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The Fortnightly Rant

Reconstruction to Deconstruction

Forty-seven percent of the members of the World's Greatest Deliberative Body™ signed a noteworthy letter eleven days ago. All the signers were Republicans, and, if we count Oklahoma, 45 percent were from the South.

The letter, addressed generically and therefore disrespectfully to "The Leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran," opened with the insulting suggestion that its recipients "may not understand" our Constitutional system. It went on to show that its authors do not understand our Constitutional system or the negotiating process they were trying to derail.

The letter states that "the Senate must ratify" any treaty, whereas the Constitution assigns that authority to the President, albeit after two-thirds of the Senate give their advice and consent.

More to the point, the State Department is negotiating a political agreement, not a treaty. Strictly speaking, the Senate has no authority in the matter.

The ostensible purpose of the letter was to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons. To reach that goal, the signers of the letter were trying to dissuade Iran's leaders from coming to an agreement with the U.S. — which would prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons.

Under certain conditions the 47 Senators' plan would make a kind of sense: For one thing, the Constitutional separation of powers would have to be overturned. For another, a minority of the Senate would have to be given the unprecedented power to veto

whatever actions of the Executive Branch it saw fit.

Whose Brilliant Idea Was That?

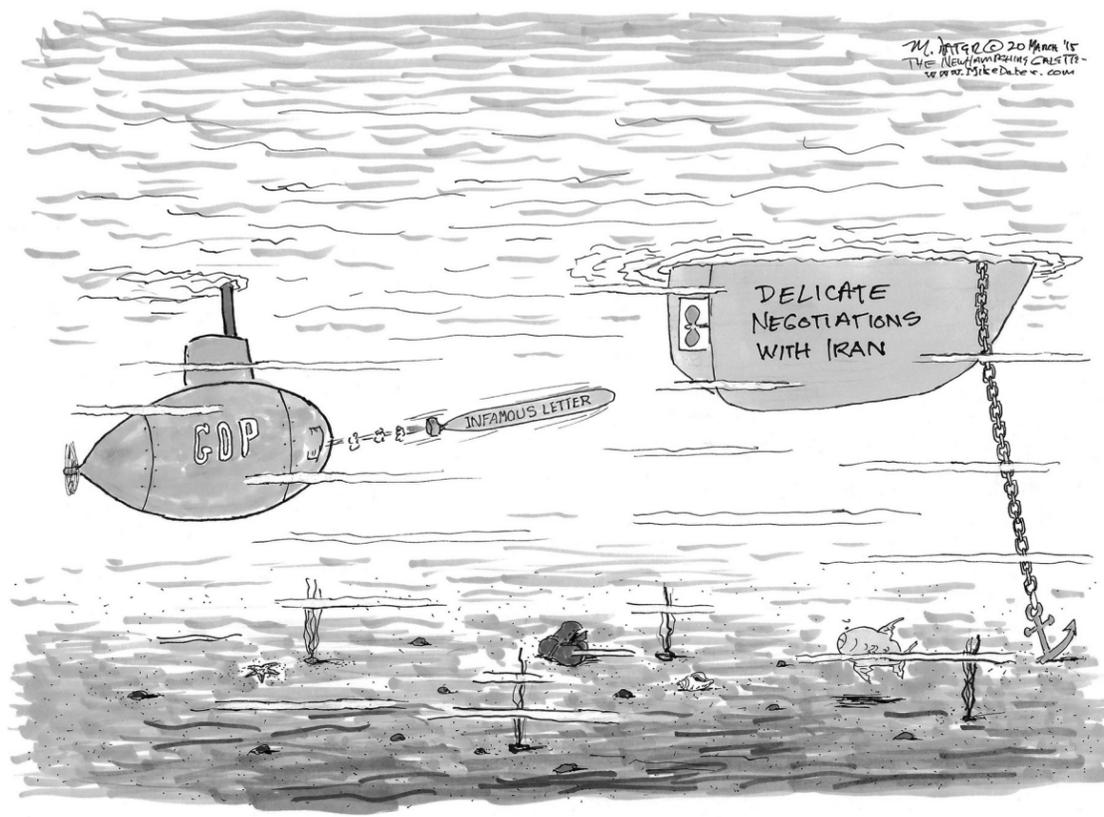
This improbable letter came from an unlikely source: Tom Cotton, graduate of Harvard and Harvard Law School* — a student of Elizabeth Warren, for Pete's sake — from Yell County, Arkansas, home of *True Grit*'s Mattie Ross. Readers of Charles Portis will know to expect anything from Cotton; anything but predictability or retreat.

It's been 65 years since the Senate has seen such brash initiative. Senate tradition requires freshman members to keep their eyes open and their mouths shut for their first few years in office. Even Joe McCarthy waited for three years before he began barking about the State Department being full of Commies. Cotton had been in office all of 66 days when he mutinied against the State Department and wrote his missive to the Ayatollah.

Cotton may not deserve all the credit [or blame] he's being given, though. Dylan Williams, a senior staff member at J Street, which bills itself as "the political home for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans," Tweeted the day the letter was released, "Who gave @ SenTomCotton & others the awful idea for the Iran letter? Seems like Sarah Palin-for-VP-level bad advice doesn't it [?]"

Williams refers, of course, to Bill Kristol, agitator for the Iraq

* Cotton relied on government-subsidized Stafford loans to get through Harvard Law. As a Representative in Congress, though, he voted to end them.



War [which he said would last two months], foister of Sarah Palin on John McCain, and the very exemplar of the principle that in American politics you can never be too wrong too often.

Meanwhile, *MondoWeiss.net* has compiled an impressive list of links between Cotton and the Israel Lobby: Kristol's own Emergency Committee for Israel gave just under \$1 million to Cotton's Senate campaign last fall, and hedge fund manager Paul Singer's Elliot Management has given Cotton \$165,000. Only three politicians have received more from it: Mitt Romney, Mitch McConnell, and Rudy Giuliani. Singer, according to *The Nation*, is the second-largest contributor to the hard line, pro-Israel Foundation for Defense of Democracies, a neo-conservative think tank which

has not just promoted "crippling sanctions" for Iran, but "sought to downplay how ordinary Iranians might react to a pre-emptive bombing campaign."

The Knucklehead Caucus

The "Cotton as ghostwriter" theory suggests a scenario in which the Senate is in the grip of random stooges scurrying about, unwittingly doing the bidding of monied foreign agents.

Is it really as bad as all that? A survey of recent events says yes.

This is, after all, the party behind the chant "read the bill!" Yet some of its Senators have admitted they signed Cotton's letter in haste because an oncoming snowstorm threatened to delay their flights.

This is the party whose leader vowed to make the incumbent a one-term President; that voted

against even the mildest of censures for a member who shouted at that President, during a joint session of Congress, "You lie!"; that invited Israel's Prime Minister to address a joint session of Congress, obviously intending to throw a wrench into the Iranian nuclear negotiations.

This is the party that represents what had once been "the Solid South;" solidly Democratic and overtly racist from the end of Reconstruction until Richard Nixon came along. Now the South is solidly Republican and no longer racist. Not overtly, anyway.

None from Column B, Please

What a coincidence: the U.S. Constitution went from being a sacred, unitary document to a Chinese menu, just at the historic moment when we elected our first Black president.

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Adventures in the Rag Trade

When Ogden Newspapers President Robert M. Nutting spoke to the staff of the [Nashua] *Telegraph* on April 8, 2013, shortly before taking over that semi-venerable paper, he said he and his family were "committed to continuing the proud history of a paper which has dutifully served its community for 181 years. We look forward to taking *The Telegraph* into the future, and continue its **award-winning tradition.**" [Emphasis added.]

Unless Nutting was being ironic, his family* chose an odd way of achieving their goal. Sixteen months later, with the paper's staff

already reduced by one-third, they laid off Kevin Landrigan, perhaps the best State House reporter in Concord, and closed the bureau in which which he had worked since Ronald Reagan was President.

The Right Style

Ogden owns about 40 newspapers and is headquartered in Wheeling, WV where it operates both the *News-Register* and the *Intelligencer*. A critique of those papers, written by Wheeling native Sean Leary and available online at *The-State-Of-My-State.com*, appears to reveal a not-so-subtle bias.

Leary was working for a direct mail company in the 1980s, and "happened to be present when the [Republican National] Committee first decreed to its agencies and copywriters that henceforward they would cease using the word 'Democratic' as an adjective

when making reference to the Democratic Party and instead refer to what was felt to be the more derogatory 'Democrat party.' In fact, one of my jobs was to proof-read copy and correct instances in which writers, usually out of habit, used the 'old' formulation."

In February, Leary noticed that both papers "seemed to use the Republican-dictated 'Democrat' as an adjective not just in editorials and op-ed pieces, but also in straight news stories. In fact, it even appeared that the *News-Register* and *Intelligencer* were altering wire service stories published by the Associated Press, which, if true, is mildly shocking since the AP Stylebook is the Bible of the industry."

Leary directly quotes the AP Stylebook, which specifically states, "Don't use Democrat Party." He follows up with three ex-

amples comparing unedited AP copy with the Ogden papers' version. All clearly showed that the papers had intentionally edited the stories to comply with the Republican Party's stylebook, rather than AP's.

On February 8th, Leary wrote, "two days after an exchange of emails with *News-Register/Intelligencer* editor Mike Myer, [a] story ran in which "Democratic" is used as an adjective throughout. A change in policy? Or just to lazy too edit this one? Only time will tell."

Corporate Welfare

Former *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* sportswriter Bob Smizik, whose contract was bought out in 2008 but who still posts on the paper's website, looks at the family from a different angle in a piece headlined "A Whole Bunch of Nutting." Apparently the Nuttings

own about 25 percent of the Pittsburgh Pirates, which makes them the team's largest stockholders.

Bemoaning the team's lack of transparency, Smizik wrote, Robert M. Nutting, the team's Chairman of the Board, "does not have an obligation to speak to the media. But while the Pirates might be a private corporation, they are a very public commodity. They play in a stadium that was largely funded by taxpayer money...."

After comparing Nutting unfavorably to approachable former owner Carl Barger, Smizik writes, "Under the Nutting-McClatchy ownership, the Pirates seemingly have something to hide: Excessive profits...."

"There appears to be great truth to the fact ownership is taking

* Robert M. and his brother William O. are, respectively, the president and CEO of Ogden Newspapers. Their father, G. Ogden, is the Publisher. His grandfather, H.C. Ogden, founded the *Wheeling [WV] News* and the Nutting newspaper dynasty in 1890, just three years after graduating from West Virginia University.

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excessive profit from the team at the expense of the product on the field. The money the Pirates receive from MLB in revenue sharing and the Central Fund is almost enough to cover the payroll before a ticket is sold.

"The team won't be sold. The Nuttings are bottom-line oriented. A smart businessman does not walk away from profit that is virtually guaranteed."

New Mogul's Smart Move

Kevin Landrigan's last day at the State House for the *Telegraph* was Friday, August 15, 2014.

The following Monday NH1 hired him. At the time, the *Concord Monitor's* Allie Morris quoted NH1 News Director Robb Atkinson saying, "At a time when places are cutting back on coverage, we are doubling down. We want to own politics in New Hampshire."

An interesting figure of speech, that.

By "we," Atkinson basically means William Harrison "Bill" Binnie.

Binnie spent about \$6.5 million in a failed bid to win the 2010 Republican nomination for Senate, losing of course to Kelly Ayotte. He said in 2011 that the campaign gave him a window into the local media market, through which he saw opportunity. He bought WZMY in Derry for \$9 million and reorganized it as WBIN-TV. He bought a former school in Concord and rebuilt it into a spiffy new studio. He also bought about eight radio stations in Maine and six more in New Hampshire in late 2012.

The Acid Test

On March 5th, Landrigan put NH1 and Binnie's management of it through a stress test of sorts — he ran a hot story about a shady campaign finance plan geared to help Republican candidates. The results of that test were encouraging.

State campaign finance regula-



A single photo cannot do justice to the huge number of people who turned out on Sunday, March 8th, to walk across the New Memorial Bridge in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the 1965 Freedom March from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. Surely the whole span was covered.

tions set a limit of \$1,000 on the amount of money that any PAC can give an individual candidate.

In a transparent attempt to evade that limit, McKayne Boedeker, the Director of New England Citizens for Right to Work [NECRTW], created five separate political action committees, each of which gave the maximum amount to four Republican State Senate candidates. End result: NECRTW was able, in effect, to make four contributions of \$5,000 each.

NECRTW claims to be "a grassroots citizen action network of New Englanders dedicated to the principle that no worker should be forced to join a union or pay union dues just to get or keep a job."

Landrigan, apparently trying to further develop a story that was first reported February 16th at the blog *MiscellanyBlue.com*, tracked down and tried to interview Di-

rector Boedeker.

It turns out that the mastermind behind this devious scheme is a scruffy-bearded, T-shirt wearing 2013 graduate of the University of Colorado (Phi Gamma Delta, Young Americans for Liberty, Students for Concealed Carry on Campus, &c.), who apparently lives in a Manchester three-decker.

Boedeker obviously did not raise that \$20,000 himself. He's just a hired hand, running the local franchise of the National Right to Work Committee [NRTWC].

From 2009 through 2012, NRTWC's annual budget ranged from \$10.3 to \$15.6 million. In 2012 alone Freedom Partners, a 501(c)(6) non-profit that's been called "the Koch brothers secret bank," gave NRTWC \$1 million.

The grand scheme ultimately failed on the same day Landrigan aired his exposé. Only one of the candidates, Kevin Avar, had

been elected (he told Landrigan he had no knowledge of the plan). The Senate tied on the bill, 12-12, and so it was defeated.

Comic Relief

Also on March 5th, ex-*Union Leader* writer Fergus Cullen Tweeted, "@KlandriganNH1 back writing a #nhpolitics political column again. Good!"

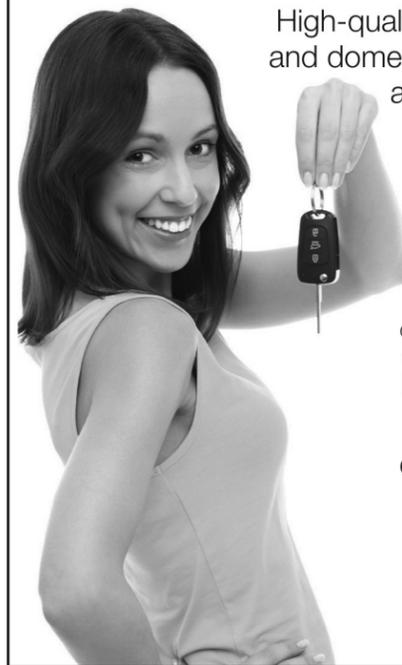
The following day, up popped @KlandriganDNC, one of Twitter's many parody accounts. These can range from superb to awful. The most popular parody account in the *Gazette* newsroom is @WernerTwertzog. On March 12th he Tweeted, "Charlotte's Web is, of course, about the life of the artist: you write for pigs and simpletons, then die alone in an abandoned fairground."

For some reason we find that hilarious. Sadly, @KlandriganDNC seems to offer no such relief from life's grinding tedium.

In response to Cullen's friendly

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tip of the hat to the real Kevin Landrigan, the fake one Tweeted, "Appreciate it @FergusCullen. I promise the column will be full of Democratic spin passed off as fact to misinform people of NH."

Between the futile try at casting Landrigan as a shill for Democrats, and the leaden attempt at humor, it's clear Fake Landrigan hails from somewhere out on the Rightward fringes.

So much so that Cullen — a former NHGOP chair — had no time for him. "Real @KlandriganNH1 respected & well-liked by pretty much every1 all sides," he replied. "Twitter's block feature designed 4 U."

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Another fortnight, another scandal dragging down former GOP front-runner Chris Christie.

The *International Business Times* reported March 11th that Christie arranged to pay millions of New Jersey taxpayers' dollars to a financial management company after a director of that company worked for Christie's election campaign. It doesn't just sound bad — apparently there's a law against it.

According to *IBT*, Prudential Financial collected \$6.5 million for managing hundreds of millions in state pension funds after Jon Hanson, a Prudential board member and finance chair of Christie's campaign, made "substantial" contributions to Christie's 2009 campaign for governor.

In a March 16th follow-up, *IBT* reported that in 2013, after the Christie administration had deposited pension funds in a U.K.-based subsidiary of Prudential, a Hong Kong-based board member of Prudential made a \$3,800 contribution to Christie's re-election campaign, and a \$32,400 contribution to the Republican Governors Association, then headed by Christie.

Naturally, in both cases, everyone involved says nothing was done which was illegal, immoral, or fattening. Everyone except the pensioners, of course, who have only the right to keep their traps shut.

In our previous issue we noted that Christie had allowed Exxon to settle a \$9 billion judgment in a pollution lawsuit for pennies on the dollar.

It has since been reported that



Submitted from a secure undisclosed location, Exhibit A — evidence that although a certain Daniel Street installation may be adequately protected from terrorists foreign and domestic, the flag on that property has suffered from environmental degradation. [Signed] Officer [Redacted] of the Flag Police.

the Exxon settlement money won't even be going to environmental remediation, as had been intended. No, it's going straight into New Jersey's general fund. That's quite convenient for Christie — who, coincidentally, personally proposed the law which allows for such a diversion.

Another new tidbit on the Exxon settlement: almost immediately after the deal was done, Christie attended an event sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute [AEI]. Heavily subsidized by Exxon [and, of course, the Koch brothers], AEI has a relentlessly pro-fossil fuel agenda and is a major source of funds for the crackpot minority of "scientists" who deny anthropomorphic global climate change.

Presidential primaries being the quintessential zero-sum game, Christie's gradual immersion in the fetid quicksand of his own gubernatorial politics is all good news for the current standard-

bearer of the Bush dynasty.

Recently, as is *de rigueur* among current Republican aspirants to the Presidency, J. Edgar Bush slammed Hillary Clinton for her imperious approach to email.

That's all well and good — or it was until March 14th, when the *Washington Post's* Ed O'Keefe reported that Bush had "used his private e-mail account as Florida governor to discuss security and military issues such as troop deployments to the Middle East and the protection of nuclear plants... The e-mails include two series of exchanges involving details of Florida National Guard troop deployments after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks."

Let the record show that it was Heather Parton, the blogger known as Digby, who cut to the core of the matter: "I don't know about you but if we're digging through old emails, I'd like to see Jeb's from November 7 to December 12, 2000."

A Note to Readers

We have experienced more-challenging-than-normal technical difficulties during the production of this issue. It is always exciting to publish a newspaper, but this past fortnight has been ridiculous. We suspect the Solar storm, but aging equipment — not to mention the operator — may be playing a part as well.

We are not at all sure we're out of the woods, either. Assuming that our prayers to the Flying Spaghetti Monster are answered, and we do in fact publish today, we'd like to issue a general advisory for the future, since life abounds with uncertainty. In the event that our publishing schedule should be disrupted, and the paper fail to appear when expected, please visit www.NHGazette.com. If it is at all possible, readers will find there the most recent information from our technical support team, bail bondsperson, or psychiatrist, as appropriate.



GOP Endangers Military

To the Editor:

The U.S. has men and women in uniform in dozens of countries. Each of those countries must agree that those men and women will be subject to U.S. justice in the event a crime is committed in these countries while in performance of their duties. In some countries our military is subject to U.S. law even for off duty activity. This agreement is included in the Status of Forces Agreement our presidents sign with foreign governments. These agreements are not subject to congressional approval. Some have been in force for decades through many presidents and many Congresses.

Last week 47 Republican senators including Senator Ayotte signed and sent a letter to the government of Iran stating that any agreement signed by our President is invalid because it does not have the force of a treaty. They suggest the next President could ignore the agreement. Their logic would make all our Status of Forces Agreements subject to evaporation with each new President. Each outgoing president would have to withdraw our troops from each country for fear of the next president actions.

The senators' letter has already shaken our allies. They wonder if America has gone insane. The letter will encourage foreign governments to ignore their agreements anytime someone in our military has upset the local population.

Senator Ayotte is a lawyer on the Armed Services Committee. She was our State's Attorney General. While she can claim stupidity for her action, she cannot claim ignorance of these agreements and the possible consequences of her action. She owes every President, every person in uniform and the entire country an apology.

Walter Hamilton
Portsmouth NH

Wentworth Appeal Rejected

To the Editor:

On January 2nd, the *Portsmouth Herald* published an article, "Country club owners appeal Sanders Poynt ruling." The Wentworth's attorney, Benjamin King was quoted as saying, "We disagree that anyone has easement rights to cross the golf course to get to the beach. The property owners permitted some members of the public to cross in the area of Sanders Poynt because they had hoped that by granting permission, no prescriptive easements rights were created. The dispute arose when the golf course staff erected a fence. Then the club moved some landscaping to prevent the use of the area as a parking lot and to discourage crossing the golf course to access the beach."

Attorney King's statement that they had granted "some members of the public" permissive use flies in the face of the facts and of the ruling by Judge Wageling that "Even considering the evidence in a light most favorable to the Wentworth defendants, there is no contrary evidence that create a genuine issue of material fact." Then Attorney King justifies the landscaping as needed to "prevent use of the area as a parking lot." Nonsense! Their fence had already closed off the parking lot without the additional placement of boulders in the state right-of-way and hedges blocking views of the ocean.

Now, the New Hampshire Supreme Court has ruled that the Wentworth filed "an improper interlocutory appeal." However, its ruling also allows the Wentworth to file "a subsequent appeal either upon conclusion of the entire case in the superior court or by a properly filed interlocutory appeal."

Why would the Wentworth go through these wasted and time-consuming motions? Evidently, they want to drag out due process as long as possible. They closed off the land in 2012 and established a new "status quo" according to Judge Wageling in spite of hundreds of years of prior public use. This status quo enables the Wentworth to continue to stomp on public rights for as long as the case remains tied up in the court system. Now, they are delaying the hearing to determine remedies. They will probably file their interlocutory appeal which we will have to answer and wait for Judge Wageling's likely denial of the appeal. Then, when we finally win on the remedies, we will have to wait again for the expected appeal process to weave along.

Sanders Poynt has been closed to public access for over two years. How much longer does the public have to wait? Will I live long enough to see justice? Mr. Binne, why not be gentlemanly and save us all this needless time and expense? Why continue to delay the inevitable?

Bob Jesurum
Rye, NH

Bob:

Thank you for providing our readers with your views on this case. We all owe you our thanks for defending our rights against the encroachment of overweening wealth.

The Editor

Party of Perpetual War

To the Editor:

Despite their best efforts to derail multinational talks with Iran over its nuclear ambitions, the

Mash Notes, **HATE MAIL,**

Republican-led U.S. House of Representatives and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu were slightly outshone by 47 Republican U.S. Senators, including New Hampshire's own Senator Kelly Ayotte, who signed and dispatched a sophomoric letter to Iran's Supreme Leader with the goals of sabotaging a potentially historic agreement and embarrassing President Obama.

Newspapers across America are condemning the 47 Senators for undermining the U.S. President's foreign policy via unauthorized direct contact with a foreign leader. Even the *New York Daily News*, hardly considered a bastion of liberalism, called them, "traitors."

Recognizing the blowback from their reckless behavior, some of the Senators are attempting to backtrack. Arizona Senator John McCain tried to rationalize his signing of the subversive letter to the Ayatollah by stating, "I saw the letter, I saw that it looked reasonable to me and I signed it, that's all. I sign lots of letters."

One can only imagine the humiliation felt by McCain and his GOP cohorts when they heard Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif call them out as woefully ignorant of their own Constitution. His immediate response to their letter asserted, "This proves that the Senators are not only strangers to the norms of international rights and regulations, but they also are not familiar with the intricate details of their own Constitution regarding the authority of the President of the United States in executing foreign policy."

War is almost always a failure of diplomacy, is evil under all circumstances, and should be employed only as an absolute last resort. The nuclear talks with Iran, although long and challenging,

were working and they should be allowed to continue without impediment from the Republican-led U.S. Congress.

The Senators' willingness to interfere in diplomacy for political reasons proved to me, once again, that the GOP is the Party of Perpetual War and does not hesitate to put the interests of their right wing base and their large campaign contributors over the interests of world peace, national security and the ever rising U.S. National Debt.

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, NH

Bill-Killers

To the Editor:

The term "state representative" is self-descriptive. It is a State elected official who represents the people in his or her district. Except, sometimes they don't represent them — they are state "unrepresentatives."

The 60 percent of gun purchases that are handled by federally-licensed gun dealers undergo background checks to be sure that the buyers are neither felons nor mentally unstable persons who would be a danger to themselves or others. No permanent record is kept by the federal government of these checks.

Unfortunately, that leaves 40 percent of the gun purchases which occur without any oversight. That includes hand guns bought at gun shows or intrastate transactions taking place on the Internet.

Recently, HB 650 came before the State House, a bill that closed the gun show loophole and the Internet exception, making background checks mandatory in nearly all cases. The idea of background checks has been consistently supported in a series of surveys by 80 to 90 percent of New

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And Other Correspondence

Hampshire residents. Clearly, the vast majority of Granite Staters favor background checks.

Here's where state unrepresentatives come into play — legislators who willfully ignore the will of the people. The following local state representatives contributed to the defeat of the background checks bill (HB 650) by voting against it.

Fred Rice (Hampton), Tracy Emerick (Hampton), David Wood (Hampton), Patrick Abrami (Stratham), Joanna Ward (Stratham), Max Abramson (Seabrook), Francis Chase (Seabrook), Pamela Tucker (Greenland).

All these legislators are Republicans.

Thirty thousand Americans are killed each year with guns. That's far more than the number who have died so far in the Gulf, Iraq, and Afghanistan Wars combined. A background checks bill is a prudent, common sense way to keep guns out of the hands of felons and dangerously unstable people without interfering with the rights of law-abiding gun owners.

It is my hope that these state representatives will change their minds when a background checks bill next year again comes before the legislature.

Lenore Patton
Hampton, NH

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### Guinta Defends Ayotte

To the Editor:

On March 11th, I attended Congressman Frank Guinta's Dover town meeting. I asked a question, but, instead of a straight answer, I got a mind-numbingly windy lecture.

I said that the conservative *NY Daily News* pronounced judgment on the letter 47 Republican Senators, including Senator Ayotte, sent to Iran in an effort to scuttle the President's Iran ne-

gotiations. Under the front-page headline TRAITORS, the *Daily News* said, "... 47 Republican U.S. Senators engaged in treachery by sending a letter to the mullahs aimed at cutting the legs out from under America's Commander-in-Chief. We strenuously condemn their betrayal of the U.S. Constitutional system. They are an embarrassment to the Senate and to the nation." I asked: Do you agree with the *Daily News* assessment of the letter? Would you sign such a letter? Explain your thoughts on this issue.

He jumped to Senator Ayotte's defense, but I stopped him, saying I wanted his position on the letter. His next evasion was a discourse on the dangers of a nuclear-armed Iran and the need to support Israel. Nothing on the appropriateness, legality, constitutionality, or destructiveness of the letter.

This letter is big news. Newspapers in New Hampshire and across the country, from conservative to liberal, have roundly condemned the letter. Mr. Guinta can't have missed the news, and no doubt has a position on it — but he refused to share it with his constituents, ducking his responsibility. He is supposed to represent us and he owes us an answer, not a shifty evasion.

Susan Mayer  
Lee, NH

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Mental Illness, or What?

To the Editor:

What a fool I've been for having chosen psychology for my life's work. Fox News Radio host Tom Sullivan has opened my eyes. He doesn't consider Bipolar Disorder an illness or a disability. We all have good days and bad days. Then he gave me no squirming room. It's "something made up by the mental health business" to soak their patients.

There seems to be an emerging narrative that questions the very existence of mental illness. Senator Rand Paul recently chimed in, as did Neil Munroe, a reporter for a far-Right web site. Munroe transposes treatment for good old American "stoicism" and "hard work."

And to think, all those folks who came to see me over the years with "problems" were nothing but a bunch of wimps and bellyachers. What other choice do I have but to close shop and find some honest work?

On the flip side are those who pathologize what's considered not pathological.

Letter writers in droves to our local newspaper describe any sexuality other than hetero as deviant, sinful, profane, and, in one case, "a sacrilege against ... the Catholic heritage of Ireland." That all the legit mental health organizations (American Psychological Association and on and on) have depathologized homosexuality many years ago is of no bearing. Who needs knowledge, science or brainy people?

An obvious conclusion can be drawn. Teach those institutionalized for emotional problems fortitude, initiative and to stop gaming the system. Then unlock the gates to the institution ... and sanity will be restored.

Dr. Michael Kulla
Pleasant Valley, NY

Mike:

Look on the bright side: the astonishing prevalence of derangement in our society means job security for you.

The Editor

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### Xenophobia 101

To the Editor:

Unless you're rich, Senate Democrats, including Senator Jeanne Shaheen, and most Senate Republicans, including Senator Kelly Ayotte, voted to make your life, and the lives of your family

members, more challenging and your futures less promising.

If you have a job, they voted to increase the number of people who can legally compete for your job; that means fewer and lower pay raises and possibly replacement of current employees with people willing to work for lower wages.

If you are looking for a job, they voted to increase the number of people competing for the job you need; it will be harder for you to get a job and the pay will be less.

If you have children in public school, their votes will result in more public school children who will require more attention from teachers. And, many newcomers bring contagious diseases.

If you require and are scraping by on public assistance, don't expect an increase because the Senate voted to provide benefits to millions more people.

If you struggle financially, your taxes may increase because the Senate voted to increase the cost of government by many billions of dollars.

If you are waiting for a loved one to immigrate legally, the Senate's vote probably extends your wait.

You or a family member are more likely to become a crime, accident or terrorist victim because the Senate vote allows even convicted violent criminals to stay in this country legally, and it encourages millions more foreigners, including violent criminals and terrorists, to come here illegally.

If you use risky roads or bridges, you'll probably wait longer for repairs; the Senate just voted to spend \$50 to 100 billion to reward illegal aliens.

The Senate vote makes a mockery of our laws by rewarding law breakers.

The Senate vote makes a mockery of our Constitution by approving President Obama's amnesty plan which is a rewrite of our im-



migration laws, which is the exclusive authority of Congress.

The President's amnesty plan legalizes 4.5 million illegal aliens, gives them work permits and Social Security numbers, authorizes welfare, and enables rewarding illegal aliens with at least \$24,000 per head of household.

By threatening to shut down the Homeland Security Department unless President Obama's illegal and unconstitutional amnesty plan is funded, Senate Democrats blackmailed weak Senate Republicans to agree.

Those who benefit from amnesty, (the rich, politicians and special interests) don't care how much it hurts other Americans or our Constitutional form of government.

Hopefully the House of Representatives will stand up for the rest of us and for our Constitutional form of government by continuing to refuse to fund President Obama's unconstitutional amnesty plan.

Don Ewing  
Meredith, NH

Don:

*Reading the first sentence of your letter, and being eternally optimistic, we briefly thought that you might have come to your senses, since the dominant feature of the nation's political landscape is the relentless class war being waged against anyone and everyone in America who is not*

### More Hate Mail, &c.

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*Northcountry Chronicle*

# Winter of the Malcontents

by William Marvel

It was in January of 1980 that I first drove over to see Harry Mason. I can't recall what brought me to his house, but I remember when it was because we engaged in a long discussion about the strange weather we were having that winter. There had been a significant snowfall fairly early in the previous October, consisting of five or six inches of heavy, wet slop, but it quickly melted and we did not have more than a dusting again until toward the end of January. There was plenty of cold, however, and the lack of snow drove it deep enough into the ground that pipes and septic systems were freezing up all over town.

Harry, who was well into his 80s by then, was still living in the company-built house in Redstone that he bought while working for the Maine and New Hampshire Granite Company. He had been raised on a farm in East Conway,

somewhere just past the entrance to the present Conway dump, and in commenting on the lack of snow he mentioned his father's agricultural diaries, which were still in his possession. According to those diaries, the winters of 1906 and 1915 had also passed almost entirely without snow, and in January of 1906 his father had plowed some ground for the next spring's planting.

The library has the *North Conway Reporter* on microfilm for that period, which confirms those diaries. In 1906 it was the South Conway correspondent who paid the closest attention to the weather, reporting a warmer winter than usual and a lack of snow. By the second week of January folks were out on the lake harvesting their next summer's ice, but they found it thinner than usual. There was "a nice rain on Friday" that week — if there can be a "nice" rain in January — and the following Thursday brought "quite a snowstorm,"

but the next day's rain washed that away, too. On January 29 the hillsides and fields in Tamworth were as bare as in spring; hens had begun to lay, and teamsters could not move logs for lack of snow. The next week a Brownfield correspondent described the weather as more like that of April. It was well into February before the first substantial snow fell in South Conway.

It was even worse in 1915. Cold allowed for another ice harvest, but January's only snow was swept away by rain. A deluge on January 18 flooded the streets of Conway Village, demolishing the gutters, and at the end of the month the editor fairly longed for a "good old-fashioned snowstorm." Such a wish might get him lynched today, but on February 25 he reported that "the backbone of winter is surely broken."

Except for such aberrations, every winter elicits superlative assessments by late February or

early March, but I don't think I've ever heard quite so much complaint as this year. In Keene last week my old French professor asked if I had ever known a worse winter, and I finally concluded that I had not. Certainly we saw much lower temperatures in my childhood, with 30-below two or three times every year, and much deeper snow. Late in the winter of my stepdaughter's senior year at Kennett I snapped a photograph of her standing proudly in the path she kept shoveled from the driveway to the back door. The snowbanks along her path were taller than she was by a foot or more, but this year they hardly came to my shoulder.

What made this year so brutal was not the severity of the cold but the relentlessness of it, and the frequency of the snowstorms rather than the depth of snow. Here on the east side of Davis Hill we had sub-freezing temperatures all day, every day, from ear-

ly January through early March; even on that balmy Washington's Birthday our thermometer barely touched 32°. That made it crucial to keep the roof denuded of snow to prevent ice dams, and it always seemed that I no sooner stripped off my roof-raking apparel than another storm would appear on the radar.

On top of that, this year brought gustier winds than I've ever felt in this location since 1954, and one night a few weeks ago I had a moment of real worry over it peeling the steel roofing off the house. There seems little doubt the melting ice cap is being re-deposited here, where the accumulated snow will keep the air frigid deep into April, and will probably attract still more snow. Each winter appears to begin with a greater determination to kill us all, and one day it probably will. Meanwhile, it only makes us stronger — albeit a lot crankier. That's what makes town meeting so interesting.

## *More Mash Notes.* **HATE MAIL,** And Other Correspondence, from Page Five

rich.

*But no, we were disappointed. You quickly made it clear that you continue to guzzle the Kool-Aid™.*

*We have regretfully come to the point at which we're willing to discuss publicly our conviction that there exists in this country an as-yet unnamed network of pathetic individuals who spend much of their day generating little packets of verbiage designed to increase among the general public the level of abject stupidity.*

*How, we wonder, are you paid? Is it piecework? By the letter, or by the word? Do you report it all when you file your 1040?*

*The Editor*

### Iran and the GOP

To the Editor:

Under George Bush the U.S. policy was Iran should not be allowed to enrich uranium. He imposed sanctions which the international community ignored. They noted the U.S. and Iran had signed the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT). The treaty allows for the enrichment of uranium for peaceful purposes. Our sanctions failed and Iran raced to process as much uranium as it could.

Under President Obama the U.S. agreed to abide by the NPT and accept Iran's right to enrich uranium for peaceful purposes.

This encouraged the international community to enforce sanctions on Iran to stop it from making weapons grade uranium. These sanctions worked and Iran is now negotiating with the U.S., Britain, China, France, Russia and Germany for their end in exchange for an end to their weapons program. A final deal has not been reached, but progress has been made. Iran has idled 7,000 of its 16,000 centrifuges, limited its enrichment program to a 5 percent level (down from 20 percent), and submitted to international inspections.

Unfortunately this is not enough for Republicans in Congress. They

follow blindly the Prime Minister of Israel by demanding a return to the failed Bush policy of no uranium enrichment by Iran. This would equate to a U.S. withdrawal from the Non Proliferation Treaty. The sanctions and negotiations are all based upon bringing Iran into compliance with the NPT. We will no longer be welcome at the negotiations nor have a veto of any agreement. The other countries could end their sanctions without consulting us.

Forty-seven Republican senators wrote to the leaders of Iran stating that any agreement with our President could not be trusted without their approval. Those 47

senators are ignorant of international reality. If the six countries reach an agreement with Iran the international sanctions will end with or without their approval and regardless of who our next president may be. They have no seat at this table. While they can force us to maintain our sanctions they will have little effect on Iran who has little trade with us.

Walter Hamilton  
Portsmouth, NH

*Walter:*

*Sometimes it seems there's more disinformation in the world than information. Thank you for helping to restore the balance.*

*The Editor*

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## Corporate Coup d'Etat

by Jim Hightower

Look out America — here comes the Trans Pacific Partnership! Dubbed “a corporate coup d’etat” by Public Citizen’s Global Trade Watch, it’s a grandiose grab for power masked as a trade deal, allowing an unprecedented level of global corporate rule over Americans. Let’s take a quick look at what we’ll be getting into.

The trade hoax. Of the document’s 29 chapters, only five address tariffs and other actual trade matters. The other 24 consist of various ways to “free” corporations from any accountability and from any responsibility to the world community’s common good.

Bye-bye “Buy American.” TPP dictates that all corporations based in any member nation must be given equal access to the public dollars that any government

spends on equipment, food, highway projects, etc. Thus, our own national, state, and local governments would no longer be free to give preference to suppliers of our choice. “Buy American” and “Buy Local” programs could be challenged by private corporations.

Wall Street rides again! If anyone doubts this the pact is a corporate boondoggle dressed in trade clothes, let them read its shameful financial provisions. “Too big

to fail” laws, ensuring that the costs of a bank’s collapse would be borne by investors, not taxpayers? Under TPP, giant global banks could scamper into private tribunals to grab billions of our tax dollars if they have to comply with such laws. Also, our nation’s financial regulations would have to be “harmonized” to comply with TPP’s extreme deregulation, re-creating the anything-goes Wall Street ethic that crashed the

world economy in 2008. A Robin Hood Tax on volatile, super high-speed speculators? Nope. TPP specifically lets global banks challenge and kill these laws.

To help stop this anti-democratic nasty, go to [www.ExposeTheTPP.org](http://www.ExposeTheTPP.org).

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### “Positive Reverberations?”

To the Editor:

There are, no doubt, many Americans that took exception to Speaker of the House John Boehner and the Republican-led Congress for undermining America’s foreign policy by unilaterally inviting the leader of a foreign nation to give a campaign speech on Capitol Hill. I found it equally disturbing that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, knowing full well the negative impact his speech would have on ongoing negotiations with Iran over its nuclear ambitions, accepted the invitation anyway and then boldly lectured Americans on the subject as if he were the Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Armed Services.

As I expected, Netanyahu delivered a well crafted and strong speech; however, he spoke in terms that implied that a nuclear attack from Iran was imminent, which is simply not true, and he also offered no alternative, other than more war, to the current diplomatic talks. Netanyahu’s speech furthermore failed to mention:

- That he and his Republican hosts initially claimed that current sanctions would not bring Iran to the negotiating table,
- Iran does not yet possess the capability to produce nuclear weapons,
- Iran has never tested a nuclear weapon nor does it possess a single nuclear weapon in its arsenal,
- Iranian leaders are primar-

ily concerned with the survival of their nation which affords them their power and privilege and that they are rational enough to know that it would not be in their or their nation’s interest to lob a nuke at anyone, let alone in the direction of Israel or America!

This was not the first time that Netanyahu offered his advice directly to the U.S. Congress. About 13 years ago, while America was “debating” the merits of invading Iraq, Netanyahu told Congress, *à la* former Vice President Dick [“Dick”] Cheney and the other warmongering Bush/Cheney Administration Neoconservatives: “if you take out Saddam’s regime, I guarantee you it will have enormous positive reverberations on the region.”

The U.S. and Middle East are still paying for the “enormous positive reverberations” from the Iraq invasion; thus making it quite advisable to allow diplomacy to work and to immediately dismiss Netanyahu’s counsel on Iran.

Wayne H. Merritt  
Dover, NH

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### Immigration and Heroin

To the Editor:

New Hampshire and New England have an increasing problem with heroin. It has been flooding over the border from Mexico as drug smugglers seek a substitute for their lost marijuana business. Unfortunately the Republicans in Congress think our Border Patrol agents should concentrate their

efforts on arresting children rather than combating drug smugglers. Their imposition of the sequester which cut the budgets for the Border Patrol and Drug Enforcement Agency has been a bonus for drug smugglers.

New Hampshire is now paying for these budget cuts and misdirected use of our Border Patrol agents with the problems caused by cheap heroin. We are paying for it in lost lives, in crime, in emergency hospital trips by overdosed addicts and in increased costs to our judicial system. The drug cartels in Mexico and our organized crime organizations must be toasting their GOP friends in Washington daily. We should not.

Walter Hamilton  
Portsmouth NH

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### RPM Challenge 2015 Invites All to Listen to New Tracks 10th Annual Creative Project Celebrates March 28-29th

Portsmouth, N.H. — From among the nearly 500 bands around the globe that completed the RPM Challenge to write and record an album in the month of February, nearly 100 regional bands crossed the finish line on March 1st with a fistful of new music in their hands. The RPM Challenge will celebrate their success and the thriving Seacoast music scene with the RPM Challenge Listening Party on Saturday, March 28 hosted at the newly opened 3S Artspace, 319 Vaughan

St., Portsmouth. Directly following, Portsmouth Community Radio will launch a 24-hour international RPM Challenge Global Listening Day music marathon, featuring tracks from bands from Austin, Seattle, Toronto, Australia, Japan, Korea, Ukraine, Ireland and more.

The 10th annual listening party at 3S Artspace will feature art, fun, and new tracks from every new local album completed. Music starts at 6:30 p.m., and goes until at least one new song has been played from every local album. Admission is free, but RSVPs are requested at [www.3SArts.org](http://www.3SArts.org). Donations are welcome at the door.

Portsmouth Community Radio, WSCA 106.1 FM, will broadcast live from the event, with interviews from local and visiting musicians from around New Hampshire, the Northeast and beyond. At midnight, they’ll will transition into a 24-hour music marathon featuring tracks from bands around the world.

“Portsmouth is synonymous with music, art and creative culture. It’s what we’re famous for, it’s why people come to visit here and what we offer when they arrive. We can’t think of a better way to spread the word than by sharing the music of RPM over the airwaves and with the whole world,” says Rick Dirck, programming director of Portsmouth Community Radio.

At midnight, the RPM Challenge Global Listening Day will

begin with music from the western U.S., then travel westward through international timezones before wrapping up here with local music on Sunday night. The program will be streamed live at [www.wscaf.com](http://www.wscaf.com). Listeners can share their thoughts on social media with the hashtag #RPM2015.

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### Apple Slanders State

To the Editor:

I thought you might find this online definition of what was previously thought to be a root vegetable, found in Dictionary Version 2.0.3 (51.5), © Copyright 2005-2007 Apple Inc., All rights reserved.

“Parsimonious: adjective, unwilling to spend money or use resources; stingy or frugal: parsimonious New Hampshire voters, who have a phobia about taxes. See note at economical.”

How did that get by the censors?

Not good.

John Tuthill  
Acworth, NH  
John

Thank you for passing along this slanderous outrage. It has been referred to our Quasi-Legal Department.

The Editor

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“The first thing brought forth by the study of any religion ... is that it is based upon Fear ... and that it cultivates the source from which its nourishment is derived.”

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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.

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| <p><b>2006</b>—<i>MY Queen of the North</i>, a 410-foot Canadian ferry four miles off course, hits an island at 17 knots and sinks with a loss of two lives. Union reps deny crewmembers were having sex at the time.</p> <p><b>1987</b>—A load of 3,168 tons of garbage leaves NYC aboard the barge <i>Mobro 4000</i>. After a futile 162-day, 6,000 mile odyssey it finally returns to the Big Apple for incineration.</p> <p><b>1986</b>—David Funchess, a black former Marine with a Purple Heart and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, shuffles off this mortal coil in Florida's electric chair, the first Vietnam veteran executed in the U.S.</p> <p><b>1975</b>—A technician looking for air leaks with a lighted candle starts a fire causing \$100 million in damages at the Brown's Ferry nuclear power plant in Alabama.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—During a meeting with Richard Nixon, John Dean, John Mitchell, and H.R. Haldeman, John Ehrlichman coins the phrase "modified limited hangout."</p> <p><b>1972</b>—National Commission on Marijuana recommends that marijuana be legalized.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—An Undersecretary of Defense warns his boss bombing North Vietnam is useless.</p> <p><b>1947</b>—Truman orders FBI loyalty checks on gov't workers.</p> <p><b>1933</b>—Happy days are here again: FDR signs a bill legalizing beer &amp; wine.</p> | <p><b>2006</b>—Adwaita, a giant tortoise alleged to be 250 years old, dies at the Calcutta Zoo.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—Before 18 other Congressmen of both parties, in the Dirksen Senate office building, Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL) helps place a gold crown on the head of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—A convoy of the 507th Maintenance Co. gets lost, then ambushed near Nasiriyah, Iraq; eleven soldiers are KIA, five are wounded, and six taken prisoner, including Private Jessica Ryan.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—A U.S. missile downs a British fighter jet over Iraq.</p> <p><b>1983</b>—Acting president Ronald Reagan, flashing back to his "Brass Bancroft" role in 1940's film <i>Murder in the Air</i>, proposes a space-based anti-missile system.</p> <p><b>1925</b>—The Tennessee legislature bans the teaching of evolution.</p> <p><b>1918</b>—In London, a bullet-catching trick by American illusionist William Robinson (aka "Chung Ling Soo, the Marvelous Chinese Conjuror") goes fatally wrong.</p> <p><b>1901</b>—Filipino rebel leader Emilio Aguinaldo is captured by U.S. troops. The U.S. had earlier backed him in his fight against Spanish colonial powers.</p> <p><b>1842</b>—The House of Representatives censures Congressman Joshua R. Giddings for introducing a resolution opposing slavery.</p>                                            | <p><b>2004</b>—At a black-tie dinner, President Bush cracks up A-list broadcast journalists with gags about "his" failed search for WMDs. Less amused: families of dead GI's; death toll so far: 691.</p> <p><b>1989</b>—Exxon demonstrates its commitment to the environment in Prince William Sound.</p> <p><b>1975</b>—Alex Mitchell, a British bricklayer, dies of laughter while watching BBC's "The Goodies."</p> <p><b>1971</b>—The <i>Washington Post</i> reports, thanks to stolen FBI documents, that letter carriers, a Swarthmore switchboard operator, and a local police chief have been spying on Philadelphia activists.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—Operation Lam Son 719, the ARVN invasion of Laos, ends. Huge U.S., VC, and ARVN casualties but no winners.</p> <p><b>1944</b>—His parachute destroyed by fire, RAF tail-gunner Nicholas Alkemade jumps from his crippled bomber 18,000 feet over Germany. Pine trees and snow break his fall; he lives until 1987.</p> <p><b>1898</b>—Robert Allison becomes the first American to buy an American-built automobile. It's a Winton.</p> <p><b>1834</b>—The Bank of Maryland collapses, the victim of "stupendous fraud"; depositors lose between \$2 and \$3 million.</p> <p><b>1832</b>—Mormon prophet Joseph Smith is beaten, tarred, and feathered in Ohio.</p>                                          | <p><b>2003</b>—George W. Bush signs an Executive Order giving Dick "Dick" Cheney unprecedented power to classify—or declassify—information.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—The top four generals at the Air Force Academy are sacked after a massive rape scandal.</p> <p><b>1997</b>—Florida's "Old Sparky" does it again, setting Pedro Medina's head on fire as it kills him.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—Three dairy coops get \$600 million in milk price supports for a \$427,000 "contribution" towards Nixon's re-election.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—Fifteen WWII and Korean War veterans burn their discharge papers in NYC to protest the Vietnam War.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—In Montgomery, AL, 25,000 civil rights marchers complete a march from Selma.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—The U.S. Customs Service seizes Allen Ginsburg's "Howl" as "obscene."</p> <p><b>1931</b>—In Alabama, the Scotsboro Boys are arrested.</p> <p><b>1931</b>—RIP, Ida B. Wells.</p> <p><b>1911</b>—The Triangle Shirtwaist Fire kills 146 sweatshop workers in New York City. An investigation shows that the factory's fire doors had been locked to enhance productivity.</p> <p><b>1894</b>—"Coxey's Army" sets out for Washington, D.C.</p> <p><b>1874</b>—Quintessential Yankee poet Robert Frost is born—in California.</p>                                                                                          | <p><b>1993</b>—Cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev returns to Earth. The USSR sent him into orbit is no more.</p> <p><b>1984</b>—Don Rumsfeld, once and future U.S. Defense Secretary, schmoozes in Baghdad with Iraq's Foreign Minister and gives him Ronald Reagan's best wishes.</p> <p><b>1982</b>—Ground is broken in Washington, D.C. for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—Gen. John D. "Jack" Lavelle, loses his job as Commander of the 7th Air Force and is stripped of two stars for following secret White House orders to bomb North Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—RIP John Kennedy Toole.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—A dozen "Wise Men" visit LBJ and tell him it's time to get out of Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—Gen. Westmoreland asks for 40,000 more men in Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1920</b>—Carried back up onto the scaffold after the rope breaks, James Johnson tells his executioners in Poplar Bluff, MO, "Hurry up, boys, and get me out of my misery."</p> <p><b>1892</b>—The poet Walt Whitman utters his last words, "Hold me up, I want to s...t."</p> <p><b>1804</b>—Federal government informs Indians that they must all move west of the Mississippi.</p> <p><b>1676</b>—Narragansetts wipe out a force of 60 Colonial soldiers and 20 Wampanoag allies in what's now Central Falls, RI, nine by torture.</p> | <p><b>2003</b>—Iraq "can really finance its own reconstruction and relatively soon," U.S. Undersecretary for Defense Paul Wolfowitz tells Congress. "There's a lot of money to pay for this that doesn't have to be U.S. taxpayer money."</p> <p><b>1986</b>—Congress slashes welfare; approves \$100 million for drug gang "The Contras."</p> <p><b>1980</b>—A Norwegian oil platform collapses in the North Sea. Of the 212 on board, 123 perish.</p> <p><b>1977</b>—Two Boeing 747s collide on the ground in the Canary Islands, killing 580.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—The "Good Friday" earthquake and tsunami destroy a large part of Anchorage, AK.</p> <p><b>1953</b>—The U.S. State Department cleanses its overseas libraries of the works of WWI vet Dashiell Hammett.</p> <p><b>1952</b>—Sam Phillips establishes Sun Records in Memphis, TN.</p> <p><b>1931</b>—Having drunk Parisian tap water three weeks earlier to prove that it was safe, British novelist Arnold Bennett dies of typhoid fever.</p> <p><b>1814</b>—Gen. Andy Jackson leads a massacre at Tohopeka, AL. According to the final tally, accomplished by counting severed noses, the victors killed 557.</p> <p><b>1800</b>—Federalist Senators find Philadelphia <i>Aurora</i> editor William Duane in contempt for publishing the truth about them.</p>                                                                                                             | <p><b>2007</b>—Phyllis Schlafly tells Bates students that by getting married a woman "has consented to sex, and I don't think you can call it rape."</p> <p><b>2003</b>—Two U.S. "Warthog" aircraft mistakenly strafe British tanks in Iraq killing one soldier.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—"The enemy we're fighting [in Iraq]," General William S. Wallace admits, "is different from the one we'd war-gamed against."</p> <p><b>1979</b>—A stuck valve causes a nuclear reactor at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania to melt.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—Britain conducts an experiment on the city of Lübeck. Incendiary bombs destroy 80 percent of timber-framed buildings.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—British commandos disable a vital Nazi-controlled dry dock at St. Nazaire by ramming it with an explosive-laden destroyer.</p> <p><b>1939</b>—The Spanish Civil War ends as Franco takes Madrid.</p> <p><b>1920</b>—On Palm Sunday, 38 tornadoes in 8 states kill 380 people.</p> <p><b>1911</b>—Bonnot, the anarchist bandit whose gang was said to be the first to use a getaway car, is caught and killed by police.</p> <p><b>1884</b>—In Cincinnati, townspeople unsatisfied with lenient treatment of a confessed murderer torch the courthouse. Forty-two die and 128 are injured as the State Militia restores order.</p> <p><b>1871</b>—In Paris, the Commune takes over.</p> |
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| <p><b>2003</b>—<i>Newsweek</i> publishes a poll saying 74 percent of Americans think the Bush administration has "a well thought-out military plan."</p> <p><b>1984</b>—Team owner Robert Irsay sneaks the Colts out of town to avoid an eminent domain seizure by the City of Baltimore.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—The last U.S. combat troops leave Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—The EPA lays off enforcement for a lead smelter in Idaho in exchange for a \$100,000 "contribution" to the Nixon re-election campaign.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—A court martial elects Lt. W. Calley No. 1 scapegoat for My Lai. For at least 22 murders, Calley gets life in prison, later reduced to three years confinement to his apartment.</p> <p><b>1960</b>—For reasons which remain unfathomable, France launches a nuclear submarine.</p> <p><b>1951</b>—Julius and Ethel Rosenberg are convicted of espionage.</p> <p><b>1929</b>—Ibn Saud's army defeats Ikhwan rebels at Sabilla, demonstrating the obsolescence of camel-mounted cavalry.</p> <p><b>1903</b>—A regular wireless news service begins between New York and London.</p> <p><b>1843</b>—At a Cabinet meeting, Sec. of War John C. Spencer lunges at Navy Sec. Abel P. Upshur. President John Tyler intercedes and stops the ensuing fistfight.</p>                                                                       | <p><b>2012</b>—Two NJ State Police cruisers escort a caravan of high performance sports cars at over 100 mph down the Garden State Parkway.</p> <p><b>2008</b>—As he throws out the first pitch at Washington's new National Park, George W. Bush is met with a resounding chorus of boos.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—Donald Rumsfeld claims "we know where" Iraq's WMDs are. "[I]n the area around Tikrit and Baghdad and east, west, south, and north somewhat."</p> <p><b>2003</b>—During a live Fox News broadcast from Iraq, Geraldo Rivera reveals the 101st Airborne's current location, where they're going to attack next, and when.</p> <p><b>1981</b>—In D.C., John Hinckley Jr. empties a six-shooter at Pres. Ronald Reagan. One shot ricochets off the armored limo and hits Ronnie. Al Haig announces, "As of now, I'm in control here." Meanwhile, in Denver, John's older brother Scott cancels a scheduled dinner engagement with V.P. George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush's son Neil.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—Hanoi's Easter Offensive sends 200,000 PAVN soldiers across the DMZ: the mightiest attack since China crossed the Yalu.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—A Viet Cong car bomb explodes outside the U.S. Embassy in Saigon killing 22 and injuring 183.</p> <p><b>1870</b>—The 15th Amendment passes, giving the right to vote to all, regardless of race. All males, that is.</p> | <p><b>2004</b>—In Fallujah, four American contractors are ambushed, killed, and displayed from a bridge.</p> <p><b>1995</b>—Selena Quintanilla-Pérez, Queen of Tejano, is shot to death by the president of her fan club.</p> <p><b>1990</b>—More than 100,000 people gather in London to protest Maggie Thatcher's Poll Tax. The demonstration morphs into the Battle of Trafalgar Square.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—The American banking industry is deregulated. What could possibly go wrong?</p> <p><b>1969</b>—In keeping with his own explicit instructions, the body of Dwight D. Eisenhower is transported via baggage car, like any other U.S. serviceman, to his final resting place in Abilene, KS.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Lyndon Johnson, delighting millions who have no inkling of who will replace him, announces he won't run for re-election.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—In New York City, 200,000 gather to protest the Vietnam War.</p> <p><b>1951</b>—U.N. troops fight their way back to the 38th parallel in Korea.</p> <p><b>1929</b>—PR pioneer Edward Bernays, working for the American Tobacco Co., pays women to publicly smoke Luckies in New York's Easter Parade.</p> <p><b>1880</b>—In Wabash, IN, the first electric street lighting is turned on.</p> <p><b>1854</b>—Persuaded by Commodore Perry's cannons, Japan opens two ports to foreign trade.</p> | <p><b>2013</b>—In Portsmouth Harbor, the tanker <i>Harbour Feature</i> allides with the Sarah Mildred Long Bridge.</p> <p><b>2010</b>—Somali pirates fail to hijack the frigate <i>U.S.S. Nicholas</i>.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—Britain declassifies "Blue Peacock," a 1957 scheme to bury tactical nukes in Germany with live chickens to keep the electronics warm. The release's timing leads some to think it's a joke, but it's not.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—Bush administration propagandists claim Special Forces have "rescued" PFC Jessica Lynch.</p> <p><b>1997</b>—A blizzard dumps 18 inches of snow on Portsmouth.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—U.S. Army begins Operation Pegasus to try to reach besieged Marines at Khe Sanh. Two months after the siege is lifted, the base is abandoned.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—RIP Flann O'Brien.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—LBJ OKs 20,000 new REMF's, 2 new battalions of Marines, and combat patrols in Nam.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—Ezra Taft Benson, Sec. of Agriculture, fiddles with cheese price supports, handing distributors a \$2.2 million windfall.</p> <p><b>1946</b>—In Hilo, HI, a tsunami kills 159 people.</p> <p><b>1939</b>—The U.S. government recognizes Francisco Franco's fascist government of Spain.</p> <p><b>1920</b>—Five duly elected members of the New York legislature are expelled. And why not — they're only socialists.</p> | <p><b>2004</b>—Mrs. Dick "Dick" Cheney halts reissue of her steamy lesbian romance novel <i>Sisters</i>.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—It is revealed that Secretary of State James Baker III (R-Bush) made 11 personal trips at the taxpayer's expense at an average cost of \$33,781.72.</p> <p><b>1982</b>—Argentina invades the Falkland Islands.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—Robert Opel provides a little extra entertainment at the Oscars by streaking.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Chicago riots are quelled by National Guard troops.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—M.L. King, Jr. leads a voter registration drive in Birmingham. Police Chief "Bull" Connor responds with dogs and fire hoses.</p> <p><b>1958</b>—Herb Caen introduces the term "beatnik."</p> <p><b>1942</b>—Three soldiers, two black and one white, are shot to death, and five are wounded, near Ft. Dix, NJ, in a fight over a phone.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge (R-MA) punches a constituent in the jaw.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—Montana elects Ms. Jeanette Rankin to Congress.</p> <p><b>1865</b>—In Richmond, Confederate troops burn the city to the ground as President Jefferson Davis flees.</p> <p><b>1863</b>—In Richmond, women riot in the streets over bread until dispersed at bayonet point by troops directed by President Jefferson Davis.</p>                  | <p><b>2014</b>—Sen. Jesse Moran [R-KS] reads into the <i>Congressional Record</i> a <i>Wall Street Journal</i> op-ed by Charles Koch defending his right to spend millions buying elections.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—Asked at a press conference to name his biggest mistake, George W. Bush is unable to answer.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—U.S. Marines cross the Tigris River on their way to Baghdad.</p> <p><b>1996</b>—Ted "Unabomber" Kaczynski is arrested in his Montana cabin.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—After a few other scams are exposed, Congressional "leadership" announces its sudden opposition to free health care for solons.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—Thirteen states are hit by 148 tornadoes, killing 315 people and injuring 5,484.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—In South Vietnam, 3,000 troops protest against the Ky gov't.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—In Wisconsin, a strike begins at the Kohler bathroom fixture factory. It lasts six years.</p> <p><b>1936</b>—Bruno Hauptmann gets the chair in the Lindbergh baby case.</p> <p><b>1910</b>—Mt. McKinley is scaled for the first time.</p> <p><b>1895</b>—Oscar Wilde's libel suit against his lover's father begins.</p> <p><b>1882</b>—Robert Ford, a dirty little coward, shoots Jesse James.</p> <p><b>1868</b>—In Hawaii, an intrepid soul rides a 50 foot tidal wave.</p> <p><b>1860</b>—The Pony Express begins operating between St. Joseph, MO and Sacramento, CA. It lasts just 18 months.</p> | <p><b>1991</b>—Sen. John Heinz's small plane collides in flight with a helicopter inspecting its landing gear. The two aircraft crash onto an elementary school killing five altogether, including two school kids.</p> <p><b>1984</b>—Congress denies funding for the Contra rebels in Nicaragua, leaving President Reagan no choice but to illegally sell arms to Ayatollah Khomeini.</p> <p><b>1975</b>—Operation Babylift begins with a C-5A out of Tan Son Nhut. It crashes into a nearby rice paddy killing 154, including 78 kids.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Martin Luther King Jr. is murdered in Memphis, perhaps by James Earl Ray, with help from shadowy unknown figures.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Martin Luther King Jr. denounces the Vietnam War and calls for common cause between civil rights and antiwar movements. He is subsequently denounced by 168 major newspapers.</p> <p><b>1933</b>—The 785 foot-long Navy dirigible <i>Akron II</i> crashes off the New Jersey coast. Of 76 crew and passengers aboard, three survive.</p> <p><b>1914</b>—The unemployed riot in Union Square, NY.</p> <p><b>1887</b>—In Argonia, KS, Susanna M. Salter is elected America's first female mayor.</p> <p><b>1877</b>—First home phone installed.</p> <p><b>1865</b>—President Abraham Lincoln walks the streets of a defeated Richmond, VA.</p>                              |
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