

*The Fortnightly Rant***Now, Can We Get To Work?**

Newspapers, being essential parts of the Fourth Branch of Government, and we, being senior among them, try to comply with the Constitution and all of its Amendments. Though all Amendments are equal, we hold the First to be a little more equal than the others. Thus we try to avoid, whenever possible, the invocation of deities. That said—forgive us, we just can't help it—*thank God this election is over!*

No one objects to a vigorous debate of public policy, but when crackpots living in sticker-covered vans start mailing pipe bombs to a long list of people whose names just happen to be frequently mentioned in vitriolic monologues delivered nightly by Fox News demagogue Sean Hannity, then reappear the next day in tweets from *El Presidente*, one can't help but wonder if things haven't gone a bit too far.

Neither is it helpful for anyone—much less the Chief Executive and leader of the Party controlling the other three branches of Government—to stir up and focus the ire of his followers on a tiny band of poor and helpless people who are fleeing their homes, to a large extent, because of the malign consequences of many decades of destructive U.S. policies in Central America, and who, if they were all assembled, would only fill about half the seats in UNH's Wildcat Stadium.

The *Washington Post* has calculated that, during the final seven weeks before the midterms, the pace of Presidential lying soared sixfold, from a baseline rate of just five lies a day, all the way up to 30. With the polls now closed, the pressure is reduced, for a little while, anyway. The nation's most insidious industry—the one that works around the clock convincing Republican voters they're better off supporting the Party that's fleecing them—has shifted

from Warp Speed down to Drive.

That. Is. A. Good. Thing.

Wednesday, after a long, dreary stretch of gloomy and dismal weather, the day dawned warm, bright, and sunny, locally at least. (Your mileage may vary if you live, for whatever inexplicable reasons, elsewhere.)

Nearly as dazzling as that brilliant sunshine was the startling realization that, compared to four years ago, voter turnout leapt from 83 million to 114 million—a staggering increase of 38 percent. Apparently all it takes for certain people to realize that Democracy Matters is knowing that a lunatic's finger is hovering over The Button while a band of ideologues in Congress schemes to starve their granny.

It's enough to make one wonder what the results might have been had the Republicans not carried out a relentless plan of gerrymandering, suppression, and intimidation over the past thirty years.

Enough voters overcame enough of those obstacles to show up and reject so many of those granny-starvers that two months from now the House of Representatives will undergo a change as dramatic as the weather's.

Speaker of the House Paul Ryan will be taking his Ayn Rand pinup poster and autographed copy of *Atlas Shrugged* back to Janesville, Wisconsin—leaving Social Security and Medicare still standing. A Democrat—granted, probably Nancy Pelosi [*sigh*—will be presiding over that Chamber; and all House committees will now have new chairs.

The Committee on Space, Science, and Technology holds the portfolio, such as it is, on climate change. It has been chaired since 2013 by Rep. Lamar Smith [R-Texas]. A former contributor to *Breitbart News*, Smith has consistently mocked—for reasons which



surely have nothing to do with the \$600,000 he's received from his major donor group, the fossil fuel industry—what he calls “hysteria over carbon dioxide.” He's also harassed climate scientists, demanding all manner of emails and internal documents, presumably hoping to find evidence that they're all on George Soros' payroll.

Smith will soon be out as Chair of that committee, to be replaced, most likely, by Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson [D-Texas]. Johnson has a scientific background and seems inclined to treat the issue of climate change with the seriousness it deserves.

The House Intelligence Committee—which had, ironically, been chaired by Devin Nunes—will now be run by Adam Schiff: out with the partisan stooge, in with the sleuth.

In a reversal of a long, sad trend, Democrats picked up seven governorships and hundreds of state legislative seats, as well. In Wisconsin, union-busting Governor Scott Walker lost to Tony Evers by

just 30,000 votes. Walker's supporters want a recount. State law says, though, that to get a recount, the margin must be under one percent. Having lost by 1.1 percent, Walker doesn't qualify. He ought to know—he pushed for that law and signed it last year.

In 2016 Democrats lost not so much for things they did than for things they didn't do. Ten years ago the invisible hand of the market picked a cool \$20 trillion from the nation's pocket. With the exception of a couple of unlucky fall guys, nobody even went to jail. Quite the opposite, in fact: taxpayers made sure that most of the miscreants were able to stay in business.

Trump won because the electorate was enraged. Their remedy of choice may have been self-defeating, but their rage was entirely justified.

Democrats have been trying for forty years to compete with Republicans by sucking up to the same strata of rich donors. This would be a good time to try another tack,

like talking to rank and file voters, asking them what would make their lives better, helping them organize, and working together with them to just reach out and bleeping take it.

Election campaigns forever hold the potential for invigoration and inspiration, if only because the country's politics are perennially screwed up. Every imminent election presents a chance to work some change.

So now it's on to the 2020 First in the Nation® Presidential Primary™—held, where else, in a state where the Democrats just won the whole show, except for the corner office.

Next time . . .

**This Just In**

Just when we thought things might cool down a little, Trump fired A.G. Jeff Sessions, an obvious prelude to derailing the Mueller investigation. Some Whitaker character went on Fox to audition for the job. Leonard Leo, Pope of the Federalist Society, gave the OK; and Trump hired him.

Look out, here it comes . . .

*The Alleged News®***It's The End of the World As We Know It, and We Feel a Little Queasy**

We're going to jump the gun just a little bit here and report on the end of the world—right now. Waiting to do so after the fact might present logistical problems too complex for us to manage.

Extreme as this topic is, we're not exactly going out on a limb here. The formerly-prestigious *Newsweek* just published a piece headlined, “How Will the World End? Experts Reveal Nine Most Likely Ways Humans Will Be Wiped Out.”

*Newsweek* conjured up its scare-porn clickbait from a serious study published by a reputable organization: the Stockholm-based Global Challenges Foundation. Titled “Global Catastrophic Risks 2018,” it's the third in an annual series. The topic may be alarming, and justifiably so, but the Foundation's pub-

lishing schedule suggests that they haven't entirely given up hope.

The 80-page document, definitely not recommended for bedtime reading, comes with a brief introduction by Martin Rees, co-founder of a think tank with the coolest name in the world: the Cambridge Centre for the Study of Existential Risk.

He is also the UK's Astronomer Royal.

“We fret about familiar risks . . .” Rees writes, “but we're in denial about some emergent threats [ . . . which] may seem improbable, but . . . [which could cause] . . . such devastation that even one such incident would be too many . . .”

“It's crucial to assess which can be dismissed firmly as science fiction, and which could conceivably become real; to consider how to

enhance resilience against the more credible ones; and to guard against technological developments that could run out of control. This topic should be higher on the international agenda . . .”

**The Swedish Menu of Doom**

To help us focus our minds, these fun-loving folks assembled a list:

Weapons of Mass Destruction, Nuclear warfare, Biological and chemical warfare, Catastrophic climate change, Ecological collapse, Pandemics, Asteroid impact, Supervolcanic eruption, Solar geoengineering, Artificial intelligence, and Unknown risks.

Of these ten-plus items, we could not help but notice, only two—cli-

mate change and ecological collapse—could be said to be actively dragging us toward the abyss as we go to press. So, it could be worse, we suppose.

Or maybe not. A more recent paper, based on new data—“Quantification of ocean heat uptake from changes in atmospheric O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> composition,” by Princeton geoscientist Laure Resplandy and others—reveals that the oceans have been absorbing far more heat than previously thought. It was a warmer-than-ever Gulf of Mexico, of course, which gave Hurricane Michael the power to obliterate Mexico Beach, Florida last month.

Every couple of weeks we get a scary new report. One thing, though, always seems familiar: the old worst-case scenario is now the new normal.

Yet, somehow, Michael E. Mann, who knows as much about climate change as anyone, says it's not too late to get a grip on this mess.

In a Penn State News article headlined “Controlling future summer weather extremes still within our grasp,” Mann, a Distinguished Professor of Atmospheric Science at Penn, was quoted saying, “The future is still very much in our hands when it comes to dangerous and damaging summer weather extremes. It's simply a matter of our willpower to transition quickly from fossil fuels to renewable energy.”

Oh. Is that all?

It looks like the future rests in the hands of those who are going to have to live with it. For their own good, they'd better learn to show up on Voting Day.

**The Alleged News®**

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**No Profit Center Left Behind**

It has long been an annual ritual for America's corporate media: after October 31st has come and gone, pull the horror movies and replace them with some veteran-oriented programming to build the audience as November 11th approaches.

This year Amazon took things a little further, presenting "Homecoming," a ten-episode, half-hour fictional show about veterans. Typically the company spends between \$25 and \$100 million per season on these shows. That sounds like a hell of an investment to us, but Jeff Bezos' cash cow is overflowing. It's amazing how profitable a business can be when it's underpaid employees are fed with food stamps.

We'll say this for "Homecom-

ing"—it's not another dose of maudlin tripe about heroic men (there are no women veterans depicted in the show), shaken by their service in an honorable cause but brought back to wholeness through the caring ministrations of dedicated professionals.

No, it's about some interesting guys who went through something that didn't make much sense, then fall into the hands of a skeezy corporation running a privatized, allegedly therapeutic veterans' readjustment service. The corporation is trying to make a big profit by screwing the vets over, to meet the needs of the military-industrial complex. So, yeah, it's still a horror show.

What's most intriguing about "Homecoming," though, is that it's clearly inspired, at least in part, by a real-world Cohen Veteran Network, established in 2016 by a billionaire hedge fund operator. Isaac Arnsdorf



Until three years ago, this former rooming house at 21 Brewster Street provided overpriced-but-available shelter for upwards of thirty people of limited means. Such establishments are rarely considered to be desirable neighbors. This one was particularly unpopular. Police responded frequently to reports of violence, sexual assault, drunkenness, and drug use. For thirty years its owner, insulated by the property laws of the city, state, and nation, wrung out of it—which is to say, out of his tenants—every nickel that he could. In 2015 the city finally closed the place; the last straw may have been the discovery that some poor soul had lain dead in his room for a week. Now—all too predictably—the building has been gutted and renovated into six more units of affordable housing for millionaires. We kid you not—one reportedly sold recently for \$525,000. The invisible—and sacrosanct—hand of the market strikes again.

wrote about the Network for *Pro-Publica*. His piece, "Steve Cohen Is Spending Millions to Help Veterans. Why Are People Angry?" was posted on August 3rd. One of the Cohen Network former clinicians told Arnsdorf, "It almost seemed too good to be true. And, in fact, it was." Arnsdorf doesn't suggest the Cohen Network is engaging in criminal behavior, but it does raise questions about its worth.

The article makes no mention of "Homecoming," and all our Googling turned up nothing that explicitly linked the Amazon show to Cohen's network.

The show is worth watching and the article is worth reading.

**Ex-N.H. Boy Uses Taxes to Support Ark**  
Matt Bevin grew up in a little town in New Hampshire's Mount Washington Valley, and went on to become the Governor of Kentucky. The 372 residents of Shelburne are

fortunate that they can't be held responsible for Bevin now—his support of Ken Ham, who some call the Ayatollah of Appalachia, has cost Kentucky taxpayers millions.

Ham believes that the world is 6,000 years old and that every word in the Bible is true. He set out in 2010 to build Ark Encounter, an 800-acre, for-profit religious theme park designed to demonstrate that Noah, who was 600 years old at the time of the Flood, could very well have built an ark capable of holding two each of every animal—including dinosaurs and unicorns. Naturally, local, county, and state governments granted Ham millions of dollars worth of tax breaks to assure that such a worthy project could go forward.

Bevin was elected in 2015. The next year he reorganized a state agency to assure that it would award Ark Encounter an additional \$18 million in tax breaks in the form of

an exemption from a 50¢ per ticket tax which would otherwise have gone towards public safety.

Last July Ham sold the land under the park, worth \$48 million, to his own non-profit for \$10. Apparently some of Kentucky's more heathenish taxpayers objected, and a complex legal squabble ensued. Bevin continues to support Ham, though, just as he did Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis when she refused to do her job, *i.e.*, issue a marriage license to a gay couple. (Davis lost her reelection bid on Tuesday.)

Bevin, who made a fortune in the '00s running an investment management firm, took over Bevin Bells in East Hampton, Conn. in 2011. The company, founded in 1832 by Bevin's great-great-grandfather and his three brothers, was the number one tax delinquent in town at the time. The very next year, the Lord mysteriously chose to smite Bevin's factory with a bolt of lightning. Af-

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ter it burned to the ground, thieving neighbors looted the charred wreckage, making off with the company's only remaining asset: an inventory of 4,500 bells.

Undeterred, and perhaps reading Job for comfort, Bevin rebuilt the company, which has since recovered. The only bell manufacturer in the country, it is the sole manufacturer of the tinny little bells the Salvation Army employs to make people despise Christmas.

**More of those Republican Family Values**  
New Hampshire politics have seemed a bit tame since Rep. Kyle Tasker, a Republican from Nottingham, traded his seat in the State House for a cell in the Big House. The gun-dropping, drug-selling, under-the-influence driving would-be seducer of a 14 year-old girl began serving a three-to-ten year sentence last year.

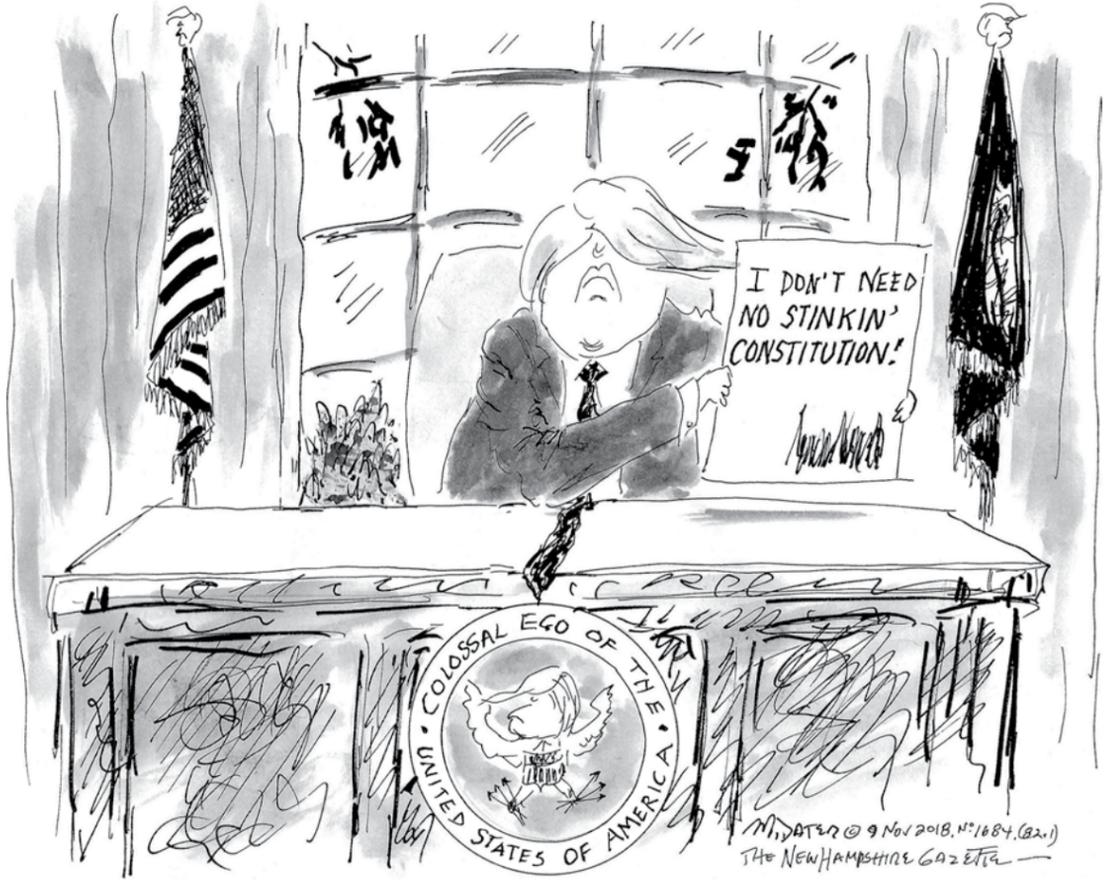
Doing his best to pick up the slack in Tasker's absence is former State Senator, incumbent Representative, and would-be Speaker of the House

Frank Sapareto, a Republican from Derry.

AP broke the story October 29th, reporting that a civil suit had been filed charging that Sapareto had been "producing and starring in a porn film [when he] assaulted his business partner in California after he felt his scenes didn't go well."

Eric Dubin, a lawyer representing Jonathan Carter, the banged-up partner, told *NHJournal.com* that the film "was supposed to be a post-apocalyptic tale in which Sapareto was the last remaining man left on Earth who could biologically father children"—apparently the only plotline the partners could conjure up to account for young women being attracted to the doughy, 58-year-old.

"He wasn't performing very well in his scenes or with the adult film actresses," Dubin told *NHJournal.com*. "He was apologizing a lot to the female talent and his frustration carried over into the attack." Sapareto denied any involvement with porn, telling the *Concord Monitor* the two



Though the weather looked pretty sketchy throughout, rain held off until the end of the 24th annual Halloween Parade. Perhaps Baron Samedi, shown here surrounded by other assorted haints, exerted his well-known influence. The most spectacular participant was a spider of gigantic dimensions—the result, perhaps of a genetic modification experiment gone wrong. A now-familiar troupe of zombies appeared, demonstrating once again that a debilitating condition does not necessarily rob one of the ability to dance. Particularly well-represented this year were the spirits of a large number of deceased squirrels.

had been filming tourist attractions. He said Carter had doctored the footage.

Sadly, this heartwarming story of Republican Family Values will probably drop off the radar soon—Sapareto lost on Tuesday.

**Sanders Poynt Suit Obey's Yogi's Law ...**  
... It ain't over 'till it's over—and it ain't over yet. William "Bill" Binnie's lawyer, Christopher Carter, submitted what purported to be a Final Report on Monday—a few days late—regarding signage at Sanders Poynt. Tuesday, Robert Jesurum's lawyer Paul McEachern filed a response, saying Binnie did not comply with Rockingham County Superior Court Judge Marguerite Wageling's order because the sign "is not readily viewable by motorists."

McEachern's response accuses Binnie of bad faith, and asks Wageling to award Jesurum his attorney's fees and costs. Sounds fair.

**Couple Cheats Death on Gilligan's Island**  
The view from 1,000 feet was idyllic—"the most beautiful thing we've ever seen," Carli McConaughy told the *Chicago Tribune*. She and Adam Barnett had gotten engaged October 20th, just two days before.

The pilot of their Robinson R44 was pointing out Kanaohe Bay, where scenes from "Gilligan's Island" are said to have been filmed. "Suddenly his head began bobbing and his body slumped over next to McConaughy, who was in the passenger seat," according to the *Tribune*. "Barnett, 31, began shaking him from the back seat, yelling at his fiancée to 'pull it up,' frantically motioning to the cyclic control in the center of the two front seats."

McConaughy, 35, who had no experience piloting any sort of aircraft, grabbed the stick. Somehow she managed to slow its descent. All three aboard survived the crash

in the waist-deep water they'd been admiring just moments before; all three suffered head and back injuries, as well as multiple lacerations. Barnett was able to walk away, the others were taken to a hospital on stretchers. The helicopter company said the pilot had "suffered a medical condition in flight."

Less than a week earlier, a commercially-rated airplane pilot, who was taking a solo cross-country flight to obtain his rotorcraft rating, was killed when his Robinson R22 helicopter crashed Wednesday, October 17th, in Fulton, Mo.

"Several witnesses reported that they observed the helicopter flying at low level, turning, and appeared to be in distress," according to the NTSB. "One witness of the crash reported smoke coming from the helicopter. There were no distress calls from the pilot. The helicopter was found in a 6-foot wide, 2-foot deep crater."

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"We must disenthral ourselves,  
and then we shall save our country."  
—Abraham Lincoln, 1862  
—Not-So-Random Thoughts from an Oregon Subscriber



**Let Us Reclaim Armistice Day!**

To the Editor:

November 11, 2018, will mark the 100-year anniversary of the end of World War I and the signing of the Armistice that ended the fighting. In 1926 Congress passed a Resolution calling on the United States and the world to promote peace among the nations of the world. That day, November 11, was to be thereafter known as "Armistice Day."

A veterans group called Veterans for Peace (VFP) is asking that Veterans Day, which was created in 1954 by Congress to replace Armistice Day, be changed back to its original intent, which was to dedicate the U.S. to the cause of world peace. In 1954, during the Cold War, Congress decided to re-brand November 11 as Veterans Day.

On November 11th, 1918, church bells rang around the world, 11 times at the 11th hour of the 11th month. Veterans for Peace is asking faith organizations to join us in "Reclaiming Armistice Day." One way to do this is by the ringing of church bells and informing their congregations about this special day.

On Armistice Day, VFP calls on the U.S. public to say "NO" to more war. We know peace is possible and as veterans we know that a day that celebrates peace, not war, is the best way to honor the sacrifices of veterans. We want generations after us to never know the destruction war has caused human beings and the earth itself.

It is time to ring the bells again. Let us "Reclaim Armistice Day!"

Will Thomas  
Auburn, N.H.

Will:  
We'll be listening for those bells.  
The Editor

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**The Positive Power of Dissent**

To the Editor:

The front cover feature article of the May/June 2006 *Disabled American Veteran* (DAV) magazine began with the following quote: "In October 1929 the stock market crashed, 40 percent of the paper values of common stock crashed with it, and the nation was soon plunged into its greatest eco-

nomie depression." Banks failed, businesses shuttered, farmers' crop prices fell, homes were foreclosed on, unemployment spread, and suicide rates mounted. The American people grew destitute as the economy plummeted.

The Great Depression wasn't the main focus of the DAV piece. However, it provided the impetus for bringing to light "The March of the Bonus Army," a moving 30-minute PBS documentary chronicling thousands of World War I veterans who demonstrated in Washington, D.C. The film, partially funded by the DAV, first aired on TV around Memorial Day 2006. It contains archival photographs and newsreel footage, music of the period and powerful interviews. The documentary is still available, and I urge anyone interested in this relatively unrevealed saga in our country's history to check it out.

Like so many U.S. citizens, veterans and their families were impoverished. Desperate times acted as the catalyst for World War I veterans, including thousands who had been drafted, to actively seek the compensation Congress had authorized in 1924 for economic losses incurred while they were in the military. The bill Congress approved stipulated that such bonuses would not be redeemed until 1945. "Bonus" was the derogatory term used by opponents of the legislation. This ridiculous redemption limitation meant that many veterans would be dead by that time. It was referred to by vets as the "Tombstone Bonus."

In the spring of 1932, a few hundred veterans marched to Washington hoping to initiate the timely issuance of the promised bonuses. This group was known as the Bonus Expeditionary Force, a takeoff from the formation of troops sent to fight in France designated as the American Expeditionary Force. By that summer nearly 45,000 men women and children had descended on Washington, setting up camps near the U.S. Capital Building. Some politicians viewed the growing mass as an unruly mob, an invasion that would incite social disorder—maybe even a revolutionary threat. Republican President Herbert

Hoover argued that a communist takeover was in play. He ordered Army Chief of Staff General Douglas MacArthur to raze the massive encampment (known as "Hooverville") and disperse the vets and their families. To no avail, Major Dwight Eisenhower advised MacArthur not to attack the vets. In late July 1932, Major George Patton led the effort, sending hundreds of infantrymen, some on horseback, armed with bayoneted rifles, machine guns, and gas grenades. Six tanks entered the fray to support the cavalry.

A violent assault ensued as Patton's troops and the police attacked the peaceful inhabitants' camp, while Hoover watched from a White House window. Military forces threw gas grenades, set fires and opened fire with rifles. Over 100 demonstrators were injured, several were jailed, two were killed and their makeshift shelters were destroyed during the intervention.

Public sentiment was highly supportive toward the tent city demonstrators. The Veterans of Foreign Wars organization urged early federal payment of the money owed to the veterans. Franklin D. Roosevelt won the 1932 presidential election by a landslide. FDR helped thousands of war veterans find jobs through the popular Civilian Conservation Corps work program enacted early in 1933 under his New Deal initiatives.

During 1936, four million World War I veterans received their long-awaited bonuses. This led to the eventual enactment of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, known as the G.I. Bill.

This story brings to mind the myriad demonstrations during my lifetime, many of which have brought about positive change. Included are those connected to the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s–60s, opposition to President Reagan's Nicaraguan

Contra war in the 1980s, the massive antiwar marches of the 1960s–early 70s during the Johnson and Nixon administrations, and both Bush wars against Iraq to name a few. Key to the necessity to protest has been fear, racism, arrogance and lies promoted by those in seats of power.

Peaceful expression of opposition has never been more vital than since the 2016 election of President Trump. All of the reasons I've mentioned to reject the current President's actions stare us starkly in the face. Hatred, insensitivity, selfishness and others can be added.

Two recent monumental demonstrations have taken place in Washington, D.C. and across our nation: the 2017 Women's March, and this year's March for Our Lives. Smaller ones erupt regularly due to valid concerns.

The President's alarmist pronouncements against those who question or disagree with him are subjected to his wrath. Similar to Hoover, expressions of "mob" and "invasion" are cast on a daily basis. The Commander-in-Tweet hurls the words "socialists," "fake news," and "witch hunt" as his followers swoon with approval.

Protest with how the United States began and, with elections, are essential agents for change.

Paul Nichols  
Loudon, N.H.

Paul:  
Wait ... you mean MacArthur and Patton weren't a part of what made America great?

See you on the barricades!  
The Editor

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**Beware the Fake Christians**

To the Editor:

Kelli Korducki, in an October 24, 2018 article in *Brit + Co*, characterizes "the roughly 5,000 men, women, and

children making the northward trek, by foot, from the Central American isthmus upward through Mexico and into the U.S." not as migrants, but as asylum seekers, and ascribes their circumstances to "at least a half-century (and, arguably, twice that) of calamitous U.S. political intervention in Central America, and not—as President Trump would have us believe—the inevitable byproduct of "bad hombres" who may as well be "animals." ... U.S.-funded military coups, resource exploitation, and American policies of economic neoliberalism in El Salvador have destabilized the entire region, and effectively created a climate where paramilitary-aligned drug cartels can thrive ... MS-13, the most infamous gang in the world, is the direct byproduct of United States policy."

The response of the Electoral College-installed President of the United States, as articulated (not to be confused with articulate, the adjective) in one of his inexhaustible tweets—"Many Gang Members and some very bad people are mixed into the Caravan heading to our Southern Border. Please go back, you will not be admitted into the United States unless you go through the legal process. This is an invasion of our Country and our Military is waiting for you!"—reflects immigration policy that closely aligns with the notion of ethnic cleansing, for which Jacob Weindling provides, in *Pastemagazine* for July 6, 2018, the *Encyclopedia Britannica* definition, in part: "The attempt to create ethnically homogeneous geographic areas through the deportation or forcible displacement of persons belonging to particular ethnic groups." Nor, as Mr. Weindling further notes, is this a novel tack for these United States: "America has done this before ... Don't forget,

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we inspired Hitler: per *Mein Kampf*, "There is today one state in which at least weak beginnings toward a better conception [of immigration] are noticeable. Of course, it is not our model German Republic, but [the U.S.], in which an effort is made to consult reason at least partially. By refusing immigrants on principle to elements in poor health, by simply excluding certain races from naturalisation, it professes in slow beginnings a view that is peculiar to the People's State."

The Pentagon, according an email dispatched by the veterans group Common Defense, citing a *Newsweek* article, announced the deployment of 5,200 troops, "including helicopters and infantry with live ammunition. To put that in perspective, this means there will be more U.S. troops lining the border to intimidate defenseless asylum seekers than are currently deployed against ISIS in Iraq and Syria. And Trump is sending them because he wants to once again exploit the military as a political prop to divide Americans using fear. As veterans, we condemn it with every fiber of our being. And we hope you'll join us." Amounting to more than one soldier per fleeing asylum-seeking human being, this hardly does credit to the nation's military.

Christians who would know "what the Lord says" might consult Jeremiah 31:8-9: "See, I will ... gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labor; a great throng will return. They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble." Sounds kind of like what's engraved on the Statue of Liberty, no?

Of the quoted scripture and tweet, only the former is consistent with Christian teaching; who embraces the other and identifies as one cannot be other than a *fake* Christian.

John Simon  
Portsmouth, N.H.

John:

*Until the day of the election, Fox "News"—aka the Administration's Ministry of Truth—had been giving the caravan wall-to-wall coverage. The day after the election, it did not even appear on the front page of Fox's website.*

The Editor

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**Amusing and Disgusting**

To the Editor:

It is somewhat amusing but mostly disgusting to observe the reaction of Donald Trump and his xenophobic supporters to the approximately 3,000 Central American refugees heading to the United States to seek political asylum, as is their right guaranteed under international law. Trump is acting as if this group represents an imminent danger to the United States and is planning on sending as many as 15,000 troops to the border to "protect" us. Trump even stated that troops might fire on the refugees if they throw rocks at our troops.

What I find amusing about this situation is how differently we reacted in 1980, when Fidel Castro emptied jails and mental institutions and allowed as many as 125,000 Cubans to flee to America, in what was known as the Mariel boatlift. Instead of turning away these asylum seekers, America opened its arms and did what was necessary to assist these people.

I had a person involvement with the Mariel boatlift, which gave me a first-hand view of the people arriving from Cuba. I was an Air Force Public Health Officer assigned to Tyndall

AFB during this period. To assist the thousands of Cubans arriving, the government established a large tent city on the fair grounds of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. They also sent an Air Transportable Hospital (ATH) from Shaw AFB, N.C., to provide health care for the refugees. I was sent from Tyndall to provide public health assistance to the ATH and the tent city. As a result, I was able to interact, with my limited Spanish, with many of the Cuban refugees. While most were ordinary decent people, it was obvious that many had severe mental illness, had a history of violence, and were not people we would otherwise accept into our country. In fact, about 2,750 were not granted citizenship because of their criminal record, and most were eventually deported.

In contrast to what we are seeing and hearing from Republicans with regard to the current Central American asylum seekers, the Mariel people were welcomed with open arms by Republicans. Where was the Republican concern for protecting our borders and citizens from these dangerous arrivals? The fact that most Cubans who had fled to America soon after Castro took power, and established themselves in what was known as "little Havana" in Miami, became very Right Wing Republicans was an important political consideration in their support. In a prediction of the future, the only opposition I witnessed while at the refugee center was a small plane which flew over the center pulling a banner that read, "KKK - we are watching you." Now it is Trump flying that banner 38 years later.

America survived the Mariel boatlift, and would be able to survive the current massively smaller number of refugees from Central America. We reflected the best of America with the Mariel boatlift. In fact, we were awarded the Humanitarian Service Medal by the Air Force for our ser-

vice. I assume Trump has no intention of awarding any humanitarian awards to the troops being sent to the Mexican border. Unfortunately today, with Trump and his racist supporters leading the way, we are displaying to the world an America who has lost the basic values and principles from which we were created. How ironic, that the Statue of Liberty with its welcoming words to the oppressed of the world, is standing in New York Harbor with-in view of Trump Tower. If you look closely, you might see tears flowing down her face.

Rich DiPentima, LTC, USAF, Ret.  
Portsmouth, N.H.

Rich:

*We were shocked—shocked—by your implication that upstanding [fake] Christian conservatives would act in so hypocritical a manner. So, we went to The Google. Sadly, we found confirmation: "The first 128 Cubans arrived [at Fort Chaffee, Ark.] by plane on the night of May 9, and they were greeted by a man dressed in the white hood and robes of the Ku Klux Klan. The Klansman, 'Mac' McCarty, ran out towards the runway and screamed a warning to officials not to let them in because they were 'hoodlums' who were going to get on 'welfare and' get a free ride for everything."*

The Editor

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**Stop Giving Him Free Advertising**

To the Editor:

For more than three years we have seen how the media: press, radio, television, &c., has been giving free publicity to the candidate and now President, repeating his name and surname constantly. The free advertising provided during the election campaign is valued in more than \$2,000,000,000.

The President accuses the media, in the most blatant, insulting, and aggressive manner, of being the number one enemy of the American people. The aggression toward the media is increasingly reaching extremes, such as not allowing their presence, or even expelling journalists from their press conferences—or presentations of their Reality [Fake]. This fanfare is extremely harmful to journalists in the United States and the world, for

example, the horrible attack the press suffered in Annapolis, Maryland, with five fatalities.

Attacks on the press are a cruel attack on the Constitution, freedom of expression, and the right of every citizen to be well informed. The damage that is being done to the country in general and to the press in particular must stop immediately and definitively; if the Republicans do not dare, and the Democrats cannot, perhaps the journalists themselves should do it. The media: press, radio, TV, etc., should boycott the President's name with absolute silence to everything he says, writes or does. In cases where there is no other choice, they can use alternatives such as: President, the Executive, the Administration, &c.

Maybe it is not my place, but it would be advisable that the media pay more attention to the people, to the underpaid workers, to the families who cannot afford medical insurance—they cannot pay their rent, as housing is becoming more expensive every day, or take their children on vacation, or send them to the University.

Please, for the sake of our democracy, for our country, for our families and future generations, let us all join in the boycott; do not repeat the name or surname of the President. Please no more free publicity to the President. Thank you.

Angel Luis Ponce de Leon  
Lake Worth, Fla.

Angel:

*Have no doubt, please—it is your place.*

The Editor

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**Question 2 Shows Character of Parties**

To the Editor:

Constitutional Question 2 on the voting ballot in New Hampshire is a perfect mirror into the great differences between the two political parties. Voting for this amendment provides protection to property for when the government has a feeling it needs to invade your privacy, has a right as they believe, to invade your business, home,

*Mash Notes, Hate Mail, &c.*

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# The Bloody Angle

by William Marvel

Many times have I visited the Bloody Angle at Spotsylvania Court House, and it's been raining nearly every time. That's appropriate, since it was raining on the day in 1864 when that place won its name. Thanks to the National Park Service, most of that Virginia farmland remains today very much as it was then, as Ulysses Grant strove to cut Robert E. Lee's army off from Richmond.

After a brutal clash in a vast tangle of second-growth timber known as the Wilderness, Grant hurried his troops south again to get between Lee and his capital. Lee's Confederates raced ahead of him and started digging in north of the county seat of Spotsylvania County, where for four days Grant prodded different points in Lee's hastily constructed earthworks. Then, in the wee hours of May 12, Grant massed 30,000 Yankees on either side of a vulnerable, projecting angle in the rebel

trenches. Winfield Hancock's corps gathered opposite the western face of the angle, and Ambrose Burnside's corps assaulted the eastern face.

Some 450 men of the 9th New Hampshire Volunteers prowled ahead in the murky drizzle, in the front rank and on the extreme right of Burnside's line. Company D of that regiment included a handful of soldiers from Conway's poorer farming neighborhoods. A couple of dozen Conway men had gone off with the regiment in 1862, but most of them had died or received disability discharges by the spring of 1864.

Corporal Ned Parsons, just turned 18, carried the state flag in the regimental color guard; he had run away from his South Conway home two years before, enlisting without his parents' permission. Twenty-year-old Henry Boothby, of Center Conway, was the first sergeant of Company D. Privates in that company included Lewis Leroy Burbank from East Conway, James Brown of

South Conway, and two new recruits from Center Conway: 40-year-old William B. Perkins, whose wife and son lived on his father's farm in the Osgood Neighborhood, and Daniel Babb, a housepainter in his mid-30s. Babb's enlistment bounty retired the mortgage on the house he bought near the Conway Town Hall (which older village residents knew as the home of his granddaughter, Cassie Davidson).

In the dim light of early dawn the regiment rolled unchallenged over the outer rebel works. In their enthusiasm the men quickened their pace, outdistancing the troops on their left until a whole Confederate brigade came trotting up to see what the commotion was. One devastating volley dropped scores of New Hampshire soldiers, including the commanding officer and the sergeant carrying the U.S. flag, and subsequent volleys tattered the blue ranks. When rebels began slipping around toward the rear of the regiment, every man still on his

feet made a run for it. Ned Parsons snatched up the fallen flag, carrying it and the state banner to safety. Somewhere behind them lay the body of "Old Bill" Perkins, as younger neighbors called him. It was his first battle, and he probably never fired a shot. Leroy Burbank died somewhere near him.

Rallying around Parsons and the flags, the regiment fell back to more defensible ground. The next day Lee pulled his army back, too, leaving behind the dead and wounded Yankees. Friends buried Perkins in a shallow grave where they found him, marking it for later identification. If they did the same for Burbank, the marking faded.

After another week the armies moved on toward Richmond and Petersburg, but by autumn all the Conway men were gone from the regiment. On July 23 a sharpshooter wounded Henry Boothby in both legs. With a promotion to color sergeant, Ned Parsons was killed a week later, leading his comrades

into the battle of the Crater. Daniel Babb was captured there, and died only days after he was released from a rebel prison. James Brown, who rescued the flag at the Crater when Parsons was shot down, was killed 60 days later.

Only Boothby survived the war, crippled for the brief remainder of his life. His Conway comrades lie in national cemeteries near where they died. In June of 1865 Perkins was removed to Marye's Heights, at Fredericksburg, Va., where he lies in the shade of a silver maple. Burbank is buried under one of the numbered gravestones of the unknown; his may even be the stone beside Perkins's, being swallowed by the roots of the maple, because bodies that were found near each other were buried together. New flags should be fluttering over all their graves this week, placed by a nation grateful for the sacrifices they made to reunite it. Fortunately, they're not around to see that nation now.

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and data under a search warrant. My home was invaded by a search warrant and a judge found it was based on lies.

Today's *Union Leader* quoted New Hampshire Rep. Timothy Horrigan, a Democrat, stating he is against Question 2 to enhance the protections of privacy in our Constitution. He once stated about my case I had no right to Constitutional protection of privacy because I was rich—not sure what that means financially—and alluded that qualifies me to be guilty.

You see the true colors of the Democrats in their belief government is your parent not your servant. As a parent, Democrats believe cradle to grave they control your welfare and protect you from your

adolescent self.

They have no problem in justifying walking into the kid's room and going through their stuff. Democrats believe they know better than you do how to make your life better. They practice it as their sole responsibility, not yours, and why they want a single party state/nation—their party in charge.

Our founding fathers and Republicans stated it is our responsibility to uphold and protect freedoms and our constitution, vote yes on Question 2.

Jeff Frost  
Alexandria, N.H.

Jeff:  
*Obviously it's too late for your letter*



to have its desired effect on the vote. We publish it because we relish those rare occasions when we share the same position—on the ballot question, not the character of the parties.

Given that the measure received 81 percent support from voters, it seems like a stretch to use Question 2 as a club to beat on Democrats.

The Editor

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### The American Taliban

By Bob Topper

If you believe in the separation of church and state, then you probably think that evangelicals exert far too much influence on American life, our politics and culture. When I

remarked to a friend that evangelicals are the America's answer to the Taliban, he thought the comparison was too harsh. After all, he said, "Evangelicals don't go around killing people."

Maybe not, but the beliefs they hold and the positions they take can have deadly consequences. Take the evangelical position on abortion, which has had a major effect on national foreign policy. The Helms Amendment, first enacted in 1973, provides that no U.S. funds "may be used to pay for the performance of abortions as a method of family planning or to motivate or coerce any person to practice abortions." What a strange dichotomy. Abor-

tion is legal in the U.S. and available to all our citizens, yet we will not allow its practice in developing countries. And what is the consequence? According to Sneha Barot of the Guttmacher Institute, every year, millions of women suffer serious injuries from unsafe abortion, and 47,000 of them die—almost all in the Global South.

I don't know anyone who likes the idea of abortion, but most objections to it seem based on a religious belief that the soul enters the body at conception, something for which there is simply no proof. And because there is no evidence, it should have no bearing on our laws or national policy. People everywhere must be free to make their own decisions on abortion, decisions based on personal beliefs. If one's religious convictions tell her or him that abortion

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## Beware of the Real Gremlins This Season

by Jim Hightower

Once again, we enter the long season of winter darkness, and this year we are beset by back-to-back waves of spooks. First came the little costumed goblins on Halloween, seeking sweet treats from us. Cute!

But then, only six days later—eeeeeeek!—here come the real horrors of the season: Office-seeking politicians of the extreme right

demanding votes on Election Day. Not cute, because they promise an agenda that's more Trumpian than Trump, ranging from harsher treatment of the poor to enthroning the rich over America's workaday people.

In the latter category is a truly dreadful GOP scheme to decimate the middle class. Of course, they can't come right out and say that, so they speak in tongues about it. Here's the hoary Senatorial scamp,

Mitch McConnell, babbling that Republicans will "address the real drivers of debt by [adjusting] those programs to the demographics of America in the future."

That means nothing to normal voters, but it's music to the ears of the Koch brothers and all other corporate supremacists funding the GOP, for it signals that their party will go all out next year to undermine and effectively kill the people's Social Security, Medicare, and Med-

icaid programs.

Just a year ago, McConnell, Trump & Company rammed into law a trillion dollar tax giveaway for corporate elites, saying they didn't care that it would wildly inflate the deficit. Now, though, they say all of that red ink is suddenly of grave concern to them. So, to stem the flow caused by their boondoggle for the rich, Republicans intend to cut off the Social Security and health care payments that middle class and

poor families rely on.

This is not just diabolical, it's deliberately evil, and all politicians who support it should be condemned to the most hellish fate imaginable.

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is wrong, then it is clearly wrong for that person, but it does not follow that it is wrong for anyone else.

Evangelicals have a right to think abortion is wrong and to try to persuade others. But if we live in a society that is truly free, that belief cannot be imposed on others, including non-believers. Doing so necessarily infringes on others' rights. We have lived in a culture that encourages honest debate. Perhaps through debate, the pro-life faction can convince the pro-choice side that they are right, and abortion clinics will cease to exist for lack of interest, or perhaps not, but our laws need to be silent, structured to neither require nor prevent abortion. Yet today evangelicals rejoice at placing Brett Kavanaugh on our Supreme Court, trusting that Roe v Wade will at long last be overturned, while others fear that personal freedom will become constrained by a religious belief.

Evangelicals claim that the constitution was inspired by Christ, and is based on Judeo-Christian principles. But not all of the founding fathers were Christian. Many, like Jefferson, were deists, and some, like Franklin appear to have been atheists. But all of the founding fathers realized and understood the dangers posed by both monarchy and theocracy and wisely chose to separate religious belief from our government and to base our laws on reason, not scripture. The words Christ and Christian do not appear in our founding documents.

Nonetheless, theocratic government is an area where evangelicals

and the Taliban have something in common. For the Taliban government and religion are one and the same. While here in the U.S. they are separated, there are many in our government who would set aside the Constitution in favor of biblical teaching. Most recently attorney general Jeff Sessions quoted from the Bible to justify separating children from their parents, and Judge Roy Moore was sanctioned twice by our court system for basing judgments on the ten commandments and displaying the commandments in his court house. No, we are not a theocracy, but can anyone doubt that if the Judge Roy Moores had their way we would become a Christian theocracy?

Roy Moore is not an aberration. Our equally extreme evangelical vice president Mike Pence also believes our laws should be based on the Bible. And he opposes abortion, Planned Parenthood, gay rights and stem cell research. Moreover, he denies climate change, and promotes the false equivalence of creationism and evolution. Religious belief blinds him to the mountains of evidence that have shown us how truly fascinating and marvelous our real world is. A closed mind one step away from the presidency is truly alarming.

Evangelicals believe the Bible, as the Taliban believe the Koran, to be the true word of their one god. And evangelicals point to the fulfillment of the biblical prophecies and miracles as proof, a circular logic that

does could not meet any scientific standard. And while there is no scientific proof of ancient miracles, the ancient writers would consider many things that are commonplace today as miraculous—cancer cures by radiation or chemo treatment for example. Far more "miracles" have been produced by modern science and medicine than were ever conceived in the Bible or produced by prayer. What is certain is that the rejection of science in favor of ancient scripture already inhibits research and the development of new drugs and medical procedures, which have dire consequences, as it has in the Islamic states.

The philosopher Spinoza, one of the most brilliant minds of the seventeenth century, was raised in the Jewish faith. He recognized inconsistencies in the Bible, and became a critic of Judaism, and in fact all organized religions, for which he was labeled a heretic. Nonetheless, he believed in a god and that the one true, consistent and important message of the Bible was "love thy neighbor."

Spinoza also understood the danger posed by theocracy and explained that theocratic governments fail because their leaders are motivated by personal interpretations of scripture, rather than doing what is in the public interest. Such subjectivity inevitably leads to disagreement. The thousand-year violent and bloody struggle between the Sunnis and Shiites is the most glaring ex-

ample, but there are many examples of similar conflict between Christian sects, the Church of England and the Catholic Church during the reign of Henry the Eighth for instance.

Spinoza also believed that a democratic society, with laws based on reason and evidence, like the society we enjoy in the United States, offers the greatest potential to serve the public good. But we live in a time when our American democracy is threatened. Evangelical support of national leaders who choose to ignore evidence, refuse to reason and attack our democratic institutions should alarm every American. Blind adherence to the Bible promises to be as damaging to our way of life as the Taliban's blind adherence to the Koran has devastated Afghanistan's once thriving culture. The vision of Spinoza and our inspired American way of life are at stake.

*Bob Topper is a retired engineer and is syndicated by PeaceVoice.*

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### 240 Million Children Enslaved In The Death-Camp Sweatshop Factories Of Our New World Order

To the Editor:

No hatred greater than buying products made by children enslaved in the death-camp sweatshop factories of our new world order. Children who carry the weight of the American middle class affluence on their backs. Do you march, protest, speak up and vote for social justice while continuing to consume products made by these children? No

hatred greater. No ignorance more malicious. Ours remains a slaved-based economy, just out-sourced. The poor are poor because we cheat them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTIfY9SmjDA>

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Paul Bamberger  
Portsmouth, N.H.

Paul:

*Well, there's food for thought . . .*

*The Editor*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17
<p><b>2000</b>—Republicans go to court to stop manual recounts in Florida.  <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.  <b>1969</b>—<i>Sand Lance</i> is launched, last sub built at the Portsmouth Shipyard.  <b>1959</b>—It's "Rocky and His Friends!"  <b>1933</b>—"The Great Black Blizzard," the first of the great dust storms, hits the Great Plains.  <b>1921</b>—Pres. Warren G. Harding dedicates the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.  <b>1919</b>—In Centralia, Wash., American Legionnaires kidnap, torture, castrate and kill fellow WWI vet Wesley Everest for joining the IWW.  <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.  <b>1911</b>—"The Great Blue Norther" hits the midwest. Temperatures at Springfield, Mo. drop from 80 degrees to 13.  <b>1887</b>—The anarchist Haymarket Martyrs, most of whom are mostly innocent, are hanged in Chicago.  <b>1880</b>—Australia strings up Ned Kelly, the rebellious bushranger.  <b>1778</b>—British troops and their Iroquois allies massacre dozens of American settlers and soldiers at Cherry Valley, N.Y.  <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.  <b>1970</b>—A half ton of dynamite set off by Oregon highway workers sends parts of an eight-ton sperm whale 100 feet in the air. The tail crushes Walter Umanhofer's new Olds, which he'd bought while the dealer had been advertising "a whale of a deal."  <b>1941</b>—Abe "Kid Twist" Reles earns the posthumous sobriquet "the canary who sang but couldn't fly" when he autodenestrates (or is denestrated) from the sixth floor of a Coney Island hotel while under the protection of six New York City cops.  <b>1933</b>—The first photograph of the Loch Ness Monster is allegedly taken.  <b>1927</b>—Stalin expels Trotsky from the Communist Party.  <b>1926</b>—The first documented aerial bombing conducted in the U.S. leaves Shady Rest, bootlegger Charlie Birger's Benton, Ill. roadhouse, undamaged. The dynamite the Shelton Gang drops from a Curtis "Jenny" kills only Birger's bulldog and pet bird.  <b>1865</b>—Former Senator Preston King (R-N.Y.), Collector of Customs at the Port of New York, in despair over his inability to purge that office of corruption, takes a fatal leap from a ferryboat with a bag of bullets around his neck.  <b>1779</b>—Twenty enslaved New Hampshire petition the legislature for the abolition of slavery; Primus X, Daniel Fowle's enslaved pressman, is not among them. They are ignored.</p>	<p><b>2003</b>—Because he would not remove his Ten Commandments monument from the courthouse, Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore is himself removed.  <b>1982</b>—The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C. Richard Nixon, Henry Kissinger, and Robert McNamara are no-shows.  <b>1974</b>—Karen Silkwood, a disgruntled Kerr-McGee worker, conveniently turns up dead.  <b>1970</b>—Up to half a million die as a cyclone hits Bangladesh.  <b>1965</b>—The dysfunctional tinderbox <i>Yarmouth Castle</i> burns en route to Nassau; 90 passengers burn or drown, deserted by captain and crew.  <b>1963</b>—Three workers escape with minor injuries after they accidentally cause 55 tons of TNT to explode as they're dismantling a hydrogen bomb.  <b>1942</b>—The torpedoed cruiser <i>U.S.S. Junau</i> sinks in 20 minutes, 100 of 673 surviving the explosion. Two other cruisers depart, assuming no survivors. Eight days later, ten are rescued. Among the dead are the five Sullivan brothers, of Waterloo, Iowa.  <b>1933</b>—Hornel workers in Austin, Minn. invent the sit-down strike.  <b>1887</b>—On the original Bloody Sunday, British cops, soldiers, and cavalry charge the unemployed in Trafalgar Square, killing 3 and arresting 300.  <b>1877</b>—A locomotive and three freight cars plunge from an open drawbridge into the Piscataqua, just missing three ships; no injuries.</p>	<p><b>2002</b>—D. Rumsfeld predicts the Iraq War will last "five days or five weeks or five months, ... [no] longer ..."  <b>2000</b>—Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris certifies George W.[MD] Bush's dubious electoral lead.  <b>1965</b>—Three battalions of the First Air Cavalry chopper into the Ia Drang Valley, where they're surprised to discover six battalions of the NVA.  <b>1957</b>—In Apalachin, N.Y., an important meeting of entrepreneurial businessmen is interrupted by cops.  <b>1942</b>—Seaman Calvin L. Graham is wounded by shrapnel during the Battle of Guadalcanal. He is 12.  <b>1927</b>—Workmen in Pittsburgh, using an open flame blowlamp to fix a leak in the world's largest gasometer, ignite 5 million cubic feet of natural gas, clearing one square mile and killing 28.  <b>1917</b>—Thirty-three members of the Womens Rights Party, illegally arrested for protesting in front of the White House, are beaten by 44 club-wielding guards before being locked into "punishment cells."  <b>1909</b>—Birth of Joseph R. McCarthy, "a great American [whose] stature will grow with the passage of time," according to a memorial tribute from N.H. Sen. Styles Bridges.  <b>1908</b>—The Chief of the German Imperial Military Cabinet, Dietrich Graf von Hülsen-Haeseler, dies of a heart attack at 56 while dancing before Kaiser Wilhelm II dressed in a ballerina's tutu.</p>	<p><b>2010</b>—Ex-cop James B. Fowler pleads guilty to the 1965 murder of civil rights activist Jimmie Lee Jackson in Ala. He gets six months.  <b>1996</b>—British officials return the Stone of Scone to the Scots from whom they stole it 700 years earlier.  <b>1995</b>—President William J. Clinton behaves improperly with White House intern Monica Lewinsky.  <b>1969</b>—Two million in the U.S. protest the war, 250,000 in Washington, D.C. Nixon vows to ignore 'em.  <b>1967</b>—"I have never," says General Westmoreland, "been more encouraged in my four years in Vietnam," 11 weeks before Tet. Meanwhile, an NVA mortar round hits the ammo dump at Dak To, igniting 1,100 tons of ordinance in the largest explosion of the war.  <b>1929</b>—Bernard Baruch cables Winston Churchill, "Financial storm definitely passed."  <b>1917</b>—The Bolsheviks take Moscow, ending the Russian Revolution.  <b>1908</b>—TR becomes the 1st sitting President to go abroad, visiting Panama.  <b>1887</b>—F(ranklin) P(ierce) Adams, namesake of N.H.'s only president (so far) and the godfather of the newspaper column, is born in Chicago.  <b>1864</b>—General William Tecumseh Sherman burns Atlanta, Georgia, thereby inspiring a popular movie.  <b>655</b>—Penda, the last pagan warrior-king of the Anglo-Saxons, is killed at the Battle of the Winwaed.</p>	<p><b>2000</b>—Bill Clinton goes to Vietnam — finally, when it's safe, as President.  <b>1989</b>—U.S.-backed pro-government forces in El Salvador murder six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper, and the housekeeper's daughter.  <b>1969</b>—President Nixon's Communications Director Herb Klein says he opposes government intervention in the news but the networks are asking for it if they don't regulate themselves.  <b>1966</b>—Strasbourg students blow the student government's annual budget on a Situationist pamphlet, "On the Poverty of Student Life." Hilarity ensues.  <b>1965</b>—Mission accomplished with 79 KIA &amp; 121 WIA. U.S. units in Ia Drang propose withdrawal. Gen. Wm. Westmoreland says "stay."  <b>1907</b>—The first taxi cab meter goes into service.  <b>1890</b>—George Seldes, journalist and media critic, is born. He'll live to be 105, working all the way.  <b>1856</b>—Siding with Britain and its opium smugglers, the <i>U.S.S. Portsmouth</i> bombards a Chinese fort on the Pearl River in Canton, China.  <b>1849</b>—Fyodor Dostoevsky is sentenced to death for spreading "impudent words."  <b>1776</b>—The American brig-of-war <i>Andrew Doria</i> receives the nation's first salute from a foreign power at Fort Oranje, St. Eustatius.  <b>1384</b>—Jadwiga, a ten year-old girl, is crowned King of Poland.</p>	<p><b>2008</b>—Citigroup announces it will sack 52,000 workers.  <b>2006</b>—"We'll succeed [in Iraq] unless we quit," says George W.[MD] Bush.  <b>2003</b>—An Austrian muscleman becomes California's governor.  <b>1995</b>—Multitasking President Clinton speaks on the phone with a Congressman while violating his marriage vows with an intern.  <b>1995</b>—The commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific calls the rape of an Okinawan girl "stupid," and says the culprit should have patronized a prostitute instead.  <b>1992</b>—<i>Dateline</i> broadcasts a rigged video of a GM truck exploding.  <b>1973</b>—Speaking to newspaper editors at Disney World, Richard M. Nixon says, "I am not a crook."  <b>1965</b>—First Cav survivors of the Ia Drang are marched into an ambush; 155 are KIA, and 126 WIA. It's the deadliest day of the war for the U.S.  <b>1953</b>—An Air Force C-119 "Flying Boxcar" kills nine Fort Bragg paratroopers in mid-air; six more die when the C-119 subsequently crashes.  <b>1917</b>—The destroyers <i>Fanning</i> and <i>Nicholson</i> sink the U-58 off Ireland, the first sub sunk by the U.S. Navy.  <b>1747</b>—Rioting sailors, laborers, and free blacks fed up with naval press gangs take British officers hostage and shut down the city of Boston.  <b>1558</b>—In celebration of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth I, several bags of cats are burned.</p>
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<p><b>2005</b>—Rep. Jean Schmidt (R-Ohio) apologizes to 'Nam combat vet Rep. Jack Murtha (D-Pa.) on the House floor for implying he's a coward.  <b>1997</b>—A 1962 Pentagon plan is declassified: Operation Northwoods would build support for an invasion of Cuba by conducting false flag terrorist attacks, i.e., murdering innocent citizens on U.S. streets.  <b>1978</b>—Jim Jones and 913 followers drink cyanide-laced Flavor-Aid in Jonestown, Guyana.  <b>1977</b>—"Dynamite Bob" Chambliss gets life for the 1963 Birmingham Church Bombing.  <b>1964</b>—Snubbing Richard Nixon, J. Edgar "Mary" Hoover calls Martin Luther King Jr. "the most notorious liar in the country."  <b>1929</b>—Marshall Ratliff, sentenced to the chair for robbing a bank in a Santa Claus suit, kills a man in a failed breakout from the Cisco, Texas jail.  <b>1916</b>—The Battle of the Somme peters out. The Allies have gained 125 square miles at a cost of 1,250,000 British, French, and German casualties—one for every 2.5 square yards. Germans later re-take most of it.  <b>1755</b>—The strongest earthquake in New England history [Richter 6.2] occurs off Cape Ann, Mass.  <b>1686</b>—Pioneering surgeon Charles Francoix Felix operates on King Louis XIV's anal fistula, having practiced on peasants to hone his skills. Unlike some of the peasants, Louis survives.</p>	<p><b>1998</b>—Adulterers in Congress ponder the impeachment of Bill Clinton.  <b>1969</b>—Congress undercuts the opposition to the Vietnam War by introducing a draft lottery.  <b>1967</b>—A 500 lb. bomb from a U.S.M.C. F4 Phantom kills 45 paratroopers of the 173d Airborne Brigade and wounds 45 more during the Battle of Dak To.  <b>1962</b>—Dick "Dick" Cheney racks up his first drunk driving conviction in Cheyenne, Wyo.  <b>1961</b>—Michael Rockefeller disappears in Papua, New Guinea, and is probably eaten by cannibals.  <b>1960</b>—At a party in New York, Norman Mailer stabs his second wife, Adele Morales.  <b>1929</b>—A Cisco, Texas mob busts Marshall Ratliff out of jail and lynches him behind a theater at which the play "The Noose" is running. The first rope breaks, the second doesn't.  <b>1924</b>—Pioneering Hollywood producer Thomas Ince dies at 42, officially from a heart attack, but more likely from a [William Randolph] Hearst attack—a bullet to the head.  <b>1915</b>—A firing squad executes IWW organizer Joe Hill; his last words: "Don't mourn, organize."  <b>1874</b>—Tammany Hall Grand Sachem William Marcy "Boss" Tweed is convicted of 204 counts of fraud.  <b>1863</b>—The nation's Chief Executive dedicates a new cemetery at Gettysburg, Pa.</p>	<p><b>2013</b>—The tail rotor falls off a Robinson R66 helicopter near Rio de Janeiro. It crashes, the pilot dies.  <b>2008</b>—Sarah Palin is interviewed on TV while, in the background, turkeys are being slaughtered.  <b>1980</b>—In Louisiana, an oil rig drilling in the wrong spot hits a salt mine under Lake Peigneur. The rig, 11 barges, and a tugboat disappear.  <b>1979</b>—Five hundred fundamentalist Muslims seize the Grand Mosque in Mecca, then being renovated by the bin Laden construction company. Complications ensue.  <b>1975</b>—Spanish dictator Francisco Franco dies. Reportedly he's still dead.  <b>1969</b>—Eighty-nine American Indians attempt to occupy Alcatraz; 14 evade a Coast Guard blockade and achieve their objective.  <b>1962</b>—The Cuban Missile Crisis blows over, rather than up. With Armageddon postponed, President Kennedy orders an end to discrimination in federally-funded housing.  <b>1945</b>—The Nuremberg trials begin.  <b>1903</b>—Tom Horn, hired killer, is hanged for a murder he probably didn't commit. The water-powered, automatic, victim-actuated gallows takes 17 minutes to strangle him.  <b>1820</b>—A whale attacks the Nantucket whaling ship <i>Essex</i>, inspiring the greatest fish story ever told.  <b>1816</b>—Striking members of the Albany Typographical Union use the term "scab" for the first time.</p>	<p><b>2016</b>—The <i>Guardian</i> reports that D. Trump's grandfather was refused re-entry to Germany in 1905 because he had dodged military service.  <b>2004</b>—Donald Trump's casinos in Atlantic City file for bankruptcy.  <b>1991</b>—ABC reveals: televangelist Robert Tilton, butt of a famous video titled "Pastor Gas, the Farting Preacher," runs an \$80 million/yr. scam.  <b>1986</b>—Ollie North and Fawn Hall start shredding evidence of criminal arms-for-hostages deals.  <b>1974</b>—The same day the Texas Air National Guard gives George W.[MD] Bush an inexplicably honorable discharge, the Freedom of Information Act passes over Gerry Ford's veto.  <b>1973</b>—Chief of Staff Al Haig ascribes an 18½ minute gap on an audio tape to "sinister forces"—known to abound in Nixon's White House.  <b>1970</b>—Fifty-six Green Berets raid the Son Tay POW camp 23 miles west of Hanoi, which had been evacuated three weeks earlier.  <b>1967</b>—Vietnamese commies are "unable to mount a major offensive," says Gen. Wm. Westmoreland. "We have reached an important point when the end begins to come into view."  <b>1927</b>—The first Columbine Massacre: state cops in civies machine-gun striking coal miners; six die.  <b>1801</b>—The 2nd suspicious fire in 13 days destroys Treasury records after a Republican demand of proof of Federalist Thomas Pickering's expenses.</p>	<p><b>2000</b>—Two dozen well-dressed hooligans, many on the GOP's payroll, intimidate Miami election officials into shutting down a Presidential recount.  <b>1987</b>—Chicago TV viewers see "Dr. Who" and a Chicago Bears game interrupted for 90 seconds by a man in a Max Headroom mask.  <b>1975</b>—U.S.S. <i>John F. Kennedy</i> and U.S.S. <i>Belknap</i> collide in the night near Sicily. A two-hour fire aboard the <i>Belknap</i> stops 30 feet short of the nuclear weapons magazine.  <b>1972</b>—The first U.S. B-52 is lost to a SAM over Vietnam.  <b>1963</b>—In Dallas, Texas, President John F. Kennedy is assassinated; at whose bidding is a matter of dispute.  <b>1963</b>—In Paris, a CIA man hands a lethal pen to a Cuban for use on Fidel Castro, at the behest of Bobby Kennedy.  <b>1941</b>—Germany's top fighter pilot, Werner Mölders, dies as a passenger in a plane crash on his way to the funeral of the Luftwaffe's Generaloberst Ernst Udet, a suicide.  <b>1930</b>—Prophet Elijah Mohammed founds the Nation of Islam.  <b>1909</b>—A New York judge tells strikers from the ILGWU "You are on strike against God."  <b>1887</b>—White militiamen put down a sugar cane strike by killing 35 to 300 black workers in Thibodaux, La.  <b>1718</b>—Shot, stabbed, and slashed across the throat by British sailors, pirate Edward "Blackbeard" Teach dies fighting at Ocracoke Inlet.</p>	<p><b>1990</b>—A Robinson R22 helicopter flying over Simi Valley, Calif., makes a loud "thwack-thwack" sound before falling apart and crashing. The pilot perishes in the ensuing inferno.  <b>1986</b>—Two men escape from a maximum-security prison in Rome in a hijacked helicopter.  <b>1984</b>—BC's Doug Flutie throws history's most famous "Hail Mary."  <b>1976</b>—Jerry Lee Lewis is arrested outside Graceland for waving a pistol and demanding to see Elvis.  <b>1970</b>—A Lithuanian radio operator jumps from a Russian trawler onto the deck of the Coast Guard cutter <i>Vigilant</i>. Commander Ralph Eustis allows Soviet sailors to board the cutter and seize the radioman.  <b>1958</b>—On TV: Ron &amp; Nancy Reagan in "A Turkey for the President."  <b>1946</b>—French ships shell the harbor at Haiphong killing 6,000.  <b>1936</b>—In San Antonio, bluesman Robert Johnson begins a legendary three-day recording session.  <b>1918</b>—In Scapa Flow, the German submarine <i>U-18</i> is sunk by the fishing trawler <i>Dorothy Gray</i>.  <b>1903</b>—U.S. troops under Gen. Sherman Bell are sent to Cripple Creek, Colo. to put down a rebellion of striking miners.  <b>1899</b>—The first jukebox plays in a San Francisco saloon.  <b>1876</b>—After a year on the lam in Cuba and Spain, Tammany Hall's "Boss" Tweed is jailed in NYC.</p>	<p><b>2011</b>—After a passenger aboard a Robinson R22 hears a loud "boom," the craft pitches over and sinks in a Minnesota lake. She is able to swim ashore, the pilot drowns.  <b>1979</b>—The U.S. admits troops in 'Nam were hit by Agent Orange.  <b>1971</b>—Toting \$200,000 in ransom cash, "D.B. Cooper" parachutes from a hijacked 727 over Washington State, into oblivion and America's heart.  <b>1965</b>—<i>The New York Times</i> runs a full-page ad signed by 500 WW II and Korean War vets protesting escalation of the Vietnam War.  <b>1963</b>—Strip joint proprietor Jack Ruby, to spare Jackie Kennedy's feelings, shoots Lee Harvey Oswald under the watchful eye of the Dallas Police Department and the TV cameras.  <b>1961</b>—An overheated electric motor in Colorado cuts off all communications between SAC and NORAD.  <b>1953</b>—Sen. Joe McCarthy (Luna-tic-Wisc.) claims the Truman administration is "crawling with Communists."  <b>1947</b>—All but 17 Congressmen vote to cite the Hollywood Ten for contempt after they take the 5th.  <b>1922</b>—Erskine Childers, a Brit supporter of Irish independence charged with carrying a pistol, is executed while his case is on appeal. He says to his firing squad, "Take a step forward, lads. It will be easier that way."  <b>1865</b>—Mississippi criminalizes unemployment or assembly for blacks.</p>
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