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## The Fortnightly Rant

### One-Time Offer, Coming Soon

Monday's caucuses may not have predicted the eventual nominees' names — that's a result Iowa rarely provides — and they were confusing as hell, which is an Iowa staple. They delivered most abundantly, though, in other important areas. To begin with the fundamentally frivolous, Iowa should get an Oscar for election night excitement.

Consider the Democrats one year ago. Hillary Clinton had a forbidding 68 percent in the polls. Bernie Sanders barely registered with seven percent. There was no sign of a contest.

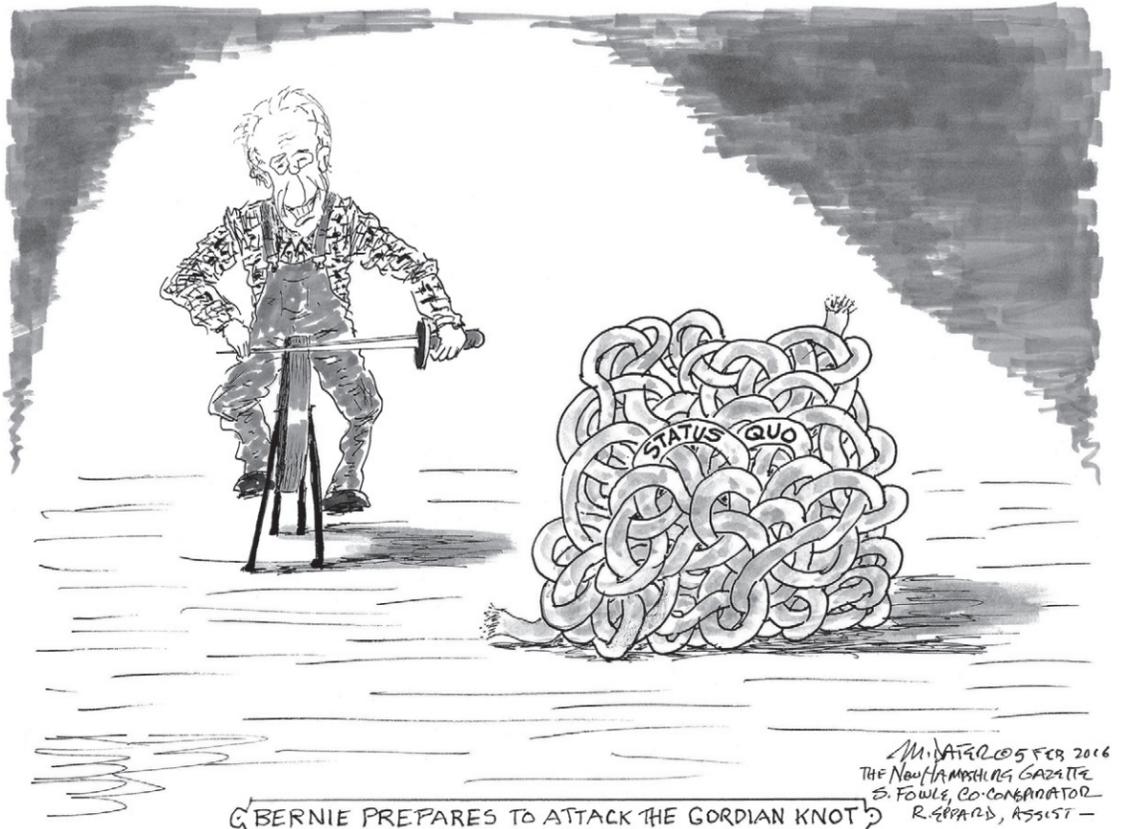
On Monday, though, an almost perfectly-divided Democratic electorate and its arcane procedures made great political theater. That fraction of the populace which bothers to pay attention was at a high level of suspense until well into Tuesday.

In half a dozen Iowa precincts, county convention delegates were won or lost on the basis of a coin toss. All six went to Hillary Clinton. The odds are 64 to one against that happening. Since county conventions are but an intermediary step on the way to the state convention, the tosses "had an extremely small effect on the overall outcome," according to the *Des Moines Register*. Early on Tuesday, though, before Des Moines' Precinct 42 finally reported, it looked like the Democrats might have to call on Dr. Ben Carson to bisect a delegate.

The entertainment was equally robust on the Republican side, but of an entirely different — in fact an opposite — style. This contest was Hobbsian: nasty, brutish, and short. Republicans showed a sudden, unprecedented, and totally unexpected enthusiasm for the nation's most convoluted voting process. The turnout was a 50 percent increase over the previous record, set in 2012. In fact, it was huuge.

Conventional wisdom had predicted that a large turnout would benefit famed New York performance artist and multiple bankruptcy-filer Donald "The Donald" Trump. In the allegedly real world, Ted Cruz, whose poll numbers had faded slightly in the final three weeks, took an early lead and kept it. Trump, whose poll numbers had him ahead and rising, barely edged out Marco Rubio for second place. Predictably, a sigh of gratitude was heard from coast to coast. In New York, the front page of the *Daily News* featured Trump's clown-painted face with the headline, "Dead Clown Walking."

Trump gave a gracious concession speech, which, coming from him was as bizarre as if he had donned sackcloth and poured ashes on his head. By mid-day Tuesday, though, he had begun to regain his composure, petulantly tweeting, "I don't believe I have been given any credit by the voters for self funding my campaign...."



BERNIE PREPARES TO ATTACK THE GORDIAN KNOT

For his part, Cruz, self-importance dialed up to 11, opened his victory speech as if he were in St. Paul's Cathedral: "To God be the glory." The rest of his remarks were best summed up by the twitter feed of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea: "In 6 hour victory speech, bulbous imbecile Ted Cruise [*sic*] thanks Fox News for their insidious misinformation campaign against his enemies."

Rubio, who came in third with 23.1 percent of the vote, is being touted as the Establishment's potential savior. That seems both optimistic and premature. Trump

and Cruz, the anti-establishment barn-burners, split 2.25 times his votes between them.

Most of the candidates, Democratic and Republican, immediately hastened to New Hampshire. Carson went back home to Florida to pick up a change of clothes, Iowa being apparently bereft of such things as laundries and haberdasheries.

Back to his old self, Trump accused Cruz on Wednesday of stealing the Iowa election. He demanded a do-over, which he will not get. Here comes the independent candidacy.

Nate Cohn of the *New York*

*Times* wrote Tuesday that "a virtual tie in Iowa is an acceptable, if not ideal, result for Mrs. Clinton and an ominous one for Mr. Sanders [since he] failed to win a state tailor-made to his strengths."

That is one way to look at it. It may make more sense, though, to say Iowa was ominous for the other candidate, since her middle name once was "Inevitable." Neither side of the partisan divide cares for the status quo; both sides have candidates running against it. One of them is actually making sense. That's an advantage, however slight.

## The Alleged News®

### Zika Fever, Mutant Mosquitoes, and Frank Guinta

Stephen Hawking, the brilliant, computer-voiced cosmologist, recently warned mankind that, "Although the chance of a disaster to planet Earth in a given year may be quite low, it adds up over time, and becomes a near certainty in the next thousand or ten thousand years. By that time we should have spread out into space, and to other stars, so a disaster on Earth would not mean the end of the human race. However, we will not establish self-sustaining colonies in space for at least the next hundred years, so we have to be very careful in this period."

Hawking's warning may have come too late, judging from a global public health emergency announced on Monday by the World Health Organization [WHO], immediately after a hastily-called emergency meeting in Geneva.

Zika fever, a flu-like disease which was formerly thought to be relatively innocuous, is now "spreading explosively," the WHO said. What had been "a mild threat," is now one "of

alarming proportions," suspected of having caused a hundred-fold increase in cases of microcephaly in babies born in Brazil.

The virus in question was first detected in the Zika Forest of Uganda in 1947. Until 2014, it had only been found in Africa and Southeast Asia. That year it turned up on remote Rapa Nui, or Easter Island, 2,182 miles west of Chile, its first appearance in the Western Hemisphere. Just one year later, in May, 2015, Zika first appeared in Brazil. It quickly spread — about 1.5 million cases of Zika so far, and about 3,700 cases of microcephaly.

As it happens, Brazil is where, in 2011, the Oxitec corporation released its genetically modified male OX513A-brand mosquitoes in a test to determine whether it could be used to stop the spread of dengue fever.

Oxitec inserts a gene into the DNA of the mosquitoes which makes them dependent on tetracycline for survival. They are fed the antibiotic in breeding laboratories, then released into the wild.

Mating with normal mosquitoes, they pass on their tetracycline dependency. Since their offspring are not fed tetracycline, they die.

That's the theory, at least. Out in the real world, tetracycline is often used "for agricultural purposes," including as an "antibiotic growth promoter" on pig farms.

Fortunately the test sites were hundreds of miles from Recife, the epicenter of the microcephaly epidemic. What could possibly go wrong?

#### Welcome to the Hen House

Rep. Frank Guinta [R-ManchVegas] told WMUR last week that he'd finally paid back the \$355,000 loan from his parents that he'd illegally used to get elected back in 2009.

He paid them back by draining his campaign account. That must have been some fundraising pitch: "Hello, my good friend. Could you spare a few thousand? I've got to pay my parents back or I'll have to go to jail instead of Congress." Wonder if he did it in a W.C. Fields voice?

He's running for reelection this

year, and he'll need to survive a primary to do it. That's going to take a lot of money, and he's down to about \$12,000. You have to wonder — are there that many people in New Hampshire with surplus money who also were born yesterday?

According to Fergus Cullen, former Chair of the state GOP, Guinta is paying \$5,000 a month to the Washington law firm of Foley & Lardner "to postpone indictment for tax fraud."

Say what you will about Guinta's ethics, his brazenness is epic. Despite having signed an FEC document last year admitting to his own wrongdoing, he still denies he did anything wrong.

On Monday evening, when WMUR's John DiStaso tweeted that Guinta would be named to the House Budget Committee, we made a note: "Is this a gag?"

DiStaso is a bit straitlaced to be making satirical jokes about public figures. But would Republicans really have the audacity to put Congress's least-trustworthy man on the Budget Committee?

What a silly question.

On February 2nd, Guinta issued a press release saying, "The House Budget Committee named Congressman Frank Guinta its newest member today, with House Republicans voting unanimously in support." It quoted Chairman Tom Price saying Guinta would help in "putting our fiscal house in order."

Guinta's press release quoted the Congressman, "We'll also be looking at ways to reform the budget process, whose complexity has contributed to a series of crises," which is pretty rich for a man who voted last fall to shut down the government over the phony Planned Parenthood "crisis."

Tuesday morning the *Huffington Post's* Matt Fuller tweeted, "Rep. Frank Guinta just ran away from me, refusing to answer any questions about his FEC violations. 30 seconds of complete silence."

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from page one

**Stop the Chop!**

One pleasant day on a recent weekend, possibly January 30th, Seacoast Helicopters made what we would conservatively guess were about 27,000 flights over Portsmouth. We can't be absolutely certain, but it was somewhere in that ballpark.

Naturally the din reminded us that we ought to be doing something to stave off the inevitable: when summer comes it will be like that every day of the week.

Of course we've been told that resistance is futile: "Nothing can be done," "FAA regulations," "blah blah blah." (We are using

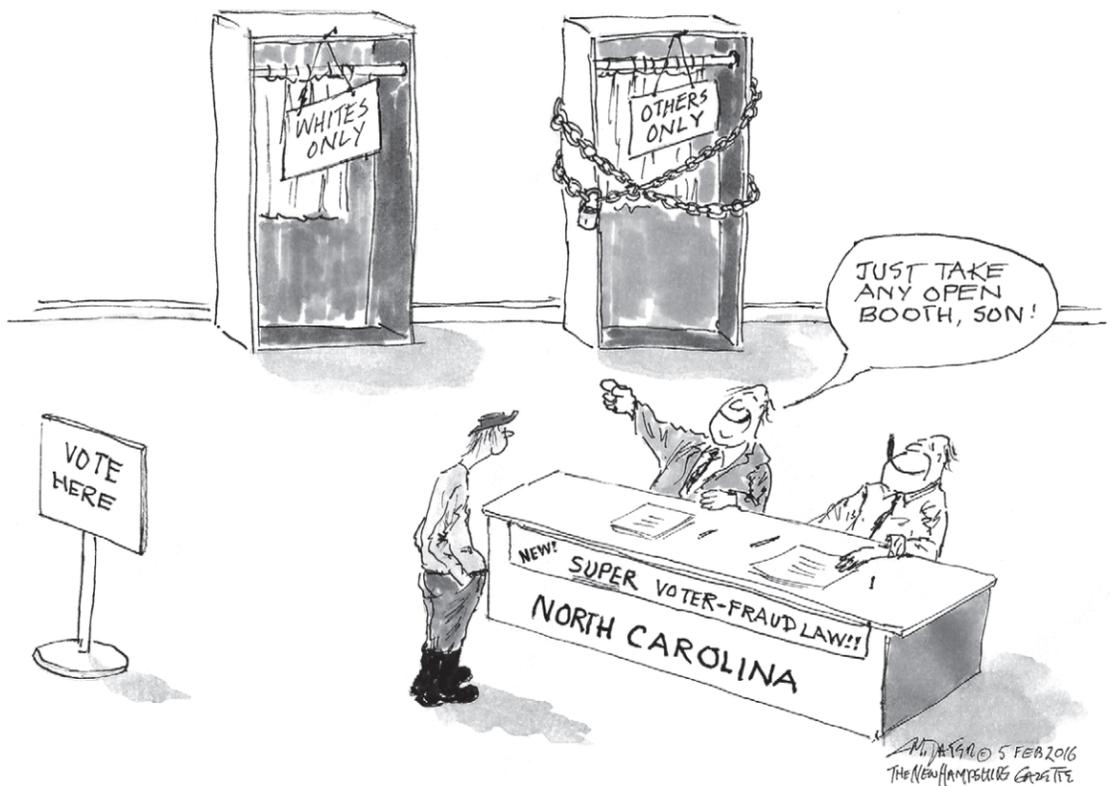
here not the editorial "we," but the "we" of all Portsmouth-area residents who have complained over the past two years about the infernal din created by airborne lawnmowers.)

On January 31st, the *New York Times* — no more inclined towards text-based parody than WMUR's John DiStaso — published an article under the intriguing headline, "Deal Restricts Tourist Helicopter Flights Over New York."

The Gray Lady's Matt A.C. Chaban wrote, "After decades of complaints about noise and air pollution from the tens of thousands of tourist helicopter flights that circle Manhattan each year, New York City announced a deal



The Edmund Tarbell house on Goat Island in New Castle was reduced to a pile of rubble after a fire on January 23rd, but at least its loss was inadvertent. As displaced resident Adam Irish noted, quoting Robert Frost, "So Eden sank to grief/So dawn goes down to day./Nothing gold can stay." The quote is apt since — at least if the 1938 WPA Guide to New Hampshire can be believed — the house was formerly known as the John Pepperell Frost House. According to that socialistic text (one of the infamous boondoggles of the class traitor FDR) the house was "built in 1730 and restored to its original condition" by Tarbell, who bought it in 1905. Said to be the state's wealthiest town, New Castle also enjoys one of the state's lowest property tax rates. You don't get what you don't pay for, though, including serviceable water mains.



on Sunday that would cut their number in half by January 2017."

Furthermore, as of April 1st, tourist helicopters will not fly on Sundays.

They will be banned from flying over certain locations, as well: Governor's Island and Staten Island.

"According to the agreement, tour operators would have to reduce the number of flights by 20 percent by June, and the following month, they would be required to submit monthly reports tracking flight routes, including whether any helicopters stray too close to land. The aircraft are allowed only over the harbor and Hudson River as far north as the George Washington Bridge. A third-party monitor, paid for by the operators, would also conduct field observations."

An article that same day in the *New York Daily News* carried an even more startling factoid concerning the agreement: "The in-

dustry agreed to scale back in the face of **City Council legislation that would have banned tourist flights outright due to complaints about noise.**" [Emphasis added out of sheer editorial astonishment.]

*Politico New York* added yet another angle. "The Helicopter Tourism and Jobs Council was represented by officials working for James Capalino, a top New York City lobbyist who has close ties to the mayor. Capalino is a frequent donor to de Blasio's various campaign accounts and lobbied him in May of 2015 on behalf of the Downtown Manhattan Heliport, according to public records."

This does not sit well with John Dellaportas, president of "Stop the Chop," a community-based opposition group. In an emailed statement, he wrote, "The sweetheart deal, which was negotiated in secret and without any community input, is totally unaccept-

able for addressing the air and noise pollution that the tourist helicopters cause. This so-called compromise actually entrenches the helicopter industry while doing nothing for New York City families, students, parkgoers and workers. We will continue to push for a full ban and expect the City Council to see through this PR ploy for what it is."

**An Old Tale Told Anew**

At the age of 29, Hannah Duston had already seen her share of troubles. She had nine children to tend, along with all the other chores required of a 17th century American colonial woman; and a few years earlier, her younger sister had been hanged for infanticide. Never say things can't get any worse, though.

On March 15, 1697, during King William's War, a band of Abnaki attacked her home in Haverhill, Massachusetts. Hannah, her newborn daughter Mary, and a nurse, Mary Neff, were cap-

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tured and marched off towards Canada.

Six weeks later, on an island at the junction of the Contoocook and Merrimack rivers, in present-day Boscawen, New Hampshire, Hannah apparently reached that point which has become such a popular feature in Hollywood action movies: she'd had enough. With help from Mary and another Anglo captive named Samuel Lennardson, she killed two adult males, two adult females, and half a dozen children. The Anglos then scalped the Abnakis, commandeered their canoe, and set off downriver for Haverhill, where they turned in the scalps for reward money.

It is literally a hair-raising tale, which is probably why it hasn't been made into a Hollywood epic. It's a great topic for a book, though, and Jay Atkinson wrote one: *Massacre on the Merrimack*. The bestselling author will discuss his latest work at Riverrun Bookstore on Tuesday, February 9th, at 6:30 p.m. We expect a packed house.

Atkinson is a novelist, short

story writer, essayist, critic, investigative journalist, and itinerant amateur athlete from Methuen, Mass. He is the author of two novels, a story collection, and five narrative nonfiction books. His nonfiction book, *Ice Time*, was a *Publisher's Weekly* notable book of the year in 2001, and *Legends of Winter Hill* was on the *Boston Globe* bestseller list for several weeks in 2005.

**The Underground Railway in N.H.**

While we're on the topic of new books on old subjects, we recently received a copy of *Slavery & the Underground Railway in New Hampshire*, by Michelle Arnosky Sherburne. Sherburne has been in the newspaper racket for 30 years and is currently on the staff of the Bradford, Vermont weekly *Journal Opinion*, "An Award Winning Independent Newspaper Since 1865." Her book is published by Arcadia, which used to have offices here in town, on State Street. As with all Arcadia's work, this volume is well and profusely illustrated.

Thanks primarily to the work of Valerie Cunningham, Mark



Sammons, and JerriAnne Boggis, whose contributions to the field are amply noted in this volume, the topics of slavery in New Hampshire, and black history in general, are now far more familiar than they were a few years ago. As Valerie has been known to remark, though, we're still really just getting started.

This book is a good step in the right direction. It begins with a discussion of how the state's history of involvement in the slave trade came to vanish in the first place. She cites Eric Lauritsen, who wrote, "The answer can probably be traced back to Jeremy Belknap, founder of the Massachusetts Historical Society and author of New Hampshire's first comprehensive colonial history ... Belknap excluded any mention of New Hampshire's involvement in the trade in this otherwise highly comprehensive work. Subsequent historians of New Hampshire through the

first part of the nineteenth century similarly failed to inventory its involvement, and in so doing, strengthened the foundations for an artificially whitewashed and sanitized account of the state's beginnings."

Sherburne goes in the other direction, providing the reader with a panoramic view of New Hampshire's role in the importation and exploitation of enslaved African people. Portsmouth, as the state's only seaport and consequently the hub of its slave trade, naturally receives considerable attention.

Blacks were present, however, if not common, in most of the state. The variety of their lives is explored in a section titled Being Black in New Hampshire: Contrasting Experiences.

Sherburne tells the story of the Noyes Academy, a short-lived biracial school which abolitionists established in Canaan in 1835. The tale seems both barbaric and prescient.

The heart of the book, naturally, is devoted to that network of people who conspired to break the law to free other enslaved people. Today they are heroes but at the time, to the law and to the wreckers of the Noyes Academy, they were criminals. They took great pains to keep their work clandestine. Finally their stories have been collected and compiled. Considering the relatively narrow scope of the topic, this may be the last, as well as the first book of its kind. No cause for concern; this one does quite nicely.

**Mistah Vigoda — He Dead**

According to *isabevigodadead.com*, Abe Vigoda is dead.



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**What's Wrong With N.H. Voters?**

To the Editor:  
 What is wrong with the voters in New Hampshire? There are two people running for President who are campaigning using the same playbook. Shout louder than your opponents; speak ill of anyone who disagrees with you or endorses an opponent; use catchy phrases that resonate with the fringes of each side of political spectrum while offering little to no plans as to what you'll do or how you'll get it done, realistically. These are the candidates that are winning their respective primaries in New Hampshire.

Whether the phrase is "Make America great again" or "It's time for a political revolution" — both are empty words that come from the mouths of radicals.

Trump has demonized nearly every group in this country that is not like him, a rich white male. His only policy stance of record is to build a "big, beautiful wall" along our southern border and get the Mexican government to pay for it. Ask him a question he doesn't like or question his answer and you'll most likely be met with a barrage of insults. To those who plan to vote for him, I ask that you truly listen to what the man says, better yet, find a copy of his speeches online and read what he says. You'll find he says nothing of substance; it's just a bunch of catchy phrases mashed together to sound strong and patriotic.

Sanders demonizes corporations, for which most us are

employed, as well as wealthy Americans. Since when is being successful a crime in the country? His programs are nothing but pie-in-the-sky that he wants to fund by raising taxes on everyone, not just the rich, as he leads us to believe. His programs call for the Federal government to regulate or control many aspects of commerce, including doing away with private health insurers altogether. I certainly hope he plans to find employment for the tens of thousands of Americans who are currently employed by health insurance companies. To those who plan to vote for him, ask yourself, do you honestly think he could ever get any of his programs passed with a Republican Congress? He's raising no money to help elect Democrats because "they don't deserve it," so a Republican Congress is what he'll have. The answer is obviously no, and Sanders needs to level with the American people and tell them that.

There are qualified people in both parties running for President who offer more than rhetoric and programs that will never see the light of day. I understand the concept of the "protest vote" but in the end, it's our country that is at stake in these elections. Every four years we get to decide who is going to represent our freedom, democracy and capitalism to the people of the world. On February 9th the eyes of world will be on New Hampshire and I urge all that plan to vote to take this seriously. Please ask yourself if you really want to elect a candidate that represent the most extreme views in our country rather than someone who represents the moderate views that the vast majority of us hold.

Michael J. Brady  
 Pelham, N.H.

Michael:

Since you were kind enough to ask, here's how we'd answer: if there's anything wrong with New

*Hampshire voters it's lazy, cramped, and fearful thinking — the kind that swallows the false equivalency peddled daily by the profit-making corporate media.*

To suggest that Trump and Sanders are in any way similar is absurd — unless you're willing to accept as a similarity what is actually a coincidental rejection of ritualistic adherence to some fantasized, non-existent "middle of the road" norm. We are not.

The Editor

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**A Veritable Fount of Bad Advice**

To the Editor:

To solve our problems, we need a President who knows how to reach out to Republicans and Democrats alike. Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton had that ability. Alas, Barack Obama does not. And we need a pragmatic President willing to compromise.

So far, six New Hampshire daily newspapers out of seven have endorsed Governor John Kasich, his record and his appeal to Republicans, Independents and Democrats.

Chairing the House Budget Committee, John Kasich worked with President Clinton to balance the federal budget four years running, repaying \$560 billion of the national debt, or nearly ten percent, in the years 1998-2001. He cooperated with Clinton to reform welfare and the Pentagon.

As Governor of Ohio, John Kasich has worked with the legislature to balance the state budget, converting an \$8 billion deficit into a \$2 billion surplus, cutting taxes \$5 billion. Ohio's economy is roaring, with over 400,000 new jobs, and wages rising faster than the national average. John Kasich brought jobs home from China and Mexico. And he's addressed the needs of those who struggle, the working poor, the mentally ill, the drug addicted, those without insurance.

During his eighteen years in Congress, John Kasich served on

*Mash Notes,* **HATE MAIL**

the Armed Services Committee. He is a national security expert right now, requiring no on-the-job training, unlike the other candidates for President.

Governors make better Presidents than senators. Compare Reagan and Clinton with Obama, as proof. Among the governors in the race, John Kasich's record is by far the best. That is why former Senator John E. Sununu, former Congressman Chuck Douglas and I, among others, have endorsed him.

Gordon Humphrey  
 Chichester, N.H.

Gordon:

*Skipping right past a few dubious assertions and into Kasich's economic record, let's hear from Steve Hoffman, editorial writer at the Akron Beacon Journal.*

*"The Ohio economy has indeed bounced back under Kasich, but that was part of a national recovery over which he had no control. One big driver of Ohio's recovery was the rebound of the domestic auto industry, a crucial economic sector in the state. There, thanks should go to President Obama for his rescue of the domestic auto industry.*

*"Yes, Ohio has recovered all of the jobs lost in the recession, but most other states managed the same thing about a year earlier because of a higher job growth rate. Ohio continued to struggle with an economic transition. What did not prove decisive in stimulating job growth was Kasich's policy of income tax cuts."*

*Then there's his stint as a managing director for Lehman Brothers. According to the admittedly partisan American Bridge, "During his 2010 campaign for governor, it was revealed that Kasich used his influence with Ohio's public pension funds to open doors for the sale of Lehman products. Kasich denied his influence resulted in the pensions' purchases, which lost between*

*\$220 million and \$480 million on subprime Lehman investments in 2008. That same year, Kasich earned nearly \$1.4 million from his work at Lehman Brothers."*

*Kasich failed to get 2 percent of the vote in Iowa. Now we get to see if all those newspaper endorsements do him any good here in New Hampshire.*

The Editor

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**That Weird Screech**

To the Editor:

One evening, as I was leaving Breaking New Grounds, I heard emanating from the North Church steeple an odd sound, which I was given to understand by a friend is meant to discourage the presence of birds, of whose absence I was suddenly aware, and wondered if, perhaps, there is afoot a sterilization program about which I am unaware, and, if so, what is to be next? Vinyl trees? So the city is spared nature's messy annual shedding of leaves; all that is useful — pharmacists, cobblers, purveyors of hardware and, most recently, stationers — have left the downtown even as it has concomitantly expanded in block after block of cookie-cutter Lego-block buildings providing accommodations, food and drink, salons and boutiques, with the prospect of an expanded sewage treatment plant that may eliminate just a bit more of what little remains green and natural in this city to process the increased effluent from, and a new parking garage to accommodate the growing numbers of polluting vehicles of those who visit to ingest or imbibe, preen, or shop in plastic Portsmouth. But, then, who needs birds chirping or the rattle of leaves blowing along city streets when there are the dulcimer notes of currency flowing to soothe? The more "desirable" this city becomes, the less and less de-

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# And Other Correspondence

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With exceeding great lament,  
John Simon  
Portsmouth, N.H.

John:

*Thank you for writing. It's always a pleasure to hear from a fellow curmudgeon. We, too, prefer pigeons to that weird screech — not to mention those \$%&@#\*@ helicopters.*

The Editor

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## WAAH... Don't Arrest Me!

To the Editor:

As the macho, gun-toting, testosterone-addled cowboys who took over the wildlife refuge in Oregon call it quits, their pitiful whine can be heard all the way to Florida: "Waaahhh...but we don't wanna get arrested..."

So much for the rugged-individualists and badass proponents of personal responsibility.

Let's see what happens as their armed insurrection winds down. How will the system treat the militant bullyboys?

Will they get pepper-sprayed in the face as did the college students peacefully sitting in a driveway at UC Davis during Occupy protests, or shot in the head with a police projectile as did Veterans For Peace member Scott Olson in Oakland?

Will they get two months in jail like Ed Kinane for stepping across a line at the School of the Americas; or six months in jail like grandmother Mary Anne Grady, for taking pictures of demonstrators outside the Reaper drone base in upstate New York; or a \$20,000 fine like Kathy Kelly's peace group, for taking medicine to people in Iraq before we invaded their country in 2003; or 10 years in prison for speaking out against the madness of World War One, like Gene Debs?

Will they be clubbed in the head, set on by German shepherds, slammed up against light poles by fire hoses like the kids demonstrating for civil rights in Alabama, or killed by vigilante executioners and buried in a dike for registering voters?

If they go to jail, will they conduct a peaceful hunger strike and endure force-feeding like Alice Paul and Rose Winslow did for demanding women get the right to vote?

If they are arrested, chances are very good that nothing like the above will happen to any of the massively-armed, good 'ol boys in Oregon who would be the first to tell you they were only making a statement of conscience against government gone amuck.

But when the students at UC Davis, or Kathy Kelly, or Ed Kinane, or Gene Debs, or the civil rights protesters, or the suffragists, all unarmed and committed to nonviolence, conducted their protests they did so with the understanding they may well suffer serious bodily harm and at the very least be arrested and sentenced.

They treated the police, the prosecutors and the judges with utmost respect. They did not plead to lesser charges but underwent trials in hopes of educating more people about the evils against which they fought.

So let's see how the Rambo wannabes of Eastern Oregon handle themselves. Seems they could use a few lessons in toughness from nonviolent peace and justice activists.

Mike Ferner  
Toledo, Ohio  
*[Mike Ferner served as a hospital corpsman during the Viet Nam war. In 2006 he participated in a five-week, water-only fast with Kathy Kelly and Ed Kinane to protest the war in Iraq and was also convicted of two felonies for painting "Troops Out Now" on a highway overpass,*

*which cost him two months house arrest and \$5,000.]*

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## Sununu's Quibble

To the Editor:

Back when Ike was a West Point man and the 50's were current events a number of Cadets were dismissed for violating the Honor Code. They did not lie, neither did they cheat or steal — they merely "quibbled." Quibble: To make exaggerated distinctions or raise objections to the unimportant details of a thing in order to avoid acknowledging its worth or importance. What a fantastic word.

Example: Chris Sununu explaining how he would have supported health services for women except that he objected to the typeface Planned Parenthood chose to use in its brochure describing services for ovarian, cervical, or breast cancer screening, or HIV testing. See also: related topics of sarcasm, verbal farce, and gutless pandering.

And, when it's time to vote for Governor remember — Chris Sununu is pro-choice: he's for Chris Sununu every time.

Larry Brown  
Milton, N.H.

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## Clinton: Too Little, Too Late

To the Editor:

Hillary claims to support family issues and she may be sincere, but beneath that matronly veneer lurks a contradictory devotion to power, Wall Street, big money, and elite privilege. Indeed, on close inspection, her campaign offers little more than a continuation of Middle-East meddling plus a list of concessions designed to make Wall Street's abuse of Main Street only slightly more palatable. Unfortunately, America's middle class is "down in the ninth" and we need a long ball driven hard into deep left to survive the crisis. A sacrificial bunt from Hillary Clinton won't do the job.

Think back to Bill Clinton's troubled legacy — saying one thing, doing another, looking wolfishly sheepish, and biting his lip. He campaigned as FDR incarnate, only to kill Glass-Steagall and turn Wall Street loose to savage the middle class. Then, for an encore, he gave us NAFTA, breaching a dam that sent millions of middle-class manufacturing jobs overseas. And now comes Hillary, hand-in-hand with Wall Street's Michael Froman, locked and loaded to drop the TPP in our lap. Ouch! Why is a Clinton race always a race to the bottom?

I'd like to vote for Hillary and some say she's earned it, but I can't. Instead, I'm supporting Bernie Sanders, a far more inspirational leader with a solid forty-year record of honest service. It may not be Camelot, but how insanely satisfying it will be to check my ballot without holding my nose! I hope you'll go for the long ball and support him, too.

Rick Littlefield  
Barrington, N.H.

Rick:  
*Count on it.*  
The Editor

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## Kill the Death Penalty

To the Editor:

As so often before, the death penalty is being discussed in Concord, New Hampshire right now. It is time to put an end to the death penalty in our State. Since the 1970's alone, more than 156 American citizens have been exonerated after being placed on death row for crimes they never committed. There is no telling how many innocent individuals have been wrongfully executed. We must make sure this practice ends. Let us join the worldwide movement toward ending the death penalty.

If you agree, please contact your State Senator right away and ask her or him to vote for speedy suspension or abolition of the death



penalty in New Hampshire.

Ilse Andrews  
Exeter, N.H.

Ilse:

*Glad to have this reminder, amidst all the primary hoopla, of an issue that deserves more attention.*

The Editor

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## Shame On U Sununu!

To the Editor:

The Executive Council--it conjures up images of mature, wise and thoughtful individuals. People who make considered judgements based on the collection of information and its analysis to reach the truth.

Then we have the current Republican members of the New Hampshire Executive Council--highly partisan hip shooters who put political philosophy ahead of purposeful thought and practiced due diligence.

Councilor Sununu led the vilification of Planned Parenthood based on bogus information and continues to make a fool of himself by trying to justify his action with another weak reason. Poor Sununu! The mean ladies at Planned Parenthood have insulted him. Where is daddy to help him stand up to these "bullyettes"?

Sununu is willing to short change thousands of New Hampshire women on health care because his feelings have been hurt. Plus he is mad that

Hate Mail, &c.

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# “Daddy” Mason

by William Marvel

Old cemeteries often reveal sad stories, and few of them better represent the lurking uncertainty of 19th-century life than the saga of John and Lizzie Mason. Three gravestones in the Kearsarge Village Cemetery and a misspelled entry in a register of New Hampshire’s Civil War soldiers tell their brief tale. Lizzie died on July 1, 1863, a couple of months short of her 22nd birthday; the stone of their infant son, Harry, stands on one side of hers, suggesting the cause of her death. John, who did not reach the age of 29, lies on the other side of Lizzie. Military records indicate that he joined the army in September of 1864, and succumbed to disease the following winter.

That seemed to encapsulate the history of a family begun in hope and happiness, but quickly extinguished by the morbidity that once kept the human population at sustainable levels. Within a year and a half, the parents and their child disappeared from the face of the earth, leaving nothing but their headstones to testify

that any of them had ever lived — or so I thought, for years.

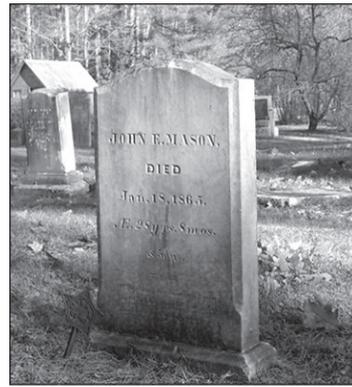
The Masons reminded me once again how closely the members of any community are interconnected, and how much information lies just beneath the surface, waiting to be uncovered by the figurative turning of just one more page. Late one night last week, while trying to determine the financial condition of several thousand Union soldiers who incidentally included John Mason, I discovered to my surprise that someone had applied for a pension based on his service. With those pension records, the story that had been cut so short suddenly blossomed.

On June 11, 1860, Conway’s census marshal found 18-year-old Elizabeth Randall living with her parents in Kearsarge, almost directly opposite the cemetery. Three days later, Reverend Reuben Kimball married her to John Edward Mason, a Bridgton native who was working on the Northern Railroad in Lebanon. They met around 1856, on one of his trips between Bridgton and his railroad job. After their

marriage they boarded with the Randalls, but John continued to work on the railroad, staying at a Lebanon hotel and returning by stagecoach for occasional visits.

Their first son, whose existence I had never previously suspected, was born at the Randall home on June 24, 1861; Dr. Loammi Dame of Bartlett attended. John moved Lizzie and the baby into more private lodgings nearby, and he seems to have found work in town. Lizzie died of puerperal fever immediately after the birth of Harry, her second child; when Harry also died, 12 weeks later, John and the surviving boy returned to live in the Randall household. John was eligible for the draft in the last summer of the war. A one-year enlistment then earned over \$1,000 in bounties — the equivalent of three-years’ wages — so he enlisted. Typhoid fever killed him less than four months later.

Lizzie’s brother, James Randall, took guardianship of his orphaned nephew, collecting \$8 a month from the federal government on the boy’s behalf. The name of that son, Wallace E. Ma-



son, sounded very familiar to me. In my college years I practically lived at the Wallace E. Mason Library. A little more census research confirmed that the two Masons were the same.

Jim Randall raised his ward as one of his own: Wallace’s cousin, Harry Randall, was more of a brother to him. I knew of Harry through my father — who, as a teenager, worked for him at North Conway’s Hotel Randall the year it burned.

Wallace attended Bowdoin, graduating in 1882. He went into teaching, becoming an apostle of John Dewey. When he turned 50 he left a job as superintendent in North Andover, Mass., to take charge of a new normal school in Keene. For nearly three decades

he sat as president of what later became Keene Teachers College, and then Keene State College. After retirement he went to Concord as an 80-year-old freshman legislator, and remained prominent in the state Republican Party until his death in 1944, a week after D-Day.

Except for the library bearing his name, Mason was responsible for most of the buildings at the core of the college when I first saw it. Among those constructed through his efforts were the two dormitories around the quad, Fiske and Huntress Halls. Huntress was rumored to have been KSC’s last all-girl’s dormitory, at the tail-end of that age when parents worried about their daughters’ chastity; the name seemed slyly appropriate even in my day, with a few co-eds still vigorously pursuing an MRS degree. Gathering so many single women in one building seemed downright brilliant to me, and I spent a few nights at Huntress myself, unaware that the man who brought the concept to Keene was a townsman of mine.

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

Governor Hassan and the legislature would not launch an investigation into New Hampshire Planned Parenthood without any justification. This guy wants to be governor!

Shame on you Sununu. Man up, admit you acted irrationally and are now being petulant, petty and political. Put N.H. women’s health ahead of your political pandering and maybe we won’t think you are such a wimp.

Dave Potter  
North Hampton, N.H.

### President Sanders’ Economy

To the Editor:

President Obama has not received nearly enough praise for his seven years of work on the U.S. economy, which was on the brink of a second Great Depression thanks to Jeb Bush’s big brother. Jeb, who has previously claimed that his older sibling kept the country safe during his eight year tenure, which is laughable, recently had the audacity during a debate to suggest that the President is living in an alternate

universe for claiming, during his final State of the Union Address, that our nation is far better off now economically, with all major economic indicators supporting his claim, than it was when he first took office.

Conversely, I have heard Senator Bernie Sanders, on several occasions, offer praise to President Obama regarding the economy but at the same time acknowledge that gross income inequality and an enormous gap in wages are excluding the middle class

from enjoying the fruits of economic prosperity.

The time has arrived for Bernie — who has famously said, “A nation will not survive morally or economically when so few have so much while so many have so little” — to take over the reins and build an economy for all Americans!

Bernie and his progressive economic team, which will include no Wall Streeters, will make the U.S. economy all-inclusive, and not a burden on the backs of

working people, by implementing the following ten solutions:

1. Stop corporations from using offshore tax havens to avoid U.S. taxes
2. Establish a Robin Hood tax on Wall Street speculators.
3. End tax breaks and subsidies for big oil, gas and coal companies.
4. Establish a Progressive State Tax.
5. Tax capital gains and dividends the same as work.
6. Repeal all of the 2001 and

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## The Real Story of Ted Cruz's "Heroic" Daddy

by Jim Hightower

Ready or not, it's time to go Cruzing again!

I realize that it can be frightening to travel through the dark, dangerous corridors of Ted Cruz's mind, making stomach-turning hard right turns that suddenly appear without warning. Yet, we must, for this guy intends to be your president. But buckle-up, for this trip not only

takes us into Ted's mind, but also into the twisting mental curves of his hero, role model, mentor, top advisor, and surrogate campaigner — Rafael Cruz, also known as Daddy.

Ted is campaigning as a truth-teller and an honest fighter for freedom, regularly using his father's life story as a guidepost to his own integrity. The candidate tells and retells the story that his father first told him as a boy —

about how Daddy Cruz had been a courageous rebel leader in Fidel Castro's Cuban revolution in the 1950s. Rafael says he ran guns, threw Molotov cocktails, and even survived arrest and torture in the struggle to bring down the right-wing dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista.

It's a riveting bit of history that thrills Sen. Cruz's audiences and gives emotional power to his political ambition. Indeed Rafael's

Cuban heroics are so inspiring that son Ted features them in his recent campaign book, pointedly titled: "A Time for Truth."

But — Look out! — here's where the high moral road of Rafael's story suddenly washes out, sending his and Ted's integrity spinning off into a deep political ravine. It turns out that practically none of the tales about the father's machismo actions in Cuba actually happened!

Only a handful of real freedom fighters of that time remember Rafael at all, and none of them recall him doing anything more than strutting around and talking big. In fact, he was known as an ojalatero — one who wished the dictator would fall, but was too squeamish to act on it.

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2003 Bush tax breaks for the top two percent.

7. Eliminate the cap on taxable income that goes into the Social Security Trust Fund.

8. Establish a currency manipulation fee on China and other countries.

9. Reduce unnecessary and wasteful spending at the Pentagon.

10. As part of a sane health care system, require Medicare to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices with the pharmaceutical industry.

Wayne H. Merritt  
Dover, N.H.

### Name the Problem, and Solution

To the Editor:  
I am very concerned that the recent *Herald/Fosters* front-page article, "A Rising Tide," on January 19th, about scientists' efforts to press Presidential candidates to respond to sea level rise, neglected to actually name the source of the problem in question. I can understand that scientists, as well as some politicians, don't want to get into laying blame for this impending crisis, but neglecting to mention the source of the disruption of our coasts and climate — the "crisis-which-must-not-be-named," a la Harry Potter — must be causing some confusion and/or apathy toward solutions

among some less partisan readers.

This omission, also seen in previous statements by local initiators of this effort, is particularly glaring in that, if you don't identify and act on the actual source of a problem, you can't really solve it. We are left to simply talk about ultimately futile attempts to reduce the impacts of rising seas as well as "adapt" to a radically different climate and coastal condition. Yes, municipalities and the state will have to plan ahead and take steps to protect our most vulnerable infrastructure, but all this effort will simply fail in coming decades without even greater effort to drastically cut back fossil fuel reliance here and around the world.

To my mind, and with several decades' experience studying and acting on this issue, the one leading Presidential candidate who is not afraid to name the problem and to act boldly on solutions is Bernie Sanders. He has been a key leader on climate action throughout his time in Congress, and he knows that we simply have to leave most carbon-emitting fuels in the ground and move to 100 percent clean energy to have any chance of stemming the tide of climate disruption. The fossil fuel industry and folks on Wall Street won't like his approach, but then they're a big part of the

problem that must be named — and shamed.

I urge all Granite Staters who care about the future of our coasts and our planet to take action and vote for Bernie on February 9th.

Doug Bogen  
Barrington, N.H.

*Doug: Sanders is distinguished by his willingness to confront climate change head-on — the same way he approaches the economy, the high cost of education, our dysfunctional healthcare system, and so on. A rare opportunity awaits.*

The Editor

### Think Big-Vote for Sanders

To the Editor:  
At almost every event where Senator Bernie Sanders speaks, he urges voters to think big and not small. What he is suggesting is that America has stopped dreaming and thinking about big ideas and is settling for small incremental improvements, which never materialize. This leads many to be angry and distrust their government. With the exception of our enormous military power, which easily surpasses all other countries, in almost every other area of quality of life, we have fallen far behind other developed countries.

This is the clear result of voters not demanding that politicians

deliver on promises they make to us, instead of only to their political donors. Whether Democrats or Republicans, all of them promise much, but usually deliver very little. Senator Sanders tells us that we must hold them accountable to us.

This situation did not happen overnight; we allowed it to develop during the last 30 years. Let us think big this election cycle; what have we to lose but the status quo?

However, unless we the voters insist on results (a political revolution), politicians will not deliver. We should not be content with slowly rising hourly wages of \$10 or so over many years, when we need at least \$20/ hour to make a livable wage now, so that 1 earner can provide a decent life for a family. We should demand health care as a right that we all pay for, and that government is obligated to deliver whether directly or using other organizations. We should demand that all qualified students be able to attend public colleges and universities tuition free, as is the case in most European countries. We should demand a high-speed train system like China and Europe already have.

We should demand that the income gap between women and men be equalized by ensur-

ing that no one is penalized for stayed home to raise the family's children. We also need to demand security, not only against ISIS and foreign threats, but also against domestic gun violence, and losing a job and retirement benefits.

Join the political revolution, vote for Bernie Sanders.

Peter Somssich  
Portsmouth, N.H.

### Ewing, Condensed

To the Editor:  
[Note: 291 words worth of Trump-bashing deleted. — The Ed.]

While the Washington establishment warms to Trump and other supposedly anti-establishment candidates, they continue to oppose Ted Cruz because only Cruz exposes their double-dealing and self-interested actions.

Cruz has fought the establishment to fulfill his campaign promises. Only Cruz is committed to ending the special deals for the special interests ... [blab blab blab.]

Ted Cruz is a gentleman ...

Don Ewing  
Meredith, N.H.

Don:  
*Ted Cruz is a what? Enjoy your brief moment of validation — it won't last.*  
The Editor

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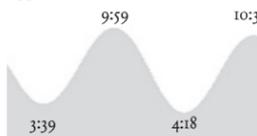
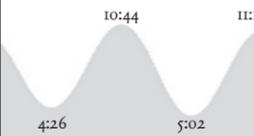
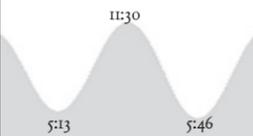
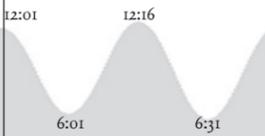
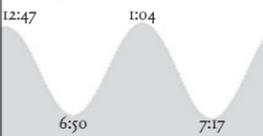
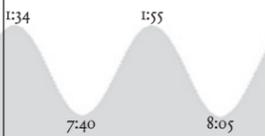
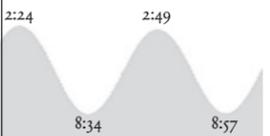
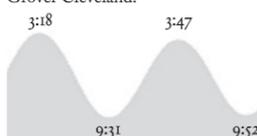
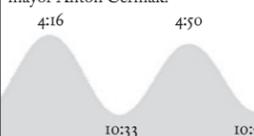
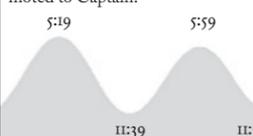
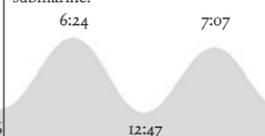
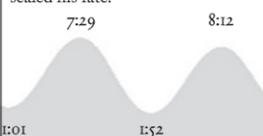
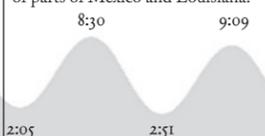
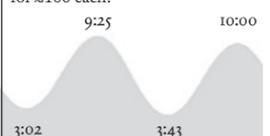
drags about seventeen billion gallons of seawater — enough to fill 2,125,000 tanker trucks — up the river and into Great Bay. This creates a roving hydraulic conflict, as incoming sea and the outgoing river collide. The skirmish line

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

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

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

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

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<p><b>2012</b>—Flavor-of-the-Month Rick Santorum crushes Mitt Romney in Colo., Mich., and Minn.</p> <p><b>1994</b>—British journalist and Conservative member of Parliament Stephen Milligan is found dead of auto-erotic asphyxiation.</p> <p><b>1991</b>—The IRA attacks 10 Downing St. with mortars.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—"It became necessary to destroy [the Vietnamese village of Ben Tre] in order to save it," U.S.A.F. Major Chester Brown tells reporter Peter Arnett.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—VC attack Camp Holloway near Pleiku killing 9 Americans and wounding 137. The U.S. responds by bombing North Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—U.S. recognizes Emperor Bao Dai's government of Vietnam, putting itself at odds with the Soviets and Ho Chi Minh.</p> <p><b>1951</b>—In Korea, Capt. Lewis Millett leads America's last bayonet charge. The anachronistic victory earns him the Medal of Honor.</p> <p><b>1926</b>—First Negro History Week observed.</p> <p><b>1848</b>—<i>Le Représentant du peuple</i>, the first anarchist paper, is begun by Pierre-Joseph Proudhon.</p> <p><b>1821</b>—John Davis becomes first person known to set foot on Antarctica.</p> <p><b>1812</b>—The last, and most destructive, of the three big New Madrid, Mo. earthquakes causes the Mississippi to briefly reverse direction.</p>	<p><b>2001</b>—Knight-Ridder quotes an Air Force official who says "The public was misinformed" about the alleged Democratic looting of Air Force One. "There was no china or anything like that missing."</p> <p><b>1971</b>—Operation Lam Son 719, a U.S.-supported ARVN incursion into Laos, begins. It ends three weeks later, a complete disaster.</p> <p><b>1962</b>—The U.S. Military Assistance Command for Vietnam (MACV) is formed in Saigon.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—The House Un-American Activities Committee recommends putting innocent Japanese-Americans in prison camps.</p> <p><b>1924</b>—Nevada becomes the first state to kill someone in a gas chamber: Gee Jon, a hit man for the Hop Sing Tong.</p> <p><b>1904</b>—The Japanese make a surprise attack on Port Arthur, Manchuria, beginning the Russo-Japanese War.</p> <p><b>1855</b>—A 100 mile stretch of strange tracks called "The Devil's Footprints" appears in England.</p> <p><b>1692</b>—A Salem, Mass. doctor says three teenage girls are under Satan's influence, setting off witch trials.</p> <p><b>1587</b>—For conspiring against Elizabeth I, Mary, Queen of Scots, is executed. It takes the drunken executioner three blows of the ax, after the first of which, Mary is said to have said, "Executioner, achieve your work."</p>	<p><b>2007</b>—A Pentagon report concludes that Douglas Feith's policy office inappropriately manipulated intelligence on Iraq.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—University of N.H. nursing student Maura Murray vanishes in Haverhill, N.H.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—The <i>USS Greenville</i> surfaces under the 191-foot Japanese trawler <i>Ebime Maru</i> off Hawaii, while giving thrill-rides to 16 civilians, half with Texas oil and Bush connections. Nine die.</p> <p><b>1982</b>—George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush denies he ever used the phrase "voodoo economics." Then NBC plays the tape.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—Satchel Paige becomes the first Negro League player inducted into the Hall of Fame.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—The Beatles appear on Ed Sullivan's show.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—"I have here in my hand," says Sen. Joe McCarthy, "the names of 205 men that were known to the Secretary of State as being members of the Communist party and who nevertheless are still working and shaping the policy of the state department." Years later he admits he held a laundry list.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—<i>HMS Venturer</i>, submerged, torpedoes and sinks <i>U-864</i>, also submerged, off Norway's coast.</p> <p><b>1909</b>—First federal legislation prohibiting narcotics (opium).</p> <p><b>1861</b>—Jefferson Davis is elected President of the Confederacy.</p>	<p><b>2009</b>—<i>Iridium 33</i> and <i>Kosmos 2251</i> collide 491 miles above Siberia and turn into two tons of space junk.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—<i>The Washington Post</i> reports an apparent six-month gap in George W.[MD] Bush's Air National Guard service record.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—The Bush Administration touts plastic sheeting and duct tape as a first line of defense.</p> <p><b>1990</b>—Benzene-laden Perrier Water is pulled from the shelves.</p> <p><b>1989</b>—The WWF evades regulation by admitting that wrangling is an exhibition, not a sport.</p> <p><b>1962</b>—U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers is released by the Soviet Union during a spy swap in Berlin.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—<i>HMAS Melbourne</i> hits <i>HMAS Voyager</i>. Cut in half, <i>Voyager</i> sinks and 82 die; the first of two friendly ships sunk by <i>Melbourne</i>.</p> <p><b>1910</b>—Five members of the Bloomsbury group, disguised as Abyssinian royalty, trick Royal Navy officers into giving them a tour of <i>HMS Dreadnaught</i>.</p> <p><b>1897</b>—<i>The New York Times</i> first proclaims it publishes "All the news that's fit to print."</p> <p><b>1775</b>—<i>The New Hampshire Gazette</i> publishes an admonition from the Continental Congress, denouncing gambling and threatening to name recalcitrants.</p> <p><b>1355</b>—In Oxford, England, a town-and-gown dispute over beer leaves 93 dead.</p>	<p><b>2014</b>—An FEC report confirms that Frank Guinta's mother and sister both said he lied about a \$355K campaign contribution.</p> <p><b>2013</b>—KRTV in Great Falls, Mont. announces that "the bodies of the dead are rising from their graves and attacking the living."</p> <p><b>2006</b>—Dick "Dick" Cheney becomes the second sitting Vice President to shoot a man when he "peppers" his pal Harry Whittington in the face.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—"I'd like to thank my family for loving me and taking care of me," says mentally handicapped Johnny Frank Garrett as Texas prepares to poison him, "and the rest of the world can kiss my ass."</p> <p><b>1990</b>—Nelson Mandela is released from prison after 27 years.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—The CIA creates a "Domestic Operations Division." What could possibly go wrong?</p> <p><b>1937</b>—The Great Flint, Mich. Sit-Down Strike ends in victory for the workers.</p> <p><b>1926</b>—The Mexican government nationalizes all church property.</p> <p><b>1919</b>—Emma Goldman is arrested for the crime of telling women about birth control.</p> <p><b>1861</b>—The U.S. House of Representatives unanimously resolves not to interfere with slavery.</p> <p><b>1812</b>—Massachusetts gets "gerrymandered" by Republican governor Elbridge Gerry.</p>	<p><b>2004</b>—<i>USA Today</i> reports that former top Texas Air National Guard officers say files were "cleansed" to protect George W.[MD] Bush.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—In Fallujah, Iraq, a convoy including the U.S. commander Gen. John Abizaid is ambushed.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—NASA lands a satellite on the asteroid Eros.</p> <p><b>1999</b>—N.H. Senators Gregg and Smith notwithstanding, the Senate finds President Clinton not guilty.</p> <p><b>1962</b>—A French patrol in the Sahara happens upon Bill Lancaster, mummified, alongside his biplane, 29 years after his disappearance.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—The U.S. takes over training of the South Vietnamese military.</p> <p><b>1947</b>—Sixty protesters burn draft cards in New York City.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—A mob of thousands in Bisbee, Ariz. herds 1,200 members of the IWW into boxcars to be shipped off and dumped in the New Mexico desert.</p> <p><b>1839</b>—The "Aroostook War" between Maine and New Brunswick begins.</p> <p><b>1831</b>—A solar eclipse inspires slave Nat Turner's rebellion.</p> <p><b>1809</b>—Birth of Abe Lincoln.</p> <p><b>1781</b>—<i>The Vermont Gazette</i> or <i>Green Mountain Post-Boy</i> is begun on the Stephen Daye press, brought to America in 1638.</p> <p><b>1554</b>—Ex-Queen of England Lady Jane Grey, 16, is decapitated by order of her cousin and successor, Queen "Bloody Mary" Tudor, 17.</p>	<p><b>2008</b>—The Senate passes legislation telling the CIA to lay off the waterboarding.</p> <p><b>2007</b>—An Al-Qaeda tape calls George W.[MD] Bush a drunk gambler.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—Former Rumsfeld assistant Ken Adelman predicts the Iraq War will be a "cakewalk."</p> <p><b>1991</b>—A U.S. laser-guided bomb kills some 400 Iraqi civilians in a bunker in Baghdad.</p> <p><b>1981</b>—Two miles of sewer lines in Louisville, Ky., filled with hexane gas from a Purina plant, explode due to a random spark from a car.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—After hitting three spectators with his first two shots at the Bob Hope Classic, VeeP Spiro "Ted" Agnew throws down his clubs and quits in disgust.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—At Ft. Jackson, S.C., five Army soldiers are arrested for praying for peace.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—The National Student Association reveals it has "secretly and indirectly" received over \$3 million from the CIA over 15 years.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—A B-36 flying over the Pacific near Vancouver Island develops engine trouble. An H-bomb aboard, minus its plutonium core, explodes killing 5 crewmen and scattering 45kg of uranium into the atmosphere.</p> <p><b>1946</b>—The day he's honorably discharged, black vet Isaac Woodard is beaten and blinded by white cops in Aiken, S.C.</p>
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<p><b>2004</b>—The White House releases some of George W.[MD] Bush's military records, but they fail to prove he was present for duty.</p> <p><b>1989</b>—The Ayatollah Khomeini puts a fatwa on Salman Rushdie.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—The first American POWs released from North Vietnam arrive at Travis AFB, Calif.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—Nixon's secret taping system is installed in the White House.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—A U.S. bomber crew jettisons a Mark IV nuke off British Columbia before bailing out of their burning B-36. A non-nuclear explosion ensues.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—As the fire-bombing of Dresden enters its second day, 40 off-course U.S. B-17s drop 152 tons of bombs on Prague instead of Dresden. Death toll: 701.</p> <p><b>1929</b>—On St. Valentine's Day in Chicago, a cop asks Frank "Tight Lips" Gusenberg who shot him. "Nobody," he says, then dies.</p> <p><b>1911</b>—Bernard Harden "Bern" Porter, Manhattan Project scientist and Henry Miller's first U.S. publisher, is born in northern Maine.</p> <p><b>1899</b>—Congress OKs voting machines for U.S. elections.</p> <p><b>1884</b>—Typhoid fever kills Teddy Roosevelt's mother. Hours later his wife dies, two days after giving birth.</p> <p><b>1873</b>—Jack Gaffney is hanged for murder in Buffalo, N.Y. by Erie County Sheriff and future president Grover Cleveland.</p>	<p><b>2013</b>—A previously unknown meteor explodes over Chelyabinsk, Russia, injuring 1,500 people.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—In the largest global protest ever, between 10 and 25 million people around the world denounce the coming war in Iraq.</p> <p><b>2000</b>—"We ought to make the pie higher," says G.W.[MD] Bush.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—Nixon tells the Joint Chiefs that the return of our POWs presents "an invaluable opportunity to revise the history of this War."</p> <p><b>1966</b>—News chief Fred Friendly quits because CBS broadcast "I Love Lucy" reruns in place of Senate hearings on the conduct of the Vietnam War.</p> <p><b>1962</b>—"I support Pres. Kennedy to the hilt [in Vietnam]," says Richard Nixon, "I only hope he will step up the build-up..."</p> <p><b>1944</b>—Mistakenly believing it is full of Nazi troops, Allied bombers destroy the 1,415 year-old monastery at Monte Cassino. Fortunately its historic treasures, previously moved to the Vatican by 100 Nazi trucks, are saved.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—Japanese attackers, though outnumbered 2 to 1 by British and Australian defenders, take Singapore. Lt. Gen. Gordon Bennett escapes; his name later becomes synonymous with "running shoes."</p> <p><b>1933</b>—An attempted assassination of FDR results in death of Chicago mayor Anton Cermak.</p>	<p><b>2006</b>—The U.S. Army decommissions its last M.A.S.H. unit.</p> <p><b>1986</b>—"Baby Doc" Duvalier flees Haiti.</p> <p><b>1982</b>—An aide to Nancy Reagan explains that the First Harridan will no longer accept "loaned" threads from big name designers because she "really just got tired of people misinterpreting what she was doing."</p> <p><b>1978</b>—The first computer bulletin board goes on-line, Chicago.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—Draft deferments for grad students end.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—A week after security in Saigon is "tightened," a Viet Cong bomb in an American movie theater kills 3 U.S. soldiers and wounds another 50.</p> <p><b>1962</b>—A two-day anti-nuclear march on Washington begins.</p> <p><b>1959</b>—Fidel Castro becomes Premier of Cuba.</p> <p><b>1916</b>—Emma Goldman is busted for lecturing on birth control.</p> <p><b>1899</b>—Felix Faure, President of France, dies of apoplexy in his office while receiving oral sex.</p> <p><b>1868</b>—"The Jolly Gorks" change their name to "The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks."</p> <p><b>1848</b>—Womens' Rights Convention, Seneca Falls, N.Y.</p> <p><b>1804</b>—U.S. Navy Lt. Stephen Decatur climbs aboard the captured <i>Philadelphia</i> and burns it. He's promoted to Captain.</p>	<p><b>2009</b>—Donald Trump files his fourth petition for bankruptcy.</p> <p><b>2006</b>—Six days after being shot in the face, Harry Whittington, apologizes to the Vice President for "all that [Cheney] had to deal with."</p> <p><b>2003</b>—Covert CIA agents grab Abu Omar in Milan, ruining an Italian surveillance program and leaving evidence that gets 23 of them convicted of kidnapping.</p> <p><b>2000</b>—"I hate the gooks," Sen. John McCain tells reporters. "I will hate them as long as I live."</p> <p><b>1985</b>—Gen. William Westmoreland abandons his libel suit against CBS, which had reported he had covered up VC troop strength.</p> <p><b>1979</b>—China invades Vietnam—again. They never learn.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—Disgruntled Army PFC Robert Preston steals a UH-1 Huey helicopter from Ft. Meade and lands it 150 feet from the White House. After a quick trip back to Ft. Meade he returns to the White House and lands in a hail of bullets.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—The U.S. Army's top enlistment man is indicted for conspiracy to defraud enlisted mens' clubs.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—Armed whites in Detroit attack African-Americans moving into public housing.</p> <p><b>1933</b>—Prohibition ends.</p> <p><b>1864</b>—The <i>U.S.S. Housatonic</i> achieves the distinction of becoming the first ship ever sunk by a submarine.</p>	<p><b>2010</b>—On Fox TV, Glenn Beck modestly calls Thomas Paine "kind of the [Glenn Beck] of his generation."</p> <p><b>2007</b>—<i>The Washington Post</i> reveals the sordid conditions at Walter Reed Army Hospital.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—Ex-FBI Special Agent, devout Catholic, patron of strippers, and exhibitionist Robert Hanssen is arrested for selling U.S. secrets to the U.S.S.R., then to the Russians.</p> <p><b>1999</b>—Sen. Bob Smith declares for President. Hilarity ensues.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—The Chicago 7 are found innocent of conspiring to incite riots, but guilty of crossing state lines to incite riots.</p> <p><b>1962</b>—"We are going to win in Vietnam," says Bobby Kennedy in Saigon. "We will remain here until we do win."</p> <p><b>1952</b>—Four Coast Guardsmen in a 36-foot lifeboat brave 70-knot winds to rescue 32 sailors from the sinking <i>Pendleton</i> off Monomoy Island.</p> <p><b>1943</b>—Anti-Nazi students of "The White Rose" are caught leafletting the University of Munich. Later they're beheaded.</p> <p><b>1930</b>—Elsworth W. Bunce becomes the first man to milk a cow aboard an airplane in flight.</p> <p><b>1916</b>—Having pled guilty to poisoning his wife, in anticipation of a life sentence, Oscar Comery is handed instead by the State of New Hampshire. An underage girlfriend sealed his fate.</p>	<p><b>2009</b>—CNBC's Rick Santelli pitches an anti-Obama fit on TV.</p> <p><b>2007</b>—New Jersey OKs civil unions for homosexual couples.</p> <p><b>2003</b>—Turkey demands \$4 billion to let the Pentagon unload heavy equipment for the Iraq war. The Pentagon balks.</p> <p><b>2000</b>—"I understand small business growth," says George W.[MD] Bush, "I was one."</p> <p><b>1988</b>—Prosecutors in Passaic County, N.J. move to dismiss 1966 murder indictments against Rubin "Hurricane" Carter.</p> <p><b>1986</b>—After due deliberation—37 years—Congress ratifies UN treaty outlawing genocide.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—Antiwar protests are held in 30 cities across the U.S.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—The CIA informs the State and Defense departments that South Vietnam is making little progress against the 'Cong.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—In a Burmese mangrove swamp, several hundred Japanese soldiers are killed by crocodiles.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—FDR puts 120K Americans in concentration camps.</p> <p><b>1912</b>—In Lawrence, Mass., 200 club-wielding police beat 100 women pickets.</p> <p><b>1847</b>—Rescuers reach the leftovers of the Donner Party.</p> <p><b>1807</b>—Ex-VeeP Aaron Burr is arrested in Alabama for treason by plotting to create a new nation out of parts of Mexico and Louisiana.</p>	<p><b>2007</b>—The BBC reports that U.S. plans for attacking Iran include nuclear sites.</p> <p><b>2005</b>—Dr. Hunter S. Thompson takes his leave the way he lived—entirely on his own terms.</p> <p><b>2000</b>—The last original <i>Peanuts</i> comic strip is published.</p> <p><b>1985</b>—Sot Chitalada defends his WBC flyweight title, then loses his \$104,000 purse to a ringside pickpocket.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—At Iwo Jima, Jacklyn "Jack" Lucas, 17, dives on one live grenade and pulls another under him. One goes off, one doesn't. He sets off metal detectors until dying at 80.</p> <p><b>1943</b>—Hollywood film makers say they'll let the Office of War Information censor their movies.</p> <p><b>1939</b>—Fritz Kuhn, a German veteran of WW I and naturalized U.S. citizen, leads 22,000 people in a pro-Nazi rally at Madison Square Garden.</p> <p><b>1862</b>—Abe Lincoln's son Willie dies of typhus at the age of 11.</p> <p><b>1815</b>—Almost two months after the Treaty of Ghent ends the War of 1812, the <i>U.S.S. Constitution</i> captures two British sloops off the coast of Portugal.</p> <p><b>1725</b>—Indian fighters under command of Captain John Lovewell take 10 scalps from sleeping Indians in Wakefield, New Hampshire, which they later redeem in Boston for £100 each.</p>
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