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The Fortnightly Rant

What's at the End of this Tunnel?

Sure enough, the pattern held: Another debate, another affront to the few remaining shreds of dignity still clinging to the political process. The Party of Lincoln really knows how to pick 'em.

Chris Wallace repeatedly asked Donald Trump if he would accept the results of the November 8th election; first *pro forma*, then in escalating astonishment. The transcript reads like the script of "Shaun of the Dead" — simultaneously horrifying and hilarious.

Wallace: ... Your running mate Governor Pence pledged on Sunday that he and you, his words, will absolutely accept the result of this election. Today your daughter Ivanka said the same thing. I want to ask you here on the stage tonight, do you make the same commitment that you'll absolutely accept the result of the election.

Trump: I will look at it at the time, blah blah blah.

Wallace: But, but ...

Trump: Blah blah blah.

Wallace: But, but ...

Trump: Blah blah blah.

Wallace: But ...

Asked the next day about his running mate's startling pronouncement, Mike Pence said he was sure his ticket would accept the electoral results. There really should have been a fourth debate, so that Pence could have debated Trump.

The Churlish Chickenhawk

Having shocked the political world that Wednesday evening in Las Vegas, Trump flew to New York to offend people of faith.

The annual Al Smith Dinner honors the first Catholic ever nominated for the Presidency, fondly known as "The Happy Warrior." He earned that moniker through his cheerful disposition and opposition to prohibition — two things conceivably linked. Trump, a lifelong teetotaler, seemed bent on playing up the contrast between Smith's character and his own. Halfway through an event designed for mild, self-deprecating humor, he forgot the jokes and went into attack mode. He may not have been drinking, but he got plenty of audible boos.

The *Daily Beast's* Michael Daly put the odd performance in historical perspective. Trump's father "was arrested on Memorial Day in 1927 for participating in a Klu Klux Klan riot in his home borough of Queens. The riot was fueled in part by the prospect that Al Smith might become not just the Catholic governor of New York but the first Catholic president of the United States."

Trump's Charge

The next stop on the Republican nominee's Sullying American Landmarks Tour was Gettysburg, where 50,000 Americans were killed, wounded, or went missing.

Again being consistent, if not tasteful, at the place where Lincoln sought to bind the nation's wounds, Trump threatened to sue the women who accused him of sexual assault — all of them. He's got plenty of money, he can hire plenty of lawyers.



As tone deaf in Pennsylvania as he was in New York, Trump made it a point to visit the site of Pickett's Charge — the place where an army of rebellious racists lost all hope of achieving victory.

Everybody Does It, Am I Right?

The closer he gets to becoming the World's Biggest Loser, the more obvious Trump's sense of personal grievance becomes.

Earlier this month, he asked rhetorically — if he had wanted an answer, he would have asked himself — "Why doesn't some woman maybe come up and say what they say falsely about me, they could say about [President Obama], they could say it about anybody." He seemed to be trying to make the point that, since the

charges against him are false, everyone is vulnerable to being victimized, as he is. The trouble with that logic is that it assumes the accused is innocent.

That's a hard sell, by now, and not without reason. Trump tweeted in May, 2013: "26,000 unreported sexual assaults in the military-only 238 convictions. What did these geniuses expect when they put men & women together?" In other words, since I am unable to control my urge to force myself on women, therefore, so are all other men.

As some stranger put it on Facebook: "Who are you going to believe, women who say they were groped, or the man who said he gropes women?"

Here Come the Redshirts

Even if Trump wins every Redtinged state on Charlie Cook's Electoral College map, and all the tossups, too, he'll still come up ten votes shy. If Hillary Clinton wins just the solid, likely, and leaning Blue states, she'll have eight Electoral votes to spare.

Roger Stone, Trump's head goon — who has a tattoo of Richard Nixon's face upon his back — is exhorting Trumpians to wear red shirts to the polls, perhaps in homage to another hero. It is a well-known trope in space operas that the red shirts always die. This is a democracy, though. It may be a farce, but it's not a space opera. The red shirts won't die. But neither will they fade away.

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The Value of Debates? That's Debatable ...

The alleged debates have come and gone and many would say "good riddance." Most of the electorate is sadder, some few may be slightly wiser, but most were probably nauseated. The organization which came out looking the best is probably the League of Women Voters, which severed its association with Presidential debates in 1988.

After sponsoring more or less real debates for 16 years, the non-partisan League called it quits because, it said, to do otherwise "would perpetrate a fraud on the American voter." League President Nancy M. Neuman charged that the Bush and Dukakis campaigns, after negotiating behind closed doors, had presented the League with "a done deal" — not subject to negotiation — just two weeks before the first scheduled debate.

"It has become clear to us," Neuman said at the time, "that the candidates' organizations aim to add debates to their list of campaign-trail charades devoid of

substance, spontaneity and honest answers to tough questions. The League has no intention of becoming an accessory to the hoodwinking of the American public."

What a prescient thing to say, 28 years before the bipartisan Commission on Presidential Debates appointed Chris Wallace of Fox News to be ringmaster of one of their dog and pony shows.

As *The Nation's* John Nichols succinctly put it, Wallace "asked a series of questions based on false premises about everything from Social Security and Medicare to debt-service payments. [The moderator] concluded by repeating the 'grand bargain' talking points of billionaire-funded austerity advocates who seek tax breaks for the wealthy and 'shared sacrifice' from everyone else."

In the early 1990s, the organization Wallace cited as "non-partisan," the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, allowed itself to be used "to create a front group for tobacco companies during the battle over Pres-

ident Bill Clinton's health care reform proposal," according to a January, 2013 article by Paul Blumenthal.

"That group, called the Cost Containment Coalition, presented itself as a civic-minded coalition of those interested in finding the most responsible solution to the health care crisis. The corporate interests funding it had entirely different motives, according to documents collected by the Public Accountability Initiative, a public interest research nonprofit.

"According to these documents, found in the Tobacco Legacy Library and at the Securities and Exchange Commission, the CRFB from 1992 to 1994 accepted money from the tobacco industry — including Philip Morris and the Tobacco Institute — in exchange for using the group's image as a bipartisan budget watchdog, through the coalition, to advocate against a proposed excise tax on tobacco products."

Wallace's performance was "balanced" in the sense that he

carried water not just for Right Wing's deficit hawks, but for their social conservatives, as well. Earlier in the debate he browbeat Clinton on the issue of abortion rights, asking why she had said "that the fetus has no Constitutional rights." In a rational nation it would be safe to say, "because the fetus has no Constitutional rights; and if the fetus ever gets those rights, zygotes will be next. And they won't stop there. What about the gametes?" But this is America: any defense of even centrist positions must be couched in cautious, apologetic terms.

"You also voted against a ban on late-term, partial-birth abortions," his question went on, badgering-the-witness style. "Why?"

Again, the truthful answer — "because that bill was just the hyped-up scheme of a gang of Republican demagogues trying to make political hay by inflaming the passions of a band of religious fanatics over a meaningless term with no scientific merit, misleadingly applied to a procedure used

in only a handful of cases to save the lives of innocent, desperate women" — would have been deemed to be insufficiently deferential, because America.

Being the ham-handed provocation that it was, the abortion question goaded Trump into one of his more loathsome responses: "If you go with what Hillary is saying, in the ninth month, you can take the baby and rip the baby out of the womb of the mother ... you can take the baby and rip the baby out of the womb in the ninth month on the final day. And that's not acceptable."

Neither is that an accurate representation of a late-term abortion, but Trump's lurid claim went unchallenged. That's America, and that's Chris Wallace, of fair and balanced Fox News, praised by many on the left and right for conducting the best of all three presidential debates.

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SSA Gets Pervy with Geezers
Last year's Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment [COLA] came to precisely nothing, *i.e.*, 0.0 percent. Naturally all those slothful old folks were hoping for a somewhat higher COLA this year.

Technically, they were not disappointed — well, they were bitterly disappointed, but they did get more than nothing. They got an increase of 0.3 percent, which translates to an average of \$4 more per month. That's several more meals, provided they stick to generic cat food rather than splurging on the name brand stuff.

The Social Security Administration [SSA] calculates COLAs based on the CPI-W — that is the Consumers Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers. This is a more than a little perplexing, since most people on Social Security are presumed to have retired.

As Diane Archer explains at the *Huffington Post*, it's actually

worse than it looks. "Of note, the CPI-W assumes that when prices go up for a product or service, people will buy a different product or service that is similar. For example, if the price of white chicken meat goes up, it assumes people buy less costly dark chicken meat or pork instead. It's not at all clear that older adults are able to make these substitutions with their health care services. If they cannot, this assumption baked into the Social Security COLA erodes their purchasing power."

Curiously, there is another index which the SSA could have used, which would not have that "baked in" defect. In a remarkable coincidence, it's even called the CPI-E, which stands for Consumers Price Index for the Elderly. It takes into consideration things that feature more prominently in seniors' spending, like medication and housing. Prices on those categories went up last year by seven and five percent, respectively.

The glaringly obvious way to correct this perverse system would be to base COLAs on the CPI-E. But nooo, Congress says, the sys-



It appeared for several decades that the retaining wall flanking the North and Union cemeteries might someday topple onto the sidewalk of Maplewood Avenue. Due, however, to the extravagant expenditure of enormous sums of money extorted from private citizens by the jackbooted thugs of our municipal government, plumbness was restored over the course of the summer. Libertarians and hardcore entropy fans are no doubt dismayed.

tem's going broke fast enough already. Members of Congress, in fact, appear to love nothing more than to wring their tiny hands over the prospect of the Social Security Trust Fund going broke next Tuesday.

What Congress is less eager to explain is that it could switch to the CPI-E, pay for the added expense, and secure the Trust Fund for the indefinite future, simply by raising or eliminating the truly perverse cap on payroll taxes.

A Reuters story explained the tax cap in 2014, when the cap was \$117,000 [it's now \$118,500]. Those earning up to \$117,000 per year paid 6.2 percent on every bit of their total income. Those earning \$250,000 paid 6.2 percent of the first \$117,000 — and nothing on the rest. Their overall payroll tax thus amounted to just 2.9 percent of their total income.

The only ones discomfited by this change would be the wealthy.

The Gazette Sports Section

Our friend Pat Pickford, who regularly makes informal deliveries of our paper to strategic locations in the Nottingham area, suggests sometimes that we should run a sports section. We contend that we do, when it's warranted. This is one of those occasions.

The Chicago Cubs are competing in the World Series for the first time since 1945, so Bill Murray's got that goin' for him, which is nice. There is more to this occasion, though. Lou Moore, a professor of history at Grand Valley State University in Michigan, tweeted out the high points:

"The last time the Cubs won the World Series, black people in Illinois were still recovering from the horrors of the Springfield [Ill.] Riots."

"The last time the Cubs made the World Series, we had a segregated military."

"In the summer of 1945 when the Cubs made the World Series, they raised the rent on Wrigley, which meant black teams couldn't play there."

Moore also retweeted Rany Jazayerli, who noted, "How appropriate that the first Cub to play in the WS will be a black man (Dexter Fowler) — they weren't even allowed to play the last time."

Bob Dylan, Nobel Laureate

The Swedish Academy, in complete disregard for our publishing schedule, announced on October 13th that the Nobel Prize for Literature would go this year to Bob Dylan. Thus does the former Bobby Zimmerman of Hibbing, Minnesota, author of "Everybody Must Get Stoned," join the likes of Faulkner, Hemingway, and Beckett.

Reaction to this announcement echoed that of the audience at 1965's Newport Folk Festival when Dylan appeared onstage

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with an electric guitar. Scottish novelist [*Trainspotting*] and professed Dylan fan Irvine Welsh, called the choice “an ill conceived nostalgia award wrenched from the rancid prostates of senile, gibbering hippies.”

Making the least noise of anyone on the controversial choice was Dylan himself. The phrase, “winner of the Nobel prize in literature” appeared on his official website five days after the announcement — then disappeared a few days later.

According to the Academy’s permanent secretary, attempts to communicate directly with the singer have received no response. Per Wästberg, a member of the Academy, called Dylan’s silence “impolite and arrogant.”

Rolling Stone interviewed another Nobel laureate about Dylan in 2010. President Obama said, “Here’s what I love about Dylan: He was exactly as you’d expect he would be. He wouldn’t come to the rehearsal; usually, all these guys are practicing before the set in the evening. He didn’t want to take a picture with me; usually all the talent is dying to take a picture with me and Michelle before the show, but he didn’t show up to

that. He came in and played Finishes the song, steps off the stage — I’m sitting right in the front row — comes up, shakes my hand, sort of tips his head, gives me just a little grin, and then leaves. And that was it — then he left. That was our only interaction with him. And I thought: That’s how you want Bob Dylan, right? You don’t want him to be all cheesin’ and grinnin’ with you. You want him to be a little skeptical about the whole enterprise. So that was a real treat.”

Helicopters Under Attack!

On September 30th we reported on a valiant Australian cow which, apparently tired of being harassed, used its horns to down a helicopter, turning it into a mass of charred wreckage. We have since uncovered an earlier incident involving an ungulate defeating a “flying windmill.”

A game management biologist was flying over Gustavus, Alaska, northwest of Juneau, on March 3, 2007, firing tranquilizer darts at moose from a helicopter. According to a witness, “after being shot by a dart, one moose charged the helicopter, reared or jumped, and struck the tail rotor. The pilot lost directional control during the



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attempted autorotational landing, and the tail boom separated.”

The pilot and the biologist escaped with their lives. Alas, the plucky moose was injured by the tail rotor. The relevant authorities, anthropocentric as always, determined that this brave beast’s life was not worth the expense of rehabilitation. They killed it — though of course they employed the latinate euphemism “euthanized.”

Another effort was made last Saturday to counter the world’s rampant helicopter infestation, this time by a *homo sapien* in Gallup, New Mexico. It was perhaps less-inspirational, though, since it appears to have been accidental.

According to police, Glenn Livingston drove around barricades on Highway 566 and crashed into a medical helicopter, knocking it on its side. Its rotors were not turning at the time, which may be why Livingston survived the crash. His bloodstream is alleged to have contained an illegal level

of ethanol, which may provide an explanation for why the crash occurred.

Have a Spooky Halloween

Chronic email annoyance Wal-lethub has forever cemented its reputation for uselessness. On Monday it “released” — read, foisted on uninterested victims of its unblockable spamblasts — 2016’s Best Cities for Halloween. The list of 20 cities did not include Portsmouth, which is, so far as we know, the *only* city for Halloween.

What are you gonna be?

Job Opening [Pay \$0]

A member of our Downtown Distribution gang has reluctantly tendered her resignation, since she’s relocating to further her education. We are therefore recruiting volunteers to take over her duties. This fortnightly frolic involves delivering papers to a dozen or so locations in the heart of town. If this sounds like fun to you — the rest of the crew enjoys it — drop the editor a line at editors@nhgazette.com.

Graveyard Graphics



The mother and daughter duo of Paulette Chernack and Cassandra Davidson, the author and illustrator of *Lasting Impressions: Art, Symbolism, and History Found in Graveyards and Cemeteries*, released in September, will present “Cemetery Art and Symbolism — A Talk and Workshop,” at the Counting House Museum in South Berwick, Maine, on Sunday, October 30, at 1:30 p.m. The speakers will also host a mini hands-on gravestone rubbing workshop. Weather permitting, they will then lead an in-the-field exploration to rub stones at Old Fields Burying Ground on Vine Street. For more information contact: Cari Quater, Development Director, 207-451-7672 or cquater@comcast.net.



Among the permanent residents of the North Cemetery is William Whipple [1730 - 1785]. Whipple, a former ship captain and merchant, was one of three New Hampshire men who signed the Declaration of Independence, the others being Josiah Bartlett of Kingston, and Matthew Thornton of Londonderry. This flag flies within a few steps of Whipple’s grave.

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Character Carpet Bombs

To the Editor:

It's déjà vu all over again. As John McCain's Independent Chairman in 2000 I heard one assault after another [about] how he was unfit to be President. His experience in the Hanoi Hilton had permanently affected his mental character to be unfit for President. He had an illegitimate black daughter and his wife was a drug addict!

Shameless and unfounded in any facts as it was, like today, a press core [sic] willing to do the bidding then schlepped their supposedly presentation of "news." Sadly it was just character assignation which they spun like a spider web of deception. The John Q Public actually believed the mud slinging as in today with Trump, and Romney in 2012, and it was numbing diversion over substance.

The play dialog stays the same, like Shakespeare, but the Democrats substitute the current names of the front runner and sell the garbage and stink.

Come on people, stop being sophomoric junior high droids believing this dribble instead of your gut, instincts, wallet, and America's contract with you — the Constitution. None of the press understands the Constitution; they never mention it, just the dribble and you have to get beyond the cover up of issues suppressed with character bombs.

Jobs, manufacturing, debt, terrorism, wages, international security, Obama Care, and finally the

Supreme Court — rulers of the law that affect us all — the Constitution, and its future should have a little more fire power for your vote, or the Supreme Court will rule over us.

Jeff Frost
Alexandria, N.H.

Jeff:
And here we thought Sarah Palin was the best proof of John McCain's poor judgment.

The Editor

Ewing Buys Trump's Snake Oil

To the Editor:

My friend says I'm too negative. He asks, "Don't we live in a great country?"

We live in a great country where government was established to protect liberties so people can flourish, and where most people are law-abiding, tolerant, generous, and hard-working.

Unfortunately many Americans are denied our country's opportunities by corrupt politicians pursuing their own power and wealth.

Democrat [sic] politicians care more about teachers' union support than about children getting good educations in safe schools, so they oppose school choice; President Obama cancelled Washington, D.C.'s successful school choice program.

The corrupt Washington political establishment, Democrats and Republicans, tolerate illegal aliens who hurt American workers, create crime and accident victims, increase taxes by at least \$100 billion to fund their social services, and lower the availability and quality of the education, hospital, and other services created and funded for citizens and legal residents.

Washington politicians created and are immorally passing our \$20 trillion national debt (increasing by \$1 trillion annually) to future generations who will struggle to pay for today's spending. This debt is a burden today and promises great harm to the American

people.

Other examples of Washington corruption are plentiful and familiar.

Corruption was greatly enabled and increased around 1900 as citizen legislators were being replaced by professional politicians who saw government, not private pursuits, as their paths to power, wealth, and fame. They installed judges to change our Constitution's meaning, without the American people's approval (and thus unconstitutionally), to increase the politicians' power.

A single Supreme Court Justice appointed by the next President, and the next President might appoint several, will determine whether or how quickly more of our liberties, opportunities, prosperity, and way of life will be eliminated to benefit politicians.

Donald Trump promises to appoint Justices, like Justice Scalia, who consider our Constitution essentially a sacred contract, between the American people and government, intended to protect our liberties. As such, the Constitution's meaning can only be modified by the Amendment process, i.e., with the consent of the American people.

Hillary Clinton promises to appoint Justices who believe they have the right to make the Constitution mean whatever they and Hillary want. What might he/she/they approve? Citizenship for illegal aliens? Further freedom of speech and religion restrictions? Certainly our Second Amendment rights be minimized or eliminated as Hillary wants.

Electing Hillary Clinton furthers the Washington corruption that benefits the politicians and special interests.

Donald Trump promises to appoint Judges who honor the Constitution, to protect our rights, to attack Washington corruption, and to govern for the benefit of the American people.

Vote for Donald Trump to pro-

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tect our rights and make government work for the people, not for the politicians.

Don Ewing
Meredith, N.H.

Don:
Democrats oppose "school choice" because it's a low, retrograde ruse being used to undercut the quality of public education. A state income tax on high-income earners would improve education for all students — and make for a better state in general. Do you want to grow old surrounded by the uneducated?

Even if Trump were otherwise eminently qualified (that's a laugh), but vowed to appoint the next Scalia, that alone would be grounds to vote for his opponent.

PS — *That cute trick of leaving the last two letters off "Democratic" is getting pretty old.*

The Editor

Prevent Breast Cancer

To the Editor:

Since "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," why is it that we hear nothing about preventing breast cancer during Breast Cancer Awareness month? I'm guessing the answer is that the most common cause of breast cancer is abortion and Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry want that kept secret.

The abortion industry is so powerful that Planned Parenthood, the Komen Foundation, the U.S. National Cancer Institute, American Medical Association and the American Cancer Society refuse to recognize the link between abortion and breast cancer despite the scientific evidence that has been demonstrated for decades by peer reviewed research from around the world.

[Note: Mr. Wuelper may now add this newspaper to the list of conspirators scheming to withhold this vital information, since we're deleting a 118-word paragraph here

which would have steered readers to a website run by a dietary supplement peddler promoting a crackpot theory which has been resoundingly debunked. — The Ed.]

We should inform our young women that they can minimize their chances of getting breast cancer by choosing not to abort their babies.

Prevention is the best answer to our breast cancer epidemic, and all it takes is to tell our daughters/sisters/friends the truth that, when they choose abortion, they also may be choosing breast cancer.

Kurt Wuelper
Strafford, N.H.

Kurt:
This fake "issue" is the public health version of the effort to cast anthropogenic climate change as a hoax.

A certain percentage of Americans are implacably opposed to abortion, due to their deeply-held religious beliefs. We fully support their right to hold those beliefs, and we would adamantly oppose any federal or state legislation which would require them to have abortions.

The Editor

Quinta Failed Veterans

To the Editor:

As a veteran, I was glad to see former Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter get endorsed again by the Veterans and Military Families for Progress. They said, "Ms. Shea-Porter's strong commitment to the issues that are critical to veterans, those serving now, and their families is unsurpassed."

I couldn't agree more. Carol Shea-Porter is the real deal. Too many politicians, including Congressman Frank Guinta, make a promise and then abandon veterans when it's time to actually vote for them. On the House Budget Committee, Frank Guinta actually voted against an amendment that war veteran Congressman

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And Other Correspondence

Seth Moulton proposed to increase VA funding!

Carol Shea-Porter was a military spouse. She understands what it means to be in the military and always thanks her husband and all active duty service members, veterans, and their families for their service. She has a solid gold record of accomplishment in Congress for all of us, and I am happy to see that record recognized and to see she has been endorsed by veterans.

Please join me in voting for Carol Shea-Porter for Congress in New Hampshire District 1 on November 8th.

Lew Henry
Gilmanton Iron Works, N.H.

Lew:

Your support for Shea-Porter comes as no surprise. She deserves it.
The Editor

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### Shea-Porter is the Outsider

To the Editor:

People who want to elect an outsider to Congress should vote for Carol Shea-Porter. She's been involved in politics since 2006 but she has never been an "insider." When she first ran the Democratic Congressional Committee gave money to her primary opponent. She won anyhow. Then she won the general election with a grass roots campaign and no big donations. Since then, win or lose, she has not kowtowed to party bosses or big-money donors. She does what she thinks is right for the people of the First District of New Hampshire.

So, this year Democratic party leaders asked Chris Pappas to challenge Carol in the primary. To his credit he said "no." Carol is still an outsider. She works hard for "the rest of us" as she promised. We can count on her, so she needs to be able to count on us. There is no big money behind her from corporations. It's just we, the people of New Hampshire who

will elect Carol.

Emmanuel Krasner  
Farmington, N.H.

Emmanuel:

The framers of the Constitution intended for the House to be the chamber most responsive to the people. Except for her gender — to our credit, we have evolved — we believe Shea-Porter is exactly who they had in mind.

The Editor

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Guinta: An Accomplished Liar

To the Editor,

Our Congressman, Republican Frank Guinta, has been doing what he does best: lying about budgets and how he would balance them. Congressman Guinta has a long history of lying about money, having illegally taken \$355,000 in contributions from his parents in 2010. His five-year-long refusal to admit to this led the *Union Leader* to dub him a "damned liar" in an editorial.

He recently claimed to have been crucial to passing a balanced budget amendment and \$60 billion in cuts. To which I say, he's still a damned liar. The budget process managed by the current Republican Congress has utterly fallen apart. Both chambers failed to agree to a budget. No balanced budget amendment was adopted and they only funded the government through December 9th. So what's he talking about? Budget cuts? Spending for FY 2016 and FY 2017 will likely be above the Budget Control Act caps that Congressman Guinta voted for in 2011, and the government continues to underinvest in critical needs like infrastructure and education.

Even if I agreed with Congressman Guinta's budget goals, he's still flatly lying about what he's done. New Hampshire deserves better, and he should be voted out of office in November.

Juliette Paquin

Tilton, N.H.

Juliette:

We believe it is inconceivable that Frank Guinta's Congressional career could extend beyond the first few days of 2017 — until we remember Shawn O'Connor. Who knows what effect that glib chameleon could have on the outcome — especially now that Seabrook's Brendan Kelly has dropped out and endorsed him. If O'Connor throws the First District to Guinta, he might want to re-pack his carpet bag — a lotta people are going to be upset with him. Throw in Libertarian Robert Lombardo and the waters get even muddier.

The Editor

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### We've Been Ratt\*\*ked

To the Editor:

Reference your article in the October 14 issue of your excellent paper.

What was omitted, and I presume also omitted by David Daley, is that Chris Jankowski could not have succeeded had the Democrats not been voted out in 2010, a Census year. This can be laid entirely at Obama's feet. Having won large majorities in Congress, he squandered both good will and political capital by essentially continuing the Bush administration's bailout program for Wall Street, encouraged by the Clintonoids with whom he filled his cabinet, shamelessly allowed the top criminal executives in the bailed companies to keep their bonuses, put the bailout of GM in the hands of corporate maven Steve Rat[f\*\*k] ner, stiffing workers and their pensions while the CEOs kept their golden parachutes, continued the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and appointed a corporate Democrat to develop a Healthcare Plan that was a rehash of a Heritage Foundation program while cozying up to the insurance and pharmaceutical companies. That's enough for one sentence.

The canary in the coal mine was Scott Brown's election in Mass. By the time 2010 rolled around, John

Boehner was screaming, rightfully, "where's the jobs." Obama had nothing to show. The Democrats got creamed, most importantly in the states where Jankowski could go to work. And, the crowning achievement was twisting arms in the lame duck Congress to extend the Bush tax cuts that would have expired. Boehner, of course, forgot about jobs and screamed about the deficit, and the feckless Obama obliged.

Can't make a demon out of the likes of Jankowski, a Right Wing-er who does what Republicans do. It was Obama who enabled him, and a party that lamely went along. Only a third party can stop the rot.

Jim Tartari  
Wellesley, Mass.

Jim:

Whoaa! That's a pretty harsh judgment, even for these pages.

You're coming down hard on Obama for being Obama — overly cautious, insufficiently daring, too prone to pre-emptively compromise — yet remarkably forgiving towards the guy who put the knife to democracy's throat, because he was Jankowski being Jankowski.

We'd be with you on third parties, except for one thing: the conditions on the ground — by which we mean winner-take-all elections — will not allow them. Go to ranked choice voting, and we're all-in.

The Editor

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Diplomacy First, Senator!

To the Editor:

I cannot understand how Senator Kelly Ayotte can condemn the Iran deal while at the same time she trumpets the importance of national security. The Iran agreement is a successful diplomatic effort signed by the U.S., Iran, as well as China, Russia, Great Britain, France, and Germany which limits Iran's nuclear weapons program. The agreement's tough international inspection provisions provide us with 10-15 years of protection from an Iran with nu-



clear weapons. No one had to die to realize this agreement.

Senator Ayotte's idea of national security is not mine. Military strength alone does not solve problems, especially in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict where political solutions may be our best option. We need both diplomacy and military strength in this dangerous and complex world. I disagree with Senator Ayotte who seems to have a narrow definition of security (i.e. strength = military force).

Maggie Hassan has said that military force should be used only as a last resort. I will be voting for Maggie Hassan for Senate, and I hope all citizens who support a lasting peace in the Middle East will also support Governor Hassan in this crucial senatorial election.

Judy Ullman
Portsmouth, N.H.

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### Moderate Republicans

To the Editor:

Moderate Republicans, save the Republican party and preserve our democracy by voting Democratic this year. Seriously, the current version of the Republican party, hijacked by the extreme right, would horrify my "fiscally conservative" parents. For the sake of the country and the party it needs to be dealt a crushing blow to end its ability to obstruct and destroy any semblance of an effective federal

Hate Mail, &c.

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# Reaganomics for Democrats

by William Marvel

My wife and I began a recent trip to Virginia by listening to a New Hampshire Public Radio program about the report that the real median income for New Hampshire households has made a higher jump than it ever has before. At least I think that was how the statistics were cited, with suspiciously specific criteria as though to make it look as rosy as possible. This of course could not be a cherry-picked statistic chosen to make the current governor look good in her years-long quest to become a U.S. Senator. No Democrat would ever stoop to such Republican-like election-year trickery.

Whatever the precise phrasing of the boast was, it was complicated, and slight variations in sentence structure would yield much different meanings. One construction might mean that the buying power of the money earned in households with median income has risen higher in a shorter span than in any similar period in the past. Another could

imply that median household income is now higher than it has ever been before. Whatever the intended interpretation of the details, the general impression of the assertion is supposed to instill confidence in the state's economy, and incidentally in the governor — although it would be interesting to know how her nonstop campaigning for the Senate these past four years allowed her to have any influence on the economy.

As usual, parsing such statements tends to mar the desired effect. The program involved Laura Knoy interviewing some economic critics on the subject. One of them pointed out that a significant cause of the income increase is not enhanced wages or salaries, but instead an increase in the number of hours — or jobs — that each person is now working. If a person's working hours rise high enough, that can increase "real" income, meaning that income rises faster than the rate of inflation, and can still buy more than it did in the past.

Most of us (or at least most of the people I know who are not

public employees) have not kept abreast of inflation, or have only done so because the feds refuse to count food or fuel in calculating inflation. Despite that provision for minimizing the apparent effects of inflation, there will still probably be an effort to curb the upward-trending price of petroleum until the election by opening up national oil reserves. Previous administrations have engaged in just that kind of manipulation during election years, in order to feign a stable economy for the sake of partisan victory. That may be under way right now, in fact, but the public would only know about it if an inquisitive news media were not afraid of tarnishing the Democratic administration's image in the year of the Trump threat.

Through much of our trip we also heard a great deal about the economic recovery that is now under way, but it was not evident from what we saw and heard from the people we met. There did seem to be some signs of development under way. Heavily oxidized Virginia earth was occasionally laid

open in 30-acre swaths and bulldozed into raw, red mountains, to accommodate new malls or affordable-housing developments. Real-estate billboards offered hundreds of acres of farmland for sale at one stroke for commercial use. "Will build to suit," promised pleading placards. It was enough to spark hope among shortsighted growth-mongers who think of nothing but expanding the population and raping the landscape for immediate gain, as if land were endless and any number of mouths could be fed. But the prosperity evident from the interstate did not seem to translate into the communities we visited. We met a woman who had just moved to a town in southern Virginia, where she described widespread, grinding poverty, and we saw some of it ourselves.

Long ago a friend of mine observed that one telltale sign of economic trouble is a profusion of refuse rubber on the highways from disintegrating retread truck tires, indicating that truckers are postponing the purchase of new tires. We saw abundant clots of

that on the highway, running over one pile big enough that I feared it would damage my exhaust system. At the intersection of two interstate highways above Richmond a chunk flew off the tire of a merging truck and struck the front of our vehicle.

The blight of eight years ago has been disguised, but not blotted out. Gentrification has pushed still more of the poor off the rural landscape where they once survived with a measure of independence, interning them in dilapidated suburbs where they subsist, unseen, at the mercy of others. Fewer rusted-out jalopies than usual run Virginia's roads, but that is largely explained by the "No cash, no credit, no problem" signs at the used-car lots. No money down, and you can ride in the same comfort as that guy in the Lexus — for a while. The epidemic of insupportable debt that precipitated the last economic collapse spreads with the full encouragement of a society that never learns. All hail the recovery.

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

government.

We need a healthy center right party which is willing to work with moderate Democrats to solve problems of trade, regulation, immigration, fair taxes and climate change and to end the gridlock in Washington. The rest of the Western world, having long admired our democracy, is aghast and very, very worried about our government's ability to meet the challenges of our fast-moving world.

Let's show them that we are not

stubborn, quarreling children, but reasonable adults who can respect, communicate and compromise with others for the common good by purging the extremists and rebuilding the Republican party in the future.

Cynthia Muse  
Rye, N.H.

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### Tough Call In the First District

To the Editor:

It's really a tough decision in New Hampshire's First District Congressional race.

In one corner we have a confirmed liar and perpetrator of fraud (well, that's what the Republican Party officials tell us) who takes corporate PAC money to represent corporations, not his constituents. I give you Frank Guinta, the Congressman Kelly Ayotte told to resign!

In the other corner we have a candidate who first got elected by a grassroots movement, was opposed by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (in an unheard of move, they

funded her primary opponent), takes no money from corporate PACs, and twice voted against the bank bailout because it didn't provide enough protection for taxpayers. Carol Shea-Porter has proven her allegiance and priorities

Yep, sure is a tough call.  
Michael Frandzel  
Portsmouth, N.H.

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### Think of Future Lives

To the Editor:  
I have two granddaughters. One

leaves high school for college, to announce in the clear trumpet of 37 characters that she "has moved to Boston!" The other has begun the negotiations of identity that will soon take her out of childhood and into high school. I have no idea where their lives will take them or how far they will finally travel.

And, of course, the year is ending, Christmas will be here in "a week," and I have already begun to think what gifts will serve them on their new journeys in this most

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## Fed Up With Wall Street? Do Something About It!

by Jim Hightower

Instead of griping about the greedheads of Wall Street and the ripoff financial system they've hung around our necks — why don't we "Take On Wall Street"?

That's both the name and the feisty attitude of a nationwide campaign that a coalition of grassroots groups has launched to do just that: Take on Wall Street. The coalition, spearheaded by

the Communication Workers of America, points out that there is nothing natural or sacred about today's money-grubbing financial complex. Far from sacrosanct, the system of finance that now rules over us has been designed by and for Wall Street speculators, money managers, and big bank flim flammers. So — Big Surprise — rather than serving our common good, the system is corrupt, routinely serving their uncommon greed at

everyone else's expense.

The "Take On" campaign has the guts and gumption to say: Enough! Instead of you and me continuing to accept Wall Street's plutocratic perversion of our democracy, We The People can rewrite their rules and reorder their structures so the system serves us. For starters, the campaign has laid out a five-point people's reform agenda and are now taking it to the countryside to rally the voice-

of workers, consumers, communities of color, Main Street, the poor, people of faith — and just plain folks. The coalition is holding information and training sessions to spread the word, forge local coalitions, and teach how we can get right in the face of power to create a fair finance system that works for all.

There's an old truism about negotiating that says: "If you're not

at the table, you're on the menu." The "Take On Wall Street" campaign intends to put you and me "the People" at the table for a change. To learn more and join the fight, go to [www.TakeOnWallStreet.org](http://www.TakeOnWallStreet.org).

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particular of years. Chocolate, my choice, is guaranteed not to last. It is easy to lose one earring, a sweater wears out, a scarf will be the wrong color by next year, and music is outdated by the time it's heard. What lasts? What gift will support the hopes of their young lives — for the health and safety of their own children or the ability to choose when those children will be born, for wages that can pay for decent housing, health insurance, child care or pay down student debt, for dreams not yet dreamt?

This year November 8th will last far beyond Christmas. There is no refund counter for November 8th. Vote a gift that lasts. Vote for your granddaughters. Think of them as people. They aren't this year's "grab it" trophy. They aren't next year's losers. Vote them no less opportunity, no fewer rights than you claim for yourself. Vote for women of integrity and competence who will vote those goals for everyone. Vote.

Larry Brown  
Milton, N.H.

### Women, Men, and Respect

To the Editor:

Republicans and Libertarians in New Hampshire's First District have several choices for Congress this year. They can stick

with Rep. Frank Guinta, though he was found guilty of taking \$355,000 in illegal campaign contributions after lying for the five previous years about the money's source. The FEC forced him pay it all back, and fined him \$15,000 on top. For his five years of lies, the *Union Leader* dubbed him a "damned liar," and Republican leaders and newspapers across New Hampshire asked him to resign. The scandal and lies may have tarnished his reputation.

But no worries, Republicans have some independent candidates to choose from this year. There's the Libertarian candidate, Robert Lombardo, and there's newcomer-to-New Hampshire Shawn O'Connor, who was endorsed recently by well-known Libertarian Brendan Kelley. A 2013 article written by O'Connor, published in *Forbes*, clearly reveals his conservative/libertarian leanings with his objections to tax increases on the wealthy. He shares the libertarian view that the government cannot provide solutions to our problems. After a brief, unhappy flirtation with New Hampshire Democrats, marketing himself as a Bernie progressive, during the recent WGIR debate with Rep. Guinta, O'Connor stated that he disagrees with many of Bernie's policies. This is

not surprising as he also said he was originally a Republican who had worked for a Republican Congressman. He stated that he is willing to caucus with Republicans.

It appears that New Hampshire's First District Republicans and Libertarians have a wide range of choices this November.

Beth Olshansky  
Durham, N.H.

### Trump and Women

To the Editor:

Donald Trump says the Access Hollywood recording of him bragging about sexually assaulting women was just talk and not true.

He wants us to believe that a big TV star was lying to impress a young TV host. He wants us to believe that he lies as a private citizen, but not as a politician.

He wants us to believe that the dozen women who have come forward with stories that agree with his own bragging are all liars. He asked his followers if one accuser was too ugly for him to assault. What does that say about his behavior around beautiful women?

Maybe you are willing to tolerate that kind of behavior in a President because of the Supreme Court vacancy. What else are you willing to tolerate, insulting every

member of Congress, abandoning our allies, ordering our troops to commit war crimes, being the puppet of a Russian dictator? Don't expect Trump to change if he is elected. He did not change after the primaries and winning the general election would prove the electorate supported his bad behavior.

Just remember, Mr. Trump has lied throughout his campaign. Why should you trust him about his Supreme Court pick?

Walter Hamilton  
Portsmouth N.H.

### When, Donald?

To the Editor:

What eras are Donald Trump thinking of when he says, "Make America great again"? Was he thinking of our response to WW II? The Reagan years? Some things were better then, some now. How would he make us great again? By making better deals? By building a wall on the Mexican border? I remember when Ronald Reagan said, "Tear down this wall," referring to the Berlin wall.

He thinks that global warming is a hoax. What if all those scientists are right? Maybe we should stop using fossil fuels.

Mike Pence is Trump's running mate. Mike Pence's role model is Dick Cheney. Remember the war

in Iraq?

Donald Trump has accused Ted Cruz and Hillary Clinton of lying, but he lies more than they do. In the final debate, he accused the State Department of losing \$6 billion. He said to Hillary, "Just like when you ran the State Department, \$6 billion was missing. How do you miss \$6 billion? You ran the State Department, \$6 billion was either stolen. (Sic) They don't know. It's gone, \$6 billion." One of many examples, a fact check by the *Washington Post* revealed:

"Trump misunderstands a \$6 billion figure that appeared in a 2014 management alert from the State Department Inspector General. The alert summarized a variety of recent audits that indicated paperwork deficiencies in closing out contracts that were issued in Iraq, Afghanistan and Africa. But no money is missing or lost, a point that the IG emphasized in a letter to the *Washington Post* in 2014. Instead, the alert highlighted missing paperwork, not dollars."

The factors of fear and anger in Germany in the 1930's are present here now, although to a lesser degree. I hope the result is different.

Dick Devens  
Center Sandwich, N.H.

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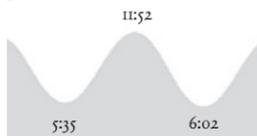
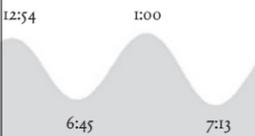
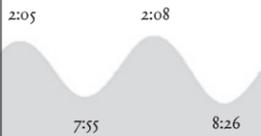
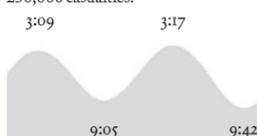
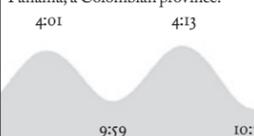
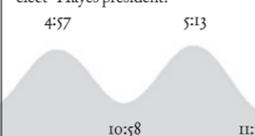
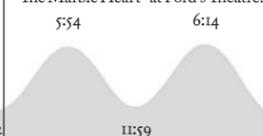
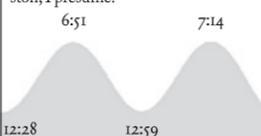
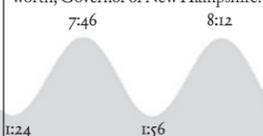
drags about seventeen billion gallons of seawater — enough to fill 2,125,000 tanker trucks — up the river and into Great Bay. This creates a roving hydraulic conflict, as incoming sea and the outgoing river collide. The skirmish line

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.

| SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     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| <p><b>2012</b>—For the first time since the Ice Age, public access to the sea at Sanders Poynt in Rye is cut off by would-be Senator Bill Binnie.</p> <p><b>2005</b>—Pastor Kyle Lake, 33, standing in water to perform a baptism before 800 people at a Waco, Texas Baptist church, reaches for a microphone and is electrocuted.</p> <p><b>1995</b>—Quebec votes not to secede, but just barely.</p> <p><b>1990</b>—For the first time since the Ice Age, England and Europe are connected; this time by channel.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Martin Luther King, Jr. is arrested in Birmingham, Ala.</p> <p><b>1961</b>—The Soviet Union air-drops a 58-megaton H-bomb: the largest explosion in human history.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—Puerto Ricans rebel against U.S. rule.</p> <p><b>1948</b>—Smog deaths in Donora, Pa. reach 20, and 6,000 are sick.</p> <p><b>1938</b>—CBS Radio broadcasts "War of the Worlds." Irresponsible newspapers spin a few isolated overreactions into a mythical national panic.</p> <p><b>1838</b>—A mob led by three Missouri Militia captains attacks a colony of Mormons at Huan's Mill, killing 21.</p> <p><b>1831</b>—Rebel slave leader Nat Turner is arrested in Virginia.</p> <p><b>1501</b>—At Pope Alexander VI's palace, as 50 naked whores scramble for chestnuts strewn on the floor, church officials vie for prizes for virility by coupling with as many of them as possible.</p> | <p><b>1973</b>—Three IRA prisoners escape from Mountjoy Jail in Dublin via a hijacked helicopter.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—President Johnson stops the bombing of North Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Gov. Ronald Reagan denies a "homosexual ring" is operating out of his office in Sacramento.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—"I can safely say," says Gen. Paul Harkin, U.S. commander in South Vietnam, "that the end of the war is in sight."</p> <p><b>1964</b>—China explodes an A-bomb.</p> <p><b>1941</b>—On convoy duty on the North Atlantic, the U.S.S. <i>Reuben James</i> is sunk by a U-Boat.</p> <p><b>1939</b>—FDR moves the date of Thanksgiving ahead by one week to boost Christmas retail sales.</p> <p><b>1938</b>—Convicted murderer John Deering's heart rate is monitored by his EKG as he's executed by a Utah firing squad: 180 beats per minute.</p> <p><b>1926</b>—Anarchist Anteo Zamboni shoots at Benito Mussolini. Il Duce survives, Zamboni, 15, is lynched.</p> <p><b>1926</b>—Ehrlich "Harry Houdini" Weiss dies of a punch to the stomach.</p> <p><b>1918</b>—In one week, Spanish Flu kills 21,000 Americans.</p> <p><b>1893</b>—The World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago closes; Daniel Fowle's printing press, on display, is seen no more.</p> <p><b>1765</b>—The <i>New Hampshire Gazette</i> is printed "in mourning" for lost liberty, in protest of the Stamp Act, to take effect the following day.</p>                                      | <p><b>2004</b>—Voting machines are delivered to polling places in Franklin Co., Ohio. More go to higher-income areas than lower-income areas.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—"[T]hat's what you expect here in New Hampshire," says George W.[MD] Bush, "somebody who tells you what's on your mind."</p> <p><b>1972</b>—The Piscataqua River Bridge opens to traffic.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—At My Tho, two limpet mines kill 26 aboard the U.S.S. <i>Westbester County</i>; the Navy's greatest single-incident loss of life during the war.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—Lyndon Johnson, lying, tells U.S. troops in Korea that his great-granddaddy died at the Alamo.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—South Vietnamese generals stage a coup against Pres. Ngo Dinh Diem, with U.S. approval.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—Angry with his mother, who left him in an orphanage, Jack Graham kills her and 43 other people. He's only charged for her murder since it's not yet illegal to blow up airliners.</p> <p><b>1951</b>—Six thousand soldiers are exposed to an A-bomb explosion in Nevada "for training purposes."</p> <p><b>1950</b>—Puerto Rican nationalists try to kill Harry S Truman.</p> <p><b>1918</b>—A scab motorman causes the Malbone Tunnel disaster in New York City; 97 die, 255 are injured.</p> <p><b>1789</b>—George Washington attends two church services in Portsmouth.</p> <p><b>1777</b>—The <i>Ranger</i>, Captain John Paul Jones commanding, leaves Portsmouth for France.</p> | <p><b>2004</b>—Warren Co., Ohio, officials explain they're counting votes behind locked doors because of an alleged "terrorist threat."</p> <p><b>2002</b>—"We know he [Saddam Hussein] has chemical weapons," says George W.[MD] Bush.</p> <p><b>2000</b>—A Maine TV station reports that George W.[MD] Bush got busted for drunk driving in 1976.</p> <p><b>1988</b>—A Cornell grad student nukes the 'net by releasing an experimental Morris Worm into MIT computers. MIT grants him tenure 18 years later.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—In exchange for the Justice Department dropping an indictment for making illegal campaign contributions, the Seafarer's International Union contributes \$100,000 to the Nixon campaign.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Pres. Johnson and his "Wise Men" decide what the Vietnam War needs is more upbeat coverage.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—At the Pentagon, below Robert McNamara's office window, Norman Morrison, a 31 year-old Quaker, immolates himself.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—President Ngo Dinh Diem and his brother Nhu are assassinated on orders from General Duong "Big" Van Minh, with an OK from the U.S.</p> <p><b>1929</b>—"The Wall Street crash," says <i>Business Week</i>, "doesn't mean that there will be any general or serious business depression."</p> <p><b>1920</b>—Socialist Eugene V. Debs gets 913,693 votes for President, despite being in prison for sedition.</p>                | <p><b>1998</b>—Charlotte Burks [D] is elected to succeed her late husband, Tennessee Senator Tommy Burks. Without campaigning, she gets 95 percent of the votes cast. Byron Low Tax Loop-er, a Republican who murdered Burks two weeks earlier, gets five percent.</p> <p><b>1987</b>—While hovering 400 feet over Moraga, Calif., the main rotor of a Robinson R22 strikes its tailboom; parts fall "like sparklers;" a flight instructor and his student die.</p> <p><b>1979</b>—Communists are fired on by Klansmen and Nazis in Greensboro, N.C. Five die and 11 are wounded, but three trials yield no convictions.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Richard Nixon announces "Vietnamization" of Vietnam War.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—Lyndon Johnson is elected as the peace candidate.</p> <p><b>1948</b>—"Dewey Defeats Truman," according to the <i>Chicago Tribune</i>.</p> <p><b>1903</b>—The Colombian province of Panama secedes, backed by Teddy Roosevelt, whose Republican party recently received \$60,000 from the New Panama Canal Company.</p> <p><b>1874</b>—Election Day in Eufala, Ala.: The White League murders seven black Republicans, wounds 70 more, and says the Democrats won.</p> <p><b>1848</b>—In Revere, Mass., a train full of Whigs collides with a train full of Democrats; six die and 40 are injured.</p> <p><b>1755</b>—Mass. sets bounties for Indian scalps, ranging from £50 for male Penobscots over 12 years old, to £20 for female Indians under 12.</p> | <p><b>2008</b>—As Americans elect Barack Obama President, Californians restrict LGBT rights.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—An experienced helicopter pilot who told his mother the machines "hardly ever go down" is killed, along with his girl friend, when his Robinson R22 crashes 100 yards from his home helipad near Escondido, Calif.</p> <p><b>1979</b>—Militant Shi'ite Muslims take 66 Americans hostage in Teheran, dooming the Carter administration.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—Lenny Bruce is found guilty of obscenity in New York City.</p> <p><b>1960</b>—In Dallas, a vicious "Mink Coat Mob" angrily confronts Lyndon and Lady Bird Johnson. Revulsion at its tactics cost Nixon Texas.</p> <p><b>1958</b>—A U.S. B-47 bomber carrying nukes crashes near Abilene, Texas. High explosives detonate. Nuclear materials are recovered later.</p> <p><b>1956</b>—Soviet troops put down Hungarian revolt.</p> <p><b>1928</b>—Asked who shot him, the dying gangster Arnold Rothstein tells police, "My mudder did it."</p> <p><b>1924</b>—Nellie Raylor Ross becomes first female governor of a U.S. state, Wyoming.</p> <p><b>1918</b>—Disgruntled German sailors take over the port at Kiel, starting the German Revolution.</p> <p><b>1879</b>—James Ritty gets a patent for the first cash register, invented to out-fish thieving bartenders.</p> <p><b>1798</b>—Vermont elects Matthew Lyon, in jail for sedition, to Congress.</p>                                                                                    | <p><b>2004</b>—A Franklin Co. Ohio official reports that Pres. Bush's 3,893 vote total in one district is erroneous—only 638 ballots were cast.</p> <p><b>1994</b>—File under "Non-News:" Ronald Reagan announces he has Alzheimer's.</p> <p><b>1986</b>—"Nam vet Ron McIntosh hijacks a helicopter and uses it to free his girlfriend from the Federal prison he escaped from six days earlier.</p> <p><b>1975</b>—Dick "Dick" Cheney becomes White House Chief of Staff, Donald Rumsfeld becomes Secretary of Defense, and George H.[H.]W. Bush becomes Director of the CIA. Gerry Ford is allowed to stay on as President.</p> <p><b>1949</b>—Deranged WW II veteran and daily churchgoer Howard Unruh (1921—2009) shoots 16 people, killing 13, in Camden, N.J.</p> <p><b>1935</b>—Parker Brothers introduces the game "Monopoly."</p> <p><b>1930</b>—Told over the phone by a Swedish reporter that he's won the Nobel Prize, Sinclair Lewis, thinking it's a hoax, imitates the man's accent.</p> <p><b>1916</b>—Vigilantes fire on IWW members in Everett, Wash. They kill two of their own and five Wobblies.</p> <p><b>1872</b>—Susan B. Anthony and 14 less-notorious women vote in Rochester, N.Y. Nine days later, only Anthony is arrested.</p> <p><b>1765</b>—Two Boston gangs forego their usual Guy Fawkes Day ruckus and join up to demonstrate against the Stamp Act.</p> |
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| <p><b>1998</b>—Newt Gingrich explains his pending resignation as Speaker of the House: "I'm not willing to provide over people who are cannibals."</p> <p><b>1984</b>—Reagan defeats Mondale—it's mourning in America.</p> <p><b>1977</b>—A dam owned and modified by the Toccoa Falls Bible Institute in Georgia fails, killing 39 people.</p> <p><b>1975</b>—The Sex Pistols perform in public for the first time.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—The Atomic Energy Commission explodes a 5-megaton nuke—the largest ever exploded in the U.S.—one mile below Amchitka Island in Alaska, about 87 miles from a Soviet naval base in Siberia.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—In Times Square, five men burn their draft cards, the first such protest of the Vietnam War.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—In Midland, Texas, the future Mrs. George W.[MD] Bush runs a stop sign with fatal results.</p> <p><b>1961</b>—A three day fire begins in Bel Air, Calif., destroying 447 homes including those of Zsa Zsa Gabor and Dick Nixon.</p> <p><b>1944</b>—The Zionist Stern Gang assassinates Britain's Lord Moyne in Cairo. Israel honors the assassins with a stamp in 1982.</p> <p><b>1928</b>—Herbert Hoover beats Alfred E. Smith for president.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—After three months of fighting in mud, Canadians take Passchendaele, ending the Third Battle of Ypres; Allies gain five miles at a cost of 250,000 casualties.</p>                | <p><b>2007</b>—Private Jessica Lynch accuses the Pentagon of using her for propaganda purposes.</p> <p><b>2000</b>—The American people vote for a president. Instead, they end up with George W.[MD] Bush.</p> <p><b>1962</b>—Richard Nixon tells the press they won't have him to kick around any more. (It's a lie.)</p> <p><b>1940</b>—The mile-long Tacoma Narrows bridge wiggles, wobbles, and then falls down. Washington State can't collect on its insurance, because it agent pocketed the premiums.</p> <p><b>1931</b>—Fisk U.'s Dean of Women Juliette Derricotte and a student, injured when a white man's car drives hers into a ditch, die after being refused hospital treatment because they're black.</p> <p><b>1919</b>—3,000 anarchists are held without bail on Ellis Island as the Palmer Raids begin.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—A Klan mob whips, tars, and feathers 12 Tulsa IWW members and their five defense witnesses for the crime of not owning war bonds.</p> <p><b>1837</b>—Abolitionist editor Elijah P. Lovejoy (born in Maine), whose press has been thrown in the river twice, is murdered by a mob in Alton, Ill.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—Revolutionary peasants lost in the Winter Palace stumble upon the remnants of Kerensky's government. Being illiterate, they force the officials to write their own arrest warrants.</p> <p><b>1903</b>—The U.S. denies Colombia's request to place Colombian troops in Panama, a Colombian province.</p> | <p><b>2013</b>—The Navy suspends the security clearance of Admiral Ted "Twig" Branch, Director of Naval Intelligence. Though unable to view classified material, he's still in office.</p> <p><b>2010</b>—George W.[MD] Bush reveals on TV that his mother once showed him a jar containing the fetus of a miscarried sibling and asked him to drive her to the hospital.</p> <p><b>2000</b>—At 2:16 a.m., Fox News "reporter" John Ellis calls Fla. in favor of his cousin, George W.[MD] Bush.</p> <p><b>1994</b>—Serial philanderer Newt Gingrich and the Republican Party gain control of Congress.</p> <p><b>1983</b>—Moscow puts its nuclear forces on high alert and sends flash telegrams to its embassies warning that a nuclear strike on the USSR may come at any time.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—Singer Michelle Phillips divorces Dennis Hopper — eight days of marriage was enough.</p> <p><b>1932</b>—Socialist Norman Thomas gets 884,885 votes for President.</p> <p><b>1923</b>—Disgruntled corporal A. Hitler, with help from disgruntled general E. von Ludendorff, stages the "Beer Hall Putsch" in Munich.</p> <p><b>1897</b>—Birth of Dorothy Day, anarchist founder of <i>Catholic Worker</i>.</p> <p><b>1876</b>—The editor of <i>The New York Times</i> and the chairman of the Republican National Committee conspire to bribe election officials in Florida, South Carolina, and Louisiana to "elect" Hayes president.</p>                       | <p><b>1998</b>—NASDAQ brokers who rigged the game are compelled to pay their bilked customers \$1 billion.</p> <p><b>1989</b>—The Berlin Wall becomes unexpectedly porous.</p> <p><b>1979</b>—A computer error causes the U.S. Air Defense Command to believe for six minutes that the USSR is attacking the U.S.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Two small groups of Indians make successive landings on Alcatraz Island. The first is removed by the Coast Guard, the second manages to stay overnight.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—The presses start rolling for <i>Rolling Stone</i>.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—Due to a failure at a single power plant in Ontario, the entire northeast is left in the dark.</p> <p><b>1953</b>—Dylan Thomas dies in New York at 39.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—The first "Liberty Ship," the <i>Robert E. Peary</i>, is launched.</p> <p><b>1938</b>—German Nazis demonstrate their racial superiority during Kristallnacht by killing 91 Jews.</p> <p><b>1932</b>—To restore order, the Swiss Army fires on a crowd of protestors in Geneva, killing 13 anti-fascists.</p> <p><b>1872</b>—In Boston, 600 buildings burn. The Fire Department is hampered by a lack of horsepower due to an equine virus, aka "the Great Epizootic," and by looters. Portsmouth sends a steamer and 34 men to assist.</p> <p><b>1863</b>—Abraham Lincoln watches John Wilkes Booth perform in Selby's "The Marble Heart" at Ford's Theatre.</p> | <p><b>2004</b>—George W.[MD] Bush nominates as his new Attorney General, Alberto Gonzales—who goes on to make his predecessor, John Ashcroft, look good.</p> <p><b>1982</b>—The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, a gift to the nation from those it had shunned, opens in Washington, D.C.</p> <p><b>1975</b>—The ore carrier <i>Edmund Fitzgerald</i> sinks on Lake Superior, taking with her a crew of 29.</p> <p><b>1973</b>—In Drake, N.D. the school board fires a teacher and burns the book he assigned, <i>Slaughterhouse Five</i>.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—Anti-police brutality activist Louis Moore, threatened with bogus charges by Detroit police, tries a radical remedy: skyjacking a DC-9 out of Birmingham, Ala. A two-day, nine-stop odyssey ends in a Cuban prison and leads to airport searches.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—In Australia, the draft is re-introduced, apparently to protect that part of the British Empire from invasion by Ho's forces.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—Flying over Canada, a U.S. Air Force crew in a B-50 experiences engine trouble. They chuck the bomb (minus its plutonium core) which then explodes in Riviere du Loup, Quebec.</p> <p><b>1898</b>—In Wilmington, N.C., 400 Democratic activists murder 40 to 100 blacks, depose the mayor, and establish a new government by force.</p> <p><b>1871</b>—Newspaperman Henry Morton Stanley, meeting a white man near Lake Tanganyika, says "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?"</p>                           | <p><b>2000</b>—Republicans go to court to stop manual recounts in Florida.</p> <p><b>1981</b>—The main rotor of a Robinson R22 helicopter severs its tailboom about 500 feet over Livermore, Calif. An instructor and a student on his first helicopter flight perish in flames.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—<i>Sand Lance</i> is launched, last sub built at the Portsmouth Shipyard.</p> <p><b>1959</b>—It's "Rocky and His Friends!"</p> <p><b>1933</b>—"The Great Black Blizzard," the first of the great dust storms, hits the Great Plains.</p> <p><b>1921</b>—Pres. Warren G. Harding dedicates the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.</p> <p><b>1919</b>—In Centralia, Wash., American Legionnaires kidnap, torture, castrate and kill fellow WWI vet Wesley Everest for joining the IWW.</p> <p><b>1918</b>—At 11:11 a.m., the War to End All Wars ends — too late for the 2,738 who die on this day.</p> <p><b>1911</b>—"The Great Blue Norther" hits the Midwest. Temperatures at Springfield, Mo. drop from 80 degrees to 13.</p> <p><b>1887</b>—The anarchist Haymarket Martyrs, most of whom are mostly innocent, are hanged in Chicago.</p> <p><b>1880</b>—Australia strings up Ned Kelly, the rebellious bushranger.</p> <p><b>1778</b>—British troops and their Iroquois allies massacre dozens of American settlers and soldiers at Cherry Valley, N.Y.</p> <p><b>1769</b>—Thirteen days after the death of her first husband, Frances Atkinson marries her first cousin John Wentworth, Governor of New Hampshire.</p> | <p><b>2001</b>—Flight 587 falls apart and crashes off Queens, N.Y., killing 261.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—New York City Mayor Ed Koch admits he tried marijuana.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—The Berkeley City Council votes symbolically to provide sanctuary for draft resistors.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—The Oregon Highway Dept. discovers that half a ton of explosives isn't enough to dispose of a dead eight-ton whale.</p> <p><b>1941</b>—Abe "Kid Twist" Reles earns the posthumous sobriquet "the canary who sang but couldn't fly" when he autodenestrates (or is defenestrated) from the sixth floor of a Coney Island hotel while under the protection of six New York City cops.</p> <p><b>1933</b>—The first photo is or is not taken of the Loch Ness Monster.</p> <p><b>1927</b>—Stalin reigns alone after Trotsky is expelled from the Communist Party.</p> <p><b>1926</b>—A feud between rival beer and rum factions in Illinois results in the aerial bombing of a farmhouse by a civilian plane.</p> <p><b>1865</b>—Former Senator Preston King (R-N.Y.) ties a bag of bullets around his neck and leaps to his death from a ferryboat.</p> <p><b>1815</b>—Birth of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, suffragette.</p> <p><b>1779</b>—Twenty slaves petition the New Hampshire legislature to abolish slavery to no avail. Primus Fowle, Daniel Fowle's enslaved pressman, is not among them.</p>   |
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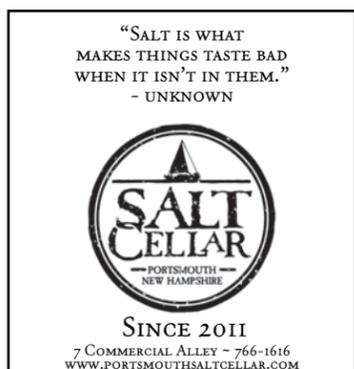
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