On June 1st, President Barack Obama came out one of the na-
tion’s most intractable problems: the stuff that’s being “broadcast
every day on cable news stations, on rightwing radio [and]
pumped into cars and bars and FWV halls across America.”
In 1941 the FCC, under FDR, 
set up the position of the broadcast-
caster [NAB] over how the air-
waves would be used. In 1928 the Federal Radio Commission, pre-
ceptor of the Federal Com-
munications Commission [FCC] 
sided with the NAB — a classic 
example of regulatory capture. 
In 1941 the FCC, under FDR, 
baldly established the Mayflower 
Doctrine, which prohibited ed-
itorializing was eliminated in favor 
of mere “advances in technol-
ogy,” which initially prompted creation 
of fifty different corporations. 
At the time, the nation’s media 
consisted of the NAB, a single body, 
with both houses in 
Democratic hands, passed legisla-
tion in 1987 codifying the Doc-
trine into law. Reagan vetoed it. 
The Doctrine was dead. The Los 
Angeles Times summed up 
the position of the broadcast-
en, and, by extension, Reagan: “the scarcity of broadcast outlets, 
which initially prompted creation 
of the Fairness Doctrine, no lon-
ger exists. … advances in technol-
ology and the expanding number of 
broadcast stations provide many more 
opportunities for the presen-
tation of diverse viewpoints.” At the time, the nation’s media 
landscape was made up of some 
fifty different corporations. 
Now that number is six. 
Murdock’s News Corp is the 
third-largest. Its Fox News divi-
sion is the second largest 
veterans organization. — the fi nest 
mindset which finds comfort in such things 
that those opinions are almost 
seem to serve is to warn viewers 
that those opinions are almost 
certainly wrong. Over the years, 
his pronouncements have been 
so reliably wrong that collec-
tions of them are now their own 
mini-genre of journalism. Sam-
ple characterizations include “the 
worst man in politics,” “the 
wrongest person in the world,” 
and “a career moron.” 
Kristol’s apparent ineradicabil-
y is one of the petty mysteries of 
the age. His origin story is 
told, short. He acquired his audi-
cence, though, Kristol does. He’s 
quick to point out that “the leader of the resistance could 
never be elected. Consequently, all this year, as we 
beefed about the "right" and 
subsidization by oligarchs. 
It turns out that Murdock’s can-
didacy of a certain New York 
blowhard for Kristol to finally 
get something right: the GOP’s 
presumptive nominee must never 
be elected. Consequently, all this year, we wondered what brilliant politician 
Kristol might have thought of 
the bushes. Seasoned gag-writ-
ers, though, expected a comical 
let-down. Only the latter were 
satisfied when the somewhat-an-
ticipated June 6th [D-Day!] issue 
of The Weekly Standard was pub-
lished. 
In an editorial headlined “The 
United States of Argentina?” 
Kristol feinted with a suggestion 
that “a respected former Senator 
like Judd Gregg” might serve as 
a good third-party candidate, thus 
demonstrating that his error-gen-
erating powers remain undimin-
ished. Then, boldly averting 
that “the leader of the resistance could 
turn out to be someone who hasn’t 
yet held elective office,” Kristol 
proposed David French, an ob-
scure scribbler for the National 
Review, another money-losing 
Right Wing rag.† 

† It’s the pot calling the kettle black: this newspaper makes no profit. we operate on 
subscriptions, fines and advertising rev-
ues, though, not the largesse of oligarchs.

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David withdrew his candidacy. to mock the Frenches. Appalled, news season, promptly began nothing else to do in this slow millenia, however, are the interminable construction timelines. exploring the use of other geometric solids — cubes and rectangular prisms,
ing other men. from using the internet or email-
vid was away, Nancy would refrain by mutual agreement, while Da-
Home and Away.

Since pyramids are now viewed as somewhat passé, many architects are exploring the use of other geometric solids — cubes and rectangular prisms, primarily — as the basis for monumental edifices. Unchanged over the millennia, however, are the time-honored construction timelines.

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pensation Day is the oldest known
as African American Emanci-
mouth Black Heritage Trail will
11:00 to 3:00 p.m., the Ports-
open to the public, for its annual
families, South Church.

The observance of June 19th
as African American Emanci-
pation Day is the oldest known
nationally celebrated event com-
memorating the ending of slavery
in the United States. Although
President Lincoln’s Emancipa-
tion Proclamation, in the fall of
1862, declared that as of January
1, 1863, all slaves in states in re-
bellion against the Union “shall
be then, thenceforward, and for-
ever be free,” it was not until two
years later, June 19th, 1865, that
the enslaved people in Galveston,
Texas got the news that the war
had ended and they were free.

Portsmouth’s Juneteenth Cele-
bration is being titled, "Coming to
the Table: A Journey of Discovery
Between Descendants of Slaves
and Slave Owners." It will fea-
ture a dialogue between Langdon
Marsh, a descendant of slave own-
er John Langdon, and Sheila Reed
Findley, who is a Portsmouth na-
tive and descendant of slaves from
Portsmouth and Berwick, Maine.

"Through honest and open sharing
of personal stories and family his-
tories, presenters will explore the
legacy of racism that is rooted in
history and ways in which we can heal the racial di-
vide through dialogue.

"Coming to the Table" will also
include a visit to the Langdon
Slaves Burying Ground, guided
by Valerie Cunningham. It will
be followed by a pot luck lunch
at South Church, a documentary
film by Portsmouth native Kalim
Armstrong, and a remembrance
celebration with special music at
the African Burying Ground Me-
morial.

The Schedule of Events:
11:00 a.m. — Remembrance
Gathering at Langdon Slaves
Cemetery, 1035 Lafayette Road.
12:30 noon — Pot Luck Lunch
at South Church, 292 State Street.
12:30 p.m. — Documentary
film, Telling the Story of Slavery,
with film Producer Kalim Arm-
strong, at South Church.
1:00 p.m. — Dialogue with de-
sendants of colonial Portsmouth
families, South Church.
3:00 p.m. — Music Jamboree
and Remembrance Celebration,
African Burying Ground Memo-
rinal Park.

Armstrong’s film, Telling the
Story of Slavery, is about a place
that attempts to tackle the legacy
of slavery. The Whitney Planta-
tion in Louisiana. His film is fea-
tured in The New Yorker at www.
newyorker.com/contributors/kalim-armstrong/all.

All Junteenth events are free
and open to the public.

The Portsmouth Black Heri-
tage Trail, founded in 1995, works
to preserve, celebrate and hon-
or the history and culture of the
African-American community in
Portsmouth and the New Hamp-
shire region. With distinctive
bronze plaques that identify the
community from its colonial-era
African Burying Ground to the
modern Civil Rights Movement,
the Trail is proud to have served
as a model across the country,
on what it means to raise public
awareness and appreciation for
a region not known for its Black
history.

The Portsmouth Black Heri-
tage Trail merged with the Ports-
mouth Historical Society in the
summer of 2012 and now part-
ners with the Society to present
programs to the public.

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A Note About Primus Fowle
For about the first thirty years
of its existence, this newspaper
benefited from the unpaid labor,
as pressman, of an enslaved Af-
rican man. History being what it
is, we do not know his true name.
We have only his slave name: Pri-
mus Fowle, that being derived
from his owner, Daniel Fowle.
We believe that Daniel received
Primus as a dowry from his fa-
ther-in-law, Hugh Hall, about the
time of his wedding to Lydia Hall,
in 1751. Hall had owned Primus
since about 1730.

Had Primus remained with
the Langdons, he would likely
have been buried at the Langdon
Slaves Cemetery. Having lived
out his days in the household of
John Melcher, Daniel Fowle’s suc-
cessor and heir, it is probably safe
to assume that Primus is buried
in the African Burying Ground.
In death, then, Primus finally
benefited from the unpaid labor,
lost to history.

Daniel Fowle’s grave is apparently
in a region not known for its Black
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from as far away as Georgia and The Music Hall along with al-
standing of our shared heritage. give a more-deserved standing ova-
inator, Sankofa Tours Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail are to know that this work is ap-
dated on what's next but couldn't wait to say how deeply grateful we
We couldn't have asked for more. New Hampshire's Black history.
Milford, as visual affi  rmations of
Productions, now joins the Afri-
Center for the Humanities in col-
This fi  lm, produced by UNH's
could have hoped for or expected.
Indeed, the community’s enthu-
Leadership Council [DLC]-era policies?
Or, we could ask if it’s wise for the Democratic National Committee (DNC)’s PR woes are really being
called from criticizsm from the Sanders camp or are a result of the party's stale Democratic
we couldn't have asked for more.
our hearts are indeed warmed
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leaders were fast asleep at the
Kingzborough added an opin-
In my opinion, "Kim Jong Un has no
We could even speculate that
enjoyable for Czech Republic, the
in which case, the company could
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"It isn’t the mountains ahead to climb that wear you out; it’s the pebble in your shoe."
—Muhammad Ali (1942-2016)
And Other Correspondence

which product I'm going to pick. Well, there we have it, three slaps to the face and a burlap parachute for the unluckily ones and more of the same coming down the pike.

Charles Fach
Galena, Ill.

Charles—Thank you for this careful- ly-delineated and well-justified condemnation of ad nauseum business-as-usual. As it happens, we're in the market for some faucets. Whatever we buy, it won't be Rob- ert strr— and they'll be made in the U.S.A., if we can find any such things.

The Editor

Hitler's Hat Unearthed?

To the Alleged Editor:

Is there any truth to the rumor that historians have unearthed Hitler's hat that said: “Make Ger- many Great Again”?

As you were,

Frank G. Cotty
Portsmouth, N.H.

Frank:

We have no reason to doubt the veracity of that rumor.

The Editor

Memorial Day, 2016

To the Editor:

I just read your excellent, spot-on (as are all your Fortnightly Rants) remarks at the Portsmouth Memorial Day ceremony. Ever on the alert to want to decrease our budget for military spend- ing and worrying about the word “increasing” in paragraph 16; on whether the word is anything but a synonym for “increasing” in paragraph 16; on whether we have the courage to stand up and admit that our budget for military spend- ing is “increasing” in paragraph 16; and on whether or not our military person- nel. You have taught me much in your short remarks. Thank you!

Inge Ackermann
Amherst, MA

Ayyote: NRA Skill

To the Editor:

Sen. Kelly Ayotte must think the people of New Hampshire are not very smart and that our memories are very short. In a re- cent campaign ad, Sen. Ayotte, with the complicity of a few loyal police chiefs, is now claiming that she actually supported expanded background checks for gun pur- chases. This is a total distortion of the truth.

We all remember that after the massacre of 20 children and 6 staff at the Sandy Hook Elementary School Sen. Manchin (D-W.Va.) and Sen Toomey (R-Pa.) spon- sorred legislation in 2013 to ex- pand background checks. The bill died after falling six votes short of the 60 votes necessary to advance it. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, to maintain her support of the NRA, voted against the Manchin-Toom- ey bill again when Democrats brought it up again last Decem- ber.

What Sen. Ayotte voted for later in 2013, in an effort to cover her tracks, was an NRA support- ed bill, the Protecting Commu- nities and Preserving the Second Amendment Act of 2013. This bill did nothing to expand background checks in any way. Her claim of supporting background checks, as reported in the Huff-ington Post is “misleading at best and straight up wrong at worst.”

Why is it that Sen. Ayotte wants us to now think that she supported expanding background checks when she did not? Is she admitting that her opposition to these bills in 2013 and 2015 was a mistake, but she had to vote that way to keep her NRA sup- port. I am sorry Senator, you own your votes in the Senate and you should have the courage to stand by them or come out honestly and admit that you made a mistake. It appears that you either lack the courage of your convictions, or your votes are simply the will of special interests and you lack con- victions.

It is now time for you to be held accountable for ignoring the will of 90 percent of New Hamp- shire residents who supported ex- panded background checks. Your attempt to mislead New Hamp- shire voters is very shameful and transparent. You should pull this deceptive ad and apologize to the people of New Hampshire.

Rich Diermitra
Portsmouth, N.H.

You Call That a Correction?

To the Editor:

Nice words, that “In Memori- am, By The Numbers,” but they are only that — nice words that, like the well-manicured lawns that hide the dust and bones of the fallen, are just a hypocritical veneer. So let there be some ad- ditions by saying that Ayotte, the member those men and women [except for those who died in the attack on the U.S.S. Liberty] who, while in military service, gave their lives to our country.

“...as a nation we mourn our losses [but not the loss of those who were accorded the Liberty on June 8th, 1967 when Israeli air and sea forces attacked it.]”

“We say we make no dis- tinctions between deaths which were heroic and those which were more prosaic.” [But we did make a distinction that day because the country that owned them, killing 34 and wounding 174, was Israel, and twice it happened that U.S. aircraft were launched and called back.]

These are just some well-need- ed corrections to the Portsmouth’s Central Veterans Council’s ad- dress. But they are not enough to give justice to that heroic crew whose story has never been writ- ten into the school curriculum, who Hollywood, along with the press, has turned their backs on, and who the politicians and high command of the Navy, along with some veterans organizations (thankfully, not all) ignore.

June 8th is never far removed from Memorial Day on the cal- endar, but it is far removed from the celebrations, and phony trib- utes from lesser men and women in the Congress, the executive branch, the media and Holly- wood.

John Dente
Wilmington, Del.

John:

Just so we’re clear, you’re calling the editor a hypocrite? Duly noted.

Perhaps you missed it but our issue of May 21st included the following item on page eight, under the date of June 8th: “1967—Israeli planes and boats attack the unarmed ship ship U.S.S. Liberty with rockets, mar- shine guns, and napalm. Thirty-four sailors are killed and 171 wounded.”

We have run that item every year since 2006, and probably earlier.

If on Memorial Day, the Edi- tor had attempted to catalog every travesty of justice related to military service, he’d die of old age before he was done.

The Editor

More Memorial Day Thoughts

To the Editor:

Like most Americans, I look forward to spending Memorial Day weekend barbecuing with friends and relaxing at the beach. However, I almost daily think about my teammate, just one of the 6,867 service members killed overseas since the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and reflect on what we fought for, the actual existential threat we face as a nation, and the convergence between the two.

America consumes a quarter of the world’s oil produced, the equivalent of 19 million barrels a day, in the form of petroleum products like gasoline, heating oil, and plastics. Every major con- tinent, with the exception of the United States military, has been engaged in for the past twenty-five years, with the excep- tions of Bosnia and Kosovo, has protected this oil-dependent life- style. The 1991 Persian Gulf War to protect then the world’s largest oil reserves located in Saudi Arabia was followed by the 1995 reac- tivation of the Navy’s Fifth Fleet in order to protect the flow of light crude oil through the Persian Gulf’s, Red Sea’s, and Arabian Sea’s choke points. Our service mem- bers remaining in Saudi Arabia after the First Gulf War was a reason Osama Bin Laden gave for the September 11th attacks which resulted in the past fifteen years of war in Afghanistan. Meanwhile, speculation remains that Vice President Dick Cheney’s Energy Task Force’s ten meetings with energy representatives during the Bush Administration’s opening months fueled the 2003 Iraq in- vasion which was the catalyst for today’s Islamic State.

America’s oil dependence has contributed to Saudi Arabia’s wealth and extreme inequality which has led to the rise and Sau- di financing of Wahhabism from Kosovo to India. Twenty-eight pages of the joint congressional inquiry possibly linking the Sau- di government to the 9/11 attacks remain classified, but the Senate recently unanimously passed a bill exposing Saudi Arabia to lawsuits by the families of those killed. Saudi Arabia’s upcoming Initial Public Offering of less than five percent of Aramco, their $2 tril-
Undemocratic Democrats
by William Marvel

F or those of us who are disgust ed with politics as usual, 2016 is threatening to become another of those frustrating election years that are all too common in modern American politics. Both the major political parties have adopted rules that are specifically designed to slant the process in favor of establishment candidates, and one of those parties has succeeded remarkably in that respect. Unfortunately, it’s the party we thought might relieve us from the curse of establishment politicians.

Republicans operate under a mixed primary system of winner-take-all states and states where delegates are distributed proportionally. Their process usually favors big-name candidates from larger, winner-take-all states. That helps explain the persistence this year among Republican candidates from Ohio and Florida, which are the most populous of the winner-take-all states. We are accustomed to Republicans favoring the bigwig, however. Democrats are supposed to be more ... well ... democratic.

They do apply what party officials proudly proclaim to be a proportional primary formula, but it really isn’t quite that way. One of the manipulative aspects of the presumed proportionality of Democratic primaries is the 15-percent threshold for winning any delegates at all. That automatically works to favor anyone beyond the first six candidates, and favors big winners. If there are already fewer than seven candidates, and some of them poll less than 15 percent, their portions of the delegate pool go to the top vote-getters. That may be how Hillary Clinton won Nevada with less than 53 percent of the countywide votes but took more than 57 percent of the pledged, regular delegates, while Sanders saw his 47-percent showing translate into 43 percent of those delegates.

The phony proportionality of the Democratic primaries is aggravated by superdelegates. At last month’s Nevada convention, superdelegates weakened the appearance of Clinton’s relatively narrow margin in that state even further, to 58 percent over 37 percent for Sanders. The remaining 5 percent, though technically uncommitted, are usually counted on Clinton’s credit in media reports, making her slim victory seem overwhelming. That distortion is crucial to winning future primaries.

In 1984 — a great year for political hypocrisy — the Democrats invented superdelegates to increase party control over the primary voters. This year, in New Hampshire, Sanders edged Clinton 60 percent to 37 percent among primary voters, but superdelegates still gave Clinton a majority of the state’s delegates. Democrats proudly proclaim to be proportional, but even in that environment, Sanders has yet quietly expanded from the DNC, allowing lobbyists to once again buy party influence. Sanders is herself well compensated by such lobbyists for her de- scene of payday-loan Shylocks, in opposition to Obama’s efforts to curb predatory lending practices; she is fighting a primary battle right now against one of those grassroots activists, whom she describes as “Shylocks.” Despite her pretensions to neutrality, a politician of Clinton’s stripe naturally supports the ultimate insider, Clinton, and Sanders’ decisions on information access and debate schedules reflect her bias.

A pervasive de-votion to simplistic sensationalism in corporate media also slants the news toward establishment candidates, as the very first primary-season outcome of 2016 illustrated. Clinton entered Iowa causes amid predictions that she was the lopsided favorite, but even in that environment, where it’s so difficult for individual votes to count, Sanders came within a hair’s breadth of beating her. Not a peep was heard in the mainstream media about that near-upset, instead, it was all about Hillary’s “victory.”

The gnomes of the Democratic Party revel in the news outlets’ deceptive graphs of the race for the nomination, which always super-impose Clinton’s overwhelming majority of superdelegates over those of each candidate. That creates the illusion that Sanders was defeated even when he beat Clinton soundly, and that helps her immensely. Too many Americans cast their votes for stupid reasons, and few are more foolish — or more common — than the simple desire to support a winner. It’s an inclination our species acquired in the Stone Age, refined in feudal times, and sanc-tified through sports-team loyalty. That atavistic impulse lends superdelegates their real power.

Schultz is correct when she claims that superdelegates have only a slim chance of deciding a nomination at the convention. What she does not admit is that she is creating an atmosphere of inevitability for machine candidates like Clinton from the very beginning of the primary cycle that will help nominate the Democrat who most closely resembles a Republican, increasing the odds of party victory but depriving Americans of any hope for systemic change.
How Much Does It Cost To Buy A Public University's Integrity?
by Jim Hightower

First came withering shouts of discomfort when the honchos of George Mason University named their law school the “Antonin Scalia School Of Law.” Yes, the acronym for that spelled ASSOL — an honor Scalia might’ve merits, but very embarrassing for the university. Even though administrators quickly changed the name to the Scalia Law School, their embarrassment turned into shame, for it turns out they had sold the nam-
ing rights — to none other than multimillionaire right-wing ext-
remist, Charles Koch! For years, Koch and other mon-
eyed corporatists have quietly pumped millions into a couple of pseudo-academic centers on cam-
pus to promote their laissez-faire ideology. But here was Virginia’s largest public university letting the infamous Koch brother and one other unnamed right-wing-
ner give $30 million in exchange for branding George Mason’s law school — one of the university’s core academic components — with Scalia’s name.

Students and faculty rebelled at the idea that the integrity of their university, supposedly a center of enlightenment and erudition, was to be identified with a judge notorious for veering into racist and homophobic rants, and for being the Supreme Court’s most obsious servant of plutocratic corporate rule. Rebellion turned to fury when it was learned that the right-wingers’ “donation” also required school officials to com-
mit taxpayer money to finance 12 new professorships and two

new centers to promote the Koch brothers’ fantasies of free-market plutocracy.

The university’s president calls this perfidious transaction a single-
ple “naming gift.” But who is he to put the name of the people’s law school up for sale? And why was it allowed as a secret, no-bid process? Koch was not making a gift, he was buying a public asset, includ-
ing the university’s integrity.

[Note: Readers may recall that under then-Dan Innis — who, having failed to gain the

Republican nomination for Con-
gressman from the First District now aspires to serve the people in the State Senate — the University of New Hampshire’s Whittemore School of Business sold its very identi-
ty to a man who helped engineer the financial catastrophe from which we all still suffer. In comparison, we’d say George Mason came out less-sullied. — The Ed.]

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