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The Fortnightly Rant

The Right Man For the Job

Granite State Republicans can generally be relied upon to defend outsourcing and privatization. We can almost hear them now: "Essential tools for competitiveness ... provide flexibility ... increase efficiency ... net job gains ... blah blah blah."

Yes, all that stuff is fine and dandy — until it's their rice bowl being broken. Case in point: the announcement by the Fox News Channel that it would limit the number of participants in the first televised GOP Presidential debate, scheduled to take place August 6th in Cleveland.

In other words, winnowing the field of GOP candidates — a task previously performed by New Hampshire's First in the Nation™ Presidential Primary Election,® which has been run these past four decades by Secretary of State [For Life] William "Bill" Gardner, a public employee, and decided by the electorate — would henceforth be done by a profit-making private corporation.

As it happens, the corporation in question is run by a notorious Right Wing political hack who got his first big break putting Richard Nixon in the White House. Furthermore, it belongs to an octogenarian billionaire so amoral and megalomaniacal that he served as the inspiration for a James Bond villain and is in the process of passing his media fiefdom on to his spawn as if it were the family silver.

More than fifty mostly-prominent members of the State's Republican Party overcame their underlying partisan agreement

with Fox's toxic politics (and declared a brief truce in their ongoing civil war) to write a letter of complaint. Tellingly, the letter was addressed first to Fox's Roger Ailes, and then to Party Chair Reince Priebus.*

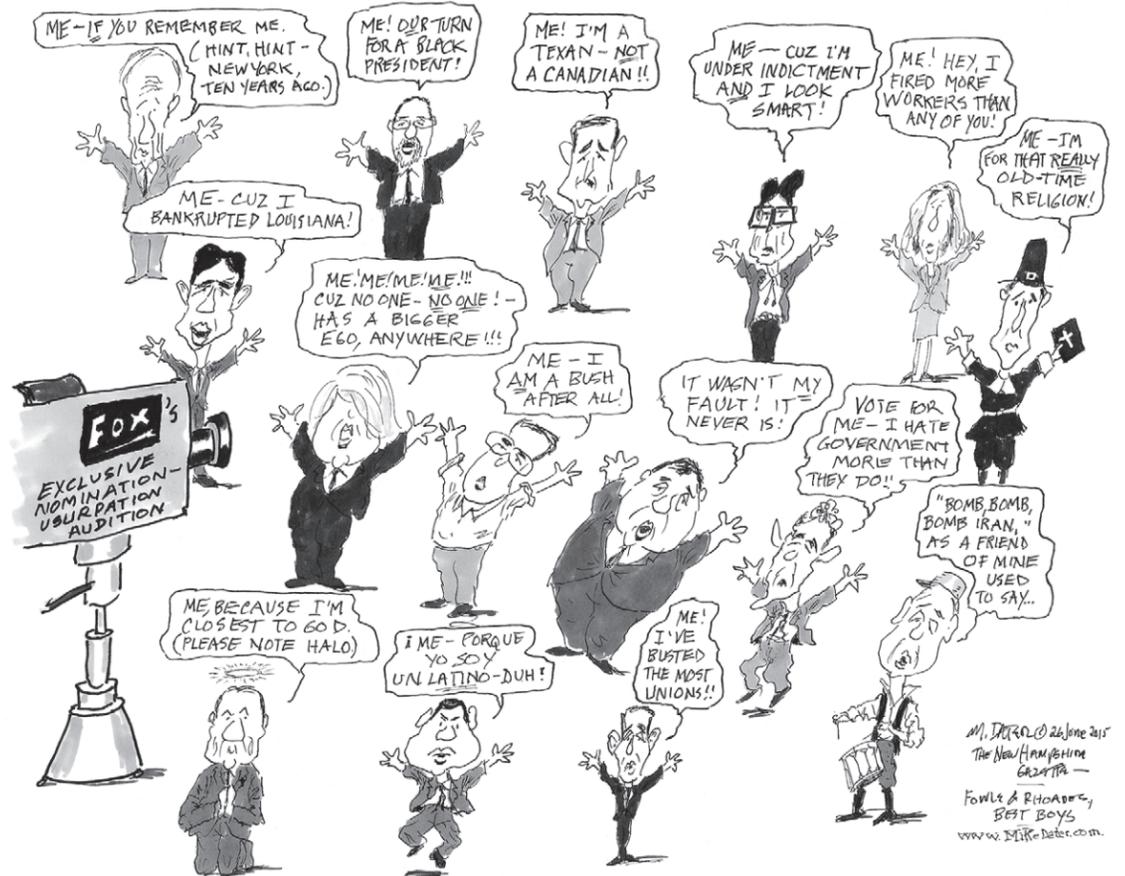
"Historically, it has been the responsibility of early primary and caucus states to closely examine and winnow the field of candidates," the offended Republicans wrote, "and it is not in the electorate's interest to have TV debate criteria supplant this solemn duty." To which we can only add, "hear, hear."

Then — as always, it seems — they went a little too far.

"[D]enying candidates an opportunity to showcase their talents and experience in the first televised debate," they wrote, "would artificially distort the political process, stifle democracy and competition, and induce voters to consider only those candidates pre-selected by virtue of their name ID rather than their potential as candidates." Take out the words "name ID," replace them with "massive amounts of secret money from plutocrats," and you've got the GOP's *modus operandi*.

Union Leader Publisher Joe McQuaid, in particular, went into a high-speed wobble. His paper declared war on Fox and

* Some of the more printable anagrams embedded in Priebus' name include: Beer Urine Pies; Crib Eerie Puns; Crib Urine Seep; Cries "Be Punier"; Crisp Bee Urine; Eerier Bun Pies; Iceier Pub Sneer; In Beerier Cups; In Creepier Bus; Nice Bus, Pierre; Nice Ribs Puree; Ruin Bee Prices; and Sincere Pub Ire.



the Republican National Committee by setting up its own Forum, scheduled for the same day. McQuaid went so far as to appear as a guest on MSNBC's "Rachel Maddow Show." That's like Superman showing up for Lex Luther's Evil Celebrity Golf Tournament. Marvel or DC ought to put out a special commemorative edition.

In our view, the best plan yet for managing the GOP's debate problem came from a recent caller to "The Exchange," on New Hampshire Public Radio. Put all the candidates on the stage, she said, each one with a mike, with no podiums and no moderator.

Now, *that* would be a true test of leadership.

Our Cup Runneth Over

This was already shaping up to be a splendid primary season: the array of goofy candidates, the indictments both pending and issued — no shortage whatsoever of weird things to write about. Now Donald "The Donald" Trump has come gliding down his gold-plated escalator, to cheers and the sound of a song about squalor and poverty, and thrown whatever that thing is on top of his head into the ring. Such a cornucopia of crazy ... we are not worthy.

True, Trump has not yet filed a Form 2 with the FEC [he's got until July 1st], and his cheering section was largely made up of hired actors; and Neil Young told

him to stop using "Living in the Free World" because he's supporting Bernie Sanders.

None of that matters, though, because the truth does not matter. Politifact has run statements by Trump through its Truth-O-Meter 18 times. Politifact has rated him Half True, Mostly False, False, or Pants on Fire 89 percent of the time. His Mostly True rating is only 11 percent. What about True? Forget that. We're already at 100 percent.

Sen. Kelly Ayotte has called Trump's alleged candidacy "a positive thing," and she's absolutely right. Republicans, and America, deserve a candidate who truly represents that Party. In Donald Trump, they have one.

The Alleged News®

The Past Stubbornly Refuses to Stay Where Some Say It Belongs

Guns are in the news again. Considering the body count of the past few decades, this comes as no surprise to most people.

There may be some exceptions. Some people — those perpetually concerned about the government taking their guns away, for example — may consider the occasional gunshot fatality to be part of the cost of our freedom. That would require a far busier, more efficient government than we have at present, though.

While it may sometimes be difficult to feel upbeat about America, what with our malfunctioning economy, crumbling infrastructure, and absurd health care system, when it comes to gun ownership, we really are #1. Americans own an estimated 270 million guns — that's 88 for every 100 of us. We represent just 4.5 percent of the world's population, but we own 42 percent of

all the guns in civilian hands.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms has 2,490 agents. If each one were capable of confiscating a gun every ten minutes, it would take them nine years to disarm us. By the time that project gets underway, those agents will be riding flying pigs.

Gun owners frequently say, sometimes as if it were clever, that guns don't kill people, people do. That's true, in an obtuse, pettifogging way. But people using guns certainly do kill lots of people. Every year, for every one million Americans, about thirty end up getting shot to death. The odds are 133 times greater than winning the Tri-State Megabucks, and no ticket purchase is required. Moving to Yemen will lower your odds of being shot.

Charles Cotton, a National Rifle Association board member who was distressed by this

latest mass shooting — should there happen to be more between now and our press time, we refer here to the one at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C. — has proposed a simple solution to the problem of gun violence. He wasn't afraid to share it, either, regardless of how it might make him appear.

Cotton reasoned that, as a member of South Carolina's Senate who had voted against allowing all adult non-felons to carry a loaded gun without bothering to get a permit, Clementa Pinckney had, in effect, committed suicide. If everybody in his church had carried a loaded gun, this never would have happened.

"Innocent people died because of his position on a political issue," Cotton wrote in an online forum.

It seems inconceivable, in our

present political climate or any likely to evolve from it, that this country will ever disarm. But the real problem may not be guns, anyway. Switzerland, Finland, Serbia, Sweden, and Norway all rank quite high in gun ownership, but their average death rate by gunshot is down around 4.2 per million.

Maybe it's something in the water — or something in our hearts. The Atlanta-based writer Tayari Jones may have put it best: "This is 'about' guns like lynching is 'about' rope and kerosene."

Fifty-one years after the murders of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner, a scrawny neo-Nazi who resembles Justin Beiber sits for an hour of Bible study with peaceable churchgoers inside one of the South's most revered places of worship, then murders nine of them.

After the shooting, the U.S. flag on the State Capitol was lowered to half-staff. The South Carolina Infantry Battle Flag over the nearby Confederate Soldiers Monument remained fully raised, in compliance with State law. To lower or remove it would require a two-thirds votes in the General Assembly. That law could itself be changed by a simple majority vote.

White Southern conservatives — and the white supremacists within their ranks — argue that the display of variants of the "Confederate flag" merely "honor their Southern heritage." That argument might be more convincing if it were just a little more honest. How, though, do you honestly honor a tradition based on enslavement, murder, and inhuman cruelty?



New Hampshire's Party Animals

We confess — as if trying to hide it would fool anyone: we're obsessed with this State's Republican Party. But we are unashamed; the essence of news is the unexpected, the unusual, the peculiar, and the weird. Our GOP displays all those qualities, in spades.

Take Jerry DeLemus, for example. For sheer news value, he could singlehandedly lick anyone's pick of a dozen state Democrats.

Faithful readers may recall that DeLemus was the Republican Party's nominee for Sheriff of Strafford County last fall.

Several years before he achieved that distinction, DeLemus founded the local chapter of Glenn Beck's paranoid, conspiratorial "9/12 Project." He also seems to be a member of self-identified patriot Richard Mack's "Oath Keeper" organi-

zation, which urges those working in law enforcement to break the law when it suits their fever dreams. Most famously, though, DeLemus served as Chief of Security for Cliven Bundy, the Nevada cattle-fodder freeloader and blatant racist whose gang of white thugs spent a couple of weeks aiming loaded assault weapons at Federal officials in April of 2014.

DeLemus got 15,114 votes last November. Another 4,609 and he'd be Sheriff DeLemus. In lieu of such gainful employment he has taken up a new pastime: would-be anti-Muslim *agent provocateur*. He plans to hold a "Draw Mohammed" contest some time in August.

He admits to having been inspired by the "First Annual Muhammad Art Exhibit and Contest," held in Garland, Texas, on May 3rd, an event resulting in the

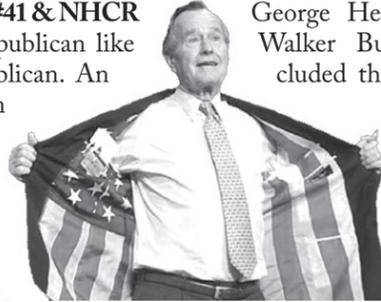


Market Square Day was all joy and sunshine this year; another successful annual denial of the finitude — indeed, the evanescence — of all things under the sun.

same-day shooting deaths of two inept would-be Muslim avengers. A third individual, Usaamah Rahim, was shot by Boston police on June 8th. He had reportedly been planning to behead Pam Geller, who organized the Garland event. Geller is now pleading for contributions to help defray her "crippling" security expenses.

Flag Police Bust #41 & NHCR

There's no Republican like a College Republican. An organization which serves as the GOP's finishing school, its graduates include Jack Abramoff, Lee



Atwater, Morton Blackwell, Grover Norquist, Ralph Reed, Karl Rove, and Roger Stone — seven of the least-savory figures in American politics of the past forty years. Oops — we forgot one: Hillary Clinton.

The Flag Police busted the New Hampshire College Republicans on June 12th, for Tweeting a 91st Birthday greeting to George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush which included the photo at left, depicting the former President flouting U.S. Code Title 4, Sec. 8., sub-paragraph (d):

"The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery."

Bad as this violation looks in black and white, it's even worse in color.

The exact date of the former President's transgression is unknown; the College Republicans became accessories after the fact two days prior to Flag Day.

Youth is Just a State of Mind

The national Republican Party maintains another network of statewide organizations to further condition its members on their difficult path to adulthood: the Young Republican National Federation [YRNF], or Young Republicans. Membership is open to Right-thinking individ-

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uals up to the age of 40. The New Hampshire Young Republicans [NHYP] has recently been engaged in a bizarre, bare-knuckled internal power struggle, which apparently began in early April.

At the time, the chapter had 59 paid-up members. The deadline for dues was April 4th, and biennial elections were scheduled for the annual meeting April 18th.

Enter David Chesley, long-time New Hampshire political operative and then-Political Director for the NHGOP, with a check for \$1,025. Concurrently, 70 fresh faces submitted membership applications. Coincidentally, Chesley was about to join the Presidential campaign of Rand Paul.*

The confluence of these circumstances led suspicious souls to speculate that an attempt was being made to hijack the NHCR for the benefit of Kentucky's junior Senator. Also, a dispute arose over whether or not the dues had been paid in time.

On the date of the election,

* Yes, the same David Chesley who, as we reported in our paper of May 17th, licked the camera lens of campaign tracker at a Rand Paul event in Londonderry.

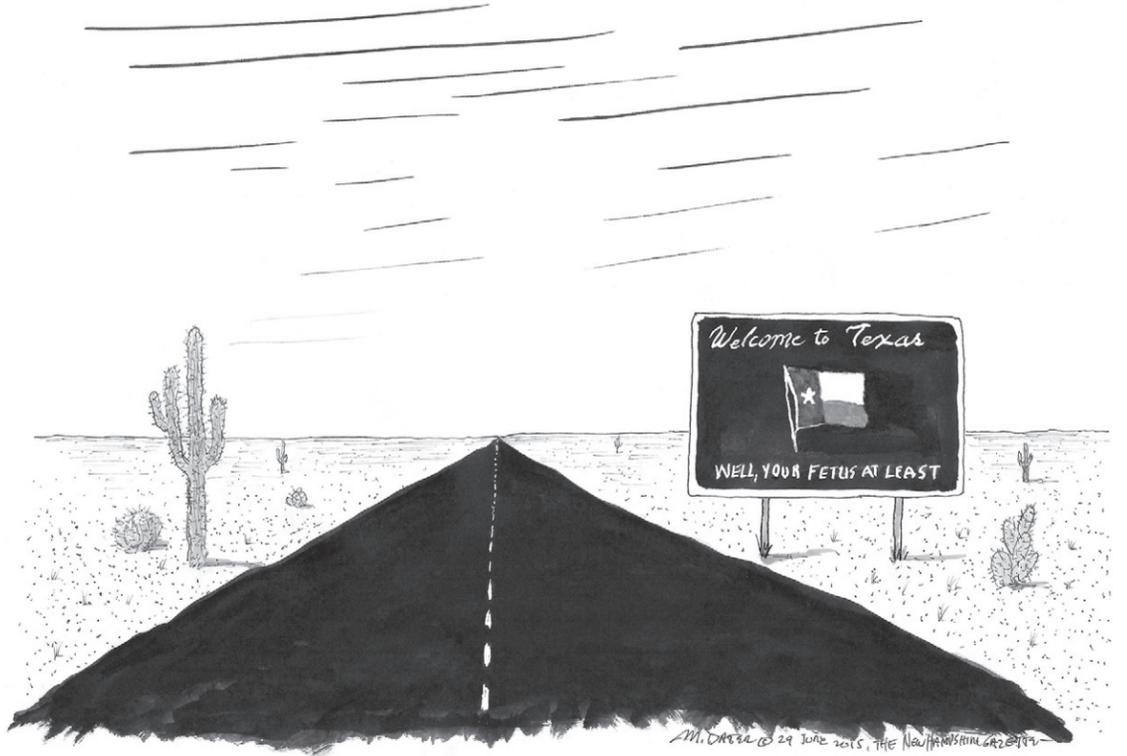
the matter escalated into a full-on donnybrook. Nicky Woolf, a reporter for the British paper *The Guardian* who had the singular misfortune of witnessing the entire event firsthand, wrote, "Two and a half hours of angry shouting, culminating in absolutely nothing getting done. Truly, these guys are ready for Congress."

Thanks to the always-valuable William Tucker and his blog *MiscellanyBlue.com*, we can offer the following rough summary. Any and all errors of fact and interpretation are ours.

The group's credentials committee decided that the newbies' applications had not been received in time. Outgoing chair Molly Sanborn proceeded to dispute that ruling.

State Party Chair Jennifer Horn, generally seen as an ally of former Governor John "Papa Smurf" Sununu, asked Party attorney Mark Derby to send a letter to Sanborn. It warned that "irregularities" in its procedures could result in NHYP losing its seat on the state Party's Executive Council.

That will only matter if the



NHYP exists. Sanborn canceled the election anyway, and the national organization canceled NHYP's charter.

YRNF has a national convention coming up in Chicago. If the NHYPs cannot reorganize and re-charter in time, everybody's going to miss the prom. Insert sad-faced emoticon [here].

This farce is taking place, of course, in the middle of the 2016 First in the Nation™ Presidential Primary Election®.

Flotsam & Jetsam

A couple of fishermen reported seeing a great white shark about a mile off Moody Beach in Wells, Maine on June 20th. Two days later the animal was downgraded to a basking shark. The apparent alarm was certainly understandable, coming less than a week after a pair of attacks in North Carolina that resulted in the loss of two limbs. Still, things could be worse. Flash floods destroyed a zoo in Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, resulting in the escape of hippopotami, bears, hyenas, and at least one tiger. The tiger killed a man in the city's

Hero Square.

One June 15th, a man eating hotpot at a restaurant in Rayong, Thailand died after being gored in the chest by an elephant. Two days earlier an escaped elephant killed a man in Buchen, Germany.

Elephants, though obviously dangerous, only manage to kill about 100 humans in any given year. Snails, although seemingly benign, are 100 times more lethal thanks to the parasites they harbor.

If you eat as little as one-third of an ounce of peanuts daily, according to a recently released scientific study, you will apparently put yourself at risk of living even longer and becoming older and likely more decrepit than you otherwise would have done.

There has been some labor trouble at the *Jefferson Jimplecute*, newspaper of record for Jefferson City, Texas (Pop. 2,024), and the fifth-oldest newspaper in that state. The staff of three walked out without notice, citing the fact that they have not been paid for some time. They intend to start up a new paper to com-

pete with their former employer; it's a scenario quite similar to the situation which led to the current Editor taking control of this newspaper.

The newspaper business is doing so poorly in general that the Chicago *Sun-Times* has laid off its homicide reporter. One would have thought he'd be indispensable.

Jay Childs has released the trailer for his film *Food Fight: Inside the Battle for Market Basket*. It's at FoodFightFilm.com.

We now have a working title for a proposed film about the life of a female slave who escaped from the household of President George Washington, made her way North, evaded recapture, and spent the rest of her life in this general vicinity. That title is, "Ona Judge: Badass."

Former *New York Post* editor Vincent A. Musetto, who in 1983 wrote the best headline ever, "Headless Body In Topless Bar," has died at the age 74.

"The times are not so bad as they seem; they couldn't be." — Jay Franklin



Das ultimative Statussymbol in unsicheren Zeiten: eine uneinnehmbare Festung, in einem sehr wünschenswert Lage, mit mehreren Fluchtwege. Obwohl stark verzögerten, die Flussbunker, strategisch neben dem Piscataqua und der Memorial Bridge, scheint sich zu nähern Bewohnbarkeit. Mit etwas Glück wird es vor der Zombie-Apokalypse oder der Sanders Verwaltung, was zuerst eintritt abgeschlossen sein.

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Join the Political Revolution
To the Editor:

I've been giving a considerable amount of forethought to the true meaning of Independence Day as we prepare to celebrate our nation's 239th birthday on July 4 with parades, flag-waving, barbecues, concerts and fireworks.

A happy occasion, the 4th of July holiday is all about celebrating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the British Monarchy. Of course it is also important to remember our nation's forefathers, who courageously fought an incredibly bloody but successful revolution against that monarchy until 1783 over dissatisfaction and disgust with the status quo: the denial of basic rights for subjects of the monarchy and so few having had so much wealth while so many having had so little.

Although the last thing I wish to do is spoil anyone's Fourth of July festivities, I feel obliged to ask Americans how they could possibly be satisfied with the current status quo which, in its essence, is similar to the status quo we fought against in 1776? We currently have an economic system that is rigged in favor of the wealthy and large corporations and is leaving middle class Americans in the dust and we have a political system which is being held hostage by billionaire

campaign contributors, their lobbyists and superpacs, who are a major threat to our democracy as they buy our elections and their candidates to carry out their agenda.

This arrangement, a far cry from democracy, can only be described as oligarchy, which does no more than monarchy in honoring the Declaration of Independence's promise of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all Americans.

If you share my sentiments, I strongly encourage you to join the new political revolution, like so many other Americans have already enthusiastically done, being led by Independent Senator Bernie Sanders, the only declared Presidential candidate who is willing to speak truth to power, offer reasonable solutions, and who can legitimately claim not to be bought and paid for by billionaire oligarchs to whom the 20 - 50 Republican candidates and yes, Hillary, are and will be beholden.

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, NH

Reclaiming Community Rights

To the Editor:

What are Community Rights? Are they something we ever had, or something new? These are questions I have been asked about a few times since leading the charge to pass a Community Bill of Rights Ordinance in the town of Alexandria, New Hampshire to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents, and ecosystems against governments and industrial corporate activities that would seek to violate those rights proclaimed within the ordinance.

Community Rights are the inalienable, fundamental, and political rights we all embrace as individuals being exercised collectively by a community to protect the health, safety and

welfare of natural persons and ecosystems within the community. Rights to such things as life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that all government of right originates from the people, is founded in consent, and instituted for the general good; to reform government when it does not represent the people it serves; to hold elected officials accountable to the people who elect them; to have legal governing authority over our local affairs free from state preemption; to be free from the oppressions of corporate influence in politics and lawmaking; to protect the ecosystems we depend upon for survival, etc.

Community Rights are nothing new. "The real revolution, the transfer of political authority to the American patriots, occurred the previous summer when thousands upon thousands of farmers and artisans seized power from every Crown-appointed official in Massachusetts outside of Boston. Starting in August, 1774, each time a court was slated to meet under British authority in some Massachusetts town, great numbers of angry citizens made sure it did not. At Great Barrington, fifteen hundred patriots filled the courthouse to prevent the judges from entering. At Worcester, judges were made to read their recantations thirty times over, hats in hand, as they passed through 4,622 militiamen lined up along Main Street. So, too, at Springfield, where, "in a sandy, sultry place, exposed to the sun," once-important officials sweated under the burden of their heavy black suits. The functionaries of British rule cowered and collapsed, no match for the collective force of patriotic farmers." "The governor's councilors, once elected but now appointed directly by the Crown, were also forced to resign." (*The First American Revolution: Before Lex-*

Mash Notes, **HATE MAIL**

ington and Concord, by Ray Raphael, 2002)

The common people of the colonies of New England did not ask permission to act on their right to decide what happened in the places they lived. They collectively acted in an organized, truly democratic, bold, forceful yet nonviolent manner to the British Crown's attempt to strip them of their Community Rights. There are historical accounts of communities throughout the colonies exercising their right to local self-government prior to our Declaration of Independence, state constitutional bill of rights, and the United States Constitution.

There are numerous communities across the State of New Hampshire reclaiming their Community Rights by adopting a Community Bill of Rights Ordinance — a locally binding law securing their right to local, community self-governance. They have come together to form the New Hampshire Community Rights Network (NHCRN) to educate and empower the communities of New Hampshire about local, community self-government. To learn more you can visit the website at www.NHCommunityRights.org, or email any inquires to info@nhcommunityrights.org.

Michelle Sanborn
NHCRN Board of Directors
Alexandria, NH

This Time It Will Be Different

To the Editor:

Global warming is not a problem. It's just a symptom, along with a whole host of other human-borne pathologies afflicting Earth. The first-cause from which almost all of these problems flow is that there are way too many people inhabiting the

limited capacity Earth proffers. Just as with other species, when we overburden our resources we will have a massive die-off. Not necessarily Malthusian, since other options present considerable additional risk, as President Kennedy prophetically observed.

With this in mind, I strongly support President Obama's treaty with Iran. Iran's Grand Leader has clearly and repeatedly stated his ultimate nuclear goal. And as we should have learned during some of the Twentieth Century's more illuminating excesses, goals fervently advocated by those most strongly motivated transform into achievements as those leaders acquire power.

So Iran should be able to quickly develop nuclear weapons. They only need three: One to exterminate the Little Satan, one to destroy the Great Satan, and one in reserve in case weakened and uncomprehending Europe should hint at raising a fuss. Somehow, the rest of the world isn't mentioned. Our liberal tolerance and support blends this support for this cultural goal with the potential blessing of world-wide population-control.

Lest you object that Iran can't destroy us, they already have systems capable of delivering a nuke here. And submarines to sneak close to our beaches and reduce our detection time of such an assault. All it takes is one nuke properly placed in the upper atmosphere, and we're done. Unless, of course, G-d protects us from that EMP because we have right and justice on our side.

Or perhaps you remonstrate that Iran would be destroyed by our response. If you find mere retribution sufficient satisfaction for the deaths of many millions, you really don't get it. And further, if you believe that no coun-

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And Other Correspondence

try would embark on such a destructive path, then you either suffer a profound dearth of understanding of human psychology or a total misunderstanding of some threads of Islamic dominance theology, of which Iran's leadership is only one of several exemplars. (Suicide bombing, anyone?) Their stated goal is the establishment of the 12th Caliphate and world Shari'a government. And in the fulfillment of this theosophy, they'll achieve everlasting personal reward. Where is the disincentive in mere physical retaliation? Besides which, whether religious nuts or just normal nuts, politicians throughout the world are really good at taking care of themselves. Most leaders are perfectly comfortable with sacrificing their populations — think about the million dead kids during the Iran-Iraq war. Or the massive casualties of any of the other major conflicts occurring as I type.

Our Iran agreement should speedily undo our burgeoning, destructive human overpopulation. Regrettably, it will also wipe out many other animal and plant species, but at least that will further contribute to this noble endeavor. Over evolutionary time, this could produce a vastly improved natural world order.

Republigoons shouldn't object to this treaty because it isn't birth control or abortion. It's war, and they're in favor because that's good for business, and for them profit comes before humanity. And Dumocrats shouldn't object because they figure that nobody wants war, and anyhow even though a national leader repeatedly says he wants to kill dozens of millions of people, he couldn't possibly really mean it.

The last time a world leader said he was going to kill the

Jews, nobody gave a s__t because it was only Jews and anyhow we deserved it. But the outcome of the fulfillment of that promise encompassed a lot more dead than his immediately declared target. So, too, with Khamenei. He claims his first priority is to kill all the Jews. But Big Satan ranks right up there on his hit list. Want to bet on the outcome of his threat? This time it will be different, right?

Richard Collier
Portsmouth, NH

A Regrettable Choice

To the Editor:

The education campaign surrounding the plastic bag ordinance successfully raised awareness of the collective harms from such single-use convenience items. Everyone shops, so attempting behavioral change led to a spirited debate, consumers reconsidering their shopping habits, and, as a plastic bag alternative, Market Basket offering reused cardboard boxes.

The residents that worked since 2012 on this initiative are understandably disappointed City Councilors did not take positions and vote on their ordinance. The City Council's letter of support to the State House delegation is welcomed, but going to the State House was always Plan B if Councilor Lown's motion for a First Reading was voted down due to a desire for more specific enabling legislation. Not bringing that motion forward is a missed leadership opportunity and years may pass before the next legislative session enacts a more specific statute.

As an attorney, I understand why the City Attorney erred on the side of caution and agreed with the New Hampshire Municipal Association's position

that Portsmouth "may have the authority," as opposed to McLane Law's position that Portsmouth has the authority, to enact the plastic bag ordinance under the solid waste statute. I do not understand how this City Council thinks it is worth risking \$280,000 to fight lawsuits so the Pierce Island wastewater treatment plant can continue to pollute the Piscataqua River at its current levels, yet not believe this measure is a risk worth taking to protect our waterways.

The irony is not lost that the City Council avoided this controversial vote the same week Portsmouth was named a recipient of the Gulf of Maine Council's 2015 Sustainable Communities Award. City staff are focused on sustainability, but large impact items like this ordinance must be approved by the City Council, and this proposal was the third of the five initiatives presented last November by the Blue Ribbon Committee on Sustainable Practices that the City Council has chosen not to act upon.

All politics are local. The environment, climate change, and America's energy independence are not just big intangible ideas for only state, federal, and foreign governments to address. As individuals, communities, and as a city, we all have a stake in and consciously choose whether or not to take action towards a more sustainable future.

Josh Denton
Portsmouth, NH

Fact Checking Tax Cuts

To the Editor:

If there is one policy approach all republicans agree on, it is to keep lowering taxes, especially for the wealthy, or who Republicans refer to as the "job creators." Ever since the administration of Ronald Reagan this one issue has been the holy grail for Republi-

cans. Tax cuts are seen by modern day Republicans as the magic bullet to cure every ailment afflicting the nation.

However, if one looks at some recent history, the magic of low taxes does not seem to be as wonderful as Republicans claim. To satisfy my curiosity, I decided to check some key economic indicators for the eight years of the both the Eisenhower and Reagan Administrations, two very different Republicans. The results were very interesting to say the least, and throw some serious cold water on the current Republican tax policy agenda.

For example, during the eight year Eisenhower administration, the marginal tax rate, on the highest earnings level, was 91 percent for married couples filing jointly. During the eight year Reagan administration the marginal tax rate for married couples filing jointly averaged 43 percent.

Surprisingly, when you look at key economic indicators such as the unemployment rate and the budget deficit as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the picture was much better under the Eisenhower tax rates. During the Eisenhower administration, unemployment averaged 5.2 percent. During the Reagan administration, unemployment averaged 7.3 percent. I guess the "job creators" getting the "trickle down" economic benefits of "Reaganomics" did not get the memo to create those jobs.

Secondly, under the Eisenhower administration, the budget deficit as a percentage of GDP averaged minus 0.7 percent. During the Reagan administration, the budget deficit as a percent of GDP averaged minus 4.06 percent, almost four times that of the Eisenhower administration. Once again, it looks like the wealthy receiving those huge tax breaks were not reinvesting this money into the economy



and increasing revenue as Republicans claimed would happen.

Of course, none of these facts has slowed the Republican march to continue cutting taxes for the wealthy, and claiming this will stimulate job growth and lower our budget deficit. In fact, the marginal tax rate now sits at 39.6 percent for the top earnings, thanks to the Bush II administration's two tax cuts while fighting two wars, and we all know how that worked out. And at the state level, we have seen Republican-run states like Kansas and Louisiana cut taxes, and now face budget deficits of three quarters of a billion dollars and over one billion dollars respectively.

As the saying goes, if it seems too good to be true, it probably is, especially when it comes to "trickle down" economics.

Rich DiPentima
Portsmouth, NH

Hate Mail Par Excellence

To the Editor:

I've read your June 12th edition. And I've discovered your paper is a one sided joke. You p__s down the backs of all Republicans and you kiss the arsis [sic] of Democrats.

The Republicans and most real U.S. citizens want voter ID's. Why [?]? So only legal voters vote. Every person in the USA

Hate Mail, &c.

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must have some sort of ID. Nobody will be stopped or held back from voting. Except *illegal aliens* and any other ineligible voters.

You support Guinta resigning over money issues. But everything the Clintons, Obamas or any other crooked Democrat [sic] politician does is OK. You support anything our Democrat governor and or president do.

You love [to] be taxed to death because you believe its good for the poor and middle class. If your theory was write [sic] after the last 50 years of Democrat [sic] taxes and laws we wouldn't have any poor people. Democrats don't give a rats but [sic] about the poor or middle class. In the last seven years we have been massively taxed and regulated and the only country that's not being helped is ours. We made history with the first mixed race President but at the same time he's destroying and rewriting our true history. President Obama and a massive majority of politicians are fast tracking our country to a third world status. And you love them for it.

You support and push gun control but the only thing gun control does is *control* the good citizens of our country. There is [sic] over 22,000 gun laws already no more are needed. They need to enforce the laws we have. When you catch the criminals charge them. If they murder anyone *hang* them. If they do any crime involving a weapon *charge* them. Get rid of Detroit, Chicago, and the two other big cites [sic] and there would be almost no gun issues (couldn't remember names).

Sandy Hook was awful. But the criminal killer broke at least seven guns laws. Yet Democrats and liberals keep screaming for more laws.

Here's the big picture. If the Second Amendment gets tossed,

the First is next, and so on. The truth hurts but we will loose our freedoms if you keep blindly just vote Democrat [sic]. Obama won do [sic] to the pres [sic] not truly vetting him and voter fraud.

When you have 100 percent of districts voting for one man there is fraud. At least one person has to vote for the other guy.

I hope with the 2016 election you and your press bodies [buddies?] vet *all* politicians. We need politicians that care about saving our country and protecting all of its citizens by *closing* our borders. And as they catch any *illegal immigrant* they deport them. We have enough people already sucking off the governments teet.

Your not even reporting on Obamas trade deal he wants that lets him go around Congress. It's another bill no one has read. This kind of governing must end. *No bill* should be signed without being read. Doesn't matter the party.

Do your jobs as reporters and leave your beliefs out of it.

Mark Drake
Somersworth, NH

Mark:

Thanks for writing. We love hate mail and challenges. Your arguments were easy to deal with, but that single paragraph of sloppy text put us through our paces. The paragraphing, punctuation, and capitalization are all on us. You're welcome.

You propose that we suspend our critical faculties and merely parrot the lies of fear-mongering demagogues. The trouble with that approach is that it only serves to propagate the hogwash you've obviously consumed.

To what election do you refer, in which someone got 100 percent of the vote?

Have you ever seen any actual data on taxation and budget deficits? [Rich DiPentima's letter

in this issue, "Fact Checking Tax Cuts," would be a good place to start.]

Almost all of your Republican friends voted for the Patriot Act without reading it, by the way.

In closing, we suggest that you reverse what was apparently your method here. Try writing first, then drinking.

The Editor

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Congressional Hypocrisy

In February of this year President Obama asked Congress for an authorization of the use of force against ISIS in Syria and Iraq. They still haven't passed any form of authorization even though the Constitution gives them the responsibility to declare war. That hasn't stopped the half-dozen Republican Senators running for President from jumping in front of cameras and declaring the President's policies a failure. They tell the press what they would do as President, but refuse to vote for the same action as Senators. Senators who won't accept their war responsibility in Congress cannot be trusted to be Commander in Chief.

The same is true of John Boehner, the Speaker of the House, and the majority of his caucus. Most of his party, including our dishonorable Frank Guinta, voted for a huge increase in Defense spending, but against a response to ISIS. The House is against going to war, but for adding over \$30 billion to the war contingency portion of the defense bill. This is pork politics at its worse.

Walter Hamilton
Portsmouth NH

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Dems Threw Workers Under Bus

To the Editor:

It looks like Democrats took a tactical advantage that may bite them strategically when they turn to actually voting for the

Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP). They have "denatured" the Trade Promotion Authority ("fast track") by eliminating compensation to workers when their jobs are off-shored. But off-shoring of American jobs will continue with current trade agreements. The Democrat's so-called "reputation" of Obama's gift to Big Money on June 12th is the triumph of the ugly pragmatic over the long-term principled.

If TPP passes, the biggest losers would be every nations' laws protecting the environment, worker health and safety, and consumer health and safety. TPP would enable multinational corporations to challenge such laws in private "tribunals" and overturn them as "restraints of trade." The biggest winners under TPP would be those same multinational corporations that could demand compensation for (get this) "expected profits" unreceived because of environmental, health and safety regulations.

A better offense would be to eliminate the TPP's compensation to corporations for reduction of "expected profits" and preserve our environment, health, and safety.

Bruce Joffe
Piedmont, CA

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Rumsfeld Said What?

To the Editor:

America's corporate media could learn a lot about journalism from the British media. I was listening to the "World Report" on BBC Radio last week, and instead of hearing the big "news" about Jeb Bush's hiring of a new campaign manager or his ability to raise hundreds of millions of dollars from the billionaires he'd serve, I heard a highly relevant discussion about an interview that the *Times* of London conducted with former U.S. Secre-

tary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld regarding the Bush/Cheney Administration's Iraq policy.

Please be reminded that Donald Rumsfeld was the Secretary of Defense (a slightly weighty position) for the first one and a half terms of the Bush/Cheney Administration and, along with former Veep Dick Cheney, was a leading proponent and architect of George W. Bush's 2003 invasion of Iraq. Living in the information age we do, it wouldn't be difficult to retrieve the majority of the countless public statements made by Rumsfeld and other administration officials about the threat of Iraq's WMDs and Iraq's ties with al Qaida (approximately 850 statements/lies) prior to and following the said invasion.

With that said, I was stunned to hear that Rumsfeld, similar to the deathbed confession made by former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara on the Vietnam War, told the *Times*, when asked about the disastrous results (endless sectarian violence and the birth of ISIS) of the U.S. actions in Iraq: "I'm not one who thinks that our particular template of democracy is appropriate for other countries at every moment of their histories. The idea that we could fashion a democracy in Iraq seemed to me unrealistic. I was concerned about it when I first heard those words."

I can't help but believe that Rumsfeld just delivered a confession, via the British press, about America's semi-real reason for having attacked Iraq, which is a complete departure from the big whopper Bush told the nation, with impunity, on March 19, 2003: "My fellow citizens, at this hour American and coalition forces are in the early stages of military operations to disarm Iraq, to free its people and to de-

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The Legalized Immorality Of Big Pharma

by Jim Hightower

Al Capone, the infamous mob boss and bootlegger in Chicagoland during the 1920s, always maintained that he was just a businessman, saying the only difference between him and others was that the law criminalized his business, while legalizing the criminality of so-called “legitimate” businessmen.

Of course, big business bosses

today would find their comparison to mob bosses distasteful — yet it’s not that far from a true fit for many of their corporate “enterprises.” After all, we regularly see shameless racketeering schemes from the establishment peers of Wall Street, Big Oil, Big Food, etc.

Then there are the wiseguys of Big Pharma, whose industry-wide business model is based on legalized price gouging. On

February 10, for example, Valeant Pharmaceuticals stunned heart patients, doctors, and hospitals by suddenly jacking up the price of two essential life-saving heart drugs. By a lot — Valeant tripled the price of a single vial of Nitropress, from \$260 to more than \$800, while sextupling the price of Isuprel from \$215 a vial to nearly \$1,400!

Had the drug maker improved the medicines? No, they

were exactly the same formulations as before. The only thing that changed was ownership — Valeant had bought the rights to the medications from another company on February 10. Then, on that very day, it arbitrarily used its monopoly control to exact a rip-off price from those who have no choice but to pay it. A spokeswoman for Valeant was unrepentant: “Our duty is to our shareholders and to maximize

the value” of their investments, she declared.

By “duty,” the lady from Valeant didn’t mean a moral duty, but a “duty” manufactured by corporate lawyers and lobbyists to extract immoral profits from vulnerable people. Al Capone would smile approvingly at that rationalization.

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fend the world from grave danger.”

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, NH

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GOP Needs To Fess Up!

To the Editor:

Why don’t our Republican legislators just come out and say they want to make it difficult for college students to vote? Instead they keep passing veiled attempts at doing just that. Do they think that the students and the rest of us don’t see their hidden agenda? If so we can add stupid to underhanded, dishonest and undemocratic in describing their behavior.

The New Hampshire Supreme Court has already struck down their auto ownership requirement which was good for car dealerships but not for student voters or democracy. Now they want an extended residency requirement which will also probably be overturned. You have to give them credit for persistence but not planning. The U.S. Supreme Court has already ruled such a requirement, in another state, unconstitutional. I’m sure Governor Hassan will veto this latest dastardly deed.

Our desperate legislators are not alone as counterparts in many “Red States” are trying

every procedural ploy to reduce voter turnout. If you have unpopular policies and positions you need to twist the rules to add barriers and red tape to the registration and voting processes. Anything to make it more of a hassle to sign-up, get to the pools and get in and out in a reasonable time. Remember that voters waited hours to vote in many “Red States” in the last presidential election. The dirty tricks are working well.

How long before our Republican legislators will try what their colleagues have done — cut polling place hours, reduce the number of voting machines, consolidate polling places, trim back early voting days, impose new ID requirements, aggressively and inaccurately purge voter registration lists and eliminate same day registration.

Let’s hope that the Republicans efforts to affect voter turnout will result in voters turning them out in the next election.

Dave Potter
North Hampton, NH

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Imbecilic Domicility

To the Editor:

If Senate Bill 0179, requiring that any voter have a New Hampshire domicile for at least 30 days prior to being able to

vote in an election, is of concern to you, you might consider letting Governor Hassan know your opinion on this issue. The bill is on her desk, ready to either be signed into law, or not. The Governor has a limited time to make that determination, before the bill will automatically become law.

The legislation on the Governor’s desk is SB 179, which passed the House 211 to 145. It has the 30 day domicile requirement and defines domicile to be almost the same as residency, which is against the New Hampshire Constitution.

The potential impact of this bill is to suppress voting, rather than to promote it. Any New Hampshire “in-state” student of a New Hampshire college or university who has not been domiciled at the college or university for at least 30 days prior to an election, may not vote in that election in the college town; they would have to return to their home town to vote. Any “Out-of-State” student of a New Hampshire college or university who has not been domiciled at the college or university for at least 30 days prior to an election, would not be able to vote in New Hampshire at all ... until after such a 30 day requirement had

been met.

There was testimony on this bill from real estate professionals who can foresee new New Hampshire home buyers not being able to vote in their first election in New Hampshire, if the election happens within 30 days of their New Hampshire “domicility.”

You may call or write Governor Hassan via the following means to register your opinion on this bill. Contact Governor Hassan: Office of the Governor; State House; 107 North Main Street; Concord, NH 03301; (603) 271-2121; (603) 271-7640 (fax). Or, you may email her by filling out the form at <http://business.nh.gov/NHGovernor/comments.asp>.

Herb Moyer
Exeter, NH

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I’m Mad At Frank Guinta!

To the Editor:

I’m mad at Frank Guinta. Not because he violated campaign contribution laws, or won’t take responsibility for his actions or refuses to do the right thing and resign. I’m mad that he will not share his wonderful financial strategies with me and his constituents.

According to Frank, much of the money contributed to his

campaign, from “the shared family” account, actually came from him over forty years. That makes Frank around four years old when he made his first deposit to the account — possibly tooth fairy dollars? How many teeth can a kid have?

But even with the miracle of compounding interest, a few hundred toothy fairy dollars at six percent over 40 years only gets you to \$2,057 total, a long way from \$325,000. Frank must have some very good personal financial management skills. Too bad he didn’t exhibit those when he was mayor of Manchester and allowed the Verizon Center bonds to be downgraded to junk.

Hopefully Frank can put the personal skills to work repaying his parents, as ordered by the Federal Election Commission. Or maybe Frank can turn in his wisdom teeth to the tooth fairy to jump start the repayment fund? He doesn’t seem to be using them these days.

Dave Potter
North Hampton, NH

Dave:

Have some forbearance, please — just imagine the riches Guinta is giving up by serving us in Congress!

The Editor

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

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

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

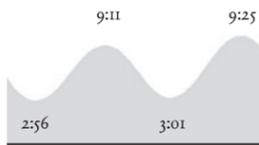
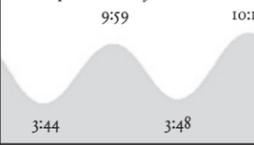
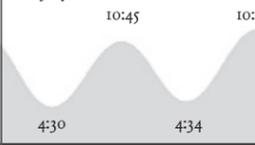
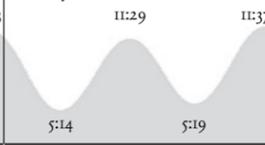
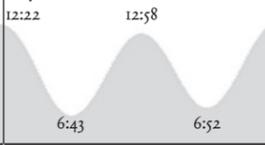
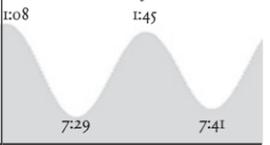
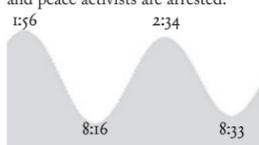
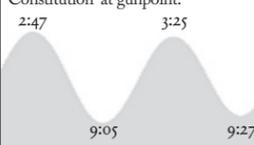
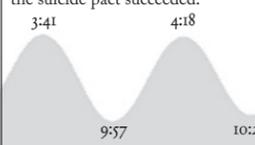
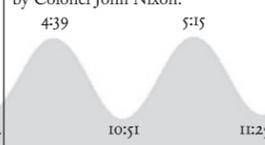
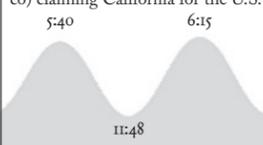
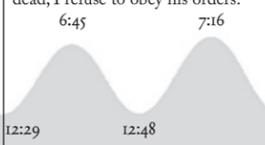
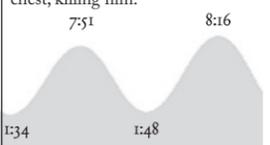
drags about seventeen billion gallons of seawater — enough to fill 2,125,000 tanker trucks — up the river and into Great Bay. This creates a roving hydraulic conflict, as incoming sea and the outgoing river collide. The skirmish line

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

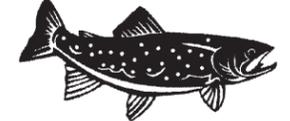
Twice a day, too, the moon lets all that water go. All the seawater that just fought its way upstream goes back home to the ocean. This is when the Piscataqua earns its title for xth fastest current. Look for the red buoy, at the upstream end of

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

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

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<p>2005—Exeter's Daniel R. Healy is among 16 killed when a Special Ops Chinook is shot down in Afghanistan's Korengal Valley.</p> <p>2005—Sheriff's deputies pull Gary Moody, 45, from beneath a woman's outhouse on the Kancamagus Highway in Albany, NH and charge him with criminal trespass.</p> <p>2004—The U.S. grants "limited sovereignty" to the Iraqi "government," assuring a rapid return to normalcy. U.S. death toll so far: 971.</p> <p>1994—The U.S. Department of Energy admits that hundreds of U.S. citizens were unwittingly used for radiation experiments during the Cold War.</p> <p>1975—Rod Serling enters another dimension.</p> <p>1972—Richard Nixon cleverly announces that no new draftees will be sent to Vietnam, further eroding the anti-war movement already weakened by the lottery.</p> <p>1971—The Supreme Court overturns Muhammad Ali's conviction for draft evasion.</p> <p>1969—Gays and lesbians violently resist a police raid at the Stonewall Inn in NYC.</p> <p>1968—LBJ OK's a bill from a Democratic legislature converting Memorial and Veterans Days into three-day weekends.</p> <p>1957—New York City's last known opium den, at 295 Broome St., is busted.</p>	<p>2006—"It was not always certain," says George W. Bush, "that the U.S. and America would have a close relationship."</p> <p>2002—George W. Bush invokes the 25th Amendment, making Dick "Dick" Cheney President while Bush's colon is inspected.</p> <p>1989—The <i>Washington Times</i> reports that high officials in the Reagan & Bush I administrations are under investigation for involvement in a homosexual prostitution ring. The story quickly and conveniently evaporates.</p> <p>1987—"We don't care," declares Attorney General Ed "Meese is a Pig" Meese, "about the political or ideological allegiances of a prospective judge." His audience bursts out laughing.</p> <p>1966—U.S. starts bombing major oil facilities in Hanoi and Haiphong harbor.</p> <p>1956—The U.S. Federal Highway Act OK's construction of 42,500 miles of highway so the Pentagon can move stuff around in case the Cold War turns hot.</p> <p>1940—The Smith Act, requiring aliens in the U.S. to register with the government, is enacted.</p> <p>1620—Tobacco growing is banned in England, giving the Virginia Company a monopoly.</p> <p>1613—The Globe Theater burns to the ground during a performance of Shakespeare's <i>Henry VIII</i>.</p>	<p>2003—The <i>Army Times</i> reports that the Bush administration wants to cut combat and family-separation pay for troops in combat zones.</p> <p>2001—Surgeons find a small, hard, black object in Dick Cheney's chest and attach a pacemaker and defibrillator to it.</p> <p>1973—Dwight E. Stone, a black, 24-year-old plumber's assistant from Sacramento, is the last man drafted into the U.S. Army.</p> <p>1971—Richard "I am not a crook" Nixon orders his "Plumbers Unit" to break into the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.</p> <p>1971—Another first for the USSR: three cosmonauts die outside Earth's atmosphere.</p> <p>1956—A DC-7 and a Lockheed Super Constellation collide over the Grand Canyon. Both crash, killing 128. The accident leads to the creation of the FAA.</p> <p>1908—A mysterious 40 megaton explosion flattens a huge area around Tunguska, Siberia.</p> <p>1882—Chanting "I am going to the Lordy, I am so glad," Charles Guiteau is hanged for assassinating President Garfield.</p> <p>1864—NH-born Treasury Sec. Salmon P. Chase resigns, charging speculators are plotting to prolong the War for monetary gain.</p> <p>1704—Pirate John Quelch is hanged in Boston, without benefit of a jury trial.</p>	<p>2002—Two America West pilots, after consuming nearly three gallons of beer, are thrown out of a Miami bar about 4:45 a.m. Slated to pilot Flight 556 to Phoenix, they are busted instead.</p> <p>1991—George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush nominates Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court.</p> <p>1973—The U.S. ends military conscription, and replaces it with an all-"volunteer" force.</p> <p>1968—South Vietnam officially takes over the Phoenix Program.</p> <p>1968—A chartered DC-8 carrying 214 American soldiers to Vietnam goes off course, strays into Soviet airspace, and is forced to land in the USSR.</p> <p>1956—Elvis Presley appears on the Steve Allen Show and sings "Hound Dog" to a basset hound dressed in formal wear.</p> <p>1946—The U.S. Army detonates the world's 4th nuclear explosion at Bikini Atoll. The U.S. Navy orders sailors to board radioactive target ships the following day.</p> <p>1917—In Boston, 8,000 march against the war.</p> <p>1916—On the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 19,240 British soldiers die and 35,493 go missing.</p> <p>1884—Allan Pinkerton, founder of the strike-breaking, union-busting detective agency, dies from an infected tongue after biting it accidentally in a fall.</p>	<p>2003—George W. Bush says, "There are some who feel that the conditions are such that they can attack us [in Iraq]. My answer is, bring 'em on."</p> <p>1982—Vietnam vet Larry Walters, 33, ascends to 16,000 feet in a lawn chair buoyed by 45 helium-filled weather balloons.</p> <p>1976—The Supreme Court rules there's nothing cruel or unusual about the government killing certain selected people.</p> <p>1932—After predicting highway speeds of 100 m.p.h. would soon be common, Fred Duesenberg rolls his Duesenberg at high speed. He dies three weeks later.</p> <p>1917—A carload of white males conduct a drive-by shooting in black East St. Louis starting the 20th century's worst race riot.</p> <p>1894—Attorney General Richard Olney (an ex-railroad director) issues an injunction against striking Pullman workers.</p> <p>1881—Charles Guiteau, a "Stalwart" Republican, shoots "Half-Breed" Republican President Garfield in the back.</p> <p>1822—Charged with plotting insurrection, former slave and co-founder of Charleston, SC's Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church Denmark Vesey is hanged after a secret trial.</p> <p>1776—Twelve colonies vote for Independence in Philadelphia.</p>	<p>1993—In Littleton, NH, punk rocker and native son GG Allin is buried in the St. Rose Cemetery, clad in a leather jacket, dog collar, and jockstrap.</p> <p>1988—The <i>U.S.S. Vincennes</i>, confusing an Iranian airliner for an F-14, shoots it down; 290 civilians die.</p> <p>1960—George Lincoln Rockwell leads an American Nazi Party rally on the Mall in Washington, D.C. It devolves into a riot.</p> <p>1940—To prevent its falling into Nazi hands, the British Navy sinks much of the French fleet at Mers-el-Kébir, off Algeria.</p> <p>1894—President G. Cleveland sends federal troops to Cleveland to break up the Pullman Strike, citing the indispensability of mail delivery as his justification.</p> <p>1890—The 43rd state is admitted to the Union. Idaho's name, once thought to be Shoshoni, is more likely a hoax concocted by one George M. Willing.</p> <p>1863—Portsmouth-born Benjamin F. Falls captures a flag at Gettysburg. He is later decorated with the Medal of Honor.</p> <p>1850—Australian newspaper publisher James Harrison dooms New Hampshire's ice-exporting industry by demonstrating the first mechanical refrigeration plant.</p> <p>1754—George Washington finds it necessary to surrender Fort Mifflin to the French.</p>	<p>2004—Joe Frost makes the final sale ever at The Book Guild on State Street in Portsmouth.</p> <p>1991—During Portsmouth's "Welcome Home Desert Storm Vets" Parade, Nam Vets are applauded 17 years after the Fall of Saigon.</p> <p>1961—The Soviet sub <i>K-19</i> lives up to her nickname, "<i>Hiroshima</i>."</p> <p>1951—Baltimore's regular fireworks display is preceded by a mock "atomic bomb" explosion complete with two collapsing houses, burst water and gas mains, and evacuation of the "wounded."</p> <p>1947—The Boozefighters, a subset of "The Greatest Generation," take over Hollister, CA. Three days of debauchery spawn a movie, <i>The Wild One</i>, and a generation of poseurs, mostly accountants.</p> <p>1932—A spark prematurely ignites fireworks carried by daredevil Louis "Speedy" Babbs as he parachutes over Santa Monica. He plunges into the Pacific in a ball of fire but soon resumes his career.</p> <p>1924—Thousands of Ku Klux Klansmen meet in New Jersey to burn crosses and celebrate the failure of a Democratic Party campaign plank which would have condemned the Klan.</p> <p>1911—Nashua registers New Hampshire's highest temperature to date, 106 degrees.</p> <p>1898—At Hampton Beach, a tornado kills 3 and injures 120.</p>
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SUNDAY, JULY 5	MONDAY, JULY 6	TUESDAY, JULY 7	Wednesday, JULY 8	THURSDAY, JULY 9	FRIDAY, JULY 10	SATURDAY, JULY 11
<p>1989—Lt. Col. Ollie North gets his wrist slapped for trampling on the Constitution.</p> <p>1968—The Marine base at Khe Sanh, defended through a 78-day siege ending three months earlier at a cost of 737 lives, is abandoned.</p> <p>1950—Shipped out in haste, ill-equipped, lacking a battle plan and outnumbered ten to one, Task Force Smith is decimated by North Korean troops at Osan. The blame is put on the troops, rather than their commander, Gen. MacArthur.</p> <p>1946—In Paris, Micheline Bernardini models the first bikini.</p> <p>1943—Residents of Boise City, OK are startled when, at 12:30 a.m., a lost B-17 drops six training bombs in the town square.</p> <p>1934—During a dock workers' strike in San Francisco, Joseph Roush, a Federal Laboratories sales rep, fires a long-distance tear gas shell at strikers. Hit in the skull, one later dies. Roush writes to his boss, "as he was a Communist, I had no feeling in the matter and I am sorry that I did not get more."</p> <p>1894—A massive fire, probably set, destroys six buildings at the World's Columbian Exposition, including Machinery Hall, where Daniel Fowle's printing press was last seen by the public.</p> <p>1861—Abraham Lincoln suspends <i>habeas corpus</i>; 18,000 subversives and peace activists are arrested.</p>	<p>2013—A runaway fuel train derailed and burns, destroying half of downtown Lac Megantic, Quebec.</p> <p>2006—Riding a bike in Scotland, George W. Bush takes a hand off the handlebars to wave at police. Bush falls and strikes a policeman, who is hospitalized.</p> <p>2003—A <i>New York Times</i> op-ed by Joseph Wilson accuses George W. Bush of "twisting" intelligence to justify a war against Iraq.</p> <p>2001—Ex-FBI Special Agent, devout Catholic, patron of strippers, and exhibitionist Robert Hanssen pleads guilty to selling U.S. secrets to the U.S.S.R., then to the Russians.</p> <p>1971—Troubled by leaks, the Nixon Administration forms the "Plumbers" unit.</p> <p>1959—A C-124 with a nuke on-board (minus its fissile core) crashes at Barksdale AFB, LA. Both plane and weapon are destroyed.</p> <p>1933—The first All-Star Game is played at Comiskey Park. Babe Ruth hits the first homer.</p> <p>1916—The U.S. Army begins using dog tags to improve its method of accounting for dead GIs.</p> <p>1894—U.S. troops land in Nicaragua to "protect U.S. interests."</p> <p>1892—Pinkerton "detectives" and striking miners begin fighting it out in Homestead, PA; 20 die.</p> <p>1887—Hawaii's King Kalakaua signs away his power inking the "Bayonet Constitution" at gunpoint.</p>	<p>1967—North Vietnamese General Nguyen Chi Thanh dies of a heart attack after excessively celebrating the Politburo's approval of his plan for a Tet Offensive.</p> <p>1954—As Ngo Dinh Diem arrives in Saigon to serve as premier, U.S. Gen. John W. O'Daniel, says "the war in Vietnam can be won without bringing in one single American soldier to fight."</p> <p>1950—FBI Chief J. Edgar "Mary" Hoover proposes the permanent detention of 12,000 people he deems "potentially dangerous to the internal security of the country."</p> <p>1924—President Coolidge's son Calvin Jr. succumbs to blood poisoning resulting from a blister he got playing tennis with his brother on the White House lawn.</p> <p>1905—Kentucky hangs Robert Mathley, but he's six feet tall and the rope stretches. Officials with shovels dig until his feet don't touch the earth.</p> <p>1844—In Philadelphia, nativist Protestants and Irish Catholics armed with cannon fight it out at the Church of St. Philip Neri.</p> <p>1826—In Frankfort, KY, Jereboam O. Beauchamp, Esq. is hurriedly hanged for murder before he can bleed to death from a self-inflicted knife wound. Beauchamp and his wife Anna are then buried, embracing, in the same coffin; her end of the suicide pact succeeded.</p>	<p>1976—The State of New York yanks Richard Nixon's license to practice law.</p> <p>1969—The U.S. begins withdrawing troops from Vietnam instead of adding more.</p> <p>1959—Viet Cong forces attack Bien Hoa air base, killing two U.S. advisors as they watch a movie.</p> <p>1947—Radio reports say a UFO has crashed at Roswell, NM.</p> <p>1932—The Dow-Jones average bottoms out at 41.22 points.</p> <p>1911—Nan Jane Aspinwall arrives in New York City having left San Francisco 310 days earlier, traveling more than 4,500 miles on horseback.</p> <p>1886—In Britain it rains snails.</p> <p>1876—In Hamburg, S.C., 100 white men attack 40 black militiamen, capturing 25, of whom they murder five. None are ever convicted.</p> <p>1853—Commodore Matthew Perry convinces the Japanese that it's better to trade with the U.S. than get shelled by them.</p> <p>1835—The Liberty Bell tolls upon the death of Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall. Legend says it cracked this day, but that's been disputed.</p> <p>1788—In Canterbury, CT, hail falls to a depth of 34 inches.</p> <p>1776—In Philadelphia, the as yet un-named Liberty Bell summons citizens to hear the Declaration of Independence read for the first time by Colonel John Nixon.</p>	<p>2004—"I trust God speaks through me," says George W. Bush to an Amish group. "Without that, I couldn't do my job."</p> <p>1986—Ed "Meese is a Pig" Meese publishes a 1,960 page report on pornography meticulously listing 100 pages worth of obscene movie, magazine, and book titles.</p> <p>1982—Unemployed and barefoot Englishman Michael Fagan, 31, climbs a drainpipe, enters Buckingham Palace, and wakes Queen Elizabeth in her bedroom.</p> <p>1958—Fourteen thousand U.S. troops, equipped with nuclear-capable rockets, invade Lebanon.</p> <p>1958—A landslide falling into Lituya Bay, AK, causes a megatsunami over 1,700 feet high.</p> <p>1951—The House Un-American Activities Committee sentences tubercular <i>Maltese Falcon</i> author Dashiell Hammett to six months in prison for reticence.</p> <p>1937—Oliver Law, a battalion commander in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and the first African-American to lead white troops, is killed in action in Spain.</p> <p>1918—Two trains collide head-on in Nashville killing 101 and injuring another 171. It is the deadliest train wreck in U.S. history.</p> <p>1848—Marines of the <i>U.S.S. Portsmouth</i> row ashore and raise the flag at Yerba Buena (now San Francisco) claiming California for the U.S.</p>	<p>2007—China punishes Zheng Xiaoyu, Director of the State Food and Drug Administration. He took bribes that led to 40 deaths; they kill him.</p> <p>2001—George Tenet tries to warn George Bush and Condi Rice about Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda, but can't get their attention.</p> <p>1989—Fifteen tornadoes rip through the northeast, causing \$100 million in damages.</p> <p>1985—French secret police in the South Pacific blow up Greenpeace's boat, <i>Rainbow Warrior</i>.</p> <p>1972—In the Chandka Forest of India, a herd of stampeding elephants, driven mad by the heat, flattens a village killing 24.</p> <p>1926—At Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey, a bolt of lightning strikes a powder warehouse. Several million pounds of explosives go off over a three-day period, destroying 187 of 200 buildings, killing 19 and injuring 38 more.</p> <p>1923—In Germany, to accommodate inflation, a 500,000 mark banknote is introduced.</p> <p>1805—RIP Revolutionary War soldier Col. William Butler who was court martialled for refusing to cut off his ponytail. "Bore a hole through the bottom of my coffin," he wrote in his will, "[so that] the damned rascal [his ex-commanding officer] will see that, even when dead, I refuse to obey his orders."</p>	<p>2003—Condi Rice improbably denies White House knowledge of Joe Wilson's Niger investigation; Ari Fleischer tells reporters Valerie Plame works for the CIA; Karl Rove tells a <i>Time</i> reporter that Wilson's wife sent him to Niger, and his report is suspect; and CIA head George Tenet takes the rap for the White House's lies about Iraq getting uranium from Niger.</p> <p>1995—The U.S. establishes diplomatic relations with Vietnam 22 years after pulling out its troops.</p> <p>1979—After a period of global anxiety, <i>Skylab</i> crashes to earth in the outback of Australia.</p> <p>1966—Poet Delmore Schwartz dies in a New York hotel. No one notices until two days later.</p> <p>1955—Congress puts "In God We Trust" on all U.S. coins and paper currency. Which one isn't specified.</p> <p>1953—Ike OK's the overthrow of Iran's Prime Minister Mohammed Mosaddeq. What could go wrong?</p> <p>1947—In Georgia, 8 black prisoners are killed for refusing to work without boots in a swamp.</p> <p>1864—On a parapet at Ft. Stevens, four miles north of the White House, Abraham Lincoln comes under enemy fire.</p> <p>1804—At Weehauken, NJ Alexander Hamilton fires into the ground in front of Aaron Burr, who takes aim and shoots Hamilton in the chest, killing him.</p>
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