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## The Fortnightly Rant

### Coming In Like Miley Cyrus

There was a time — and a long time it was — when Republicans really ran this state. A brief scan of the past 157 years will make this clear.

The last New Hampshire Governor who was neither a Democrat nor a Republican was Ralph Metcalf. A Know Nothing,\* Metcalf left the corner office after two one-year terms on June 4, 1857. Since his departure, we've had 56 Governors; nine Democrats and 47 Republicans, a ratio of over five to one.

When John King took office in 1963, he was the first Democrat to do so in forty years. Another decade passed between his leaving and the election of Hugh Gallen.

The successive reigns of John H. Sununu and Judd Gregg, spanning the years from 1983 through 1992, epitomized Republican governance: brusque to the point of rudeness and dismissive of dissent. Such was their dominance.†

More recently, the Republicans' grip seems to have slipped. They have held the corner office for just two of the past 17 years — years the GOP does not care to remember.

Cabletron Systems co-founder and CEO Craig Benson was a brash, high-tech *wunderkind*, just 35 when he took his company public in 1989 in the largest IPO in Wall Street history. He spent

\* The Know Nothings, taken as a whole, were a fairly disgraceful phenomenon; bigoted, narrow-minded, and violent. Though Metcalf was elected as a Know Nothing, he wasn't among their worst. He had long been a Democrat, but, as an abolitionist, he broke with that Party over President Franklin Pierce's support for the odious Kansas-Nebraska Act.

† Their successor, Steve Merrill [1993 - 1997], was more of a skimmed-milk Republican, presaging, perhaps the GOP's growing weakness.

\$20 million of his own money, and \$4 million from other people, to win the primary and general elections in 2002. Benson's tenure, though, was a cascade of scandals from start to finish ending in tears and recriminations.

Benson was defeated in 2004 after a single term — the first time that had happened in 78 years — and the Republicans haven't been able to elect a governor since.

#### Why a Businessman?

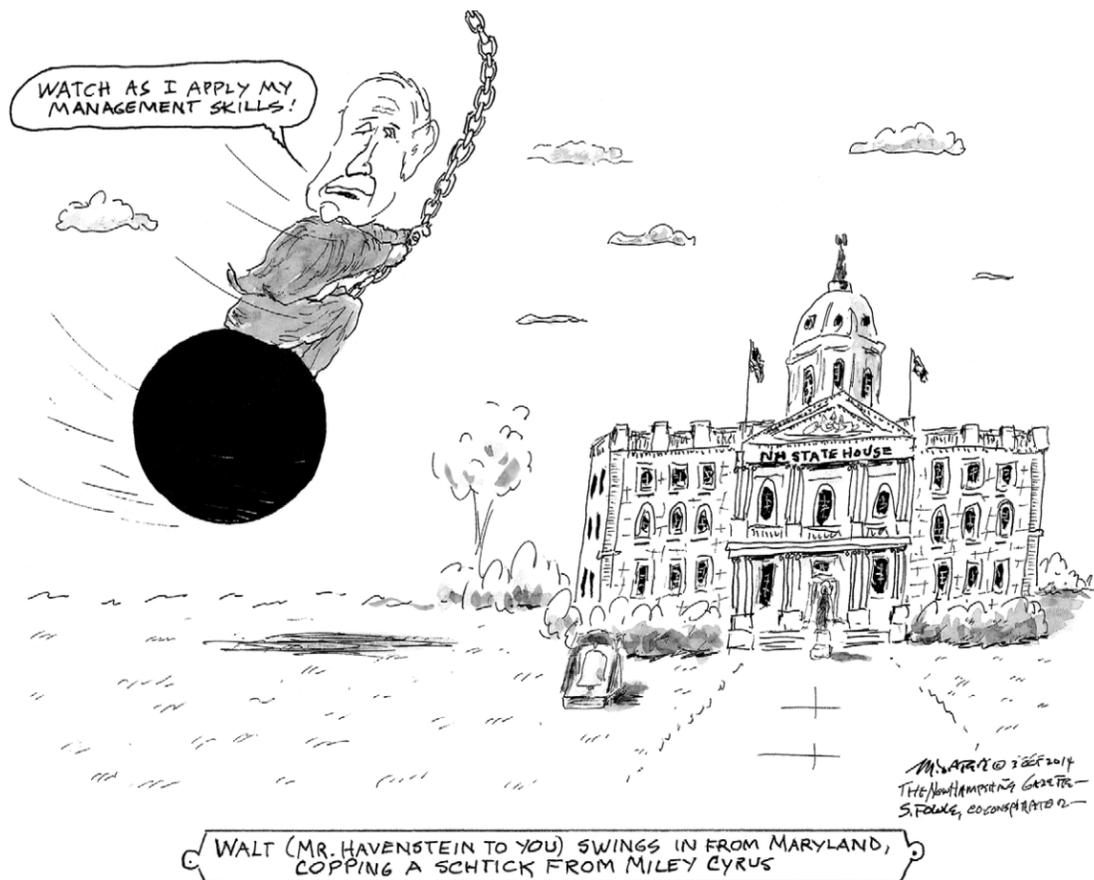
Republican politicians and big business tycoons have been wrapped in a fervent and sweaty embrace since the dawn of the Gilded Age. The cozy alliance between corporate board rooms and Congressional cloak rooms was mutually beneficial — for the parties most directly involved, anyway. Mere citizens suffered plenty of collateral damage.

The brutal anti-labor policies of the late 19th century were finally swept aside after Wall Street blew up the economy in 1929. Thanks to labor unions — and tighter securities regulation that prevented more Depressions — a middle class that was the envy of the world grew after World War II.

But as that middle class was growing, the very Earth beneath its feet was being destroyed. The Cuyahoga River eventually caught fire several times; homes and a school were built atop a toxic waste dump at Love Canal; acid rain was killing the forests of the Northeast, and bald eagles were scarce as hens teeth.

None of these things were directly attributable to the individual actions of ordinary citizens; all were the consequence of reckless corporate behavior.

Eventually — and, ironically, thanks in no small part to Rich-



ard Nixon — the Environmental Protection Agency, the payment of taxes, and steady pressure from a more-organized citizenry reduced the flammability of the Cuyahoga River, the acidity of the rain, and increased the fertility of bald eagles.

So we've got all that going for us, which is nice. But now the ice caps are melting, causing the jet stream to wobble; and the climate is going to hell in a handbasket. [See "Whither the Weather," page two, for details.]

Meanwhile, the multi-billionaires who profit from selling the fossil fuels that are wreaking all this havoc are also backing a propaganda campaign that is falsely claiming they've got nothing to do with it. They're spending hundreds of millions on this avalanche of lies, but to men of their means it's peanuts; the upscale version of

an insurance policy, intended to make sure that they can continue to profit.

At the same time, the economy itself has become hazardous to the financial health of the middle class.

Wall Street decided some time ago that it's more fun — i.e., more profitable — to make money by making money make money all by its lonesome. Thanks to "financialization," no factories are needed and no employees need apply.

#### Why This Businessman?

The State's GOP had to run somebody — just imagine the embarrassment if they didn't.

But why another businessman? And why *this* businessman, another high-tech CEO, whose last company saw its stock price dive while he made 95 times a typical New Hampshire salary, then rebound after he was bounced?

Are New Hampshire Republicans really that stubborn, or have they just given up entirely?

Maybe they were just desperate. All the home grown Republicans were chicken, so Party insiders outsourced the job to Maryland. The decidedly right-leaning site *RedRacingHorses* put it this way: "we've had difficulty recruiting [in New Hampshire], so Havenstein (whose political experience is limited to fundraising for other candidates) might be our best (read: least bad) shot against the popular Hassan."

On the other hand, maybe we're making this too complicated. After all, today's Republican Party is composed of ranks of the unthinking, led by the perverse, and they're all on the march to sanctify cruelty under the banner of benevolence. Why shouldn't Havenstein head that ticket?

## The Alleged News®

### It's A Global Epidemic — of the Whim-Whams

To our great disappointment we have just learned, thanks to the diligent party-poopers at the website *QuoteInvestigator*, that an advertising copy writer at the *Amarillo Daily News*, and not President Dwight Eisenhower, was the probable source of the astute observation, "Things are more like they are right now than they ever have been."

We had to look that up just now because the way things are it seemed important.

We begin this fortnight's news with a special report for the reader who once told us we're their only source of news: President Obama, the alleged Kenyan Muslim currently conducting Operation Occupy the White House and the

winner of the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize, has recently begun a new campaign of limited air strikes against targets in Syria.

To be clear, as was the case when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, these attacks do not come with the Boots On The Ground™ option.

He may not have wanted to do it, but, caught in a three-way squeeze between *YouTube*, Fox News, and a guy with a hood and a knife 6,000 miles away, he didn't have much choice.

Obama had already bombed Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Pakistan, Somalia, and Yemen, so Syria makes the seventh Muslim country he's bombed — which is three more than George W. Bush.

Perhaps he's a self-hating Muslim.

The Syria bombings were the first to be conducted with Lockheed Martin's sleek and sexy F-22 Raptor™, developed in response to a request by the Air Force 33 years ago.

Originally the Air Force had planned to acquire 750 of the planes for \$26 billion, or about \$35 million a pop. When production ended in 2011, though, just 195 had been built at a cost of \$150 million each.

They were assembled in Georgia from parts supplied by 1,000 subcontractors in 46 different states. The per-plane price would have been lower had fewer subcontractors been involved, but reducing

the number of Congressional districts would have jeopardized the whole project.

We can't help but think that giving ISIL free tickets to Ebola-ville would be a lot cheaper.

Under the heading of Cable TV Presidential Outrage News, photos have been circulating on the internet showing President Obama allegedly insulting the flag and the U.S. Marines by saluting a Marine with a to-go cup of coffee in his hand.

This of course raises the question, where was the outrage of the American Kennel Club when George W. Bush saluted a Marine while cradling his dog Barney in his arms?

Amidst all this furor and con-

fusion, one thing, at least, has come out right. On Monday, jack-booted thugs from the U.S. Fish & Game Service returned Milton, NH resident Ari Goldenberg's 80-year old stuffed and mounted black rhinoceros head. They had seized it a few years ago and charged him with violating interstate commerce laws pertaining to the sale of bits and pieces of endangered species.

It's a baffling case, but we're pretty sure of one thing: Goldenberg has got to be a Democrat. No New Hampshire Republican would ever associate with a rhino — not even its dead head.

**The Alleged News®**  
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**Whither the Weather?**

Now that summer is over we can look back and assess the weather it brought us, so that we might rashly speculate about the future.

There seems to be a broad consensus that this summer has been unusually pleasant. We concur, especially as it compares with last year, about which more in a moment.

But as we pore over the data, we see doom. A broken clock can still be right twice a day; so, we suspect, can an unmoored climate deliver beautiful weather — for a while.

Take Monday, September 22nd: after a light rain the sun came out, the wind picked up, and the temperature gradually rose into the mid-70's. Viewed in isolation, that's an unremarkable set of facts about a pleasant and seasonally-appropriate day. It

seems a bit strange, though, that the final day of summer was one of the warmest days in more than a fortnight.

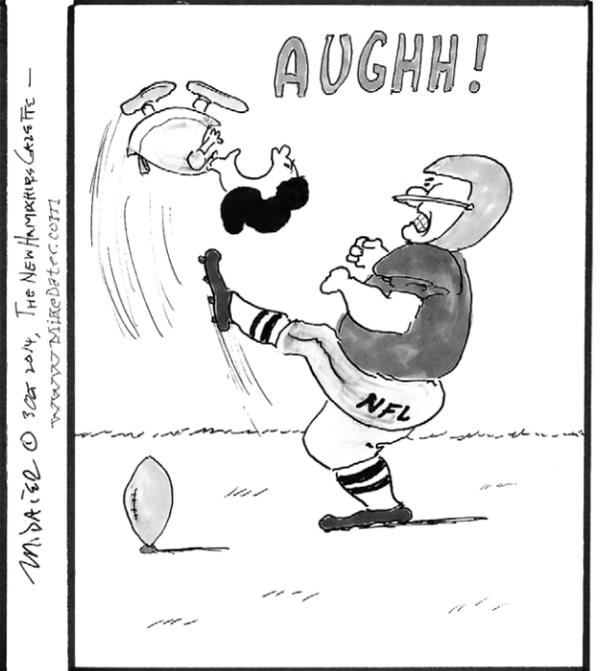
The average high temperature from September 8th through the 22nd was just 67.5°. That is 5.5 degrees lower than the average high temperature of the same set of days in 2013.

Looking back to August, thirteen days in that month felt like they belonged in September, with high temperatures averaging 4.6 below the norm.

Finally, this year we had no heat waves, generally defined as a three-day period with high temperatures over 90 degrees.

The contrast with last year could not be more stark. In 2013 we had four heat waves — as many as in the preceding three years combined.

Our cool summer was a global aberration, not the norm. This August was the planet's hottest month ever. This summer was California's hottest ever, breaking



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A small, hushed audience was treated to a unique and oddly stirring performance of Shakespeare's violent and bloody play Coriolanus on Sunday evening, September 21st. In order to avoid offending anyone, the players barely spoke above a whisper; doing its part, the audience watched in silence.

the previous record by a whopping 1.4 degrees.

These extremes appear to be caused by a wobbling jet stream — the same Polar Vortex that made last winter such a bear. The wobble, in turn, appears to be caused by the loss of polar ice.

That is alarming, because data from CryoSat-2 shows that since 2009 the annual rate of ice loss has doubled in Greenland and tripled in West Antarctica. The total loss is now running at about 120 cubic miles a year. The volume of ice in East Antarctica is increasing, but "at a moderate rate that doesn't compensate for the losses on the other side of the continent." According to *The Guardian's* Robin Mackie, one scientist called the findings "incredible."

That's in line with a study published September 4th in the scientific journal *Climate Risk Management*. Titled, "A probabilistic analysis of human influence on recent record global mean temperature changes," its abstract began, "December 2013 was the 346th consecutive month where global land and ocean average surface temperature exceeded the

20th century monthly average, with February 1985 the last time mean temperature fell below this value." The study calculated that "there is less than a one in one hundred thousand chance" that this trend was caused by anything other than manmade greenhouse gas emissions.

While Biblical scholars seek comfort in that 1/100,000 chance, the rest of us can fret over the American Meteorological Society's just-released report which said, among other things, that "human-caused climate change greatly increased the risk for the extreme heat waves" in 2013.

**King Tide Photo Contest**

With melting ice caps come rising oceans and higher tides every year. One of the highest tides of this year will come next Thursday, October 9th, at about 12:15 p.m.

Whoever takes the photograph best depicting that tide can win \$250 in the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership's King Tide Photo Contest and Gala.

According to a handy press release the Partnership sent, a "King Tide is an especially high tide that occurs when the gravitational pull

of the sun and moon reinforce one another."

The rules appear quite simple: just take photos around the coast and upload them to Twitter and Instagram using the hashtag #KingTidesNH.

"The photos collected during this one day photo contest ... will be used to help local leaders, planners and communities identify coastal areas vulnerable to tidal flooding, visualize projected impacts from rising sea levels, and plan for tomorrow."

Be prepared to relinquish your ownership rights: "the photos will be used in future publications, presentations and websites for the New Hampshire Coastal Adaptation Workgroup partners. On the evening of October 9 from 6-8pm all photographers and the public are invited to an Awards & Photo Show at the Seashell Ocean Pavilion at Hampton Beach."

For more information and contest rules see <http://prepestuararies.org/2014-king-tide-photo-contest/>. For more information on the New Hampshire Coastal Adaptation Workgroup see <http://nhblog.stormsmart.org/>.

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**Deaf From Above (Cont.)**

A curious story appeared on May 9th in the Award-Winning Local Daily. "Due to quieter aircraft and a general lull in the aviation industry," it reported, "noise created at the airport at Pease International Tradeport is less than it was nearly 10 years ago, and it looks like it will only continue to shrink over the next several years." That rosy scenario was attributed to Richard Doucette of the FAA.

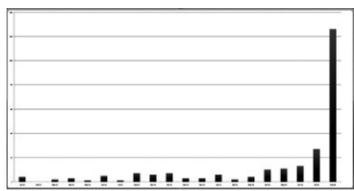
By July 18th, that statement appeared to be no longer operative. Or perhaps the airport really is quieter, and it's only downtown that's noisier. Whatever the case, the AWLD's Jeff McMenemy reported on that date, without providing hard numbers, that "the number of complaints [city officials are] receiving from residents about low-flying red helicopters buzzing over city neighborhoods is starting to soar."

"Portsmouth starts helicopter noise complaint hotline," read a misleading headline on August 6th. McMenemy's story was correctly reporting that city officials had posted the phone number of the Pease Development Authority's [PDA] Noise Complaint Hotline [ (603) 436-6333 ] on the city's website.

After that publicity it should have been no surprise, when McMenemy came to revisit the issue in an August 21st article about a PDA Board meeting, that "complaints or inquiries to the airport's noise line went from 13 in June to 27 in July and then to 63 through Aug. 20." Since then we've heard helicopters aplenty; but as for updates on helicopter noise complaints it's been ... crickets.

Now, though, thanks to the recent acquisition of a copy of the Pease Development Authority's Noise Report Log, we can put those three meager data points published six weeks ago by the AWLD into their broader, eye-popping context.

The Log covers the 20-month period from January 1, 2013 through the end of August. Here's what the data look like:



Have no fear, Portsmouth residents! Steps are being taken to mitigate the town's crippling shortage of affordable housing for millionaires. A couple more floors, some granite and stainless steel, et voilà — a few more deserving job creators will have their well-deserved pieds-à-terre.

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From January of 2013 through March of 2014 there were an average of 3.6 noise complaints per month.

Before mid-July, 2014, most complaints were about C-5s, K-135s, or similar aircraft. After that, the vast majority were helicopter related.

In August there were 126 noise complaints — more than all the previous 19 months combined. Of that number, 107 were helicopter related.

For reasons not readily apparent to us, 35 complaints, all helicopter-related, came in on a single day. On Friday, August 22nd, 25 individuals complained; three people called twice, one person called four times, and one called five times, all between 8:54 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

On August 21st, one caller complained about a small red helicopter "buzzing" her house in New Castle for 3.5 hours on July 5th. Apparently by email, she complained directly to Bruce Cultrera, owner of Seacoast Helicopters. According to the Log, he "replied with a 'snarky' response when I asked if his helicopter was

red, and I quote, 'Yes, all my helicopters are red, but not all red helicopters are mine.' He indicated, several times that I owed him an apology and my complaint was bordering on slander."

Cultrera's manner may have been surly and his remark about slander a stretch, but the helicopter in question was almost certainly not his. July 5th was the day of Lawrence Lessig's New Hampshire Rebellion march up the Seacoast — which was being filmed, all day long, from a red Robinson R-44 that looks just like Cultrera's, but is not his.

During the PDA Board meeting McMenemy reported on August 22nd, two members of the PDA's Board, Margaret Lamson and John Bohenko, expressed their dismay at a helicopter that flew overhead during the funeral of a former City Councilor on August 19th. "I really thought that was offensive," Lamson said. "It just seemed insensitive."

The paper quoted Bohenko saying, "They weren't at 1,000 feet. They were circling around the city proper (in the) downtown," and asking Hopper to "find out if the

red helicopter was being operated by Seacoast Helicopters."

Judging from McMenemy's reporting, all the complaints may be getting under Cultrera's skin.

"The owner said a 'small sliver of the population' is 'just set on antagonizing us.'"

"He believes the opposition is organized, and said it disappoints him that 'people would go to that extent.'"

In an article published August 21st, McMenemy quoted Cultrera saying, in an earlier interview, "...we don't fly directly over downtown ... we're carrying tourists who have cameras and they're gawking ... you can't see what's directly under the helicopter. We go around the outskirts of downtown."

Having no appetite or funding for a libel defense we won't say it was Cultrera's, but this red Robinson R-44 was flying downtown on August 24th.



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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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**Collier is Rebutted**

To the Editor:

To spare readers the tedium of yet another lengthy letter, I will not address all the points in Richard Collier's rebuttal. I will only deal with what he says about my citations, and briefly remark on one of his own citations.

Collier says that the peace plan of the 2002 Beirut summit "would have eliminated Israel under the guise of purportedly offering peace." As is his wont, Collier provides no evidence for this assertion. I provided a link, so people can check the text themselves.

Collier says that Benny Morris' "earlier work is now mostly discredited by real scholarship, and even repudiated by the author's own embarrassed reconsiderations." It would be helpful if Collier would name one of these works of real scholarship that have supposedly discredited Morris. An attempt at refutation that I read, Efraim Karsh's *Palestine Betrayed*, seemed to me to be unsuccessful. Morris has not repudiated his earlier work. The second edition of his *Birth of the Palestinian Refugee Problem*, published after Morris' move to the political right, pretty much says the same things the first edition did. All Morris has repudiated are the moral qualms he once felt about what happened in 1948.

People who want to know if the Hamas charter calls for the killing of "all Jews" should check it

out: <http://fas.org/irp/world/para/docs/880818.htm>. Article Seven speaks of killing Jews; Articles Six and Eleven are more nuanced about the ultimate fate of non-Muslims. I should perhaps add that I don't support Hamas' demand for the destruction of Israel, let alone Hamas terrorism.

Aaron Carine  
Dover, NH

**Collier Reloads**

To the Editor:

Your question ("Is it your position that ... Israel has never done wrong?") brings the nature of human existence into focus. I don't claim that Israel is without sin ... It's not that one side is perfect, just that one side is markedly less imperfect than the other.

One relies on cultural values to distinguish right from wrong. Most Westerners claim that human life is at the pinnacle of human values. (Except, ironically, when other issues supervene.) Other cultures claim other values.

[Contrasts Jains, who "will not kill even mosquitos because they could well be relatives reincarnated," with "Islam [whose] underlying value system is best highlighted by that famous aphorism, 'We love death more than they love life.'"]

[Piously expresses the wish that Moslems "will evolve past this into a more benign, symbolic view of their own teachings just as other religions have over time."]

[Irrelevant moralistic vamping excised.]

No, I don't begin to propose that Israel is without flaw. I am just insisting that the vast preponderance of fault, if you are judging from a multi-cultural, Western, Enlightenment perspective, lies with those Mohammedan groups which were killing Jews of the Levant in the 1800's, who in the early 1900's massacred Palestinian Jews in their ancestral homes throughout the region, and who continue to insist on death to all

Jews and the extermination of Israel. Israel's failings are trivial in comparison.

Richard Collier  
Portsmouth, NH  
Richard:

*Let's get down to brass tacks — or, better yet, Cast Lead, as Israel euphemistically called its indiscriminate use of white phosphorus in residential neighborhoods of the Gaza Strip during 2008 and 2009. How trivial was that?*

The Editor

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**Environment? What Environment?**

To the Editor:

Apparently there was some big march somewhere by a bunch of people wanting the government to do something about climate change. Didn't hear much about it from the media which is currently too preoccupied by ISIS or ISIL or Dan Issel or whatever to have reported about it.

Hell, I love the heat. Give me 95 and humid any day. I am not originally from New England although I have been here almost 40 years. Still can't stand the cold though. Once it hits about 55 degrees I curl up into a fetal position and shiver and whimper until spring.

But hope is coming for me and my fellow thermophiles! A vast majority of those egg-headed Krelboynes with degrees (pun intended) in science tell us the average temperature will rise in the following decades due to an increase in human activity generated greenhouse gasses. Yes!

Unfortunately, we have some science deniers out there who want to snow on my parade. For example, The House Committee on Science, Space and Technology (you read that right — SCIENCE) seems to be made up of a lot of Flat-Earthers who don't want that uppity in the White House tellin' us what we can or can't be throwin' into the air. But, by their actions, these fossil fuel-

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funded fatheads are actually facilitating my dream of a warmer earth.

I may have to move to Sunapee due to rising sea levels but it will be well worth it!

Robert "Wheel Gun Bob" Ford  
Portsmouth, NH  
Robert

*Thank you for making us look up Krelboyne.*

The Editor

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**Guinta Denies**

To the Editor:

Recently Frank Guinta denied "manmade" climate change. Climate change deniers often cite a bogus non-peer-reviewed report by the oil-industry-funded Non-governmental International Panel on Climate Change (NIPCC). Don't be fooled!

NIPCC's principal funder, the Big-Oil-backed Heartland Institute, is an industry shill with a clear conflict of interest and bias. In 1998, the Heartland Institute cited "experts" who said, "smoking in moderation has few, if any, adverse health effects," working to deny the dangers of smoking and secondhand smoke. That should tell us all we need to know about the NIPCC's credibility; it hasn't got any.

Referring to NIPCC's findings, Dr. Kevin Trenberth (National Center for Atmospheric Research) said, "The NIPCC has no standing whatsoever. It is not a reviewed document, it is not open for review at any point and it contains demonstrable garbage and falsehoods. In contrast the IPCC [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change] process is rigorous, open and there are 2 major reviews." The IPCC assesses peer-reviewed scientific studies on climate change, and thousands of scientists participate on a voluntary basis.

NIPCC is making noise because the legitimate (and fifth) report by the IPCC is due this month. The IPCC's concluded (according to a leaked draft) that human activities have warmed global temperatures from 1951-2010 and that sea level could rise by more than 3 feet, unless runaway emissions are curbed.

Big Oil employs NIPCC to muddy the waters. If we stay confused and do nothing to curb emissions, Big Oil wins — and the world and our children lose.

Beth Olshansky  
Durham, NH

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**Another Modest Proposal**

To the Editor:

I read with interest your concern over the future of Gary's Beverages if the proposed parking garage is built on that space. I share your concern.

I have an alternative modest proposal regarding the parking garage, which I would like to set forth via your organ. To wit, if it has not already been suggested, why not fill in and pave over the South Mill Pond, specifically the area across from the Middle School adjacent to Leary Field and the dog park?

As a frequent pedestrian I can attest that the pond is not much used, except for a few miscellaneous water fowl. It can't be beyond the scope of civil engineers to drain the pond and make the land suitable for construction, after all it has already happened both here and elsewhere.

That area could, I'm sure, hold an expansive multi-story parking garage, with much needed extra retail units on the ground level. The garage would be within walking distance of the unspoiled charms of downtown, and would allow relatively easy access to new constructions which lack such fa-

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# And Other Correspondence

cilities. Furthermore it would provide easy parking for those visitors wishing to view the annual, ever popular, firework display.

Possibly, also, the architects who designed the new hotel complexes could be invited to submit plans, as they seem to be so familiar with the needs of Portsmouth and her residents.

I hope, therefore, you are able to give this modest, and dare I say practical, proposal the space I feel it merits.

David Severn  
Portsmouth, NH

David:

*First you presume to make use of our organ, then you propose to dispossess our meek and inoffensive brethren, the water fowl. Yet somehow, we find it in our heart to publish your letter.*

The Editor

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## We're Lucky to Have Her

To the Editor:

What impresses me the most about Carol Shea-Porter is that she is one of the rare Members of Congress who do not accept a penny from DC lobbyists or corporate-funded political action committees. Hence, her loyalties are not bought by dark money from outside interests. She is beholden solely to her constituents. For this reason, Carol will continue to win elections through people-powered campaigns.

Unfortunately for us, despite Carol's best efforts and honorable intentions, she has been surrounded the last two years by an obstructionist, Republican-led 113th Congress, a sequel to Tea-Partier Frank Guinta's Do-Nothing-But-Harm 112th Congress that was determined to make the President and, consequently, America fail (see Sequestration, government shutdown and the

draconian budget proposals of Congressman Paul Ryan). In the end, the Tea-Party charade will fail!

Carol's ability to resist powerful special interest money was on full display as she courageously voted independently against arming the so called "moderate rebels" in Syria. Sadly, the Republican propaganda machine is certain to distort the facts about her vote with a nasty negative ad that will be funded by Guinta and Scott Brown's mutual billionaire buddies.

We are exceptionally fortunate to have someone like Carol Shea-Porter, free from shadowy special interests, who can freely oppose arming more "moderates." After all, America's self-proclaimed protectors, GOP Senators John McCain and Lindsay Graham (with Kelly Ayotte and Scott Brown riding their coat-tails), who continue to get it completely wrong, would have had us inadvertently arming ISIS "moderates" a year ago to fight Syria's Bashar Al Assad, which would have resulted in ISIS governing their Caliphate from Damascus and Baghdad.

If not for Carol, we'd be adding those terrorists and other disgruntled Sunni militants (i.e. angry, disenfranchised Iraqis) to an extensive list of Middle East "moderates" that Republican presidential administrations have ill-advisedly armed over the last several decades, starting with: The Shah of Iran, Saddam Hussein, Osama Bin Laden, and the Islamic Republic of Iran. We've arrived at where we're at today as a direct result of these dangerous liaisons and repeated misadventures.

Wayne H. Merritt  
Dover, NH

Wayne:

*Amid all the hoopla about Scott "The Sexiest Man Alive" Brown,*

*you'd think the media would be able to fit in a little squib or two about Shea-Porter.*

*Allow us a risky analogy: she reminds us in a way of the about-to-retire Derek Jeter — but in a good way. Like Jeter, she plays the game the way it's supposed to be played. Unlike Jeter, she's on the right team.*

The Editor

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## Energy Independence

To the Editor:

Frank Guinta thinks Carol Shea-Porter should have voted for HR 2, a Republican energy bill that would allegedly create jobs but would actually severely limit the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from power plants under the Clean Air Act. Thanks, Carol, for voting against this bad bill!

Mr. Guinta faults Shea-Porter for not "weaning ourselves off Middle East oil." For his information, we are well on the way to energy independence under the Obama Administration. Energy Information Administration (EIA) statistics show that the percentage of import dependence has dropped from 57 percent in 2008 (under Bush) to 29 percent in 2014 (under Obama). Oil production and exports are sharply up, and imports are down. Oil prices are set on a global market, so our prices stay high because global demand is rising. A graph of oil prices from EIA figures shows that US prices track global prices. *The Wall Street Journal* notes that because global markets set prices, higher production doesn't lower prices, it just lets domestic oil producers make more profit. The conservative CATO Institute agrees with this analysis.

Shea-Porter's all-of-the-above energy strategy can lower prices by developing alternative energies and increasing energy efficiency, which will lower demand. We've already increased oil production

and it isn't enough.

Frank Guinta either doesn't understand how the global oil market works, or he prefers to mislead us by trotting out Republican spin. I prefer competence and honesty. I'll be voting for Carol in November.

Stefany Pike  
Rollinsford, NH  
Stefany:

*We suspect he knows the difference but does not care.*

The Editor

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## Guinta Gasses On

To the Editor:

Former Congressman Frank Guinta and several other candidates running this election cycle deny human influence on climate change. We need to trust in science, and not in half-baked, biased, industry-funded "research." Trusting in science has made us more prosperous and healthier, and a world leader in innovative technology.

According to NASA (<http://climate.nasa.gov/scientific-consensus/>), 97 percent of climate scientists agree that "climate-warming trends over the past century are very likely due to human activities, and most of the leading scientific organizations worldwide have issued public statements endorsing this position."

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [IPCC] has found that most of the rise in global average temperatures since the mid-20th century is "very likely" (with a more than 90 percent probability) due to the observed increase in greenhouse gas concentrations caused by human activity. This position is held overwhelmingly by hundreds of scientific organizations world-wide (see [http://opr.ca.gov/s\\_listoforganizations.php](http://opr.ca.gov/s_listoforganizations.php)).

The U.S. National Academy of Sciences stated in 2005, "The scientific understanding of climate change is now sufficiently clear to



justify taking steps to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere."

Frank Guinta doesn't believe in "man-made" climate change and even thinks "science has not been solidified on this issue." He prefers to side with the 3 percent of scientists who dispute the 97 percent scientific consensus. You have to dial the hands of time back to the 15th century before you find that backwards attitude toward science.

I'm voting for Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter, who understands the challenge of climate change to global stability, security, and prosperity.

Juliette Paquin  
Stratham, NH

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## Guinta's Worthless Promises

To the Editor:

When Frank Guinta makes promises, they don't seem to mean much. When he ran for mayor of Manchester (and won), he promised to lower the crime rate (it went up), improve schools (all four high schools dropped below the acceptable range), and lower taxes (taxes went up).

In Congress, Frank immediately forgot who sent him there. He voted twice to privatize Medicare and replace it with a voucher program. And he voted to severely reduce nursing home care for seniors and to cut federal funding

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# Nourishing Disorder

by William Marvel

I was about 13 when I saw a copy of William Shirer's *Rise and Fall of the Third Reich* sitting on the windowsill of my cousin's room, over at my grandmother's house. I put it on my mental list of titles to read, because fat paperback editions of history or historical fiction always exerted a strange appeal for me. More than half a century later, I'm finally getting around to that mammoth example of research and organization, which someone in my line of work especially admires.

As Shirer demonstrates, timid European diplomacy and American isolationism cultivated an increasingly stronger and greedier Nazi regime. Had France and England enforced the Versailles Treaty provision against Hitler rebuilding the German army, his infant dictatorship would have crumbled. If they had forced a showdown when he remilitarized the Rhineland, he would inevitably have backed down, losing

enormous political influence at home.

More to my point, had the rest of Europe come to the aid of Austria during the Anschluss, or challenged the more obvious annexation of the Sudetenland and the rest of Czechoslovakia, Hitler could not long have survived in power. If Britain, and France in particular, had only lived up to their agreement with Poland to invade Germany while the Polish army sacrificed itself against the greater part of Hitler's forces, D-Day would not have been necessary; had Stalin not abrogated his part of that pact, Hitler would not have dared invade Poland, let alone the Soviet Union itself. If the U.S. had not rejected the League of Nations in the first place, it might well have convinced those other powers to do their parts to restrain the Nazi demagogue.

None of those countries did what they had promised to do, or should have done, because they had all just emerged from a long, unnecessary war that had cost

some of them millions of lives. The U.S., as the least bloodied of the Allies, had lost something like 125,000 men. The fear of falling into a similar catastrophe dissuaded everyone from standing up to Hitler, and that greatly encouraged him. The first war begot a worse one — partly because it left the winners reluctant to risk future wars by proactively confronting international aggression.

Shirer's book rings an eerily familiar note in light of recent history. Vladimir Putin's annexation of the Crimea and his covert war in the Ukraine both depended on the same tactics Hitler used — dividing the ethnic elements within an adjoining country through unrest orchestrated by Nazi (or Russian) provocateurs, followed by military intervention on the pretext of protecting ethnic Germans (or Russians), and concluding with actual or effective annexation of Austria, Czechoslovakia, or Poland (or the Crimea, or Ukraine). Europe and the U.S. seem alarmingly hesitant to confront the new Hitler in any

effective manner, and in the U.S. and Great Britain that's largely because both countries have just emerged, yet again, from another long, unnecessary war.

That may be the worst repercussion of George Bush's tremendous disservice to the world. By harping on Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction, Bush pretended to defend the modern equivalents of the Versailles Treaty and the League of Nations; instead, by invading Iraq when he must have known that those weapons did not really exist, Bush actually violated national sovereignty, waged a war of aggression, weakened the influence of the United Nations, and sent the American people into another round of isolationist hibernation. In playing the Lone Ranger, promising to bring freedom and the American way to the Tigris-Euphrates Valley, he left this country too gun-shy to confront a real international threat. Tony Blair did the same for Great Britain, wearing St. George's hel-

met instead of the ten-gallon hat. The liquidation of Saddam Hussein opened a power vacuum that our attempt to force democracy did nothing to fill, and now the Islamic State is thriving on the results of Bush's blunder. Which was the worse tyranny?

Imposing American values on Iraq was just as presumptuous, arrogant, and counterproductive as Christians converting pagans, Massachusetts transplants forcing their suburban expectations on rural New Hampshire residents, or social reformers mandating their views on family interaction and child rearing. Individuals and states alike should save their intervention for matters that fall within their legitimate jurisdiction. Global order might be better served if the great powers cared less about controlling affairs inside other nations and responded more assertively to those countries — be they Russia or Israel — that start grabbing territory outside their borders.



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for Meals on Wheels. He supported phasing out Social Security and said he didn't even want his children to know what it was.

In contrast, Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter works for us and gets the work done. She has voted to stop shipping jobs overseas, to strengthen small businesses, and to save the auto industry. She refused to bail out Wall Street.

No one has worked harder than Carol to keep our promises to vets and to support our troops. She voted for the new GI Bill of Rights and sponsored legislation

to prohibit toxic burn pits that were poisoning our soldiers.

It's no surprise that the New Hampshire Alliance for Retired Americans have endorsed Congresswoman Shea-Porter for another term. She is committed to preserving Social Security and Medicare, and will continue to oppose any plan to privatize those programs.

Carol is a hard worker and effective legislator who gets the job done. We need to keep her in Congress standing up for us.

Lenore Patton  
Hampton, NH

### A Sin Against Citizenship

To the Editor:

Citizenship, in a democracy, carries with it responsibilities. Being an informed voter, and most importantly, being a consistent voter are right at the top of that list.

Sins of omission are just as bad as sins of commission when it comes to fulfilling one's role as a steward of our government. Of the people, by the people and for the people becomes an empty slogan if and when eligible voters do not vote.

We all know the tired excus-

es of non-voters — I'm busy, I don't like any candidate, one vote doesn't matter, all the politicians are the same. Shame!, for substituting lame rationalizations for a lack of sufficient commitment to participation in our democracy.

2014 is a very important election, with more far reaching implications than the election of particular personalities.

Democrats and Independents, if you want the return of Bill "The Bully" O'Brien and his extreme views, just don't vote in the upcoming elections.

Remember his opposition to

consumer protection, background checks for gun show purchases, Medicaid expansion, and his support for the stand your ground law?

O'Brien was also behind the "brilliant" move to reduce funding to UNH by half to pay for a four percent reduction in the cigarette tax. We all know how that worked out — tobacco companies raised their prices by the exact amount, so his promise of lower prices and increased revenue failed.

O'Brien also eliminated State contributions to local pensions

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# Finding The Money To Fund Higher Education For All

by Jim Hightower

**Q**uestion: Is making higher education available to every American more important to our national interest than letting Wall Street profiteers make a few more billions-of-dollars each year?

**A**nsWER: Of course. Yet, our political leaders — pushed by Wall Street lobbyists — have been making the opposite choice for years. As a result, banksters have

loaded students down with a mountain of high-interest loans, rising from just over \$2 billion a decade ago to nearly a trillion last year. Worse, the financiers — either banks or government lenders — have become the gatekeepers of advanced education, shutting out thousands of young people wanting to get ahead, but not able to hurdle the formidable financial barrier.

This is enormously costly to

America — and completely unnecessary. The smart choice — as we learned from the GI Bill after World War II — would be to make college and professional training free. Universal access to higher education — ie, free access — produces a very high return on the public's investment, while also producing widely-shared prosperity and a broadly educated citizenry.

Of course, an up-front invest-

ment in a smarter, more productive, more democratic civilization is pricey. So where do we get the money to do what America needs? Get it from where it went. Wall Street's superrich speculators are now making millions of super-fast, robotic financial transactions per second, generating trillions of dollars a year for them — but producing nothing of real value for us, while distorting and endangering markets.

Put a tiny tax on each of those automated gambles by speculators, and more than enough money will come into the public coffers to free-up higher-ed for all. For information, check out United States Students Association: [www.usstudents.org](http://www.usstudents.org).

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which ended up raising your property taxes. Thanks for that bill, Bill!

It would certainly be a sin if we end up with a more conservative New Hampshire House under the control of a Tea Party Republican. If you are a young voter, a single woman or a minority, break with tradition and get out to vote in this mid-term election, you will make a difference.

Dave Potter  
N. Hampton, NH

Dave:

*There are 400 seat counts in the New Hampshire House, and as you point out, every damned one of them counts. If a person doesn't vote, we don't want to know him.*

The Editor

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## We Need Solar Guidelines

To the Editor:

As the United States launches a war in Syria, another conflict rooted in our reliance on foreign energy, I have to look no further than out my front door at the underutilized southwest roof of the former church at 73 Court Street to know the Port City can do more towards sustainability and energy independence.

In a recent letter, I wrote that the City Council could implement Property-Assessed Clean

Energy (PACE) financing to assist individual property owners with energy efficiency and renewable energy investments. The City could also provide new guidelines for roof solar arrays to be visible from primary street-fronts in our Historic District. Slim black solar panel shingles downtown, like the ones proposed for the 200 year-old church at 73 Court Street, both embrace our historic character and our future as a modern Eco-Municipality.

This is not the first instance where the lack of Historic District solar array guidelines led to an individual property owner's sustainable ambitions being curtailed. This absence recently led to South End homeowners installing a much smaller solar array, and therefore purchasing more batteries, for their 380 volt DC Microgrid. Digital Microgrids allow for power storage, eliminating the less efficient AC conversion and transmission of solar energy to utility companies when the sun is shining and back when it is not.

Portsmouth can lead in reducing our reliance on foreign energy by encouraging energy efficiency and sustainability on a local level with PACE financing and Historic District solar array guidelines.

Josh Denton  
Portsmouth, NH

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## Money and Political Parties

To the Editor:

As the effects of the Supreme Court rulings that opened the floodgates of money into our nations politics play out, it is time to observe how each of our two major respond, on an event by event basis. This is how I see the parties being affected.

We see the Republicans becoming more and more dominated by right wing extremists. Money talks and the GOP says "How may I help you?" A snapshot of the effect of this can be seen in the recent and radical adoption of polluting the environment in any way that increases corporate profits as a "conservative" value.

The Democratic party has been affected in much more subtle ways. While less apparent they are just as destructive. One could assert that the Democrats have without telling anyone become no longer the party of the working class. No doubt most if not all elected officials who are Democrats still consider themselves champions of the middle class but good intentions are not the same as outcomes.

From my perspective I see the

Democrats as representing the middle class until what is needed adversely affects the political donor class even slightly. They are all for workers rights and what they need until it hurts the employers who are part of the political donor class even very slightly. This while many things that hurt middle class workers are allowed to worsen without any remedy in sight. For example less and less workers are getting pensions but rather than strengthening and improving Social Security most of the talk is about entitlement reform which is just a buzzword for cuts.

The Democrats to their credit are still a bulwark against Right Wing extremism. Nearly all favor ending corporate personhood and unlimited anonymous money for PACs. For these and many other good reasons they deserve our support. However, until they are no longer forced by the economic realities of our current political system into being beholden to the political donor class, we ought not expect them to cause that class to share any of the working classes' hurt.

Over half the people in this country do not vote. If this were not true it would not be as easy for this to be our reality. A plebi-

scite on corporate personhood and unlimited political spending might draw them away from their not entirely unreasonable indifference. The fractured elements advocating for this, and the all too complex wording of their proposals, need to solidify around a single very straightforward and simply worded Constitutional Amendment to that end.

Tom Laperriere  
Rochester, NH

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## Why Are They Hiding?

To the Editor:

[Blah blah] Senator Shaheen, Governor Hassan, Rep. Shear-Porter, and Rep. Kuster are hiding from us. They won't hold town hall meetings [blah blah].

Recently I came across a website, [whyaretheyhiding.com](http://whyaretheyhiding.com) [blah blah].

Harrison deBree  
Dover, NH

Harrison:

*We remember as if it were yesterday: a Town Hall held right here in River City in 2010. Hundreds of Tea Party-style Republicans showed up and howled at the top of their lungs, as if to prove that their second grade teachers' wages were wasted attempting to instill in them some pitiful modicum of human decency.*

The Editor

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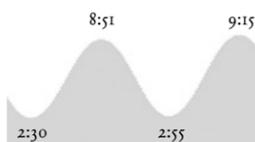
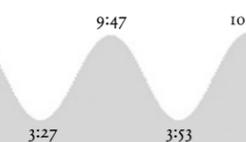
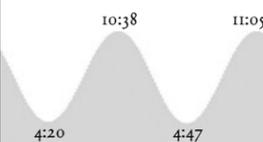
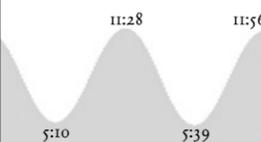
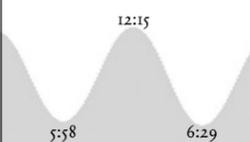
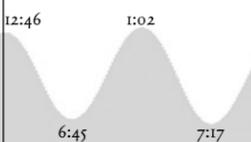
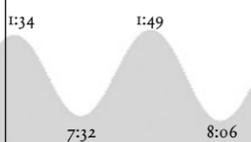
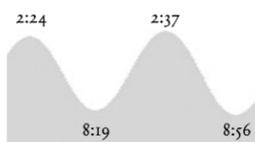
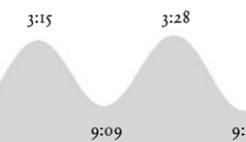
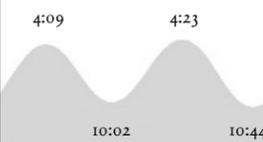
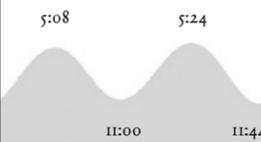
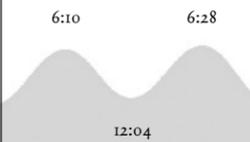
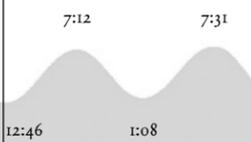
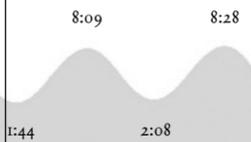
moves from the mouth of the river, up past New Castle, around the bend by the old Naval Prison, under Memorial Bridge, past the tugboats, and on into Great Bay. This can best be seen when the tide is rising.

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.

Sunday, October 5	Monday, October 6	Tuesday, October 7	Wednesday, October 8	Thursday, October 9	Friday, October 10	Saturday, October 11
<p><b>2003</b>—Timothy Treadwell and girlfriend Amie Huguenard discover the hard way that the grizzly bears they've been associating with in Alaska are not vegetarians.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—George W. Bush tells New Hampshire National Guardsmen — falsely — that Saddam Hussein could inflict "massive and sudden horror" on the U.S.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—Robert Stevens, photo editor of the supermarket tabloid <i>The Sun</i>, dies of anthrax. The terrorist who infected him remains at large.</p> <p><b>1995</b>—Rush Limbaugh says, "if people are violating the law by doing drugs, they ... ought to be sent up." After his own arrest in 2003 his position becomes more nuanced.</p> <p><b>1988</b>—In a Vice-Presidential debate, Lloyd Bentsen informs Dan Quayle he's "no Jack Kennedy."</p> <p><b>1986</b>—Nicaraguans shoot down a U.S. cargo plane illegally supplying Contra rebels with arms bought with the proceeds of illegal U.S. arms sales to Iran.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Undetected by U.S. radar, a Cuban defector lands his MiG-17 at Homestead AFB, where <i>Air Force One</i> is waiting to take Richard Nixon back to Washington.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—The Fermi nuclear power plant on the shore of Lake Erie almost melts down.</p> <p><b>1960</b>—Radar alerts NORAD of a massive Soviet ICBM launch heading for the U.S. It's wrong.</p>	<p><b>2004</b>—The top U.S. arms inspector in Iraq says there is no evidence Saddam Hussein had tried to manufacture any WMDs after 1991.</p> <p><b>1989</b>—RIP Bette Davis. Years earlier, told she was rumored to have died, she said, "During a newspaper strike? I wouldn't dream of it."</p> <p><b>1976</b>—Seventy-three die when Cubana Flight 455 is bombed over Barbados. Luis Posada Carriles is wanted in Cuba and Venezuela for the bombing, but the U.S. won't extradite him.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—Egypt and Syria attack Israel on Yom Kippur. This backfires.</p> <p><b>1961</b>—President Kennedy recommends that, in case of nuclear war, American families get ready to live for a while in holes in the ground.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—"In time of war," says Sen. Robert LaFollette, "the citizen must be more alert to his right to control his government."</p> <p><b>1886</b>—After spotting a 75-foot sea serpent near the mouth of the Piscataqua, its head four feet above the surface, two Kittery men "[ply] their oars lustily for the shore."</p> <p><b>1856</b>—Portsmouth celebrates the centennial of the founding of <i>The New Hampshire Gazette</i>; the railroad lays on extra trains to accommodate the crush of visitors from around New England.</p> <p><b>1536</b>—William Tyndale goes to the stake for printing an edition of <i>The Bible</i> which people could read.</p>	<p><b>2011</b>—Alice Walton, America's 9th richest person, having killed a woman in a 1989 car wreck, is busted in Texas for DWI on her 62nd birthday.</p> <p><b>2007</b>—Bangor, ME celebrates the death of Al Brady, Public Enemy No. 1, in a 1937 shootout downtown.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—President George W. Bush announces that "on any given day" Iraq could attack the U.S. with chemical or biological weapons, a situation which therefore creates "an urgent duty" to stop them.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—U.S. forces invade Afghanistan. George W. Bush writes his Poppy, "I feel no sense of the so-called heavy burden of the office."</p> <p><b>1996</b>—Fox News begins injecting mass quantities of insidious swill into the public forum.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—Congressman John Jenrette, Jr. (D-SC) is convicted of conspiracy and bribery.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—At the Six Gallery on Fillmore Street in San Francisco, Allen Ginsberg reads "Howl" in public for the first time.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—Relief forces reach the Lost Battalion in the Argonne Forest.</p> <p><b>1765</b>—The Stamp Act Congress meets in New York.</p> <p><b>1756</b>—Daniel Fowle and his enslaved pressman Primus begin printing <i>The New Hampshire Gazette</i> in Portsmouth. It achieves national seniority in 1839 when the <i>Maryland Gazette</i> folds.</p>	<p><b>2004</b>—American warplanes try to kill Abu Musab al Zarqawi but accidentally kill 13 people at a wedding instead.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—House Speaker Tom Foley (D-WA) announces that the House's sergeant-at-arms will no longer fix traffic tickets for House members.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—The Senate, instead of voting as scheduled on whether to confirm Clarence Thomas for the Supreme Court, decides to hold hearings on whether he's a sexual harasser.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—The Franklin National Bank collapses, undermined by Mafioso Michele Sindona, a pal of R. Nixon's Treasury Secretary David Kennedy.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—A three-day riot branded "Days of Rage" begins in Chicago.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Washington, D.C. riots after police shoot a black man.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Ernesto "Che" Guevara is captured by Bolivian troops led by the CIA's Felix Rodriguez.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—"The nations of the world will have to unite" warns Gen. D. MacArthur, "for the next war will be an interplanetary war."</p> <p><b>1942</b>—Shot down on a mission for which he volunteered, Capt. Earl Pease, of Plymouth, NH, is beheaded by his Japanese captors.</p> <p><b>1918</b>—In the Argonne Forest, expacifist Cpl. Alvin C. York kills 25 German soldiers and captures 132.</p>	<p><b>2005</b>—Four die as the Cold River floods Alstead, NH.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—During a Presidential debate, a bulge in his suit suggests George W. Bush is wearing a wire.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—Someone still unknown and uncaught mails letters carrying anthrax spores to the offices of two Democratic senators.</p> <p><b>1998</b>—In "a mockery of the regulatory process" that "brazenly violates existing law," Citicorp and Travelers Group merge to create Citigroup. The merger enriches bankers Sandy Weill and Jamie Dimon but eventually costs taxpayers billions.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—Hearing a loud bang, Michelle Knapp of Peekskill, NY goes outside and finds a hole punched through the trunk of her 1980 Chevy Malibu and a warm 26-pound meteorite lying on the pavement beneath it.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—At 2 a.m., D.C. cops stop Rep. Wilbur Mills's car near the Jefferson Memorial for speeding with headlights off. Mills's passenger, Fanne (sic) Foxe, aka "The Argentine Firecracker," hops out of the car and into the Tidal Basin.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Dr. Ernesto "Che" Guevara taunts a hesitant executioner, saying "Just shoot, you coward. You are only killing a man."</p> <p><b>1966</b>—Lt. JG William T. Patton, flying a prop-driven Douglas A1 Skyraider, downs a MiG-17 jet fighter over Vietnam.</p>	<p><b>2003</b>—Rush Limbaugh, the <i>Hindenburg</i> of talk radio, confesses he's an addict headed for rehab.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—In an unusually craven display, the U.S. Senate votes 77-23 to let George W. Bush have his way with Saddam Hussein.</p> <p><b>1989</b>—The Soviet news agency Tass reports nine-foot tall aliens have landed southeast of Moscow.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—Vice President Spiro "Ted" Agnew resigns in disgrace, pleading <i>nolo</i> to charges he dodged taxes on bribes and kickbacks.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Richard Nixon, putting his "madman theory" into practice, orders a gratuitous global nuclear alert for all U.S. military.</p> <p><b>1957</b>—A fire in a British nuclear facility causes a radiation leak contaminating milk over a 200 mile radius. The contaminated milk is dumped in the Irish Sea.</p> <p><b>1933</b>—A Boeing 247 airliner is destroyed by a bomb over Indiana. Seven passengers and three crew die in the first such act in history.</p> <p><b>1911</b>—Jasper Newton "Jack" Daniel, Tennessee distiller, dies of blood poisoning from an infected toe injured by kicking a safe whose combination he'd forgotten.</p> <p><b>1888</b>—A trainful of conventioners coming from an abstinence rally stops in PA. Another "temperance" train plows into it killing 66. Newspaper accounts suggest many survivors abandoned their pledges.</p>	<p><b>2003</b>—Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez gives Yankee coach Don Zimmer a shove, knocking the 72-year old Zimmer to the ground.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—Citing "certain information," the FBI warns of a terrorist attack in "the next several days." It fails to materialize.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—Anita Hill testifies before Congress that her former boss, Supreme Court Justice-to-be Clarence Thomas sexually harassed her.</p> <p><b>1983</b>—In Bryant, ME, the last hand-cranked phones in the U.S. are taken out of service.</p> <p><b>1960</b>—Nikita Khrushchev employs footwear to make his point at the podium of the UN.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—The Viet Minh take over North Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—Mao and the Red Army go to war against Chiang Kai-Shek's alleged government.</p> <p><b>1937</b>—Physicians warn the AMA that Massengil's new miracle drug "Elixir Sulfanilamide" is causing their patients to die in agony.</p> <p><b>1906</b>—The City of San Francisco decrees that Japanese children must go to segregated schools.</p> <p><b>1868</b>—Thomas A. Edison gets his first patent, for an electric vote recording machine.</p> <p><b>1809</b>—At a tavern called Grinder's Stand, explorer Meriwether Lewis cuts his wrists and shoots himself twice—according to the official version of events.</p>
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Sunday, October 12	Monday, October 13	Tuesday, October 14	Wednesday, October 15	Thursday, October 16	Friday, October 17	Saturday, October 18
<p><b>2004</b>—Thieves break into Lucas County Democratic Party HQ in Toledo, OH, taking computers holding essential information.</p> <p><b>2000</b>—In the port of Aden, Yemen, the destroyer <i>U.S.S. Cole</i> is badly damaged. Seventeen sailors are killed by a terrorist bomb aboard a small boat coming alongside.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—Forty-seven men are injured during a race riot aboard the <i>U.S.S. Kitty Hawk</i>.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—Lieut. William Calley is court-martialed for killing 102 civilians in My Lai.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Navy nurse Susan Schnell drops anti-war leaflets from a plane onto a California military base.</p> <p><b>1961</b>—The FBI launches a "Socialist Worker Disruption Program."</p> <p><b>1960</b>—Otoya Yamaguchi, 17, a right-wing ultranationalist, fatally stabs Inejiro Asanuma, leader of the Japanese Socialists, with a sword during a televised debate.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—Cpl. Desmond Doss, an ex-medic and conscientious objector, becomes the first non-combatant to receive the Medal of Honor.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—The First Battle of Passchendaele begins: 13,000 Allied casualties, no advance.</p> <p><b>1902</b>—Mine owners in Pana, IL import strike-breakers. Violence ensues. Fourteen die and 25 are wounded.</p> <p><b>1492</b>—A lost European begins oppressing native Americans.</p>	<p><b>2004</b>—Andrea Mackris sues her former boss, Bill O'Reilly, for making lewd phone calls. Two weeks later O'Reilly pays her to shut up.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—George W. Bush claims during a televised debate, "Gosh, I don't think I ever said I'm not worried about Osama bin Laden. That's kind of one of those exaggerations," directly contradicting his own statement of March 3, 2002 that he's "not that much concerned about him."</p> <p><b>1991</b>—A lie detector test suggests Anita Hill is telling the truth about Clarence Thomas.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—Seventy-five years after the land for it was allocated, the Burns Paiute Indian reservation in Oregon is created.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—A plane carrying a Uruguayan rugby team crashes high in the Andes, leading to culinary experimentation.</p> <p><b>1812</b>—U.S. Gen. Van Rensselaer sends a troop of regulars across the Canadian border. Those who aren't shot are forced to surrender. A troop of U.S. militia then refuses orders to invade.</p> <p><b>1754</b>—Molly Pitcher is born in New Hampshire.</p> <p><b>1660</b>—"I went ... to see Major General Harrison hanged, drawn, and quartered," writes Samuel Pepys in his diary. "He was looking as cheerful as any man could do in that condition."</p>	<p><b>2012</b>—Felix Baumgartner uses gravity to break the sound barrier.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—Delta Flight 458 (Atlanta-Newark) is diverted to Charlotte after two praying Orthodox Jews are mistaken for terrorists.</p> <p><b>1982</b>—Ronald Reagan declares "War on Drugs."</p> <p><b>1978</b>—Jimmie Carter legalizes home brewing of beer.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—The same day the Pentagon announces that 24,000 troops are going back to Vietnam for a second involuntary tour, 27 soldiers are arrested for protesting conditions at the Presidio stockade.</p> <p><b>1962</b>—A U-2 flying over Cuba photographs medium-range ballistic missile sites being built.</p> <p><b>1947</b>—Broken ribs be damned: Chuck Yeager breaks the sound barrier.</p> <p><b>1943</b>—Prisoners in the Sobibor extermination camp revolt, killing many of their SS officers and guards. Half the 600 prisoners escape the camp under fire.</p> <p><b>1919</b>—Forbidden to discuss their pay by <i>Vanity Fair</i>, Robert Benchley and Dorothy Parker don signs that state their salaries.</p> <p><b>1912</b>—Religious nut William Schranck shoots Teddy Roosevelt in the chest and later says "any man looking for a third term ought to be shot." Roosevelt, though bleeding, delivers an 80 minute speech.</p> <p><b>1864</b>—The <i>New Orleans Tribune</i>, America's first black daily, begins.</p>	<p><b>2008</b>—The Dow loses 7.8 percent of its value in its 2nd worst day ever.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—Jon Stewart appears on CNN's "Crossfire" and begs Tucker Carlson to "stop hurting America." Less than 90 days later CNN announces the show is over.</p> <p><b>1997</b>—On Nevada's Black Rock Desert, RAF pilot Andy Green breaks the sound barrier in a jet-driven, 110,000 horsepower car.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—The Senate confirms Clarence Thomas as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—To great fanfare but little effect, Gerald Ford's "Whip Inflation Now" campaign begins.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—Huey Newton and Bobby Seale form the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—David Miller becomes the first to publicly burn his draft card in Vietnam War protest.</p> <p><b>1959</b>—A nuke-laden B-52 and a fuel-laden KC-135 collide over Kentucky; we get off easy.</p> <p><b>1923</b>—The Senate begins investigating suddenly prosperous Interior Secretary Albert Fall, a Republican who leased the Navy's Teapot Dome oilfield to a friend.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—Exotic dancer Mata Hari, convicted of spying for Germany, is shot by a French firing squad.</p> <p><b>1910</b>—Melvin Vaniman, aboard the airship <i>America</i>, transmits the first in-flight radio message: "Roy, come and get this goddamn cat."</p>	<p><b>2000</b>—Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan dies in a plane crash but goes on to defeat John Ashcroft in the November election for Senate.</p> <p><b>1976</b>—<i>Billboard</i> lists <i>Disco Duck</i> as the country's #1 song.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—Henry Kissinger somehow gets the Nobel Peace Prize.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—House Majority Leader Hale Boggs (D-LA), Rep. Nick Begich (D-AK), and several others disappear during an airplane flight in Alaska.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Tommye Smith and John Carlos raise Black Power salutes at the Mexico Olympics.</p> <p><b>1962</b>—At breakfast, President John F. Kennedy finds he's got a Cuban Missile Crisis on his plate.</p> <p><b>1920</b>—In New York, more than 30,000 Great War veterans march to demand a bonus.</p> <p><b>1869</b>—Well-diggers in Cardiff, NY unearth what seems to be a ten-foot tall petrified man. The "Cardiff Giant" is later found to be a tobacco-plant's hoax.</p> <p><b>1859</b>—Abolitionist John Brown attacks Harper's Ferry.</p> <p><b>1814</b>—Ruptured vats in a London brewery release 323,346 gallons of beer, drowning seven.</p> <p><b>1715</b>—Daniel Fowle is baptized at First Church of Boston.</p> <p><b>1660</b>—John Cooke, who had prosecuted King Charles I for treason in 1649, is drawn and quartered for the same crime under Charles II.</p>	<p><b>2006</b>—George W. Bush signs the Military Commissions Act, <i>habeas corpus</i> be damned.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—The day after the Yankees win the pennant, a <i>New York Post</i> editorial congratulates the Red Sox for winning the pennant.</p> <p><b>1999</b>—Lissa Roche commits suicide after confessing she had a 19-year affair with her father-in-law, George Roche III, the president of Hillsdale College, "the most conservative college in America."</p> <p><b>1973</b>—OPEC turns off the oil tap.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Lt. Col. Terry Allen Jr. leads two companies of the 28th Infantry, outnumbered 10 to 1, into a VC ambush at Ong Thanh. Casualties exceed 92 percent, 64 are KIA; the U.S. Army declares it a victory.</p> <p><b>1956</b>—"The only way to win the next World War," says Ike, "is to prevent it."</p> <p><b>1927</b>—Harry F. Sinclair's trial for conspiracy in the Teapot Dome scandal begins. It ends two weeks later when it's revealed Sinclair has hired detectives to shadow the jury.</p> <p><b>1888</b>—Thomas Alva Edison files a patent for an "Optical Phonograph" — a movie camera.</p> <p><b>1871</b>—President Grant suspends the writ of <i>habeas corpus</i>.</p> <p><b>1781</b>—After Yorktown, Cornwallis surrenders. The Revolution is won.</p> <p><b>1777</b>—After Saratoga, Burgoyne surrenders. The course of the Revolution has changed.</p>	<p><b>2011</b>—Ohioan Terry Thompson releases his menagerie of 56 exotic animals including lions, leopards, and tigers, then kills himself.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—Ortiz's 2nd walk-off homer in a day wins Game 5 for the Sox.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—The president of Bolivia is driven out of office (and country) by disgruntled peasants tired of his knuckling under to corrupt international energy companies.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—RIP Walt Kelly.</p> <p><b>1939</b>—Birth of Lee Harvey Oswald.</p> <p><b>1929</b>—The Canadian gov't declares women are "persons."</p> <p><b>1927</b>—IWW strike closes Colorado coal mines.</p> <p><b>1898</b>—Puerto Rico is colonized by the U.S.</p> <p><b>1867</b>—We get the deed to Alaska from the Russians.</p> <p><b>1860</b>—British troops burn the imperial summer palace of the Manchu emperors towards the end of the Second Opium War.</p> <p><b>1854</b>—At a meeting in Ostend, U.S. ministers to Spain, France and Germany declare Cuba indispensable to U.S. security interests and recommend to President Franklin Pierce that he purchase it. Sicily beats him to it.</p> <p><b>1775</b>—British ships under Capt. Henry Mowat destroy Falmouth [Portland, ME] with an incendiary bombardment. Collateral damage: Mowat's career &amp; British control.</p>
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