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The Fortnightly Rant

A Change for the Weird

President Dwight D. Eisenhower is supposed to have said once, "Things are more like they are now than they ever have been."

Times certainly have changed. It would be easy to blame — or credit, if you're so inclined — Donald J. Trump for this, but other forces are at play as well. As any skilled con man can attest, you can't cheat an honest man.

William Loeb Rolls Over

Union Leader Publisher Joe McQuaid is no William Loeb, and his paper is not what it once was, either (all of which is to the good). A few days after Christmas, though, McQuaid published an editorial that gave Trump a good, old-fashioned drubbing of almost-Loebian proportions. It was a little strange, seeing a paper famous for its bullying berating a candidate for his boorishness.

McQuaid noted in his editorial that Trump was the inspiration for the character Biff Tannen in the 1989 movie, *Back to the Future II*. The fictional Tannen becomes a loathesome but dominant political figure presiding over a hellish dystopia.

Compounding his sins, McQuaid's paper endorsed Chris Christie for the Republican nomination. That would have been a lesser offense, though, since *Union Leader* endorsements have only rarely been predictive of electoral success.

The conflict quickly became a clash of the titans, or would have if the ironically-named *Union Leader* still had clout and Trump was as big as his ego. Drawing on all the rhetorical skills at his command, Trump called McQuaid "a real lowlife."

At noon on January 9th, Trump tweeted, "I'm protesting the @UnionLeader from having anything to do w/ ABC debate. Their unethical record doesn't give them the right to be involved!"

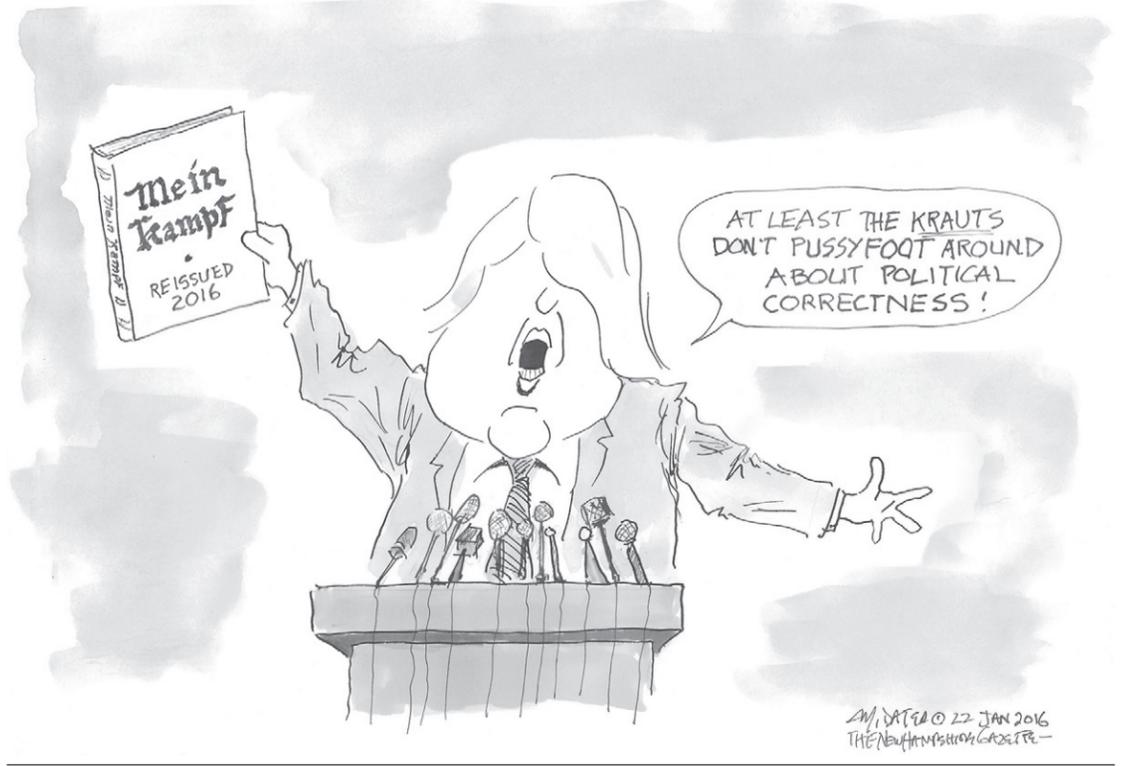
The following day, at 3:00 p.m., Trent Spiner, Executive Editor of the *Union Leader*, got a call from a vice president at ABC News, a product of the Walt Disney Company which is producing the upcoming Republican primary debate.

Citing "this Donald Trump spat and [the paper's] endorsement of Chris Christie," Disney fired the *Union Leader*.

Within minutes, Trump tweeted a boast that, for a change, had some substance: "I am pleased to announce that I had the *Union Leader* removed from the upcoming debate."

That's ... The Ticket?

Having thoroughly trashed the power relationship between an alleged primary candidate and a so-called news organization, Trump proceeded on Tuesday to turn the ritual of a political en-



dorsement into a frontal assault on language itself. To do so he called on the only person in the political arena whose talents are even remotely comparable to his own: Sarah Palin.

The former half-term Governor of Alaska delivered perhaps her most memorable address yet: 2,768 words in twenty minutes, which might as well have come out of a blender.

A sample, chosen almost at random: "Well, Trump, what he's been able to do, which is really ticking people off, which I'm glad about, he's going rogue left and right, man, that's why he's doing so well." Yes, exactly.

In Other News ...

With a bizarre spectacle like this going on, it sometimes takes a conscious effort to remember there is a whole 'nother party out there fielding its own candidates.

The Democrats, too, are doing unheard-of things. One candidate is acting — she denies it, of course — like a Republican of old, come to claim a nomination she sees as her own.

Equally improbable there is another Democratic candidate standing for things Democrats once stood for. He vows to attack important problems and apply smart solutions. After forty years of watching people from both

parties applying stupid solutions to non-existent problems, that's refreshing.

The conventional wisdom holds that Hillary Clinton, as a moderate Democrat, would be more electable than Bernie Sanders, the self-avowed Social Democrat.

Polling, though, says that isn't so. A recent one has Sanders beating Trump by 13 points, compared to Clinton's nine.

Another reason to vote for Sanders: Bill O'Reilly swears that if Bernie's elected, he'll move to Ireland.

And that, as Walter Cronkite used to say, is the way it is.

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Welcome to the Powerless Ball

During our first century of publication, this newspaper routinely ran advertisements for lotteries. More recently we have ignored these schemes, preferring not to encourage a regressive tax on the innumerate. This last fortnight, though, thanks to the widespread mania surrounding its ludicrously large prize of \$1.5 billion, the Powerball managed to draw our attention.

Should we invest two bucks to buy a ticket? How might we be able to improve this newspaper if our operating capital were bumped up by a factor of 150,000?

In fairly short order, we concluded that we should not. We have often lamented that if we had just one more labor-saving device, we'd never be able to get anything done. By that same principle, if we were burdened with the management of that much capital — 33,000 pounds of \$100 bills — we'd never have time to write or publish.

Several alleged news outlets, including Fox and ABC, took a radically different approach and interviewed Richard Lustig. A

resident of Orlando, Fla., he is the author of *Learn How To Increase Your Chances of Winning the Lottery*.

Lustig claims to have won slightly more than \$1 million by playing full time for the past 23 years. That's an annual income of \$45,750 a year. He does not, however, reveal how much he's paid for tickets. Since his basic advice is to buy as many tickets as you can afford, it must amount to a hefty sum. Considering those expenses, then, we suppose he's living in a mobile home off book sale proceeds.

The Multi-State Lottery Association [MSLA] ginned up this frenzy by re-jiggering the rules for the Powerball lottery last October. They were inspired to do so by steadily-dropping sales. Jaded ticket-buyers, uninspired by the remote chance of winning a mere twenty or thirty million dollars, spent 19 percent less in 2014 than in the year before.

The exact changes involved the number of numbers to be picked: arbitrary foolishness too tedious to recount. The odds of winning, already absurdly remote, leapt

from one in 175 million to one in 292 million. The MSLA achieved its desired effect: it was easier to win small prizes, and harder to win the jackpot. Without a winner, the jackpot rolled over and became freakishly huge, luring more suckers into the game.

If we seem skeptical about the *bona fides* of the game, it's not without reason. The gentleman pictured here is Eddie Tipton, formerly the Information Security Director for the MSLA. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison last September for rigging lottery computers.

According to a report published by CNN last February, Americans spent \$70 billion on lottery tickets in 2014. That's \$219 per capita, more than they spent on sports tickets, video games, books, movies, and music combined. As noted above, sales were down that year.

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Smart drug dealers know not to use their own product. Apparently we're not that clever. New Hampshire residents spend about \$75 million a year on Powerball tickets — \$6.2 million for the January 13th drawing alone, and that just scratches the surface. Annual receipts from scratch ticket sales in this state run around \$240 million.

What really drives lottery ticket sales is the bleak state of the economy. You don't need a degree from Wharton to see that our economic system is rigged. The minimum wage is a starvation wage, and the only reliable way to get ahead is to be born that way already. A person without a college degree has as much chance of finding a full-time job with benefits and health care as he does winning the lottery.

So what the hell — why not go for the real thing?



Let's Keep \$ in Politics!

Something rather strange happened in the New Hampshire House recently — which, as anyone even vaguely familiar with that institution knows, is both routine and cause for alarm.

On Thursday, January 8th, a bill which had already passed in the Senate passed the House with a six-vote margin. A motion was made to reconsider — under the circumstances, not unheard-of.

Then the electronic voting system went on the fritz. Nothing terribly strange about that, of course, but things are kind of piling up. The malfunction made a roll call vote necessary, which, when you have 400 members, takes a while.

The motion to reconsider passed, and by the time the second vote was over the outcome was reversed: the bill was defeated.

The bill, SB 136, would have established a committee to study the effects of the Supreme Court's *Citizens United* decision

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on New Hampshire elections, and review the pending Constitutional Amendments which might overturn that decision.

A 2013 poll showed that 73 percent of New Hampshire residents support such an amendment.

A Tale of Two Experiments

Let us conduct a thought experiment and imagine for a moment a nation in which it is an accepted practice to operate a motor vehicle while consuming mass quantities of alcohol. Let us go out on a limb and further suppose that traffic accidents ensue. It would only be a matter of time, we would argue, before said

practice was discouraged, if not discontinued. Further, we suspect that span of time would be somewhat less than 42 years.

And yet here we are, 42 years after Arthur Laffer expounded over dinner with Richard "Dick" Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld on his laughable eponymous Curve: one political party continues to promote the Laffer Curve and supply-side economics while the other fails to rebut it effectively.

Let us now consider the recent experience of the city of Flint, Michigan as a second experiment, this time with real consequences.

The governments of the City of Flint and the State of Michigan, having long been weaned



The New York Public Library Digital Collections recently released 180,000 high-resolution digital images for unrestricted use by the general public, of which we count ourselves proud members. Naturally we proceeded to rifle the joint. Amongst the plunder we found this scene: an 19th-century steel engraving showing four somewhat exotic-looking gundalows in Portsmouth's inner harbor, with St. John's Church in the background. While identifying material for the image itself was scant, we can report with surprise and delight that it is one of 30,000 items assembled by the eminent New York physician Thomas Addis Emmet (1828-1919) and donated to the Library in 1896 by trustee John Stewart Kennedy. Emmet was the namesake and grandson of the brother of Robert Emmet, who was executed for treason against King George IV during the Irish Rising of 1803.



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of excessive tax revenue according to Republican dogma, should now be shining examples of prosperity. Somehow, though, Flint found itself broke.

Democrats blame Michigan Governor Rick Snyder. They say Snyder, elected during the Tea Party wave of 2010, short-changed Michigan's cities through budgetary shenanigans.

Snyder blamed democracy. He turned to a Michigan law giving him the power to appoint "emergency managers" who essentially replace the duly-elected governments of budget-strapped cities.

The emergency manager, to save \$5 million over two years, disconnected Flint from Detroit's water supply and arranged to have a hose thrown into the fetid Flint River. Unfortunately, the State's Department of Environmental Quality neglected to require Flint to add corro-

sion-control chemicals to the water. As a result, the water coming out of some faucets carried enough lead to meet the EPA's criteria for toxic waste.

Flint residents complained that the water was nasty. City officials said the water had been tested and was fine. Residents persisted, and eventually the City admitted that, yes, the water was full of lead.

Estimates are that somewhere between 6,000 and 12,000 Flintonians, many of them children, will have irreversible health effects, including brain damage. How such a low number was arrived at, we don't know; the population is about 100,000.

The estimated cost to repair Flint's infrastructure is in the neighborhood of \$1.5 billion. Taking a wild stab at the potential liability, assuming payouts of \$250,000 to 9,000 individuals,

it could be about another \$2.25 billion.

Rev. Jesse Jackson has suggested putting "[police] tape around the city, because Flint is a crime scene."

At Least He's Consistent

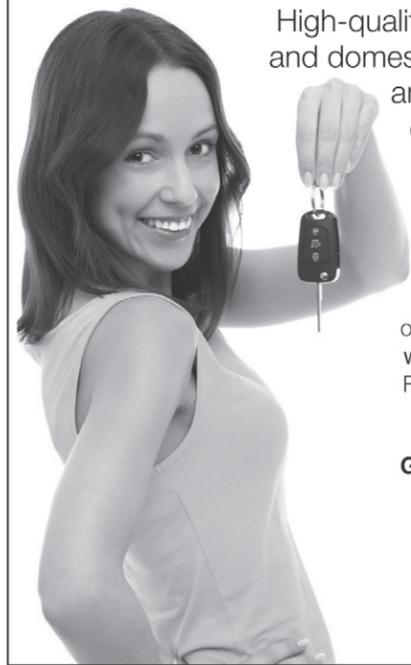
On January 10th, Arthur Laffer predicted that in the upcoming Presidential election the GOP will take "45, 46, 47 states out of the 50. I mean, I think we're going to landslide this election."

Tet Plus 48

As we approach January 31st, the 48th anniversary of the Tet Offensive — which will no doubt be ignored by all responsible news outlets due to its failure to register as a Big F'ing Deal in our base 10 number system — we would like to flaunt our journalistic privilege by noting how heavily the Interactive Timeline on the United States of Ameri-

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ca's official Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration's website relies for content on the list of recipients of the Medal of Honor. Of the 60 events listed in an arbitrarily-chosen, 32-week period we tallied [November 29, 1966 through July 15, 1967], fully 65 percent consisted of Medal of Honor citations.

The Commemoration website, by featuring these men so prominently, seems to be exploiting their extraordinary behavior so as to rehabilitate a war that had no redeeming features.

It would be folly, of course, to expect an official commemoration to actually tell the truth about that war. We, however, are under no such restraint.

For the record, it was a bad idea to begin with, and poorly executed by those in command, who had no idea what they were doing. It should have ended far sooner than it did, but the people who ended it did so as soon as they could. They were the ones who had been fighting it. After they made it clear they weren't doing that anymore, their so-called superiors eventually got

with the program.

That, we expect, will all sound rather strange to a large part of the public. That's because the truth was just a little too challenging to leave lying around. Unless a substitute narrative could be cooked up and sold, a lot of public figures would never regain their authority.

As it happens, a rather talented storyteller was available. He was so convincing, describing that tragic waste as a noble cause, that even some who knew better were gradually convinced.

Just a decade later — twenty-five years ago, now — the nation was ready for another grand military adventure.

Unclear on the Concept

South Carolina Representative Mike Pitts, a Republican, has filed "A bill to ... enact the 'South Carolina Responsible Journalism Registry Law' so as to establish requirements for persons before working as a journalist for a media outlet and for media outlets before hiring a journalist; to require the establishment and operation of a responsible journalism registry by the South



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Carolina Secretary of State's office; to authorize registry fees; to establish fines and criminal penalties for violation of the chapter; and for other purposes."

Pitts, of course, is just mocking attempts to tighten gun regulations.

In other civil liberty news, the James Bell Tavern, birthplace of the Bill of Rights, was partially demolished earlier this month. A spokesperson for the real estate management company which owns the 236 year-old stone building in Silver Springs Township, Md., said the firm was unaware of the structure's history. County officials say it was inadvertently left off an inventory of historic buildings. Until recently it had housed the offices of a used car business.

The back wall of the building was reduced to rubble, but the demolition has been halted. As with the document it once fostered, its future is unclear.

A Marketing Triumph?

Franklin Graham, the ma-

chine-gun shootin' son of President-advisin' evangelist Billy Graham, kicked off a 50-state "Decision America tour" on January 5th. The tour seems to have been strategically planned: Graham had warm-up stops in three religious states — Iowa, Florida, and Louisiana — before tackling New Hampshire, the second most godless state in the Union.

His appearance on Tuesday seems to have just about filled the front lawn of the State House in Concord. Perhaps all those advertisements on New Hampshire Public Radio found an audience after all.

More On the Bundy Bunch

This just in from the Official News Feed of Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea: "U.S. province of Oregon falls into chaos as oppressed peasants protest arrogant and high-handed forestry practices of criminal Obama regime."

According to another news report, probably more reliable since it's from the *Oregonian*, Roches-

ter, New Hampshire's own Jerry DeLemus has gone to Oregon to help resolve the Malheur Wildlife Refuge standoff. DeLemus went to Nevada in the spring of 2014, to take part in the original Cliven Bundy standoff.

According to a January 10th article in the *Oregonian*, DeLemus was making efforts to convince Ammon Bundy to pack his bags and leave. "I think I can get this resolved," he said.

Bundy was present, though, on the 19th, at an acrimonious public meeting in Burns, 36 miles north of the Refuge.

Law Enforcement

We see from the Award-Winning Local Daily that the New England Police Benevolent Association, which last appeared in these pages endorsing the Presidential candidacy of one Donald J. Trump, will be representing former Portsmouth police officer Aaron Goodwin in his wrongful dismissal grievance against the City of Portsmouth.

Seems appropriate.



It's hard to say definitively, especially at this late date, and considering how much of her story seems in fact to have been myth, but the Flag Police are finding it difficult to reconcile this wretched-looking item with the no-doubt grand original vision of Betsy Ross. Those wishing to consider the evidence first-hand may find it at the corner of Fleet and State streets.

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She's for Bernie

To the Editor:
Bernie Sanders recently said, "At a time when we are the only major country on earth that does not guarantee health care for all and when we spend far more per person than any other country, the time is long overdue for us to pass a Medicare for all, single-payer program. Medicare for all would save the average family thousands of dollars a year in health care costs." He is proposing national legislation that would cover everyone and would slash costs. What an exciting prospect for everyone except the insurance companies! Go Bernie!

Dudley Dudley
Durham, N.H.

Don't Tell Anyone ...

To the Editor:
Please don't tell anyone but I am for Donald Trump.

Yes, I know he cannot win a General Election. He loses overwhelmingly today because just 27 percent of Republicans view Trump favorably while his net favorability among independents is negative 27 percent — and they just don't like him.

And can you imagine going to a Christian University and talking about "Two Corinthians," instead of how we insiders refer to the scripture, as "Second Corinthians." I doubt that Donald has spent the last 40 years in Bible Study.

But Trump talked about two of the most powerful ideas of the

campaign while he was flubbing his scripture reference. Encouraging all Christians to organize ourselves to protect all of us both in the United States and around the world, and telling the world's largest corporation to bring your jobs home and make your products in the United States.

I might be wrong about Trump's ability to win a General Election and many of my friends, whom I greatly admire, think Trump is just a disaster and they just don't like the Donald.

It is time for me to get over my reticence and to say Trump is the best person to lead our country ... just don't tell anyone I said so!

David Gosselin

Former New Hampshire Republican State Chairman
Willimantic, Conn.

David:

You seem to genuinely support him, though you don't think he can win. Interesting. Clearly we do not understand Republicans.

The Editor

You Get What They Pay For

To the Editor:

It appears that Donald Trump is ridiculed and thought unfit to lead only because, unlike the other candidates, he has not proved himself to be incompetent, while the others have been active in the parties that signed onto the Reagan/Thatcher program of deregulation, decriminalization and bailouts of the banks and financial system, lower taxes for the wealthy, and transfer payments to the upper one-percent, with austerity for the rest; the bad trade agreements that put American labor in competition with workers earning twenty-five cents per day causing the destruction of the middle class; the foreign policy of perpetual war; and the funding of illegal settlements on Palestinian lands when housing in cities like Detroit is literally collapsing along with America's infrastructure.

And of course he is wealthy enough to not be the hired help for the pro-Israel lobbyists, the bankers, the militarists and the corporations, and refuses to suffer fools from the Democratic and Republican controlled media, all of which further disqualifies Mr. Trump in the eyes of so many who do not really want the change they give lip service to.

If you're satisfied with the State of the Union and want to continue the destructive policies of the major parties then by all means don't vote for Donald Trump, and once again the people will get the government they vote for, and the government they deserve.

John Dente
Wilmington, Del.

John:

You've been a very supportive subscriber and we love you, but your support for this guy baffles us.

The Editor

Black Lives Matter

To the Editor:

In Cleveland a black child playing with a toy gun was shot by a cop. The cop may not have known it was a toy gun, but he knew he was shooting a child without even asking him to put the gun down. The Cleveland prosecutor went to the grand jury and told them not to indict the cop. That is not the proper use of a grand jury.

In Chicago a black man was walking down the middle of the street carrying a gun, but not threatening anyone. He was shot 16 times in the back by a cop while other cops looked on. They all filed false reports concerning the shooting. It was only after a judge forced the city to release the police video of the killing was the cop indicted for murder. No one was punished for filing false reports.

In Utah a white man shot four people at a Planned Parenthood facility. Two of those killed were

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cops yet the shooter is allowed to surrender.

In Colorado a white man kills twelve people and wounds seventy in a movie theater. He is allowed to surrender.

In Oregon a white militia seized federal buildings and no one has been arrested let alone confronted. Can you imagine a black militia getting away with this? How about a Muslim militia?

Last year police shot and killed 986 people, forty percent were black. They are killed by police at three times the rate for whites in America.

If you did not understand the meaning of Black Lives Matter you should now.

Walter Hamilton
Portsmouth N.H.

A Win for Everyone!

To the Editor:

After years of discussion it remains unclear how much of Hydro-Quebec's energy will be provided exclusively to New Hampshire. Likely, little to none at all. More likely the major beneficiaries will be Connecticut and Massachusetts. Ironically Connecticut apparently no longer permits above ground transmission projects.

New Hampshire stands to benefit the least yet bear the most: One hundred and thirty two miles of DC electrical lines draped over our heads (snapping, crackling and popping) supported by hundreds of electrical towers 85 to 155 feet tall (mature New Hampshire trees are 50 to 80 feet tall). Worse, this infrastructure will likely be in place for decades; an ugly scar imposed on us by a non-critical, greed-driven, private-industry project.

From pristine wilderness to private residences, from quiet

country back roads to busy highways, none will be exempt. Ugly, noisy, prone-to-failure, easy-to-target-towers from the Canadian Border to Bethlehem, from Bristol to Deerfield; 132 miles of industrialized ugliness. How could this have progressed so far and been a thorn in our side for so long? How much time and money has been wasted by both opponents and proponents? My guess: millions and millions.

Successful companies; those likely to be profitable and successful over the long run have robust corporate social responsibility (CSR) policies recognizing the need for the company to behave like a good citizen might behave. Others get it: for example Google's corporate motto is: Don't be evil!

Eversource has the potential to affect thousands of private citizens financially and esthetically yet they operate solely with their financial interests in mind in ways many would describe haphazard or worse as an uncontrolled bully! Don't be evil!

This project will affect New Hampshire for decades, yet it seems as if there's nothing ordinary citizens or concerned towns can do. Nothing is in place to constrain a corporate board bent on growing the top line to the detriment of anyone who gets in their way. The world is too small for this myopic thinking.

One glimmer of hope is HB 626 that sees New Hampshire creating formal energy corridors where all projects of this nature must reside. Hopefully a reasonable charge will be levied on companies (Hydro-Quebec for example) for its use by the state of New Hampshire so we can all profit from our asset(s).

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Bottom line: everyone wins when New Hampshire formalizes the concept of State owned power corridors. Current House Bill 626 does this. Contact your state representative and ask that they support it.

David Rivers
Thornton N.H.

Trump Calls "Slipsies"

To the Editor:

I just watched Donald Trump's first ad of the 2016 election. He doesn't even know the difference between Mexico and Morocco — well, they both begin with "M," what the heck.

For anyone who missed it, the ad shows Moroccans crossing into Spanish territory, but claimed it was Mexicans crossing into the US — he and the campaign are claiming the mistake was intentional. Right.

Trump just called slipsies. Don't you just remember the kid in school who said "I knew it all the time, I just wanted to see if you did." Right.

Now we have to figure out if the wall he builds will be in Morocco with the Mexicans paying for it, or in Mexico with Morocco paying for it.

Michael Frandzel
Portsmouth, N.H.

Could Congress Carry ...?

To the Editor:

... and would the President qualify for a concealed-carry permit, with it well known that

they're all addicts with various mental disorders as well? We all know about their collective addiction to spending our hard-earned tax dollars to benefit mostly themselves and their wealthy donors. We surely know of their collective mental health instability from the legislation they pass and refuse to pass, as well as their collective attitudes and behaviors, supposedly to be as adults who represent all citizens; but seem to represent a chosen few who finance their re-election campaigns. And in case some readers are not fully informed about their addictions and mental health instability, the following example will surely enlighten some readers; I sure hope so.

The President has proposed to give \$4 billion to the automakers to begin developing self-driving cars. Over the next ten years the government wants to give the major auto makers around \$4 billion so that self-driving cars can begin "to have no deaths attributable to car accidents." But what will this lunatic government do to stop the rollover deaths in Fords, General Motors' faulty key-ignition units, the Toyota airbags suddenly inflating when there's no accident, the failing brakes in other cars, the Ford gas tank explosions, &c., &c.; which have killed thousands of drivers over many years? And here's the best example of their mental health instability, of this country being in debt by trillions of dollars and millions of American citizens in poverty and homeless conditions; but this lunatic government can find \$4 billion to give to the automakers to develop self-driving cars. Maybe they have a long range plan of developing these self-driving cars to use on Mars, where they're wasting billions of our tax dollars to try to get to, and start exploring. Maybe with

a handful of Mars astro-nuts up there in their self-driving cars, they can claim no deaths attributable to car accidents!

Does anybody else besides me see the lunacy in this federal government, and does anybody else understand why it's our collective lunacy to vote for this kind of insanity? If you do, I'd like to hear from you at [to_the_point@NetZero.Net].

This Congress we have and these presidents we get they are All the Ones Who Fly Over the Cuckoos Nest. I sure hope they don't have concealed-carry permits because then we're all in danger.

Jerry Gutekunst
Hudson, N.H.

Opinions? Yes. Facts? No.

To the Editor:

Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but forming one's own facts based on fancy does not change what 97 percent of scientists warn about the effects of climate change: It is real, caused by human activity, and already reshaping our weather and environment. The Weather Channel agrees, rebuking its climate denier co-founder.

In the 1980s, New Hampshire's ski resorts were being converted to multi-season entertainment centers for lack of reliable snowfall. The Weather Channel recently broadcast video of streets of Ft. Lauderdale flooded with deep ocean water, not caused by storm, but by the increasing consequences of normal high tides ... water so deep that No Wake signs are posted to prevent waves caused by automobiles from flooding nearby buildings. And Miami taxpayers will spend hundreds of millions to control its high tides, as well. [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pbqwmubtZ88>].

Bernie Sanders unveiled a comprehensive plan to tackle climate change this week, which

is receiving praise from the environmental community. And because Bernie's presidential campaign is not funded by lobbyists and Super PACs, but instead is funded by more than two million small contributions from ordinary Americans, not the corporate climate deniers, he is the candidate who is best positioned to follow through on his plans. Join me in voting for Bernie Sanders on February 9th.

Bob Perry
Strafford, N.H.

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To the Editor:

As voting for real gets closer and closer it is important that we vote our principles and for someone who can win the general election. I am not a Donald Trump supporter. He is well-educated, has accomplished a lot, negotiates well and talks to many issues that are problems facing America. My concern is his success has been mostly "my way or the highway," and you cannot be successful in either Washington or in world politics with such an approach. He cannot say, as he has done in his apprentice shows, "you're fired" in order to get things done.

We Republicans and independents should look back at Governor Benson. He was/is very bright, very successful and talked to many important issues that needed to be done in our state government. The main reason he was not reelected was because he governed in the my way or the highway manner. Compromise and understanding of your opponents views are not a weakness. It is in fact a strength that allows for success.

I have my own choice to be the GOP candidate and it is certainly not Mr. Trump. If you are leaning towards Mr. Trump. I suggest you think beyond the sizzle and look for the candidate



with substance whom you can support.

Gene Schneider
Atkinson, N.H.

Disclaimer: This letter to the editor was submitted through the New Hampshire Republican State Committee website. No portion of this letter was altered or changed at any time. All comments are original thoughts from the author not an automatically generated message.

Gene:

Boo! You're trying to take all the fun out of life.

The Editor

Thanks, Obama

To the Editor:

President Obama's gun control performance/proposals inspired some silly responses, including fawning approval and a Kathleen Parker column, contradicted by history, titled: "More guns can't be better than fewer."

President Obama is the best gun salesman ever because his policies don't indicate a real intent to protect innocent people. As President, he has inspired record, or near record, gun sales and background checks annually. Yet, although more Americans own more guns, violent crimes have significantly decreased according to the FBI. With more law abiding people able to better defend themselves, there are fewer crimes; in the past mostly only

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Reflections on Wounded Knee

by William Marvel

One hundred and twenty-five years ago the Indian Wars came to an end just as they had begun a quarter of a millennium before, with a bloodier massacre than any ever attributed to the supposedly savage native tribes. A few hundred Sioux were making their way to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota as the U.S. Army started arresting the leaders of the last pathetic attempt at an uprising. Sitting Bull had been killed in the crack-down, and a sickly, elderly chief known to the whites as Big Foot led the refugees toward what he hoped would be safety at Pine Ridge.

A couple of hundred of the 7th U.S. Cavalry intercepted these ragged wayfarers on December 28, 1890, and proceeded to escort them to the agency. They made camp along Wounded Knee Creek, and early the next morning the horse soldiers surrounded the encampment, demanding everyone's weapons. Most of Big Foot's followers meekly complied, but one resisted, and as cavalrymen wrested his carbine from him the gun discharged. Soldiers immediately riddled the camp with a fusillade of rifle and artillery fire, incidentally kill-

ing and wounding some of their own comrades. When the shooting stopped, a couple of dozen soldiers and more than half the Sioux lay dead, including women and some children. The troopers, their wounded, and the remnants of Big Foot's band continued on to Pine Ridge under threatening skies.

The dead Sioux, and apparently at least a few who were not yet dead, remained where they lay while a blizzard moved in. Two weeks later a detachment of the 7th Cavalry returned to the scene with a photographer in tow, after the sun had melted away most of the storm's residue. Among the scores of bodies they found that of Big Foot himself. He had been suffering from pneumonia and had been shot as well, but his awkward posture suggested that he survived long enough to sit up a little in the snow and lean against it as it grew deeper; someone who drew his last breath in that strained posture might otherwise have fallen back to the ground before rigor mortis set in.

Having the Army's version of the "battle" by telegraph, the editor of a small weekly in Aberdeen, S.D., wrote a hasty editorial dismissing complaints about previous injustices to the Plains tribes and proposing to end that

embarrassing history in one final injustice. Editor L. Frank Baum advocated outright extermination, now that the defenseless survivors had been interned on a few remote reservations.

On its 125th anniversary the story of Wounded Knee provokes abundant reflection on several timely topics. Let us take the last one first. What reaction will L. Frank Baum's utterly inhuman commentary elicit from those insistent exponents of anachronistic virtue who lately demand the renaming of every American street, building, institution, county, or capital named for someone who owned slaves, defended slavery, or failed to denounce it? Must every volume of *The Wizard of Oz* be pulled from the shelves of school or public libraries and burned in the streets? Shall every video recording of the 1939 movie be similarly destroyed? If so, would that include remakes like "The Wiz" — or does that production receive special immunity because its cast included modern reminders of similar injustice, through either the descendants of actual slaves or actors who played one on television?

In addition to the aforementioned bugbear of overindulged suburban sensitivists, how exactly



"Big Foot, Chief of the Bules [sic], taken at the Battle of Wounded Knee"

does the 7th Cavalry's treachery to the compliant members of Big Foot's band reflect on the liberal movement to disarm every citizen except those in authority? After 1877 the Army was no longer fighting battles with organized bodies of Indians, but was acting essentially as a police force, chasing outlaws in the Southwest and guarding against rare instances of civil unrest on the Northern Plains. Wounded Knee amounted to a supreme example of police brutality, demonstrating the fundamental inability of the most heavily armed peacekeepers to maintain much peace in a population from which they isolate themselves.

On a somewhat related point, the massacre emphasized the conflict that must inevitably

ensue when the preservation of cultural identity is carried to an extreme. Had the U.S. government enforced its treaty obligations as vigorously as it administered group punishment for individual Indian violations, the blending of native and immigrant populations might have been accomplished less traumatically and more equitably, with equal portions of accommodation and acceptance on both sides. Instead, like suburban immigrants flooding into rural areas today, settlers on the frontier insisted on bringing all their foreign habits and imposing them on the original inhabitants, with the certain promise of killing the old culture altogether. And they wondered why the natives hated them.

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criminals and terrorists had guns. The real issue isn't the number of guns, but who has the guns. Gang members, terrorists, and other criminals commit the vast majority (90-95 percent) of violent crimes with guns that they mostly get illegally.

President Obama's regulations will, almost exclusively, only

make it harder for law abiding citizens to protect innocent people. The lives potentially saved by President Obama's proposals will be small compared to the number of lives lost because law abiding people cannot protect themselves.

While President Obama has been making it more difficult

for law abiding people to protect themselves, President Obama has been making our country a more dangerous place by increasing the number of violent people who are free in our midst.

President Obama has been releasing thousands of violent illegal alien felons into our country rather than deporting them.

Starting last November he began providing early releases to thousands of convicted felons, including many violent felons, based on new sentencing guidelines (note that many felons plead guilty to lesser crimes to avoid prosecution for their more serious crimes). He insists on bringing more refugees, immigrants, and students

from terrorist countries despite our vetting system's demonstrated failures and inability to exclude terrorists. He doesn't support mandatory minimum sentences for crimes with guns.

For President Obama to convince Americans that he is serious about reducing gun violence, he must attack the source of the

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Watering America's Food Factories

by Jim Hightower

Water scarcity is getting scary, and banning long showers is not even a drop in the solution bucket.

The biggest water sponge by far is food production, and agri-giants continue to pour it on their vast fields like there's no tomorrow. In a May 31 column, Nicholas Kristof of the *New York Times* reports that the Pacific In-

stitute and *National Geographic* have calculated how much water today's industrialized food system sucks up. For example: One little almond: 1 gallon; a single walnut: 5 gallons; a head of lettuce: 12 gallons; a cluster of grapes: 24 gallons.

But wait — America's Big Oil frackers say not to worry, because they can offer a gusher of H₂O to food producers. Believe it or not, they're selling their frack-

ing wastewater to agribusiness for irrigating fruit and vegetable crops.

This is water that ExxonMobil and other drillers mix with a witch's brew of some 750 toxic chemicals before power-blasting it into underground rock formations. The drillers have had to reclaim and store this contaminated water, but — "Eureka!" someone shouted — rather than store it, put it on America's

salads! It's perfectly safe, the always-trustworthy oil industry tells us, because they treat the water to remove all the cancer-causing nasties. But studies have found toxics remaining in some of the "treated" water, and a California science panel found that state regulators have no adequate testing process, nor any controls in place to stop contamination of crops.

Fed up, California Assembly-

man Mike Gatto has introduced a bill to require warning labels on all state produce that has been irrigated with fracking water. This would empower consumers, rather than Big Oil, to decide whether fracking chemicals belong on our families, dinner plates. For more information, contact: www.WaterDefense.org.

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overwhelming majority of gun violence: gangs, drugs, terrorists, and other criminals. But he doesn't attack these; in fact he has increasingly exposed Americans to more violent people.

Despite his protestations, the inescapable conclusion based on his actions is that President Obama's goal is to disarm law abiding Americans, not to save lives.

Don Ewing
Meredith, N.H.

Don:

We suggest you visit this webpage, [crowdpac.com/blog/gun-deaths-a, where you'll find that "... there is a significant correlation ... between a state's political leaning and the number of gun deaths it registers. States with a conservative ideological score ... show significantly higher rates of gun-related deaths than states with liberal scores"](http://crowdpac.com/blog/gun-deaths-a-where-youll-find-that...there-is-a-significant-correlation-between-a-state's-political-leaning-and-the-number-of-gun-deaths-it-registers.States-with-a-conservative-ideological-score-show-significantly-higher-rates-of-gun-related-deaths-than-states-with-liberal-scores....)

The Editor

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### My Security is National Security

To the Editor:

Our government's first priority should always be to provide security for the residents of our country, whether from domestic or foreign threats. It should never put the interests of other countries or allies ahead of the interest of Americans. But what good is that kind of national security protection if it only protects me

from physical threats but cannot ensure that I can find a decent job, get adequate healthcare or care for my family, without depending on welfare. Where is the dignity and respect from my government?

Yes, ISIS is a real threat to some of our allies in the Middle East, but not very much to us living in America. Unless we send our military foolishly into harm's way, or if some Americans are inspired by ISIS to commit violent acts here in our country, the danger to Americans from ISIS is very low, even if it provides the media with breaking news headlines. Pope Francis could have asked this question while visiting our country: Why is it bigger news that someone in our country was inspired to commit a violent act, than the news that almost 100 people die daily from gun-related murders?

We need to elect a president who is wise enough to stay out of foreign conflicts that make our soldiers targets of hatred, while recognizing that many Americans live daily with the insecurity of losing jobs, healthcare or just plain dignity. Our modest safety net often does not provide the security Americans should have. While many keep on repeating the mantra that America is the wealthiest country in the world,

I'd like to know, if we are so rich, why do we have so many poor?

Senator Bernie Sanders would be a President who would reset our national priorities to address the real security needs of our people, and would refuse to get involved in unwise conflicts such as the Iraq or a Syrian War. However, while keeping our country safe with tough laws against terrorism and domestic gun violence, he would focus on many of the issues that could give Americans a real sense of national security. That would be quite a political revolution.

Peter Somssich  
Portsmouth, N.H.

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He Can't Imagine

To the Editor:

People often complain that our government doesn't get things done in Washington. There is a lack of confidence in our government to make a difference for everyday Americans. With the upcoming election, we have the chance to elect someone who will actually get things done. I believe that Hillary Clinton is the only candidate that will be able to push legislation through Congress that will truly benefit Granite Staters and Americans.

Hillary has a proven track record that has shown me that she is the only candidate with the

experience to move our country in the right direction. Her entire career, Hillary has been a fighter making a difference in people's lives. As First Lady, she broke barriers by going to Beijing to make a speech on women's rights, even though members of our government and the Chinese government did not want her to speak. She believed so strongly in fighting for human rights that it didn't matter who was trying to stop her--she knew what was right. When Hillary became Secretary of State, she showed all Americans that she puts her country first. Making the decision to work for a former rival couldn't have been an easy decision, but she did it because she loves our country, and put our country before her own personal needs.

Hillary has rolled out so many comprehensive plans on important issues — from the environment to Alzheimer's disease, Hillary really has shown us that she is going to fight for all Americans. I can't imagine anyone more qualified, or more driven to make progress in Washington DC than Hillary Clinton.

George McPeck
Barrington N.H.

Bernie and the NRA

To the Editor:

In 2005, a bill came up for vote

on the floor of Congress. The bill, entitled the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, now protects firearm manufacturers from being held liable for crimes in which their product was used. Hillary Clinton and then-Senator Obama voted against this law. Bernie Sanders did not.

This is not an attack on Bernie; this is simply the fact. When Bernie had the opportunity to vote for common sense gun reform that the majority of Americans support, he voted against them in support of the NRA.

Hillary Clinton has stood up against the gun lobby, and will continue to do so as our President. We need a President who can, and will, continue to work to implement gun reforms that will make our country safer.

Ninety Americans are killed each day by guns. 33,000 died last year. It's as if the entire population of Dover was wiped out.

Our next president will have a large role to play in curbing this epidemic; Hillary Clinton is exactly the candidate to do so.

Lenore Patton
Hampton, N.H.

Lenore:

If Senator Sanders is such a tool of the NRA, he deserves a higher lifetime rating than the lowly D-minus he got.

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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

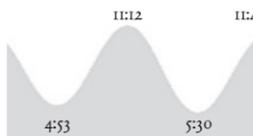
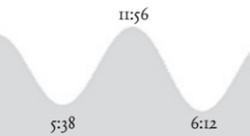
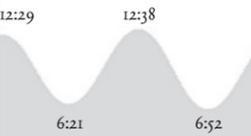
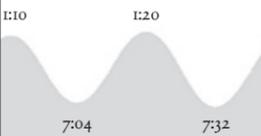
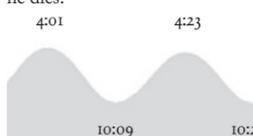
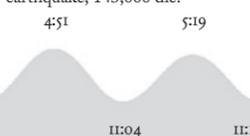
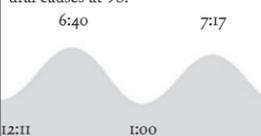
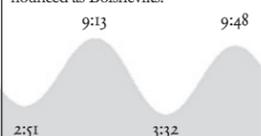
drags about seventeen billion gallons of seawater — enough to fill 2,125,000 tanker trucks — up the river and into Great Bay. This creates a roving hydraulic conflict, as incoming sea and the outgoing river collide. The skirmish line

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.

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<p>2015—The first snow of the winter falls in Portsmouth. Not the last.</p> <p>2001—GOP hack Rich Galen reports (falsely) that outgoing Gore staffers slashed all the power cords in the Office of the Vice President.</p> <p>1999—Joe DiMaggio, watching "Dateline NBC," is disturbed to read in the "crawl" that he has died.</p> <p>1992—Arkansas executes the self-lobotomized Ricky Ray Recker—who asks jailers to save the dessert from his last meal "for later."</p> <p>1978—A Soviet satellite powered by a nuclear reactor crashes on Great Slave Lake in Canada, contaminating 61,000 sq. mi. of ice.</p> <p>1972—"It is with much embarrassment that I have returned alive," says Shoichi Yokoi, a Japanese draftee who had been hiding on Guam since 1944.</p> <p>1965—Winston Churchill dies at 90, having defied Hitler, the odds, and his own doctors.</p> <p>1961—A B-52 breaks up over Goldsboro, N.C., releasing two fully-armed 24 megaton H-bombs. One of four fail-safe devices on one bomb works, preventing detonation. Radioactive bits of the other one remain 180 feet underground.</p> <p>1955—Iwo Jima flag raiser Ira Hamilton Hayes dies of exposure in Sacaton, Ariz. at 32 years of age.</p> <p>1935—The first-ever canned beer [Kreuger] goes on sale in Richmond, Va.</p>	<p>2005—Conservative columnist Maggie Gallagher admits taking \$21,500 from the government for plugging Bush Administration proposals.</p> <p>2004—Senator John McCain confirms to Vermin Supreme that Karl Rove dynamited the Old Man of the Mountain "in a fit of anger" over McCain's defeat of George W. Bush in the 2000 New Hampshire Presidential Primary.</p> <p>2002—Veep Dick "Dick" Cheney asks Sen. Majority Leader Tom Daschle to limit investigations into the events of 9/11.</p> <p>1996—Delaware hangs Billy Bailey by the neck—the last American to be executed that way.</p> <p>1971—Charles Manson and his followers are convicted in the Tate/LaBianca murders.</p> <p>1968—The election of Alexander Dubcek in Czechoslovakia kicks off the "Prague Spring."</p> <p>1966—An SR-71 Blackbird flying at Mach 3.2 disintegrates 78,000 feet above New Mexico, but test pilot Bill Weaver lives to fly again.</p> <p>1927—J. Frank Norris of Fort Worth, a Baptist preacher who fatally shot an unarmed man, is acquitted of murder.</p> <p>1926—In Passaic, N.J. 16,000 textile workers strike.</p> <p>1908—Frederick Remington burns 100 of his paintings, worth millions of dollars. "They will never confront me in the future," he writes.</p>	<p>2006—Joaquin Phoenix is rescued from a rolled car by Werner Herzog.</p> <p>2006—The Energy Dept. admits rent-a-cops at the Oak Ridge nuclear site have cheated on antiterrorism drills for up to twenty years.</p> <p>2005—Gay hustler and accredited White House correspondent Jeff Gannon asks Pres. G.W.[MD] Bush how he can work with insane people like Harry Reid and Hillary Clinton.</p> <p>2005—Federal spending on PR has doubled under George W.[MD] Bush, reports <i>USA Today</i>.</p> <p>2001—Britain's <i>Guardian</i> reports [falsely] that Air Force One was "stripped bare" in "an orgy of pilfering" by outgoing Clinton staffers.</p> <p>1998—The same day the Project for a New American Century sends a letter signed by E. Abrams, J. Bolton, W. Kristol, R. Perle, D. Rumsfeld, & P. Wolfowitz to Bill Clinton urging him to overthrow Saddam Hussein, the Pres. denies having sex with "that woman."</p> <p>1986—The Chernobyl nuclear power plant goes ballistic.</p> <p>1979—Ex-Veep Nelson Rockefeller, 70, alone in his townhouse with 26-year old Megan Marshak, dies of a heart attack. Oddly, his corpse is not discovered until an hour late while workers strike.</p> <p>1785—Benjamin Franklin laments selection of the eagle, rather than the turkey, as a national symbol.</p>	<p>2015—It snows so hard in Portsmouth that mail carriers fail to make their appointed rounds.</p> <p>2008—The NSA warns that a malfunctioning, bus-size spy satellite is going to fall out of orbit soon.</p> <p>2005—Veep Dick "Dick" Cheney wears a down parka and ski cap to an Auschwitz memorial ceremony.</p> <p>2005—<i>Salon</i> reveals that hack writer Michael McManus has been paid \$10,000 to promote Bush programs.</p> <p>2000—"I know how hard it is for you to put food on your family," says George W.[MD] Bush in Nashua.</p> <p>1987—Gorbachev announces the new policy of <i>glasnost</i>.</p> <p>1973—Eleven hours before a cease fire between the U.S. and North Vietnam takes effect, an artillery shell makes Col. William B. Nolde the last official American combat casualty of the Vietnam War.</p> <p>1972—G. Gordon Liddy presents to Attorney General John Mitchell a plan to disrupt the Democratic Convention with "mugging squads, kidnapping teams, and prostitutes."</p> <p>1967—A fire in the <i>Apollo</i> capsule kills three astronauts.</p> <p>1957—Martin Luther King's home is bombed for the second time.</p> <p>1951—The U.S. breaks in a new nuclear weapon test site in Nevada.</p> <p>1944—PNSY launches four Balao-class subs, <i>Razorback</i>, <i>Redfish</i>, <i>Ranquil</i>, and <i>Scabbardfish</i>, in one day. All survive the war.</p>	<p>2008—George W.[MD] Bush delivers his last (!) State of the Union speech, promising a budget that will keep the U.S. "on track for a surplus in 2012."</p> <p>2004—U.S. weapons inspector David Kay tells the Senate pre-war WMD intelligence was "almost all wrong."</p> <p>2003—In his State of the Union Address, George W.[MD] Bush cites misidentified aluminum tubes, non-existent viruses, fictitious alliances, and imaginary uranium as ample justification for his next war.</p> <p>1986—R. Reagan puts off his State of the Union speech because the space shuttle <i>Challenger</i>, launched under adverse conditions, crashed.</p> <p>1969—Unocal drillers using sub-standard pipe cause a 100,000-barrel oil spill off Santa Barbara, creating an 800 square mile oil slick and an environmental movement.</p> <p>1958—In Nebraska, Charles Starkweather, 17, and Carol Fugate, 14, kill their 8th through 10th (out of an eventual 11) victims.</p> <p>1936—Thrill-killer Richard Loeb is murdered by a fellow-prisoner at whom he made a pass. <i>The Chicago Daily News</i> writes that Loeb, "... a master of the English language, today ended a sentence with a proposition."</p> <p>1922—The roof of the Knickerbocker Theatre in Washington, D.C. collapses under thirty inches of snow, killing 98 and injuring 133.</p>	<p>2002—George W.[MD] Bush calls Sen. Majority Leader Tom Daschle and also asks him to limit Congressional investigations into 9/11.</p> <p>2001—"I am mindful not only of preserving executive powers for myself," says George W.[MD] Bush, "but for predecessors as well."</p> <p>2000—Campaigning for president in Concord, N.H., George W.[MD] Bush asks, "Will the highways on the Internet become more few?"</p> <p>1967—LBJ's pal Bobby Baker is convicted of income tax evasion, theft, and conspiracy to defraud.</p> <p>1964—<i>Dr. Strangelove</i> premieres.</p> <p>1925—The <i>S-48</i>, enroute to the Shipyard, grounds itself off Jafrey's Point, then again in Little Harbor.</p> <p>1916—Zeppelins bomb Paris.</p> <p>1912—Anna LoPizzo, 34, is killed by a shot through the heart during the Bread & Roses strike in Lawrence, Mass. A cop probably did it, but anarchists were blamed.</p> <p>1863—U.S. Army troops and Shoshone Indians clash at the Bear River in Utah. After the Shoshone run out of ammo, the massacre and rapings begin.</p> <p>1856—An attack on Seattle by 1,000 Nisqually and Yakama Indians is repulsed by cannon fire from ships in the harbor.</p> <p>1834—Workers on the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal go on strike. President Jackson begins a tradition by siccing Federal troops on them.</p>	<p>2005—A U.S. official reports that \$9,000,000,000 is ... well ... sort of ... missing in Iraq.</p> <p>2004—Arwin Meiwes, the Rotenburg Cannibal, gets 8 1/2 years for manslaughter. After he is incarcerated, he becomes a vegetarian.</p> <p>1981—An FB-111A "Aardvark" based at Pease AFB crashes near homes at Mariner's Village, about 1.25 miles northwest of Market Square. One apartment building is destroyed, no one is injured.</p> <p>1976—The Supreme Court decides that limiting campaign contributions would unfairly restrict the speech of rich people.</p> <p>1968—Two hundred U.S. colonels in the U.S. MACV staff attend a pool party in Saigon. "Not one ... knew Tet was coming" the next day, an analyst said later.</p> <p>1945—A Soviet sub sinks the <i>MV Wilhelm Gustloff</i>; some 9,400 drown, mostly civilians, half children.</p> <p>1835—Richard Lawrence pulls two pistols on President Andy Jackson, but they both misfire.</p> <p>1798—Rep. Matthew Lyon insults Rep. Roger Griswold on the House floor. Griswold calls Lyon a coward. Lyon spits in Griswold's face.</p> <p>1661—Oliver Cromwell, dead for two years, is posthumously executed and decapitated. His head goes unburied for 300 years.</p> <p>1649—Cromwell and his Roundheads decapitate King Charles I.</p>
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 31	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6
<p>2007—Reacting to 18 harmless gadgets showing an LED-illuminated cartoon figure, Boston transit authorities close I-93 and two bridges.</p> <p>2003—At the White House, George W.[MD] Bush tells Tony Blair he's going to invade Iraq with or without WMDs, and diplomacy will have to fit around the military strategy.</p> <p>1971—In Detroit, Vietnam Veterans Against the War testify <i>ad hoc</i> against U.S. policies in Vietnam. Few in power listen.</p> <p>1968—From the Delta to the DMZ, the Tet Offensive begins. Gen. Westmoreland doesn't get it, but the U.S. public does.</p> <p>1963—"The war in Vietnam is going well and will succeed," says Robert Strange McNamara, U.S. Secretary of Defense.</p> <p>1958—In North Africa, a B-47 crashes on takeoff and burns for seven hours. Luckily the armed nuke on board doesn't go off.</p> <p>1950—Truman orders the construction of the first H-bomb.</p> <p>1945—The U.S. Army executes Pvt. Eddie Slovik for desertion.</p> <p>1915—Germany becomes the first civilized nation to employ poison gas in warfare.</p> <p>1900—William Goebel is sworn in as Governor of Kentucky a day after being shot. Three days later he dies.</p>	<p>2005—Canada OK's same-sex marriage; world does not end.</p> <p>2004—Janet Jackson bares a nipple on TV; world nearly ends.</p> <p>2003—The space shuttle <i>Columbia</i> disintegrates over Texas.</p> <p>1974—Richard Nixon meets for twenty minutes with the Reverend Sun Myung Moon.</p> <p>1968—In Saigon, AP photographer and former Marine Eddie Adams snaps the anti-Iwo Jima Flag Raising photo of the Vietnam War: General Nguyen Ngoc Loan shooting VC Captain Nguyen Van Lem, whose hands are tied, in the head.</p> <p>1964—Filthy-minded Governor of Indiana Matthew E. Welsh declares The Kingmen's song "Louie Louie," which everyone else finds incomprehensible, to be obscene.</p> <p>1963—Fleetwood Linley, the last living person to have looked upon the face of the dead Abraham Lincoln, dies at the age of 75.</p> <p>1960—Civil rights sit-ins begin at Woolworth's in Greensboro, N.C.</p> <p>1951—An inevitable confluence: the first television broadcast of an atomic explosion.</p> <p>1926—Col. Billy Mitchell, the lone U.S. military officer who understands the potential of aircraft in warfare, is court-martialed for criticizing his "superiors."</p> <p>1923—In Japan, most of Tokyo and all of Yokohama are destroyed by an earthquake; 143,000 die.</p>	<p>2013—America's favorite sniper is shot at a shooting range.</p> <p>2004—George W.[MD] Bush reluctantly OK's an investigation of intelligence failures.</p> <p>1972—In Dublin, Irish Catholics, irate over "Bloody Sunday," burn the British Embassy.</p> <p>1970—Capt. Gary Faust bails out after his F-106 goes into a spin over Montana. The pilotless plane straightens out and lands in a cornfield. It's later returned to service.</p> <p>1966—Australians burn their conscription papers in Sydney.</p> <p>1956—American troops, 350 of them, are assigned to "reclaim U.S. military equipment in Vietnam."</p> <p>1952—Winnie Ruth Judd, the "trunk murderer," escapes from Arizona State Insane Hospital. For the 5th time.</p> <p>1912—Steeplejack Frederick R. Law successfully parachutes from the Statue of Liberty's torch.</p> <p>1893—The first close-up in motion picture history is shot at the Edison studio in West Orange, N.J., immortalizing a sneeze.</p> <p>1882—James Joyce is born.</p> <p>1870—The "Cardiff Giant," hyped for months as a petrified, ten-foot-tall human, is revealed to be a tobacco-stick hoax.</p> <p>1848—The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo legalizes America's seizure of half of Mexico.</p>	<p>2012—"Today is the day that in 1924 Woodrow Wilson died, that son of a bitch," says Glenn Beck, "and I'm happy."</p> <p>2006—Donald Rumsfeld likens Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez to Adolph Hitler, inspiring Venezuela's VP to compare the U.S. with the Third Reich.</p> <p>1959—In Iowa, a plane crash kills Buddy Holly, "The Big Bopper," and Richie Valens.</p> <p>1956—In Memphis, the Sun studio simultaneously records Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Johnny Cash.</p> <p>1953—J. Fred Muggs, a bad-tempered chimpanzee from Cameroon, becomes the first non-human primate to appear regularly on TV.</p> <p>1943—Four U.S. Navy chaplains aboard the U.S. Army transport <i>Dorchester</i> drown after giving their life jackets to others.</p> <p>1931—Arkansas' state legislature votes to pray for the soul of H.L. Mencken after he calls the state "the apex of moronia."</p> <p>1916—In Zurich, Hugo Ball opens Café Voltaire, hotbed of dadaism.</p> <p>1811—Future newspaperman and eccentric Horace Greeley is born on a farm in Amherst, N.H.</p> <p>1793—Shot in the face and bayoneted 13 times by the British at Lexington 17 years before, Samuel Whittemore, a farmer, dies of natural causes at 98.</p>	<p>1996—After a sixth sexual encounter, B. Clinton and M. Lewinsky have an actual conversation.</p> <p>1976—Lockheed Aircraft admits paying \$22 million in bribes to sell its product.</p> <p>1974—William Randolph Hearst's granddaughter Patty, 19, is kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army.</p> <p>1968—A considerable chunk of Cholón, the Chinese sector of Saigon, is declared a free-fire zone. The South Vietnamese Air Force bombs its own capitol using U.S.-supplied Douglas Skyraiders.</p> <p>1968—Neal Cassady, ur-beat, dies alongside railroad tracks in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.</p> <p>1929—In New York, John Giola dances the Charleston for 22 hours and 30 minutes.</p> <p>1913—Rosa Parks is born in Tuskegee, Ala.</p> <p>1912—Franz Reichelt, an Austrian tailor, tests his experimental parachute/overcoat from the Eiffel Tower. It is fatally flawed.</p> <p>1899—Philippine revolt against U.S. rule begins.</p> <p>1894—Adolphe Sax, inventor of the saxophone, dies broke.</p> <p>1869—Birth of Bill Haywood, legendary Wobbly.</p> <p>1861—Delegates from six southern states meet in Montgomery, Ala. to form the Confederate States of America.</p>	<p>2007—Astronaut Lisa Marie Nowak is arrested for attempting to kidnap the girlfriend of another astronaut and for suspected misappropriation of NASA diapers.</p> <p>2005—A man in a pub in Wales vows to cut off his own testicles if Wales beats England in a rugby match. They do. He does.</p> <p>2003—Secretary of State Colin Powell tells the UN that Saddam Hussein's Iraq is bristling with WMDs.</p> <p>1992—George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush encounters a supermarket checkout scanner and confesses he is "amazed."</p> <p>1958—The Navy makes its second attempt to launch a Vanguard rocket. Oops.</p> <p>1958—A B-47 bomber collides with a jet fighter near Tybee Island off the coast of Georgia and jettisons an H-bomb. It's still lost.</p> <p>1937—Roosevelt attempts to "pack" the Supreme Court.</p> <p>1934—Birth of Hank Aaron.</p> <p>1918—Stephen W. Thompson becomes the first American pilot to down an enemy aircraft.</p> <p>1914—William Burroughs is born in St. Louis, Mo.</p> <p>1897—Marcel Proust meets critic Jean Lorrain for a pistol duel at 3:00 p.m.—the earliest hour decent people are up and about.</p> <p>1861—Samuel Goodale patents the peep show machine.</p>	<p>2013—At Phantom Fireworks in Seabrook, N.H., Tamerlan Tsarnaev buys fireworks containing 1.5 lbs. of black powder, and gets another 1.5 pounds for free.</p> <p>2003—George W.[MD] Bush tells the American people that Saddam Hussein's Iraq is full of WMDs.</p> <p>1994—U.S. Army Golden Knights parachutist Dana Bowman collides with a partner in mid-air and loses both legs. Nine months later he's back on the team.</p> <p>1978—The northeastern U.S. is clobbered by a huge blizzard; 29 die, 10,000 are homeless.</p> <p>1976—Leonard Peltier is arrested because...because...well, he's just arrested. That's all. Don't ask.</p> <p>1971—New Hampshire's own Alan Shepherd uses a nine iron to whack a golf ball on the moon.</p> <p>1968—The NVA, with 12 Soviet tanks, overrun a Special Forces camp at Lang Vei; of 24 Green Berets at the camp, 21 are killed, captured, or wounded.</p> <p>1933—Highest sea wave (non-tsunami) on record is recorded: 110 feet, during a Pacific typhoon.</p> <p>1919—A misdirected telegram turns a Seattle shipyard strike into a General Strike. Workers control city for a week. Crime drops dramatically. Union bureaucrats intervene to end the strike and maintain their own power. General Strike leaders are denounced as Bolsheviks.</p>
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