeared blood all over his previously-pristine switchblade.

Scrupulously non-partisan political commentators, who would

not say “false equivalence” if they had a mouthful, gravely observed that Reid's move was not without risk for his own party.

Return of the Death Panels!

Cruz's reaction to Reid's maneuver was relatively mild compared to that of Fox News' Megyn Kelly. While Cruz merely suggested that Reid was plotting to gas a relative handful of old white men, Kelly as much as said that the President wants to deify himself, then murder everyone's Grandma and Grandpa.

Reid's move gave the President “near-absolute power to appoint whoever he wants,” Kelly deceptively explained, even unto appointing the members of “the

so-called Independent Payment Advisory Board,” aka IPAB.

IPAB, she explained, “is tasked with finding ways to cut Medicare costs, with what critics are calling almost God-like powers.”

“It's been very controversial, this board,” Kelly reiterated, modestly leaving unspoken her employer's role in making it so, “and according to my next guest, almost zero accountability will be had to the people [sic].”

Spelling it out for the slow learners in her audience, Kelly said, “this is the panel that led to the Sarah Palin claim of ‘death



The Alleged News

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panels,' which was then maligned and so on."

Kelly's guest, some nonentity from an obscure institute of alleged higher learning in Florida, obliging said, "Yeah — it's an amazing power move, because, basically, what it's going to allow the President to do is appoint these fifteen members to the IPAB with a simple 51 vote majority in the Senate. That's a real game changer, because that's going to allow the President to put the most radical people on this important board that does have these God-like powers." The name of Dr. Ezekiel Emmanuel was dutifully evoked, to instill fear of The Other.

"This whole board was designed to sort of bypass the political process to allow a bunch of unelected, politically-unaccountable elites to make these tough spending decisions about health care for our seniors" — instead of corporate

CEOs, as God intended.

In other news, the sun continues to rise in the east. Apparently there's no profit to be had in forcing it to rise in the west.

You're No Ray Burton

Thirty years ago, when the editor of This Olde Rag was mimeographing a newsletter for disgruntled Vietnam veterans from a \$40-a-month office in Concord, the late Executive Councilor Ray Burton, a Republican from Bath, was one of two New Hampshire politicians who spontaneously offered assistance. The other was Chris Spirou, a Democrat. Spirou turned out to be trolling for votes; Burton actually helped.

Josh Youssef, of Laconia, now offers to fill Burton's shoes. A Republican who was trounced in a 2012 bid for District 7's State Senate seat, Youssef recently posted his thoughts regarding health insurance on his Facebook page.

"When someone buys insurance for their health they're betting against themselves ... betting that the odds of sickness



This elegant new chandelier now graces the dome of the Music Hall. It replaces an earlier unit which can be seen on the page opposite.

are greater than their odds of health. That mindset disincentivizes people away from caring for themselves the way they would if they had no safety net. To me I would prefer to keep my money in the bank under my control and spend it directly on health care in the event of an emergency rather than cede control to an insurance company or even worse the government."

Because life's been dull since Stella Tremblay "retired," we wish Youssef all the luck in the world.

Let There Be Light — Lots of It

The Music Hall proudly revealed a grand new chandelier at an aptly named Crystal Ball on November 16th. The new unit, donated by Rockingham Lighting, was made by Framburg of Bellwood, IL, which says it's been "designing and handcrafting fixtures in the United States longer than anyone else."

All this hoopla over the new fixture, coupled with a Facebook post, piqued our curiosity about

what the new chandelier had replaced.

"If you've ever looked up while seated at The Music Hall," Sarah Lachance wrote on November 6th, "chances are you've seen the garbage can lid chandelier. My grandfather, who is no longer with us, rigged this lighting fixture to replace the previous one ... While I'm sad to see it go, it makes me happy to know that his Yankee ingenuity was for so many years a part of the experience and folklore of The Music Hall."

Barry A. Fritz Sr. was the Music Hall's projectionist, Lachance told us, and "a typical New Englander — he liked to do things his own way, and liked to get what needed to be done, done." Born in Portsmouth in 1936, he graduated from Portsmouth High in 1955. In addition to the Music Hall, then called the Civic, he also worked as a projectionist at the Colonial, where Eagle Photo used to be and Popovers is now. He traveled as far as Bar Harbor

to cover shifts for vacationing projectionists in other towns. He died in 2000, just three days shy of thirteen years before the new chandelier was turned on for the first time.

"He always had a love of movies. I remember when we'd spend time with him we would always start with a visit to the video store. We'd have to pick something out that had been made before, usually, 1960. Preferably a musical."

Really? A practical Yankee handyman, who later went on to own and operate Fritz Refrigeration for 25 years — he was a fan of musicals?

Why not? The Music Hall seems to have been his natural milieu. "He was a renaissance man. He was a piano player. His grandmother was a pianist for silent movies." During the renovation of the Music Hall in 1986, assisted by his son, Barry Jr. — Sarah's step-father — Fritz also installed the theater's new heating and air conditioning system.

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We asked Monte Bohanon what would become of the old chandelier. He invited us to come see; it's now in a place of honor, he said, illuminating what had been a dark corner backstage. In the course of our conversation he spontaneously referred to it by a name we think deserves to stick: he called it, "The Trashcandelier."

Life In the Media Trenches

Spotlight, the weekly entertainment section of the Award-Winning Local Daily, has a new editor about whom we know nothing. For years, that position was more than capably filled by the witty and charming J.L. Stevens. We once ran a photo of her walking in the Halloween Parade, hilariously costumed as a flasher. She seems to have been set adrift now by the AWLD's new owners.

Rupert Murdoch sold the AWLD on September 3rd, along with the rest of the Dow Jones Local Media Group, to GateHouse Media. At the time, GateHouse was described by the *Illinois Times'* Bruce Rushton as "a festering financial disaster of epic proportion."

Not exactly known for quality journalism, the chain does appear

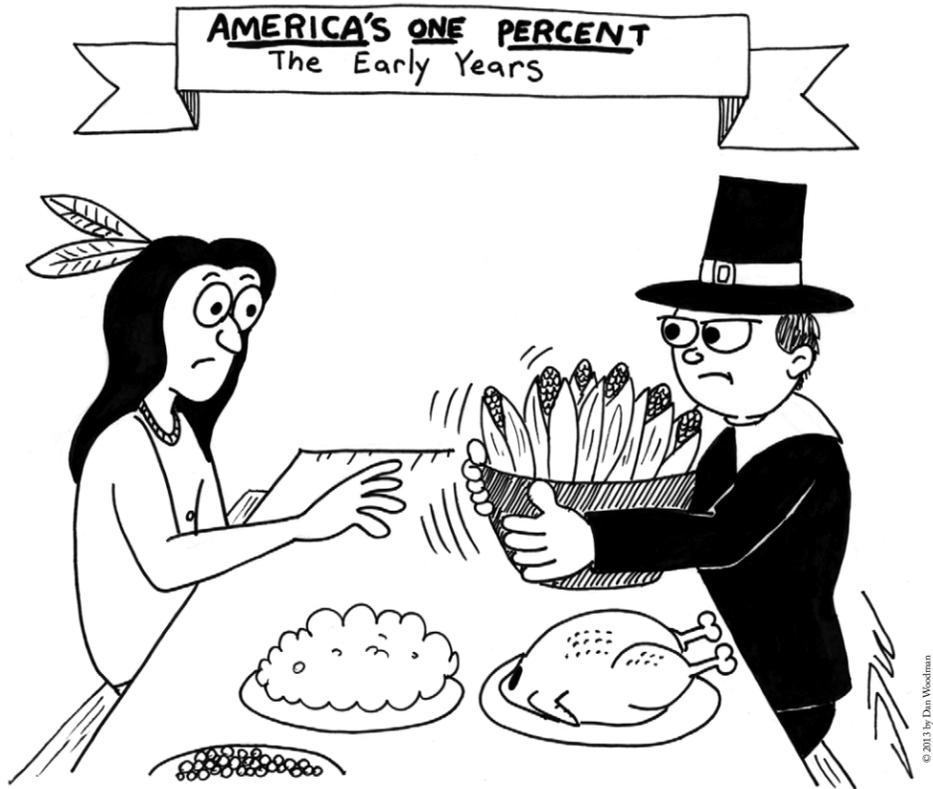
adept at financial legerdemain. On September 27th, GateHouse officially filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. On November 6th, according to the Rochester, NY, *Democrat and Chronicle*, a bankruptcy court judge approved the newspaper chain's plan to walk away from \$1.2 billion in debt. As of December 16th, GateHouse will be "solvent" again.

Whatever GateHouse paid its lawyers, the company got a bargain. During each of its eighty days in bankruptcy, it shed \$15,000,000 in debt.

The website *Glassdoor.com* allows employees to anonymously rate the companies for which they work. One of the "pro" comments about GateHouse: "It was a great way to get some published clips, they pretty much let interns write/cover anything and they'll publish it."

Another: "Endurance is easier after seeing hard-working, entry-level colleagues work for nothing."

Among the "cons:" "Execs hire paranoid middle managers who care more about smacking down company dissent than good journalism. 'Incubator newsroom' is



[GateHouse] corporate lingo for "Sh*t pay, no raises."

Under "Advice to Senior Management," we found, "Your reporters are starving while you get millions in debt-money bonuses. How can you call yourself a champion of community journalism when you outsource work to India and barely pay your over-worked reporters who actually live in these towns?"

Another bit of advice: "All of you getting on a bus and promptly going over a cliff would be a good start."

Over the years, as it suffered under the stewardship of Lord Kenneth of Fleet and, later, Rupert Murdoch — a couple of the world's most notable billionaire cheapskates — we have had great sport beating up on the AWLD.

It may not have shown, but we've always empathized with those who produced it. Never more so than now, as they labor for a faceless corporate entity which makes those pikers look like liberals.

Flag Police Tentacle Porn

[Note: Thanks to the independent, non-governmental declassification organization WikiLeaks.org, we are able to publish the following exchange, surreptitiously intercepted by the National Security Agency, between Officer Krupke of the Flag Police and his shadowy Chief. — The Ed.]

11/22/13 — Chief: Exhibit A

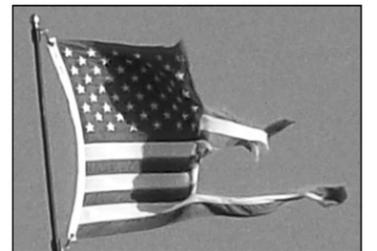


[above] shows our beloved so-called National Standard, now flying atop the huge crane by the [New Memorial] bridge. Apparently the corporate owners underestimated the far-reaching tentacles of the Flag Police. — Yours, Krupke.

Krupke: Not the first time we've been underestimated. Well

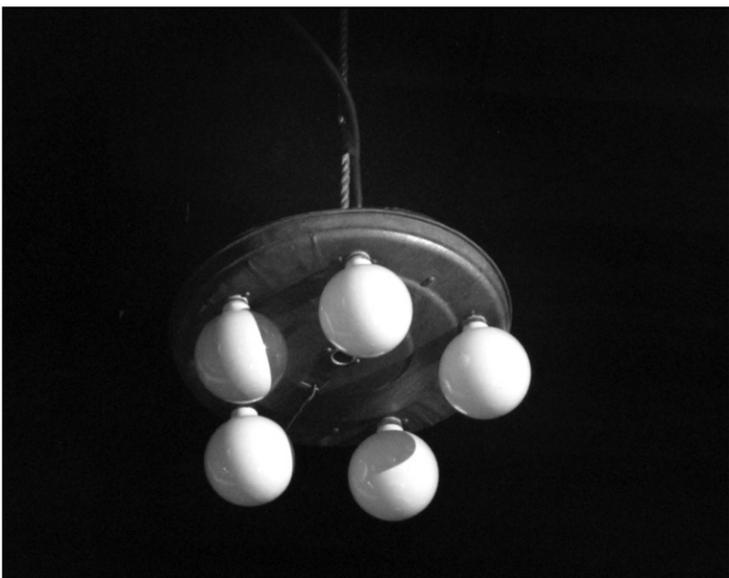
done; you have clearly captured what our patron saint Cartier-Bresson called "the decisive moment." One of the most egregious violations of the year. Incredibly tattered. You are hereby issued one extra donut. — The Chief.

11/25/13 — Chief: After the big blow yesterday, the ravages are even more ravaged. [See Exhibit B, below.]



Pretty soon the boys will have nothing left to bust — just a naked pole up there. — Krupke.

Krupke: Egad! Put down the donuts. Alert the SWAT Team. The keys to the Bearcat are under the doormat. Cordon off the area. Issue a Barbara Fritchie alert. Subpoena the NHDOT. — The Chief.



The Trashcandelier, after illuminating The Music Hall's auditorium for nearly half a century, has gone into semi-retirement; suspended by a piece of rope, it now lights up a backstage corner.

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Getting a Leg Up on the Competition

A Great Moment in Gender Equality

There are large glasses and there are small glasses but when the local Moose Lodge held an outing, even the largest glass could not keep local contender Mildred Cuddeback from entering the famed beer drinking contest, where (much to the surprise of onlookers) she took home the blue ribbon.

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Stiles Has No Substance!

To the Editor

Our State Senator Nancy Stiles, with her recent behavior on Medicaid expansion, has proven to be a major disappointment. Alas! We have Stiles and no substance.

The failure is in her action not her words. Our Senator is famous for her stock statement "I'm here to listen." The problem is she listens but doesn't hear. Her other political ploy is to never commit to a position until the actual vote. This allows her to play both sides and avoid conflict. Nice for Nancy, not so nice for the political process.

Most citizens want their elected officials to: develop well thought out positions and then stick with them, keep their constituents informed about their position, and inform the voters if they plan to change. We like consistency, predictability and reliability in our representatives. We don't like last minute reversals or surprises that save our Senator from defending her position in public debate.

There was a brief glimmer of hope for Senator Stiles when she voted favorably for Medicaid expansion when on the Governors bipartisan study committee. I actually thought she was ready to put the substance of responsible governing before the style of political pandering. Then she reversed herself completely from the recommendation she endorsed as a member of the commission by helping to kill the ini-

tiative in the Senate! Senator, in the space of days did you forget all the professional testimony before the commission? I guess you were there to listen but not remember. We will remember and expect a more complete and accurate explanation than your op-ed today, of how a vote to move forward turns into a vote to move backward virtually overnight. To whom are you listening?

Being for something before you are against it seems to be a real element of Senator Stiles' political modus operandi. She played this game on school vouchers too.

Unfortunately, being without insurance is no game for the thousands of citizens Senator Stiles has decided to exclude from Medicaid, even though it is free to the state.

No expanded healthcare, no new jobs, no economic stimulus, no peace of mind is the Christmas message Senator Stiles is sending to her constituents this year. Looks like her style of holiday giving is coal in everyone's stocking.

Dave Potter
N. Hampton, NH

The Health - Wealth Gap

To the Editor:

American men and women can expect to blow out their birthday candles at an average age of 75 and 80 respectively. That sounds respectable, globally speaking. But American women's life expectancy — hold onto your hats — ranks next to last, and American men rank dead last, in seventeen "peer countries" (such as Australia, Canada, Japan and most of Europe) studied in a joint National Research Council and Institute of Medicine report.

Americans not only die sooner, but also suffer higher rates of diseases and injuries than other high income countries, the report found.

Specifically, U.S. health falls

short in nine broad areas: adverse birth outcomes (including infant mortality and low birth rates), injuries and homicides, sexually transmitted diseases, drug and alcohol-related deaths, obesity and diabetes, heart and lung disease and disability from arthritic and other physical limitations.

While it's a given that for many years American health care has been fragmented with many under or uninsured and with costs becoming more and more prohibitive, still the problems with our health care system account for only about 10 percent of premature deaths, the experts say.

Individual behaviors are a major cause of untimely deaths. Americans consume more calories, misuse more prescription and illicit drugs, have more alcohol-related traffic accidents and experience more violent deaths than their counterparts elsewhere in the world.

We also have the highest rate of poverty and income differential among wealthy countries, which undermines our health in a number of ways. For example, The U.S. ranks the highest in child poverty according to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. More than one in five Americans children live below the federal poverty level, making them more likely to suffer from asthma and obesity and have poorer nutrition, less access to health care and vaccination rates.

Babies born here to mothers of low socioeconomic status are on more adverse trajectories from the moment of birth, says Nancy Adler, Ph.D., University of California. Exposure to stress *in utero* seems to make them more reactive to stressors in older age. "Often you don't see the disease until later in life, but the seeds may have been planted in childhood," she says.

Adults with lower socioeconomic status in the U.S. are more

Mash Notes, **HATE MAIL,**

likely to experience high blood pressure, obesity, heart disease, infectious diseases and mental illness, according to Adler and colleagues.

After decades of research, Richard Wilkinson, University of Nottingham Medical School, has shown that societies with greater inequities suffer more health and social problems. People in more egalitarian societies live longer, experience less violence, have lower rates of obesity and teen pregnancy, are less likely to use illicit drugs and enjoy better mental health than their counterparts in countries with a wide divide between halves and have-nots.

Inequality seems to do its dirty work through the biology of chronic stress, says Wilkinson. "The immune system is down-regulated, tissue repair and growth slow down, and reproductive functions are put on hold."

In unequal societies competition is fierce and we worry about our place in the pecking order. Often that translates to a constant, low-level, anxiety. People trust each other less and community life weakens. Inequality effects the whole social fabric.

CNN reported on October 23rd that 34 percent of Americans have resolved to work until they're 80, and even a larger percentage "... until they get too sick or die ..."

Middle-class America is shrinking with over three-fourths living from paycheck to paycheck. The money is going to the top. In the last 150 years, every time we got to a point of inequality, reformers stepped in to save capitalism from its own excesses. Today, immersed as we are in divisive politics, we may lose sight of the bigger picture.

Many believe our priorities are woefully misguided as we spend

more on the military than on issues that divide us — poverty, inequality, discrimination and education.

"The imbalance between rich and poor is the oldest and most fatal ailment of all republics." — Plutarch 46-120 AD, Greek historian and essayist.

Michael Kulla
Pleasant Valley, NY

The Gettysburg Address

To the Editor:

It was interesting to note that on NBC Nightly News today (November 19th) they spent more time covering the impending 50th anniversary of the JFK assassination, and of Caroline Kennedy's appearance with the Emperor of Japan, than they did on Lincoln's dedication of the cemetery at Gettysburg. [And there was] a lot less coverage in our award-winning local newspaper.

I think that it tells a lot about the state of news coverage today. [NBC] probably didn't have good video, and Lincoln was not all that good looking and had a high squeaky voice with a bad accent.

I do wonder if "we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain — that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom..." A look at our current political state in Washington suggests that we have dishonored those dead and most of the ones who followed.

Dan Mannschreck
Eliot ME

Dan:
Perhaps this is why Memorial Day and Veterans Day come but once a year: any more often and the shame would overwhelm us.

The Editor

Medicaid Expansion

To the Editor:

Last Tuesday I attended the

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public hearing in Concord regarding the expansion of Medicaid in New Hampshire. I was struck by the real life stories told there: from the young people struggling with chronic alcohol and drug problems who need long term treatment to help them rebuild their lives and become productive citizens, to the single mother born with Type I diabetes whose job did not pay enough for her to afford the medication she needed to stay healthy enough to work, to the woman who had a small business, worked two jobs, and still had to choose between health insurance and paying the rent; these people and others all described a life of daily anxiety about being "one bad thing" away from homelessness.

Hospitals, doctors and other healthcare providers see these problems close-up. One hospital caregiver told of the countless people who repeatedly end up in the emergency room because of chronic untreated conditions, receive expensive treatment to stabilize them, and then are released with no resources to get the medication and followup care they need to keep themselves healthy and productive. The Business and Industry Alliance testified in support of expanding Medicaid saying it would be helpful for the health of the people and improve the economy.

New Hampshire can get federal funding to expand Medicaid for single people making less than \$15,800 a year. Last June the New Hampshire House voted for this expansion, a straightforward and clean solution for tens of thousands of low income Granite Staters. Republicans, who hold the majority in the Senate, refused this plan.

A bipartisan commission was set up to study the issue and came

up with a compromise recommendation. Governor Hassan called a special session of the legislature to consider it. The House passed a bill which implemented the recommendation and compromised with the Senate by agreeing to, over time, shift enrolled adults from Medicaid to private insurance through the federal insurance exchanges. The Senate came up with a complicated bill with an unrealistic timeframe for this transition which, because of the need for a federal waiver and more insurance companies to participate in the exchanges, practically guarantees that insured people would lose coverage after one year.

This "not my problem" attitude is shameful in a state as well educated as ours. Why has the New Hampshire Republican Senate leadership become so mean-spirited, small minded and short sighted? It is time for a values and reality check. My senator is Nancy Stiles and I urge her to do what is right.

Cynthia Muse
Rye, NH
Cynthia:

Alas, the Senator was not listening.

The Editor

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Mr. Scrooge Writes ...

To the Editor:

We have heard from all the special interests. It's unanimous, the organizations that would receive more of the money that hard-working Americans pay in taxes want Medicaid expansion. Is that a legitimate reason for Medicaid expansion? No.

If someone doesn't have health insurance, is that a reason why taxpayers should have to pay for that person's insurance? No. However, we do provide Medicaid for certain poor people, children, disabled, blind, pregnant women,

and low income families.

One question is, what percent of the population should be considered "poor" enough to burden taxpayers? Five percent? Ten percent? One third?

More than one out of every ten New Hampshire residents is already covered by Medicaid. With Medicaid expansion, about one of every seven New Hampshire residents would be covered ... that seems excessive.

A better question is, why add more people to Medicaid when Obamacare subsidizes low income people who buy their own insurance? Private insurance is more widely accepted than Medicaid and patients get better medical results.

The best question is why are we talking about Medicaid expansion when we should be talking about JOBS?

Obamacare, Medicaid expansion, extended unemployment benefits, expanded food stamps, and many other programs are just band-aids. They are attempts to cover up the fact that Democrat policies kill jobs, kill opportunities, kill hope, and build dependency on government ... as they have been doing for decades.

Instead of discussing Medicaid expansion, our politicians should be focusing on ending job-killing government regulations, eliminating the excess taxes that make businesses invest elsewhere, and implementing policies that reward creating good jobs that would allow Americans to buy the things they need, including health insurance, and want, including a secure and comfortable future.

Don Ewing
Meredith, NH
Don:

For once, an accurate assertion: "We have heard from all the special interests." Yes, and it was they who refused to even consider a better health care reform than the Affordable Care Act.

Expanding Medicaid to cover one in seven New Hampshire residents "seems excessive?" How awful for you, that the cruelties of the real world offend your whimsical sense of proportion. Our condolences.

The Editor

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Obama Cares, Republicans Don't

To the Editor:

With all the heated accusations and the political posturing going on about the Affordable Care Act (ACA) it is easy to forget what this health care law was attempting to do. Yes, it is true that the law became quite complicated after concessions were made to some Republicans in Washington and after the health care industry negotiated and received as much for themselves as they could.

The law could have been as simple as Medicare for All. It is also true that the initial rollout of the government's website was not ready as promised, and had too many bugs that must be fixed. However, this health care program, which is now the law of the land, had as its goal to provide everyone in America with affordable and high quality health care. This would seem like something all Americans could support. It was modeled on a proposal from the conservative Heritage Foundation, which insisted that everyone pay something and that everyone must participate.

Everyone must participate because that is why we buy insurance, so it is there when we need it, even if we don't think we'll need it (try buying home insurance when your house is already on fire). It was also modeled on Gov. Romney's own health care law that is now working successfully in Massachusetts. There are really only two sides in the current debate: President Obama's and the Democrat's side which supports implementing this law vigorously so that every American can get high quality health care, and the



Republican side which does not want Americans to have affordable and quality health care. It is just that simple! (of course I know that not all Republicans oppose it, however, most of their leadership does). If you disagree, just ask Republicans how they would ensure quality health care for all Americans. Crickets!

They do not have an alternative, but are willing to go back to the good old days of our previous health care situation of rising costs and millions of Americans doing without health care. They are only interested in destroying this law anyway they can, regardless of the consequences for our country. They are not interested in fixing the government's website or amending the law to make it work better. They just want it repealed. That is why this discussion is really not complicated. If you agree with the President, you will want to do whatever is needed to make the law work, if you disagree you are probably trying to destroy this law anyway you can.

Peter Somssich
Portsmouth, NH

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Stiles Turns Her Back

To the Editor:

New Hampshire Republicans have once again placed politics over people. This week, State Senator Nancy Stiles of Hampton and her Republican colleagues voted

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Reverie With Coffee Spoon

by William Marvel

For more than 15 years I've been entirely self-employed, and like many in that position who enjoy what they do, I work at it seven days a week. To the frustration of my hard-working wife, that usually leaves me perfectly oblivious to what day of the week it is, especially since she often goes two or three weeks in a row without a day off herself. Unlike her, I have no daybook or personal calendar, and many a Sunday have I wondered where the hell the mailman is.

Somehow, remembering the day of the month comes easier for me. Perhaps it arises from the diarist's habit, or from a lifelong tendency to pay more attention to dates than to days. Dates work the same magic on me that Proust's petite madeleine did for him, initiating concentric rings of recollection as effectively as any scent or flavor. June 16, for instance, in-

evitably reminds me of my sweltering high school graduation, which precipitated a summer of hitchhiking to the nation's Civil War battlefields. I can still recall the naïve assumptions I carried to those then-unfamiliar sites, as well as the endless discoveries and epiphanies that have since transformed my impressions.

Dates of historical importance frequently coincide with events of more direct personal meaning, and sometimes the two are connected. December 7 was my parents' wedding anniversary, as well as the date of the attack on Pearl Harbor, where some of my father's former shipmates were killed. Had it not been for Pearl Harbor there would not have been a wedding, and I would not have been raised as a Navy brat, listening to sailors talk as though it were the only date in history. My parents' preoccupation with that doubly fatal Sunday flavored most of my childhood, which sometimes

reels away like a flickering silent film on the anniversary. My own birthday, which falls on VJ Day, pales by comparison.

The sadness of the most evocative date in the memory of my generation worsened for me when, as a stripling, I stood quaking before a justice of the peace on another November 22, with the figurative muzzle of a shotgun at my back. April 15 always brought pejorative connotations for its tax implications, the death of Abraham Lincoln, and the sinking of the Titanic, but I first ran away from home on April 15, and for decades the date brought back the hunger and hardship of that excursion. Now I also contemplate it as the anniversary of a most fortuitous contraband.

Every June 19, by breakfast, I remember looking at the sky over the IGA parking lot, with Thom Steele and Dave Bennett hovering overhead, asking where I was hurt. I can see the remains of my

motorcycle and the 1961 Chevrolet with which a half-blind old lady nearly put an end to my early-morning musings. Sometimes that involuntary vignette provokes images from the American West, to which I decamped as soon as the cast came off. The date, or the thought of travel, might then evoke the obliging skipper of the Cherbourg tour boat who, years later, carried me into the English Channel to circle over the grave of the Confederate cruiser *Alabama*, which sank on June 19; this in turn may launch more scenes from my peregrinations in pursuit of that ship's history.

September is the most fruitful month for these diurnal distractions. By sheer coincidence, the young and still-young-looking women who have held the longest and strongest grip on my affection were all born in the first week of autumn. As their birthdays dawn, one morning right after the other, my too-few days

with them pass in mnemonic cavalcade, arousing my gratitude for having known them and stirring the varieties of warmth that each still inspires. In many ways my regard for each mirrors my admiration for the others, causing the ripples of remembrance to intersect and overlap like dancers in the Petronella.

Nearly every date in the year represents something of significance, at least to me. As each leaf of the calendar peels away it triggers a host of old associations, all modified by intervening events and reflections. Understanding leavens experience, while time folds all life's losses and regrets within layers of sweeter recall. From a past warmed by memory arises the vision of a future less vivid, perhaps, but more soothing. The seasons retire endlessly in a comforting illusion of immortality, and each new day breathes an air of serene eternity.

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down a bill to expand Medicaid. In doing so, they rejected \$2.4 billion in Federal funds for New Hampshire that would strengthen the health and economic security of thousands of Granite State families.

Many had hoped that Senator Stiles would vote in favor of her constituents and 58,000 of our state's most vulnerable citizens. Instead, she succumbed to the all too familiar "my way or the highway" mentality of the New Hampshire GOP.

Sen. Stiles has let down the people of New Hampshire by refusing to compromise and thus denying hard working families

access to health care. Placing ideology over people is no way to govern and the people of her district will not forget her devastating vote this week.

Larry Drake
Portsmouth, NH

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LFDA supports Legalization
To the Editor:

Recently, the city of Portland, ME voted to legalize the possession of up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana by adults 21 and older, but not its sale or purchase. Under state and federal law, however, the drug is still illegal, which means possession can still lead to criminal summons and fines up to

\$1000.

In asking Live Free or Die Alliance (LFDA) Facebook members, "Do you think New Hampshire towns should follow suit?" 70 percent of commentators expressed support for the legalization of marijuana. In total, the LFDA received 498 citizen responses, including specific comments from 96 individuals supported by 351 concurrences. In addition to the aforementioned statistics, six percent agreed with the proposed legislation, while 24 percent did not offer a clear position.

Many in the majority cited its medicinal value, as one woman noted, "Cannabis does have many

medical benefits that has been tested by our government years ago and has many cures to many known medical conditions."

Others cited the revenue potential legalization of marijuana could generate. "I think all states should follow suit," said one respondent. "It will not only make it taxable and increase the state's revenue, it will allow our law enforcement agencies to focus on more serious issues."

For those against marijuana legalization, the predominant sentiment was one of general disdain. "Just another way to dumb down America," wrote one woman.

For the 24 percent who did not

offer a clear position, many advocated for decriminalization as opposed to legalization. "People shouldn't get put in jail and have their futures destroyed for simple possession," said one gentleman.

Despite the recent recommendation by the New Hampshire House Criminal Justice Committee to essentially kill HB 492, which would have legalized the recreational use of smaller amounts of marijuana for persons 21 and older, several respondents noted the current debate may be moot.

"It does not matter if you agree with a policy of legalized/medicinal marijuana or not," wrote one

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Punishing Poverty, Subsidizing Billionaires

by Jim Hightower

In this season of the fall harvest, Congress is proving once again that it is a very poor gardener — it keeps watering the weeds and pulling the flowers. A conference committee is presently meeting to hash out a new, five-year farm bill, and what a hash they're making of it!

For some 40 years, one of the best flowers in the farm-bill gar-

den has been the food stamp program, a symbiotic benefit for poor people and farmers alike. Since the crash of 2008, that flower has been especially worthy, keeping millions of knocked-down families from plunging into full-tilt poverty. Yet, with joblessness unabated and poverty increasing, \$5 billion was cut from food stamp benefits on November first, and the House now wants to yank \$4 billion a year more from it — and

subject recipients to drug testing and other gratuitous intrusions.

Meanwhile, the same gardeners are watering the farm program's noxious weeds. Specifically, they're growing a \$14 billion-a-year crop insurance subsidy that amounts to a guaranteed farm income for the largest, most-profitable agribusiness operations. Indeed, while the House wants to force food stamp recipients to prove that their incomes are low enough to qualify

for benefits, the crop insurance handout requires no means testing and has no limits on how much recipients can get. This means that billionaires who're only incidental "farmers" will be among the biggest beneficiaries.

And those billionaires are to be given one more little bennie — the farm bill would let them get their subsidies in secret, preventing taxpayers from knowing who gets how much.

You shouldn't be punished for being poor, and you shouldn't be subsidized if you're a billionaire. To help plant some seeds of common sense in American farm policy, contact the Environmental Working Group: www.ewg.org.

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gentleman, "It is coming."

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Rob Levey
LFDA Editor
Somersworth, NH

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The Most Basic Human Right

To the Editor:

A friend did warn me that PBS, home of "Sesame Street" and the last bastion of actual fair and balanced TV journalism, recently accepted a very large financial contribution from the Koch Brothers, the financial arm of the extremist Tea-Party movement. This would explain why I never watch TV and why I heard that the Angel of Death himself, former Vice President Dick Cheney, agreed to appear on Gwen Ifill's PBS Newshour, a couple of weeks ago, to promote his new book, "Heart: An American Medical

Odyssey," which bashes Obama-care and boasts about how free medical care kept him alive and active over the years despite his heart condition.

Cheney, who amassed tremendous personnel wealth during his long public career — interrupted only by a stint as the CEO of Halliburton — through manipulating government and special interests; and who did all he could to undermine democracy and the unalienable rights of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness for average citizens; was the recipient of: stents, defibrillators, an external battery-powered heart pump, a quadruple bypass and, most recently, a heart transplant at the age of 72.

One of a small handful of probing questions Ifill asked Cheney was, "As someone who has benefitted from excellent care, do you think that you would have survived as well as you appear to be doing today had you not been the Vice President, someone with access to that kind of care?" Cheney replied, "Well, the care I had basically most of the time, as I say, it was basically Blue Cross/Blue Shield that paid the bills for that whole period." Oh, of course! He whacked the softball follow-up question with, "Well the care

I got in terms of the procedures and the medications and so forth is available to anybody who is in the system." Which states exactly why we need to stand our ground on the ACA.

The GOP, especially its radical right wing, has demonstrated that it will relentlessly stop at nothing to undermine President Obama and — for profits — deny the most basic of human rights: health care to millions of Americans.

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, NH

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The DIY Party

To the Editor:

In tough economic times a "DIY" mentality gains favor: you can save money if you do it yourself. But for the Right Wing of the Republican Party, the DIY option has long been a principle in their outlook for society. Everyone should be on their own!

Self-reliance, independence and toughness are all great individual qualities. But when citizens are hurting it may not be the best qualities for the national attitude. Strong will cannot always win over the strong winds of adversity. Bad things happen — people get sick, factories close, spouses die, and nature does damage. A family's American dream can quickly

become a nightmare.

In tough economic times a shockingly high percentage of Americans are one bad thing away from bankruptcy or even homelessness. It is not helpful to those individuals, or society overall, if our collective response, at a time like this, is "fix it yourself." Yet the bedrock response of the far right is something along the line of — they must have brought it on themselves, why should we help?

So much for the legacy of compassionate conservatism or the forgotten lesson of the good Samaritan for the so called "religious right." They should put their energy into an attempt to commiserate with the needy rather than humiliate them.

You can see other aspects of this independent mindset in the Tea Party's love of DIY science and logic. If the facts don't support their position they create their own facts, and if they don't like the findings of the experts on a subject, they turn to their own "experts:" talk radio hosts, politicians and political pundits. As a result we have a body of "knowledge" on the right which contends that Obama is a Kenyan, global warming is a hoax, dinosaur bones are from an overgrown ox, gays and

lesbians can be "cured," and someone else's gay marriage will destroy theirs. What is next — preschool education is a government plot to over-educate children?

We have multiple national challenges and everyone needs to pull together. To have a segment of our populace retreat to a parallel universe where convenient fictions trump inconvenient truths is not helpful. Solving problems does not include stopping everything, backing up or making up theories. Nor is it rational to forget the old adage — there, but for the grace of God, go I.

Do it yourself may work for home improvement or car repairs but it is not an effective methodology for aiding the unfortunate and resolving major national issues.

It is time for the far right to put away their prejudices, come to grips with their fear of change and work with, not against, the majority of Americans in solving our challenges.

Dave Potter
N. Hampton, NH

Dave:

The flip side of "they must have brought it on themselves" is being born on third base and going through life thinking you hit a triple.

The Editor

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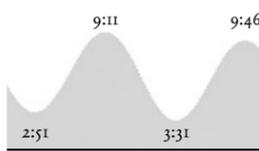
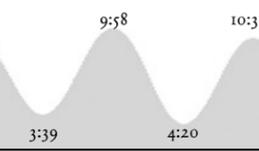
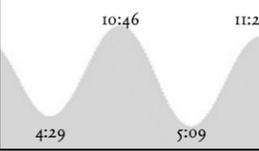
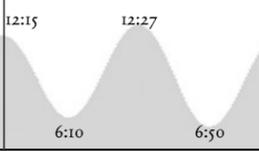
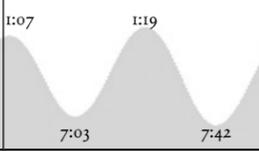
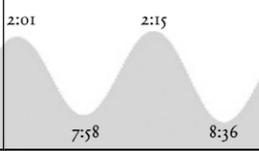
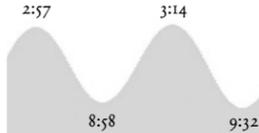
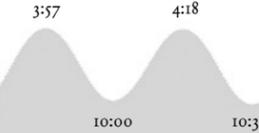
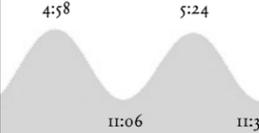
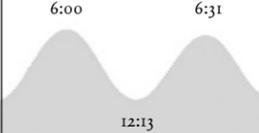
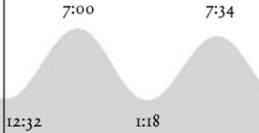
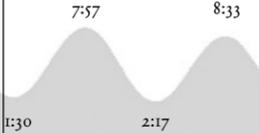
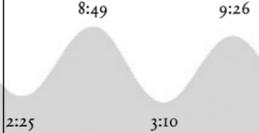
moves from the mouth of the river, up past New Castle, around the bend by the old Naval Prison, under Memorial Bridge, past the tugboats, and on into Great Bay. This can best be seen when the tide is rising.

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>1987—R.I.P. James Baldwin.</p> <p>1976—Steven B. Williams ramps the northwest gate of the White House complex at 25 mph with his pickup truck. The gate wins.</p> <p>1969—The U.S. Selective Service holds the first draft lottery since WW II, cleverly undermining support for the anti-war movement.</p> <p>1968—A U.S. C-130 with engine trouble empties defoliant tanks over South Vietnamese towns.</p> <p>1966—Dick Gregory is convicted in Olympia, WA of fishing with Native Americans.</p> <p>1955—Rosa Parks changes the world by refusing to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL.</p> <p>1948—After a 44-day civil war killing 2,000 people ends, Costa Rica disbands its army.</p> <p>1934—Birth of Woody Allen.</p> <p>1914—Italian socialists appoint Benito Mussolini to edit their newspaper <i>Avanti!</i></p> <p>1913—Ford announces its first moving assembly line.</p> <p>1842—Midshipman Philip Spencer, son of the Secretary of War, is hanged for mutiny, without benefit of court martial, along with two sailors, aboard the <i>U.S.S. Somers</i>.</p> <p>1777—The <i>Flamand</i> lands in Portsmouth, NH from France; aboard is Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, en route to Valley Forge, PA. There he will turn Washington's rabble into a trained army.</p>	<p>1986—Ronald Reagan tells the Tower Commission he can't remember what he knew about the Iran-Contra affair, or when he might have known it.</p> <p>1980—Gov't-backed deaths squads kill four Catholic missionary women in El Salvador.</p> <p>1964—Hundreds of students occupy Sproul Hall in Berkeley.</p> <p>1954—U.S. Senate censures Joe McCarthy—finally.</p> <p>1943—The <i>U.S.S. Squalus</i>, formerly the <i>U.S.S. Squalus</i>, sinks the Japanese carrier <i>Chuyo</i> near Truk. Aboard <i>Chuyo</i> are 21 survivors from the <i>U.S.S. Sculpin</i>, which had aided in the rescue of the <i>Squalus</i> in 1939. Only one man survives.</p> <p>1942—Under the stadium at Stagg Field in Chicago, Enrico Fermi presides over the first sustainable atomic chain reaction.</p> <p>1935—California uses its new gas chamber for the first time, killing one Albert Kessel.</p> <p>1859—"I hope you will not keep me waiting any longer than necessary," abolitionist John Brown says to his executioner.</p> <p>1823—The U.S. lays claim to the Western Hemisphere.</p> <p>1755—As the second Eddystone Light burns, keeper Henry Hall looks upwards aghast, accidentally swallowing molten lead from the roof. He dies of lead poisoning two weeks later at the age of 94.</p>	<p>2004—George W. Bush nominates Bernard Kerik (later to be known as Federal Inmate 84888-054) to be Secretary of Homeland Security.</p> <p>1999—NASA loses the Mars Polar Lander.</p> <p>1996—A New York company that had a contract to manufacture Medals of Honor is fined \$80,000 for selling 300 bootleg copies.</p> <p>1984—An industrial accident in Bhopal, India kills 10,000. The U.S. government later blocks extradition of Union Carbide execs who face prosecution in India.</p> <p>1983—Charles Z. Wick, head of the U.S. Information Agency, says Margaret Thatcher opposed the invasion of Grenada because she is a woman.</p> <p>1980—Sec. of State Al Haig suggests four Maryknoll nuns recently murdered by Salvadoran death squads were gun-runners.</p> <p>1976—Bob Marley is shot twice by unidentified assailants. Two days later he plays a concert.</p> <p>1969—Protesters destroy files at eight NY draft boards.</p> <p>1966—The Atomic Energy Commission explodes a .38 kiloton atomic bomb 10 miles west of Purvis, MS, inside an underground cavity created by a 5 kiloton A-bomb blast conducted two years earlier.</p> <p>1946—A spontaneous, 56-hour General Strike begins in downtown Oakland, CA.</p>	<p>1993—R.I.P. Frank Zappa.</p> <p>1981—President Reagan OK's CIA spying on U.S. citizens.</p> <p>1973—57 percent of the Chicago 7 found guilty of contempt.</p> <p>1969—Chicago police shoot and kill sleeping Black Panthers Fred Hampton and Mark Clark.</p> <p>1969—To better understand modern youth, R. Nixon, S. Agnew, and 40 governors view films of "simulated acid trips" and listen to "anti-establishment rock music."</p> <p>1962—Lenny Bruce, busted for obscenity in Chicago, shares a paddy wagon ride with George Carlin, busted for refusing to show ID.</p> <p>1956—Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash, and Elvis Presley jam at Sun Records.</p> <p>1952—A "Great Smog" so thick moviegoers couldn't see the screen descends on London. It lasts all winter and kills about 12,000.</p> <p>1950—In <i>Feres v. U.S.</i>, the Supreme Court rules that servicemembers can't sue the U.S. for their injuries.</p> <p>1946—In Oakland, CA, striking veterans march on the anti-labor <i>Tribune</i>, then City Hall, to demand the Mayor and Council resign.</p> <p>1914—Emiliano Zapata and Pancho Villa agree to team up and take Mexico City.</p> <p>963—Pope Johann XII, age 18, dies from a beating by the husband of a woman he was caught having sex with three days earlier.</p>	<p>2002—At a party on Strom Thurmond's 100th birthday, GOP Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott expresses regret over desegregation.</p> <p>1996—Fed Chair Alan Greenspan warns that "irrational exuberance" may have inflated stock prices.</p> <p>1994—For the first time in 40 years, the House of Alleged Representatives elects a Republican, Newt Gingrich, to be Speaker.</p> <p>1988—A North Carolina Grand Jury indicts "holy" man Jim Bakker on charges of fraud and conspiracy.</p> <p>1965—An A-4 Skyhawk packing a B-43 H-bomb falls off the <i>U.S.S. Ticonderoga</i> near Japan's Ryukyu Islands. The plane, pilot, and bomb are still missing.</p> <p>1955—"Uppity Negroes" in Montgomery, AL boycott the municipal mass transit system.</p> <p>1946—Labor "leaders" in Oakland call off the General Strike.</p> <p>1945—Five Grumman Avengers and 14 airmen, making up the Navy's Flight 19, disappear off Ft. Lauderdale. Thirteen more men and a PBM Mariner flying boat disappear looking for them.</p> <p>1933—Utah, of all places, ratifies the 21st Amendment; and Prohibition is repealed.</p> <p>1931—Vachel Lindsay, poet, ends it all with a bottle of Lyso.</p> <p>1929—The first U.S. nudist club, The American League for Physical Culture, forms in NYC.</p>	<p>1997—News media convince many that Asteroid XF11 might wreck Earth in 2028.</p> <p>1990—Oakland police fire tear gas into a home trying to drive out the inhabitant who is standing next to them shouting "come out and give yourself up."</p> <p>1973—V.P. and crook Spiro "Ted" Agnew is replaced by Gerald R. Ford.</p> <p>1967—Chaplain Charlie Liteky, on patrol in Vietnam, carries 23 wounded men to safety despite intense hostile fire. He's later awarded the Medal of Honor.</p> <p>1957—A Vanguard rocket carrying the U.S.'s first would-be satellite explodes at an altitude of five feet.</p> <p>1948—A roll of spy film mysteriously turns up in a pumpkin on the Maryland farm of ex-<i>Time</i> editor Whittaker Chambers.</p> <p>1918—The U.S. War Dept. abandons its WW I practice of shackling defiant conscientious objectors to the walls of solitary cells.</p> <p>1917—The largest man-made explosion prior to The Bomb occurs in Halifax when a munitions ship explodes: 1,600 die; and windows break 40 miles away.</p> <p>1907—More than 360 men and boys are killed by explosions at two coal mines in Monongah, WV.</p> <p>1884—The Washington Monument is completed, 101 years after George himself picked the spot.</p>	<p>2006—The "Justice" Department fires eight prosecutors for failing to persecute enough Democrats.</p> <p>1998—Boris Yeltsin leaves the hospital, fires several aides, and returns to the hospital.</p> <p>1995—French workers numbering 1.75 million protest global exploitation.</p> <p>1993—The Department of Energy admits it conducted more than 200 secret weapons tests.</p> <p>1987—A disgruntled ex-employee shoots a Southwest Airlines pilot and co-pilot. The plane breaks up while diving at Mach 1.2, killing all on board.</p> <p>1977—FBI releases JFK assassination files ... some of them.</p> <p>1975—Indonesia invades East Timor with a little help from the U.S. and Britain.</p> <p>1970—R.I.P. Rube Goldberg, cartoonist and inspirer of the <i>Gazette</i> operating plan.</p> <p>1968—R. Dodd returns a book overdue 145 years to the U. of Cincinnati; librarians fail to collect \$22,646 in fines.</p> <p>1964—Japan bestows the Order of the Rising Sun on Gen. Curtis LeMay, whose fire-bombing of that nation during WW II probably killed half a million Japanese.</p> <p>1941—Japanese planes attack Pearl Harbor.</p> <p>1930—W1XAV in Boston broadcasts the first TV commercial.</p>
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<p>2004—Soldiers in Iraq ask Sec. of Defense Rumsfeld why he sent them there without enough vehicle armor. He tells them, "You go to war with the Army you have ... not the Army you might want."</p> <p>1993—President Clinton signs NAFTA into law.</p> <p>1982—Norman D. Mayer, 66, threatens to blow up the Washington Monument with a van full of dynamite unless a national dialogue on banning nuclear weapons begins. After a ten hour standoff, police shoot and kill him.</p> <p>1980—John Lennon is shot dead in New York.</p> <p>1972—United Airlines Flight 553 crashes in Chicago killing 45 people including E. Howard Hunt's wife Dorothy.</p> <p>1967—U.S. counts 365 dead Viet Cong in Mekong Delta battle.</p> <p>1963—Lightning strike ignites fuel tanks of a jetliner which crashes near Elkton, MD.</p> <p>1940—Four hundred German planes bomb London.</p> <p>1894—Birth of James Thurber, Columbus, OH.</p> <p>1864—Pope Pius IX denounces liberalism, socialism, and rationalism.</p> <p>1854—Pope Pius IX proclaims the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception.</p> <p>1792—Henry Laurens becomes first person cremated in U.S.</p>	<p>1994—Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders is fired for suggesting that having sex with yourself is OK.</p> <p>1992—U.S. Marines wade ashore at 2:00 a.m. local time in Somalia, prime-time in U.S.</p> <p>1983—Ed "Meese is a Pig" Meese says people go to soup kitchens because it's "easier than paying."</p> <p>1974—In the <i>Monday Night Football</i> booth, Ronald Reagan explains American football rules to John Lennon during halftime.</p> <p>1968—At the Stanford Research Institute, Doug Engelbart introduces the computer mouse, e-mail, and hypertext.</p> <p>1966—"We are in a much stronger position than two years ago," says Sec. of State Dean Rusk, "[Com]mies will not be able to succeed [in South Vietnam]."</p> <p>1958—The John Birch Society, famous for calling Dwight Eisenhower a Commie, is founded.</p> <p>1955—Hired by Ford to suggest a name for a new model, poet Marianne Moore suggest "Utopian Turtletop;" Ford goes with "Edsel," instead.</p> <p>1953—GE vows to fire any Commie employees.</p> <p>1949—J. Parnell Thomas, no longer head of House Un-American Activities Committee, gets 6 to 18 months in the Crowbar Hilton for padding Congressional payrolls and spending the loot.</p>	<p>2011—The gundalow <i>Piscataqua</i> is launched on the eponymous river.</p> <p>2008—U.S. anti-kidnapping expert Felix Batista is kidnapped in Saltillo, Mexico.</p> <p>2004—Gary Webb, who exposed the CIA-Contra drug connection, dies from two gunshots in the face. The coroner calls it suicide.</p> <p>2001—At a White House menorah lighting ceremony, George W. Bush says, "I couldn't imagine somebody like Osama bin Laden understanding the joy of Hanukkah."</p> <p>1998—House Judiciary Committee debates whether to impeach Pres. Clinton for lying about his disgusting behavior.</p> <p>1992—Sen. Bob Packwood (Lecher-OR) apologizes for his disgusting behavior, but refuses to resign.</p> <p>1978—Ex-paratrooper, movie director, and cross-dresser Ed Wood, Jr. dies in Hollywood.</p> <p>1974—Expiating for his disgusting behavior with the Argentine Firecracker, Fanne Foxe, Rep. Wilbur Mills (D-AR) resigns.</p> <p>1971—The Senate, buying Wm. Rehnquist's lie disavowing a letter supporting racial segregation, confirms him for the Supreme Court.</p> <p>1966—In Vietnam, sixteen U.S. Marines are killed and 11 are wounded by "friendly fire."</p> <p>1967—Trying to lower the cost of natural gas, the U.S. government explodes an A-bomb in NM.</p>	<p>2006—On national TV, President George W. Bush denies that he was ever "a knee-walking drunk."</p> <p>2000—The Supreme Court hears <i>Bush v. Gore</i>.</p> <p>1998—Pres. Clinton begs for forgiveness, gets three articles of impeachment, instead.</p> <p>1981—Soldiers of the U.S.-backed Salvadoran government murder 900 villagers at El Mozote.</p> <p>1963—In London, 35-year-old Elsie Waring collapses and is declared dead. Ten hours later, while being lifted into a coffin, she gasps and begins breathing.</p> <p>1961—Army helicopters and crewmen begin direct U.S. military support in Vietnam.</p> <p>1960—Seeing at the last minute that JFK has his wife and kids with him, Belmont, NH resident Richard Pavlick defers his plan to crash into the President-elect's car with his dynamite-laden Buick.</p> <p>1951—Coal dust removal techniques are approved by state inspectors at New Orient mine in West Frankfort, IL. Ten days later an explosion kills 119.</p> <p>1838—The House of Representatives passes a "gag rule," proposed by Rep. Charles Atherton (D-NH) which prohibits the discussion of slavery.</p> <p>1792—The French Convention tries King Louis XVI, aka "Louis le Dernier," for treason.</p>	<p>2005—"I think we are welcomed [in Iraq]," says George W. Bush, "but it was not a peaceful welcome."</p> <p>2000—The Supreme Court selects George W. Bush President.</p> <p>1998—For good measure, Congress whups a fourth article of impeachment on Pres. Clinton.</p> <p>1988—An errant Navy practice missile hits an Indian freighter killing a crewman.</p> <p>1985—A plane belonging to Ollie North's favorite airline crashes at Gander, Newfoundland, killing 248 American soldiers. Investigations carefully reveal nothing.</p> <p>1984—Georgia officials zap Alpha Otis Stephens for two minutes, but he breathes for another six minutes before they finish him off.</p> <p>1983—At a Boston trade show called "New Trends in Missiles," anarchist wiseguys turn loose 1,000 cockroaches, symbolizing likely winners of a nuclear war.</p> <p>1950—Sen. Joe McCarthy (R-WI) kicks columnist Drew Pearson in the groin.</p> <p>1930—Spanish Civil War starts.</p> <p>1927—Threatened with impeachment by legislators, Oklahoma Governor Henry Johnston calls out state troopers to stop them.</p> <p>1776—Fearing the British will take Philadelphia, the Continental Congress gives dictatorial powers to Washington and flees.</p>	<p>2003—Final victory in Iraq appears imminent as U.S. troops drag S. Hussein out of a hole in the ground. U.S. death toll: 547.</p> <p>2000—Al Gore decides he'd rather be righteous than be president.</p> <p>1988—In Texas, Ray Landry's death is delayed 14 minutes when a tube falls from his arm and lethal chemicals spray across the room.</p> <p>1978—The Susan B. Anthony dollar is released to an anxiously awaiting public.</p> <p>1974—Defecting oceanographer Slava Kurilov leaps from a Soviet cruise ship, swims for three days, and reaches the Philippines safely.</p> <p>1951—Harry S Truman lets J. Edgar "Mary" Hoover scare him into agreeing to purge "disloyal" government workers.</p> <p>1949—An American League proposal to legalize the spitball fails.</p> <p>1937—Nanjing Massacre begins.</p> <p>1932—In the visitors gallery of the U.S. House, deranged sporting goods store clerk Martin Kemmerer brandishes a .38 revolver and demands twenty minutes to speak. Rep. Melvin Maas (R-MN) talks him into dropping the gun.</p> <p>1864—Paraguay declares war on Brazil; by war's end half its population is dead.</p> <p>1774—Paul Revere rides to Portsmouth with news that the export of powder and arms to America has been prohibited.</p>	<p>2005—George W. Bush blames the Iraq War on "faulty intelligence."</p> <p>2004—George W. Bush puts Medals of Freedom around the necks of L. Paul Bremer, General Tommy Franks, and George Tenet.</p> <p>1996—An out-of-control 700 foot freighter crashes into a New Orleans dock, killing no one.</p> <p>1987—Chrysler pleads no contest to charges it sold thousands of used cars as new.</p> <p>1986—Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager take off in California to fly around the world in nine days, non-stop.</p> <p>1973—Richard Nixon emerges from the White House to personally thank the U.S. head of Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church for his support.</p> <p>1972—Richard Nixon authorizes air delivery of explosive Christmas presents to Hanoi.</p> <p>1970—Shipyards workers strike against the Commie government in Gdansk, Poland.</p> <p>1911—Roald Amundson beats Robert Scott to the South Pole.</p> <p>1906—The <i>U1</i>, Germany's first submarine, goes into service.</p> <p>1799—At Mount Vernon, George Washington dies surrounded by doctors.</p> <p>1774—Massachusetts militiamen under Major John Sullivan seize powder and arms from Fort William and Mary, near Portsmouth.</p>
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