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## The Fortnightly Rant

### The Miracle Workers

Like a dog suddenly shocked to find that he had actually caught a car, President-elect Donald Trump is said to have been deeply surprised, on meeting with President Obama, at the extent of the responsibilities of the office he had just won. He probably got over it quickly, given his limited attention span. Perhaps, if only for a moment, he shared that terrifying feeling which many Americans now have: that an elevator cable has just snapped.

Two candidates, during the campaign, essentially promised every American that they would get a free pony. As it happened — and more's the pity — Vermin Supreme lost.

#### Promises, Promises

Xenophobic construction workers ought to be ecstatic after Trump takes office, as long as they don't mind sweating in the deserts along our southern border and accepting their pay in pesos. They should do just fine, as long as they set the one-way doors right.

West Virginia coal miners may not get ponies, but there should be new pickup trucks galore after the mines re-open. Besides, there's more than enough horse manure being dispensed these days already.

Hillary-haters will be especially pleased — Court TV may have to create a whole new mini-series to work through the former Secretary of State's rap sheet.

#### Never Mind

It may be tempting to think that, after a wave of the Presidential wand fails to magically produce these many promised wonders, crowds of angry former supporters will converge on the Trump House bearing pitchforks and blazing torches. That probably won't happen, though.

Thanks to widespread disengagement, apathy, and despair caused by neo-feudal economics, the star of "The Apprentice" was transformed into our President-elect by just one-quarter of the voting-age public. And, as the writer Selena Zito succinctly put it in September, while the press and Trump's detractors took him literally but not seriously, the part of the public that supports him took him seriously but not literally.

Even the hardest of Trump's hardcore supporters may forgive him for reneging. It would not be the first time a deeply-held

conviction got discarded. As recently as 2011, only 30 percent of evangelical white Protestants agreed that "a political leader who committed an immoral act in his or her private life could nonetheless behave ethically and fulfill their duties in their public life," according to a survey by the Public Religion Research Institute. This year, "72 percent of white evangelicals now say they believe a candidate can build a kind of moral wall between his private and public life."

#### Bad Moon Rising

What might really set the rabble off, though, could be the consequences of President Trump's actual actions. We are about to undergo an experiment with a type of governance never anticipated by the Founding Fathers: Reality TVocracy. Maybe it will work — who knows?

We may discover, though, that operating a global empire with more than 800 foreign military bases is more complicated than Trump thought. What if the manner in which the Presidency is conducted has a consequential effect on the world's largest economy? What might happen if Homer Simpson ran a nuclear power plant?

As Thomas Frank has pointed out, this guy has already destroyed both of our political parties. There's no telling what he might do next.

#### The Usual Suspects

Much will depend on whom Trump picks to staff his Administration. So far the indicators are not exactly promising. His closest aides will be Reince Priebus, the man who failed to prevent him from gaining the nomination, and Steve Bannon — for whom, one suspects, Trump is the second choice, the first having shot himself more than seventy years ago.

Retired General Michael Flynn will become Trump's National Security Advisor. The position requires no confirmation, so that is a done deal. Indeed, that might be the whole shooting match. The essence of that job is to coolly balance the competing views and prerogatives of the Pentagon, the CIA, the DIA, the NSA, and for all we know the NRA. Flynn, meanwhile, is a short-fused hothead with no more regard for norms and customs than his boss.

Former Presidential candidate Ben Car-



son said he would consider running the Department of Housing and Urban Development, just days after declining because of his lack of experience. Moments of lucidity are like that; they just come and go.

The latest trial balloon we saw, before throwing the television out the window, was about Jerry Falwell, Jr., being considered as the next Secretary of Education. That will work only if Trump gets two terms; four years won't be long enough to educate Falwell.

#### Take Me To Your Leader(s)

No one on Earth has any idea what the Executive Branch will do during the next four years — not even Trump, especially Trump. If we are lucky enough his ineptitude will serve to limit the damage.

The oligarchy, though, is a lot like rust, in that it never sleeps. Whatever else is happening, they will be trying to grab anything

that is not nailed down. We can choose to resist them, or not.

William Hazlitt, the British essayist, offered this advice about them 196 years ago: "They never give an inch of ground that they can keep; they keep all that they can get; they make no concessions that can rebound to their own discredit; they assume all that makes for them; if they pause it is to gain time; if they offer terms it is to break them: they keep no faith with enemies: if you relax in your exertions, they persevere the more: if you make new efforts, they redouble theirs. While they give no quarter, you stand upon mere ceremony. While they are cutting your throat, or putting the gag in your mouth, you talk of nothing but liberality, freedom of inquiry, and douce humanité. Their object is to destroy you, your object is to spare them — to treat them according to your own fancied dignity."

## The Alleged News®

### A Little Fish Story

On Monday, on page two, the Award-Winning Local Daily ran what purported to be a news story under the headline, "Hearing on Jonah crab, Atlantic Menhaden management." It provided readers with a bewildering amount of detail regarding the distinctions between whole crab landings and claw landings, by-catch allowances, crab pots, whelk traps, &c., &c., all of it rendered in flawless bureaucratese. Despite its headline, though, the piece said nothing at all about menhaden. We decided to pursue the matter as a collegial gesture and satisfy the curiosity of everyone involved.

A little Google-fu revealed that the text in question was, in fact,

just the first half of a press release, printed as it was issued on November 15th by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. The last half had clearly been lopped off because it did not fit.

That unfortunate editorial decision was no doubt made by some anonymous person toiling in a cubicle at GateHouse Media's Center for News & Design in Austin, Texas, since that's where the AWLD is put together these days. Apparently GateHouse, the AWLD's corporate master, is unashamed of the 2,000 mile disconnect between the daily and its readership, judging from this November 10th tweet bragging about the front page of November

11th's edition of *Seacoast Sunday*:



That decision was unfortunate because the lowly menhaden matters — so much it has been called "the most important fish in the sea."

#### The Little Fish That Could

Menhaden are small, smelly, oily, bony fish whose taste most Americans find revolting. Unlike some people, menhaden (also called pogey or bunker) seem to know and accept their place in the great chain of being. Weighing about a pound, only a foot long, each fish can ingest and filter from four to seven gallons of water a minute. Swimming in schools, they consume massive quantities of phytoplankton such as algae. In doing so they perform a vital

ecological function, keeping bodies of water clear, encouraging the growth of plants which release dissolved oxygen, and preventing toxic algae blooms that create oxygen-depleted "dead zones." They are eaten, in turn, by larger animals such as bluefish, striped bass, and dolphins; by humpback whales; and by birds like ospreys and bald eagles.

Poised in the biosphere between the microscopic and the massive, the value of menhaden contributions to the overall health of the ocean cannot be overstated.

On the other hand, these little

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fish can also provide a handsome profit if they are netted ton after ton, by the shipload, ground up whole into dry pellets, and sold to fish farms in Asia. There they can be converted into farmed fish which are more palatable to American tastes: a global round trip depleting that which is held in common and converting it to private profit.

**Decisions, Decisions**

In a world where it has recently been proven that anyone can become President of the United States, we cannot rule out the possibility that some Austin-based cubical drone is better-informed on these matters than we. Maybe the management of the 8,500 ton Jonah crab fishery is more consequential than that of the 200,000 ton menhaden catch.

We doubt, though, that the pending decision about to be made by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission [ASMFC] regarding Jonah crabs is nearly as intriguing as the one about menhaden.

For one thing, the menhaden

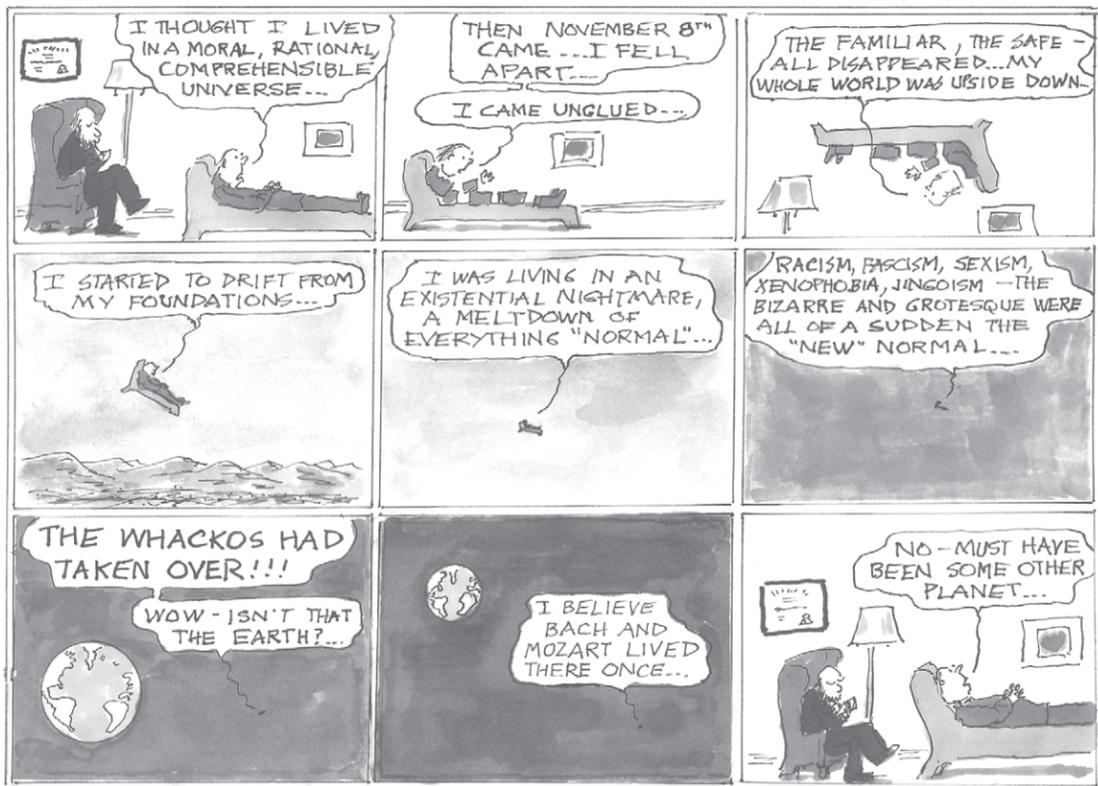
plan looks like a step in the wrong direction. For another, there is ample evidence to suspect that that decision is being taken for all the wrong reasons.

It's hard to tell, of course; few issues are more contentious than the assessment and regulation of fish stocks. There is a familiar and troubling pattern evident here, though, which does not engender confidence.

**History and Numbers**

The name menhaden is presumed to derive from the Narragansett word "munnawhatteaug," meaning "fertilizer," or "that which manures." It is almost certainly the fish that Squanto used when he taught the starving Pilgrims how to grow corn. While it is impossible by definition to obtain reliable scientific data on the abundance of Atlantic menhaden in the seventeenth century, one contemporaneous account speaks of schools that were 25 miles long, and ranged from Nova Scotia to Florida.

In 1874, as the whaling industry was killing itself out of business, sea captain Elijah W. Reed (1827-1888), of Brooklin, Maine, moved to the Chesapeake Bay and



perfected the reduction fishing process: netting vast quantities of menhaden, squeezing the oil out of them to produce a substitute for whale oil, and selling what was left over as fertilizer. When that laborious, odoriferous process was rendered obsolete by the rise of kerosene, Reed's fish-killing business adapted and found new uses for its products.

With money to be made, and no catch restrictions in place, reduction fishing plants were established up and down the Eastern seaboard, throughout the range of their target fish. In 1946, ingenious profit-seekers realized that they could use light planes to spot schools from the air, and direct their boats towards them. By the mid-1950s the annual catch had reached 80,000,000 tons.

Then, apparently to the surprise of everyone, catches began to decline. Bluefish and striped bass stocks declined along with the menhaden.

By 1997, with menhaden stocks down to about ten percent of historic levels, there was only one reduction fishing plant left on the Chesapeake Bay. It belonged to Omega Protein, based in Reedville, Virginia — the corporate successor to Elijah W. Reed's company.

**Menhaden's Corporate Ahab**

According to Captain Paul Eidman, of the Anglers Conservation Network, 80 percent of the Atlantic menhaden catch is taken by Omega Protein [OP]. Only about 20 percent is used by small fishermen as bait for lobster pots, crab traps, and recreational fishing.

Concerned over the decline in menhaden stock, small fishermen finally prevailed upon the ASMFC to impose catch limits in 2012.

To no one's surprise, OP fought back. Although the numbers are still not significantly higher than they had been, ASMFC agreed

with OP's scientists that the study used to justify those catch limits had been poorly designed.

Peter Himchak, who was then the acting chief of New Jersey's Bureau of Marine Fishery, told the *Cape May County Herald* in September of 2007 — years before the so-called recovery — that "today, the menhaden stock is in very good shape."

Some time between then and December 15, 2015, Himchak went from being a regulator to a regulatee — he became the Senior Fisheries Scientist for OP. We presume it is in that official capacity that he writes articles like, "Chesapeake Bay Defense Foundation [which was arguing for stricter catch limits] Gets it Wrong on Menhaden."

The future may look bleak for menhaden, but they're looking good for OP — as long as the menhaden last and the regulators remember their place.

Not only is the Atlantic States



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Marine Fisheries Commission about to increase the 2017 quota on Atlantic menhaden to 200,000 metric tons, the company recently got off probation.

OP was hit with three years of probation and a \$7.5 million fine in June of 2013. "The defendant put wildlife and aquatic life at risk in our nation's largest estuary by illegally discharging non-permitted fish processing waste and oily wastewater directly into the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean," according to Special Agent McLeod, head of the EPA's criminal enforcement program for the Middle Atlantic States.

**What's In a Name?**

As if to drive home the sad fact that we live in a post-fact world, on the same day the AWLD passed over the menhaden story to tell us about crab pots and whelk traps, it misspelled the name of its very own longtime outdoors columnist, identifying Wayne Hooper as "Wayne Hopper." As our faithful reader David D. wrote, "maybe he just paints deer now."



At least Hooper fared better than the unknown gentleman above, whose informative article about the versatile acorn, published on November 16th, was attributed to "Firstname Lastname."

**Local Heroes, National Goats**

One more drubbing to deliver, then — we promise — good news. Must be the pending change of administrations that's got us lashing out so viciously ....

The AWLD loves to publish puff pieces promoting Allegiant Airlines, its neighbor at the Pease Tradeport. Here are a few samples: March 6, 2015, "Allegiant doubling flights in April;" August 24, 2015, "Allegiant offers \$55



flights from Portsmouth to Florida;" October 1, 2015, "Seabrook woman wins free flight to Florida;" August 30, 2016, "Allegiant Air offers new Florida destination from Portsmouth;" October 20, 2016, "Allegiant Airlines adds flights from Pease;" October 25, 2016, an editorial, "Flying with ease from Pease."

Here's a little sample from a November 2nd story the AWLD missed: "All major airlines break down once in awhile. But none of them break down in midair more often than Allegiant."

"A Tampa Bay Times investigation — which included a first-of-its kind analysis of federal aviation records — has found that the budget carrier's planes are four times as likely to fail during flight as those operated by other major U.S. airlines."

"In 2015, Allegiant jets were forced to make unexpected landings at least 77 times for serious mechanical failures ....

"None of the 77 incidents

prompted enforcement action from the Federal Aviation Administration, which doesn't compare airline breakdown records to look for warning signs."

**Bulletproof the Student Body**

We can be pretty picky about printing press releases. We got one the other day, though, from Lynn Bat-Abba and Paul Fischler of Rochester, that we're going to run exactly as we received it.

"Greetings Friend or Associate or Person Who Wound Up in My Address Book!

"I've just launched an IndieGoGo (crowdfunding) campaign for the development of the SafetyCurtain — 'A bulletproof vest for the student body.' It will offer protection for students and teachers during active shooter events ... and help minimize the traumatizing effects of lockdown drills."

"All the details are on the IndieGoGo campaign page. If you find it to be a worthy project, you could be of great help by spreading the link as far and wide as

you possibly can. Crowdfunding depends on drawing a crowd! I think the SafetyCurtain will be of particular interest to teachers, parents, policemen and others who might be directly impacted by a school shooter situation ... but feel free to notify everyone you know!

"The link is: <https://igg.me/at/safetycurtain>."

[Full Disclosure: Our decision to run this item may or may not have been influenced by a gift we received from Mr. Fischler. See the note at the end of the Hate Mail for all the sordid details. — The Ed.]

**"We the People 2.0"**

On Wednesday, November 30th, at 6:30 p.m., at the Portsmouth Public Library, the Dover Friends Meeting, OccupyNH Seacoast, and the NH Community Rights Network will present the film "We the People 2.0," which shows how ordinary folks are challenging the corporate state and how we the people can succeed at regaining our country."



"I'm no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I'm changing the things I can no longer accept," said a protest sign in Market Square on Sunday, November 13th. Another said, "Trump — Making America Hate Again." One placard reminded, "Action — Antidote for Despair." Subtly mentioning the stakes at play, one sign said, "There Is No Planet B." A gentleman in combat fatigues, adorned with a Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, held a sign saying on one side, "President Con-Man," and on the other, "Draft Dodger Trump."

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**"Are We Great Again Yet?"**

To the Editor:

Please allow me to respond to your question, "Are we great again yet?" Nope, not yet, and it appears we have a long way to go. But, I would caution against being overly pessimistic. The "Dysfunction Junction" (as you called it) is simply a giant leap into the great unknown and I'm nearing the age (double sevens) where letting go of the safety tether is kind of exciting.

There are things that trouble me though; here are just three. The two major parties seem to want to adopt certain strategies that ultimately "rig" the system to favor, or disfavor, candidates by denying some voters a chance to make an educated choice. Case in point, had the Democratic Party primaries been "open" primaries in all 50 states, would the outcome have been different? Had the Republican Party treated all the candidates who ran, equally, would the outcome of their primary have been different? Both parties could improve the primary process if they truly had the common good of the citizens of the United States in mind.

Another matter of concern is talk about altering or abolishing the Electoral College. Granted, this is the second time in this century the person who won the popular vote lost the Electoral vote. The Founders were attempting to create a blueprint without disturbing the carefully-designed balance between the Presidency

and Congress, and between the states and federal government. The "College of Electors" (as the Founders called it) has served our nation well for over 200 years, and extreme caution is advised before trying to alter or abolish it.

Of far more concern to me is the vote tally itself. As I write this (two weeks after the election) votes are still being counted in several states (including North Carolina). We don't yet know who our next Governor is going to be, because "inconsistencies" have been found in approximately half of our 100 counties.

As provisional and absentee ballots and recounts continue to take place across the United States, it occurs to me we will likely never know how many legitimate votes were cast (or for whom) in 2016. With all the world's technology available to us, our inability to produce an accurate vote count should be of major concern to every American, which includes our government already distrusted by the majority of our adult population.

David L. Snell  
Franklin, N.C.

David:

*We have to give your Republican Governor, Pat McCrory, credit for energy, creativity, andchutzpah. We like the way even Republican election officials are looking aghast at his shenanigans. If there's any justice down there he'll end up in jail. Talk about contempt for democracy!*

The Editor

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**Be Prepared**

To the Editor:

The election just passed may have been the first at which the City of Portsmouth deemed the presence of a uniformed police officer at the polls advisable as a measure of reassurance to workers and voters in light of the attorney general's decision that buttons, caps, and articles of clothing bearing political messages would not be permitted into voting places, as

they might intimidate voters, but guns, whether in holsters, slung over shoulders, or concealed, would be. I am more intimidated by guns than by buttons, caps, and articles of clothing, but clearly the lobbyists for the companies that manufacture devices for facilitating our rapid and efficient extermination of one another have more clout than the lobbyists for companies that produce buttons, caps, and articles of clothing imprinted with words that endorse a political leaning or sentiment.

Notwithstanding the results of the recent election, those who perceive Second Amendment to trump First Amendment rights to represent skewed priorities have the prerogative to elect lawmakers committed to legislate to a different set of priorities. Meanwhile, to paraphrase, sort of, a slogan of one of the estimable institutions that participated in the late financial meltdown, don't leave your cave without your club.

John Simon  
Portsmouth, N.H.

John:

*We are pleased to see you are already following the first rule of living in trying times: whenever possible, maintain and exercise your sense of humor.*

The Editor

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**Deplorables & Invertebrates**

To the Editor:

America is not divided by political affiliations; it is divided along economic lines, between the poor and soon to be poor — those that George Will labeled "invertebrates, and Hillary, on the other side of the political spectrum, refers to as "deplorable." But, if different sides of the political spectrum agree, it is because both sides make up the one-percent and their loyalty to class and the maintenance of their privilege transcends all other considerations. Thinking they could once again pull off the scam by having one elitist run against another, say,

*Mash Notes,* **HATE MAIL**

John:

*We concur with your assessment of the general relationship between the one percenters and the rest of us. Let us once again quote former Congressman Ron Dellums: "What we have is government of the people, by the powerful, for the rich."*

*We continue to be astonished, though, that you give any credence to the shallow, hollow buffoon who is probably, at this moment, ordering gold lamé drapes for the Oval Office.*

The Editor

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**Dancing in the Shadows**

To the Editor:

I am a septuagenarian female. I learned, of necessity, early in life to survive in the long shadow of the misogynistic "Good-Old-Boys" culture. I inched toward freedom beyond that shadow and thrived — through perseverance, hard work, education, and a career of my own. Continued growth and vigilant practice now help me navigate my world, though I have never been completely unaware of the oppression still lurking in that shadow, ever on the periphery.

During the recent lengthy Presidential campaign, the Republican nominee's bodaciously assaultive behaviors and words triggered me emotionally back to the times of being diminished by the ignorance of entitled men who claimed superiority as a gender birthright.

At the pre-dawn close of the November 8th election, that long foreboding shadow descended on my world once again, looming large and dark, blocking out the early morning light.

Luckily, I have experience with many women who are reasonable, responsible, competent, courageous, capable, empathic, kind, inclusive and remarkably resilient. We remember well the skills of appeasement, avoidance, and invisibility necessary for

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# And Other Correspondence

preservation of personal integrity, self worth and esteem. We are all intimately familiar with this old dance — though we haven't practiced the steps for a while. As veterans, we will stay alert to the young girls and women who have been fortunate enough to have never known the chill with which this shadow can penetrate and freeze their spirits.

Our new President-elect and his "Good-Old-Boys" may indeed become giants blocking our sun for a while, but women have proven themselves capable of thriving on a fraction of the energy it takes to sustain the shadow throwers.

And we women are good at biding our time creatively and productively — ready to build upwards from the remnants of burnt-out self indulgences.

Lily Baye  
Portsmouth, N.H.

### Gullibility 101

To the Editor:

Going into 2017: 31 Republican governors; Republican majority in Senate; Republican majority in House; Republican Presidency. Looks as if the adults are back in charge. Change is on the horizon.

For me, a retiree, the change will likely be limited to a slight increase in my meager stock market investments. Increase as a result of the philosophical change from one of anti-business to one of pro-business. As American businesses prospers [sic] so do the American people.

Most importantly, for my children and grandchildren: a better life as U.S. citizens. Now that the country's leadership is refocused away from globalism, patriotism can come out of the closet. By rejecting open borders, anchor babies, and sanctuary cities U.S. citizenship becomes again precious, special. Perhaps priceless. I think legal immigration should be

streamlined and simplified so that we get the best of the best to become U.S. citizens. We need legal immigrants who strive to become English speaking, productive, tax-paying American citizens. These people should be welcomed, encouraged. Illegal immigration discouraged; enforce current laws, strengthen our borders, punish offenders. Support border agents and immigration officials who do their jobs well. Deport illegals; carefully, perhaps by using a priority system where those convicted of crimes go first. If these criminals return; a fixed jail sentence, incarcerated perhaps in Guantanamo (if it remains a U.S. possession). Develop a plan that treats long term productive, otherwise law abiding illegals with dignity, giving them a path to citizenship, one that's fair to those who didn't jump the line. Defund sanctuary cities. Strengthen voter ID laws.

*[Deleted for lack of space: a paranoid 228-word fever dream, based on a bogus Fox "News" report, falsely accusing President Obama of explaining to an "illegal immigrant" journalist, on camera, how to commit voter fraud.]*

In my opinion when the elected leader of these United States encourages people to commit crime, and illegal immigrants voting in U.S. elections is a crime, that is solid ground for impeachment.

Be that as it may, once the home front is back on a path that sees us preserving the sanctity of the vote, defending our borders, protecting our citizens, growing our economy, regaining American exceptionalism, perhaps we can again turn our focus outward. With a stable America, perhaps we, in partnership with our friends and allies, can start developing plans to make things better for everyone.

Dave Rivers  
Thornton N.H.

### Kryptonite For The Elite

To the Editor:

I usually try to write clever stuff, but I'm just not feeling clever today.

Trump supporters are in the street and Bernie supporters are in the street. Although they appear to be railing against each other, they share a powerful common enemy. That enemy is the propaganda machine and the network of wealthy Oligarchy funding it from Washington and New York. The sooner we all get that point, the sooner we can unite, bury the hatchet, and face off against the real root cause for the problems facing America's middle class. "Citizens United" needs to take on new meaning. We need to hijack that mantel from the Oligarchs on Wall Street and make it our own here on Main Street.

Hard as it may be for some to hear, with the Clintons out of the way, a giant boulder has been removed from the path leading forward. For those on the Right, with Hillary gone, please don't redirect your anger toward your neighbors. Instead, redirect it where it rightfully belongs.

To those on the Left, please don't overreact in fear and paint a target on your back. Your neighbor's anger and your fear are both rooted in the same underlying hurt. Listen to your neighbor, learn to understand how he or she is feeling. Share how you feel — face-to-face. With Hillary gone, you're now free to do that. Same for those on the Right.

Facebook and Twitter have become a cesspool of mutual affirmation for the powers that divide us. We all need to turn the damn thing off for a moment and reset our thinking. Unity is kryptonite to the "elites" who conspire against all. Let's use it now to change America ... the right way.

Rick Littlefield  
Barrington, N.H.

Rick:  
Right on.  
The Editor

### Electoral College Defended

To the Editor:

Why is our President elected by the Electoral College rather than by a majority of the popular vote? The answer is that the Electoral College is part of our founders' attempt to create a government dedicated to protecting the American people's freedoms and opportunities from tyranny.

At the time of our founding, like today, there were significant differences in the interests and needs of different areas of our country. Obviously the interests of senior citizens in Florida and Arizona differ from the interests of young people in cities or suburbs; and, their interests differ from farming communities which differ from mining or ranching or tech or manufacturing or oil drilling or other energy development, &c.

The Elector College "Electors" are elected by people's votes for President in each state and the District of Columbia. The President, who is elected by a majority vote of the Electoral College, is the person the people in each area chose to protect or promote their interests.

Because of New Hampshire's small population, eliminating the Electoral College would mean that Presidential candidates would probably never come here again. The main focus of Presidential campaigns would be our major population centers; all policies and programs would be targeted to winning votes in those areas, even at the expense of the rest of the country.

Note also that most big cities are dominated by corrupt political machines which reliably turn out the votes they need to stay in power. The potential for corruption of the voting process would become a major concern.

In the last election we saw the Obama Administration fight efforts to remove dead people and people who had moved away from



the voter rolls. We saw states providing voter registration forms to illegal aliens along with drivers licenses. Our experience in New Hampshire, especially with same day registrations, indicates there are voters who don't live where they claim to live, i.e., voter fraud.

We are likely to hear more calls to eliminate the Electoral College, especially by people who feel they can create enough voter fraud to generate the election results that they want without regard to the people's actual wishes. The Electoral College needs to remain, it provides a key role in protecting our liberties and opportunities by making sure that Presidents appeal to many areas of our nation, not just our large cities.

Don Ewing  
Meredith, N.H.

Don:  
*The Electoral College was one of several devices built into the Constitution by the one percenters of the day to keep the hoi polloi from attaining too much power.*

*Your concerns about voter fraud are laughable, but you know what's real? The Communists under your bed.*

The Editor

### "He Is Us"

To the Editor:

Republicans have a problem and a dilemma. Once the Senate confirms Donald Trump's nominee to the Supreme Court, they will control all three branches of our government. The normal checks and balances written into

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# Blame the PC Nazis

by William Marvel

I seldom see a television, but I spent the weekend before the election sharing a hotel room with a friend fascinated by election campaign coverage. He watched mostly Fox News, which I learned to hate during the invasion of Iraq for its obvious political bias. That bias was still evident as Fox commentators hammered on negative stories about Hillary Clinton, showing unflattering images of her and downplaying Donald Trump's inconsistencies.

I had never seen more than a moment of CNN and MSNBC, however, and as I flipped to those other channels I found even more bias there. Those obviously hostile channels took Trump's depravity for granted. FBI director James Comey's revelation that Hillary's email scandal was not over was depicted as something approaching a crime, while her carelessness with classified information was ignored or dismissed as irrelevant. The news that her Filipino maid was given routine access to that information was simply not reported on those channels. Half the country thinks all news is presented with a deliberate political slant, to manufacture opinion, and

the other half isn't paying attention.

On election night and the next morning I drove through seven northeastern states, stopping for a nap while the first few returns seemed to justify the confidence in the Clinton camp. Three hours later I arose to hear distracted NPR announcers talking nervously about vote counting in Michigan, as though it were the only hope of forestalling a Trump victory. Not long afterward the battleground states were all being assigned to him, and Hillary conceded.

After a few moments of metaphorical weeping and lamentation, the excuse-making began. How could the pollsters have botched this so badly? Why did no one see this coming? What did the Democratic Party do wrong?

Since I was listening to NPR, the responses followed a pattern of accusative demonization of anyone who happens to be out of step with the Democratic Party. One female commentator insisted that it had to be gender bias that actuated Trump voters, as though only a misogynist would have voted against Hillary, just as racism must have motivated Obama's opponents for the past eight years.

Come to think of it, the 2008 primaries must have been particularly difficult for Democrats. By their own logic, they had to be either racists to vote against Obama or woman-haters to vote against Hillary.

Another NPR commentator suspected xenophobia behind the Trump forces. She reasoned that Trump appealed to those who hated foreigners with his call for "Draconian" responses to illegal immigrants — as though enforcing the existing laws and heeding immigration quotas was "Draconian."

There was the reflexive complaint that the electoral system itself was at fault. As Democrats always do when they lose an election, they wailed for changes that would have allowed them to win. Dump the Electoral College because the popular-vote majority did not match the electoral count, or establish ranked or instant-runoff elections to avoid the disaster of a third-party spoiler.

Sorry, but those third-party defections mostly resulted from Hillary and Debbie Wasserman Schultz underhandedly trying to blunt the Sanders momentum. They got what they deserved, even if the rest of us got it, too. Now,

Democrats and fellow travelers who are accustomed to always having their own way refuse to accept the election of a man they ridiculed for suggesting he might not accept the outcome of the election.

It is of course sobering to think of Trump with his finger on the nuclear button. Hillary gave me no comfort on that point, either, but I had anticipated reviling her for the next four years with the same rancor I've felt since 2003, when she furthered her own presidential ambitions by voting to start an unnecessary war. For that, and for her hawkish attitude as Secretary of State, I was absolutely delighted to see her hopes dashed. I'm also pretty tired of political dynasties, and using one's spouse to circumvent term limits smacks of banana-republic corruption.

As I long ago suggested might happen, a version of the Bradley effect probably provided the election-night surprise. Radicals masquerading as liberals have perfected the tactic of vilifying their opponents, using social media in particular to tyrannize over any who disagree with them; they dictate not only how others should think, but what vocabulary they

should use to demonstrate their orthodoxy. Electronic intolerance has been their political blitzkrieg, and it has driven their opponents underground. People don't want to be maligned as homophobic simply because they dispute the propriety of gay marriage, and would have liked a chance to vote on it. No one wants to be called a racist on Facebook or Twitter for questioning the legitimacy of minority demands, or disputing the methods of redress. Since expressing divergent opinion in public now invites condemnation, many Americans prefer the privacy of the voting booth.

Economics and opportunity meant much to many voters, but people will always resist what they consider an assault on their way of life. In the past few years an increasingly intolerant left has exercised the politics of demonization to promote a radical social agenda aimed primarily at ingratiating new constituencies. It is hardly unnatural that traditionalists who have been characterized as diabolical by the left turned to the candidate the left characterized as the devil incarnate.

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our Constitution to protect the people from a radical overreaching government will be severely limited.

They will have the responsibility to actually govern. Their dilemma is that their basic philosophy is that they do not believe in government; they are basically anti-government. It is impossible to see how Republicans can effectively and honestly govern the

nation — it is totally contrary to their DNA.

Republicans are very good at obstructing and destroying government, but when it comes to actually constructively managing the affairs of state, they are totally lost. We have seen this play out over the past five years, when Republicans controlled two branches of the government. They effectively blocked almost

any and all progress to deal with the economy, the environment, immigration, jobs, and everything else President Obama proposed. They spent most of the past five years trying to repeal Obamacare, and blocking most of President Obama's judicial appointments. This is not the work of a party interested in governing. It is easy to obstruct and tear down, it takes some wisdom, creativity and in-

telligence to build things up, and fix things, and improve the lives of people.

Over the coming years Republicans will spend most of their efforts working to destroy and undo much of the progress that has been made over the past eighty years. They will repeal Obamacare, leaving 20 million people without health care, and leaving many health care provid-

ers forced to provide uncompensated care, which will damage their financial stability. They will reduce Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security benefits. They will weaken or even eliminate the EPA and OSHA, severely damaging our environment and destroying worker health and safety protections. They will eliminate the Department of Education. They will attempt to destroy our

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## Has America turned right-wing? Or nuts?

by Jim Hightower

**B**uckle-up friends, it's going to be a hairy ride.

Start with Day One for President Trump (gotta get used to saying that). He will need to be up-and-at-'em no later than 12:01 a.m., for he promised during his campaign to get oodles of big stuff done on his very first day in office, including: "Repeal Obamacare;" "Begin working on impenetrable, physical, tall, powerful, beautiful,

southern border wall;" Fix the Department of Veterans Affairs; "Repeal every single Obama executive order;" Suspend Syrian refugee resettlement; "Get rid of gun-free zones in schools;" "End the war on coal;" "Defend the unborn;" and convene top generals and inform them they have 30 days to come up with a plan to stop ISIS.

Good grief! Americans have actually put a xenophobic-misogynous-racist-nativist-narcissistic

blowhard in the Oval Office. Has our country gone right-wing? Or nuts?

No. Indeed, the majority actually voted for Hillary — Trump lost the popular vote, but won in the electoral college.

Also, even his his own voters disagree with much of his agenda (especially his grandiose wall across the Mexican border). Trump was not elected on issues, but on anger — a deep seething fury that the econom-

ic and political elite themselves have created by knocking down the working-class majority, then callously stepping over them as if they didn't exist. Exit polls revealed that most Trump voters don't think he's any more honest than Hillary Clinton, only 38 percent of all voters had a favorable opinion of him, and only a third consider him qualified to be president.

But his core message — "The system is rigged" by and for the

elites — came through loud and clear to them, so they grabbed him like a big Bois-D'arc\* stick to whap the whole establishment upside its collective head.

\* A tree native to East Texas, also called the Osage orange. Its dense, durable wood was used by Native Americans to make bows and clubs.

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National Parks System, turning them into a state run program. Women's health care and reproductive rights will be reduced and in some cases, like legal safe abortion, eliminated. The list is much longer, but you only need to review the Republican Platform to fully appreciate the carnage that lies ahead.

What we will experience over the next few years in no way represents governing, it will be more akin to slash and burn anarchy. We were clearly warned of this agenda, but now, thanks to our own recklessness and gullibility, we will bear the consequences of getting the kind of government we deserve. We have no one to blame but ourselves. No enemy in our history has ever been able to inflict the harm to our nation than what Trump and his agents will. As Pogo said, "we have met the enemy, and he is us."

Rich DiPentima  
Portsmouth, N.H.

### Three Questions

To the Editor:

It is literally unbelievable that the Presidential election results contradict what virtually all major polls have indicated for weeks.

Is it possible that a majority of voters willingly chose the fascistic rule of plutocracy?

Or could it be that the vote counting has been hacked in a half dozen swing states?

In spite of Hillary Clinton's concession, how can the possibility of vote-count manipulation be responsibly investigated?

Bruce Joffe  
Piedmont, Calif.

Bruce:

*Stimulated, perhaps, by the nauseating choices being made by our President Elect, a hue and cry is rising as we go to press over the possibility that the election was hacked.*

*We're not ready to rule out that possibility. At this point, though, we suspect Trump actually won — because Clinton's campaign was terrible.*

*In her defense, she did labor under an awful disadvantage: a lousy candidate.*

The Editor

### A 13th Letter to America

Dear Editor:

The Presidential Election is finally over! However, the demonstrations that are occurring show how poorly a job our school systems and our news media is [sic] doing. Acceptance, after the people have spoken, has always been the norm, and should still be the norm. Another norm, is respect for other people, their rights, and their property. All that is violat-

ed when crowds take over streets and highways and start destroying government or personal property. That is criminal conduct punishable by law.

Some demonstrators, and news media people, claim they are afraid of Trump. But if they supported his opponent, they should instead fear God. She stood for some things God calls abomination. You see, His Laws are just, but the penalty for disobeying Him, will be eternal damnation. First in Hell and later in the Lake of Fire forever.

[Ninety words explaining the simple rules for avoiding eternal flaming torment deleted by the Editor out of sheer cruelty and the need to save space.]

President Trump's first official act should be to order all flags be flown at half-mast until this country stops the ungodly killing of the innocent unborn.

Manuel Ybarra, Jr.  
Coalgate, OK

### Build Roads, Bridges, & Unity

To the Editor:

Following an exceptionally rapid recovery from the initial shock and disappointment of the election results — actually, I was quite pleased with the excellent results in my sphere of influence in Dover (too bad the rest of the nation

didn't emulate us) — I turned to Senator Bernie Sanders, and his Progressive ideas (which reflect the majority of voters in America as proven to me by this past election season), by researching what he had to say in response to what had transpired the previous evening.

Bernie, who has never failed me, echoed my sentiments exactly in this written statement:

"Donald Trump tapped into the anger of a declining middle class that is sick and tired of establishment economics, establishment politics and the establishment media. People are tired of working longer hours for lower wages, of seeing decent paying jobs go to China and other low-wage countries, of billionaires not paying any federal income taxes and of not being able to afford a college education for their kids — all while the very rich become much richer.

"To the degree that Mr. Trump is serious about pursuing policies that improve the lives of working families in this country, I and other progressives are prepared to work with him. To the degree that he pursues racist, sexist, xenophobic and anti-environment policies, we will vigorously oppose him."

If President-Elect Trump is even remotely serious — and I have serious doubts — about

achieving unity and keeping his promise to create millions of respectable, good paying jobs for his most loyal voters, then I strongly suggest that, instead of more tax cuts and corporate welfare or attempting to rip up trade deals that the bought and paid for Republican Congress will never go for, he make the establishment of a massive nationwide infrastructure initiative his highest priority so the so-called "Angry White Working-Class Guys" can finally be happy. Meanwhile, Trump would find that his greatest allies for this initiative would be the Progressive Wing (led by Bernie and Senator Elizabeth Warren) of the Democratic Party in Congress, which could deliver that unity.

Wayne H. Merritt  
Dover, N.H.

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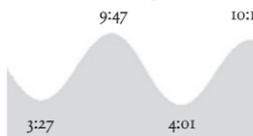
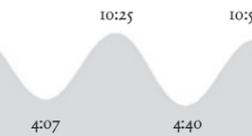
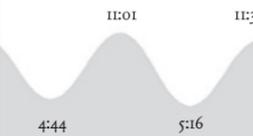
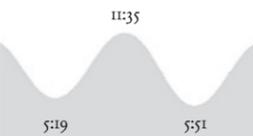
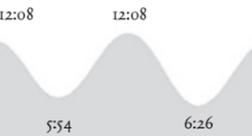
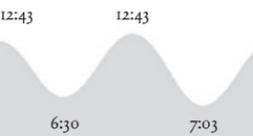
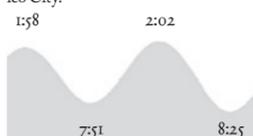
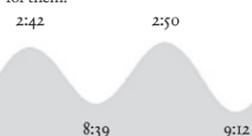
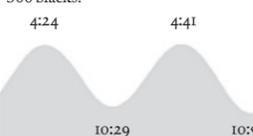
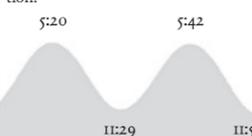
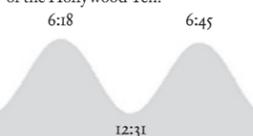
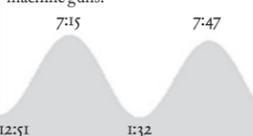
drags about seventeen billion gallons of seawater — enough to fill 2,125,000 tanker trucks — up the river and into Great Bay. This creates a roving hydraulic conflict, as incoming sea and the outgoing river collide. The skirmish line

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.

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| <p><b>2004</b>—A Robinson R22 helicopter sheds its rotors about 400 feet above Arlington, Wash.; a pilot and a student die in the subsequent crash.</p> <p><b>2002</b>—Donald Rumsfeld signs off on "Category III" interrogation techniques—namely, torture.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—As Gen. Tommy Franks tries to concentrate on catching Osama bin Laden, Donald Rumsfeld distracts him with an order to revise plans to attack Iraq.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—At the 71st Evac. Hospital in Pleiku, 100 soldiers fast on Thanksgiving to protest the war.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—In Washington, 25,000 march for peace in Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1952</b>—Winnie Ruth Judd, the Trunk Murderess, makes her sixth escape from Arizona's State Insane Hospital.</p> <p><b>1932</b>—Edward Marshall, future beat poet, is born in Chichester, N.H.</p> <p><b>1912</b>—Businessman Sherwood Anderson, 36, leaves wife, family, and job to become a writer.</p> <p><b>1900</b>—To motivate the president of a Filipino town to rat out local dissidents, U.S. troops force salt water down his throat and burn his town to the ground.</p> <p><b>1868</b>—In the Battle of the Washita, General George A. Custer and his troops massacre Black Kettle and 102 other Cheyenne survivors of the Sand Creek Massacre.</p> <p><b>1095</b>—Pope Urban II launches the Crusades, promising salvation for those who die slaying pagans.</p>                               | <p><b>2011</b>—During a routine training flight in Waterloo, Ontario, a Robinson R22 loses power, descends rapidly, and crashes into a pond, killing an instructor and a student.</p> <p><b>2005</b>—Ex-Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham (R-Calif.) pleads guilty to selling votes and dodging taxes.</p> <p><b>1979</b>—Relying on outdated navigational data during a sightseeing flight over Antarctica, <i>Air New Zealand Flight 901</i> flies into Mount Erebus with 257 souls on board.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—<i>Time Magazine</i> reports that 20 months earlier, things got out of hand at My Lai.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—Albert Pierrepont, Britain's official hangman as well as a pub owner, hangs James "Tish" Corbitt, his former customer and drinking buddy.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—The Coconut Grove in Boston burns; 492 die, 172 are injured.</p> <p><b>1922</b>—Ex-RAF pilot Cyril Turner gives the first demonstration of skywriting in NYC. He uses the technique to advertise—skywriting.</p> <p><b>1895</b>—Six cars compete in the U.S.'s first auto race. The winner averages seven m.p.h.</p> <p><b>1859</b>—Moments after asking "When will this end?", the ailing Washington Irving supplies his own answer.</p> <p><b>1795</b>—On George Washington's watch, the U.S. pays \$800,000 to Tunisian pirates, with a promise to pay \$25,000 a year in future.</p> <p><b>1545</b>—Printer Jacob van Liesveld is beheaded for heresy.</p> | <p><b>2011</b>—Ex-Arapahoe County (Colo.) Sheriff Patrick Sullivan, arrested for exchanging methamphetamine for sex with a male informant, is incarcerated in a jail named after himself.</p> <p><b>1981</b>—Social Secretary Muffie Brannan reveals that there's "a terrible tablecloth crisis" at the White House.</p> <p><b>1976</b>—After Jerry Lee Lewis accidentally plugs his bass player in the chest twice with a .357 magnum, he's charged with discharging a firearm within city limits.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Robert Strange McNamara resigns as Defense Secretary.</p> <p><b>1963</b>—LBJ sets up the Warren Commission to rule out a conspiracy in the assassination of John F. Kennedy.</p> <p><b>1960</b>—On learning that, thanks to the CIA, the Congo's Patrice Lumumba had been arrested, general old Ike orders that agency to heighten its efforts to assassinate Fidel Castro.</p> <p><b>1947</b>—French soldiers massacre over 300 civilians, mostly women and children, halving the population of My Trach, in Vietnam.</p> <p><b>1864</b>—Ignoring a truce flag, Col. (&amp; ex-minister) John Chivington leads a Colorado militia in the slaughter and mutilation of 150 Cheyenne women, children, and old men at Sand Creek. A local paper says the soldiers had "covered themselves in glory" (a typo).</p> <p><b>1781</b>—His slave ship <i>Zong</i> short of water, captain Luke Collingwood has 133 live slaves thrown overboard to stick underwriters with the loss.</p> | <p><b>2012</b>—As a Robinson R22 flies offshore of Apollo Beach, Fla., it goes "bang" and the rotors fall off; it plummets 500 feet, killing the pilot.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—Two days before filing for bankruptcy, Enron executives award themselves big bonuses.</p> <p><b>1999</b>—A WTO meeting in Seattle is called off due to anarchists.</p> <p><b>1974</b>—Rep. Wilbur Mills (D-Ark.) appears onstage at Boston's Pilgrim Theater with stripper Fanne Foxe.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—Nixon spokesperson Ron Ziegler says with only 27,000 Americans left risking their lives in Vietnam, the White House is done updating the nation on withdrawals.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—Defense Secretary Robert Strange McNamara offers LBJ two Vietnam options: get out now, or go all-in, suffering 1,000 KIAs per month and perhaps losing anyway.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—ADC-3 falls 500 feet short of clearing the summit of New Hampshire's Mount Success. All seven aboard survive the crash, five survive two freezing nights at the crash site.</p> <p><b>1954</b>—Liz Hodges of Sylacauga, Ala. is bruised by an eight-pound meteorite that busts through her roof.</p> <p><b>1951</b>—Winnie Ruth Judd the Trunk Murderess is recaptured after her fourth escape from the Arizona State Insane Hospital.</p> <p><b>1812</b>—Gen. Alexander "Apocalypse" Smythe's troops disobey his orders to invade Canada and turn their weapons on his tent. He flees.</p>           | <p><b>2003</b>—Howard Dean tells Chris Matthews, "We're going to break up the giant media enterprises." Seven weeks later the giant media enterprises break up Dean's campaign with their "scream" tape.</p> <p><b>1976</b>—Steven B. Williams rams the northwest gate of the White House complex at 25 mph with his pickup truck. The gate wins.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—The U.S. Selective Service holds the first draft lottery since WW II, cleverly undermining support for the anti-war movement.</p> <p><b>1968</b>—A U.S. C-130 with engine trouble empties defoliant tanks over South Vietnamese towns.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—Dick Gregory is convicted of fishing with Native Americans.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—Rosa Parks changes the world by refusing to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Ala.</p> <p><b>1948</b>—Costa Rica disbands its army after a civil war kills 2,000 people.</p> <p><b>1914</b>—Benito Mussolini is appointed to edit the socialist newspaper <i>Avanti!</i></p> <p><b>1913</b>—Ford announces its first moving assembly line.</p> <p><b>1842</b>—Midshipman Philip Spencer, son of the Secretary of War, is hanged for mutiny without benefit of court martial, along with two sailors, aboard the U.S.S. <i>Somers</i>.</p> <p><b>1777</b>—Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben lands in Portsmouth, N.H. from France, en route to Valley Forge, where he will turn Washington's rabble into a trained army.</p> | <p><b>2014</b>—After the tail boom falls off a Robinson R44 helicopter over North Salt Lake, Utah, it crashes into an unoccupied building, then catches fire. The pilot and passenger perish.</p> <p><b>1986</b>—Ronald Reagan says he can't remember what he knew about the Iran-Contra affair, or when he might have known it.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—U.S.-backed death squads murder four nuns in El Salvador.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—Mario Savio tells a mob of thousands of Berkeley students, "when the operation of the machine becomes so odious ... that you can't take part ... you've got to make it stop."</p> <p><b>1954</b>—U.S. Senate censures Joe McCarthy—finally.</p> <p><b>1943</b>—The U.S.S. <i>Sailfish</i>, formerly the <i>Squalus</i>, sinks the Japanese carrier <i>Chuyo</i> near Truk. Aboard <i>Chuyo</i> are 21 survivors from the U.S.S. <i>Sculpin</i>, which had aided in the 1939 rescue of the <i>Squalus</i>. Only one survives.</p> <p><b>1942</b>—Enrico Fermi fires up the first sustainable atomic chain reaction under a Chicago football stadium.</p> <p><b>1935</b>—California tries out its new gas chamber on Albert Kessel. It works.</p> <p><b>1931</b>—Edwin "Meese is a Pig" Meese III, first White House insider investigated by three different special prosecutors for three different scandals, is born in Oakland.</p> <p><b>1859</b>—"I hope you will not keep me waiting any longer than necessary," abolitionist John Brown says to his executioner.</p> | <p><b>2013</b>—In Londonderry, Scott Brown says "I don't think I ever said I was thinking about running for president," 16 weeks after telling the <i>Boston Herald</i> he was thinking about running for President.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—George W.[MD] Bush nominates Bernard Kerik (later to be known as Federal Inmate 84888-054) to be Secretary of Homeland Security.</p> <p><b>1996</b>—A New York company that had a contract to manufacture Medals of Honor is fined \$80,000 for selling 300 bootleg copies.</p> <p><b>1984</b>—An industrial accident in Bhopal, India kills 10,000. The U.S. government later blocks extradition of Union Carbide execs who face prosecution in India.</p> <p><b>1983</b>—U.S. Information Agency head Charles Z. Wick says Margaret Thatcher opposed the invasion of Grenada because she's a woman.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—Secretary of State Al Haig says four Maryknoll nuns recently murdered by Salvadoran death squads may have been gun-runners.</p> <p><b>1976</b>—Bob Marley is shot twice by unidentified assailants. Two days later he plays a concert.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Protesters destroy files at eight N.Y. draft boards.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—The Atomic Energy Commission explodes a .38 kiloton A-bomb 10 miles west of Purvis, Miss., inside an underground cavity created by a 5 kiloton A-bomb blast conducted two years earlier.</p>                                       |
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| <p><b>2013</b>—Rep. Duncan Hunter [R-Calif.] suggests the U.S. use tactical nukes against Iran's nuclear program.</p> <p><b>1993</b>—R.I.P. Frank Zappa.</p> <p><b>1982</b>—Returning from a trip to Latin America, President Reagan says, "I learned a lot. You'd be surprised. They're all individual countries."</p> <p><b>1981</b>—President Reagan OK's CIA spying on U.S. citizens.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—Chicago police shoot and kill sleeping Black Panthers Fred Hampton and Mark Clark.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—R. Nixon, S. Agnew, and 40 governors view films of "simulated acid trips" and listen to "anti-establishment rock music" to grok youths.</p> <p><b>1962</b>—Lenny Bruce, busted for obscenity in Chicago, shares a paddy wagon ride with George Carlin, busted for refusing to show ID.</p> <p><b>1956</b>—Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash, and Elvis Presley jam at Sun Records.</p> <p><b>1952</b>—A "Great Smog" so thick moviegoers couldn't see the screen descends on London. It lasts all winter and kills about 12,000.</p> <p><b>1950</b>—In <i>Feres v. U.S.</i>, the Supreme Court rules that servicemembers can't sue the U.S. for injuries.</p> <p><b>1946</b>—In Oakland, Calif., striking veterans march on the anti-labor <i>Tribune</i>, then City Hall, to demand the Mayor and Council resign.</p> <p><b>1914</b>—Emiliano Zapata and Pancho Villa agree to team up and take Mexico City.</p> | <p><b>2013</b>—Scott Brown, in N.H., says he's been helping Republicans "raise awareness as to the issues ... here in Massachusetts."</p> <p><b>2002</b>—At a party on Strom Thurmond's 100th birthday, GOP Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott expresses regret over desegregation.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—AB-52, sent the wrong co-ordinates, drops a 1-ton bomb on U.S. Special Forces in Afghanistan, killing three.</p> <p><b>1996</b>—Fed Chair Greenspan warns: "irrational exuberance" may have inflated stock prices.</p> <p><b>1994</b>—For the first time in 40 years, the House of Alleged Representatives elects a Republican, Newt Gingrich, to be Speaker.</p> <p><b>1988</b>—A Grand Jury in N.C. indicts "holy" man Jim Bakker on charges of fraud and conspiracy.</p> <p><b>1965</b>—A nuke-armed A-4 Skyhawk falls off the U.S.S. <i>Ticonderoga</i> near Japan. Plane, pilot, and bomb are still missing.</p> <p><b>1960</b>—The Supreme Court rules that restaurants in interstate bus stations can't be segregated anymore.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—"Uppity Negroes" in Montgomery, Ala., boycott the municipal mass transit system.</p> <p><b>1945</b>—Five Grumman Avengers and 14 airmen, making up the Navy's Flight 19, disappear off Ft. Lauderdale. Thirteen more men and a PBM Mariner flying boat disappear looking for them.</p>                                                                                               | <p><b>1990</b>—Oakland, Calif. police fire tear gas into a home in an attempt to drive out the inhabitant who is standing next to them shouting "come out and give yourself up."</p> <p><b>1973</b>—Gerald R. Ford replaces disgraced Vice President and freelance media critic Spiro "Ted" Agnew.</p> <p><b>1969</b>—The Rolling Stones throw a free concert at Altamont, Calif. Four people die and four are born.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Chaplain Angelo "Charlie" Liteky carries 23 wounded men to safety in Vietnam despite intense hostile fire. Awarded the Medal of Honor, he renounces it in 1986 to protest U.S. foreign policy.</p> <p><b>1957</b>—Two months after <i>Sputnik</i>, a Vanguard rocket carrying the U.S.'s first would-be satellite explodes at an altitude of five feet.</p> <p><b>1933</b>—Federal judge John M. Woolsey rules that Joyce's <i>Ulysses</i> is not obscene and therefore may be imported.</p> <p><b>1918</b>—The U.S. War Dept. abandons the shackling of conscientious objectors to the walls of solitary cells.</p> <p><b>1917</b>—The largest man-made explosion prior to The Bomb occurs in Halifax when a munitions ship explodes: 1,600 die; and windows break 40 miles away.</p> <p><b>1915</b>—The Supreme Court upholds a federal law stripping women of their citizenship if they marry "foreigners."</p> <p><b>1907</b>—More than 360 men and boys are killed by explosions at two coal mines in Monongah, W.Va.</p>                                 | <p><b>2006</b>—The "Justice" Department fires eight prosecutors for failing to persecute enough Democrats.</p> <p><b>1995</b>—France is virtually paralyzed when 1.75 million workers protest global exploitation.</p> <p><b>1993</b>—The Department of Energy admits it conducted more than 200 secret weapons tests.</p> <p><b>1987</b>—A disgruntled ex-employee shoots a Southwest Airlines pilot and co-pilot. The plane breaks up while diving at Mach 1.2, killing all aboard.</p> <p><b>1977</b>—FBI releases its JFK assassination files ... some, anyway.</p> <p><b>1975</b>—Indonesia invades East Timor with help from the U.S. and Britain.</p> <p><b>1970</b>—R.I.P. legendary cartoonist Rube Goldberg, whose work inspired the <i>Gazette's</i> business plan.</p> <p><b>1964</b>—Japan bestows the Order of the Rising Sun on Gen. Curtis LeMay, whose fire-bombing of that nation during WWII probably killed half a million Japanese.</p> <p><b>1961</b>—MPs hold civilians at Peterson Field, Colo. at gunpoint as Tibetan commandos, secretly trained by the CIA, are smuggled aboard a C-124.</p> <p><b>1941</b>—Japanese planes attack Pearl Harbor, crippling the Pacific Fleet, killing 2,471, and wounding 1,213.</p> <p><b>1930</b>—W1XAV in Boston broadcasts the first TV commercial.</p> <p><b>1874</b>—Whites in Vicksburg, Miss., upset by the election of a black sheriff, begin a month-long slaughter of 150-300 blacks.</p> | <p><b>2004</b>—Soldiers in Iraq ask Sec. of Defense Rumsfeld why he sent them there without enough vehicle armor. He tells them, "You go to war with the Army you have ... not the Army you might want."</p> <p><b>1994</b>—A Robinson R44 disassembles itself while flying over Speyer, Germany, the tail landing ¼ mile from the cabin; pilot and passenger die.</p> <p><b>1993</b>—President Clinton signs NAFTA into law.</p> <p><b>1982</b>—To jumpstart a national dialogue on banning nuclear weapons, Norman D. Mayer, 66, threatens to blow up the Washington Monument with a dynamite-laden van. After ten hours, police shoot him dead.</p> <p><b>1980</b>—R.I.P. John Lennon.</p> <p><b>1972</b>—United Airlines Flight 553 crashes in Chicago killing 45 people including E. Howard Hunt's wife Dorothy, who was carrying \$10,000 in \$100 bills.</p> <p><b>1967</b>—The U.S. counts 365 dead Viet Cong in one Mekong Delta battle.</p> <p><b>1953</b>—Good ol' Ike announces Atoms for Peace, resulting in the Iranian nuclear program four years later.</p> <p><b>1940</b>—Four hundred German planes bomb London.</p> <p><b>1894</b>—Birth of James Thurber, Columbus, Ohio.</p> <p><b>1864</b>—Pope Pius IX denounces liberalism, socialism, &amp; rationalism.</p> <p><b>1854</b>—Pope Pius IX proclaims the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception.</p>                                                                   | <p><b>2008</b>—The Governor of Illinois, Democrat Rod Blagojevich, is arrested for attempting to sell a Senate seat.</p> <p><b>1994</b>—Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders is fired for suggesting that having sex with yourself is OK.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—U.S. Marines wade ashore in Somalia at 2:00 a.m. local time because it's prime-time in the U.S.</p> <p><b>1983</b>—Ed "Meese is a Pig" Meese says people go to soup kitchens because it's "easier than paying."</p> <p><b>1968</b>—At the Stanford Research Institute, Doug Engelbart introduces the mouse, e-mail, and hypertext.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—"We are in a much stronger position than two years ago," says Sec. of State Dean Rusk, "[Commies] will not be able to succeed [in South Vietnam]."</p> <p><b>1958</b>—The John Birch Society, famous for calling Dwight Eisenhower a Commie, is founded.</p> <p><b>1955</b>—Hired by Ford to name a new model, poet Marianne Moore suggest "Utopian Turtletop." Ford goes with "Edsel," instead.</p> <p><b>1935</b>—Investigative reporter Walter Lippett is Tommy-gunned in front of his family in Minneapolis.</p> <p><b>1953</b>—GE vows to fire any Commies.</p> <p><b>1949</b>—J. Parnell Thomas [R-N.J.], ex-head of the House Un-American Activities Committee, found guilty of padding Congressional payrolls and spending the loot, gets six to 18 months in the slammer alongside two of the Hollywood Ten.</p>                                                                    | <p><b>2011</b>—The gundalow <i>Piscataqua</i> is launched on the river of the same name.</p> <p><b>2004</b>—Gary Webb, who exposed the CIA-Contra drug connection, dies from two gunshots in the face. The coroner calls it suicide.</p> <p><b>2001</b>—At a White House menorah lighting ceremony, George W.[MD] Bush says, "I couldn't imagine somebody like Osama bin Laden understanding the joy of Hanukkah."</p> <p><b>1998</b>—House Judiciary Committee debates impeaching Pres. Clinton for lying about his lewd behavior.</p> <p><b>1992</b>—Sen. Bob Packwood (Lecher-Ore.) apologizes for being a serial propter but refuses to resign.</p> <p><b>1987</b>—Murderer Stanley Draper and gangster John Kendall are sprung from a British prison by a pal in a hijacked helicopter.</p> <p><b>1971</b>—The Senate, buying Wm. Rehnquist's lie disavowing a letter supporting racial segregation, confirms him for the Supreme Court.</p> <p><b>1966</b>—In Vietnam, sixteen U.S. Marines are killed and 11 are wounded by "friendly fire."</p> <p><b>1967</b>—Trying to lower the cost of natural gas, the U.S. government explodes an A-bomb in N.M.</p> <p><b>1937</b>—G.P. Thompson gets the Nobel for Physics for proving electrons are waves. His dad won it in 1906 for demonstrating that they're particles.</p> <p><b>1932</b>—Australia abandons efforts to control its emu population with Lewis machine guns.</p> |
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