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The Fortnightly Rant

And So It Begins (... sob, sniff...)

The quadrennial contest to select the next Most Powerful Person On Earth has now begun in earnest. May God help the Republic ... and the world.

Last week's Conservative Political Action Conference [CPAC] was the unofficial starting gun for this peculiar process. Nightmarish in its timing and farcical in its location, CPAC coincided with the last three days of the most brutal February the Northeast has ever seen — a meteorological phenomenon which the Party faithful dismiss as perfectly normal — and took place in Washington, D.C. — a city which conservatives profess to despise but refuse to leave alone.

J. Edgar Bush

As befits so contentious a party, the GOP is replete with contenders fighting for the mantle once worn by the Great Emancipator. Perhaps it is trying to make up in quantity for what it lacks in quality, suitability, and, let's face it, sanity.

A high point of the event was the appearance of J. Edgar Bush — or whatever his real name may be. One might think that if Bush were going to fiddle with the name on his birth certificate — assuming that he has one — he would change his last name, not his first.

A month ago, Bill Kristol's *Weekly Standard* reported that Bush would skip CPAC. True to Kristol's form, that report turned out to be erroneous.

What'shisname could be forgiven for a certain degree of skittishness about attending. As the Anointed One of the Party Elders, Sununu *père* among them, Bush knew he'd get some push-back from CPAC's youthfully-skewed, libertarian-leaning, teatime activists. Sure enough, they booed him roundly several times. What cheers and applause he did get reportedly came from people bussed in by his PAC. Bush took his boos in good grace; apparently he's inherited the family trait of having a hide like a rhino, though his critics would surely spell that RINO.

Bush the Third has inherited the family's foreign policy brain trust, such as it is — right down to the very bottom of the list: comb-licking, war-starting, World Bank-defrauding Paul Wolfowitz. Granted, the ability to take criticism is important in politics, but that just seems to be begging for it.

It is an ominous question: will America suffer under a Bush #45? The answer is, certainly — but only if he's elected. It is hard to imagine him getting past the primary when so much of the base hates him. Public Policy Polling shows him with a 29 percent favorable/45 percent unfavorable rating. That makes him even less popular than his brother, #43, whose numbers come in at an inexplicable +45/-46.

A Knight in Tarnished Armor

Stately, plump Chris Christie

once held a favored place in the heart of the GOP's Establishment. That ardor, though, seems to have cooled.

"How do we not love thee? Let us count the ways: Bridgegate, Pensiongate, Exxongate ..."

Christie can always draw crowds anywhere in the nation, but after this latest scandal he might be afraid to show his face in the state he's supposed to be governing.

The New York Times recently revealed that Christie inexplicably let ExxonMobil — which just happened to lavishly support the Republican Governors Association during his tenure as Chairman — get out from under a \$9 billion wetlands pollution fine for a lousy 2.7 cents on the dollar.



The Goggle-Eyed Homunculus

This leaves us with Scott Walker — or, as *Esquire's* Charles Pierce calls him, "the goggle-eyed homunculus hired by Koch Industries to run their Midwest subsidiary formerly known as the state of Wisconsin."

While Christie simply reeks of scandal, with Walker it's more of a lingering scent. Relying on a felony conviction to take him out would be a poor Democratic strategy.

Recently, his inability or refusal to answer a simple question from the press has been interpreted by some as a sign that he's either not ready for prime time or just plain dumb. There is an alternative theory out there, to which we

subscribe: his non-response is just an act, a dog-whistle to the Fox News demographic, saying "to hell with the lamestream media." His recent remark which equated public sector employees with Islamic terrorists could just be more of the same.

If Walker doesn't end up in the pokey before the convention, he could end up at the podium.

Is That All There Is?

No doubt most Republicans believe CPAC was a big success. The Dunning-Kruger Effect will do that to you.

Newton's First Law must apply to politics: a party in existence tends to remain in existence, regardless of whether it serves any useful function or not.

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Adventures in Homeland Insecurity

After 9/11 [© 2001 by Rudy Giuliani], the size of the Federal Air Marshal Service was significantly and fairly predictably increased in order to better protect the public.

By exactly how much is, of course, none of said public's business. The Center for Investigative Reporting [CIR] says that the total number of marshals went "from a few dozen plainclothes marshals to a few thousand," so the factor was somewhere on the order of 100.

Since the Service's budget is about \$800 million a year, it's costing about \$2.1 million a day to keep all those Air Marshals airborne. Naturally, the Service would need to have someone assigned just to schedule all those flights.

That someone used to be Michelle D'Antonio. She is currently suspended, pending an investigation into whether she rearranged Marshals' flight schedules to fa-

cilitate illicit sexual trysts, possibly leaving high-risk flights vulnerable to hijacking.

All of which may explain why Republican Party leaders so casually risked shutting down the whole Department of Homeland Security — if all they're doing is screwing around, does it really make any difference if they're on the job or not?

Homeland Security, GOP-Style

Considering all the civil liberties that were trampled to create, fund, and otherwise enable our Department of Homeland Security, and considering that Somalia's Harakat al-Shabaab al-Mujahideen recently threatened to blow up the Mall of America — the very heart of our nation, some would argue. It was, to say the least, somewhat surprising that the GOP, the party that invented national security, by its own account, threatened last week to shut down said Department of Homeland Security [DHS] just

to thwart the Imperial ambitions of the Socialist Kenyan usurper squatting in the White House.

One week ago, with DHS funding about to run out, House Speaker John Boehner tried to pass a bill that would have kept the lights on for another three weeks. He was trying to buy time in which to thwart somehow President Obama's executive actions on immigration. At one point Boehner stopped the clock in an effort to buy enough time to wheedle a few more votes. It was to no avail: his own caucus said, in effect, "hell, no."

Boehner was in a bind — the last thing Republican leaders wanted was another government shutdown with their fingerprints all over it. Adding to the humiliation, his only way out was to let Nancy Pelosi rally Democrats behind a successful one-week funding bill.

Unable to control the torch-and-pitchfork wing of his caucus,

on Tuesday he finally put forward a "clean" bill, funding Homeland Security for the rest of the fiscal year. Democrats passed it, with "Yes" votes from just 75 Republican — all of whom will now be using remote starters on their cars for the foreseeable future.

Veterans Health, Inc.

Considering the well-publicized failings of the Veterans Health Administration, the headline in the February 26th issue of *USA Today* was no great surprise: "Veterans propose major changes in VA health care."

The lede upped the ante: "A national veterans task force is advocating radical changes ... including a choice to receive subsidized private care and conversion of the Veterans Health Administration into a non-profit corporation rather than a government agency."

Privatize the VA? Yes, that would qualify as radical.

Whose bright idea is this?

Concerned Veterans for America, which was ID'd by Gannett's ubiquitous birdcage liner as "a conservative non-profit." Allow us to dig a little further

Ten seconds at *SourceWatch.org* reveals that "Concerned Veterans for America (CVA) is a 501(c)(4) non-profit which seems to be funded almost entirely by the Koch brothers donor network." The CEO of CVA is Pete Hegseth, who also happens to be a contributor at Fox News.

On February 11th, after the U.S. Embassy in Yemen was shuttered, Hegseth was interviewed by Fox's Megan Kelly, who wanted to know "who thought it was right to have Marines hand over their weapons to Yemeni officials before evacuating the country."

"We're surrendering around the world," Hegseth sputtered. "We're surrendering our embassy, and

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now we're asking U.S. Marines to surrender their dignity, give up oaths that they made, creeds that they live by, and surrender their rifle."

Marines handing their weapons over to Yemenis! Oh my! Great television with no basis in fact, as the Marine Corps made clear in an official statement subsequently published by Fox.

The Marines left "as part of [an] 'ordered departure' with only personal weapons ... crew-served weapons were destroyed at the embassy None of them were 'handed over' in any way to anyone ... no usable weapon was taken from any Marine at Sana'a airport. To be clear: No Marine handed a weapon to a Houthi, or had one taken from him."

Co-Chair of CVA's push to extract shareholder value from America's veterans is former Sen. Bill Frist [R-TN]. He is the son of Dr. Thomas Frist, founder of the fraud-plagued Hospital Corporation of America, which pioneered the destruction of health care as we once knew it.

Congressional Budget Office

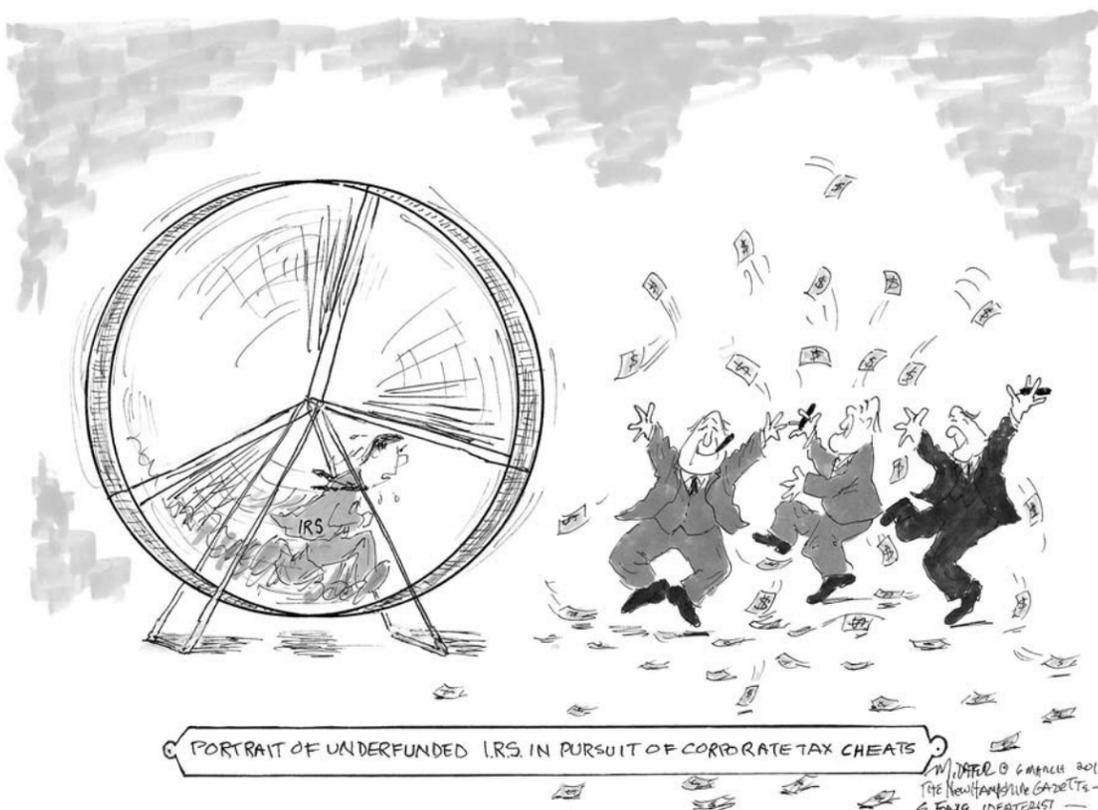
In other Congressional shenanigans, Reuters reported on February 27th that the allegedly-nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office [CBO] will have a new Director soon.

Keith Hall was the chief economist of the Council of Economic Advisors for President George W. Bush, so you know he's qualified.

Authority to name the Director rests with the House and Senate Budget Committee Chairmen, who are currently, of course, Republicans.

The CBO provides "independent analyses of budgetary and economic issues to support the Congressional budget process" — it says so itself. It is "strictly non-partisan ... objective ... impartial ... and hires its employees solely on the basis of professional competence without regard to political affiliation."

As Reuters points out, "Congress recently has moved to make the CBO consider whether tax cuts might boost economic growth and therefore not increase the deficit, a controversial methodology among economists known as 'dynamic scoring.'"



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Senator James Inhofe [R-OK], chair of that body's Committee on the Environment, exhibiting proof on the floor of the Senate, on February 26th, that anthropogenic climate change is a liberal hoax; to wit, a snowball.

Senator Bernie Sanders described "dynamic scoring" in less diplomatic terms, calling it "a plan to force the CBO to cook the books and paint a rosy picture of the benefits of trickle-down economics. They call it 'dynamic scoring.' In fact, it's a gimmick to help justify more tax cuts for the wealthy and profitable corporations. It's what the first President Bush called voodoo economics — and he was right."

Reuters did not specify exactly what day Hall will take over. We propose that, to honor the memory of Truth in Advertising, he should do so on April 1st.

Newsworthy Weather

Like a certain Norwegian Blue parrot and the Presidential Administration of George W. Bush, the month of February in the year 2015 is over. It has ceased to be. It has run down the curtain and joined the bleedin' choir invisible. Please, don't all weep at once — we're going to be having enough trouble with the runoff when all

these white mountains melt. A full five feet of snow fell in February, according to our tally. That is an average of slightly more than two inches every blessed day.

While we are averaging out the agony, let's talk about the temperature. We compared, on an hour-by-hour basis, the actual recorded temperature with the historical mean. Last month the actual temperature was below the mean 91.8 percent of the time.

The meteorologists we've been reading seem to agree that this record-breaking winter was the result of three things colliding. A large, frigid, polar air mass — from Siberia, no less — has been squatting over the Northeast like some demented Sasquatch. Meanwhile, higher than normal surface temperatures in the Atlantic have resulted in more evaporation than we're used to. When, under these conditions, a wobbling jet stream carries storms up the East Coast — bingo! All frigid hell breaks

loose. Certain knuckleheads abroad in the land are citing this stretch of severe wintry weather as proof that "global warming" 1) does not exist and 2) is a hoax perpetrated by liberals and funded by George Soros.

One such person in particular comes to mind, due to his position as the Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works. On February 26th, on the floor of the Senate, James Inhofe [R-OK] said, "we keep hearing that 2014 has been the warmest year on record," then produced a snowball as evidence to refute that fact. The performance garnered Inhofe a fawning interview on Fox News two days later.

Another prominent climate change denier is Wei-Hock "Willie" Soon, of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. Soon's research has concluded that the sun has more impact on the climate than fossil fuels, and

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that polar bears aren't threatened by a warmer Arctic. He has also said that people who are concerned about climate change are "out of their minds."

Last month it was revealed that Soon had failed to divulge the sources of much of his funding. To the surprise of approximately no one, \$1.2 million of his funding turns out to have come from sources with ties to the fossil-fuel industry, such as ExxonMobil and the Koch Foundation.

The New York Times reported that "Dr. Soon, in correspondence with his corporate funders, described many of his scientific papers as 'deliverables' that he completed in exchange for their money. He used the same term to describe testimony he prepared for Congress."

In a startling coincidence, the oil and gas industry and electrical utilities have all been Senator Inhofe's largest campaign contributors.

Despite Inhofe's groundless assertions the "cold pool" — the total area of the Northern hemisphere covered by cold air — has been systematically decreasing ever since record-keeping began in 1948. This past month or so it just happened to get stuck over

the Northeast.

The rest of the planet is enjoying, if that's the right word, freakishly warm conditions. Anchorage has had to truck in snow in order to hold a winter carnival.

This winter confers serious bragging rights on those of us who survived. At least, so we hope. Now that extremes are becoming the norm, who is to say next winter won't be worse?

To quote former Senator Scott Brown, "Bqhatevwr." We'll burn that bridge when we get to it. In the meantime — only fourteen more days 'till Spring!

The Other NHGOP

This just in, thanks to William Tucker's excellent *MiscellanyBlue.com*: "Former House Speaker Bill O'Brien, who is leading the caucus of dissident Republicans who have rejected the leadership team appointed by Speaker Shawn Jasper, still plans to open an office across the street from the State House.

"Last month, O'Brien told the *Concord Monitor* that the group's activities will be funded by the House Republican Victory PAC [A] look at the group's most recent campaign reports indicates the committee has been funded by a handful of out-of-state spe-



cial interest groups — and potential presidential contenders.

"O'Brien, and Rep. Stephen Stepanek (R-Milford) took control of the committee around the time of the last year's primary election in September, 2014"

Corporate contributors included Altria, formerly Philip Morris [\$5,000], Pfizer [\$500], and Walmart [\$1,000]. The leadership PACs of former Texas Gov. Rick Perry and Sen. Ted Cruz contributed \$2,500 each and the NRA threw in \$1,000.

"Heading into the presidential primary season, O'Brien has bigger plans for his committee. [He] has asked potential Republican presidential candidates for out-sized contributions — '\$50,000 from one potential campaign and \$25,000 from another' — for the privilege of appearing before the dissident lawmakers."

Discovering Stone Walls

Kevin Gardner will discuss the history, technique, stylistic development and aesthetics of New England stone walls in South Berwick, Maine on Thursday, March 26th. Kevin will also explain how and why New England came to acquire its thousands of miles of stone walls, the ways in which they and other dry stone structures were built, how their styles emerged and changed over time, and their significance to the famous New England landscape.

Along the way, Gardner will occupy himself building a miniature wall or walls on a tabletop, using tiny stones from a five-gallon bucket. There will be a generous question-and-answer period, during which listeners are encouraged to bring up specific problems or projects on their own properties.

Since the publication of his

book *The Granite Kiss*, Gardner has presented his program at dozens of historical societies, bookstores, and town libraries all over New England, including Canterbury Shaker Village, the New Hampshire Historical Society, Castle-in-the-Clouds, Old Sturbridge Village, Boston's Arnold Arboretum, and many, many more. He often brings along his collection of books about stonework, and copies of *The Granite Kiss* will be available for sale.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Berwick Academy's Jeppesen Science Center on Academy Street in South Berwick. The public is invited, and volunteers will serve refreshments. Donations are welcome. For additional information about Old Berwick Historical Society programs, see www.olderberwick.org or call (207) 384-0000.



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The Drums of War

To the Editor:

The drums of war beat once again. Nearly half the American population wants American soldiers fighting ISIS. I suggest that we step back and get answers to several questions before rushing to war.

First, how many dead and maimed Americans are we willing to sacrifice in this enterprise? The Pentagon prepares such estimates prior to every major military engagement. Each of us should as well.

Speaking of casualties, will members of Congress fund the military and veterans' medical facilities so as to adequately treat those wounded warriors in a timely fashion? They haven't thus far.

Next, are we prepared to make those who put their life on the line a representative sample of the American public, that is, a military comprised of male and female draftees?

There's little question that American military forces ultimately will prevail on the battlefield. But where is the peace plan that follows? We haven't had one since the Marshall Plan. Just look at the results.

Bob Vincent
Peabody, MA
(formerly of Rye)
Bob:

Would that we had the wherewithal to require anyone and everyone who supports an attack on ISIS

— spawn of Bush #43's War on an Abstract Noun — to answer your set of questions.

Good to hear from you — we miss seeing you around town.

The Editor

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**Some Facts About Ukraine**

To the Editor:

The Ukraine conflict, as perhaps all conflicts, is between working people and their supporters, i.e. progressives, and wealthy land-owners and investors, i.e., reactionaries. Ukraine developed a large debt under the reactionaries' leadership as a result of the blind reliance on free markets — similar to what happened here from 2000 to 2008. The Ukraine people elected a progressive government in 2012 and this government followed their mandate by rejecting the terms of the financial bailout offered by the European Union; which included the same austerity measures that crippled the Greek economy and devastated working people. The Ukraine reactionaries responded by fomenting violence in Kiev that escalated and drove the democratically elected government to seek safety elsewhere.

The industrial eastern region and Crimean peninsula, labor strongholds, responded by demanding greater autonomy and the Crimean people voted to reunite with Russia. The present Ukraine government was elected without the participation of the two eastern states and the country in the control of Right Wing mobs. This government took power by violently overthrowing the democratically elected government. The president is now lobbying for military aid to suppress the demands for more independence from the people of the industrial east.

Greg Kalkanis  
Oakland, CA  
Greg:

*Thanks for introducing our readers to these basic facts which seem to*

have eluded most media outlets.

The Boston Globe for March 2nd had a similarly clarifying piece by Stephen Kinzer, pointing out that the West [i.e., us and the coalition of the coerced and/or bribed] have been engaged for twenty years in an aggressive campaign to encircle Russia. Putin may be a thug — oh, hell, of course he's a thug — but to suggest that his aggression in the Ukraine is *ex nihilo* is blatantly hypocritical.

The Editor

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Hope Is Not A Strategy

To the Editor:

Attention non-voting Democrats! I am frustrated and disappointed about your unwillingness to vote! Yes, New Hampshire's turnout has been improving and is above the average, but being the best of the worst is not our goal.

Hope is not a strategy. To get what you want from society, the government, or the political process we have to do something positive to have "things" go your way.

In the 2014 mid-terms we did not demonstrate that you understand this concept and "things" did not go your way. Republicans gained legislative seats at the state and national level. Reminder, non-voters: that is where the "things" you care about are decided.

College kids, who are concerned about the environment, reproductive rights, the cost of college and equal pay for equal work, did not come out for candidates who support those issues.

The turnout in minority communities was also low therefore candidates who want to block immigration reform, restrict voting rights and end affirmative action gained office.

Many suburban women, concerned about education, healthcare and keeping their kids out of war, also did not get to the polls. Did they forget that Republican legislatures all over the country are cutting spending for educa-

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tion, and the Republican-led U.S. House has voted 56 times to repeal the Affordable Care Act and want to put U.S. boots on the ground again?

Hard pressed working and middle class individuals who would benefit from a higher minimum wage, an infrastructure jobs bill and workplace safety regulations allowed those who oppose these concepts to beat Democrats by not voting.

Unfortunately, in November many of the Democratic base substituted hope for good citizenship action with serious consequences.

Now the odds of bad things happening to good people have gone up dramatically because good people did a bad thing — they did not vote.

We Americans are supposed to be setting the benchmarks for the citizens of the world in terms of how a democracy works, not performing like a bunch of benchwarmers.

Mark your calendars now to vote on November 4, 2016 — put it in your iPhone, add it to Outlook, post a reminder to Facebook or get a tattoo — just be sure you do it!

Dave Potter
North Hampton, NH
Dave:

Your point is well taken. Just the other day we were haranguing a more or less innocent bystander about the futility of attempting to sway the votes of the apparently clueless "swing voters," as compared to the rich potential of stimulating non-voters to get off their glutes and get to the polls.

The Editor

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**Can The Republicans Govern?**

To the Editor:

News Flash: Republican lawmakers threaten to shut down Department of Homeland Se-

curity because ... they don't like President Obama. Maybe this isn't a news flash.

How did this happen? Well, just like five Republican presidents before him, Obama used his power of executive order to protect immigrants. In Obama's case, the executive order filled the gap left by the Republicans' inability to pass a comprehensive immigration bill.

To punish Obama for doing what is perfectly legal but that they were unable or unwilling to do, the Republicans are ready to sacrifice the security of the American people. Wow, heck of a trade off, Republicans! You get to throw a tantrum and the country gets ... nothing.

They do not care if U.S. citizens suffer, or how much they may weaken the country, as long as they can do something they think will hurt the president. Frankly, hatred of the President is not a basis for governance.

The Republicans are proving they cannot govern: too bad so many people have to suffer for their inability to agree among themselves on a reasonable solution — the starting point for actual governing.

Michael Frandzel  
Portsmouth, NH  
Michael:

*Cannot? Or will not? That is the question: whether 'tis nobler in the Republican's eye to deploy slings and arrows backed by outrageous fortune against a sea of Democrats, or just turn off the lights, lock the doors, and shut down government of the people, by the people, and for the people once and for all.*

The Editor

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Netanyahu Is Coming To Town

To the Editor:

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and disrespectful towards the President, Benjamin Netanyahu appeared before a Congress that reinforced his disrespect with repetitive cheers and applause. Now, three months after Santa, Mr. Netanyahu is coming to town again, invited by the same quislings who once again, by going behind the President's back, show their disrespect to the President, the office, and the American people. In addition Mr. Netanyahu arrives to sabotage negotiations with Iran, with the ultimate goal of bringing the United States into war with that nation. And he bears with him gifts of money — and lots of it — from the multi-billionaire Sheldon Adelson, who is typical of those supporting this gambit, and who, months before, held his own beauty contest in Las Vegas with the contestants being Republican hopefuls eager to do his bidding. While there he also took the occasion to demonstrate his power by calling Chris Christie to the woodshed for Christie's reference to Gaza and The West Bank as the occupied territories.

And, like Santa, Adelson, with the help of AIPAC, and other Zionists, will be making a list and checking it twice for those obedient boys and girls who will forsake their sworn duty in exchange for the money and endorsements of these war mongers. And, if they are lucky they might even get to pose for pictures with Netanyahu.

In turn, all Americans should make their own list of those, who, by attending Mr. Netanyahu's lecture, show themselves for what they are: traitors who will gladly make America a colony of Israel, wasting American treasure, and sending American men and women to die for Israeli foreign policy objectives, in exchange for the favors of those foreigners whose interests are in conflict with those

of America. It will then be up to Americans to hold these traitor accountable.

John Dente
Wilmington, DE

John:

Thank you for stating things so clearly once again.

Just think how much more pleasant the world would be if Netanyahu gave up on his misguided effort to run Israel — a job for which he is poorly suited — and did something more in line with his talents. He could be the Tony Robbins of passive aggressiveness!

The Editor

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### No Problem

To the Editor:

Despite the hysteria, our nation's security is not at risk if the Homeland Security funding bill is not passed and Homeland Security "shuts down." The services essential to our national security never stop even if their funding runs out; they didn't stop during previous government shutdowns and they won't stop during future shutdowns.

Every single job essential to our nation's security (e.g., Border Control, Coast Guard, FEMA, Secret Service, Domestic Nuclear Detection office), continues without interruption even if the funding hasn't been passed.

The hysteria over the Homeland Security funding bill has been created to blackmail the American people into accepting President Obama's amnesty for illegal aliens. Amnesty for illegal aliens makes a mockery of our laws, encourages more illegal immigration, is unjust to people trying to immigrate legally, and hurts American workers, taxpayers, the truly needy, and crime victims.

Unfortunately many politicians (Democrat and Republican), the media, and special interest groups

(e.g., la Raza, unions, business) benefit personally, politically and/or financially, from illegal immigration and amnesty and don't care about the harm to other Americans.

People generating hysteria over the Homeland Security funding bill know essential services continue and they evade questions about what happens if the bill is not passed, as Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson did on February 22nd on [George] Stephanopoulos's show.

The bipartisan House Homeland Security funding bill is being held up by Senate Democrats. They are willing to raise fears about and "shutdown" Homeland Security unless Congress funds President Obama's amnesty which President Obama repeatedly said he couldn't legally do and which has been declared unconstitutional by a Federal Judge.

The IRS Director says President Obama's amnesty allows low income (most) illegal alien heads of household to claim up to \$24,000 in income tax refunds. This could cost taxpayers \$50 to \$100 billion and applies to people who overstayed their visas (like many of the 9/11 hijackers) and people who crossed the borders illegally.

Most Americans know that illegal immigration and amnesty are wrong. Thus people who want and benefit from illegal immigration and amnesty try to scare us about national security to coerce us to accept them anyway. Don't be fooled.

Our nation's security is threatened more by providing amnesty which encourages more illegal immigration than by refusing to fund amnesty for illegal aliens.

Contact Senators Shaheen and Ayotte (and others like Mitch McConnell) and tell them amnesty is simply wrong and it must not be funded. Tell them that you know that our nation's security is

not at risk if Homeland Security is not funded immediately, but that tolerating illegal aliens and giving them amnesty harms our country and American citizens.

Don Ewing  
Meredith, NH

Don:

*Nice — a "small government" patriot advocating that those who serve on the frontlines of our Homeland Security ought to be forced to work without pay to give Republican politicians another chance to grandstand.*

The Editor

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Kumbayah, LGBT

To the Editor:

President Thomas S. Monson's closing remarks in last October's Latter Day Saints [LDS] General Conference admonished us all to "stand up for what you believe in."

The tone of the January 27th LDS Church press conference was very Christ-like in terms of love and compassion towards our LGBT brothers and sisters. I question its timing, however, as the U.S. Supreme Court is just now gearing up to rule on same-sex marriage nationwide. The LGBT got the same kind of compassionate endorsement from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints just prior to the vote that allowed openly homosexual boys into the Boy Scouts of America. We may well hear Elder Uchtdorf in a future General Conference admit that "we made a mistake" again like they did with the Boy Scouts.

It could be, however, that President Monson needs us to stand up on this issue because he, his counselors, and the Twelve Apostles cannot do other than state the Church's position on marriage and cooperate with the LGBT after the fallout from Church support of Proposition 8 and the hateful, hostile, harassing homophobe that use to gather around



Temple Square at conference time. The LGBT is a well organized international network with political power in high places. Some of my letters on this subject have been published internationally. One country has advised me that because of those letters I am now "quarantined" from that country and to make note of it on my passport. Imagine the impact on the missionary program of the Mormon Church if its missionaries were suddenly banned from entering various countries. They will be banned in the U.S.A. some day, along with all other Christian activities, if the LGBT persuades the U.S. Supreme Court to re-define marriage to the detriment of a further encumbered United States of America.

If the U.S. Constitution is saved, it will not be the Church that saves it; but individuals that will not let evil triumph.

Michael W. Jarvis
Salt Lake City, UT
Michael:

It's kind of you, if a bit peculiar, to keep our readers, most of whom reside in the least-religious state in the Union, informed as to the intricacies of LGBT politics within the LDS. We have noticed lately a two-man team of LDS missionaries patrolling the streets of old Po'Town. Tell us, please: is this all part of a Grand Plan?

The Editor

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Freedom Riders

by William Marvel

I am the member of my family who always tries to predict what can go wrong, and the one who assumes that it will, so I am frequently accused of harboring excess anxiety. Even the owner of my insurance agency once told me that I “worry too much.” I would have thought he would appreciate me planning against the dangers inherent in life, but perhaps he was hoping that carelessness would breed more claims and allow him to charge higher rates. My concern is actual risk, after all, while his is actuarial risk.

You might suppose, therefore, that I would feel right at home in the Age of Panic, which we seem to have been living in for more than a decade. Instead, I find it alien. In fact, I find it downright frightening.

For most of the history of the United States, the concept of individual freedom was founded on the assumption of individual

responsibility. Looking out for oneself was the cost of doing what one chose. No public agencies were expected to rescue those fool enough to put themselves in dire jeopardy for mere sport, and even people with a more justifiable motive for taking risks were usually on their own if they came to grief. The duty of government to provide for the safety of its citizens was fairly well defined, but so was the limit of government authority over those citizens.

Then came rescue squads, municipal ambulance services, and emergency medical technicians, whose main function was to care for those who found themselves in trouble. Those were all welcome amenities, particularly to those of us who rode motorcycles. We were still responsible for our own medical bills, however, at least until hospital lobbies and advocates of the welfare state collaborated to foist freeloaders’ emergency-room tabs on the taxpayer.

Things really changed on Sep-

tember 11, 2001. If there was ever a specific point when the United States began seriously rolling back its boasted freedom, it was that day. All it took to negate centuries of struggle by millions of Americans was a score of determined religious zealots. Thenceforward the Great American Weenie came to the fore, looking to Big Brother for protection, advice, and direction. Big Brother was only too happy to oblige, too. Police turned more aggressive and trigger happy, to the point that a docile public now cravenly obeys community “lockdowns” that seem to violate at least the First Amendment right to assemble, and more certainly fly in the face of everything that freedom means.

Having witnessed other authorities overcoming liberty on the plea of foiling terrorism, would-be benevolent dictators evidently smell opportunity in notoriously unreliable, panic-producing weather reports. New York’s new mayor, Bill DiBlasio

— who only weeks ago offered himself as a champion of the freedom to resist arrest — decided he has the right to criminalize “non-essential” driving in his city if he’s afraid it might snow. Perhaps he only felt the need to distract from his recent blunders, but he was seconded in that imperial decree by his governor, “Six-Gun” Andy Cuomo.

Rush Limbaugh took DiBlasio to task for his highhanded edict, lamenting that “this is how freedom dies, . . . with weather warnings.” I resent DiBlasio all the more for finally forcing me to concede that Limbaugh was right about something. DiBlasio exemplifies the socially obsessed liberalism that brought us universal emergency services and taxpayer-funded treatment of the indigent; the same political faction then used the cost of those very achievements as an excuse to require everyone to wear seatbelts and helmets, to provide themselves with medical insurance at

their own cost, and to stay in their homes (or get out of their homes) as Der Führer demands. Limbaugh might also recognize how the right-wing mindset has similarly abetted the rise of the police state, particularly since 9/11, but commentators of his partisan hue generally avoid reflections that suggest hypocrisy.

In my youth, I associated the term “travel ban” with Soviet-bloc sanctions against known or suspected dissidents, and its casual application in this country has a chilling ring. Generally I prefer to stay home in snowstorms of any intensity, as do most of the saner people I know, but if I had the misfortune to live in New York I think I might be inclined to organize a caravan of as many drivers as I could muster on an expedition to test just how low the tide of liberty has ebbed. What travel could be more essential?

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A Pipeline Of Your Own

To the Editor:

You may think that only multinational corporations can own a pipeline. Regular people can own a pipeline without laying out a dime of their own money.

There’s a federal agency called “Federal Energy Regulatory Commission” (FERC) that makes it easy to own a pipeline. Just draw some lines on a map, fill out enough forms to justify a lot of bureaucrats’ salaries, and you can be part of the energy/regulatory complex. The lines can be through your neighbor’s septic system, a graveyard, or the local wildlife

preserve. All those silly rules are out the window when you team up with FERC.

A pipeline is surprisingly affordable. You can get low interest rate loans (courtesy of the Federal Reserve). Unlike student loans, you don’t have to pay off the loans with your own money. The feds and the state will help you with “tariffs.” That means they’ll include the cost of your pipeline on the electric bills of the people whose property you trash. If people whine, you just tell them electricity would have been even more expensive without your pipeline; they can’t prove otherwise.

The whole secret of the pipeline business is it’s all on someone else’s nickel and someone else’s property. You get to run your pipeline wherever you like. The people whose property your pipeline runs across still have to pay taxes on it. You can even keep them from using their own property. You may have to make a token payment to the “little people,” but that payment is up to you, and FERC will give you eminent domain power to take what you “need.”

There are a few costs that come off your bottom line, but they’re worth it. You have to make a few campaign contributions to politi-

cians. What’s a few bucks when you can get a politician to parrot your industry/corporate line? (“Maggie want a cracker?”) You may also want to hire a few bureaucrats who have retired from FERC to help you with your business. They went the extra mile (across someone else’s property) for you, they deserve a lucrative second career.

There’s no need to worry about the people whose property has been trashed and who pay the “tariffs.” They’re just “little people.” They aren’t important people like corporate officers, bureaucrats or politicians. They’ll always squeal a

bit, but they know you can’t fight the feds.

What about actually shipping gas? Not a problem. FERC already has five pipelines on their “docket” to ship gas to or through New England (even though there’s not enough demand for even one). One more isn’t going to make a difference. The money’s not in moving gas, it’s in building pipelines and getting other people to pay for them. If your pipeline ever moves one cubic foot of gas, that’s pure gravy. The “little people” will already have made you your money. Your friends at FERC may have to work a little harder to

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GOP Lets Corporate Lobbyists Take Over Congress

by Jim Hightower

Being a Congress critter is not as cushy a job as many assume. After all, they have to write legislation, organize hearings, write speeches, round-up votes, and do all sorts of other legislative-y things to pass laws.

Oh, wait ... my mistake. Members now have staffs to do all that, including telling the esteemed legislators how to vote. Few peo-

ple are aware that Congressional staffs have mushroomed and gained far-reaching control over legislation. While the mass media has ignored this power shift, which further removes the people from the making of our laws, corporate lobbyists have long understood it and assiduously wooed staff members with flattery and gifts. But then it dawned on lobbyists that instead of wooing staff — they should simply become the

staff. So, when Republicans took charge of the Senate in January, K Street moved right into the Capitol Hill offices of the new corporate-hugging majority.

What a sight to see Tom Chapman, top lobbyist for U.S. Airways, now sitting atop the legal staff of the Senate Aviation panel that oversees — guess who? — U.S. Air. And there's Joel Leftwich, senior lobbyist for Pepsico, where he has pushed furiously to water

down the Ag Department's nutrition standards for school lunches. Now he can do much more for the peddler of Pepsi-Cola and Cheetos, for he's the new staff director for the Senate Ag Committee, which will re-write the school lunch funding law this year. What a coincidence! How about mega-lobbyist Mark Isakowitz, whose specialty is punching loopholes in the Wall Street reform law. As new chief of staff for Sen. Rob

Portman, Mark is now punching from the inside, and he's already slipped a special regulatory exemption into law on behalf of big derivative traders like GE and the Koch brothers.

If you voted Republican last fall, is this the change you wanted?

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Praying at the Altar, by W.D. Ehrhart

I like pagodas.
There's something — I don't know —
secretive about them,
soul-soothing, mind-easing.
Inside, if only for a moment,
life's clutter disappears.

Once, long ago, we destroyed one:
collapsed the walls
'til the roof caved in.
Just a small one, all by itself
in the middle of nowhere,
and we were young. And bored.
And armed to the teeth.
And too much time on our hands.

Now whenever I see a pagoda,
I always go in.
I'm not a religious man,
but I light three joss sticks,
bow three times to the Buddha,
and pray for my wife and daughter.
I place the burning sticks
in the vase before the altar.

In Vung Tau, I was praying
at the Temple of the Sleeping Buddha
when an old monk appeared.
He struck a large bronze bell
with a wooden mallet.
He was waking up the spirits
to receive my prayers.

process one more pipeline request, but for the extra work, they'll get bonuses and raises (paid for by the "little people's" taxes.)

John Lewicke
Mason, NH
John:
Having formerly resided in a community targeted for a nuke dump, we sympathize with your plight. That said, your unfettered hyperbole raises some doubts.

The Editor

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#### Guinta the Fact Fabricator

To the Editor:  
Congressman Guinta continues to fabricate his "facts." At his Goffstown town hall, "Guinta said many of his House colleagues on the Democratic side of the aisle are beginning to become concerned about the long-term implications of the ACA."

No, Mr. Guinta, Democrats aren't "concerned." If they were "concerned," why didn't a single Democrat vote with you and the Republicans to repeal the ACA?

If Democrats were "concerned," House Minority Leader Steny Hoyer, the leader and spokesman for the Democratic Caucus, would be voicing those concerns. But instead, he has been releasing statements, writing op-eds, and making floor speeches supporting the ACA.

On Feb. 18th, he praised the excellent 2015 ACA open enrollment numbers — more than 11 million people selected plans or re-enrolled. He notes, "in spite of fifty-six votes to repeal or undermine it and repeated litigation, millions of Americans are benefiting from it and wish it to continue." He concludes, "House Democrats will continue to stand in defense of the law's patient protections and cost savings."

That's right. House Democrats support the ACA and have voted to defend it from your efforts to deny affordable health care to literally millions of Americans. It's shameful that you can't tell the truth and that we constituents

can't trust a word you say.

Susan Mayer  
Lee, NH  
Susan:

Is it shameful that Guinta makes this stuff up? Yes, absolutely. Is it surprising? Not in the least. Please — keep tracking him, and let us know what you learn.

The Editor

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The Original Lie

To the Editor:
The conservative media wasted no time in digging their teeth deep into the scandal surrounding Brian Williams, who is currently on sabbatical from his news anchor job for fabricating stories about his "Operation Iraqi Freedom" experience.

I have to agree with the temporary exile imposed on Williams since so many Americans count on him and his counterparts to provide an honest account of the news. However, listening to the conservatives piling on Williams and harshly calling for his lifetime

dismissal has generated further discussion in my mind.

First off, there is not enough room in this paper for me to list all the fibs and factual inaccuracies that have emanated from the mouths of conservative folk heroes like Bill O'Reilly, Sean Hannity or Rush Limbaugh, who are responsible for brainwashing so many good Americans and convincing them to vote diametrically opposed to their own interests.

Just recently, I read the transcript of O'Reilly telling his loyal followers how, based on his experience during Operation Desert Storm, he would go about extracting actionable intelligence from captured enemy combatants: "I tell you what, I've been in combat. I've seen it. I've been close to it. And if my unit is in danger and I got a captured guy and the guy knows where the enemy is and I'm looking him in the eye, the guy better tell me. That's all I'm gonna tell you. If it's life or death, he's going first." O'Reilly is cer-

tainly a legendary hero in his own mind, but the problem is he never served in the military; hence, making combat duty in Kuwait highly improbable. But feel free to go on believing in and enabling O'Reilly and his Faux News cohorts to continue controlling the narrative!

Secondly, and we should be reminded almost daily, Williams only fabricated stories about his time in Iraq, which wouldn't have been possible without the grandfather of all lies: George W. Bush/Dick Cheney Administration's extremely costly invasion of Iraq. Furthermore, please note that without the original lie, there would be no ISIS today and so much national debt accrued.

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, NH
Wayne:
There you go, just like a liberal: bringing up facts and history again. And using logic, too! Why do you hate America?
The Editor

Murph's Fortnightly Quote
"The miracle is this - the more we share, the more we have."
— Leonard Nimoy (1931-2015)

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ADMIRAL FOWLE'S PISCATAQUA RIVER TIDAL GUIDE (NOT FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES)

Portsmouth, arguably the first town in this country not founded by religious extremists, is bounded on the north and east by the Piscataqua River, the second, third, or fourth fastest-flowing navigable river in the country, depending on

whom you choose to believe.

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

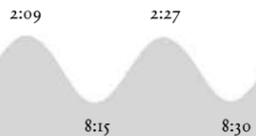
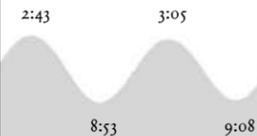
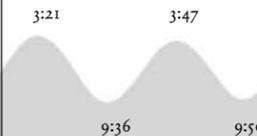
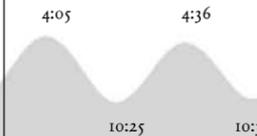
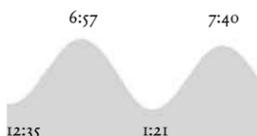
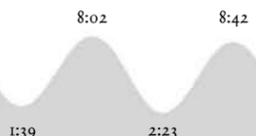
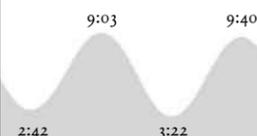
moon drags about seventeen billion gallons of seawater — enough to fill 2,125,000 tanker trucks — up the river and into Great Bay. This creates a roving hydraulic conflict, as incoming sea and the outgoing river collide. The skirmish line

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

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

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

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

Sunday, March 8	Monday, March 9	Tuesday, March 10	Wednesday, March 11	Thursday, March 12	Friday, March 13	Saturday, March 14
<p>1983—Ronald Reagan runs the phrase "evil empire" up the flagpole.</p> <p>1971—The Citizens Commission to Investigate the FBI breaks into the Bureau's Media, PA office, obtaining 1,000+ documents revealing illegal suppression of dissent. The Bureau fails to find the perps.</p> <p>1971—Radio Hanoi plays Jimi Hendrix's "Star-Spangled Banner."</p> <p>1968—The Soviet sub <i>K-129</i> sinks in the Pacific. The CIA later retrieves part of it.</p> <p>1966—In Dublin, fifty years after the Easter Rising, an IRA bomb destroys Nelson's Pillar. Within days the song "Up Went Nelson" tops the Irish charts.</p> <p>1965—As the first U.S. combat troops—U.S. Marines—hit the beach at Danang ready to fight, they are welcomed by Vietnamese girls offering leis.</p> <p>1958—William Faulkner says American schools have "degenerated to become babysitters."</p> <p>1950—The USSR announces it's got an A-bomb.</p> <p>1913—The IRS begins collecting.</p> <p>1906—Winchester, NH native Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, 45, views the result of his illegal order: in the crater of Bud Dajo lie about 900 dead Moros (Muslim Filipinos, men women and children). Teddy Roosevelt calls the massacre "a brilliant feat of arms [that upheld] the honor of the American flag."</p>	<p>1986—U.S. Navy divers locate the sunken crew compartment of the Space Shuttle <i>Challenger</i>.</p> <p>1982—The <i>Washington Post</i> reveals that \$19 million in covert aid has gone to the Contras.</p> <p>1974—After his former commander arrives in the Philippines and gives him the order, Japanese Lieut. Hiroo Onoda finally surrenders. He is pardoned for killing 30 Filipinos after WW II.</p> <p>1969—Afraid of the consequences of even the mildest sedition, CBS-TV cancels "The Smothers Brothers."</p> <p>1964—First Mustang rolls off a Ford assembly line.</p> <p>1954—WMUR-TV in Manchester begins broadcasting.</p> <p>1950—Britain hangs Timothy J. Evans for murder. He's posthumously pardoned in 1966 because he was innocent.</p> <p>1946—Ted Williams turns down \$500,000 to play ball in Mexico.</p> <p>1941—Writer Sherwood Anderson dies of peritonitis after swallowing a toothpick at a party in Panama.</p> <p>1932—Ford Motor Co. makes its first production Flathead V-8.</p> <p>1916—Pancho Villa and 1,500 guerrillas raid Columbus, NM and kill 17 Americans.</p> <p>1864—U.S. Grant is appointed Commander of the Union Army.</p> <p>1862—The <i>Monitor</i> defeats the <i>Merrimack</i> in the first clash of iron ships.</p>	<p>2004—Pres. George W. Bush finds out simultaneously that: 1) his Terrorist Surveillance Program expires that day; 2) his lawyers won't renew it; and 3) Atty. Gen. John Ashcroft has been in the ICU for a week. He sends Al Gonzales racing to Ashcroft's hospital bed, to no avail.</p> <p>2000—The NASDAQ peaks at 5,132.52. It's not back yet.</p> <p>1992—Injected with poison by OK state workers, Robyn Lee Parks gasps & gags for eleven minutes, then dies.</p> <p>1974—The PA Crime Commission says police corruption is "systematic at all levels" in Philly. Mayor Rizzo tries to block an investigation.</p> <p>1966—U.S.A.F. Major Bernard Fisher, seeing a fellow A-1 pilot make an emergency landing at a Special Forces camp at A Shau, lands, picks him up, and flies him to safety despite intense fire from the two NVA battalions which were overrunning the camp all the while.</p> <p>1951—Genial old Ike declares America's willingness to launch a first-strike nuclear attack.</p> <p>1945—U.S. bombers drop 2,000 tons of incendiary bombs on Tokyo, killing 100,000 civilians and leaving 1,500,000 homeless.</p> <p>1945—A Japanese firebomb balloon lands on electric wires in Hanford, WA, temporarily shutting down a nuclear reactor making plutonium destined for "Fat Man," the Nagasaki A-bomb.</p>	<p>2011—The most powerful earthquake in its history hits Japan, causing a tsunami that kills 15,850 and sets off three nuclear meltdowns.</p> <p>2004—Pres. George W. Bush knuckles under. He's forced to suspend an illegal surveillance program to dissuade his top three Justice officials from quitting.</p> <p>2008—SEC Chair Chris Cox says "We have a good deal of comfort about the capital cushions at these firms," three days before Bear Stearns collapses.</p> <p>2005—Pentagon documents reveal that some Abu Ghraib prisoners were as young as 11.</p> <p>1958—A B-47 accidentally drops a Mark 6 A-bomb, minus its core, on Mars Bluff, SC. On the ground, 6 are injured by a non-nuclear explosion and a house is destroyed.</p> <p>1954—The U.S. Army says Sen. Joe McCarthy & aide Roy Cohn used threats to get special treatment for Private G. David Schine.</p> <p>1942—At Corregidor, "Dugout Doug" MacArthur bugs out.</p> <p>1917—Baghdad falls to an Anglo-Indian force.</p> <p>1847—Death of John "Johnny Appleseed" Chapman, Daniel Fowle's 3rd cousin twice removed.</p> <p>222—Fed up with Emperor El-agabalus prostituting himself in taverns and brothels, and egged on by his grandmother, the Praetorian Guard cut off his head.</p>	<p>2009—Self-professed expert Frank Gaffney asserts that Saddam Hussein may have been involved in the Oklahoma City bombing.</p> <p>2006—In Fordland, MO, Matt Suter is sucked out of his house trailer by a tornado and dropped, alive, in a pasture 1/4 mi. away.</p> <p>2003—<i>The Guardian</i> reports that Halliburton is still paying VP Dick "Dick" Cheney up to \$1 million a year in "deferred compensation."</p> <p>2002—Homeland Security Tsar Tom Ridge unveils a Homeland Security Advisory System which never went below "Elevated."</p> <p>1968—Eugene McCarthy places 2nd in the New Hampshire Democratic Primary, inspiring President Lyndon Johnson to drop out.</p> <p>1947—Piper pilot Carmen Onofrio of Milan, NH makes the first of 43 landings atop Mt. Washington, delivering ice research equipment.</p> <p>1928—Hours after a personal inspection by its builder Wm. Mulholland, L.A.'s St. Francis dam collapses killing 600 people.</p> <p>1912—Captain Albert Berry becomes the first man to jump out of an airplane and live.</p> <p>1888—The New York Weather Bureau predicts "light snow" just before a blizzard kills hundreds.</p> <p>1804—Federal district judge John Pickering is impeached by the U.S. Senate for "drunkenness, profanity, & violence" on the bench.</p>	<p>2003—Iraq's dreaded pilotless drone looks "more like something out of ... Rube Goldberg ... than anything that could threaten Iraq's foes," reports <i>The New York Times</i>.</p> <p>2002—George W. Bush says of Osama bin Laden, "We haven't heard much from him ... I don't know where he is ... I truly am not that concerned about him."</p> <p>1968—Clouds of nerve gas drift outside the Army's Dugway Proving Grounds in Provo, UT, poisoning 6,400 sheep in nearby Skull Valley.</p> <p>1964—Kitty Genovese is stabbed to death in Queens as thirty-seven aural witnesses do nothing.</p> <p>1962—The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, signs a Top Secret memo authorizing Operation Northwood—a "terror campaign" on U.S. soil to build support for an attack on Cuba.</p> <p>1957—Georgia's General Assembly votes to impeach five U.S. Supreme Court justices.</p> <p>1954—Viet Minh forces besiege French troops at Dien Bien Phu.</p> <p>1921—The "unstable" Baron Ungern-Sternberg becomes dictator of Mongolia.</p> <p>1881—Russian nihilists assassinate Czar Alexander.</p> <p>1877—Chester Greenwood, 18, of Farmington, ME, receives a patent for earmuffs, his first of 130.</p>	<p>2002—The Justice Dept. charges accounting firm Arthur Andersen with obstruction of justice for shredding Enron documents.</p> <p>1984—<i>New York Times</i> headline: "Youth robs woman trapped underneath bus in Trenton of \$2,000."</p> <p>1965—"Except for Vietnam," the AP reports Richard Nixon saying, "U.S. foreign policy is in a shambles."</p> <p>1964—We still don't know who killed JFK, but on this day a jury decided Jack Ruby killed Lee Harvey Oswald.</p> <p>1961—A B-52 carrying nuclear weapons on a routine training flight crashes in California.</p> <p>1927—Birth of Edward Abbey, writer, anarchist.</p> <p>1912—In Lawrence, MA., strikers win both "Bread and Roses."</p> <p>1891—A mob of twenty thousand xenophobes in New Orleans lynches 11 Italian immigrants recently acquitted of murder.</p> <p>1888—James "Honest Dick" Tate, Kentucky's State Treasurer, vanishes with \$247,000 of its money.</p> <p>1883—Karl Marx, 64, dies in London, impoverished.</p> <p>1879—Birth of Albert Einstein.</p> <p>1757—British Admiral John Byng, convicted of not "doing his utmost" at Minorca, is shot.</p> <p>1471—Sir Thomas Malory, author of <i>Le Morte d'Arthur</i>, dies in Newgate Prison.</p>
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<p>2008—JPMorgan and Federal Reserve auditors inspect Bear Stearns' books and turn pale.</p> <p>2005—Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA) says the White House hid an audit showing a \$108 million overcharge by Halliburton in Iraq until after the presidential election.</p> <p>1989—To flatter veterans without incurring actual additional expenses, the Veterans Administration is elevated to Department status.</p> <p>1982—CIA-trained forces in Nicaragua blow up commie bridges.</p> <p>1980—A <i>Boston Globe</i> editorial about a speech by Pres. Jimmy Carter appears under the headline, "Mush from the Wimp."</p> <p>1962—A Lockheed Constellation carrying 96 U.S. Army Rangers to Vietnam disappears between Guam and the Philippines.</p> <p>1955—Col. Tom Parker takes over as Elvis's manager.</p> <p>1917—Czar Nicholas II abdicates the Russian throne under duress.</p> <p>1916—President Woodrow Wilson sends 16,000 soldiers into Mexico to catch Pancho Villa. They fail.</p> <p>1874—A French "protectorate" takes over in Annam (Vietnam).</p> <p>1869—The first bill granting women the right to vote is introduced to Congress, where it dies, naturally.</p> <p>1783—George Washington quells a near-mutiny of Army officers by flourishing his spectacles.</p> <p>44 BC—Caesar gets the shiv.</p>	<p>2008—JPMorgan buys Bear Stearns, but only because the Fed puts up \$30 billion.</p> <p>2003—On "Meet the Press," Dick "Dick" Cheney claims that Saddam Hussein "has, in fact, reconstituted nuclear weapons," and that "we will, in fact, be greeted as liberators."</p> <p>1993—"The Storm of the Century" kills 318 on the East Coast.</p> <p>1990—On his deathbed, Lee Atwater claims to repent; sadly, there are no lie detectors present.</p> <p>1988—Kurds in Iraq are gassed with ingredients Saddam Hussein bought from the U.S. and Europe.</p> <p>1970—Sen. Roman Hruska (R-NE) defends G. Harrold Carswell's nomination to the Supreme Court by saying, "there are a lot of mediocre judges and people and lawyers. They are entitled to a little representation, aren't they?"</p> <p>1968—GIs in Vietnam kill hundreds of civilians at My Lai.</p> <p>1965—Alice Herz, 82, self-immolates in Detroit to protest the Vietnam War. She dies 10 days later.</p> <p>1965—In Montgomery, AL, police attack civil rights marchers.</p> <p>1926—Robert Goddard demonstrates a practical liquid-fueled rocket in Auburn, MA.</p> <p>1912—During a raging Antarctic blizzard, Captain Lawrence Oates tells the other members of the Scott Expedition, "I am just going outside and may be some time."</p>	<p>2008—New York Governor Eliot Spitzer's nocturnal habits cost him his day job.</p> <p>2007—<i>The Navy Times</i> reports that Fox News guest and U.S.M.C. Corporal Matt Sanchez had an earlier career as a gay porn star.</p> <p>2005—"[B]ased on a review of the video footage [Terri Schiavo] certainly seems to respond to visual stimuli," says Sen. [Dr.] Bill Frist on the Senate floor. An autopsy later reveals she was blind.</p> <p>2004—Local narcs and off-duty cops celebrate St. Patrick's Day by duking it out in the parking lot at Paddy's on the Pease Tradeport.</p> <p>2003—George W. Bush tells Saddam Hussein that Iraq isn't big enough for the both of them, and gives Hussein 48 hours to get out.</p> <p>2003—Disgruntled tobacco farmer Dwight Watson drives his John Deere into a pond on the Mall, paralyzing Washington D.C.</p> <p>1992—"Dick" Cheney and two other members of G.H.[H.]W. Bush's cabinet admit they had written rubber checks on the House bank.</p> <p>1972—Dita Beard, hospitalized by Nixon goons, is forced to recant a statement she'd made linking an ITT campaign contribution with the settlement of an anti-trust suit.</p> <p>1966—<i>Alvin</i> the sub finds a missing H-bomb off the coast of Spain.</p> <p>1931—Nevada OKs gambling.</p> <p>1776—Brits bug outta Boston.</p>	<p>2004—Narcs and off-duty cops begin a second round of fisticuffs at Gilley's in Portsmouth.</p> <p>2003—The U.S. names its "Coalition of the Willing," including heavyweights Latvia and Estonia.</p> <p>2003—"Why should we hear about body bags and death and how many?" Barbara Bush asks Diane Sawyer. "It's not relevant...why should I waste my beautiful mind on something like that?"</p> <p>1992—Bizarre Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot says he'll run for President if his supporters get him on the ballot in 50 states.</p> <p>1990—A dozen paintings are stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston.</p> <p>1972—A Congressional study says the income gap between the richest and the poorest has doubled since 1952.</p> <p>1970—Country Joe McDonald is convicted and fined \$500 for leading a Massachusetts crowd in the infamous Fish Cheer.</p> <p>1969—The U.S. begins secretly bombing Cambodia.</p> <p>1963—The Supreme Court rules that states must provide lawyers for indigent defendants.</p> <p>1953—The State Dept. orders overseas libraries cleansed of books by authors of "suspect" loyalty.</p> <p>1925—The Tri-State Tornado kills 695 along a 235 mile path from Missouri to Indiana.</p>	<p>2006—Former Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi says his country is in a civil war.</p> <p>2004—<i>USA Today</i> admits that its Pulitzer-contender Jack Kelley ought to have competed in the fiction category.</p> <p>2003—George W. Bush kicks off his new war by sending 40 Tomahawk missiles into a residential neighborhood in Baghdad killing innocent civilians instead of his nemesis, Saddam Hussein.</p> <p>2002—Scientists report "alarming" melting of the Larsen Ice Shelf.</p> <p>2002—The Pentagon's top Cuba expert admits she spied for Cuba.</p> <p>1983—Appearing on NBC's "Diff'rent Strokes," Nancy Reagan tells "a true story" about "a boy we'll call Charlie." "Burned out on marijuana" at 14, Charlie "brutally beats" Sis when she won't steal money to feed his weed habit.</p> <p>1954—The U.S. government burns books by Wilhelm Reich.</p> <p>1945—Off Japan, Kamikaze attacks kill 800 sailors on the <i>U.S.S. Franklin</i>.</p> <p>1937—Birth of Clarence "Frogman" Henry.</p> <p>1935—Over 100 are injured in a riot in Harlem. A study later blames police brutality for causing the riot. Fiorello LaGuardia suppresses the report.</p> <p>1916—Eight U.S. Army biplanes go after Pancho Villa.</p>	<p>2003—U.S. ground troops invade Iraq to protect The Homeland from Saddam's innumerable weapons of mass destruction.</p> <p>1995—Religious fanatics release nerve gas in Tokyo subway.</p> <p>1992—UN weapons inspector Rolf Ekeus says Iraq has agreed to destroy its weapons of mass destruction.</p> <p>1976—Press Baron William R. Hearst's granddaughter Patricia is convicted of bank robbery.</p> <p>1954—"If the [Vietnamese] Communists continue to suffer the losses they have been taking," says French Chief of Staff Gen. Paul Ely, "I don't know how they can stay in the battle."</p> <p>1933—Germany opens its first concentration camp at Dachau.</p> <p>1933—"Get to hell out of here, you son of a bitch," would-be FDR assassin Giuseppe Zangara tells the chaplain before his electrocution for killing the mayor of Chicago. "Goodbye to all poor peoples everywhere! Push the button!"</p> <p>1905—An old boiler explodes at the Grover Shoe Factory in Brockton and shoots through the roof. The building collapses, trapping hundreds of workers. Several barrels of naphtha catch fire. Fifty-eight die and 150 are injured.</p> <p>1899—Martha Place becomes the first woman to be executed by electrocution, in New York.</p>	<p>2003—Richard Clarke, the senior U.S. counter-intelligence officer since Bush I, says Bush II ignored al Qaeda until 9/11/01.</p> <p>1995—At its own stately pace, Mississippi ratifies the 13th amendment outlawing slavery, but fails to file it.</p> <p>1962—Over Edwards AFB, a bear becomes the first living thing ejected from a plane traveling at supersonic speed.</p> <p>1960—In South Africa, police kill 89 black protesters in the Sharpeville Massacre.</p> <p>1952—In Cleveland, disk jockey Alan Freed throws the "Moondog Coronation Ball"—the first rock 'n roll concert.</p> <p>1947—New York Police find compulsive hoarder Homer L. Collyer dead in his junk-crammed Harlem townhouse.</p> <p>1907—Marines land in Honduras to "protect American interests."</p> <p>1857—An earthquake destroys much of Tokyo; subsequent fires kill more than 100,000.</p> <p>1851—Josiah Warren and others form "Modern Times," an anarchist colony, in New York.</p> <p>1844—Millerites are again disappointed: the world once more fails to end as their religious leader had predicted.</p> <p>1843—Millerites are disappointed: the world fails to end as their religious leader had predicted.</p>
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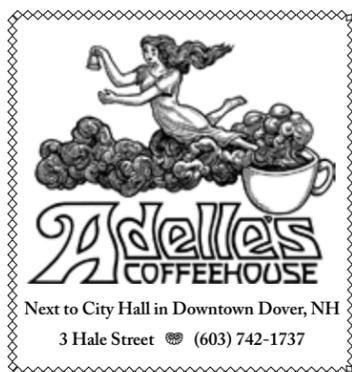
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