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The Fortnightly Rant

Leave No Man Behind, Unless ...

If President Obama ever wakes up some morning and strolls across the Potomac to the Arlington National Cemetery without setting foot on the bridge, then raises all our hallowed dead and restores them to robust health, he had better be ready to defend himself. Judging from a recent event, he'll be in for some pretty harsh criticism.

That event, of course, was the recovery of former POW Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl.

Under ordinary circumstances, the recovery of a U.S. Army soldier who'd just spent five years as a prisoner of the Taliban would be a joyous occasion. The White House blundered pretty badly by treating it as one. Whoever organized the announcement failed to take a couple of very important things into consideration.

For one thing, Bergdahl is no John Wayne. Of course, John Wayne was no John Wayne, either. America is the country Bergdahl chose to serve, though, and he failed to live up to our unrealistic expectations. The public is willing and eager to support the troops as long as the troops support their fantasies. Otherwise the genre changes, and it's Tony Soprano time — fuggedaboutit.

True, the war that Bergdahl enlisted for failed to live up to his unrealistic expectations — but for soldiers that comes with the territory, wherever that may be — always has and always will.

The other thing the White House overlooked is that Barack Obama is the President. If Ronald Reagan were the President, there would be no problem; Reagan negotiated with actual terrorists and he swapped arms for hostages. No one really gave a damn about that

except for the usual soreheaded Democrats. They lack all conviction, though, while Republicans are full of passionate intensity.

Release the Kraken!

Test the above thesis with this thought experiment: imagine for a moment that Congressional Democrats had, over the past few years, held one futile investigation after another into a series of mostly-fictional scandals. Would they have any energy left? Hell no. They'd be dragging their donkey selves around with all the vivacity of Eeyore on Quaaludes.

GOP Members, though? They've ginned up more bogus scandals than Carter has pills — the IRS, the ATF, Solyndra, *Benghazi!!!*, the list goes on. Nothing of any consequence has turned up, but are they downhearted? Hell no. They're hungry for more.

Olympic-Level Versatility

One secret to the Republicans' success — or, to put it more accurately, one secret to their ability to prevail despite repeatedly meeting with failure — is versatility.

Last December 10th, former Congressman Allen West bitterly denounced President Obama for "leaving Bergdahl behind." On June 3rd he called for Obama's impeachment for getting Bergdahl released.

Sen. John McCain said in February that he'd support a five-prisoner swap with the Taliban to get Bergdahl freed. On June 5th he said he would have rejected the deal. What's more, he said anyone accusing him of a flip-flopping is a liar.

New Hampshire's own Sen. Kelly Ayotte wrote to Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel in January, urging the Pentagon to "redouble its efforts to find Sergeant



Bergdahl and return him safely to his family."

Quick On The Withdraw

Those reversals were marathons, months in the making. There are sprinters on the team, too.

Sen. Thad Cochran [R-MS] tweeted on May 31st, "Welcome home, Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl. A grateful nation thanks you for your service." That tweet was deleted three days later after a Tea Partier deemed it "shameful."

Rep. Mark Amodei [R-NV] was a little slower to jump on the bandwagon, tweeting "Best news I've heard in a long time" on June 1st — he was quick to reverse himself, though: the tweet was deleted just 15 hours later.

But Joni Ernst, a Republican candidate for Senate from Iowa, won the quick withdrawal contest. Her tweet posted on May

31st was deleted just 25 minutes later.*

Wholly Owned Subsidiary

To no one's surprise, Fox News has been leading the pack in pursuit of this story.

Fox's coverage may happen to align perfectly with the GOP's interests in this matter, but that is simply a coincidence.

Pay no attention to Saudi Prince Alwaleed bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, he's merely the second-largest individual owner of Fox News stock.

While we're at it, pay no at-

* That tweet is probably the least of Ernst's online worries. The *Des Moines Register* reported June 10th that her husband Gail had posted the following joke on his Facebook page: "What do you do if you see your ex running around in your front yard screaming and bloody? Stay calm. Reload. And try again." In another post he called Janet Napolitano, then-Secretary of Homeland Security, a "Traitorous skank!"

tention to Richard Grenell; he's merely a partner in a PR company called Capitol Media, which has been assisting Fox by arranging interviews with Bergdahl's former fellow soldiers.

Mine!

The release of Bowe Bergdahl has given us an X-Ray of the psyche — not the mind — of today's Republican Party. Minds think rationally, the psyche just reacts; in this case, much like a two year-old.

Republicans are angry, so the Universal Code of Military Justice goes out the window.

Obama, who is not a legitimate President because he was not appointed by the Supreme Court, has got the toy — the White House. They want it. Now.

Democracy — it's like day care, but without adult supervision.

The Alleged News

Gangs of Armed Idiots ≠ The National Guard

Some people argue that a decent interval should be allowed to pass before certain aspects of some public tragedies get fully discussed in public. There's a problem with that, though: if everyone were to adopt that principle from the NRA's etiquette book, no one could ever write about mass shootings.

In lieu of a decent interval, then, let's ease into this topic with a non-fatal story from *Mother Jones*, posted on May 30th.

A former Marine named James [his last name was withheld], who produces TV commercials, was exercising his Constitutional rights last Memorial Day by videotaping a dozen people who were passing out literature in downtown Fort

Worth — with AR-15s strapped across their backs.

The gun-toters were members of the groups Open Carry Texas and Open Carry Tarrant County. Their love for the Constitution is apparently concentrated almost exclusively on the 2nd Amendment; they indignantly objected to James's videotaping, although there's nothing unconstitutional about doing that.

To make sure that James got their point, they turned on their own camera and videotaped as they followed him for several blocks, mocking him all the way to his vehicle.

"Are you gonna cry?" one man taunted. "Sounds like you're about to cry."

Sauce for the GOP Ganders

It is legal in Texas — as it is in many states including New Hampshire — to openly carry long guns such as rifles and shotguns. (Perhaps to give lawyers and the passive-aggressive some ambiguity to fight over, there is one little catch: you can do so only in a non-threatening manner.)

In an ironic twist that clearly rankles some Texans, pistols are a whole 'nother matter. New Hampshire residents who are over 18 may legally carry loaded pistols on their hips, but you can't get away with that in Texas. If you want to pack a Glock down there, the law says you must get a concealed weapon permit first.

Wouldn't you know it: Texas

Republicans didn't just hold their state convention in Fort Worth this year, they scheduled it for the week just after James incurred the wrath of the Open Carry Commandos. Being equal opportunity annoyers, the Open Carry crew were outside the convention hall all week long, lobbying for a law to let them open carry pistols.

The bang-bang gang wasn't allowed in the hall because another Texas law forbids guns in places where alcohol is being served; but, where's there's a willful libertarian there's a way. Apparently in Texas there's a legal loophole exempting black powder guns from firearms laws.

Delegate Gerald Haddock told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, "I'm

in the corner of the convention hall when three people confronted me and asked why I voted the way I voted."

According to the writer of the June 6th story, "the woman in the group said Haddock should have voted with his constituents while a man with a handgun moved closer to him."

Haddock, clearly on the *qui vive*, told the paper, "I interpreted this as an effort to intimidate me and influence my vote."

Bill Eastland, a member of the convention's rules committee, explained to the *Star-Telegram* that it was all just a misunderstanding.

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"Now this is all hearsay," Eastland was quoted saying, "but it was not a weapon or a firearm. It was a black powder pistol and perfectly legal."

To further put the affair into its proper perspective, Eastland noted that "Haddock was really angry and acting on emotion. Sometimes it's better just to wait and think about things."*

Separating Sheep from Goats

All the hubbub about guns in Texas caused something quite peculiar to happen. For decades there's been a great divide separating America's gun advocates from its would-be gun controllers. In a sign that the End Times may indeed be upon us, on May

30th a division appeared between America's gun nuts its gun eventntiers. On its official website the National Rifle Association [NRA] posted a lengthy online commentary that bluntly criticised members of the Open Carry movement, saying some had "crossed the line from enthusiasm to downright foolishness."

It was like the Spanish Inquisition showing up on your doorstep — being pleasant and reasonable.

"[I]t is a rare sight to see someone sidle up next to you in line for lunch with a 7.62 rifle slung across his chest, much less a whole gaggle of folks descending on the same public venue with similar arms. Let's not mince words, not only is it rare, it's downright weird and certainly not a practical way to go normally about your business while being prepared to defend yourself. To those who are not acquainted with the dubious practice of using public displays of firearms as a means to draw attention to oneself or one's cause, it can be downright scary."

* The dismissive nature of Eastland's remarks about Haddock may reflect the continuing diminution of a former President's influence. Haddock was General Counsel to the Texas Rangers baseball team under George W. Bush and received a videotaped 50th birthday greeting from the then-President.



Piscataqua, the region's new and unironically-improved gundalow, motors downstream past the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's Building 178, itself being renovated for the 21st Century.

That internecine rupture proved to be as evanescent as a subatomic particle from the Large Hadron Collider. Open Carry advocates immediately responded with the sort of calm and measured response you might expect from professional wrestlers full of steroids and methamphetamine.

By June 3rd the offending commentary had vanished down the Memory Hole. It was replaced by a videotaped interview in which one NRA employee, the impeccably-suited Chief Lobbyist Chris W. Cox, assured another NRA employee, an anonymous, flannel-shirted, ball cap-wearing Everyman, that the errant message had been the work of another nameless NRA employee, the error of whose ways had been duly explained to him.

Davy Didn't Get the Memo

As always, there was someone who didn't get the memo. At the

Texas GOP's Fort Worth convention, it was the Davy Crockett impersonator. Wearing buckskins, toting a flintlock, and waving around what appeared to be a dead raccoon, "Crockett" called for an armed insurrection.

"I came down from Tennessee to fight with the great Republic of Texas against a narcissistic [sic], tyrannical dictator," he yelled, "and here a hundred and seventy-six years later I have to come back and fight against a narcissistic [sic], tyrannical dictator again?"

Though apparently a little flustered, "Crockett" channeled his inner Dubya and stumbled his way through the rest of the script: "Let's go and fight a war ... against tyrann ... against tyranny — against dictators ... against [pronouncing it right this time] narcissists. Let's fight against those things. God bless Texas and God bless America."

Because what the heck — if your delivery is folksy enough, it can't be sedition.

Meanwhile, Back in Reality

As Mom always used to say, it's all fun and games until somebody loses an eye; or, to adjust for inflation, until a couple dozen people get shot to death by a parade of armed losers.

We're not talking about the usual run of accidental mayhem — the Florida cop who accidentally fired his AR-15 when he caught the trigger on his key ring; or the Tennessee man who accidentally killed himself by shooting his thigh while driving; or the Indiana man who accidentally shot dead a three-year-old while playing a game with a pistol he thought was unloaded.

And we're not talking about recent incidents in which gun carriers suddenly flip out or screw up, like the Minnesota man who

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pulled his shotgun on a man teaching his daughter to ride a bike, or the Nevada man who shot a guy who knocked on the wrong door looking for a party, or the woman in Marietta, GA who argued with her husband in a restaurant, shot him to death in the parking lot, then took her own life.

After all — that's life; accidents and minor disagreements will happen. Since this is America and we've got 89 guns for every 100 of us, some of those little bumps in the road are going to involve firearms being discharged accidentally or on purpose.

What seems new, different, and weird is a recent string of shootings by Right Wing nutcases. We've been getting warnings about armed resistance from that end of the political spectrum for a couple of decades now. Could this mean we've reached critical mass?

Five Days in June

Last Sunday a pair of married heterosexuals who'd been bounced off the Bundy Ranch for being too crazy — no mean feat — set out to stave off Federal tyranny by shooting two cops in a pizza shop and a civilian in a Wal-Mart. Alert to the importance of brand-

ing, they covered up the dead cops with the a Tea Party-type Gadsden flag and a swastika for good measure. After they were cornered at the Wal-Mart, the Missus shot her Hubby and then herself.

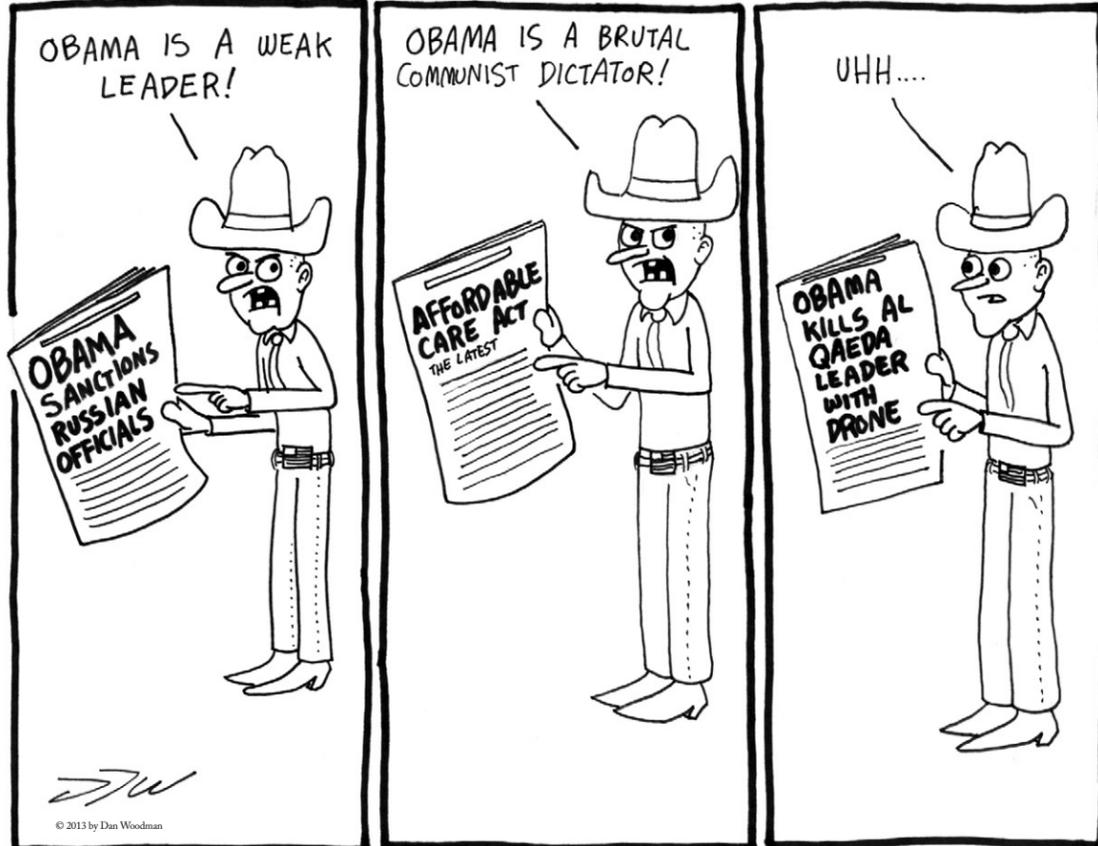
Just two days earlier a self-identified "sovereign citizen" tried exercising some of his imaginary rights by opening fire at a courthouse in Cummings, GA. As it turns out, a good cop with a gun and a bullet in his leg can still take down a bad civilian with a fetish for guns.

And two days before that, in Moncton, New Brunswick, a young man prone to sharing slogans on the internet such as "Free Men Do Not Ask Permission to Bear Arms" and "Militia Is Only a Bad Word if You're a Tyrant" shot and killed three Canadian Mounties. Though he dressed up just like Rambo, when surrounded he surrendered more like Walter Mitty.

The last fellow on our list was a Canadian, but political pathology respects no boundaries.

So What's the Problem?

Last year Dr. Sripal Bangalore worked on a study of gun ownership rates, crime rates, and deaths



Oblivious tourists are clogging the sidewalks, unmuffled Harleys are rattling the windows, and arrhythmic drummers are exerting their Constitutional right to self-expression: Summer has returned to Market Square.

from firearms across 27 developed countries around the world. To no one's surprise the study found that the U.S. has the world's highest gun ownership rates and the highest rate of firearm-related deaths as well. Bangalore seems to think there's a causal connection there, not just a correlation.

Maybe guns kill people and maybe they don't; whatever utility that argument ever had has probably expired by now.

What seems clear is that we're in a new phase. People with guns and heads full of Right Wing bunkum are killing people, not because they're mad at their spouses or they want someone's Mercedes, but because their political ideology demands it.

What's the Answer?

What's the answer? Damned if we know. If too many guns is the problem, an obvious solution would be sending jack-booted thugs around the country to confiscate those weapons. The down-

side, beyond the ruinous expense it would no doubt entail, is that it would validate all the worst fears of our paranoid brethren and sisters and set off a bloodbath making the five days referred to above look like a cease-fire between rival Quaker meeting houses.

The 2nd Amendment fanatics among us will never give up their guns voluntarily — any more than 1st Amendment fanatics like us will ever relinquish our right to free speech.

Up to this point, by actual count, we've used 1,776 words wrestling with this question.

About all we've concluded is that political gibberish is approximately as dangerous as guns. And yet we go on scribbling

The Scott Brown Question

Is he running for Senate, or preparing for a career in standup comedy?

Return of the Pinta and Niña

The Pinta and the Niña, replicas of Columbus' ships, are now

docked at the Badgers Island Marina in Kittery and will be open to the general public through Monday, June 16th. They'll depart early the next morning.

The Niña was built by hand and without the use of power tools and is considered to be the most historically correct Columbus replica ever built. The Pinta was recently built in Brazil and is a larger version of the archetypal caravel. Historians consider the caravel the Space Shuttle of the fifteenth century.

Our Nautical Editor reviewed these ships last time they visited. He liked them so much he tried to stow away; we had to drag him off in chains.

Admission charges for self-guided tours are \$8.00 for adults, \$7.00 for seniors, and \$6.00 for students from the ages of 5 to 16. Children 4 and under will be admitted for free. The ships are open every day from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; no reservations necessary.



EPA Climate Action Necessary; Further Nuke Subsidies Not!

To the Editor:
Just wanted to thank you for your extensive and diverse reportage of recent developments in the growing climate crisis (May 30th, "Five Feet High and Rising"). Despite what some of your more reality-challenged and politically constipated readers (well, writers anyway — I'm not sure they can read) seem to think, the hour is really, really late for making any significant efforts to stave off the most terrible impacts of climate disruption within our children's or grandchildren's lifetimes. And your little planetary history at the end of the piece is worthy to be bottled in one of those time capsules — to help inform future residents, if any, what went horribly wrong here.

I suppose you anticipated it, but the release a few days after your report of the Obama administration's power plant carbon reduction plan is the first bit of good news to come from this neck of the planet in response to this crisis. Of course it's too little too late, and suffers from the usual political compromise and corporate collusion, but it must be seen as a historic first step in tackling the toughest and most challenging carbon pollution creators — the coal industry. It was over 15 years ago now that we in the region's environmental community first called for significant reductions in CO2 emissions from our coal

power plants. And — despite the known urgency then, and even more now — it's taken this long for the concept to wend its tortured way through the courts and federal bureaucracy (yes, even the otherwise morally-challenged Supremes agreed that carbon pollution is pollution in the EPA's purview.) So all commonsensical and future-oriented citizens should give basic support while pushing for stronger action on this critical first-step effort, to ease a few more of these pollution-belching plants and backward-minded utilities like PSNH over the cliff of no-return that they seem hell-bent to send us all over. Go to www.credoaction.com to do that.

That said, along with the usual compromises and foot-dragging timeline, one important giveaway in this EPA proposal should merit strong scrutiny and push-back — one offered to further prop up the failing nuclear industry. Seems that deep in the proposed regulations there's a provision to allow states to offer nuclear plant owners (you know, like NextEra and their Seabrook plant) a subsidy to cover for increasing un-economic nuclear power production. This bailout seems to have been included under the guise of keeping these old nukes chugging along a few more years under the false claim that nuclear power doesn't involve carbon emissions that would otherwise have to be generated.

But of course further subsidies to this obsolete, failing and increasingly dangerous power source also serves to delay and steal from critical investments in power system conservation/efficiency and actual sustainable/renewable power sources like wind and solar. This proposed subsidy could cover as much as six percent of a state's nuclear generation, translating to up to about a half-cent per kilowatt hour on our electric bills — which I believe is

more than we were paying until recently for the "stranded cost" of the un-covered expenses that went into construction of Seabrook and weren't covered by its sale to NextEra. So please go to www.nirs.org for more info on this and how to speak up about it.

Looking down the road, not much will really change on the federal level in the realm of significant climate action and any other critical progress until we get rid of the "fossil fools" in Congress and stop de-facto corporate funding of elections. So concerned climate-minded citizens should join the NH Rebellion and any other efforts to rein in this corrupt and corrosive power over our politics.

Doug Bogen
Barrington, NH

Doug:

It's not easy to understand the obscure mechanisms which the government uses to prop up favored industries. We're glad you follow these things closely. A factsheet we downloaded from nirs.org helped us to better understand — we hope — the handout you describe.

If we have it right, this interference in natural workings of the free market will put on life support a few old and unprofitable nuke plants which provide a whopping 1.5 percent of the nation's electricity. As the factsheet notes, that amount of the nation's electrical demand could easily be covered by investing in wind, water, or solar sources.

But nooo — that would be looking to the future.

The Editor

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She's Relieved

To the Editor:

It was with a sigh of relief that I read that Governor Hassan was once again able to bring people together and reach a common sense and responsible agreement on the MET issue. Thanks to Governor Hassan's leadership, the MET deal will not only bring stability to the state's budget but also

Mash Notes, **HATE MAIL,**

protect critical health services for our families and friends.

Needless to say, I was very disappointed to hear gubernatorial candidate Walt Havenstein trash this compromise deal. My frustration wasn't with just Havenstein's political game playing with crucial budget negotiations, but with Havenstein's utter cluelessness on the issues that matter to our state. This lack of knowledge and interest is destructive to our state.

Havenstein's attacks make painfully clear that when he was still living in Maryland as recently as 2011, he was paying no attention to our Granite State. If he had, surely he would've realized that Bill O'Brien's far-right legislature created the MET fiscal crisis in the first place. Specifically, when O'Brien put in place drastic cuts to our state's hospitals as part of his radical agenda.

Maybe it's because Havenstein seems to be unaware of the devastating consequences of the O'Brien legislature that he went so far as to propose from that same old O'Brien playbook to solve the MET issue and ax crucial state programs to settle the issue.

I thank Governor Hassan, again, for her leadership on this issue by creating stability in the state's budget while still protecting critical health programs for New Hampshire's families.

Cristina Mendoza
Stratham, NH

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Bush's Benghazi!!!

To the Editor:

The Republican Party, once again displaying an apparent lack of ideas and an inability/non-desire to solve problems, has turned the conversation back to Benghazi!! Of course, we could also accept the change of topic as a sign that everything else in the world must be right. I would

agree that the Obama Administration, despite the relentless obstructionism and crisis manufacturing (over issues like Benghazi) perpetrated by the GOP, has done a darn good job, in less than six years, of righting the ship following eight disastrous years of the Bush-Cheney Presidency.

President Obama, a la Franklin Delano Roosevelt, has: revived an economy that was on the brink of a second Great Depression (high home foreclosure rate and hemorrhaging jobs); neutralized Osama Bin-Laden and numerous al-Qaida leaders; extricated us, as promised, from one costly war of choice; and will soon bring a responsible end to the longest war in our history, with limited, fragile gains. At the same time, he saw the passing of landmark healthcare reform and still has a fighting chance at attaining immigration reform and a federal minimum wage increase.

Now, as far as Benghazi is concerned, the GOP gang wishes you to believe that the attack on the U.S. "Consulate" (CIA prison according to General Petraeus' official biographer and close confidante) in Benghazi was the worst foreign policy blunder with the most detrimental consequences on our national security since the inception of our nation. While attempting to verify claims made by the Republicans, I was reminded of how many U.S. State Department facilities were attacked and just how reviled our country was during the Bush/Cheney era alone.

My research revealed that there were 13 attacks on U.S. State Department facilities overseas (embassies, consulates, housing compounds) resulting in 60 deaths under the George W. Bush Administration. State Department facilities were just the tip of the

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And Other Correspondence

iceberg for a regime notorious for fomenting hatred and terrorist violence against the U.S. and its friends. Not surprisingly, there was zero Republican outrage over the said attacks that killed 15 times the number of people that perished in Benghazi.

Wayne Merritt
Dover, NH

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No Truth In It

To the Editor:

To kick off his so-called "Middle-Class Economic Recovery Tour," former Congressman Frank Guinta released a statement bemoaning the "toxic mix of overspending, overregulating, and underappreciating the American worker." There is no truth in that statement.

Underappreciating the American worker? This is ironic since it's Mr. Guinta doing the underappreciating. He voted against raising the minimum wage while in the New Hampshire House, and ducked recently, when asked by WMUR, refusing to say what his current position is. If he's against it, I challenge him to be honest.

Overspending? Please. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, "federal spending is rising at the slowest pace since Dwight Eisenhower brought the Korean War to an end in the 1950s." Spending rose faster under every recent president, including Ronald Reagan. Federal spending has in fact flattened under President Obama to an annualized rate of just 0.4 percent. See the article's illuminating bar graphs here: <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/obama-spending-binge-never-happened-2012-05-22?pagenumber=1>.

Overregulating? Nope, not responsible for job losses. According to Bruce Bartlett, who held senior policy roles in the Reagan and George H.W. Bush adminis-

trations, government "overregulation" is "a canard invented by Republicans." He provides statistics from the Bureau of Labor Statistics showing that lack of demand is impeding hiring, not government regulation. The latest (2012) statistics are 36 percent for lack of demand and 3 percent for regulation: <http://www.bls.gov/mls/mlsreport1043.pdf>.

And anyway, the U.S. economy added 288,000 new jobs in April — the fastest pace of hiring in two years.

Former Congressman Guinta should stop spouting outdated talking points and check his facts.

Beth Olshansky
Durham, NH

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A Marvel Comic

To the Editor:

I much enjoyed William Marvel's recent sly satire of wingnut talking points on the minimum wage — a parody, really, of another regular contributor who writes fiction under the pen name "Don Ewing."

I hoped Mr. Marvel would grace your pages with another sample of his comedic gifts, and when I opened your latest issue, there it was! America has a big problem with — black racism!

I had tried to guess what Mr. Marvel's next target might be, but I have to admit, I didn't see that one coming. What's next? Overpaid teachers? The health benefits of fracking? Whatever it is, Mr. Marvel, keep 'em coming. Somebody will have to replace Steve Colbert ...

John Irvine
South Berwick, ME

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Bergdahl the Bum

To the Editor:

Attempting to distract the American people from the Benghazi, the VA, and other scandals,

President Obama committed another major blunder instead of the media coup he desired. The illegally executed, ill-considered trade for Sgt. Bergdahl aids the enemy and will cost Americans and many others their freedom and/or their lives.

According to the military Sgt. Bergdahl was not a prisoner of war. He voluntarily and secretly abandoned his post in Afghanistan, reportedly to join the enemy. Soldiers in his unit call him a "deserter" if not a "traitor," and some believe that he gave the enemy information that helped them kill more Americans.

The trade for Sgt. Bergdahl released five top Taliban terrorist (unlawful enemy combatant, not soldier) leaders including some al Qaeda members and some wanted by the World Court for War Crimes (for killing thousands of civilians). From a danger standpoint, Viet Nam veterans should consider these terrorist commanders as dangerous as Viet Cong or North Vietnamese Commanders like General Giap. WW II veterans should consider them as dangerous as Commanders like Admiral Yamamoto, who planned and attacked Pearl Harbor, or Field Marshal Rommel, who won many victories, including beating our army at the Kasserine Pass. Such trades would have been unthinkable because such trades would, just like this trade will, cause many thousands of people to suffer and die.

President Obama violated the law in releasing prisoners from Guantanamo without prior notification to Congress. The claimed health problems aren't apparent in the Bergdahl exchange video. Desperate for a media coup, the administration probably thought that the "brilliance" of this trade would quiet the strong objections that Congressional Republicans and Democrats voiced about similar previous proposals.

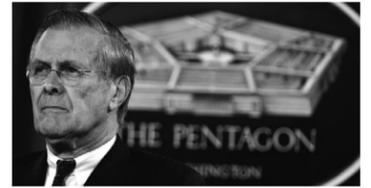


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Northcountry Chronicle

In Praise of Gridlock

by William Marvel

While waiting for an order in a local sandwich shop last week, I saw a piece on WMUR about this year's campaign for the state legislature. It was difficult to hear the audio, but television attacks the intellect mainly through the eyes, and a three-bullet list on the screen outlined the strategy of New Hampshire Democrats for 2014. As I understood it, their entire plan consists of presenting themselves as the only alternative to evil, corrupt Republicans.

The bullet in the middle of the list proposed spreading the fear that if Republicans regained control of New Hampshire's House it would lead to legislative gridlock. After all, the gridlock complaint has played well at the national level. President Obama has been characterized as gallantly combating or circumnavigating Republican obstinacy, and that stood him well in 2012. Popular opinion evidently dictates that governing bodies should govern constantly

and at full speed, but I don't subscribe to that belief, and my immediate reaction to that Democratic tactic ran along the lines of "What's so bad about gridlock?"

I registered to vote when I came home from the army, and supported the Democratic nominee in ten of the next eleven presidential elections. Once in a while I sided with a Republican, especially in nonpartisan local elections where candidates came overwhelmingly from that party. Still, I often thought of the Democratic Party as "us," and of Republicans as "them." Only after years of observation did I reflect that "us" consists of the largely disenfranchised voting public, while most politicians of either major party are "them."

That epiphany preceded the terrorist attacks of 2001, the fall-out from which seemed to confirm my conclusion. Jarred by the realization that we could suffer the backlash of imperial conduct, just like the Israelis, our peerless leaders suddenly started trading

our liberties for safety in a big way. Ignoring a heritage based on the understanding that freedom entails risk, career politicians began evincing a cowardly new philosophy in which no civil liberty seemed too precious to squander in the futile pursuit of absolute security. Support for the Patriot Act came from both sides of the aisle, although — like Obamacare — they didn't know what was in it until they passed it. Then Republicans and ambitious Democrats, like Hillary Clinton, both backed a war drummed up on pretenses that appeared obviously false even at the time. Those who should have been calling for calm chose to go along in order to get along.

Principles mouthed on the campaign trail mean nothing when they jeopardize the political futures of those who uttered them. Legislative decisions are usually guided by close monitoring of opinion polls, rather than by the declared positions on which the various officeholders were elected. To reassure their

corporate sponsors, for example, most Republicans and Democrats nominally subscribe to the harsh realities of capitalist doctrine, but when capitalism fails, as it did again a few years ago, presumed public opinion instantly transforms them into socialists, enamored of government bailouts. Protecting our privacy from rogue intelligence agencies also elicits cheers on the campaign trail, at least among Democrats, but both Dianne Feinstein and Jeanne Shaheen vote repeatedly to renew the National Defense Authorization Act that launched wholesale domestic snooping in the first place. Polls may explain that paradox, and the tendency to rely on polls increases with the significance of the issue. In a society as evenly divided as ours, the combination of inaccurate polling and poll-watching politicians easily turns the undesirable tyranny of the majority into the intolerable tyranny of the minority.

Minority opinion, meanwhile, apparently no longer deserves

special protections like those accorded minority citizens. A decade ago, when they were in the minority, Senate Democrats denounced the Republicans' threatened "nuclear option" of emasculating the filibuster as shameless bullying by the majority party. Republicans never played that card, but when Democrats became the majority party their indignation over such bullying evaporated. A few months ago they hamstrung the Republican minority by neutralizing the filibuster in precisely the way they so roundly condemned in the last administration.

As Henry Thoreau remarked, the best government governs least, and that rings especially true in an age of cynical, mercenary, hypocritical leadership. Gridlock may not reduce the inordinate reach of government, but it certainly curbs its exercise. That would have been very acceptable in the first decade of this century, had Democrats had the spine to impose it, and I'm not so sure it's a terrible thing now.

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for it. Now that those untargeted reckless cuts are looking like the destructive policy that they always were, he's hoping we'll forget his former support. Then there were all the furloughs that the sequester brought, which drained millions from the local economy. That's on him too.

When the Republican majority in the U.S. House forced the federal government to shut down late last year, Mr. Guinta was all for it. That shutdown cost U.S. taxpayers \$24 billion, according to Standard & Poor's.

The Government Accountabili-

ty Office reported in March, 2014, that sequestration disrupted federal agency operations and caused agencies to significantly reduce or delay compensation, benefit payments, work hours, job incentives, investments, hiring, and public services. Remember that these are the agencies responsible for protecting the border and airline passengers, defending our country, researching cures for cancer, investigating criminal activities, preventing terrorist acts, issuing gas and oil leases, &c.

Mr. Guinta has relentlessly bad judgment about the economy. We

can't afford him back in office.

Herb Moyer
Exeter, NH

§ Bait & Switch

To the Editor:

While at the gym the other day I noticed an intriguing story being told on Fox News. It was about a teacher who was fired for asking her 4th grader's advice about her love life. She had to pick between two men whom she had been dating. I religiously avoid Fox News for its stark reputation of twisting facts to influence people's opinions for their own political out-

come. This being a simple human interest story, though, I decided to tune in. I figured for a second that it might not lead to any political agenda at all! Of course I soon found myself recanting.

The story led into the "shocking" and "depressing" "new" findings of 326,000 new jobless claims. (Who knows how "new" they truly are? Were they from the past 24 hours? The past 6 months? Specifics, please!

The programming reminded me of a lesson I'd recently learned in an introductory marketing course at UNH, about a thing

called "Bait-and-Switch." If you're not familiar with it, it's a ploy in which retailers advertise a product at a low price. Once the consumer gets into the store and realizes the product is not available, they are pressured by salesmen to consider a similar product at a higher price. I couldn't help but think that I had just fallen victim to a similar scheme by Fox News! I had just been "baited" by a genuine story, but once my attention had been grabbed, the storyline "switched" to a heavily biased, and most likely warped statistic incriminating Obama yet again.

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When No News Is Bad News

by Jim Hightower

If a tree falls in the woods and NBC, ABC, and CBS aren't there to cover the crash, does it make a sound?

Not necessarily. For example, consider some very big news from the Federal Communications Commission, which recently proposed to let a handful of monopolistic internet service providers do away with the core democratic

principle of "net neutrality" — the idea that everyone, big or small, has an equal opportunity to put their material on the internet. Ax-ing this egalitarian principle has long been the goal of Comcast, Time Warner Cable, and the few other ISPs that control the wires bringing high-speed internet service into our homes. A two-lane system would let them collect big bucks from corporations wanting to rush their materials onto our

screens ahead of everyone else, relegating us to the the slow lane traffic jam.

The FCC's giveaway of our democratic internet to plutocratic profiteers was a front-page story everywhere. Well, everywhere except on NBC, ABC, and CBS. Curiously, the big three made no mention on their nightly news shows of this momentous and outrageous power play.

Why were they silent? Follow

the money. NBC is owned by Comcast, which would reap a fortune by selling fast-lane access, so the conglomerate doesn't want its news arm notifying the public and stirring up opposition to the FCC action. ABC is owned by Disney, which is eager to purchase preferential passage for all of its many internet offerings. Likewise, CBS owns "Showtime" and multiple sports networks that want to push their internet programming ahead

of smaller competitors.

By not even covering the attempt to destroy net neutrality, these conglomerates reveal what we can expect to get as "news" if they are allowed to control internet content. To help stop them, go to www.freepress.net.

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What remains is the ultimate question of Fox News' true motives: is it to educate and inform, or is it to market and push a corrupt ideology on viewers?

I'll assume the latter. It took me a while, but once I learned how to navigate the lights and smoke of the program, it shows to be a gigantic flow chart that all leads back to Fox's agenda — or, should I say, one man's: Roger Ailes.

Dan Duvall Jr.
Durham, NH

Look Before You Leap, Mr. Brown

To The Editor:

Scott Brown has recently succeeded in "shooting himself in the foot" — both feet actually. His involvement with a Florida "fly by night" company has more than "caused a distraction to his campaign." The SEC may investigate Global Digital, Inc. for fraud. Brown's reputation will not benefit.

Other old adages come to mind — "look before you leap," "nothing makes us more vulnerable than greed," or "the devil is in the details."

It seems that all Mr. Brown could see in the \$1.3 million offer to advise Global Digital were dollar signs and not warning

signs. Another old adage pops up — "if it looks too good to be true it probably is." How gullible can a Senate candidate be and still be electable?

My experience with attorneys has been that they are cautious and persnickety to a maddening fault. Detail oriented, questioning and risk avoidant also apply. Did Scott forget his lawyer "skills" in the midst of behaving like a politician?

Brown's horrible execution of due diligence and judgment in this Global Digital fiasco certainly makes me question his abilities as an attorney and most certainly his candidacy for the U.S. Senate.

Dave Potter
N. Hampton, NH

The Me Generation

To the Editor:

The comparison of today's anti-war movement to that of Viet Nam provokes outrage, as the movement of the Sixties was not anti-war at all; it was an anti-draft movement with the likes of Dick Cheney, Rush Limbaugh, John Bolton and that gang running for the high grass.

Those cowards were joined by a bunch of spoiled rich kids who got their kicks dressing up as poor people and in so doing drove up

the prices in the Army surplus stores that the poor used to clothe themselves at reasonable prices. But who cared about that? They had the image they wanted.

Oh, and wasn't it grand having final exams cancelled and then taking off for summer vacation while someone else was answering the call?

And when the draft was over the movement stopped, as they shaved their beards, got haircuts, dropped their deferred jobs, and went into daddy's business or into Wall Street, and migrated to the right as neo-conservative chickenhawks.

John Dente
Wilmington, DE

John:
We recall all too well our own disillusionment when, in the Seventies, former fringe-dwellers of our acquaintance suddenly began getting in touch with their inner accountants.

And we can't help but agree that self-preservation was one important element of the anti-war movement — just look at the results: when Nixon killed the draft the anti-war movement died with it.

But was it really that simple, that cut-and-dried?

We recall just as well four friends: members of the Class of '65, all dubi-

ous about the merits of the war. Each responded in his own way; none of those ways fit your picture.

Two resolved to resist the draft. One, of Quaker lineage, was that rara avis who actually won straight-up conscientious objector status. He emptied bedpans and monitored IVs for the term required by law, and then went on in that line of work for a few years after that; you'd have to ask him why. The other, probably the gentlest soul of the lot, just stood up, said "No." He was sent to jail for that.

Two enlisted. We can't really speak for the other, but we suspect that in both cases it was for the same reason: the shimmering illusion that in doing so we might exert some control over our fate. As Herodotus probably wrote somewhere, such naïveté is the reason wars tend to be fought by those of tender years.

Your Editor knuckled under and did his nation's bidding. From a sufficient distance, it might appear to have been just a year in the rear with the gear. In his case, Viet Nam turned out to be somewhat like the City of Lynn — you never come out the way you went in.

Lastly, our friend's promised year of training in Mandarin Chinese was somehow bureaucratically morphed into Vietnamese. When push came to shove, rather than submit

he deserted. After several years in Europe he paid the price of repatriation: a year in Leavenworth.

This is no scientific sample, but we'd argue there was principled opposition then, and still is now. Prime examples: Vietnam Veterans Against the War and Veterans for Peace.

The Editor

Pocket Paradigm

"One of the problems with living around powerful myths is that you can start to feel personally responsible when they don't work out. If you don't lose weight, have better sex, kick your phobia, earn 20% annually in the stock market, or get the job you want, there are few around to tell you that such outcomes are pretty normal. Instead, we are surrounded by hucksters of success and salvation constantly luring us towards illusory certainty. If we succumb to these chimeras of profit and prophesy, if we accept the idea that God rightly favors the successful, the economy justly favors the lucky, and society fairly favors the glamorous, it can ultimately leave us with a sense of failure for no greater fault than being a normal human being."

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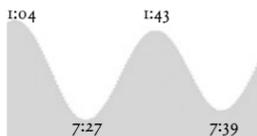
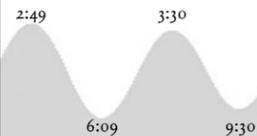
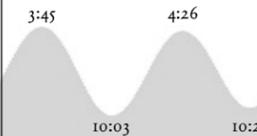
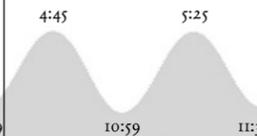
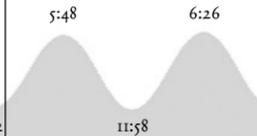
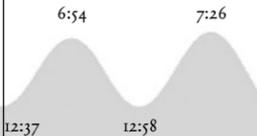
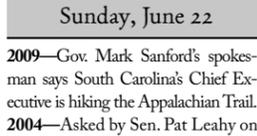
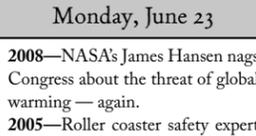
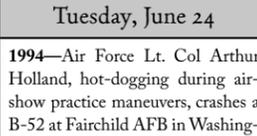
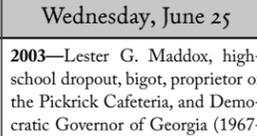
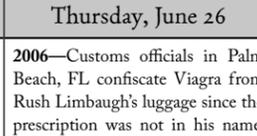
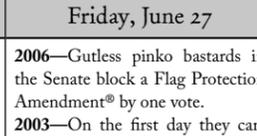
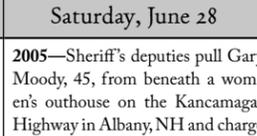
moon drags about seventeen billion gallons of seawater — enough to fill 2,125,000 tanker trucks — up the river and into Great Bay. This creates a roving hydraulic conflict, as incoming sea and the outgoing river collide. The skirmish line

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>2002—Accounting firm Arthur Anderson is convicted of obstructing justice by impeding an investigation into G.W. Bush's top financial contributor, Enron.</p> <p>1992—Vice President Dan Quayle ensures his rightful place in history by advising a spelling bee contestant to add a superfluous 'e' to 'potato.'</p> <p>1967—Gov. Reagan (R-CA) signs a bill liberalizing abortion laws.</p> <p>1920—A mob several thousand strong drags three black circus workers from the Duluth, MN jail; arrested for a rape that didn't happen, they're lynched.</p> <p>1917—Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman are charged with conspiring to "induce persons not to register" for the draft.</p> <p>1913—At Bud Bagsak in the Philippines, gun designer John Browning tests his new .45 caliber pistol on Moro rebels.</p> <p>1904—The side-wheeler <i>General Slocum</i> burns to the waterline during an excursion on New York City's East River. Of the 1,300 aboard, more than 1,000 die.</p> <p>1859—Near Vancouver, American Lyman Cutlar shoots a pig belonging to Charles Griffin, an Irishman, causing a U.S./British military standoff lasting 12 years.</p> <p>1648—Found guilty by John Winthrop and other Boston worthies, Margaret Jones of Charlestown is hanged for witchcraft.</p>	<p>2002—Bill Maher's TV show "Politically Incorrect" is cancelled for living up to its name.</p> <p>2000—The Energy Department finds missing top-secret computer hard drives in a location which had already been searched twice.</p> <p>1992—Ronald Reagan's Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger is indicted for lying to Congress.</p> <p>1991—Atlanta's Otis Nixon steals six bases in one day.</p> <p>1972—Peace activists encircle the Pentagon.</p> <p>1959—George "Superman" Reeves dies of a gunshot to the head.</p> <p>1944—South Carolina electrocutes George J. Stinney Jr. for a double murder. He is 14.</p> <p>1943—Charlie Chaplin, 54, marries Oona O'Neill, 18.</p> <p>1932—In an early demonstration of his self-destructive tendencies, the GOP nominates Herbert Hoover for a second term as President.</p> <p>1918—In Canton, OH, Eugene V. Debs delivers an anti-draft speech that is so effective he's later charged with ten counts of sedition.</p> <p>1904—In Dublin, James Joyce meets Nora Barnacle; they go for a walk.</p> <p>1881—RIP Marie Laveau.</p> <p>1873—Susan B. Anthony is arrested for voting.</p> <p>1745—Forces led by Sir William Pepperrell of Kittery take the French fort at Louisburg.</p>	<p>2005—Dennis Koslowski is convicted of looting NH-based Tyco.</p> <p>1982—"God's banker" Roberto Calvi is found hanging under a London bridge.</p> <p>1972—Nixon goes hit Democratic HQ at the Watergate, but a black Vietnam vet discovers them.</p> <p>1971—Nixon's War on Drugs starts.</p> <p>1958—NH's Sherman Adams, Ike's Chief of Staff, admits he accepted a vicuña coat from Boston industrialist Bernard Goldfine.</p> <p>1948—A false fire alarm prompts a relief valve open. CO₂ knocks out the flight crew; 43 die as the plane crashes in eastern Pennsylvania.</p> <p>1939—In Paris, Eugene Weidmann becomes the last public victim of France's guillotine. Watching from a nearby window is future horror movie star Christopher Lee.</p> <p>1933—Four G-men and one hood die in the Kansas City Massacre, three of shotgun wounds; lawmen carried the only shotguns present.</p> <p>1932—Thousands of disgruntled Great War vets mass in front of the U.S. Capitol as the Senate votes not to pay their bonuses.</p> <p>1775—The Battle of Bunker Hill is fought on Breed's Hill with New Hampshire men under Gen. John Stark using powder pilfered from Portsmouth's Fort William and a group of London booksellers.</p>	<p>2009—After a fight at the Fish & Game Social Club in Manchester, Mayor Frank Guinta steps over a broken-legged victim and leaves before the EMTs arrive.</p> <p>1989—RIP I.F. Stone, who said "Every government is run by liars and nothing they say should be believed."</p> <p>1967—On stage at Monterey, CA, Jimi Hendrix sets his guitar afire.</p> <p>1961—Eddie Gaedel, only dwarf to get a base on balls in major league play, dies at 36 of a heart attack after a mugging.</p> <p>1959—Louisiana Gov. Earl Long, though committed to a mental hospital, continues to govern.</p> <p>1954—In Alabama, Albert Fuller murders Alfred Patterson. Patterson, Democratic candidate for State Attorney, had vowed to rid Phoenix City of vice, apparently alarming movie star Christopher Lee.</p> <p>1916—In Australia, 6,000 rally die in the Kansas City Massacre, three of shotgun wounds; lawmen carried the only shotguns present.</p> <p>1898—A <i>New York Times</i> critic says George Bernard Shaw's career has no promise.</p> <p>1869—<i>New York Times</i> founder Henry J. Raymond, entertaining his mistress, dies of a stroke at 49.</p> <p>1798—Congress tightens restrictions on citizenship with the first Alien and Sedition Acts.</p> <p>1746—Samuel Johnson agrees to produce an English dictionary for a group of London booksellers.</p>	<p>2002—Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL) leaks classified NSA intercepts to Fox News's Carl Cameron and CNN's Dana Bash.</p> <p>1969—The dying town of Tobar, NV—named for a sign pointing to a saloon—is dealt a death blow by an exploding railroad car full of bombs en route to Vietnam.</p> <p>1967—Muhammad Ali is convicted of refusing induction into the U.S. Army.</p> <p>1954—Warned by Sen. Styles Bridges (R-NH) that his son's homosexuality would be exposed if he did not resign, Sen. Lester C. Hunt (D-WY) shoots himself dead in his Senate office.</p> <p>1953—Julius and Ethel Rosenberg become the first native-born Americans executed for espionage.</p> <p>1898—The <i>U.S.S. Charleston</i> shells Guam. The island's Spanish governor, unaware that he's at war, apologizes for having insufficient powder to return the salute.</p> <p>1879—Gen. Wm. T. Sherman, at the Michigan Military Academy, tells his audience, "There is many a boy here today who looks on war as all glory, but, boys, it is all hell."</p> <p>1864—The Portsmouth-built ship <i>Kearsarge</i> sinks the Confederate raider <i>Alabama</i> off Cherbourg.</p> <p>1865—Two years after the Emancipation Proclamation, slaves in Texas are freed. The day is now observed as "Juneteenth."</p>	<p>2005—Veep Dick "Dick" Cheney tells Larry King the insurgency in Iraq is "in the last throes."</p> <p>1973—An American F-14 Tomcat shoots itself down with a Sparrow air-to-air missile.</p> <p>1972—"Sinister forces" erase 18.5 min. of Oval Office tape.</p> <p>1965—Navy Lts. Clinton B. Johnson and Charles Hartman, flying prop-driven Douglas A-1 Skyraiders, down a MiG 17 jet fighter over Vietnam.</p> <p>1963—A "Hot Line" is established between the White House and the Kremlin.</p> <p>1962—For the second time in about two weeks, a Thor rocket malfunctions and drops an A-bomb into the South Pacific.</p> <p>1953—A U.S. military mission arrives in Saigon.</p> <p>1943—KKK and pals attack striking African-American auto workers in Detroit; 34 die, 1,300 are arrested.</p> <p>1942—Four prisoners wearing Nazi uniforms drive out the main gate of Auschwitz in a stolen car belonging to the commandant.</p> <p>1941—The recently refurbished sub <i>U.S.S. O-9</i> sinks east of the Isles of Shoals with 33 aboard.</p> <p>1923—Pancho Villa dies, saying, "Don't let it end like this. Tell them I said something."</p> <p>1893—Lizzie Borden beats a double-murder rap.</p>	<p>2006—Fox News, citing Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA), reports that "We have found weapons of mass destruction in Iraq."</p> <p>2005—Edgar Ray Killen, 80, is found guilty of manslaughter in the case of Schwerner, Goodman, and Chaney (see 1964).</p> <p>2004—Mike Melvill becomes the world's first non-governmental astronaut by piloting <i>SpaceShipOne</i> to an altitude of 100 kilometers.</p> <p>1994—As Jose Martin and his wife drive near Madrid, a 3-lb. meteorite crashes through their windshield, bends the steering wheel, and lands in the back seat. She is unscathed, he gets a broken finger.</p> <p>1989—The U.S. Supreme Court rules flag-burning is legal.</p> <p>1964—Civil rights workers Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman, and James Chaney are murdered by the KKK in Mississippi.</p> <p>1942—The Japanese sub <i>I-25</i> fires 17 shells at Fort Stevens, OR, damaging a phone cable.</p> <p>1877—The Molly Maguires, 14 miners arrested by private detectives and prosecuted by private attorneys for the coal companies, are hanged by Pennsylvania officials, private executioners apparently being unavailable. Pardons for two arrive minutes too late.</p> <p>1919—Germans scuttle their captive fleet at Scapa Flow. The English shoot nine Germans in lifeboats.</p>
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<p>2009—Gov. Mark Sanford's spokesman says South Carolina's Chief Executive is hiking the Appalachian Trail.</p> <p>2004—Asked by Sen. Pat Leahy on the floor of the Senate about his ties to Halliburton, Veep Dick "Dick" Cheney replies "Go f_k yourself."</p> <p>2002—Enron execs admit they hid \$1.5 billion in illegal profits gouged from California ratepayers.</p> <p>1977—John Mitchell, once the U.S.'s No. 1 lawyer, begins serving 19 months in an Alabama prison.</p> <p>1970—The 24th Amendment gives 18-year-olds the vote.</p> <p>1969—In Ohio, the Cuyahoga River burns for 20 minutes.</p> <p>1964—The U.S. Supreme Court rules the Post Office can't ban Henry Miller's <i>Tropic of Cancer</i>.</p> <p>1959—The U.S. launches its tenth Vanguard missile. It is the eighth failure for the rocket.</p> <p>1950—A paranoid fabric importer, aided by retired FBI agents, publishes <i>Red Channels</i>, a pamphlet alleging the radio and television racket is full of Communists.</p> <p>1942—Congress adopts the Flag Code, thus replacing the embarrassing Nazi-like "Flag Salute" with FDR's hand-on-heart gesture.</p> <p>1898—The U.S. Army's V Corps, commanded by gout-ridden, 300-lb. Major General William Shafter, lands chaotically in Cuba.</p> <p>1893—<i>HMS Victoria</i> accidentally sinks <i>HMS Camperdown</i>; 358 die.</p>	<p>2008—NASA's James Hansen nags Congress about the threat of global warming — again.</p> <p>2005—Roller coaster safety expert Richard H. Brown, 64, dies of injuries received in a fall in his own driveway.</p> <p>1995—During a soundcheck, Dan Rather joins R.E.M. in "What's the Frequency, Ken?"</p> <p>1988—NASA's James Hansen warns Congress of the seriousness of the threat of global warming.</p> <p>1976—Edwin Walker, former Army General and Lee Harvey Oswald target, is arrested for fondling an undercover cop in a Dallas men's room.</p> <p>1972—Nixon's own tape recorder catches him telling H.R. Haldeman to order the CIA to block an FBI investigation of Watergate.</p> <p>1950—A Douglas DC-4 and all 58 aboard disappear without a trace over Lake Michigan.</p> <p>1947—The Senate overrides Truman's veto of the anti-labor Taft-Hartley Act.</p> <p>1937—Having been shot in the jaw and seen the Communists suppress anarchists, George Orwell and his wife flee Spain.</p> <p>1917—After Babe Ruth is thrown out for punching an umpire, Ernie Shore takes his place and shuts out 26 batters.</p> <p>1888—Frederick Douglass is nominated for President.</p>	<p>1994—Air Force Lt. Col Arthur Holland, hot-dogging during airshow practice maneuvers, crashes a B-52 at Fairchild AFB in Washington State.</p> <p>1982—On a British Airways 747 en route from Malaysia to Australia, all four engines fail after flying through a cloud of volcanic ash. After fourteen minutes of gliding, pilots are able to re-start the engines and land successfully.</p> <p>1971—Nixon's Special Counsel Charles Colson circulates the first White House "Enemies List."</p> <p>1970—The Senate repeals the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution.</p> <p>1970—Staging fails on the Kittery side of the Piscataqua River Bridge project. Four men fall 75 feet to their deaths, seven others are injured.</p> <p>1968—Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, tells a Long Island audience, "The enemy has lost whatever chance he had of taking South Vietnam by military force."</p> <p>1968—The National Guard is called out to defend the nation's capitol from the people.</p> <p>1947—Private pilot Kenneth Arnold reports "flying saucers" over Washington state.</p> <p>1902—Deadline looming, Joseph Conrad upsets an oil lamp and accidentally burns the second installment of <i>The End of the Tether</i>.</p>	<p>2003—Lester G. Maddox, high-school dropout, bigot, proprietor of the Pickrick Cafeteria, and Democratic Governor of Georgia (1967-1971) succumbs to his own inherent loathsomeness.</p> <p>1996—A bomb kills 19 U.S. servicemen in Saudi Arabia.</p> <p>1973—John Dean spills the Watergate beans to the Senate.</p> <p>1962—Supreme Court ends prayer in schools.</p> <p>1950—The Korean War begins.</p> <p>1940—France surrenders to Germany.</p> <p>1906—At Madison Square Garden, designed by Architect Stanford White, White is shot dead by Harry Thaw, with whose wife White had been taking liberties.</p> <p>1899—Four Denver dailies run a hoax cooked up by idle reporters: Chinese authorities were taking bids from American companies to demolish the Great Wall and build a road in its place. The story is reprinted as fact by papers as far off as Europe.</p> <p>1876—Lakota, Arapahoe, and Cheyenne warriors wipe out General George Armstrong Custer, his brothers Thomas and Boston, and the rest of the Seventh Cavalry at Little Big Horn.</p> <p>1798—Congress passes the second of the Alien and Sedition Acts, authorizing deportation of potentially dangerous aliens.</p>	<p>2006—Customs officials in Palm Beach, FL confiscate Viagra from Rush Limbaugh's luggage since the prescription was not in his name. He was returning from the Dominican Republic, a popular sex tourism destination.</p> <p>2002—A federal appeals court in San Francisco declares the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional because of the words "under God."</p> <p>1995—In Golf Manor, MI, EPA workers dismantle a homemade nuclear reactor in the suburban backyard of David Hahn.</p> <p>1987—Denying that President Reagan is senile, Sen. Alan Simpson says, "I even saw him do a cowboy doodle the other day. He used to do that when he was in his prime."</p> <p>1985—At Jack Russell Stadium in Clearwater, FL, organist Wilbur Snapp plays "Three Blind Mice" after a dubious call by ump Keith O'Connor. O'Connor ejects Snapp.</p> <p>1976—Gov. Kit Bond rescinds a predecessor's "Extermination Order" banning Mormons from MO.</p> <p>1954—Emperor Bao Dai appoints Ngo Dinh Diem premier of South Vietnam.</p> <p>1947—Boston Mayor James Curley reports to federal prison following a conviction for mail fraud.</p> <p>1863—Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton promises a Medal of Honor to every soldier in the 27th Maine who extends his enlistment.</p>	<p>2006—Gutless pinko bastards in the Senate block a Flag Protection Amendment® by one vote.</p> <p>2003—On the first day they can, more than 735,000 people sign up for the "Do Not Call" list.</p> <p>2000—"Until I'm the President," says George W. Bush, "it's going to be hard for me to verify that I think I'll be more effective."</p> <p>1989—Ignorance of the law is an excuse for Reagan crony Lyn Nofziger; his illegal lobbying conviction is thrown out.</p> <p>1986—The International Court of Justice rules the U.S. was out of line in funding the Contras.</p> <p>1972—Five Vietnamese MiG 21s shoot down five U.S. F4s.</p> <p>1971—Col. David Hackworth, that war's most decorated soldier, wrecks his career by saying on TV that the U.S. cannot win in Vietnam.</p> <p>1954—CIA-sponsored rebels overthrow Guatemala's democratically-elected government.</p> <p>1905—Russian sailors mutiny aboard the battleship <i>Potemkin</i>.</p> <p>1905—The International Workers of the World forms in Chicago.</p> <p>1919—Anarchist Emma Goldman turns 50 in prison.</p> <p>1898—<i>Spray</i> sails into Newport Harbor; Joshua Slocum has single-handedly circumnavigated.</p> <p>1874—The first Transatlantic Cable is completed, from Balinskelligs Bay, Ireland, to Rye, NH.</p>	<p>2005—Sheriff's deputies pull Gary Moody, 45, from beneath a woman's outhouse on the Kancamagus Highway in Albany, NH and charge him with criminal trespass.</p> <p>2004—The U.S. grants "limited sovereignty" to the Iraqi "government," assuring a rapid return to normalcy. U.S. death toll so far: 971.</p> <p>1994—The U.S. Department of Energy admits that hundreds of U.S. citizens were unwittingly used for radiation experiments during the Cold War.</p> <p>1975—Rod Serling enters another dimension.</p> <p>1972—Richard Nixon cleverly announces that no new draftees will be sent to Vietnam, further eroding the anti-war movement already weakened by the lottery.</p> <p>1971—The Supreme Court overturns Muhammad Ali's conviction for draft evasion.</p> <p>1969—Gays and lesbians violently resist a police raid at the Stonewall Inn in NYC.</p> <p>1968—Lyndon Johnson enhances his party animal credentials by signing a law converting Memorial and Veterans Days into three-day weekends.</p> <p>1957—New York City's last known opium den, at 295 Broome St., is busted.</p> <p>1836—RIP James Madison, last surviving member of the Constitutional Convention of 1787.</p>
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