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The Fortnightly Rant

A Crowded Field of Dreamers

Since our previous issue went to press, Rick Santorum, George Pataki, Lindsey Graham, and Rick Perry have all tossed their *chapeaux* into the comical thrash that is the 2016 First in the Nation™ Presidential Primary Election®.

They join Ted Cruz, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, Carly Fiorina, Ben Carson, and Mike Huckabee, whose gong shows were already in progress.

Jeb Bush, Donald Trump, and Bobby Jindal are expected to make their grandiose entrances before our next issue hits the streets.

Meanwhile, Chris Christie, John Kasich, and Scott Walker are demonstrating their presidential qualifications by campaigning without admitting they're running.

If there were a turnstile leading into the Presidential arena, the crush of Republican candidates would cause its bearings to smoke. If said arena existed in three-dimensions and was subject to a zoning-based occupancy limit, the Fire Marshall would be on his way. Purists be damned — the GOP is now operating in full-on, damn the torpedos, Big Tent mode. Got a pulse? Welcome, friend!

Considering the risible quality of its candidates, though, the Party is taking a big risk. Even under the best of circumstances, it's hard for the general public to think of a big tent without also thinking of animal acts, trapeze artists, and, yes, clowns. We try to avoid cliches whenever possible, but sometimes the comparison is inescapable.

Meet the Non-Candidate

Jeb Bush has not officially announced his candidacy, though

everyone knows he's running. He is therefore free, under campaign laws which only Wonderland's Red Queen quite understands, to solicit unlimited amounts of PAC money until such time that he chooses to announce. While he has been flitting around the country, though, meeting in secret with billionaires, the non-candidate's poll numbers have been plummeting since early April.

Ordinarily, nearly-universal name recognition would be an asset. In Jeb's case, it's not. His brother's war in Iraq is now so unpopular that a principal architect has disowned it. Donald Rumsfeld told the *Times* of London last week that efforts to oust Saddam Hussein and replace his tyrannical regime with democracy were unworkable, and that he had concerns about the plan from the beginning.

On Monday the *Wall Street Journal* reported that Bush had hired a former Romney aide to manage the campaign in which he's not participating.

Is There A Doctor in the Race?

Bush can console himself with the fact that his non-campaign is running more smoothly than Ben Carson's actual campaign. The retired neurosurgeon recently lost almost all his senior staff, and the two super PACs raising money for him are feuding with each other and competing with the campaign.

It's *de facto* leader now is Armstrong Williams, a conservative columnist who happens to be black. If his name sounds familiar, it's probably because of the 2005 revelation that he had secretly accepted illegal payments of \$250,000 in Federal funds to promote George W. Bush's No



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Child Left Behind program in his column.

Governor On the Run

Chris Christie has been spending a lot of time in this state. Someone should warn him, we *do* extradite to New Jersey.

The Governor is being hounded for details about the spending of his 30-person, American Express-toting Executive Protection Unit [EPU], which rang up \$1.15 million in charges over five years. He's refused to release any, saying it might compromise security. Last month a Superior Court judge called that argument unconvincing, since Christie had talked in some detail about the EPU while speaking to Cub Scouts last April.

On Sunday the *New York Times* published a sworn statement from David Wildstein, formerly the Governor's "eyes and ears" at the Port Authority overseeing the George Washington Bridge. In it, Wildstein alleges that Christie had "casu-

ally [revealed] information about a grand jury proceeding he had overseen, which violates federal law," according to the *New York Times*.

Governor Ooops

Courage is a requisite qualification for a President. Rick Perry demonstrates his simply by running. We cannot remember the last time anyone dared to seek the office while simultaneously dodging two felony indictments for abusing his powers as Governor of Texas.

Critics call Perry unprincipled because he de-funded a prosecutor investigating his programs. He's actually principled to a fault. He refused to expand Medicaid on principle, even though it will cost the state \$10 billion a year and deprive a million Texans of health care.

Senator Bombalot

Senator Lindsey Graham [R-SC] claims that he's running for President, but one has to wonder if he means it. When Fox News'

Steve Doocy noted that "a lot of people are just worn out by war," Graham responded, "then don't vote for me."

Debatable Debates

In 2000, Roger Ailes used Fox News to tip things in George W. Bush's favor on election night. This time around, with Fox running the first Republican debate, he'll be able to put his thumb on the scale much earlier in the process.

Winners and Winners

Who, out of this horde of candidates, will win? Only one will get the nomination, but that's not the only prize. For a dedicated grifter, a presidential campaign is a target-rich environment.

Media companies will also win. Their total revenues from this Presidential race alone could add up to more than \$5 billion. Campaign consultants will pocket about fifteen percent of that.

As for the American public, the only way they will win is if all these candidates lose.

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Title for a Republican Soap Opera: Days of Our Sordid Lives

For the embattled Congressman, it must have been a heartening sight: a full-page advertisement in the May 28th *Union Leader*, saying "We Support Congressman Frank Guinta," followed by the names of 99 stalwart supporters. The ad even included a hashtag, #standwithguinta, to serve as a rallying point for his grassroots supporters on Twitter.*

It's been downhill ever since.

* The ad was paid for by Braveheart PAC, whose registered agent is August Fromuth. Fromuth's day job is running Freedom Energy Logistics [FEL]. According to a page on FEL's website, purportedly quoting a September, 2012 story in *Business NH Magazine*, FEL "[specializes] in high-end energy management [and] helps New England's large, medium and small-scale users control their electricity and natural gas costs through its expertise in the competitive power marketplace."

On June 2nd, the Federal Election Commission [FEC] released its completed investigation into Guinta's \$355,000 loan to his 2010 campaign. In that document, Guinta's mother Virginia and his sister Christine contradicted his longstanding claim that the money was his own.

Just to muddy the waters a little further, though, Virginia Guinta contradicted the FEC's finding the following day.

The conflicting statements raise tantalizing questions. The state's major media outlets, though — in despair, perhaps, of ever getting a straight answer from any of the Guintas — have apparently dropped the matter.

The state's newspapers did take turns, over the next week or so,

publishing editorials denouncing Guinta and calling for him to resign. Democrats, of course, have wanted Guinta to resign since the day he took his oath of office and then high-tailed it to a Koch brothers reception. Now a goodly chunk of the state GOP would like to see him gone as well.

Senator Ayotte called for his resignation in mid-April, as soon as the FEC announced its preliminary findings. As the state's top-ranking Republican, she faces a tough re-election campaign this fall. The last thing she needs is Guinta clinging to his Congressional seat like some corrupt barnacle.

Some of the state's more parochial Republicans, such as Party Chair Jennifer Horn, are being more circumspect. She called

Guinta "untruthful," said she had "come to the conclusion that I simply cannot believe him anymore," and called his credibility "irreparably damaged."

Horn has not, however, asked Guinta to quit. He is "ultimately accountable to the people of New Hampshire's First District," she said. For the leader of a Party that's supposed to be tough on crime, that sounds a little bit like a beat cop saying crooks should behave themselves.

She's following the line of the Executive Committee, which voted to take no further action even before the FEC's final findings were released. Horn and the Committee may be trying to soft-pedal things so as not to exacerbate the Party's ongoing civil war.

The establishment wing of the Party, including House Speaker Shawn Jasper, Senate President Chuck Morse, and Executive Councilor Chris Sununu, wants Guinta gone. The other wing of the Party, under former Speaker Bill O'Brien, does not.

The O'Brien wing was causing more than enough trouble already, treating Jasper as a traitor and O'Brien as the rightful Speaker. Now its members are siding with a pariah just as the 2016 First in the Nation™ Presidential Primary Election® really gets rolling.

Deaf to the calls for his resignation, Guinta has amped up his social media presence, putting

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from page one

out a barrage of Tweets which could be generally summed up as Mom, apple pie, and baseball.

It has been suggested in certain quarters that Guinta may be hanging on in hopes of obtaining a Congressional pension. That self-serving motivation would seem to fit the Congressman's character, such as it is. Qualifying for pension, however, requires at least five years of service.

That's just not going to happen. Guinta will be lucky to finish this, his second two-year term. If he does, the question will not be whether there will be a primary race, but rather who will be in it, and how badly they would bruise Guinta.

There is also the little matter of the U.S. Attorney's Office, which is said to be reviewing the latest

FEC findings.

And, last but not least, according to an article in the June 8th *Union Leader*, at least four of the people whose names were listed in that May 28th ad have said they "were not aware that their names were going to be used." One of them, Rep. Phyllis Katsakiores, of Derry, said Guinta should resign.

The Return of Gov. Deadbeat

Twelve years ago last January, Governor Craig R. Benson was swept into the Corner Office office on a veritable tornado of his own bluster. Two years later, fed up with his arrogance and mismanagement, the voters booted him out. It was just the second time in 72 years that an incumbent New Hampshire Governor had been denied a second term.

Since then he has been an unperson — until last month, when the State Senate made time for



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Our Staff Ornithologist reports the June 4th sighting of a Full-Throated LaRouchian Haranguer, shown here being rebuffed by an innocent bystander. Though the species is known to have originated in Rochester, New Hampshire in 1922, the specimens which appear in Portsmouth from time to time are currently thought to nest in Cambridge.

him at a special hearing.

As a large stakeholder in Planet Fitness, which has plans to go public soon, thus making him a bundle of money, Benson was in line to incur a tax burden.

Rather than simply pay those taxes, the company threatened to move its headquarters elsewhere, taking 500 jobs with it. Exactly how such a proposition can be distinguished from extortion, we do not know. Others have looked at the math and concluded that the figure of 500 jobs is hogwash.

The Senate, in all its collective courage and wisdom, chose to capitulate to Benson.

The indefatigable William Tucker, who writes the blog

MiscellanyBlue.com, took advantage of the occasion to remind his readers that Benson never paid painter Romas Brandt his \$12,500 fee for painting Benson's official portrait.

Election Rigging, Sununu Style

There is but one former New Hampshire Governor more disagreeable than Benson, and everyone knows who he is.

John H. Sununu has been flogging his new book lately, about George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush. Sununu was, for a time, Bush #41's Chief of Staff. He won the job by helping Bush get elected, and lost it by treating Federal aircraft like the family station wagon.

In his book, Sununu recounts how he helped Bush win the 1988 primary.

As Governor, Sununu had the power to decide who would get whatever low-numbered license plates became available. In office since 1983, he had hoarded up a few hundred.

"[W]henver one of the more desirable opinion leaders was having trouble deciding whether to support Bush or Dole," he wrote, "the promise of a low-digit license plate was a very effective tie-breaker."

The *Washington Post's* Amber Phillips asked Richard Briffault, a professor of law at Columbia, about Sununu's use of govern-

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ment assets to benefit a political candidate.

"I can't tell you it's illegal," he said, "but it certainly seems improper."

Baked Alaska

It was the hottest of springs, it was the coldest of springs: on ten days during the month of May, the temperature here in Portsmouth rose above 80°; during the first work week of June, though, the temperature only rose above 60° twice, for a grand total of eight hours.

The morning of Saturday, May 23rd, — the day, as it happens, that remains were ceremonially re-interred at the African Burying Ground — was unusually cool here. The low temperature dropped to 41°. That same day, in Eagle, Alaska, the temperature hit 91°.

Marvel Scandalizes

Monday's *Wall Street Journal* carries a review of *Lincoln's Autocrat*, William Marvel's latest work of history. Harold Holzer, the reviewer, was the 2015 winner of the Lincoln Prize, given for "the finest scholarly work in English on Abraham Lincoln, the American Civil War soldier, or a subject relating to their era." Marvel's *Andersonville: The Last Depot*, took second place in 1995.

Other winners have included Ken Burns, John Hope Franklin, and Doris Kearns Goodwin.

The reviewer seems a bit taken aback by Marvel's portrayal of Edwin Stanton, Lincoln's Secretary of War. In Holzer's words, it is a portrait of "a conniving, obsequious, social climber, duplicitous, abusive self-promoter, loyal to nothing but his own ambition." He concedes, though, that Marvel, as is his wont, based his latest work on facts hard-wrung from the archives.

Apparently Lincoln went to war with the Stanton he had, not the Stanton he might have wished to have.

Sanders Poynt

This fortnight's Other Correspondence includes an invitation from Robert Jesurum to anyone who would like to attend the hearing June 25th and 26th at the Rockingham Superior Court in Brentwood.

In the absence of any action by the Town of Rye or the State of New Hampshire, Jesurum has been standing up for the rights of citizens to gain access to Little Harbor at Sanders Poynt — a right that predates the founding of the Republic, and even the European invasion of the early 17th century.



The situation illustrates yet another reason why the wealthy dodge taxes. Resource-starved states can't afford to protect the rights of the people against the desires of the greedy.

Jesurum won his case at the District Court level; what's at issue now is the remedy. Country club owner Bill Binnie has said he'll appeal, but that's a matter for another day.

Our schedule won't permit us to attend, but the more eyes on this stage of the process, the better.

Attention, Descendants!

A Raymond Boy Scout and Eagle Scout candidate asked us to run the following notice. We're happy to oblige.

"My service project will be to erect a monument to the French and Indian War veterans of Raymond on the town common. Their names are Curtis Bean, Nathaniel Ethridge, James Fullonton, Ithiel Gordon, and

Ezekiel Morse.

"I would like to have some relatives of the veterans at the ceremony. I thought that your paper would be the perfect place to advertise to the greatest number of people my desire to have relations to these men present at the ceremony.

"As of yet, I don't have a set date for dedication but it is hoped that it will be this early Summer. Reporters will be welcome to attend."

Anthony Dickerson, Boy Scout Troop 3, Raymond (603) 895-0469. Email DougJuneAnthony@aol.com.

APB: Flag Day Looms

The Flag Police are spit-shining their Chuck Taylors and foregoing that extra doughnut in preparation for June 14th, which is, of course, Flag Day. They are also thinking that surely, by then, the financial institution on State Street which is responsible for this flag will have seen to its re-



placement. Maybe while they're at it they can fix that pac-man-looking finial.

Reward Offered

A reward will be given for the return of a newspaper bag, emblazoned in orange letters with the word, "Kalamazoo." Last seen Saturday, May 29th, at RiverRun Bookstore on Fleet Street. No questions asked. Sentimental value.



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Will Justice Now Be Served?

To the Editor:

There will be a hearing on June 25th and June 26th at the Rockingham County Court to decide the fate of Sanders Poynt. This is a landmark case about the rights of public use versus the rights of a private landholder, and I urge the public to attend.

Your newspaper has provided excellent coverage to the ongoing situation under which the Wentworth by the Sea Country Club blocked access to Sanders Poynt. The country club is the title holder to land which had previously been used for access and for parking at a beautiful beach along Little Harbor in Rye. The wheels of justice grind at an exceedingly slow pace, and this will be the third summer the public is denied access to the beach and to the former views of Little Harbor. Historically, Sanders Poynt had been public use land for hundreds of years prior to this land grab.

Back in November of 2014, the judge ruled that prescriptive rights over Sanders Poynt have been established both by me with over 20 years of personal use and by the public with over hundreds of years of access. The court hearing will determine what remedies to apply.

Although there is New Hampshire law establishing public ownership over beaches, there has been no action by the Town

of Rye or by the State of New Hampshire to protect the use of this land. When the country club applied for a permit to fence off Sanders Poynt, the town acceded to the request in spite of writing directly on the permit, "The issuance of this permit does not constitute an admission by the Town that there are no prescriptive rights to use of the area behind the fence."

Obviously, the town knew quite well that there were prescriptive rights, but it either did not wish to enforce them or it felt that it had no legal standing to enforce them. The town voluntarily closed what had been a public parking lot with town signage controlling use of the lot.

Likewise, two successive Attorneys General declined to rise to what would have appeared to have been a statutory obligation to defend public access to beaches. The current AG has come to the defense of a private landowner to deny an established right-of-way over his land by the City of Portsmouth, but he has been unwilling to help in this case to preserve public access to one of our few unrestricted beaches. And our Democratic governor has been strangely silent on the issue. I believe that it would be worthy of some investigative journalism to try to discover whether there were any incentives for this lapse in governance or whether it was just incompetence. Either way, it is a good story which could get national attention.

The fact is that if I or some other private citizen with legal standing (by having accessed the land for over 20 years) and willing to risk a fortune in court, had not challenged the land grab, it would have been a *fait accompli*. A private landowner would have been able to increase the value of his property at the cost to the

public of losing a thing of beauty forever. Even so, the case is in its third year, and with the landowner having stated that he will appeal the verdict, it could go on much longer. Sanders Poynt could remain blocked for years.

To summarize: remedies will be decided upon in a public hearing at the Rockingham County Court House on June 25th and June 26th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. I encourage the public to attend. And if anyone has evidence to offer about previous use of Sanders Poynt, please call Jake Marvelley at the law offices of Shaines & McEachern, (603) 436-3110.

Bob Jesurum
Rye, NH

Bob:

The battle you are waging against Wentworth Buys the Sea Country Club, Lord William Binnie, Prop., reminds us of the one against Aristotle Onassis back in the 70's. The consequences may not seem so great — just imagine, an oil refinery on Great Bay, promoted by a Republican Governor and the Manchester Union Leader — but the principal is the same.

Keep on fighting the good fight. Any call you may issue for donations to assist will find a place in these pages.

The Editor

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FEC Agrees: Guinta Broke Law

To the Editor:

After five long years, the FEC has finally ruled that Congressman Frank Guinta really did break the law, that he illegally funded his 2010 campaign when he took \$355,000 in illegal contributions to win his primary, then used the issue against me in attack ads in the general election.

The conservative *Union Leader* wrote, and we quote the editorial in its entirety, "Frank Guinta is a damned liar." In a second editorial, they said, "His disgraceful behavior has shattered the trust

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placed in him by the people of New Hampshire. The only action he can take now to salvage any sliver of a good name for himself is resignation. He should do it immediately." Five other newspapers have also called for his resignation, but at this moment, Frank Guinta not only refuses, he actually says he will run again.

As for punishment, the FEC is forcing Congressman Guinta to repay the \$355,000 in illegal contributions, and has also hit him with a \$15,000 penalty. Sadly, his donors will be the ones actually paying for his illegal actions.

Mr. Guinta has lied for five years about even being under investigation by the FEC. He deliberately deceived New Hampshire voters a week before the election last November when he ran an ad calling me a liar for saying he was under investigation. He is continuing to lie even now by saying that the FEC fined him for a reporting error, when it very clearly states that it was for illegal contributions, and they also sent a letter of warning to his donors who exceeded the legal limit when they gave him the money.

Guinta broke the law, used illegal funds in his campaign, and proceeded to lie and cheat for five years.

This is not a partisan issue — it's a matter of integrity, honesty and trust. I agree with Republican United States Senator Kelly Ayotte, the Republican leaders of the New Hampshire House and New Hampshire Senate, and others that Guinta must resign now.

My family goes back to General John Stark, who gave New Hampshire its slogan, "Live Free or Die." I love my state and its

people, and I am grateful for the education and the degrees I received from our great University of New Hampshire. I stand ready to win this seat back and restore honesty, integrity, and competence to the NH-01 seat.

Carol Shea-Porter
Rochester, NH

Carol:

It goes without saying that no one has a right to a seat in Congress.

That said, if the U.S. Attorney should happen to indict and convict Congressman Guinta, or the House Ethics Committee should rise from its slumbers and expel him, or — perhaps least likely — he should suffer a fit of conscience and resign on his own initiative, nothing would seem more fitting than for you to be re-elected. Your conduct in the face of unbridled provocation has been exemplary.

The Editor

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The Congressional Work Ethic

To the Editor:

Neither the Islamic State, nor Al Qaeda nor National Security shall keep this Congress from their vacations. On June 1, 2015 three provisions of the USA Patriot Act will expire. These include tracking lone wolf terrorists, using one warrant to track someone with multiple phones and the bulk collection of phone records. House Speaker John Boehner and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell knew the Act was due to expire yet did nothing to amend or renew it until days before Congress was due to take another 10 day vacation. The House passed their amended version and skipped town, not waiting to see if the Senate would agree to their language. They won't be back until June. Last Friday the Senate cast votes on various versions of

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And Other Correspondence

the bill. None passed, yet they skipped town without a second thought to national security.

If you see your Senator, or any Senators running for President this week, ask him or her why they aren't back in Washington doing their job. If you see Representative Guinta ask him when he will resign.

Walter Hamilton
Portsmouth NH

Walter:
Ob, ye of little faith.
The Editor

Why Do They Love Bernie?

To the Editor:

A huge crowd greeted Bernie Sanders a few days ago. Why is there such widespread enthusiasm?

Because Americans on the Left and Right are fed up with the new status quo: a government owned and controlled by the very richest few. And of course there is anger. In 1776, when we fought the War of Independence, it was to free ourselves from this very thing. Instead of a government of, by, and for the people, the people today are left out. The billionaire class, as Bernie Sanders calls it, sees what's supposed to be our government as their wholly owned subsidiary. That must be changed.

Back in 2010, much of the legitimate anger at the near total destruction of our democracy looked to the Tea Party as a way to channel this populist energy. But then it was cynically manipulated by a few rich and powerful for their own interests.

Bernie Sanders is the real thing. It would be a mistake to underestimate Bernie Sanders. The conservatives who best know him, folks from Vermont, strongly support Bernie Sanders.

There are a lot of contenders for the presidency, and unlike other candidates, Bernie Sanders is an open book. Bernie Sanders knows more of the same-old same-old isn't going to cut it. The concentration of wealth and power has done way too much damage already: we need much more than just poll-driven political talk, he offers specific, real solutions. For example: knowing how crucial education is to our economic security, Bernie Sanders will lift the huge unnecessary debt burden our college students now must bear.

I doubt anyone but Bernie Sanders will stand up to the biggest banks which have caused so much unnecessary damage to so many by their irresponsible gambling. He really connects with folks.

Bernie knows there is a huge amount of work that needs to be done to fix our aging infrastructure, and that there a millions of Americans hungry for work. It's not all that complicated.

And Bernie knows wholesale government spying on American citizens is unacceptable.

Many of us remember there used to be a large middle class in America. Our founders warned us not to become a nation of a few super rich and many without means, yet there we are. Bernie knows any trade deal must serve our interests. He has taken a leadership role in the Senate on climate change issues which undermine global stability.

His strength is that Bernie Sanders campaign is deeply rooted in the great American tradition of populism, a long suppressed but powerful sentiment in America. Both parties have shunned populism, in fear of upsetting their Wall Street

backers. Not Bernie! Bernie will bring back the middle class we remember so fondly. Bernie Sanders has earned his reputation as a straight-talker, his policies are sensible and actually get to the root of our problems and opportunities.

That's why there is so much excitement building for his campaign! Our party nominations are owed to no one, no one is entitled to them, they have to be earned. What wins nominations and the presidency is enthusiasm, and Bernie Sanders has it.

The billionaire class is not going to invest in his campaign, he needs all of us. I hope you'll join the excitement; go to bernie-sanders.com.

Burt Cohen
New Castle, NH

Burt:
Due to our position at the helm of this institution we are obliged to maintain an attitude of strict objectivity and neutrality regarding Presidential candidates.

That said, it's clear that all the other candidates ought to pack their bags, resign any public offices they may hold, and take the vows at an appropriate religious order in some remote and secluded place, while Senator Sanders is elected by acclamation.

The Editor

The Bernie Revolution

To the Editor:

My disappointment over Senator Elizabeth Warren's disinterest in a Presidential run was totally erased by the great news of Senator Bernie Sanders (Independent, Vermont), America's other real Progressive champion, announcing that he will step into the fighting cage to do battle with the status quo, which has America's democracy and middle class in great peril.

What a privilege it was to be one of the unanticipated hun-

dreds of Bernie enthusiasts in attendance for his town hall event at Portsmouth's venerable South Church. The atmosphere was electric as Bernie and the diverse standing room crowd were feeding off each other's energy participating in what Bernie called the "practice of democracy."

He cited an immediate need for a drastic change of course from an America where our elected officials in Washington, instead of representing those that elected them, represent only the rich and powerful who buy elections and call all the shots (foreign and domestic). Bernie talked solely about the issues that should matter most to Americans (income and wealth inequality, jobs and income creation, campaign finance reform, and global climate change) and even highlighted some of his proposed Progressive agenda to solve those issues.

Among the Independent Senator's numerous compelling arguments was his likening of the American people's complete disgust and dissatisfaction with today's status quo to that of the one that moved the colonists to revolt in an attempt to free ourselves from the British Monarchy and ruling class in 1776.

Bernie jokingly acknowledged that he expected no financing of his campaign from the billionaire Koch brothers or Sheldon Adelson; however, that didn't keep him from justifiably expressing confidence, based on the reception he and his ideas have received thus far from the people of New Hampshire, that he stands a very realistic chance of obtaining the Democratic nomination and winning a general election via a grassroots campaign and the power of the people (at the voting booth), that believe like he does: "Enough is enough. This great nation and its government belong to all of the



people and not to a handful of billionaires, their Super Pacs and their lobbyists."

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, NH

Totes — Threat? Or Menace?

To the Editor:

With beach season upon us, now is the time for the City Council to enact the single-use, carry-out, plastic bag ordinance to address the actual collective harm done to more than just our scenic coastline by plastic shopping bag litter. The ordinance also addresses the much ballyhooed perceived health harm from reusable bag cross-contamination.

Cross-contamination occurs everywhere from salads to shared toothpaste tubes. A potential health risk occurs when disease causing microorganisms transfer from uncooked meats to other foods that are consumed uncooked. The plastic bag ordinance's special food safety provision prevents this type of cross-contamination in reusable bags by allowing continued use of plastic meat, fruit, and vegetable bags.

Much of the cross-contamination hype stems from selective reporting, such as the *Union Leader's* May 9 article titled "Grocery totes a health threat?"

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Keeping Count

by William Marvel

On our kitchen table there is always a list of the money we've spent recently. We've been writing down every dollar for several years now, in an effort to keep our expenditures within our increasingly strained resources, but the exercise has been less effective than it has been depressing. There are only so many luxuries and amenities a family can forego before the budget is dominated by life's unavoidable costs — insurance, taxes, utilities, fuel, repairs, maintenance, and food.

Food brings to mind another list. My ever-busy wife has begun keeping count of what she eats each day through an online program that evaluates the ingredients of every conceivable edible. With her expanding work schedule reducing the time she once devoted to exercise, this is her way of avoiding expansion in other areas. Having witnessed the latitudinal effects of unmonitored ingestion

on the distaff side of her family, I can only applaud her refusal to submit to a fate her larger sisters accept as having been destined by God. Praise the Lord and pass the amaretto truffles.

Weight was never a problem for me, except insofar as I never seemed to have enough of it. All through grammar school I was the scrawniest kid in my class, and easy game for bigger boys looking for a quick pugilistic victory. By my freshman year I weighed 115 pounds. I went into the army at 135, came out weighing 156, and hovered around 160 for decades.

For some years I worked as a carpenter, eating five meals or more every day. I carried one of those coolers the size of a dormitory refrigerator, and at the morning and afternoon breaks I would usually wolf a sandwich and a bag of mint Milano cookies, besides a couple of sandwiches, fruit, and dessert at lunch. Food cost me more than rent, but

I never seemed to gain weight until taking a job as a newspaper reporter. One day I noticed a little abdominal resistance while tying my shoelaces, so I gave up the mint Milanos. They were getting too expensive, anyway.

Imagine my surprise, a few years back, when an annual physical recorded me at 175 pounds. It was the dead of winter, and five pounds of that turned out to be boots and several layers of clothing, but still — with all my hiking, bicycling, wood chopping, and snow shoveling, I hadn't expected to gain weight. But there I've remained ever since.

To encourage my wife's calorie-counting, I joined her in it, entering my weight and claiming that I wanted to gradually return to 160 pounds. According to the program, I could afford 1,700 post-exercise calories a day. While that seemed much more generous than the 1,470 calories it granted my wife, by the end of my second breakfast

I was already up to 1,500 calories, and it was barely ten o'clock in the morning. I tried to keep my snacks healthy the rest of the day, with a couple of bowls of rice pudding, some bananas, an orange, a bowl of grapes, and a sleeve or two of Saltines. A bag of sesame sticks (five dollars' worth, at \$3.99 a pound) may have undermined those good intentions. After dinner and my bedtime treat I was closing in on 8,000 calories, despite the credit we got for a three-mile walk. The program predicted that by the end of five weeks I would weigh 187 pounds.

That wasn't very inspiring. If I was going to gain weight with a modest reduction in my normal diet, what would it take to actually lose?

So I gave up the saltines, and revised my goals a little to allow for 1,900 calories a day. At least I had eaten lunch before I saw the red numbers indicating that I had exceeded my day's calorie

limit. Recording every morsel that went into my mouth only seemed to make me hungrier. After each entry I would nibble a handful of sesame sticks, but — thanks to the revisions in my goals — by the end of the second day I had only consumed three times my daily allowance, rather than four.

This has been more discouraging than otherwise for my wife, who strives valiantly to observe her prescribed allotment; she kept within her caloric ration yesterday by putting off her evening snack until after midnight. For the sake of her morale I'm anxious to heed my own limits as conscientiously as she does. Considering the credit for exercise, I think I can probably meet the restrictions if I walk to the Eaton Village Store for each of my meals. It's only eight or nine miles by back roads. I just wonder if I should count the trail mix and granola bars I'll have to eat along the way.

More Mash Notes, HATE MAIL, and Other Correspondence, from Page Five

The article cites the 2010 "Assessment of the Potential for Cross Contamination of Food Products by Reusable Shopping Bags" study that found 97 percent of tote bag owners, heading into two California and one Arizona grocery stores, did not regularly wash their totes.

Testing of all 84 of their totes found harmless bacteria, but did not find Salmonella, Listeria, or other pathogenic bacteria; nor did it specify if the strain of *E. coli* found was one of the very few that could actually make one sick. The key finding was that machine or hand washing effec-

tively reduces all tote bacteria to levels below detection.

All shoppers use bags, and the plastic bag ordinance will help educate the public on the actual collective harms of single-use convenience plastics, while allowing for the continued prevention of potentially harmful cross-contamination.

Josh Denton
Portsmouth, NH

Josh:

Thanks for exposing the cynical claim that reusable grocery bags are the biggest threat to human health since Typhoid Mary.

The Editor

How Official Can You Get?

To the Editor:

It's now even *more* official. New Hampshire voters not only elected a bald-faced liar when they elected Congressman Frank Guinta. They elected a man who is not above lying to and about his financial relationship with his mother.

This week, the Federal Election Commission (FEC) *finally*, after five years, publicly released the report of their findings in the illegal political campaign contributions Guinta took from his family and characterized them as his. The FEC has now

made public the fact that none of the \$381,000 Guinta used to beat his Republican primary opponents and Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter in the 2010 general election was actually his money, despite his unashamed lies to the public (all of us) and the news media these past five years at numerous public political appearances.

This brought to my mind another political transgression by then US Senator Joseph McCarthy in the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. In the spring of 1954, McCarthy targeted the U.S. Army, charging

lax security at a top-secret army facility. Boston attorney, Joseph Welch was hired to defend the Army.

At a publicly televised hearing on June 9, 1954, McCarthy characterized one of Welch's attorneys as having ties to a Communist organization. Welch responded with the immortal lines that ultimately ended McCarthy's career: "Until this moment, Senator, I think I never really gauged your cruelty or your recklessness." When McCarthy tried to continue attacking, Welch sternly interrupted, "Let us not assassinate this lad further, sena-

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Why Not Televising The Widening Wealth Gap?

by Jim Hightower

The debilitating spread of inequality between the super-rich 1-percenters and America's downwardly mobile majority is of huge economic, political, and cultural significance to our country. So why is it largely ignored by the television media?

Meet David Zaslav, CEO of the Discovery Channel's cable-TV empire. His salary last

year was \$3 million — but it was padded with an extra \$6 million bonus, nearly \$2 million in perks, and a neat \$145 million in special stock gimmies, a total paycheck of \$156 million. For one guy in one year. Zaslav is not just a 1-percenter, but a top 1-thousandth-of-the-1-percenters.

Les Moonves at CBS is up there, too, wallowing in the \$54 million he was paid in 2014. In fact, of the 10 most lavishly-paid

corporate chieftains last year, six are television barons, with Comcast, Disney, Time Warner, and Verizon joining the elite class. Someone should cast the whole bunch of them in a reality-TV show called, "The Wealth Gap Are Us!"

What genius do they have that warrants such extravagant pay? None. It's simply that they are lucky hirelings of an exclusive club of wealth that owns and

controls most television conglomerates. The billionaire media tycoon Sumner Redstone, for example, owns nearly 80 percent of the voting stock of both CBS and Viacom, so \$50 million for Moonves is not a stretch for him, nor can other stockholders stop his excess. Likewise, only three billionaires control Discovery, and \$156 million for Zaslav is nothing to them. Then there's Comcast, which owns NBC and

Universal Studios. Its CEO, Brian Roberts, controls a third of the conglomerate's stock — so he's essentially able to set his own pay.

When so few people with such massive wealth control the media, the media is not likely to turn its public spotlight on the malefactions of great wealth.

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tor. You have done enough. Have you no sense of decency?"

That was the end of Senator McCarthy's political career. Congressman Guinta, your turn! Herb Moyer
Exeter, NH

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Ayotte and Birth Control

To the Editor:

I'm not quite certain just whose interests Senator Kelly Ayotte is representing in the new bill she co-sponsored in Congress last week, but I know for certain it's not women. Ayotte would have us believe that her bill would help women get access to birth control, but that's simply not true. Not only would her legislation make birth control less available, by eliminating the provision for no-pay birth control benefits in the Affordable Care Act, it would also make it less affordable.

This legislation is actively opposed by two groups of care providers whose mission is to protect the medical well-being of women. Both Planned Parenthood and the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) actively oppose Ayotte's proposed legislation. In fact ACOG has stated "this bill would actually make more wom-

en have to pay for their birth control, and for some women, the cost would be prohibitive."

Kelly Ayotte is pretending to be an advocate for New Hampshire women, but it seems to me she is more interested in furthering an anti-women's agenda.

Lenore Patton
Hampton, NH

Lenore:

Perhaps Senator Ayotte's ability to say one thing while doing another is the reason she is so popular among Republican Party bigwigs.

The Editor

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Olshansky on Guinta

To the Editor:

This May the Federal Election Commission (FEC) found Congressman Frank Guinta guilty of breaking the law when he accepted a \$335,000 campaign contribution from his parents. The maximum allowable contribution is \$2,400.

Our Congressman has spent the last five years trying to cover this up, fabricating story after story about where the money came from. He has denied wrongdoing time and again, including accusing Carol Shea-Porter of lying when she raised the issue of the federal investigation during the last WMUR candidates debate.

Not only did Guinta repeatedly deny that he was under investigation by the FEC, but he also blasted Shea-Porter during the last week of the campaign, airing a political ad accusing her of lying and assaulting his character. Lo and behold, we now find out she was telling the truth and it was Guinta who was lying. Guinta brazenly lied all his way to Washington.

Though Guinta recently signed an agreement with the FEC, explicitly admitting guilt, and agreed to pay a \$15,000 fine "to get this behind him," he continues to deny any wrongdoing. Most recently he claimed the money was in a "shared" account (with his parents) — though he did not have direct access to it, nor did he pay taxes on it. This week the FEC released its findings. While Guinta insists that the money in the account was his, his mother disagrees. She states that the money belonged to her and her husband; it was a loan (an illegal loan), and they expected their son to pay it back (which he hasn't).

Guinta wants to put this whole episode behind him, but many in his own Party disagree. Five newspapers and the top elected Republican in the State, Kelly

Ayotte, have all called for Guinta to resign. Guinta must stop abusing the public trust. He must resign now.

Beth Olshansky
Durham, NH

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Meta-Letter

To the Editor:

I appreciate more than you can imagine knowing there are like minded folks out there, and reading their correspondence. Last fortnight, especially, there were some terrific letters. I just want to add to Wayne H. Merritt's parting shot: some of these people he mentioned, plus the Bush Family, Frank C. Carlucci and James Baker, III, Secretaries of Defense and State respectively, have all profited from the sale of arms (among countless other questionable investments) through the Carlyle Group. Said in 2014 to be the largest "private equity firm" in the world in the world, the spin-off Carlyle Capital Corporation defaulted on \$16.6 billion during the sub-prime mortgage debacle yet suffered "minimal" financial effects, according to Wikipedia.

Of course this is not news. Anyone interested should look up the pamphlet *War Is A Racket*, published by Veterans for Peace

and written by retired Major General Smedley D. Butler of the United States Marine Corps. It seems little has changed but it's important to keep puttin' it out there!

Lucy K. Wyman
Lancaster, NH

Lucy:

The longer we do this the more highly we value our community of readers.

Twice awarded the Medal of Honor and revered by his men, Smedley Butler is one of the greatest unsung heroes of American history. In November, 1934, Butler blew the whistle on a plot by a cabal of capitalists to organize disgruntled veterans, perpetrate a fascist coup, and depose FDR.

The Boston chapter of Veterans for Peace is named in his honor.

The Editor

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Mash Note

To the Editor:

I picked up your wonderful paper while visiting the RiverRun Bookstore in Portsmouth and can not put it down. The front page cartoon on the TPP just reeled me in so now I'm hooked. Please keep up your great deeds and inspiration.

A Loyal Admirer in Texas.

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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>2001—Dennis Koslowski throws his missus Karen a 40th birthday party on Sardinia, to the tune of \$2.1 million — half of it covered by Tyco International.</p> <p>1996—The FBI reveals that the Clinton White House has obtained files on 408 people without proper justification.</p> <p>1982—Argentina surrenders the Falklands to Britain.</p> <p>1954—D. Eisenhower signs a bill adding "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>1951—Sen. Joe McCarthy (R-Bourbon) accuses Pres. Eisenhower and Gen. George Marshall of serving the policies of the Kremlin.</p> <p>1951—UNIVAC, the first commercial computer, is unveiled.</p> <p>1949—The U.S. sends Albert II, a rhesus monkey, into space.</p> <p>1943—The Supreme Court rules that children cannot be forced to salute the flag if it offends their religious beliefs.</p> <p>1942—The bazooka goes into production in Bridgeport, CT.</p> <p>1928—Ernesto "Che" Guevara is born in Argentina.</p> <p>1924—In San Pedro, CA, the IWW labor hall is raided; children are scalded and the hall demolished.</p> <p>1919—Alcock and Brown leave Newfoundland for the first successful flight across the Atlantic.</p> <p>1905—Russian sailors aboard the battleship <i>Potemkin</i> mutiny.</p>	<p>2002—Accounting firm Arthur Anderson is convicted of obstructing justice by impeding an investigation into G.W. Bush's top financial contributor, Enron.</p> <p>1992—Vice President Dan Quayle ensures his rightful place in history by advising a spelling bee contestant to add an extra 'e' to 'potato.'</p> <p>1967—Gov. Reagan (R-CA) signs a bill liberalizing abortion laws.</p> <p>1920—A mob several thousand strong drags three black circus workers from the Duluth, MN jail; arrested for a rape that didn't happen, they're lynched.</p> <p>1917—Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman are charged with conspiring to "induce persons not to register" for the draft.</p> <p>1913—At Bud Bagsak in the Philippines, gun designer John Browning tests his new .45 caliber pistol on Moro rebels.</p> <p>1904—The side-wheeler <i>General Slocum</i> burns to the waterline during an excursion on New York City's East River. Of the 1,300 aboard, more than 1,000 die.</p> <p>1859—Near Vancouver, American Lyman Cutlar shoots a pig belonging to Charles Griffin, an Irishman, causing a U.S./British military standoff lasting 12 years.</p> <p>1648—Found guilty by John Winthrop and other Boston worthies, Margaret Jones of Charlestown is hanged for witchcraft.</p>	<p>2002—Bill Maher's TV show "Politically Incorrect" is cancelled for living up to its name.</p> <p>2000—The Energy Department finds missing top-secret computer hard drives in a location which had already been searched twice.</p> <p>1992—Ronald Reagan's Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger is indicted for lying to Congress.</p> <p>1991—Atlanta's Otis Nixon steals six bases in one day.</p> <p>1972—Peace activists encircle the Pentagon.</p> <p>1959—George "Superman" Reeves dies of a gunshot to the head.</p> <p>1944—South Carolina electrocutes George J. Stinney Jr. for a double murder. He is 14.</p> <p>1943—Charlie Chaplin, 54, marries Oona O'Neill, 18.</p> <p>1932—In an early demonstration of its self-destructive tendencies, the GOP nominates Herbert Hoover for a second term as President.</p> <p>1918—In Canton, OH, Eugene V. Debs delivers an anti-draft speech that is so effective he's later charged with ten counts of sedition.</p> <p>1904—In Dublin, James Joyce meets Nora Barnacle; they go for a walk.</p> <p>1881—RIP Marie Laveau.</p> <p>1873—Susan B. Anthony is arrested for voting.</p> <p>1745—Forces led by Sir William Pepperrell of Kittery take the French fort at Louisburg.</p>	<p>2005—Dennis Koslowski is convicted of looting NH-based Tyco.</p> <p>1982—"God's banker" Roberto Calvi is found hanging under a London bridge.</p> <p>1972—Nixon goons hit Democratic HQ at the Watergate, but a black Vietnam vet discovers them.</p> <p>1971—Nixon's War on Drugs starts.</p> <p>1958—NH's Sherman Adams, Ike's Chief of Staff, admits he accepted a vicuña coat from Boston industrialist Bernard Goldfine.</p> <p>1948—A false fire alarm prompts a DC-6 flight crew to activate a fire extinguisher, but they leave a relief valve open. CO, knocks out the flight crew; 43 die as the plane crashes in eastern Pennsylvania.</p> <p>1939—In Paris, Eugene Weidmann becomes the last public victim of France's guillotine. Watching from a nearby window is future horror movie star Christopher Lee.</p> <p>1933—Four G-men and one hood die in the Kansas City Massacre, three of shotgun wounds; lawmen carried the only shotguns present.</p> <p>1932—Thousands of disgruntled Great War vets mass in front of the U.S. Capitol as the Senate votes not to pay their bonuses.</p> <p>1775—The Battle of Bunker Hill is fought on Breed's Hill with New Hampshire men under Gen. John Stark using powder pilfered from Portsmouth's Fort William and Mary.</p>	<p>2009—After a fight at the Fish & Game Social Club in Manchester, Mayor Frank Guinta steps over a broken-legged victim and leaves before the EMTs arrive.</p> <p>1989—RIP I.F. Stone, who said "Every government is run by liars and nothing they say should be believed."</p> <p>1967—On stage at Monterey, CA, Jimi Hendrix sets his guitar afire.</p> <p>1961—Eddie Gaedel, only dwarf to get a base on balls in major league play, dies at 36 of a heart attack after a mugging.</p> <p>1959—Louisiana Gov. Earl Long, though committed to a mental hospital, continues to govern.</p> <p>1954—In Alabama, Albert Fuller murders Alfred Patterson. Patterson, Democratic candidate for State Attorney, had vowed to rid Phoenix City of vice, apparently alarming Fuller, a former sheriff.</p> <p>1916—In Australia, 6,000 rally against conscription.</p> <p>1898—A <i>New York Times</i> critic says George Bernard Shaw's career has no promise.</p> <p>1869—<i>New York Times</i> founder Henry J. Raymond, entertaining his mistress, dies of a stroke at 49.</p> <p>1798—Congress tightens restrictions on citizenship with the first Alien and Sedition Acts.</p> <p>1746—Samuel Johnson agrees to produce an English dictionary for a group of London booksellers.</p>	<p>2002—Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL) leaks classified NSA intercepts to Fox News's Carl Cameron and CNN's Dana Bash.</p> <p>1969—The dying town of Tobar, NV—named for a sign pointing to a saloon—is dealt a death blow by an exploding railroad car full of bombs en route to Vietnam.</p> <p>1967—Muhammad Ali is convicted of refusing induction into the U.S. Army.</p> <p>1954—Warned by Sen. Styles Bridges (R-NH) that his son's homosexuality would be exposed if he did not resign, Sen. Lester C. Hunt (D-WY) shoots himself dead in his Senate office.</p> <p>1953—Julius and Ethel Rosenberg become the first native-born Americans executed for espionage.</p> <p>1898—The U.S.S. <i>Charleston</i> shells Guam. The island's Spanish governor, unaware that he's at war, apologizes for having insufficient powder to return the salute.</p> <p>1879—Gen. Wm. T. Sherman, at the Michigan Military Academy, tells his audience, "There is many a boy here today who looks on war as all glory, but, boys, it is all hell."</p> <p>1864—The Portsmouth-built ship <i>Kearsarge</i> sinks the Confederate raider <i>Alabama</i> off Cherbourg.</p> <p>1865—Two years after the Emancipation Proclamation, slaves in Texas are freed. The day is now observed as "Juneteenth."</p>	<p>2005—Veep Dick "Dick" Cheney tells Larry King the insurgency in Iraq is "in the last throes."</p> <p>1973—An American F-14 Tomcat shoots itself down with a Sparrow air-to-air missile.</p> <p>1972—"Sinister forces" erase 18.5 min. of Oval Office tape.</p> <p>1965—Navy Lts. Clinton B. Johnson and Charles Hartman, flying prop-driven Douglas A-1 Skyraiders, down a MiG 17 jet fighter over Vietnam.</p> <p>1963—A "Hot Line" is established between the White House and the Kremlin.</p> <p>1962—For the second time in about two weeks, a Thor rocket malfunctions and drops an A-bomb into the South Pacific.</p> <p>1953—A U.S. military mission arrives in Saigon.</p> <p>1943—KKK and pals attack striking African-American auto workers in Detroit; 34 die, 1,300 are arrested.</p> <p>1942—Four prisoners wearing Nazi uniforms drive out the main gate of Auschwitz in a stolen car belonging to the commandant.</p> <p>1941—The recently refurbished sub U.S.S. <i>O-9</i> sinks east of the Isles of Shoals with 33 aboard.</p> <p>1923—Pancho Villa dies, saying, "Don't let it end like this. Tell them I said something."</p> <p>1893—Lizzie Borden beats a double-murder rap.</p>
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<p>2006—Fox News, citing Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA), reports that "We have found weapons of mass destruction in Iraq."</p> <p>2005—Edgar Ray Killen, 80, is found guilty of manslaughter in the case of Schwerner, Goodman, and Chaney (see 1964).</p> <p>2004—Mike Melvill becomes the world's first non-governmental astronaut by piloting <i>SpaceShipOne</i> to an altitude of 100 kilometers.</p> <p>1994—As Jose Martin and his wife drive near Madrid, a 3-lb. meteorite crashes through their windshield, bends the steering wheel, and lands in the back seat. She is unscathed, he gets a broken finger.</p> <p>1989—The U.S. Supreme Court rules flag-burning is legal.</p> <p>1964—Civil rights workers Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman, and James Chaney are murdered by the KKK in Mississippi.</p> <p>1942—The Japanese sub <i>I-25</i> fires 17 shells at Fort Stevens, OR, damaging a phone cable.</p> <p>1877—The Molly Maguires, 14 miners arrested by private detectives and prosecuted by private attorneys for the coal companies, are hanged by Pennsylvania officials, private executioners apparently being unavailable. Pardons for two arrive minutes too late.</p> <p>1919—Germans scuttle their captive fleet at Scapa Flow. Brits shoot nine Germans in lifeboats.</p>	<p>2009—Republican Governor Mark Sanford's spokesman says South Carolina's Chief Executive is hiking the Appalachian Trail.</p> <p>2004—On the floor of the Senate, Veep Dick "Dick" Cheney tells Sen. Pat Leahy, "Go f__k yourself."</p> <p>2002—Enron execs admit they hid \$1.5 billion in illegal profits gouged from California ratepayers.</p> <p>1977—John Mitchell, once the U.S.'s No. 1 lawyer, begins serving 19 months in an Alabama prison.</p> <p>1970—The 24th Amendment gives 18-year-olds the vote.</p> <p>1969—In Ohio, the Cuyahoga River burns for 20 minutes.</p> <p>1964—The U.S. Supreme Court rules the Post Office can't ban Henry Miller's <i>Tropic of Cancer</i>.</p> <p>1959—The U.S. launches its tenth Vanguard missile. It is the eighth failure for the rocket.</p> <p>1950—A paranoid fabric importer, aided by retired FBI agents, publishes <i>Red Channels</i>, a pamphlet alleging the radio and television racket is full of Communies.</p> <p>1942—Congress adopts the Flag Code, thus replacing the embarrassingly Nazi-like "Flag Salute" with FDR's hand-on-heart gesture.</p> <p>1898—The U.S. Army's V Corps, commanded by gout-ridden, 300-lb. Major General William Shafter, lands chaotically in Cuba.</p> <p>1893—<i>HMS Victoria</i> accidentally sinks <i>HMS Camperdown</i>; 358 die.</p>	<p>2014—Market Basket CEO Arthur T. Demoulas is fired.</p> <p>2008—NASA's James Hansen nags Congress about the threat of global warming — again.</p> <p>2005—Roller coaster safety expert Richard H. Brown, 64, dies of injuries received in a fall in his own driveway.</p> <p>1995—During a soundcheck, Dan Rather joins R.E.M. in "What's the Frequency, Ken?"</p> <p>1988—NASA's James Hansen warns Congress of the seriousness of the threat of global warming.</p> <p>1976—Edwin Walker, former Army General and Lee Harvey Oswald target, is arrested for fondling an undercover cop in a Dallas men's room.</p> <p>1972—Nixon's own tape recorder catches him telling H.R. Haldeman to order the CIA to block an FBI investigation of Watergate.</p> <p>1950—A Douglas DC-4 and all 58 aboard disappear without a trace over Lake Michigan.</p> <p>1947—The U.S. Senate overrides Truman's veto of the anti-labor Taft-Hartley Act.</p> <p>1937—Having been shot in the jaw and seen the Communists suppress anarchists, George Orwell and his wife flee Spain.</p> <p>1917—After Babe Ruth is thrown out for punching an umpire, Ernie Shore takes his place and shuts out 26 batters; Red Sox win, 4-0.</p>	<p>1994—Air Force Lt. Col Arthur Holland, hot-dogging during airshow practice maneuvers, crashes a B-52 at Fairchild AFB in Washington State.</p> <p>1982—On a British Airways 747 en route from Malaysia to Australia, all four engines fail after flying through a cloud of volcanic ash. After fourteen minutes of gliding, pilots are able to re-start the engines and land successfully.</p> <p>1971—Nixon's Special Counsel Charles Colson circulates the first White House "Enemies List."</p> <p>1970—The Senate repeals the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution.</p> <p>1970—Staging fails on the Kittery side of the Piscataqua River Bridge project. Four men fall 75 feet to their deaths, seven others are injured.</p> <p>1950—The Korean War begins.</p> <p>1940—France surrenders to Germany.</p> <p>1906—At Madison Square Garden, designed by Architect Stanford White, White is shot dead by Harry Thaw, with whose wife White had been taking liberties.</p> <p>1876—Lakota, Arapahoe, and Cheyenne warriors wipe out General George Armstrong Custer, his brothers Thomas and Boston, and the rest of the Seventh Cavalry at Little Big Horn.</p> <p>1798—Congress passes the second of the Alien and Sedition Acts, authorizing deportation of potentially dangerous aliens.</p>	<p>2003—Lester G. Maddox, high-school dropout, bigot, proprietor of the Pickrick Cafeteria, and Democratic Governor of Georgia (1967-1971) succumbs to his own inherent loathsomeness.</p> <p>1998—The Federal Reserve approves a merger between Travelers Group and Citicorp, melding investment banking, insurance, and FDIC-insured deposits, and violating Glass-Steagall. Similar mergers follow in self defense; ten years later: the Great Recession.</p> <p>1996—A bomb kills 19 U.S. servicemen in Saudi Arabia.</p> <p>1973—John Dean spills the Watergate beans to the Senate.</p> <p>1962—Supreme Court ends prayer in schools.</p> <p>1950—The Korean War begins.</p> <p>1940—France surrenders to Germany.</p> <p>1906—At Madison Square Garden, designed by Architect Stanford White, White is shot dead by Harry Thaw, with whose wife White had been taking liberties.</p> <p>1876—Lakota, Arapahoe, and Cheyenne warriors wipe out General George Armstrong Custer, his brothers Thomas and Boston, and the rest of the Seventh Cavalry at Little Big Horn.</p> <p>1798—Congress passes the second of the Alien and Sedition Acts, authorizing deportation of potentially dangerous aliens.</p>	<p>2006—Customs officials in Palm Beach, FL confiscate Viagra from Rush Limbaugh's luggage since the prescription was not in his name. He was returning from the Dominican Republic, a popular sex tourism destination.</p> <p>2002—A federal appeals court in San Francisco declares the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional because of the words "under God."</p> <p>1995—In Golf Manor, MI, EPA workers dismantle a homemade nuclear reactor in the suburban backyard of David Hahn.</p> <p>1987—Denying that President Reagan is senile, Sen. Alan Simpson says, "I even saw him do a cowboy doodle the other day. He used to do that when he was in his prime."</p> <p>1985—At Jack Russell Stadium in Clearwater, FL, organizer Wilbur Snapp plays "Three Blind Mice" after a dubious call by ump Keith O'Connor. O'Connor ejects Snapp.</p> <p>1976—Gov. Kit Bond rescinds a predecessor's "Extermination Order" banning Mormons from MO.</p> <p>1954—Emperor Bao Dai appoints Ngo Dinh Diem premier of South Vietnam.</p> <p>1947—Boston Mayor James Curley reports to federal prison following a conviction for mail fraud.</p> <p>1863—Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton promises a Medal of Honor to every soldier in the 27th Maine who extends his enlistment.</p>	<p>2006—Gutless pinko bastards in the Senate block a Flag Protection Amendment by one vote.</p> <p>2003—On the first day they can, more than 735,000 people sign up for the "Do Not Call" list.</p> <p>2000—"Until I'm the President," says George W. Bush, "it's going to be hard for me to verify that I think I'll be more effective."</p> <p>1989—Ignorance of the law is an excuse for Reagan crony Lyn Nofziger; his illegal lobbying conviction is thrown out.</p> <p>1986—The International Court of Justice rules the U.S. was out of line in funding the Contras.</p> <p>1972—Five Vietnamese MiG 21s shoot down five U.S. F4s.</p> <p>1971—Col. David Hackworth, that war's most decorated soldier, wrecks his career by saying on TV that the U.S. cannot win in Vietnam.</p> <p>1954—CIA-sponsored rebels overthrow Guatemala's democratically-elected government.</p> <p>1905—Russian sailors mutiny aboard the battleship <i>Potemkin</i>.</p> <p>1905—The International Workers of the World forms in Chicago.</p> <p>1919—Anarchist Emma Goldman turns 50 in prison.</p> <p>1898—<i>Spray</i> sails into Newport Harbor; Joshua Slocum has single-handedly circumnavigated.</p> <p>1874—The first Transatlantic Cable is completed, from Balinskelligs Bay, Ireland, to Rye, NH.</p>

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