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## The Fortnightly Rant

### Post-Paris Distress Syndrome

Until quite recently, in the eyes of certain Americans, the people of France were just so many cheese-eating surrender monkeys. After ISIS attacked Paris on November 13th, President Francois Hollande — representing both the Socialist and Radical Left parties — promised to bomb Syria until the rubble bounces. Just what the world needed: another example of the efficacy of applied violence.

This dramatic transformation was wrought in mere hours by a handful of fanatics with AK-47s and a little *plastique*. In contrast, the Pentagon has exploded umpteen thousand tons of bombs in the Middle East over the past quarter-century without achieving its desired effect. Homeopathic medicine may be quackery, but homeopathic warfare seems more effective than the standard treatment.

#### Don't Do Something, Stand There!

The attack was truly horrifying: as many people were gunned down in Paris in four hours as are gunned down in the U.S. every 4.3 days.

Nothing can be done about that latter statistic, of course; the heavily-armed NRA might become upset. The *New York Daily News* reported November 18th that “known or suspected terrorists [who are] prohibited from boarding airplanes by the government’s no-fly list [are] allowed [by law] to buy assault ri-

fles and other weapons.” A bill to prohibit such sales was proposed by the Bush Administration in 2007, but it’s being blocked by the NRA, still.

ISIS, lacking a powerful Washington lobby, however, is a sitting duck. Clearly something had to be done. Or, if not done, at least said.

#### Release the Kraken Cray-Cray

As the still-standing — more or less — standard-bearer of the Republican establishment, it was incumbent upon J. Edgar “Jeb!” Bush to issue a sobersided statement regarding what ought to be done. In keeping with an old Bush family tradition, he proposed putting U.S. combat troops into the Middle East, specifically Syria. There, possibly in the spirit of *kumbaya*, they would rub shoulders with the Russian “volunteer” ground forces present to bolster the regime of President Bashar Al-Assad, who, according to official U.S. policy, ought to be deposed by his own people.

Now that Turkey has shot down a Russian jet, perhaps President Putin will tone down his belligerence. You never know.

#### What Do the Experts Say?

When asked to clarify just how many service members from families other than the Bushes would be required to defeat ISIS, “Jeb!” said the numbers would be “in line with what our military generals recommend.”

Surely that would be prefer-



able to following advice from our civilian generals: Limbaugh, Hannity, O'Reilly, *et al.* Still, it's not reassuring.

According to an article in the November 21st *New York Times*, the Pentagon's Inspector General has in recent weeks seized and is now studying a “large trove of emails and documents” which suggest that higher-ups in the U.S. Army's Central Command had “revised conclusions to mask some of the U.S. military's failures in training Iraqi troops and beating back the Islamic State.”

“The analysts say supervisors were particularly eager to paint a

more optimistic picture of America's role in the conflict than was warranted.”

We are shocked — *shocked*.

#### The What Amendment?

Half the Syrian people have fled their homes; one in five has fled the country. Everybody's got to be somewhere; some of these folks would like to be here. Bush, in bold disregard of standing U.S. policy, not to mention the First Amendment, has proposed that Syrian refugees be subjected to a religious test. Donald Trump, of course, has one-upped him, proposing a national database of Muslims and special identity pa-

pers. Coming soon to a pogrom near you: yellow cloth crescents to be sewn on outer garments.

#### What Can Be Done, Actually

ISIS — vicious, cruel people who will stop at nothing — even called Secretary of State John Kerry an “uncircumcised old geezer.” The best plan we've heard to stop them is a “come to Jesus” meeting with the Saudis, Qataris, Kuwaitis, &c. — the top sources of funding for radical Sunni terrorists. Tell them to cut that out or we'll freeze their assets and get all Soup Nazi about future arms sales. If that doesn't work, nothing will.

## The Alleged News®

### How We Elect Presidents These Days

The most amazing thing about the 2016 First in the Nation™ Presidential Primary Election® cycle is that no one saw it coming.

It has been nearly 50 years since Richard Nixon invited racists into the Grand Old Party. They have been welcome ever since, provided they couch their calls for lynchings in appropriate language.

It has been 35 years since Ronald Reagan — a chimpanzee's co-star, for God's sake — rode into the White House on the back of a nonexistent welfare queen. He rewrote the Commandments, and ever since we've worshipped a Golden Calf called the Laffer Curve.

And for nearly 30 years, Fox News has been running a televangelical scam in the guise of a news network.

What magical thinking led us to pretend these precedents would have no power? If all these things had been plutonium, they'd have exploded long ago.

The day was bound to come when a random assortment of

bizarre yahoos would be competing for the right to represent one half of our ruling duopoly by spouting deranged gibberish. It was inevitable, given what has gone before.

#### Mea Maxima Culpas

Any reasonable person soberly assessing this situation might be forgiven for concluding that all is probably lost. As the Nation's Oldest Newspaper™ and thus the most senior member of the Fourth Estate — already in our 33rd year when the Constitution took effect — we were charged by that document with the responsibility of preventing this sort of thing from happening.

Rather than expend our meager resources in a futile attempt to elucidate exactly how we failed to carry out that mission, we will salvage from this deplorable situation such amusing aspects as we can — it's not funny, but that's no reason not to laugh.

#### Trump v. Reality, Good Taste, &c.

Though it has since been eclipsed by even less-likely events, it may be worth re-

membering the epic 95-minute speech Donald Trump delivered in Iowa the night before ISIS attacked Paris.

Displaying his characteristic humility, Trump objectively assessed his ability to grapple with the problem of the Islamic State: “I know more about ISIS than the generals do,” he said, “believe me.” That issue settled, he revealed his secret plan: “I would bomb the s\_\_t out of them. I would just bomb those suckers. And that's right: I'd blow up the pipes, I'd blow up the refineries. I would blow up every single inch. There would be nothing left.”

Turning to the Presidential campaign, Trump dismissed one fellow candidate as “Carly whatever-the-hell-her-name-is,” and called Marco Rubio “weak like a baby.” Those insults paled in comparison, though, to the pantomime he performed mocking his closest rival, Ben Carson.

After comparing Ben Carson to a pathological child molester, Trump pioneered a daring new tactic for gaining support in a

Presidential campaign. Employing mannerisms all too familiar to anyone who's spent much time hanging around in bars frequented by competitive egotists, Trump stepped out from behind the podium, mimicked stabbing someone, then offered his ample gut to anyone who may have snuck a knife past the Secret Service.

Finding no takers, he proceeded to unleash his inner Don Rickles. “How stupid are the people of Iowa?” he asked. “How stupid are the people of the country to believe this crap?”

The *Washington Post's* Jenna Johnson later reported that a few Trump fans “accused reporters of fabricating ... quotes [during Trump's speech] and tweeting them out in unison. Video later posted online showed that Trump indeed had said these things.” Trump and his fans being who they are, mere video may not be enough evidence to clear the reporters.

It was not an easy performance to eclipse, but Trump managed to do just that.

#### Did He Just Say What I Just Heard?

In Spartanburg, S.C., on November 19th, a reporter asked Trump, “Should there be a database system that tracks Muslims who are in this country?”

Trump replied, “There should be a lot of systems, beyond databases. We should have a lot of systems. And today you can do it.”

The reporter asked a follow-up: “But that's something your White House would like to implement?”

“Oh, I would certainly implement that,” Trump responded.

This exchange sparked widespread discussion of the similarities between Trump's database proposal and certain discredited practices of the *Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei*, or Nazi Party. In a rare instance of tactical retreat, Trump backed off slightly, trying to pin the concept on the reporter who had asked the question.

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**“Maybe He Deserved It”**

By Saturday, during a rally in Birmingham, Ala., Trump had worked up a different way to sell the same concept: “I want surveillance of certain mosques.” That xenophobic statement was soon eclipsed by a little old-fashioned mob violence.

A black man in the audience had the temerity to yell something at Trump, apparently “Black Lives Matter.” Trump responded from the podium, “Alright, get him the hell out of here, will you, please? Get him out of here. Throw him out! ... Yeah, you can get him out. Get him out. Get him the hell out of here.” White people in the audience obliged, punching the man, knocking him down, and kicking him.

The next day Fox News gave Trump an opportunity to comment on the violence.

“Maybe he should have been roughed up,” Trump said, “because it was absolutely disgusting what he was doing.”

Mercutio Southall, Jr., the man Trump wanted thrown out, told *ThinkProgress* what was going through his mind as he was being roughed up: “I can’t die today. I’ve got s\_\_t to do. I have little kids. F\_\_k these people.”

**Better in the Original German?**

Clearly on a roll, Trump re-tweeted some statistics on race and crime. Two notable samples: only one percent of murdered blacks are killed by police, while 81 percent of murdered whites are killed by blacks.

The alleged statistics, though, were found to be purely fictional, and their purported source



A delightful anomaly amid the larger brick buildings along State Street, the old Drown House is now fairly well buttoned-up for winter. An earlier frame structure on this site was destroyed in the great Fire of 1813. In 1814 a law was passed requiring brick construction for new buildings over 12 feet high. Brick being beyond their means, the Drowns put up this little Cape. A little forlorn in recent years, it was saved from certain death by local realtor and Seacoast native Karen Bouffard. Portsmouth Advocates honored Bouffard with an award for its preservation on November 19th.



PARIS WAKE-UP CALL?

non-existent. The true origin of the figures, it was later revealed, was a notorious white supremacist website.

This disregard for the truth was so egregious that it even disturbed Fox News’ Bill O’Reilly.

Trump defended himself by saying, “Hey, Bill, Bill, am I gonna check every statistic?”

**Just Take His Word For It**

In a similarly thoughtful manner, Trump recently offered his view of waterboarding: ISIS does terrible things, he said, therefore we should not hesitate to waterboard people. Besides, he said, it works. “Only a stupid person would say it doesn’t work. Believe me, it works. And you know what? If it doesn’t work, they deserve it anyway, for what they’re doing. It works.”

**Local Shill Goes Stays Bad**

Trump apparently suffers from the same condition that recently caused Carly Whatever-the-hell-her-name-is to remember

watching a non-existent video. In his case the video showed “thousands and thousands” of Muslims cheering in New Jersey on September 11, 2001.

Trump’s Campaign Manager, Corey Lewandowski, explained the apparent paradox to Breitbart News.

“For the mainstream media to go out and say that this didn’t happen is just factually inaccurate. We know it happened. They should go back and check the FBI records. Mr. Trump has provided them — local media outlets — that have covered this coverage that they don’t want to go and talk about. He’s provided many opportunities for them to go and see it but they have their own agenda, the media has their own agenda. They want to try and discredit as many people as possible so they can have an establishment candidate come in and think that everything is going to be the same because they are all

controlled by the special interests and they are all controlled by the media and it is what the American people are just so tired of.”

Lewandowski, a longtime New Hampshire resident, appears to have developed his robust capacity to sustain a narrative despite the absence of supporting evidence during his many years working for Americans for Prosperity, the Koch brothers’ astro-turf operation.

**River of [Imaginary] Blood**

Just one last bit of Trumpazoid madness, since we’re running out of space and time. The *New York Times* reported Tuesday that Trump had a plaque installed on a golf course in Virginia, commemorating “The River of Blood” — a Civil War battle that local historians say never actually happened.

Asked to reconcile this discrepancy, Trump simply dismissed the historians, “How would they know that? Were they there?”

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**Carson v. Reality**

Trump's only serious challenger for the title of Confabulator-in-Chief is Dr. Ben Carson. Unlike Trump, whose serial crackpottery seems to solidify his base, Carson's poll numbers have been dropping.

Like Trump, Carson has a New Hampshire angle to his campaign. Before he slips off the radar, let's review.

Earlier this month Carson improbably claimed that China was militarily involved in Syria. Asked to comment, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said, "maybe it violates my job description as a spokesperson to be speechless, but I think in this case I am." According to *Business Insider*, the Carson campaign rebutted by saying that it "had 'better' sources than those in the administration."

On November 17th, the *New York Times* quoted one of his top advisors saying, "Nobody has been able to sit down with him and have him get one iota of intelligent information about the Middle East."

The advisor so deftly undercutting his advisee's campaign

was Duane R. Clarridge. Born in 1932, he is a New Hampshire native, the son of a Nashua dentist. Clarridge has had quite a colorful career, if you can believe what he's told various sources. He joined the CIA out of grad school. He worked with the Turkish branch of Operation Gladio, a clandestine anti-communist network blamed for an array of bloody excesses. Transferred to Central America, Clarridge dreamed up the idea — over a glass of gin, he says — to mine the harbors of Nicaragua. That caper earned the U.S. a conviction in the International Court of Justice, which we blithely proceeded to ignore. Clarridge himself was on trial for perjury when President [and former Director of the CIA] George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush conveniently granted him a pardon.

As soon as the story broke, the Carson campaign went into damage control mode. Armstrong Williams, a top Carson aide, accused the paper of taking "advantage of an elderly gentleman." The *Times* countered by pointing out that it had been Armstrong who had put them in



touch with Clarridge in the first place.

Carson addressed this question himself on November 19th. His answer, though, only left things more muddled.

"[Armstrong] has nothing to do with the campaign. Nothing," Carson said, according to a CNN report. "Armstrong can comment on his own behalf. He does not speak for the campaign at all. He does not speak for me. He speaks for himself."

**Schrödinger's Business Manager**

Whatever his current status, Armstrong Williams has curiously been billed as Carson's business manager, not his campaign manager. Carson certainly needs a business manager — he has about seven books on the market. His weird Presidential run may best be explained by the theory that it's really just a book tour that's gotten out of control.

That would match up nicely with Williams' MO. *USA Today* revealed in 2005 that Williams had surreptitiously accepted

\$240,000 in taxpayers' money from the Bush Administration to praise its No Child Left Behind policy.

*Buzzfeed* reported in January that Carson had plagiarized parts of his 2012 book, *America the Beautiful*. His literary agent said revisions would be made. Presumably that means that in future editions, credit will be given to one of the plagiarized sources: *SocialismSucks.Net*.

**Vermin!**

Former *Wire* publisher Karen Marzloff, a friend of this paper, recently posted on *Facebook* a photo of Vermin Supreme, "the friendly fascist," who filed his candidacy the same day as Carson. Running as a Democrat, Supreme's platform calls for a law making toothbrushing mandatory. He also promises a free pony for every American, and wears a large rubber boot as a hat.

Local writer Tammi Truax commented on Marzloff's photo, "He doesn't seem like the odd man out this time around."

**Life Under Oligarchy**

"From 1978 to 2014, executive compensation at American firms rose 997 percent, compared with a sluggish 10.9 percent growth in worker compensation over the same period." [Source: an article titled, "Beyond Fairness: Skyrocketing CEO Pay Is Bad for Our Economy," published July 15, 2015 by the The Roosevelt Institute, a nonprofit partner to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library in Hyde Park, N.Y. — America's first presidential library and the only one used by a sitting president.

**Thankfulness**

We were thankful on Thursday, as we always are, for our staff, including — especially — our many volunteers.

We are also thankful for Isabella Jerhigan of Benton, Ark. Last year her local paper, the *Saline Courier*, asked kids what they were thankful for. Isabella, who was 8, said "I am thankful for all the dead people because at least they tried."



The City of Portsmouth's Official Christmas Holiday Tree was erected Monday on City property by City employees. With any luck, all concerned will get through the season without anyone's insisting that there is any religious significance involved. No one would benefit from that except lawyers.

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**America's Thanksgiving Turkeys**

To the Editor:

Who on this earth enjoys being disenfranchised and abused? It doesn't matter if you're an ousted member of the disbanded Iraq army, a black man in Chicago, a bullied teen, a Syrian refugee, or a college grad forced to exist on zero-hour contracting. If you're on the outside looking in, it's more likely to inspire frustration, anger, and bad behavior than optimism and high achievement. In that respect, Eric Harris and Hasna Aitboulachen have much in common.

As a nation, we may dispatch SWAT teams and Special Forces to clean up society's meltdowns, but a massive response to focused acts of desperation does little to deter suicidal carnage. In fact, the high drama and blinding glare of our 24-hour media only illuminate new pathways for the next wave to follow.

Meanwhile, imagine the horror of America's world partners as they watch the spectacle of Donald Trump, Lindsey Graham, and the entire Republican field hurling neo-fascist epitaphs like spears while they flounder about to gain an edge in the polls. If tragedy moves us to reveal our true colors as a nation, then ISIS surely has no special claim to the color black.

Now that the Republican leadership has managed to snuff the light from Lady Liberty's beacon, perhaps it becomes easier for us to see who they are and what

they represent. This Thanksgiving, let us pray America is better than what they have brought to our table!

Rick Littlefield  
Barrington, N.H.

Rick:

Amen, brother.

Malcolm X said violence is as American as apple pie. We would offer a corollary: knee-jerk fear is as Republican as the impulse to give every fetus a handgun.

The Editor

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**America and Refugees**

To the Editor:

My brother-in-law's parents were born in America but forced into a U.S. concentration camp during WWII because they were of Japanese ancestry. The government took the homes, properties and businesses Japanese Americans simply because of the color of their skin. German Americans were not treated this way. Neither were Italian Americans. Japanese Americans who joined the military were not allowed to fight in the Pacific, yet Italian Americans could fight in Europe, including Italy, as could German Americans fight in Germany. Ships with Jewish refugees were turned away on the pretext they might harbor German spies.

Not much has changed since then. After the Vietnam War, Vietnamese who supported us for a decade were abandoned. Those who got out spent years in refugee camps in Asia before [being] allowed to come to America. Iraqis and Afghans who worked with us are getting the same treatment today.

Today GOP politicians are running on building a wall across Mexico and stopping the entry of Syrian refugees who have been vetted for 18 months to 3 years.

France has suffered two brutal attacks this year yet President Hollande announced France would take in 30,000 more Syrian refugees. 30,000 is equivalent

to the U.S. accepting 150,000 refugees. Canada announced it would take 25,000 Syrian refugees equivalent to 2.2 million in the U.S. Will Donald Trump build a wall across Canada to protect us?

Are we really keeping out refugees for safety concerns? Or are we doing this because these refugees are not white, European and Christian? We need to live up to the words on the Statue of Liberty before France insists we return it.

Walter Hamilton  
Portsmouth, N.H.

Walter:

For what it's worth, on November 3rd, Frontline aired a documentary titled "Terror in Little Saigon." Briefly, rabidly anti-Communist Vietnamese refugees formed a paramilitary organization called "The Front," whose crackpot goal was to overthrow the government of Vietnam. Being essentially crooked, it naturally inspired critics among the Vietnamese refugee community. The Front murdered five of those critics in three U.S. states between 1981 and 1990, and got away with it, basically because the victims had leftist tendencies.

The Editor

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**Remember Freedom Fries?**

To the Editor:

Worldwide solidarity with France is very heartening following the catastrophic November 13th terror attacks in Paris by an ISIS suicide squad. It's especially reassuring that the U.S. is expressing widespread condolences and support, though not surprising considering the dire circumstances. Pulling together is a plus for human nature when calamity befalls people or nations.

As part of the around-the-clock news coverage of the Paris attacks it has been noted that France is America's first ally, harking back to French military support during our Revolutionary War. Extraordinary respect

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and cooperation is being extended to France by our citizenry and political leaders, both Democrats and Republicans.

But this was not the case in 2003, as President Bush and his neo-con hawks greased the skids for invading Iraq. During deliberations of the United Nations Security Council early that year, France took the bold position to oppose the U.S. and UK push for war, noting incalculable consequences for the stability of the fragile Middle East region.

Henceforth came bizarre activities in the U.S. aimed at punishing France for its insubordinate ways. Boisterous rants from right-wing media outlets promoted the boycotting of French products. As a result, products having French-sounding names, such as American-made Grey Poupon mustard, were avoided by some consumers. GOP lawmakers had House cafeteria menus changed from French fries to "freedom fries," and French toast was replaced with "freedom toast." Many restaurants across the country followed suit.

Turns out, France had sound foresight in opposing the Bush war in Iraq. The resulting instability in Iraq and other countries of the region has led to the growth of ISIS and profoundly expanded war. Experts including Col. Lawrence Wilkerson, Chief of Staff to former Secretary of State Colin Powell, agree that the war was a monumental mistake having disastrous ramifications. Said Wilkerson recently, "ISIS is a creation of our invasion."

France sustained a disrespectful jab during the last Republican debate when presidential candidate Jeb Bush chided Marco Rubio for missing Congressional votes by disparagingly comparing Rubio's voting record to a French work week of three days.

A misconception.

Today, in the depths of death and turmoil, France is receiving due respect and support. It's unfortunate that sometimes it takes tragedy for a change of heart.

Paul Nichols  
Loudon, N.H.

Paul:

Thank you for making these essential points. In case you have not seen it, in 2003, Gary "The War Nerd" Brecher wrote "Glory to the French," in which he refutes quite resoundingly the predictably ignorant canards hurled at the French by chickenhawk Republicans. It can be found at [exiledonline.com/war-nerd-glory-to-the-french](http://exiledonline.com/war-nerd-glory-to-the-french), and is well worth the time.

The Editor

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**Fall In Line and Salute!**

To the Editor:

When a public mass shooting occurs here, President Obama demands increasing gun controls. So, why didn't President Obama take advantage of the horrible events in Paris last Friday to again lecture Americans about the need for gun control?

Because France, and Paris in particular, have implemented President Obama's strict gun controls; France is essentially a "gun free zone."

So the terrorists had no opposition when they began shooting at the 1,500 sitting-duck concert-goers. Before the police took control, the terrorists had two and a half hours to shoot about 400 concert goers and walk around executing the wounded. Imagine the defenseless concert-goers' horror as they, their relatives, friends, or others were shot; imagine having to decide between attempting to save your own life or aiding your wounded spouse, child, sibling, or friend; imagine the terror of the wounded as terrorists approached to ex-

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# And Other Correspondence

ecute them.

The folly of America's gun-free zones and unnecessarily restrictive gun control laws has repeatedly demonstrated that those laws should be repealed. The carnage in Paris again demonstrates the consequences of implementing the gun control laws that President Obama and other leftists want.

Our country is the most desired target of Muslim terrorists. They have threatened us, recruited Americans to join them, inspired American Muslims to conduct attacks here, sent and are sending more terrorists here, and promised more terrorists attacks here.

Nevertheless, our political leaders ignore the American peoples' wishes and don't even do the most obvious things to prevent or reduce the likely carnage here, like closing our Southern border and stopping the flow of about 100,000 people (immigrants, refugees, students, visitors, etc.) from countries that harbor, promote, and/or tolerate Muslim terrorists.

[One hundred and twenty-one words of canned propaganda deleted because we can. — The Ed.]

Don Ewing  
Meredith, N.H.  
Don:

Actually, you're wrong. Dead wrong. The vast majority of Americans want background checks. Gun manufacturers don't. That's why the NRA won't let Congress pass legislation mandating them.

The Editor

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### Waiting for Condemnation

To the Editor:

We must be careful not to condemn all Muslims for the barbaric acts of Islamic terrorists. "Islam," we are told, means "path to peace." I'm waiting to hear harsh condemnation from

multitudes of Muslim leaders throughout the world. Waiting. Still waiting.

Bruce Joffe  
Piedmont, CA  
Bruce:

We are not inclined to carry water for any religion not centered on the trinity of pasta, delicious meatballs, and savory tomato-based sauce.

That said, in the current clamor over the latest idiocies from Messrs. Trump, Carson, Cruz, et al., can you really be sure such condemnations have not been voiced?

The Editor

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### What Killed Onassis's Refinery?

To the Editor:

I was reading the letter in the *New Hampshire Gazette* from Mr. Letendre about the logistics problem that caused the Onassis Refinery's cancellation.

While Phyllis Bennett played a key role in heading the grassroots organization that prevented Onassis from buying land in Newmarket, there were other factors at work.

As Mr. Letendre notes, salt water did put a stop to it, but not in the manner he thinks — fresh water could have been taken from groundwater, or the Lamprey or Oyster Rivers, which are fresh above their dams. Period maps seem to indicate that was part of the plan.

The main issue as I understand it was the pipes they would have to put down to transport the oil across Great Bay from the terminal to the refinery site; they could make pipes for use in freshwater, or in saltwater at the time, but not for the mix found in Great Bay — the constant shifts in salinity would have caused the pipes to corrode very quickly.

You can guess how long they would have lasted if you take a walk across the rusty bridge

at Dover Point, which is safely above the water where the salt and freshwater mix. In the original plan, the pipes would have crossed at the narrow point in Great Bay to the south of Adams Point.

I suppose the question now is which would have been better — an oil refinery providing some jobs and endless pollution, or acres and acres of costly McMansions filled with rich Massachusetts refugees that are now popping up on once pristine farmland every time you turn around. Surely one of them must be the lesser of two evils.

John Hirtle  
Greenland, N.H.  
John:

Thank you for your valuable contribution to what we hope is a fact-based discussion. We hope anyone with something to add will contribute their \$0.02 worth.

The McMansion question, of course, is more philosophical. While the refinery and the McMansions were not necessarily mutually exclusive, they are both, in their way, repulsive.

The Editor

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### Throw Away That Vote!

To the Editor:

I'm a far left liberal who strongly agrees with presidential candidate Bernie Sanders' socialist message of economic justice for Americans, especially since my income is far below the federal poverty level through no fault of my own, but I can't vote for Bernie. That's because Bernie, who doesn't seem to protest his six-figure salary as a U.S. Senator, is not a pacifist, and because war — even a reduced amount of war — costs too much money and too many lives.

Sen. Sanders has repeatedly said, "I am not a pacifist." He's also said, "I am prepared to take this country into war if that is necessary." Additionally, Sen. Sanders has gone on the record

a number of times saying he supports President Obama's use of U.S. airstrikes in Syria and Iraq.

On the May 18th *PBS NewsHour*, Sen. Sanders was forthrightly asked, "ISIS, they just achieved a major victory in Iraq in taking over a big city, Ramadi, over the weekend. You have said you don't think the U.S. should be leading the charge against ISIS. Does that mean that raids like the one that took place last week, where the U.S. took out one of the top ISIS leaders, and the ongoing airstrikes in Syria and Iraq, shouldn't go on?"

Sen. Sanders replied by saying, "No, no, no, I have supported those efforts on the part of the president." However, what Sen. Sanders failed to mention is that the cost of U.S. airstrikes against ISIS in Syria and Iraq had topped \$1 billion, as of Dec., 2014. With U.S. airstrikes ongoing, that's quite a bill to hand so unthinkingly to the shrinking middle class.

Last but not least, Sen. Sanders did not express any regret on the *PBS NewsHour* that day over the loss of human life caused by ongoing U.S. airstrikes — not even regret for the loss of innocent civilian life. And to my knowledge, Sen. Sanders still has not expressed any concern about the strong likelihood of U.S. airstrikes contributing to the refugee crisis overwhelming Europe. Is it just me, or does that seem morally irresponsible to other Americans, too?

We can do better than Bernie. It's time for the U.S. to practice peace and nonviolence for a positive change. That's why I'm running for president. Write in "Boros" in 2016. I promise to tithing 90 percent of my \$400,000 presidential salary to help improve the lives of U.S. veterans. Ask Bernie to do that. He'll tell you he's committed to helping U.S. vets, but I strongly doubt he would demonstrate integrity



with his presidential salary by living on a middle class income himself.

Alex J. Boros  
Rochester, N.H.  
Alex:

A protest vote against Sanders is a vote for Donald Trump. Ideas don't get much worse than that.

PS — Didn't we go through this exercise two, or four, or six, or eight years ago? This idea is not improving with time.

The Editor

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### Look Again, Folks

To the Editor:

While Hillary and Bernie have the same immoral, confused, bankrupt, and bankrupting foreign policy goals as most of the Republicans who are, hat in hand, begging support from warmongers like Sheldon Adelson, one man stands out from all the rest — Donald Trump who is quoted in an article in *The Atlantic*, by Peter Beinart:

"I read about the rebels, nobody even knows who they are ... I don't like Assad. Who's going to like Assad? But we have no idea who these people [are], and what they're up to, and what they're are going to represent. They may be far worse than Assad. Look at Libya. Look at Iraq. Look at the mess we have after spending \$2 trillion, thousands of lives, wounded warriors all over the place."

### Hate Mail, &c.

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# Waze, 1914

by William Marvel

I belong to that dwindling breed of long-distance travelers who still use road atlases. Most drivers today seem addicted to their GPS devices, hovering over them while their cars wander across the yellow line or up on the sidewalk. Manufacturers of gizmos like this are apparently engaged in intense competition with each other to develop the most distracting possible device for automobiles. Perhaps it all stems from the well-known corporate impulse for environmental enhancement, with the strategy of reducing the population of affluent American consumers to sustainable levels. A commendable goal, surely, and also a wise plan economically, since the victims of driver distraction are usually not the company's gadget-happy customers, but rather innocent bystanders and passersby.

The one time I consulted my Apple Maps program, last June, I wrote down all the very explic-

it directions to the Des Moines branch of the State Historical Society of Iowa. From Exit 10-A on Interstate 235 I turned left on East University Avenue and made another left on East 27th Street, followed by a right, 472 feet later, onto State Street. Claiming that the historical society lay 351 feet down residential State Street, Apple Maps led me into the concrete driveway of a private home. Back on East University I found a liquor store run by a young fellow who drew me an excellent map to the historical society, nearly three miles away.

I prefer to use road maps, memorizing as much of my route as I need to reach the general vicinity of my destination. When I get there, and need more detailed instructions for my precise location, I stop and ask directions; I ain't ashamed.

Of course there isn't always someone to ask, especially in the middle of the night, and when approaching strange cities I like to get there early to avoid

the rush hour. One chilly November two dozen years ago I drove into Philadelphia around 3:30 a.m., knowing only that I wanted to be somewhere near Broad Street and Pine. When I turned off Broad onto Pine and parked, there was no one in sight but a young lady standing on the corner in a miniskirt, evidently waiting for a bus; the big fur collar on her tiny, low-cut jacket was her only concession to the frigid temperature. I hesitated to inquire of someone who had no more sense than to dress like that in such weather to wait for a bus that wouldn't come for hours, but she was very friendly, smiling broadly and calling me "Honey." As I suspected, however, she had no idea where the Historical Society of Pennsylvania was, and I finally had to go looking for it on foot. After that I carried an atlas with smaller-scale city inserts.

Imagine what it must have been like before the main roads had numbers, or names — or before there even were "main roads"

of any length. Landmark descriptions and mileage estimates, with an occasional road sign between towns, were the main means of navigation in the early days of the automobile.

The American Automobile Association Blue Book for 1914 indicates how confusing it might be for strangers to drive to Fryeburg from Glen a century ago, even on "good gravel roads with some short stretches of dirt." Once headed in the right direction, motorists looked for a railroad crossing at 3.9 miles, followed by the Intervale House on the left at 4 miles. They went "straight thru" the intersection there, crossing a second railroad track in 1.5 miles. North Conway lay half a mile ahead, with the rail station and the Kearsarge House on the right, and travelers were again directed "straight thru." Another 2.4 miles brought them to a fork; taking the left fork, they saw the Redstone rail depot on the left .6 miles later, and a second fork appeared .8

miles beyond that. Bearing right, the wayfarers encountered the Smith-Eastman covered bridge in half a mile, and .3 miles later the road ended at what had been Joel Eastman's farm, with his 1864-vintage red barn on the right. Conway Village lay to the right, but a left turn led, in one mile, to the Center Conway Post Office in Garland's store, at the "4-corners." The car would rumble over more railroad tracks 1.7 miles past the post office, and three miles farther lay Fryeburg itself, with the "Argue Not" on the right, just before the three-cornered intersection.

Nowadays, if a fellow at the Glen junction asks you how to get to Fryeburg, you would simply tell him to stay right on Route 302, for just under 17 miles. "You can't miss it," you might add, "but if you have trouble just ask the young lady standing on the corner in North Conway Village." There is usually one there, or more than one, and they'll tell you where to go.

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

On another occasion Trump opined that he would not tear up the treaty with Iran but will verify their compliance.

Beside if he is hated by Dick Cheney and Bill Kristol, what's not to like? This alone recommends him to be President.

Furthermore he can finance himself and enter the Presidency beholden to nobody, with only the foreign policy interests of the United States to concern himself with.

Don't be a chump. Vote for Trump.

John Dente  
Wilmington, DE

John:  
*You're kidding, right?*  
The Editor

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### It's Not Complicated

To the Editor:

If you want to kill a herd of buffalo with the least amount of effort, start a stampede and run them off a cliff. Or, if you're ISIS, stampede your opposition toward Europe and poison their destination with terror attacks, leaving thousands of refugees trapped in the middle with winter fast approaching. It's a brilliant piece of military strategy — and one that takes only a handful of dedicated

souls to pull off. A blunt reminder, perhaps, why the Middle East once led the world as the "cradle of civilization".

Our natural response to outrageous behavior is to punish and seek revenge — exactly what ISIS wants us to do so they can watch, learn, and cash in. Their leadership may have some nasty habits, but they're not stupid. So far, our military knee-jerk responses have blessed them with a treasure trove of new recruits, contraband, cash, American weapons, military intelligence, free press, and strategic advantage. Tempting as it may be "bring it on," we might

want to "think it through" first!

Sociologists tell us that pathological movements like ISIS thrive on attention. If it's true, the wiser strategy may be to take the psyops approach by trivializing and mocking their movement. Inflaming the leadership could knock ISIS off its game just enough to force a costly mistake. Either way, it would be more fruitful than continuing to throw billions in blood and treasure at the region for them to harvest!

It's not easy to watch the "cradle of civilization" devolve into a bone yard. However, Ameri-

ca has issues of neglect at home and across the Pacific Rim that require more immediate attention. With the primary election just around the corner, we should ask our candidates to specify what they think America's "real" strategic interest in the Middle East will be going forward. Then we might ask them if pursuing it justifies playing into ISIS hands at a horrific cost!

Rick Littlefield  
Barrington, N.H.

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### Enough Is Not Enough!

To the Editor:  
When is enough not enough?

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## Building Monopolies, One Merger After Another

by Jim Hightower

There's a new surge in the corporate urge to merge.

Not long ago, monopolies, duopolies, and oligopolies were not only frowned upon by our public watchdogs, but aggressively challenged, and even busted up. These days, however, corporate giants feel free to gobble up their competitors, knowing that the watchdogs will hardly bark, much less bite. In fact, now that

the Supreme Court has turned corporate campaign donations into legalized bribes, congress critters and other officials have become tail-wagging accomplices to giant mergers that let corporations collude rather than compete.

The Bush-Cheney regime was infamous for cheerleading this consolidation, including allowing the merger of AT&T and Verizon to capture 70 percent of all wireless phone subscribers.

But this is not just a Republican phenomenon. Obama's Justice Department, Federal Trade Commission, and Federal Aviation Administration, genially waved through American Airline's takeover of US Airways, as well as United's consumption of Continental. This has left air travelers to the mercy of one or two bullies in every major airport — and no service at all in smaller cities,

Now comes dominant health

care giants like Aetna and Anthem, as well as Walgreens and Rite Aid, demanding to merge into behemoths that would control the availability of health insurance and essential medicines to millions of Americans. Ironically, the very lawmakers and pundits who praise each of these monopolizations are also the noisiest preachers of the virtue of competitive markets and consumer choice.

Oh, they also claim to be

champions of the people's will — even though the clear will of the vast majority of Americans is to stop the merger mania and anti-consumer monopolization that corporate America and its political servants are hanging around our necks. That's not just ironic, it's cynical, hypocritical — and disgusting.

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When it doesn't fulfill a Republican ulterior motive.

The current Republican House members seem to be living by the motto, "if at first you don't succeed try, try again."

A soon-to-be eighth Benghazi investigation and a fourth Planned Parenthood investigation are the latest attempts of the Republicans to score political points at great taxpayer expense — approximately \$6 million.

In case you have forgotten, the original objective of the Benghazi probe was to determine what happened and what could be done to protect diplomatic facilities in the future. A minute-by-minute timeline was determined, and no wrongdoing was identified by any of the investigations. Unfortunately, not a single suggestion to improve facilities security has been proposed.

This is after seven committee inquiries and \$4.5 million so far. Does Chairman Gowdy, of committee number eight, think the previous committee Chairmen and members were incompetent? Does he think that his team has dreamed up some magic questions that will expose a criminal act? Major Bradley Podliska, a former committee investigator and Representative Hanna, both

Republicans, don't believe that to be true. They think the objective has become to damage Hillary Clinton.

When is enough, enough? Maybe eight is enough?

The Planned Parenthood probes are on the same path. One committee, two committees, three committees, one committee more. A search for any excuse to defund Planned Parenthood.

Let me get it straight, the Republican's objective is to reduce abortions by taking away family planning counseling, contraceptives and pre-natal care from those who need it the most to avoid unwanted and/or unhealthy pregnancies. This is the kind of reasoning that prevails when hyper-ideology and partisanship negates common sense and basic practicality.

What do we expect from a party that can't even accept the findings of their own committee investigations?

Dave Potter  
North Hampton, N.H.

Dave:  
You nailed it.  
The Editor

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### A Champion for the People

To the Editor:

The N.H. Rebellion (against big money politics) has chal-

lenged the people of New Hampshire to call on all presidential and congressional candidates to champion the We the People reform agenda to restore government "of, by, and for the people."

This comprehensive reform agenda requests that candidates pledge to: "Expose secret donors and require full transparency; ban bribes from lobbyists and government contractors; ban Super PACs and overturn Citizens United; establish small-donor, citizen-funded elections; end gerrymandering and modernize voter registration; and close loopholes and enforce campaign finance laws."

Democracy is rapidly becoming an endangered species in America; thus, I see fulfillment of the said reforms as being a vital first step towards rescuing government from the hands of Wall Street and the corporate oligarchs and returning it to its rightful owners, the American people.

I urge you to please call on all your favorite presidential and congressional candidates to champion the people. I promise the next time I attend a Senator Bernie Sanders' event, I will attempt to obtain an official promise of "yes" for each item of the

proposed agenda directly from the senator.

Senator Sanders, unlike his rival candidates, is clearly leading by example as he neither has a Super PAC (nor does he desire one), nor is he paid for by billionaires, stressing that he is not for sale and neither is our democracy. He is making history by already having received campaign donations from over 750,000 individual contributors at an average of approximately \$30 per person. Bernie has vowed that, as President Sanders, his Supreme Court appointees will vote to: overturn Citizens United, end gerrymandering of Congress, and re-strengthen the Voting Rights Act.

Having attended several of Bernie's functions, I've heard him address each of the above issues on numerous occasions and I must say he is, far and away, our greatest hope to restore government "of, by, and for the people,"

Wayne H. Merritt  
Dover, N.H.

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### Fear and Resolve

To the Editor:

Hillary Clinton recently stated that societies face a choice between fear and resolve.

This is something we, as a country, have been struggling

with since 9/11. Acknowledging that there is a choice, and considering that we as a people may finally be on the side of resolve rather than fear, is awesome. It means we do not need the politics of fear to stand together.

This is the point of view that Hillary has brought to the Democrats' discussion in this election. Both Bernie Sanders and Martin O'Malley have fortified the conversation with their fervent democratic ideals, but they persist with the boy-storous politics of old.

Hillary proposes to resolve and repair practices that have promoted economic and personal inequality. Bernie keeps issues on the playground. He promises to be the fair parent who will preside over all disputes. Hillary will put the systems this country was built on to work in order to restore balance to our fractured society. She is the only candidate who refers to, and acknowledges, her advisors. A president is a leader of her people, not of ideas.

Now, more than ever, it is important that we choose the woman who has championed equality and respect for all people, loud and clear, on a world stage, as our spokesperson.

Sam Korsak  
Sandwich, N.H.

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

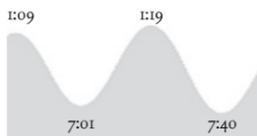
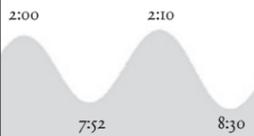
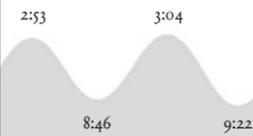
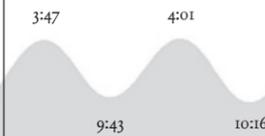
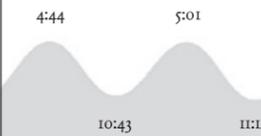
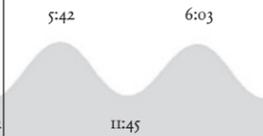
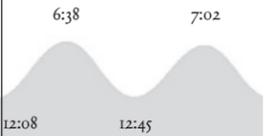
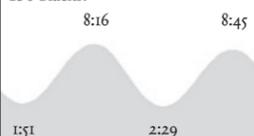
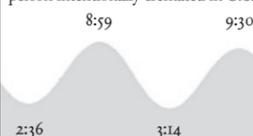
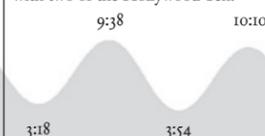
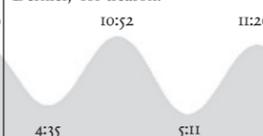
drags about seventeen billion gallons of seawater — enough to fill 2,125,000 tanker trucks — up the river and into Great Bay. This creates a roving hydraulic conflict, as incoming sea and the outgoing river collide. The skirmish line

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
<p><b>2011</b>—Former Arapahoe County (Colo.) Sheriff Patrick Sullivan, arrested for exchanging methamphetamine for sex with a male informant, is incarcerated in a jail named after himself.</p> <p><b>1976</b>—After Jerry Lee Lewis accidentally plugs his bass player in the chest twice with a .357 magnum, he's charged with discharging a firearm within city limits.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Robert Strange McNamara resigns as Defense Secretary.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—President Johnson establishes a commission to rule out the possibility of a conspiracy in the assassination of John F. Kennedy.</p> <p><b>1947</b>—French soldiers massacre over 300 civilians, mostly women and children, halving the population of Mỹ Trạch, in Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1929</b>—Admiral Byrd calculates he's at the South Pole. He's not.</p> <p><b>1864</b>—Ignoring a truce flag, Col. (&amp; ex-minister) John Chivington leads a Colorado militia in the slaughter and mutilation of 150 Cheyenne women, children, and old men at Sand Creek. A local paper says the soldiers had "covered themselves in glory" (a typo).</p> <p><b>1811</b>—Birth of Wendell Phillips, chronic troublemaker, in Boston.</p> <p><b>1781</b>—To shift the liability for the loss to his underwriters, slave ship captain Luke Collingwood of the <i>Zong</i> orders his crew to begin throwing 133 live slaves overboard.</p>	<p><b>2001</b>—Two days before filing for bankruptcy, Enron executives award themselves big bonuses.</p> <p><b>1999</b>—A WTO meeting in Seattle is called off due to anarchists.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—Rep. Wilbur Mills (D-Ark.) appears onstage at Boston's Pilgrim Theater with stripper Fanne Foxe.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—Nixon spokesdrone Ron Zeigler says with only 27,000 Americans left risking their lives in Vietnam, the White House is done updating the nation on withdrawals.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Senator Eugene McCarthy (D-Minn.) challenges Lyndon Johnson in the N.H. Primary.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—Defense Secretary Robert Strange McNamara offers LBJ two Vietnam options: get out now, or go all-in, suffering 1,000 KIAs per month and perhaps losing anyway.</p> <p><b>1961</b>—President Kennedy OKs defoliation in South Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—A DC-3 comes 100 feet short of clearing the summit of New Hampshire's Mount Success.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—An eight-pound meteorite busts through a roof in Sylacauga, Ala. and bruises Liz Hodges' thigh, cutting short her nap.</p> <p><b>1951</b>—Trunk Murderess Winnie Ruth Judd is recaptured after her fourth escape from the Arizona State Insane Hospital.</p> <p><b>1812</b>—Gen. Alexander "Apocalypse" Smythe's troops disobey his orders to invade Canada and turn their weapons on his tent. He flees.</p>	<p><b>2013</b>—Reversing an October decision which reversed a July decision, ex-Sen. Bob Smith says he'll challenge Sen. Jeanne Shaheen in 2014.</p> <p><b>1976</b>—Steven B. Williams rams the northwest gate of the White House complex at 25 mph with his pickup truck. The gate wins.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—The U.S. Selective Service holds the first draft lottery since WW II, cleverly undermining support for the anti-war movement.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—A U.S. C-130 with engine trouble empties defoliant tanks over South Vietnamese towns.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—Dick Gregory is convicted of fishing with Native Americans.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—Rosa Parks changes the world by refusing to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Ala.</p> <p><b>1948</b>—After a 44-day civil war killing 2,000 people ends, Costa Rica disbands its army.</p> <p><b>1914</b>—Italian socialists appoint Benito Mussolini to edit their newspaper <i>Avanti!</i></p> <p><b>1913</b>—Ford announces its first moving assembly line.</p> <p><b>1842</b>—Midshipman Philip Spencer, son of the Secretary of War, is hanged for mutiny, without benefit of court martial, along with two sailors, aboard the <i>U.S.S. Somers</i>.</p> <p><b>1777</b>—Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben lands in Portsmouth, N.H. from France, en route to Valley Forge, where he will turn Washington's rabble into a trained army.</p>	<p><b>1986</b>—Ronald Reagan says he can't remember what he knew about the Iran-Contra affair, or when he might have known it.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—U.S.-backed death squads murder four Catholic missionary women in El Salvador.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—Mario Savio rallies 1,000s of students at Berkeley's Sproul Hall, saying, "when the operation of the machine becomes so odious ... that you can't take part ... you've got to make it stop."</p> <p><b>1954</b>—U.S. Senate censures Joe McCarthy—finally.</p> <p><b>1943</b>—The <i>U.S.S. Squalus</i>, formerly the <i>Squalus</i>, sinks the Japanese carrier <i>Chuyo</i> near Truk. Aboard <i>Chuyo</i> are 21 survivors from the <i>U.S.S. Sculpin</i>, which had aided in the 1939 rescue of the <i>Squalus</i>. Only one survives.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—Under the stadium at Stagg Field in Chicago, Enrico Fermi presides over the first sustainable atomic chain reaction.</p> <p><b>1935</b>—California tries out its new gas chamber on Albert Kessel. It works.</p> <p><b>1859</b>—"I hope you will not keep me waiting any longer than necessary," abolitionist John Brown says to his executioner.</p> <p><b>1755</b>—Henry Hall, 94, Keeper of the Eddystone Light, looking up, accidentally swallows molten lead from its burning roof. Weeks later he dies of lead poisoning.</p>	<p><b>2013</b>—In Londonderry, Scott Brown says "I don't think I ever said I was thinking about running for president," 16 weeks after telling the <i>Boston Herald</i> he was thinking about running for President.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—George W.[MD] Bush nominates Bernard Kerik (later to be known as Federal Inmate 84888-054) to be Secretary of Homeland Security.</p> <p><b>1996</b>—A New York company that had a contract to manufacture Medals of Honor is fined \$80,000 for selling 300 bootleg copies.</p> <p><b>1984</b>—An industrial accident in Bhopal, India kills 10,000. The U.S. government later blocks extradition of Union Carbide execs who face prosecution in India.</p> <p><b>1983</b>—U.S. Information Agency head Charles Z. Wick says Margaret Thatcher opposed the invasion of Grenada because she's a woman.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—Sec. of State Al Haig says four Maryknoll nuns recently murdered by Salvadoran death squads may have been gun-runners.</p> <p><b>1976</b>—Bob Marley is shot twice by unidentified assailants. Two days later he plays a concert.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Protesters destroy files at eight N.Y. draft boards.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—The Atomic Energy Commission explodes a .38 kiloton A-bomb 10 miles west of Purvis, Miss., inside an underground cavity created by a 5 kiloton A-bomb blast conducted two years earlier.</p>	<p><b>2013</b>—Rep. Duncan Hunter [R-Calif.] says if the U.S. must use force against Iran's nuclear program, it should use tactical nukes.</p> <p><b>1993</b>—R.I.P. Frank Zappa.</p> <p><b>1981</b>—President Reagan OK's CIA spying on U.S. citizens.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—57 percent of the Chicago 7 found guilty of contempt.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Chicago police shoot and kill sleeping Black Panthers Fred Hampton and Mark Clark.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—To better understand modern youth, R. Nixon, S. Agnew, and 40 governors view films of "simulated acid trips" and listen to "anti-establishment rock music."</p> <p><b>1962</b>—Lenny Bruce, busted for obscenity in Chicago, shares a paddy wagon ride with George Carlin, busted for refusing to show ID.</p> <p><b>1956</b>—Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash, and Elvis Presley jam at Sun Records.</p> <p><b>1952</b>—A "Great Smog" so thick moviegoers couldn't see the screen descends on London. It lasts all winter and kills about 12,000.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—In <i>Feres v. U.S.</i>, the Supreme Court rules that servicemembers can't sue the U.S. for injuries.</p> <p><b>1946</b>—In Oakland, Calif., striking veterans march on the anti-labor <i>Tribune</i>, then City Hall, to demand the Mayor and Council resign.</p> <p><b>1914</b>—Emiliano Zapata and Pancho Villa agree to team up and take Mexico City.</p>	<p><b>2013</b>—Scott Brown, in N.H., says he's been helping Republicans "raise awareness as to the issues ... here in Massachusetts."</p> <p><b>2002</b>—At a party on Strom Thurmond's 100th birthday, GOP Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott expresses regret over desegregation.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—A B-52, sent the wrong co-ordinates, drops a 1-ton bomb on U.S. Special Forces in Afghanistan, killing three.</p> <p><b>1996</b>—Fed Chair Greenspan warns: "irrational exuberance" may have inflated stock prices.</p> <p><b>1994</b>—For the first time in 40 years, the House of Alleged Representatives elects a Republican, Newt Gingrich, to be Speaker.</p> <p><b>1988</b>—A Grand Jury in N.C. indicts "holy" man Jim Bakker on charges of fraud and conspiracy.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—A nuke-armed A-4 Skyhawk falls off the <i>U.S.S. Ticonderoga</i> near Japan. Plane, pilot, and bomb are still missing.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—"Uppity Negroes" in Montgomery, Ala., boycott the municipal mass transit system.</p> <p><b>1946</b>—Labor "leaders" in Oakland call off a General Strike.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—Five Grumman Avengers and 14 airmen, making up the Navy's Flight 19, disappear off Ft. Lauderdale. Thirteen more men and a PBM Mariner flying boat disappear looking for them.</p>
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6	MONDAY, DECEMBER 7	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8	Wednesday, DECEMBER 9	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
<p><b>1990</b>—Oakland, Calif. police fire tear gas into a home trying to drive out the inhabitant who is standing next to them shouting "come out and give yourself up."</p> <p><b>1973</b>—Gerald R. Ford replaces disgraced Vice President and freelance media critic Spiro "Ted" Agnew.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—The Rolling Stones throw a free concert at Altamont, Calif. Four people die and four are born.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Chaplain Angelo "Charlie" Liteky carries 23 wounded men to safety in Vietnam despite intense hostile fire. Awarded the Medal of Honor, he renounces it in 1986 protesting U.S. foreign policy.</p> <p><b>1957</b>—A Vanguard rocket carrying the U.S.'s first would-be satellite explodes at an altitude of five feet.</p> <p><b>1933</b>—Federal judge John M. Woolsey rules that Joyce's <i>Ulysses</i> is not obscene and therefore may be imported.</p> <p><b>1918</b>—The U.S. War Dept. abandons its WW I practice of shackling defiant conscientious objectors to the walls of solitary cells.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—The largest man-made explosion prior to The Bomb occurs in Halifax when a munitions ship explodes; 1,600 die; and windows break 40 miles away.</p> <p><b>1907</b>—More than 360 men and boys are killed by explosions at two coal mines in Monongah, W.Va.</p> <p><b>1884</b>—The Washington Monument is completed, 101 years after George himself picked the spot.</p>	<p><b>2006</b>—The "Justice" Department fires eight prosecutors for failing to persecute enough Democrats.</p> <p><b>1995</b>—France is virtually paralyzed when 1.75 million workers protest global exploitation.</p> <p><b>1993</b>—The Department of Energy admits it conducted more than 200 secret weapons tests.</p> <p><b>1987</b>—A disgruntled ex-employee shoots a Southwest Airlines pilot and co-pilot. The plane breaks up while diving at Mach 1.2, killing all on board.</p> <p><b>1977</b>—FBI releases its JFK assassination files ... some, anyway.</p> <p><b>1975</b>—Indonesia invades East Timor with a little help from the U.S. and Britain.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—R.I.P. legendary cartoonist Rube Goldberg, whose work inspired the <i>Gazette's</i> business plan.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Librarians at the U. of Cincinnati waive \$22,646 in fines for a book that's 145 years overdue.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—Japan bestows the Order of the Rising Sun on Gen. Curtis LeMay, whose fire-bombing of that nation during WW II probably killed half a million Japanese.</p> <p><b>1941</b>—Japanese planes attack Pearl Harbor, crippling the Pacific Fleet, killing 2,471, and wounding 1,213.</p> <p><b>1930</b>—W1XAV in Boston broadcasts the first TV commercial.</p> <p><b>1874</b>—Whites in Vicksburg, Miss., begin a month-long slaughter of 150 blacks.</p>	<p><b>2004</b>—Soldiers in Iraq ask Sec. of Defense Rumsfeld why he sent them there without enough vehicle armor. He tells them, "You go to war with the Army you have ... not the Army you might want."</p> <p><b>1993</b>—President Clinton signs NAFTA into law.</p> <p><b>1982</b>—Norman D. Mayer, 66, threatens to blow up the Washington Monument with a van full of dynamite unless a national dialogue on banning nuclear weapons begins. After a ten hour standoff, police shoot and kill him.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—R.I.P. John Lennon.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—United Airlines Flight 553 crashes in Chicago killing 45 people including E. Howard Hunt's wife Dorothy, who was carrying \$10,000 in \$100 bills.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—U.S. counts 365 dead Viet Cong in Mekong Delta battle.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—A 707 carrying 81 souls explodes and crashes near Elkton, Md., after a lightning strike.</p> <p><b>1940</b>—Four hundred German planes bomb London.</p> <p><b>1894</b>—Birth of James Thurber, Columbus, Ohio.</p> <p><b>1864</b>—Pope Pius IX denounces liberalism, socialism, &amp; rationalism.</p> <p><b>1854</b>—Pope Pius IX proclaims the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception.</p> <p><b>1792</b>—Slave trader and Revolutionary Henry Laurens becomes first person intentionally cremated in U.S.</p>	<p><b>2008</b>—The Governor of Illinois, Rod Blagojevich, is arrested for attempting to sell a Senate seat.</p> <p><b>1994</b>—Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders is fired for suggesting that having sex with yourself is OK.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—U.S. Marines wade ashore in Somalia at 2:00 a.m. local time because it's prime-time in the U.S.</p> <p><b>1983</b>—Ed "Meese is a Pig" Meese says people go to soup kitchens because it's "easier than paying."</p> <p><b>1968</b>—At the Stanford Research Institute, Doug Engelbart introduces the mouse, e-mail, and hypertext.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—"We are in a much stronger position than two years ago," says Sec. of State Dean Rusk, "[Commies] will not be able to succeed [in South Vietnam]."</p> <p><b>1958</b>—The John Birch Society, famous for calling Dwight Eisenhower a Commie, is founded.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—Hired by Ford to name a new model, poet Marianne Moore suggest "Utopian Turtletop." Ford goes with "Edsel," instead.</p> <p><b>1935</b>—Investigative reporter Walter Lippett is Tommy-gunned in front of his family in Minneapolis.</p> <p><b>1953</b>—GE vows to fire any Commies.</p> <p><b>1949</b>—J. Parnell Thomas [R-N.J.], no longer head of the House Un-American Activities Committee, guilty of padding Congressional payrolls and spending the loot, gets 6 to 18 months in the same slammer with two of the Hollywood Ten.</p>	<p><b>2011</b>—The gundalow <i>Piscataqua</i> is launched on the eponymous river.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—Gary Webb, who exposed the CIA-Contra drug connection, dies from two gunshots in the face. The coroner calls it suicide.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—At a White House menorah lighting ceremony, George W.[MD] Bush says, "I couldn't imagine somebody like Osama bin Laden understanding the joy of Hanukkah."</p> <p><b>1998</b>—House Judiciary Committee debates whether to impeach Pres. Clinton for lying about his disgusting behavior.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—Sen. Bob Packwood (Lecher-Ore.) apologizes for his disgusting behavior, but refuses to resign.</p> <p><b>1987</b>—Murderer Stanley Draper and gangster John Kendall are sprung from a British prison by a pal in a hijacked helicopter.</p> <p><b>1978</b>—Ex-paratrooper, movie director, and cross-dresser Ed Wood, Jr. dies in Hollywood.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—The Senate, buying Wm. Rehnquist's lie disavowing a letter supporting racial segregation, confirms him for the Supreme Court.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—In Vietnam, sixteen U.S. Marines are killed and 11 are wounded by "friendly fire."</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Trying to lower the cost of natural gas, the U.S. government explodes an A-bomb in N.M.</p> <p><b>1932</b>—Australia abandons its effort to control its emu population with Lewis machine guns.</p>	<p><b>2013</b>—Glenn Beck calls House Speaker Boehner "one of the prime examples of worthless, worthless Republicans," and Senate Minority Leader McConnell "the biggest two-faced liar I've ever seen."</p> <p><b>2006</b>—On national TV, President George W.[MD] Bush denies that he was ever "a knee-walking drunk."</p> <p><b>2000</b>—The Supreme Court hears <i>Bush v. Gore</i>.</p> <p><b>1998</b>—Pres. Clinton begs for forgiveness, gets three articles of impeachment, instead.</p> <p><b>1981</b>—Soldiers of the U.S.-backed Salvadoran government murder 900 villagers at El Mozote.</p> <p><b>1961</b>—Army helicopters and crewmen begin direct U.S. military support in Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1960</b>—Seeing at the last minute that JFK has his wife and kids with him, Belmont, N.H. resident Richard Pavlick defers his plan to crash into the President-elect's car with his dynamite-laden Buick.</p> <p><b>1951</b>—Coal dust removal techniques are approved by state inspectors at New Orient mine in West Frankfort, Ill. Ten days later an explosion kills 119.</p> <p><b>1838</b>—The House of Representatives passes Rep. Charles Atherton's (D-N.H.) "gag rule" prohibiting discussion of slavery.</p> <p><b>1792</b>—The French Convention tries King Louis XVI, aka "Louis le Dernier," for treason.</p>	<p><b>2005</b>—"I think we are welcomed [in Iraq]," says George W. Bush, "but it was not a peaceful welcome."</p> <p><b>2000</b>—The Supreme Court selects George W.[MD] Bush as the 43rd President of these disunited states.</p> <p><b>1998</b>—For good measure, Congress whups a fourth article of impeachment on Pres. Clinton.</p> <p><b>1988</b>—An errant Navy practice missile hits an Indian freighter killing a crewman.</p> <p><b>1985</b>—A plane belonging to Ollie North's favorite airline crashes at Gander, Newfoundland, killing 248 American soldiers. Investigations carefully reveal nothing.</p> <p><b>1984</b>—Georgia officials zap Alpha Otis Stephens for two minutes, but he breathes for another six minutes before they finish him off.</p> <p><b>1983</b>—At a Boston trade show called "New Trends in Missiles," anarchist wiseguys turn loose 1,000 cockroaches, symbolizing likely winners of a nuclear war.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—Senator Joeep McCarthy (R-Bushmills) kicks columnist Drew Pearson in the groin.</p> <p><b>1930</b>—Spanish Civil War starts.</p> <p><b>1927</b>—Threatened with impeachment by legislators, Oklahoma Governor Henry Johnston calls out state troopers to stop them.</p> <p><b>1776</b>—Fearing the British will take Philadelphia, the Continental Congress gives dictatorial powers to Washington and flees.</p>
<p>7:29                      7:56</p>  <p>1:01                      1:40</p>	<p>8:16                      8:45</p>  <p>1:51                      2:29</p>	<p>8:59                      9:30</p>  <p>2:36                      3:14</p>	<p>9:38                      10:10</p>  <p>3:18                      3:54</p>	<p>10:15                      10:49</p>  <p>3:57                      4:33</p>	<p>10:52                      11:26</p>  <p>4:35                      5:11</p>	<p>11:29</p>  <p>5:14                      5:49</p>

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