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The Perils of Hillary

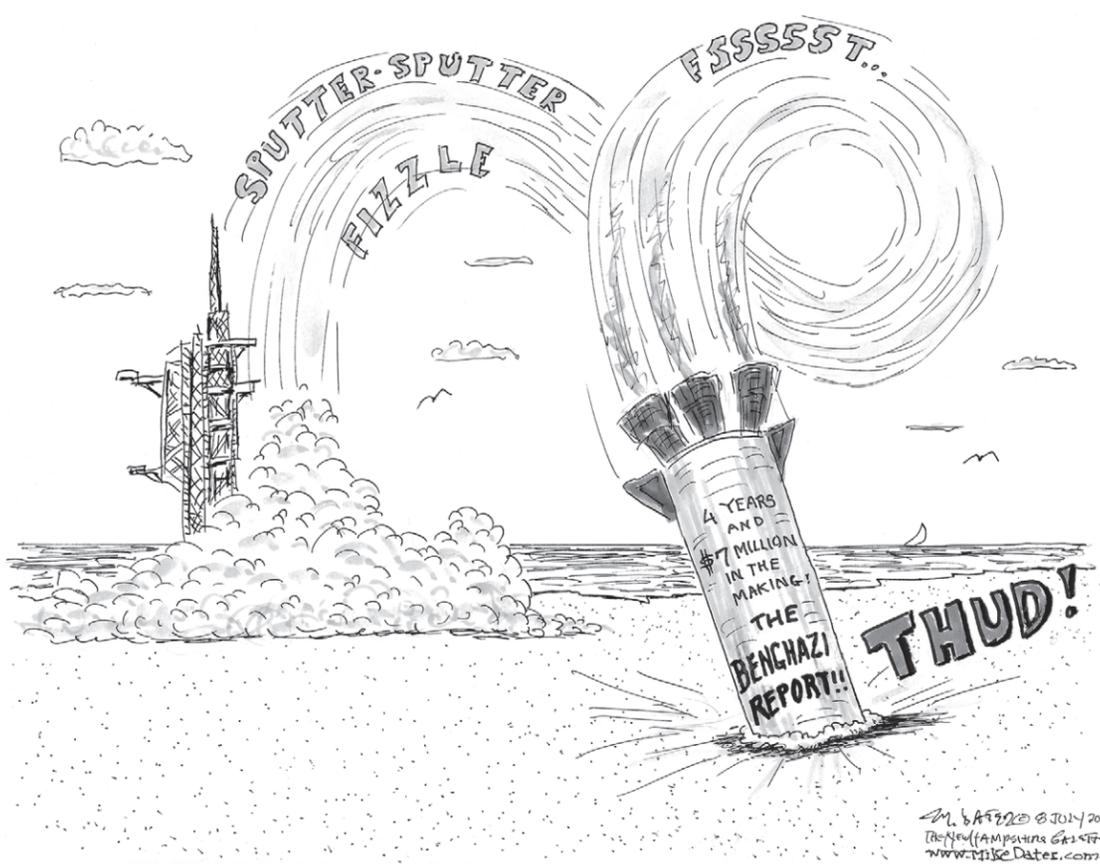
Republicans seem willing to use any excuse to try to bring down Hillary Clinton. There is one potential scandal, though, that they seem to be ignoring. Maybe they're just too conflicted to act on it. After all, it would look awfully silly for a party that so loves both guns and business to accuse anyone of gun-running.

A case might be made, though, that Clinton should be investigated for any role she might have had in facilitating the illegal shipment of German arms to the Colombian government.

Because of certain historical events too familiar to require explanation, Germany is very careful about shipping arms to countries which have a history of violating

human rights. Colombia is one such country, and what a history it has: Teddy Roosevelt backs Panama's secession so he can build a canal; the United Fruit Company cozies up to the local oligarchy to establish a classic banana republic; and a populist Presidential candidate heading towards a likely victory is the victim of a 1948 assassination bearing all the hallmarks of a certain three-letter agency of the U.S. government, leading to a brutally repressive civil war that may have just ended last month.

Under the circumstances, it's easy to see why Colombia would be the last place to which Germany would feel comfortable selling guns. That's why it created a stir when the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, Germany's largest broadsheet, published a story two years ago about large numbers of Ger-



What's this? A motorcycle which actually stands out amongst all the cookie-cutter Harleys so often found parked in front of the Cafe Formerly Known as Brioche. Sporting a springer front end, floor boards, wide, "beach bar"-style handlebars, and a subdued green-and-black paint scheme, the bike resembles the Harleys used in World War Two. Though it is powered by a Harley V-twin engine, it's actually a 2008 Red Wing, and was built in Manchester, New Hampshire. The company has since changed its name to Dirico. Honda, which manufactures a "Gold Wing" line of bikes, had threatened to sue for copyright infringement. Red Wing is a partnership between Aerosmith vocalist Steve Tyler, his brother-in-law, and a cousin. This example is owned by Keith Mistretta of Dover.

man-made Sig Sauer pistols being found in the hands of Colombian police.

Since Hillary Clinton was Secretary of State during most of the period in question, there's a fair likelihood that her fingerprints — or her signature — might be found on a few relevant documents, if someone bothered to look.

She may or may not be implicated eventually, though it does seem like rather a long shot. One thing is certain, though: this story reinforces our solipsistic theory that New Hampshire is the center of the universe. The guns got from Germany to Colombia by way of the Pease Tradeport.

"In 2009," according to *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, "Sig Sauer's sister company Sig Sauer Inc. in Exeter, New Hampshire won a bid from the U.S. Army worth some \$300 million. Included in that contract were some 98,000

SP 2022 pistols worth around \$70 million. Those weapons were ordered by the Colombian federal police. And the U.S. Sig Sauer colleagues knew it. They are, after all, the ones who shipped the guns directly to Bogotá.

"The 'Policia Nacional' is a valued partner for the Americans in their fight against drug traffickers and guerrillas. That's why the U.S. Army provides trainers, money and guns. There's just one problem. These particular Sig Sauer SP 2022s were made in Germany. But German authorities say the pistols are prohibited from ever landing in Colombia. So these must be different ones, right? But in [Colombian Police officer] Miguel S.'s video slideshow you can clearly read the German manufacturing serial number on his service pistol: SP0238567.

"Upon request a Sig Sauer employee explained that the pistol was manufactured in Germany

and had been sold from the German office to the U.S. branch on September 29, 2010 — when the large contract with Colombia was already running [and Hillary Clinton was Secretary of State]. And internal Sig Sauer documents show that this method was part of a larger system. Guns are manufactured in northern Germany, packaged and sent to the U.S. branch in New Hampshire. Then, the American colleagues take care of everything else to make sure the weapons end up in Colombia. Over the years thousands of guns apparently took this route. But end-use certificates and freight shipping documents state the guns will remain in the U.S. civilian market. Stamped, signed and ratified by the U.S. Department of Justice. So, delivering the guns to Colombia was probably accomplished through means not requiring an export license. And that would be a criminal offense."

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The Rebellion Continues

The movement inspired by New Hampshire's "Granny D" will take another whack at political corruption tomorrow, Saturday, July 9th.

During the 5-mile New Hampshire Rebellion March to Educate the Public About Reforming Money in Politics, dozens of "Granny D walkers" will start at Portsmouth High School at 9:00 a.m., in order to raise awareness of the corrupting influence big money has in our political system.

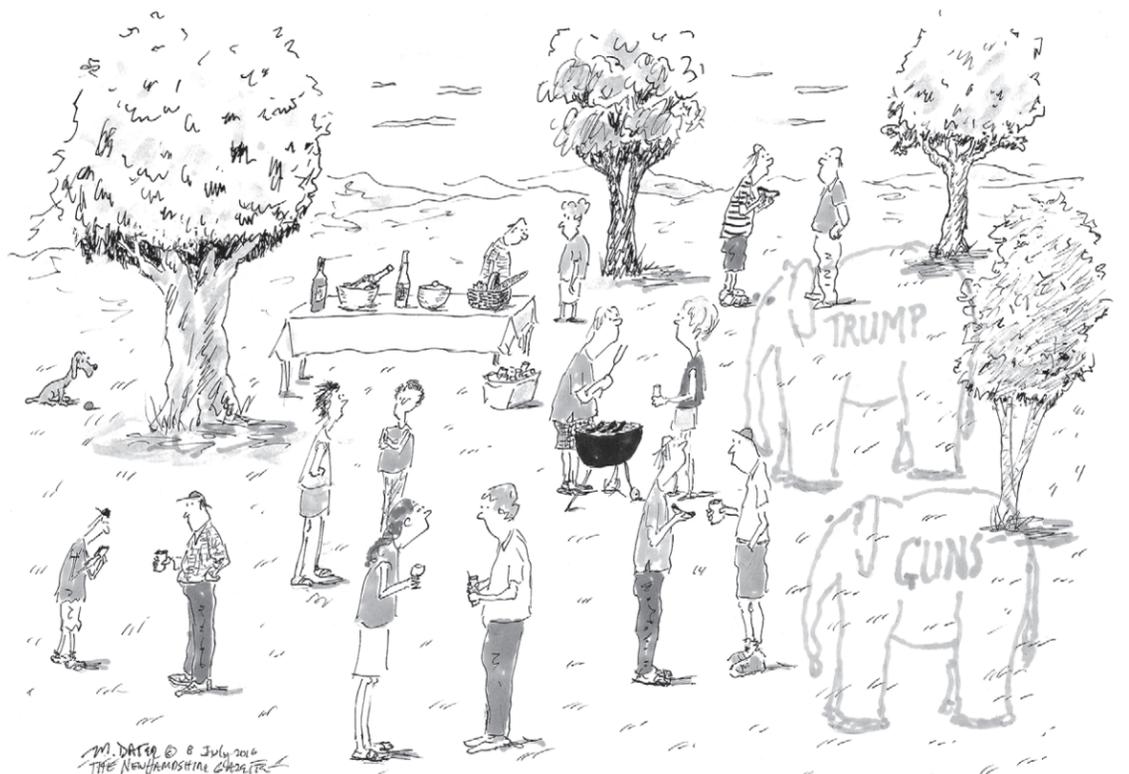
They will walk to Market Square and be joined for music, then march to Fort Constitution for a rally at noon. Speakers will include John Rauh, the founder of Americans for Campaign Reform; Betty Tamposi, Former Assistant Secretary of State under President George H.[H.]W. Bush and former Republican Candidate for Congress, and Larry Lessig, Harvard Law professor and noted expert and author on the issue of

money in politics.

Over the last two years, hundreds of reform-minded citizens have braved the elements and walked more than 40,000 miles across New Hampshire to drive big money out of politics.

Voices Beyond Bondage

When we think of African American lives in the 19th century, the images that first spring to mind usually involve slaves in chains, toiling on master's plantation, beatings, and bloodied whips. These images are all too well grounded in ample source materials, penned both by others, and by those who suffered in bondage. Yet the identity of 19th century African Americans was not limited to those who were enslaved. Whether freeborn, self-liberated, or born after the Emancipation, African Americans had a rich cultural heritage all their own, a heritage which has been largely subsumed, in popular



CERTAIN "INTRUDERS" TEND TO DAMPEN CHIT-CHAT AT FAMILY GATHERINGS, CIRCA 2016



The Flag Police are generally not the first cops on the scene; the gravity of their work precludes any hasty scurrying about. Like the Mounties, though, they are relentless, and eventually issue their citations. Take, for example, the case of the Manzanar Relocation Center in California. The evidence above was obtained on July 3, 1942, by Dorothea Lange. Due to an internal routing error, it has languished in the mail room for 74 years. Promptly upon its rediscovery the Flag Police busted the War Relocation Authority, a branch of the Department of the Interior which ceased to exist 70 years ago. The citation reads in part, "No nation wealthy enough to unconstitutionally imprison 110,000 people, many of them citizens, is too poor to provide them with a flag suitable for display."

history and in collective memory, by the atrocity of slavery.

The early 19th century birthed the nation's first black-owned periodicals, the first media spaces to provide primary outlets for the empowerment of African American voices. For many, poetry became this empowerment. Almost every black-owned periodical featured an open call for poetry, and African Americans, both free and enslaved, responded by submitting droves of poems for publication. Yet until now, these poems — and an entire literary movement — have been lost to modern readers.

Voices Beyond Bondage: An Anthology of Verse by African Americans of the 19th Century, brings those voices back to life. The first anthology to focus on the poetry of the 19th century's black-owned press, the book compiles 150 poems culled from thirty-six black-owned newspapers into one unique volume, bringing to light an almost completely neglected part of American history.

The poems in *Voices Beyond*

Bondage address the horrific and the mundane, the humorous and the ordinary and the extraordinary. Authors wrote about slavery, but also about love, morality, politics, perseverance, nature, and God. These poems evidence authors who were passionate, dedicated, vocal, and above all resolute in a bravery which was both weapon and shield against a world of prejudice and inequity. These authors wrote to be heard; more than 150 years later it is at last time for us to listen.

Published in 2014 by NewSouth Books (NewSouthBooks.com/voices) *Voices Beyond Bondage* has been the subject of features on "The Tavis Smiley Radio Program" and NPR's "Here and Now," and articles in the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*. The authors have spoken at venues including the PEN/Faulkner Center in Washington, D.C. and the Boston Public Library.

On Wednesday, July 13th, the Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail and the Portsmouth Athenæum,

in collaboration with the *New Hampshire Gazette*, will bring those voices to Portsmouth. Co-authors Erika DeSimone and Fidel Louis will read a number of poems, including at least one authored by a New England native, followed by an audience-led question and answer period. DeSimone is currently an editorial assistant at the Modern Language Association, where she has worked for more than a decade. Louis has written for several newspapers and was managing editor of the Caribbean News Network.

This event will be held from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Portsmouth Athenæum Reading Room, and will be free and open to the public. For more details call (603) 431-2538.

The *New Hampshire Gazette* owes its existence in part to Primus X, an enslaved African American who was its pressman for thirty years. On his death in 1791 he was the first African American to be the subject of a poem in a New Hampshire newspaper.

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Ayotte Votes for Gun Access
To the Editor:

Despite 30,000 Americans dying annually from guns, the U.S. Senate on June 20th defeated four amendments designed to reduce that slaughter.

New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan, who is running against Kelly Ayotte for Ayotte's Senate seat, commented, "Ayotte voted again yesterday against a proposal to expand background checks — meaning dangerous individuals, including suspected terrorists, can continue to simply go online or to gun shows to purchase guns without background checks."

The respected fact-checking organization PolitiFact challenged Hassan's assertion that Ayotte had twice voted against background checks. In a summary statement at the end of its investigation, PolitiFact noted, "In 2013, Ayotte voted against the bipartisan Manchin-Toomey amendment that sought to expand checks for firearms purchased online and at gun shows. On June 20th, Ayotte voted against a Democrat-sponsored amendment that similarly sought to expand background checks. PolitiFact rated Hassan's statement as True. (PolitiFact, June 21, 2016).

Ayotte continues to oppose background checks despite the fact that, since 2011, in four separate CNN polls, over 90 percent of Americans have indicated support for such checks. (CNN, June 20, 2016).

While gun deaths soar in the United States, Ayotte and the Senate continue to dither endlessly, raising one trivial objection after another over proposed legislation. The fact of the matter is Ayotte and her Republican colleagues do not want to pass gun safety bills and use these quibbles to block their passage.

There is only one thing that will stir Republicans to significant action on gun safety — the threat of defeat in the next election. Make that point crystal clear. Vote Kelly Ayotte out of office in the November General Election.

Lenore Patton
Hampton, N.H.

Whenever we find ourselves growing dispirited by the prospect of having to vote for a Senator this November — which is depressingly often, having been chronically underwhelmed by Governor Hassan's leadership — we have only to remember the alternative.

The Editor

Cowardice on Display

To the Editor:

After an embarrassing display of pure cowardice and special interest control over the legislative process, the Republican-controlled Senate recently failed to pass any meaningful gun safety legislation. After thirty years of mass shootings, many involving military style weapons, the so called greatest deliberative body in the world has demonstrated its total incompetence and failure to solve the nations most pressing problems.

In an effort to save some face, Sen. Susan Collins [R-Maine] and a handful of other Senators from both parties put together a compromise bill that is pathetic in its scope and reach. It would prevent 2,700 Americans and some foreigners on two watch lists from purchasing guns. It does nothing to expand background checks to purchase guns, does nothing to

help victims of domestic violence, and does not ban the sale of military style weapons to the public. This bill is like putting a band aid on the victim of an improvised explosive device. And even this very flawed, weak legislation is not sure to pass the Senate, and even less possible if it gets to the Republican House. To show who really controls the Senate, Senator Collins, speaking of her compromise bill, stated that "she has yet to talk to the NRA about her bill, but hopes they can see why it is important." Why do Senator Collins and the other Republicans in the Senate need the approval of the NRA before they can vote on any gun safety bill at all? Who elected the NRA?

However, the winner for the best political gymnastics in the Senate this week was Senator Kelly Ayotte. For almost six years Senator Ayotte has voted against every sensible gun safety bill that was not supported by the NRA. This week, however, with a tight reelection battle looming, Ayotte had a miraculous political death bed conversion. With a wink and a nod to the NRA, she voted with Democrats on meaningful gun safety legislation, knowing full well that the legislation was going nowhere, especially not to the President's desk.

Senator Ayotte's political motives and tactics this week were so cynical and transparent, that they are an insult to the intelligence of New Hampshire voters. We know that if she is given another six-year term in the Senate, her recent death bed conversion will be long forgotten, and she will return to totally supporting the NRA, at least until the next election cycle comes around.

The actions of our Senate this past week are an insult to the victims of gun violence and their families. The only winners were the NRA and the gun industry.

Rich DiPentima
Portsmouth, N.H.

Mash Notes, **HATE MAIL**

Rich:

The problem with barring those on watch lists from buying weapons is that the lists in question contain the names of people who are only suspects. If they can be deprived of one civil right on such a flimsy premise, then we can be deprived of another on some other pretext.

The Editor

A Small-Ball, Shifty Thief

To the Editor:

A loudmouthed bully hangs nasty monikers on his adversaries. He calls Cruz "Lying Ted," and Rubio "Little Marco." Now he's calling Senator Clinton "Crooked Hillary." "Liar," "Little," and "Crooked" seem like powerful insults to the man who hurls them because they actually describe his own shifty character. The more people see through this small-time grifter's con, the more insecure he becomes, and the louder he yells.

Most Republican men are not so insecure about their manhood that they need to plaster their name atop every tall building, yet here they are, endorsing a man Elizabeth Warren correctly identified as a "small, insecure money-grubber."

Empty barrels make the most noise.

Bruce Joffe
Piedmont, Calif.

Bruce:

The political success — so far — of that "small, insecure money-grubber" is all the proof we need that Homo Americanus has changed but little since the days of P.T. Barnum.

The Editor

Shea-Porter: Trustworthy

To the Editor:

New Hampshire voters may already know the feeling of having trusted a candidate, even though she or he turned later out to be untrustworthy.

When we vote next November, please vote for a candidate for the United States Congress who will never cheat you, will not accept corporate donations because she does not want to dance to their tune later, and will always be diligent in Washington to protect your rights and well-being. That candidate is the totally honest Carol Shea-Porter. Especially, she will not accept fat checks from the NRA as the incumbent is doing. Why not? If she accepted those checks, she would have to vote down any bills designed to end gun violence in this country.

This is completely true. You can check it out on the Internet. Please vote for Carol Shea-Porter and send her back to the House of Representatives.

Ilse Andrews
Exeter, N.H.

Ilse:

The odds are pretty good Republicans will throw out Frank "The Liar" Guinta during September's primary election — and good riddance. Whoever they choose to replace him, Shea-Porter will make a far better Representative in Congress.

The Editor

Sanders' Revolution Will Live On

To the Editor:

Senator Bernie Sanders first appeared on my radar back in 2010 when he delivered an 8 1/2-hour filibuster on the floor of the U.S. Senate fondly referred to, by Progressive admirers, as, "The Speech." "The Speech" provided a powerful and scathing indictment against the establishment of both sides (Democrats and Republicans) of the political aisle, who enable and work hard to preserve the status quo for those that can afford and do pay a lot to play.

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And Other Correspondence

Portsmouth's Old South Church, in May last year, to hear Sanders at a town hall rally the day after he declared his Presidential run. Bernie did not disappoint the standing-room-only crowd. He called on the huge, energized audience to start a political revolution designed to encourage all Americans to get involved in the democratic process and to initiate an enormous national conversation about the issues (democracy in peril, out of control campaign financing, income and wealth inequality, climate change, healthcare deprivation, the skyrocketing cost of education, lack of job creation, a crumbling infrastructure, &c.) confronting our great nation.

Bernie's People Powered Political Revolution, for which I've been a proud voice, has been nothing short of spectacular! With all the odds purposely stacked against him by the Democratic National Committee and the corporate media, Bernie, in an amazingly short amount of time (just one year), organized, rallied the troops and came very close to defeating, for the party nomination, the most powerful, organized and funded political machine (the Clintons) on Earth. However, millions of us know that the truth of the matter is that Bernie didn't actually lose. Bernie is a movement that transcends politics as usual!

One of my friends and fellow political revolutionaries, Kelly Hillinger Dion, eloquently explained: "Bernie isn't going anywhere, neither are we. His movement, his revolution, long may it live, has woken millions of people up and united us in a common goal to create a better society for all Americans."

Calling All New Hampshire Bernie Thinkers: Despite pressure from the party elites for Senator Bernie Sanders to drop out of the

nominating race and everything the corporate media is telling us about the Senator's opponent being the presumptive presidential nominee for the Democratic Party, according to the *New York Times*, neither she, nor Bernie has secured the 2383 pledged delegates (Secretary Clinton has 2219 to Senator Sanders' 1832) required to outright lock up the nomination. Hence, the two candidates will be heading to Philadelphia for a contested convention which will be decided by Superdelegates, who still have plenty of time to practice intellectual honesty and determine which candidate will gather the most votes in a general election and who is in the strongest position to not only take on, but, absolutely crush Donald Trump in the General Election with a positive effect all the way down the ballot for the Democrats.

Meanwhile, with the outcome of the Democratic presidential nominating process still pending, Bernie, a major movement in and of himself, has just initiated the next phase of his political revolution by making an impassioned plea to his tens of millions of supporters to run for political office in their respective localities and states.

Bernie offered the following words of encouragement to his followers, via a webcast speech, "I have no doubt that with the energy and enthusiasm our campaign has shown that we can win significant numbers of local and state elections if people are prepared to become involved. This will be part of transforming our country from the bottom on up." He immediately received responses from almost 7,000 people across the country expressing their interest in running for office per his lead.

Remembering that Bernie handily won the New Hampshire

Democratic Primary with over 60 percent of the vote, I strongly urge my fellow New Hampshire citizens, who have played a role in the political revolution which says our country, at all levels, is in need of an economic, social and political overhaul, to please visit *Bernie-Sanders.com/win*, and sign up to receive more information about running as a Bernie Thinker at the local or state level.

Wayne H. Merritt
Dover, N.H.

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Brighton Defended

To the Editor:

I would like to agree with the opinions of Mr. Griffin and Mr. Cooper [*Mr. Somssich is apparently referring to the writers of letters to the editor of some other local newspaper. — The Ed.*] regarding the real and legitimate issues that Mr. Brighton raises regarding the obviously increasing trend of commercialization of the Prescott Arts Festival. Many indicators can be identified: e.g. a concession stand, reserved blanket areas, corporate reserved tables and (allegedly) even couches.

Like many in Portsmouth I too am very appreciative of the programs that are featured at Prescott Park by the Arts Festival, and am glad to be able to enjoy this great venue for artists and musicians. However, these events have grown so much in size, from hundreds to thousands, that it may be time to consider whether this kind of growth at this location is both desirable and sustainable. While the festival audience may be growing, the real estate of the park is not. In addition, if in fact Mr. Anderson's total compensation is linked to ever more growth of the audience, this too may be the wrong kind of incentive for such an organization at this location. Perhaps, a new venue at Pease Tradeport (in collaboration with, say, the Red Hook Brewery) would be a much better location allowing for more parking and a permanent stage.

In any case, the Arts Festival must honor the fact that Prescott Park is available to the public free of charge at all times (including during festival events). Creating barriers and portals to enter, even if a donation is not required, is obviously a bit intimidating especially to non-resident visitors. Perhaps a collection during and at the end of the events would be more appropriate.

Mr. Brighton is owed an apology for being defamed publicly. His situation reminded me of President Harry Truman, who, when asked why he was giving people hell, responded that he was only telling them the truth, and they thought it was hell.

Peter Somssich
Portsmouth, N.H.

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Locally Food for Defense

To the Editor:

With summer upon us and farmers' markets in full swing, I am offering this more-refreshing pitch on my standard refrain that the less oil we use as Americans, the fewer the conflicts in oil-rich regions to send our service members to fight, and the less severe climate change will be. Our modern industrial food chain uses large quantities of petroleum-based fertilizers, pesticides, and fuel, leading to one simple message: eat well grown and locally sourced foods when possible.

Today's large, complex, industrial food chain often begins with seeds being planted in the earth and ends with meals prepared from grocery store items on our plates. Wheat, corn, and rice are incredibly efficient at converting energy from the sun into carbohydrates and have replaced many of the leafy greens we once grew and ate. Between the assistance of government subsidies to industry and the ease with which their seeds can be stored, shipped, and traded as commodities, these high carbohydrate monocultures have become American staples. Not



only have these crops become the mainstay of our diets, but the diets of our cows, chicken, and even fish that produce our meat, eggs, and dairy products. Worse, the milling, grinding, and refining of these seeds, which often removes their nutritional value, has led to a perverse new processed, adulterated, and sugar-added food norm. This western diet, epitomized by corn syrups' domination over sugarcane and honey, nature's natural sweetener, is a major factor in America's high rates of obesity, heart disease, and cancer, which contribute to our increasing healthcare costs.

The fertility of our once self-sufficient farms was based on the sun and the natural cycle of diverse crop rotation, livestock grazing, and use of animal manure as a nutrient-rich fertilizer. The wide scale industrialization of these farms began when the defense industrial complex's factories went from producing munitions to synthetic oil-based fertilizers after the Second World War. Today's modern farm apparatus consumes large quantities of oil with an estimated fifty gallons required to produce one acre of monoculture farmland and even more oil required for our cattle feedlots, chicken factories, and dairy farms. Furthermore, petroleum-based pesticides are repeatedly applied to the soil, plant shoots, and foliage itself for each different targeted organism. Unlike the targeted

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Late Great Britain

by William Marvel

It's been a season of political surprises, especially for those who haven't been paying attention, and the surprises have probably only begun. Recent events might be better understood by reflecting that Newton's third law of motion may apply to politics as well as to physics.

In our presidential race, it was the performance of Bernie Sanders that first astonished just about everyone. How could so painfully honest and independent a character persistently challenge the anointed candidate of America's most powerful party elite? Then there was the similarly stunning success of Donald Trump, whose followers sound as mortally sick of pandering establishment rhetoric from mealy-mouthed professional politicians as those who support Sanders.

The American media no sooner began referring to the two presumptive nominees than the British voted to quit the European Union. Scotland's recent refusal to withdraw from the United Kingdom may have left many expecting victory for the Remain

campaign, despite the earnest indignation of the Leave supporters, but the geographic distribution of the vote says a great deal about why Leave advocates won. Media intent on promoting irony cultivates imagery of morning-after regrets about doubtful economic promises, but the map says immigration was probably the visceral issue for most Brexit voters. Leave supporters predominated in England but lost heavily in Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. I haven't been to Britain in two decades, but England's cities were even then teeming with immigrant colonials or their descendants, while Scotland was almost entirely Scottish, and Wales and Ireland were described to me as similarly homogenous. England has borne most of the extensive subsequent immigration, too.

The specter of Europe's recent tidal wave of refugees from the earliest of the 21st century's natural-resources wars clearly convinced many Brits that hospitality has its limits. Most of the recent immigrants flooding across Europe appear to have more to ask than to offer, and some seem ready to exploit welcoming atti-

tudes about cultural diversity as a steppingstone to cultural dominance. Old theories about the economic advantages of immigration tend to wither beyond a certain threshold of growth — when population itself becomes burdensome enough or resources scarce enough to diminish the quality of life. That lesson is apt for the Home Office, the Democratic Party, or the Mount Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Immigration seems to be a major determining factor for many Trump supporters, too. The United States has not yet faced the latest swarms of refugees, but climate change and the wars it breeds are only going to increase the number of people leaving their homelands, especially if other, richer countries remain willing to take them. Our millions of undocumented and illegal aliens will seem insignificant by comparison, but they still remain a sore point for both American-born and legally naturalized voters. The hypocrisy of turning a blind eye to border-jumping — and then periodically legalizing a new generation of illegal immigrants to gain their votes for a particular party

— has bred cynicism deep enough to win broad support even for so flawed a critic as Trump. Anti-deportation arguments founded on the impossibility of deporting all illegal aliens sound a little disingenuous to people who notice that we don't stop prosecuting consumer fraud, corruption, or speeding just because every violator can't be caught.

Brexit offers an interesting comparison to our own past, both in the immigration element and in the procedure for leaving their union. Heavy immigration to America from the 1840s onward periodically drove down real wages, spawning much xenophobic political activity, and serious trouble might have ensued had industrial expansion and an undeveloped West not relieved some of the pressure. When Southern states tried to secede over protective tariff policies and a perceived threat to slavery, the rest of the states pounced on them like an abusive husband who beats his wife senseless when she tries to get out the door with her bags. Southern secession was complicated by serious doubts whether it was the people's will, but North-

erners wanted to interject the daunting impediment of nationwide ratification, even if secession passed popular referenda in every slave state. By contrast, a member of the EU desirous of leaving simply announces it, negotiates the complicated economic details, and eventually resumes independent standing.

The common theme leading up to the American Civil War, the British vote to leave the EU, and American presidential campaigns of recent years is political polarization, and mainly over matters relating to cultural survival. In 1860 Southern slaveholders feared an uncompromising liberal agenda that would not merely reform their society, but destroy it. In 2016, innumerable Britons and Americans fear an insatiable liberal program that seems intent on burying their own cultural identities. On such delicate subjects, self-righteous insistence on one side only engenders obstinate resistance on the other — invariably leading to undesirable consequences, sooner or later.

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plants, larva, and bugs that grow resistant to these pesticides, these petroleum-based chemicals leach into our groundwater and remain effective against the organisms in our rivers, estuaries, and oceans, creating dead zones. In addition, between harvesting and arriving on our grocery store shelves, oil products are used throughout the modern food chain in the drying, storing, processing, packaging, and transportation of these food items.

Well grown and locally sourced food not only connects us to the land with their non-processed, unadulterated, whole foods, but the inherent fewer links in their food chain leads to less oil products being consumed. As a natural alternative to our industrial monocultures' heavy dependence on petroleum-based fertilizers and pesticides, small farms rotate a diverse number of crops leading to healthier soils, deeper roots, and a far greater variation

of fruits and vegetables for us to choose from. The ripeness and freshness of locally-sourced food means that not only will it often taste better, but the food will require far less oil for transport and no oil for storage, processing, or the single-use sealed plastic bags that keep the produce fresher longer during shipping. Furthermore, local farmers often pasture their livestock which leads to higher quality, healthier, and happier meat, eggs, and dairy products

than their seed-fed counterparts produce on industrial farms. Finally, if the worst predictions of global warming come to fruition, local farmers and fisherman will possess the skills our society will need most.

I do my best to purchase my produce from the farmers' market, meat from Maine Meat, and fish from New Hampshire Community Seafood, and I would like to encourage others that can to do the same. Not only are these

well grown and locally sourced foods more nutritional for us and healthier for the earth, the more Americans that collectively chose this lifestyle, the less oil dependent we would become as a nation. If we as Americans consume less oil, oil abundant regions would have fewer wars for our service members to deploy to combat in and the earth's outlook from climate change would be less grim.

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How The Feds Encourage Wall Street Banksterism

by Jim Hightower

Hey, stop complaining that our government coddles Wall Street's big, money-grubbing banks!

Sure, they went belly-up and crashed our economy with their greed. And, yes, Washington bailed them out, while ignoring the plight of workaday people who lost jobs, homes, businesses, wealth, and hope. But come on, Buckos — have you not noticed

that the feds are now socking the banksters with huuuge penalties for their wrongdoings?

Wall Street powerhouse Goldman Sachs, for example, was recently punched in its corporate gut with a jaw-dropping \$5 billion punishment for its illegal schemes. It's hard to comprehend that much money, so think of it like this: If you paid out \$100,000 every day, it would take you nearly 28 years to pay off just one billion dollars. So, wow, imagine having

to pull Five Big Bs out of your wallet!

That should make even the most arrogant and avaricious high-finance flim-flammer think twice before risking such scams, so these negotiated settlements between the feds and the big banks will effectively deter repeats of the 2008 Wall Street debacle. Right?

Actually, no.

Notice that the \$5 billion punishment is applied to Goldman

Sachs, not to the "Goldman Sackers." The bank's shareholders have to cough up the penalty, rather than the executives who did the bad deeds. Remember, banks don't commit crimes — bankers do. Goldman Sachs' CEO, Lloyd Blankfein, just awarded himself a \$23 million paycheck for his work last year. That work essentially amounted to negotiating the deal with the government to make shareholders pay for the bankers' wrongdoings — while he and

other top executives keep their jobs and keep pocketing millions.

What a great role model for young financial executives! With no punishment the next generation of banksters can view Lloyd's story as a model for Wall Street success, rather than a deterrent to corruption.

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Not Voting for Evil

To the Editor:

We still have more than four months until the general election, which now seems likely to pit Hillary Clinton against Donald Trump, but already I am weary of people trying to guilt-trip me into voting for Clinton with the argument that if I don't vote for Clinton, a Trump triumph will be my fault.

For starters, all my life I have been forced to hold my nose every four years and vote for the lesser of two evils. But voting for the lesser of two evils is still voting for evil. I am through holding my nose. I am through voting for evil. I refuse to do that yet another time.

And I believe absolutely that Hillary Clinton is evil, certainly in any meaningful political sense. When she declined to throw her husband out of the East Wing and make him sleep in the Oval Office for the last two years of his Presidency, it became clear that she was willing to suffer any disgrace, bear any shame, and shoulder any humiliation in order to stay close to the levers of power, for which she has been amply rewarded by the Democratic party with a Senate seat, a stint as Secretary of State, and now the nomination for President.

Meanwhile, she and her husband have become fabulously rich doing the bidding of Wall Street brokers and bankers while she has supported every war and military intervention that has made itself available to American arms since her husband first took the oath of office. She has cynically and dishonestly (and probably illegally) used her personal and public influence to enrich the Clinton Foundation. She has contributed significantly to the rise of the National Security State. How many people in countries like Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Syria, Yemen, and Libya will become collateral damage during another Clinton presidency?

I am not going to vote for Donald Trump. But in good conscience I do not believe I can vote for Hillary Clinton, either. It is not my job to save America from itself. I have no duty to settle for the lesser of two evils. In the primary election in my state in April, I voted for a candidate I believe in. I did not have to hold my nose. When the general election rolls around in November, I may vote for Bernie Sanders again. I may vote for Jill Stein. I may not cast a vote for that particular office. But I will not vote for someone I believe will do nothing but continue the corrupt, militarized,

klepto-oligarchy this nation has become while ignoring inequities and injustices at home and abroad.

William D. Ehrhart, Ph.D.
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William:

We suspect that some of our readers may find your letter appalling. Knowing, though, as we do, that you have spent most of the past fifty years engaged in the deep contemplation of moral issues, and believing strongly in the principle that every person has the right to make their own decisions, we cannot fault you for yours.

You are not alone in your decision; a person listed on our masthead, who shall remain anonymous due to the difficulty of finding replacements, came to the same conclusion.

While we still can we're holding out hope for an indictment and a subsequent nomination by acclamation, of your preferred candidate and ours, the Senator from Vermont, Bernie Sanders.

The Editor

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Troubled Times

To the Editor:

Walking with a young friend troubled deeply by the massacre in Orlando, I remarked that such things did not happen in this country when I was a child. Asked why, I explained that at one time it was illegal for private citizens

to possess military-style weapons. Asked how that had come to change, I explained that an association of individual gun owners had been transformed into little more than a lobbying organization for a weapons industry that will sell anything to anyone. If one looks hard enough, it can be seen that not a lot has changed since the Second World War, when U.S. companies sold steel to Japan and defective equipment to the U.S. military.

Anyone remember Bob Dylan's "Masters of War": "You that build the big guns/You that build the death planes/You that build all the bombs/You that hide behind desks/I just want you to know/I can see through your masks." Goes for the NRA, too. Unfortunately, it's as difficult to see through arms manufacturers as through banks; these are the corporations that are "too big to fail," or to be prosecuted.

Background checks my other cheeks! Prohibit the possession of military-style weapons outside the perimeters of military installations; let those whose self worth depends on blasting furred and feathered creatures in the woods do so one shot at a time. As for personal safety, address the poverty, inequality, bigotry, and racism

that drive violence and perhaps we could have a nation like the Great Britain of bobbies who carried only truncheons.

Writes Garry Wills in *The Future of the Catholic Church with Pope Francis*, "But the America of the founding, we now recognize, was terribly flawed, by slaughter of Indians, enslavement of blacks, and suppression of women, among other things. And the contemporary United States will someday be seen in retrospect as a plutocracy with impoverished citizens; as a bloated war machine with overkill stockpiles of unusable weaponry; as a place of volunteer armies ground down by constant use, of ruinously expensive political campaigning and clogged nongoverning, making ineffectual gestures toward a failing ecosystem, and with a stupor of admiration for guns." Am I proud to be an "American"? Hardly. I can't even find much reason to be proud to be human.

John Simon
Portsmouth, N.H.

John:

The government has been selling military surplus rifles since 1903 through the Civilian Marksmanship Program, and thousands of Americans now own war surplus M-1 Garands and M-1 carbines.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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<p>2007—China executes its Director of the State Food and Drug Administration. Zheng Xiaoyu took bribes which led to 40 deaths.</p> <p>2001—George Tenet tries to warn George Bush and Condi Rice about Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda, but can't get their attention.</p> <p>1989—Fifteen tornadoes cause \$100 million in damages in the northeast.</p> <p>1985—French secret police in the South Pacific blow up Greenpeace's boat, <i>Rainbow Warrior</i>.</p> <p>1972—Water used to fight an arson fire destroys the U.S.S. <i>Forrestal</i>'s computers and nearly capsizes her.</p> <p>1972—In the Chandka Forest of India, a herd of stampeding elephants, driven mad by the heat, flattens a village killing 24.</p> <p>1949—A 375-foot four-masted steel barque, <i>Pamir</i>, a school ship, is the last cargo-carrying sailing vessel to round Cape Horn.</p> <p>1926—A bolt of lightning hits a powder warehouse in Picatinny, N.J. Over three days, millions of pounds of explosives destroy 187 of 200 buildings, injure 38, and kill 19.</p> <p>1805—RIP Revolutionary War soldier Col. William Butler who was court-martialed for refusing to cut off his ponytail. "Bore a hole through the bottom of my coffin," he wrote in his will, "[so that] the damned rascal [his ex-commanding officer] will see that, even when dead, I refuse to obey his orders."</p>	<p>2003—Condi Rice lies about White House knowledge of Joe Wilson's Niger investigation; Ari Fleischer out Valerie Plame as a CIA officer; Karl Rove lies to <i>Time</i> about Wilson's wife Plame, and CIA head George Tenet takes the rap for the White House's lies about Iraq buying uranium.</p> <p>1955—Congress puts "In God We Trust" on all U.S. coins and paper currency; which god is not specified.</p> <p>1953—Ike OK's the overthrow of Iran's Prime Minister Mohammed Mosaddeq. What could go wrong?</p> <p>1951—In Cicero, Ill., 4,000 whites attack a building because a WWII vet [black] had rented an apartment in it. The National Guard is called in. The vet is charged with a crime.</p> <p>1947—In Georgia, eight black prisoners are killed for refusing to work without boots in a snake-filled swamp.</p> <p>1917—A posse in Bisbee, Ariz. herds 1,286 striking copper miners into railroad cattle cars and sends them to New Mexico with no food or water.</p> <p>1864—Four miles north of the White House, at Ft. Stevens, Abraham Lincoln comes under enemy fire.</p> <p>1804—At Weehauken, N.J. Alexander Hamilton fires into the ground in front of Aaron Burr. Burr carefully aims, then shoots Hamilton dead.</p> <p>1713—Queen Anne's War ends as Indians sign the Treaty of Portsmouth. The settlers soon renege.</p> <p>1690—William of Orange defeats the Jacobites at the Battle of the Boyne.</p>	<p>1982—FEMA pledges that even in a nuclear war, the mail will get through.</p> <p>1979—The White Sox are forced to forfeit a game after explosives damage the field during Disco Demolition Night at Comiskey Park.</p> <p>1973—A fire in St. Louis, Mo. destroys the service records of 16 to 18 million Army and Air Force veterans.</p> <p>1962—A Pennsylvania garbage dump fire spreads to a coal mine where burns for more than twenty years.</p> <p>1917—After thirty hours in cattle cars without food or water, 1,286 striking copper miners are left stranded in the New Mexico desert.</p> <p>1916—Lyudmila Pavlichenko, a future Red Army sniper with 300 Nazi kills, is born. She's the first Soviet citizen welcomed to the White House.</p> <p>1892—The Pennsylvania militia arrives at Homestead, Pa. to protect Andrew Carnegie's right to make a buck.</p> <p>1872—Orangemen avoid casualties by refraining from marching through Irish tenements in New York.</p> <p>1871—Orangemen are attacked as they march through Irish tenements in New York; 60 die this time.</p> <p>1870—Orangemen are attacked by an Irish mob as they march through Irish tenements in New York; eight die.</p> <p>1864—The Natchez [Miss.] <i>Courier</i> reports that Jones County has seceded from the Confederacy.</p> <p>1817—Henry David Thoreau is born.</p> <p>1691—William of Orange's forces slaughter the Jacobites at Aughrim.</p>	<p>2008—A remote outpost in Wanat is attacked by 200-500 al-Qaeda and Taliban. Of 48 U.S. soldiers, 9 are KIA and 27 are WIA; of 24 Afghan soldiers, just 4 are WIA.</p> <p>1999—Sen. Bob Smith (R-N.H.) drops out of the Presidential race, and the Republican Party to boot, to run as an Independent.</p> <p>1987—Warren Rudman tells Ollie North during the Iran-Contra hearings, "The American people have the constitutional right to be wrong."</p> <p>1959—A sodium-cooled nuclear reactor in Simi Valley, Calif. has a partial meltdown, releasing 300 times more radiation than Three Mile Island, a fact kept secret for 20 years.</p> <p>1950—A B-50 Superfortress crashes in Lebanon, Ohio, killing its crew of 16. The fissile core of the nuclear weapon on board not being installed, the crater made by its high explosives was only 25 feet deep.</p> <p>1948—Israeli troops drive 70,000 Palestinians from their homes in Lydda and Remleh.</p> <p>1943—Student Alexander Schmorel and Professor Kurt Huber, co-conspirators in the anti-Nazi pamphleteering group White Rose, are guillotined in Munich.</p> <p>1863—A New York mob, enraged by draft laws exempting the rich and eggged on by Democrats, go on a three-day rampage, leveling whole blocks and attacking Greeley's pro-Union <i>New York Tribune</i>.</p>	<p>2004—The GOP tries to ban gay marriage but can't rise to the occasion.</p> <p>2004—During filming of <i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i>, a rigging error drops a \$540,000 movie camera into a huge vat of chocolate.</p> <p>2003—Robert Novak outs CIA officer Valerie Plame in his column.</p> <p>2000—A Florida jury orders five tobacco companies to pay \$145 billion in damages. An appeals court later lets them off the hook.</p> <p>1991—A derailed tanker car full of pesticide spills into the Sacramento River killing 100,000 trout.</p> <p>1989—Alabama tries twice, 19 minutes apart, to electrocute Horace F. Dunkins, who's black and developmentally-disabled. The first try fails because the chair is wired wrong.</p> <p>1987—Oliver North, out of lies, ends his testimony before Congress.</p> <p>1970—Bob Haldeman informs Tom Huston that Richard Nixon has approved his despicable Plan.</p> <p>1948—Southerners walk out of the Democratic convention to form the pro-segregation States' Rights Party.</p> <p>1921—Massachusetts' show trial of Nicolo Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti ends with a guilty verdict.</p> <p>1917—The Army shows mercy to striking miners in the New Mexico desert by imprisoning them.</p> <p>1791—In Lausanne, Vevey, and Rolle, Switzerland, citizens celebrate the liberation of the Bastille, shouting "Live free or die."</p>	<p>1995—A derecho sends hurricane force winds through New York and New England, toppling thousands of trees and killing three people.</p> <p>1979—Jimmy Carter delivers his "malaise" speech, in which the word "malaise" does not appear.</p> <p>1974—In Florida, on live TV, newsreader Christine Chubbuck pulls a loaded pistol from a shopping bag and shoots herself dead.</p> <p>1971—Nixon says he'll go to China.</p> <p>1964—The Republican Party saddles itself with Barry Goldwater as a presidential candidate.</p> <p>1954—"Operation Wetback" begins throwing "Mexican-looking" people out of the U.S.</p> <p>1919—The then-honestly-named War Department calls 337,000 Americans draft dodgers.</p> <p>1877—President John W. Garrett, of the B & O Railroad, gives his shareholders a 10% dividend and his workers a 10% pay cut.</p> <p>1865—In Rye, N.H. an optical illusion causes the Isles of Shoals to appear to be only a mile or two offshore.</p> <p>1779—General "Mad Anthony" Wayne's troops take 700 prisoners with a bayonet charge at Stony Point.</p> <p>1685—Executioner Jack Ketch eventually beheads the Duke of Monmouth, after eight ax blows.</p> <p>1381—Lollard preacher John Ball, Rolle, Switzerland, citizens celebrate the liberation of the Bastille, shouting "Live free or die."</p>	<p>2010—As a running Robinson R44 helicopter is being loaded on a truck at Salt Lake City, an accident kills one person and seriously injures three.</p> <p>1991—The Trump Taj Mahal files for bankruptcy 467 days after opening.</p> <p>1979—A dam, badly built on shaky ground, collapses in Church Rock, N.M., spilling 1,100 tons of radioactive mill waste, 93 million gallons of effluent, and as much radioactivity as Three Mile Island.</p> <p>1973—Al Butterfield reveals he's been bugging the Oval office at the behest of The Man himself.</p> <p>1969—<i>Apollo 11</i> heads for the Moon.</p> <p>1963—In NYC, Tom Cornell and Chris Kearns stage the first anti-Vietnam War demonstration.</p> <p>1948—The first commercial flight ever is hijacked, and crashes. The sole survivor, Wong Fu, the hijacker, is released due to jurisdictional difficulties.</p> <p>1945—The Atomic Age begins with a bang at Alamogordo, N.M.</p> <p>1934—Workers in San Francisco conduct a four-day General Strike.</p> <p>1877—B&O RRR firemen in Martinsburg, W.Va. strike against wage cuts.</p> <p>1858—To resist prostitutes, Thomas P. "Boston" Corbett castrates himself with a pair of scissors. Seven years later he will kill John Wilkes Booth.</p> <p>1854—A conductor tells Elizabeth Jennings Graham to get off his streetcar, since she's black. She refuses. In court, she wins desegregation, \$250, and court costs.</p>
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<p>2015—Portsmouth cops, doing the bidding of Seacoast Helicopters, show up <i>en masse</i> at the office of local businessman Mike Thiel and grill him about a letter of complaint.</p> <p>2001—The FBI says it's lost 449 firearms and 184 laptop computers, including one holding classified data.</p> <p>1996—Flight 800 spontaneously explodes off Long Island. Yeah, right.</p> <p>1995—An Australian herding cattle with a Robinson R22 helicopter is killed after it breaks up in mid-air.</p> <p>1965—An American press officer in Saigon tells Morley Safer "if you think any American official is going to tell you the truth, then you're stupid."</p> <p>1962—The U.S. conducts its last near-ground atmospheric nuclear test: the .018 kiloton "Little Feller." A company of soldiers is marched through ground zero 26 minutes later.</p> <p>1955—Lightning ignites a huge mine placed near Ypres in 1916. A cow is the only casualty.</p> <p>1944—Two munitions ships explode at Port Chicago, Calif., killing 322, mostly black bomb handlers.</p> <p>1928—Partying with Mexican Revolution veterans, President Alvaro Obregon tells strolling caricaturist Leon Toral, "Make sure you make me look good." Toral says, "I will," and shoots him dead.</p> <p>1877—Gov. Henry Mathews calls out a local militia company to suppress the Martinsburg, W.Va. railroad strike. It sides with strikers, instead.</p>	<p>1985—Still doped up after cancer surgery five days earlier, Ronald Reagan OKs sending arms to Iran.</p> <p>1984—James O. Huberty tells his wife he's "going to hunt humans," then kills 21 and wounds 19 at a San Diego McDonald's. A SWAT team sniper kills Huberty. His widow unsuccessfully sues McDonalds for poisoning his mind with MSG.</p> <p>1981—Norman Mailer's protegee Jack Abbott, on work release after a stretch for bank robbery, stabs a man to death in the East Village.</p> <p>1972—U.S.S. <i>Ranger</i> is disabled after bolts and a paint scraper are intentionally dropped into the gears.</p> <p>1969—Senator Ted Kennedy gives Mary Jo Kopechne a ride part of the way home from a party, takes a swim, then a nap.</p> <p>1964—Harlem riots after cops kill an unarmed 15-year-old.</p> <p>1944—Ordered by <i>der Führer</i> to kill a fly, aide Fritz Darges suggests it's a job for the Luftwaffe. He's immediately banished to the Eastern Front.</p> <p>1939—Hunter S. Thompson is born, Louisville, Ky.</p> <p>1938—Douglas "Wrong Way" Corrigan lands in Ireland after an unauthorized trans-Atlantic flight.</p> <p>1925—H.L. Mencken is nearly run out of Dayton, Tenn. on a rail by its pious Christian inhabitants.</p> <p>1877—Governor Henry Mathews of West Virginia pleads for U.S. Marines to suppress the B & O railroad strike.</p>	<p>2011—Wendi Murdoch deftly deflects a pie aimed at her husband Rupert, as he's being grilled about phone-hacking by Parliament.</p> <p>2010—Terrorified by a malignantly-edited <i>YouTube</i> clip, Sec. of Ag. Tom Vilsack has USDA employee Shirley Sherrod pulled over by the side of the road and summarily fired.</p> <p>2001—Deputy Chairman of the British Conservative party Lord Jeffrey Archer is convicted of perjury and sentenced to 4 years.</p> <p>1994—Dining with reporters in the Capitol, Sen. Howell Heflin (D-Ala.) pulls what he thinks is a hankie from his pocket, and wipes his nose with a pair of panties.</p> <p>1991—South Africa's government admits it paid Zulus to undermine the African National Congress.</p> <p>1985—Concord, N.H. teacher Christa McAuliffe is chosen to be first "Teacher in Space."</p> <p>1979—Sandinistas march triumphantly into Managua.</p> <p>1969—John Fairfax completes the first solo cross-Atlantic row.</p> <p>1957—A two-kiloton nuclear warhead carried by an air-to-air missile explodes 18,000 feet above five Air Force volunteers at Yucca Flats.</p> <p>1942—German U-boats touch the U.S. Atlantic coast due to effective counter-measures.</p> <p>1848—At the first Women's Rights convention held at Seneca Falls, N.Y., "Bloomers" are introduced.</p>	<p>2002—The FBI arrests three former NASA interns for stealing a 600 lb. safe holding moon rocks.</p> <p>2002—A review finds that U.S. air strikes in Afghanistan have killed as many as 400 civilians.</p> <p>2001—Lori Klausutis, 28, a Congressional aide, is found dead in the Fort Walton Beach office of Rep. Joe Scarborough (R-Fla.).</p> <p>1989—Pres. George Herbert [Hoover] Walker Bush calls for a manned mission to Mars. His farcical notion is quickly laughed off.</p> <p>1985—Mel Fisher begins hauling the ocean floor near Key West, Fla., where it had lain for 363 years.</p> <p>1984—Famed runner and fitness fanatic Jim Fixx, age 52, dies of a heart attack while jogging.</p> <p>1973—Martial artist and fitness fanatic Bruce Lee, age 32, dies in Hong Kong.</p> <p>1969—Neil Armstrong takes a walk on the moon.</p> <p>1956—A scheduled election intended to reunify Vietnam is blocked by the South. The Eisenhower administration concurs.</p> <p>1948—Harry Truman kicks off the U.S.'s first peacetime draft.</p> <p>1944—German generals try but fail to kill Hitler with a bomb.</p> <p>1877—The B & O Railroad strike spreads to Maryland, where workers threaten to blow up bridges and run trains into rivers.</p>	<p>2007—George W.[MD] Bush invokes the 25th Amendment, making Dick "Dick" Cheney President while Bush's colon is inspected.</p> <p>2000—Long-time Texas voter Dick "Dick" Cheney registers in Wyoming to evade election laws.</p> <p>2000—The FBI and ATF are exonerated in the 1993 Waco, Texas siege which left 80 religious fanatics dead.</p> <p>1971—AT&T gives the GOP \$400,000 for its 1972 convention — and dodges an anti-trust beef.</p> <p>1954—Geneva Accords free Vietnam from French colonial rule; the U.S. steps in to preserve disorder.</p> <p>1951—A Canadian Pacific DC-10 leaves Vancouver for Anchorage with 37 on board and disappears.</p> <p>1950—Tuffi, a young elephant riding in a German elevated train, gets agitated and breaks a window. She then falls into a river, but survives.</p> <p>1919—A burning dirigible crashes through the glass skylight of a Chicago bank killing 13.</p> <p>1918—<i>U-156</i> lands a few shells on the beach at Orleans, Mass. while shelling and sinking the tug <i>Perth Amboy</i> — the first time the U.S. mainland has been attacked since 1812.</p> <p>1877—Pittsburgh militia bayonet and shoot railroad strikers (20 die). Surviving strikers burn 39 buildings and wreck 104 locomotives.</p> <p>1643—Eight men are beheaded in Santa Fe under the unexpected authority of the Spanish Inquisition.</p>	<p>2003—In Mosul, Iraq, U.S. troops kill the Hussein brothers.</p> <p>2001—"I know what I believe," says G.W.[MD] Bush. "I will continue to articulate what I believe and what I believe — I believe what I believe is right."</p> <p>1991—Milwaukee police arrest Jeffrey Dahmer, the famous cannibal.</p> <p>1983—A Robinson R22 helicopter falls apart over Canton, Pa. and crashes, killing the pilot and a passenger.</p> <p>1975—Owen J. Quinn parachutes from the top of the South Tower of New York's World Trade Center.</p> <p>1974—On the steps of the Capitol, 600 young Moonies begin a three-day fast and pray for Richard Nixon.</p> <p>1946—Irgun bombs the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, killing 91.</p> <p>1934—In Chicago, FBI agents shoot John Dillinger in the back.</p> <p>1916—A bomb kills 10 and wounds 40 during a Preparedness Day parade in San Francisco. Perjured testimony sends two innocent men to prison.</p> <p>1915—The excursion steamer <i>Eastland</i> nearly tips over at the dock in Chicago, but it's hushed up to prevent loss of business.</p> <p>1905—Henderson's Point vanishes from the Piscataqua, thanks to 60,000 tons of dynamite.</p> <p>1877—Militiamen shoot their way out of Pittsburgh, killing 20 more strikers on the way.</p> <p>1816—Percy Bysshe Shelley registers at a hotel at Mont Blanc, lists his destination as "L'Enfer."</p>	<p>2002—Top intelligence officials in Britain warn Tony Blair that the U.S. is "fixing" intelligence to match policy to justify war against Iraq.</p> <p>1982—While filming the movie <i>Twilight Zone</i>, Vic Morrow is decapitated by a helicopter blade.</p> <p>1983—Air Canada Flight 143 runs out of fuel halfway between Montreal and Edmonton. The "Gimli Glider" coasts more than 100 miles to a successful landing.</p> <p>1970—The last big U.S. vs. NVA clash ends in futility with the 101st Airborne evacuating Firebase Ripcord; 75 KIAs, 463 WIAs.</p> <p>1969—James Brown walks out of L.A. Mayor Sam Yorty's office when the mayor is late to present him with a proclamation.</p> <p>1967—Cops raid a blind pig in Detroit, interrupting a welcome home party for two Vietnam veterans. A five day riot ensues, and 43 die.</p> <p>1944—The International Monetary Fund and World Bank are created in Bretton Woods, N.H., a town whose first tax collector was Daniel Fowle.</p> <p>1886—Bookie Steve Brodie stages a dubious dive off the Brooklyn Bridge and turns the resulting notoriety into a career of sorts.</p> <p>1877—During the railroad strike in Reading, Pa., the State Militia shoots ten civilians dead.</p> <p>1846—Henry David Thoreau is jailed for refusing to pay a \$1 poll tax to support the Mexican War.</p>
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